



Resolution 1 - Extending CFA Representative Terms for Effective Federal Advocacy

Whereas, NB Agricultural producers are able to bring their concerns both provincially and federally to the Ag Alliance and,

Whereas, the Alliance is the voice of NB Agricultural producers at our provincial government level, but not at the federal government level and,

Whereas, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) is our vehicle to bring concerns of federal status to our federal government in Ottawa and,

Whereas, the federal government controls a plethora of federal ag programs and monies destined for provincially controlled agricultural programs and,

Whereas, Ag Alliance directors serve a maximum of 6 years consecutively and,

Whereas, the representatives at CFA are chosen from the ranks of Ag Alliance directors and,

Whereas, this maximum 6 year term severely limits our CFA representative to truly become effective at the national level due to the severe complexities of the position/federal programs and to meet and understand key players in Ottawa and within CFA and,

Whereas, our CFA representative will be able to bring NB concerns to CFA and many top officials in Ottawa,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Ag Alliance allow itself the capacity to greatly extend the effective duration of CFA representative beyond the 6 year term even if no longer a regional director. This may come with the stipulation of regular reporting to the Alliance board and even one to two face to face meetings a year. This would be contingent on continued effectiveness and willingness of said representative.

(Region 2)

Resolution 2 - Advocating for Improved Timing of Statistics Canada Farm Surveys

Whereas, Statistics Canada continuously sends out mandatory surveys to farms during planting and harvest season when producers are already working extraordinarily long hours each day and,

Whereas, producers need to interrupt their time sensitive farm duties to research the data requested and,

Whereas, producers strive to meet their obligations and yet can easily fall short and then be subject to aggressive demands for survey information,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the AANB forward a request through to Statistics Canada to adjust the timing of these surveys to late fall or winter.

(Region 2)



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Resolution 3 - Increasing Investment in New Brunswick's Agri-Food Sector for Economic Growth

Whereas, Agriculture and Food processing has the potential to be the #1 industry in New Brunswick like it is in industrial Ontario (where it even outperforms the automobile industry in both revenue and number of jobs) and,

Whereas, New Brunswick continues to have the lowest per capita budget for Agri – Food in Canada and shares that pittance with Fisheries and Aquaculture,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Agri – Food budget be substantially increased to reflect today's economic realities as well as to encourage growth in this industry to benefit the economy of our province.

(Region 2)

Resolution 4 - Ensuring Adherence to Standard Termination Practices for AANB Board Members

Whereas, standard termination practices in the year 2024 require a minimum of 2-3 warnings of any negligence or unwelcome conduct; firstly by verbal warning, secondly by written warning and thirdly by a final written warning before termination, and

Whereas, a Board member of the Alliance was sent a registered letter of removal from the Board this month with no indication of any issues or wrongdoing by the President, Vice-President, Executive, Chief Executive Officer, or any other Board member prior to the letter of removal;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick Board be required to operate according to proper termination practices.

(Region 3)



Resolution 5 - Clarifying Voting Representation for RPAP Card Holders

Whereas, the Registered Professional Agricultural Producers Card (RPAP Card) is administered by the Farm Registrar's Office, and

Whereas, a qualifying recipient of a RPAP Card is issued to a farm business based on the Federal Income Tax Act to the legal owner(s) of the farm, and

Whereas, only RPAP Card holders are legally allowed to access provincial programs like the Farmer's Gas & Automotive Fuel Purchaser's Permit and farm plates, and

Whereas, the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick Constitution defines an Agricultural Producer (farmer) as per the Federal Income Tax Act which includes all types of farming businesses; Individual (Sole Proprietorship), Partnership, Corporation or any other legal entity, and

Whereas, constitutionally quorum, voting, being a delegate and a Board member are based on one Agricultural Producer per RPAP Card, and

Whereas, many qualifying members are not able to participate due to time constraints associated with the nature of their businesses;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick require all qualifying Agricultural Producers approved by the Farm Registrar's Office by issuance of the RPAP Card to indicate and authorize who their voting representative will be for the year by completing a form to that affect, updating any changes as they arise.

