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A BILL TO AMEND THE MEDICINE HAT CHARTER.

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as
follows:-

1. The Medicine Hat Charter being Chapter 63 of the
Statutes of Alberta 1906 as amended by Chapter 27 of the
Statutes of Alberta 1910 (second Session), Chapter 58 of the
Statutes of Alberta 1911 and 1912, Chapter 28 of the Statutes
of Alberta 1913, and Chapter 35 of the Statutes of Alberta 1913
(second Session) is hereby further amended as follows:-

(1) Title III, Section 3a, by striking out all the words
after the word "Council" in the seventh line thereof.

(2) Title IV, Section 2, by striking out the word "October"
where the same appears in line 2 thereof and substituting
therefor "August".

(3) Title IV, Section 4, by striking out the word "November"
where the same appears in line 2 thereof and substituting
therefor "September".

(4) Title IV, Section 5, by striking out the word "November"
where the same appears in line 3 and substituting therefor
"October".

(5) Title IV, Section 6, by striking out the word "November"
where the same appears in the first line and substituting
therefor "October".

(6) Title IV, Section 7, by striking out the word "November"
where the same appears in the first line and inserting there-

for "October".

(7) Title VII, Section 3, by adding after the word "trustees" in the fourth line "except that women shall be eligible as school trustees".

(8) Title XI, by striking out Section 6 and substituting therefor the following:-

6. "The Mayor or other presiding officer at any meeting of the Council shall not vote except when there is an equality of votes in which case he shall give a casting vote unless he is disqualified to vote by reason of interest or otherwise in which event the question shall be deemed to be negatived".

(9) Title XXI, Section 3, Sub-section "A", by adding after the word "mills" in the 9th line thereof the following words, "public libraries, swimming baths and Municipal Stables".

(10) Title XXI, by adding after Section 4 the following Sub-sections:

(a) Where under the provisions of any Statute the Corporation is required to construct any work or works or do any act or acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of such Statute, it shall not be necessary to obtain the assent of the Burgesses to the passing of a by-law for borrowing the moneys required for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of such Statute, but the Council shall have full power to pass by-laws in that behalf.

(b) The Council may dispose of or devote to some other Municipal purpose in whole or in part, any property acquired by the City for a specific purpose when such property is in the opinion of the Council no longer required for the time being for the purpose for which it was originally required or to which it has been subsequently devoted.

(c) The Council may direct that the owner of any

building situate upon land abutting upon any street or public place wherein there is a sewer and water main, shall install in such building connections with such sewer and water mains, and such apparatus and appliances as shall insure the proper sanitary condition of the building and premises.

(d) Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, upon the report of the City Engineer or the City Medical Officer of Health recommending the same, the Council shall have power by resolution or by-law to direct water and plumbing, or other sanitary improvements to be made in any such building or premises, upon the lands belonging thereto, and the City may with or without the consent of the owner, occupant or tenant thereof, enter, make, construct and install such water, plumbing or other sanitary improvements or cause the same to be done, and after the completion thereof the City Engineer shall grant a certificate stating therein the number and description of the parcel of land whereon such work has been done and the actual costs of the work, and shall file such certificate with the Treasurer, and the amount of such costs so certified shall be divided into such number of instalments as shall be directed by the resolution or by-law directing the work and such costs together with interest on the Sinking Fund or equal annual instalment plan, shall, as in the case of local improvements, be added to the taxes on such lot or parcel of land in the Collector's Roll for the proper number of years, beginning with the Rolls prepared next after the filing of said certificate, and the said costs shall thereupon become and be treated in all respects as ordinary taxes due upon the said land. And for the purposes aforesaid the Council by referred by-law, to be assented to by a majority of the Burgesses voting thereon, may from time to time before actually directing any such works,

borrow such sum or sums as they shall estimate to be necessary for carrying out the same.

(e) The Council may provide and maintain lavatories, urinals and water closets and like conveniences in situations where they deem such accommodations to be required, either upon the public streets or elsewhere, and may purchase or otherwise acquire land therefor and may defray the expense thereof and of keeping the same in repair and good order.

(11) Title XXVI, Section 1, by striking out the words "next following" where they appear therein.

(12) Title XXVI, Section 6, by striking out the words "year for which the same were imposed" where they appear therein and substituting therefor "then current year".

(13) Title XXX, Section 2, by striking out the word "June" where the same appears in the last line and substituting therefor "April".

(14) Title XXX, Section 3, by striking out the word "July" where the same appears in the first line and substituting therefor "May" and by striking out after the word "City" in line 3 thereof the words "for the next following year".

(15) Title XXX, Section 15 is hereby amended by striking out the word "September" where same ^{appears} ~~occurs~~ in line 4 and substituting therefor "July".

(16) Title XXX, Section 18, ~~is hereby amended~~ by striking out after the word "December" in line 1 the words "of the year for which the assessment should have been made".

(17) Title XXX, Section 20, ~~is hereby amended~~ by striking out the words and figures "31st day of August" where the same ^{appear} ~~occurs~~ in lines 6 and 7 and substituting therefor the words and figures "30th day of June".

