

Community Renewal Act Advisory Committee

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Mandate:

The Community Renewal Advisory Committee is established under *The Community Renewal Act*. The *Act* defines how residents of communities in need of renewal participate in the development and implementation of plans to revitalize their communities.

Authority:

The Community Renewal Act

Responsibilities:

The Community Renewal Advisory Committee serves to advise the Minister and the Deputy Minister's Committee on community renewal issues, and provides advice to the Director of the Community Renewal Office on community renewal initiatives under the *Act*.

The Committee is established to ensure that a community-level perspective is reflected in government policy and practice, related to community renewal in Manitoba.

Issues dealt with by the committee may include:

- Best practices relating to community renewal efforts
- Identification of opportunities and challenges to effective community renewal initiatives
- Exploration and analysis of research-based outcomes both locally, nationally and internationally, as they apply to community renewal efforts in Manitoba
- Envisioning future developments for community renewal in Manitoba

The committee may also:

- Host periodic conferences / gatherings for practitioners and government when, for example, new relevant research comes to light or consultation is required to inform particular policies or plan for the future, or to celebrate milestones.

The committee makes recommendations, at minimum annually, to the Minister / Director.

Membership:

The Advisory Committee consists of at least five and no more than nine persons appointed by the Minister, and must include:

- Individuals who reside in designated communities.
- At least two persons who are members of a community renewal organization, as defined in Section 4 of the Act.
- Persons with recognized expertise in community renewal issues.

Length of Terms:

Members will be appointed for a term not exceeding three years. After a member's term expires, the member may continue to hold office until he or she is reappointed, the appointment is revoked, or a successor is appointed.

Desirable Expertise:

A strong background in community renewal is the major requirement for membership. Relevant experience could include:

- Participation in community renewal efforts as a community member, either in governance (for example, community boards) or as a participant in community renewal services.
- Significant employment in a community renewal organization.
- Extensive practice as a community renewal consultant, researcher or innovator.

There is no formal education requirement. However, committee members should demonstrate an understanding of cultural and social issues including but not limited to issues of poverty, cultural diversity, First Nations issues and community development practices.

Committee members are asked to bring a perspective which balances their own interests in community renewal with interests of province-wide community renewal policies.

Required skills for committee members include:

- Excellent verbal skills
- Ability to work in a group and engage in collaborative decision-making
- Ability to analyze research and supporting documentation

Time commitment:

The committee will meet a minimum of two times per year for full day meetings, with additional meetings called as needed.

Meetings:

Frequency: Minimum two per year, and as needed for a full day.

Location: Meetings will be hosted in Winnipeg, connecting via phone or video conferencing with non-Winnipeg members for one meeting per year, and in-person for the other.

Remuneration:

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