



1. Principles

- a. Ottawa Community Land Trust (OCLT) seeks a broad membership base that includes both organizations and individuals that support OCLT's purpose
- b. OCLT welcomes all individuals as members, including residents and neighbours of OCLT properties, affordable housing supporters and any community members in the Ottawa-Gatineau area.
- c. OCLT welcomes all organizations as members, including non-profit and co-operative housing providers, OCLT leaseholder organizations, community housing sector organizations and non-profit organizations in the Ottawa-Gatineau area.
- d. By default, membership is open to all
- e. Members must sign and agree to uphold a membership agreement which includes support for the mission and values of the OCLT
- f. The Board of Directors will only disallow membership, or membership renewal, for a specific purpose, such as conflict-of-interest or behaviour detrimental to OCLT, and only by majority vote, consistent with sections 9 and 16 of the Bylaws
- g. Membership is accessible to interested organizations and individuals throughout the year
- h. Membership is simple to access, track and administer

2. Classes of members

- a. Individual membership is defined in the Bylaws as "Class A" membership, Organizational membership is defined as "Class B" membership.
- b. Only Individual members (Class A) can be elected to the Board of Directors
- c. Organizational members (Class B) must designate a representative for the purposes of voting, participating in committees and representing the member
- d. Individual members and designated representatives of Organizational members can attend committee meetings
- e. Only Individual members who have been appointed by the Board of Directors and representatives of Organizational members who have been appointed by the Board of Directors can become voting members of committees



3. Fees

- a. Individual (Class A) Membership
 - i. Membership Application Fee: \$25
 - ii. Annual dues: \$10
- b. Organizational (Class B) Membership
 - i. Membership Application Fee: \$200
 - ii. Annual dues: \$50
- c. The Board of Directors will consider requests to reduce or waive membership application fees or annual dues on a case-by-case basis

4. Term

- a. Membership follows a calendar year (January 1 to December 31)
- b. The initial Membership Application Fee will include dues for the initial year the member joins
- c. Membership will expire if dues have not been paid before December 31 of any given year (For greater clarity, a member who pays their dues on January 1 of year one has until December 31 of year two to renew and pay dues again)
- d. Expired members must pay the Membership Application Fee to join again