EDUCATION ACT

ELECTION REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Pursuant to subsection 12(2) of the *Education Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-.02, Council made the following regulations:

- 1. Section 1 of the *Education Act* Election Regulations (EC525/16) is amended
 - (a) by the addition of the following after clause (b):
 - (b.01) "ballot box" means a physical ballot box for marked mail-in ballots or a computer database in the electronic voting system where marked electronic ballots are stored, as the context requires;
 - (b) in clause (b.1), by the deletion of the word "supplied" and the substitution of the word "approved";
 - (c) by the addition of the following after clause (d):
 - (d.01) "device" means any electronic device that may access the internet including, but not limited to, a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone or gaming device;
 - (d) in clause (d.1), by the deletion of the words ", and, in 2022, means a date specified by the Chief Electoral Officer" and the substitution of the words ", which is the last day of the election period";
 - (e) in clause (e), by the addition of the words ", in both print and electronic format," after the words "documents or papers";
 - (f) in clause (f.1),
 - (i) by the addition of the words "at 12 noon," after the words "third Friday in October", and
 - (ii) by the deletion of the words ", and, in 2022, means the election period specified by the Chief Electoral Officer";
 - (g) by the addition of the following after clause (f.1):
 - (f.2) "electronic ballot" means an image of a ballot on a screen on a device, including all the choices available to an elector, and includes the marked electronic ballot on which the elector has marked the vote;
 - (f.3) "**electronic voting**" means casting a vote by electronic means using an electronic voting system;
 - (f.4) "electronic voting system" means the technology, including software, that
 - (i) records and counts the electronic votes, and
 - (ii) processes and stores the results of electronic ballots cast during the voting period;
 - (h) in clauses (g.1) and (g.2), by the deletion of the word "supplied" and the substitution of the word "approved";
 - (i) in clause (i), by the deletion of the period and the substitution of a semicolon; and

- (j) by the addition of the following after clause (i):
- (j) "voting period" means the time between 12 noon on the day that is 14 days before election day up to 12 noon on election day, during which voters may vote by mail-in ballot or using the electronic voting system.
- 2. Subsections 2(1), (1.1) and (1.2) of the regulations are revoked and the following substituted:

2. Election day

(1) Subject to subsection (2), elections for trustees for an education authority shall be held on the third Friday in October in 2022, and in every third year following.

Election results

- (1.1) Voting shall close at 12 noon on election day and the results shall be published as soon as practicable after that time.
- 3. The regulations are amended by the addition of the following after section 2.1:

2.2 Methods of voting

An eligible voter may vote by mail-in ballot or, where the Chief Electoral Officer has approved the use of an electronic voting system, by electronic voting.

- 4. Subsection 5(3) of the regulations is amended by the addition of the following after clause (c):
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 - (c.1) the Chief Electoral Officer and the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer;
- 5. Section 7 of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "on the second Monday in September" and the substitution of the words "in the first week of September".
- 6. (1) Subsection 8(1) of the regulations is amended
 - (a) by the revocation of clause (c) and the substitution of the following:
 - (c) ensure that an appropriate voting package is provided to each eligible voter who applies to vote;
 - (b) by the revocation of clause (g) and the substitution of the following:
 - (g) publish notices respecting the nomination and election of trustees in at least one print medium and by means of at least one electronic method in the province, in English and French, as the Chief Electoral officer considers appropriate;
- (2) Section 8 of the regulations is amended by the addition of the following after subsection (1):

Use of electronic voting system

- (1.1) The Chief Electoral Officer may authorise the use of an electronic voting system for voting in an education authority election where, in the Chief Electoral Officer's opinion, the proposed electronic voting system
 - (a) is accurate;
 - (b) is secure;
 - (c) manages and reports both valid and spoiled ballots; and
 - (d) is suitable for use in the election in which it is proposed to be used.

Authority to make agreements

(1.2) In addition to the power of the Chief Electoral Officer to enter into contracts, memoranda of understanding and other agreements pursuant to subsection 3(1) of

the *Election Act*, the Chief Electoral Officer may, for the purposes of these regulations, enter into agreements with the vendor of an electronic voting system to conduct the mail-in ballot and electronic voting portions of the election.

