

The Flax Development Plan Regulations

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[Chapter A-15.21 Reg 20](#) (effective February 26, 2015) as amended by Saskatchewan Regulations [73/2015](#) and [16/2023](#).

NOTE:

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CHAPTER A-15.21 REG 20

The Agri-Food Act, 2004

PART I

Title and Interpretation

Title

- 1 These regulations may be cited as *The Flax Development Plan Regulations*.

Interpretation

- 2 In these regulations:

- (a) “**Act**” means *The Agri-Food Act, 2004*;
- (b) “**business day**” means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday;
- (c) “**buyer**” means any person who buys or contracts to buy flax produced in Saskatchewan;
- (d) “**commission**” means the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission continued pursuant to section 6;
- (e) “**director**” means a director of the commission elected or appointed in accordance with these regulations;
- (f) “**flax**” means the seeds, straw, fibre, shives, or any part of the plant *linum usitatissimum*;
- (g) “**plan**” means the Saskatchewan Flax Development Plan continued pursuant to section 3;
- (h) “**processing**” means changing the nature, size, quality or condition of flax;
- (i) “**processor**” means any person engaged in the business of processing flax;
- (j) “**producer**” means:
 - (i) any person engaged in the production, marketing, or production and marketing of flax;
 - (ii) a person who, under any lease or agreement, is entitled to a share of the flax produced or the proceeds of its sale; and
 - (iii) a person who takes possession of any flax under any form of security or legal proceedings for a debt;
- (k) “**registered producer**” means a producer who:
 - (i) is registered with the commission pursuant to section 21; and
 - (ii) has paid a levy pursuant to subsection 24(1) in the last two years for which he or she has not requested a refund pursuant to section 25.

PART II
Plan

Plan continued

3 The Saskatchewan Flax Development Plan is continued.

Application

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s3.

4 Subject to any exemptions made by order of the commission, the plan and the orders of the commission made pursuant to the plan apply:

- (a) throughout Saskatchewan; and
- (b) to all persons engaged in the production, marketing or production and marketing of flax in Saskatchewan.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s4.

Purpose

5(1) The general purpose and intent of the plan is to provide for the orderly and effective development of the flax industry in Saskatchewan.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the specific purposes of the plan are:

- (a) to assist in the development and promotion of flax and flax products in the domestic and international marketplaces;
- (b) to conduct and encourage research on production, market development, processing and consumption of flax products;
- (c) to advise governments on matters pertaining to flax policy, research and development;
- (d) to gather, compile and distribute information related to the production, consumption and marketing of flax and flax products;
- (e) to encourage the production of uniformly high-quality flax and flax products;
- (f) to promote harmony and communication within the flax industry;
- (g) to initiate and implement advertising programs, sales promotion programs and consumer education programs to expand awareness of and demand for flax and flax products;
- (h) to establish a system of collecting levies on the production, marketing or production and marketing of flax for the purposes of carrying out the objectives of the plan; and
- (i) to work in cooperation with any persons or organizations who have objectives that align with those of the plan.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s5.

PART III
Commission

Commission

6(1) The Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission is continued as a development commission pursuant to the Act.

(2) Unless the number of directors is otherwise set by an order of the commission, the commission consists of a maximum of 6 directors elected in accordance with Part VII.

(3) If fewer than 6 directors, or fewer than the number of directors set by an order of the commission, are elected pursuant to Part VII, the commission may appoint registered producers as directors as it considers necessary to fill those positions.

(4) The commission shall administer the plan.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s6; 24 Mar 2023 SR
16/2023 s3.

