



## 1. NAME

The legal name of the organization shall be:

Canada Niagara Business Association  
(CNBA)

## 2. CORPORATE STATUS

The Association shall operate as a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA).

The Association is not organized for profit and shall not distribute any profits or assets to its members.

## 3. PURPOSE

The purposes of the Association are:

- a) To promote business networking and collaboration within the Niagara region;
- b) To facilitate resource integration and professional exchange;
- c) To support sustainable business development;
- d) To encourage regional and cross-border commercial cooperation.

The Association shall not engage in partisan political activities.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

### 4.1 Membership Categories

The Association shall have the following classes of members:

- Founding Members
- Corporate Members
- Individual Members

### 4.2 Rights of Members

Members in good standing shall have the right to:

- Participate in Association activities
- Access networking and business opportunities
- Attend meetings (where applicable)
- Be eligible for nomination to leadership roles

### 4.3 Obligations of Members

Members shall:

- Comply with these Bylaws
- Pay applicable membership dues
- Maintain professional and ethical conduct
- Support the mission of the Association

### 4.4 Admission

Membership shall be granted upon approval by the Association and payment of applicable dues.

The Association reserves the right to approve or decline any application.

## 5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### 5.1 Authority

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Association and shall oversee its strategic direction and major decisions.

### 5.2 Composition

The Board shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President(s)
- Secretary General
- Treasurer





- Directors

The number of Directors shall not be fewer than three (3), and is recommended to be between seven (7) and eleven (11).

### 5.3 Responsibilities

The Board shall:

- Establish strategic direction
- Approve major decisions
- Oversee financial management
- Appoint and remove officers

## 6. OFFICERS

The Association shall appoint the following officers:

- President
- Vice President(s)
- Secretary General
- Treasurer

All officers shall be selected from among the Directors.

## 7. TERM OF OFFICE

Directors and Officers shall serve a term of two (2) years and may be reappointed.

The inaugural President may serve a term of three (3) years.

## 8. MEETINGS

### 8.1 Annual Meeting

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at least once per year.

### 8.2 Board Meetings

The Board shall meet at least quarterly.

### 8.3 Voting

- Ordinary matters: majority vote
- Major matters: two-thirds (2/3) vote

## 9. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

### 9.1 Sources of Funds

The Association's funds may include:

- Membership dues
- Sponsorship
- Event income
- Other lawful sources

### 9.2 Financial Accountability

The Association shall maintain accurate financial records and report regularly to the Board.

## 10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Directors shall disclose any conflict of interest and abstain from voting on related matters.

No individual shall use the Association for personal gain.

## 11. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

## 12. DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Association, all remaining assets shall be distributed in accordance with applicable laws governing not-for-profit organizations in Ontario.

No assets shall be distributed to any member or individual.

