
WELCOME TO THE ALBERTA 4-H COUNCIL

Your position on the Council offers new challenges and rewards.

Hopefully, this Handbook will provide at your fingertips, the information you will need to help you be an effective member of the Alberta 4-H Council – what Council does, how it operates, and your roles and responsibilities as a member on a team dedicated to the Alberta 4-H Vision Statement, and the Alberta 4-H Council’s Mission, while always keeping in mind the 4-H Philosophy.

Alberta 4-H Vision Statement: *“Alberta 4-H develops leadership, communication, technical and life skills of 4-H members and leaders to strengthen communities.”*

Alberta 4-H Council Mission: *“To enhance the Alberta 4-H program by encouraging and involving the 4-H family by leading policy development, implementation and governance.”*

4-H Philosophy: *“4-H is young people and adults learning project and life skills, cooperating and having fun together, sharing leadership and learning to do by doing.”*

There are sections to explain that the Council is but one part of the 4-H Family in Alberta – we do partner with the 4-H Foundation of Alberta and the 4-H Branch, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. You will learn about each of these partners – what their respective roles are and how we interact, who is on their boards or staff, etc.

Also, since Council’s mission has to do with policies and governance, there is a section relating to “Policies and Procedures”, along with a Status Log to keep a chronological log of when a policy was passed and when it is due for review.

There is also a section relating to Council Effectiveness and Self-Evaluation. This may be a resource as to how to do a Council/Council Member Evaluation at some date. This may even be where Council uses workshops to improve Council effectiveness.

Finally, you will find at the end, several Appendices referring to General Usage and General Guidelines for the Usage of the 4-H Trademark, Logo, Pledge and Motto, Chart of Motions, Insurance Terminology, Insurance Coverage for Members, Insurance Coverage for Volunteers, and other helpful resources as needed.

Thank you for contributing your time and talents to the Alberta 4-H Council and more importantly, to the 4-H Program and its family in Alberta.

ALBERTA 4-H COUNCIL

HISTORY

- ◆ The Alberta 4-H Council was officially organized on November 12, 1971 as a provincial advisory council.
- ◆ On April 19, 1990 it became a registered society.
- ◆ In 2004, the Alberta 4-H Council became a governing body, developing and implementing policy and governing its grievance process and acting as the last level of appeal.

MISSION STATEMENT

“To enhance the Alberta 4-H program by encouraging and involving the 4-H family* by leading policy development, implementation and governance.”

**4-H family –the 4-H family is all inclusive and includes the alumni, ambassadors, branch, clubs, councils, foundation(s), key leaders, key members, leaders, members, sponsors and volunteers (the list is in alphabetical order to show equity)*

Approved by Alberta 4-H Council, November, 2003

PRIMARY ROLES OF THE COUNCIL

(The roles, as described below, do not include committee functions.)

1. To represent the grass-roots views and needs of the 4-H family.
2. To develop, advocate and communicate policy.
3. To guide policy implementation.
4. To govern the grievance process and act as the last level of appeal.
5. To provide representation on 4-H committees.
6. To provide the Alberta 4-H insurance program for volunteers, leaders and members.
7. To promote the 4-H program.
8. To liaise with the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, responsible for the Alberta 4-H program.
9. To support the funding initiatives of the 4-H Partners (Council, Foundation and Branch)

STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL (See By-Laws for further clarification)

The **MEMBERSHIP** of the Council consists of:

- ◆ Two adult representatives or designated alternate(s) elected from each of the seven 4-H regional councils,
- ◆ The immediate past president of the Council – ex-officio
- ◆ The coordinator and assistant coordinator of the Alberta 4-H Alumni, or elected alternate(s)
- ◆ The Branch liaison (provincial 4-H staff member appointed by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development) – ex-officio
- ◆ A person elected by the Council to serve as a representative on the Canadian 4-H Council – ex-officio
- ◆ Two ambassadors – one voting (over 18), one non-voting
- ◆ Two alumni - elected to represent the youth voice

TERMS OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Members of Council can hold an executive office for a maximum of two (2) consecutive years.

The Council also appoints representatives to various other Council and Provincial Advisory committees, and a director to serve on the 4-H Foundation of Alberta.

MEETINGS: Usually three (3) times during a year at the Alberta 4-H Centre, Battle Lake.

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ALBERTA 4-H COUNCIL 2008-2009

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Executive Committee

President: Sherry Howey
 Vice President: Stacy Price
 Treasurer: Ellen Bonde
 Secretary: Colleen Prefontaine
 Past President (ex-officio): Anita Mappin
 Branch Liaison (ex-officio): Marguerite Stark

Advocacy Committee

Anita Mappin
 Sherry Howey
 Marie Logan

BAC

Alex Hoy
 Alternates: Colleen Prefontaine/Mark Sayers

Council Appeals Committee

Stacey Price
 Colleen Prefontaine
 Ellen Bonde
 Sylvia Mathon
 Sherry Howey

Communications Committee

Colleen Prefontaine
 Kelly Sinclair

Finance Committee

Treasurer: Ellen Bonde
 President: Sherry Howey
 Vice President: Stacy Price
 Past President: Anita Mappin
 Branch Liaison: Marguerite Stark

Leaders Screening Committee

Ellen Bonde
 Richard Stark
 Janet Litun
 Audrey Andrashewski

Partners (4-H) Liaison Committee

President: Sherry Howey
 Vice President: Stacy Price
 3rd council member - to the discretion of the President

PEAC

Lee Carothers

Policy Review Committee

Ellen Bonde
 Julie Ulseth
 Sally Barkwell
 Dwayne Fulton
 Audrey Andrashewski

MAC

Sherry Howey (ad hoc)
 Dwayne Fulton
 Colleen Prefontaine
 Juanita Wagstaff
 Kelly Sinclair

Resolutions Committee

Ellen Bonde
 Sylvia Mathon

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Fundraising Committee (Partner's)

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Alternative: Juanita Wagstaff

Golden Clover Committee

Kelly Sinclair
Lyanne Almberg
Peter Sereda

4-H Hall of Fame Committee

Stacy Price
Sylvia Mathon

Historians

Janet Litun
Leona Petherbridge

Scholarships Committee

Richard Stark
Ellen Bonde
Alternative: Mark Sayers

100th Anniversary Committee

Ellen Bonde

Fans of 4-H

Juanita Wagstaff
Colleen Prefontaine

4-H Foundation Directors Interview Committee

President: Sherry Howey or
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