

Councillors' Election Meetings

On or before the 1st day of March in each year, the Board will call Annual Zone Meetings of the farmers in each zone for the purpose of Councillors' Elections.

1. Any farmer holding egg quota is eligible to be elected an Egg Councillor.
2. Any pullet quota holder is eligible to be elected as a Pullet Councillor.
 - [i] *Independent pullet farmers will have election precedence as Pullet Councillors.
*Independent pullet farmers shall be first offered the opportunity to be elected or acclaimed as Pullet Councillors. In the event that there are not sufficient independent pullet farmers willing, or able to fill the number of Pullet Councillors for a zone, non-independent pullet farmers shall be granted eligibility to be elected as Pullet Councillor[s] to fill the open position[s].
3. No person is eligible to be elected as an Egg Councillor or a Pullet Councillor in more than one [1] zone. No person [egg or pullet farmer] can be both an Egg and Pullet Councillor.
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 - a] All farmers standing for nomination as Egg Councillor **must be registered egg quota holders** from the respective zone.
 - b] All farmers standing for nomination as Pullet Councillor **must be registered pullet quota holders** from the respective zone.
5. Only farmers who produce in the zone may vote.
6. Farmer Representation - Any individual farmer to whom quota has been fixed and allotted by the local Board who cannot attend an election meeting may designate in writing an individual who is
 - [i] not a farmer or representative of a farmer; and who is
 - [ii] an immediate family member of the farmer [namely a spouse, daughter, daughter-in-law, son, son-in-law, mother, father, sister or sister-in-law, or brother or brother-in-law] to vote on behalf of that farmer at the election of Councillors.

Note: A farmer designation may only be held by a person representing the egg quota holder or the pullet quota holder if that quota holder is unable to attend. No farmer who is voting at the meeting may hold a designation for another farmer and no person may hold more than one designation.

The individual designated by a farmer that is not an individual as its representative pursuant to Regulation 409 is eligible to vote on behalf of that farmer at the election of Councillors.

7. If a farmer, wanting to be **nominated as a Councillor**, is not in attendance at the election meeting, a written '**Intention to Stand as Councillor**' declaration form must be submitted to the Official prior to the election.

Suggested Format

1. Convene the meeting on time, and try to adjourn by 10:30 p.m.
2. Appoint or confirm a Secretary for the meeting.
3. Request agreement on the following suggested election agenda.

Suggested Election Agenda:

- a) Nominations of Councillors for election
 - b) Election of Councillors [as per Schedule 4]
 - c) Nominations of Director for election
 - d) Election of Zone Director by newly-elected Councillors
 - e) Appointment/Election of Zone Delegates [as per Schedule 4]
4. The Election Supervising Officer should appoint two scrutineers to collect and count ballots [see item #7].
 5. Nominations will be accepted in advance (in writing) as well as during the meeting.
 6. **ELECTION of Councillors must be by ballot.** To be valid, each ballot must contain a full slate of nominees.
 7. Prior to the meeting, at a credentials table, the Board Staff will have checked the eligibility of voters against a Master List of Farmers [as supplied by the Board], before allowing the farmer to receive a ballot for the purpose of voting in the respective zone. All farmers who vote are required to sign the farmer declaration form [as provided].
 8. **All persons voting MUST "QUALIFY" as a 'FARMER'** as defined in the Farm Products Marketing Act R.R.O. 1990, REGULATION 409 Amended to O. Reg. 142/06 EGGS — PLAN & amendments - **'farmer' means a person engaged in the production of chicks-for-placement, eggs, hatching eggs, or fowl.**
 9. As defined in the Farm Products Marketing Act R.R.O. 1990, REGULATION 409 Amended to O. Reg. 142/06 EGGS — PLAN & amendments, **no egg farmer is eligible to be elected as a Zone's Councillor unless he or she has been allotted a quota for the production of eggs by the local board.**
 10. Any farmer holding egg quota is eligible to be elected an Egg Councillor.
 11. Any pullet quota holder is eligible to be elected as a Pullet Councillor.
 12. *Independent Pullet Farmers will have election precedence as Pullet Councillors.

*Independent pullet farmers shall be first offered the opportunity to be elected or acclaimed as Pullet Councillors. In the event that there are not sufficient independent pullet farmers willing, or able to fill the number of Pullet Councillors for a zone, non-independent pullet farmers shall be granted eligibility to be elected as Pullet Councillor[s] to fill the open position[s].

13. Farmers wishing to be nominated, but not in attendance, must have completed and submitted to the Official prior to the Election meeting, an 'Intention to Stand as Councillor' declaration form.

14. No person is eligible to be elected as an Egg Councillor, Pullet Councillor or a Delegate in more than one zone. An egg farmer can only hold office as an Egg Councillor or as a Delegate. A pullet farmer can only hold office as a Pullet Councillor or as a Delegate.

15. A list of all nominees should be displayed in order to help farmers when voting.

16. Nominees must be given the opportunity to declare their intention to stand. Where the nominee is not present, the nominator must vouch for him/her.

NOTE

- a) only egg farmers are permitted to vote for Egg Councillors and Delegates; and
- b) only pullet farmers are permitted to vote for Pullet Councillors and Delegates.

17. No farmer shall have more than one vote.

18. The Supervising Officer should announce the election results.

Term of Office

Councillors hold office for one year from March 1 in the year of election.

The Term of Office for each Councillor elected will be one year: March 1 to February 28, or until all the elected Councillor's quota is sold [as at the Effective Date of the Sale] or until his or her successor is elected or appointed under section 12 of Regulation 409:

12.(1) if an egg councillor, pullet councillor or member of the local Board has not been elected in accordance with Regulation 409 by April 1 in any year, the local Board shall, at its first meeting after that date appoint an eligible producer to that position

Official Forms

The Supervising Officer must forward the completed Election Reporting Form to the Board Office immediately following the meeting. The Reporting Form must be signed by the Election Supervising Officer.

**Independent pullet farmer ~ is a pullet quota holder who is not an egg quota holder and who is not engaged in the hatchery business or the production of pullets for breeding stock.*