



CHAPTER 124

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Verdun

[Assented to, the 29th of March, 1933]

WHEREAS the corporation of the city of Verdun has, Preamble.

by its petition, represented that it is in the interest of the proper administration of its affairs that its charter, the act 7 Edward VII, chapter 73, as amended by the acts 3 George V, chapter 61; 4 George V, chapter 80; 6 George V, chapter 48; 7 George V, chapter 72; 8 George V, chapter 88; 9 George V, chapter 95; 11 George V, chapter 115; 12 George V, chapter 108; 13 George V, chapter 95; 14 George V, chapter 91; 15 George V, chapter 97; 16 George V, chapter 73; 18 George V, chapter 98; 19 George V, chapter 100, and 21 George V, chapter 127, be further amended in order to give it certain powers which it does not possess, namely: to grant a pension to C. Baker, ex-inspector; to authorize the sale to Walter Smith of a lot situated on Boulevard LaSalle, because Mr. Smith's house encroaches upon property of the city; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant its prayer;

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

1. Section 473 of the Cities and Towns' Act (Revised R. S., c. 102, Statutes, 1925, chapter 102), as amended by the acts 19 George V, chapter 35, section 7, and 20 George V, chapter 49, section 1, is again amended, for the city of Verdun, by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the following paragraph:

"Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the city Pension is authorized to pay the former inspector, C. Baker, an authorized annual pension of six hundred dollars."

Sale of
certain
ground
authorized.

2. The city is authorized to sell to Walter Smith a certain strip of ground on Boulevard LaSalle, where the property of the said Walter Smith encroaches upon the city property, which strip of ground is described as follows:

"A certain strip of land measuring about twenty-eight feet in length by seven and one-half inches at the northern line, increasing to nine and one-half inches towards the south, in depth, forming in all an area of about twenty feet, bounded on the east by the Boulevard LaSalle, on the west by lot 3401-394-3, on the south and north by the sidewalk on Boulevard LaSalle, described in the plan prepared by H. Hadley, engineer of the city, and dated the 23rd of December, 1932."

Deed of
correction
ratified.

3. The deed of correction passed on the 12th of April, 1926, before O. Deguise, notary, and registered on the 17th of April, 1926, under No. 109407, in which it is declared that that part of lot 3403-40 pt., therein described, was not assigned to the city of Verdun under the deed passed on the 8th of July, 1920, before O. Deguise, notary, under No. 4503, is ratified and validated for all legal purposes, without prejudice to the rights which the riparian owners may have.

Rights
safeguarded.

18 Geo. V,
c. 98, s. 1,
am.

4. Section 1 of the act 18 George V, chapter 98, as replaced by the act 21 George V, chapter 127, section 7, is amended by striking out the last paragraph thereof, reading as follows:

Provisions
repealed.

"These loans and the negotiation of these bonds or debentures shall be made within the year following the completion of the works."

Cession of
immove-
ables.

5. The city is authorized to accept the cession of immoveables on which taxes are due, in consideration of the sum represented by the said taxes.

By whom
certain
aldermen
elected.

6. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, one of the two aldermen, in each of the four wards of the municipality of the city of Verdun, commencing from the general municipal elections of 1933, shall be elected only by the elector-proprietors of the ward.

Seat No. 1.

In each ward, the seat of the alderman to be elected by the elector-proprietors shall be designated by the No. 1, and the seat of the alderman to be elected by all

Seat No. 2.

the municipal electors of the ward shall be designated by the No. 2.

The real estate qualification for the office of mayor and for the office of alderman for seat No. 1 in each of the wards shall be increased from six hundred dollars to two thousand dollars. Real estate qualification.

7. The city of Verdun shall have, commencing from the general municipal elections of 1933, as executive of its government, an executive committee composed of the mayor and of the four aldermen elected for seat No. 1 in each ward. Executive committee. Composition thereof.

8. The executive committee shall have the powers and duties conferred upon it by this act. Powers and duties.

The members of the executive committee shall remain in office as long as they shall have the right to fill the office of mayor or alderman, as the case may be. Term of office.

The members of the executive committee shall retain their seat in the council and have the right to vote on any measures, questions or reports submitted to the council. Retention of seat on council.

The mayor shall be *ex officio* president of the executive committee. In the absence of such president for sickness or for any other reason, the other members of the executive committee shall name an interim president, who, during such absence, shall be vested with the same powers and shall fulfill the same duties as the president. Mayor ex officio president. Interim president.

