



About Us



The Fur Institute of Canada, a national non-profit organization, was founded in 1983 with a mandate from the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Wildlife Ministers to pursue the work of the Federal-Provincial Committee for Humane Trapping.

Our mission is to promote the sustainable and wise use of Canada's fur resources. FIC is a voice for Canada's fur sector. As a nationwide, cross-sector umbrella organization, we have been the driving force in continuous improvement in the fur-harvesting sector, both at home and abroad.

The **Fur Institute of Canada** is the country's leading expert on humane trap research and furbearer conservation.

We are a recognized information source to governments, the media, and the public. The FIC is mandated to providing accurate and credible information relating to the economic, social, cultural and environmental issues surrounding the harvesting and farming of fur in Canada.

At the international level, we represent the interests of Canadians actively involved in fur use and wildlife conservation. FIC also contributes to policies and research through its memberships in the IUCN, International Fur Trade Federation and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Associations.

FIC is a network of organizations, businesses and individuals throughout Canada and beyond. An elected board directs the activities of the Institute and operational committees develop programs and deliver project activities.

Our members include Trappers, Fur Farmers, Wholesale Fur Dealers, Fur Manufacturers/Processors, Fur Retailers, Aboriginal Organizations, Conservation Groups, Animal Welfare Associations, Support Industries and federal, provincial and territorial governments.

How the Institute can help you

Whether you're a fur trapper or rancher, a fur-related organization or business, or a member of the public, the FIC is working on your behalf.

Society's increasing awareness of human impact on animals and the environment and the urgency for solutions is driving organizations and governments to explore potential solutions together.

There is an urgent need to accelerate the pace and the amount of research directed at maintaining biodiversity and renewable resources such as furbearing animals.

There is an equally important need to bring accurate, scientifically based knowledge to the public discussion and the growing political debate on the use of our natural resources.

FIC REPRESENTING CANADA'S FUR RESOURCE SECTOR....

"Since it was incorporated in 1983 with Manitoba as a charter member, FIC has:

- Co-ordinated efforts of government, industry, and trappers in lobbying to keep our fur markets open to the European Union, through the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards.
- Taken the lead in the most advanced humane trap development and testing program in the world.
- Provided various educational and conservation resources to its members and the public, both here at home and abroad. "

Manitoba Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch (2009)

Membership Info

The **Fur Institute of Canada** is uniquely positioned to work closely with governments and organizations and to deliver expert opinion on a wide variety of fur issues.

Through its network of member stakeholders, FIC also provides a unifying voice for the many fur-related sectors in Canada.

The FIC furthers government and public understanding and appreciation of today's fur trade, which in turn affects public policy, which in turn affects Canadians.

This, together with on-going efforts to build on the Institute's conservation and animal welfare achievements, means that we all benefit.

Why Support the FIC?

In order to meet the challenge, the **Fur Institute of Canada** needs you.

The FIC's strategic plan sets out the goals and objectives of the organization – measures that will ensure our mandate can be realized.

As a non-profit organization, the Institute is dependent on contributions to develop and deliver its programs and services.

Your support, whether through an annual membership or as a project grant, will enable the **Fur Institute of Canada** to:

- Promote interest in the various aspects of the fur trade as a career and promote the highest professional standards of trapping and wildlife management.
- Provide public information on the Canadian fur trade.
- Improve and enhance the FIC Website and electronic communications.
- Increase school education efforts including the FIC annual Fur in the Classroom Grant program.
- Build its presence and influence with media and public influencers.
- Expand the Stewards of the Land personal profiles video series for use with media, schools and the public.
- Maintain the Trap Testing Incentive Program, directed at trap manufacturers for evaluating and rating commercial traps.
- Expand Aboriginal Trapper Instructor Training Workshops.
- Develop an urban trapping program to raise the professionalism of urban wildlife services and ensure they meet international standards.
- Establish a central Canadian data system to assemble and house biological furbearer information.
- Undertake research on the impacts of global warming on fur animals.
- Continue introduction of improved sealing practices.
- Represent Canada's fur conservation and animal welfare interests with more foreign governments, NGO's and international policy forums.
- Expand the "Reconnecting with the Land" Aboriginal youth-at-risk program.
- Take advantage of new opportunities that arise.

Your financial assistance will help make this and much more possible.

To learn more about contributing to the Fur Institute of Canada,

Contact the FIC:

701-331 Cooper Street
OTTAWA ON K2P 0G5
613-231-7099
info@fur.ca www.fur.ca

FIC Member Benefits

- The opportunity to network with others within the fur sector as a member of a high profile and respected national organization.
- Access to credible expertise and contacts.
- National and international representation and a stronger voice by uniting perspectives from around the country.
- Links from the FIC Web Site.
- Subscriptions to the bi-annual Communiqué publication and bi-monthly FIC Matters members' update.
- Complimentary copy of the Institute's print resources.
- Invitations to FIC conferences, workshops and special events.
- Eligibility for Institute grants and awards.
- Voting privileges for Full Members.
- Eligibility to serve on board of directors and committees.

All membership applications must meet approval by the **Fur Institute of Canada** Board of Directors.

Annual Membership Levels

\$1,000 Corporate/National Company or Association

\$500 Government /Provincial or Territorial Company or Association

\$250 Local/Regional Company or Association

\$50 Associate Member

Project Partner Benefits

Logo placement and printed acknowledgement
Sponsorship promotion (press releases, Web Site, etc.)
Complimentary supply of sponsored resource for use and distribution
Invitation to attend sponsored events

The **Fur Institute of Canada** has a range of project sponsorship opportunities. Contact us for details.

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MEMBERSHIP Application

Name (Representative): _____ (Alternate): _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

In support of the Fur Institute of Canada mandate, I apply for membership on behalf of:

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town / City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Web Site: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name, title and contact information (if different from above) of organization representative(s):

VOTING MEMBER

Membership category (Check ONE only):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapper | <input type="checkbox"/> Fur Retailer | <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fur Farmer | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Government of Canada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale Fur Dealer | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Welfare Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Provincial/Territorial Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fur Manufacturer/ Processor | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Organization | |

Membership Level and Annual Fee Scale: Please check one:

- \$1,000 Corporate/National Company or Association
- \$500 Government & Provincial or Territorial Company or Association
- \$250 Local/Regional Company or Association

ASSOCIATE MEMBER [NON-VOTING] \$50

Payment enclosed (Make cheque payable to **Fur Institute of Canada**) Send Invoice

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