

Fence Viewers and Livestock Evaluators-Terms of Reference

MANDATE & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Fence Viewers and Livestock Evaluators Committee act as arbitrators for fencing disputes between landowners in Faraday Township. Committee members will be responsible for examining the premises and, if required by either adjoining owner, shall hear evidence and may examine the owners and their witnesses on oath.

The Committee represents the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the reporting of the loss of livestock due to predators that may attack livestock (it does not cover the loss due to domestic dogs or bears). The Committee will upon proper notification inspect, complete forms and authorize payment to the farm operator based on current values that may be applicable at a sales barn.

The committee is a local board of the Township. It conducts itself in accordance with the Line Fences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter L. 17.

BOARD SIZE AND COMPOSITION

The Fence Viewers and Livestock Evaluators Committee consists of three (3) citizen members.

PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Fence Viewers and Livestock Evaluators Committee elects a Chair from among its members.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Committee members shall be 18 years of age, a Canadian Citizen, a resident of the Township of Faraday and hold a valid Ontario Driver's Licence. Members must pass a Criminal Reference check before being appointed.

Members may not act as an agent for any appellant before the Fence Viewers and Livestock Evaluators Committee.

QUALIFICATIONS

Members of the Fence Viewers and Livestock Evaluators Committee are to:

- A demonstrated commitment to and interest in the community;
- An understanding of the Line Fences Act;
- Resident or property owner within the Township of Faraday;
- Organized, available and committed to conduct site inspections of subject properties and attend all Committee meetings;
- Objective and have an open mind in order to fully consider the information provided;
- Access to a computer and an email address in order to receive and respond to Committee communications and information; including hearing and application notices.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held as required.

REMUNERATION

Committee Members are paid \$50 per meeting and mileage shall be paid for attending meetings at a rate of \$0.53 per km.