

Bill 4

The Community Accountability Act

WHEREAS “The answer to the present alignment of political power with wealth is the restoration of the identity of community and economy.”¹ and

WHEREAS “Once cooperation based upon reciprocity gets established in a population, it cannot be overcome.”² and

WHEREAS “Regardless of the postmodern trends of alienation, superficial contacts, and decreased connection to place, local community, and neighborhoods are still relevant to people and form an integral part of people's everyday lives.”³

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) As of 01 January 2013, the Government of Canada shall establish the National Institute of Community Experts [NICE]
 - a) NICE will be comprised of 13 people, with one person representing each province/territory in Canada.
 - b) Each member of NICE will be elected by the citizens of their province/territory aged 12 or older in an election held once every four years.
- 2) NICE will issue a photo-ID citizen points card to every resident of Canada 12 years of age and older.
 - a) An individual's citizen point balance shall be available as public information.
- 3) Residents can earn citizen points, which allow members of society to receive benefits as determined by NICE.
 - a) NICE will award citizen points based on activity that falls within the following categories:
 - i) Volunteering;
 - ii) Voting in a federal, provincial, municipal and/or NICE election;
 - iii) Education;
 - iv) Participation in a club, sport or non-profit organization;
 - v) Donating blood through Canadian Blood Services
 - vi) Donation to charity;
 - vii) Engaging in sustainable initiatives;
 - viii) Registering as an organ donor;
 - ix) Completion of any level First Aid/CPR through a NICE-accredited program.

¹ Berry, W. The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian Essays of Wendell Berry. 2002.

² Axelrod, R. The Evolution of Cooperation. 2006.

³ Hrast, M & Dulcinar, V. Sense of Community and the Importance of Values: Comparison of two neighbourhoods in Slovenia. 2011.

- b) Points may be shared between legally recognized spouses after a 6 month probation period and an application process.
 - c) Citizen point values can be challenged by an individual and will be assessed by a **NICE** appointed analyst on a case-by-case basis.
- 4) Any Canadian resident 18 years of age and older will be placed in one of five points-brackets based on how many points they have accumulated since the age of 12.
- a) Points-brackets benefits will be determined by **NICE** and will be reviewed annually. As of January 01 2013, benefits are as follows:
 - i) Gold Earners: All benefits extended to dependents under 18 years of age, free tuition at a **NICE**-accredited educational institution, 500 dollar charitable donation of choice plus Silver Earner benefits.
 - ii) Silver Earners: All necessary dental expenses covered by **NICE**, free access to all **NICE**-recognized health spas, 5000 dollar rebate off of tuition at a **NICE**-accredited educational institution or outstanding student loan, opportunity to participate in a 3-month Canadian exchange program, plus Bronze Earner benefits.
 - iii) Bronze Earners: 1000 dollar rebate off of tuition at a **NICE**-accredited educational institution or outstanding student loan, free fitness membership at a **NICE**-recognized fitness facility, plus Tier 2 benefits.
 - iv) Tier 2: 500 dollar income tax rebate.
 - v) Tier 1: No benefits.
 - b) One who has allowed their reward card to remain inactive for 3 months will be automatically dropped down one points-bracket.
 - c) Those who are found guilty of criminal activity will receive a reduction in citizen points comparable to their offense.
- 5) All refugees and immigrants have the option to receive a Lifestyle Assessment through **NICE** upon their arrival in Canada.
- a) Lifestyles will be assessed by a **NICE**-certified lifestyle analyst on a case-by-case basis, who will place newcomers in the correct points-bracket to which they belong based on their community involvement one calendar year prior to their arrival, and create for them a personalized Community Service Plan centred on volunteerism, club participation and education.
 - i) Those who do not partake in the Lifestyle Assessment will immediately be considered Tier 1 earners upon their arrival in Canada.
 - ii) Unexcused violation of the Community Service Plan will result in the immediate loss of all acquired citizen points and revocation of benefits given.
 - b) A Lifestyle Assessment may be requested of any Canadian resident at any time.