

Bylaw No 2 - Transitional Provisions

1. Enactment of Transitional Bylaw - This Bylaw No. 2 is enacted to provide for the orderly transition of the Board of Directors of Child & Youth Advocacy Centres of Canada (CYACC) from its founding composition to the structure required under Bylaw No. 1. This transitional approach is intended to balance the introduction of new perspectives and skills with the preservation of organizational continuity, institutional knowledge and the founding vision established by the founding Board members. For the duration of this Bylaw No. 2, the following sections of Bylaw No. 1 are suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to these provisions:
 - a. Section 5.2 - Election and Term
 - b. Section 7.3 - Term of Officers

2. Current Board Composition and Rotation - As of January 1, 2025, the CYACC Board consists of nine (9) Directors, all representing Child Advocacy Centres (CACs) or Child and Youth Advocacy Centres (CYACs), with two (2) serving as Co-Chairs. For the purpose of this transition, the terms of the current Directors shall be designated as follows:
 - a. Two (2) Directors - initial term expiring at the 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM).
 - b. Four (4) Directors (including one (1) Co-Chair) - initial term expiring at the 2027 AGM.
 - c. Three (3) Directors (including one (1) Co-Chair) - initial term expiring at the 2028 AGM.

The assignment of Directors to the 2026, 2027 and 2028 term expirations are detailed in the tables below.

2026 Term Expirations

Nathanael Hewitt	Secretary/Treasurer
Ingrid Pruneau	Director

2027 Term Expiration

Leah Zille	Co-Chair
Brian Bratt	Director
Karen Chymy	Director
Kathleen Jodouin	Director

2028 Term Expiration

Karen Orser	Co-Chair
Christina Shaffer	Director
Lindsay Jolie	Director

3. Transition Process - At the 2026, 2027 and 2028 AGMs, additional Directors shall be elected in order to move towards full compliance with Section 5.1 of Bylaw No. 1 at the 2028 AGM, which sets the Board membership between ten (10) and fifteen (15) Directors and requires a minimum of 1 individual representing CACs and CYACs and five (5) from the community at large.
 - a. At the 2026 AGM, a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of (4) Directors from the community at large shall be elected. The Board shall determine the number of community Director positions to be filled within this range in advance of the close of nominations, and such number shall be clearly stated in the election materials.
 - b. At the 2027 AGM, a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of (5) additional directors from the community at large may be elected, as required to move towards compliance with Section 5.1 of Bylaw No. 1. One (1) Director representing CACs and CYACs will also be elected.
 - c. At the 2028 AGM, additional directors will be elected, as required to be compliant with Bylaw No. 1. Directors rotating off in 2028 as per Section 2.0 of Bylaw No. 2 can stand for re-election for an additional term in accordance with Bylaw No. 1.

Except as expressly modified by this Bylaw No. 2, all provisions of Bylaw No. 1, including those relating to quorum, notice, and voting, shall continue to apply during the transitional period.

4. Director Terms of Office

To establish staggered terms during the Board transition period, the terms of office for Directors during transition shall be as follows:

- a. Directors elected at the 2026 AGM shall serve an initial two (2) year term expiring at the 2028 AGM.
- b. Directors elected at the 2027 AGM shall serve an initial two (2) year term expiring at the 2029 AGM.
- c. Directors elected at the 2028 AGM shall serve an initial two (2) year term expiring at the 2030 AGM.

Upon completion of transition period, Directors shall serve full three (3) year terms in accordance with Section 5.2 of Bylaw No. 1.

5. Officer Structure During Transition

- a. A Co-Chair model shall remain in place throughout the transition period.
- b. Following the 2026 AGM, and until at least the 2028 AGM, the Board shall consist of:
 - i. One Co-Chair who is a continuing Director from the founding CYACC Board of Directors; and
 - ii. One Co-Chair elected from among the newly elected community at large Directors.
- c. The Secretary/Treasurer position vacated at the 2026 AGM shall be filled by one of the existing Directors

6. Termination of Transitional Provisions - Following the elections held at the 2028 AGM, the transitional provisions established by this Bylaw No. 2 shall expire. This Bylaw No. 2 shall automatically be repealed, and Bylaw No. 1 shall govern all subsequent elections and terms of Directors and Officers.