

***Manitoba Film Classification Board***

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**Mandate:**

The Manitoba Film Classification Board (“MFCB”) is a classification, licensing and regulatory agency of the Government of Manitoba. The MFCB receives its authority from and is established under *The Amusements Act* R.S.M 1987, c. A70.

The purpose of the MFCB is to administer and enforce the Act and its regulations in particular to:

- Classify and regulate the exhibition and distribution of films and videos/video games in Manitoba; and
- Disseminate information to residents of the province concerning the nature and content of films.

The Manitoba Film Classification Board is a governing board, as opposed to an advisory board. It has statutorily imposed obligations and decision-making powers.

It is also a working board whose members may be required to review film at least one week per month from Monday to Friday.

**Responsibilities:**

- Licensing film distributors and video/video game retail stores
- Classification of films for public exhibition and video/video games for home use
- Inspection of theatres and video/video game retail stores to ensure compliance with The Amusements Act and Regulations

- Dissemination of information to the public about the nature and content of films, primarily through the Board's website [www.gov.mb.ca/chc/mfcb/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/mfcb/index.html)

**Membership:**

The MFCB is to be composed of not fewer than 16 members who are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The Lieutenant Governor appoints the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board. A minimum of 2 French speaking members is recommended and the majority of the members should be parents of younger children.

**Length of Terms:**

For a period as specified in the Order. Members are appointed for two or three year terms and may continue to serve until their successors are appointed and may be reappointed.

**Desirable Expertise:**

It is important that members:

- have the ability to learn and understand regulations governing the classification of film.
- are capable of working efficiently with limited supervision on their own, but also as part of a screening panel of two or three.
- be comfortable with the concept of screening/viewing all film and video formats as well as a wide variety of genres. Members will be required to process/view product that could be perceived as offensive or disturbing.
- have the ability to be objective while viewing a wide array of product without prejudice or bias, reflecting community standards.
- be prepared to learn new skills such as analyzing story formats, context and character/story analysis, recognizing, understanding and reporting underlining story themes and critical observations.
- are capable of keeping good notes and producing reports as part of a team.
- need to be comfortable expressing their views and opinions with others but are also open to discussion when there is a need for consensus.
- possess awareness of changing technology of DVD's, Video Games, computers, etc. (This would be advantageous).

**Time Commitment:**

Members are expected to be available at least one week per month from Monday to Friday for reviewing films. Additionally, members are expected to be available three evenings per year from 5:30 P.M to 8:30 P.M to attend Board meetings.

**Remuneration:**

The Presiding Member is paid \$168.00 per day and \$96.00 for conducting meetings of the Board, which are held three times per year.

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Members are also reimbursed for out-of-pocket travel expenses related to the business of the Board.