

# MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between

**COWICHAN BIO-DIESEL CO-OP**

And

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**("Member")**

Members of the **COWICHAN BIO-DIESEL CO-OP** (the "Co-op") have the following benefits and obligations:

## **Membership Benefits**

The Co-op will ensure that the direct benefits provided by the Co-op to our members provide a significant incentive to obtain and retain membership. The general benefits provided to members include, but are not limited to:

- Involvement in the democratic decision making of the Co-op through voting at Annual and other General Meetings,
- Access to benefits available only to members,
- Access to trial data, external research and other information available to the Co-op on its products and their production and usage,
- Preferred status for access to benefits that are available to members and non-members, and
- All the rights of membership as detailed in the operating Rules of the COWICHAN BIO-DIESEL CO-OP (the "Rules").

## **Membership Obligations**

The obligations of members are:

- To keep informed of Co-op activity and to provide input into Co-op committees and governance bodies as requested,
- To provide information to the Co-op from time to time regarding issues and products/services that may be of concern to Co-op members,
- To subscribe to, and abide by, the founding principles of the Co-op, and
- To be familiar with, and abide by the Rules of the Co-op.

## Agreement

The Member agrees to:

- Pay \$20 lifetime membership fee,
- Make every endeavor to vote at Co-op elections, meetings and/or special functions,
- Waive all rights of action that exist or may arise against the Co-op, its Directors, Employees, Volunteers, or any partners, organizations or individuals affiliated with the operations, products and services provided by the Co-op,
- Assume personal responsibility for determining any and all applicable taxes that may be owed on benefits received from the Co-op and remit the same to the appropriate provincial and/or federal government authorities,
- All carbon credits (collected and accounted) created by the Member's use of fuel supplied by the Co-op will be used for the benefit of the Co-op,
- Assume personal responsibility for becoming educated on the proper use of bio-diesel and other vegetable oil based bio-fuels as applicable, and the potential effects on your vehicle and any applicable warranties, and all recommended vehicle upgrades and/or maintenance necessary to ensure proper vehicle operation and that vehicle damage does not occur,
- Read and accept the "**Guidelines on Bio-Diesel Use**" provided by the CD-DC.
- Assume personal responsibility for any and all damage and expenses that may occur from the use of fuels provided as benefits relating to membership in the Co-op, and to report any such issues to the Co-op within two months of their occurrence, and
- Accept, from time to time, changes made to this agreement by the Co-op.

*We do our best to test and research fuel impacts on vehicles and emissions and have a high confidence in our fuel. We cannot, however, promise that your particular vehicle and its parts are biodiesel compatible (e.g. it's hoses, gaskets, etc. are not made of rubber. Please refer to the Co-op's "Instructions on Biodiesel Use and Personal Responsibility Agreement" for more information.*

**The COWICHAN BIO-DIESEL CO-OP agrees to:**

- Enroll the member in benefit offerings as requested by the Member starting on \_\_\_\_\_ (date),
- Set up the Member's information in the Co-op's database,
- To provide the Member with a Membership Package with the Membership Agreement, Co-op Policies and Procedures, Co-op and biodiesel printed matter and other items,
- Provide member access to biodiesel,
- Provide the Member on-going information regarding biodiesel, the operation of the Co-op, all benefits and membership notices,
- Account for all carbon credits accumulated through the use of fuel provided by the Co-op to Members and to use these carbon credits for the benefit of the Co-op,
- Uphold the operating Rules and procedures in a way that provides fair and equitable access to benefits as well as governance roles to Co-op members and representatives, and
- Respect and protect the privacy of the Member and not to release any personal, corporate or otherwise private information without prior consent.

**Agreed and signed by:**

**Member**

**On Behalf of the Co-op**

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Signature

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Signature

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Print name

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Member Address:

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Organizational Title

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