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Introduction

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WHEREAS The Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal, hereinafter called “the society”, was incorporated on 1 February 1870 by chapter 53 of the statutes of 1869-70;

Whereas the said Act was amended by chapter 119 of the statutes of 1912 (1st session);

Whereas, under the terms of the said Act and the amendments thereto, the value of the estate, property and collections that may be owned by the society cannot exceed fifty thousand dollars annually;

Whereas the society has since become the owner of the Château de Ramezay, which is a classified historic monument, and of property and collections, and whereas it still holds activities related to museology, archeology and numismatics at the Château;

Whereas the activities of the society and museum are managed and held for the benefit of the public and are also of interest for cultural, scientific and scholastic purposes and other purposes;

Whereas the value of the collections of the society is increasing constantly due to acquisitions and the gifts it receives from individuals;

Whereas it is important that such patrimony and museum be administered according to rules reflecting the changes in the administration of similar institutions and so as to ensure the protection, enhancement and development thereof;

Whereas it is expedient that the value of the immovable property that may be owned by the corporation be increased to ten million dollars;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 1 of chapter 53 of the statutes of 1869-70, replaced by section 1 of chapter 119 of the statutes of 1912 (1st session), is amended by replacing the words “provided always that the value of such estate, held at any one time, shall not exceed the annual value of fifty thousand dollars” in the last three lines by the words “provided that the value of the real estate does not exceed ten million dollars”.

2. Sections 3a, 3c and 3d of the said charter, enacted by chapter 119 of the statutes of 1912 (1st session), are replaced by the following sections:

“3a. Except for specific purposes, all donations in cash, securities, real estate or movable property made to the society and all fees paid by life governors or by members other than regular members shall be kept apart as capital endowment funds and invested as such by the trustees hereinafter appointed, and only the revenue thereof is expendable.

“3c. The number of trustees shall be nine, one of whom shall be the president of the society and another a councillor of the city of Montréal designated by the city.

The other seven trustees shall be elected by the life governors for a seven-year term.

The trustees shall meet at least three times a year, namely in April, September and November. They shall elect a chairman and a secretary-treasurer each year at the April sitting.

The trustees shall be called to the meeting of trustees by means of a notice sent by registered mail or telegram at least seven juridical days before the meeting. The notice shall be given by the chairman of the board of trustees or by the secretary-treasurer of the board of trustees.

Five members are a quorum at a meeting of trustees. In case of a tie-vote, the chairman shall have a casting vote.

A trustee shall not be eligible for another term at the expiry of his seven-year term. However, he is again eligible three years after the end of his seven-year term.

Except for the president of the society and the representative of the city of Montréal, a person must, to qualify for the office of trustee,

- (1) be of full age;
- (2) be a life governor.

Should a trustee die, resign or become unable to act, he shall be replaced in the manner hereinabove described within 180 days after the event having caused the vacancy in the office of trustee.

A person must, to qualify for the office of governor,

- (1) be of full age;
- (2) have paid his life governor fee, as decided by the annual meeting.

“3d. Each year, the trustees and the executive committee of the society, as established by the by-laws, shall fix, at a joint meeting, the maximum amount of capital expenditures.

Every disposition of property of whatever nature shall be approved at a joint meeting of the trustees and the board of directors in accordance with the policy and by-laws approved by them with regard to dispositions of property. The joint meetings shall be called in the same manner as meetings of trustees, and decisions shall be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at the meetings, considering that there will be a quorum of the trustees and a quorum of the members of the board of directors.”

3. Section 9 of the said charter is repealed.

4. Sections 3*b* and 3*e* of the said charter, enacted by chapter 119 of the statutes of 1912 (1st session), are amended by replacing the word “syndics” in the French version by the word “fiduciaires”.

5. The trustees currently in office shall remain in office for life unless they resign or become unable to act.

6. This Act comes into force on *(insert here the date of assent to this Act)*.