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Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development (MRT)

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Mandate:

The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development (MRT) is an advisory body to the Government of Manitoba, required under the ***Sustainable Development Act***. Its role is to advise and support decision-makers in making responsible environmental, social, and economic decisions.

Responsibilities:

- Create awareness and understanding of sustainable development
- Co-operating with public-sector organizations, private industry, non-government organization and the public to share knowledge and experience
- Reviewing the principles and guidelines of sustainable development to ensure they are comprehensive and contemporary
- Advising on development and review of the Sustainable Development Strategy
- Advising on development and review of sustainability indicators
- At the request of the minister, reviewing existing or proposed policy, legislation, regulations or programs for consistency with the principles and

- guidelines, and reporting to the minister with recommendations
- Establishing mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating implementation of sustainable development strategies and Activities
- Other tasks and activities related to sustainable development, at the request of the minister

Membership:

The MRT shall consist of at least 20 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, of whom a minimum of four and a maximum of 1/3 of the total number shall be Cabinet Ministers. The MRT is currently chaired by the Minister of Sustainable Development.

Length of Terms:

Except in the case of a Cabinet Minister, a member of the MRT shall be appointed for a term of not less than one year and not more than three years.

Desirable Expertise:

The MRT is a multi-disciplinary committee with members representing the three facets of sustainability: the environment, society, and the economy.

There is no formal educational requirement; however, potential board members should be able to demonstrate an understanding of sustainable development. An effective board member must be able to read complex written material, analyze written and verbal information in order to provide thoughtful feedback.

Board Members:

- must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions and engage in discussion using respectful, non-judgmental language;
- have active listening skills;
- be able to understand and comment on policy issues; and
- adhere to a high degree of confidentiality.

Time Commitment:

The MRT meets a minimum of three times a year.

A member's time commitment could increase based upon their involvement in MRT task groups and committees, which handle priority issues and responsibilities of the MRT.

Meetings:

The MRT has a minimum of three evening meetings a year. Meetings are generally within the Winnipeg city limit or proximity and venues are chosen keeping sustainability in mind.

Remuneration:

\$75 per meeting up to 3½ hours; \$130 per meeting over 3½ hours.

Those who travel more than 3 ½ hour round trip to attend a meeting can claim a \$75 travel per diem.