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*Heritage Tree Review Committee*

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**Mandate:**

The Heritage Tree Review Committee is established under section 26.2(1) of *The Forest Health Protection Act*. The Heritage Tree Program was established by the Forestry and Peatlands Management Branch to recognize trees with exceptional significance to Manitobans in order to promote public awareness of the environmental, cultural, social and historic importance of trees and forests.

**Responsibilities:**

The Heritage Tree Review Committee reviews nominations for heritage tree designation and makes recommendations to the minister respecting the designation of heritage trees. Designated trees will be displayed within the Manitoba Trees Register, which is a publically accessible spatial database.

**Membership:**

The Committee shall consist of at least five and not more than seven members. Members are appointed by the minister. The minister designates one member of the committee as chair and another as vice-chair, to act if the chair is absent or unable to act.

**Length of Terms:**

A member of the heritage trees review committee is to be appointed for a term not exceeding four years. After a member's term expires, the member's appointment continues until he or she is re-appointed, the appointment is revoked or a successor is appointed.

**Desirable Expertise:**

Potential members are interested in promoting the historic, social and cultural significance of trees or have an appreciation for trees that are exceptional in shape, size, and age, are rare, or have other characteristics that are unique and attract widespread public recognition. Membership includes arborists or persons with experience in the field of forestry or plant science.

**Time Commitment:**

The committee meets at least once per year. Frequency of meetings depends on the number of nominations that have been received and require review by the committee.

**Remuneration:**

The members of the Heritage Trees Review Committee will not receive remuneration as participation is voluntary.