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

Whereas the inhabitants of the Village of Bradford, in the County of Simcoe, have, by their petition, prayed to be incorporated; And whereas, by a census of the population taken by the Collector of taxes for the Township of West Gwillimbury, on the thirty-first day of December last past, acting under the authority of the School Trustees of School Section number Seven in the said Township, it appears that the population of the said Village is over nine hundred and fifty souls and was then, and is now, rapidly increasing, and that by the end of the present year it will probably far exceed one thousand souls, the number required for its incorporation as a Village, under the ordinary operation of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts; And whereas the inhabitants desire to avoid the delay which must otherwise take place, and to have the said Village incorporated by a Special Act, and the boundaries thereof established as hereinafter provided, and it is expedient to grant their prayer, and to provide accordingly: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. The tract of land lying within the boundaries hereinafter mentioned, shall, upon, from, and after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, be incorporated as, and shall be a Village, to be called and designated as the Village of Bradford.
- II. So much of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts as relates to incorporated Villages, shall, upon, from and after the day last aforesaid, apply to the said Village of Bradford, and the said Village shall have and exercise all and singular the rights, privileges and jurisdiction which are thereby granted or conferred to or upon, or as shall, by virtue of the said Act or any Acts now in force or hereafter to be in force in Upper Canada, belong to incorporated Villages; and all the rules, regulations and enactments in the said Acts or any of them contained, or which shall in any wise apply to incorporated Villages, or the Municipal Officers thereof, shall apply to the said Village of Bradford, and the Municipal Councillors and Officers thereof, as fully as if it had become an incorporated Village under the ordinary operation of the said Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, with the exception hereinafter made.
- III. The said Village of Bradford shall consist of all that part of the Township of West Gwillimbury, in the County of Simcoe, which is bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing at the point of intersection of the Western bank of the Holland River, with the southern limit of the sixth concession of the said Township; then West along the said southern limit to the Western limit of lot fourteen in the sixth concession aforesaid; then North along the said Western limit across the sixth and seventh concessions to the Northern limit of the said seventh concession; then East along the said Northern limit to the West bank of the Holland River; then South along the said West bank, to the place of beginning.

IV. The Municipal Council of the Township of West Gwillimbury, shall and may, at any time after the passing of this Act, appoint a fit person to be the Returning Officer for holding the first Municipal Election under this Act, and in the discharge of his duty the Returning Officer shall be subject to all the provisions of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, applicable to first elections in Villages incorporated under the said Acts; Provided always, that at the first Election to be held in the said Village, the qualification of Electors and of Councillors shall be the same as in Townships; and also that the part of the said Township comprised in the said limits, shall cease to be part of the same, that is of the Township of West Gwillimbury, under the present Municipal Regulations, and as it is now established, upon the first Monday in January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, on which day the Councillors for the said Village shall be elected; and the Township Clerk for the Township of West Gwillimbury, shall furnish the Returning Officer appointed under this Act with a certified copy of so much of the Collector's Roll for the said Township as may be required to ascertain the persons entitled to vote at the first election under this Act.

V. The said Village of Bradford shall be entitled to recover from the said Township of West Gwillimbury such share of all money apportioned to such Township from the Upper Canada Municipalities Fund, prior to the said first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, as shall bear the same proportion to the whole sum so apportioned to the said Township, as the number of rate-payers resident within the limits of the said Village, as shewn by the Collector's Roll of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, bears to the whole number of rate-payers of the said Township.

VI. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.