- 7. (1) Subsection 9(1) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "the mail-in ballot process" and the substitution of the words "the election process".
- (2) Subsection 9(2) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "the mail-in ballot process" and the substitution of the words "the election process".
- 8. Clause 11(b) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "in the daily and weekly newspaper in the province" and the substitution of the words "in at least one print medium and by means of at least one electronic method in the province".
- 9. Subsection 12.1(1) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "the 12th day" and the substitution of the words "the 19th day".
- 10. (1) Subsection 13(1) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "application for a mail-in ballot, including the voter's declaration of eligibility, and send or deliver the application" and the substitution of the words "registration application to vote in the election, including the voter's declaration of eligibility, and submit the application".
- (2) Section 13 of the regulations is amended by the addition of the following after subsection (2):

Duties of eligible voter - electronic voting

(3) An eligible voter who chooses to use the electronic voting system shall complete the electronic voting process by marking and submitting the electronic ballot no later than 12 noon on election day.

Single vote – mail-in ballot

(4) An eligible voter who has chosen to vote by means of a mail-in ballot shall not also vote electronically.

Single vote - electronic voting

- (5) An eligible voter who has chosen to use the electronic voting system shall not also vote by means of a mail-in ballot.
- 11. Subsection 13.1(3) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "for a mail-in ballot package" and the substitution of the words "to vote in the election".
- 12. Section 14 of the regulations is amended
 - (a) by the deletion of the words "or vote" after the words "to submit an application"; and
 - (b) by the deletion of the words "in voting" after the words "for assistance".
- 13. Subsection 16(1) of the regulations is amended by the addition of the words "mail-in" before the word "ballots".
- 14. Section 17 of the regulations is revoked and the following substituted:

17. Counting of mail-in ballots

- (1) Following the close of the election period, election officers at a time and place directed by the Chief Electoral Officer shall, for the mail-in ballot process,
 - (a) open the mail-in ballot box; and

- (b) count the votes using the following method:
 - (i) complete the tally sheet and give a tally sheet to at least two other persons present, who shall act as witnesses,
 - (ii) after each person present is given full opportunity to examine each ballot, the designated election officer shall decide whether the ballot should be rejected or counted,
 - (iii) if the ballot is counted, the election officer shall call out the vote and have it entered on the tally sheet, and
 - (iv) if the ballot is rejected, the election officer shall place it in a separate envelope.

Counting of electronic ballots

(2) At the close of the election period on election day, the electronic voting system shall generate a secure count of electronic ballots that were cast for each candidate in each zone during the voting period and a report of valid votes for each candidate and the total number of spoiled ballots.

Total of votes for each candidate

- (3) The total number of votes cast for each candidate in each zone in the election shall be the sum of votes cast for that candidate using the mail-in ballot process and the electronic voting process.
- 15. Section 18 of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the word "votes" and the substitution of the words "mail-in ballots".
- 16. (1) Subsection 19(1) of the regulations is amended in the words before clause (a) by the deletion of the word "votes" and the substitution of the words "mail-in ballots".
- (2) Section 19 of the regulations is amended by the addition of the following after subsection (2):

Secure results

- (2.1) The electronic voting system shall deliver the secure results from the votes cast in the electronic voting process.
- (3) Subsection 19(3) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "used in an election for a period of two months" and the substitution of the words ", including all electronic files, used in an election for a period of 120 days".
- 17. (1) Subsections 20(1) to (5) of the regulations are revoked and the following substituted:

20. Recount of ballots

(1) A recount of ballots shall be required by the Chief Electoral Officer if there are fewer than five votes between the top two candidates in a zone that has only one elected trustee, and between the top three candidates in a zone that has two elected trustees.

Request for recount

(2) A candidate may, in writing, request a recount within two working days after election day where the votes counted for that candidate are within 10 votes of the votes counted for another candidate.

Recount within two working days

(3) The recount shall commence not later than two working days after it is required under subsection (1) or requested under subsection (2).

Notification by Chief Electoral Officer

(4) The Chief Electoral Officer shall notify the candidates concerned of the time and place at which the ballots shall be recounted and the final addition made.

