



## Federal Affairs Committee Terms of Reference

**Current Chair:**

**Current Members:**

**Current Staff Liaisons:**


### **Purpose of the Committee:**

To provide strategic direction on federal policy, programs and initiatives that promotes ownership and investment in real estate and protect the interests of homebuyers, property owners and REALTORS®.

### **Responsibilities of the Committee:**

- Act as a liaison between REALTORS®, CREA and the federal government by bringing forward emerging federal policy issues
- Provide strategic direction on assessments and government submissions prepared by staff on federal policies and programs that impact homebuyers, property owners and organized real estate
- Assess External Relations research projects to ensure they provide needed reinforcement for CREA policy positions
- Ensure strong and effective participation by the PAC Network by providing input on PAC Rep education and training plans
- Provide strategic direction for national PAC initiatives that advocate REALTOR® priorities to Parliamentarians or are held for educational or informational purposes
- Position REALTORS® as a go-to asset and resource for the government
- Monitor, make recommendations and participate as appropriate in negotiations on compliance programs impacting REALTORS®
- Reflect Quality of Life principles
- Monitor and promote Property Rights, Aboriginal Housing (On and Off-Reserve) and Affordable Housing
- Seek the support of the Board of Directors before releasing research documents and submissions unless impracticable due to insurmountable time constraints
- Research documents and submissions shall be circulated to Boards and Associations

**Accountability:**

Federal Affairs Committee is accountable to the Board of Directors.

**Committee Membership:**

Up to 12 Committee members comprised of:

- 1 Director who shall be Chair (one year term)
- 2 Directors (two-year alternating terms)
- CREA CEO (non-voting)
- Up to 8 who shall be comprised of REALTOR® members and/or Staff Representatives

**Membership Criteria:**

1. Have knowledge, skills and/or competency in federal affairs and government relations
2. Bring a strategic perspective to federal affairs and government relations
3. Be committed to, interested in and passionate for federal affairs and government relations
4. Have availability for expected time commitment

**Voting:**

Business arising at any meeting of this committee shall be decided by a majority of votes. The Committee Chair shall not have a vote except in the case of a tie.

No Committee member shall be entitled to vote by proxy.

**Quorum:**

A quorum shall consist of more than 50% of the voting membership of the committee.

**Resources:**

Resources and support services will be provided through the office of the CEO, as approved by the Board of Directors.