CHAPTER 476

The Vacant Land Cultivation Act

1. The councils of local municipalities may pass by-laws,
   (a) for granting permits to any person to enter upon, hold and use any vacant land in the municipality for the purpose only of cultivating it and raising thereon such crops as may be prescribed by the by-law or permit during such period not extending beyond the current year and on such terms and conditions as may be considered proper, and for regulating and controlling the use of such land by the holder of a permit;
   (b) for revoking any permit for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the by-law or of the permit or whenever the council determines that the land is immediately required by the owner for building or manufacturing or other revenue-producing purposes. R.S.O. 1960, c. 411, s. 1.

2. The fee for the permit shall not exceed $1. R.S.O. 1960, c. 411, s. 2.

3. Before issuing a permit with respect to any parcel of land, notice of the intention of the council to issue permits with respect to it and fixing a day for hearing any objections that he may desire to make shall be left with the owner or transmitted to him by mail to the address of his residence or place of business in the municipality, if he resides or has a place of business there, and, if he is not resident in the municipality, then by mail to him at his last known place of residence. R.S.O. 1960, c. 411, s. 3.

4. The council shall not issue a permit with respect to any parcel of land if the owner of it shows to the satisfaction of the council that it will be required by him during the current year for building or manufacturing or other revenue-producing purposes. R.S.O. 1960, c. 411, s. 4.

5. No compensation shall be paid to any owner or other person interested in such land for or on account of the exercise of the powers conferred by this Act. R.S.O. 1960, c. 411, s. 5.

6. If the council revokes a permit because it has determined that the land is immediately required by the owner for building or manufacturing or other revenue-producing purposes, it shall pay compensation to the holder if the permit revoked.
to the holder of the permit for the loss occasioned by such revocation such compensation, not exceeding $50 in the case of any one permit, as may be agreed upon, and in case of failure to agree, as may be determined by a provincial judge in the municipality on the application of the council or of the holder of the permit, and the fee of the provincial judge for determining the compensation shall be not more than $2, of which half shall be paid by the holder and half by the corporation. R.S.O. 1960, c. 411, s. 6, amended.

7. The person designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as Director of General Welfare Assistance may exercise in any part of Ontario any of the powers conferred by this Act on the council of a local municipality and the provisions of this Act, except section 6, applicable to a council of a local municipality apply mutatis mutandis to the Director of General Welfare Assistance. R.S.O. 1960, c. 411, s. 7.