



CHAPTER 110

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Quebec

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1930]

WHEREAS the city of Quebec has, by its petition, re-
presented that it is in the interest of the city and
necessary for the proper administration of its affairs, that
its charter, the act 19 George V, chapter 95, be amended;
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. The city of Quebec is authorized by this act to bor-
row a sum of not more than two million, four hundred and
thirty-six thousand dollars, to pay the cost of the follow-
ing:

a. One hundred thousand dollars for a grant to the
Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec, which sum is distributed as follows:
ten thousand dollars for the year 1929, and ten thousand
dollars yearly for nine more consecutive years;

b. Forty thousand dollars for the widening of St. Cyrille
street, at the southwest corner of Maple avenue and the
said St. Cyrille street;

c. Twenty-five thousand dollars to complete the sum of
one hundred thousand dollars which the city has to con-
tribute for the erection of an Agricultural Building on the
Exhibition Grounds;

d. Ninety thousand dollars to complete Des Fossés
street;

e. One million dollars for the erection of a thirty million
gallon capacity reservoir, on the heights of Quebec, in
order to establish uniform pressure over the whole water-

works system and to afford efficient protection in case of fire; and four hundred thousand dollars for the damming of Lake St. Charles and the expropriations necessary for such purpose;

f. Thirty-five thousand dollars for the construction, over the river St. Charles, of another bridge for the water-pipes, alongside the present waterworks bridge;

g. Fifteen thousand dollars to construct the lanes required by article 455 of the act 19 George V, chapter 95;

h. Three hundred thousand dollars for permanent paving and sidewalks in various parts of the city, thirty thousand dollars of which for permanent sidewalks and the balance distributed as follows: sixty thousand dollars for permanent paving in each of Montcalm, Limoilou and St. Sauveur wards, and thirty thousand dollars for permanent paving in each of Champlain, St. Roch and St. Jean-Baptiste wards;

i. Two hundred thousand dollars for permanent waterworks and drainage, fifty thousand dollars of which to replace the waterpipes of four inches or less in diameter by larger pipes, in order thus to increase the pressure and the protection in case of fire;

j. One hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars to make the outside portion of the fire alarm telegraph system, the inside part having been completed in the new wing of the City Hall;

k. Fifty thousand dollars for the extending of 18th street;

l. Thirty thousand dollars to construct a bridge over the river St. Charles at the foot of Renaud avenue.

m. Sixteen thousand dollars for the permanent paving of the approaches of Scott Bridge and the lights to be put on the said approaches and bridge.

Bonds or
stock cer-
tificates.

2. The city, to effect such loan, may issue bonds or registered stock certificates, from time to time when it may deem the same necessary, for the objects above mentioned; which bonds or stock certificates shall be for such sums as the city may deem suitable and shall be payable within a period of time not exceeding thirty years from the date thereof, at such rate of interest as the council may determine, not including the cost of the loan and discount.

Payment of
bonds, etc.

3. The city shall provide for the payment of the bonds or registered stock certificates, the issue whereof is authorized by section 2, either by paying on the capital of the

said bonds or registered stock certificates half-yearly or yearly, at its option, a sum sufficient so that at the maturity of each bond or certificate the capital shall be paid, or by establishing a sinking-fund, in such manner as it may deem advisable, sufficient to pay the capital at maturity; such sinking-fund shall not be used for any other purpose than the payment of such bonds or registered stock certificates.

4. In addition to the method of borrowing mentioned in section 2, in order to effect the said loan, the city may declare that the loan shall be repayable in a short term, of not less than two years and not more than fifteen years, at such rate of interest as the council may fix, with a sinking-fund of not less than two per cent per annum.

5. The city is authorized to borrow, in conformity with the provisions of sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act, the necessary amount to pay its share in the building of a tunnel on the Charlesbourg Road, according to the amount set for this purpose by the Railway Commission of Canada, as well as an additional sum of twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars to pay the cost of the straightening of the Charlesbourg Road where the said tunnel is to be, and of the waterworks, sewerage, paving and other works made necessary through the construction of the said tunnel.

6. Sub-paragraph *d* of the first paragraph of section 12 of the act 15 George V, chapter 91, is repealed.

7. Section 31 of the act 19 George V, chapter 95, is repealed.

8. The first paragraph of section 185 of the said act is replaced by the following:

"185. At its first meeting after a general election, the council shall appoint an administrative committee composed of six of its members, one of whom to be chosen amongst the aldermen of each ward, and of the mayor, which committee shall have the powers and duties conferred upon it by the present charter."

9. Section 232 of the said act is replaced by the following:

"232. The council may, at any meeting thereof composed of the absolute majority of the members thereof, make by-laws for the following purposes:

Raising
money by
assessment;

a. For the raising, assessing and applying such moneys, as may be required for the execution of the powers with which the said council is now, or may be hereafter invested, either by imposing tolls and rates, to be paid in respect of any public works within the city, or by means of a rate or assessment, to be assessed and levied each and every year, on real or personal property, or both, within the city, or upon the owners or occupants thereof in respect of such property;

Imposing
taxes on ani-
mals, etc.

b. For imposing taxes on animals, carriages, trades, commerce, traffic, manufactories, industries, occupations, business, arts, professions, or means of gain or livelihood, which are now or may hereafter be used, exercised or put in operation in the city, on their agents or agencies, and on the premises wherein or whereupon they are and may be carried on, exercised or put in operation, and on all ferry-men between the city and another locality, not being at a greater distance than twelve miles from the city, and upon every circus company or circus giving exhibitions or having performances or processions in the city."

