

# Ottawa Farmers' Market Association

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## Vendors' Handbook of Rules & Regulations **Satellite Markets**

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## PURPOSE OF THE HANDBOOK

1. The purpose of this Vendors' Handbook is to describe the organization and administration of the Ottawa Farmers' Market Association's (OFMA) Satellite Markets, and to detail the rules and regulations to be followed by the Board of Directors, vendors and staff of the Market. Satellite Markets are defined as OFMA Farmers' Markets not located at Lansdowne Park. The Farmers' Market located at Lansdowne Park shall be administered by a separate Vendor's Handbook. The word(s) "Market" or "Farmers' Market" in this Handbook refer to Satellite Markets only. Any issue not covered in this Handbook shall be dealt with by the Market Manager or Board of Directors. The responsibility for changes to the Vendor Handbook and its implementation lie with the elected Board of Directors.

## ORGANIZATION

2. **OFM Association.** The name of the organization is the Ottawa Farmers' Market Association (OFMA) (Ontario Corporation #1723445) a non-profit organization. The mission of the OFMA is to maintain a Farmers' Market for the purpose of marketing Ottawa Region, farm, agricultural and craft products and to improve production of, stimulate public interest in and increase consumption of these products. The OFMA is therefore open strictly to local and bona fide producer-Vendors; resellers are not eligible. All Vendors must be members in good standing of the OFMA.

3. **Governance. Governance is as per the OFMA bylaws.** The OFMA is governed by a 10-member Board of Directors elected from the OFMA membership. The Board of Directors consists of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and six Directors. See Appendix A for a list of Board of Directors members. Board of Director meetings are normally held on the first Monday of each month. Amendments to the Vendor's Handbook may be made by the Board of Directors at any time, however such amendments shall not be in force or acted upon until approved by the voting members at a general or special meeting. Member concerns may be addressed personally at a Board of Director meeting providing 48 hours written notice prior to the meeting is given to the President. Non-compliance with any provision of this handbook is subject to disciplinary proceedings as set out in item #16 of the OFMA By Laws.

4. **Management.** The OFMA is managed and operated by a Market Manager. The Market Manager shall be an employee of the OFMA. Other support staff shall be employees or contracted as applicable.

5. **Market Branding. Colours:** The official colours of OFMA are Green and White.



Logo:

Motto: From the Heart of the Land

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## MARKET LOCATION, SEASON, and DAYS

6. **Location.** The OFMA is centered at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, Ontario and locations as stipulated on the stall application forms.

### 7. Dates & Hours.

The summer Market season will operate from May to October. Additional markets and exact dates and times are set by the Board of Directors and listed on the stall application forms. Early closing as a result of safety concerns will be at the discretion of the Market Manager.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

8. **Producers-only.** Vendors shall produce what they sell. All products offered for sale shall be grown or produced by the applying Vendor. The Vendor is defined as the applicant or the applicant's spouse, sibling, child, parent or domestic partner, or employee, or member of a provincially registered legal producer-based agricultural co-operative who assist substantially in the cultivation of the crops, or in the production of the Agricultural, Prepared Food or Craft product. The sale of items grown or produced by anyone other than the Vendor, as defined above, shall not be permitted.

9. **Residency.** Applicants shall reside in Canada and grow or produce the goods within 100km of the City of Ottawa. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## PRODUCT CATEGORIES

10. **Agriculture.** Products include, but are not limited to, fruit and vegetables, plants, shrubs, trees, flowers, honey, maple syrup, preserves, sauce, wine, cider, vinegar, meat, fish, poultry & eggs, soap, dried soup and other mixes, soils (black muck), manure, firewood, fleece, wool, fence posts, animal feed, grains, etc. Agricultural Vendors may sell pre-packaged, individual servings for take-home, and a reasonable charge may be applied for small samples. Vendors must ensure that all returned products from off site processing are their own. Product gatherers either gather on their own land or on other land with the owner's permission. If more than one Vendor applies from the same agricultural enterprise, each shall be separate legally and physically. Agriculture vendors shall comprise at least 50% of the OFMA membership.