Regenerated count of electronic ballots

(5) In the event of a recount of the electronic votes,

- (a) the electronic voting system shall regenerate the count of electronic votes in a printed copy that shall be provided to the Chief Electoral Officer;
- (b) if the initial count and the regenerated count match, the regenerated count shall be the final count of the electronic votes;
- (c) if the initial count and the regenerated count do not match, the Chief Electoral Officer shall direct one final count of the electronic votes be generated and attend while that final count is completed; and
- (d) the final count provided in accordance with clause (b) or clause (c), as the case may be, is the final count of the electronic votes.

Recount of mail-in ballots

- (5.1) At the time and place specified by the Chief Electoral Officer under subsection (4) and in the presence of the persons authorized to be present, an election officer designated by the Chief Electoral Officer shall open the sealed envelopes containing the mail-in ballots and
 - (a) count all of the votes or ballots in them according to the rules set out in section 17; and
 - (b) verify or correct the statement of each poll by recording the ballot count and the number of votes cast for each candidate.

Final addition

- (5.2) The designated election officer shall make a final addition of the mail-in ballots verified or corrected under subsection (5.1) and the final count of electronic votes established in accordance with clause (5)(d).
- Subsection 20(6) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "under subsection (5)" and the substitution of the words "under subsections (5), (5.1) and (5.2)".
- (3) Subsection 20(8) of the regulations is revoked and the following substituted:

Breaking a tie vote

- (8) Where, after a recount, the votes cast for two or more candidates are still equal in number, an election officer designated by the Chief Electoral Officer shall, in the presence of at least two of the persons authorized to be present,
 - (a) write the name of each of those candidates on separate and identical blank sheets of paper;
 - (b) fold the sheets of paper in an identical manner so that the names are concealed;
 - (c) deposit the papers in a receptacle;
 - (d) draw from the receptacle the same number of papers as there are vacant positions to be filled; and
 - (e) declare the candidate or candidates whose name appears on the drawn papers to be elected.
- 18. (1) Subsection 21(1) of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "two months" and the substitution of the words "120 days".
- (2) Subsection 21(2) of the regulations is revoked and the following substituted:

Destruction of election documents

- (2) The Chief Electoral Officer may destroy, or cause to be destroyed, election documents, including all electronic files, after the expiry of the time required in subsection (1).
- 19. These regulations come into force on April 26, 2025.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECTION 1 amends section 1 of the *Education Act* Election Regulations (EC525/16) to clarify the wording of specified definitions, and to add definitions of "device", "electronic ballot", "electronic voting" and "electronic voting system" to support the addition of electronic voting as a means of casting a vote in an education authority election.

SECTION 2 revokes subsections 2(1), (1.1) and (1.2) of the regulations and substitutes new subsections 2(1) and (1.1) to clarify the wording and eliminate an exception that no longer applies.

SECTION 3 amends the regulations by adding a new section 2.2 that authorizes two methods of casting a vote in an education authority election – by mail-in ballot or, where the Chief Electoral Officer has approved the use of an electronic voting system, by electronic voting.

SECTION 4 amends subsection 5(3) of the regulations by adding a new clause (c.1) to clarify that the Chief Electoral Officer and the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer are not eligible to be nominated or run as a candidate.

SECTION 5 amends section 7 of the regulations to clarify the timing of the call for nominations for an education authority election.

SECTION 6 amends subsection 8(1) of the regulations to clarify and update the wording respecting voting packages and the publication of notices. It also adds a new subsection (1.1) that authorizes the Chief Electoral Officer to authorize the use of an electronic voting system that meets the specified requirements, and a new subsection (1.2) that authorizes the Chief Electoral Officer to enter into agreements with the vendor of an electronic voting system to conduct the mail-in ballot and electronic voting portions of the election.

SECTION 7 amends subsections 9(1) and (2) of the regulations to replace references to "the mail-in ballot process" with references to "the election process".

SECTION 8 amends clause 11(b) of the regulations to add a requirement for publication by at least one electronic method, for consistency with the amendment made by section 6.

