

Rio Terrace Community League

Comparison of Bylaw Changes: 2005 and 2026 Draft

This is a review aid for comparing the current (2005) bylaws with the proposed 2026 draft. The 2005 bylaws had 18 articles; the 2026 draft reorganizes the same material into 12 articles, so the table below maps each area across both versions and notes the nature of the change. Article references show the 2005 location followed by the 2026 location.

Most significant changes

- Structure: the 18 articles of 2005 are condensed and reorganized into 12.
- New protections: conflict of interest, director and officer indemnity, records retention and privacy (PIPA), and a restated dissolution clause.
- Modernized operations: virtual meetings, motions by email, agenda-gated speaking at general meetings, and member-initiated removal of Directors.
- Tighter financial controls: Executive Committee spending capped at \$5,000 with Board oversight, and borrowing that requires member authorization.
- Simpler membership: five categories with a new Lifetime tier, and non-executive director duties moved into Board policy manuals.
- Cleaner governance mechanics: defined terms, a proper Special Resolution threshold (75%), required Registrar filing, and a ten-year bylaw review cycle.

Article-by-article comparison

In the Change column: New means no 2005 equivalent; Same means retained with little or no change; and Substantive means a meaningful shift worth close review.

Area (2005 → 2026)	2005 bylaws	2026 draft	Change
Name (Art. 1 → 1)	Legal name "The Rio Terrace Community League"; incorporated under the Societies Act.	Same, with a clause stating these bylaws replace all previous bylaws.	Reworded
Purposes (Art. 4 → 2)	Three objectives: cultural/social/sport/lifelong-learning programs; consultation on land use planning, development, and transportation; and providing facilities.	Retains the programs and facilities purposes, adds a catch-all and a "not for gain" clause. The land use planning, development, and transportation consultation objective does not appear to be in line with EFCL guidance.	Substantive
Boundaries (Art. 2 → 3)	79th Ave (N) to the river and Patricia Ravine (S); 167th St (W) to Quesnell Ravine (E).	Whitemud Drive (E and N); the North Saskatchewan River and Patricia Ravine (S and W).	Substantive
Definitions (Art. 3 → 4)	Defines only Board of Directors and Executive Committee.	Expanded to define Act, AGM, Board, Director, EFCL, Executive Committee, General Meeting, Member, Officers, Register of Members, Special Resolution, and Voting Member.	Expanded
Membership categories (5.1 → 5.1)	Six categories: Family, Senior, Single, Single Parent, Couple, Honorary Life (via 10 years service or significant contribution).	Four categories: Family, Single or Couple, Senior, and Honorary Life. Single Parent folded in; Honorary Life now by significant contribution only.	Substantive

Membership eligibility (5.1 → 5.1)	Any resident who pays the fee and agrees with the objectives.	Adds residency within the boundaries and a completed Member Registration Form; lists member entitlements.	Reworded
Membership year (5.3 → 5.3)	September 1 to August 31.	August 1 to July 31 (in keeping with EFCL guidelines)	Changed
Member privileges (– → 5.4)	Not addressed.	New list of privileges: rinks, tennis courts, hall rental discounts, EFCL and City promotions.	New
Withdrawal and discipline (5.4, Art. 12 → 5.5–5.7)	Withdraw by letter to the Secretary; Board expels for injurious conduct, decision final, with a 14-day hearing.	Withdraw via the Membership Director; two-stage process (Executive Committee reviews and recommends, Board decides); one-year readmission bar with a petition route.	Substantive
Meeting notice (6.1.1 → 6.1.3)	21 days for all meetings, via newsletter and website.	14 days for general meetings; 21 days for the AGM and any Special Resolution; via email, signs, website, and newsletter.	Changed
Attendance and speaking (– → 6.1.1–6.1.2)	Meetings open to the public; anyone may attend; For board meetings, the board may, by resolution, permit a member to speak on to an item on the agenda; the chair keeps order.	Meetings open to the public; anyone may attend; For general meetings, speaking limited to agenda items submitted to the Secretary or President in advance; For board meetings, the board may, by resolution, permit a member to speak on to an item on the agenda; the chair keeps order.	Same – board meetings New – General Meetings
Virtual attendance (– → 6.1.1, 6.2.3)	Not addressed.	Members and Directors may attend by telecommunication and count as present.	New
General meeting quorum (6.1.2 → 6.1.4)	10 members, with a fallback second meeting.	10 Voting Members, with an optional fallback.	Changed
AGM timing (6.2 → 6.1.6)	Between 90 days and 6 months after year-end.	Within 6 months after year-end; lists the required AGM business.	Reworded
Special General Meeting (6.3 → 6.1.7)	Called on written request of 30% of members.	Called on written request of 10% of members, or by Board resolution.	Substantive
Voting (Art. 7 → 6.1.5, 6.2.5)	In person, no proxy; secret ballot required for elections, financial, and controversial matters.	In person, no proxy; motions pass by 50% plus one; secret ballot on request.	Reworded
Board quorum (6.4.2 → 6.2.4)	7 Board members; business without quorum ratified next meeting or void.	6 Board members.	Changed
Special Board Meeting (6.4.1 → 6.2.6)	Request by 4 Directors; 7 days notice by phone.	Request by 3 Directors; 7 days notice by email.	Reworded
Motions between meetings (– → 6.2.7)	Not addressed.	Board may decide matters by email between meetings, recorded in the minutes.	New
Board authority	Board manages the League; duties	Board manages the League; adds	Expanded

