

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1856. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1856.

20 Victoria – Chapter 105

**An Act to erect part of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Argenteuil, into a separate Municipality. Assented to 1st July, 1856.**

Whereas it is expedient to constitute a separate Township Municipality out of part of the present Township of Chatham, in the County of Argenteuil, inasmuch as such Division of the said Township will greatly promote the welfare and convenience of its inhabitants, and is required by the population and progress of the Township: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. Upon, from and after the first, day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth Ranges of the said Township of Chatham shall constitute a separate Township and Municipality by the name of the Township of Bellingham, and the remainder of the said present Township shall constitute a separate Township and Municipality by the name of the Township of Chatham.

II. All and every the debts of the present Municipality shall be divided between the respective Municipalities of the said Townships by virtue of a By-law to be passed by the County Council to that effect, and so soon as the said debts shall have been divided as aforesaid, each of the said Municipalities shall be bound to the payment of the share of the said debts which shall have been so assigned to it as aforesaid, as though such share of the said debts had been incurred by such Municipality.

III. The division of the said Municipality of the Township of Chatham into two Municipalities, shall only take place after the same shall have been approved of by a vote of the majority of the municipal electors of the said Township of Chatham. The said vote to be taken on such day as shall be fixed by the Municipal Council of the said County, within three months from the passing of this Act.

IV. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.