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CHAPTER 277.

The Municipal Franchises Act.

1. In this Act,—

(a) "Franchises" shall include any right or privilege to which this Act applies;

(b) "Gas" shall include natural gas, artificial gas, or any "Gas," mixture of natural gas and artificial gas;

(c) "Highway" shall include a street and a lane;

(d) "Public utility" shall include waterworks, natural and other gas works, electric light, heat or power works, steam heating works, and distributing works of every kind. R.S.O. 1927, c. 240, s. 1; 1929, c. 65, s. 2.

2. A municipal corporation shall not enter into or renew any contract for the supply of electrical power or energy to the corporation or to the inhabitants thereof, until a by-law setting forth the terms and conditions of such contract has been first submitted to, and has received the assent of the municipal electors in the manner provided by The Municipal Act. R.S.O. 1927, c. 240, s. 2.

3. (1) A municipal corporation shall not grant to any individual, firm or company, nor shall any individual, firm or company acquire the right to use or occupy any of the highways of the municipality or to construct or operate any railway, street railway, or public utility in the municipality, or to supply to the corporation, or to the inhabitants of the municipality, or to any of them, gas, electric light, heat or power or steam unless or until a by-law setting forth the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which such right is to be granted has been assented to by the municipal electors, as provided by The Municipal Act, with respect to by-laws requiring the assent of the electors. R.S.O. 1927, c. 240, s. 3.

(1) 1929, c. 65, s. 3.

(2) Where the trustees of a police village request the council of the township in which the village is situate to grant any
such right with respect to the village, or where the board of
trustees of a police village desire to grant such a right, it shall
be a sufficient compliance with subsection 1 if the by-law re-
ceives the assent of the municipal electors of the village.

(3) This section shall apply to the renewal or extension of
an existing franchise. R.S.O. 1927, c. 240, s. 3 (2, 3).

4. The council of a local municipality shall not grant any
franchise upon any highway of the municipality within a
radius of five miles of the boundary of any city without notice
in writing to the council of such city, and if the council of
the city, within four weeks after the receipt of such notice,
gives a notice in writing to the council of such local munici-
pality that it objects to the granting of the franchise the ap-
proval of the Ontario Municipal Board shall be obtained, and
if the council of such city does not give such notice within such
time, it shall be deemed to have no objection and the council of
such local municipality may grant such franchise with the
assent of the municipal electors of such local municipality as
provided by section 3. R.S.O. 1927, c. 240, s. 4.

5.—(1) Where a by-law granting a franchise or right in
respect of any of the works or services mentioned in subsection 1 of section 3, which has not been assented to by the
municipal electors as provided by that subsection, was passed
before the 16th day of April, 1912, no extension of or addition
to the works or services constructed, established or operated
under the authority of such by-law as they existed and were
in operation at that date shall be made except under the auth-
ority of a by-law hereafter passed with the assent of the munici-
pal electors, as provided by subsection 1 or subsection 2
of section 3, and such consent shall be necessary, notwithstanding that such last mentioned by-law is expressly limited in its
operation to a period not exceeding one year.

(2) Subsection 1 shall not apply to any franchise or right
granted by or under the authority of any general or special
Act of this Legislature before the 16th day of March, 1909,
but no such franchise or right shall be renewed, nor shall the
term thereof be extended by a municipal corporation except
by by-law passed with the assent of the municipal electors as
provided in section 3. R.S.O. 1927, c. 240, s. 5.

6. Subject to the provisions of section 2 and except as
therein provided and except where otherwise expressly pro-
vided, this Act shall not apply to a by-law,—
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(a) granting the right of passing through the municipality for the purpose of continuing a line, work or system which is intended to be operated in or for the benefit of another municipality and is not used or operated in the municipality for any other purpose except that of supplying gas in a township to persons whose land abuts on a highway along or across which the same is carried or conveyed, or to persons whose land lies within such limits as the council by by-law passed from time to time determines should be supplied with any of such services;

(b) conferring the right to construct, use and operate works required for the transmission of oil, gas or water not intended for sale or use in the municipality;

(c) which is expressly limited in its operation to a period not exceeding one year and is approved by the Ontario Municipal Board;

(d) of a county or township which is approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. R.S.O. 1927, c. 240, s. 6; 1929, c. 65, s. 4.

7. Where a by-law to which clause c of section 6 applies is hereafter passed that clause shall not apply to any subsequent by-law in respect to the same works or any part of them or to an extension of or addition to them, although such subsequent by-law is expressly limited in its operation to a period not exceeding one year, and no such subsequent by-law shall have any force or effect unless it is assented to by the municipal electors as provided by subsection 1 of section 3. R.S.O. 1927, c. 240, s. 7.

8.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in this or any other general or special Act contained, no person shall without the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council construct any works to supply or supply,—

(a) natural gas in any municipality in which such person was not on the 1st day of April, 1933, supplying gas; or

(b) gas in any municipality in which such person was not on the 1st day of April, 1933, supplying gas and in which gas was then being supplied.

(2) No approval shall be given under this section by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council unless and until the Ontario Municipal Board certifies in writing to the Lieutenant-Gov.-
error that public convenience and necessity appear to require
that such approval be given.

(3) The Ontario Municipal Board shall have and may ex-
ercise jurisdiction and power necessary for the purposes of
this section and to grant or refuse to grant any certificate of
public convenience and necessity, but no such certificate shall
be granted or refused until after the Board has held a public
hearing to deal with the matter upon application made to it
therefor, and of which hearing such notice shall be given to
such persons and municipalities as the Board may deem to be
interested or affected and otherwise as the Board may direct.

(4) With leave of a judge thereof, an appeal shall be upon
any question of law or fact to the Court of Appeal from any
decision of the Ontario Municipal Board granting or refusing
to grant a certificate under this section; provided application for
leave to appeal is made within fifteen days from the time when
such decision is given.

(5) The Ontario Municipal Board shall not issue any cer-

ficate under this section until after the expiration of fifteen days
from the time its decision to grant the same is given or in the
event of an appeal from such decision until after the time when
such appeal is determined or leave to appeal is refused.

(6) Upon an appeal to the Court of Appeal its judgment
thereon shall be final and not subject to further appeal there-
from, and the Ontario Municipal Board shall, if and as may
be necessary, amend or vary its decision to conform to such
judgment and grant or refuse to grant a certificate under this
section accordingly.

(7) Subject as hereinafore provided The Ontario Munici-
pal Board Act shall apply to any proceedings before the said
Board under this section, and the rules of and practice in the
Supreme Court shall apply to any appeal to the Court of Ap-
peal under this section. 1933, c. 30, s. 2; 1937, c. 72, s. 40.