Any vacancy in the executive committee or in the office of president shall be filled by the council in the same manner as for any vacancy in the office of mayor or of alderman. Filling of vacancies.

During such vacancy, the remaining members, if they form a quorum, may act. Members may act.

The quorum of the executive committee shall be of three members. Quorum.

The president of the committee has only one vote as member. President.

The city clerk shall be the secretary of the executive committee. Secretary.

All reports and resolutions of the executive committee shall be signed by the president and the secretary of the committee. Signatures on reports, etc.

9. The executive committee shall make, for its guidance and internal government, by-laws which it may from time to time amend, but which shall not be contrary to those of the council. By-laws for government.

10. 1. The executive committee shall prepare and submit to the council: Matters to be prepared and submitted to council.
 a. The annual budget and every supplementary budget;

b. Every request for the appropriating of the proceeds of loans or for any other credit required;

c. Every request for the transferring of funds or of credits already voted;

d. Every report on taxes, permits or licenses which must be imposed;

e. Every report recommending the granting of franchises and privileges;

f. Every report concerning the sale, the exchange or the leasing of properties;

g. Every by-law;

h. Every report with the object of fixing the salaries of the functionaries of the city.

Approval
of reports
by council.

2. The reports of the executive committee, made in virtue of the above paragraphs *a, b, c, d, e, f, g* and *h*, must be approved by the majority of all the members of the council and can be amended or rejected only by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the council.

Further sub-
mission of
rejected
report.

3. In the case where one of such reports be rejected by the council, such report, amended or not, may be again submitted to the council by the executive committee, at any time.

Credits at
disposal of
executive
committee.

4. Save in the case where otherwise prescribed, the credits voted by the council, either by the budgets, or from the proceeds of loans, or otherwise, shall remain at the disposal of the executive committee, which shall see to their employment for the purposes for which they were voted, without other approval of the council.

Granting of
certain
contracts.

5. The executive committee shall grant, out of the credits authorized, but without other approval from the council, contracts which do not occasion an expense of more than two thousand dollars.

Payment of
sums due
by city.

6. The executive committee shall authorize the payment of all sums due by the city, in accordance with the formalities prescribed by this act and other laws and by-laws governing the city of Verdun, under the restrictions and conditions contained therein, and which are not incompatible with this act.

Observing of
by-laws and
contracts.

7. The executive committee must see that the law, the municipal by-laws and the city contracts are faithfully observed and fulfilled.

Plans and
tenders.

8. The executive committee shall see to the preparation of plans and specifications and to the calling for tenders.

11. In addition to the indemnity which they may receive as a member of the municipal council, each member of the executive committee shall have the right to receive, as indemnity or compensation for his services as such, a monthly sum of twenty-five dollars, provided that there be taken out of such indemnity of each member of the committee a sum of five dollars each time that a member fails to be present at a meeting of the committee, duly convened, unless such member be absent on an official mission for the city or by reason of sickness. Additional indemnity.

12. The council may, except in the case where otherwise prescribed, by a majority of the members present, amend, reject or adopt a report of the executive committee, with the exception of the reports recommending the granting of contracts, after calling for tenders, which can only be adopted or rejected. Rejection, etc., of reports.

13. The council may, at any time, appoint commissions and charge them, either on its own initiative or at the request of the executive committee, with the study and the investigation of any facts, matters or questions which it deems expedient to submit to them, and such commissions must study such facts, matters or questions or enquire into them, and report thereon, provided that the attributions of such commission do not conflict with the powers conferred upon the executive committee, the clerk, the treasurer and the other commissions created under the charter of the city of Verdun. Appointing of commissions. Proviso.

14. Commencing from the general municipal elections of 1933, the Finance Commission and the functions of the president of the said Commission or of Finance Commissioner shall be abolished, and the executive committee shall have all the authority required to exercise, when needed, all similar functions. Abolition of Finance Commission, etc.

15. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the nomination of candidates for the general election of mayor and aldermen for the year 1933 shall be held on the tenth day of April, 1933, from noon to two o'clock in the afternoon. Nomination of civic candidates.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the general election for mayor and aldermen for the year 1933 shall be held on the twentieth day of April, 1933. General elections for 1933.

The term of office of mayor for the year 1933 shall expire when the new mayor shall be sworn in; that of the office of Expiration of term of

office of
mayor and
aldermen.

alderman, at the opening of the first general or special sitting of the council held after the general elections of 1933, provided for by this act.

Nomina-
tions an-
nulled.

The nominations to the said offices made on the 20th of March, 1933, are annulled for all legal purposes.

Coming into
force.

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