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CHAPTER 74

An Act to establish
The Regional Municipality
of Hamilton-Wentworth

Assented to June 22nd, 1973
Session Prorogued March 5th, 1974

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of
the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario,
enacts as follows:

1. In this Act,

(a) "area municipality" means the municipality or
corporation of the City of Hamilton, the Town of
Dundas, the Town of Stony Creek, the Town
of Ancaster, the Township of Flamborough and the
Township of Glanbrook, all as constituted by
section 2;

(b) "bridge" means a public bridge, and includes a
bridge forming part of a highway or on, over,
under or across which a highway passes;

(c) "chairman" means the chairman of the Regional
Council;

(d) "debt" includes any obligation for the payment of
money;

(e) "divided municipality" means a local municipality
parts of which are annexed to two or more munici-
palities under subsection 1 of section 2;

(f) "highway" and "road" mean a common and public
highway or any part thereof, and include a street,
bridge, and any other structure incidental thereto
or any part thereof;

(g) "land" includes lands, tenements and hereditaments
and any estate or interest therein, and any right or
easement affecting them, and land covered with
water, and includes any buildings or improve-
ments on land;
(h) “local board” means any school board, public utility commission, transportation commission, public library board, board of park management, local board of health, board of commissioners of police, planning board or any other board, commission, committee, body or local authority established or exercising any power or authority under any general or special Act with respect to any of the affairs or purposes, including school purposes, of the Regional Corporation or of an area municipality or of two or more area municipalities or parts thereof;

(i) “local municipality” means in the year 1973 any local municipality or portion thereof in the Regional Area;

(j) “merged area” means a local municipality that is amalgamated with another local municipality or a part of a local municipality that is annexed to a local municipality to constitute an area municipality or a portion of a local municipality constituted as an area municipality under subsection 1 of section 2 or the local municipality to which such part is annexed;

(k) “Minister” means the Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs;

(l) “Ministry” means the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs;

(m) “money by-law” means a by-law for contracting a debt or obligation or for borrowing money, other than a by-law passed under section 91;

(n) “Municipal Board” means the Ontario Municipal Board;

(o) “Regional Area”;

(i) until the 1st day of January, 1974, means the area included within the County of Wentworth, and

(ii) on and after the 1st day of January, 1974, means the area from time to time included within the area municipalities;

(p) “Regional Corporation” means The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth;
PART I

AREA MUNICIPALITIES

2. (1) On the 1st day of January, 1974,

(a) The City of Hamilton is continued as a city municipality.

(b) The Town of Dundas is continued as a town municipality and portions of the Township of Ancaster and the Township of West Flamborough, described as follows, are annexed to such town:

Firstly, part of the Township of Ancaster, commencing where the north limit of the present Township of Ancaster intersects the west limit of the present Town of Dundas;

Thence southerly along the west limit to the south limit of Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway right-of-way;

Thence in a generally westerly direction along that limit to the west limit of lot forty-four in the First Concession of the Township of Ancaster;

Thence in a westerly direction along a line 200 feet south of and parallel to the south limit of Highway Ninety-nine to the west limit of Binkley Road;

Thence northerly along that limit to the north limit of the present Township of Ancaster;

Thence easterly along that limit to the place of commencement.
SECONDLY, part of the Township of West Flamborough, commencing where the south limit of the Canadian National Railways right-of-way intersects the west limit of the present Town of Dundas;

THENCE southerly and westerly along the limits of the present Town of Dundas to the south limit of the Township of West Flamborough;

THENCE westerly along that limit to the west limit of Binkley Road;

THENCE northerly along that limit to the south limit of the Canadian National Railways right-of-way;

THENCE easterly along that limit to the place of commencement.

THIRDLY, part of the Township of West Flamborough, commencing where the north limit of the present Town of Dundas intersects the line between lots 22 and 23 of the present Township of West Flamborough;

THENCE northerly along that line to a point 250 feet north from the north limit of Patterson Road;

THENCE northeasterly and parallel to the north limit of Patterson Road to the north limit of Old Guelph Road;

THENCE northeasterly along that limit to the east limit of the present Township of West Flamborough;

THENCE southeasterly, southerly and southwesterly along the limits of the present Township of West Flamborough to the east limit of the present Town of Dundas;

THENCE northerly and southwesterly along the limits of the present Town of Dundas to the place of commencement.

(c) The Town of Stoney Creek and the Township of Saltfleet are amalgamated as a town municipality bearing the name of The Corporation of the Town of Stoney Creek.

(d) The Township of Ancaster, save and except that portion annexed to the Town of Dundas is estab-
lished as a town municipality bearing the name of The Corporation of the Town of Ancaster.

(e) The Township of East Flamborough and the Village of Waterdown are amalgamated as a township municipality bearing the name of The Corporation of the Township of Flamborough and the Township of Beverly and the Township of West Flamborough, save and except that portion annexed to the Town of Dundas from the Township of West Flamborough are annexed to such township.

(f) The Township of Binbrook and the Township of Glanford are amalgamated as a township municipality bearing the name of The Corporation of the Township of Flamborough and the Township of Beverly and the Township of West Flamborough, save and except that portion annexed to the Town of Dundas from the Township of West Flamborough are annexed to such township.

(2) The following police villages are dissolved on the 1st day of January, 1974:

1. The Police Village of Ancaster
2. The Police Village of Freelton
3. The Police Village of Lynden

(3) For the purposes of every Act, the amalgamations, annexations, and dissolutions provided for in this Part shall be deemed to have been effected by order of the Municipal Board not subject to section 42 of The Ontario Municipal Board Act or to petition or appeal under section 94 or 95 of such Act, made on the day this section comes into force pursuant to applications made under sections 14 and 25 of The Municipal Act and, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Municipal Board, upon the application of any area municipality or any local board thereof or of its own motion, may exercise its powers consequent upon such amalgamations, annexations and dissolutions, and sections 94 and 95 of The Ontario Municipal Board Act do not apply to decisions or orders made in the exercise of such powers and "municipalities" in clause a of subsection 11 of section 14 of The Municipal Act includes, for the purposes of such clause, the area municipalities to which territory is annexed.

(4) If directed by order of the Minister, a vote of the electors of any area municipality as established under subsection 1 shall be taken at the same time as the election for the first council of the area municipality, to determine from among a maximum of three names designated by the Minister, which name the area municipality shall bear and following the vote, the Minister shall by order,
(a) confirm the name of the area municipality as set out in subsection 1; or

(b) declare the name that the area municipality shall bear,

and where a declaration is made under clause b all reference to such area municipality shall be deemed to refer to such area municipality as designated in the declaration.

3.-(1) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, the council of each area municipality shall be composed of a mayor, who shall be elected by a general vote of the electors of the area municipality and shall be the head of the council, and the following number of other members of council:

1. The City of Hamilton—sixteen members elected by wards and a Board of Control composed of four members elected by general vote of the electors of such municipality.

2. The Town of Dundas—Eight members elected by general vote of the electors of such municipality.

3. The Town of Stoney Creek—eleven members elected by wards and one member elected by general vote of the electors of such municipality.

4. The Town of Ancaster—five members elected by wards and one member elected by general vote of the electors of such municipality.

5. The Township of Flamborough—nine members elected by wards and one member elected by general vote of the electors of such municipality.

6. The Township of Glanbrook—six members elected by wards.

(2) With respect to the area municipalities, elections of the first councils thereof shall be held in the year 1973, and the day for polling shall be the 1st day of October and the first councils elected shall hold office for the years 1974, 1975 and 1976.

(3) For the purposes of the elections of the first councils of the area municipalities, and members thereof to represent the area municipality on the Regional Council,

(a) the Minister may by order divide into wards each area municipality as constituted by section 2, with
the exception of the Town of Dundas, and make provisions for the respective number of members of councils to be elected in the respective wards and such wards shall remain in effect until altered by the Municipal Board;

(b) the Minister shall by order,

(i) provide for the qualification of electors, nominations, the appointment of returning officers, the holding of the elections, and preparation of polling lists, and

(ii) provide for such other matters as he considers necessary to hold the elections.

(4) Subsections 2 and 3 apply to the elections of the first councils of the area municipalities notwithstanding The Municipal Elections Act, 1972.

4. The members of the council of each area municipality elected in the year 1973 shall comprise a committee in their respective area municipalities to do anything in that year necessary for the purposes of organization, policy and planning of the area municipality.

5. The expenses of the local municipalities for the election to elect members of the councils of the area municipalities and members and trustees of school boards in the year 1973 shall, as approved by the Minister, be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

PART II

INCORPORATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

6.—(1) On the 15th day of October, 1973, the inhabitants of the Regional Area are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of "The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth".

(2) The Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a municipality for the purposes of The Municipal Affairs Act and The Ontario Municipal Board Act.
(3) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, the Regional Area shall for all judicial purposes be deemed to be a county and be known as the Judicial District of Hamilton-Wentworth, and for the purposes of The Jurors Act any reference to the warden shall be deemed to be a reference to the chairman and any reference to the treasurer of the county shall be deemed to be a reference to the treasurer appointed under this Act for the Regional Corporation.

(4) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to alter the boundaries of any registry or land titles division.

(5) Every person who held an office or appointment under any Act on the 31st day of December, 1973, in and for the County of Wentworth shall be deemed, so long as he continues to hold such office or appointment, to hold such office or appointment on and after the 1st day of January, 1974 in and for the Judicial District of Hamilton-Wentworth.

7. — (1) The powers of the Regional Corporation shall be exercised by the Regional Council and, except where otherwise provided, the jurisdiction of the Regional Council is confined to the Regional Area.

(2) Except where otherwise provided, the powers of the Regional Council shall be exercised by by-law.

(3) A by-law passed by the Regional Council in the exercise of any of its powers and in good faith shall not be open to question, or be quashed, set aside or declared invalid either wholly or partly, on account of the unreasonable or supposed unreasonable of its provisions or any of them.

8. — (1) The Regional Council shall consist of twenty-eight members composed of a chairman and,

(a) in the year 1973, the mayor-elect of each area municipality and thereafter the mayor of each area municipality;

(b) the Board of Control and twelve members of council from the City of Hamilton elected by such council;

(c) one member of council from the Town of Dundas elected by general vote of the electors of the said area municipality as a member of the Regional Council and the council of such area municipality;

(d) one member of council from the Town of Stoney Creek elected by general vote of the electors of
such area municipality as a member of the Regional Council and the council of such area municipality;

(e) one member of council from the Town of Ancaster elected by general vote of the electors of such area municipality as a member of the Regional Council and the council of such area municipality;

(f) one member of council from the Township of Flamborough elected by general vote of the electors of such area municipality as a member of the Regional Council and the council of such area municipality;

(g) one member of council from the Township of Glanbrook elected by such council as a member of the Regional Council.


(3) In the year 1973, the committee, established by section 4, for each area municipality which is required to elect a member or members to the Regional Council from amongst its own council members, shall meet to do so on or before the 8th day of October, 1973, and in the year 1977 and in every second year thereafter, the council of such area municipality shall at its first meeting in such year elect its members to the Regional Council.

9.—(1) The chairman shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council before the 15th day of October, 1973, to hold office at pleasure during the years 1973 to 1976 inclusive and until his successor is elected or appointed in accordance with this Act, and the chairman appointed under this subsection shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund such remuneration and other expenses as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may determine.

(2) At the first meeting of the Regional Council in the year 1977 and in every second year thereafter at which a quorum is present, the Regional Council shall organize as a council and elect as chairman one of the members of the Regional Council or any other person, to hold office for that year and the following year and until his successor is appointed or elected in accordance with this Act, and at such meeting the clerk shall preside until the chairman is elected.

(3) Where a member of the council of an area municipality becomes chairman, he shall be deemed to have resigned as a member of such council, and his seat on such council thereby becomes vacant.
(4) If, at the first meeting of the Regional Council in the year 1977 and any subsequent first meeting, a chairman is not elected, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting from time to time, and, if a chairman is not elected at any adjourned meeting held within one week after the first meeting, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint a chairman to hold office for that year and the following year and until his successor is elected or appointed in accordance with this Act.

10.—(1) The first meeting of the Regional Council in the year 1973 shall be held on or after the 15th day of October, 1973, at such date, time and place as the chairman may determine, and the chairman shall give to each person entitled to be a member of the Regional Council at least forty-eight hours notice of the date, time and place and shall preside at the meeting.

(2) Notwithstanding any other general or special Act, the first meeting of the council of each area municipality in the years 1974 and 1977 and in every second year thereafter shall be held not later than the 8th day of January.

(3) The first meeting of the Regional Council in the year 1977 and in every second year thereafter shall be held after the councils of the area municipalities have held their first meeting in the year, but in any event not later than the 15th day of January, on such date and at such time and place as may be fixed by by-law of the Regional Council.

(4) Subject to subsection 5, a person entitled to be a member of the Regional Council in accordance with section 8, other than the mayor of each area municipality, shall not take his seat as a member until he has filed with the person presiding at the first meeting of the Regional Council that he attends a certificate under the hand of the clerk of the area municipality that he represents, and under the seal of such area municipality certifying that he is entitled to be a member under such section.

(5) A person entitled to be a member of the first Regional Council in accordance with section 3, other than a mayor-elect of an area municipality, shall not take his seat as a member until he has filed with the person presiding at the first meeting of the Regional Council that he attends a certificate under the hand of the mayor-elect of the area municipality that he represents, certifying that he is entitled to be a member under such section.

(6) The chairman, before taking his seat, shall take an oath of allegiance in Form 1 and a declaration of qualification in Form 2.
(7) No business shall be proceeded with at the first meeting of the Regional Council until after the declarations of office in Form 20 of The Municipal Act have been made by all members who present themselves for that purpose.

(8) The Regional Council shall be deemed to be organized when the declarations of office have been made by a sufficient number of members to form a quorum as provided for in section 11.

