

## *Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee*

### **Board Members**

#### Co-Chairs

Minister of Families

Minister of Education

#### Members

Minister of Economic Development & Training

Minister of Indigenous and Northern Relations

Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Status of Women

Bob Lagasse, MLA

#### **Mandate:**

To implement a long-term strategy to reduce poverty and increase social inclusion across Manitoba and to establish or adopt poverty and social inclusion indicators to be used in measuring the progress of the strategy; and provide annual reports to the public on the progress of the strategy.

#### **Authority:**

*The Poverty Reduction Strategy Act*

#### **Responsibilities:**

Responsibilities of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee (and are specified in The Poverty Reduction Strategy Act):

- Reviewing and providing advice on
  - The content of the poverty reduction and social inclusion strategy,
  - Poverty and social inclusion indicators, and
  - Proposed programs, policies or initiatives;
- Monitoring the implementation of the strategy;
- Ensuring that programs, policies and initiatives of the government to reduce poverty and increase social inclusion are coordinated and consistent with the strategy; and
- Facilitating community involvement in the development and implementation of the strategy.

#### **Membership:**

The Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee is made up of:

- Those Ministers who are responsible for policies, programs or services that affect poverty reduction and social inclusion, as determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council from the members of the Premier's Advisory Council on Education, Poverty and Citizenship<sup>(1)</sup>; and
- Three additional persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

**Length of Terms:**

Ministers will serve as long as they remain with their departments.

Other members will serve two year terms, and may be re-appointed for one further term.

**Desirable Experience:**

- Interest in, and relevant knowledge of, poverty reduction and social inclusion issues;
- Proven leadership in their field;
- Ability to network with anti-poverty and related organizations in his/her region;
- Reflective of the cultural diversity of Manitobans and come from rural, urban and northern communities; and
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and respectfully and accurately represent the work of the Committee.

**Time Commitment:**

The Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee will meet a minimum of four times per year; Members are expected to participate in discussions and bring relevant issues and ideas to the table. This would entail preparation time prior to meetings.

**Meetings:**

Location: Meetings will generally be held at the Manitoba Legislative Building

Frequency: Minimum four meetings per year

**Remuneration:**

Members are not remunerated for participation on the Committee. Members are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses.