The Veterinary Services Act

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**SCHEDULE**
CHAPTER 217
An Act respecting Veterinary Services in Rural Areas

Short title
1 This Act may be cited as The Veterinary Services Act.
R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.1.

Interpretation
2 In this Act:
“board”
(a) “board” means a veterinary service board established under this Act or any former Veterinary Services Act;
“district”
(b) “district” means a veterinary service district established under this Act or any former Veterinary Services Act;
“minister”
(c) “minister” means the Minister of Agriculture;
“veterinarian”
(d) “veterinarian” means a veterinarian registered under The Veterinarians Act.

Veterinary service districts
3(1) The council of a rural municipality may, at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose:

(a) resolve to request the establishment of a Veterinary Service District consisting of:
   (i) the municipality; or
   (ii) a portion of the municipality comprising an area that is not less than an area equivalent to three hundred and twenty-four square miles;

(b) resolve to co-operate with one or more contiguous rural municipalities in the establishment of a Veterinary Service District comprising an area that is not less than an area equivalent to three hundred and twenty-four square miles and consisting of the whole or a portion of the rural municipality and the whole or a portion of any other rural municipality or rural municipalities mentioned in the resolution; or

(c) resolve to co-operate with the Minister of Municipal Affairs in the establishment of a Veterinary Service District comprising an area that is not less than an area equivalent to three hundred and twenty-four square miles and consisting of the whole or a portion of the rural municipality and the whole or a portion of any contiguous local improvement district or local improvement districts mentioned in the resolution; or
(d) resolve to co-operate with any rural municipality and the Minister of Municipal Affairs in the establishment of a Veterinary Service District comprising an area that is not less than an area equivalent to three hundred and twenty-four square miles and consisting of the whole or a portion of the rural municipality and the whole or a portion of any contiguous rural municipality or rural municipalities and of any local improvement district or local improvement districts mentioned in the resolution.

(2) The resolution shall be in one of the forms contained in the schedule to this Act.

(3) The Minister of Municipal Affairs may request the minister to establish a Veterinary Service District consisting of:

(a) a local improvement district or two or more contiguous local improvement districts; or

(b) a portion of a local improvement district or portions of two or more contiguous local improvement districts, comprising an area that is not less than an area equivalent to three hundred and twenty-four square miles; or

(c) the area or areas mentioned in a resolution under clause (c) or (d) of subsection (1).

(4) Upon receipt of a copy of the resolution of the council of each municipality concerned certified by the secretary treasurer to be a true copy or the request of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, or both, as the case may require, the minister may, in his discretion, by order establish a veterinary service district in accordance with the resolutions or request or both and assign a name to the district.

(5) The district so established shall be entitled “The _______________ Veterinary Service District”.

R.S.S. 1953, c.199, s.3; 1964, c.5, s.3 R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.3.

Change of name of district

4 The minister may, upon petition of a board and after such notice as he deems sufficient to the municipalities concerned or the Minister of Municipal Affairs or both, as the case may require, change the name of the district, in which case notice of the alteration shall be published in The Saskatchewan Gazette.

R.S.S. 1953, c.199, s.4; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.4.

Veterinary service boards

5(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), there shall be a veterinary service board for each district, consisting of:

(a) one representative of each co-operating municipality appointed by resolution of the council;

(b) one representative of each local improvement district or portion of a local improvement district within the district appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs; and

(c) an employee of the Department of Agriculture, designated by the minister.
(2) Where a district consists only of one municipality or part of a municipality the board shall consist of:
   (a) at least three persons appointed by resolution of the council; and
   (b) an employee of the Department of Agriculture, designated by the minister.

(3) Where a district consists of only one local improvement district or part of a local improvement district the board shall consist of:
   (a) at least three persons appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs; and
   (b) an employee of the Department of Agriculture, designated by the minister.

(4) Members appointed under clause (a) of subsection (1) or clause (a) of subsection (3) shall, subject to subsection (6), hold office for a period, not exceeding three years, designated in the resolution of the council, but may be reappointed; and where a vacancy occurs the council shall appoint a person to hold office for the unexpired term.

(5) Members appointed under clause (b) of subsection (1) or clause (a) of subsection (3) shall, subject to subsection (6), hold office for a period, not exceeding three years, designated by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, but may be reappointed; and where a vacancy occurs the Minister of Municipal Affairs shall appoint a person to hold office for the unexpired term.

(6) The council may by resolution cancel any appointment made by it or a previous council and appoint another person to fill the vacancy and the Minister of Municipal Affairs may cancel any appointment made by him and appoint another person to fill the vacancy.

(7) The board shall be a body corporate under the name of “The ___________ Veterinary Service Board”, the blank being filled in to correspond with the name of the district.

(8) Upon a change in the name of a district under section 4 the name of the board shall be changed to correspond therewith.

(9) No change in the name of the board shall affect any obligation, liability, right or right of action existing at the time of the change.

R.S.S. 1953, c.199, s.5; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.5.

