

No. 16B.
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 petition of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay sheweth as follows:—

1. That your petitioners were incorporated on the 28th day of June, 1906, pursuant to the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."

2. That the Corporation of the City of Victoria has presented a petition to your Honourable Body praying that the "Corporation of Victoria Water-Works Act, 1873," as amended by chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1892, be further amended as provided in the Bill introduced into the House.

3. That by 55 Victoria, chapter 64, section 6, the Commissioner is authorised and empowered to enter upon the lands of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, in the said City of Victoria and within twenty miles of the said City, and to survey, set out, ascertain and appropriate, with or without the consent of the owners or occupiers thereof, such parts thereof as they may require for the purposes of the said water-works, and also to divert and appropriate any streams, springs, lakes or bodies of water which they shall judge proper.

4. That the locality incorporated as the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay is wholly situate within twenty miles of the City of Victoria, and the said district is a residential district with increasing population, and is dependent for its water supply upon streams, springs, lakes or bodies of water within a radius of twenty miles of the City of Victoria.

5. That the Corporation of the City of Victoria has applied to your Honourable Body to ratify and confirm to the said Corporation all the powers, rights and privileges granted and conferred by chapter 20 of 36 Victoria, being the "Corporation of Victoria Water-Works Act, 1873," as amended by chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1892.

6. That your petitioners desire that an obligation may be imposed upon the Corporation of the City of Victoria to supply water in bulk to the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay and other municipalities situate within a radius of twenty (20) miles of the City of Victoria, to meet the wants of the inhabitants of the District of Oak Bay and such other municipalities, at a specified rate.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to grant leave to your petitioners to be heard by counsel, agents and witnesses in support of objections which they may be advised to take to the provisions of the said Act and in support of the obligations they desire to be imposed upon the City of Victoria.

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

Dated this 5th day of February, 1909.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF OAK BAY,

[L. S.]

By J. S. FLOYD, *Clerk.*

VICTORIA, B. C.