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of the town of La Prairie**

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WHEREAS it is in the interest of the town of La Prairie that certain powers be granted to it;

HER MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Québec, enacts as follows:

1. The town of La Prairie is authorized to acquire, by agreement or expropriation, any immovable the acquisition of which is considered appropriate for land bank or housing purposes and for works related to those purposes, and any immovable that is obsolete or the occupancy of which is harmful.

The town may exercise the power provided for in the first paragraph within its territory.

This section applies subject to the Act to preserve agricultural land (R.S.Q., chapter P-41.1).

This section does not apply to the acquisition of immovables for industrial purposes.

2. The town is authorized to hold, lease and manage the immovables acquired under section 1. It may equip those immovables and instal therein the necessary public services; it may also demolish or restore buildings and other works erected thereon or construct thereon new buildings for purposes of housing, recreation, amusement and other accessory purposes.

The town is authorized to exercise the powers provided for in the first paragraph with respect to immovables of which it is already the owner.

The town may alienate the immoveables on such conditions as it may determine, with the approval of the Commission municipale du Québec, provided that the price of alienation is sufficient to cover all the expenses relating to the immoveable concerned including those incurred for restoration, demolition and construction, where such is the case.

The town may alienate, gratuitously or for a price less than the price provided for in this section, such an immoveable or building in favour of the Government, a government agency, a school corporation or its municipal housing bureau or any other non-profit body; in the latter case, the authorization of the Commission municipale du Québec is required.

3. The town may, by resolution, sell at a price approved by the Commission municipale du Québec, to a corporation created under section 5, any immoveable that it has acquired under this Act or that it already possesses.

4. The town may borrow, by a by-law approved in the same manner as a loan by-law pursuant to the Act that governs the municipality, the necessary sums and apply for the subsidies provided for by law for the exercise of those powers and for the purposes of making a loan to the corporation formed under this Act.

5. On an application by the town, the Government may issue, on such conditions as it may determine, letters patent under the Great Seal of Québec incorporating a person as a non-profit corporation having as its object the acquisition of housing for persons or families of other than low or moderate income contemplated in section 57 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (R.S.Q., chapter S-8) and the exercise of the other powers that this Act confers on the town.

6. The letters patent must mention the name of the corporation, the location of its head office, its powers, rights and privileges, the rules respecting the exercise of its powers and the appointment of its members and directors.

7. Notice of the issuance of the letters patent must be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

8. On an application by the corporation established under the authority of this Act, the Government may issue supplementary letters patent for the purpose of amending the content of the letters patent contemplated in section 6. Notice of the issuance of the supplementary letters patent must be published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

9. A corporation so constituted has, among other powers, those of a corporation constituted by letters patent under the Great Seal of Québec, is a mandatory of the town and is deemed a municipal corporation for the purposes of the Act respecting the Ministère des affaires intergouvernementales (R.S.Q., chapter M-21).

10. This Act comes into force on the day of its sanction.