

XXXVI. The Mayor of the said City may, as often as he shall think it necessary or useful, call special meetings of the said Council, and whenever two Members shall wish to have a special meeting they may apply to the Mayor to call it, and if the Mayor is absent, or refuses to act, they may call it themselves, stating at the same time to the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Council, in writing, the object for which they call such special meeting, and the day on which they are desirous it should be held, and the said Secretary-Treasurer shall be bound, on receipt of such written notice, to communicate it to the other Members of the Council.

10 XXXVII. The proceedings at each of the regular or special meetings of the said Town Council shall be correctly entered and recorded in a book which shall be kept for that purpose, and which shall be called "The Minute Book of the Town Council of St. Hyacinthe," and the said book shall be open to inspection or search by any person qualified to vote at the municipal elections of the said City, on payment of the sum of one shilling to the Secretary-Treasurer who shall have the custody of the said book; and all extracts from the said minute book, or from any records or papers of the said Council, shall be delivered by the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be entitled to receive, for such extracts, the sum of six-pence for each hundred words; and all extracts from the said book, or from the records and papers of the said Town Council, and generally all certificates, documents, contracts, deeds, and papers signed by the Mayor of the said City, and countersigned by the Secretary-Treasurer, or signed by one of them only, in the absence of the other, and Sealed with the common Seal of the said Council, shall prove themselves in all Courts of Justice in this Province, and shall be considered and received by such Courts as *prima facie* evidence of the facts set forth or contained in such extracts, certificates, contracts, documents, and other papers.

30 XXXVIII. All the meetings of the said Town Council shall be public, except only when the Council shall have to try the Members of its own body for any cause whatever, in which case it shall be lawful for the said Council to sit with closed doors; and the said Council shall decide upon the rules of its own proceedings; and it shall have the power to cause order to be observed during its sittings by those persons who may be present, and to punish by fine or imprisonment, or both, any contempt committed by such persons; Provided always, that no such fine shall exceed the sum of five shillings currency, and that no such imprisonment shall be for a longer period than thirty days.

40 XXXIX. The said Council shall have power to punish by imprisonment for a period not exceeding fifteen days, or by a fine not exceeding fifteen pounds currency, but which may be less, or by both, together, any Councillor who may be guilty, during its sittings, of making any serious disturbance, or of violence, either in word or deed, or in any other manner; and the said Council may expel any of its Members who shall have been convicted of felony or of any infamous crime, and may fill his place in the manner provided for vacancies in the office of Mayor or Councillor.