(18) Title XXX, Section 23, ~~is hereby amended~~ by

striking out the word "September" where the same ~~appears~~ in line 2 and substituting "July" and by striking out after the word "City" in line 4 "for the next following year".

(19) Title XXX, Section 26, Sub-section 6, by striking out the word "November" where the same appears in line 4 and substituting therefor "September".

(20) Title XXXI, Section 9, by adding the following Sub-section:

(a) Buildings used for the purposes of "The Young Women's Christian Association of Medicine Hat" and not used for any other purposes, or for hire or reward, and the lot or lots whereon they stand not exceeding one half acre except such parts as may have any other building thereon.

(21) Title XXXII, Section 1, by striking out the word "April" where the same appears in line 1 and substituting "October".

(22) Title XXXII, Section 20, by adding after the word "centum" where the same appears in the fifth line the words "per annum".

(23) Title XXXV, Section 3, Sub-section 2, by adding after the word "service" in the fourth line thereof "to any premises of the person in default".

(24) Title XXXV, Section 13, by striking out the words "and gas" where the same occur in line 2 thereof and substituting "gas and electricity".

(25) Title XXXV, Section 13, sub-section 2, by striking out the words "or gas" where same occur in line 2 thereof and substituting "gas or electricity".

(26) Title XXXV, by repealing section 22 and sub-section (2) thereof.

authorized by them upon due examination is satisfied that any

building, enclosure or structure or portion thereof has for any reason become or is unfit for the purpose for which it is used or that it has become a nuisance or in any way dangerous to the health of the occupants or neighbours, the Medical Health Officer or the Sanitary Inspector of the City may issue a notice addressed to the owner of such premises or the agent or person in charge of the same or any of them requiring the premises to be put in proper sanitary condition including the addition and installation of proper sanitary appliances within a stated time, or, requiring the occupants to quit and close up the premises within such time as the Board may deem reasonable. If the person so notified or any of them refuse or neglect to comply with the terms of the notice, every person so offending shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars for each and every day he shall so neglect or refuse and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty days, and the Board may cause the premises to be properly cleaned and make sewer and water connections, instal plumbing and effect such alterations as may be necessary to put the premises in a sanitary condition at the expense of the owner or occupants or may remove or cause to be removed the occupants forcibly and close up the premises and if so closed, the same shall not be re-occupied until put in proper sanitary condition. A certificate signed by the Medical Health Officer of the City, showing the amount of expenses incurred by reason of the doing of all or any of the above things shall be filed with the City Treasurer who shall enter such amount shown in such certificate in the roll against the property affected and the same shall become taxes and be collected with the ordinary Municipal taxes.

(1) If the owner, agent or occupant refused or neglects to comply with any notice given as aforesaid, the Medical Health

Officer may either before or after the occupants have left the premises, affix to the building or structure a placard declaring the same unfit for occupation and forbidding the use of the same, and any person removing or defacing any such placard shall be liable to a penalty of not less than five dollars per day and not exceeding twenty dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty days.

(2) Any owner, agent or person renting or allowing to be occupied or any person occupying such building, enclosure or structure or portion thereof without the consent of the Medical Health Officer, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten dollars and not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each day the same is rented, allowed to be occupied or occupied, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty days.

3. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained the Council may by by-law enact and constitute a Board of Commissioners of Police and shall define the powers and duties of such Commissioners. Such Board shall consist of the Mayor (or in his absence the acting Mayor), the District Court Judge of the Judicial District of Medicine Hat and the Police Magistrate. In case the office of District Court Judge or that of Police Magistrate is vacant, the Council shall appoint a person resident in the City to be a member of the Board or two persons so resident to be members thereof as the case may require during such vacancy. The Commissioners shall have power to summon and examine witnesses on oath on all matters connected with the administration of their duties and shall have the same power to enforce the attendance of such witnesses and to compel them to give evidence as is vested in any Court of law in the Province in civil cases. The

Commissioners and each of them shall be paid such salary or remuneration as the Council may fix.

4. All grants of money heretofore made or hereafter made by the Council for any loyal or patriotic purpose in connection with the German-European War is hereby confirmed and declared to be valid and binding and within the powers of the Council.

5. By-law No. 464 of the City of Medicine Hat to provide for borrowing of \$4000.00 for the construction of a public lavatory and By-law No. 465 of the said City to provide for borrowing of \$14,000.00 for the construction of a Municipal Stable, both of which said By-laws were finally passed on the 10th day of August, 1914, are hereby declared legal, valid and binding notwithstanding any want of jurisdiction, informalities, irregularities or defects therein either in substance or in form, and the City of Medicine Hat is hereby authorized and empowered to do all necessary acts for the full and proper carrying out of the said By-laws.

6. All By-laws heretofore passed by the Council of the City of Medicine Hat which would have been legal and valid had the same been passed after the coming into force of this Act and which have not been quashed or repealed, and in respect of which no proceedings are pending to quash the same are hereby declared legal, valid and binding upon all persons.

7. Sub-section 19 of Section 1, Chapter 35 of the Statutes of Alberta 1913, (second Session) is hereby repealed.

THIS ACT SHALL COME INTO EFFECT ON THE DATE IT IS
ASSENTED TO.