Powers of the commission

7(1) Subject to the other provisions of these regulations, the commission may exercise the following powers that are set out in subsection 8(1) of the Act:

(a) the power to carry out educational, research and developmental programs related to flax;

(b) the power to require any or all persons engaged in the production, marketing or production and marketing of flax to register with the commission;

(c) the power to set and collect registration fees and charges for services rendered by the commission from any person engaged in the production, marketing or production and marketing of flax;

(d) the power to set and collect a levy from any person engaged in the production, marketing or production and marketing of flax;

(e) the power to categorize into groups persons engaged in the production, marketing or production and marketing of flax for the purpose of setting and collecting fees, charges or levies mentioned in clauses (c) and (d);

(f) the power to set and collect penalties from any person who:

(i) is engaged in the production, marketing or production and marketing of flax; and

(ii) contravenes an order of the commission;

(g) the power to recover any unpaid fees, charges, levies or penalties mentioned in clause (c), (d) or (f) by an action in a court of competent jurisdiction;

(h) the power to require any person engaged in the production, marketing or production and marketing of flax to furnish the commission with any information or records relating to that production or marketing that the commission considers necessary;

- (i) the power to market, grade or insure flax, either as principal or agent;
- (j) the power to:
 - (i) employ any officers and employees that it considers necessary to administer the plan; and
 - (ii) determine the duties, conditions of employment and remuneration of its officers and employees;
- (k) the power to establish or support a group insurance plan, a pension plan or any other employee benefit programs for its officers and employees mentioned in clause (j) and their dependants;
- (l) the power to use any money received by the commission to carry out the purposes of the plan and to pay the expenses of the commission;
- (m) the power to borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in any manner that the commission considers appropriate for the purpose of administering the plan;
- (n) the power to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute, issue, hypothecate or assign promissory notes, bills of exchange or other negotiable or transferable instruments;
- (o) subject to subsection (3), the power to make grants or loans to any person, organization, agency, institution or body within or outside of Saskatchewan, for the purposes of the plan;
- (p) subject to subsection (3), the power to give financial guarantees respecting the indebtedness of any person if the commission considers it necessary or advisable for the purposes of the plan;
- (q) the power to purchase, take on lease or exchange or otherwise acquire real and personal property related to the business of the commission, and to insure, sell or otherwise dispose of any of its property;
- (r) the power to grant a mortgage or security interest in any of the commission's real or personal property;
- (s) subject to section 35 of the Act, the power to enter into any agreement with any person, agency, organization, institution or body within or outside Saskatchewan for any purpose related to the exercise of any of the powers or the carrying out of any of the duties of the commission in relation to the plan;
- (t) the power to:
 - (i) require any person who owes money to a registered producer with respect to the sale by the registered producer of flax to pay the money to the commission; and

- (ii) distribute the money paid to the commission pursuant to subclause (i), in the manner determined by the commission, to the registered producer to whom the money is owing;
 - (u) the power to:
 - (i) purchase or acquire by any other means, in the open market or otherwise, any securities of any corporation; and
 - (ii) hold membership in any corporation;
 - (v) the power to:
 - (i) hold, sell, transfer or otherwise deal with any of the securities mentioned in clause (u); and
 - (ii) exercise any rights, including the right to vote, as:
 - (A) an owner of the securities mentioned in clause (u); or
 - (B) a member;
 - (w) the power to register a business name pursuant to *The Business Names Registration Act*;
 - (x) the power to prescribe the manner in which reimbursement for expenses of the directors is to be determined and paid;
 - (y) the power to set out the number of directors elected or appointed to the board and the terms of office of those directors;
 - (z) the power to develop, deliver or develop and deliver traceability, animal welfare and food safety strategies, programs and initiatives.
- (2) The commission shall not regulate or control in any way the production, marketing or production and marketing of flax.
- (3) Neither the sum of the loans mentioned in clause (1)(o) nor the sum of the financial guarantees mentioned in clause (1)(p) shall exceed 10% each of the commission's current assets as reported in the audited financial statement in the commission's most recent annual report at the time the loan or the financial guarantee is made or given.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s7; 24 Mar 2023 SR 16/2023 s4.

Books and records

- 8(1) The commission shall:
- (a) maintain any books and records that may be required for the administration of the plan; and
 - (b) keep those books and records open for inspection by the council at any reasonable time.
- (2) The commission shall maintain a registered office and head office in Saskatchewan.