Agricultural vendors may sell prepared food from their Agricultural Stall provided the following guidelines are adhered to:

- Single item<sup>1</sup> only may be served which shall not become the main or dominant product on the vendor's stall.
- Menu of one item only per market day with no limit on number of item choices for the season<sup>2</sup>
- The defining<sup>3</sup> or main<sup>4</sup> ingredient must be produced by the agricultural vendor
- All menu items will be juried at the discretion of the Market Manager
- Should the preparation of food interfere with a neighbouring vendor the offending vendor will either have to change the way they prepare the food or move to another stall in accordance with Item #38 – *Conducting Business*
- All participating vendors will have to comply with Item #42 – *Food Safety*

<sup>1</sup> **Single item** -- can be a dish (i.e. chili, soup, stew, salad) or a single item (i.e. cob of corn, hamburger) served in or on a single container (i.e. cup, bowl, plate or substrate) with no side dishes or beverages which would turn it into a meal. Condiments (ketchup, mustard, butter for corn, etc.) would be permitted

<sup>2</sup> **One Item** - only one choice may be offered on any given market day but there is no limit to the variety that can be offered throughout the season, as product becomes available

<sup>3</sup> **Defining** - critically important to the dish

<sup>4</sup> **Main** – most prominent, by weight or by volume

11. **Prepared Food.** All prepared food shall be produced by the applying vendor from scratch. Products include, but are not limited to, breads, rolls, buns, muffins, cookies, fruit pies, cakes, pastries, meat pies, etc.

- May add value to the item before serving it to the customer<sup>1</sup>
- Vendors shall use as much local product as possible <sup>2</sup>
- May have multiple menu items (i.e. cookies, squares, bread, pies, etc. at one stall)
- May sell their goods either pre-packaged at point of production, packaged at point of sale or as a single, ready-to-eat serving handed to the customer on a napkin or plate or in a cup, with a fork or spoon as required
- Hot items shall not be served at the Market.
- The Market Manager has the right to request that Prepared Food Vendors provide proof of locally sourced ingredients, i.e. receipts, etc.

<sup>1</sup> **Add Value** – for example, a prepared food vendor could sell pie by the slice and add a dollop of whipping cream or spoonful of (local) ice cream, or drizzle it with a (local) berry sauce. A bagel vendor could spread cream cheese on the bagel before giving it to the customer, local ice cream could be sold in a cone, etc.

<sup>2</sup> **Local** - obtaining the defining ingredient(s) used in prepared dishes from, in the following order:

- *OFMA Members (including exceptions outside 100 km)*
- *Farmers/producers within 100 km of Ottawa*
- *Farmers/producers from Ontario and/or Quebec*

Vendors shall sell a minimum of 4 days prior to July 31 or risk losing their membership. If Prepared Food vendors wish to attend in the fall only, they must apply, book and pay for their block stall space before July 31.

## 12. Food Concession.

The goal of the Ottawa Farmers' Market (OFM) is for the Food Court (FC) Vendors to provide food that is of high quality, prepared by the Vendor, on site or at home, using local products, and ensure the customer is offered a varied and interesting selection

- Food court vendors are the only vendors who can serve a meal<sup>1</sup>
- Food Court Vendors can only be full season Vendors;
- The number of Food Court category members shall be a maximum 10% of the membership;
- The number of FC Vendors at a market location, shall be determined by the space available and at the discretion of the Board of Directors;
- Preference shall be given to premium products including food, drinks, and condiments;
- Hot and/or cold food shall be prepared by the Vendor, on or off site, preferably from scratch;
- Food shall be "ready to eat" for consumption at the market, or for takeout;
- Vendors shall only use high quality ingredients and purchase ingredients directly from OFM members or sourced from local producers as much as possible<sup>2</sup>;
- Vendors are encouraged to create drinks from a variety of ingredients on site. Concentrates and powder mixes are not acceptable. Vendors shall only sell locally roasted fair trade coffee, loose fair trade tea and fair trade cocoa (hot chocolate). Milk is also permitted to be sold;
- The Market Manager has the right to request that FC Vendors provide proof of locally sourced ingredients ie. receipts, etc.;
- No trailers shall be allowed in the Food Court Vendors' stalls during Market business hours.