SECTION 9 amends subsection 12.1(1) of the regulations to change the deadline for applications for mail-in ballots to the 19^{th} day before election day.

SECTION 10 amends subsection 13(1) of the regulations to refer to an application to vote in the election rather than an application for a mail-in ballot only. The section also adds a new subsection 13(3) that sets out the duties of an eligible voter when voting by electronic means, and new subsections 13(4) and (5) that clarify that voters are not permitted to change their chosen method of voting.

SECTION 11 amends subsection 13.1(3) of the regulations to replace a reference to an application for "the mail-in ballot package" with a reference to an application "to vote in the election", for consistency with previous amendments.

SECTION 12 amends section 14 of the regulations to remove references there to "voting". The assistance to be provided under the section is assistance in submitting an application under section 13 of the regulations.

SECTION 13 amends subsection 16(1) of the regulations to clarify that the ballots referred to there are mail-in ballots.

SECTION 14 revokes section 17 of the regulations and substitutes a new section 17 that sets out rules for the counting of both mail-in and electronic ballots.

SECTION 15 amends section 18 of the regulations by deleting the word "votes" and substituting the words "mail-in ballots", for clarification.

SECTION 16 amends subsection 19(1) of the regulations by deleting the word "votes" and substituting the words "mail-in ballots", for clarification. The section also adds a new subsection 19(2.1) that requires the electronic voting system to deliver the secure results from the votes cast in the electronic voting process. The section also amends subsection 19(3) to authorise the Chief Electoral Officer to secure all ballot boxes, ballots and other election documents for a period of 120 days following election day.

SECTION 17 revokes subsections 20(1) to (5) of the regulations and substitutes new subsections 20(1) to (5.2) to clarify the recount process for both mail-in ballots and electronic ballots. The section also amends subsection 20(6) of the regulations to correct a reference to the new subsections. The section also sets out a new process to be followed where it is necessary after a recount to break a tie vote.

SECTION 18 amends subsection 21(1) of the regulations to change the reference to "two months" to "120 days", for consistency with the amendment made by section 16, and revokes subsection 21(2) and substitutes a new subsection 21(2) to authorize the Chief Electoral Officer to destroy the retained election documents, including electronic files, after the expiry of the time specified in subsection (1).

SECTION 19 provides for the commencement of these regulations.

EC2025-329

EDUCATION ACT

TEACHER DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Pursuant to section 107 of the *Education Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-.02, Council made the following regulations:

1. Section 3 of the *Education Act* Teacher Discipline Regulations (EC535/16) is amended by the addition of the following after subsection (5):

Temporary replacement

- (6) The Minister may appoint a person to act temporarily in the position of a member of the review committee where
 - (a) the position is vacant;
 - (b) the member is absent or unable to act for any reason, including illness, incapacity or a conflict of interest in respect of a matter; or
 - (c) the member gives prior notice of a temporary absence or resignation.
- 2. Section 8 of the regulations is amended by the addition of the following after subsection (3):

Conflict of interest, appeal board

- (4) A member of the appeal board who has a conflict of interest in respect of a matter that is before the appeal board shall
 - (a) immediately disclose the nature of the conflict of interest to the appeal board; and

(b) refrain from attempting to influence the disposition of the matter or participating in consideration of the matter.

Temporary replacement

- (5) The Minister may appoint a person to act temporarily in the position of a member of the appeal board where
 - (a) the position is vacant;
 - (b) the member is absent or unable to act for any reason, including illness, incapacity or a conflict of interest in respect of a matter; or
 - (c) the member gives prior notice of a temporary absence or resignation.
- 3. These regulations come into force on April 26, 2025.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECTION 1 adds a new subsection 3(6) to the Teacher Discipline Regulations authorizing the Minister to appoint a person to act temporarily in the position of a member of the review committee in specified circumstances.

SECTION 2 adds a new subsection 8(4) to the regulations requiring a member of the appeal board to declare any conflict of interest in respect of a matter before the appeal board and recuse themselves from involvement in the matter. It also adds a new subsection 8(5) to the regulations authorizing the Minister to appoint a person to act temporarily in the position of a member of the appeal board in specified circumstances.

SECTION 3 provides for the commencement of these regulations.