Objects of board
6 The objects of the board shall be:
   (a) to render financial or other assistance to enable and encourage a veterinarian to practise veterinary medicine and surgery in the district, at uniform fees throughout the district;
   (b) to enable veterinarians to confer together for the interchange of information on matters relating to veterinary medicine and surgery;
   (c) to prevent the spread of diseases among horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, through the imparting of information and instruction and such other means as may be found necessary;
(d) to perform such other duties as may be assigned to boards by the minister or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

R.S.S. 1953, c.199, s.6; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.6.

Payments by municipalities to districts
7(1) Subject to subsection (2), every municipality the whole or a portion of which is within a district may annually pay to the board of the district a sum deemed by the council to be necessary for the purposes of the board.

(2) Where a district consists only of one municipality or part of a municipality, the municipality shall pay annually to the board a sum not less than $1,000.

R.S.S. 1953, c.199, s.7; 1958, c.19, s.2; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.7.

Payments by Minister of Municipal Affairs to districts
8(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Minister of Municipal Affairs may, out of the funds of a local improvement district the whole or a portion of which is within a district, annually pay to the board of the district a sum deemed by him to be necessary for the purposes of the board.

(2) Where a district consists of only one local improvement district or part of a local improvement district, the Minister of Municipal Affairs shall, out of the funds of the local improvement district, pay annually to the board a sum not less than $1,000.

R.S.S. 1953, c.199, s.8; 1958, c.19, s.3; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.8.

Payments by province to districts
9(1) Out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, the minister may, subject to regulations made under subsection (2), make grants to the board of a district in any fiscal year equal to the sum of:

(a) the amounts appropriated in that fiscal year for the purposes of the board by the municipalities included in whole or in part in the district; and

(b) the amounts paid in that fiscal year by the Minister of Municipal Affairs to the board in respect of the local improvement districts included in whole or in part in the district;

but the aggregate of all grants to the board in that fiscal year shall not exceed $3,000.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

(a) prescribing the conditions under which the minister may make grants under subsection (1);

(b) establishing a schedule of grants that may be made by the minister under subsection (1).

1964, c.5, s.4; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.9.
Payments by districts to veterinarians

10 For the purpose of encouraging a veterinarian to practise veterinary medicine and surgery in its district, the board may engage his services, and in such event shall pay to him annually a sum not less than $2,000, provided the veterinarian complies with the rules and regulations of the board made pursuant to this Act.

R.S.S. 1953, c.199, s.10; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.10.

Regulations

11 A board may, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, make regulations:

(a) respecting the terms and conditions on which payments may be made to the district veterinarian;

(b) prescribing the maximum fees that may be charged by the district veterinarian;

(c) prescribing that uniform fees shall be charged throughout the district or any zone or zones thereof;

(d) for the control and management of the property and funds of the board;

(e) generally for carrying out in its district the provisions of this Act according to their true intent.

R.S.S. 1953, c.199, s.11; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.11.

Semi-annual report by veterinarian

12 The veterinarian shall forward to the minister, in January and July of each year, a report containing such information as the minister may require and covering the respective periods of six months ending on the next preceding thirty-first day of December and thirtieth day of June.

R.S.S. 1953, c.199, s.12; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.12.

Disorganization of district consisting of one or part of one municipality

13(1) Where a district consists of only one municipality or part of a municipality the council of the municipality may by resolution request the minister to disorganize the district.

(2) Upon receipt of a copy of the resolution certified by the secretary treasurer to be a true copy, the minister shall, subject to subsection (3), by order dissolve the board and disorganize the district, and thereupon the district shall for all purposes cease to exist.

(3) No order for disorganization shall be made under this section until the unexpended funds, if any, in the hands of the board, after payment of all debts, have been paid by the board to the municipality and to the Provincial Treasurer in amounts bearing the same ratio to one another as the amounts paid to the board in the current fiscal year under sections 7 and 9 bear to one another.

1964, c.5, s.5; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.13.

Withdrawal by municipality from district

14(1) In the case of a district to which section 13 does not apply, the council of a municipality the whole or a part of which is within the district may by resolution request the minister to withdraw the municipality or part from the district.
(2) Upon receipt of a copy of the resolution certified by the secretary treasurer to be a true copy, the minister shall by order make the requested withdrawal unless such action would reduce the district to an area that does not include the whole of a municipality or local improvement district and is less than an area equivalent to three hundred and twenty-four square miles, in which case he shall, subject to subsection (3), by order dissolve the board and disorganize the district, and thereupon the district shall for all purposes cease to exist.

(3) No order for disorganization shall be made under this section until the unexpended funds, if any, in the hands of the board, after payment of all debts, have been paid by the board to the municipalities concerned and to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and to the Provincial Treasurer in amounts bearing the same ratio to one another as the amounts paid to the board in the current fiscal year under sections 7, 8 and 9 bear to one another.

1964, c.5, s.5; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.14.

Disorganization of district where section 13 not applicable

15(1) In the case of a district to which section 13 does not apply the council of each municipality the whole or a part of which is within the district may resolve to join in petitioning the minister for the disorganization of the district.