<sup>1</sup> **Meal** – *variety of food and beverage served and eaten at one time*

<sup>2</sup> **Local** - *obtaining the defining ingredient(s) used in prepared dishes from, in the following order:*

- *OFMA Members (including exceptions outside 100 km)*
- *Farmers/producers within 100 km of Ottawa*
- *Farmers/producers from Ontario and/or Quebec*

13. **Arts and Crafts.** Arts and Crafts shall be hand-made by the Vendor using as much local material as possible and his or her own skill, artistry and training to produce a new, unique and original product appropriate for the farmers' market. Membership numbers in this category will be restricted to 25% of the total membership. The following factors will be closely assessed:

- Craftsmanship and quality.
- Creativity and originality of concept.
- Value added to original or natural materials, as local as possible, used in the finished product.

Vendors shall sell a minimum of 4 days prior to July 31 or risk losing their membership. If Arts and Crafts vendors wish to attend in the fall only, they must apply, book and pay for their block stall space before July 31.

## APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

14. **Vendor Agreement.** All applicants for membership shall complete a "Vendor Agreement" form. This Agreement is made annually between the OFMA and the producer-Vendor, who agree to enter into a contract for their mutual benefit and to set out the terms and conditions of their Agreement, as detailed in this Handbook. Signing of the Vendor Agreement confirms that the Vendor shall abide by the By-Laws, Vendor's Handbook Rules and Regulations which were established to ensure a high quality, producer-based market, with a variety and balance of products, and to ensure fairness to all Vendors. The Agreement also lists all the products approved by the Board of Directors for sale by the Vendor at the Market.

In the event of the business changing ownership, it is deemed a breach of the “Vendor Agreement” and as such, the business shall lose seniority and shall require a new Vendor application and products to be juried. The new owner shall retain the same location.

Businesses transferred to immediate family members (definition for "immediate family" includes the spouse, great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of the owner and his/her spouse. This also includes individuals for whom the owner is current legal guardian) shall maintain full membership status and remain at the same seniority level.

A Vendor may change product category, but shall conform to all rules pertaining to that category and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

15. **Review & Jurying.** The completed Vendor Agreement form is reviewed by the Membership Committee. All products to be offered for sale shall be juried by a Jurying Committee (committee within the Membership Committee) to ensure they are indeed produced by the applicant, are produced within 100 km of the City of Ottawa, are of high quality and are compatible with the other products sold at the Market. For returning members with new products, and new members, samples shall be presented well before Market day. Jurying times and dates will be determined by the Membership Committee

16. **Approval**

- a. The Jurying Committee shall recommend acceptance or rejection of each Vendor Agreement and each product to be offered for sale, based on a majority vote, and the results shall be submitted to the OFMA Board of Directors for final approval.
- b. The OFMA Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse acceptance of any applicant or product that is not in keeping with the rules, regulations or standards of the OFMA. Applicants may ask the Board of Directors to reconsider decisions made on their admission or products.
- c. The Board of Directors may, in it’s discretion, limit the participation of member(s) to specified markets and to specified products.

17. **Seniority.** Seniority within the OFMA is defined as a Member, in good standing, who attends the market as a full season Vendor (see Item 25 in the Vendors’ Handbook), and who has committed to the full season. Total of fees must be received by April 25<sup>th</sup> each season.

Payment in advance means the delivery of 3 post dated cheques before April 25<sup>th</sup>, dated April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> or with one cheque covering the entire amount due dated April 25<sup>th</sup>. Failure to commit with payment in full shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings as set out in item #16 of the OFMA By Laws.

