

Farm Practices Review Board 2022-2023 Annual Report

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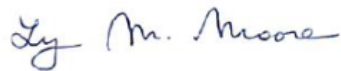
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Introduction

Dear members and stakeholders,

It is my pleasure to present to you the Farm Practices Review Board's annual report for fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

Following the expiration of previous members' appointments, six members were appointed effective November 17, 2022, for a term of three years. Training for new members was held and a hearing for an application received was scheduled for early in the next fiscal year.



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Mandate

The mandate of the Farm Practices Review Board is to administer the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*, which provides protection to a person using acceptable agricultural practices from liability in nuisance. The Board is responsible for determining what is an acceptable practice, addressing complaints related to odour, noise, dust, vibration, light, smoke or other disturbances originating from an agricultural operation.

Board membership

The Board was composed of the following members as of March 31, 2023:

1. Louis-Philippe Albert, Chair
2. Ken Reicker, Vice-Chair
3. Hans Bouma, Member
4. Louise Desilets, Member
5. Derek Cassista, Member
6. Katherine Toner, Member

Committees and subcommittees

No committees or subcommittees have been established under the Farm Practices Review Board.

Legislation, policies, and by-laws

The Board is governed by the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* and the *General Regulation – Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (NB Regulation 2002-94). An application fee of \$50 plus HST for complaints is fixed in section 4 of the *General Regulation*.

Activities and metrics (KPIs)

- Reactivated the Farm Practices Review Board with six (6) members appointed November 17, 2022.
- Conducted a training session for new board members.
- Reviewed an application, with a hearing set for April 2023.

KPI	Target	Actual
Number of applications received for a determination	N/A	0
Number of training sessions for members	1	1
Number of meetings to review applications received	N/A	1
Number of hearings held following receipt of an application	N/A	0 *

* Hearing to determine the outcome of the application received during fiscal 2021-2022 set for April 2023.

Financial information

BOARD BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES APRIL 1, 2022, TO MARCH 31, 2023

Category	Budget	Actual
Member per diems	\$0	\$1,193
TOTAL	\$0	\$1,193

Notes:

- Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries staff support the Board.
- Board expenses are included in the accounts of the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries.

Staffing

Manager: responsible for assisting with the appointment process; providing training to new members; and providing administrative support. This includes scheduling and coordination of Board meetings, hearings, and hearing documents.