

# *The Provincial Emblems and Honours Act*

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Chapter P-30.2\* of the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1988-89* (effective June 29, 1988) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1995, c.29; 1997, c.17; 2000, c.2; 2001, c.4; 2003, c.9; 2005, c.39; and 2018, c.29 and c.42.*

**\*NOTE:** Pursuant to subsection 33(1) of *The Interpretation Act, 1995*, the Consequential Amendment sections, schedules and/or tables within this Act have been removed. Upon coming into force, the consequential amendments contained in those sections became part of the enactment(s) that they amend, and have thereby been incorporated into the corresponding Acts. Please refer to the Separate Chapter to obtain consequential amendment details and specifics.

## **NOTE:**

**This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.**

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## CHAPTER P-30.2

### An Act respecting Provincial Emblems and Honours

#### PART I Interpretation

##### Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Provincial Emblems and Honours Act*.

##### Interpretation

2 In this Act:

- (a) “**chairperson**” means the chairperson of the council appointed pursuant to clause 24(2)(a);
- (b) “**chancellor**” means the chancellor of the order designated pursuant to section 15;
- (c) “**council**” means the Saskatchewan Honours Advisory Council continued pursuant to subsection 24(1);
- (c.1) “**member**” includes an honorary member;
- (d) “**minister**” means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;
- (e) “**order**” means the Saskatchewan Order of Merit continued pursuant to subsection 14(1);
- (e.1) “**provincial honour**” means the order, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal established pursuant to subsection 21(1) or any other official order, decoration or medal of the Crown in right of Saskatchewan;
- (f) “**secretary**” means the secretary of the council appointed pursuant to subsection 27(1).

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.2; 1995, c.29, s.3; 1997, c.17, s.3; 2001, c.4, s.3.

#### PART II Provincial Emblems

##### Armorial bearings

3 The armorial bearings of Saskatchewan:

- (a) consist of the Complete Armorial Achievement for the Province of Saskatchewan, being the Arms granted by His Late Majesty King Edward the Seventh by Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual on August 25, 1906 as augmented by Royal Warrant on September 16, 1986; and

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(b) are described as follows:

**ARMS:** Vert, three Garbs in fesse Or, on a Chief of the last a Lion passant gardant Gules.

**CREST:** Upon a Helm with a Wreath Argent and Gules a Beaver upholding with its back our Royal Crown and holding in the dexter fore-claws a Western Red Lily (*Lilium philadelphicum andinum*) slipped all proper Mantled Gules doubled Argent.

**SUPPORTERS:** On the dexter side a Lion Or gorged with a Collar of Prairie Indian beadwork proper and dependent therefrom a six-pointed Mullet faceted Argent fimbriated and garnished Or charged with a Maple Leaf Gules and on the sinister side a White tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) proper gorged with a like Collar and dependent therefrom a like Mullet charged with a Western Red Lily slipped and leaved proper.

**MOTTO:** Beneath the Shield a Scroll entwined with Western Red Lilies slipped and leaved proper inscribed with the Motto MULTIS E GENTIBUS VIRES.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.3.

**Shield of arms**

4 The shield of arms of Saskatchewan, granted by His Late Majesty King Edward the Seventh by Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual on August 25, 1906 is described as follows:

Vert, three Garbs in fesse Or, on a Chief of the last a Lion passant gardant Gules.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.4.

**Flag**

5 The flag of Saskatchewan is described as follows:

A flag in the rectangular shape consisting of two horizontal bars, the upper green, the lower yellow (gold), with the shield of arms of Saskatchewan occupying the upper quarter nearest the staff and the floral emblem, the western red lily, occupying the half farthest from the staff.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.5.

**Fransaskois flag**

5.1(1) The Fransaskois flag is described as follows:

A flag in the rectangular shape consisting of a gold background, a green cross, and a red *fleur de lys* occupying the bottom right corner.

(2) The Fransaskois flag is recognized as the flag of Saskatchewan's Francophone community.

2005, c.39, s.3.

**Floral emblem**

**6** The flower known botanically as *Lilium philadelphicum* L. var. *andinum* (Nutt.) Ker and called the “western red lily” is the floral emblem of Saskatchewan.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.6.

**Grass emblem**

**6.1** The grass known botanically as *Hesperostipa comata* and called the “needle-and-thread grass” is the grass emblem of Saskatchewan.

2001, c.4, s.4.

**Bird emblem**

**7** The bird known ornithologically as *Tympanuchus phasianellus* and called the “sharp-tailed grouse” is the bird emblem of Saskatchewan.

1995, c.29, s.4.

**Animal emblem**

**7.1** The animal known zoologically as *Odocoileus virginianus* and called the “white-tailed deer” is the animal emblem of Saskatchewan.

2001, c.4, s.5.