(2) Upon receipt of a petition for disorganization of the district, and a copy of the resolution of the council of each municipality concerned certified by the secretary treasurer to be a true copy, the minister may by order, if satisfied that disorganization is advisable but subject to subsection (3), dissolve the board and disorganize the district, and thereupon the district shall for all purposes cease to exist.

(3) No order for disorganization shall be made under this section until the unexpended funds, if any, in the hands of the board, after payment of all debts, have been paid by the board to the municipalities concerned and to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and to the Provincial Treasurer in amounts bearing the same ratio to one another as the amounts paid to the board in the current fiscal year under sections 7, 8 and 9 bear to one another.

1964, c.5, s.5; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.15.

Disorganization of district consisting of one or part of one local improvement district

16(1) Where a district consists of only one local improvement district or part of a local improvement district the Minister of Municipal Affairs may request the minister to disorganize the district.

(2) Upon receipt of a request under subsection (1), the minister shall, subject to subsection (3), by order dissolve the board and disorganize the district, and thereupon the district shall for all purposes cease to exist.

(3) No order for disorganization shall be made under this section until the unexpended funds, if any, in the hands of the board, after payment of all debts, have been paid by the board to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and to the Provincial Treasurer in amounts bearing the same ratio to one another as the amounts paid to the board in the current fiscal year under sections 8 and 9 bear to one another.

1964, c.5, s.5; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.16.
Withdrawal of local improvement district

17(1) In the case of a district to which section 16 does not apply the Minister of Municipal Affairs may request the minister to withdraw from the district a local improvement district or that part of a local improvement district that is within the district.

(2) Upon receipt of a request under subsection (1), the minister shall by order make the requested withdrawal unless such action would reduce the district to an area that does not include the whole of a municipality or local improvement district and is less than an area equivalent to three hundred and twenty-four square miles, in which case he shall, subject to subsection (3) of section 14, which shall apply mutatis mutandis, by order dissolve the board and disorganize the district, and thereupon the district shall for all purposes cease to exist.

1964, c.5, s.5; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.17.

Power of Minister of Municipal Affairs to join in petition under section 15

18 Where a district in respect of which two or more municipalities have resolved under subsection (1) of section 15 to join in petitioning the minister for the disorganization of the district contains a local improvement district or part of a local improvement district the Minister of Municipal Affairs may join in the petition and where he does so subsections (2) and (3) of section 15 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

1964, c.5, s.5; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.18.

Advisory committee

19(1) There shall be a committee to be known as The Veterinary Service Districts Advisory Committee consisting of three members, one of whom shall be appointed by the minister, one by Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association and one by The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

(2) The committee mentioned in subsection (1):
   (a) shall meet upon the request of the minister;
   (b) shall act in an advisory capacity to the minister;
   (c) may make recommendations respecting:
       (i) the formation of Veterinary Service Districts;
       (ii) alterations in the boundaries of districts;
       (iii) the disorganization of districts;
       (iv) any matter referred to it by the minister.

(3) The members of the committee shall be entitled to receive such remuneration as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may determine.

1964, c.5, s.6; R.S.S. 1965, c.217, s.19.
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A VETERINARY SERVICES DISTRICT

Copy of a resolution as recorded in the minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality ____________ of No. __________, held at _______________ on the __________ day of __________, 19______.

Moved by Councillor _______________ that this council approves the principle set out in The Veterinary Services Act, and agrees to co-operate with the council of The Rural Municipality of ____________ No. ____________, The Rural Municipality of ____________ No. ____________ and the Rural Municipality of ____________ No. ____________ and the Minister of Municipal Affairs in respect of local improvement districts Nos. ____________ (or as the case may require) in the establishment of a veterinary service district consisting of this municipality and the said municipalities and the said local improvement districts (or as the case may require), and in the establishment of a veterinary service board, as set out in the Act, for the orderly control of the district, and to contribute annually to the cost thereof a sum deemed by the council to be necessarily for the purposes of the board.

Further that ____________________ of ____________________ be the representative of this municipality on the said veterinary service board.

Seconded by Councillor ____________________ and carried.

Certified a true copy.

(Seal of Municipality)

Secretary Treasurer

Is the municipality a pure bred sire area?
Has the area an enforcement officer?
Would the municipality employ the veterinarian as an enforcement officer?

Or
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A VETERINARY SERVICE DISTRICT CONSISTING ONLY OF ONE MUNICIPALITY OR PART OF A MUNICIPALITY

Copy of a resolution as recorded in the minutes of a meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of ____________________ No. __________ held on the ______ day of ________, 19 ______.

Moved by Councillor ____________________ that this council approves the principle set out in The Veterinary Services Act, requests the establishment of a veterinary service district consisting of this municipality (or consisting of the part of this municipality comprised in townships ____________________, or as the case may be), and agrees to establish a veterinary service board, as set out in the Act, for the orderly control of the district and to contribute annually to the cost thereof the sum of $1,000.

Further that the representatives of this municipality on the veterinary service board shall be:

1. ____________________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________________

Seconded by Councillor (Seal of Municipality)

Secretary Treasurer

Is the municipality a pure bred sire area?
Has the area an enforcement officer?
Would the municipality employ the veterinarian as an enforcement officer?