

Outcome of Resolutions Session at

Sixteen resolutions were carried at Manitoba Beef Producers' (MBP) fall 2018 district meetings. After a review and consolidation of some of the resolutions by MBP's Resolutions Committee, and with the inclusion of one late resolution, a total of 14 resolutions were debated at MBP's 40th AGM on February 7 in Brandon.

The following is a list of the resolutions (categorized by theme), the district of origin, the names of the individuals who moved and seconded them at the AGM and the outcome of each vote. Some explanatory notes are included where required.

Thirteen resolutions were carried and one was defeated.

CATEGORY: AGRICULTURAL CROWN LANDS

A: Whereas cattle producers rely on secure access to leased agricultural Crown lands, and Whereas unauthorized public access to these pastures creates a dangerous situation for the public,

the cattle and producers, and creates potential environmental and biosecurity concerns, and causes damage to grazing infrastructure.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government to enact strict informed access regulations to prohibit unauthorized public access to leased agricultural Crown lands.

District 5

Mover: Ramona Blyth

Seconder: Ben Fox

Outcome: CARRIED

B: Whereas the temporary suspension of all unit transfers has been put in place as part of Bill 35, *The Crown Lands Amendment Act (Improved Management Of Community Pastures And Agricultural Crown Lands)*, and

Whereas this will limit the growth of the cattle herd by hindering commerce and impeding the ability to sell/transfer viable cattle operations.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef

Producers lobby the provincial government to move as quickly as possible to revoke the temporary suspension of unit transfers.

District 13

Mover: Ben Fox

Seconder: Mary Paziuk

Outcome: CARRIED

C: Whereas the Minister of Agriculture has initiated a policy of "modernizing" the allocation of Manitoba agricultural Crown lands (ACL), forage and grazing leases, and

Whereas future allocation of forage and grazing leases in Manitoba may be determined by a combination of tender and public auction, and

Whereas the elected directors of Manitoba Beef Producers have endorsed the Minister's initiative to "modernize" the allocation of Crown land forage and grazing leases, and

Whereas the membership of Manitoba Beef Producers may not be well informed as to the potential impact that "modernizing" the allocation of Crown

land forage and grazing leases will have upon their continuing access to Crown land or their future cost of operation, and

Whereas for the purpose of business planning it is essential that producers currently leasing Crown land or seeking to lease Crown land have sufficient time to study and understand the potential impact "modernization" may have upon their future security and cost of operation.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Minister of Agriculture to request that the Minister make public both policy and the regulations relating to the "modernization" of access to agricultural Crown land forage and grazing leases in Manitoba six months prior to proceeding with the first Crown land allocations made available under the new "modernized" process; and

Be it further resolved Manitoba Beef Producers would support providing Manitoba's Minister of Agriculture

extended time to complete drafting and circulation of the policy and regulations associated with "modernizing" producer access to Crown land by extending all existing Crown land leases and fees structure for a period of one year and by placing all new 2019 Crown land allocations under a one year casual permit.

District 6

Mover: Ian Robson

Seconder: Larry Wegner

Outcome: DEFEATED

CATEGORY: BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

D: Whereas currently producers are required to choose between Pasture Insurance and/or Pasture Days Insurance, and are not able to purchase both.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation to allow a change to the programs to permit producers to purchase both Pasture Insurance and Pasture Days Insurance.

District 2

Mover: Greg Johnson

Seconder: Don McIntyre

Outcome: CARRIED

E: Whereas currently Individual Productivity Indexes (IPIs) are available for most other crops grown in Manitoba, and not available for silage and forage corn.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation to implement Individual Productivity Indexes (IPIs) for silage and forage/grain corn.

District 1

Mover: Ben Fox

Seconder: Gord Adams

Outcome: CARRIED

Explanatory note part 1: Districts 5, 9 and 10 passed similar but slightly different resolutions re: the need for compensation for wildlife damage to hay/feed left on fields as part of an extended feeding regime. Resolutions F, G and H were as follows:

F: Whereas the Minister of Agriculture is pushing to expand the beef herd and Manitoba Agriculture staff are supporting the use of extended grazing practices, including the practices of grazing bales and standing corn, swath grazing, etc.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government for changes to the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for Crop Damage to ensure that any feed left on the fields as part of an extended feeding regime be eligible for compensation related to wildlife and/or

pig damage.

District 5

G: Whereas Manitoba Agriculture recognizes that bale grazing of beef cattle can save producers time, effort and money and help distribute valuable nutrients to the soil to enhance future productivity; and Whereas even though this practice is well utilized by Manitoba's beef producers, they currently receive no compensation for wildlife damage to bales left in fields or pastures for feeding purposes;

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government for changes to the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for Crop Damage to ensure that baled hay that remains on fields for use as part of an extended feeding regime becomes eligible for compensation related to wildlife damage.

District 9

H: Whereas the Minister of Agriculture wishes to expand the beef herd and Manitoba Agriculture staff are supporting extended grazing practices including the practice of grazing standing corn, swath grazing, etc.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government for changes to the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for Crop Damage to ensure that any feed left on the fields as part of an extended feeding regime be eligible for compensation related to wildlife damage.

District 10

Explanatory note part 2: The three aforementioned resolutions (E, G and H) were combined into a single resolution for debate as follows, with the proposed edits underlined. The delegates agreed to debate the combined resolution.

COMBINATION OF RESOLUTIONS F, G AND H:

Whereas the Minister of Agriculture wishes to expand the beef herd and Manitoba Agriculture staff are supporting extended grazing practices including the practice of grazing standing corn, swath grazing, etc.

