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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN ACT

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CHAPTER A-6

1. Definitions

In this Act

- (a) “**Council**” means the Council established under section 2;
- (b) “**Minister**” means the Minister responsible for the status of women as designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. *1988,c.7,s.1; 2015,c.36,s.1.*

2. Council

There is established an Advisory Council on the Status of Women. *1988,c.7,s.2.*

3. Functions

The Council shall

- (a) develop public awareness of the issues affecting the status of women;
- (b) promote a change in attitudes within the community in order that women may enjoy an equality of opportunity;
- (c) encourage discussion and expression of opinion by Island residents on issues affecting the status of women;
- (d) advise the Minister with respect to such issues as the Minister may refer to the Council for consideration;
- (e) review policies and legislation affecting women and report its findings to the relevant governmental departments or agencies;
- (f) provide assistance to the Minister in promoting changes to ensure the attainment of equality objectives of women; and
- (g) provide assistance, as the Council deems appropriate, to organizations and groups whose objectives promote the equality of women. *1988,c.7,s.3.*

4. Powers

The Council may

- (a) receive and hear submissions and suggestions from individuals and groups concerning the status of women;
- (b) research matters relating to the status of women and suggest research areas in relation thereto that may be studied by any interested person;
- (c) recommend and participate in programs concerning the status of women;
- (d) recommend legislation, policies and practices to promote equality of opportunity for women and to improve the status of women;

- (e) publish such reports, studies and recommendations as the Council feels advisable; and
- (f) present reports to the Minister for presentation to the Legislative Assembly. *1988, c.7, s.4.*

5. Composition

- (1) The Council shall consist of nine members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Term of office

- (2) The members of the Council shall be appointed for a term of not less than two and not more than three years.

Reappointment

- (3) A member is eligible for reappointment for a second term of not less than one and not more than two years.

Idem

- (4) Anyone who has served on the Council for a period of four years or more is ineligible for reappointment.

Time for appointment

- (5) Within three months of the expiry of a term of office of a member, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint or reappoint a member as the case may be. *1988, c.7, s.5.*

6. Meetings

- (1) The Council shall hold at least four meetings in each year.

Location

- (2) Meetings of the Council may be held anywhere in the province. *1988, c.7, s.6.*

7. Chairperson

- (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from the members of the Council.

Functions

- (2) The chairperson is the chief executive officer of the Council and shall direct the activities of the Council and co-ordinate its work.

Vice-chairperson

- (3) The vice-chairperson shall act where the chairperson is unable to act by reason of absence or inability. *1988, c.7, s.7.*

8. Remuneration

Members of the Council shall serve without remuneration other than

- (a) such remuneration for attendance at each meeting of the Council as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and
- (b) reimbursement for expenses necessarily incurred by a member in connection with the work of the Council. *1988, c.7, s.8.*

9. Budget

Each year, on or before September 30, the Council shall submit to the Minister an estimate of the money required for the operation of the Council during the next fiscal year, setting forth the estimated revenue and expenditure in such detail and in such form as the Minister may require. *1988,c.7,s.9.*

10. Audit

The accounts of the Council shall be audited from time to time by the Auditor General whose report shall be included in the annual report of the Council. *1988,c.7,s.10.*

11. Annual report

- (1) The Council shall, within three months after the end of each fiscal year, submit to the Minister an annual report which shall contain
 - (a) a report of all meetings conducted by the Council during the year; and
 - (b) a report of the findings, conclusions and recommendations made by the Council to the Minister during the year.

Minister to submit report to Legislative Assembly

- (2) The Minister shall, within one month of the receipt of the report, present the report of the Council to the Legislative Assembly if the Assembly is then in session and, if it is not, then within one month after the commencement of the next ensuing session. *1988,c.7,s.11; 2015,c.36,s.1.*

12. Staff

The Council may employ or engage such persons as it considers necessary to carry out its functions. *1988,c.7,s.12.*

13. Bylaws

The Council may make bylaws for its internal management. *1988,c.7,s.13.*