

Torrs Hydro New Mills Ltd

Data Protection Policy

1) Definitions

1. Personal data is information about a person which is identifiable as being about them. It can be stored electronically or on paper, and includes images and audio recordings as well as written information.
2. Data protection is about how we, as a society, ensure we protect the rights and privacy of individuals, and comply with the law, when collecting, storing, using, amending, sharing, destroying or deleting personal data.

2) Responsibility

1. Overall and final responsibility for data protection lies with the Board, who are responsible for overseeing activities and ensuring this policy is upheld.
2. All directors and other volunteers are responsible for observing this policy, and related procedures, in all areas of their work for Torrs Hydro New Mills Ltd (“Torrs Hydro”).

3) Overall policy statement

1. Torrs Hydro needs to keep personal data about its Board, volunteers and share-holders in order to carry out company activities.
2. We will collect, store, use, amend, share, destroy or delete personal data, only in ways which protect people’s privacy and comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other relevant legislation.
3. We will only collect, store and use the minimum amount of data that we need for clear purposes, and will not collect, store or use data we do not need.

We will only collect, store and use data for:

1. purposes for which the individual has given explicit consent, or
2. to comply with legal obligations.
4. We will provide individuals with details of the data we have about them when requested by the relevant individual.
5. We will delete data if requested by the relevant individual, unless we need to keep it for legal reasons.
6. We will endeavour to keep personal data up-to-date and accurate.
7. We will store personal data securely.
8. We will not share personal data with third parties without the explicit consent of the relevant individual, unless legally required to do so.

9. We will endeavour not to have data breaches. In the event of a data breach, we will endeavour to rectify the breach by getting any lost or shared data back. We will evaluate our processes and understand how to avoid it happening again. Serious data breaches which may risk someone's personal rights or freedoms will be reported to the Information Commissioner's Office within 72 hours, and to the individual concerned.
10. To uphold this policy, we will maintain a set of data protection procedures for our Board and volunteers to follow.

4) Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years.

Date.....

Signature (Director).....

Signature (Secretary).....

Data protection procedures

1) Introduction

1. Torrs Hydro has a data protection policy which is reviewed regularly. In order to help us uphold the policy, we have created the following procedures which outline ways in which we collect, store, use, amend, share, destroy and delete personal data.
2. These procedures cover the main, regular ways we collect and use personal data. We may from time to time collect and use data in ways not covered here. In these cases we will ensure our Data Protection Policy is upheld.

2) General procedures

1. Data will be stored securely.
 1. When it is stored electronically, it will be kept in password-protected files.
 2. When it is stored on paper it will be filed carefully in a locked filing cabinet.
2. When we no longer need data, or when someone has asked for their data to be deleted, it will be deleted securely. We will ensure that data is permanently deleted from computers, and that paper data is shredded.
3. We will keep records of consent given for us to collect, use and store data. These records will be stored securely.

3) Mailing list

1. We will maintain a mailing list of share-holders, chiefly in order to notify them, as required by law, of all general meetings; also (unless specifically requesting otherwise) to receive Torrs Hydro newsletters with share-holder information up to four times a year.
2. The mailing list will consist of
 1. The email addresses of share-holders, who have given permission to be contacted by email;
 2. The postal addresses of all share-holders who have not given such permission.

3. When people sign up to the list, we will explain how their details will be used, how they will be stored, and that (for the purposes of Torrs Hydro newsletters) they may ask to be removed from the list at any time. However, by applying to become a Torrs Hydro share-holder, a person agrees, while remaining a share-holder, to remaining on our Torrs Hydro mailing list, in order to receive notice of all general meetings. We will provide information about how to be removed from the list with every mailing.
4. We will not use mailing list providers.

4) Contacting volunteers

1. Local people volunteer for Torrs Hydro in a number of ways.
2. We will maintain a list of contact details of our volunteers. We will share volunteering opportunities and requests for help with the people on this list.
3. People will be removed from the list if they have not volunteered for Torrs Hydro for 12 months.
4. We will provide people on this list with a privacy notice which explains why we have their information, what we are using it for, how long we will keep it, and that they can ask to have it deleted or amended at any time by contacting us.
5. To allow volunteers to work together to organise for the group, it is sometimes necessary to share volunteer contact details with other volunteers. We will only do this with explicit consent.

5) Contacting directors

1. The Board need to be in contact with one another in order to run Torrs Hydro effectively and ensure its legal obligations are met.
2. Board contact details will be shared among the Board.
3. Board members will not share each other's contact details with anyone outside of the Board, or use them for anything other than Torrs Hydro business, without explicit consent.

6) Review

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