11. — (1) Fifteen members of the Regional Council representing three area municipalities are necessary to form a quorum and the concurring votes of a majority of members present are necessary to carry any resolution or other measure.

(2) Subject to subsection 3, each member of the Regional Council has one vote only.

(3) The chairman does not have a vote except in the event of an equality of votes.

12. Subject to section 10, all meetings of the Regional Council shall be held at such place within the Regional Area and at such times as the Regional Council from time to time appoints.

13. — (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of a chairman who has been appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint a successor to hold office as chairman for the remainder of the term of his predecessor.

(2) When a vacancy occurs in the office of a chairman who has been elected under subsection 2 of section 9, the Regional Council shall, at a general or special meeting to be held within twenty days after the vacancy occurs, elect a chairman who may be one of the members of the Regional Council, or any other person, to hold office for the remainder of the term of his predecessor.

(3) If the Regional Council fails to elect a chairman within twenty days as required by subsection 2, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a person as chairman to hold office for the remainder of the term of his predecessor.

(4) When a vacancy occurs in the office of a member other than the chairman or the head of the council of an area municipality, the council of the area municipality of which he was a member shall by by-law within thirty days after the vacancy occurs appoint a successor, who may be a member of
the council or a person who is eligible to be elected a member of the council, to hold office for the remainder of the term of his predecessor.

Resignation

(5) Where a member has been elected as a member of the Regional Council, resignation from either the Regional Council or the council of the area municipality shall be deemed to be resignation from both councils.

Where head of council incapacitated

(6) In the event that the head of a council of an area municipality is for any reason unable to fulfil his duties as a member of the Regional Council for a period exceeding one month, the council of the area municipality may by by-law appoint one of its members as an alternate representative to the Regional Council who shall act in the place and stead of the head of the council during his incapacity, but no such by-law shall have effect for a period longer than one month from its effective date.

Remuneration

14.—(1) Members of the Regional Council, other than the chairman, may be paid for services performed on and after the 1st day of January, 1974, such annual and other remuneration as the Regional Council may determine.

(2) For the year 1977 and each year thereafter, the chairman may be paid such annual salary and other remuneration as the Regional Council may determine.

Committees

15.—(1) The Regional Council may from time to time establish such standing or other committees and assign to them such duties as it considers expedient.

(2) The Regional Council may by by-law provide for paying an annual allowance to each chairman of a standing committee except where such chairman is also the chairman of the Regional Council.

Procedural by-laws

16. The Regional Council may pass by-laws for governing the proceedings of the Regional Council and any of its committees, the conduct of its members and the calling of meetings.

Head of Council

17.—(1) The chairman is the head of the Regional Council and is the chief executive officer of the Regional Corporation.

(2) The Regional Council may by by-law appoint a chief administrative officer, who,

(a) shall have such general control and management of the administration of the government and affairs of
the Regional Corporation and perform such duties as the Regional Council by by-law prescribes;

(b) shall be responsible for the efficient administration of all its departments to the extent that he is given authority and control over them by by-law;

(c) shall hold office during the pleasure of the Regional Council; and

(d) shall receive such salary as the Regional Council by by-law determines.

(3) Subsection 2 of section 238 of The Municipal Act applies to a chief administrative officer appointed under subsection 2 of this section.

18. When the chairman is absent from the Regional Area or absent through illness, or refuses to act, the Regional Council may by resolution appoint one of its members to act in his place and stead, and such member shall have and may exercise all the rights, powers and authority of the chairman during such absence or refusal to act.

19.—(1) Sections 192, 193, 195, 197, 198, 259, 281, 286, and 390 of The Municipal Act apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Corporation.

(2) Sections 190, 200, 201 and 243 of The Municipal Act apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Council and to every local board of the Regional Corporation.

20.—(1) The Regional Council shall appoint a clerk whose duty it is,

(a) to record truly without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of the Regional Council;

(b) if required by any member present, to record the name and vote of every member voting on any matter or question;

(c) to keep in his office, or in the place appointed for that purpose, the originals of all by-laws and of all minutes of the proceedings of the Regional Council and its committees; and

(d) to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Regional Council.
(2) The Regional Council may appoint a deputy clerk who shall have all the powers and duties of the clerk.

(3) When the office of clerk is vacant or the clerk is unable to carry on his duties through illness or otherwise, the Regional Council may appoint an acting clerk pro tem pro terpo who shall have all the powers and duties of the clerk.

(4) The chairman appointed under subsection 1 of section 9 shall appoint an acting clerk who shall have all the powers and duties of the clerk for the purposes of the first meeting of the Regional Council in the year 1973 and thereafter and until the Regional Council appoints a clerk under this section.

(2) The clerk shall keep an index book in which he shall enter the number and date of all by-laws passed by the Regional Council that affect land or the use thereof in the Regional Area but do not directly affect the title to land.

22.-(1) The Regional Council shall appoint a treasurer who shall keep the books, records and accounts, and prepare the annual financial statements of the Regional Corporation and preserve and file all accounts of the Regional Corporation and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Regional Council.

(2) The Regional Council may appoint a deputy treasurer who shall have all the powers and duties of the treasurer.
(3) When the office of treasurer is vacant or the treasurer is unable to carry on his duties, through illness or otherwise, the Regional Council may appoint an acting treasurer *pro tem* who shall have all the powers and duties of the treasurer.

23.—(1) The treasurer shall receive and safely keep all money of the Regional Corporation and shall pay out money to such persons and in such manner as the law in force in Ontario and the by-laws or resolutions of the Regional Council direct, provided that every cheque issued by the treasurer shall be signed by the treasurer and by some other person or persons designated for the purpose by by-law or resolution of the Regional Council, and any such other person before signing a cheque shall satisfy himself that the issue thereof is authorized.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 1, the Regional Council may by by-law,

(a) designate one or more persons to sign cheques in lieu of the treasurer; and

(b) provide that the signature of the treasurer and of any other person authorized to sign cheques may be written or engraved, lithographed, printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced on cheques.

(3) The Regional Council may by by-law provide that the treasurer may establish and maintain a petty cash fund of an amount of money sufficient to make change and pay small accounts, subject to such terms and conditions as the by-law may provide.

(4) Except where otherwise expressly provided by this Act, a member of the Regional Council shall not receive any money from the treasurer for any work or service performed or to be performed, but nothing in this subsection prevents the payment of any moneys under any contract in respect of which the member has complied with *The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1972*, c. 142.

(5) The treasurer is not liable for money paid by him in accordance with a by-law or resolution of the Regional Council, unless another disposition of it is expressly provided for by statute.

24. Subject to subsection 3 of section 23, the treasurer shall,

(a) open an account or accounts in the name of the Regional Corporation in such of the chartered banks
of Canada or at such other place of deposit as may be approved by the Regional Council;

(b) deposit all money received by him on account of the Regional Corporation, and no other money, to the credit of such account or accounts, and no other account; and

(c) keep the money of the Regional Corporation entirely separate from his own money and from that of any other person,

and notwithstanding subsection 1 of section 23, the Regional Council shall not by by-law or resolution direct any variance from the provisions of this section, nor shall the treasurer vary from such provisions.

25.—(1) The treasurer shall prepare and submit to the Regional Council, monthly, a statement of the money at the credit of the Regional Corporation.

(2) Where the treasurer is removed from office or absconds, the Regional Council shall forthwith give notice to his sureties.

26.—(1) The Regional Council shall by by-law appoint one or more auditors who shall be persons licensed by the Ministry as municipal auditors and who shall hold office during good behaviour and be removable for cause upon the vote of two-thirds of the members of the Regional Council, and the auditor or auditors so appointed shall audit the accounts and transactions of the Regional Corporation and of every local board of the Regional Corporation, except school boards.

(2) Where an auditor audits the accounts and transactions of a local board, the cost thereof shall be paid by the Regional Corporation and charged back to the local board, and, in the event of a dispute as to the amount of the cost, the Ministry may upon application finally determine the amount thereof.

(3) No person shall be appointed as an auditor of the Regional Corporation who is or during the preceding year was a member of the Regional Council or of the council of an area municipality or of any local board, the accounts and transactions of which it would as auditor be his duty to audit, or who has or during the preceding year had any direct or indirect interest in any contract with the Regional Corporation or an area municipality or any such local board, or any employment with any of them other than as an auditor.
(4) An auditor shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ministry and also such duties as may be required by the Regional Council or any local board of the Regional Corporation that do not conflict with the duties prescribed by the Ministry.

27.-(1) Where the Regional Corporation or a local board thereof employs a person theretofore employed by a local municipality or a local board thereof within the Regional Area or by the County of Wentworth or a local board thereof, the Regional Corporation or a local board thereof shall be deemed to have elected to participate in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System on the day this Part comes into force in respect of the employee if such employee was or was entitled to be a member of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System on the day immediately preceding his employment with the Regional Corporation or local board thereof and such employee shall have uninterrupted membership or entitlement to membership, as the case may be, in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System.

(2) Where the Regional Corporation or a local board thereof employs a person theretofore employed by a local municipality or a local board thereof within the Regional Area, the employee shall be deemed to remain an employee of the local municipality or local board thereof for the purposes of his entitlement under any approved pension plan or supplementary plan.

(3) Where the Regional Corporation or a local board thereof is required to employ a person theretofore employed by a local municipality or a local board thereof within the Regional Area or by the County of Wentworth or a local board thereof, the employee shall be deemed to remain an employee of the municipality or local board thereof until the Regional Corporation or local board thereof has established a sick leave credit plan for its employees, and the employees are entitled to receive such benefits from the Regional Corporation whereupon the Regional Corporation or local board thereof shall place to the credit of the employee the sick leave credits standing to his credit in the plan of the municipality or local board thereof.

(4) Where the Regional Corporation or a local board thereof is required to employ a person theretofore employed by a local municipality or a local board thereof within the Regional Area or by the County of Wentworth or a local board thereof, the Regional Corporation or local board thereof, shall during the first year of his employment by the Regional
Corporation or local board thereof, provide for such employee's holidays with pay equivalent to those to which he would have been entitled if he had remained in the employment of the municipality or local board thereof.

(5) The Regional Council shall offer to employ every person who, on the 1st day of April, 1973, is employed by the County of Wentworth or by any local board thereof or in any undertaking of, or operated on behalf of, any local municipality or local board that is assumed by the Regional Corporation under this Act and who continues to be so employed until the 31st day of December, 1973.

(6) Any person who accepts employment offered under subsection 5 shall be entitled to receive a wage or salary up to and including the 31st day of December, 1974, of not less than he was receiving on the 1st day of April, 1973.

(7) The Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a municipality for the purposes of The Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act.

(8) The employees of the local municipalities and the local boards thereof within the Regional Area, which are amalgamated or annexed in whole or in part to form an area municipality, who were employed by such a local municipality or local board on the 1st day of April, 1973, and who continue to be so employed until the 31st day of December, 1973, except employees offered employment by the Regional Council under subsection 5, shall be offered employment by the council of the area municipality with which they are amalgamated or to which they are annexed and any person accepting employment under this subsection shall be entitled to receive a wage or salary, up to and including the 31st day of December, 1974, not less than he was receiving on the 1st day of April, 1973.

(9) Any sick leave credits standing, on the 31st day of December, 1973, to the credit of any person who accepts employment under subsection 8 shall be placed to the credit of such employee in any sick leave credit plan established by the new employer.

(10) Any person who accepts employment under subsection 8 shall be entitled to receive during the first year of his employment such holidays with pay equivalent to those to which he would have been entitled if he had remained in the employment of the local municipality or local board by which he was formerly employed.
(11) Where under the provisions of this section any pension rights or sick leave credits the Minister may by order do anything necessary to remedy or alleviate such difficulty or hardship.

(12) Nothing in this section prevents any employer from terminating the employment of an employee for cause.

PART III
REGIONAL ROAD SYSTEM

28. In this Part,

(a) “approved” means approved by the Minister or of a type approved by the Minister;

(b) “construction” includes reconstruction;

(c) “maintenance” includes repairs;

(d) “Minister” means the Minister of Transportation and Communications;

(e) “Ministry” means the Ministry of Transportation and Communications;

(f) “road authority” means a body having jurisdiction and control of a highway.

29. — (1) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, all roads on the 31st day of December, 1973, under the jurisdiction and control of the County of Wentworth and the Hamilton-Wentworth Suburban Roads Commission shall constitute the regional road system.

(2) The Regional Council may by by-law from time to time add roads to or remove roads from the regional road system, including such boundary line roads or portions thereof between the Regional Area and an adjoining county, regional or metropolitan municipality as may be agreed upon between the Regional Council and the council of such adjoining municipality.

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may transfer any highway under the jurisdiction and control of the Ministry within the Regional Area to the Regional Corporation and the highway shall for all purposes be deemed
to be part of the regional road system on such date as is designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and to have been transferred under section 26 of *The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*.

(4) Where a road or part thereof forms part of the regional road system, jurisdiction and control and the soil and freehold thereof are vested in the Regional Corporation.

(5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may remove any road from the regional road system.

(6) Where a road or a part thereof is removed from the regional road system, except by reason of it being stopped-up pursuant to subsection 1 of section 39, such road or part is thereupon transferred to and the jurisdiction and control and the soil and freehold thereof is thereupon vested in the area municipality in which it is situate, and the area municipality may sue upon any rights or under any agreements or by-laws in the same manner and to the same extent as the Regional Corporation in respect of such road.

(7) Notwithstanding subsection 10, where the Regional Corporation acquires land for the purpose of widening a regional road, the land so acquired, to the extent of the designated widening, forms part of the road and is included in the regional road system.

(8) When land abutting on a regional road is dedicated for, or apparently for, widening the regional road, the land so dedicated is part of the regional road and the jurisdiction and control and the soil and freehold thereof is vested in the Regional Corporation subject to any rights in the soil reserved by the person who dedicated the land.