19 Geo. V, c.
95, s. 234,
replaced.

10. Section 234 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Special tax.

"**234.** Each and every special tax imposed in virtue of the foregoing provisions may, at the option of the council, be either a fixed annual tax on all or any of the divers classes of persons subject to such taxes and on the premises by them occupied for the ends of their commerce, trade or industry, or a proportional tax, to be determined by the said council, according to the assessed real value of the immoveable or any part thereof occupied as such, or according to the annual value of the rental of such immoveable or any part thereof occupied as aforesaid by the persons subject to such tax, or to both modes together, that is to say, a fixed tax on the person subject to said tax and a proportional tax on the immoveable occupied as aforesaid, or only a fixed tax on the said person, according as the said council shall in each case consider it more advantageous for the city, provided that, for railway, telegraph or express companies, the fixed tax do not exceed, in any case, the sum of two hundred dollars per annum."

Proviso.

19 Geo. V, c.
95, s. 246,
am.

11. Section 246 of the said act is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

"Nor may the city impose a tax or license on persons not residing within its limits but who, although not operating a laundry, come to the city to secure washing to be done at their domicile."

No tax on certain persons.

12. The said act is amended by inserting therein, after section 282 thereof, the following sections:

19 Geo. V, c. 95, ss. 282a to 282c, added.

"**282a.** The city may, by a resolution of its council, grant a commutation of taxes to The Quebec Skating Club, by fixing the valuation of the immoveable property of the said company at the sum of sixty thousand dollars, upon which valuation all taxation of the said club, except school taxes and water-rates, shall be based, for a period of ten years from the 1st of May, 1930."

Commutation of taxes to Quebec Skating Club.

"**282b.** All property possessed or occupied by transatlantic companies whose ships call at Quebec, situated in the Quebec Harbour Commissioners' territory, shall be exempt from taxation."

Transatlantic companies exempted from taxes.

Such exemption shall apply also to property occupied or possessed by companies doing a coasting trade between Quebec and other St. Lawrence ports, and by the Quebec Salvage and Wrecking Company, Limited, provided such properties are within the conditions above enacted for transatlantic companies."

Exemption to certain other companies.

"**282c.** The city of Quebec is authorized, by resolution of its council, to grant a commutation of taxation to the Board of Trade, by fixing the valuation of the immoveable property, bearing number 39 of St. Paul street, at the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, upon which valuation shall be based all the taxes payable by the said Board of Trade, except school taxes and the water-rates, the whole for a period of ten years from the 1st of May, 1930."

Commutation of taxation to Board of Trade.

13. Section 289 of the said act is replaced by the following:

19 Geo. V, c. 95, s. 289, replaced.

"**289.** The total amount of the taxes on immoveable property for any civic or fiscal year shall not exceed three per cent of the assessed value of the property not including school taxes and water-rates."

Amount of tax.

14. The said act is amended by inserting therein, after section 316 thereof, the following section:

19 Geo. V, c. 95, s. 316a, added.

"**316a.** The city is authorized, by resolution of its council, to pay an annual grant, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, to the Quebec Skating Club."

Grant to Assistance

*Maternelle
de S. Frs.
d'Assise.*

dred dollars, to the *Oeuvre de l'Assistance Maternelle Saint-François d'Assise*, for a pre-natal clinic available to poor women of the city."

19 Geo. V, c.
95, s. 326,
am.

15. The first paragraph of section 326 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Borrowing
power au-
thorized by
by-law.

"**326.** The city may also borrow any amount which it deems expedient, and, for such purpose, issue bonds, debentures or inscribed stock, but only by virtue of and under a by-law which must be approved by the affirmative vote of at least the absolute majority of all the members of the council."

19 Geo. V, c.
95, s. 367,
replaced.

16. Section 367 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Power to
make by-
laws respect-
ing ferry.

"**367.** The right to make and prepare by-laws for carrying out the powers conferred by law upon the city of Quebec and the city of Levis respecting the ferry between the city of Quebec and the city of Levis shall be exercised jointly by their councils in the following manner, from the expiration of any contract existing for the ferry between the two cities: a joint committee consisting of three members chosen by the council of the city of Quebec and of three members chosen by the council of the city of Levis, convened by the mayor of the city of Quebec, or the mayor of the city of Levis, or two members of such committee, at the city of Quebec, within a reasonable delay of not less than two years before the expiration of the present contract and before the granting of a new one, shall alone have power to make by-laws respecting the conditions of such contract, the granting and the price of the ferry license, the fixing of tolls, of freight and passenger rates and other conditions which the joint committee may deem advisable to impose.

Joint com-
mittee.

Presidence,
etc.

Such committee shall be presided over by the mayor of the city of Quebec who shall have the right to vote upon all questions, and, when the votes are equally divided, he shall have a casting-vote.

Quorum.

The quorum of such committee shall be four.

Coming into
force of by-
laws.

Such by-laws shall come into force after having been approved by the corporation of the city in the manner indicated by law and by the by-laws of the city of Quebec."

19 Geo. V, c.
95, s. 383,
replaced.

17. Section 383 of the said act is replaced by the following:

"383. The sale by the city of the lots, either vacant or built upon, which it owns, shall be effected by public auction. Lots sold by public auction.

Nevertheless the city may sell, by private sale, to the adjoining owners, pieces of land of which it has become owner through expropriation or otherwise." Id., by private sale.

18. Sections 384 and 465 of the said act are repealed.

19 Geo. V, c. 95, ss. 384 and 465, repealed.

19. The said act is amended by inserting therein, after section 548 thereof, the following section:

19 Geo. V, c. 95, s. 548a, added.

"548a. The city is authorized to spend a sum of not more than fifty thousand dollars for town-planning and embellishment works, upon the suggestion of the commission and according to a general plan of the city, and to borrow, by means of debentures, according to the provisions of its charter, the amount necessary for such purpose." Sum for town-planning and embellishment works.

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