

HYDRO ELECTRIC RAILWAYS

OWNED BY the people==RUN FOR the people
Profits Belong to the Municipalities

Hydro-Electric Railways are Railways owned by the Municipalities, and operated by Hydro-Electric Power.

Plans and estimates have been prepared at the request of the Municipalities.

By-Laws were submitted to the people of East Flamboro in 1917 and were carried.

Following this debentures were issued by the several interested municipalities and deposited with the Hydro Commission.

These debentures are not sold but are simply a guarantee on the part of the Municipalities as Co-partners and owners of the railway of the hands of the Hydro-Commission which will operate the Railways.

The Commission on receipt of these debentures issued their own bonds for a similar amount and their bonds are guaranteed by the Province of Ontario.

In 1919 the Provincial Government, after guaranteeing the Bonds, authorized the Commission to proceed with the Construction of the Railways and a million and a quarter has already been expended.

The new Provincial Government which came into power at this time halted the work until same had been thoroughly investigated, but at the last session of the Legislature granted authority to proceed when the Municipalities confirmed the By-laws already carried either by resolutions of council or by vote of the Ratepayers.

The present by-law is simply a vote to confirm the by-law previously carried by the voters of this Municipality.

The present vote has not been asked for except by those opposed to public ownership and against the will of the people as expressed by their votes.

Do not let the Bogey of Taxes worry you, as this is the same old game of the enemies of public ownership.

Do not worry about electrifying the Grand Trunk, as it has not been even considered by the Directors and is not likely, as it would mean scrapping their plant and an enormous expenditure.

This district needs a frequent rapid interurban service which is not the function of the Grand Trunk, whether electrified or not.

Hydro-Electric Railways would create new business, and by acting as feeders would increase the business of the National Railways instead of injuring them.

Bus lines, on the other hand, also create business, and will act as feeders to the Hydro-Electric Railways bringing business instead of taking it away.

Hydro-Electric Railways will belong to the people of Municipalities and the profits will belong to the people in proportion to the amount of their guarantee and services rendered.

Hydro-Electric Railways will furnish employment to a large number of men extending over a considerable period, and in addition to the actual construction work, the furnishing of materials and equipment for these railways will also mean additional employment of skilled labor, and increased business for manufacturing plants, as for example: The Queenston-Chippawa plant expended over Five Million Dollars with Hamilton Factories alone, giving employment to many hundreds of men.

REMEMBER

Sixteen of the twenty of the councils of the Municipalities interested in the Toronto-Hamilton-St. Catharines Railway passed resolutions confirming the vote previously taken.

Shall we keep faith with ourselves as this is positively our only chance to own our own railway.

The people of Canada have given Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Millions of Dollars and land greater than all the Maritime Provinces, to Railway Corporations. We have made millionaires out of Railway promoters and contractors in the past, but now we have a chance to vote for ourselves, and be our own promoters, contractors, and operators, as the people will get all the profits from this road, and will get real service such as they have never had before.

Mr. D. B. Hanna, when General Manager of the National Railways, stated:

"My own opinion is, quite regardless of double tracking the Grand Trunk, whatever the Grand Trunk may do, that there is a real need for another connection at the Niagara Frontier." In the Hamilton Spectator, "Mr. Hanna, with respect to the Toronto and Niagara Falls line, states the Board of Directors of Canadian National Railways are on record as approving the early construction of this line."

Mr. Robert Fisk, Superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway Ontario lines, has publicly stated that the only hope of suburban communities is Hydro-Radials.

The General Superintendent of the Eastern Grand Trunk Railway lines, Mr. C. Bowker, publicly stated in 1921:

"In view of the existing freight and passenger trains moved over the line from Toronto to Hamilton that it would not be practicable to instal on these lines anything corresponding to the service that would be provided by the Hydro-Radials.

REMEMBER: A vote for the By-Laws means a vote in favour of public ownership. It means that we are in favour of the Hydro policy of efficient public service at cost, and it also means that we have faith in ourselves and in the ability to manage our own affairs.

MUNICIPAL HYDRO ELECTRIC RAILWAY ASSOCIATION

By-Law No. 711

To Provide for Taking the Votes of the Electors on a Proposed By-law to Authorize a Certain Agreement Between the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Municipal Corporation of the Township of East Flamboro, and other Municipal Corporations, for the Construction, Equipment, Maintenance and Operation of a Railway from the Village of Port Credit to the City of St. Catharines.

WHEREAS a proposed by-law by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Flamboro, entitled "By-law No." to authorize a certain agreement between the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Municipal Corporation of the Township of East Flamboro and other Municipal Corporations, for the construction, equipment, maintenance and operation of a railway from the Village of Port Credit to the City of St. Catharines, requires for its validity the assent of a majority of the electors in the Township of East Flamboro entitled to vote on a money by-law, voting upon such proposed by-law, and it is expedient and necessary to pass this by-law for the purpose of enabling the said electors to vote on the said proposed by-law.

