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THE ALBERTA SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ACT

(Assented to _____, 1971)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. The functions of the Council are dependent upon such appropriations of funds by the Legislature as are necessary to carry out the objects and powers of the Council.

2. In this Act

- (a) "Corporation" means the Alberta Housing Corporation;
- (b) "Council" means The Alberta Senior Citizens Council;
- (c) "housing unit" means a unit as defined in The Alberta Housing Act;
- (d) "Minister" means a member of the Executive Council charged with the administration of this Act;
- (e) "municipality" means a city, town, new town, village, county, municipal district, improvement district or special area;
- (f) "senior citizen" means a citizen resident in Alberta who has attained the age of 65.

3. (1) There is hereby created a council styled "The Alberta Senior Citizens Council".

(2) The Council shall consist of twelve senior citizens appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, one of whom shall act as chairman.

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing the terms of office and conditions of service of members of the Council.

4. (1) The Council shall meet

- (a) at least ten times each year in such places and on such days as may be fixed by the chairman, and

Explanatory Notes

1. Appropriation of funds

2. Definitions

3. Constitution and membership. The Council is to be composed of volunteer citizens and is intended to be self-governing and will elect its own chairman.

4. Meetings. By fixing a minimum of ten meetings per year and allowing the Chairman to fix the time and place of meetings, the Council is given great flexibility. This is extended by permitting the calling of any other meetings the Council deems necessary. The meetings are to be conducted according to by-laws which the Council itself makes. At all times, a minimum of direction from the government is encouraged.

(b) at such other times and places as the Council considers necessary.

(2) The Council may make by-laws respecting

(a) the calling of meetings of the Council,

(b) the conduct of business thereat, including the fixing of a quorum,

(c) the duties and conduct of the members of the Council, and

(d) generally as to the conduct of the business and affairs of the Council.

5. The objects of the Council are to develop, coordinate and encourage throughout the Province, and in municipalities

(a) recognition of contributions made to the life of Alberta by its senior citizens,

(b) special programs and projects by and for senior citizens,

(c) general interest in and knowledge of senior citizens, and

(d) such other services and functions as may be designated by the Minister.

6. In addition to the powers invested in the Council by this Act, the Council has power to

(a) designate a day which a municipality may by by-law proclaim as "Senior Citizens Day",

(b) organize volunteer employment agencies for the specific purpose of assisting senior citizens in obtaining part time employment,

(c) organize senior citizens housing cooperatives for the purpose of providing housing units for senior citizens under the terms of The Alberta Housing Act,

(d) organize programs to assist senior citizens in taking examinations and tests for drivers' licences,

(e) consult with and advise officials of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Commission on all matters pertaining to the costs of health care in Alberta insofar as they affect senior citizens,

(f) organize from time to time special transportation arrangements, journeys, tours and holiday camps in Alberta specifically for senior citizens, and

(g) organize any other programs specifically for senior citizens as may be designated by the Minister.

Explanatory Notes

5. Objects. The Council is to be concerned with the problems and ambitions of senior citizens throughout the province. As well, it seeks to promote understanding and encouragement of the past accomplishments and future objectives of Alberta's senior citizens.

6. Powers. The Council generally has advisory and organizational functions directed towards helping, in a meaningful manner, in those areas of concern that are of prime interest to senior citizens - the constructive use of leisure time, housing, health care, and a sense of involvement.

7. The Council may accept grants, gifts and bequests from any source and any moneys so acquired shall be placed in a separate account for the work of the Council.

8. The Council shall not employ any officers, employees or agents but may request the Minister from time to time to provide the services of employees and agents of the public service for limited periods of time.

9. (1) At the beginning of each year the Council shall make a report of its work during the preceding year to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) A copy of the annual report of the Council shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 15 days after the commencement of the next ensuing session.

10. The Provincial Auditor, or his nominee, shall from time to time, and at least once a year audit the receipts and expenditures of the Council.

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

7. Acceptance of Grants. This Act allows for and should encourage financial gifts and bequests and grants from all sources, including all levels of government.

8. Employees. The Council is not intended to develop into a large bureaucracy and therefore is not permitted to hire permanent employees. It will carry out its functions with active and interested volunteers throughout the province.

9. Annual Report.

10. Audit.