EC2025-330

HOLLAND COLLEGE ACT SALE OF PROPERTY APPROVED

Pursuant to subsection 3(3) of the *Holland College Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-6, Council approved the sale of 291 Euston Street, Charlottetown (Provincial Property No. 364059).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING WEN SLUYS (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 4 and section 9 of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Wen Sluys of Clinton, Ontario to acquire a land holding of approximately one hundred six decimal one (106.1) acres of land at Pisquid East, Lot 37, Queens County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Nathan Jay of Pisquid East, Prince Edward Island PROVIDED THAT the said real property is identified for non-development use pursuant to the Land Identification Regulations (EC606/95) made under the said Act.

EC2025-332

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING WEN SLUYS (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 4 and section 9 of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Wen Sluys of Clinton, Ontario to acquire a land holding of approximately one hundred twenty-nine decimal seven seven (129.77) acres of land at Pisquid East, Lot 37, Queens County; and Fanning Brook, Lot 38, Kings County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Alvin Jay and Nathan Jay carrying on business as Royalwater Holsteins Partnership of Mount Stewart, Prince Edward Island PROVIDED THAT the said real property is identified for non-development use pursuant to the Land Identification Regulations (EC606/95) made under the said Act.

EC2025-333

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING WEN SLUYS (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 4 and section 9 of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Wen Sluys of Clinton, Ontario to acquire an interest in a land holding of approximately one hundred fifteen decimal three (115.3) acres of land at Pisquid East, Lot 37, Kings County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Alvin Jay and Nathan Jay carrying on business as Royalwater Holsteins Partnership of Mount Stewart, Prince Edward Island PROVIDED THAT the said real property is identified for non-development use pursuant to the Land Identification Regulations (EC606/95) made under the said Act.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING 103497 P.E.I. INC. (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to 103497 P.E.I. Inc. of Pownal, Prince Edward Island to acquire, by share acquisition, an interest in a land holding of approximately one decimal eight eight (1.88) acres of land at Charlottetown, Queens County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Colin Douglas Beck, Mark Alvin Darrach, Hannah Jane Szwarc and Sylvie Lynn Morin, all of Stratford, Prince Edward Island.

EC2025-335

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING CHAPMAN BROS. CONSTRUCTION LTD. (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 and section 9 of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Chapman Bros. Construction Ltd. of Little Harbour, Prince Edward Island to acquire a land holding of approximately twenty-six decimal four seven (26.47) acres of land at Tenmile House, Lot 35, Queens County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Colin Waddell and Jonathan Waddell, both of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island SUBJECT TO the condition that the said real property not be subdivided. The condition preventing subdivision shall be binding on the said Chapman Bros. Construction Ltd. and on all successors in title.

EC2025-336

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING MARITIME ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Maritime Electric Company, Limited of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island to acquire a land holding of approximately one decimal four five (1.45) acres of land at Woodstock, Lot 6, Prince County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Greenhill Farms Inc. of O'Leary, Prince Edward Island.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING PAYNTER BROTHERS PROPERTIES INC. (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 and section 9 of the Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Paynter Brothers Properties Inc. of Albany, Prince Edward Island to acquire, by way of share purchase, an interest in a land holding of approximately fifty (50) acres of land at Mount Tryon, Lot 27, Prince County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Sheila Arsenault of Kinkora, Prince Edward Island SUBJECT TO the condition that the said real property not be subdivided. The condition preventing subdivision shall be binding on the said Paynter Brothers Properties Inc. and on all successors in title.

EC2025-338

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING RASPBERRY POINT OYSTER CO. (2023) INC. (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 of the Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Raspberry Point Oyster Co. (2023) Inc. of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island to acquire a land holding of approximately zero decimal four one (0.41) acre of land at North Rustico, Lot 24, Queens County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Wayne Gallant and Gloria Gallant, both of Rustico, Prince Edward Island.