(9) The Regional Council shall, on or before the 1st day of May, 1979, pass a by-law consolidating all by-laws relating to the regional road system, and shall at intervals of not more than five years thereafter pass similar consolidating by-laws.

(10) Every by-law passed under this section shall be submitted to the Minister for approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and the Lieutenant Governor in Council may approve the by-law in whole or in part and, where the by-law is approved in part only, it shall be in force and take effect only so far as approved, but it shall not be necessary for the Regional Council to pass any further by-law amending the original by-law or repealing any part thereof that has not been approved, and every such by-law as approved is in force and effect after the day named by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
(11) *The Regulations Act* does not apply to an order in council made under this section.

### 30. Plan of Road Construction and Maintenance

The Regional Council shall adopt a plan of road construction and maintenance, and from time to time thereafter, shall adopt such other plans as may be necessary.

### 31. Furnishing of Information to Minister

Where the Regional Corporation proposes the construction, improvement or alteration of a regional road, it shall furnish the Minister with such detailed information as he may require.

### 32. Contributions Towards Expenditure

Where a contribution has been made from any source whatsoever towards an expenditure made under the provisions of section 84d of *The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*, the amount of such contribution shall be deducted from the expenditure in the statement submitted to the Minister unless the Minister otherwise directs.

### 33. Maintenance and Repair

The roads included in the regional road system shall be maintained and kept in repair by the Regional Corporation.

### 34. Power over Roads Assumed

The Regional Corporation has, in respect of the roads included in the regional road system, all the rights, powers, benefits and advantages conferred, and is subject to all liabilities imposed either by statute, by-law, contract or otherwise upon The Corporation of the County of Wentworth or the Hamilton-Wentworth Suburban Roads Commission or the corporation of the area municipality or the corporations of two or more area municipalities which had jurisdiction over the roads before they became part of the regional road system, and the Regional Corporation may sue upon such rights or under such contracts or by-laws in the same manner and to the same extent as the County of Wentworth or the Hamilton-Wentworth Suburban Roads Commission or the area municipality or municipalities, as the case may be, might have done if the roads had not become part of the regional road system.

### 35. Sidewalks

—(1) The Regional Corporation is not by reason of a road forming part of the regional road system under this Act liable for the construction or maintenance of sidewalks on any road or portion thereof in the regional road system, but the area municipality in which such sidewalks are located continues to be liable for the maintenance of such sidewalks and is responsible for any injury or damage arising from the construction or presence of the sidewalks on such road or portion thereof to the same extent and subject to the same limitations to which an area municipality is liable under section 427 of *The Municipal Act* in respect of a sidewalk on a road over which a council has jurisdiction.
(2) An area municipality may construct a sidewalk or other improvement or service on a regional road, and the Regional Corporation may contribute to the cost of such sidewalk, improvement or service, but no such work shall be undertaken by an area municipality without first obtaining the approval of the Regional Council expressed by resolution.

(3) The cost of any such sidewalk, improvement or service constructed on a regional road may be met out of the general funds of the area municipality or the work may be undertaken in whole or in part as a local improvement under The Local Improvement Act.

(4) An area municipality when constructing such a sidewalk, improvement or service on a regional road shall conform to any requirements or conditions imposed by the Regional Council and is responsible for any injury or damage arising from the construction or presence of the sidewalk, improvement or service on the road.

(5) Subsection 4 of section 97 of The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act does not apply to a sidewalk constructed on a regional road by the council of a township.

36.—(1) The Regional Corporation may construct, install, maintain or remove any works on a highway, other than a road under the jurisdiction and control of the Ministry, including traffic control devices, for the purpose of altering or regulating the flow of traffic upon entering or leaving a road in the regional road system.

(2) The Regional Corporation may relocate, alter or divert any public road, other than a road under the jurisdiction and control of the Ministry, entering or touching upon or giving access to a road in the regional road system.

(3) Where, in relocating, altering or diverting a public road under subsection 2, the Regional Corporation constructs a new road in lieu of the public road, the Regional Corporation may close the public road at the point of intersection with the regional road and may, by by-law vest the new road and the soil and freehold and jurisdiction and control thereof in the area municipality in which it is situate.

(4) Where the Regional Corporation constructs a sidewalk, improvement or service on a road under the jurisdiction and control of an area municipality, the area municipality may contribute to the cost of such sidewalk, improvement or service and the work may be undertaken in whole or in part under The Local Improvement Act.
37. Where a regional road intersects a road that is under the jurisdiction and control of an area municipality, the roads by regional continuation of the regional road to its full width across the road so intersected is a part of the regional road system.

38. The Regional Council may pass by-laws for establishing and laying out new roads and for amending the by-law passed under subsection 2 of section 29 by adding such new roads to the regional road system, and the provisions of The Municipal Act with respect to the establishment and laying out of highways by municipalities apply mutatis mutandis.

39.—(1) With respect to the roads in the regional road system and the regulation of traffic thereon, the Regional Corporation has all the powers conferred, and is subject to all the liabilities imposed, upon the council or corporation of a city by The Municipal Act, The Highway Traffic Act and any other Act with respect to highways.

(2) The Regional Council or the council of any area municipality may by by-law designate any lane on any road over which it has jurisdiction as a lane solely or principally for use by public transit motor vehicles and prohibit or regulate the use thereof by vehicles other than public transit vehicles to such extent and for such period or periods as may be specified, and for the purpose of this subsection “public transit motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle owned and operated by, for or on behalf of the Regional Corporation or any area municipality as part of its passenger transportation service.

40.—(1) The Regional Council may by by-law prohibit or regulate the placing or erecting of,

(a) any gasoline pump within 150 feet of any limit of a regional road;

(b) any sign, notice or advertising device within one-quarter mile of any limit of a regional road.

(2) A by-law passed under this section may provide for the issuing of permits for the placing or erecting of any gasoline pump, sign, notice or advertising device and may prescribe the form, terms and conditions thereof and the fees to be paid therefor.

41.—(1) No by-law passed by an area municipality for the regulation of traffic on a highway under the jurisdiction and control of the area municipality, except a by-law for the regulation of parking, shall come into force until it has been approved by the Regional Council before it is submitted for approval under The Highway Traffic Act.
(2) All signal-light traffic control devices heretofore or hereafter erected on a highway under the jurisdiction and control of an area municipality shall be operated, or erected and operated, in the manner prescribed by by-law of the Regional Council, and the Regional Council may delegate any of its powers in respect of the operation of such devices to an officer of the Regional Corporation designated in the by-law.

(3) The Regional Corporation may contribute toward the cost of the erection of signal-light traffic control devices erected by an area municipality.

(4) Subject to The Highway Traffic Act, the Regional Council may pass by-laws to regulate traffic on any highway under the jurisdiction and control of an area municipality for a distance of 100 feet on either side of the limit of a regional road, and, where there is any conflict between such a by-law and a by-law of an area municipality, the by-law passed under this subsection prevails to the extent of such conflict.

42. The Regional Council may by by-law authorize agreements between the Regional Corporation and the owners or lessees of land abutting on a highway for the construction, maintenance and use of walks for pedestrians over, across or under the highway upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed and for contributing to the whole or any part of the cost thereof, and for leasing or licensing the use of untravelled portions of such walks and adjoining lands to persons for such considerations and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed.

43.—(1) Sections 436 and 438 of The Municipal Act do not apply to a bridge or highway crossing or forming a boundary between the Regional Area and an adjoining municipality where such bridge or highway is included in the regional road system and in the road system of the municipality.

(2) Where there is a difference between the Regional Council and the council of a municipality in respect of any such bridge or highway as to the corporation upon which the obligation rests for the constructing or maintaining of the bridge or highway, or as to the proportions in which the corporations should respectively contribute thereto, or where the Regional Council and the council of the municipality are unable to agree as to any action, matter or thing to be taken or done in respect of such bridge or highway, every such difference shall be determined by the Municipal Board upon an application by the Regional Corporation or the corporation of the municipality.
(3) The Municipal Board shall appoint a day for the hearing of the application, of which ten days notice in writing shall be given to the clerk of each municipality and of the Regional Corporation, and shall, at the time and place appointed, hear and determine all matters in difference between the municipalities in regard to such bridge or highway, and the Municipal Board may make such order with respect to the same as it may consider just and proper, and may by the order fix and determine the amount or proportion that each municipality shall pay or contribute toward the building and maintaining of such bridge or highway.

(4) An order made by the Municipal Board under this section is binding upon the municipalities for such period as the Municipal Board may determine, and is final and conclusive.

44. Clause b of subsection 1 of section 403 of The Municipal Act does not apply to a bridge over a river, stream, pond or lake forming or crossing a boundary line between area municipalities, and the councils of the area municipalities on either side of such boundary line have joint jurisdiction over every such bridge that is not included in the regional road system.

45. Section 418 of The Municipal Act does not apply to a bridge over a river, stream, pond or lake forming or crossing a boundary line between the Regional Area and an adjoining municipality, and the councils of the area municipality and the adjoining local municipality on either side of such boundary line have joint jurisdiction over every such bridge that is not included in the regional road system.

46.—(1) The Regional Council has, with respect to all land lying within a distance of 150 feet from any limit of a regional road, all the powers conferred on the council of a local municipality by section 35 of The Planning Act.

(2) In the event of conflict between a by-law passed under subsection 1 by the Regional Council and a by-law passed under section 35 of The Planning Act or a predecessor of such section by the council of a local municipality that is in force in the area municipality in which the land is situate, the by-law passed by the Regional Council prevails to the extent of such conflict.

47.—(1) The Regional Council may by by-law designate any road in the regional road system, or any portion thereof, as a controlled-access road.
(2) Subject to the approval of the Municipal Board, the Regional Council may by by-law close any municipal road that intersects or runs into a regional controlled-access road.

(3) The Municipal Board may direct that notice of any application for approval of the closing of a road under this section shall be given at such time, in such manner and to such persons as the Municipal Board may determine, and may further direct that particulars of objections to the closing shall be filed with the Municipal Board and the Regional Corporation within such time as the Municipal Board shall direct.

(4) Upon the hearing of the application for approval of the closing of a road, the Municipal Board may make such order as it considers proper refusing its approval or granting its approval upon such terms and conditions as it considers proper, and any order of the Municipal Board approving of the closing of a road may contain provisions,

(a) determining the portion or portions of the road that shall be closed;

(b) providing for the payment of the costs of any person appearing on such application and fixing the amount of such costs; and

(c) providing for the doing of such other acts as in the circumstances it considers proper.

(5) Upon the approval of the Municipal Board being so obtained but subject to the provisions of the order of the Municipal Board made on the application for such approval, the Regional Corporation may do all such acts as may be necessary to close the road in respect of which the application is made.

(6) The Regional Corporation, or any person, including an area municipality, that has filed particulars of an objection may, with the leave of the Divisional Court, appeal to that court from any order made under subsection 4.

(7) Application for leave to appeal shall be made within thirty days after the date of the determination or order of the Municipal Board subject to the rules of the court as to vacations.

(8) The leave may be granted on such terms as to the giving of security for costs and otherwise as the court may consider just.
(9) The practice and procedure as to the appeal and matters incidental thereto shall be the same, *mutatis mutandis*, as upon an appeal from a county court, and the decision of the Divisional Court is final.

(10) Section 95 of The Ontario Municipal Board Act does not apply to an appeal under this section.

48. The Regional Council may pass by-laws prohibiting or regulating the construction or use of any private road, entranceway, structure or facility as a means of access to a regional controlled-access road.

49. — (1) The Regional Corporation may give notice to the owner of any land requiring him to close up any private road, entranceway, structure or facility constructed or used as a means of access to a regional controlled-access road in contravention of a by-law passed under section 48.

(2) Every notice given under subsection 1 shall be in writing and shall be served personally or by registered mail, and in the case of service by registered mail shall be deemed to have been received on the fifth day following the mailing thereof.

(3) Where the person to whom notice is given under subsection 1 fails to comply with the notice within thirty days after its receipt, the Regional Council may by resolution direct any officer, employee or agent of the Regional Corporation to enter upon the land of such person and do or cause to be done whatever may be necessary to close up the private road, entranceway, structure or facility as required by the notice.

(4) Every person who fails to comply with a notice given under subsection 1 is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not less than $10 and not more than $100 for a first offence and to a fine of not less than $50 and not more than $500 for a second or subsequent offence.

(5) Where a notice given under subsection 1 has been complied with, no compensation is payable to the owner of the land unless the private road, entranceway, structure or facility constructed or used as a means of access to a controlled-access road designated under subsection 1 of section 47 was constructed or used, as the case may be,

(a) before the day on which the by-law designating the road as a controlled-access road became effective; or

(b) in compliance with a by-law passed under section 48, in which case the making of compensation is subject to any provisions of such by-law.
Subject to subsection 2, no area municipality shall have any right to compensation or damages for any road forming part of the regional road system.

(2) Where a road forms part of the regional road system, the Regional Corporation shall thereafter pay to the area municipality before the due date all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding debt of the area municipality in respect of such road, but nothing in this subsection requires the Regional Corporation to pay that portion of the amounts of principal and interest that under The Local Improvement Act is payable as the owners' share of a local improvement work.

(3) Where the Regional Corporation fails to make any payment required by subsection 2, on or before the due date, the area municipality may charge the Regional Corporation interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum thereon, or such lower rate as the council of the area municipality determines, from such date until payment is made.

Where an area municipality intends to stop up a highway or part of a highway, it shall so notify the Regional Corporation by registered mail.

(2) If the Regional Council objects to such stopping-up, it shall notify the council of the area municipality by registered mail within sixty days of the receipt of the notice required under subsection 1 and the highway or part thereof shall not be stopped-up except by agreement between the area municipality and the Regional Council and failing such agreement the Municipal Board, upon application, may determine the matter and its decision is final.

