



CHAPTER 96

An Act respecting the town of Val d'Or and the Catholic and Protestant School Boards of Val d'Or

[Assented to, the 14th of June, 1940]

WHEREAS the town of Val d'Or has, by petition, Preamble. represented that it was erected into a town municipality under the provisions of the Cities and Towns' Act, by an act of the Legislature, 1 George VI, 1937, chapter 121;

Whereas by reason of its rapid growth since the date of its erection as a town, it has become necessary and urgent that the said town obtain powers supplementary to those granted to it in its charter;

Whereas the ratepayers of the town of Val d'Or have expressed the opinion that it is in their greatest interest to extend the period of control of their town by the Quebec Municipal Commission;

Whereas, in addition, the valuation roll of the town for 1938 has been legally corrected after being made but that a copy erroneously certified as a true copy has served as the basis, without these corrections and despite a notice, for the making of the roll of the catholic school board of Val d'Or, homologated on November 2nd, 1938;

Whereas by its resolution No. 463-4 dated February 22nd, 1940, the Catholic School Municipality of Val d'Or has acknowledged this error and prays the Legislature to correct it;

Whereas the valuation roll of the town for the year 1939 has been homologated by resolution No. 944

of the 13th of Februray, 1939, although, due to an irregularity in the notice of deposit of the roll, certain ratepayers were deprived of the privilege of presenting their objections;

Whereas by its resolution No. 1287 of February 6th, 1940, the council of the town of Val d'Or agrees to give to the immoveables which were the cause of complaint on the roll of 1939 the same valuation which appears on the roll of 1940;

Whereas it is just and reasonable that the owner or owners of the territory adjacent to the said town of Val d'Or and worked by Sigma Mines (Quebec) Limited contribute to the public charges of the town;

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer contained in the said petition;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Payment by
Sigma Mines
of fixed sums
to take place
of taxes.

1. During a period of fifteen years from and after the first of January, 1940, the company Sigma Mines (Quebec), Limited, (or its successors), as owner or occupant of the hereinafter described territory or of any part of it, shall pay to the municipal corporation of the town of Val d'Or, each year, at the time when the general municipal taxes become due, a fixed sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars to take the place of all general or special municipal taxes whatsoever to any municipal corporation; and during fifteen years from and after the first of July, 1940, it shall pay to the Catholic School Commissioners of Val d'Or, each year, at the time when the general taxes become due, a fixed sum of eleven thousand dollars, to be apportioned between the said Catholic School Commissioners and the Protestant School Commissioners of Val d'Or according to law, and to take the place of all general or special school taxes whatsoever to any school corporation. The said territory is described as follows:

Description.

"All the territory comprised within the following limits: starting from the north-east corner of block 34, following the north lines of claims A-44066, A-44054, A-44055, A-44056, A-44057 and A-44065; from there following the east line of claim A-44065; from there following the north line of part of claim A-36597 and of

claim A-36600; from there following the east line of claims A-36600 and A-36601; from there following the south-east line of claim A-36601; from there following the south lines of claims A-36601, A-36602 and of blocks 42, 41, 38, 39, 40 and 35; from there following the west line of blocks 35 and 36 and of claim A-44066 to the starting point."

2. Section 19 of the act 1 George VI, chapter 121, ^{1 Geo. VI, c. 121, s. 19,} is replaced by the following: ^{replaced.}

"**19.** The Quebec Municipal Commission shall, ^{Quebec Municipal Commission as} until the first juridical day of February 1952, be the ^{manager.} manager of the town of Val d'Or and shall exercise therein the rights, powers and control contemplated by the act 22 George V, chapter 56, as amended, sections 39, 41, 43, 46, 46a to 46z inclusive."