Previous block or occasional Vendors applying for full season status shall be granted seniority in the order that their membership application and payment are received (post marked date). New members applying to the OFMA requesting full season status shall be granted seniority in the order applications and payments are received and approved by the Board of Directors.

There is one seniority list.

Stalls that become available for various reasons, such as Vendors leaving the market, shall be offered to all full season members and awarded to the interested member highest on the seniority list. If no existing members are interested in the stall space it would be offered to new full season members as they applied, or to block or occasional Vendors in that order. Members who stop attending the market for health or other reasons, may apply to the Board of Directors to hold onto their seniority for the remainder of the season.

18. **New Products.** If, after approval of original product lists, Vendors wishing to sell items which fall into a different product category, or wish to add new products from the product(s) originally juried, they shall have these items juried and approved before they can be offered for sale, display or sampling. The original application shall be amended as required. A database shall be created for each Vendor product list and shall be amended, with approval by the Board of Directors

19. **Special Markets.** Each Special or Satellite Market may have its own application and selection process. OFMA Members must attend at least 6 markets by the end of the season to be eligible for the Christmas Markets. The Board may allow exceptions.

**STALL ALLOCATION**

20. **Space Limitations.** Indoor Vendors are normally limited to a single stall space; outdoor Vendors are normally limited to 2 stall spaces. Vendors are restricted to one corner stall per Vendor. Vendors may apply for multiple spaces, but allocation depends on the space available at the time, and may be withdrawn at any time if the space is required for new Vendors.

Additional stall space requirements shall be, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, charged a percentage of the space taken.

21. **Sharing.** Two Vendors may share a stall, provided that they meet the following criteria:

- Both shall hold individual memberships;
- Products of both shall be on display at all times;



- Their products are deemed compatible;
- Both Vendors shall attend full time.

22. **Sub-letting.** Vendors may not sell, sub-let or rent stall space to other Vendors.

23. **Space Allocation and Location.** For the regular season, stall spaces are allocated in the following priority:

- 1) Full stalls (10'x20') shall be available only to Agricultural vendors. The Board of Directors may allow exceptions to non Agricultural vendors if justified.
- 2) Returning full-season Vendors have the right of first refusal on their previous year's location, and first choice over all other Vendors in order of seniority for a vacant and available stall.
- 3) New full-season Vendors.
- 4) Block Vendors.
- 5) Occasional Vendors on a first-come first-served basis prior to Market day.

Seniority list attached (Appendix D)

For Special Markets, space is allocated as above, except for Occasional Vendors where priority is given to Occasional Agriculture, Prepared Food and Food Concession Vendors and then Occasional Craft Vendors based on the number of days they have attended the Market during the year. Vendors whose applications are received after the application deadline shall be allocated space last if available.

## FEES

24. **Membership Fee.** Members shall pay a non-refundable membership fee of \$150.00 (plus HST) in their first year. In subsequent years, annual membership fees are \$50.00 (plus HST).

Fees are due January 1<sup>st</sup> and shall be remitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>. From March 16 to May 1, an additional \$50 late charge shall apply.

Failure to submit fees by May 1, shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings as set out in item #16 of the OFMA By Laws. Any disputes will be addressed by the Board of Directors.

25. **Stall Fees.** Fees are based on Vendor status and size and location of the stall. Location preference is based on seniority and full season membership. Selection of stalls should be made prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the new season.

- New Member Special – Pays 3 daily fees and gets the 4<sup>th</sup> day free, payable in advance. The 4 days shall be sequential.
- Occasional Due and payable in full to the Market Manager on arrival;
- Block Season. Due and payable in full to the Market Manager on arrival of first day of trading;
- Full Season. Total of fees must be received by April 25 each season. A new full season member applying after the beginning of the season shall pay stall fees in full on their first market day, based on the number of weeks remaining in the season. Vendors shall decide on seasonal stall before the end of their first market day. Food Court Vendors shall pay for a full season stall; Seniority is applied to seasonal Vendors only.
- Special Markets. Payable on application.

