



## CHAPTER 110

An Act respecting the construction and maintenance of a bridge over the river St. Lawrence at Caughnawaga

*[Assented to, the 22nd of March, 1928]*

**W**HEREAS, it is in the interest of the cities, towns and villages situate in the electoral districts of Beauharnois, Châteauguay, Huntingdon and Napierville-Laprairie on the south shore of river St. Lawrence, and of the cities, towns and villages situated on the Island of Montreal, and of the whole Province, to construct a bridge connecting the north and south shores of the St. Lawrence opposite the Caughnawaga reserve, on Lake St. Louis;

Whereas, to assure the construction of such bridge it is necessary to create a corporation with the powers necessary to this purpose;

Whereas such bridge shall be a toll-bridge, the annual revenues wherefrom, which cannot fail to increase, shall assure the maintenance, operation and administration of the said bridge and of its approaches;

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

**1.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the issuing of letters patent, under the Great Seal of the Province, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the name of "The Corporation of Lake St. Louis Bridge" or under whatever name he may deem fit to give in the letters patent or by supplementary letters patent. Such corporation shall be composed of five members, appointed in accordance with section 2, for the objects hereinafter mentioned.

**2.** The members of the corporation shall be appointed by Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

"The Corporation of Lake St. Louis Bridge" may be created by letters patent.

Appointment of members.

President. The corporation shall elect a president from among its members.

Administration.  
Quorum. **3.** The affairs of the corporation shall be administered by its members, three of whom shall form a quorum.

Dismissal. **4.** Any member of the corporation may be dismissed for cause by an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Effect of vacancies. **5.** The corporation shall not be dissolved by one or more vacancies among its members or by the disappearance of all its members.

Filling of vacancies. **6.** In case of the vacancy of one or more or of all the members of the corporation, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner in which the appointment of the original members of the corporation was made.

Appointment of officers, etc. **7.** The corporation shall appoint its officers and employees, and fix their remuneration, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council

Rules. **8.** The corporation may adopt and alter, from time to time, rules for its government and the conduct of its affairs.

Powers of the corporation. **9.** As to the rest, the corporation shall be governed by the provisions of the Civil Code respecting corporations and it may:

- a. Have a common seal and alter it at will;
- b. Appear before the courts;
- c. Administer its property and draw the revenues thereof, rent, sell, exchange, cede and alienate the same in any way whatsoever, or otherwise dispose of same;
- d. Borrow, subject to the provisions of section 14, on the credit of the corporation, in any lawful manner, all sums required to attain the objects for which it is incorporated;
- e. Issue bonds or other securities of the corporation and sell, exchange, pledge or give the same in guarantee;
- f. Hypothecate, mortgage or pledge the moveable or immoveable property, present or future, of the corporation, to assure the payment of such bonds or other securities, or give a part only of these guarantees for the same object; and constitute the hypothec, mortgage or pledge, mentioned in this sub-paragraph, by a deed of trust in accordance with sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 of chapter 227 of the Revised Statutes, 1925, or in any other way;
- g. Hypothecate or mortgage the immoveables, or pledge or otherwise affect the moveables of the corporation, or give

all such kinds of guarantees, to secure the payment of loans made otherwise than by bond issue, as well as the payment or execution of other debts, contracts or undertakings of the corporation;

*h.* Adopt all by-laws, ordinances and rules necessary for its organization, government and management; the continuance of its existence; the administration of its properties and employment of its funds; the realization of its purposes, and, generally, for the direction of its works and exercise of all its powers.

**10.** Subject to the competent authorities and the observance of the Dominion and Provincial laws in this connection, the object of the corporation shall be to construct, maintain, repair, operate and administer a bridge connecting the north and south shores of the St. Lawrence river opposite Caughnawaga reserve, on Lake St. Louis, as well as the approaches and roads giving access to the said bridge. Object of the corporation.

**11.** The plans and specifications of the said bridge and of its approaches and of the necessary incidental work must be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Public Works and Labour, without prejudice to any obligation prescribed by the terms of the contracts to be passed in accordance with section 12 of this act. Approval of plans, etc.

**12.** The corporation is authorized to make the contracts necessary for the purposes of this act, with all persons, corporations or companies. Contracts authorized.

**13.** The corporation is authorized to acquire, by agreement or by expropriation, all lands, immoveable rights, charges, leases for occupation, emphyteutic leases, constituted rents, or any other rights whatsoever for the approaches, abutments or other works necessary. Acquisitions authorized.

Any expropriation required for the purposes of this act shall be subject to the provisions of the Quebec Railway Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 230). Expropriations.

**14.** For the purposes aforesaid, the corporation is authorized, by means of debentures or otherwise, to contract one or more loans for a total amount of not more than one million seven hundred thousand dollars, repayable in a period not to exceed forty years and at a rate of interest of not more than five per cent payable yearly or half-yearly. Loans authorized.

Proceeds of  
loans.

**15.** The proceeds of such loan or loans shall be used for paying the cost of the construction, maintenance, repair, operation and administration of the said bridge and approaches, and that of the acquisition of the necessary property, and for the payment of the remuneration of the officers and employees of the corporation, and of all other expenditure which the corporation may incur in the exercise of its powers.

Municipal-  
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thorized to  
contribute.

**16.** The municipalities situated in whole or in part in the electoral districts and also in the Island of Montreal, as mentioned in the preamble of this act, are authorized to contribute towards the construction, maintenance, operation and administration of the said bridge, out of the general funds of the corporation or by means of a loan, by by-law submitted to the electors according to the law governing same respecting the approval of by-laws.

Tolls.

**17.** The said bridge shall be subject to tolls in accordance with a tariff approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Such tariff shall come into force only after its publication in the *Quebec Official Gazette*, and it may be amended in the same manner.

Collection  
thereof.

**18.** Such tolls shall be collected by the corporation and devoted to the payment of the expenses of the corporation, interest on loans and also to the creating of a sinking-fund sufficient to reimburse the annuities or the capital at maturity.

Coming into  
force.

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