



**Hamilton Amateur Radio Club**

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## **Important changes to our club bylaws:**

**Date: January 28th, 2024**

**Annual General Meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 7:30pm**

**St. Paul's Church, 42 Tragina Ave. N. Hamilton**

### **Step 1:**

The Executive Committee established a committee to prepare draft bylaws in preparation to transiting the corporation to the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act.

### **Step 2:**

The committee referenced in Step 1 prepared draft bylaws which were submitted to the Executive Committee for review and amendments.

### **Step 3:**

The Executive Committee, after a thorough review approved the bylaws prepared by the committee on January 11, 2024 which effectively replaced the old bylaws HARC had been operating under.

### **Step 4:**

Pursuant to the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act, the new bylaws must be ratified by the members of HARC. The vote to ratify the new bylaws will take place at the AGM on February 22, 2024. If the members vote against ratifying the new bylaws the previous club bylaws, which do not align with the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act, will then once again become the bylaws of the club. If the club does not adopt bylaws that align with the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act prior to October 19, 2024, the bylaws issued by the government, which are not tailored to our club's needs, will then become the bylaws of the club.



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**Step 5:** Following ratification of the bylaws adopted by the Executive Committee on January 11, 2024, and prior to October 19, 2024, the club will prepare and file Articles of Amendment with the government finalizing the transition to the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act. In preparation of the Articles of Amendment, the club will review and possibly amend the purposes of the club as laid out in our Letters Patent (which originally incorporated the club).

**Proxy:**

With regards to Proxies at that AGM, please review section 9.10 c. of the new bylaws. The Proxy must meet the requirements of the regulations to the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act.

**Note:** A formal Proxy will be mailed/ emailed out before the Annual General Meeting.

**New ONCA bylaws:**

Available for download is an amended PDF version of the new ONCA bylaws. You will note on the last page the date when the Exec adopted the bylaws. The bylaws must be signed by Murray, HARC President, and Damien, HARC Secretary. We suggest that the two of them sign the bylaws at the AGM unless the club has an Exec meeting beforehand.



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For the purpose of the AGM, the club will provide the members with the attached .pdf version of the bylaws which notes that the original copy of the bylaws have been signed by Murray and Damien.

### Note:

A complete downloadable PDF revision to our recently approved bylaws is included in the following link. Much work went into this project. We thank the project leader John VA3JHD and Rick VA3WWA for their time and energy in the preparation.

A promotional banner with a black background and an orange border. On the left is the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club logo. To its right is a yellow starburst with the word 'NEW!' in black. Further right, the text 'CLUB BYLAW' is written in large, glowing yellow and orange letters. Below this, three bullet points are listed in white text: '\* Required by our club', '\* Complies with Not For Profit', and '\* Approved by club executive'. On the far right, there is a red arrow pointing left with the text 'CLICK HERE' inside it.

**CLUB BYLAW**

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Click above for the recently accepted change to our bylaws by the executive.



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**The process of introducing this change to our bylaws will streamline the operation of the club as we go forward. Most amateur clubs in Ontario have already introduced this approved method of legislation.**

**I would encourage each and everyone of our members to read through the bylaw attachment provided in this submission. If you have questions, or need clarification kindly contact John VA3JHD or Rick VA3WWV.**

**Thank you for your time**

***Murray Thompson***

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**President and Board Chair**