Fees will be determined each year by the Board of Directors and set out on the fee schedule on the Stall Application Form.

- Satellite market locations: regular and corner stall – half (10'x10') or full (10'x20')

26. **Hydro Usage.** Hydro may be available at some locations and will be coordinated through the Market Manager. If available, power will be on a per 15 amp outlet basis per season due on the first Market day. Electrical requirements and fees shall be assessed on a yearly basis by the Board of Directors. If no power is available, generators and other power sources may be used as long as they conform to fire safety standards and do not disturb other Vendors.

27. **Vendor Identification.** Each Vendor and staff shall wear an OFMA apron (properly worn) or t-shirt (fully visible). The aprons and t-shirts are available from the Market Manager at cost.

28. **Vendor Signs.** All Vendors shall display an identification sign within their stall. The sign shall be no smaller than 2 sq. ft. and no larger than 8 sq. ft.

- A) Vendor identification sign shall identify business name and may identify address, owner(s), web site, slogan, product description etc.



- B) Promotional signs shall be of professional quality and directly related to the Vendor's operations.
- C) Product, pricing and menu signs shall be clearly displayed.
- D) Signage conflicts shall be addressed by the Market Manager, and if unresolved, by the Board of Directors.

29. **Refund Policy.** Membership, occasional, new member special and hydro usage fees are non-refundable. The Season, Block Season and Special Market fees may be refundable, on approval by the Board of Directors. Refunds shall be pro rated according to Market days remaining. A \$25 administrative fee is applicable.

## VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES

30. **Compliance.** Vendors shall fully comply with the following;

- The OFMA Bylaws and this Handbook;
- Municipal, Provincial and Federal Regulations regarding labelling, measures, health and safety, etc., for all products offered for sale at the Market.
- Treat the OFMA Board of Directors, staff/employees and volunteers with courtesy and the utmost respect.
- Treat the OFMA members, vendors and their staff/employees with courtesy and the utmost respect.

Failure to comply may be grounds for suspension or termination of the Vendor Agreement and membership and is subject to disciplinary proceedings as set out in item #16 of the OFMA By Laws.

Compliance is the responsibility of the individual Vendor and not the OFMA. As per the OFMA Protocol for Inspections, the Board of Directors reserves the right to appoint individuals or organizations to visit a farm or workshop etc, to undertake and audit, to verify compliance. Whatever information or documentation is requested it shall be provided by the Vendor. Non-compliance may result in the membership being revoked.

During market hours, the Market Manager may issue a ticket to non-complying vendors for each infraction, which will carry a \$10 fee per ticket or infraction, payable at time of infraction or when the following year's membership renewal is due. Membership renewal will not be permitted until any outstanding fees are paid in full. If you wish to dispute the ticket you must notify the Market Manager in writing within 10 days of the ticket being issued. Vendors shall be required to explain to the Board of Directors why they are not following the rules and regulations upon receipt of their 5<sup>th</sup> ticket.

31. **Payment of Fees.** Any NSF cheques are subject to a \$50.00 administration fee, cash only shall be accepted from any Vendor who has two NSF cheques per year.

32. **Stall Sitters.** Vendors are expected to attend the Market in person to sell their own products, and not make use of agents. Occasional use of stall sitters is permitted, and Vendors are encouraged to arrange a sitter rather than not opening the stall for the day, but any Vendor who uses a stall sitter six times shall be required to explain to the Board of Directors why their Vendor Agreement and membership should not be terminated.

33. **Vendor Attendance.** Vendors are expected to attend the Market for the entire market day and shall inform the Market Manager by 7.00pm the day before Market Day, if they will not be opening. If the Vendor does not arrive 30 minutes before opening, their stall space may be assigned to another Vendor.

