

Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation

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Mandate:

Established by the *Manitoba Habitat Heritage Act* of 1986.

Objectives of the Corporation: "...conservation, restoration and enhancement of Manitoba fish and wildlife habitat and the fish and wildlife populations thereof..."

The basic authority of the Board is outlined in Section 8 of the Act: "The affairs of the corporation shall be managed and administered by a board of directors..."

Responsibilities:

The MHHC Board of Directors, which is responsible to the Minister of Sustainable Development, undertakes the governance responsibilities expected of a Board governing a not-for-profit public sector entity. The Act does not provide specific responsibilities.

Internally, MHHC has determined the basic governance responsibilities to be:

- Adoption of a strategic planning process and communication strategy
- Identification of the principal risks to the corporation business and ensuring implementation of appropriate systems to manage those risks
- Succession planning, including appointing and monitoring senior management
- Approval of plans and programs to be undertaken by the corporation
- The integrity of the corporation internal control and management information systems.

In addition to the governance responsibilities, Section 16 of the Act allows the board to "...make rules for its own procedure: and "... (the board) has all the powers of the corporation and may make by-laws for the purpose of exercising those powers."

It is recognized that MHHC, as a professionally managed entity, relies on its senior staff to undertake management responsibilities of the organizations. As such, the MHHC board does not partake in management functions.

Membership:

The board consists of persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The Act provides for a maximum of 11 members. The members of the board shall elect 1 of their number as chairperson and another as vice-chairperson.

Length of Terms:

Each member of the board shall serve for such term as may be specified by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and thereafter until the member's successor is appointed, unless the member sooner dies, resigns or is removed from office.

Desirable Expertise:

There are no formal requirements established by the MHHC.

Time commitment:

The board meets 3 times per year. Executive Committee members meet an additional 3 times. The Chair often attends meetings and public events with senior staff (approximately 5 – 10 times per year).

Meetings:

Most meetings are held in Winnipeg. The board shall meet not less than quarterly at the call of the chairperson.

Remuneration:

The corporation may, from and out of the fund, pay to the members of the board, other than members who are employees of the government, such remuneration for their services as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may approve, and to the members of the board including any who are employees of the government such reasonable out-of-pocket expenses as they may incur in performing those services.