

BILL

No. 37 of 1930.

An Act to establish a Research Council in Alberta.

(Assented to _____, 1930).

HIS 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 Research Council Act.*"

2. The Scientific and Industrial Research Council of Alberta (Order in Council 30/21) shall be reconstituted and established as a corporation to be known as the Research Council of Alberta (hereinafter called "the Council").

3.—(1) The Council shall consist of not more than ten members, designated from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and shall include two members of the Executive Council of Alberta, the President of the University of Alberta, and members at large.

(2) The ordinary members of the Council shall hold office for a period of one year, but shall be eligible for reappointment.

4.—(1) There shall be a chairman of the Council who shall be a member of the Executive Council of Alberta.

(2) The President of the University of Alberta, shall act as Director of Research for the Council.

5. The Council shall have charge of all matters affecting scientific and industrial research in Alberta which may be assigned to it by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and shall also have the duties of advising the Executive Council of Alberta on questions of scientific and technological methods affecting the expansion of the industries, or the utilization of the natural resources of Alberta.

6. The Council is hereby constituted a body corporate capable of suing and being sued, and having the power to acquire money, securities, real estate or property by gift, grant, bequest, donation or otherwise, and of holding lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and any other property, movable or immovable, for the purpose of, and subject to, this Act.

7. The Council shall meet at least twice a year in the City of Edmonton on such days as may be fixed by the Council, and may also meet at such other times and places as the Council may deem necessary.

8. No member of the Council shall receive any payment or emolument for his services, but each member shall receive such payments for travelling and other expenses in connection with the work of the Council as may be approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

9. The Council may acquire by purchase or lease, or may enter upon, take and use without the consent of the owner thereof, any land and buildings which may be deemed suitable for the purposes of the Council and may erect buildings, acquire and instal machinery and equipment, and purchase all such instruments, materials and appliances and other matters and things as may be deemed necessary:

Provided that such lands and buildings so purchased, leased or taken, and the plants and other buildings to be erected by the Council shall be first approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

10. Whenever the Council exercises the power to enter upon, take, or use lands without the consent of the owner thereof, *The Public Works Act* shall apply *mutatis mutandis* and the procedure shall be, as nearly as may be, that provided in *The Public Works Act*, where land is taken for the use of the Province.

11. The real and personal property, business and income of the Council shall not be subject to assessment or taxation for municipal or provincial purposes.

12. Without thereby limiting the general powers of the Council conferred upon or vested in it by this Act, it is hereby declared that the Council may execute the following powers, namely:

- (a) To make by-laws for the conduct of its business;
- (b) To control and direct the work of the Council;
- (c) To undertake in such way as may be deemed advisable to promote—
 - (i) the utilization of the natural resources of Alberta;
 - (ii) researches with the object of improving the technical processes and methods used in the industries of Alberta and of discovering processes and methods which may promote the expansion of existing or the development of new industries;
 - (iii) researches with the view of utilizing the waste products of said industries;

- (iv) the investigation at the request of any of the industries of Alberta of the materials which are or may be used in, or of the products of, the industries making such a request;
- (v) researches the objects of which are the betterment, welfare and progress of the urban or rural life in the Province;
- (d) To have charge of, and direction or supervision over, the researches which may be undertaken, under conditions to be determined in each case, by or for single industrial firms, or by such organizations or persons, as may desire to avail themselves of the facilities offered for this purpose;
- (e) To expend such sums of money as may be annually appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the work of the Council, or which shall have been received by the Council through bequest, donation or otherwise;
- (f) Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, to appoint such scientific, technical and other officers, and to fix the tenure of such appointments, to prescribe the several duties of such officers, and to fix their remuneration;
- (g) To publish, from time to time, such scientific and technical information as the Council may deem necessary.

13. The Director of Research shall be the chief executive officer of the Council and shall have supervision and direction of the work of the Council and of the officers, technical and otherwise, appointed for the purposes of carrying on the work of the Council. He shall also submit to the Council nominations for any technical or other officers required by the Council.

14.—(1) All discoveries, inventions and improvements in processes, apparatus or machines, made by a member or any number of members of the technical staff of the Council, shall at the discretion of the Council be vested in the Council, and shall be made available to the public under such conditions and payment of fees or royalties or otherwise as the Council may determine, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) The Council, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may pay to its technical officers, and to others working under its auspices, who have made valuable discoveries, inventions or improvements in processes, apparatus and machines such bonuses or royalties as in its opinion may be warranted.

15. All the receipts and expenditures of the Council shall be subject to examination and audit by the Provincial Auditor.

16. The Director of Research shall report annually to the Council upon the progress and efficiency of the work of the Council, and as to its requirements, and shall make such recommendations therein as he may deem necessary.

17.—(1) The Council shall, after the conclusion of the calendar year, make a report to the Premier of the Province on the work of the Council during the preceding year.

(2) This report of the Council shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly within fifteen days after the commencement of the next session of the Legislative Assembly.

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