Those who are absent and/or do not open six market days per market location, during a market season, **shall be required to explain to the Board of Directors why they were absent and/or did not open.** Without an adequate explanation their stall location could be taken away, seniority could be lost, membership could be revoked or other action may be taken at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

34. **Punctuality.** Late arrivals and early departures disrupt the Market, annoy customers and can become a safety issue. Vendors who arrive late or leave early shall first be warned by the Market Manager on each occasion and, if late six times or depart early six times, shall be required to explain to the Board of Directors why their Vendor Agreement and membership should not be terminated.

- **Late Arrivals.** Vendors shall arrive at the Market in time to unload, move products into the stall, park vehicles, setup their stall and open for business at the designated opening time (see article 7 for times). If a Season Vendor has not arrived at least 30 minutes before opening time the Market Manager has the option to rent the stall to an Occasional Vendor for the day. Season Vendors shall notify the Market Manager if they will be late or absent.
- **Early Departures.** Vendors shall keep their booths/stalls open for the entire Market day, and not begin to tear down their display or stall before the designated closing time. If the Vendor must leave early, they shall inform the Market Manager and

shall not bring their vehicle into the sales area. In no case will a vehicle be allowed to move within the customer areas until after the Market closes. All Vendors shall leave the Market no later than 2 hours after the Market closes.

**35. Products.** Vendors shall bring enough products to last the entire day. Exceptions may be made for reasons of product supply beyond the control of the Vendor; e.g. produce in season. Products being delivered during market hours shall be taken to the Vendor's stall by hand or cart. All Vendors shall remove products daily. All produce shall be fresh and of good quality.

**36. Displays.** Vendors are responsible for providing all display materials (displays, tables, chairs etc), and setting up and tearing down any displays. The Market is not able to provide any materials. Stalls shall have an attractive and professional appearance, enhanced by good presentation and cleanliness. All materials shall be removed at the end of each market day. The OFMA accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any property. Vendors are encouraged to seek the advice and assistance of the Membership Committee for guidance on displays and selling. The Market Manager may ask that unsightly or unsafe materials be removed immediately.

Trailers shall be allowed in stall spaces if they are essential to the operation of the stall and they shall be aesthetically pleasing. No motor vehicles shall be allowed in stall spaces. Stalls shall have clear visibility above a display (not to exceed 4' from the ground) in the first 5 feet of the stall.

Occasionally, with proper arrangements with the Market Manager, equipment can be left on site. If the Vendor does not return the following market day, the equipment shall be removed to another site at the owner's risk and expenses. The OFM accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any property.

When Vendors bring canopies, they shall be in good condition and aesthetically pleasing.

Canopies and other structures shall be secured during Market hours. Any vendor not securing their canopy or structure with a weight of minimum 40 lbs. each leg anchoring as approved by the Market Manager (tied to the ceiling or upper portion of the canopy) will not be allowed to set up at the market.

**37. Parking.** All Vendors and staff shall unload promptly and remove vehicles from the Market footprint, at least 15 minutes prior to the market opening. Vehicle engines shall NOT be left running during this time. All Vendors shall park their vehicles in the designated Vendor parking area. Prime parking areas shall be left clear for customer parking. Failure to park in the designated area shall result in an infraction ticket carrying a \$10.00 fee.

**38. Conducting Business.** Vendors shall remain in their own booths/stalls when selling. Sales shall be conducted in an orderly and business-like way, and no shouting or other objectionable means of soliciting trade are permitted. Vendors are to conduct themselves in a professional and orderly manner at all times.

**39. Pricing.** All items offered for sale shall have prices prominently and clearly displayed. Misrepresentation of prices, for example posting one price and selling for a different price, is unacceptable. Any pricing disputes shall be arbitrated by the Market Manager as soon as feasible and if unresolved, the Vendor may be requested to appear before the Board of Directors.

**40. Farm Products Grades and Sales Act.** Produce shall be sold by units or legal containers, such as bushel, 4-liter basket, quart, etc. If your product is sold by weight, the scale shall be government inspected, with a valid sticker displayed. It is the responsibility of the Vendor to correctly label and price all products.

**41. Safety.** Safety in the market is of the utmost importance. Any potential safety issues shall be brought to the attention of the Market Manager immediately.

