
Manitoba's Clean Environment Commission

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Mandate:

The Clean Environment Commission is established under *The Environment Act* for the purposes of providing advice and recommendations to the minister, developing and maintaining public participation in environmental matters; and carrying out functions that it is required or permitted to carry out under *The Contaminated Sites Remediation Act*.

Authority:

[*The Environment Act*](#)

Responsibilities:

Upon request of the minister the Commission will:

- Provide advice and recommendations to the minister;
- Conduct public meetings or hearings and provide advice and recommendations;
- Conduct investigations into specific environmental concerns; and
- Act as a mediator between two or more parties to an environmental dispute and report to the minister.

Membership:

The Commission consists of a full-time Chairperson appointed by Lieutenant Governor in Council and a minimum of 10 part-time commissioners also appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Length of Terms:

There are no term limits specified, terms are generally 3 years in duration and members may be reappointed.

Desirable Expertise:

- 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 scientific and administrative principles to this written and verbal information.

It is desirable for members to have:

- Demonstrated public service through their employment or volunteer history or by participation on public committees, boards and/or commissions.
- It is desirable for members to have demonstrated use of fair process and good judgment in decision making and work well with others in a team setting.
- Expertise in the following areas:
 - agricultural operations and the agricultural industry,
 - water supply, wastewater engineering and surface water management, biodiversity conservation and ecology,
 - sustainable development, hydrogeology and groundwater hydrology, water, air and soil pollution, industrial manufacturing, air and water pollution controls
 - workplace health and safety,
 - municipal affairs and urban/rural development,
 - freshwater ecology and water quality,
 - forest ecology and the forest industry,
 - aboriginal issues and traditional ecological knowledge,
 - public policy and/or administrative law,
 - natural resources and/or agricultural economics.

To maintain the commission's independence and fairness without the appearance of bias, at the time of service to the Clean Environment Commission commissioners must not be actively involved in an advocacy role with an environmental related group or organization.

Time Commitment:

There is no set meeting schedule. Panels, made up of a subset of members, are formed to address any particular assigned project and meetings and/or hearings are undertaken as required. Additional time is generally required for preparation that may include the necessity to read large and numerous volumes of technical information. Many projects require a significant time commitment and can span one or more years from start to finish. Members must be available for full participation for protracted periods of time (several weeks or months at a time), often-involving travel to remote locations and extended travel periods.

Meetings:

Frequency: Meetings and/or hearings are undertaken as required. Members must be available for full participation for protracted periods of time (several weeks or months at a time), often involving travel to remote locations and extended travel periods.

Location: Administrative and most panel meetings are held in Winnipeg but related public meetings and hearings may take place anywhere in the province.

Remuneration:

Chair: Contract position.

Members: \$146.00 per half day meetings or preparation time;
\$255.00 per full day meetings or preparation time.