
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 Burnaby, sheweth:—

That a Bill intituled “An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Consolidated Railway and Light Company, and to consolidate certain Acts relating thereto,” has been presented to Your Honourable Body.

That the said Bill, if passed into law, will materially and injuriously affect the privileges and rights heretofore granted to and now possessed by the Corporation of the District of Burnaby under the provisions of the Municipalities Acts.

That under the provisions of the said Acts the streets and highways are vested in the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, and no company can interfere therewith excepting under a contract legally entered into with the said Municipality; that it is respectfully submitted if this Bill is passed into law the powers granted therein will enable the Consolidated Railway and Light Company to enter into, upon and interfere with the streets and highways of the Municipality in opposition to and contravention of the rights and interests now vested in the said Municipality.

That clause 31 and other clauses of the Bill are objectionable in such respect, particularly in taking away from the Municipality and its Council the local control of the grant of way leaves over the roadways within the said District of Burnaby.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that Your Honourable Body will not pass the said Bill into law unless all or any powers that may be granted to the Consolidated Railway and Light Company are made subject to the rights, powers and privileges that now or that may hereafter be owned and enjoyed by the Corporation of the District of Burnaby.

The seal of the Corporation of the said District of Burnaby was hereto affixed this 15th day of February, in pursuance of resolution of the District Council.

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ALFRED SMITHER, *C. M. C.*

NICOLAI C. SCHOU, *Reeve.*

[A similar petition from the ratepayers and inhabitants of the District of Burnaby, signed by twenty-nine persons.]