Whereas Manitoba Agriculture recognizes that bale grazing of beef cattle can save producers time, effort and money and help distribute valuable nutrients to the soil to enhance future productivity; and Whereas even though this practice is well utilized by Manitoba's beef producers, they currently receive no compensation for wildlife

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damage to bales left in fields or pastures for feeding purposes; Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government for changes to the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for Crop Damage to ensure that any feed that remains on fields for use as part of an extended feeding regime becomes eligible for compensation related to wildlife damage and/or pig damage.

Districts 5, 9 and 10

*Mover: Ramona Blyth
Seconder: Dianne Riding
Outcome: CARRIED*

Explanatory note part 1: Districts 6 and 12 passed similar resolutions (I and J) re: the need for compensation for blackbird-related losses. Resolutions I and J were as follows:

I: Whereas blackbirds cause significant losses to producers' crops.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Minister of Sustainable Development to include blackbird damage as eligible for claims under the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for Crop Damage.

District 6
J: Whereas blackbirds can cause damage and losses to standing corn and other annual crops.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation to include blackbird losses under the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for Crop Damage.

District 12

Explanatory note part 2: The aforementioned resolutions (I and J) were combined into a single resolution for debate as follows, with the proposed edits highlighted underlined. The delegates agreed to debate the combined resolution.

COMBINATION OF RESOLUTIONS I AND J: 6.2 Whereas blackbirds can cause significant losses to standing corn and other annual crops.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation and the Minister of Sustainable Development to include blackbird damage as being eligible for claims under the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for Crop Damage.

Districts 6 and 12

*Mover: Clayton Breault
Seconder: Larry Wegner
Outcome: CARRIED*

CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENT

K: Whereas the Western Prairie Fringed Orchid is listed as an endangered species, and is found commonly in areas of southeast Manitoba and is impacting producers' ability to farm their private land as they wish.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby Manitoba Sustainable Development to work with producers in southeast Manitoba to develop management strategies to both respect producers' right to make a living as well as to protect the Western Prairie Fringed Orchid; and

Be it further resolved to compensate producers annually for the loss of production caused by the presence of the Western Prairie Fringed Orchid.

District 4

*Mover: Heinz Reimer
Seconder: Robert Kerda
Outcome: CARRIED*

L: Whereas cattle producers are the owners of huge tracts pasture and grasslands which sequester significant amounts of carbon from the environment annually.

Whereas the Minister of Agriculture announced the government's objective to grow the beef herd, and cattle production is continually under pressure from annual cropping for productive acres.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government to create policies to recognize the carbon sequestration of grasslands and perennial forages, and to incent the protection of these important pastures for beef cattle production.

District 8

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

M: Whereas problem predators continue to harass cattle in pastures; and

Whereas these cattle can break loose out of even the best maintained fences and find their way onto roads and highways leading to potential liability concerns for producers.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government to enact clear policies to protect cattle producers from future liability caused by predators harassing their cattle and breaking through fences and finding their way onto roads and highways.

District 10

*Mover: Mike Duguid
Seconder: Robert Kerda
Outcome: CARRIED*

CATEGORY: OTHER

N: Whereas land values continue to rise and municipal taxes on farm lands continue to increase.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government to remove and increase the Farmland School Tax Rebate cap.

District 2

NOTE: There was a friendly amendment to the resolution to delate the words "remove and", which carried and was debated as follows: *Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government to increase the Farmland School Tax Rebate cap.*

*Mover: Don McIntyre
Seconder: Greg Johnson
Outcome: CARRIED AS AMENDED*

O: Whereas unmaintained Manitoba Hydro line right of ways with overgrown brush and trees can lead to unexpected and sometimes long-term power outages; and

Whereas these outages cause inconveniences and can lead to significant animal welfare concerns for

producers needing power to ensure animals have access to water.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby Manitoba Hydro to properly maintain their hydro line right of ways.

District 10

*Mover: Mike Duguid
Seconder: Robert Metner
Outcome: CARRIED*

P: Whereas Manitoba Beef Producers is celebrating its 40th anniversary and is celebrating its history at its annual general meeting in February 2019.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers invest in the writing and publishing of a book to capture and celebrate its long and proud history before its history is lost along with its founding members.

District 4

*Mover: Cliff Graydon
Seconder: Robert Kerda
Outcome: CARRIED*

CATEGORY: LATE RESOLUTIONS

LI: Whereas Manitoba beef producers retain significant areas of natural habitat as an essential part of their sustainable production sys-

tem; and Whereas these natural habitats preserved by Manitoba beef producers produce and protect significant portions of Manitoba's wildlife population; and,

Whereas the presence of wildlife on lands owned by cattle producers attracts the often unwelcome interest of licensed and un-licensed hunters; and

Whereas it is a common occurrence for hunters to enter upon cattle producers' privately-owned land without first obtaining landowner permission to do so; and

Whereas provincial trespassing laws require the landowner to press charges of trespassing, exposing the landowner to the possibility of retaliation and the expense of appearing in court to support the charge; and

Whereas the Province of Manitoba has in place a regulation requiring hunters to obtain signed landowner access prior to hunting on private land in two Game Hunting Areas (GHAs) that are in close proximity to the City of Winnipeg; and

Whereas the implementation of an extension of the

signed access regulation to other GHAs would offer the cattle producers and law enforcement officers a significant tool in discouraging and preventing acts of illegal hunter trespass onto private land.


Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers director and staff lobby local municipal governments and members of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) to seek AMM support in urging the Manitoba Department of Sustainable Development to extend the signed landowner access requirements to all hunters seeking access to privately-owned agricultural land in rural Manitoba, and

Be it further resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers make a formal request of Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) requesting KAP's support in expanding the signed landowner access to all hunters seeking access to privately-owned agricultural land in rural Manitoba.

District 5
*Mover: Fred Tait
Seconder: Ramona Blyth
Outcome: CARRIED*

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