

CHAPTER 43

**An Act to Incorporate St. Paul's Hospital at Vancouver,
British Columbia**

[Assented to 2nd April, 1969.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS St. Paul's Hospital, located in the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, has heretofore been owned, operated, and administered under the auspices of the Sisters of Charity of Providence in British Columbia, a corporation incorporated under the *Sisters of Charity Act, 1892*, an Act of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly:

And whereas the Sisters of Charity of Providence in British Columbia has represented that St. Paul's Hospital requires to be incorporated as a separate corporation, and has requested and does request such incorporation for the better management and administration of St. Paul's Hospital:

Therefore, Her 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 *St. Paul's Hospital Act*.

Incorporation.

2. The hospital heretofore established and known as St. Paul's Hospital is hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "St. Paul's Hospital," and Sister John of Gethsemane, Sister Ellen Brunt, Sister Kathleen Dineen, Sister Juliette St. Laurent, Sister Christine McIntyre, and Sister Rose Roshau, together with such other persons who are now or may hereafter be appointed by the Sisters of Charity of Providence in British Columbia, shall be and are hereby declared to be members of St. Paul's Hospital (hereinafter known as the "Corporation").

Power to hold property.

3. The Corporation shall, by the name of "St. Paul's Hospital," have perpetual succession and a common seal, and by such name may from time to time and at all times hereafter acquire by purchase, lease, gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, and may hold, possess, and enjoy, real and personal property of every nature and kind, situate either within or without the Province, and especially such lands, tenements, and hereditaments within the Province as may be necessary for use and occupation as hospital premises, offices, residences for professional and nursing staff, student nurses, and employees, with grounds and amenities pertaining thereto, together with all libraries, furniture, fixtures, scientific, medical, and surgical equipment, and all such things used in connection with the administration, operation, and functions of an acute general care hospital, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing and without restric-

tion now or hereafter, to include such facilities as may be required for maintenance of referral services, research, and medical education, as well as the operation of various hospital departments, including internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, paediatrics, urology, anaesthesia, pathology, radiology, general practice, physical medicine, and such other departments which may hereafter be established, and the necessary fixtures and equipment used in connection therewith, and the Corporation shall have, for the purposes preceding and maintained hereunder, power to sell, convey, mortgage, lease, alienate, and dispose of any such property or otherwise deal with the same or any part thereof (subject always to the *Hospital Act*, R.S.B.C. 1960, chapter 178, and amendments thereto, and the *Regional Hospital Districts Act*, S.B.C. 1967, chapter 43, and amendments thereto).

Head office. 4. The head office of the Corporation shall be located at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia, or at such other places in the Province as may from time to time be determined by its officers.

Officers. 5. The officers of the Corporation shall be the incorporators mentioned herein and their successors from the present and future members of the Sisters of Charity of Providence as provided in section 2 herein.

Delegation. 6. It shall be lawful for the officers of the Corporation to delegate all or part of the management, administration, and operation of the hospital to a Board of Management composed of religious and lay personnel, or of lay personnel appointed in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation.

By-laws. 7. (a) The Corporation shall make by-laws, rules, orders, and regulations for the government and proper administration of the property, affairs, and interest of the said Corporation (subject always to the approval of the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance of the Province of British Columbia), and to repeal and amend the same from time to time, including the appointment and removal of any members of the Board of Management, and generally for the internal government of the affairs of the said Corporation.

Board of Management. (b) Such by-laws shall include provision for the appointment of members to the Board of Management by the Corporation, which shall include one member appointed by the Government of the Province of British Columbia, one member appointed by the City of Vancouver, and one member appointed by the Fraser-Burrard Regional Hospital District Board.

(c) No by-law shall be valid or take effect unless or until the same has been approved by the Provincial Council of the Sisters of Charity of Providence.

**Borrowing
powers**

8. The Corporation has full power and authority to borrow such sum or sums of money from time to time as may be necessary for its purposes, either with or without security, and shall have power and authority to secure any sum or sums of money so borrowed, and may create such obligations upon such terms and conditions as the Corporation may decide (subject to the *Hospital Act*, R.S.B.C. 1960, chapter 178, and amendments thereto, and the *Regional Hospital Districts Act*, S.B.C. 1967, chapter 43, and amendments thereto).

**Power to
alienate.**

9. The Corporation has power for its purposes to execute deeds, agreements, bills of sale, mortgages, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other like documents.

10. The Corporation has full power and authority

- (a) to invest all or any sum or sums of money of or belonging to the Corporation, or given or bequeathed to it, in any bonds or securities of Canada, or of any Province thereof, or of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, or in any debentures of any of the municipalities of the said Provinces, or in any securities in which life insurance companies are authorized from time to time by the Parliament of Canada to invest, and also to lend and invest any such moneys upon the security of any real or personal property, and also to make any other investments which may, by the laws of the Province of British Columbia, be authorized for the investment of trust funds; and the Corporation may, under its corporate name or in the name of any person or persons as trustee or trustees, take and hold any real or personal property or any interest therein by way of mortgage to secure such investment;
- (b) to pass on and entrust to a trust company all or any sum or sums of money belonging to the Corporation, to be held, controlled, administered, and dealt with by such trust company, subject to the provisions of clause (a), for such time and in such manner as the Board of Management may from time to time direct.

11. On the coming into force of this Act,

- (a) all property and assets that are vested in the Sisters of Charity of Providence in British Columbia on behalf of St. Paul's Hospital or vested in an unincorporated association known as St. Paul's Hospital are vested in the Corporation; and
- (b) all debts and liabilities of the Sisters of Charity of Providence in British Columbia incurred on behalf of St. Paul's Hospital or incurred by an unincorporated association known as St. Paul's Hospital are debts and liabilities of the Corporation and shall be charged against it.

Seal

12. The seal of the Corporation shall be affixed to documents requiring execution under seal, in the presence of two officers of the Corporation, or in the presence of such members of the Board of Management as may be authorized under the by-laws, or by resolution of the officers of the Corporation.

Vesting of
property.

13. Upon presentation to the Registrar of the proper Land Registry Office of any transfer or other instrument whereby any land or interest in land situate in the Province of British Columbia is being transferred from the corporation the Sisters of Charity of Providence in British Columbia to the Corporation hereby created, the Registrar shall, without fee or charge therefor, do all things necessary to vest such land or interest in land in the name of the Corporation, subject to all such encumbrances or charges as may be registered against the title thereof.

14. (a) This Act, excepting this section, comes into force on a date fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor by his Proclamation.

(b) This section comes into force on the date of Royal assent.