Vendors who have any form of heating source and/or generator shall have a certified ABC fire extinguisher on hand in their stall. . All electrical extension cords to be min. 12 gauge, CSA certified and in good working condition. All electrical equipment to be CSA certified and in good working condition.

All Vendors are responsible for adhering to all Federal, Provincial and City health regulations and guidelines concerning food and safety.

Crafts that are considered a child safety hazard, shall not be allowed.

**42. Food Safety.** Every person handling food products shall maintain a very high standard of personal hygiene and cleanliness. In fact, all Vendors and staff shall practice these standards to prevent the transfer of pathogens between Vendors/staff and therefore to foods. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- All foods offered for sale shall be protected from contamination;

- Prepared foods shall be pre-packaged at point of production, or contained in a display case to protect from airborne and human contamination, and smaller items such as muffins may be packaged at point of sale;
- All persons handling food shall wear clean clothing, wash hands often, be free from infectious disease, NOT smoke, and avoid touching nose, mouth and hair;
- All Vendors SHALL wash hands thoroughly with warm water and soap after visiting the washroom;
- Hand wash stations are encouraged to be used at Vendors stalls;
- Containers and wrappings shall be single-use only;
- Do not allow any unauthorized persons access to where food is being prepared;
- Racks, shelves or tables shall be provided for food display, and all food shall be at least 15cm (6in) off the floor/ground;
- All processed, unpackaged foods, and preparation equipment shall be protected with a sneeze screen;
- All canned products must be packaged in new containers and sealed with new vacuum lids;
- Personal effects shall not be stored anywhere near food products;
- Sampling and condiments:
  - Do not allow customers to get hands anywhere near samples to be eaten by other customers; prepare individual samples that cannot be handled by more than one person; provide toothpicks or small paper containers, or pass out each sample.
  - Proper refuse containers shall be provided at sampling locations.
  - Provide tongs, forks or spoons for each type of condiment being offered; no customer hands in the container.
  - Clean up the serving area often, being especially careful to pick up food scraps that fall to the ground or floor.
  - Watch children very closely in case of allergies.

43. **Refuse.** Stalls shall be kept free from refuse during the Market day. All vendors refuse shall be removed to the vendor's premises. This is especially critical for any produce and food Vendors, because of the risk of vermin, and scraps of any such material shall be scrupulously cleaned up from the floor or ground.

44. **In-stall Storage.** Storage containers and equipment shall be confined to the stall space in an orderly manner.

45. **Alcohol.** Only alcoholic beverages approved by the Board of Directors are permitted on the Market grounds.

46. **Proper Dress.** All Vendors shall wear proper attire.

47. **Smoking.** Smoking is not permitted.

48. **Live Animals.** Pets are not permitted in any Market building under any circumstances; guide dogs excepted. Vendors' pets are not permitted at the Market.

49. **Insurance.** While the OFMA does carry basic Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance, any additional insurance coverage is the responsibility of the individual Vendor. OFMA bears no responsibility for any Vendor property at the Market.

50. **Vendor Concerns.** Any concerns that cannot be resolved by the Market Manager can be brought to the Board of Directors.

## 51. OFMA Inspection Protocol

### Complaints

1. All complaints shall be in writing and shall be signed and sealed by the complainant and provided to the Market Manager for delivery to the Chair of the Membership Committee.
2. Only complaints related to buying and selling shall warrant an inspection, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
3. The name of the complainant shall be made known only to the Market Manager and the Board of Directors of the OFMA, as may be required.
4. Verbal complaints shall be dealt with by the Market Manager. The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, initiate an inspection if several verbal complaints about a member are received.

### Inspection of a Member's Place of Business

1. At least one day's notice shall be given for a first inspection. Inspections necessitated by further complaints against the same member in the same year may be conducted without notice.
2. Inspections shall be conducted by two or three persons with at least one having knowledge of the inspected members business category.
3. The complaint shall be provided to the member being inspected at the time of inspection without the name of the complainant.

