



CHAPTER 156

An Act respecting the Metis Bridge

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1933]

WHEREAS the municipal corporation of the county of Rimouski and the municipal corporation of the county of Matane have, by their petition, jointly represented:

That, even before the year 1929, the bridge situated at the mouth of the river Metis threatened ruin and its reconstruction was necessary;

That the said bridge being situated on the boundary between the counties of Rimouski and Matane, the matter of the reconstruction of the said bridge was within the jurisdiction of the delegates from both the said counties;

That, by a *procès-verbal* dated the 5th of July, 1929, drawn up by Alfred Lavoie, of Rimouski, special superintendent, and homologated by the board of delegates of the counties of Rimouski and Matane at their sitting of the 20th of July, 1929, it was ordered that the cost of rebuilding and of the future maintenance of the said bridge as well as the cost of verbalization and homologation, the salary of the inspecting officers, the cost of the apportionments and collections, and all other disbursements relating to the undertaking, should be paid by the three municipal corporations of Ste. Flavie, St. Octave North (now Grand-Metis), and Metis Beach, the whole based upon the valuation roll in force in each municipality respectively, and that the said three municipal corporations should pay to the secretary-treasurer of the board of delegates, as soon as a statement of an apportionment would be due and sent to them;

That doubts have arisen as to the legality and validity of the proceedings of the board of delegates of the counties of Rimouski and Matane;

That the said bridge has been completely built and it is in the interest of the said municipal corporations of the counties of Rimouski and Matane that the proceedings of the board of delegates be ratified, confirmed and declared legal and valid for all legal purposes;

That the total cost of the construction of such bridge, including all incidental expenses, was seventy-four thousand, two hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-one cents, and that such amount has been approved by the two petitioning corporations;

That the Government of the Province of Quebec contributed towards the reconstruction of such bridge to the extent of sixty-one thousand, nine hundred and ten dollars and seventy-three cents, and therefore there remains to provide for the payment of a balance of twelve thousand, three hundred and eighty-two dollars and ninety-eight cents, to be apportioned between the three municipal corporations of Ste. Flavie, Grand-Metis and Metis Beach;

That it is just that the cost of the construction of the said bridge be divided between the said three municipalities in the following proportions:

Metis Beach.....	40%
Ste. Flavie.....	37%
Grand-Metis.....	23%

That the total of the sums received by the petitioners is as follows: Government grant, sixty-one thousand, nine hundred and ten dollars and seventy-three cents; contribution from Grand-Metis, three thousand, two hundred and forty-five dollars; contribution from Ste-Flavie, seven thousand, seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifteen cents; contribution from Metis Beach, two thousand, nine hundred and seventy dollars and sixty-two cents, totalling seventy-five thousand, nine hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty cents;

That the sums received exceed the sums disbursed by one thousand, six hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy-nine cents;

That it is fair that the interest paid by the municipalities interested on loans for such reconstruction or sums advanced be charged in the expenses, on the portion of the sums overpaid and only on such excess and upon the basis of six per cent per annum;

That it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners:

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

1. The *procès-verbal* dated the 5th of July, 1929, drawn up by Alfred Lavoie, of Rimouski, special superintendent, as homologated by the board of delegates of the counties of Rimouski and Matane, at its sitting of the 20th of July, 1929, apportioning the total cost of the reconstruction of the bridge situated at the mouth of the river Metis between the three municipal corporations of Ste. Flavie, Grand-Metis and Metis Beach, in proportion to their respective valuation, is ratified, confirmed and declared legal and valid for all legal purposes, except as amended by this act.

Validation of *procès-verbal*.

2. The cost of the Metis bridge shall be divided as follows:

Apportionment of cost of Metis bridge.

Village of Metis Beach.....	40%
Municipality of Ste. Flavie.....	37%
Municipality of Grand-Metis.....	23%

3. The interest paid on loans by the municipalities interested shall be charged in the expenses on the portion of the sums overpaid and only on such excess, and upon the basis of six per cent per annum.

Rate, etc., of certain interest.

4. The costs disbursed and the fees incurred by the municipal corporations of the counties of Rimouski and Matane and by the municipalities of Metis Beach, Ste. Flavie and Grand-Metis in connection with the passing of this act, as well as for the drawing up, making and homologating the *procès-verbal* mentioned in section 1, and the meetings and preliminary proceedings preceding same, shall be paid by the three municipalities of Metis Beach, Ste. Flavie and Grand-Metis in the proportion fixed in section 2.

Payment of costs, etc.

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

Coming into force.