(Region 3)

Resolution 6 - Advocating for Tax Exemption on Worker Housing as a Farm Expense

Whereas, housing for workers are an expense and not a source of income, and

Whereas, they are indispensable in ag operations

Therefore, be it resolved, that these accommodations be not taxed as a source of income but be seen as an expense.

(Region 3)



Resolution 7 - Ensuring Timely Access to Essential Medications for Beekeepers

Whereas, Beekeepers need available medications (antibiotics oxytetracycline) in the spring of the year to help prevent the American foul brood disease in their bees, and

Whereas, Beekeepers need to get these medications from veterinarians, and

Whereas, bees are a very important part of our agricultural industry,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the medications are available on demand and that our provincial vets are knowledgeable of the needs of bees in NB.

(Region 3)

Resolution 8 - Extending Workforce Development Program for Long-Term Success

Whereas, the workforce development is seeing success, and

Whereas, it takes time for acceptance and working out these bugs of a program takes time, and

Whereas, two years of funding is really not long enough to see the best results,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the workforce development program be expanded for at least another four more years to assure good results.

(Region 3)

Resolution 9 - Advocating for Reduction of Capital Gains Tax for Producers and Small Businesses

Whereas, federal government has increased capital gain tax to 66%

Therefore, be it resolved, that AANB work with producers, accountants and CFA to decrease this rate to benefit producers & small business owners.

(Region 4)



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Resolution 10 - Addressing Energy Costs to Support Maritime Milk Processing

Whereas, 1,000,000 litres of milk are leaving the Maritimes weekly and this affects local jobs as well as producer costs,

Therefore, be it resolved, that AANB write a letter to the NB Department of Energy asking for consideration of energy costs to processors and producers such that those costs remain comparable to Quebec industrial rates and that cheaper natural gas be made available to processors.

(Region 4)

Resolution 11 - Advocating for Consistent Provincial Farm Waste Collection

Whereas, farm waste was picked up prior to the recent municipal reforms, and

Whereas, now due to each municipality having their own rules so there is no consistency to waste collection, and

Whereas, farms already pay for garbage disposal in their taxes,

Therefore, be it resolved, that farm waste be collected consistently on a province wide basis.

(Region 4)

Resolution 12 - Advocating for Continued Funding and Support for the NB Soil and Crop Improvement Association (Continued)

Whereas, the NB Soil and Crop improvement Association (NBSCIA) has provided farmers of New Brunswick with excellent advice and recommendations on the production of field and horticulture crops and soil management for the past forty years, and;

Whereas, the NBSCIA has been a strong partner delivering environmental programs to New Brunswick Farmers, and;

Whereas, the NBSCIA arranges many field days, demonstrations, newsletters, and information sessions providing the most up to date information on best management practices;

Whereas, funding for NBSCIA has been provided by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership and more recently the newer Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Program, or SCAP, and;

Whereas, the most recent SCAP funding is for only one year terminating March 31st, 2025

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Agricultural Alliance of NB lobby the New Brunswick Dept. of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries to support the NB Soil and Crop Improvement Association for multi-year funding.

(Region 5)

Resolution 13 - Advocating for Improved Rural Connectivity to Support Agricultural Safety and Sustainability

Whereas, many agricultural businesses are located in rural areas with limited and often unreliable internet and cellular service, and

Whereas, improved cell phone coverage is an essential component of farm safety when producers and employers are working (often alone) in rural areas, and

Whereas, advances in digital technology have vast potential to assist producers in meeting sustainability and climate challenges, but only if rural connectivity capacity is improved,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the AANB lobby the three levels of government for improved cell phone coverage and reception, and exert pressure to bandwidth owners to develop or relinquish in accordance with the Liberal Government platform.

(Region 6)

Resolution 14 - Supporting the Continuation of Trade Agreements for Agricultural Exports

Whereas, rules-based trade agreements facilitate Canada's agriculture and food exports valued at nearly \$99.1 billion in 2023, and

Whereas, the United States is Canada's top trading partner for agri-food exports, and

Whereas, recent political events have led to uncertainty regarding the future adherence to established trade agreements,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the AANB continue to support the CFA in it's advocacy of agriculture and agri-food products trade agreements as they stand.

(Region 6)