- (3) The commission shall prepare an annual report containing:
 - (a) a copy of the audited financial statement of the commission for its previous fiscal year;
 - (b) a description of:
 - (i) the state of the industry; and
 - (ii) the activities of the commission for its previous fiscal year; and
 - (c) a list of the names and cities, towns, villages or other municipalities of the directors of the board.
- (4) The commission shall make the annual report available:
 - (a) to the council;
 - (b) at the annual general meeting of registered producers; and
 - (c) on request to:
 - (i) any registered producer; or
 - (ii) any registered buyer.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s8; 24 Mar 2023 SR 16/2023 s5.

Appointment of auditor

- 9(1) The registered producers:
 - (a) shall, at each annual general meeting, appoint an auditor to audit the books, records and financial statements of the commission for the current fiscal year; and
 - (b) may, at any special general meeting, appoint an auditor to audit the books, records and financial statements of the commission for the current fiscal year.
- (2) If the registered producers fail to appoint an auditor pursuant to clause (1)(a) for a fiscal year, the council shall appoint an auditor to audit the books, records and financial statements of the commission for that fiscal year.
- (3) Any person appointed as auditor pursuant to this section must:
 - (a) be independent of:
 - (i) the commission; and
 - (ii) the directors and officers of the commission; and
 - (b) be a member in good standing of a recognized accounting profession that is regulated by an Act.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s9.

Committees

10(1) The commission may appoint any committee that it considers necessary or desirable for the proper operation of the plan.

(2) The members of a committee appointed pursuant to this section are entitled to any remuneration and reimbursement for expenses that the commission may determine.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s10.

Chairperson and vice-chairperson

11(1) The commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among the directors at their first meeting in each year after new directors have been elected or appointed.

(2) The chairperson and vice-chairperson hold office at the pleasure of the commission.

(3) The chairperson, or in the absence of the chairperson the vice-chairperson, shall preside over all meetings of the commission.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s11.

Quorum

12 For the transaction of business at a duly called meeting of the commission:

(a) a majority of the directors constitutes a quorum; and

(b) a decision of a majority of those directors constituting a quorum is a decision of the commission.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s12.

Policies re conflict of interest and code of conduct

13(1) The commission shall establish and maintain:

(a) a conflict of interest policy for the directors; and

(b) a policy respecting a code of conduct for the directors.

(2) Any amendment the commission makes to a policy set out in subsection (1) shall be submitted to the council within 90 days after the amendment.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s13; 24 Mar 2023
SR 16/2023 s6.

Conflicts of interest

14(1) No director shall:

(a) fail to disclose to the commission any conflict of interest that the director may have; or

(b) vote on any matter with respect to which the director has any direct or indirect financial interest that is different from the financial interest of other producers.

(2) If the commission is uncertain whether or not a director has a conflict of interest mentioned in clause (1)(a) or (b), the commission must adjourn the matter until the conflict of interest issue is resolved pursuant to the policies mentioned in section 13.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s14.

Bank accounts

15 The commission may open accounts in the name of the commission in a bank, credit union or trust corporation licensed pursuant to *The Trust and Loan Corporations Act, 1997* and appoint signing officers.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s15.

Investments

16 The commission may:

(a) invest any money in its possession or control that is not immediately required for a purpose of the plan or its operations in any security or class of securities authorized for investment of money in the general revenue fund pursuant to *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*; and

(b) dispose of any investment made pursuant to clause (a) in any manner, on any terms and in any amount that the commission considers expedient.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s16.

Fiscal year

17 The fiscal year of the commission is the period commencing on August 1 in one year and ending on July 31 in the following year.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s17.

Financial plan

18 The commission shall prepare and approve a financial plan of its operations at the beginning of each fiscal year.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s18.

Meetings of registered producers

19(1) An annual general meeting of registered producers:

(a) is to be held in each year within six months after the end of the commission's fiscal year; and

(b) is to be held at a place and time determined by the commission.

