

This Annual Report of the Department of Natural Resources, for the year ended March 31, 2008, is prepared pursuant to the *Ministerial Land Transaction Regulations*, which were made under the *Court and Administrative Reform Act*.

Pursuant to the *Crown Lands Act*, the Department of Natural Resources is responsible to administer Crown land province wide. The Act stipulates that all transactions related to the acquisition and disposition of land or interests in land, or certificates to release the Crown's interest in land require an individual Cabinet submission and Executive Council approval. This process is complex and can be time consuming.

The *Ministerial Land Transactions Regulations* were introduced in March 2005 pursuant to Section 6 of the *Court and Administrative Reform Act*, in keeping with the government's blueprint commitment to reduce red tape and improve the delivery of services to the public and business. Through these Regulations, the Cabinet has delegated authority to complete certain land transactions to the Minister of Natural Resources. These transactions include acquisitions under \$100,000 in value, disposals of land or interests in land under \$25,000 or 10 hectares and the issuance of certificates to release the Crown's interest in up to 200 hectares of land.

The Regulations have eliminated the requirement for the Minister to obtain Cabinet approval for these transactions, however the Minister must still give one week's notice to the Cabinet of the sale of any land or disposal of any interests in land. This change has streamlined the approval process, thereby reducing client frustration, government paper burden, processing delays and procedural tasks, and increasing the delivery of effective and timely services to the public.

The *Ministerial Land Transactions Regulations* require the Department of Natural Resources to give public notice of acquisitions and disposals made by the Minister under the Regulations through an annual report. In 2007-2008, the Department of Natural Resources completed one acquisition and 23 disposal transactions using the processes outlined in the *Ministerial Land Transactions Regulations*.

The attached table sets out the details of these transactions.



Minister - David M. Morse



Deputy Minister - Peter C. Underwood

**2007-08 Annual Report of Acquisitions and Dispositions
Made by the Minister of Natural Resources
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Crown Lands Act Reference	Type of Transaction	Reason for Transaction	Name of Interest Holder	Location of Land	Size of Parcel	Price
Acquisitions of Real Property or Interests in Real Property						
Clause 7(a)	Acquisition	Addition to wilderness area	Garry and Suzan Morash	MacLeans Lake, Queen Co.	65.16 hectares	\$80,000.00
Dispositions of Real Property or Interests in Real Property						
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Deed	Building encroachment on former rail line	Cornwallis Park Development Association	Cornwallis Park, Annapolis Co.	1427.34 square metres (a total of 3 lots)	\$7,679.09
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Deed	Building encroachments on former rail line	Cornwallis Park Development Association	Cornwallis Park, Annapolis Co.	641.83 square metres	\$3,453.04
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Deed	Provide adjoining lot with public highway frontage	Linda and Ottaviano Bernardi	Clementsport, Annapolis Co.	1,298 square metres	\$1,622.50
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Deed	For the construction of a water treatment plant	Town of Canso	Yellow Marsh, Guysborough Co.	0.1869 hectares	\$1,000.00

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Clause 16 (1)(a)	Deed	Consolidation with adjoining land for waste water disposal associated with the company's agricultural business	Oxford Frozen Foods Limited	Black River, Cumberland Co.	30.83 hectares	\$15,236.00
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Deed	Eliminate street encroachment	Town of Mahone Bay	Wye Street, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg Co.	5472 square metres	\$1.00
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Lease	Maintain and operate microwave communication tower	Bell Canada	Beechmont Road, Cape Breton Co.	approximately 1.21 hectares	annual rent of \$3,000.00
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Lease	Maintain and operate microwave communication tower	Bell Canada	Cape Smokey, Victoria Co.	approximately 1.21 hectares	annual rent of \$3,000.00

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Clause 16 (1)(a)	Lease	Maintain and utilize storage shed for fishing operation	Port Felix Fishermen's Group	Port Felix, Guysborough Co.	approximately 0.27 hectares (0.66 acres)	annual rent of \$25.00
Clause 16 (1)(b)	Easement	Facilitate access to lands; construct, install, use, maintain, repair and replace underground and overhead utility lines and poles plus road	Bowater Mersey Paper Company Limited	Mill Lake, Halifax Co.	0.6 hectares	\$1,800.00
Clause 16 (1)(b)	Easement	Facilitate access and utilities to property	Stewart Applegath	Chimney Corner, Inverness Co.	0.512 hectares	\$307.20
Clause 16 (1)(b)	Easement	Facilitate access, install bridge and utilities to property	Dorthe Laugks	Middle Village, Halifax Co.	367 square metres	\$228.00

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Clause 16 (1)(a)	Grant	Joining of historical infilled land to property of interest holder	Daphne Darlene Shea	Upper Tantallon, Halifax Co.	326 square metres	\$1,630.00
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Grant	Joining of historical infilled land to property of interest holder	Fox Harbour Development Limited	Fox Harbour, Cumberland Co.	0.14 hectares	\$5,572.00
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Grant	Crescent Ave., to allow Municipality to own the land its pumping station is on	Halifax Regional Municipality	Chocolate Lake, Halifax Co.	423.5 square metres	\$17,143.28
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Grant	Joining of historical infilled land to property of interest holder	Gary Thomas	West LaHave, Lunenburg Co.	87.5 square metres	\$472.00
Clause 16 (1)(a)	Grant	Operating a camp for children	Christian Community Council of Nova Scotia	Connell Lake, Annapolis Co.	6.3783 hectares	\$18,937.17

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Clause 16 (1)(b)	Right of way	Facilitate access to property	Wayne Rennie	Sporting Mountain, Richmond Co.	0.6 hectares	\$398.71
Clause 16 (1)(b)	Right of Way	Facilitate access to property	Municipality of the County of Colchester	Tatamagouche, Colchester Co.	2,618.50 square metres	\$600.00
Clause 16 (1)(b)	Right of Way	Facilitate access to property	Sylvia Bragg	River Phillip, Cumberland Co.	0.27 hectares	\$163.26
Clause 16 (1)(b)	Right of Way	Facilitate access to property	Randall Sangster	Ship Harbour, Halifax Co.	1.647 square metres	\$240.00
Clause 16 (1)(b)	Right of Way	Facilitate access to property	George Eddy et al	Fishing Logging & Rock Lake, Halifax Co.	6.18 hectares	\$1,200.00
Clause 16 (1)(b)	Right of Way	Facilitate access to property	Dan & Tammy Julian	Grand Desert, Halifax Co.	1091 square metres	\$1,200.00