

An Act to erect the Parish of St. Pierre de Durham, in the County of Drummond, into a separate Municipality.

WHEREAS the Township of Durham, in the County of Drummond, Preamble.
 is extensively settled throughout, and whereas it contains three centres of business and population, represented by the the three villages of Durham, South Durham, and L'Avenir, which are from six to ten miles distant, the one from the other, whose local interests are at variance and therefore detrimental to the well-working of the Municipal law in that locality, and it is desirable to divide the said Township into at least two separate Municipalities; and whereas a part of the said Township has lately been canonically erected into a Parish, and a great number of the inhabitants interested have, by petition, prayed for the passing of an Act to erect the said Parish into a separate Municipality;

Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

1. Upon the first Tuesday of the month of July next, the territory Municipality of L'Avenir erected.
 comprised within the limits of the Parish of St. Pierre de Durham, in the County of Drummond, as erected by canonical decree, shall be detached from the Township of Durham, and the inhabitants thereof shall be and are hereby created a Corporation or body politic under the name of "the Corporation of the Municipality of L'Avenir," for all municipal purposes whatsoever, as if the erection of the said Municipality had taken place in the usual way in accordance with the provisions of the "Act respecting Municipalities and Roads in Lower Canada," and the Act amending the same.

2. On the first Tuesday of the month of July next, the inhabitants President of first Municipal Election.
 of the said Municipality, entitled to vote at Municipal Elections, shall meet in the Village of L'Avenir, at ten o'clock in the morning, and shall elect, by a majority of the votes of the electors present, a Chairman, to preside at the said meeting, who shall be invested with all the powers and duties assigned by the said Acts to the person presiding at every Municipal Election. Public Notice of such meeting shall be given by not less than three electors, eight days previous to the day fixed for the meeting.

3. At the said meeting, before proceeding to the election of Councillors for the said Municipality, in case ten or more of the electors present, and entitled to vote, make a demand in writing for a poll, to decide whether the incorporation under this Act shall be effected, the person presiding shall record, or cause to be recorded, the votes of the electors present, upon the said question, in a poll-book, to be kept for that purpose, and if a majority of these votes are not given in the affirmation, the said election shall not be proceeded with, but if there be such majority, the said first municipal election shall be proceeded with, and if necessary, the meeting may be adjourned until the following day, in order to continue the election. Electors first to decide as to separate erection.