



Réserve de biosphère de Fundy Biosphere Reserve

Board Policy:	FBR-001
Policy:	Membership
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The purpose of the Membership program is to increase the profile of the Fundy Biosphere Reserve (FBR) by reaching out to individuals, organizations, institutions, businesses and municipalities who promote its mandate and meet its objectives. Potential Members are invited to submit an application, as explained in Section 3 of this policy.

1. Membership Structure

Membership in the FBR is open to individuals, organizations, institutions, businesses and municipalities who support its aims and wish to be kept informed of activities and events.

Members will pay a one-time membership fee according to a fee structure set by the FBR Board of Directors. Thereafter, members in all categories will be encouraged to make financial, in-kind and/or volunteer contributions to the FBR.

2. Membership Privileges and Benefits

Members receive the following privileges and benefits:

- Newsletters;
- Regular information updates on programs and events;
- A copy of the Charter of the Fundy Biosphere Reserve;
- A copy of the FBR Best Practices Tool Kit;
- An invitation to attend the AGM and other member events.
- Opportunities to contribute to the direction of the FBR via the Planning Advisory Group and its working subcommittees (e.g. Outreach, Education, Research, Monitoring);
- Use of the FBR Logo as outlined in the Logo Policy (FBR-003).

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3. **Application for Membership**

Applications for Membership will be made online via the FBR website or by mail.

Completed applications will be reviewed and approved by the FBR Board of Directors at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors and notice of acceptance will be sent to applicants without delay.

4. **Member Commitment**

By joining the Fundy Biosphere Reserve, members undertake to uphold the principles outlined in the FBR Charter, i.e.:

- Protect the Natural Resources of the Region
- Develop the Economy in a Sustainable Way
- Support and Preserve Cultural Heritage
- Minimize Impacts on the Environment
- Be a Part of the Community
- Educate and Raise Awareness about the Fundy Biosphere Reserve

Members' use of the FBR logo is recognized as a value-added opportunity to promote these principles within the community and to identify with other individuals and organizations that support them. This use of the FBR logo is also recognized as a means for members to promote their interest in and support of sustainable development to their customers and colleagues.

5. **Termination of Membership**

If a Member has acted in ways that are contrary to the principles of the FBR or in contradiction to the Charter, the Board of Directors of the FBR may terminate that Membership and all benefits therein. Termination of Membership may be appealed by the individual or organization in question.

6. **Appeals**

Appeals of termination of membership shall be heard by a sub-committee of the Board of Directors in consultation with the member or a representative thereof. The Board of Directors of the FBR shall receive the recommendation of the sub-committee and shall retain the final right to decide on the membership application or termination of membership.