

# *The Rural Development Act*

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Chapter R-23.1 of the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1986-87-88*  
(effective January 1, 1987), as amended by the *Statutes of  
Saskatchewan, 2005, c.M-36.1*.

## **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 R-23.1

### An Act to facilitate Economic and Social Development in Rural Areas

#### Short title

- 1 This Act may be cited as *The Rural Development Act*.

#### Interpretation

- 2 In this Act:

- (a) “**minister**” means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;
- (b) **Repealed.** 2005, c.M-36.1, s.464.

1986-87-88, c.R-23.1, s.2; 2005, c.M-36.1, s.464.

#### Agreement to secure incorporation

- 3 Subject to section 4, for the purpose of securing the incorporation of a corporation pursuant to *The Business Corporations Act*, *The Non-profit Corporations Act*, 1995 or *The Co-operatives Act*, 1996, a municipality that is established or continued pursuant to *The Municipalities Act* may enter into agreements with:

- (a) one or more other municipalities; or
- (b) one or more other municipalities and persons.

2005, c.M-36.1, s.464.

#### Objects and purposes

- 4 Notwithstanding the Act under which the corporation was incorporated, the objects and purposes of a corporation incorporated pursuant to an agreement pursuant to section 3 are:

- (a) the identification of economic and social development opportunities and the preparation and amendment of an economic and social development strategy or plan for the parties to the agreement;
- (b) the establishment and maintenance of communications with the Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan, and agencies of those governments, to become aware of and utilize programs of those governments and agencies that promote economic and social development in rural areas of Saskatchewan;
- (c) the establishment and maintenance of communications with municipalities and other persons respecting economic and social development in rural areas of Saskatchewan;

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(d) the formulation and carrying out of economic and social programs that benefit persons residing in rural areas of Saskatchewan;

(e) any other objects or purposes relating to economic and social development in the rural areas of Saskatchewan that may be prescribed in regulations.

1986-87-88, c.R-23.1, s.4.

**Power of municipalities to invest, etc.**

**5** Notwithstanding any other Act, a municipality may become a member of, or purchase shares or bonds, debentures or other securities of, a corporation incorporated pursuant to an agreement pursuant to section 3.

1986-87-88, c.R-23.1, s.5.

**Winding-up and dissolution**

**6(1)** Notwithstanding any other Act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, on the application of a corporation incorporated pursuant to an agreement pursuant to section 3, wind-up the affairs of the corporation and dissolve the corporation, and in doing so may make any disposition of its assets and deal with its obligations in a way that may be considered advisable for the public good.

(2) The Clerk of the Executive Council shall, at least three weeks before winding-up proceedings are commenced, publish in the Gazette and in one issue of a newspaper circulating in the place in which the head office of the corporation is located a notice of the intended winding-up setting forth the proposed disposition of the assets and the proposed dealings with respect to the obligations of the corporation.

1986-87-88, c.R-23.1, s.6.

**Financial assistance**

**7** The minister may provide financial assistance by way of grant, loan, guarantee or other similar means, in accordance with any terms or conditions that are prescribed in regulations, to any corporation incorporated pursuant to an agreement pursuant to section 3.

1986-87-88, c.R-23.1, s.7.

**Awards for achievement**

**8** Subject to the regulations, the minister may make grants or awards to any corporation incorporated pursuant to an agreement pursuant to section 3, municipality or other person whose records of achievement in the promotion of economic and social development in any rural area of Saskatchewan is of outstanding significance.

1986-87-88, c.R-23.1, s.8.

**Regulations**

**9** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the minister, make regulations:

- (a) excluding the application of, in whole or in part, or varying any of the provisions of the Act under which a corporation is incorporated in order that the corporation may more effectively and practically carry out its objectives and purposes;
- (b) prescribing objects and purposes for any corporation or class of corporations in addition to those set out in clauses 4(a) to (d);
- (c) for the purposes of sections 7 and 8.

1986-87-88, c.R-23.1, s.9.

