



## CHAPTER 126

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Three Rivers

[Assented to, the 13th of April, 1933]

**W**HEREAS the city of Three Rivers has, by its petition, Preamble.

represented that it is in the interest of the rate-payers and of the proper administration of its affairs that its charter, the act 5 George V, chapter 90, as amended by the acts 6 George V, chapter 45; 7 George V, chapter 63; 8 George V, chapter 85; 9 George V, chapter 93; 10 George V, chapter 88; 11 George V, chapter 113; 18 George V, chapter 99; 19 George V, chapter 98; 21 George V, chapter 128, and 22 George V, chapter 108, be further amended, as hereinafter set forth, and that certain special powers be granted to it; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of 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:

**1.** Section 68 of the Cities and Towns' Act (Revised R. S., c. 102, Statutes, 1925, chapter 102) is replaced, for the city, by the following: s. 68, replaced for city.

**“68.** The council may appoint permanent or special committees, composed of as many of its members as it may deem necessary, to supervise the administration of the several civic departments for which they are respectively appointed, and to manage such business as it may, by by-law or resolution, assign to them. Appointment of committees.

The permanent committees shall be appointed for two years at the first sitting after the general election, and special committees at any time whenever necessary or expedient. When committees are formed.

- Replacing of members. The council may replace any member of the said committees whenever it thinks proper.
- Mayor member *ex-officio*, etc. The mayor shall be a member *ex officio* of all committees, and shall be chairman thereof. He shall be entitled to vote in the case of a tie.
- Reports by committees. Every committee shall render account of its labours and decisions by reports signed by its chairman or by a majority of the members who compose it.
- Adoption of reports. No report of a committee shall have any effect until it has been ratified or adopted by the council.
- Enacting of certain resolution, etc., prohibited. But neither the council, nor any of its committees, shall have the power to enact by resolution, by-law, agreement or otherwise, that employees residing in the city of Cap de la Madeleine cannot work, either for the city of Three Rivers, or for any plant, manufactory, shop or undertaking whatsoever, in the said city of Three Rivers, and every resolution or agreement to such effect shall be null, for all legal purposes, for a period of two years."

5 Geo. V, c. 90, s. 75, replaced. **2.** Section 75 of the city charter (5 George V, chapter 90), as replaced by the act 19 George V, chapter 98, section 5, is again replaced by the following:

R. S., 1909, art. 5750, replaced for city. "**75.** Article 5750 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is replaced, for the city, by the following:

Account with notice. "**5750.** When he gives the notice mentioned in article 5749, the treasurer shall give the ratepayer a detailed account of the taxes and assessments entered on the roll, with a notice that the said account must be paid within two months from the service thereof.

Notice sent by mail. The notice required by this article may be sent by registered mail, addressed to the ratepayer at his domicile or at that of his agent, if he has named one in accordance with section 366 of the Cities and Towns' Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 102).

Granting of discount authorized. The council of the city of Three Rivers may, by by-law, grant a discount of five per cent on the amount of all or of one or more of the taxes, assessments, permits or licenses for the then current year which shall have been paid within the delay prescribed by this article."

Loan by-law for re-payment of: **3.** The city of Three Rivers may, by a by-law of its council, approved by the Quebec Municipal Commission and by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, without having to submit such by-law to the votes of the electors who are owners of taxable immoveables, borrow:

a. A sum of one hundred thousand dollars, repayable in thirty years, to pay for temporary loans in connection with the performance of certain unemployment relief work; Temporary loans for unemployed relief work;

b. A sum of eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars repayable within a period not exceeding thirty years, to effect payment of certain works executed during the year 1932, the cost whereof was to be paid by means of special taxes which were to be levied during the year 1933. Id., for payment of certain works.

The repayment of this loan and the interest shall be effected, only by means of special taxes which may be imposed according to law, to pay for these works. Repayment.

4. The city of Three Rivers may borrow from one or more banks, according as the need for same is felt, upon the authorization of the Quebec Municipal Commission, the sums of money necessary to meet the expenditure occasioned by the distribution of relief to the unemployed. Such loans shall be temporary and be reimbursable with the help of the grants made by the Dominion and Provincial governments and the loans made by the city under the Unemployed Aid Act. How loan may be made and reimbursed.

