

No. 8.  
PETITION.

*To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled :*

The humble petition of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay sheweth as follows:—

1. That your petitioners are a district municipality incorporated by Letters Patent, dated the 28th day of June, 1906, under the provisions of the "Municipalities Incorporation Act"; and your petitioners are subject to the provisions of the "Municipal Clauses Act."

2. In order to carry on the proper government of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay, your petitioners desire further additional powers to those contained in the "Municipal Clauses Act."

3. That it is in the interests of the Municipality that the powers referred to in the prayer of this petition be conferred upon your petitioners.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass an Act conferring upon the Council of the said Corporation the following powers in addition to those conferred by the "Municipal Clauses Act":—

- (1.) Power to make, alter, and repeal by-laws for the following purposes:—
- (a.) For charging a frontage rate against all property past which water-mains run, and making such water-rate a lien on the real property :
  - (b.) For borrowing money for purchasing, laying, and constructing water-mains, gas-mains, electric lighting, trunk or main wires and connections, subject to the provisions of sections 68 and 69 of the "Municipal Clauses Act," but without the restrictions contained in section 81 of the Act :
  - (c.) For preventing the obstruction of streams, water-courses, and drains, and authorising the municipal officers to enter on private lands for the purpose of clearing streams, water-courses, or drains, and for laying drains or sewerage pipes in any streams or water-courses ; for entering into agreements with other municipalities for clearing any water-course or stream, and building and maintaining sewers and drains :
  - (d.) For regulating the speed of street-cars, automobiles, and other vehicles :
  - (e.) For licensing hacks, cabs, automobiles, tallyhos, and other vehicles, hired either within or without the Municipality, passing over the roads and highways within the Municipality :
  - (f.) For regulating the class of buildings to be erected in any particular section or district of the Municipality :
  - (g.) For prohibiting, regulating, and licensing the carrying of firearms within the Municipality or on any waters within one mile of the shore of any part of the Municipality :

- (h.) For granting to any person or corporation any reduction in the rate of taxation, and for entering into any agreement for the assessment of any person's or corporation's lands and property of lesser value than the surrounding lands :
- (2.) Power to purchase or otherwise acquire water and water-works wheresoever situated, and to deal with and enter into agreements with any person or corporation owning the same for acquiring water-works or water-supply, and power to construct and lay pipes from such water-works or from any point where water is supplied to the Municipality through any lands, roads, streets, or highways, whether Provincial, municipal, or private, and full power to pass the necessary by-laws for such purposes :
  - (3.) Power to enforce all by-laws on the foreshore adjoining the Municipality :
  - (4.) Power to ratify and confirm the agreement to be entered into between the Corporation and William Hicks Gardner, and ratifying the by-law to be submitted to the ratepayers embodying such by-law, and giving the Council power to adopt and carry into effect the said agreement, and carry out and confirm all the rights, franchises, and privileges in the said agreement mentioned ; and to borrow money to repay to William Hicks Gardner the cost of the water-main mentioned in the said agreement and without submitting such by-law to the ratepayers :
  - (5.) Power to carry on local improvements for all municipal work under a new system, with full power to pass the necessary local improvement by-laws, making the cost of local improvements chargeable against the property benefited thereby, without receiving the consent of the ratepayers.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

In witness whereof the Corporate Seal of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay was hereunto affixed this        day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

The Corporate Seal of the Corporation of the District of  
Oak Bay was hereto affixed in the presence of—

WM. HENDERSON, *Reeve.*  
J. S. FLOYD, *Clerk.*

[L.S.]

VICTORIA, B. C. :

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