

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE CONFLICT OF INTEREST DEFINITION AND POLICY (Updated & Approved August 2015)

DEFINITION

A conflict between the private interests and the official responsibilities of a person in a position of trust.

Can my business benefit directly from a decision of the board?

Ex. If LFA uses an accounting firm then the firm offers the Director a discount on their services.

POLICY

Whenever a director or committee member has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the board of directors, the board shall ensure that:

1. The interest of such officer or director is fully disclosed to the board of directors at any point in a meeting prior to discussion on the topic.
2. No interested officer or director may vote or lobby on the matter or be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at the meeting of the board of directors at which such matter is voted upon.
3. A Director declaring a conflict of interest shall vacate the room while any discussion or voting takes place regarding the issue.
4. Any transaction in which a director or officer has a financial or personal interest shall be duly approved by members of the board of directors not so interested or connected as being in the best interests of the organization.
5. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention, and rationale for approval.