

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

20 Victoria – Chapter 107

**An Act to incorporate the Village of Elora, in the County of Wellington. Assented to 10th June, 1857.**

Whereas the inhabitants of the Village of Elora, in the County of Wellington, 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 have prayed that it may be incorporated accordingly, and it is desirable to grant the prayer of the said Petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. From and after the first day of January next, the inhabitants of the said Village of Elora shall be a body corporate apart from the Township of Pilkington 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 Canada, and the powers of such Corporation shall be exercised by, through and in the name of the Municipality of the Village of Elora.
- II. The said Village shall comprise and consist of the following lots and parcels of land, that is to say: All that part of this Province situate within the County of Wellington and lying within the following limits, that, is to say: Commencing at the point of intersection of the northerly limit of the allowance for road between the broken front and first concession on the southerly side of the Grand River in the Township of Nichol, with the easterly limit of the allowance for road between the said Township and the Township of Pilkington, (formerly Township of Woolwich); thence, along the easterly limit of the allowance for road last mentioned, north-westerly, to the southerly angle of lot number eighteen, in the eleventh concession of the said Township of Nichol; thence, along the southeasterly boundary line of the said lot and of lot number eighteen, in the twelfth concession, north-easterly, to the intersection of the boundary line between lots numbers four and five in the broken front, on the northerly side of the Grand River, produced north-westerly; thence, south-easterly, along the said boundary line produced, to the northerly margin of the Grand River; thence, along the said margin against the stream, to the intersection of the boundary line between lots numbers four and five in the broken front on the southerly side of the Grand River produced; thence, across the said river and along the boundary line last mentioned, south-easterly, to the northerly limit of the allowance for road between the said broken front and the first concession; thence, along the said northerly limit, south-westerly, to the place of beginning.
- 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 Elora, 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 said 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 qualifications 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 Pilkington, or other person having the legal custody of the Collector's Roll of that Township, for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, 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 Elora, after the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, 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 oaths of office and of qualification 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 Acts, and have, use, and exercise the same powers and privileges as in the said Incorporated Villages.
- X. From and after the first day of January next the said Village shall cease to form part of the said Township of Pilkington, and shall to all intents and purposes form a separate and independent Municipality, with all the privileges and rights of an incorporated 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 Pilkington aforesaid, but the said\* Village of Elora shall be liable to pay to the Treasurer of the Township of Pilkington 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. The Clerk of the said Township shall, and he 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 occupiers thereof.

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

XIII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.