

resident in the said Village, and so far as such Roll contains the names of the male freeholders and householders rated upon such Roll in respect of real property lying within such limits, the amount of the assessed value of such real property for which they shall be respectively rated on such Roll, which copy shall be verified on oath or as is now required by law. 5

Returning Officer to be sworn.

VI. The said Returning Officer, before holding the said Election, shall take the oath or affirmation now required by law to be taken by Returning Officers for Incorporated Villages in Upper Canada.

Succeeding Elections to be as in other Villages.

VII. Elections for Councillors for the said Village of Fort Erie, after the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, shall be held in conformity with the provisions of law applying to Incorporated Villages in Upper Canada. 10

Councillors to take the oath of office.

VIII. The several persons who shall be elected or appointed under this Act shall take the same oaths of office and of qualification as now prescribed by law. 15

Number and powers of Councillors.

IX. The number of Councillors to be elected under this Act shall be five, and they shall be organised as a Council in the same manner as in Villages incorporated under the provisions of the Upper Canada Municipal Acts, and have, use, and exercise the same powers and privileges as in the said Incorporated Villages. 20

Village separated from the Township.

X. From and after the passing of this Act, the said Village shall cease to form part of the said Township of Bertie, and shall, to all intents and purposes, form a separate and independent Municipality, with all the privileges and rights of an Incorporated Village in Upper Canada; but nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect any taxes imposed for the payment of any debts contracted by the Township of Bertie aforesaid, but the said Village of Fort Erie shall be liable to pay to the Treasurer of the Township of Bertie aforesaid, in each and every year until any such existing debt be fully discharged, the same amount which was collected within the said described limits of the said Village towards the payment of such debt for the year 1856, and the same shall be a debt against the said Village. 25 30

Proviso as to existing debts.

Election of Township Councillor, in the place of any such residing in the said Village.

XI. Any Councillor elected to serve in the Township Council of the said Township of Bertie for the present year, and residing within the above prescribed limits of the said Village, shall immediately on the appointment of the said Returning Officer, cease to be such Councillor, and the duly qualified electors of the remaining portion of the ward from which the said Village will be taken, not included in the said limits, shall thereupon proceed to elect a new Councillor or Councillors, as the case may be, to serve in the Council of the said Township for the remainder of the year, as in the case of death or resignation provided for by the Municipal laws of Upper Canada. 35 40

Township Officers not to collect taxes in the Village during 1857: how the Village taxes for this year shall be raised.

XII. The Officers of the said Council of the Township of Bertie, shall not proceed to collect any rate or assessment imposed by the said Council for the present year, within the limits of the said Village, but the amount which may be required for the purposes of the said Village within the present year, shall be based on the assessment of the Township assessor or assessors for the present year, and shall be collected by the Offi- 45