

THE
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION
OF CANADA

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The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada was created with the support and approval of the membership of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. In a resolution approved at the 1984 Annual General Meeting of the association, the members concluded that, in future, the association should play an important role in supporting, encouraging and promoting projects and initiatives in the field of environmental health. The members decided this could best be achieved through the creation of a non-profit charitable foundation operating as an autonomous division of the association.

In 1985, the necessary amendments to the Letters Patent, Constitution and By-Laws were prepared and then approved at the Annual General Meeting. In accordance with the requirements of the Government of Canada, the changes authorized by the membership were submitted to the federal department of Consumer & Corporate Affairs. On August 2, 1985, the amendments received Ministerial approval.

In the fall of 1985, a preliminary application was made to Revenue Canada for consideration of the Foundation as a "charitable organization" as defined in the Income Tax Act. During subsequent months, the necessary governing documents have been prepared to meet the needs of both Revenue Canada and our association, commonly called the "Institute". On September 4, 1986, a representative of Revenue Canada advised our proposals now met their requirements and, therefore, an official application by was necessary by the initial Board of Trustees.

To permit the appointment of the initial Trustees, the Executive Council of the Institute approved the governing documents (to be known as "Regulations") on September 15, 1986. The initial nine members of the Board of Trustees were appointed by the Executive Council of the Institute on January 17th, 1987. The inaugural meeting of the Foundation was held on July 13th, 1989 in Ottawa. The

second Annual meeting was held on October 13, 1990. On March 14th, 1991 the Foundation received Official "Notification Of Registration" from Revenue Canada which also advised that the application had been **APPROVED** effective January 1, 1991. The Environmental Health Foundation of Canada was now a "**Registered Charity**" pursuant to the Income Tax Act.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The governing "**Regulations**" of the Foundation outline a number of basic concepts concerning appointments to the Board of Trustees.

1. Persons to be appointed should have a sincere interest in field of environmental health as it relates to the protection of the health of the public.
2. Every attempt should be made to ensure representatives from industry, government, educational institutions and the community at large.
3. Where possible, consideration is to be given to representation from the regions of Canada.
4. The National President of the Institute plus three other CIPHI representatives are to be included on the Board.
5. The Board shall consist of a minimum of nine and a maximum of fifteen Trustees.

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The purposes of the Foundation are:

- (a) To support the promotion of and research into the field of environmental health as it relates to the protection of the health of the public. This purpose will be pursued within Canada and internationally by working towards the following objectives:
 - (i) increasing public awareness of environmental health issues, concerns and hazards;
 - (ii) encouraging and supporting persons in or entering into the field of

- environmental health through the issuance of bursaries and scholarships;
 - (iii) supporting and/or providing educational programs in the field of environmental health;
 - (iv) initiating and supporting research in the field of environmental health;
 - (iv) supporting the development and operation of national and international projects in the field of environmental health.
- (b) To solicit or raise money, to receive, acquire and hold gifts, donations, legacies, bequests and endowments from all sources, including other charitable organizations, to be used solely in the furtherance of the aforesaid objectives.

During discussions with Revenue Canada, a number of specific questions were asked concerning the Objectives of the Foundation. Those questions, plus the answers, which were provided are attached as "**Objectives – Defined**".

INSTITUTE BACKGROUND

The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors was established in 1913 as the "Sanitary Inspectors' Association of Western Canada". It expanded into a national organization in 1920. On January 3, 1934, the Secretary of State for Canada granted a Charter incorporating the Institute under the name "Canadian Institute of Sanitary Inspectors". In 1963, the name was changed to the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors. Although the Institute's name has not changed since that date, there has been an increasing use of the term "Environmental Health" to describe our rapidly changing and expanding occupation. Thus, the title **Environmental Health Foundation of Canada** was chosen.

The **Objectives** of the association are as hereafter described.

- To advance and maintain the profession of Public Health Inspection.
- To protect and enhance the health of all Canadians.
- To set standards for persons entering the field of Public Health Inspection.

- To promote the advancement of sanitary science in all or any of its branches and the diffusion of knowledge relating thereto.
- To Provide liaison between Public Health Inspectors, the Public, other Health Professionals and Government.
- To cooperate with other associations whose goals and objectives are similar.
- To establish, operate and administer an autonomous non-profit charitable foundation.

The Institute consists of seven Branches representing all Provinces and Territories. It is governed by a National Executive Council consisting of a President, 8 Vice Presidents (which are the Branch Presidents), 5 Councilors, an Executive Director(s), and the immediate Past President. The National President and the 5 Councilors are elected biennially by the members at the Annual General Meeting which is held in conjunction with the National Educational Conference. This conference is held in a different Branch each year. The Annual General Meeting serves to give direction from the membership to the National Executive in the form of changes to the Constitution and By-laws and also adoption of Resolutions. Membership runs about 1,000 out of a potential of about 1,500 in the profession nationally.

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