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CHAPTER P-26.1

PROVINCIAL EMBLEMS AND HONOURS ACT

PART 1 - PROVINCIAL EMBLEMS

- 1.** The flower known botanically as *Cypripedium acaule* and popularly known as the lady's slipper is adopted as and shall be the floral emblem of the province. 1997,c.36,s.1. Floral emblem
- 2.** The bird known scientifically as *Cyanocitta cristata* (L.) and popularly known as the blue jay is adopted as and shall be the avian emblem of the province. 1997,c.36,s.2. Avian emblem
- 3.** The tree known botanically as *Quercus rubra* L. and popularly known as the red oak is adopted as and shall be the silvan emblem of the province. 1997,c.36,s.3. Silvan emblem
- 3.1** The soil series known as the Charlottetown Series is adopted as and shall be the official provincial soil. 1998,c.97,s.1. Provincial soil

PART 2 - PROVINCIAL HONOURS

- 4.** (1) There is established an Order of Prince Edward Island, members of which shall be awarded the Prince Edward Island Medal of Merit. Order established
- (2) The object of the Order is to recognize individual excellence, achievement and outstanding contributions to the social, cultural or economic well-being of Prince Edward Island and its residents. Object
- (3) The Order is the highest provincial honour that can be bestowed on a resident of the province. 1997,c.36,s.4. Status
- 5.** The Lieutenant Governor is Chancellor
- (a) the Chancellor of the Order; and
- (b) a member of the Order for life. 1999,c.41,s.1.
- 6.** (1) There is established an Order of Prince Edward Island Advisory Council. Establishment of Advisory Council
- (2) The council is composed of nine members as follows: Members
- (a) the Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island;
- (b) the President of the University of Prince Edward Island;
- (c) the Clerk of Executive Council; and

(d) two residents of each county in the province appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for a term not exceeding three years.

Reappointment

(3) Members of the council appointed pursuant to clause (2)(d) are eligible for reappointment for not more than one further term.

Chairperson

(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate the chairperson of the council.

Expenses

(5) The chairperson and members of the council are not entitled to remuneration but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. 1997,c.36,s.6.

Functions

7. The council shall

- (a) meet at least annually;
- (b) receive and consider nominations for the Order;
- (c) once in a calendar year submit to the President of the Executive Council the names of not more than three persons considered by the council to be worthy of being invested with the Order; and
- (d) advise the Lieutenant Governor in Council on any other matters respecting the Order that, in the opinion of the council, should be brought to the attention of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. 1997,c.36,s.7.

Procedure

8. The council may determine the procedures for the conduct of its business. 1997,c.36,s.8.

Secretary

9. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a secretary of the council.

Functions

(2) The secretary of the council shall

- (a) maintain the records of the Order and the council;
- (b) arrange for investitures; and
- (c) perform any other functions with respect to the Order that the council may require. 1997,c.36,s.9.

Membership criteria

10. (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), Canadian citizens who are current or former long-term residents of Prince Edward Island are eligible for membership in the Order.

Members of Parliament or Legislative Assembly

(2) No member of a Legislative Assembly of a province or member of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada is eligible for nomination for membership in the Order while holding office.

Judges

(3) No judge of any court of any province or of Canada is eligible for nomination for membership in the Order while holding office as a judge.

- (4) The Order shall not be conferred posthumously except in the case of a council nominee who dies after his or her name has been submitted to the President of the Executive Council. 1997,c.36,s.10. Posthumous award
- 11.** (1) Individuals and organizations may submit to the secretary nominations of persons for membership in the Order. Nominations
- (2) The council shall, pursuant to clause 7(c), select from the nominations submitted pursuant to subsection (1) the names of not more than three persons for membership in the Order. Selection
- (3) The President of Executive Council, on receipt of the names of selected persons, shall submit the names to the Chancellor. Submission of names
- (4) The Chancellor shall invest with the Order those persons selected by the council for membership in the Order. 1997,c.36,s.11. Investiture
- 12.** Subject to section 16, persons on being invested with the Order are members for life. 1997,c.36,s.12. Duration of membership
- 13.** The Order takes precedence over all other honours, awards and decorations conferred by Her Majesty in right of Prince Edward Island. 1997,c.36,s.13. Precedence
- 14.** Members of the Order shall receive letters patent signed by the Chancellor and sealed with the Great Seal as evidence of membership. 1997,c.36,s.14. Evidence of membership
- 15.** (1) The insignia of the Order include Insignia
- (a) a medal incorporating the provincial coat of arms, without the Latin inscription, against a background of gold and blue, worn with a ribbon of rust, green and white, and a miniature thereof; and
- (b) a lapel pin bearing the provincial coat of arms.
- (2) A member of the Order is entitled to Privileges
- (a) wear the insignia of the Order as a decoration; and
- (b) use the initials “O.P.E.I.” after his or her name. 1997,c.36,s.15.
- 16.** A member may resign from the Order by giving written notice of his or her intention to resign, signed by the member, to the Chancellor. 1997,c.36,s.16. Resignation
- 17.** The Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the council, terminate a person’s membership in the Order by revoking the letters patent of the member. 1997,c.36,s.17. Revocation
- 18.** Where a person ceases to be a member of the Order pursuant to section 16 or 17, that person shall immediately return to the secretary Return of insignia etc.

(a) the letters patent mentioned in section 17; and
(b) the insignia of the Order,
that were presented to him or her on his or her investiture with the Order.
1997,c.36,s.18.

Offence

19. Any person who is not a member of the Order and who
(a) holds himself or herself out as a member of the Order;
(b) displays or uses any insignia of the Order; or
(c) uses the initials of the Order after his or her name,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$2,000. 1997,c.36,s.19.

Transitional

20. The provisions of this Act apply to members of the Order awarded the Prince Edward Island Medal of Merit before the date on which this Act comes into force. 1997,c.36,s.20.

Repeal

21. Act repealed. 1997,c.36,s.21.