

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Act

S.S. 1986-87-88, c.01, as amended

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| Short Title | 1. | This Act may be cited as <i>The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Act</i> . | |
| Interpretation, | 2. | In this Act: (a) "corporation" means the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities continued pursuant to section 3. (b) 'rural municipality' includes a municipal district within the meaning of <i>The Rural Municipality Act, 1989</i> . | |
| SARM continued | 3. | The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities is continued as a body corporate. | |
| Head Office | 4. | The corporation shall maintain its head office at the City of Regina. | |
| Objects | 5. | The objects of the corporation are: (a) to procure, insofar as possible, all rural municipalities in Saskatchewan to become members of the corporation; (b) to make any charge for membership that may be decided upon by the board of directors; (c) to hold conventions, and by lectures, discussions and other educational methods, to help a better understanding and administration of existing laws and statutes affecting the interests of rural municipalities; (d) to interpret for the benefit of member municipalities all legislation, both provincial and federal, and if, in the opinion of the corporation, amendment or repeal of any existing legislation is desirable, to take the necessary action to bring about its repeal or amendment; (e) to supervise and keep in touch with all proposed legislation affecting the interests of rural municipalities and to do all things necessary to see that all legislation to be passed is in the best interests of member municipalities; (f) to institute the necessary inquiries in Saskatchewan or other provinces as to the manner in which existing or proposed legislation has affected the interests of rural municipalities in Saskatchewan or other provinces; (g) to purchase for re-sale, or on commission, for the benefit of any municipality any commodities that it may require; | |
| | | | (h) to establish and administer benefit and insurance programs for the corporation and those municipalities which agree to participate; (i) to engage in any activity tending to advance the interests of agriculture and in particular to become directly and lawfully engaged in all or any of the following activities, that is to say, the handling, transportation, processing and marketing of grain and grain products, and the products of agriculture generally; (j) to accept membership and active participation in the Canada Grains Council and in any other organizations, associations, councils, congresses or bodies advancing the interests of producers of the products of agriculture. |
| | | Death and disability benefits to residents | 6. (1) The corporation may establish and administer a plan to provide benefits covering persons: (a) who are: (i) residents of member municipalities; or (ii) residents of Saskatchewan and ratepayers of member municipalities; which municipalities have entered into an agreement with the corporation to participate in the plan; and (b) who become disabled as a result of injury or disease or who die; and may levy on municipalities participating in the plan a charge to cover any deficiency of funds that may arise from the operation of the plan. (2) The corporation shall make rules prescribing the terms and conditions of a plan provided pursuant to subsection (1). (3) The corporation shall file with the Provincial Secretary two copies, certified by a director or authorized officer of the corporation to be true copies, of any rules or amendments made pursuant to subsection (2). (4) A plan provided pursuant to subsection (1) may not duplicate the benefits that may be provided by any plan of benefits that is implemented by the Government of Saskatchewan. |

Benefits to employees and officials

- (5) Upon a request being made by the Provincial Secretary to the corporation for information respecting a plan provided pursuant to subsection (1) or respecting the financial affairs of the corporation, the corporation shall immediately give a detailed reply to the request.
- 7. (1) The corporation may:
 - (a) provide a plan of death, disability, maternity, medical and dental benefits for its employees and elected and appointed officials and, by levy on member municipalities, provide a plan or plans of death, disability, maternity, medical and dental benefits for the employees and elected and appointed officials of rural municipalities in Saskatchewan which have complied with the provisions of the plan;
 - (b) pay death, disability, maternity, medical and dental benefits as provided in any plan described in clause (a) in the event that the person covered by the plan dies, becomes disabled as a result of bodily injury or disease, takes maternity leave or incurs a medical or dental expense covered under the plan, as the case may be;
 - (c) provide, through an insurer licensed to provide such insurance in the Province of Saskatchewan, a plan of term life insurance for its employees and elected and appointed officials and, by levy on member municipalities, provide a plan of term life insurance for the employees and elected and appointed officials of rural municipalities in Saskatchewan which have complied with the provisions of the plan.
- (2) The corporation may provide any of the benefits described in subsection (1) to the spouses and dependent children of its employees and elected and appointed officials as well as to the spouses and dependent children of the employees and elected and appointed officials of rural municipalities in Saskatchewan.
- (3) All premiums paid on or after June 1, 1988, by the corporation on behalf of its employees and elected and appointed officials and all levies collected on or after June 1, 1988, by the corporation on behalf of employees and elected and appointed officials of rural municipalities

with respect to any plan regarding death, disability, maternity, medical or dental benefits for those employees and officials are deemed to have been validly paid and collected.

- (4) All contracts entered into and all transactions or agreements made or actions taken on or after June 1, 1988, that were incidental to or required for the provision of a plan regarding death, disability, maternity, medical or dental benefits for employees and elected and appointed officials of the corporation or employees and elected and appointed officials of rural municipalities are deemed to have been validly entered into, made or taken.
- (5) All benefits paid on or after June 1, 1988, pursuant to a plan regarding death, disability, maternity, medical and dental benefits for employees and elected and appointed officials of the corporation or employees and elected and appointed officials of rural municipalities are deemed to have been validly paid.

Insurance Programs

- 8. (1) The corporation's existing liability and fidelity insurance programs are continued and the insurance corporation may in addition establish and administer a property insurance program for the corporation and those municipalities that agree to participate.
- (2) Should a deficiency of funds arise from the operation of any of the insurance programs, the corporation may levy on the corporation and those municipalities in the program a charge to cover the deficiency.

Deemed not to be insurance

- 9. Any plan provided pursuant to section 6, 7 or 8 and anything done by the corporation, its officers, servants and agents in the implementation of any such plan is deemed not to be undertaking a contract of insurance or transacting insurance within the meaning of *The Saskatchewan Insurance Act*, and the corporation is deemed not to be an insurance company within the meaning of *The Insurance Premiums Tax Act*.

Acquisition of Property

- 10. The corporation may acquire by gift or purchase of property purchase and have, hold, possess and enjoy the lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents, annuities and other property, movable or immovable, or any kind whatsoever, within Saskatchewan.

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| Power to sell, alleviate exchange, mortgage, etc. | 11. The corporation may sell, alienate, exchange, let, lease or otherwise dispose of any part of its real or personal estate. | Returns | 16. The corporation shall, at any time when required by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to do so, render an account in writing of its property and affairs to the Provincial Secretary. |
| Power to execute promissory notes, etc. | 12. It is lawful for the corporation to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. | Application of revenues | 17. The corporation shall apply and use all its revenue, of revenues issues and profits of all its property and assets in promoting the objects for which it is established. |
| Appointment of officers | 13. The corporation shall appoint a secretary treasurer and may appoint an attorney or manager, or both, for the purpose of carrying on the activities of the corporation. | Power to borrow | 18. The corporation may borrow from any person, firm or corporation, any sums of money that may be found necessary for the purposes of the corporation, and may secure any loan to the lender by bonds, debentures, bills of exchange, promissory notes, mortgages or any other instrument whatsoever that may be required or considered necessary or advisable by the lender. |
| Investment of net assets | 14. The corporation may invest its net assets in and form of property or security in which a reasonable, prudent investor would invest. | S.S. 1932, c.80 repealed | 19. <i>An Act to incorporate the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities</i> is repealed. |
| Power to make bylaws | 15. The corporation may make bylaws and rules for the government and proper administration of its property, affairs and interests, including the election, appointment, removal and retirement of officers, or of any persons holding office under the corporation and generally for the management and internal government of its affairs. | Coming into force | 20. This Act comes into force on the day of assent. |

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