
PETITION.

To the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

The humble petition of the Honourable Amor DeCosmos sheweth as follows:—

1. That your petitioner is the owner of real estate of considerable value within the limits of the City of Victoria, and has paid all taxes levied upon his property by virtue of the Real Estate Assessment Roll for 1892.

2. That your petitioner is the owner of the streets in sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, Spring Ridge, together with the unsold portions of the said sections, which said property is within the limits of the City of Victoria.

3. That your petitioner finds that in comparing the notice of applications in the British Columbia Gazette, as inserted by the Corporation of the City of Victoria, a true copy whereof is as follows:—

“Notice is hereby given that at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia application will be made for an Act to revise, consolidate, and amend the City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1880; the City of Victoria Official Map Amendment Act, 1881; the City of Victoria Official Map Act, 1883; the City of Victoria Official Map Act Amendment Act, 1888, and the City of Victoria Map Amendment Act, 1889, and to extend the provisions of the Act so dealt with to the limits of the City as they now exist, conferring upon the City Engineer the power to define and settle street, block, and lot lines and boundaries in that portion of section 31, Esquimalt District, known as Victoria West, and making it compulsory that all plans and subdivisions of land within the City limits be approved by the City Council prior to their acceptance and registration by the Registrar-General of Titles, and a copy of each plan so submitted for approval be filed with the City Surveyor of Victoria.

“WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

“*Victoria, B.C., 4th January, 1893.*”

With the petition of his Worship Robert Beaven, the Mayor of the said City, and dated the 2nd day of February, 1893, the latter contains matter which ought to have been specially referred to in the said notice whereby your petitioner is aggrieved.

4. That the matter which your petitioner feels specially aggrieved is that contained in paragraphs seven and eight of the said petition, and paragraphs three and four of the prayer for relief (which petition is hereto annexed) whereby your petitioner fears that his rights, as a landowner will be seriously interfered with, and that he will sustain grievous pecuniary injury in the event of the prayer of the said petition being granted.

5. That your petitioner was only aware of the fact mentioned in paragraph three hereof on Saturday, the 18th instant.

6. That your petitioner ascertains that the Committee on Standing Orders reported the said petition to your Honourable Body on the 9th day of February, instant, without your petitioner having had an opportunity of being heard.

7. That your petitioner desires to be heard in opposition to the said petition.

Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honourable Body will be pleased to refer back the said petition to the said Committee for reconsideration, and that your petitioner may be heard.

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

A. DECOSMOS.

Dated this 22nd day of February, A.D. 1893.

VICTORIA, B.C.:

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