
Manitoba Farm Products Marketing Council

Chair

Ed Helwer, Teulon

Vice Chair

Melissa Atchison, Pipestone

Members

William (Bill) Osachuk, Gardenton

Lorne Ross, Balmoral

Melvin Penner, Altona

Marianne Parvais, Holland (bil.)

Raymond Wytinck, St. Clements

Mandate:

The Manitoba Farm Products Marketing Council is established under *The Farm Products Marketing Act* (the Act) to provide for the promotion, regulation, and management of the production and marketing of regulated farm products within the Province.

Authority:

[*The Farm Products Marketing Act*](#)

[*The Agricultural Producers Organization Funding Act*](#)

[*The Milk Prices Review Act*](#)

Responsibilities:

The responsibilities of the board are as follows:

- Advise the Minister about the establishment, and operation of boards and commissions;
- Supervise the operation of boards and commissions;
- Conduct votes on plans and the establishment of boards or commissions, when required by regulation or by the Minister;
- Enforce the regulations;
- Supervise the work of inspectors;
- Perform any other duties and functions necessary to exercise the authority given to it under this Act or the regulations;
- Carry out any other duty assigned to it by the Minister;
- Conduct appeal hearings for those persons affected by a regulation, order or decision made by a board or commission and render a decision to either:
 - a) dismiss the appeal; or
 - b) direct the board or commission to repeal or rescind the regulation, order or decision about which the appeal was made, either fully or partly, to the extent Manitoba Council considers appropriate.

Membership:

The Manitoba council is to consist of at least 6 but not more than 11 persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The Act requires that one member be designated as the chair and one member be designated as the vice chair.

Length of Terms:

The term of office of a member of the agency is not specified in the Act. As a standard of practice, terms are generally for three years.

Desirable Experience:

General knowledge of supply management principles and systems that operate under an orderly marketing regimes.

Strong analytical abilities and excellent verbal and written communication skills.

An understanding of administrative tribunal and appeal procedures is an asset. There is no formal educational requirement.

Board members:

- must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended, non-judgmental language;
- have active listening skills;
- be able to read and interpret policies/legislation;
- use plain language;
- have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner; and
- adhere to a high degree of confidentiality.

Time Commitment:

Individual members should be available to serve at least a full day once a month. The position of Chair requires additional flexibility during each month to provide guidance and direction on issues and topics in front of the Council.

Meetings:

Location: Virtual and in-person (as necessary)

Frequency: 9-13 times per year

Remuneration:

Chair: \$191.00 per half day; \$336.00 per full day (plus \$100.00 per month stipend)
Members: \$109.00 per half day; \$192.00 per full day