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## *Research Council of the Manitoba Gambling Research Program*

### **Board Members**

#### Chairperson

Linda Taylor, Winnipeg^

#### Community Members

Anastasia Sych-Yereniuk, Winnipeg^

Leah Gazan, Winnipeg^

### **Mandate**

The Manitoba Gambling Research Program is a program of Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries. Its aim is to build gambling research capacity and support the development of high quality research that enables the evidence-based advancement of responsible gaming programs and problem gambling prevention and treatment.

A Research Council, consisting of community members and provincial gambling stakeholders, oversees the research funding, selects research projects that meet the Program's research priorities, and fosters interest in the Program and gambling research.

### **Responsibilities**

1. To provide recommendations to Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries about the Manitoba Gambling Research Program's research priorities and operational processes and guidelines.
2. To develop a research plan and select Focused Research projects and grants that will meet the Manitoba Gambling Research Program's research priorities, within the Program's budget.
3. To develop a plan to foster interest in gambling research and the Manitoba Gambling Research Program:
  - Develop and maintain relationships in the research community to increase awareness of the Program, foster collaborative research projects and/or build gambling research capacity in the province.
  - Enable information transfer among stakeholders to facilitate evidence-based decisions in responsible gaming programs and problem gambling prevention and treatment.

Members of the Council agree to abide by and follow the conditions of membership:

- Research Council Terms of Reference
- Research Council Members' Code of Conduct
- Research Council Administrative Information

### **Membership**

The Council reports to the Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Board of Directors. The Council will have eight members in total:

- A Chair, appointed by the Minister Responsible for Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries;
- Two community members, appointed by the Minister Responsible for Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries;
- An academic member, appointed by Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries;
- One member from Manitoba Liquor & Gaming Authority (LGA);
- One member from Manitoba Health Seniors and Active Living;
- One member from Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM); and
- One member from Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries.

### **Length of terms**

The Chair and Community members are appointed for three-year terms, renewable once.

The academic member term is based on availability; this member's term may not exceed six years.

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries, the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba, the Liquor & Gaming Authority of Manitoba, and Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living select their own representative, but provide consistent and continual representation to the Council.

### **Desirable expertise**

Research Council members spend considerable time reading proposals and other materials and then discussing these in group settings. To be effective, Council members must be willing to invest the time necessary to review materials and apply critical thinking and reading skills. At meetings, active listening skills and the ability to communicate verbally and constructively is highly valued. Council members must also be willing to maintain a high degree of confidentiality and make impartial and informed decisions following standard processes and guidelines.

Research Council members are encouraged to engage with researchers through their existing networks and occasional attendance at conferences and other events, so the ability to promote the program and build external relationships is valued.

While there is no formal education requirement, the following are assets for Research Council members:

- Previous experience with or knowledge of research methodologies or funding proposals;
- Knowledge of how academic research is funded, conducted and disseminated;
- Previous work experience in areas related to responsible gambling programming and/or problem gambling prevention and treatment;
- Connections within the academic community;
- Previous experience on boards or other decision-making bodies; and
- Professional experience in management roles, in academia or with non-profit agencies.

### **Time commitment**

There are at least four regular meetings of the Research Council each year as well as a small number of committee meetings. Meetings are held on weekdays and typically during the afternoon or early evening, with specific times dependent upon availability of Council

members.

The position of Chair requires a time commitment of approximately 60 to 80 hours per year. The position of Community Member requires a time commitment of approximately 50 to 70 hours per year.

### **Meetings**

Meetings are typically held in Winnipeg at Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries. On occasion, members may participate via teleconference.

### **Remuneration**

Chair: \$191 (3.5 hours or less) and \$336 (over 3.5 hours)  
Community Members: \$109 (3.5 hours or less) and \$192 (over 3.5 hours)

The amount of meeting preparation work is also paid at an hourly rate based on the number of hours pre-assigned by Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries.

The members from organizations (Addictions Foundation of Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living, Manitoba Liquor & Gaming Authority, Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries) are not compensated for their involvement on the Council. Remuneration for the academic member is set by Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries.