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CHAPTER 64

**An Act to establish the
Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs**

Assented to November 24th, 1978

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

1. In this Act,

Interpre-
tation

- (a) "Deputy Minister" means the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs;
- (b) "intergovernmental affairs" means any relationship between the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada or a minister, agency or official thereof, the government of another province or territory of Canada or any minister, agency or official thereof, or the government of a foreign country or state or any agency thereof, or any municipality;
- (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs;
- (d) "Ministry" means the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs;
- (e) "municipality" means the corporation of a metropolitan, regional or district municipality, a county, city, town, village, township or improvement district and includes a local board thereof, as defined in clause *d* of section 1 of *The Municipal Affairs Act*, and a board, commission, conservation authority or other local authority exercising any power with respect to municipal affairs or purposes, including school purposes, in an unorganized township or unsurveyed territory.

R.S.O. 1970,
c. 118

2. There shall be a ministry of the public service to be known as the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Ministry
established

Minister
to have
change

3. The Minister shall preside over and have charge of the Ministry and has power to act for and on behalf of the Ministry.

Seal

4.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize a seal for the Minister and prescribe its use on documents.

Mechanical
reproduction
of seal

(2) The seal may be reproduced by engraving, lithographing, printing or any other method of mechanical reproduction, and when so reproduced has the same force and effect as if manually affixed.

Federal,
provincial,
inter-
provincial
and inter-
national
affairs

5.—(1) The Minister is responsible for making recommendations to the Executive Council on the programs and activities of the Government of Ontario and its agencies in relation to federal-provincial, inter-provincial and international affairs.

Municipal
affairs

(2) The Minister is responsible for the policies of the Government of Ontario in relation to municipalities and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing is responsible for,

- (a) advising the Executive Council as to the organization, function and structure of municipal institutions;
- (b) exercising the powers conferred on the Ministry in any general or special Act in relation to the administration of municipalities; and
- (c) co-ordinating programs of financial assistance to municipalities.

Orders
establishing
procedures

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister, make orders establishing procedures to achieve the objectives set out in subsections 1 and 2 and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such orders may provide for procedures respecting the execution, by the Government of Ontario, of agreements or classes of agreements with other governments.

Administration
of Acts

(4) The Minister is responsible for the administration of this Act, the Acts set out in the Schedule and the Acts that are assigned to him by the Legislature or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Deputy
Minister

6.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint a Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs who shall be the deputy head of the Ministry.

(2) Under the direction of the Minister, the Deputy Minister shall perform such duties as the Minister may assign or delegate to him. Duties of Deputy Minister

(3) Any power or duty conferred on the Minister by this or any other Act may be delegated by him in writing, subject to such limitations, conditions and requirements as the Minister may set out in the delegation, to the Deputy Minister or to any officer of the Ministry who may act for him in his place and stead, and when the Deputy Minister or such other officer acts in the place and stead of the Minister, it shall be presumed conclusively that he acted in accordance with such delegation. Delegation of powers and duties of Minister

(4) Notwithstanding *The Executive Council Act*, a contract or an agreement made by a person empowered to do so under subsection 3 has the same effect as if made and signed by the Minister. Effect of R.S.O. 1970, c. 153

7.—(1) No action or other proceeding for damages shall be instituted against the Deputy Minister, or any officer or employee of the Ministry, or anyone acting under his authority for any act done in good faith in the execution or intended execution of his duty, or for any alleged neglect or default in the execution in good faith of his duty. Protection from personal liability

(2) Subsection 1 does not, by reason of subsections 2 and 4 of section 5 of *The Proceedings Against the Crown Act*, relieve the Crown of liability in respect of a tort committed by a person mentioned in subsection 1 to which it would otherwise be subject, and the Crown is liable under that Act for any such tort in a like manner as if subsection 1 had not been enacted. Idem R.S.O. 1970, c. 365

8. A reference to the Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs in any Act listed in the Schedule, or in any regulation, order in council, ministerial order, act or thing, made under any Act listed in such Schedule, shall be deemed to be a reference to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, except where inconsistent, so long as the Minister administers such Act. References to Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs

9. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may by order amend the Schedule. Amendments to Schedule

10. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 16th day of August, 1978. Commencement

11. The short title of this Act is *The Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs Act, 1978*. Short title

SCHEDULE

- The City of Cornwall Annexation Act, 1974*
The City of Hamilton Act, 1975
The City of Hazeldean-March Act, 1978
The City of Port Colborne Act, 1974
The City of Thorold Act, 1975
The City of Thunder Bay Act, 1968-69
The City of Timmins-Porcupine Act, 1972
The County of Oxford Act, 1974
The District Municipality of Muskoka Act
The Fire Guardians Act
The Fires Extinguishment Act
The Haliburton Act
The Line Fences Act
The Local Improvement Act
The Moosonee Development Area Board Act
The Municipal Act
The Municipal Affairs Act
The Municipal Arbitrations Act
The Municipal Corporations Quieting Orders Act
The Municipal Elderly Residents' Assistance Act, 1973
The Municipal Elections Act, 1977
The Municipal Franchises Act
The Municipal and School Tax Credit Assistance Act
The Municipal Subsidies Adjustment Repeal Act, 1976
The Municipal Tax Assistance Act
The Municipal Unemployment Relief Act, 1971
The Municipal Works Assistance Act
The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act
The Municipality of Shuniah Act, 1936
The Ontario Unconditional Grants Act, 1975
The Ottawa-Carleton Amalgamations and Elections Act, 1973
The Provincial Parks Municipal Tax Assistance Act, 1974
The Public Parks Act
The Public Utilities Act
The Public Utilities Corporations Act

- The Regional Municipality of Durham Act, 1973*
The Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk Act, 1973
The Regional Municipality of Halton Act, 1973
The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Act, 1973
The Regional Municipality of Niagara Act
The Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton Act
The Regional Municipality of Peel Act, 1973
The Regional Municipality of Sudbury Act, 1972
The Regional Municipality of Waterloo Act, 1972
The Regional Municipality of York Act
The Shoreline Property Assistance Act, 1973
The Snow Roads and Fences Act
The Statute Labour Act
The Tax Sales Confirmation Act, 1974
The Territorial Division Act
The Town of Wasaga Beach Act, 1973
The Township of North Plantagenet Act, 1976
The Vacant Land Cultivation Act
The Village of Point Edward Act, 1972
The Wharfs and Harbours Act