(2) The commission:

(a) may call a special general meeting of registered producers at any time; and

- (b) shall call a special general meeting on the written request of not less than 50 registered producers.
- (3) The commission shall notify all registered producers, in writing:
- (a) for an annual general meeting of registered producers, of the date, time, location and agenda not less than 30 days before the date on which the annual general meeting commences; and
- (b) for a special general meeting of registered producers, of the date, time, location and agenda not less than 15 days before the date on which the special general meeting commences.
- (4) Unless otherwise set by an order of the commission, the quorum at an annual or special general meeting of registered producers is 15 registered producers.
- (5) The commission shall present to the annual general meeting of registered producers:
- (a) a proposed budget for the current fiscal year;
- (b) an annual report for the preceding fiscal year; and
- (c) an outline of programs and activities proposed for the current fiscal year.
- (6) Any change to the remuneration to be paid to the directors is to be determined by motion of the commission and approved by a vote of registered producers at the next annual general meeting or special general meeting.
- (7) At an annual general meeting or special general meeting, registered producers may debate and take a vote by show of hands on any questions or resolutions respecting the purposes of the plan.
- (8) One or several registered producers may attend an annual general meeting or special general meeting by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.
- (9) If all registered producers intend to attend an annual general meeting or special general meeting by the means mentioned in subsection (8), permission from the council must first be obtained.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s19; 24 Mar 2023
SR 16/2023 s7.

Notices

- 20(1)** Any notice required by these regulations to be given is to be sent:
- (a) in accordance with section 39 of the Act; or
- (b) at the request of a registered producer, by fax or email.
- (2) If a notice is sent pursuant to clause (1)(b), it is deemed to have been received on the next business day after it was sent.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s20.

PART IV
Registration

Registration of producers

- 21(1)** Every producer shall register with the commission at the time and in the manner determined by order of the commission.
- (2) The commission shall keep and maintain at its head office a register containing the name and address of every registered producer.
- (3) Registration of a producer takes effect at the beginning of the commission's fiscal year following the payment of the levy required pursuant to subsection 24(1).
- (4) Registration remains in effect until:
- (a) the registered producer applies for and the commission approves a refund pursuant to section 25;
 - (b) the commission has not received a levy payment from the producer for 2 consecutive fiscal years;
 - (c) the death of a registered producer who is an individual; or
 - (d) the dissolution of a corporation, partnership or other organization that is a registered producer.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s21; 24 Mar 2023
SR 16/2023 s8.

Registration of buyers and processors

- 22(1)** Every buyer and processor shall register with the commission at the time and in the manner determined by order of the commission.
- (2) The commission shall keep and maintain at its head office a register containing the name and address of every registered buyer and processor.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s22.

Suspension and cancellation of registration

- 23(1)** The commission may cancel or suspend a registration if the registered producer or registered buyer, as the case may be, has contravened:
- (a) the Act;
 - (b) the plan;
 - (c) these regulations;
 - (d) an order or direction of the commission.
- (2) The commission shall establish, by order, procedures respecting the cancellation or suspension of a registration pursuant to this section.
- (3) If the commission suspends or cancels a registration pursuant to this section, the commission must advise the registered producer in writing of its decision.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s23.

PART V
Levies

Collection of levies

- 24(1)** Every producer engaged in the production, marketing, or production and marketing of flax shall pay to the commission, at the times and in the manner determined by the commission, a levy calculated in accordance with this section.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), the levy mentioned in subsection (1):
- (a) is to be determined by order of the commission; and
 - (b) is to be based on a fixed rate for every tonne of flax marketed by a producer.
- (3) For the purposes of clause (2)(b), a different rate may be fixed for each of the various parts of the plant *linum usitatissimum*.
- (4) The commission shall provide registered producers with:
- (a) an opportunity to discuss the rate of levy at annual general meetings and special general meetings; and
 - (b) at least 10 business days' notice that the rate of the levy is to be discussed at an annual general meeting or special general meeting.
- (5) The commission may require any processor or buyer to:
- (a) deduct the levy mentioned in subsection (1), and other fees and charges on flax levied pursuant to these regulations, from any payment made to a producer; and
 - (b) forward the levy and other fees and charges to the commission.
- (6) The commission may recover in a court of competent jurisdiction the levies, fees and charges mentioned in this section from producers, buyers and processors.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s24.