and powers (Art. 9 → 7.1.1–7.1.2)	listed per position.	an explicit powers-and-duties list.	
Officer duties (9.1–9.5 → 7.2)	President, Past President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer duties listed.	Same officers, modernized (casino, grants, AGLC reporting, telecommunication).	Modernized
Other director duties (9.6–9.13 → 7.3)	Duties of Social, Soccer, Program, Membership, Hall Rental, Maintenance, and Newsletter Directors, and Directors at Large, spelled out.	Non-executive duties moved to Board-adopted position policy manuals rather than the bylaws.	Substantive
Board positions (Art. 9 → 7.1.3)	Includes Program, Maintenance, and Newsletter Directors and a Soccer Coordinator.	Adds Facilities (maintenance), Communications (newsletter), and Preschool Directors; Hall Rental Coordinator is removed and added as a non-voting appointment; Program Director combined with Social.	Substantive
Elections and terms (Art. 11 → 7.1.4)	Two-year rotating terms; term limit on President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer.	Two-year terms; three-consecutive-term limit applies to any executive position.	Reworded
Director removal (12.3 → 7.4)	Board may remove a Director absent from 3 consecutive meetings.	Retains that, and adds member-initiated removal by majority vote at a Special General Meeting.	New power
Committees and Executive Committee (Art. 10 → 7.5)	Executive Committee decisions void unless ratified at the next Board meeting.	Executive Committee acts on urgent business; actions valid but reversible going forward; cannot exceed \$5,000, hire or fire, trigger member votes, or change bylaws or policy without Board approval.	Substantive
Conflict of interest (– → 7.6)	Not addressed.	Directors must disclose and abstain; Board may adopt a policy and code of conduct.	New
Fiscal year and audit (Art. 8 → 8.1)	Year-end May 31; annual audit; inspection by members.	June 1 to May 31; annual audit; auditor reports at the AGM.	Reworded
Records retention and privacy (– → 8.4)	Not addressed.	Seven-year record retention; PIPA privacy compliance; optional privacy officer.	New
Signing authority (Art. 14 → 8.3)	Two signatures; no same-household signers; no signing where the signer is payee.	Same protections retained.	Same
Borrowing (14.5 → 8.5)	May borrow or issue debentures by special resolution.	No debt without member authorization at a General Meeting, with disclosure of amount, use, and repayment.	Substantive
Remuneration (Art. 13 → 8.6)	No pay; expenses reimbursed.	Same.	Same
Indemnity of Directors (– → 8.7)	Not addressed.	League indemnifies Directors and Officers for good-faith acts, but not for fraud or bad faith.	New
Amendments (Art. 15 → Art. 9)	By special resolution, 21 days notice, Board review first.	Same, plus a defined Special Resolution (75%), required Registrar filing, and a ten-year	Enhanced

		review cycle.	
Parliamentary authority (Art. 17 → Art. 10)	Robert's Rules of Order.	Robert's Rules of Order (unchanged).	Same
EFCL membership (18.3 → Art. 11)	Retains EFCL membership.	Retains EFCL membership and adds adherence to the EFCL Code of Ethics.	Reworded
Seal and staff (Art. 18 → 8.2, 7.1)	Secretary keeps the seal; Board may hire staff.	Same, relocated.	Relocated
Dissolution (Art. 16 → Art. 12)	Real property to the City; cash to the EFCL in trust.	Same.	Same