

Dear Vic High Alumni Association Member

Notice of Special Meeting: Monday November 6, 2017

Proposed Alteration to VHS Alumni Society By- Laws

A **Special Meeting** will be convened **Monday November 6, 2017**, for members wishing to vote on proposed changes to several By-laws. **The meeting will be held at Victoria High School, 1260 Grant St, Victoria BC, at 5:15 PM in the Staff Lounge.** Details of the proposed changes and rationale are given in a document accessible on the Victoria High Alumni Society website at the following link: <http://vichigh.com/>

The proposed changes result from a comprehensive review of the Society's Constitution and By-Laws necessitated by the Province of BC's proclamation of a **New Societies Act**. The use of gender-neutral language is an example. The Board is additionally using the opportunity to suggest two changes that are minor but do make slight changes to the by-laws. One reduces the number of vice-chairs from 4 to 2 while increasing the number of directors from 3 to 5. The Board thinks this makes more sense than our current structure. The other takes care of an oversight in the original constitution — if the society were to shut down, we want to have any remaining money or endowments available to be used by Vic High. At present, the money must go to a non-profit and neither Vic High nor School District 61 would qualify.

A motion addressing the changes beyond those required by the new Act was placed before the Alumni Board at a September meeting and was passed unanimously. To officially adopt the proposed changes now requires a Special Meeting and a 2/3 majority vote of attending members. This vote will take place at the November 6 Special Meeting. We would appreciate your support

Regards, Ken Gower

Chair, VHS Alumni Society