**Fish emblem**

**7.2** The fish known scientifically as *Sander vitreus* and called the “walleye” is the fish emblem of Saskatchewan.

2005, c.39, s.4.

**Fossil emblem**

**7.3** The fossil of the species known as *Tyrannosaurus rex* and called “*T. rex*” is the fossil emblem of Saskatchewan.

2018, c.29, s.2.

**Tree emblem**

**8** The tree known botanically as *Betula papyrifera* and called the “white birch” is the tree emblem of Saskatchewan.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.8.

**Fruit emblem**

**8.1** The fruit known botanically as *Amelanchier alnifolia* and called the “Saskatoon Berry” is the fruit emblem of Saskatchewan.

2005, c.39, s.5.

**Wheat sheaf symbol**

**9** The stylized wheat sheaf symbol registered as a trade mark of the Government of Saskatchewan, its ministries and its agencies pursuant to the *Trade-marks Act* (Canada) is an official logo of the Government of Saskatchewan.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.9; 2018, c.42, s.40.

**Sport**

**9.1** The sport of curling is the official sport of Saskatchewan.

2001, c.4, s.6.

**Tartan**

**10** The Saskatchewan District Tartan recorded at the court of Lord Lyon, King of Arms of Scotland, being a two-block tartan of gold, brown, green, red, yellow, white and black, is the official tartan of Saskatchewan.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.10.

**Mineral**

**10.1** The mineral known as potash and scientifically called sylvite is the mineral emblem of Saskatchewan.

1997, c.17, s.4.

**Uses of emblems**

**11** The minister may authorize the use, reproduction and display of:

- (a) the armorial bearings of Saskatchewan described in section 3;
- (b) the shield of arms of Saskatchewan described in section 4;
- (c) the flag of Saskatchewan described in section 5; and
- (d) the stylized wheat sheaf symbol described in section 9.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.11.

**Offence and penalty**

**12** Any person who, without the authorization of the minister, assumes, uses, reproduces or displays:

- (a) the armorial bearings of Saskatchewan described in section 3 or any portion of those armorial bearings;
- (b) the shield of arms of Saskatchewan described in section 4;
- (c) the flag of Saskatchewan described in section 5; or
- (d) the stylized wheat sheaf symbol described in section 9;

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction of a fine of not more than \$5000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of not more than \$500 for each day during which the offence continues.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.12.

**Offence and penalty re floral emblem**

**13(1)** No person shall pick, cut down, dig, pull up, injure or destroy, in whole or in part, whether in blossom or not, the plant that produces the flower that is the floral emblem of Saskatchewan.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any person engaged in:

- (a) the lawful carrying out of any public work or of his occupation; or
- (b) the carrying out of necessary work on property owned or lawfully occupied by him.

(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$500.

1988-89, c.P-30.2, s.13.

### PART III Provincial Honours

**Order continued**

**14(1)** The Saskatchewan Order of Merit is continued as an official honour of the Crown in right of Saskatchewan and consists of:

- (a) those persons who received the Saskatchewan Award of Merit prior to the coming into force of *The Provincial Emblems and Honours Act*; and
- (b) those persons who become members pursuant to this Act.

(2) The object of the order is to recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement and who:

- (a) have made outstanding contributions to the social, cultural and economic well-being of Saskatchewan and its residents; or
- (b) are otherwise considered deserving by the council.

1995, c.29, s.5; 2001, c.4, s.7.

**Chancellor**

**15** The Lieutenant Governor is a member of the order and the chancellor of the order by virtue of his or her office.

2001, c.4, s.8.

**Membership**

**16** Subject to section 20, on being invested with the order, a person is a member of the order for life.

1995, c.29, s.5.

**Precedence**

**17** The order is the highest honour of Saskatchewan and takes precedence over all other orders, decorations and medals conferred by the Crown in right of Saskatchewan.

1995, c.29, s.5; 1997, c.17, s.5.

**Evidence of membership**

**18** Members of the order shall receive letters patent signed by the chancellor and sealed with the Great Seal as evidence of membership.

1995, c.29, s.5.

**Insignia and privileges of order**

**19(1)** The insignia of the order include:

- (a) a medal in the form of a stylized western red lily bearing the shield of arms of Saskatchewan, the Royal Crown and the motto of Saskatchewan "*Multis E Gentibus Vires*", worn with a green and gold ribbon; and
- (b) a lapel pin in the form of a stylized western red lily bearing the Royal Crown.

(2) A member of the order is entitled to:

- (a) wear the insignia of the order as a decoration; and
- (b) use the initials "S.O.M." after the member's name.

1995, c.29, s.5; 2005, c.39, s.6.

**Termination of membership**

**20(1)** A member may resign from the order by giving written notice of intention to resign, signed by the member, to the chancellor.

