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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION BOARD ACT**

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First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1993)

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

Definitions

1 In this Act,

(a) "agricultural land" means land that is being farmed or that is zoned for farming and has been farmed continually during the previous 3 years.

(b) "farming" includes the production of crops, feed, seed and tree seedling; the raising of livestock including foraging on other than natural growth, and fallowing in the normal course of good husbandry.

(c) "prime agricultural land" means agricultural land falling within Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3 of the Canada Land Inventory and indicated as such on the most recent Canada Land Inventory Soil Capability for Agriculture in Alberta.

Board Established

2 There is hereby established a board to be known as the Agricultural Resources Conservation Board.

Members

3 The Board shall consist of 9 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Objects

4 The objects of the Board are

(a) to encourage the minimization of use of good agricultural land for other purposes;

(b) to provide advice, education, co-ordination and assessment with respect to the use, conservation, enhancement and expansion of agricultural land;

Powers **5** The Board may carry out or contract for studies related to its objects or enter into agreements to assist in the achievements of its objects by any means it deems appropriate.

Use of land **6** Notwithstanding any other Act, no person or authority that has the power to authorize a change in the use of land shall permit prime agricultural land in classes 1, 2 and 3 to be put to any use that is not farming unless he or it has first received a report and recommendations on the land from the Board.

Remuneration, staff **7(1)** The members of the Board shall receive such remuneration and the reimbursement of such expenses as are specified by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, provided that money has been appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature.

(2) The Board may employ such staff and retain such advisors as it deems necessary providing that money has been appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature.

Financial statement and annual report **8** The Board shall, in respect of each year, submit a financial statement and annual report to the Minister of Agriculture who shall forthwith lay them before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting, within 30 days of the commencement of the next sitting.

Crown bound **9** This Act binds the Crown.

10 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.