

including a chairman and a deputy chairman, appointed by the Governor-in-Council. It is independent as far as its decisions are concerned and reports to Parliament through the minister of veterans affairs. It is administratively co-ordinated with the department which provides support services required to carry out its tasks. The board has responsibility, under the War Veterans Allowance Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act, to advise the minister generally on the legislation and specifically on the regulations; to adjudicate pursuant to specific sections of the legislation where the board has sole jurisdiction; to act as a court of appeal for aggrieved applicants and recipients; and, on its own motion, to review decisions of the district authorities to ensure that adjudication is consistent with the intent and purview of the legislation and that the legislation is applied uniformly throughout Canada. The board may at any time review and alter its own former decisions.

Yukon Territory Water Board. The Northern Inland Waters Act, which came into effect in 1972, established the Yukon Territory Water Board whose objects are to provide for conserving, developing and using the water resources of Yukon for the optimum benefit of all Canadians and residents of Yukon in particular. The board licenses water users. The licences contain terms and conditions regulating the quantity of water to be used and the quality of waste water returned to the environment.

The board consists of nine members, six of them private citizens nominated by the commissioner-in-council of Yukon. Three are federal government members appointed by the minister of Indian affairs and northern development.