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Flamboro enacts as follows:

1. The proposed by-law to authorize a certain agreement between the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Municipal Corporation of the Township of East Flamboro and other municipal corporations, for the construction, equipment, maintenance and operation of a railway from the Village of Port Credit to the City of St. Catharines, annexed as a Schedule to this by-law, shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the Township of East Flamboro entitled to vote on a money by-law, pur-

suant to the provisions of "The Municipal Act" and "The Municipal Electric Railway Act, 1922."

2. The votes of the said electors shall be taken upon the said proposed by-law at the same time and at the same places as the annual election for the Municipal Council for the year 1923, and the Deputy Returning Officers appointed to hold said elections shall take the vote.

3. On the 15th day of December, 1922, at the hour of 2 o'clock, the head of the Council of the said corporation, or some member of the Council appointed for that purpose by resolution, shall attend at the Council Chamber in the Village of Waterdown, in the said Municipality, for the purpose of appointing and if requested so to do, shall appoint by writing signed by him two persons to attend at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and promoting the proposed by-law, and a like number on behalf of the persons interested in and opposing the proposed by-law.

4. On the 2nd day of January, A.D. 1923, at the hour of 11 o'clock, at the Clerk's Office in the said Municipality, the Clerk of the said Municipality shall attend and sum up the votes given for and against the proposed by-law.

Passed this 4th day of December, 1922.

PETER RAY, Reeve.

L. J. MULLOCK, Clerk

SCHEDULE

BY-LAW No.

To Authorize a Certain Agreement Between the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Municipal Corporation of the Township of East Flamboro, and other Municipal Corporations, for the Construction, Equipment, Maintenance and Operation of a Railway from the Village of Port Credit to

the City of St. Catharines.

WHEREAS under authority of the Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914, and amendments, and of a by-law passed pursuant to the said Act, this Municipal Corporation entered into an agreement with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for the construction, equipment and operation of a railway from the Village of Port Credit to the City of St. Catharines;

AND WHEREAS by Section 29 of the Municipal Electric Railway Act, 1922, the Councils of the Municipal Corporations interested, were authorized to enter into an agreement for the construction, equipment, maintenance and operation of a railway from the Village of Port Credit to the City of St. Catharines, and the said Councils were authorized to pass resolutions requesting the Commission to proceed with the construction, equipment and operation of the said railway and authorizing the execution on behalf of the Corporations;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient in the interests of this Municipal Corporation to enter into the said agreement and that the said railway should be constructed;

Be it therefore enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Flamboro as follows:

1. That the entering into the said agreement is hereby approved and authorized.

2. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the Township of East Flamboro, and the said Corporation is hereby authorized to enter into the following agreement with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and other Corporations, the said agreement being hereby incorporated into and forming a part of this by-law, and the Reeve and Clerk of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to execute the said agreement upon behalf of this Corporation and to attach the seal of the Corpora-

tion thereto.
 Passed this _____ day of _____ 1923.

THIS INDENTURE made this _____ day of _____ 1922.

BETWEEN:
 THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO (hereinafter called "The Commission"),

of the First Part,
 —and—
 THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS OF THE Township of Toronto, the Township of Trafalgar, the Township of Nelson, the Township of East Flamboro, the Township of Barton, the Township of North Grimsby, the Township of Clinton, the Township of Louth, the Township of Grant-Ham, the Town of Grimsby, the Village of Beamsville, the Town of Oakville, the Town of Burlington, the City of Hamilton and the City of St. Catharines, (hereinafter called "the Corporations"),

of the Second Part
 WHEREAS under the authority of the Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914, and amendments, and of certain by-laws passed pursuant to the said Act the Corporations entered into an agreement with the Commission for the construction, equipment and operation of a railway from the Village of Port Credit to the City of St. Catharines;

AND WHEREAS by Section 29 of the Municipal Electric Railway Act, 1922, the Corporations were authorized to pass resolutions requesting the Commission to proceed with the construction, equipment and operation of the said railway, and authorizing the execution on behalf of the Corporations of a new agreement for that purpose;

WHEREAS pursuant to the said section 29 the Councils of certain of the Corporations have passed a reso-

lution authorizing the execution of this agreement on behalf of the Corporations;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the said section 29 this agreement has been submitted to the Electors qualified to vote on money by-laws in such Corporations as come within the provisions of the said section and the said Electors of the said Corporations have approved of this agreement.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Commission and the Corporations agree that from and after the date of this indenture the agreement above recited, as set forth in Schedule "A" to the Act of the Legislature of Ontario passed in the ninth year of the reign of His Majesty, King George the Fifth, chapter 45, and in the by-laws above recited, is and shall be binding upon the Commission and the Corporations according to the terms thereof, and that all things done under the said by-laws and under the said agreement are confirmed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Commission and the Corporations have respectively affixed their corporate seals and the hands of their proper officers.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO.

Chairman.

Secretary.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF EAST FLAMBORO.

Reeve.

Clerk.