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## **THE NORTHEAST ALBERTA REGIONAL COMMISSION ACT**

*(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1974)*

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

**1.** In this Act,

- (a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner appointed pursuant to section 3;
- (b) "local authority" means
  - (i) the council of a town or village,
  - (ii) the board of administrators of a new town,
  - (iii) the board of trustees of a school district or a school division,
  - (iv) the board of a health unit,
  - (v) the board of a hospital district, and
  - (vi) the Minister with respect to an improvement district;
- (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Municipal Affairs;
- (d) "Region" means the region established pursuant to section 2.

**2.** (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may establish a region to be known as the Northeast Alberta Region.

(2) The Region may include all or any part of the territory within the outer boundaries of Improvement District No. 18 lying north of Township 80.

**3.** (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint an officer to be known as the Commissioner of the Northeast Alberta Region.

(2) The Commissioner shall hold office during pleasure and shall receive such salary as may be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) The Commissioner shall maintain his office within the Region.

## **Explanatory Notes**

**1.** This Bill will provide for the appointment of a Commissioner for the oil sands region of N.E. Alberta whose function will be to co-ordinate and expedite the activities of the Provincial Government and its agencies and the local authorities in the region so that the public services and facilities and the accommodation which will be needed with the development of the oil sands shall be provided in an orderly and efficient manner.

**2.** Establishment of the Northeast Alberta Region.

**3.** Appointment of Commissioner.

4. The functions of the Commissioner are:

- (a) to initiate or organize the development of plans and programs for the provision of municipal, educational, health, transportation, communication and other governmental or public services and facilities and accommodation for the residents of the Region;
- (b) to co-ordinate the programs and services and administrative procedures of
  - (i) departments of the Government,
  - (ii) Government agencies, and
  - (iii) local authorities having jurisdiction in the Region,in matters pertaining to the Region;
- (c) to administer or supervise the implementation of such programs or services as may be assigned to him by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, a minister of the Crown or a local authority;

as may be required to facilitate and expedite the provision of such programs, services and facilities for the benefit of the residents of the Region.

5. (1) The Minister shall establish a committee of residents of the Region to act in an advisory capacity to the Commissioner in matters pertaining to the Region.

(2) The Minister may

- (a) appoint the members of the committee,
- (b) prescribe the term of office of any member,
- (c) designate a chairman and vice-chairman, and
- (d) authorize, fix and provide for the payment of remuneration and expenses to members of the committee.

(3) The committee may make by-laws, subject to the approval of the Minister, governing the calling of meetings and the procedure to be used at and the conduct of the meetings.

6. (1) In accordance with *The Public Service Act* there may be appointed such employees as are required for the administration of this Act.

(2) The Minister may from time to time

- (a) engage the services of experts or persons having special technical or other knowledge to advise the Commissioner or to inquire into and report on any matter to which this Act relates,

**4. Functions of the Commissioner.**

**5. Regional committee to advise the Commissioner.**

**6. Staff to assist the Commissioner.**

- (b) engage the services of persons in connection with specific projects being developed or implemented under the supervision of the Commissioner.
- (3) A person whose services are engaged under subsection (2) may be paid such remuneration and expenses as the Minister may prescribe.

**7.** (1) In order to enable the Commissioner to carry out his functions with the diligence and dispatch that the circumstances may require or to provide assistance to a local authority,

- (a) a local authority having jurisdiction in the Region may assign to the Commissioner any power, duty or right it has by law, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Commissioner, and
- (b) the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, for a specified period of time or for a particular purpose, assign to the Commissioner any power, duty or right that a local authority having jurisdiction in the Region has by law.

(2) With respect to a power, duty or right assigned under subsection (1),

- (a) the Commissioner may,
  - (i) in the name of the local authority, exercise the power, duty or right so as to bind the local authority,
  - (ii) by his order, do anything that a local authority is required to do by by-law or resolution, and
  - (iii) by his signature alone, execute any agreement or other document to be signed on behalf of the local authority,and
- (b) the local authority may not exercise
  - (i) the power, duty or right assigned, or
  - (ii) any other power, duty or right so as to effectively interfere with the exercise by the Commissioner of any power, duty or right assigned to him,

notwithstanding anything contained in the law from which the local authority derived its power, duty or right.

**8.** (1) In order to enable the Commissioner to carry out his functions with the diligence and dispatch that the circumstances may require the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations, with respect to the Region, varying, substituting, adding to or making inapplicable any of the provisions of the following Acts and the regulations thereunder :

**7.** The Commissioner may act on behalf of the local authorities in certain circumstances.

**8.** Modification of other Acts to meet circumstances as they arise.

- (a) *The Improvement Districts Act;*
- (b) *The New Towns Act;*
- (c) *The Municipal Government Act;*
- (d) *The Municipal Election Act;*
- (e) *The Municipal Taxation Act;*
- (f) *The Planning Act;*
- (g) *The Local Authorities Board Act;*
- (h) *The School Act;*
- (i) *The School Election Act;*
- (j) *The Northland School Division Act;*
- (k) *The Alberta Hospitals Act;*
- (l) *The Health Unit Act.*

(2) Any regulations made under this section cease to have any effect after the last day of the next ensuing session of the Legislature.

**9.** *The Proposed Village of Waterways Act*, being chapter 9 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1940, is hereby repealed.

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



**9.** Repeal of 1940 Act which authorized the expropriation of certain lands for the purpose of establishing the proposed village of Waterways.