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PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA**

In The Matter of: the *Environment Act*, S.N.S. 1994-95, c.1, s.106

In The Matter of: the designation of an area surrounding Hebb Lake, Lunenburg County, as a Protected Water Area, to be known as the "Hebb, Milipsigate, and Minamkeak Lake Watershed Protected Water Area"

Designation of the Hebb, Milipsigate and Minamkeak Lake Watershed Protected Water Area and the Making of Regulations with Respect Thereto

Whereas by order dated June 17, 1964 and published in the Royal Gazette (Part I) on June 17, 1964, the Nova Scotia Water Authority defined and prescribed an area surrounding Hebb Lake and Milipsigate Lake as the public water supply for the Town of Bridgewater;

And whereas by order dated April 22, 1981, and published in the Royal Gazette (Part 1) on May 13, 1981, the Minister of the Environment designated an area surrounding Minamkeak Lake, Lunenburg County, as a Protected Water Area;

And whereas subsections 106(4) and (5) of the *Environment Act* provide:

- (4) When requested by an operator of a water works or proposed water works, the Minister may cancel a designation made pursuant to this Section, in whole or in part.
- (5) Any protected water area designated pursuant to the Water Act, prior to the coming into force of this *Act* remains so designated;

And whereas the Public Service Commission of Bridgewater, operator of the water utility, has requested that the Minister of Environment and Labour cancel the June 17, 1964 and April 22, 1981 designations;

And whereas Section 106 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1994-95, the *Environment Act*, provides for the designation by the Minister of Environment and Labour of a protected water area and the making of regulations under subsection (6) to prohibit, regulate or require the doing of any act or acts in a protected water area that may impair or prevent the impairment, as the case may be, of the quality of water in the Protected Water Area;


And whereas the Public Service Commission of Bridgewater, operator of the water utility, has requested that the Minister of Environment and Labour designate the Hebb, Milipsigate, and Minamkeak Lake watershed as a Protected Water Area in order to protect the quality of the surface water and the groundwater supply;

And whereas the Public Service Commission of Bridgewater has provided opportunities for public consultation, including public meetings and the establishment of the Petite Riviere Watershed Advisory Group, an advisory committee comprising a number of different representatives including the general public and landowners;

Therefore pursuant to Section 106 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1994-95, the *Environment Act*, the undersigned, Mark Parent, Minister of the Environment and Labour hereby

- (a) cancels the June 17, 1964, and the April 22, 1981 designations;
- (b) designates an area surrounding Hebb Lake, Milipsigate Lake, and Minamkeak Lake more fully described in Schedule "A" as a protected water area, to be known as the "Hebb, Milipsigate, and Minamkeak Lake Watershed Protected Water Area"and;

- (c) makes regulations respecting activities in the Hebb, Milipsigate, and Minamkeak Lake Watershed Protected Water Area, in the form set forth in Schedule "B".


Honourable Mark Parent
Minister of Environment and Labour

Halifax, Nova Scotia
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