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Please be advised that the AGM that was scheduled for April 30th will be deferred to a later date in mid June.

The Okanagan Mission Community Hall Association is currently working through the BC Registries Societies Transition process along with all other Non Profit Societies in BC which is a process that was implemented by BC Registries that must be completed by November 28th, 2018.

After obtaining a transition package from the BC Registries (which is the package of documents that are currently registered for the Association) it was brought to the attention of the Board that the existing bylaws that the current Board of Directors were provided as the Bylaws and Constitution for the Association were not the registered Bylaws and Constitution that is filed with the BC Registries. BC Registries has made it a policy that until a Society has completed the Transition process, they are governed by the Constitution and By-Laws filed with the Registry.

Through this process of noting the differences between these two sets of documents, the Board of Directors sought guidance from both a Governance Specialist and a Lawyer. It was noted by both the Lawyer and the Governance Specialist that this discrepancy is in no way a reflection on the current management operations or the ill doing of the existing or past Board members nevertheless, the method by which the Association has been operating has not been properly established and must be fixed for the Association to continue through this process.

One of the key issues that needs to be addressed prior to the AGM is the establishment of a list of members and subsequently a Process for Membership whereby people can join the Association. The bylaws of the Society state that membership is voluntary and that no person shall be required to join the Association because of his or her involvement with any business, club or organization which is in any way associated with the Hall. The Association must therefore ensure that each person who has been affiliated with the Association through membership of a separate club or organization is given the opportunity to opt in or opt out of the Association Membership. The Association must also update and align the Constitution and Bylaws to a working registered document, and work towards establishing a governance process in place with both the Tennis and Hall operations.

We can assure you that the decision to postpone the Annual General Meeting was not taken lightly however, the current Board of Directors feels that given the need to proceed with certainty and in line with the requirements of the new Societies Act, it was the only option available.

The state of affairs at the Hall Association with regards to finances and operations has never been in a stronger position and as a Board of Directors we ask for your support in the coming weeks to get the Association to a point of an AGM.

Thank you Management and Board of Directors OMCHA