The Regional Council shall by by-law appoint a person, who is a professional engineer registered as a civil engineer under The Professional Engineers Act, to administer and manage the regional road system.

Sections 92, 94, 96, 99 and 102 of The Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act apply mutatis mutandis with respect to any road in the regional road system.

PART IV
Planning

On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, the Regional Area is defined as, and shall continue to be a joint planning area under The Planning Act to be known as the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area.
2) The Regional Corporation is the designated municipality within the meaning of *The Planning Act* for the purposes of The Planning Act for the purposes of the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area.

3) All planning areas and subsidiary planning areas that are included in the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area, together with the boards thereof are hereby dissolved on the 31st day of December, 1973.

4) Each area municipality is constituted a subsidiary planning area effective the 1st day of January, 1974, and the council thereof shall have all the powers of a planning board under *The Planning Act* and no area municipality shall establish a planning board.

5) Nothing in subsections 3 and 4 affects any official plan in effect in any part of the Regional Area.

6) When the Minister has approved an official plan adopted by the Regional Council,

(a) every official plan and every by-law passed under section 35 of *The Planning Act* or a predecessor thereof then in effect in the planning area affected thereby shall be amended forthwith to conform therewith; and

(b) no official plan of a subsidiary planning area shall be approved that does not conform therewith.

55.—(1) The Regional Council shall investigate and survey the physical, social and economic conditions in relation to the development of the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area and may perform such other duties of a planning nature as may be referred to it by any council having jurisdiction in the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing shall,

(a) prepare maps, drawings, texts, statistical information and all other material necessary for the study, explanation and solution of problems or matters affecting the development of the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area;

(b) hold public meetings and publish information and all other material necessary for the study, explanation and solution of problems or matters affecting the development of the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area;

(c) consult with any local board having jurisdiction within the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area;
(2) The Regional Council, before the 31st day of December, 1976, shall prepare, adopt and forward to the Minister for approval an official plan for the Regional Area.

(3) The Regional Council and the council of each area municipality may appoint such planning committees and staff as it considers necessary.

(4) Subject to this Part, the Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a municipality and the Regional Council a planning board for the purposes of section 1, subsections 4, 6 and 7 of section 2, sections 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 33, 43 and 44 of The Planning Act.

(5) The Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a county for the purposes of section 39 of The Planning Act.

(6) The Regional Corporation may enter into agreements with area municipalities or persons relating to approval of plans of subdivision.

(7) The Regional Corporation, with the approval of the Minister, may enter into agreements with any governmental authority, or any agency thereof created by statute for the carrying out of studies relating to the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area or any part thereof.

(8) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, upon the recommendation of the Minister, delegate to the Regional Council any of the Minister's powers of approval under The Planning Act.

(9) All committees of adjustment heretofore constituted by the council of a local municipality in the Hamilton-Wentworth Planning Area are hereby dissolved on the 31st day of December, 1973, and the council of each area municipality shall forthwith after the 1st day of January, 1974, pass a by-law constituting and appointing a committee of adjustment under section 41 of The Planning Act, but notwithstanding the provisions of such Act no such committee shall have any authority to grant consents referred to in section 29 of such Act.

(10) On or before the 1st day of January, 1974, the Regional Council shall, without notice from the Minister, constitute and appoint a land division committee composed of such number of persons, not fewer than three, as the Regional Council considers advisable, to grant consents referred to in section 29 of The Planning Act.

56. Except as provided in this Part, the provisions of The Planning Act apply to the Regional Corporation.
57.—(1) The Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a city for all the purposes of the provisions of The Public Hospitals Act and The Private Hospitals Act respecting hospitalization and burial of indigent persons and their dependants, and no area municipality has any liability under such provisions.

(2) The Regional Corporation is liable for the hospitalization and burial, after the 31st day of December, 1973, of an indigent person or his dependant who was in hospital on the 31st day of December, 1973, and in respect of whom any local municipality within the Regional Area was liable because the indigent person was a resident of such local municipality or the County of Wentworth.

(3) Nothing in subsection 2 relieves any such local municipality from any liability in respect of hospitalization or burials before the 1st day of January, 1974.

58.—(1) The Regional Council shall be responsible for granting aid for the construction, erection, establishment, acquisition, maintenance, equipping and carrying on the business of all public hospitals including municipal hospitals and other health care facilities in the Regional Area and may issue debentures therefor, and no area municipality shall exercise any such powers in respect of public hospitals including municipal hospitals.

(2) The Regional Council shall be responsible for making all municipal appointments to the board of any public hospital in the Regional Area.

(3) The Regional Corporation shall pay to any area municipality, on or before the due date, all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding indebtedness of the area municipality in respect of aid granted by a local municipality for the purposes mentioned in subsection 1, prior to the 1st day of January, 1974, and if the Regional Corporation fails to pay such amounts before the due date, the area municipality may charge the Regional Corporation interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum thereon, or such lower rate as the council of the area municipality determines, from such date until payment is made.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special Act, payments made under this section shall form part of the Hospital costs form part of the regional levy.
59.—(1) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, the Regional Area shall be a health unit established under *The Public Health Act* and, subject to this Part, the provisions of such Act apply, and the board of health of the health unit so established shall be known as the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Board of Health.

(2) The health unit serving the County of Wentworth and the City of Hamilton on the 31st day of December, 1973, is hereby dissolved on the 1st day of January, 1974, and all the assets and liabilities thereof shall become the assets and liabilities of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Board of Health.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, the boundaries of the health unit of the Regional Area shall not be altered except by order of the Minister of Health.

60. — (1) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Board of Health shall be composed of,

(a) seven members of the Regional Council appointed by the Regional Council; and

(b) not more than three persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Minister of Health.

(2) The members of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Board of Health appointed by the Regional Council shall not be paid any remuneration as members of such board, except expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, the expenses incurred by the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Board of Health in establishing and maintaining the health unit and performing its functions under *The Public Health Act* or any other Act shall be accounted for, borne and paid by the Regional Corporation.

61.—(1) For the purposes of the following Acts, the Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a city and no area municipality shall be deemed to be a municipality:


2. *The Mental Hospitals Act*.


(2) For the purposes of the following Acts, the Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a county and no area municipality shall be deemed to be a municipality:

1. The Day Nurseries Act.
3. The Homemakers and Nurses Services Act.

62.—(1) The Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a county for the purposes of The Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act, and no area municipality has any authority as to the establishment, erection and maintenance of a home for the aged under such Act.

(2) The homes for the aged known as Wentworth Lodge and Macassa Lodge and all assets and liabilities thereof, together with all the real and personal property of such homes vest in the Regional Corporation on the 1st day of January, 1974, without compensation.

(3) The Regional Corporation shall pay to The Corporation of the City of Hamilton on or before the due date all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding debt in respect of Macassa Lodge.

(4) If the Regional Corporation fails to make any payment as required by subsection 3, the City of Hamilton may charge the Regional Corporation interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum thereon, or such lower rate as the council of the City determines from such date until payment is made.

63.—(1) The Regional Corporation shall pay to the committee or board of management of any home for the aged located outside the Regional Area the cost of maintenance in such home, incurred after the 31st day of December, 1973, of every resident of such home who was admitted thereto due to residence in any area that becomes part of an area municipality.

(2) The amount payable by the Regional Corporation under subsection 1 shall be such as may be agreed upon or, failing agreement, as may be determined by the Municipal Board.

64. No area municipality shall be deemed to be a municipality for the purposes of The Child Welfare Act, and the Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a city for the purposes of such Act.
65. The Regional Corporation is liable for the amounts payable on or after the 1st day of January, 1974, by any area municipality under section 88 of The Child Welfare Act, 1965 and is entitled to recover the amounts payable to any area municipality on or after that date under that section.

66. Where an order is made under subsection 2 of section 20 of the Juvenile Delinquents Act (Canada) upon an area municipality, such order shall be considered to be an order upon the Regional Corporation, and the sums of money required to be paid under such order shall be paid by the Regional Corporation and not by the area municipality.

67. Every area municipality and every officer or employee thereof shall, at the request of the officers of the Regional Corporation who are responsible for the administration of the Acts referred to in this Part, furnish forthwith to such officers any information they may require for the purposes of this Act.

68. In the event that there is any doubt as to whether the Regional Corporation is liable under this Part in respect of the liabilities imposed herein, the matter may be settled by agreement between the municipalities concerned or, failing agreement, may be determined by the Municipal Board.

69. The Regional Corporation may grant aid to approved corporations established under The Homes for Retarded Persons Act, and may enter into agreements with any of such corporations with respect to the construction, operation and maintenance of homes for retarded persons.

PART VI
Police

70. In this Part, "Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board" means the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Board of Commissioners of Police.

71.—(1) Notwithstanding The Police Act, on the 1st day of November, 1973, a board of commissioners of police shall be constituted to be known as the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Board of Commissioners of Police, which shall consist of,

(a) two members of the Regional Council appointed by resolution of the Regional Council;

(b) a judge of a county or district court designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and
(c) two persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) Three members of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board, including a member appointed by the Regional Council, are necessary to form a quorum.

(3) The Regional Corporation shall provide for the payment of a reasonable remuneration, not being less than the minimum prescribed by the regulations under The Police Act, to the members of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and the members appointed by the Regional Council shall not be paid any remuneration as members of such Board except expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.

72.—(1) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974,

(a) the Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a city having a population of more than 15,000 according to the last municipal census for the purposes of The Police Act, except subsections 1 to 4 of section 8 thereof;

(b) The Police Act does not apply to any area municipality; and

(c) the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board and the members of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Force shall be charged with the same duties with respect to by-laws of the area municipalities as with respect to by-laws of the Regional Corporation.

(2) The fines imposed for the contravention of the by-laws of any area municipality, shall where prosecuted by the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Force, belong to the Regional Corporation and, where prosecuted by any other person, belong to the area municipality whose by-law has been contravened.

73.—(1) Every person who is a member of a police force of a local municipality within the Regional Area on the 1st day of April, 1973, and continues to be a member until the 31st day of December, 1973, shall, on the 1st day of January, 1974, become a member of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Force, and the provisions of subsections 4 and 11 of section 27 apply to such members, but no member shall receive in the year 1974 any benefits of employment, exclusive of rank, less favourable than those he was receiving from the local municipality.
(2) Every person who is a member of a police force of a local municipality on the 31st day of December, 1973, and becomes a member of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Force on the 1st day of January, 1974, is subject to the government of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board to the same extent as if appointed by the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board and the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Association shall be entitled to make representations to such Board in respect of by-laws and regulations for the government of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police.

(3) Every person who becomes a member of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Force under subsection 1 shall,

(a) be considered to have elected to participate in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System if he was a member of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System on the day immediately preceding his employment by the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board and such member shall have uninterrupted membership in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System, and be entitled to participate in the supplementary plan as may be established either for the Town of Stoney Creek or the Town of Dundas;

(b) with the exception of civilian employees and assistants, be retired on the last day of the month in which the member attains sixty years of age;

(c) have credited to him in the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Force the total number of years of service that he had in the police force of the local municipality of which he was a member immediately prior to the 1st day of January, 1974;

(d) receive such sick leave credits and benefits in the sick leave credit plan which shall be established by the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board as he had standing to his credit in the plan of the local municipality; and

(e) not be transferred without his consent to a detachment further than a distance of fifteen miles from the detachment headquarters of the police force of which he was a member on the 31st day of December, 1973.

(4) Civilian employees and assistants of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Force shall be retired on the last day of the month in which such civilian employee or assistant attains sixty-five years of age.
(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses a and b of subsection 3, those members of the police force who participate in the retirement plan established under By-law No. 7970 as amended, of the City of Hamilton, shall continue to participate therein after they become members of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Force.

(6) On or before the 1st day of November, 1973, the members of the municipal police forces within the Regional Area shall appoint a joint bargaining committee to represent all such municipal police forces to bargain with the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board in the manner and for the purposes provided in The Police Act and the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board shall be the sole negotiating body to bargain with such committee.

(7) The first meeting of the bargaining committee and the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board shall be held not later than the 31st day of December, 1973.

(8) Section 239 of The Municipal Act applies mutatis mutandis to the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board.

74.—(1) The Regional Council shall, before the 1st day of January, 1974, pass by-laws which shall be effective on such date assuming for the use of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board any such land or building that the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board may require that is vested on the 1st day of July, 1973, in any local municipality or local board thereof, and at least 40 per cent of which is used on such date for the purposes of the police force of that municipality, and on the day any such by-law becomes effective the property designated therein vests in the Regional Corporation.

(2) No local municipality, between the 1st day of June, 1973, and the 1st day of January, 1974, shall without the consent of the Municipal Board sell, lease or otherwise dispose of or encumber any land or building mentioned in subsection 1.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection 1, a by-law for assuming any land or building mentioned in subsection 1, with the approval of the Municipal Board, may be passed after the 1st day of January, 1974, and in that case the by-law shall become effective on the date provided therein.

(4) Where any part of a building mentioned in subsection 1 is used by the local municipality or a local board thereof for other than police purposes, the Regional Corporation may, where practicable, assume only the part of the building and land appurtenant thereto used for the purposes of the police force of such municipality; or
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(b) vest the building and land appurtenant thereto in the Regional Corporation and enter into an agreement with such municipality or local board thereof for the use of a part of the building by such municipality or local board on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

(5) Where the Regional Corporation assumes any property under subsection 1 or 3,

(a) no compensation or damage shall be payable to the local municipality or local board except as provided in this subsection;

(b) the Regional Corporation shall thereafter pay to the area municipality before the due date all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding debt of the area municipality in respect of any property vested in the Regional Corporation; and

(c) the Regional Corporation shall thereafter pay to the area municipality for the portion of any land or building vested in the Regional Corporation under this section that is not used for police purposes on the 1st day of July, 1973, such amount as may be agreed upon and failing agreement the Municipal Board, upon application, may determine the amount, and its decision is final, provided such amount shall not be greater than the capital expenditure for such portion of such land or building less the amount of any outstanding debt in respect of such portion.