Any amount which cannot be so reimbursed through the refusal of such governments to approve certain expenditures shall be repayable to the bank by the city out of its general funds. The city shall have recourse against the persons to whom the sums not approved by such governments shall have been paid. Amounts which cannot be reimbursed.

5. The Canadian International Paper Company is exempted, until 1940, from the drainage taxes on its own sewerage system mentioned in the deed of agreement of the 26th of August, 1919, passed before L. P. Mercier, N. P. Exemption from certain taxes.

6. Article 5735 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as replaced, for the city, by the act 5 George V, chapter 90, section 72, is amended, by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the following paragraph: R. S., 1909, art. 5735, am. for city.

“The provisions of this article shall not apply, for a period of two years, to persons resident in the city of Cap de la Madeleine. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, all the advantages given to the citizens of Cap de la Madeleine in the city of Three Rivers shall have force and effect only to the extent that similar advantages are given in the city of Cap de la Madeleine to the citizens of the city of Three Rivers.” Advantages to citizens of Cap de la Madeleine. Proviso.

Financial matters and director of finances.

**7.** No decision of the council relating to a financial matter shall be executory, nor shall any account be paid by the city, unless, in every such case, such matters and accounts have been approved by the director of finances.

Appointment, etc., of director of finances.

J. C. H. René de Cotret shall perform the duties of director of finances at a minimum salary of two hundred and fifty dollars per month and his appointment shall date from the 30th of December, 1932, and shall be effective for at least two years from the date of the sanctioning of this act.

Dismissal, etc.

After such date, the position of director of finances can only be abolished or changed by means of a resolution approved by the three-fourths of the members of the council and by the Quebec Municipal Commission.

Report

The director of finances shall make a report of his work to the Quebec Municipal Commission every three months.

Audit of books, etc., of city.

**8.** Within the fifteen days following the coming into force of this act, the council of the city of Three Rivers must make such arrangements and take such steps as may be necessary for the making of a complete audit of the books, accounts and financial statement of the city of Three Rivers showing the financial standing of the said city on the 31st of December, 1932.

By whom made.

Such audit shall be made by one or more licensed accountants, the choice of whom shall be made by the director of finances.

Vesting of powers in certain event.

If the council of the city of Three Rivers refuses or neglects to comply with the above provisions, the director of finances shall be vested with all the powers necessary to act in the place and stead of the said council as regards such audit.

Certain appropriation authorized.

**9.** The city of Three Rivers may appropriate for the payment of any construction or improvement which it wishes to make on its Exhibition Grounds the sum of thirty-four thousand, nine hundred and nineteen dollars and thirty-five cents, available out of the amount borrowed under loan by-law No. 75.

Idem.

**10.** The city of Three Rivers may appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars, available out of the amount borrowed under loan by-law No. 73 of the said city, respecting certain waterworks, and the sum of ten thousand dollars, available out of the amount borrowed under by-law No. 75 of the said city, respecting the construction

of retaining walls, to the payment of the land and the laying out of the dump authorized by the act 22 George, chapter 108, section 4.

**11.** Section 13 of the act 5 George V, chapter 90, as <sup>5 Geo. V, c.</sup> replaced by the act 6 George V, chapter 45, section 1, is <sup>90, s. 13,</sup> again replaced by the following: <sup>replaced.</sup>

**13.** Section 64 of the Cities and Towns' Act, (Revised R. S., c. 102, Statutes, 1925, chapter 102) is replaced, for the city, by <sup>s. 64, re-</sup> the following: <sup>placed for</sup>  
<sup>city.</sup>

**64.** The members of the council shall not receive any <sup>No salary</sup> salary, profit or indemnity, in any form whatsoever, for <sup>for coun-</sup> their services, except the mayor who shall receive an annual <sup>cillors.</sup> salary of five thousand dollars to be computed from the <sup>Exception.</sup> 1st of January, 1933, provided that this question of the <sup>Proviso.</sup> mayor's indemnity shall have been previously submitted to the electors who are property-owners and shall have been approved by the majority in number, of those who shall have voted, by secret ballot."

**12.** This act shall come into force on the day of its <sup>Coming into</sup> sanction. <sup>force.</sup>