

*Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources*  
*Ministerial Land Transactions Regulations Annual Report 2009-2010*

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This Annual Report of the Department of Natural Resources, for the year ended March 31, 2010, is prepared pursuant to the *Ministerial Land Transactions Regulations*, which were made under the *Court and Administrative Reform Act*.

The Department of Natural Resources is responsible to administer Crown land province wide through authority granted under the *Crown Lands Act*. 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.

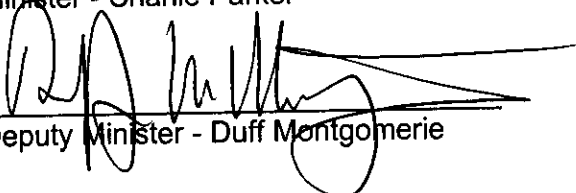
The *Ministerial Land Transactions Regulations* were introduced in March 2005 pursuant to Section 6 of the *Court and Administrative Reform Act* to reduce red tape and improve the delivery of services to the public and business. Through these regulations, authority to complete certain land transactions has been delegated 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 2009-2010, the Department of Natural Resources completed 12 acquisitions and 29 disposal transactions using the processes outlined in the *Ministerial Land Transactions Regulations*. The acquisitions include purchases of land adjacent to parks, wilderness areas and other Crown land to provide recreational opportunities and to protect important species of plants, waterfowl and other wildlife. The disposal transactions include a number of easements to provide access and utilities to private landowners; grants of small infills to adjacent owners such as fish plant operators; and deeds to clarify ownership for various non-profit organizations, individuals and companies with buildings abutting Crown land boundaries.

These transactions allow the province to increase the amount of Crown land for the benefit of all Nova Scotians, while at the same time authorizing its use and disposal for economic, recreational and community benefit. The attached table sets out the details of these transactions.

  
Minister - Charlie Parker

  
Deputy Minister - Duff Montgomerie

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<b>Crown Lands Act Section</b>	<b>Client Name or Interest Holder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Area of Land</b>	<b>Transaction Type</b>	<b>Reason for Transaction</b>	<b>Price</b>
7 (a)	J.D. Irving, Limited	Burlington, Kings County PID 55365100 Hectanooga, Digby County PID 30252654	17.9 hectares 36.4 hectares	Acquisition	Potential uses such as recreation, wildlife, conservation; to meet the interests expressed by Buy-Back Nova Scotia and Mi'kmaq	\$95,940
7 (a)	Ellen MacLellan	Matheson Lakes, Cape Breton County PID 15850456 PID 15546229	.56 hectares 51.40 hectares	Acquisition	Consolidate with Crown land adjacent to Louisbourg National Historic Site	\$20,000
7 (a)	Shawn & Shelley d'Entremont	Little Egypt, Yarmouth County PID 90020199 & 90020132	15.35 hectares	Acquisition	Adjacent to Tusket River Estuary System; contains a salt marsh, forest & agricultural land and significant water fowl and wildlife habitat	\$77,500
7 (a)	Horseshoe Lake Resources Ltd.	Stoney Brook, Indian Fields, Shelburne County PID 80155203	20.25 hectares	Acquisition	Adjacent to the Tobeatic Wilderness Area, with significant ecological and recreational features	\$22,000

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7 (a)	Wayne & Cheryl Blinkhorn and Robert & Catherine Holmes	Upper Ohio, Shelburne County	12.41 hectares	Acquisition	Adjacent to the Tobeatic Wilderness Area, with significant ecological and recreational features	\$14,000
7 (a)	Prest Bros. Ltd.	Fish Lake, Sheet Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area, Halifax County PID 00557108	12.95 hectares	Acquisition	Adjacent to the Ship Harbour/Long Lake Wilderness Area, with significant ecological and recreational features. Contains drumlin hill, good soils and rich forest potential	\$37,000
7 (a)	Prest Bros. Ltd.	Fish Lake, Sheet Harbour Long Lake, Halifax County PID 00557074	36.42 hectares	Acquisition	Adjacent to the Ship Harbour/Long Lake Wilderness Area, with significant ecological and recreational features. Contains drumlin hill, lake frontage, good soils and rich forest potential	\$45,000

