

This is a plain language outline of the By-Law recommendations of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Last year, Community Living Ontario said it wanted to make changes to our By-Laws. Community Living Ontario wants to make these changes because there is a new law in Ontario called the “Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)”. We believe this new law will start in 2020. Last year, at the 2018 Annual General Meeting, members got to review and vote on the changes that Community Living Ontario wants to make because of the new law.

Members had concerns with the changes so the Board has worked with self-advocates, families and local associations to hopefully fix these concerns.

The concerns and how we want to fix them are listed below. These will be talked about and voted on at the 2019 Annual General Meeting in Thunder Bay.

- Last year, Affiliate (A-fill-e-at) Associations were described as “service providers”. Many members thought this was not very inclusive. This year we have added that Affiliates are “membership based”. This means that Affiliates include and value people, family members and community

supporters.

- We are changing the name “Individual Member” to “Friends of Community Living”. “Friends of Community Living” will have all the same rights as “Individual Members”. They will not get to vote but will continue to be able to participate in the AGM. This has not changed.

Our By-Laws will say that Community Living Ontario is made up of Affiliate Associations and Friends of Community Living. This way, we can include everyone in our By-Laws.

- The new by-laws will no longer use the 'R' word.

These are the changes the Board would like to make. The Board has tried carefully to make changes to our By-Laws so that we stay a family and person-based association that work hard to make sure people have rights and can live full and meaningful lives in their communities.

The motion that will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting will make sure our By-laws will follow the new Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act. At the same time, the By-laws will make sure

people have rights and can live full and meaningful lives in their communities.

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If you would like to see a more detailed overview, please see the documents “An Explanation about the Proposed Bylaw Amendments for the 2019 AGM” and the proposed Bylaw Amendment.