(6) If the Regional Corporation fails on or before the due date to make any payment required by clause b of subsection 5, the area municipality may charge the Regional Corporation interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum thereon, or such lower rate as the council of the area municipality determines, from such date until payment is made.

(7) Where a building vested in a local municipality or local board is used partly by the police force of the regional municipality and is not vested in the Regional Corporation under this section, the area municipality at the request of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board on or after the 1st day of January, 1974, shall provide, at such rentals as may be agreed upon, at least as much accommodation in such building for the use of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board as was being provided by the local municipality for its police force on the 1st day of July, 1973, and failing agreement the Municipal Board, upon application, may determine the matter and its decision is final.
(8) At the request of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board, each area municipality, for the use of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board,

(a) shall transfer to the Regional Corporation without compensation all personal property, including office supplies and stationery in the possession of the area municipality on the 1st day of January, 1974, that was provided for the exclusive use of the police force of the area municipality; and

(b) shall make available to the Regional Corporation all personal property the use of which was shared by the police force and any department or departments of the area municipality on the 1st day of January, 1974, on the same terms and to the same extent as the police force used the property before such date.

(9) All signal and communication systems owned by any local municipality and used for the purposes of the police force of the municipality on the 1st day of July, 1973, or thereafter, are vested in the Regional Corporation for the use of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board on the 1st day of January, 1974, and no compensation shall be payable to the municipality therefor and the Regional Corporation shall there-after pay to the area municipality before the due date all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding debt of the area municipality in respect of any such signal or communication system, and if the Regional Corporation fails to make any payment on or before such due date, the area municipality may charge the Regional Corporation interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum, or such lower rate as the council of the area municipality determines, from such date until payment is made.

(10) In the event of any doubt as to whether any land or building is used at least 40 per cent for the purposes of a police force, the Municipal Board, upon application, may determine the matter and its decision is final.

75. The Regional Corporation shall provide all real and personal property necessary for the purposes of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Board.

PART VII

REGIONAL WATERWORKS SYSTEM

76. — (1) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, the Regional Corporation shall have the sole responsibility for the supply and distribution of water in the Regional Area and all the provisions of any general Act relating to the supply and
distribution of water by a municipal corporation or a local board thereof and all of the provisions of any special Act relating to the supply and distribution of water by an area municipality or a local board thereof apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Corporation except the power to establish a public utilities commission.

(2) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, no area municipality shall have or exercise any powers under any Act for the supply and distribution of water.

(3) All waterworks, supply systems, meters, mechanical equipment and all real and personal property of any nature whatsoever used solely for the purpose of the supply and distribution of water and all other assets, liabilities and surpluses or deficits, including reserves, of the local municipalities relating to any facility for the supply and distribution of water in the Regional Area or for any area municipality is vested in the Regional Corporation effective the 1st day of January, 1974, and no compensation or damages shall be payable to any area municipality in respect thereof.

(4) The Regional Council shall pay to the corporation of any municipality before the due date all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding debt of such area municipality in respect of the property assumed by the Regional Corporation under the provisions of subsection 3, but nothing in this subsection requires the Regional Corporation to pay that portion of the amounts of principal and interest that under The Local Improvement Act is payable as the owners' share of a local improvement.

(5) If the Regional Corporation fails to make any payment as required by subsection 4, the area municipality may charge the Regional Corporation interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum thereon, or such lower rate as the council of the area municipality determines from such date until payment is made.

(6) With respect to any agreements entered into by any municipality or local board thereof in the Regional Area respecting the supply and distribution of water, the Regional Corporation shall, on the 1st day of January, 1974, stand in the place and stead of such municipality or local board for all purposes of any such agreement.

(7) The Regional Corporation shall be entitled to enter into agreement with any other regional corporation with respect to any of the matters provided for in this Part.
PART VIII

REGIONAL SEWAGE WORKS

77.—(1) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, the Regional Corporation shall have the sole responsibility for the collection and disposal of all sewage except as provided for in subsection 8 in the Regional Area and all of the provisions of any general Act relating to the collection and disposal of such sewage by a municipal corporation or a local board thereof and all of the provisions of any special Act relating to the collection and disposal of such sewage by an area municipality or a local board thereof apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Corporation, except the power to establish a public utilities commission.

(2) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, no area municipality shall have or exercise any powers under any Act for the collection and disposal of sewage except as provided in subsection 8.

(3) All sewage works, sewer systems and treatment works, including buildings, structures, plant, machinery, equipment, devices, intakes and outfalls or outlets, or other works designed for the interception, collection, settling, treating, dispersing, disposing or discharging of sewage, except as provided in subsection 8 and all real and personal property of any nature whatsoever used solely for the purpose of the collection and disposal of such sewage in the Regional Area by any area municipality is vested in the Regional Corporation on the 1st day of January, 1974, and no compensation or damages shall be payable to any area municipality in respect thereof.

(4) The Regional Council shall pay to the corporation of any area municipality on or before the due date all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding debt of such area municipality in respect of the property assumed by the Regional Corporation under the provisions of subsection 3, but nothing in this subsection requires the Regional Corporation to pay that portion of the amounts of principal and interest that under The Local Improvement Act, R.S.O. 1970, c. 265, is payable as the owner's share of the local improvement work.

(5) If the Regional Corporation fails to make any payment as required by subsection 4, the area municipality may charge the Regional Corporation interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum thereon, or such lower rate as the council of the area municipality determines from such date until payment is made.

(6) The Regional Corporation may by by-law provide for imposing on and collecting from any area municipality, in respect of the whole of such municipality or any designated
part thereof from which sewage is received, except as provided for in subsection 8, a sewage rate sufficient to pay the whole, or such portion as the by-law may specify, of the regional expenditures for the maintenance, operation and debt service of the regional sewage system, and if any area municipality considers itself aggrieved by the imposition of any rate under this section, it may appeal to the Municipal Board.

(7) With respect to any agreements entered into by any municipality or local board thereof in the Regional Area respecting the interception, collecting, settling, treating, dispersing, disposing or discharging of sewage, except as provided for in subsection 8, the Regional Corporation shall stand in the place and stead of such municipality or local board for all purposes of any such agreement.

(8) The Regional Corporation shall be responsible for undertaking the land drainage system including storm sewers with respect to regional roads and any surrounding lands which naturally drain into such land drainage system and may undertake a land drainage program including storm sewers in any part of the Regional Area as the Regional Corporation deems necessary, and the area municipalities shall be responsible for all other land drainage systems, including storm sewers, within their respective boundaries.

(9) Where the Regional Corporation undertakes a program provided for in subsection 8, the Regional Corporation may assume all or any portion of the land drainage system, including storm sewers, of an area municipality, without compensation, and the provisions of subsections 4 and 5 shall apply thereto, mutatis mutandis.

(10) An area municipality may,

(a) pay the amounts chargeable to it under subsection 6 out of its general funds; or

(b) subject to the approval of the Municipal Board, pass by-laws under section 362 of The Municipal Act for imposing sewer rates to recover the whole or any part of the amount chargeable to the area municipality in the same manner as if the work were being or had been constructed, extended or improved by the area municipality, notwithstanding that in the by-law authorizing the work there was no provision for imposing, with the approval of the Municipal Board, upon owners or occupants of land who derive or will or may derive a benefit from the work a sewer rate sufficient to pay the whole or a portion or percentage of the capital cost of the work; or
(c) include the whole or any part of an amount chargeable to the area municipality as part of the cost of an urban service for the collection and disposal of sewage and drainage chargeable within an urban service area established in the area municipality under any general or special Act.

(11) The Regional Corporation shall be entitled to enter into agreement with any other regional corporation with respect to any of the matters provided for in this Part.

(12) Where the whole or any part of any sewage system is vested in the Regional Corporation by the provisions of this Part, or by by-law issued under authority thereof, the Regional Council may define the estate in land so vested and the area of such land.

PART IX

FINANCES

78.—(1) In this Part, “rateable property” includes business and other assessment made under The Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1970, c. 32.

(2) Every area municipality shall be deemed to be an area municipality for all purposes of The Regional Municipal Grants Act and every merged area shall be deemed to be a merged regional municipality for the purposes of section 9 of that Act.

(3) The Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a regional municipality for the purposes of The Regional Municipal Grants Act, except that,

(a) for the purposes of any payment under that Act in the year 1974 to the Regional Corporation, the population of each area municipality shall be determined in such manner as the Ministry considers proper; and

(b) for the purposes of this Act, “net regional levy” in The Regional Municipal Grants Act, means the amount required for regional purposes, including the sums required by law to be provided for any board, commission, or other body, but excluding school purposes, apportioned to each area municipality by section 81 of this Act reduced by the amount credited to each area municipality under section 3 of The Regional Municipal Grants Act.

79. Section 312 of The Municipal Act applies mutatis mutandis to the Regional Corporation.
YEARLY ESTIMATES AND LEVIES

80.—(1) The Regional Council shall in each year prepare and adopt estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the Regional Corporation, including the sums required by law to be provided by the Regional Council for any local board of the Regional Corporation, and such estimates shall set forth the estimated revenues and expenditures in such detail and according to such form as the Ministry may from time to time prescribe.

(2) In preparing the estimates, the Regional Council shall make due allowance for a surplus of any previous year that will be available during the current year and shall provide for any operating deficit of any previous year and for such reserves within such limits as to type and amount as the Ministry may approve.

(3) The amount by which any operating deficit existing for the County of Wentworth on the 31st day of December, 1973, exceeds the total of such county's reserves on such date shall become a charge on the municipalities that levied rates for such county in the same proportions as the last apportionment made for county purposes, and shall be paid in such proportions to the Regional Corporation by the appropriate area municipality or municipalities not later than the 30th day of June, 1974.

(4) Where an operating surplus exists for the County of Wentworth on the 31st day of December, 1973, or where an operating deficit exists on such date that does not exceed the total of such county's reserves on such date, such amount shall vest in the Regional Corporation.

(5) Where an operating surplus exists for the County of Wentworth on the 31st day of December, 1973, or where an operating deficit exists on such date that does not exceed the total of such county's reserves on such date, a sum shall be determined equivalent to,

(a) the audited surplus of the County of Wentworth together with the total of such county's reserves on such date; or

(b) the total of the County's reserves less the audited deficit of the County on such date.

and such sum shall be paid by the City of Hamilton to the Regional Corporation not later than the 30th day of June, 1974.
(6) Notwithstanding subsection 2, in the year 1974, the Regional Council shall transfer to a reserve for working funds an amount equal to the aggregate of,

(a) the audited surplus of the County of Wentworth together with the total of such county’s reserves on such date; or

(b) the total of such county’s reserves less the audited deficit of the county on such date; and

(c) any amount payable to the Regional Corporation under subsection 5.

(7) Section 43 of The Assessment Act and section 606 of The Municipal Act apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Corporation.

81. — (1) The Regional Council in each year shall levy against the area municipalities a sum sufficient,

(a) for payment of the estimated current annual expenditures as adopted; and

(b) for payment of all debts of the Regional Corporation falling due within the year as well as amounts required to be raised for sinking funds and principal and interest payments or sinking fund requirements in respect of debenture debt of area municipalities for the payment of which the Regional Corporation is liable under this Act.

(2) The Regional Council shall ascertain and by by-law direct what portion of the sum mentioned in subsection 1 shall be levied against and in each area municipality.

(3) Subject to subsection 9, all amounts levied under subsection 1 shall be apportioned among the area municipalities in the proportion that the whole rateable property in each area municipality bears to the whole rateable property in the Regional Area, according to the last revised assessment rolls.

(4) The Ministry of Revenue shall revise, equalize and weight the last revised assessment rolls of the area municipalities and, for the purpose of subsection 3, the last revised assessment rolls for the area municipalities as so revised, equalized and weighted by the Ministry of Revenue shall be deemed to be the last revised assessment rolls of the area municipalities.
(5) Upon completion by the Ministry of Revenue of the revision, equalization and weighting of assessment, the Ministry of Revenue shall notify the Regional Corporation and each of the area municipalities of the revised, equalized and weighted assessment of each area municipality.

(6) If any area municipality is not satisfied with the assessment as revised, equalized and weighted by the Ministry of Revenue, the area municipality may appeal from the decision of the Ministry of Revenue by notice in writing to the Municipal Board at any time within thirty days after the notice of the revised, equalized and weighted assessment was sent to the area municipality by the Ministry of Revenue.

(7) Every notice of revision, equalization and weighting made under this section shall set out the time within which an appeal may be made to the Municipal Board with respect to such revision, equalization and weighting.

(8) Where the last revised assessment of the area municipality has been revised, equalized and weighted by the Ministry of Revenue and has been appealed, the Regional Council shall forthwith after the decision of the Municipal Board on such appeal, amend, if required, the by-law passed under subsection 2 so as to make the apportionments among the area municipalities according to the assessments as revised by the Municipal Board upon such appeal, and,

(a) where the moneys levied against an area municipality are thereby increased, the treasurer of the area municipality shall pay the amount of the increase to the treasurer of the Regional Corporation; and

(b) where the moneys levied against an area municipality are thereby decreased, the treasurer of the area municipality shall be liable to pay the treasurer of the Regional Corporation only the reduced levy or, if the original levy has been paid by the area municipality, the treasurer of the Regional Corporation shall pay the amount of the decrease to the treasurer of the area municipality.

(9) The apportionment of the levy among the area municipalities as provided for in subsections 2 and 3 shall be based on the full value of all rateable property, and, notwithstanding any general or special Act, no fixed assessment other than a fixed assessment under section 31 of *The Assessment Act*, or partial or total exemption from assessment or taxation applies thereto, except as provided in section 3 of *The Assessment Act*. 

