



## CHAPTER 101.

**An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize the Minister of Public Works to contract with Sea Bus Lines Ltd. or Victoria Dock Company Limited or a New Company for operating Motor-ferries to connect Powell River with Vancouver by Road.**

*[Assented to 18th April, 1951.]*

## Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Sea Bus Lines Ltd. and Victoria Dock Company Limited have presented a petition praying that an Act be passed empowering the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize the Minister of Public Works to enter into a contract with the petitioners, or either of them, or with a company to be designated by them jointly, for the operation of a motor-ferry service to assist in connecting the Town of Powell River with the City of Vancouver by road:

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

## Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Powell River-Vancouver Ferry Connections Act."

## Interpretation.

**2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"Contracting Company" means the person or persons with whom the Minister may be authorized to contract as in this Act provided:

"Minister" means the Minister of Public Works.

## Contract for ferry service.

**3.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the Minister, on behalf of His Majesty the King in the right of the Province, to enter into a contract with Sea Bus Lines Ltd. and Victoria Dock Company Limited, or either of them, or a company to be designated by them

jointly, which contract may provide that the Contracting Company be authorized and required:—

- (a) To institute, operate, maintain, and manage a motor-ferry service to assist in connecting the Town of Powell River with the City of Vancouver by road, for the carriage of passengers, automobiles, buses, trucks, trailers, and other vehicles, and to operate between such termini as the Minister may approve:
- (b) To construct or otherwise provide all necessary wharves and ferry-slips and approaches thereto.

Terms of contract.

4. The said contract shall also provide:—

- (a) That final plans and specifications of wharves and ferry-slips and approaches thereto be approved by the Minister:
- (b) That the operation of the said motor-ferry service commence not later than a specified time:
- (c) That the Contracting Company shall at all times during the construction of the said wharves and ferry-slips and approaches thereto, and after their completion, permit inspection thereof by the Minister and his engineers:
- (d) That the Contracting Company shall furnish such performance bonds and guarantees for the institution, construction, maintenance, and continuous operation of the said motor-ferry service as the Minister may require:
- (e) For the fixing and variation from time to time of the tolls, rates, and charges to be levied by the Contracting Company in respect of its motor-ferry service:
- (f) For any other matters incidental to the said motor-ferry service.

Exclusive franchise.

5. Upon the execution of the said contract by the contracting parties, the Contracting Company shall have, for a period of twenty-five years, an exclusive franchise to operate a ferry service between the termini mentioned in the contract and within a neighbouring area or areas to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by Order in Council, subject to cancellation thereof for breach of the contract by the Contracting Company.

"Public Utilities Act" not to apply.

6. The "Public Utilities Act" shall not apply to the Contracting Company for the duration of the contract in respect of its operations under a contract entered into pursuant to this Act.

Exclusion of Public Utilities Commission.

7. Nothing contained in the "Public Utilities Act" shall empower the Public Utilities Commission for the duration of the contract to exercise any authority in respect of the service, tolls, rates, or charges established pursuant to the contract, or to perform any act which would derogate from or interfere with the exclusive franchise of the Contracting Company.

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