

**AN ACT  
TO INCORPORATE  
THE BRIDGEWATER MUSEUM COMMISSION**

Amended: February 1, 1995  
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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

- 1) This Act may be cited as the *Bridgewater Museum Commission Act*.
- 2) In this Act,
  - (a) "Commission" means the Bridgewater Museum Commission;
  - (b) "Council" means the Council of the Town;
  - (c) "Town" means the Town of Bridgewater.
- 3) There is hereby established a body corporate to be known as the Bridgewater Museum Commission.
- 4) The objects of the Commission are to take charge of, equip, manage and operate one or more museums within the Town, including the museum now known as the DesBrisay Museum.
- 5) The Commission consists of:
  - (a) a member of the Council appointed by the Council; and
  - (b) six other persons appointed by the Council, one of whom shall be a member of the Friends of the DesBrisay Museum.
- 6)
  - (1) Subject to subsection (2), each member of the Commission holds office for three years or until that member's successor is appointed, whichever event last occurs.
  - (2) Of the first persons appointed pursuant to clause (c) of Section 5:
    - (a) two shall be appointed for a term ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1992;
    - (b) two shall be appointed for a term ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1993; and
    - (c) three shall be appointed for a term ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1994.

- (3) Subject to subsection (4), a member of the Commission is eligible for re-appointment.
  - (4) No person may serve as a member of the Commission for more than three consecutive terms.
  - (5) Where a person appointed by the Commission pursuant to clause (c) of Section 5 ceases to be a member of the Commission before that person's term of office expires, the Council shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term within two months after the vacancy occurs.
  - (6) A vacancy of the Commission does not impair the capacity of the remaining members of the Commission to act and does not impair the corporate capacity of the Commission.
  - (7) The Commission may recommend to the Council the names of persons for appointment to the Commission, including an appointment to fill a vacancy for the unexpired portion of any term of office.
  - (8) Any member of the Commission who has been absent from three consecutive meetings of Commission and, in the opinion of the Chair, not having just cause for such absence, shall be deemed to have resigned, and shall be replaced in accordance with this section.
- 7) (1) There shall be a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission.
- (2) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be appointed by the members of the Commission from amongst their number at the first meeting of the Commission held in each year and hold office until their successors are appointed.
  - (3) The Chief Administrative Officer of the Town, or a person designated by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town, is the secretary of the Commission.
  - (4) The solicitor of the Town is the solicitor of the Commission.
  - (5) The treasurer of the Town is the treasurer of the Commission.
  - (6) the auditor of the Town is the auditor of the Commission.
  - (7) Every employee of the Commission is deemed to be an employee of the Town.

- 8)
  - (1) There shall be an annual meeting of the Commission in January of each year and the Commission shall also meet at least three additional times each year at a time and place determined by the Commission and shall meet at such additional times and places as the Chairman of the Commission determines.
  - (2) At least three days prior to each meeting of the Commission a notice of the meeting specifying the time and place of the meeting shall be given to each member of the Commission, except that an emergency meeting may be held on such shorter notice as the Chairman of the Commission determines.
  - (3) A majority of the members of the Commission constitute a quorum.
- 9) The Commission may;
  - (a) develop and operate programs that interpret the natural and cultural heritage of the Town and the County of Lunenburg and that bring before the people of the County of Lunenburg examples of outside culture and communities;
  - (b) develop and operate educational and cultural programs;
  - (c) acquire and take by purchase, donation, devise, bequest, or otherwise, real and personal property, and hold, enjoy, sell, exchange, lease, let, improve and develop the same and erect and maintain buildings and structures;
  - (d) make regulations not inconsistent with this *Act*, or any provision of law for the conduct and management of its activities and affairs;
  - (e) subject to the provisions of the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, borrow money;
  - (f) draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments;
  - (g) mortgage property of the Commission to secure the payment or performance of any obligation of the Commission;
  - (h) in accordance with a scale approved by the Council, pay salaries and remuneration to such persons as it employs for its purposes;
  - (i) co-operate with all levels of government in order to attain its objects;
  - (j) do all matters and things as may be necessary for, or incidental or conducive to, or consequential upon the exercise of its powers.

- 10) (1) The Council may appropriate and pay to the Commission, to be used by the Commission in attaining its objects, such sums of money as the Council determines.
  - (2) All money required for each payment pursuant to subsection (1) shall be held to be money required for the ordinary lawful purposes of the Town and shall be levied, raised and collected in all respects as other money required for the ordinary lawful purposes of the Town is levied, raised and collected.
  - (3) The Commission may not make an expenditure except in accordance with an annual budget approved by the Council.
  - (4) The books, records and accounts of the Commission shall be open at all reasonable times and without fee for inspection by:
    - (a) any person who is assessed for municipal taxation purposes with respect to property located within the Town;
    - (b) any officer of the Town.
- 11) All property of the Commission is exempt from taxation imposed by the Town for general municipal purposes.
  - 12) Section 123 of the *Town's Act* does not apply to this *Act*.

This *Act* is and is deemed to have been in force on, from and after the fifteenth day of June, 1989, and shall accordingly be read, construed, interpreted and given effect on, from and after that day.