

The Saskatchewan Cancer Commission Act

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FOR HISTORICAL REFERENCE ONLY

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CHAPTER 218

An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Permanent Cancer Commission

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Saskatchewan Cancer Commission Act*.

1930, c.64, s.1; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.1.

Interpretation

2 In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

“Commission”

1. “**Commission**” means the Saskatchewan Cancer Commission;

“Chairman”

2. “**Chairman**” means the chairman of the commission;

“Council of public health”

3. “**Council of public health**” means the council of public health appointed under the provisions of *The Public Health Act*;

“Cancer”

4. “**Cancer**” includes all forms and types of malignant growths and tumors and pre-cancerous conditions;

“Minister”

5. “**Minister**” means Minister of Public Health;

“Patient”

6. “**Patient**” means any person afflicted with, or suspected of being afflicted with cancer;

“Physician”

7. “**Physician**” means a duly qualified medical practitioner registered under *The Medical Profession Act*.

1930, c.64, s.2; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.2.

Commission constituted

3 There shall be a commission to be known as The Saskatchewan Cancer Commission. The commission shall be composed of one, two or three members, as determined from time to time by, and appointed by, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, one of whom shall be named as chairman.

1930, c.64, s.3; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.3.

Chairman

4(1) The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the commission and shall preside at meetings.

(2) Some other person may be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to act in place of the chairman, during his illness or absence from duty.

(3) Whenever it appears that a person other than the chairman has acted for and in place of the chairman, it shall be conclusively presumed that he has so acted in the absence of the chairman.

1930, c.64, s.4; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.4.

Where only one member

5 If only one member of the commission is appointed, he shall be deemed to be the chairman for the purposes of this Act, and shall possess all the powers, exercise all the functions and perform all the duties of the commission.

1930, c.64, s.5; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.5.

Quorum

6 A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and during a vacancy the remaininr member or members may exercise all the powers of the commission.

1930, c.64, s.6; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.6.

Powers of one member

7 Any one member may hold an enquiry or conduct a hearing for the commission.

1930, c.64, s.7; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.7.

Orders by one member

8 Orders made by one member shall, when confirmed by the commission, be deemed to be the orders of the commission.

1930, c.64, s.8; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.8.

Officers and employees

9(1) There may be from time to time appointed a secretary to the commission, and such other officers, nurses, technicians, inspectors, clerks and assistants as may be required.

(2) The members of the commission arid officials shall receive such remuneration as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may approve.

1930, c.64, s.9; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.9.

Submission to council of public health

10(1) The commission may submit to the council of public health, with the approval of the minister, any matters of public health relating to the activities of the commission

(2) The council of public health shall review and consider any matters referred to it by the commission, and shall report thereon to the minister.

1930, c.64, s.10; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.10.

Powers of commission

- 11** The commission shall have power, subject to the approval of the minister, to:
- (a) institute inquiries and collect facts and statistics relating to the incidence of mortality from and treatment of cancer;
 - (b) disseminate information in such manner and form as may be found best adapted to aid in the control and successful treatment of cancer;
 - (c) secure the observance and execution of the provisions of this Act and of regulations made thereunder;
 - (d) issue from time to time such reports, statistics, circulars and other publications as may be deemed advisable;
 - (e) provide for the establishment of such consultative diagnostic clinics as may be required for the diagnosis of cancer;
 - (f) provide for the establishment of one or more clinics for the treatment of cancer by radiation therapy and electro-therapeutics;
 - (g) erect buildings, or purchase land and erect buildings, or purchase land and buildings for the purpose of establishing clinics;
 - (h) obtain a supply of radium with the necessary equipment and appurtenances, and apparatus for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, included within the scope of the Roentgen Ray, radiation therapy and electrical energy;
 - (i) provide that the facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer shall be available to all patients;
 - (j) make regulations governing the administration and operation of cancer clinics, including the fees to be paid by the patients for services rendered, and the collection of such fees by the commission; the use and sale of radium, radium emanations and radium derivatives;
 - (k) communicate, as far as practicable, with the governmental authorities of other provinces and places, and with public bodies and organisations both within and without the province, for the purpose of acquiring and disseminating information concerning the control and treatment of cancer;
 - (l) do such other things as will aid in carrying out the provisions of this Act and the regulations in a satisfactory manner.

