

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1854.

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**An Act to divide the Township of Norwich into two separate Municipalities. Assented to 30th May, 1855.**

Whereas the Reeve and Municipal Council of the TV Township of Norwich, in the County of Oxford, have by their Petition set forth, that the public convenience would be promoted by a division of that Township into two separate Municipalities, and have prayed that it may be divided in the manner hereinafter mentioned: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, *An Act to unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. Upon and after the first day of January next after the passing of this Act, the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth concessions of the said Township of Norwich, and so much of the Gore thereof as adjoins the said concessions, shall for all Municipal and Electoral purposes, form a separate Township to be called North Norwich; and the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth concessions of the said Township of Norwich, together with so much of the said Gore as adjoins the said concessions, shall for the like purposes form a separate Township to be called South Norwich; the front line of the seventh concession and its prolongation across the said Gore, shall form the boundary line between the said Townships.

II. For the purposes of the Municipal Elections next after the passing of this Act, the Township Clerk of Norwich, shall act as Returning Officer for North Norwich, and the Municipal Council of Norwich shall appoint a fit and proper person to act as Returning Officer for South Norwich; and the person so to be appointed by the said Municipal Council shall procure attested copies of so much of the Collector's Roll of Norwich, as shall relate to the inhabitants and assessed property of South Norwich; and the next Municipal Election for North Norwich, shall be held at Norwichville, and that for South Norwich at Otterville.

III. All the provisions of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, relating to the separation of Townships theretofore united for Municipal purposes, shall, after the division of the said Township of Norwich as aforesaid, apply to the Townships into which it is hereby divided as if they had before such division been Townships united for Municipal purposes; North Norwich being deemed the Senior and South Norwich the Junior Township; Provided always, that as regards the debts of the present Township of Norwich now existing or to be created before the division thereof under this Act, the two Townships into which it is hereby divided shall be jointly and severally liable, saving always the recourse of the one Township against the other for its share of such debts.

IV. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.