

An Act to authorize the making and maintenance of  
Roads through Indian Reserves in Lower Canada.

**W**HEREAS great inconvenience has been suffered from  
the want of authority to the Municipalities of Lower  
Canada to make and cause to be maintained public roads in  
the Indian Reserves of Lower Canada : Therefore, Her Ma-  
5 jesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative  
Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

Preamble.

**1.** Whenever the Council of a County in which any Indian  
Reserve is situate in Lower Canada, or the Council of any  
local Municipality surrounding or contiguous to any such Re-  
10 serve, shall by Resolution declare that it is necessary that any  
land set apart for a public road by the original survey of such  
Indian Reserve should be opened or kept open by such Muni-  
cipality, it shall be lawful for such Council, through their road  
officers, to enter upon such road, and to cause the same to be  
15 maintained ;—and whenever it shall be declared by a Resolution  
of any such Council, that it is expedient to take any part of an  
Indian Reserve for the purpose of opening a new road, it shall  
be lawful for such Council, after consent obtained from the  
Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, to enter upon the  
20 same in the manner prescribed by “The Lower Canada Muni-  
cipal and Road Act of 1855,” and the price at which any such  
land shall be valued shall be paid to the Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs, for the use of the Tribe of Indians for which  
such land may be held in trust.

Such Roads  
may be made  
under Resolu-  
tion of the  
County Coun-  
cil with the  
consent of the  
Superintend-  
ent of Indian  
Affairs.

**2.** Any road in any Indian Reserve in Lower Canada  
brought under the control of a Municipality by the above clause,  
may be maintained by Statute Labour, to be performed by the  
Indians of such Reserve, according to a By-law or By-laws  
passed by any such Municipality, and approved by the Super-  
25 intendent General of Indian Affairs.

Statute La-  
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