

Chapter 13

THE ORDER OF NUNAVUT ACT

(Assented to December 8, 2009)

The Commissioner of Nunavut, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1. In this Act,

“Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the Order of Nunavut specified under section 5;

“Council” means the Order of Nunavut Advisory Council established under section 6;

“Management and Services Board” means the Management and Services Board under the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*;

“Order” means the Order of Nunavut established under section 2;

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Order of Nunavut under subsection 13(1).

Order of Nunavut established

2. The Order of Nunavut is established.

Objective of Order

3. The objective of the Order is to honour individuals who have provided an outstanding contribution to the cultural, social or economic well-being of Nunavut.

Precedence

4. The Order is the highest honour of Nunavut and takes precedence over all other orders, decorations or medals conferred by the Government of Nunavut.

Chancellor

5. (1) The Commissioner of Nunavut is the Chancellor of the Order by virtue of his or her office.

Term of membership

(2) The Commissioner of Nunavut is a member of the Order for life.

Advisory Council

6. (1) The Order of Nunavut Advisory Council is established, consisting of

- (a) the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut;
- (b) the Senior Judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice; and
- (c) the President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

Chair of Council

(2) The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut is the chair of the Council by virtue of his or her office.

No remuneration

(3) The members of the Council are not entitled to any remuneration for the performance of their duties and functions under this Act.

Effect of single vacancy

(4) One vacancy on the Council does not impair the remaining members from acting.

Duties of the Council

7. (1) The Council shall

- (a) recommend to the Chancellor individuals it considers deserving of being invested with the Order;
- (b) perform such duties and functions as it considers necessary to ensure the Order meets its objective; and
- (c) advise the Chancellor on matters concerning the Order.

Policies and procedures

(2) The Council may make policies and procedures to govern its conduct.

Investiture

8. The Chancellor shall invest as a member of the Order, each person recommended for membership in the Order by the Council.

Membership

9. (1) Upon being invested with the Order, a person becomes a member of the Order for life.

Evidence of membership

(2) A member of the Order shall receive a certificate in a form approved by the Council, signed by the Chancellor and sealed with the great seal of Nunavut as evidence of membership.

Privileges of membership

10. A member of the Order is entitled to use the initials “O.Nu.” after his or her name.

Eligibility for membership

11. (1) A Canadian citizen is eligible to become a member of the Order if, at the time of investiture, he or she

- (a) is a resident of Nunavut; or
- (b) was formerly a long term resident of Nunavut or the area that became Nunavut on April 1, 1999.

Disqualification

(2) Despite subsection (1), the following are not eligible to become a member of the Order while they hold office:

- (a) members of a municipal council;
- (b) members of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut;
- (c) members of Parliament;
- (d) judges of any court;
- (e) members of the Council;
- (f) the Secretary of the Council.

Resignation of membership

12. (1) A member of the Order may resign from the Order by giving written notice of his or her intention to resign, signed by the member, to the Secretary.

Termination of membership

(2) Despite any provision to the contrary, the Chancellor may terminate a person's membership in the Order on the recommendation of the Council.

Secretary of the Council

13. (1) The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut is the Secretary of the Council by virtue of his or her office.

Duties of Secretary

(2) The Secretary of the Council shall

- (a) maintain the records of the Order and the Council;
- (b) make arrangements associated with investitures; and
- (c) perform any other functions with the respect to the Order that the Council may require.

Regulations

14. The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, on the recommendation of the Management and Services Board, may make regulations respecting any matter necessary or advisable for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Coming into force

15. This Act shall come into force on January 1, 2010.