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***Francophone Affairs Advisory Council***

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<sup>(1)</sup> Nominated by the SFM

**Mandate:**

The Francophone Affairs Advisory Council is established under the *The Francophone Community Enhancement and Support Act / Loi sur l'appui à l'épanouissement de la francophonie manitobaine*. The Act provides a framework for enhancing the vitality of Manitoba's Francophone community and supporting and assisting its development through the work of the Francophone Affairs Secretariat and the Francophone Advisory Council and the use of French-language services (FLS) Plans.

**Responsibilities/Role:**

The Advisory Council may advise and make recommendations to the Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs about matters relating to enhancing the vitality of Manitoba's Francophone community and supporting and assisting its development.

At the request of the Minister, the Advisory Council may:

- (a) review and make recommendations about the FLS policy;
- (b) review and make recommendations about FLS plans;
- (c) make recommendations about measures to encourage representation of Manitoba's Francophone community on the boards of government agencies and on administrative tribunals;
- (d) make recommendations about any Act or regulation listed in Schedule B of the Act (i.e. acts and regulations that relate to Manitoba's Francophone community); and
- (e) advise and make recommendations to the Minister about any other matter.

**Membership:**

The Francophone Affairs Advisory Council is to be composed of the following individuals:

- (a) the Clerk of the Executive Council;
- (b) the President and Chief Executive Officer, or the Chair of the Board, of the Société franco-manitobaine (SFM);
- (c) at least five Deputy Ministers appointed by the Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs, or their designates;
- (d) at least five individuals from Manitoba's Francophone community who have demonstrated a commitment toward enhancing the vitality of the community and who are appointed by the Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs upon the recommendation of the SFM;
- (e) the Executive Director of the Francophone Affairs Secretariat, who is an ex officio member and secretary to the Advisory Council.

The Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs may designate as co-chairs:

- (a) the Clerk of the Executive Council or a Deputy Minister appointed under clause (8)(2)(c) of the Act; and
- (b) the President and Chief Executive Officer, or the Chair of the Board, of the SFM;

**Length of Terms:**

A member of the Advisory Council may be appointed for a term of up to three years. The term is renewable. A member whose term expires continues to hold office until he or she is re-appointed, the appointment is revoked or a successor is appointed.

**Desirable Expertise:**

- Individuals from Manitoba's Francophone community who have demonstrated a commitment toward enhancing the vitality of the community.
- Sound understanding of the realities and priority issues within the Francophone community;
- Strong commitment to participating in work sessions with senior officials in a proactive and non-partisan manner;
- Willingness to represent the best interests of the Francophonie;
- Ability to work in both English and French.
- Members should reflect the diversity of Manitoba's Francophone community and take into consideration such factors as rural/urban representation, gender, youth, new immigrants, and other sectors considered a priority by the community.

An effective Advisory Council member must be able to read complex written material and analyze written and verbal information in order to ascertain facts. Members:

- must be able to communicate verbally and have the ability to ask questions using open ended language;
- have active listening skills;
- be able to read and interpret policy/legislation and how it applies to the written and verbal information;
- have the ability to make decisions and recommendations;
- adhere to a high degree of confidentiality.

**Time commitment:**

The Advisory Council must meet at the call of the co-chairs and at least twice a year.

**Meetings:**

Meetings take place in the Legislative Building, 450 Broadway, Winnipeg MB. The length of meetings varies between 1.5 to 2 hours.

Agendas and minutes of the meeting are produced in a bilingual format.

**Remuneration:**

None