Refund of levies

- 25(1)** The commission shall make a refund of levies only if:
- (a) the commission receives a written request for the refund from the producer with respect to levies paid between August 1 in any year and July 31 in the following year, not later than August 31 of that year; and
 - (b) the request has been verified by the commission.
- (2) If the commission receives and verifies a written request for a refund of levies that were paid to the commission by the producer between August 1 in any year and July 31 in the following year, the commission shall make the refund of those levies to the producer not later than October 31 of that year.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s25.

Required notification

- 26** If, for any one fiscal year, 35% or more of the producers representing 35% or more of the levy for that fiscal year request a refund of levies pursuant to subsection 25(1), the commission shall immediately notify the council.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s26.

PART VI
Commission Orders

Commission orders

27(1) The chairperson or, in the absence of the chairperson the vice-chairperson, shall sign every order issued by the commission pursuant to section 12 of the Act.

(2) The commission shall number in consecutive order, retain and make available for inspection at its head office by any registered producer, registered buyer or any other person designated by the council original copies of all orders that have been approved by the council pursuant to section 12 of the Act.

(3) The commission shall:

- (a) cause all orders of the commission to be published in the Gazette and in any other media it considers appropriate; and
- (b) annually review the orders of the commission and consolidate them.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s27.

PART VII
Elections

Eligibility

28(1) In this section, “**family member**” means any of the following with respect to an individual:

- (a) the spouse or person with whom the individual is cohabiting as a spouse;
- (b) a son or daughter;
- (c) a parent or legal guardian;
- (d) a brother or sister;
- (e) a grandparent;
- (f) a grandchild;
- (g) an uncle or aunt;
- (h) a nephew or niece;
- (i) a cousin;
- (j) a mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law or brother-in-law;
- (k) a person who is related by legal adoption.

(2) Every registered producer or representative of a registered producer is eligible to hold office as a director of the commission.

- (3) If a registered producer is a corporation, partnership or other organization, it must appoint as its representative to put forward resolutions at meetings, vote or hold office on behalf of the registered producer an individual who is:
- (a) a director, partner, shareholder, member, officer or employee of the corporation, partnership or other organization or a family member of any of those individuals; and
 - (b) involved in the farming operation of the registered producer.
- (4) On or before the date fixed pursuant to clause 29(2)(a) as the last date for receipt of nominations for election to the commission, a registered producer who is an individual may appoint as that individual's representative to put forward resolutions at meetings, vote or hold office on behalf of the registered producer an individual who is:
- (a) an employee or family member of the registered producer; and
 - (b) involved in the farming operation of the registered producer.
- (5) The appointment of a representative pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) must be:
- (a) in writing; and
 - (b) filed with the commission in a form and manner acceptable to the commission.
- (6) A corporation, partnership or other organization that is a registered producer is entitled to put forward resolutions at meetings, vote or hold office only through a representative appointed pursuant to subsections (3) and (5).
- (7) After a representative is appointed in accordance with subsections (4) and (5) and until the registered producer or the representative terminates the appointment by filing a notice in writing with the commission:
- (a) the representative is entitled to put forward resolutions at meetings, vote or hold office as the representative of the registered producer and to receive any notice required to be given pursuant to this Part; and
 - (b) the registered producer is not entitled to put forward resolutions at meetings, vote or hold office.
- (8) A representative appointed to vote pursuant to subsection (3) or (4) must, at the time of voting, declare that the representative has been appointed by the registered producer to vote on behalf of the registered producer.
- (9) Except as provided in this section, voting by proxy is prohibited.
- (10) Every registered producer is entitled to 1 vote.

