

## **Unalterable clauses**

Not-for-profit organizations in British Columbia are called Societies and are governed by the *Societies Act*. This Act supersedes the Society Act and has, itself, been modified since (in 2023).

The *Societies Act* required all pre-existing societies to transition to a new online Registry within two years i.e., before November 26, 2018. Otherwise, the society could be dissolved by the BC Corporate Registry.

During this process of transition, all clauses from the prior constitution other than its name and purposes were to be moved to the bylaws and be marked as being unalterable. Once a society had transitioned, it could then alter previously unalterable provisions by complying with the Act's bylaw amendment procedures. Some exceptions apply to designated government-related societies (of which Seniors is not one).