
The following excerpt is from the Council Governance Policy. The entire Policy is available on the council website at <https://www.mfcouncil.ca/about/governance/>

Members of the council are responsible for the administration of the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* (Act) and regulations. This includes four broad functions:

- 1) Strategic planning and reporting;
- 2) Setting forest practices standards for private managed forest land;
- 3) Enforcing the requirements of the Act and regulations;
- 4) Reviewing applications to enter managed forest land assessment class.

The council as a whole is accountable for ensuring that the purpose of the legislation is achieved. Individual members are responsible at all times for ensuring the consistency of their own actions with the legislation and provincial objectives.

1. Strategic Planning and Reporting

Council is responsible for strategic planning and prepares an annual report that is posted on the Council website.

2. Setting Forest Practices Standards

Council is responsible for adopting standards for forest practices, monitoring their effectiveness and making applicable changes, subject to the Act and Regulations.

Forest practices standards are adopted as regulations of the council and require approval by a majority of Council members. The majority must include at least one of the managed forest owner members and one of the government appointed members.

3. Enforcing Requirements of the Act and Regulations

Council is responsible for enforcement of the standards in accordance with the requirements of the Act and regulations and for adhering to the principles of natural justice during enforcement and compliance activities.

Council has an inspection program and investigation procedures to monitor and ensure compliance with the Act and regulations.

4. Reviewing Applications to enter Managed Forest Land Assessment Class.

Council must review and accept the prescribed information requirements for applications to enter managed forest land property class. Council and BC Assessment both ensure that their respective legislative requirements for entering managed forest land class are met before land is classed as managed forest land.