



## **Member Proposal Brief**

### **2025 Annual General Meeting**

#### **Proposal Title: Forage & Turf Breeder Seed Governance and Representation**

The Canadian Forage Seed Project (CFSP) was established to ensure Canadian seed growers had access to forage varieties developed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

#### **WHEREAS:**

The Canadian Seed Trade Association (now Seeds Canada) has an Agreement with AAFC to administer the CFSP, with varieties tendered to Managing Companies years ago.

#### **WHEREAS:**

Breeder seed was to be produced by AAFC at Indian Head based on requests from Managing Companies selected and contracted to produce/allocate Foundation seed.

#### **WHEREAS:**

In recent years, seed growers have raised concerns about the lack of timely and reliable access to CFSP varieties — many of which are still economically important for domestic and international markets.

#### **WHEREAS:**

In looking into the issue, it seems that the accountability and transparency mechanisms built into the CFSP Agreement for Breeder and Foundation seed aren't being followed which has undermined the core operational functionality of the CFSP.

#### **WHEREAS:**

The Peace Region Forage Seed Association representing BC & Alberta seed growers, (PRFSA), the Manitoba Forage Seed Association (MFSA), and the Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission (SFSDC), have discussed this issue and agree that changes are needed to ensure Canadian seed producers continue to have access to these varieties as export markets grow.



## **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

**MOTION:** That the Canadian Seed Growers' Association (CSGA):

1. Report to members by no later than the 2026 CSGA AGM on the current status of the Canadian Forage Seed Project (CFSP), including challenges around governance, accessibility, and the production of high-generation seed stocks, and identified opportunities for improvement.
2. Expand the mandate of the CSGA's Forage and Turf Working Group (FTWG) to act in an advisory capacity on CFSP-related issues, provide more transparency around CFSP varietal availability, and serve as a conduit for greater forage seed sector input.
3. Work collaboratively with AAFC and Seeds Canada to:
  - a. Reconvene the CFSP Committee (advisory body to Seeds Canada) on an immediate basis;
  - b. Modernize the structure and composition of the Advisory Committee, particularly the inclusion of forage seed producer organizations.
  - c. Support the development of a CFSP action plan that guarantees the production and accessibility of early generation seed (Breeder and Foundation) for Canadian forage seed producers and Managing Companies.

### **Brief Background on the Issue**

Supporting documents: AAFC Publication 1262 (1981), Seeds Canada Year in Review (2021), CSGA "What We Heard" Circular 6 Consultation (2024), CSGA SRM Policy Recommendation #4 Governance Partnerships (2023), CSGA Joint Statement on the Establishment of a Seed Sector Advisory Committee (March 2025), Letters to CSGA and Seeds Canada May 15 2025 from PRFSA, MFSA and SFSDC 'Urgent Review and Revitalization of the Canadian Forage Seed Project and Agreement'.

**Moved by:** Peace Region Forage Seed Association

**Seconded by:** Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission

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