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(10) The assessment upon which the levy shall be apportioned among the area municipalities shall include the valuations of all properties for which payments in lieu of taxes which include a payment in respect of regional levies are paid by the Crown in right of Canada or any province or any board, commission, corporation or other agency thereof or The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario or under subsection 6 of section 137 to any area municipality and the amount by which the assessment of an area municipality shall be deemed to be increased by virtue of payments under section 304 and 304a of The Municipal Act and section 4 of The Provincial Parks Municipal Tax Assistance Act, 1971 and subsection 2 of section 3 of The Property Tax Stabilization Act, 1973.

(11) Within fourteen days of a request by the Ministry of Revenue, the clerk of an area municipality shall transmit to the said Ministry a statement of the payments referred to in subsection 10 and the said Ministry shall revise, equalize and weight the valuations of these payments and shall notify the Regional Corporation and the appropriate area municipality of such valuations.

(12) One by-law or several by-laws for making the levies may be passed as the Regional Council may consider expedient.

(13) Subject to subsections 4, 5 and 6 of section 47 of The Regional Assessment Act, in each area municipality the regional levy shall be calculated and levied upon the whole rateable property rateable for such purpose within such area municipality according to the last revised assessment roll thereof.

(14) All moneys levied against an area municipality under the authority of this section shall be deemed to be taxes and are a debt of the area municipality to the Regional Corporation and the treasurer of every area municipality shall pay the moneys so levied to the treasurer of the Regional Corporation at the times and in the amounts specified by the by-law of the Regional Council mentioned in subsection 2.

(15) If an area municipality fails to make any payment as provided in the by-law, interest shall be added at the rate of 12 per cent per annum or such lower rate as the Regional Council determines, from the date payment is due until it is made.

82.—(1) The Ministry of Revenue shall revise, equalize and weight each part of the last revised assessment roll of the area municipalities that relates to a merged area and each
such part of the last revised assessment roll of each of the area municipalities as revised, equalized and weighted is final and binding.

(2) Upon completion by the Ministry of Revenue of the revision, equalization and weighting of assessment in an area municipality under subsection 1, the Ministry of Revenue shall notify the area municipality of the revised, equalized and weighted assessment.

(3) Notwithstanding section 7 of The Regional Municipal Grants Act, the net regional levy and the sums adopted in accordance with section 307 of The Municipal Act for all purposes, excluding school purposes, levied against the whole rateable property of an area municipality shall be apportioned among the merged areas of such area municipality in the proportion that the total equalized and weighted assessment of each merged area bears to the total equalized and weighted assessment of the area municipality both according to the last revised assessment roll as equalized and weighted by the Ministry of Revenue under subsection 1, and subsection 9 of section 35 of The Assessment Act shall not apply to any apportionment by an area municipality under this subsection.

(4) The rates to be levied in each merged area shall be determined in accordance with subsection 2 of section 7 of The Regional Municipal Grants Act.

**83.**—(1) Notwithstanding section 81, in the year 1974 the Regional Council may, before the adoption of the estimates for that year, levy against the area municipalities a sum not exceeding 25 per cent of the aggregate levies made by all local municipalities within the Regional Area in the year 1973 for general municipal and county purposes, and any amount so levied shall be apportioned among the area municipalities in the same manner as levies made under subsection 1 of section 81 and subsections 14 and 15 of section 81 apply to such levy.

(2) Notwithstanding section 81, in 1975 and in subsequent years, the Regional Council may, before the adoption of estimates for that year, levy against each of the area municipalities a sum not exceeding 50 per cent of the levy made by the Regional Council in the preceding year against that area municipality and subsections 14 and 15 of section 81 apply to such levy.

(3) The amount of any levy made under subsection 1 or 2 shall be deducted from the amount of the levy made under section 81.
(4) Notwithstanding section 82 the council of an area municipality may in any year before the adoption of the estimates for that year, levy in each of the merged areas in the area municipality, on the whole of the assessment for real property including business assessment in the merged area according to the last revised assessment roll, a sum not exceeding 50 per cent of that which would be produced by applying to such assessment the total rate for all purposes levied in the merged area in the preceding year on residential real property of public school supporters.

(5) The amount of any levy under subsection 4 shall be deducted from the amount of the levy made under section 82.

(6) Subsection 4 of section 303 of The Municipal Act applies to levies made under this section.

(7) The Ministry of Revenue for the purposes of a levy under subsection 1 shall complete a preliminary assessment based on the assessment of the local municipalities used for taxation purposes in 1973, adjusted to reflect the boundaries of the area municipalities established under section 2, revised, equalized and weighted in accordance with subsections 4, 9 and 10 of section 81, and such preliminary assessment shall be deemed to be the revised, equalized and weighted assessment under subsection 5 of section 81.

(8) The Ministry of Revenue shall notify the Regional Corporation and each area municipality of the preliminary assessment, referred to in subsection 7, prior to the 31st day of January, 1974.

84.—(1) For the purposes of levying taxes under The Separate Schools Act, the merged areas of an area municipality shall be deemed to be municipalities, and the council of the area municipality shall be deemed to be the council of each such merged area.

(2) The amount required to be levied and collected by an area municipality for public school purposes on commercial assessment determined as a result of the application of section 78 of The Schools Administration Act shall be apportioned among the merged areas in the ratio that the total commercial assessment for public school purposes in each merged area bears to the total commercial assessment for public school purposes in the area municipality, both as equalized by the Ministry of Revenue in accordance with subsection 1 of section 82.
(3) The amount required to be levied and collected by an area municipality for public school purposes on residential assessment determined as a result of the application of section 78 of The Schools Administration Act shall be apportioned among the merged areas in the ratio that the total residential assessment for public school purposes in each merged area bears to the total residential assessment for public school purposes in the area municipality, both as equalized by the Ministry of Revenue in accordance with subsection 1 of section 82.

(4) The amount required to be levied and collected by an area municipality for secondary school purposes on commercial assessment determined as a result of the application of section 78 of The Schools Administration Act shall be apportioned among the merged areas in the ratio that the total commercial assessment for secondary school purposes in each merged area bears to the total commercial assessment for secondary school purposes in the area municipality, both as equalized by the Ministry of Revenue in accordance with subsection 1 of section 82.

(5) The amount required to be levied and collected by an area municipality for secondary school purposes on residential assessment determined as a result of the application of section 78 of The Schools Administration Act shall be apportioned among the merged areas in the ratio that the total residential assessment for secondary school purposes in each merged area bears to the total residential assessment for secondary school purposes in the area municipality, both as equalized by the Ministry of Revenue in accordance with subsection 1 of section 82.

(6) Notwithstanding subsections 2, 3, 4 and 5, where, in any year, a regulation is in force under section 33 of The Secondary Schools and Boards of Education Act, the apportionments referred to in the said subsections 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be made in accordance with such regulation.

**Adjustments**

85. The Minister may provide from time to time by order that, in the year or years and in the manner specified in the order, the council of any area municipality shall levy, on the whole of the assessment for real property and business assessment according to the last revised assessment roll in any specified merged area or areas, rates of taxation for general purposes which are different from the rates which would have been levied for such purposes but for the provisions of this section.
86.—(1) For the purpose of subsection 2 of section 307 of The Municipal Act, the surplus of the previous year for which allowance is to be made or the operating deficit to be provided for in the estimates of the council of an area municipality for the year 1974 shall be the aggregate of the audited surpluses or operating deficits of each of the merged areas of that area municipality.

(2) For the purpose of subsection 1, the audited surplus or operating deficit of a merged area that before the 1st day of January, 1974, comprised the whole of a local municipality shall be the audited surplus or operating deficit of such local municipality at the 31st day of December, 1973.

(3) For the purpose of subsection 1, the audited surplus or operating deficit of a merged area that before the 1st day of January, 1974, comprised part of a local municipality shall be an amount that is the same proportion of the audited surplus or operating deficit of the local municipality that the amount of the assessment of the merged area is of the total amount of the assessment of the local municipality, both according to the last revised assessment roll.

(4) For the purpose of this section and section 87, the audited surplus or operating deficit of a local municipality at the 31st day of December, 1973, shall be reduced or increased as the case may be by any payment made by a local municipality under subsections 3 and 5 of section 80.

87.—(1) In this section "surplus or operating deficit" includes any reserves provided for under subsection 2 of section 307 of The Municipal Act.

(2) The audited surplus or operating deficit of a local municipality at the 31st day of December, 1973, shall accrue to the credit of or become a charge on the assessment supporting such surplus or operating deficit and shall be provided for by adjustment of the tax rate over a period not exceeding five years from the 1st day of January, 1974.

88.—(1) The Minister may, on or before the 1st day of September, 1973, appoint committees of arbitrators for the purpose of determining initially the disposition, including the physical possession of the assets and liabilities, including reserve funds, of any divided municipality.

(2) Each committee shall consist of the treasurers of the divisions concerned with the disposition of particular assets and liabilities and reserve funds, or such other person or persons as the Minister may appoint.
(3) Before the 31st day of December, 1973, the committees shall, where appropriate, make provisional determinations of the disposition of the known assets, liabilities and reserve funds, and these dispositions shall become operative from the 1st day of January, 1974.

Final determination

(4) As soon as possible, thereafter, the committees where appropriate, shall make final determinations of the disposition of assets, liabilities and reserve funds as at the 31st day of December, 1973, together with determinations of any financial adjustments which may be necessary.

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(5) The final determination made under subsection 4 shall be forwarded forthwith to the area municipalities concerned and to the Municipal Board and unless the council of any such area municipality notifies the Municipal Board in writing within thirty days of the mailing of such determination to the area municipality that it objects to the determination, such determination shall, for the purposes of clause a of subsection 11 of section 14 of The Municipal Act, be deemed to be agreed upon by such area municipalities.

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(6) The final determination of a disposition or an adjustment under this section shall set out the time within which an appeal may be made to the Municipal Board with respect to such determination.

Documents and records

(7) All documents and records kept by the clerk or treasurer or other officer of each divided municipality shall be transferred to the clerk or treasurer or other officer, as the case may be, of the area municipality designated by the appropriate committee established under subsection 1, and such documents and records shall be made available to any official of any area municipality to which any other portion of the divided municipality is transferred, during the normal office hours of the area municipality to which they are transferred.

Period of adjustment

(8) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 80, 87 and this section, the Minister may by order prescribe the period over which any adjustments and settlements made thereunder are to be made.

RESERVE FUNDS

89. — (1) Reserve funds established by local municipalities for purposes for which the Regional Council has authority to spend funds and for which the council of an area municipality has no authority to spend funds are reserve funds of the Regional Corporation and the assets of such reserve funds are vested in the Regional Corporation.
(2) Reserve funds established by local municipalities, other than divided municipalities, for purposes for which the councils of area municipalities have authority to spend funds and for which the Regional Council has no authority to spend funds are reserve funds of the area municipality of which the local municipality forms a part and the assets of such reserve funds are vested in such area municipality.

90. (1) The Regional Council may in each year, if authorized by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting of the Regional Council, provide in the estimates for the establishment or maintenance of a reserve fund for any purpose for which it has authority to spend funds.

(2) The moneys raised for a reserve fund established under subsection 1 shall be paid into a special account and may be invested in such securities as a trustee may invest in under The Trustee Act, and the earnings derived from the investment of such moneys form part of the reserve fund.

(3) The moneys raised for a reserve fund established under subsection 1 shall not be expended, pledged or applied to any purpose other than that for which the fund was established without the approval of the Ministry.

(4) The auditor in his annual report shall report on the activities and position of each reserve fund established under subsection 1.

Temporary Loans

91. — (1) Section 332 of The Municipal Act applies mutatis mutandis to the Regional Council.

(2) In 1974, for the purpose of subsection 4 of section 332 of The Municipal Act, the amount that may be borrowed at any one time prior to the adoption of the estimates for that year shall be such amount as may be approved by the Minister.

Debt

92. — (1) Subject to the limitations and restrictions in Debt this Act and The Ontario Municipal Board Act, the Regional Council may borrow money for the purposes of,

(a) the Regional Corporation;

(b) any area municipality;
(c) the joint purposes of any two or more area municipalities,

whether under this or any general or special Act, and may issue debentures therefor on the credit of the Regional Corporation.

(2) All debentures issued pursuant to a by-law passed by the Regional Council under the authority of this Act are direct, joint and several obligations of the Regional Corporation and the area municipalities notwithstanding the fact that the whole or any portion of the rates imposed for the payment thereof may have been levied only against one or more of the area municipalities, but nothing in this subsection affects the rights of the Regional Corporation and of the area municipalities respectively as among themselves.

(3) Notwithstanding any general or special Act, no area municipality has, after the 31st day of December, 1973, power to issue debentures.

Uncompleted works

(4) When an area municipality, on or before the 31st day of December, 1973,

(a) has applied for and obtained the final approval of the Municipal Board in respect of any work, project or other matter mentioned in subsection 1 of section 61 of The Ontario Municipal Board Act; and

(b) has entered into a contract for or authorized the commencement of such work, project or matter but has not prior to that date issued the debentures authorized,

the Regional Council upon the request of the council of the area municipality, shall pass a by-law authorizing the issue and sale of debentures of the Regional Corporation for the purposes and in the amount approved by the Municipal Board and shall, if required by the area municipality, issue such debentures and provide temporary financing for the area municipality in the manner provided in section 95 and no further approval of the Municipal Board is required.

(5) Bonds, debentures and other evidences of indebtedness of the Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be bonds, debentures and other evidences of indebtedness of a municipal corporation for the purposes of The Trustee Act.

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Power to incur debt or issue debentures

93. Subject to the limitations and restrictions in this Act and The Ontario Municipal Board Act, the Regional Corpora-
tion may by by-law incur a debt or issue debentures for the purposes set forth in subsection 1 of section 92 and, notwithstanding any general or special Act, such by-law may be passed without the assent of the electors of the Regional Area.

