

## **CLARIFICATION OF TLC PRIVACY POLICY**

There has been some confusion recently with respect to TLC's Privacy Policy, resulting from a decision by the Supreme Court of British Columbia to uphold the right of TLC members to examine the Members' Register in accordance with the Society Act.

The ruling made by Justice Bracken was clear in saying that TLC Members have the right to examine the Members' Register, but only for TLC purposes (this includes activities that are allowed under our bylaws or the Society Act, such as for the purpose of conducting elections or members' requisition campaigns). No-one has the right to access the register for other purposes.

Also, Justice Bracken was clear in specifying that only the information required to be included on the register (i.e. name & address of the members, the date they became members and the date they cease to be members, and the class of membership) must be provided in such circumstances. While it has, perhaps, not been clear enough, such access has always been required by law and TLC has always complied with this.

Accordingly, this note will clarify that TLC's Privacy Policy with respect to the protection of our members' privacy has not changed. We will continue to protect all information provided to us by our members and donors, and we will continue to ensure that measures are in place to provide our members and donors with the assurance that their personal and private information will not be disclosed.

We would also like to be clear that if any TLC member is granted access to examine the Members' Register, they will be required to sign an oath of confidentiality prior to that access, just the same as is required of any staff or volunteers who have access to the members' registry in the course of their duties.

Should you have any questions, please contact TLC's Privacy Officer at 250-479-8053 or by email at [admin@conservancy.bc.ca](mailto:admin@conservancy.bc.ca).