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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1967)

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as *The Recreation Development Act*.

2. In this Act,

- (a) "council" means
  - (i) the council of a municipality, or
  - (ii) in the case of a special area or an improvement district, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, or
  - (iii) in the case of a new town, the board of administrators, or
  - (iv) the board of trustees of a school district situated within a national park;
- (b) "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council charged with the administration of this Act;
- (c) "municipality" means a city, town, village, summer village, new town, municipal district, county, special area, improvement district or school district situated within a national park;
- (d) "recreation services" means the planned use of community resources such as finances, leadership, areas and facilities to satisfy the needs or interests of citizens during their leisure;
- (e) "school authority" means the board of trustees of a school district or school division.

3. The Minister shall promote and encourage orderly development of the recreational activities and facilities for the betterment of the people of Alberta, and for that purpose he may:

- (a) enter into agreements or contracts with regard to any matter relating to recreation in Alberta as may be authorized by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

## **Explanatory Notes**

**1.** This Bill is to provide for the promotion and encouragement of the development of recreational activities and facilities in the Province. Recreational development was formerly included under The Cultural Development Act.

**2.** Definitions.

**3.** Functions of the Minister.

- (b) inquire into and collect information on any matter affecting the development of recreation, and disseminate such information as he considers to be in the public interest;
- (c) inquire into, initiate, promote, supervise, assist or develop any proposal, plan, scheme, project, activity or undertaking for furthering the orderly development of the recreational activities and facilities in Alberta;
- (d) promote or attend any conferences or meetings, in carrying out his duties;
- (e) generally, without detracting from the foregoing powers, devise, sponsor, adopt, promote, publicize, and initiate policies, programs and measures for the orderly development of the recreational activities and facilities, and otherwise do such acts necessary or incidental to any of the matters hereinbefore set out.

**4.** Subject to *The Public Service Act, 1962*, there may be appointed a Director of Recreation and such other employees as may be required to administer this Act.

**5.** In order to promote, encourage and co-ordinate orderly recreation development in Alberta the Minister may:

- (a) carry out surveys, call public meetings, promote publicity campaigns, institute enquiries, disseminate information and initiate policies and measures;
- (b) conduct workshops, seminars, schools, conventions and exhibitions;
- (c) engage lecturers, leaders and part-time staff and other resource staff and remunerate them and defray their travelling and other expenses;
- (d) rent, lease, hire or purchase buildings, grounds, equipment, facilities and supplies;
- (e) provide accommodations and meals for instructors, lecturers, leaders, part-time staff, students and those attending meetings;
- (f) establish and collect registration and other fees from students attending workshops, seminars and schools;
- (g) carry out such other functions as may be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purpose of this Act.

**6.** (1) The Minister may, subject to the regulations, make grants, scholarships or contributions to municipalities, to organizations, to public bodies and to persons or classes of persons for the purpose of carrying into effect any of the matters specified in clauses (a) to (e) of section 3.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

**4. Administrative staff.**

**5. Powers of the Minister.**

**6. Grants.**

- (a) prescribing the purposes for which grants may be made under this section,
  - (b) specifying to whom and upon what conditions the grants may be paid,
  - (c) limiting the maximum amount payable as grants, and
  - (d) respecting any other matter necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purpose of this section.
- (3) Any grant, scholarship or contribution made under this section shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose or, in the absence of any such appropriation, out of the General Revenue Fund.

**7.** (1) The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may appoint suitable persons to act on boards or committees, either in advisory or technical capacities, to carry out such duties as may be prescribed by the Minister.

(2) The members of a board or committee shall receive no remuneration for their services, but the Lieutenant Governor in Council may by regulation authorize the payment of such subsistence allowances, travelling expenses and other expenses as he considers proper and expedient in connection with the attendance of board members or committee members at board meetings or committee meetings or their duties while otherwise engaged in the work of the board.

(3) The Minister may fix the term of office of the persons appointed to boards or committees and may designate chairmen.

- 8.** (1) The council of a municipality may, by by-law,
- (a) provide a recreation service in such manner and on such conditions as it considers advisable,
  - (b) expend such sums as may be required to provide for the recreation services,
  - (c) establish recreation areas in municipalities,
  - (d) authorize agreements with other municipalities or school authorities, or both, to provide for shared recreation services,
  - (e) appropriate moneys for shared recreation services, and
  - (f) expend moneys for capital works related to a recreation service within the municipality or to recreation services shared with one or more municipalities or school authorities.

(2) The council of a municipality may by by-law levy a special tax on all property within a recreation area established by by-law or included in a joint program that appears on the assessment roll of the municipality.

**7. Advisory committees.**

**8. Municipal recreation programs.**

(3) Notice of a proposed by-law to be passed pursuant to subsection (2) shall be advertised

(a) in the case of a city, by publishing a notice of the proposed by-law once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper circulated within the city,

(b) in the case of a town, new town, or village, by posting within its boundaries notice of the proposed by-law in at least five conspicuous places for at least 30 days and by publishing a like notice in one issue of a newspaper having general circulation within the town, new town or village, and

(c) in the case of a county, municipal district or school district, by posting notices in at least 15 conspicuous places for at least 30 days and by publishing a like notice in one issue of a newspaper having general circulation in the county, municipal district or school district.

(4) The council may pass the by-law unless a petition is received by the council within 30 days of the date when the notice of the by-law was published in the newspaper from 10 per cent of the proprietary electors who reside in the recreation area asking that the by-law be submitted to a vote of the proprietary electors who reside in the recreation area.

(5) If a petition is received asking that the by-law be submitted to a vote, the by-law shall be submitted to a vote of the proprietary electors and shall not be passed by the council until it has been approved by a majority of the proprietary electors voting thereon.

(6) Subsections (4) and (5) do not apply in the case of an improvement district or special area.

**9.** This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.