1930, c.64, s.11; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.11.

Disposal of fees

- 12** Any fees collected from patients or from other sources for services rendered to patients, and any charges collected for the use and sale of radium, radium emanations and radium derivatives by the commission, shall form part of the consolidated fund.

1930, c.64, s.12; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.12.

Indigent patients

13(1) Where the commission gives medical attendance or treatment to an indigent person it may recover its proper charges from the municipality in which such person has last resided for a period of at least thirty days, provided that it:

- (a) notifies the council of the municipality within fifteen days after beginning medical attendance or treatment that it will claim from the council payment of its charges therefor;
 - (b) demands payment within thirty days after completion of the medical attendance or treatment, or the death of the patient;
 - (c) furnishes the council within fifteen days after beginning medical attendance or treatment or at as early a date as practicable, with the statement mentioned in section 14.
- (2) In this and the following sections “**indigent**” means actually destitute of means from one’s own resources of obtaining necessary medical attendance and treatment.

1930, c.64, s.13; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.13.

Information to be supplied by commission

14 It shall be the duty of the commission, upon beginning medical attendance on or treatment of an indigent person, to obtain from such person or from other available sources, if possible, the following information, namely:

- (a) the name and address of the patient;
- (b) the name of the municipality in which he resides;
- (c) the names and addresses of the parties, if any, for whom he worked during the sixty days immediately preceding the beginning of the treatment by the commission;
- (d) a brief description of any land of which he may be the owner or occupant; and
- (e) the means he has of paying for his care and treatment;

and to furnish a statement of such information, certified correct, to the clerk of the municipality from which the commission expects payment of its account.

1930, c.64, s.14; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.14.

Recovery of expenses by municipality

15(1) Any sum paid by a municipality to the commission may be recovered from the patient, or from the husband or wife of the patient, or from the father or mother of the patient where the patient is a child dependent upon such father or mother for support, by action or by distraint by the treasurer of the municipality, and in the event of the death of the patient the council may recover the said sum from his administrators or executors.

(2) The municipality shall have a charge upon the lands of the patient, or of the husband or wife of the patient, or of the father or mother of the patient where the patient is a child dependent upon such father or mother for support, for expenses incurred under this Act, and may file a caveat for the protection of such charge in the proper land titles office.

1930, c.64, s.15; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.15.

Expenses of administration

16 The remuneration of members of the commission and officials, and other expenditures incurred in the administration of this Act, not provided for in section 17, shall be chargeable to and payable out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose.

1930, c.64, s.16; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.16.

Capital expenditures

17(1) In order to provide the funds required for the purchase of a supply of radium, the purchase of equipment and apparatus of a permanent nature, for the erection of buildings and the purchase of land and buildings, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall have power to authorise the Provincial Treasurer, from time to time, to raise, by way of loan upon the credit of the province, such sum or sums of money as may be required, and for that purpose to issue bonds, debentures, inscribed stock or such other securities of the province as the Lieutenant Governor in Council deems advisable.

(2) The aforesaid sums of money shall be raised as provided by *The Saskatchewan Loans Act*, and may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years and at such rate of interest as the Lieutenant Governor in Council determines; and the said sums shall be raised upon the credit of the consolidated fund of Saskatchewan and shall be chargeable thereon.

1930, c.64, s.17; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.17.

Information to be furnished

18(1) Every official of a public institution supported in whole or in part by the province, every medical health officer, every secretary of a board of health and every physician shall answer promptly communications from the commission, collect and tabulate facts according to instructions given them by the commission and supply correct information as to all matters submitted to them.

(2) It shall be the duty of every clerk or secretary of a city, town, village or rural municipality to answer promptly communications from the commission and to supply correct information regarding any patient.

(3) Any of the persons mentioned in subsections (1) and (2), who neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$25.

1930, c.64, s.18; R.S.S. 1930, c.218, s.18.

