



Dear Members:

Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of The Pipers' and Pipe Band Society of Ontario will be held on Saturday September 25, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lion's Club Hall in Campbellville, Ontario.

The Directors for the Society have been working over the past two years to create a General By-Law No. 1, essentially formalizing the governing structure of the Society while making some improvements. For instance, having representation from all branches has occurred since 1981 and will continue, although we are asking members to consider decreasing the Board of Directors of the Society from 25 to 14. We are also attempting to formalize things such as Honorary Members, which have existed for quite some time although not part of our governing by-law structure.

Further, we made minor amendments relating to the structure of the branches, specifically that each branch is to have a president and a vice-president, and that they may choose to have any other officers as deemed to be necessary. The biggest change is that branches will now retire in rotation with the Board, having two year terms, in order to ensure continuity for the Board and to continue branch representation at the Board level.

Although this process may seem intimidating, it is important to understand that By-Law No. 1 does not in any way change or affect rules relating to Highland Games, pipe band, drumming or piping competitions. Rules that are contained in Sections B, C, and D of the PPBSO Rule Book (Revised January 2010), including Appendices 1 and 2, are not part of this process. This process is only about the overall governing structure of The Pipers' and Pipe Band Society of Ontario.

We invite all members to attend and take part in this process and if you have any questions or concerns prior to the meeting, I invite you to contact me in order to address any concerns or questions that you may have. Please remember that By-Law No. 1 is posted for your review on the Society's website, including various Letters Patent and Supplementary Letters Patent of The Pipers' and Pipe Band Society of Ontario that will also be amended in the event By-Law No. 1 is passed by the membership.

It is the Board's goal to bring The Pipers' and Pipe Band Society into the 21st Century of corporate governance for this long standing organization. We hope to see you at the Special General Meeting on September 25, 2010.

Yours Truly,

Charlie MacDonald