4. Inspections shall only be carried out during business hours in the presence of the member being inspected.
5. Documentation related to the member's business operation requested during an inspection shall be provided within 48 hours in original form or as true copies thereof.
6. Photographs and/or videos may be taken of a member's business operation during an inspection for purposes of the investigation.
7. A member being investigated, shall if requested, provide a list of all other venues or locations he or she sells at.
8. A member being inspected is required to attend and give his or her full co-operation to the persons conducting the inspection. The following shall, among other things, be considered evidence of lack of co-operation;
  - a) Failure to respond to two attempts to arrange an inspection,
  - b) Refusing the inspectors access to the member's place of business,
  - c) Failure of the member being inspected to comply with the investigative requirements herein set forth.

### **Inspection of a Member's Stall Contents**

The Market Manager has the right to inspect the contents of any stall at any time during the Market day.

### **Hearing and Appeal**

In the event of the Board of Directors being satisfied of there being sufficient evidence that a member has been buying and re-selling or has otherwise failed to comply with the written requirements of the OFMA, that member shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings as set out in item #16 of the OFMA By Laws.

### **MARKET MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES**

52. **Rules and Regulations.** The Market Manager supervises the day-to-day operation of the Market. He/she shall apply the rules and regulations of the Market as detailed in the Vendors' Handbook, and report violations in writing to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis. The Manager may ask the Board of Directors to take disciplinary action against a Vendor if the rules and regulations have been abused. Any unresolved disputes shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors by the Market Manager.

53. **Collection of Fees.** The Market Manager shall collect all fees when they are due, and promptly deposit monies. A \$50 charge will be levied for NSF cheques. Vendors may not set up until appropriate fees are paid.

54. **Space Allocation.** The Market Manager shall assign all stall space, taking into consideration;

- Priorities established at article 23 above;
- Vendor attendance record, including late arrivals and early departures;
- Stall availability;
- Craft category and its compatibility with products of nearby Vendors;
- Special requirements (hydro, over sized vehicle placement, late arrivals, early departures).

55. **Removal of Persons.** The Market Manager has the authority, with cause, to request any Vendor or other person to leave the Market operating area and, if necessary, to call the police for assistance. Canvassing of any kind must be pre-approved and pre-arranged by the Market Manager.

56. **Community Table.** A community table is available to charitable, non-profit organizations and elected officials representing the riding/ward containing the market, at no cost, for educational purposes by applying to the Market Manager at least one week in advance. The community table cannot be used by any group or individual to engage in political action during the official campaign period as defined by legislation at the federal, provincial or municipal level. Any products to be offered for sale shall be approved by the Market Manager and shall not be in competition with market Vendors, and all OFMA rules and regulations shall apply. The person applying shall be held responsible for ensuring that the stall is staffed, and left in the same condition as received. The Market does not provide tables, chairs or any display materials and does not take any responsibility for loss or damage.

57. **Problem Resolution.** Vendors are encouraged to approach the Market Manager if they encounter a problem. Any issue requiring further attention can be brought to the Market Manager and in turn to a Board of Directors meeting. Discussion of problems of the Market in front of customers is strongly discouraged.

### **GIFT CERTIFICATES**

58. **Purchase.** Customers may buy gift certificates for redemption at any Market stall. Here are the highlights of the certificates:

- Certificates will be sold and authorized only by the Market Manager;
- The maximum denomination of any one certificate will be \$20;
- Certificates will only be valid when embossed with the Market stamp over the logo;
- Certificates are serial-numbered and recorded;
- Customers may redeem the certificate for products at the Vendor of choice.

59. **Redemption.** Vendors should handle the certificates as follows:

- Certificates may not be redeemed wholly for cash instead of product, but Vendors should treat the certificate as cash, providing cash change from the purchase price;
- Vendors will be reimbursed the full amount of the certificate;
- Vendors should present the certificate to the Market Manager who will ensure that the full amount is issued, the same day if possible.

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