



## **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

Do you know the words to that old song?

*"You're the cream in my coffee,  
You're the ....."*

Probably you know the tune but what about the words that follow? If you are like me, you probably can't recall them, right?

It's the same thing with rules of order, particularly Robert's Rules of Order. Oh yes, at every meeting everyone agrees that "we should conduct this meeting in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order" but that's generally where it ends. Who knows them? In my experience at strata corporation meetings, it is rare to find someone who can actually recite the specific rules.

So what to do? The Strata Property Act does not require a strata corporation to follow Robert's Rules of Order. In fact, it does not specify any rules of order. It is left to each corporation to determine its own rules. A publication that may assist you is Democratic Rules of Order published by Fred and Peg Francis in Victoria, generally written for condo owners. You can contact the publisher at:

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The internet, by the way, carries thousands of websites dealing with this topic.

Good luck and by the way...

*You're the cream in my coffee  
You're the salt in my stew  
You're the starch in my collar  
You're the lace in my shoe  
You're the sail in my loveboat  
You're the captain and crew...*