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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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ARTS COUNCIL ACT

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MRS. GAGNON

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First Reading .....

Second Reading .....

Committee of the Whole .....

Third Reading .....

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### **ARTS COUNCIL ACT**

*(Assented to , 1991)*

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

*Definitions*

**1** In this Act,

(a) "arts" means the arts of the theatre, literature, music, painting, sculpture, architecture or the graphic arts, and includes any other similar creative or interpretative activity;

(b) "Council" means the Alberta Arts Council;

(c) "Minister" means the Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism.

*Council created*

**2** There is hereby created a corporation known as the Alberta Arts Council, consisting of a chairman, a vice-chairman and 10 members.

*Appointment*

**3** The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint the chairman, vice-chairman and members of the Council, each of whom shall hold office for a term of 3 years, except that, of those first appointed, 4 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 4 for 2 years, and 4 for 3 years.

*Allowances and expenses*

**4** The chairman, the vice-chairman and the other members of the Council may be paid reasonable travelling and living expenses incurred by them while away from their ordinary places of residence on the business of the Council, out of money appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature.

*Quorum*

**5** A majority of the members of the Council constitutes a

quorum whether or not a vacancy exists in the membership of the Council.

Objects and powers

**6** It is the function of the Council and it has power to promote the study and enjoyment of and the production of works in the arts, and to such end may,

(a) assist, co-operate with and enlist the aid of organizations whose objects are similar to the objects of the Council;

(b) provide through appropriate organizations or otherwise for grants, scholarships or loans to persons in Alberta for study or research in the arts in Alberta or elsewhere or to persons in other provinces or territories of Canada or any other countries for study or research in the arts in Alberta;

(c) make awards to persons in Alberta for outstanding accomplishments in the arts.

By-laws

**7** The Council may make by-laws regulating its proceedings and generally for the conduct and management of its activities.

Meetings

**8** The Council shall meet at least 4 times a year in the City of Edmonton on such days as are fixed by the Council, and at such other times and places as the Council considers advisable.

Funds

**9(1)** The operation of the Council shall be funded out of money appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature.

(2) The Council may receive such money as is appropriated to its purpose by the Legislature and may also acquire money, securities or other property, real or personal, by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, and may expend, administer or dispose of any such money, securities or other property in the promotion of its objects, subject to the terms, if any, upon which such money, securities or other property were given, devised, bequeathed or otherwise made payable to the Council.

Investment committee

**10(1)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may establish an investment committee composed of the chairman of the Council, a member of the Council designated by the Council and a person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) The investment committee shall aid and advise the Council with respect to the investment of any of its monies that remain in its hands from time to time.

Audit

**11** The accounts and financial transactions of the Council shall be audited annually by the Auditor General, and a report of the audit

shall be made to the Council and to the Minister.

**Annual report**

**12 The chairman of the Council shall annually file with the Minister a report upon the affairs of the Council, and the Minister shall submit the report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council and shall then lay the report before the Assembly if it is then sitting or, if not, within 15 days of the commencement of the next sitting.**