

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1857. Toronto: Stewart  
Derbshire & George Desbarats, 1857.

20 Victoria – Chapter 101

**An Act to incorporate the Village of Iroquois, in the County of Dundas. Assented to 27th May, 1857.**

Whereas the inhabitants of the Village of Matilda, in the County of Dundas, have by their Petition represented, that from the rapid increase of the population of the said Village, it has become necessary to confer upon it corporate powers, and prayed that it may be. incorporated accordingly, and it is desirable to grant the prayer of the said Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

[illegible]

- I. From, and after the passing of this Act, the inhabitants of the said Village of Iroquois shall be a body corporate apart from the Township of Matilda in which the said Village is situate; and as such shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with such powers and privileges as are now or shall hereafter be conferred on Incorporated Villages in Upper by, through and in the name of the Municipality of the Village of Iroquois.
- II. The said Village of Iroquois shall comprise and consist of the following lots and parcels of land, that is to say: Lots twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three and twenty-four, in the first concession Township of Matilda, in the County of Dundas, reckoned from the Eastern boundary of that Township.
- III. After the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Governor of this Province to appoint a Returning Officer for the said Village of Iroquois, which Returning Officer shall appoint the time and place for holding the first Election in the said Village, of which appointment the said Returning Officer shall give notice in a newspaper published in the Village, or if there be no newspaper published there, then by notices posted in at least three conspicuous places in the said Village, ten days before the said Election.
- IV. The duties of the said Returning Officer, and the qualification of the voters and of the persons elected as Councillors at such first Election, shall be as prescribed by law with respect to Townships in Upper Canada.
- V. The Collector or Township Clerk of the Township of Matilda, or other person having the legal custody of the Collectors' Roll of that Township, for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, shall furnish to the Returning Officer, on demand made by him for the same, a true copy of such Roll so far as the same relates to voters resident in the said Village, and so far as such Roll contains the names of the male freeholders and householders rated upon such Roll in respect of real property lying within such limits, the amount of the assessed value of such real property for which they shall be respectively rated on such Roll, which copy shall be verified on oath, or as is now required by law.

VI. The said Returning Officer, before holding the said Election, shall take the oath or affirmation now required by law to be taken by Returning Officers for incorporated Villages in Upper Canada.

VII. Elections for Councillors for the said Village of Iroquois, after the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, shall be held in conformity with the provisions of law applying to incorporated Villages in Upper Canada.

VIII. The several persons who shall be elected or appointed under this Act, shall take the same oaths of office and of qualification as are now prescribed by law.

IX. The number of Councillors to be elected under this Act shall be five, and they shall be organized as a Council in the same manner as in Villages incorporated under the provisions of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, and have, use, and exercise the same powers and privileges as in the said Incorporated Villages.

X. From and after the passing of this Act, the said Village shall cease to form part of the said Township of Matilda, and shall to all intents and purposes form a separate and independent Municipality, with all the privileges and rights of unincorporated Village in Upper Canada; but nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect any taxes imposed for the payment of any debts contracted by the Township of Matilda aforesaid, but the said Village of Iroquois shall be liable to pay to the Treasurer of the Township of Matilda aforesaid, in each and every year until any such existing debt be fully discharged, the same amount which was collected within the said described limits of the said Village towards the payment of such debt for the year 1856, and the same shall be a debt against the said Village.

XI. Any Councillor elected to serve in the Township Council of the said Township of Matilda for the present year, and residing within the above prescribed limits of the said Village, shall immediately on the appointment of a Returning Officer as provided by this Act, cease to be such Councillor, and the duly qualified electors of the Township of Matilda aforesaid, not included in the said limits, shall thereupon proceed to elect a new Councillor or Councillors, as the case may be, to serve in the Council of the said Township for the remainder of the year, as in the case of death or resignation provided for by the Municipal laws of Upper Canada.

XII. The Officers of the said Council of the Township of Matilda, shall not proceed to collect any rate or assessment imposed by the said Council for the present year, within the limits of the said Village, but the amount which may be required for the purposes of the said Village within the present year, shall be based on the assessment of the Township assessor or assessors for the present year, and shall be collected by the Officer or Officers to be appointed by the said Village Council for that purpose.

XIII. The Clerk of the said Township shall, and is hereby required to furnish to the Clerk to be appointed by the Council of the said Village, on demand made by him therefor, a true copy of the Assessment Roll for the present year, so far as the same shall contain the rateable property assessed within the same Village, and the names of the owners or occupants thereof.

XIV. The expenses of any assessment imposed for the present year, so far as the same shall relate to assessments made within the limits of the said Village, and the expenses of furnishing any documents, or copies of papers or writings, by the Clerk or other Officer of the Council of the said Township hereinbefore referred to, or required to be furnished, shall be borne and paid by the said Village Council to the said Township Council, or otherwise as the said Township Council shall require.

XV. Any of the moneys of the said Township which shall have been expended within the limits of the said Village for the benefit thereof, since the first day of January last, shall be accounted for and repaid to the Council of the said Township by the said Village Council.

XVI. All Acts and provisions of Acts inconsistent with this Act, so far as the same may affect the said Village of Iroquois, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

XVII. This Act shall be a Public Act.