

# Outcome of Resolutions Debated at 38th MBP AGM

A total of 19 resolutions were debated at MBP's 38th Annual General Meeting in Brandon on February 2. Of these, 16 were carried and three were defeated by the membership.

The resolutions were reviewed by MBP's Resolutions Committee, deemed to be in order and then categorized for debate at the AGM. This included resolutions arising from the fall 2016 district meetings, as well as three late resolutions arising after those meetings. In instances where resolutions were identical or very similar in content and intent, they were combined for debate.

The following is a list of the resolutions (categorized by theme), the names of the individuals who moved and seconded them at the AGM and the outcome of each vote.

## TABLED RESOLUTION FROM 37TH AGM

The following tabled resolution from the 37th MBP AGM was lifted from the table for debate at the 38th AGM and subsequently defeated.

**A.** Be it resolved that the beef producers of Manitoba pay a mandatory levy of \$0.25/head marketed, to support a

problem wildlife removal program, administered by the Manitoba Trappers Association (MTA).  
*Mover: Glen Metner*  
*Seconder: Matt Jackson*  
*Outcome: DEFEATED*

## ENVIRONMENT/ PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

**B.** Whereas, the level of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere has been linked to climate change and global warming, and

Whereas all governments are concerned about climate change, water retention within watersheds and global warming, and are committed to the climate change mandate as was evident at the Paris conference on climate change in November 2015, and

Whereas the federal and provincial governments of Canada committed to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the Vancouver conference in March, 2016, and

Whereas increasing the organic matter in grasslands and the wetlands within the grasslands is the most promising way to practically and economically sequester carbon, and

Whereas Canada's large land and wetland

base and its potential for carbon sequestration and water retention within watersheds could provide a net cash benefit for the provinces and the country.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to implement, within their Alternate Land Use Services (ALUS) program or another complementary program, an incentive that would pay agricultural producers for any measurable increase in carbon sequestration along with any environmentally sound practices that would retain additional water resources on the land they manage.

Be it further resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers encourage the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and the Canadian Roundtable on Sustainable Beef to lobby the Government of Canada to implement a program that would pay agricultural producers for any measurable increase in carbon sequestration that occurs on the land they manage.

Whereas increasing the organic matter in grasslands and the wetlands within the grasslands is the most promising way to practically and economically sequester carbon, and

Whereas Canada's large land and wetland

*NOTE: It was not necessary to debate Resolution C below (which arose in districts 5, 6 and 9) as the content of it was already incorporated in Resolution B.*

**C.** Whereas the level of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere has been linked to climate change and global warming, and

Whereas all governments are concerned about climate change and global warming as was evident at the Paris conference on climate change in November 2015, and

Whereas the federal and provincial governments of Canada committed to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the Vancouver conference in March, 2016, and

Whereas increasing the organic matter in grasslands is the most promising way to practically and economically sequester carbon, and

Whereas Canada's large land base and its potential for carbon seques-

tration could provide a net cash benefit for the provinces and the country.

Be it resolved that the Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to implement a program that would pay agricultural producers for any measurable increase in carbon sequestration that occurs on their land; and

Be it further resolved that the Manitoba Beef Producers encourage the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef to lobby the Government of Canada to implement a program that would pay agricultural producers for any measurable increase in carbon sequestration that occurs on their land.

*Not debated*

**D.** Whereas the federal government is imposing a carbon tax to decrease carbon emissions; and

Whereas forage crops and rangelands sequester carbon.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby governments to compensate cattle producers for the amount of carbon sequestered.

*District 8*  
*Mover: Tom Teichroeb*  
*Seconder: Larry Wegner*  
*Outcome: CARRIED*

**E.** Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba for an exemption from carbon taxation on all agricultural-related inputs to ensure the sector is not unfairly disadvantaged.

