



CHAPTER 56.

**An Act to provide for the Celebration of the One
Hundredth Anniversary of the Establishment of the
Mainland Colony of British Columbia.**

[Assented to 2nd March, 1956.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the discovery of gold on the Fraser River resulted in a gold-rush in 1858 that transformed the whole region now known as British Columbia:

And whereas an Act "to provide for the Government of British Columbia," passed by the Imperial Parliament on the second day of August, 1858, created the Mainland Colony of British Columbia and foreshadowed the ultimate union of all British possessions west of the Rocky Mountains:

And whereas the original Colony of British Columbia was inaugurated with due ceremony at Fort Langley on the nineteenth day of November, 1858:

And whereas it is desirable to provide for the appropriate celebration of the centenary of these events:

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 "Centennial Celebration Act."

Corporation created.

2. There is hereby created a corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") which shall be a body politic and corporate under the name of the "British Columbia Centennial Committee."

Powers of corporation.

3. It shall be the object of the Committee, and the Committee shall have power, and it shall be the duty of the Committee:—

(a) To make and carry out all necessary arrangements for the organizing of a suitable and effective celebration of the cente-

nary of the founding of the Mainland Colony of British Columbia:

- (b) To enter into agreement or arrangement with any person, society, association, organization, or corporate body for the purpose of planning, co-ordinating, and organizing the centennial celebration:
- (c) To make such orders as are from time to time required for the purpose of co-ordinating, planning, and organizing the centennial celebration.

Composition of
Committee

4. The membership of the Committee shall be composed of such persons appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council as may from time to time be deemed advisable and desirable, and all members shall hold office until their appointments are rescinded.

Lieut.-Governor in
Council to appoint
honorary members.

5. Upon recommendation of the Committee, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint such honorary officers and such honorary members to the Committee as may from time to time be deemed desirable, but no appointment under this section shall in any way limit the powers of the Committee.

No remuneration
for services.

6. The members, honorary officers, and honorary members shall serve without remuneration, but may be reimbursed for any expenses necessarily incurred by them in the execution of their duties in such manner and in such amounts as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct, and all such expenses shall be a charge upon the revenues of the Committee.

Administration by
Board of Directors.

7. The management, administration, all business and affairs, and the control of the revenues and expenditures of the Committee shall be vested in a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board").

Composition of
Board.

8. The Board shall consist of eight members of the Committee selected and appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, all of whom shall hold office until their appointments are rescinded.

Quorum.

9. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the Committee.

Powers of Board

10. Without limiting the general powers by this Act conferred upon or vested in the Committee, the Board shall have power:—

- (a) To make, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, such regulations as are considered necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act according to their true intent, and of supplying any deficiency therein:
- (b) To make any provisions not inconsistent with this Act that may be necessary to meet exigencies occurring under its operation, and generally from time to time to make and enforce

all such general rules and orders as may be necessary for the purpose of giving full effect to the provisions of this Act and the regulations:

- (c) To make rules and regulations appertaining to the meetings of the Committee and its transactions:
- (d) To appoint from time to time its Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and other officers:
- (e) To appoint such sub-committees, composed of members, honorary members of the Committee, or any other persons, as may from time to time be necessary:
- (f) To establish a centennial advisory council, consisting of such persons who, by virtue of their residence and activities, have contributed to the historical, cultural, and industrial development of the Province of British Columbia:
- (g) To appoint or dismiss an executive secretary, a treasurer, and other such officers, clerks, and employees as may be necessary, and fix their salaries:
- (h) To administer all funds, grants, gifts, and other assets, real or personal, received by the Committee:
- (i) To acquire by lease, rental, purchase, or otherwise all equipment, materials, supplies, accommodation, or other appurtenances as may be necessary for the purpose of giving full effect to the provisions of this Act:
- (j) To make grants to any person or persons, society, association, organization, or corporate body as may be necessary to assist in the financing of the centennial celebration:
- (k) To select an emblem for the Committee and have sole custody and use of the emblem:
- (l) To do and perform all other matters, things, and duties which may be necessary for the advancement of the centennial celebration.

Financing of
Committee.

11. The Committee shall be financed and maintained as follows:—

- (a) By grants from the Government of British Columbia authorized by an appropriation of the Legislature for that purpose:
- (b) By such grants or gifts as may from time to time accrue to the Committee:
- (c) Failing an appropriation of the Legislature for the purpose of providing the amounts to be paid by the Province under this section, the amounts to be paid by the Province shall be a charge upon and paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Record of
proceedings.

12. The executive secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Committee and perform all such other duties as the Board may prescribe in relation to the corporate affairs of the Committee.

Duties of treasurer.

13. The treasurer shall keep such records, books, and accounts and perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe in relation to the corporate affairs of the Committee, and such records and all books, accounts, vouchers, and papers of the Committee shall at all times be subject to inspection of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Audit of accounts.

14. The accounts of the Committee shall be audited at least once a year by the Comptroller-General, or by some person appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Lieut.-Governor in Council to approve estimates.

15. The Committee shall not incur any liability or make any expenditure beyond the amount unexpended of the grant made to the Committee by the Legislature and the estimated revenue of the Committee from other sources for the current year, unless an estimate thereof has been first submitted to and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Consent of Attorney General to action.

16. No action shall be brought against the Committee, or against the Board, or against any sub-committee, or against any member or honorary member of the Committee, or against any member of the advisory council, or against any employee of the Committee, on account of anything done or omitted by him in the execution of his office, unless the written consent of the Attorney-General to the bringing of the action is obtained.

Penalty for unauthorized use of emblem

17. Any person using in any way the emblem of the Committee, except on written authorization of the Committee, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not more than fifty dollars.

Lieut.-Governor in Council may convene meeting

18. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by Proclamation, convene a meeting of the members then appointed, at a place and on a date set forth in such Proclamation.

Public holiday for celebration of centenary

19. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by Proclamation, fix a day or days which shall be a public holiday for the celebration of the centenary of the founding of the Mainland Colony of British Columbia.

Disposition of assets and dissolution of Committee

20. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, after completion of the centennial celebration and when the purposes for which the Committee was created have been fully carried out, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, when the affairs of the Committee are terminated to his satisfaction, direct the disposition of all moneys and other assets, real or personal, vested in the Committee, and may order the dissolution of the Committee, and the corporate powers of the Committee shall be deemed to have ceased on the date of such order.

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