



## CHAPTER 141

### An Act to amend the charter of the Montreal Metropolitan Commission

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

**WHEREAS** the Montreal Metropolitan Commission has, *Preamble.*

by its petition, represented that it is in its interest as well as in the interest of the municipalities over which its control extends, that the acts 11 George V, chapter 140; 12 George V, chapters 123 and 124; 13 George V, chapter 105; 14 George V, chapter 107; 15 George V, chapter 115; 16 George V, chapter 82; 18 George V, chapter 120; 19 George V, chapter 103; 20 George V, chapter 147; 21 George V, chapter 139, and 22 George V, chapter 129, be amended, and more extended powers be given it to make its action more effective; and

Whereas it is expedient to grant its petition;

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

**1.** With the authorization of the Commission and that of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, any municipality under the control of the Commission may, for each of the years 1933 and 1934, borrow, for the purposes mentioned in section 597 of the Cities and Towns' Act, (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 102), an amount in excess of that fixed by such section but not exceeding the half of the revenues of the preceding year. *Borrowing powers of certain municipalities.*

This section shall not apply to the municipalities which are under the Commission's control but the charters whereof grant more extended powers than those specified in the said section 597. *Application.*

Consolidation of floating debts.

**2.** Notwithstanding any general or special act, any municipality under the control of the Commission may, by by-law approved by the Commission and by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, consolidate by means of one or more loans, by serial bonds or by annuities, but for a period not exceeding ten years, its floating debt as it was on the 31st of December, 1932, but such consolidation can only be made if it has been established to the satisfaction of the Commission and of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that the municipality concerned cannot increase its revenues nor diminish its expenses in a sufficient proportion.

Meeting of maturities.

In order to meet the maturities of any loan so made, the loan by-law must impose on the taxable immoveables a special real estate tax which must be levied each year and the proceeds whereof must be paid into the hands of the Commission to be employed solely to pay the principal and interest of the bonds issued.

Handing over of proceeds.

It shall be the duty of the municipal officer charged with the collection of the said special tax to hand over the proceeds thereof to the Commission.

Sufficient approval.

The approval of the loan by-laws by the Commission and by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall be sufficient. If the council refuse, upon the request of the Commission, to adopt such loan by-law, the Commission may, by resolution, exercise the powers of the municipality and so authorize and contract the necessary loan, on behalf of such municipality. Such resolution of the Commission shall have the same effect and the same value as a by-law regularly passed and approved, provided such resolution be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Municipality not deemed aided by Commission.

Any municipality availing itself of the provisions of this section, by itself or by the action of the Commission, shall not be deemed to be a municipality aided by the Commission.

Determining by Commission of average rate of interest.

**3.** From and after the 1st of January, 1933, the Commission is authorized to determine each year, as regards loans made in the past and those hereafter made by the Commission, on behalf of the municipalities under its control, the average rate of interest on such loans for the year, so that all the municipalities interested in such loans shall pay the same rate of interest for such year. The average rate of interest so fixed and determined by the Commission shall bind the interested municipalities.

Imposing of special real

**4.** Notwithstanding the provisions of this act and of any other act governing the town of St. Laurent, the coun-

cil of the town of St. Laurent is authorized to impose by resolution, on the taxable and non-taxable immoveables situated within the limits of the town, a special real estate tax which shall be apportioned proportionately to the frontage of the said immoveables where and opposite which the works hereinafter mentioned have been done, and shall be levied annually for a period of ten years in an amount sufficient each year to form a sum of three per cent on the following sums: seventy-five thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight dollars and sixty-nine cents for sewers, one hundred and thirty-nine thousand one hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety cents for water distribution conduits, seventeen thousand one hundred and twenty dollars and twenty-six cents for sidewalks, and two hundred and four thousand forty-one dollars and twenty-five cents for paving.

The properties which the congregation of the *Collège de St. Laurent* and the corporation of the *Sœurs de Sainte-Croix et des Sept Douleurs* possessed on the 1st of January, 1904, shall be exempt from the tax which may be imposed under this provision for sewers, so long as these two corporations possess such immoveables.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act and of any other act governing the town of Hampstead, the council of the town of Hampstead is authorized, upon proceeding by mere resolution, to amend, for the future only, the rolls now in force by which special taxes are imposed to pay the expenses authorized by by-laws Nos. 3, 6, 13 and 24 of the town, or to make for the balance of the term new rolls in accordance with the said by-laws, so as to include all the expenses in capital, accrued interest at the date of the rolls and any other expenses incurred in carrying out the works authorized by the said by-laws, and to again apportion in a more just and equitable manner the taxes imposed to pay the expenses authorized by the said by-laws Nos. 3, 6, 13 and 24, and also those imposed by by-laws Nos. 27, 32 and 33. The present rolls shall remain in force for the taxes due before the coming into force of this act. The town shall have the right to collect the taxes so due and to keep as its property those which have already been paid.

The town is authorized to impose on all the taxable immoveables situated in the town a special tax sufficient to pay the interest and the sinking-fund of the excess of the proceeds of the loans authorized by by-laws Nos. 13 and 24 and which has been expended for works other than those authorized by such by-laws, which expenditure is ratified,

and to levy such tax during the period of the said loans in a sufficient amount, each year, for such purposes.

Approval  
for acts.

All acts done by the town for the carrying out of this act shall be subject to the approval of the Montreal Metropolitan Commission.

Coming into  
force.

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