(2) The chancellor may terminate a person's membership in the order:

- (a) on the recommendation of the council; and
- (b) with the approval of the President of the Executive Council.

(3) Where a person's membership in the order is to be terminated pursuant to subsection (2), the termination is effective when the letters patent respecting the person's membership are revoked.

(4) Where a person ceases to be a member of the order pursuant to subsection (1) or (2), that person shall immediately return to the secretary the letters patent and the insignia of the order that were presented to that person on his or her investiture with the order.

1995, c.29, s.5.



**Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal**

**21(1)** The Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal is established as an official decoration of the Crown in right of Saskatchewan.

(2) The object of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal is to recognize individuals who have provided, without reward or gain, outstanding volunteer service or exceptional community involvement in an area that is beyond the performance of the individual's normal duties or the exercise of the responsibilities of a profession to which that individual belongs.

1995, c.29, s.5; 1997, c.17, s.6.

**Insignia of Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal**

**22(1)** The insignia of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal include:

- (a) a circular medal bearing the shield of arms of Saskatchewan and the Royal Crown, displaying the motto "Nos Ipsos Dedimus" and "Saskatchewan" and worn with a green and gold ribbon; and
- (b) a lapel pin in the form of a V on which is superimposed the shield of arms of Saskatchewan.

(2) A recipient of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal is entitled:

- (a) to wear the insignia of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal as a decoration; and
- (b) to use the initials "S.V.M." after the recipient's name.

1995, c.29, s.5; 1997, c.17, s.7; 2005, c.39, s.7.

**Certificate of Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal**

**23** Recipients of the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal shall receive certificates signed by the Lieutenant Governor.

1995, c.29, s.5.

**Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal**

**23.1(1)** The Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal is established as an official honour of the Crown in right of Saskatchewan.

(2) The object of the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal is to recognize individuals who have provided 25 years or more of exemplary service in law enforcement or other safety or security services in Saskatchewan.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal may be awarded to individuals with fewer than 25 years of service in law enforcement or other safety or security services in Saskatchewan if those individuals are considered deserving by the council.

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(4) The insignia of the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal includes a circular medal surmounted by the Royal Crown and bearing a lion on a western red lily superimposed on a shield and displaying the motto “*Qui Civitatem Tuentur*” and “Saskatchewan”, worn with a green and gold ribbon.

(5) Recipients of the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal shall receive a certificate signed by the Lieutenant Governor, a full-size medal, a miniature medal, an undress ribbon and a lapel pin.

2003, c.9, s.3; 2005, c.39, s.8.

**Saskatchewan Centennial Medal**

**23.2(1)** The Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan, also called the “Saskatchewan Centennial Medal”, is established as an official honour of the Crown in right of Saskatchewan.

(2) The object of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal is, as part of Saskatchewan’s centennial celebration:

(a) to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to society; and

(b) to honour their outstanding achievements.

(3) Recipients of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal shall receive a certificate signed by the Lieutenant Governor, a medal, and a lapel pin.

(4) The insignia of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal includes a circular medal worn with a green and gold ribbon:

(a) with the obverse of the medal bearing the Royal Crown and three stylized western red lilies, and displaying the motto of Saskatchewan “*Multis E Gentibus Vires*” and “Saskatchewan”; and

(b) with the reverse of the medal bearing the shield of arms of Saskatchewan.

2003, c.9, s.3; 2005, c39, s.9.

**Council**

**24(1)** The Saskatchewan Order of Merit Advisory Council is continued as the Saskatchewan Honours Advisory Council.

(2) The council consists of:

(a) a chairperson appointed by the President of the Executive Council for a term not exceeding three years;

(b) four members, each of whom is a member by virtue of his or her office, of whom:

(i) one is either the Chief Justice of Saskatchewan or the Chief Justice of the Queen’s Bench, alternating with the other, serving for a term of two years;

- (ii) one is the Cabinet Secretary or the Clerk of the Executive Council, as determined by the President of the Executive Council;
  - (iii) one is either the president of the University of Saskatchewan or the president of the University of Regina, alternating with the other, serving for a term of two years; and
  - (iv) one is the Provincial Archivist; and
- (c) not more than five members appointed by the President of the Executive Council.
- (3) The chairperson is eligible for re-appointment.
- (4) A member of the council appointed pursuant to clause (2)(c) holds office at pleasure for a term not exceeding three years and until his or her successor is appointed and is eligible for re-appointment for not more than one additional term.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsections (3) and (4), the President of the Executive Council may extend the term of the chairperson or a member of the council appointed pursuant to clause (2)(c) to a maximum of an additional two years where the President of the Executive Council considers it appropriate to ensure a reasonable continuity of membership on the council.
- (6) The chairperson and members of the council are not entitled to any remuneration but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties at the rates provided for members of the public service.

1995, c.29, s.5.

