

Owners of houses liable for payment of water.

X. The owner and occupier of any house, tenement or lot, shall each be liable for the payment of the price or rent fixed by the Commissioners for the use of the water by such occupier and such price or rent so fixed shall be a lien upon the said house, tenement or lot in the same way and manner as other taxes assessed on real estate in the said City of Hamilton, are liens and shall be collected in like manner, if not previously paid to the Commissioners. 5

Quorum.

XI. A majority of the said Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business allowed or required by the powers or duties of their commission, and all contracts and engagements, acts and doings of the said Commissioners within the scope of their duty or authority shall be obligatory upon and be in law considered as done by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton. 10

Commissioners may defend action under their title.

XII. The said Commissioners may prosecute or defend any action or process at Law or in Equity by the name of the "Water Commissioners of the City of Hamilton," against any person or persons for money due for the use of the water, for the breach of any contract express or implied touching the execution or management of the works or the distribution of the water, or of any promise or contract made to or with them, and also for any injury or trespass or nuisance done or suffered to the water courses, pipes, machinery, or any apparatus belonging to or connected with any part of the works, or for any improper use or waste of the water, and any vacancy or the filling any vacancy in the Board of Commissioners either before or after any cause of action arises or suit is commenced shall not change the right of the said Commissioners as a body to commence or maintain such action or process at Law or in Equity, but in all such cases they shall be considered from the time of the organisation of the Board as a Corporation. 20 25

Commissioners to have same rights as Justices of the Peace.

XIII. The Commissioners and their officers shall have the like protection in the exercise of their respective offices and in the execution of their duties as Justices of the Peace now have under the Laws of this Province. 30

Corporation of Hamilton may borrow money.

XIV. For the purpose of constructing the said Water Works and paying the expenses attended thereon, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Hamilton, and they are hereby required from time to time as the amounts may be required by the said Commissioners, to raise by loan upon the credit of the Debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, either in this Province, in Great Britain or elsewhere, who may be willing to lend the same, a sum of money not exceeding the sum of three hundred thousand pounds of lawful money of Canada, and for the Mayor of the said City of Hamilton for the time being, to cause to be issued Debentures or Bonds of the said City under the Corporation Seal, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Chamberlain of the said City for the time being, in such sums not exceeding in the whole the said sum of three hundred thousand pounds, authorized to be borrowed under this Act, as the Commissioners shall direct and appoint, and the principal sum secured by the said Debentures shall be payable within twenty years from the issuing thereof, and the interest accruing thereon shall be made payable semi-annually, either in sterling or in currency in this Province, in Great Britain or elsewhere as the said Council shall deem expedient or necessary. 35 40 45 50

Debentures to be issued.

Principal to be paid within 20 years.