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***Ecological Reserves Advisory Committee***

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**Mandate:**

The Ecological Reserves Advisory Committee (ERAC) is established under *The Ecological Reserves Act*. Generally, the purpose of this Act is to outline the purpose of ecological reserves, outline the intended and permitted activities within ecological reserves, and outline the functions and duties of ERAC.

**Responsibilities:**

The committee upon the request of the minister shall:

- (a) examine and inspect areas for their suitability as reserves and make recommendations thereon to the minister;
- (b) receive and consider submissions from members of the public and make recommendations to the minister with respect thereto;
- (c) provide or make available to members of the public, the government and agencies of the government, information with respect to reserves, ecology, ecological activity and ecological features within the province;
- (d) advise the minister generally with respect to the administration of this Act;

and shall perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned to it by the minister or the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

**Membership:**

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint any number of persons deemed advisable as a committee.

**Length of Terms:**

Each member of the committee shall hold office for such term as may be fixed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council in the order of appointment and thereafter until his successor is appointed.

**Desirable Expertise:**

Must have experience in the field of natural resource management, conservation, biology, ecology, environmental studies or other related areas. Must have an understanding of environmental and conservation issues. Must be familiar with and understand the intrinsic value of: unique and rare examples of botanical, zoological and geological features; natural habitats of rare or endangered plants and animals that are representative examples of natural ecosystems and representative examples of ecosystems both intact and modified within the province of Manitoba.

Must have good written and oral skills, be able to review and critique technical documents and research proposals.

**Time commitment:**

Depending on the work load of the committee and the Ecological Reserves Program, the committee generally meets for half a day every three to four months. Day long field trips occur on occasion, but not regularly.

**Meetings:**

Meetings are held in Winnipeg at 200 Saulteaux with field trips occurring only occasionally to locations (existing and proposed ecological reserves) within a days driving distance to Winnipeg.

**Remuneration:**

Chair and Member: \$50.00 for meetings less than 3 hours  
\$88.00 for meetings over 3 hours.

The Committee is not remunerated for field trips, only meetings.