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An Act to incorporate the Town of Sarnia, in the County of Lambton. Assented to 19th June, 1856.

Whereas the inhabitants of Port Sarnia, in the County of Lambton, have, by their Petition to the Legislature, represented that it is now the County Town of the said County of Lambton, and contains upwards of one thousand inhabitants, and that it is the wish of the Municipality of the Township of Sarnia, in which it lies, and of that of the County of Lambton, that it should be incorporated, and have prayed that it may be incorporated by the name of the Town of Sarnia; And whereas from the importance and rapidly increasing population of the said place, it is expedient to incorporate the same as prayed for, with the privileges and rights of an incorporated Town: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- I. The Town plot or tract of land now known as the Town of Port Sarnia, and lying within the boundaries mentioned in the Schedule A to this Act, shall, upon, from and after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, be called and known as the Town of Sarnia, and shall be incorporated with the rights, powers and privileges of an incorporated Town.
- II. So much of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts as relates to incorporated Towns, shall, from and after, the day last aforesaid, apply to the said Town of Sarnia; and the said Town shall, as an incorporated Town, have and exercise all and singular the rights, powers, privileges and jurisdiction which are thereby granted or conferred to or upon or as shall by virtue of the said Acts, or of any other Act or Acts now in force or hereafter to be in force in Upper Canada, belong to incorporated Towns; 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 Towns, shall apply to the said Town of Sarnia, as fully as if it had become an incorporated Town under the ordinary operation of the said Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, with the exception hereinafter made.
- III. The said Town of Sarnia shall be divided into three Wards, in the manner described in the Schedule B to this Act.
- IV. The Municipal Council of the Township of Sarnia, shall and may, at any time after the passing of this Act, appoint a fit person to be a Returning Officer for holding the first Municipal Election under this Act, and the person so appointed shall, on or before the twenty-first day of December next after the passing of this Act, by his Warrant, appoint a Deputy Returning Officer for each of the three Wards into which the said Town is hereby divided, to hold the first Election therein; and in the discharge of their duties such Returning Officer and his Deputies shall be respectively subject to all the provisions of the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, applicable to first elections

in Towns incorporated under the said Acts: Provided always, that at the first election to be held in the said Town, the qualification of Electors and of Councillors shall be the same as in Townships; And provided also, that on the first Monday in January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, the annual election of Councillors in the Township of Sarnia, shall be made at a general Township meeting, to be held at the place where the meetings of the Municipal Council of the Township are now held, or such other place as may be selected therefor, by the Municipal Council of the said Township.

V. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

Schedule A.

Boundaries of the Town of Sarnia.

The said Town shall be bounded on the North by the southern, limit of the Seventh Concession of the Township of Sarnia, prolonged westward to the Province boundary line in the River St. Clair, — on the East by the rear boundary line of the Front or Ninth Concession of the said Township, continued southward through Park Lots numbered twenty, to the northern limit, of the Indian Reserve, — on the South by the said northern limit of the said Indian Reserve, continued westward to the Province boundary line in the River St. Clair, — and on the West by the Province boundary line in the said River.

Schedule B.

Boundaries of the Wards of the Town of Sarnia.

North Ward shall comprise all that part of the said Town North of the centre line of George Street, from the eastern, to the western boundary of the said Town.

Middle Ward shall comprise all that part of the said Town, South of North Ward, and North of the centre line of Cromwell Street, from the eastern to the western boundary of the said Town.

South Ward shall comprise all that part of the said Town, South of Middle Ward.