94.—(1) Where, under any general or special Act, an area municipality cannot incur a debt or issue debentures for a particular purpose without the assent of its electors or without the concurrence of a specified number of the members of its council, the Regional Council shall not pass a by-law authorizing the issue of debentures on behalf of such area municipality for such purpose unless such assent or concurrence to the passing of the by-law by the Regional Council has been obtained.

(2) Nothing in subsection 1 requires the assent of any electors where such assent has been dispensed with under section 63 of The Ontario Municipal Board Act.

95.—(1) Where the Municipal Board has authorized the borrowing of money and the issue of debentures by the Regional Corporation for its purposes, the Regional Council, pending the issue and sale of the debentures may agree with a bank or person for temporary advances from time to time to meet expenditures incurred for the purpose authorized, and may by by-law pending the sale of such debentures or in lieu of selling them authorize the chairman and treasurer to raise money by way of loan on the debentures and to hypothecate them for the loan.

(2) When the Municipal Board has authorized the borrowing of money and the issue of debentures by the Regional Corporation for the purposes of an area municipality, the Regional Council or the council of the area municipality pending the issue and sale of the debentures may, and the Regional Council on the request of the area municipality shall, agree with a bank or person for temporary advances from time to time to meet expenditures incurred for the purposes authorized, and the Regional Council may, or on the request of the area municipality shall, pending the sale of such debentures or in lieu of selling them, authorize the chairman and treasurer to raise money by way of loan on the debentures and to hypothecate them for the loan, and shall transfer the proceeds of such advance or loan to the area municipality.

(3) The Regional Corporation may charge interest on any proceeds of an advance or loan transferred under subsection 2 at a rate sufficient to reimburse it for the cost of such advance or loan.
(4) The proceeds of every advance or loan under this section shall be applied to the purposes for which the debentures were authorized, but the lender shall not be bound to see to the application of the proceeds and, if the debentures are subsequently sold, the proceeds of the sale shall be applied first in repayment of the loan and, where the debentures were issued for the purposes of an area municipality, the balance, subject to section 107 shall be transferred to the area municipality.

(5) Subject to subsection 4, the redemption of a debenture hypothecated does not prevent the subsequent sale thereof.

96. (1) Subject to subsection 2, a money by-law for the issuing of debentures shall provide that the principal shall be repaid in annual instalments with interest annually or semi-annually upon the balances from time to time remaining unpaid, but the by-law may provide for annual instalments of combined principal and interest.

(2) A money by-law for the issuing of debentures may provide that the principal shall be repaid at a fixed date with interest payable annually or semi-annually, in which case debentures issued under the by-law shall be known as sinking fund debentures.

(3) Notwithstanding any general or special Act, the whole debt and the debentures to be issued therefor shall be made payable within such term of years as the Municipal Board may approve.

(4) The by-law may provide for raising in each year, by special levy or levies against one or more area municipalities, the whole or specified portions of the sums of principal and interest payable under the by-law in such year, and each area municipality shall pay to the Regional Corporation such sums at the times and in the amounts specified in the by-law.

(5) The by-law shall provide for raising in each year, by a special levy on all the area municipalities, the sums of principal and interest payable under the by-law in such year to the extent that such sums have not been provided for by any special levy or levies against any area municipality or municipalities made especially liable therefor by the by-law.

(6) Any special levy against an area municipality imposed by the by-law under the authority of subsection 4 may be levied by the area municipality against persons or property in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as if it were passing a by-law authorizing the issue of
debentures of the area municipality for the same purpose for the portion of the debt levied against it under subsection 4.

(7) Notwithstanding subsection 5, the Regional Council may by by-law,

(a) authorize the borrowing of money by the issue of instalment debentures, the last instalment of which shall mature not earlier than ten years after the date upon which they are issued, and a specified sum of principal payable thereunder in the final year shall be raised by the issue of refunding debentures as provided in clause b, and it shall not be necessary to raise by special rate in the year of maturity of the debentures to be refunded an amount equal to the specified principal amount of the debentures which are being refunded; and

(b) authorize the issue of debentures to refund at maturity outstanding debentures of the municipality, provided that the refunding debentures shall be payable within the maximum period of years that was approved by the order of the Municipal Board for the repayment of debentures issued for the debt for which the outstanding debentures were issued, commencing on the date of the debentures originally issued for such debt,

and any such by-law shall provide that the sums of principal and interest payable under the by-law shall be raised by a special levy or levies against such area municipality or municipalities as may be specified in the by-law and such levy shall be levied against the same area municipality or municipalities in each case.

(8) Any special levy against an area municipality imposed by the by-law under the authority of subsection 7 may be levied by the area municipality against persons or property in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as if it were passing a by-law authorizing the issue of debentures of the area municipality for the same purpose for the portion of the debt levied against it under subsection 7, and any levy imposed by a by-law under clause b of subsection 7 shall be levied by the area municipality against the same persons or property as the levy imposed by the related by-law under clause a of subsection 7 was levied.

(9) All levies imposed by the by-law against an area municipality are a debt of the area municipality to the Regional Corporation.
(10) The Regional Council may by by-law authorize a change in the mode of issue of the debentures and may provide that the debentures be issued with coupons instead of in amounts of combined principal and interest or vice versa, and where any debentures issued under the by-law have been sold, pledged or hypothecated by the Regional Council upon again acquiring them or at the request of any holder of them, may cancel them and issue one or more debentures in substitution for them, and make such new debenture or debentures payable by the same or a different mode on the instalment plan, but no change shall be made in the amount payable in each year.

(11) All the debentures shall be issued at one time and within two years after the passing of the by-laws unless, on account of the proposed expenditure for which the by-law provides being estimated or intended to extend over a number of years and of its being undesirable to have large portions of the money in hand unused and uninvested, in the opinion of the Regional Council it would not be of advantage to so issue them, and in that case the by-law may provide that the debentures may be issued in sets of such amounts and at such times as the circumstances require, but so that the first of the sets shall be issued within two years, and all of them within five years, after the passing of the by-law.

(12) All the debentures shall bear the same date, except where they are issued in sets, in which case every debenture of the same set shall bear the same date.

(13) Notwithstanding the provisions of the by-law, the debentures may bear date at any time within the period of two years or five years, as the case may be, mentioned in subsection 11 and the debentures may bear date before the date the by-law is passed if the by-law provides for the first levy being made in the year in which the debentures are dated or in the next succeeding year.

(14) The Municipal Board, on the application of the Regional Council, the council of any area municipality or any person entitled to any of the debentures or of the proceeds of the sale thereof, may at any time extend the time for issuing the debentures beyond the two years, or the time for the issue of any set beyond the time authorized by the by-law.

(15) The extension may be made although the application is not made until after the expiration of the two years or of the time provided for the issue of the set.

(16) Unless the by-law names a later day when it is to take effect, it takes effect on the day of its passing.
(17) Notwithstanding any general or special Act, the Regional Council may borrow sums for two or more purposes in one debenture by-law and provide for the issue of one series of debentures therefor.

(18) Section 290 of The Municipal Act applies mutatis mutandis to the Regional Corporation.

(19) The by-law may provide that all the debentures or a portion thereof shall be redeemable at the option of the Regional Corporation on any date prior to maturity, subject to the following provisions:

1. The by-law and every debenture that is so redeemable shall specify the place or places of payment and the amount at which such debenture may be so redeemed.

2. The principal of every debenture that is so redeemable becomes due and payable on the date set for the redemption thereof, and from and after such date interest ceases to accrue thereon where provision is duly made for the payment of principal thereof, the interest to the date set for redemption and any premium payable on redemption.

3. Notice of intention so to redeem shall be sent by prepaid mail at least thirty days prior to the date set for such redemption to the person in whose name the debenture is registered at the address shown in the Debenture Registry Book.

4. At least thirty days prior to the date set for such redemption notice of intention so to redeem shall be published in The Ontario Gazette and in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the Regional Area and in such other manner as the by-law may provide.

5. Where only a portion of the debentures issued under the by-law is so to be redeemed, such portion shall comprise only the debentures that have the latest maturity dates and no debentures issued under the by-law shall be called for such redemption in priority to any debentures that have a later maturity date.

6. Where a debenture is redeemed on a date prior to maturity, such redemption does not affect the validity of any by-law by which special assessments are imposed or instalments thereof levied, the validity of such special assessments or levies, or the powers of
the Regional Council to continue to levy and collect from any area municipality the subsequent payments of principal and interest payable by it to the Regional Council in respect of the debenture so redeemed.

Currency

(20) The by-law may provide that the debentures to be issued thereunder shall be expressed and be payable,

(a) in lawful money of Canada and payable in Canada; or

(b) in lawful money of the United States of America and payable in the United States of America; or

(c) in lawful money of Great Britain and payable in Great Britain; or

(d) subject to the prior approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, in a currency other than that of Canada, the United States of America or Great Britain.

Annual rates

(21) Where under the provisions of the by-law debentures issued thereunder are expressed and made payable in lawful money of the United States of America or of Great Britain, or in any currency other than that of Canada, the Regional Council may in such by-law or in any amending by-law in lieu of providing for the raising in each year during the currency of the debentures specific sums sufficient to pay interest thereon or instalments of principal falling due in such year, provide that there shall be raised such yearly amount as may be necessary for such purposes and as the requirements for such purposes may from year to year vary.

Principal levies

(22) When sinking fund debentures are issued, the amount of principal to be raised in each year shall be a specific sum which, with the estimated interest at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent per annum, capitalized yearly, will be sufficient to pay the principal of the debentures or any set of them, when and as it becomes due.

Consolidated bank accounts

(23) When sinking fund debentures are issued, the sinking fund committee shall keep one or more consolidated bank accounts in which,

(a) the treasurer of the Regional Corporation shall deposit each year during the term of the debentures the moneys raised for the sinking fund of all debts that are to be paid by means of sinking funds; and
(b) there shall be deposited all earnings derived from, and all proceeds of the sale, redemption or payment of, sinking fund investments.

(24) When sinking fund debentures are issued, there shall be a sinking fund committee that shall be composed of the treasurer of the Regional Corporation and two members appointed by the Regional Council, and the two appointed members may be paid, out of the current fund of the Regional Corporation, such annual remuneration as the Regional Council determines.

(25) The Regional Council may appoint an alternate member for such of the appointed members and any such alternate member has all the powers and duties of the member in the absence or inability to act of such member.

(26) The treasurer of the Regional Corporation shall be the chairman and the treasurer of the sinking fund committee and in his absence the appointed members may appoint one of themselves as acting chairman and treasurer.

(27) Each member of the sinking fund committee shall, before entering into the duties of his office, give security for the faithful performance of his duties and for duly accounting for and paying over all moneys that come into his hands, in such amount as the auditor of the Regional Corporation shall determine, and in other respects the provisions of section 233 of The Municipal Act apply with respect to such security.

(28) Two members of the sinking fund committee are a quorum, and all investments and disposals of investments must be approved by a majority of all the members of the committee.

(29) All assets of the sinking funds, including all consolidated bank accounts, shall be under the sole control and management of the sinking fund committee.

(30) All withdrawals from the consolidated bank accounts shall be authorized by the sinking fund committee, and all cheques on the consolidated bank accounts shall be signed by the chairman or acting chairman and one other member of the sinking fund committee.

(31) The sinking fund committee shall invest any moneys on deposit from time to time in the consolidated bank accounts and may at any time or times vary any investments.
(32) The moneys in the consolidated bank accounts shall be invested in one or more of the following forms,

(a) in securities in which a trustee may invest under

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(b) in debentures of the Regional Corporation;

(c) in temporary advances to the Regional Corporation pending the issue and sale of any debentures of the Regional Corporation;

(d) in temporary loans to the Regional Corporation for current expenditures, but no loan for such purpose shall be made for a period ending after the end of the calendar year in which the loan is made.

(33) Any securities acquired by the sinking fund committee as investments for sinking fund purposes may be deposited with the Treasurer of Ontario.

(34) The Treasurer of Ontario shall release, deliver or otherwise dispose of any security deposited with him under subsection 33 only upon the direction in writing of the sinking fund committee.

(35) All sinking fund debentures issued on the same date, payable in the same currency, and maturing on the same date, notwithstanding they are issued under one or more by-laws, shall be deemed one debt and be represented by one sinking fund account.

(36) That portion of the amount of all earnings in any year, on an accrual basis, from sinking fund investments obtained by,

(a) multiplying the amount of all such earnings by the amount of the capitalized interest for that year under subsection 22 with respect to the principal raised up to and including such year for all sinking fund debentures represented by any sinking fund account; and

(b) dividing the product obtained under clause a by the amount of all capitalized interest for that year under subsection 22 with respect to all principal raised up to and including such year for all outstanding sinking fund debentures,

shall be credited to the sinking fund account mentioned in clause a.
(37) The treasurer of the Regional Corporation shall prepare and lay before the Regional Council in each year, before the annual regional levies are made, a statement showing the sums that the Regional Council will be required, by by-law, to raise for sinking funds in that year.

(38) If the treasurer of the Regional Corporation contravenes subsection 23 or 37, he is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not more than $250.

(39) If the Regional Council neglects in any year to levy the amount required to be raised for a sinking fund, each member of the Regional Council is disqualified from holding any municipal office for two years, unless he shows that he made reasonable efforts to procure the levying of such amount.

(40) Notwithstanding this or any other Act or by-law if it appears at any time that the amount at the credit of any sinking fund account will be more than sufficient, with the estimated earnings to be credited thereto under subsection 36 together with the levy required to be made by the by-law or by-laws that authorized the issue of the debentures represented by such sinking fund account, to pay the principal of the debt represented by such sinking fund account when it matures, the Municipal Board, on the application of the sinking fund committee, the Regional Council or the council of an area municipality, may authorize the Regional Council or the council of an area municipality to reduce the amount of money to be raised with respect to such debt in accordance with the order of the Municipal Board.

