

CHAPTER 55

Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902

[Assented to 3rd April, 1970.]

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 *Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902*.

Corporation continued

2. The Vancouver General Hospital, incorporated by chapter 69 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1902, is continued as a body corporate and politic under the name "Vancouver General Hospital" (hereinafter referred to as the "corporation").

Powers of corporation

3. The corporation may

- (a) subject to the *Hospital Act*, establish, maintain, and operate a hospital and engage in any lawful activity for that purpose;
- (b) take, purchase, receive by gift or grant, acquire, hold, or lease real and personal property of every nature or kind;
- (c) subject to the *Hospital Act*, sell, grant, convey, demise, or otherwise dispose of the real and personal property;
- (d) subject to the by-laws, borrow money on the credit of the corporation and give security therefor, but the corporation shall not mortgage or pledge as security any real or personal property of the corporation used for hospital purposes; and
- (e) subject to the approval of the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, establish, maintain, and carry on training schools and courses for medical and para-medical persons and for nurses, and grant diplomas or certificates for completion of such courses.

Membership

4. Membership in the corporation shall consist of those persons who were members of the corporation continued by this Act immediately prior to the coming into force of this Act, together with all other persons who become qualified for membership under the by-laws of the corporation made under this Act.

Board of Trustees

5. (1) The property and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees (hereinafter called the "board").

(2) The board shall consist of

- (a) those persons appointed under the *Hospital Act*;

- (b) those persons who were members of the board of trustees of the corporation continued by the Act immediately prior to the coming into force of this Act, until their term of office expires or is terminated under the by-laws of the corporation made under this Act; and
- (c) those persons who are elected to the board under the by-laws of the corporation made under this Act.

By-laws.

6. The board may pass by-laws for governing and managing the property and affairs of the corporation, but any such by-law shall not come into force until

- (a) the by-law is ratified, sanctioned, and confirmed by the votes of two-thirds of the members of the corporation present at a meeting of the corporation duly called and held for the purpose of considering the by-law; and
- (b) the by-law is approved in writing by the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance.

Seal

7. The seal of the corporation shall be kept and used as prescribed by the by-laws.

Officers.

8. The manner of appointment of officers of the board and the responsibilities and duties of those officers shall be prescribed by the by-laws.

Investments by board.

9. The board may invest moneys of the corporation not required for the current operation of the corporation in such investments as are authorized by law for the investment of trust funds.

Actions for recovery of debts.

10. Proceedings for the recovery of payment for treatment, care, or services provided by the corporation may be commenced and taken in the name of the corporation by any duly authorized officer or employee of the corporation.

No expropriation by any other corporation.

11. Notwithstanding any Act to the contrary, no person, municipality, or incorporated village, and no corporation whether an agent of the Crown or otherwise, shall expropriate any property of the corporation unless

- (a) the written approval of the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance is first obtained; or
- (b) an Act of the Legislature enacted after the coming into force of this Act expressly so provides.

Irregularity not to affect acts of board.

12. No irregularity, informality, or illegality in the appointment or election of a member of the board or an officer of the corporation shall render illegal or invalid any act, deed, matter, or thing done or executed or suffered to be done or executed by the board in good faith or by such member of the board or officer in pursuance of his election or appointment.

Regulations.

13. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act according to their intent, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make such regulations and orders as are ancillary thereto and not inconsistent therewith and as are considered necessary or advisable; and every regulation and order made under this section shall be deemed part of the Act and has the force of law.

Repeal.

14. The *Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902*, being chapter 69 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1902, is repealed.

Commence-
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15. (1) This Act, excepting section 1 and this section, comes into force on a date to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor by his Proclamation, and he may fix different dates for the coming into force of several provisions.

(2) Section 1 and this section come into force on Royal Assent.