

February 13, 2002

To:

The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

From:

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General Manager & CEO

Subject:

Appointment of Representatives of the Board

to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association

## Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

#### Background:

At its meeting of January 25, 2002, the Board appointed John Downing and Fred Finlayson to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association ("RAWF") for 2002 and further requested that these appointments be deferred until the Chairman speaks with representatives of the RAWF with respect to their communication flow to Board of Governors' appointments.

#### Discussion:

On January 30, 2002, the Chairman met with representatives from the RAWF to discuss the RAWF's current process regarding Board appointments.

In accordance with the "Charter and General By-Laws of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada", the appointees of both the Board of Governors and the Directors of the CNEA are appointed "members" of the RAWF not as "directors".

The RAWF has a membership listing made up of various agricultural associations comprising approximately 219 individual appointees who are invited to an Annual Meeting once a year. Members are entitled to raise the views of their organization at the pertinent committee meeting(s), as they pertain to rules and regulations, classes to be offered, prize monies, awards, and general concerns of the exhibitors for the ensuing RAWF. Members are also eligible to nominate, or to be nominated as a Director.

As set out above, if the CNEA and Board appointees wish a greater involvement in the RAWF, this could be done through the RAWF committee structure or through seeking a nomination as a Director.



The Administrative Assistant of the RAWF has assured the Corporate Secretary that all future Board of Governor appointments to the RAWF will receive a welcome letter to the association and a copy of the committee structure (agriculture in nature) asking members for interest in participation.

### Conclusion:

This report outlines the communication flow between the RAWF and Board appointments, and following the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board, the Corporate Secretary will communicate the Board's 2002 appointments to the RAWF.

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