Nominations

- 29(1)** Subject to section 28, every registered producer is eligible to be nominated for election as a director.
- (2) The commission shall:
- (a) fix the last date for receipt of nominations for election to the commission; and
 - (b) at least 30 days before the last date for receipt of nominations, notify registered producers that nominations are being accepted for the commission and of the last date for receipt of nominations.
- (3) Every nomination must:
- (a) be made in writing in the form required by the commission;
 - (b) be signed by:
 - (i) 2 registered producers;
 - (ii) 2 representatives of registered producers appointed pursuant to subsection 28(3) or (4); or
 - (iii) any combination of the persons mentioned in subclauses (i) and (ii) totalling 2 persons;
 - (c) include a candidate profile, as required by the returning officer; and
 - (d) be delivered to the returning officer on or before the date fixed pursuant to clause (2)(a) as the last date for receipt of nominations.
- (4) Any information provided pursuant to subsection (3) must be considered confidential and must not be disclosed to any person until after the date fixed pursuant to clause (2)(a).
- (5) After the date fixed pursuant to clause (2)(a), the returning officer shall forward copies of all nominations to the commission.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s29; 24 Mar 2023
SR 16/2023 s10.

Returning officer and scrutineer

- 30(1)** Subject to subsection (2), the commission shall appoint a returning officer and a scrutineer to conduct an election pursuant to section 31.
- (2) Producers, buyers and officers and employees of the commission are not eligible to be appointed pursuant to subsection (1).
- (3) The returning officer appointed pursuant to subsection (1) is responsible for all administrative procedures relating to conducting an election.
- (4) Any registered producer or representative of a registered producer nominated pursuant to section 29 may provide a scrutineer to scrutinize actions related to conducting an election.
- (5) Directors, officers and employees of the commission are not eligible to act pursuant to subsection (4) as scrutineers.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s30; 24 Mar 2023
SR 16/2023 s11.

Conduct of elections

- 31(1)** If not more than the required number of candidates are nominated pursuant to section 29, the candidates nominated are deemed to be elected by acclamation.
- (2) If more than the required number of candidates are nominated pursuant to section 29, the commission shall:
- (a) fix a date for the completion of the election;
 - (b) at least 15 business days before the date fixed pursuant to clause (a), provide to every registered producer:
 - (i) a numbered ballot;
 - (ii) the candidate profiles, if any, submitted pursuant to clause 29(3)(c); and
 - (iii) a notice that states the date and time by which and place to which the ballot is to be returned; and
 - (c) if the board provides ballots pursuant to subclause (b)(i) in paper form, provide an envelope with the ballot.
- (3) Every registered producer that intends to vote in an election shall:
- (a) complete the ballot provided by the commission; and
 - (b) return the ballot to the returning officer in the manner stated in the notice sent pursuant to subclause (2)(b)(iii) by the date fixed for it to be returned.
- (4) If a tie does not occur between candidates, the returning officer shall prepare and submit a written report to the chairperson that declares those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes, up to the number of director positions to be filled, to be directors.
- (5) The ballot of a registered producer is not valid if:
- (a) the registered producer votes for more than the specified number of candidates;
 - (b) it is defaced;
 - (c) it is marked in any way other than to vote for candidates;
 - (d) it is not the original ballot provided by the board; or
 - (e) the individual who voted on behalf of the registered producer voted more than once on behalf of that registered producer.
- (6) Ties between candidates are to be decided by the drawing of lots.
- (7) The returning officer must send the written report mentioned in subsection (4) to the commission within 10 business days after the completion of the election.
- (8) The commission shall inform candidates of the election results within 10 business days after receiving the report mentioned in subsection (4).

(9) If the number of candidates nominated pursuant to section 29 is greater than the number of director positions to be filled, the commission shall not, during the period from the date fixed pursuant to clause 29(2)(a) to the date fixed pursuant to clause (2)(a), engage in any activity that is intended to promote or oppose, or that may be reasonably considered intended to promote or oppose, the election or re-election of any candidate.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s31; 24 Mar 2023
SR 16/2023 s12.