*District 5*  
*Mover: Signe De'Athe*  
*Seconder: Ramona Blyth*  
*Outcome: CARRIED*

**F.** Whereas all governments are concerned about climate change and global warming as was evident at the Paris conference on climate change in November 2015, and

Whereas the federal and provincial governments of Canada committed to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the Vancouver conference in March 2016; and

Whereas primary producers are absolute price-takers both in terms of purchasing inputs and selling production and are unable to pass on any incremental costs, and

Whereas any steps to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions ahead of our trading

partner the United States would severely impact the economic competitiveness of the agriculture sector in Canada and potentially the rural Canadian economy.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial and federal governments not to take any steps toward reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that are out of step with steps taken in the United States.

*District 10*  
*Mover: Betty Green*  
*Seconder: Ken McKay*  
*Outcome: CARRIED*

## PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

*Explanatory note: Two districts (10 and 12) adopted nearly identical resolutions re: maintenance of drains. The areas highlighted below reflect the unique content arising from District 12.*

**G.** Whereas proper water management is increasingly a major impediment to achieving the Minister of Agriculture's objective of growing Manitoba's cattle herd, specifically given the need to ensure effective utilization of private and Crown lands, and

Whereas beavers are creating a real problem blocking drains, culverts and natural waterways, thus impeding proper drainage of rural lands.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to improve maintenance of existing drains on both Crown lands and private lands, and to ensure proper management of Manitoba's watersheds.

*Combined districts 10 and 12 resolution*  
*Mover: Bill Murray*  
*Seconder: Ben Fox*  
*Outcome: CARRIED*

**H.** Whereas the Minister of Agriculture has announced his goal of increasing the provincial cattle herd to pre-BSE numbers and critical to this will be increased access to pasture lands, and

Whereas beavers are a creating real problems blocking drains and culverts, flooding good forage acres and impeding proper drainage of rural lands.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide a \$50 per beaver removal

incentive to ensure proper management of the beaver population.

*District 13*  
*Mover: Larry Clifford*  
*Seconder: Glen Metner*  
*Outcome: CARRIED*

**I.** Whereas there are several options for routes to drain from Lake Manitoba, including potentially draining through the chain of lakes (i.e. Reed Lake, Clear Lake, etc.); and

Whereas the determination of the route could impact agriculture and the environment.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government to consult with land owners in the region of the drain as part of determination of the most appropriate route for the drain from Lake Manitoba to Lake St. Martin.

*District 11*  
*Mover: Glen Metner*  
*Seconder: Robert Metner*  
*Outcome: CARRIED*

**J.** Whereas night hunting is dangerous to people, wildlife, livestock and property.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Manitoba government to outlaw night hunting.

*District 8*  
*Mover: Don Guilford*  
*Seconder: Glen Metner*  
*Outcome: CARRIED*

**K.** Whereas the Minister of Agriculture has announced his goal of increasing the provincial cattle herd to pre-BSE numbers, and

Whereas Manitoba Beef Producers is trying to encourage young and new producers into the industry as a way of addressing the Minister of Agriculture's goal of increasing the herd.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Province of Manitoba to have an interest rebate or reduced interest rate for young and new producers on their livestock cash advances under the Advance Payments Program.

*District 10*  
*Mover: Ken McKay*  
*Seconder: Betty Green*  
*Outcome: CARRIED*

**L.** Whereas currently Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation's forage program focuses on alfalfa and alfalfa-grass mixtures and doesn't recognize other legume-grass forage

