



Policy Section 1: GOVERNANCE

Policy # 1.1

Policy Title: Statement of Governance Style

Date of Origin: September 2005

1. Purpose:

To describe The Flower Cart Group Board of Directors' approach to and style of governance.

2. Definitions:

3. Detailed Policy Statement:

3.1 The Board focuses on strategic leadership, Board policies and key operational matters through long-term planning and direction. The Board governs with an emphasis on an outward vision and strengthening the current work of the Society. It establishes and respects distinctions between Board and employee roles and manages any overlap between these respective areas in a spirit of partnership that supports employees and maintains proper lines of accountability. The Board defines the organization's values, operating principles and the parameters within which it expects the Executive Director to manage The Flower Cart Group's operations.

3.2 The Board is bound by federal and provincial legislation applicable to not-for-profit/charitable organizations and is registered under The Societies Act of Nova Scotia.

4. Implementation:

4.1 The Board directs, controls, and inspires the organization through careful deliberation and establishment of strategic direction and policies.

4.2 The Board provides ongoing education and the information necessary to fulfill the Board members' responsibility for the good governance of The Flower Cart Group. The Board monitors and periodically discusses its own processes, progress and performance.

4.3 The Board is accountable to The Flower Cart Society for competent, conscientious and effective accomplishment of its obligations as a body.

4.4 The Board ensures that all business of The Flower Cart Group is conducted in a transparent, legal and ethical manner.

4.5 The Board holds itself accountable for governing with excellence. This self-discipline applies to attendance, preparation for meetings, adherence to policymaking principles, respect of roles, and maintaining a unified front as a Board. The Board monitors and corrects any tendency of directors to stray from the principles of governance adopted by its policies.

5. Applicability: Board of Directors

6. Policy Authority:

- 6.1 The Memorandum of Association and the By-laws of The Flower Cart Group provide the Board with the authority to establish Board policies.
- 6.2 The Board of Directors of The Flower Cart Group is the approving body for all policies.

7. Related Policies, Procedures and Documents:

- Policy 1.2 - Policy Development Framework
- Policy 2.1 – General Duties of the Board of Directors
- Policy 2.4 – Conflict of Interest
- Policy 2.7 – Board Members Code of Conduct
- The Flower Cart Group By-Laws

8. Record of Amendments:

<u>Revision #</u>	<u>Summary of Revision</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
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