Failure to receive documents does not invalidate election

32 The failure of any registered producer to receive the documents mentioned in clause 31(2)(b) does not invalidate the election.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s32.

Election results

33(1) The returning officer or the chairperson shall read the written report prepared pursuant to subsection 31(4) at the first annual general meeting of registered producers after the election.

(2) The reading of the written report pursuant to subsection (1) is deemed to be the declaration of the directors.

(3) The commission shall:

(a) within 10 business days after receiving the written report of the returning officer prepared pursuant to subsection 31(4), provide to candidates the election results, including total vote counts for all candidates; and

(b) make the written report of the returning officer available on request to any registered producer.

24 Mar 2023 SR 16/2023 s13.

Term of office, vacancy

34(1) Subject to subsection (4), unless otherwise set by an order of the commission, a director holds office:

(a) in the case of an elected director, for a term of four years commencing with the declaration of the director's election by the chairperson or returning officer, as the case may be, and until the director's successor is elected or appointed; or

(b) in the case of an appointed director, until the next election is held after he or she is appointed and until the director's successor is elected or appointed, as the case may be.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a director is eligible for re-election or reappointment.

(3) Unless otherwise set by an order of the commission, if a director has completed 3 consecutive terms, that director is not eligible for re-election or reappointment until 2 years have passed since the completion of that director's third consecutive term.

- (4) The office of director becomes vacant if a director:
- (a) ceases to qualify:
 - (i) as a registered producer; or
 - (ii) as the representative of a registered producer;
 - (b) resigns, dies or is unable to act;
 - (c) is absent from two consecutive meetings of the commission without being excused by resolution of the commission; or
 - (d) fails to fulfil his or her duties as established by the policy of the commission and approved by the council.
- (5) If the office of a director becomes vacant, the commission may appoint a director to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term for that office.
- (6) A director who is removed from office pursuant to clause (4)(c) or (d) is disqualified from standing for election as a director for a period of three years following the date on which the director is removed from office.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s34; 28 Aug 2015
SR 73/2015 s3; 24 Mar 2023 SR 16/2023 s14.

Retention of election records

35(1) The returning officer shall:

- (a) retain the following in the officer's possession:
 - (i) the original nominations submitted pursuant to clause 29(3)(a);
 - (ii) the original candidate profiles submitted pursuant to clause 29(3)(c);
 - (iii) the ballots; and
 - (b) not destroy any nomination, candidate profile, ballot or other record respecting an election of directors until 35 days after the annual general meeting of registered producers at which the results of the election were declared.
- (2) If a registered flax producer submits a written objection to the council pursuant to section 36, the period mentioned in clause (1)(b) is extended until the challenge has been determined.

24 Mar 2023 SR 16/2023 s15.

Challenge to election results

36(1) Any registered producer nominated pursuant to section 29 may challenge the results of an election of directors, as provided pursuant to clause 33(3)(a) by submitting a written objection to the council.

- (2) A written objection submitted pursuant to subsection (1) must:
- (a) set out the grounds for the objection; and
 - (b) be received by the council within 30 days after notification of the election results provided pursuant to clause 33(3)(a).

(3) If the council receives a written objection in accordance with this section and is satisfied that the objection is neither frivolous nor vexatious, the council may appoint a vote recount officer to conduct a recount of the votes cast in the election.

(4) If the council appoints a vote recount officer pursuant to subsection (3), the results of the election as determined by the vote recount officer are final.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s36; 24 Mar 2023
SR 16/2023 s16.

PART VIII

Repeal, Transitional and Coming into Force

R.R.S. cA-15.2 Reg 5 repealed

37 *The Saskatchewan Flax Development Plan Regulations* are repealed.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s37.

37.1 Repealed. 24 Mar 2023 SR 16/2023 s17.

Coming into force

38 These regulations come into force on the day on which they are filed with the Registrar of Regulations.

6 Mar 2015 cA-15.21 Reg 20 s38.