



**Kensington-Bellwoods  
Community Legal Services**

**Notice of Annual General Meeting  
November 25, 2020 6:30 pm  
Online on Zoom**

**You may request that we provide interpretation at the meeting.  
Please indicate the language in which you need interpretation:**

您可要求在會議期間獲得口譯服務  
請說明您需要口譯的語種

**Pode pedir-nos para providenciar um serviço de interpretação para a reunião.  
Informe a língua em que precisará de interpretação**

**Puede solicitar que le proporcionemos servicios de interpretación en la reunión.  
Por favor, indique el idioma en el que necesita interpretación:**

**To attend, please register through Eventbrite to receive link to attend:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/annual-general-meeting-tickets-125977338611>  
Or call 416-924-4244 Ext. 25 by or before November 16**

**Annual General Meeting Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
3. Chair's Report
4. Annual Report
5. Auditor's Report
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Election of Board
8. By-Law Amendments
9. Review of Annual Report

**Membership**

Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services is a non-profit corporation. Its members are entitled to nominate Board candidates, stand for election to our Board of Directors, and to vote at annual general and special meetings called by the Board. Membership is free and does not require annual renewal. If you meet the following criteria, you are eligible to become a member of the corporation:

- You are 18 years of age or over, and
- You are associated with the community we serve in one or more of the following ways:
- You live or work in or have substantial association with the area bounded by the east side of Ossington Avenue/Strachan Avenue, the west side of Yonge Street, the south side of Bloor Street and north of Lake Ontario, or you are eligible for the services of the clinic.
- You agree with the objects and goals of the corporation. (Please see next page)

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## **Objects and Goals (Principles)**

Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services is committed to providing legal assistance to low income persons in the area bounded by Ossington Avenue/Strachan Avenue, Yonge Street, Bloor Street and Lake Ontario. This includes providing summary advice, representation and assistance, as well as referral on non-legal matters of concern to clients; community outreach; community organizing; community education; and organizing law reform activities aimed at improving the legal and economic status of low income persons in Ontario.

Our goal is to work towards the elimination of poverty in our society, and to ensure equality before the law. To that end we are committed to working with other individuals and groups who share that goal, and to community organizing to bring about changes in the law that improve the legal and economic status of low income people in Ontario.

Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services is committed to a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of race, creed, colour, national origin, political or religious affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, family relationship and/or disability.

## **Board of Directors**

Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services is a non-profit corporation. It is run by a volunteer Board of Directors which consists of 9 community members elected at the Annual General Meeting who live, work or have a substantial attachment to the community served by the clinic and 1 representative of the staff elected at the first staff meeting following the AGM, for a total of 10 members, who serve for one year.

## **Responsibilities of a Board Member:**

- Serve in a volunteer capacity without remuneration or profit.
- Be actively involved on one or more Board committees in addition to attending monthly Board meetings (approximately 3-6 hours per month).
- Have a commitment to and understand of the purpose, policies and programs of the Clinic.
- Be aware of changing community trends and client needs. Represent the clinic in the community.
- Work cooperatively within a group.

## **Becoming A Board Member:**

We welcome those with financial skills, collective agreement/labour negotiation experience, community organizing skills and those who are involved in and/or interested in social justice. Nomination of candidates to serve as members of the Board can be made at the Annual General Meeting. Candidates must be members in good standing, at least 5 clear days before the date of the election. Written nominations can be submitted before the start of the meeting and must indicate that the nominee consents to stand. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for our Board of Directors, please call the legal clinic at 416-924-4244. Deadline for Nominations to the Board is November 22.

Financial Statements for KBCLS will be posted to our website 10 days before the Annual General Meeting.

[www.kbcls.org](http://www.kbcls.org)

**SEE YOU ONLINE ON NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>!**