
PETITION.

*To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of
British Columbia :*

The humble petition of the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, sheweth :—

That your petitioners are an Incorporated Municipality under a Charter passed by your Honourable Body in the year 1886, and subsequent amendments thereto.

That the “Municipal Clauses Act, 1896,” contains a clause, No. 4, which said clause enacts that the provisions of the “Municipal Clauses Act,” shall apply to the City of Vancouver, except when such provisions are in conflict with the provisions of the said Charter.

That making the clauses of said “Municipal Clauses Act” apply as aforesaid, is productive of much litigation and causes much difficulty in carrying on the government and proceedings of the said City, as in numbers of cases. There is an apparent conflict between the clauses of the said Acts, and the question whether such conflict is apparent or real must, of necessity, be the subject of judicial decisions.

That your petitioners, from time to time, have to apply for amendments to their said Charter, and never know what amendments may be made in the “Municipal Clauses Act” affecting the amendments so applied for.

That the City of Vancouver being governed and established under a special Charter, it is respectfully submitted that the provisions of that Charter should not be subject to amendment or affected by the provisions of a general Act.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honourable Body will repeal the said fourth clause of the “Municipal Clauses Act, 1896,” in so far as it affects the City of Vancouver.

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

[L.S.]

JAMES F. GARDEN,
Mayor.
THOS. F. MCGUIGAN,
City Clerk.