#### **Duties of council**

**25** The council shall:

- (a) meet at least annually;
- (b) consider nominations for provincial honours;
- (c) submit to the President of the Executive Council lists of nominees who, in the opinion of the council, are worthy of receiving provincial honours; and
- (d) advise the President of the Executive Council on any other matters respecting provincial honours that the President of the Executive Council may refer to the council.

1995, c.29, s.5.

#### **Bylaws**

**26** The council may determine the procedures for the conduct of its business.

1995, c.29, s.5.

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**Secretary**

- 27(1)** The President of the Executive Council may appoint a secretary of the council.
- (2) The secretary of the council shall:
- (a) maintain the records of the provincial honours and the council;
  - (b) arrange for investitures and presentations; and
  - (c) perform any other functions with respect to the provincial honours that the council may require.

1995, c.29, s.5.

**Criteria for provincial honours**

- 27.1(1)** Subject to subsections (2) and (3), Canadian citizens who are current or former long-term residents of Saskatchewan are eligible to receive a provincial honour.
- (2) No member of the Legislative Assembly or member of the House of Commons of Canada is eligible to receive a provincial order or decoration while holding elected office.
- (3) No judge of any court of any province or of Canada is eligible to receive a provincial order or decoration while holding office as judge.
- (4) A provincial honour shall not be conferred posthumously except in the case of a nominee who dies after being recommended to receive a provincial honour pursuant to subsection 27.2(3).
- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), a person may be invested with the order posthumously if the person is nominated within one year of the date of his or her death.
- (6) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person who is not a Canadian citizen or who is not a current or former long-term resident of Saskatchewan may be invested with the order as an honorary member of the order on the recommendation of the council to the President of the Executive Council.
- (7) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person who is not a Canadian citizen or who is not a current or former long-term resident of Saskatchewan may be awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal on the recommendation of the council to the President of the Executive Council.

1995, c.29, s.5; 1997, c.17, s.8; 2000, c.2, s.2;  
2001, c.4, s.9; 2003, c.9, s.4.

**Selection of nominees**

- 27.2(1)** Individuals and organizations may nominate persons to receive a provincial honour.
- (1.1) Notwithstanding subsection (1), only those organizations designated in the regulations may nominate persons to receive the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal.
- (2) Nominations must be submitted to the secretary.

(3) The council shall submit to the President of the Executive Council, for his or her approval:

- (a) lists of nominees selected from the nominations submitted pursuant to this section; and
- (b) the names of any nominees recommended pursuant to subsection 27.1(6).

(4) The President of the Executive Council shall recommend the nominees approved by him or her to the Lieutenant Governor for investiture with the order or to receive the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal or another provincial honour.

(4.1) For the purpose of assisting the council or the President of the Executive Council in selecting the nominees for recommendation to receive the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal, the President of the Executive Council may appoint an advisory committee or engage the services of or retain any technical, professional or other advisers, specialists or consultants that the President of the Executive Council considers necessary.

(5) The chancellor shall invest with the order those persons approved by the President of the Executive Council pursuant to subsection (4) as persons to who are to be invested with the order.

(6) The Lieutenant Governor shall present the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal to those persons approved by the President of the Executive Council pursuant to subsection (4) as persons who are to receive the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

(7) The Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor's designate shall present the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal to those persons approved by the President of the Executive Council pursuant to subsection (4) as persons who are to receive that provincial honour.

1995, c.29, s.5; 2001, c.4, s.10; 2003, c.9, s.5.

#### **Revocation of medal**

**27.21(1)** On the recommendation of the council, the President of the Executive Council may revoke any Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal or Saskatchewan Centennial Medal awarded pursuant to this Act.

(2) If a medal is revoked pursuant to subsection (1), the person to whom the medal was awarded shall immediately return to the secretary the medal, lapel pin and certificate that were presented to that person on the receipt of the award.

(3) On the recommendation of the council, the President of the Executive Council may reinstate any medal that has been revoked pursuant to subsection (1).

2003, c.9, s.6.

#### **Offence and penalty**

**27.3(1)** No person who is not a member of the order shall:

- (a) hold himself or herself out as a member of the order;
- (b) display or use any insignia of the order; or
- (c) use the initials of the order after his or her name.

(2) No person who has not received the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal or the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, or whose medal has been revoked pursuant to subsection 27.21(1) and not reinstated, shall:

- (a) hold himself or herself out as a recipient of that medal; or
- (b) display or use any insignia of that medal.

(3) Any person who contravenes any provision of this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$2,000.

1995, c.29, s.5; 2003, c.9, s.7.

**Regulations**

**27.4** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations designating organizations for the purposes of subsection 27.2(1.1).

2003, c.9, s.8.

PART IV

**Repeal and Coming into Force**

**28** **Dispensed.** This section makes consequential amendments to another Act. The amendments have been incorporated into the corresponding Act.