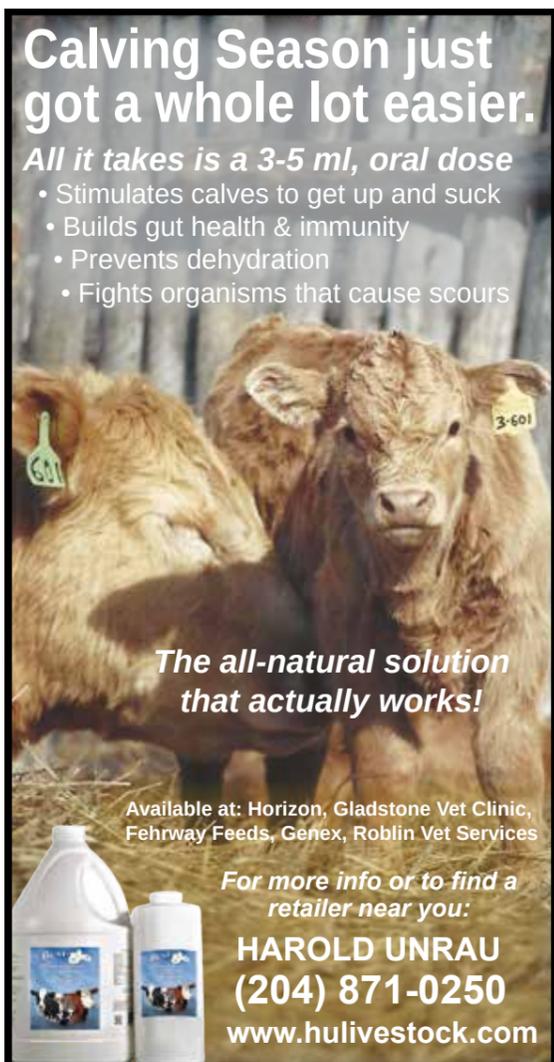
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Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation to expand the forage program to include coverage for legume-grasses.

*District 14*

*Mover: Dane Guignon*

*Secunder: Ben Fox*

*Outcome: CARRIED*

**M.** Whereas Manitoba's cattle producers have increasingly been looking to corn silage as a major source of feed and given this past year's (2016) excessive moisture conditions, preventing producers from being able to access their silage crop in a timely manner,

Whereas the producers' inability to access their silage, and in many cases alternative management plans are not feasible or even potentially unsafe to the cattle.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation to provide proper recognition and compensation of the 100 per cent loss of the producers' corn silage.

*District 13*

*Mover: Ben Fox*

*Secunder: Glen Metner*

*Outcome: CARRIED*

**N.** Whereas the Minister of Agriculture has announced his goal of increasing the provincial cat-

tle herd to pre-BSE numbers and critical to this will be increased access to agricultural Crown lands in Manitoba.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) lobby the Government of Manitoba to provide the Minister of Agriculture with oversight and control of all Manitoba's agricultural Crown lands, and

Be it further resolved that MBP lobby the Province of Manitoba to allow more flexible transfer of Crown lands between producers to ensure its effective use by Manitoba's cattle producers.

*District 13*

*Mover: Mary Paziuk*

*Secunder: Ramona Blyth*

*Outcome: CARRIED*

**O.** Whereas the Province of Manitoba wishes to grow the beef herd; and

Whereas critical to this will be encouraging new entrants to the industry and key will be sound succession mechanisms.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government to allow the sale of a producer's beef breeding herd to be part of the one-time capital gains exemption.

*District 6*

*Mover: Brett McRae*

*Secunder: Matt Jackson*

*Outcome: DEFEATED*

**P.** Whereas the cur-

rent funding model of education is outdated and unfair to agricultural producers; and

Whereas property ownership does not reflect on its ability to pay its tax bill; and

Whereas the Minister of Agriculture has announced the Manitoba government's objective to grow the provincial cattle herd to pre-BSE numbers.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government that the provincial education system be funded by residential property and personal and corporate income and be removed on farmland and farm production buildings.

*District 1*

*Mover: Bill Campbell*

*Secunder: Heinz Reimer*

*Outcome: CARRIED*

**Q.** Whereas private property rights are essential to the management of beef cattle operations and are continually being pressured by non-agricultural and urban interests.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Province of Manitoba for right to farm legislation ensuring private property rights for agriculture.

