



CHAPTER 58

An Act respecting the Hellenic Community of Montréal

[Assented to 18 June 1980]

Preamble. WHEREAS the Hellenic-Canadian Community of the Island of Montréal, incorporated by chapter 99 of the statutes of 1926, amended by chapters 152 of 1955-1956 and 174 of 1958-1959, has greatly expanded and it is in its interest that its powers be amended;

HER MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the National Assembly of Québec, enacts as follows:

Change of name. **1.** The name of the Hellenic-Canadian Community of the Island of Montréal is changed to that of "Hellenic Community of Montréal", hereinafter called "the Community".

Powers. **2.** The Community is a corporation within the meaning of the Civil Code; it is vested with the general powers of such a corporation and the special powers conferred on it by this act.

Corporate seat. **3.** The corporate seat of the community shall be within the limits of the judicial district of Montréal, at the place determined by its board of directors.

Notice. A notice of the location or of any change of the corporate seat shall be sent to the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Cooperatives and Financial Institutions.

Objects. **4.** The objects of the Community shall be to ensure the progress of the culture of the population of Greek origin in the region of Montréal, and especially

(a) to preserve and promote the Greek language;

(b) to set up charitable, welfare and educational organizations for the benefit of the population of Greek origin;

(c) to preserve and perpetuate the Greek Orthodox faith and tradition promulgated by the authority of the Oecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople according to the doctrine and the faith proclaimed and applied by the Greek Orthodox Church and as directed by the ecclesiastical authority and the religious precepts prescribed by the said patriarchate.

By-laws. **5.** The Community may make by-laws for
 (a) its internal management;
 (b) the appointment, functions, duties and powers of its officers or personnel.

Parishes, schools, centres. **6.** The Community may, according to law, establish parishes, schools or educational institutions, community centres of an athletic, cultural and recreational nature, private hospital centres and private reception centres.

Borrowing powers. **7.** The Community may acquire, own, maintain and operate any moveable or immoveable property necessary for the attainment of its objects, and alienate, lease and hypothecate such property. For such purpose, it may borrow sums of money, and draw, make, accept and endorse bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments.

Approval. **8.** The Community, with the approval of two-thirds of the members attending a special general meeting at which there is a quorum, may
 (a) acquire, possess, lease, hold, administer and alienate immoveables;
 (b) build and erect any building on its immoveable property and make contracts for such purposes;
 (c) sell, exchange, hypothecate or pledge its immoveables;
 (d) make by-laws for its internal management.

The Community may also sign and execute any agreement for the exercise of such powers.

Property. **9.** The immoveable property of the Community must not exceed \$25 000 000 in value.

Excess. If the Community receives immoveable property by gift or will, and as a result the value of its holdings exceeds the authorized limit, the Community shall within ten years alienate such property, so that the total value of its immoveable property does not exceed \$25 000 000.

Registers. **10.** The Community shall be the custodian of the registers of acts of civil status, which are kept by the priests ministering to the churches of the corporation, and such priests are authorized and empowered to solemnize marriages and to keep such registers.

Board of directors. **11.** The affairs of the Community shall be administered by a board of directors. The number and qualifications of the directors and their mode of appointment shall be prescribed by by-law.

Advisory board. **12.** The board of directors of the Community shall appoint an advisory board; the number, qualifications, duties and powers of the members of the advisory board and their mode of appointment shall be prescribed by the by-laws.

Purpose. The purpose of the advisory board is to study any matter which is, in the opinion of the board of directors, likely to affect the welfare and development of the Community, and to advise the board of directors and the general meeting on matters regarding the construction, acquisition, purchase, alienation, and hypothecation of the immoveable assets of the Community, any change or revision of the charter and by-laws of the Community, the issuing of bonds, and capital investments.

Advice. The advisory board shall give its substantiated advice to the board of directors or the general meeting on all matters referred to it, within the time prescribed by the board of directors or the general meeting.

Communication to members. Before taking a decision on any matter referred to above, the general meeting must ascertain that the advice of the advisory board has been duly communicated to the members of the Community.

Decision final. Where a solicited opinion is not submitted within the prescribed time, the decision of the special general meeting called for such purpose is final.

Amendment of affiliation. **13.** No by-law to request the amendment of the affiliation of the Community with the Oecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople is valid unless a calling notice to that effect has been duly given to the members of the Community, and unless such by-law is passed by ninety per cent of the members attending a general special meeting at which there is a quorum.

Dissolution of Community. **14.** Upon dissolution of the Community approved by two-thirds of the members attending a general special meeting called for such purpose and at which there is a quorum, assets remaining after payment of its debts and liabilities shall be transferred in trust to a committee of three trustees, one designated by the

Oecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, and the other two by a special general meeting of the Community called to consider the dissolution.

Transfer
of assets.

Such committee must transfer the remaining assets of the Community to an institution serving persons of Greek origin in the region of Montreal and having purposes and objects similar to those of the Community.

Informa-
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required.

15. Whenever required to do so, the Community shall send to the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Cooperatives and Financial Institutions a detailed statement of its immoveables, a copy of its by-laws and the names of its officers.

1958-59,
c. 174,
repealed.

16. The Act respecting the Hellenic-Canadian Community (1958-1959, c. 174) is repealed.

1926, c. 99,
ss. 2 to 7,
9, 11 to 18,
replaced.

17. This act replaces sections 2 to 7, 9 and 11 to 18 of chapter 99 of the statutes of 1926.

Coming
into force.

18. This act comes into force on the day of its sanction.