

Natural Resources Advisory Council Act

CHAPTER 9

OF THE

ACTS OF 1993

An Act to Establish the Natural Resources Advisory Council

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the *Natural Resources Advisory Council Act*. 1993, c. 9, s. 1.

Interpretation

2 In this Act,

(a) "Council" means the Natural Resources Advisory Council appointed pursuant to this Act;

(b) "Minister" means the Minister of Natural Resources. 1993, c. 9, s. 2.

Natural Resources Advisory Council

3 (1) There is hereby established a Natural Resources Advisory Council consisting of not more than twenty-one members appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister, two of whom shall be representatives of the aboriginal peoples.

Consultation on appointments

(2) Before appointments are made to the Council, the Minister shall consult with and, in making appointments to the Council, the Governor in Council may appoint private-land owners, members of the Federation of Agriculture, persons who are knowledgeable in the area of forestry, mining, wildlife, biological conservation and protected areas, recreation and tourism and representatives of the aboriginal peoples.

Chair

(3) The Governor in Council may appoint one of the members to be Chair of the Council.

Quorum

(4) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.

Remuneration and expenses

(5) A member of the Council is entitled to receive such remuneration as the Governor in Council may determine and may also be reimbursed for reasonable travelling and other expenses incurred in carrying out that members duties.

Term of office of members

(6) A member of the Council holds office for such term as the Governor in Council determines and may be re-appointed.

Casual vacancies

(7) Where a person ceases to be a member of the Council for any reason, including resignation, inability to act or failure to attend three consecutive Council meetings without just cause, the Governor in Council may appoint another person to the Council to hold office for the unexpired term of that member. 1993, c. 9, s. 3.

Duties of Council

4 (1) The Council shall advise the Minister on

- (a) an integrated approach to the management of Crown lands;
- (b) matters relating to mining, forestry, parks, wildlife, recreation, tourism and agriculture;
- (c) the conservation of genetic resources, biological diversity and ecosystem processes;
- (d) such other matters as are referred to the Council by the Minister or the Governor in Council.

Informing other ministers

(2) Where the advice given to the Minister by the Council pursuant to subsection (1) relates to matters under the jurisdiction of another member of the Executive Council, the Minister shall inform the appropriate member of the Executive Council of the Councils recommendations. 1993, c. 9, s. 4.

Annual report

5 (1) The Council shall submit an annual report on its activities during the preceding year to the Minister.

Tabling report

(2) The Minister shall table the annual report referred to in subsection (1) in the Assembly or, if the Assembly is not then sitting, within fifteen days after the Assembly next sits. 1993, c. 9, s. 5.

Forest Enhancement Act amended

6 (1) Clause (b) of Section 3 and Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter 178 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Forest Enhancement Act*, are repealed.

(2) Subsection (1) of Section 7 of said Chapter 178 is amended by

(a) adding at the end of clause (b) thereof the word "and"; and

(b) repealing clause (c) thereof.

(3) Subsection (1) of Section 10 of said Chapter 178 is repealed.

(4) Subsection (2) of said Section 10 is amended by striking out the words, symbols, letter, figure and punctuation "For the purpose of clause (c) of subsection (1), the" in the first and second lines thereof and substituting therefor the word "The".

(5) Subsection (1) of Section 11 of said Chapter 178 is amended by striking out the punctuation and words ", for the effective organization and functioning of the Council" in the fourth and fifth lines thereof. 1993, c. 9, s. 6.

Provincial Parks Act amended

7 Clause (k) of Section 3 and Section 14 of Chapter 367 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Provincial Parks Act*, are repealed. 1993, c. 9, s. 7.

Wildlife Act amended

8 Section 7 and clause (b) of subsection (1) of Section 113 of Chapter 504 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Wildlife Act*, are repealed. 1993, c. 9, s. 8.

Beaches Act amended

9 Subsection (2) of Section 4 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Beaches Act*, is amended by striking out the words "Parks and Trails Advisory Council established pursuant to the *Provincial Parks Act*" in the second and third lines thereof and substituting therefor the words "Natural Resources Advisory Council established pursuant to the *Natural Resources Advisory Council Act*". 1993, c. 9, s. 9.

Trails Act amended

10 Section 4 of Chapter 476 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Trails Act*, is amended by striking out the words "Parks and Trails Advisory Council established pursuant to the *Provincial Parks Act*" in the third and fourth lines thereof and substituting therefor the words "Natural Resources Advisory Council established pursuant to the *Natural Resources Advisory Council Act*". 1993, c. 9, s. 10.

Proclamation

11 This Act comes into force on and not before such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation. 1993, c. 9, s. 11.

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In force - June 20, 1995