

Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
Ministerial Land Transaction Regulations Annual Report 2008-2009

This Annual Report of the Department of Natural Resources, for the year ended March 31, 2009, 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 2008-2009, the Department of Natural Resources completed seven acquisitions and 25 disposal transactions using the processes outlined in the *Ministerial Land Transactions Regulations*.

The attached table sets out the details of these transactions.



Minister / Carolyn Bolivar-Getson



Deputy Minister - Peter C. Underwood

**2008-09 Annual Report of Acquisitions and Dispositions
Made by the Minister of Natural Resources
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<i>Crown Lands Act Reference</i>	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						
7 (a)	Acquisition	compliments objectives of Protected Areas Branch of NSE	Slaunwhite, James & Carolyn	Lake Frederick, Halifax	± 26.0 ha	\$75,000
7 (a)	Acquisition	compliments objectives of Protected Areas Branch of NSE	Spears, Christopher	Scotland Creek, Shelburne	± 19.0 ha	\$31,000
7 (a)	Acquisition	under Forestry Transition Program	Bay Lumber Limited	Upper SW Margaree, Inverness	± 60.70 ha	\$52,500
7 (a)	Acquisition	compliments objectives of Protected Areas Branch of NSE	Myers & Sinclair	Cole Harbour, Guysborough	± 20.0 ha	\$17,500
7 (a)	Acquisition	to protect & enhance our environment	Smith, Michael & Elva	Tidney Lake, Queens	± 20.0 ha	\$39,000
7 (a)	Acquisition	making investments in & providing access to natural spaces	Huntley, Jerry & Terry	Cape Split, Kings	± 0.57 ha	\$4,700

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7 (a)	Acquisition	land has wildlife values as a lynx habitat	Lemoine, Adam & Shauna	Shunacadie, Cape Breton PID 15297849	+ 40.47 ha	\$35,000
Dispositions of Real Property or Interests in Real Property						
16 (1) (a)	Grant	infill to support local business - Coastal Adventures	Scott Ronald Cunningham	Tangier Halifax County PID 41257247	1023 square metres	\$2,762.10
16 (1) (a)	Grant	historical infill	Sting Ray Marine Limited	Riverport Lunenburg County PID 60662095	225 square metres	\$317.25
16 (1) (a)	Grant	lobster pound, used for years for economic benefit	Cape Sable Lobster (2001) Company	Newellton, Cape Sable Island Shelburne County PID 82559709	1.187 hectares	\$4,866.70
16 (1) (a)	Deed	encroachment of house on the rail line	Joan C. Kearley	Thorburn Pictou County	112 square metres	\$448
16 (1) (a)	Deed	encroachment of superstore parking lot	Loblaws Properties Ltd.	Barrington Passage Shelburne County	392.4 square metres	\$1,177.20

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16 (1) (a)	Deed	consolidation	Lawrence and Heather Garner	Clementsport Annapolis County	5808 square metres	\$7,260
16 (1) (a)	Deed	support business, formerly leased & Right of Way	Ultramar Ltd.	Port Clyde Shelburne County PID 80065477	0.11 hectares (0.28 acres)	\$5,200
16 (1) (a)	Deed	encroachment of business on rail line	AM Jazey's Furniture & Appliances Limited	Bridgetown Annapolis County	734 square metres	\$3,948.92
16 (1) (a)	Deed	sold for parking lot as addition to fire department lands	Lawrencetown and District Fire Department	Lawrencetown Annapolis County PID 05297957 PID 05297965	2 parcels totalling 5579 square metres	\$6,973.75
16 (1) (a)	Deed	encroachment of fire station building	The St. Peter's & District Volunteer Fire Department	St. Peter's Richmond County PID 75199216	0.09 hectares (0.23 acres)	\$1,861.54
16 (1) (a)	Deed	house on Crown land	Alvin Norman Nieforth and Ralph Lawrence Nieforth	St. Peter's Richmond County PID 75193342	2199.91 square metres	\$4,399.82
16 (1) (a)	Deed	consolidate land holdings and build a house	Stewart K. Bateman and Evelyn Ann Bateman	Lyons Brook Pictou County PID 65190969	1.96 hectares (4.84 acres)	\$2,700

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16 (1) (b)	Easement	sewage pipeline, utilities, road and lift station	Municipality of the District of Digby	Joggin Bridge Digby County	0.08 hectares	\$640.80
16 (1) (b)	Easement	road & utilities	Polo Holding Limited	Larrys River Guysborough County	4 hectares	\$2,536.20
16 (1) (b)	Easement	access and utilities	3084618 NS Limited	West Chezzetcook Halifax County	0.06 hectares	\$1,281.60
16 (1) (b)	Easement	access and utilities	J.A.T.	Goldenville Guysborough County	3.24 hectares	\$2,115.72
16 (1) (b)	Easement	access and utilities	Craig Merriam	Paradise Annapolis County	0.029 hectares	\$1,281.60
16 (1) (b)	Easement	electrical & communications	Nova Scotia Power Incorporated	Tatamagouche Colchester County	1743 square metres	\$1,200
16 (1) (b)	Easement	electricity	Nova Scotia Power Incorporated	Great Bras d'Or Victoria County	1.6038 hectares	\$3,963
16 (1) (b)	Easement	pipeline	International Marine Brokers Inc.	Dayton Yarmouth County	500 square metres	\$1,281.60
16 (1) (b)	Right of Way	access	Donald and Helen Gray	Second Bear Lake, Alder Plains Yarmouth County	0.68 hectares	\$435.74

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16 (1) (b)	Right of Way	access	Charles Terry Sampson	Aulds Cove Antigonish County	338 square metres	\$240
16 (1) (a)	Lease	recreation and dry hydrant	Halifax Regional Municipality	West Dover Halifax County	5.82 hectares	annual rent of \$2,066
16 (1) (a)	Lease	maintain & operate volunteer fire dept. & small parking lot	Englishtown Auxiliary Fire Depart.	Englishtown, Victoria	± 0.260 ha	annual rent of \$267
16 (1) (a)	Lease	boy scout activities	Boy Scouts of Canada Nova Scotia Provincial Council Property Society	Middle Beaver Bank, Halifax	± 7.6 ha	annual rent of \$108.83