



Clean Environment Commission

Part-time Commissioner Duties, Responsibilities and Qualifications

Role:

As set out in Section 6 of *The Environment Act* (1988), the Clean Environment Commission must have a minimum of 10 Commissioners appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, for the purpose of

- a) providing advice and recommendations to the minister;
- b) developing and maintaining public participation in environmental matters; and
- c) carrying out functions that it is required or permitted to carry out under *The Contaminated Sites Remediation Act*.

Specifically the Commission shall, upon request of the minister

- a) provide advice and recommendations to the minister;
- b) conduct public meetings or hearings and provide advice and recommendations;
- c) conduct investigations into specific environmental concerns; and
- d) act as a mediator between two or more parties to an environmental dispute and report back to the minister.

The specific role of part-time commissioners on the Clean Environment Commission is:

To sit on panels to hear evidence about environmental impacts of proposed developments and actively and cooperatively participate in the examination of the evidence, formulation of recommendations and development of a report to the minister.

This may include such activities as sitting on Participant Assistance Funding panels, licensing hearing panels (may include joint panels with federal representatives), adjudication panels and being part of an investigation team related to environmental policy and issues.

Qualifications:

At the time of service to the Clean Environment Commission, commissioners may not be actively employed by a government agency; this includes federal, provincial, municipal and First Nations governments or be actively involved in environmentally related advocacy groups.

Members with technical credentials must be in good standing with their accrediting association.

Members must have demonstrated public service through their employment or volunteer history or by participation on public committees, boards and/or commissions.

Members must have demonstrated use of fair processes and good judgment in decision making and work well with others in a team setting.

Members must be available for full participation for protracted periods of time (several weeks or months at a time), often involving travel to remote locations and extended travel periods.

It is desirable to include members on the Commission with demonstrated expertise and experience in the following areas:

Agricultural operations and agricultural industry.

Water supply, wastewater engineering and surface water management.

Biodiversity conservation and ecology.

Sustainable development.

Hydrogeology and groundwater hydrology.

Water, air and soil pollution.

Industrial manufacturing, air and water pollution controls and workplace health and safety.

Municipal affairs and urban/rural development.

Freshwater ecology and water quality.

Forest ecology and the forest industry.

Aboriginal issues and traditional ecological knowledge.

Public policy and/or administrative law.

Natural resources and/or agricultural economics.

Also included are citizens with interest, understanding and experience with sustainable development and environmental issues.

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