3. Paragraph 1 of section 426 of the Cities and ^{R. S., c. 102, s. 426, par. 1,} Towns' Act is replaced for the town of Val d'Or by the ^{replaced for} following: ^{town.}

"1. To regulate the height of all buildings, chimneys, ^{Buildings,} stacks and other structures; to prevent the construction ^{etc.} or maintenance of the buildings, walls, chimneys, stacks and other structures as are not of the required stability, and provide for their destruction; to prescribe the depth of cellars and basements, the material and methods of construction of foundations and foundation walls, the manner of construction and location of drains and sewer pipes, the thickness, materials and construction of party walls, partitions and outside walls, the size and materials of floor beams, girders, piers, columns, roofs, chimney flues and heating apparatus; to regulate the location within the municipality of trades, businesses, industries and buildings intended for particular purposes; to divide the town into districts or zones whereof the number, form and area shall appear to be most appropriate for the purposes of this regulation, and, with regard to such districts or zones, to regulate and prescribe the architecture, dimensions and symmetry of buildings there erected, the area of the lots which may be occupied by buildings, the space which shall be left between buildings, and at what distance from the street line the buildings shall be constructed, and to regulate the nature of commercial, business and industrial establishments; to compel the proprietors to submit the plans of buildings to the building inspector

or any other officer and to obtain from the latter a certificate approving of the plans and authorizing the work; to prohibit the construction of buildings and works not conformable to the said by-laws and to order the demolition, if it be necessary, of all such buildings whereof the construction is subsequent to the coming into force of the by-laws authorized by this paragraph.

**Amendments,
etc.**

The by-laws adopted under this paragraph shall only be amended or repealed by another by-law which shall be subject to a vote, by secret ballot, of the voters owners of immoveables situated within the district of the proposed repeal.

Exceptions.

Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be interpreted as giving to the council the power to regulate in any way the construction or the site of school-houses or of buildings for religious purposes or of constructions to be used for mining operations."

**R. S., c. 102
s. 446, re-
placed for
town.**

4. Section 446 of the Cities and Towns' Act is replaced, for the town of Val d'Or, by the following:

Water tax.

"446. The municipality shall lay the distribution pipes to the line of the street and may exact payment of the water-rate from the property-owner whether such lot is built upon or not, even although the latter refuses or neglects to connect such pipe with his house or building. In the case of lots that are not built upon, the annual amount of the water tax shall not exceed 1% of the value of the land as entered on the municipal valuation roll in force."

**Valuation
roll to be
used by
Catholic
School mu-
nicipality
for 1938-39.**

5. The valuation roll of the town of Val d'Or, as homologated and corrected according to law for the year 1938, shall be used for the purposes of the Catholic School Municipality of Val d'Or for the year 1938-39, exclusive of any other.

**Valuation
roll for 1939
amended,
etc.**

6. The valuation roll of the town of Val d'Or for the year 1939 and also the collection roll of the Catholic School Municipality of Val d'Or, for 1939-40, shall be amended as follows and declared valid for all legal purposes, apart from the exception mentioned in section 7 of this act:

LOT NO.	VALUATION	LOT NO.	VALUATION
34-67	\$ 850.00	34-186	Exempt
34-184	Exempt	34-248	\$1,650.00
34-185	"	34-364-2	1,100.00
34-370	"	34-513	500.00
34-371	"	34-518	500.00
34-372	"	34-543	500.00
34-373	"	34-545	1,500.00
34-374	"	34-555	600.00
34-375	"	34-556	750.00
34-412	1,000.00	34-584	600.00
34-458	600.00	34-585	1,000.00
34-467	450.00	34-587	900.00
34-469	200.00	34-595	750.00
34-470	200.00	34-598	900.00
34-471	200.00	34-608	Exempt
34-478	250.00	34-611	"
34-479	250.00	34-612	"
34-500	400.00	34-613	"
34-501	850.00	34-618	"
34-503	400.00	34-621	"
34-512	500.00	34-622	"

7. The correction hereinabove made as to lots ^{Exception.} 34-608, 611, 612, 613, 618, 621 and 622 shall apply to the municipal valuation roll for the year 1939 but not to the collection roll of the Catholic School Commission of Val d'Or for the year 1939-40.

8. The Catholic School Commissioners of Val d'Or shall allocate the proportion belonging to them of the school taxes payable by the Company Sigma Mines (Quebec) Limited, or its successors, in the first place to the annual payments in principal and interest on the next loan which the said commissioners will effect by bonds or debentures, and this, until the complete repayment of the said loan. ^{How school tax payable by Sigma Mines is to be applied.}

9. The law respecting the Roman Catholic and Protestant school municipalities of the town of Val d'Or (3 George VI, chapter 77) is amended by extending to the thirtieth of June, 1955, the period of time ^{3 Geo. VI, c. 77, am.}

during which the said corporations shall be under the control and supervision of the Quebec Municipal Commission.

Coming into
force.

10. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.
