



## **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BEEF CATTLE MARKETING ACT & BFO BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

### **BEEF CATTLE MARKETING ACT**

#### **Check-off Increase**

Section 6(1) of R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 54, Licence Fees, Federal Agency Levies, under the Beef Cattle Marketing Act

It is proposed that Section 6(1) of R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 54, under the Beef Cattle Marketing Act be amended to reflect a \$1.50 per head increase in the mandatory national license fees payable by a person who sells cattle in the Province of Ontario, from the current \$1.00 per head to \$2.50 per head, to bring the overall Ontario check-off up to \$7.00 per head.

### **BFO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW NO.1 AMENDMENTS**

The majority of the proposed amendments to BFO's Constitution and By-Law No. 1 are administrative in nature. The first is to update the ministry name to reflect the change in name that took effect in 2024. The second is to provide clear language on the voting procedures used by BFO. A ranked-choice ballot is used in the elections for the positions of BFO Board of Directors, CCA Directors (Board Members) and BFO's Cow-Calf and Feedlot Committee members. All other elections are conducted by secret ballot with simple majority. In the instance of a tie when more than two individuals running for one spot, the bottom person drops off and another vote occurs. The final proposed amendment that is administrative in nature is intended to reflect current terminology used by the Canadian Cattle Association with respect to the title of "board member" rather than "director".

The one proposed amendment that is more procedural in nature is regarding the time a BFO director must wait before becoming eligible to serve as a director again. Currently, the wait period is 12 months, and the proposed amendment is to increase the wait time to three years after a director has served the maximum number of terms or if an individual resigns or does not seek re-election as a director.

Any change to check-off rates and/or constitution and by-law amendments must be approved by two-thirds majority vote at the BFO AGM or special meeting of members.



## Ministry Name – see section 4 (11)

**Current: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.** Within ninety (90) days of each AGM, a copy of the audited financial statements, a statement of the number of current Members, a list of the Directors and Officers and their addresses, and a copy of the annual report must be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. This information shall be open to examination by the public upon request to the Ministry.

**Proposed: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and ~~Agribusiness Rural Affairs~~.** Within ninety (90) days of each AGM, a copy of the audited financial statements, a statement of the number of current Members, a list of the Directors and Officers and their addresses, and a copy of the annual report must be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and ~~Agribusiness Rural Affairs~~. This information shall be open to examination by the public upon request to the Ministry.

## Ministry Name – see section 11 (5) (a) ii.

**Current:** The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

**Proposed:** The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and ~~Agribusiness Rural Affairs~~

## Ranked Choice Ballot – see section 5 (6) (e)

**Current:** In the event of three consecutive tie-votes, a single candidate name shall be drawn from a hat to determine a winner. All other voting procedures shall follow those outlined under Section 5(3).

**Proposed:** In the event of three consecutive tie-votes, a single candidate name shall be drawn from a hat to determine a winner. ~~All other voting procedures shall follow those outlined under Section 5(3).~~

## Ranked Choice Ballot – see section 6 (1)

**Proposed:** (d) ~~The voting procedure in (b) and (c) shall follow those outlined under Section 5(3)(a), (b) and (c).~~

## Ranked Choice Ballot – see section 11

**Proposed:** ~~11 (9) The voting procedure in 11 (2) (a) i. and ii. and in 11 (2) (b) i. and ii. shall follow those outlined under Section 5 (3) (a), (b) and (c).~~



## Canadian Cattle Association Directors (**Board Members**) – see section 6 (1)

**Current:** The President and Vice-President of the Association will receive automatic appointments to sit on the CCA's Board of Directors. Depending on the number of seats allocated to Ontario, subsequent appointments to the CCA's Board of Directors will be made by the Association as follows:

- (a) The nomination of candidates for appointment to the CCA Board of Directors shall be in writing and submitted to the Executive Director of the Association (or such person duly appointed by the President) prior to or at a time during the Annual General Meeting as designated by the President.

**Proposed:** The President and Vice-President of the Association will receive automatic appointments to sit ~~as one of Beef Farmers of Ontario's CCA Board Members on the CCA's Board of Directors~~. Depending on the number of seats allocated to Ontario, subsequent appointments to the ~~meetings of CCA Board Members CCA's Board of Directors~~ will be made by the Association as follows:

- (a) The nomination of candidates for appointment to the ~~meetings of CCA Board Members CCA Board of Directors~~ shall be in writing and submitted to the Executive Director of the Association (or such person duly appointed by the President) prior to or at a time during the Annual General Meeting as designated by the President.

## Term of Office – see section 5 (4)

**Current:** Term of Office. At each AGM at which an election is required, the Members shall elect Directors for a term that shall expire at the third (3rd) AGM held after the election. In addition, at each AGM, the Members shall ratify and confirm the composition of the current Board of Directors. An individual may not serve as a Director for more than three (3) consecutive terms (approximately nine (9) consecutive years). After serving the maximum amount of terms, an individual must wait twelve (12) months before becoming eligible to serve as a Director again.

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## QUESTIONS?

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