

Membership Agreement

Between the

COWICHAN BIO-DIESEL CO-OP

and

(“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.
- 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
- To be familiar with, and abide by the Rules of the Co-op.

Agreement

The Member agrees to:

- Purchase one membership share at \$5.00, payable to the Co-op. The share is non-transferable, except back to the Co-op, in accordance with the Rules and entitles the member to one vote at Co-op elections, meetings and/or special functions.

- Pay annual membership dues, as set by the Co-op, in a timely manner in order to remain membership in good standing. Currently membership dues are set at \$50 per year for individual members and \$100 per year for corporations and organizations payable to the Co-op. Payment of this annual membership due is necessary to maintain membership in good standing which is a requirement for accessing Co-op benefits.
- 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.
- The collection and accounting of all carbon credits created by the Member's use of fuel supplied by the Co-op, and the use of these carbon credits 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.
- 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.
- 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 bio-diesel compatible (e.g. it's hoses, gaskets, etc. are not made of rubber). It is the Member's responsibility to have their vehicle checked by a mechanic beforehand and to perform regular inspections and maintenance to ensure that no damage occurs. Please refer to the Co-op's "Instructions on Bio-Diesel Use and Personal Responsibility Agreement" for more information.

The COWICHAN BIO-DIESEL CO-OP agrees to:

- Issue a share certificate for one share to the Member when payment is completed.
- Enrol 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 a Membership Package with the Membership Agreement, Co-op Policies and Procedures, Co-op and Bio-Diesel printed matter and other items.
- Provide member access to Bio-Diesel and SVO.
- Provide the Member on-going information regarding Bio-Diesel, 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.
- 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

Signature

Signature

Print name

Print name

Date

Date

Member Address: _____

Organizational Title

Phone: _____

Email: _____