



# Third Age Barrie

## Lifelong Learning Association

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Ms. Jennifer Goldsmith,  
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Re: Third Age Barrie Lifelong Learning By-Laws

Dear Jennifer,

It is hard to believe that it was early March when we were consulting with you about the Third Age By-Laws. Please accept our apologies for being so slow in expressing our appreciation for the work you did. With the declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic, our energies were suddenly re-directed into trying to understand how to go forward in this new reality. Having said that, we are all fine and staying safe. I trust you and your colleagues are also well.

We wanted to let you know that we incorporated your recommended changes concerning the Disciplinary Act or Termination of Membership for Cause, as well as the wording you provided explaining that "The Chair of Third Age Barrie assumes the duties otherwise allocated to the President." These changes were approved by the Board of Directors at our March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting. And as an aside, on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, we also increased the number of Directors to 10 and changed the By-Law accordingly.

Yesterday, we had our first Annual General Meeting successfully, and the Members confirmed the By-Law. Louise Pope stepped down as Chair and I stepped down as Treasurer. Sandy Thurston is now the new Chair and Tom Gerry is Treasurer.

We have been very busy over the last few months. Because of the emergency measures in place, we had to postpone our spring series to the fall. We have all gone through a rather sharp learning curve, and are now carrying out our board and committee work using Zoom. More importantly, we are now hosting a 3- part series in June with Dr. Michael Johns, a Political Science Professor with Laurentian University and a friend to Third Age Barrie. This is being livestreamed through a Zoom Webinar. The series is entitled: Politics in the Time of Pandemic. Please check it out at the [www.thirdagebarrie.ca](http://www.thirdagebarrie.ca).

Jennifer, on behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for helping us ensure that our By-Laws met all the requirements of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Act. We really appreciate your expertise and support, and know that you made time for us when you were already busy with your regular workload.

Yours Sincerely,

Terry MacMillan

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Louise Pope