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7 (a)	Prest Bros. Ltd.	Skull Lake, Sheet Harbour Long Lake, Halifax County PID 00626127	20.23 hectares	Acquisition	Adjacent to the Ship Harbour/Long Lake Wilderness Area, with significant ecological and recreational features. Contains drumlin hill, good soils and rich forest potential	\$23,000
7 (a)	S. Prest Land Holdings Ltd.	Upper Lakeville, Halifax County PID 00557652	12.95 hectares	Acquisition	Inside the Ship Harbour/Long Lake Wilderness Area straddling Mill Brook, with significant ecological and recreational features. Secures the integrity of the surrounding designated wilderness area	\$16,800
7 (a)	S. Prest Land Holdings Ltd.	Murchyville, Halifax County PID 00486209	30.35 hectares	Acquisition	Adjacent to the Ship Harbour/Long Lake Wilderness Area, with significant ecological and recreational features. Contains lake frontage, good soils and rich forest potential	\$47,250

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7 (a)	Horseshoe Lake Resources Ltd.	Upper Stave Lake, Upper Ohio, Shelburne County PID 80155203	39.70 hectares	Acquisition	Adjacent to the Tobetic Wilderness Area, with significant ecological and recreational features	\$22,000
7 (a)	Downey Thompson	Renfrew Road, Nine Mile River, Hants County PID 45121357	42.37 hectares	Acquisition	Consolidation with Crown land; contains a valuable riparian zone with white pine and marsh frontage on the river, with ecological and recreational features	\$45,990
16 (1) (a)	Richmond Arena Association	Louisdale, Richmond County PID 75041897	2.01 acres	Disposal by Deed	Resolve hardship and relieve the province of any maintenance and liability issues by allowing the association to confirm its land ownership	--

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16 (1) (a)	The Bonnie Brae Senior Citizens Club	St. Peter's, Richmond County PID 75200261	624 sq. metres	Disposal by Deed	Resolve hardship and relieve the province of any maintenance and liability issues resulting from the encroachment of a portion of a building on Crown land by allowing the client to consolidate the parcel of Crown land with the adjacent land	\$1,248
16 (1) (a)	Inverness Historical Society	Inverness, Inverness County PID 50306109	4,584 sq. metres	Disposal by Deed	Resolve hardship and relieve the province of any maintenance and liability issues resulting from the encroachment of a portion of a building on Crown land by allowing the client to consolidate the parcel of Crown land with the adjacent land	\$1,699

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16 (1) (a)	Mosher Limestone Company Limited	Upper Musquodoboit, Halifax County	8,252 sq. metres	Disposal by Deed	Resolve hardship and relieve the province of any maintenance and liability issues by allowing the client to confirm its land ownership which it has used for over 20 years	\$2,665
16 (1) (a)	Beverly Johnson	Brooklyn, Annapolis County PID 05299870	92.2 sq. metres	Disposal by Deed	Resolve hardship and relieve the province of any maintenance and liability issues resulting from the encroachment of a portion of a building on Crown land by allowing the client to consolidate the parcel of Crown land with the adjacent land	\$496
16 (1) (a)	Village of Kingston	Village of Kingston, Kings County various PID numbers	0.64155 hectares	Disposal by Deed	Provide public benefit through deeding ownership to the Village for lands required for an interpretation centre	\$61

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16 (1) (a)	Reginald and Ellen Gilby	Beaver Bank, Halifax County PID 41296914	1.87 acres	Disposal by Deed	Resolve hardship by providing an individual with ownership of land required to meet municipal building requirements	\$1,000
16 (1) (a)	Inverness Cottage Workshop Association	Inverness, Inverness County PID 50307875	1,365 sq. metres	Disposal by Deed	Provide public benefit through deeding ownership of land to the non-profit association on which its building is located	\$505
16 (1) (a)	Premium Seafoods Limited	Arichat, Richmond County	1,425 sq. metres	Disposal by Grant	Support economic activity by providing the company with ownership of infilled land used in conjunction with its seafood business	\$4,416
16 (1) (a)	3088929 Nova Scotia Limited	Arichat, Richmond County PID 75198820	1,050 sq. metres	Disposal by Grant	Support economic activity by providing the company with ownership of infilled land used in conjunction with its seafood business	\$2,845



