

# PETITION.

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*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 Mayor, Corporation, and ratepayers of the City of Vancouver sheweth:

That your petitioners are desirous of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886," and amending Acts in manner following, that is to say:

1. By repealing sub-section 2 of section 4 thereof.
2. By striking out of section 4 of the "Amendment Act, 1889," the figures "\$250," and inserting in lieu the figures "\$50;" and by striking out all the words after and inclusive of the word "or" therein.
3. By substituting the words "Monday and December" for the words "Thursday and January" in clause 4 thereof.
4. By striking out of sub-section 3 of section 4 thereof all the words after the word "same" to the word "nominated," and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures "to the value of \$500, all of which shall be in the ward for which he is nominated;" and by inserting the word "three" in lieu of the word "five" therein; and by inserting the word "one" in lieu of the word "three" therein.
5. By repealing section 5 thereof.
6. By repealing sections 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 thereof.
7. By substituting the words "Monday" and "December" in lieu of the words "Thursday" and "January;" and inserting the word "officer" after the word "returning" in section 15 thereof.
8. By inserting immediately after sub-section 1 of section 16, an oath to be taken by the Deputy Returning Officers.
9. By inserting after the word "state" in sub-section 17 of section 17, the words "his or her," and striking out the word "is" therein.
10. By adding immediately after section 17 a new section, to be known as section 17A, appointing the date and place and time of the first meeting of newly elected Councils.
11. By adding to section 20 a sub-section, to be known as sub-section "2," regulating the elections of candidates for vacancies in the existing Councils.
12. By striking out of section 21 the words "or by any Judge of the County Court."
13. By striking out of sub-section 7 of section 21 the words the "Clerk of the Council," and inserting in lieu "City Clerk."
14. By striking out of sub-section 8 of section 21 the words "Clerk of the Council," and inserting in lieu the words "City Clerk."

15. By striking out of section 24 the words "or the Judge of the County Court."

16. By adding to section 31, after the word "salary," the words "and duties," and by adding the words "and the Assessment Commissioners shall be subject to the directions of the Council in the matter of assessments and the mode of assessing land and the improvements thereon."

17. By striking out of sub-section 1 of section 35 the words "first day of November" and inserting in lieu the words "first day of October;" and by striking out the words "first day of February" and inserting in lieu the words "first day of December."

18. By repealing section 42.

19. By striking out of sub-section 1 of section 44A the word "acting."

20. By adding immediately after section 40 a section to be known as section 40A, empowering the Council by by-law to exempt from taxation any buildings, erections, or improvements on lands within the city limits.

21. By adding immediately after section 34 a section to be known as section 34A, defining the value of rateable property.

22. By inserting the word "one" in lieu of the word "two" in the section 53.

23. By inserting after the word "voter" in section 90, the words "or the City Clerk."

24. By inserting after the word "voter" in section 93, the words "or the City Clerk."

And by adding to the said section a sub-section to be known as sub-section 4, granting power to the Judge or other person so appointed to retain the name of a voter or voters on the list, but to make such corrections in the list as the evidence, in his opinion, warrants.

And by adding to the said section a sub-section, to be known as sub-section 5, granting to the Judge or person so appointed the same powers with reference to the matters contained in the section as belong to or might be exercised by a County Court Judge.

25. By inserting after the word "gas," in sub-section 4 of section 142, the words "and water works."

26. By inserting after the word "for," in sub-section 111 of section 142, the words "or for preventing or prohibiting within the city limits;" and by striking out all the words after the word "abattoirs" therein.

27. By adding the following sub-section, to be known as sub-section (54B), to section 142, immediately after sub-section 54A, "Regulating and enforcing the cutting down of trees and burning and removing thereof, and logs and underwood, within the city limits."

28. By adding to section 142, immediately after sub-section 74, the following sub-section, to be known as sub-section 74A—"For regulating and licensing Plumbers."

29. By adding to section 142, immediately after sub-section 98A, the following sub-section to be known as sub-section 98B:—"For preventing the sale of any meat, vegetables, fish, or poultry within the city elsewhere than at the Public Market, and for regulating the same."

30. By inserting after the word "plan" in sub-section 58A of section 142, the words "elevation and specifications for the construction of such building."

31. By adding to section 142 the following sub-section, to be known as sub-section 89A, immediately after sub-section 89:—"For the construction and maintenance of wharves, docks, and ship-yards."

32. By adding after the word "obtaining" in sub-section 112 of section 142 the words "or expropriating;" and by adding after the word "parks" therein the words "and for stone, granite, or gravel quarries for the use by the Corporation in improvements, and for crematories, abattoirs, or for any purpose that may be deemed by the Council as for the benefit of the city."

33. By adding a new section immediately after section 143, to be known as section 143B, empowering the Council whenever authorized to direct, by by-law or otherwise, that any matter or thing should be done by any person or Corporation, to direct also by the same or another by-law that in default of its being done by the person or Corporation, such matter or thing shall be done at the expense of the person in default, and the expense thereof may be recovered with costs by action or distress; and in case of non-payment thereof shall be recovered in like manner as municipal taxes.

34. By adding a sub-section, to be known as sub-section 5, immediately after sub-section 4, section 142B, regulating the penalty of any person adjudged guilty of any offence within the meaning of the foregoing section.

35. By adding a new section, to be known as section 145A, immediately after section 145, making a by-law valid under certain circumstances notwithstanding any want of substance in the by-law itself, or in the time and manner of passing the same.

36. By adding after the word "sewers," in section 199, the words "or works of any kind considered by the Council as for the benefit of the city," and by adding after the word "buildings" therein, the words "or for any public works that in the opinion of the Council may be for the benefit of the city." And by providing for a simpler method of arbitration.

37. By providing in section 200 a special rate for assessments.

38. By repealing section 184A, and inserting in lieu thereof a section providing for the appointment of a Board of Licensing Commissioners.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honourable House will be pleased to pass an Act amending the said "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886," and amending Acts, in manner hereinbefore set forth and contained.

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

[SEAL.]

THOS. F. MCGUIGAN,  
*City Clerk.*

D. OPPENHEIMER,  
*Mayor.*

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

The petition of the Westminister and Vancouver Tramway Company and the Westminister Street Railway Company, humbly sheweth :—

That your petitioners are desirous of amalgamating their respective Companies into one Company under the name of "The Westminister and Vancouver Tramway Company."

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honourable body will be pleased during the present session to pass an Act amalgamating their respective Companies into one Company, to be called "The Westminister and Vancouver Tramway Company."

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

Dated this 28th day of January, 1891.

D. OPPENHEIMER,  
*President,* [SEAL.]

S. T. MACKINTOSH,  
*Secretary,*

WESTMINSTER AND VANCOUVER TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

B. DOUGLAS,  
*President,* [SEAL.]  
(Per S. T. Mackintosh,)

J. G. JAQUES,  
*Director,*

S. T. MACKINTOSH,  
*Secretary.*

WESTMINSTER STREET RAILWAY COMPANY (LIMITED).

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