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An Act to incorporate the Town of Collingwood. Assented to 10th June, 1857.

Whereas from the rapidly increasing population of the Village of Collingwood, in the County of Simcoe, and from its being one of the principal Shipping Ports on Lake Huron, it is necessary to confer upon the said Village the power of Municipal Government: 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, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, the inhabitants of the Town of Collingwood, shall be a body corporate apart from the Township of Nottawasaga in which the said Town is situate, and as such shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with such powers as are now by law conferred upon incorporated Towns in general, and as if the said Town had been mentioned and included in the schedule B annexed to the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Act, 1849, and with the rights, powers and privileges which shall by virtue of any Act or parts of Acts now in force, in Upper Canada, or which shall hereafter be in force belong to incorporated Towns in general, and all the rules, regulations, provisions and enactments therein contained, or which shall in any wise relate or belong to the same, shall apply to the Town of Collingwood as fully as if the said Town had been contained in the said Schedule B. with the exception hereinafter made as regards the first election.

II. The said Town of Collingwood shall comprise and consist of all that part of the Township of Nottawasaga, in the County of Simcoe, which is bounded as follows, that is to say: commencing where the side line of lots forty and forty-one in the sixth concession of the said Township, strikes the five feet water line on the Georgian Bay, Lake Huron; thence, south-westerly along the said side line, and the side lines of lots forty and forty-one in the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth concessions to where the side line of lots forty and forty-one in the eleventh concession strikes the tenth and eleventh concession line; thence, northerly down the west side of the said concession line, to the south side of the mountain road; thence, westerly along the south side of the mountain road to the centre of the Town line between the Township of Collingwood and the said Township of Nottawasaga; thence, northerly along the centre of the said Town line to the five feet water line, as granted by the Crown in Deeds to private individuals across the front of Collingwood Harbour, to the place of beginning.

III. The said Town of Collingwood shall be divided into three Wards in the manner following that is to say: Centre Ward, East Ward and West Ward, and the said Wards shall be bounded as follows: Centre Ward shall consist of that portion of the said Town of Collingwood, bounded on the south by the side line of lots forty and forty-one, on the north, by the five feet water line, and bounded on the east by the centre of the Railroad track, on the west, by the centre of Maple street; The East Ward to be composed of all that portion within the limits of the said Town to the east of the centre of the Railroad track; and the West Ward to be composed of that portion of the said Town within the limits of the said Town to the west of the centre of Maple street.

IV. The Municipality of the said Township of Nottawasaga, shall and may at any time after the passing of this Act, appoint a Returning Officer for the said Town of Collingwood, which Returning Officer shall appoint the time and place for holding the first election in each Ward of the said Town, of which appointment and of the names of the Deputy Returning Officers for the several Wards, he shall give notice by posting the same at least ten days before the election in three or more public places in each of the Wards of the said Town.

V. The duties of the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers, and the qualifications of the voters and the persons elected as Councillors at such first election, shall be as prescribed by law with respect to Townships in Upper Canada.

VI. From and after the First day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, the said Town shall cease to form part of the said Township of Nottawasaga, and shall, to all intents and purposes form a separate and independent Municipality, with all the privileges and rights of an incorporated Town in Upper Canada, but nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect any taxes imposed for the payment of any debt contracted by the Township of Nottawasaga, but the said Town shall pay to the Treasurer of the said Township of Nottawasaga, in each and every year until such existing debt be fully paid and discharged, a portion thereof to be estimated and calculated according to the pro-portion which the assessment of that part of the said Township hereby formed into the said Town of Collingwood as herein defined, bore to the assessment for the remainder of the Township of Nottawasaga at the time when any such debt, debts and liabilities were contracted, and the Town of Collingwood shall receive its proportionate share of the assets of the said Township of Nottawasaga at the time of separation.

VII. All Acts and parts of Acts and provisions of law or of Parliament, and all Acts, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of any Township Meeting, County Council or Township Council in Upper Canada, in force in Upper Canada immediately before the time when this Act shall come into force, in so far as the same maybe inconsistent with or contradictory to the provisions of this Act, shall be and are hereby repealed, and shall cease to be in force from and after the day when this Act shall come into force.

VIII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.