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16 (1) (a)	Halifax Regional Municipality	Herring Cove, Halifax County PID 40000051	0.5 acres	Disposal by Grant	Provide public benefit to the municipality by granting ownership of land on which a portion of its fire station is located	\$394
16 (1) (a)	Daniel and Wendy Moscovitch	Marriotts Cove, Lunenburg County PID 60669207	308.5 sq. metres	Disposal by Grant	Resolve hardship by providing individuals with ownership of infilled land which has been used in conjunction with their adjacent property	\$6,638
16 (1) (a)	Barry Group Inc.	Clark's Harbour, Shelburne County PID 82560376	910 sq. metres	Disposal by Grant	Support economic activity by providing the company with ownership of infilled land used in conjunction with its seafood business	\$1,874
16 (1) (a)	Halifax County Condominium Corp. No. 305	Hubbards Cove, Halifax County PID 41285081	626 sq. metres	Disposal by Grant	Support economic activity by providing the company with ownership of infilled land which has been used in conjunction with its adjacent property	\$6,510

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16 (1) (a)	PYMC Sailing Centre	East River, Lunenburg County PID 60669447	3,750 sq. metres	Disposal by Grant	Support economic activity by providing the company with ownership of infilled land to be used in conjunction with its adjacent marina	\$15,000
16 (1) (a)	Terrence and Carol Bradshaw	Bayside, Halifax County PID 41225251 and 41299736	242 sq. metres	Disposal by Grant	Resolve hardship by providing individuals with ownership of infilled land which has been used in conjunction with their adjacent property	\$2,344
16 (1) (a)	Neal Finnegan for Neal Finnegan Trust	Scotch Cove, East Chester, Lunenburg County PID 60666138	184 sq. metres	Disposal by Grant	Resolve hardship by providing individuals with ownership of infilled land which has been used in conjunction with their adjacent property	\$2,079
16 (1) (a)	Karen J. Woolhouse	Glen Haven, Halifax County PID 41279563	70 sq. metres	Disposal by Grant	Resolve hardship by providing individuals with ownership of infilled land which has been used in conjunction with their adjacent property	\$753

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16 (1) (a)	Municipality of the District of Lunenburg	Back Harbour (sawpit wharf), Lunenburg County	3.3 hectares	Lease of Crown land	Develop and maintain a waterfront park for community recreational activity and tourism	\$336.30 annually for 15+15 year term
16 (1) (a)	Nova Scotia Power Inc.	Great Hill, Queens County	1.49 hectares	Lease of Crown land	Operate and maintain a communication tower, building and associated equipment to support the delivery and maintenance of the electric power grid	\$1,632 annually for 10+10 year term
16 (1) (a)	St. Mary's Archers of Truro	Hilden, Colchester County	10.0 hectares	Lease of Crown land	Operate and maintain an archery range and club house for community recreational activity	\$133.50 annually for 10+10 term
16 (1) (a)	Future View Training, Rehabilitation & Employment Assoc.	Middleton, Annapolis County	6610.6 sq. metres	Lease of Crown land	Operate and maintain a railway museum and related activities to support community heritage and tourism	\$272 annually for 10+10 term
16 (1) (a)	Boy Scouts of Canada NS Provincial Council Property Society	Connell Lake, Annapolis County	8.09 hectares	Lease of Crown land	Maintain an area for Boy Scout activities to support community youth recreational activities	\$108.83 annually for 10+10 term

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16 (1) (b)	903838 Alberta Ltd.	Lower Sixty Lake, Annapolis County	2.968 hectares	Grant of Easement	Allow access and utility services to privately owned land	\$10,950
16 (1) (b)	Nancy Kitchen, et al	Marriotts Cove, Lunenburg County	613 sq. metres	Grant of Easement	Allow access and utility services to privately owned land	\$1,448
16 (1) (b)	Town of Antigonish	St. Andrews St., Town of Antigonish, Antigonish County	693 sq. metres	Grant of Easement	Allow access and utility services to lands of the Town	\$737
16 (1) (b)	Michael Schinzig	Cape George, Richmond County	1,472 sq. metres	Grant of Easement	Allow access and utility services to privately owned land	\$1,130
16 (1) (b)	Beverly Johnson	Brooklyn, Annapolis County	4,359 sq. metres	Grant of Easement	Allow an existing driveway and utility services, for privately owned land, to remain in place	\$284
16 (1) (c)	Public Works & Government Services Canada	Port Bickerton East, Guysborough County	1.542 hectares	Transfer	Promote economic activity by transferring the administration and control of land required for marine facilities	\$12, 839