EC2025-339

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING SALTWATER DEVELOPMENT INCORPORATED (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 of the Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Saltwater Development Incorporated of Central Bedeque, Prince Edward Island to acquire a land holding of approximately two decimal two eight (2.28) acres of land at Tryon, Lot 28, Prince County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Double R Manufacturing Ltd. of Crapaud, Prince Edward Island.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING SLUYS HOLSTEINS INC. (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 and section 9 of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Sluys Holsteins Inc. of Clinton, Ontario to acquire a land holding of approximately one hundred fifteen decimal three (115.3) acres of land at Pisquid East, Lot 38, Kings County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Alvin Jay and Nathan Jay carrying on business as Royalwater Holsteins Partnership of Mount Stewart, Prince Edward Island PROVIDED THAT the said real property is identified for non-development use pursuant to the Land Identification Regulations (EC606/95) made under the said Act.

EC2025-341

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING VANDERZWAAG FARMS INC. (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 and section 9 of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Vanderzwaag Farms Inc. of Vernon River, Prince Edward Island to acquire a land holding of approximately four hundred and seventy one decimal eight nine (471.89) acres of land at Vernon Bridge, Orwell, and Vernon River, all in Lot 50, Queens County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Berend (Ben) Vanderzwaag and Aaltje-Renske (Alice) Vanderzwaag, both of Vernon River, Prince Edward Island PROVIDED THAT the said real property is identified for non-development use pursuant to the Land Identification Regulations (EC606/95) made under the said Act.

EC2025-342

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PETITION TO ACQUIRE A LAND HOLDING VANDERZWAAG FARMS INC. (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to Vanderzwaag Farms Inc. of Vernon River, Prince Edward Island to acquire a land holding of approximately zero decimal three four (0.34) acre of land at Vernon River, Lot 50, Queens County, Province of Prince Edward Island, being acquired from Berend (Ben) Vanderzwaag and Aaltje-Renske (Alice) Vanderzwaag, both of Vernon River, Prince Edward Island.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT APPLICATION TO LEASE LAND 100556 P.E.I. INC. (TO RESCIND)

Council, having under consideration Order-in-Council EC2014-739 of December 9, 2014, rescinded the said Order forthwith, thus rescinding permission for 100556 P.E.I. Inc. of Orwell Cove, Prince Edward Island to acquire, by lease, an interest in a land holding or land holdings of up to five hundred (500) acres of land as part of the said corporation's aggregate land holdings.

EC2025-344

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT APPLICATION TO LEASE LAND G. VISSER & SONS INC. (APPROVAL)

Pursuant to section 5 and clause 5.3(1)(b) of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5 Council granted permission to G. Visser & Sons Inc. of Vernon Bridge, Prince Edward Island to acquire, by lease, an interest in a land holding or land holdings of up to six hundred and twenty-five (625) acres of land as part of the said corporation's aggregate land holdings PROVIDED THAT the said G. Visser & Sons Inc. files a statement with the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission within one year of the date of this Order and prior to 31 December in every subsequent year disclosing the parcel number, the acreage and the term of lease for each parcel leased during the reporting period covered by the statement.

EC2025-345

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LANDS PROTECTION ACT PROPERTY NO. 028654, LOT 12, PRINCE COUNTY IDENTIFICATION FOR NON-DEVELOPMENT USE AMENDMENT

Pursuant to subsection 9(2) of the *Prince Edward Island Lands Protection Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-5, Council amended the condition of non-development use made pursuant to section 2 of the Land Identification Regulations (EC606/95) in respect of approximately one hundred (100) acres of land, being Provincial Property No. 028654 located at McNeills Mills, Lot 12, Prince County, Prince Edward Island and currently owned by Rebecca Jean Getson of McNeills Mills, Prince Edward Island.

Council noted that this amendment will enable subdivision of a parcel of land of approximately ten (10) acres for residential (single unit dwelling use), and determined that following subdivision, identification for non-development use shall continue to apply to the remaining land.

This Order-in-Council comes into force on April 15, 2025.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS ACT ACTING MINISTER APPOINTMENT(S)

Under authority of subsection 4(2) of the *Public Departments Act*, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P–29 the following appointment was made:

Honourable Bloyce Thompson to be Acting Minister of Housing, Land and Communities, commencing on the $20^{\rm th}$ day of April 2025, and continuing for the duration of the absence of Honourable Steven Myers.