*District 13*

*Mover: Ben Fox*

*Secunder: Larry Wegner*

*Outcome: CARRIED*

**LATE RESOLUTIONS**

**L1.** Whereas two decades of budget cuts to the Manitoba Department of Conservation has reduced the number of full-time Natural Resource Officers observing to protect Manitoba wildlife to less than 90 from a previous full-time complement of 140 officers; and

Whereas the planned reduction in enforcement capacity has externalized costs savings onto cattle producers who endure increases in poaching activity, trespassing, damaged crops and fences, dead livestock and increased stress and anxiety; and

Whereas there appears to be a correlation between increases in poaching and the increase in incidents of break-ins and property theft; and

Whereas it is in the public interest that the number of Natural Resource Officers be increased to protect Manitoba beef producers from the lawlessness associated with poaching activity.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Government of Manitoba to commit to a plan, beginning in 2017, to increase the number of Natural Resource Officers in Manitoba by 10 full-time positions per year until such time as a full

complement of 140 officers has been achieved and maintained.

*Mover: Fred Tait*

*Secunder: Heinz Reimer*

*Outcome: DEFEATED*

**L2.** Whereas the objective of a modern, efficient beef industry should be the production of beef carcasses that combine high quality and high yield.

Be it resolved that the Canadian beef industry leadership adopt and hasten the full deployment of the E+V technology as the official determinant of the beef carcass grade and yield system and that the yield be estimated as a percentage yield on each carcass and that the industry be encouraged to more fully recognize in the pricing system the impact of differing yield percentages on the value of beef carcasses.

*Mover: Bill Campbell*

*Secunder: Gord Adams*

*Outcome: CARRIED*

**L3:** Whereas the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is in the process of developing regulatory changes that would require national mandatory livestock movement reporting across Canada; and

Whereas in Manitoba cattle producers do not regularly use approved movement docu-

ments when transporting livestock; and

Whereas failure to achieve a high level of compliance from industry could result in alternative reporting requirements such as individual animal ID scanning which would be an additional financial burden to producers and other sectors of the cattle industry.

Be it resolved that Manitoba Beef Producers Association (MBP) make it a priority to develop an educational program to make their members aware of the changes proposed by the CFIA and the new responsibilities that cattle producers and industry will be held accountable for; and, that this program educate producers on the value and importance of having a Premise Identification Number and the use of the Manitoba manifest when transporting or shipping cattle to intermediate and/or co-mingling sites; and

Be it further resolved that MBP work with other industry sectors and lobby the provincial government for funding to assist in the development and execution of the educational program.

*Mover: Allan Munroe*

*Secunder: Glen Metner*

*Outcome: CARRIED*



<b>March 12</b>	Steppler Farms 6th Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 p.m., at the farm, Miami, MB
<b>March 17</b>	14th Annual Family Tradition Bull Sale, 2:00 p.m., at Rolling D Charolais, Dropmore, MB
<b>March 18</b>	Pleasant Dawn Charolais 15th Annual Bull Sale, 2:00 p.m., Heartland Livestock, Virden, MB
<b>March 22</b>	HTA Charolais & Guests Bull Sale, 1:00 p.m., Beautiful Plains Ag Complex, Neepawa, MB
<b>March 25</b>	Tee M Jay Charolais Bull Sale, 1:00 p.m., Ashern (MB) Auction Mart
<b>March 28</b>	Prairie Distinction Charolais Bull Sale, 1:00 p.m., Beautiful Plains Ag Complex, Neepawa, MB
<b>April 1</b>	Tri-N Charolais Farms & Guests 2nd Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 p.m., Heartland Livestock, Virden
<b>April 6</b>	Hunter Charolais 6th Annual Bull Sale, 1:00 p.m., DST, at the farm, Roblin, MB
<b>April 8</b>	Wilkenridge and Guest Walking Plow Charolais Bull Sale, 1:00 PM Ridgeville MB Hall
<b>April 15</b>	Cattle Capital Bull Sale, 1:00 PM St. Rose Auction Mart



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