

Expert Advisory Council

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Mandate:

The Expert Advisory Council is established under The Climate and Green Plan Implementation Act (the Act). The purpose of this Act is to address climate change, build a prosperous green economy, protect our water, and preserve natural and healthy ecosystems. The Act enacts The Climate and Green Plan Act and The Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emissions Control and Reporting Act and amends The Water Protection Amendment Act, The Income Tax Amendment Act and The Fuel Tax Amendment Act.

Authority:

The Climate and Green Plan Implementation Act

Responsibilities:

The role of council is to:

- Provide advice and recommendations to the minister on programs, policies and measures to be included in the climate and green plan;
- Review progress on the implementation of the climate and green plan, and provide advice on any required changes to the plan; and
- Provide advice and recommendations to the minister respecting greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals to be established under section 4 of the Act.

The committee reports to the Minister on any matter referred to it.

Membership:

Legislation stipulates that the minister may appoint such persons as the minister considers appropriate to the independent advisory council.

In lieu of the above, there is a desire to appoint no more than nine (9) members to the Council, including the chair. A quorum of 5 must be present in order that business can be legally transacted.

Council members are to:

- a) Be representative of the regional, economic and cultural diversity of Manitoba;
- b) Be knowledgeable about issues and programs under designated Acts; and
- c) Not be employees under the control of a minister responsible for a designated Act;

The Act 8(2) stipulates the council may establish subcommittees to perform specific duties or functions. 8(3) The council may establish its own rules of procedure, including rules of procedure for its subcommittees.

Length of Terms:

Staggered terms are implemented as a part of good governance as well as ensuring that no more than 1/3 of the membership turns over at a time. Practice is to implement two and three year terms with no member serving consecutively for more than 10 years.

Members hold office until his or her successor is appointed or their appointment is revoked.

Desirable Expertise:

Experience in the field of climate change, green economy, water, nature and ecosystems, familiarity with interpreting legislation, and a background in resolving issues.

There is no formal educational requirement; however, potential board members should be able to demonstrate an understanding of climate change, green economy, water and natural ecosystems including but not limited to issues of greenhouse gas emissions, low carbon economy, watersheds and natural resource management.

An effective board member must be able to read complex written material, analyze written and verbal information in order to ascertain facts, and apply relevant legislation to this written and verbal information.

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 and how it applies to the case;
- Use plain language;
- Adhere to a high degree of confidentiality; and
- Have the ability to make decisions in a fair and unbiased manner.

Meetings:

Frequency: Approximately four (4) to six (6) times per year.

Location: Meetings may be held throughout the province with a majority taking place in Winnipeg.

Duration: Full day

Remuneration:

Members: \$75.00 per half day
\$150.00 per full day

Members are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in accordance with the GMA.