



## **APAS REPRESENTATIVE JOB DESCRIPTION**

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has been the strong, united voice of Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers since 2000.

Created and governed by farmers, APAS tackles the issues facing Saskatchewan agriculture through agricultural policy development, advocacy, education, and engagement. Democratic and non-partisan, APAS is accountable to over 16,000 Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers within our membership.

Each rural municipality (RM) that chooses to participate in APAS elects a Representative from among its ratepayers. These Representatives represent the ratepayers in their RM by participating in APAS governance and supporting the development of agricultural policy, research, advocacy, education, and engagement.

The APAS Board of Directors is elected from among Representatives at the Annual General Meeting.

### **TERM**

Representative terms are four (4) years, with elections taking place at the same time as rural municipality elections. If there is a vacancy between elections, participating RMs may appoint a Representative to complete the term.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

As per the APAS Bylaws, a Representative must meet the following requirements:

- Is an individual member of APAS, defined as an individual that:
  - is engaged in the business of farming or is the owner of agricultural land located in a participating RM
  - is a citizen of Canada
  - is a resident of Saskatchewan
  - is at least 18 years of age
- Has not been found to be of unsound mind by any court
- Does not have the status of a bankrupt
- Is not an employee of APAS
- Has remitted their property taxes to the participating RM
- Has signed a commitment to support the objectives of APAS and to work in its best interests as a Representative
- Is nominated by two (2) ratepayers in the participating RM
- Is willing to represent the participating RM for a term of four (4) years, commencing upon certification of the election

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## **REPRESENTATIVE ROLE**

### Create Agricultural Policy:

APAS Representatives gather input from producers in their communities and use it to inform and develop agricultural policy through a non-partisan democratic process. Representatives participate in policy development through:

- District meetings
- APAS Annual General Meeting
- APAS Policy Conference
- Policy Committees (including Crops and Transportation, Livestock, Land and Environment, Economics and Trade, Rural Life, and Young Agricultural Producers)

### Communicate:

Representatives ensure that key information flows between APAS, RM Councillors, and APAS members (i.e., ratepayers).

### Represent:

APAS Representatives give a voice to their communities by participating in APAS meetings and keeping local RM Councillors and individual members informed about APAS activities, projects, policies, and current agricultural issues.

### Build Community and Expertise:

Representatives build relationships with other producers across Saskatchewan and develop expertise on a wide range of agricultural and governance issues.

## **COMPENSATION**

Representatives are not paid for their service. However, they are reimbursed for APAS-approved expenses, including per diems, mileage, meals, accommodations, and registrations for the APAS Policy Conference and APAS Annual General Meeting.

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