

UNITED COUNTIES OF YORK & PEEL

A BY-LAW,

*To make provision for the Preservation of the Public Morals within
the United Counties of York and Peel.*

WHEREAS under the provisions of an Act passed in the twenty-second year of the Reign of Queen Victoria, chapter 99, entitled, "*An Act respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada,*" power is given to the Council of any County to pass By-laws for certain purposes, and more particularly for those set forth in the 275th section of the said Act.

1. Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the United Counties of York and Peel, That in pursuance of and in accordance with the provisions of the Statute 8th Vic., chap. 45, entitled an Act to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in Upper Canada, it shall not be lawful for any person whatsoever in these Counties to sell or expose for sale or to purchase Wares, Merchandize, Goods, Chattels, or personal property or any real estate whatsoever on Sunday, nor to do or perform any worldly labour, business or work of his or their calling (conveying travellers, or Her Majesty's mails, selling drugs and medicines, and works of charity and necessity excepted).

That it shall not be lawful for any person to sell intoxicating liquors, or to allow or permit the sale of intoxicating liquors, or to use improper or profane language in any Inn, Tavern, Grocery, or House of Public Entertainment, or in any street or public place within these Counties on Sunday.

That it shall not be lawful for any person to play skittles, ball, racket, or any other noisy game, or to gamble with dice or otherwise, or to run races, on foot or horseback, or in carriages or vehicles of any sort, or to dance or to play profane music on Sunday within these Counties.

That it shall not be lawful for any person to go out Fishing, Hunting, or Shooting, or in quest of, or to take, kill or destroy any deer or other game, or any wild animal, or any wild fowl or bird, or fish, or use any dog, gun, or rifle or other engine, or any fishing-rod, net or trap, for the above-mentioned purposes, (except in defence of his or her life or property, from any wolf or other ravenous beast or birds of prey,) on Sunday within these Counties.

2. And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful to sell or give intoxicating drink of any sort to any child, apprentice, servant, idiot or insane person within these Counties without the consent of the parent, master, legal protector or physician of such person or child.

3. That it shall not be lawful for any person to post or circulate any indecent placards, writings or pictures, or write any indecent words, or make any indecent pictures or drawings on any walls or fences, or any other place whatsoever, or to circulate the same, within these Counties.

4. That it shall not be lawful for any person to utter or employ any profane oath, or any obscene, indecent, blasphemous or grossly insulting language in any of the streets or public places or high-ways within the said United Counties.

5. That it shall not be lawful for any person to be drunk, or guilty of any drunkenness or disorderly conduct in any of the public streets, highways, or public places within these Counties.

6. That it shall not be lawful for any person indecently to expose his or her person, or be guilty of any indecent, immoral or scandalous behaviour in any street, highway, or public place within these Counties.

7. That it shall not be lawful for any person to bathe, or indecently expose his or her person by washing in any waters within these Counties, lying or running near any public highway, between the hours of Seven o'clock in the morning and Seven at night, unless provided with and clothed in a proper bathing dress sufficient to prevent any indecent exposure of the person.

8. And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this By-law shall, upon conviction before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, having jurisdiction in the said United Counties, be liable to a fine of not more than twenty dollars nor less than one dollar, to be collected by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the said offender or offenders; and in case no goods or chattels are found belonging to the said offender or offenders as aforesaid on which to levy any fine or fees as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any such Justice or Justices of the Peace to commit the offender or offenders to the Common Jail or Lock-up within the said United Counties of York and Peel, for a period of not more than twenty days nor less than one day, with or without hard labour as the said Justice or Justices may determine.

9. And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all fines and penalties imposed and collected under and by virtue of this By-law shall belong to and be appropriated to the use of and benefit of the Municipality of the Township or Incorporated Village in which the offence was committed.

(Signed,)

J. ELLIOT, Clerk.

JOSEPH HARTMAN, Warden.

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