(41) No money collected for the purpose of a sinking fund shall be applied towards paying any part of the current or other expenditure of the Regional Corporation or otherwise than is provided in this section.

(42) When there is a surplus in a sinking fund account, the sinking fund committee shall,

(a) use the surplus to increase the amount at the credit of another sinking fund account; or

(b) authorize the withdrawal of the surplus from the consolidated bank accounts, and the surplus shall be used for one or more of the following purposes,

(i) to retire unmatured debentures of the Regional Corporation or of an area municipality,
(ii) to reduce the next annual levy on account of principal and interest payable with respect to debentures of the Regional Corporation or of an area municipality.

(iii) to reduce the amount of debentures to be issued for other capital expenditures for which the issue of debentures has been approved by the Municipal Board,

and the surplus shall be used under either clause a or b for the purposes of the Regional Corporation or an area municipality in the proportion that the amount of the contribution for the purposes of each bears to the total contributions to the sinking fund account in connection with which the surplus arose.

(43) Notwithstanding that any sinking fund debentures have been issued for the purposes of one or more area municipalities, any deficit in the sinking fund account shall be provided by the Regional Corporation out of its current funds and any surplus in the sinking fund account shall be used as provided in subsection 42.

(44) A money by-law may authorize the issue of debentures of which a portion shall be payable on a fixed date with interest payable annually or semi-annually, in which case such debentures shall be known as term debentures.

(45) In respect of the term debentures, the by-law shall provide for raising,

(a) in each year of the currency of the term debentures a sum sufficient to pay the interest on the term debentures; and

(b) in each year of the currency of the term debentures in which no other debentures issued under the same by-law become due and payable, a specific amount to form a retirement fund for the term debentures which, with interest at a rate not to exceed 5 per cent per annum compounded yearly, will be sufficient to pay the principal of the term debentures at maturity.

(46) The retirement fund for the term debentures shall be administered by the sinking fund committee in all respects in the same manner as a sinking fund established under this section, and the provisions of subsections 25 to 41 of this section with respect to a sinking fund shall apply mutatis mutandis to such retirement fund.
97.—(1) If the Municipal Board is of the opinion that the current rate of interest so differs from the rate of interest payable on any debentures that remain unsold or undisposed of that the sale or disposal thereof may substantially decrease or increase the amount required to be provided under the by-law under which such debentures were issued, the Municipal Board may authorize the Regional Council to pass a by-law to amend such by-law so as to provide for,

(a) a different rate of interest;

(b) a change in the amount to be raised annually and, if necessary, in the special levies;

(c) such other changes in such by-law or any other by-law as to the Municipal Board may seem necessary to give effect thereto;

(d) the issue of new debentures to bear interest at the amended rate in substitution and exchange for such first-mentioned debentures; and

(e) the cancellation of such first-mentioned debentures upon the issue of such new debentures in substitution and exchange therefor.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the hypothecation of debentures under section 95 shall not constitute a sale or other disposal thereof.

(3) The Regional Council may by one by-law authorized under subsection 1 amend two or more by-laws and provide for the issue of one series of new debentures in substitution and exchange for the debentures issued thereunder.

(4) A by-law passed under this section does not affect the validity of any by-law by which special assessments are imposed or instalments thereof levied, the validity of such special assessments or levies, or the powers of the Regional Council to continue to levy and collect from any area municipality the subsequent payments or principal and interest payable by it to the Regional Council.

98.—(1) Where part only of a sum of money provided for by a by-law has been raised, the Regional Council may repeal the by-law as to any part of the residue, and as a proportionate part of the amounts to be raised annually.

(2) The repealing by-law shall recite the facts on which it is founded, shall provide that it shall take effect on the 31st day.
of December in the year of its passing, shall not affect any
rates or levies due or penalties incurred before that day and
shall not take effect until approved by the Municipal Board.

99.—(1) Subject to section 98, after a debt has been
contracted under a by-law, the Regional Council shall not,
until the debt and interest have been paid, repeal the
by-law or any by-law appropriating, for the payment of the
debt or the interest, the surplus income from any work or any
interest therein, or money from any other source, and shall not
alter any such by-law so as to diminish the amount to be
raised annually, and shall not apply to any other purpose any
money of the Regional Corporation that has been directed to
be applied to such payment.

(2) When the Regional Corporation, by or under the authority
of this Act, pays to an area municipality any amount of
principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding
debentures issued by the area municipality, neither the
council of the area municipality nor any officer thereof shall
apply any of the moneys so paid for any purpose other
than the payment of the amounts of principal and interest
so becoming due.

100. Any officer of the Regional Corporation whose duty
it is to carry into effect any of the provisions of a money
by-law of the Regional Corporation, who neglects or refuses
to do so, under colour of a by-law illegally attempting to
repeal or amend it, so as to diminish the amount to be raised
annually under it, is guilty of an offence and on summary
conviction is liable to a fine of not more than $100.

101.—(1) Within four weeks after the passing of a money
by-law, the clerk may register a duplicate original or a copy of
it, certified under his hand and the seal of the Regional
Corporation, in the appropriate land registry office.

(2) Subject to section 61 of The Ontario Municipal Board
Act, every by-law registered in accordance with subsection 1,
or before the sale or other disposition of the debentures issued
under it, and the debentures are valid and binding, according
to the terms thereof, and the by-law shall not be quashed,
unless within one month after the registration in the case of
by-laws passed under The Drainage Act, or The Local Improve-
ment Act, and in the case of other by-laws, within three
months after the registration, an application or action to
quash the by-law is made to or brought in a court of com-
petent jurisdiction, and a certificate under the hand of the
proper officer of the court and its seal, stating that such
application has been made or action brought, is registered
in such registry office within such period of three months or
one month, as the case may be.
(3) After the expiration of the period prescribed by subsection 2, if no application or action to quash the by-law is made or brought, the by-law is valid and binding according to its terms.

(4) If an application or action to quash the by-law is made or brought within the period prescribed by subsection 2, but part only of the by-law is sought to be quashed, the remainder of it, if no application or action to quash it is made or brought within that period, is after the expiration of that period, valid and binding according to its terms.

(5) If the application or action is dismissed in whole or in part, a certificate of the dismissal may be registered, and after such dismissal and the expiration of the period prescribed by subsection 2, if it has not already expired, the by-law, or so much of it as is not quashed, is valid and binding according to its terms.

(6) Nothing in this section makes valid a by-law passed without the assent of the electors of an area municipality as required by subsection 1 of section 94 or a by-law where it appears on the face of it that any of the provisions of subsection 5 of section 96 have not been substantially complied with.

(7) Failure to register a by-law as prescribed by this section does not invalidate it.

102.—(1) A debenture or other like instrument shall be sealed with the seal of the Regional Corporation, which seal may be engraved, lithographed, printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced thereon, and, subject to subsection 3, shall be signed by the chairman, or by some other person authorized by by-law of the Regional Corporation to sign it, and by the treasurer.

(2) A debenture may have attached to it interest coupons that shall be signed by the treasurer and his signature may be engraved, lithographed, printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced thereon and such interest coupons are sufficiently signed if they bear the signature of the treasurer on the date the Regional Council authorized the execution of the debenture or on the date the debenture bears or at the time the debenture was issued and delivered.

(3) The signature of the chairman, or such other person authorized by by-law to sign the debentures or other like instruments, may be engraved, lithographed, printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced thereon, and if the
debenture or other like instruments are countersigned in writing by a person authorized by by-law of the Regional Corporation to countersign, the signature of the treasurer may be engraved, lithographed, printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced thereon.

(4) The seal of the Regional Corporation when so engraved, lithographed, printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced has the same force and effect as if manually affixed and the signature of the chairman or such other person authorized by by-law to sign the debentures or other like instruments and, if the debentures or other like instruments are countersigned, the signature of the treasurer when so engraved, lithographed, printed or otherwise mechanically reproduced shall be deemed the signature of the chairman or other person so authorized to sign or of the treasurer, as the case may be, and is binding upon the Regional Corporation.

(5) Any debenture or other like instrument is sufficiently signed and countersigned if it bears the signature of the persons provided in this section if such persons had authority to sign and countersign as provided in this section either on the date the Regional Council authorized the execution of such instrument or on the date such instrument bears or at the time it was issued and delivered.

103. Where the interest for one year or more on the debentures issued under a by-law and the principal of any debenture that has matured has been paid by the Regional Corporation, the by-law and the debentures issued under it are valid and binding upon the Regional Corporation.

104.—(1) Where a debenture contains or has endorsed upon it provision to the following effect:

This debenture, or any interest therein, is not, after a certificate of ownership has been endorsed thereon by the treasurer of this Corporation (or by such other person authorized by by-law of this Corporation to endorse such certificate of ownership), transferable except by entry by the treasurer (or by such other person so authorized) in the Debenture Registry Book of the Corporation at the

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the treasurer (or such other persons so authorized), on the application of the owner of the debenture or of any interest in it, shall endorse upon the debenture a certificate of ownership and shall enter in a book to be called the
Debenture Registry Book, a copy of the certificate and of every certificate that is subsequently given, and shall also enter in such book a memorandum of every transfer of such debenture.

(2) A certificate of ownership shall not be endorsed on a debenture except by the written authority of the person last entered as the owner of it, or of his executors or administrators, or of his or their attorney, and, if the person last entered as owner of it is a corporation, the written authority of such corporation, or its successors, which authority shall be retained and filed by the treasurer.

(3) After a certificate of ownership has been endorsed, the debenture, if it contains or has endorsed upon it a provision to the like effect of the provision contained in subsection 1, is transferable only by entry by the treasurer (or by such other person so authorized) in the Debenture Registry Book as and when a transfer of the debenture is authorized by the then owner of it or his executors or administrators or his or their attorney and, if the then owner of it is a corporation, the written authority of such corporation, or its successors.

(4) A debenture may be registered as to both principal and interest, in which case the interest thereon shall be paid by cheque and the debenture may be referred to as a fully registered debenture.

105. Where a debenture is defaced, lost or destroyed, the Regional Council may by by-law provide for the replacing of the debenture on the payment of such fee and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the by-law may provide.

106.—(1) On request of the holder of any debenture issued by the Regional Corporation, the treasurer of the Regional Corporation may issue and deliver to such holder a new debenture or new debentures in exchange therefor for the same aggregate principal amount.

(2) On the request of the sinking fund committee, the treasurer of the Regional Corporation may, as provided in this section, exchange debentures heretofore or hereafter issued by the Regional Corporation.

(3) Any new debenture mentioned in subsection 1 may be registered as to principal and interest but in all other respects shall be of the same force and effect as the debenture or debentures surrendered for exchange.
The treasurer and auditor of the Regional Corporation shall cancel and destroy all debentures surrendered for exchange and shall certify in the Debenture Registry Book that they have been cancelled and destroyed and shall also enter in the Debenture Registry Book particulars of any new debenture issued in exchange.

107. (1) The moneys received by the Regional Corporation from the sale or hypothecation of any debentures to the extent that such moneys are required for the purposes for which the debentures were issued, and for the repayment of any outstanding temporary loans with respect thereto, shall be used only for such purpose or purposes.

(2) None of the moneys received by the Regional Corporation from the sale or hypothecation of any debentures shall be applied towards payment of the current or other expenditures of the Regional Corporation or an area municipality.

(3) Where on the sale of any debenture an amount is realized in excess of that required for the purpose or purposes for which the debentures were issued, the excess amount shall be applied,

(a) if any such debentures are redeemable prior to maturity at the option of the Regional Corporation to redeem one or more of the debentures having the latest maturity date; or

(b) to reduce the next annual levy on account of principal and interest payable with respect to such debentures; or

(c) to reduce the amount of debentures to be issued for other capital expenditures of a similar nature for which the issue of debentures has been approved by the Municipal Board, provided that the principal and interest charges of such debentures are levied upon the assessment of the same class of ratepayers as was levied upon for the principal and interest charges of the debentures with respect to which the excess arose.

(4) Where on the sale of any debentures a deficiency in the amount required for the purpose or purposes for which the debentures were issued is sustained, the amount of such deficiency shall be added to the sum to be raised for the first annual payment of principal and interest with respect to the debentures and the levy made in the first year for such purpose.
or purposes shall be increased accordingly or shall be raised by the issue of other debentures approved by the Municipal Board for the same or any similar purpose or purposes.

108. Where real or personal property acquired out of moneys received by the Regional Corporation from the sale of hypothecation of any debentures is disposed of by sale or otherwise, the net proceeds of such disposal shall be applied as an excess in accordance with subsection 3 of section 107 or, with the approval of the Municipal Board, may be applied to meet the whole or a portion of any other capital expenditure the debt charges for which, if raised by taxation, would be raised by taxation levied upon the assessment of the same class of ratepayers as was levied upon for the principal and interest charges of the property disposed of or sold.

109. When the Regional Corporation intends to borrow money on debentures under this or any other Act, the Regional Council may prior to the issue thereof call for tenders for the amount of money required and the person tendering shall specify the rate of interest the debentures shall bear when issued at par.

110. (1) The Regional Council shall,

(a) keep a separate account of every debenture debt;

(b) where the whole of a debenture debt is not payable in the current year, keep in respect thereof,

   (i) an additional account for the interest, if any, and

   (ii) an additional account for the sinking fund or the instalments of principal, distinguished from all other accounts by a prefix designating the purpose for which the debenture debt was contracted; and

(c) keep the accounts so as to exhibit at all times the state of every debt, and the amount of money raised, obtained and appropriated for the payment of it.

(2) The Regional Council may by by-law provide and direct that instead of a separate account of the interest upon every debt being kept, a consolidated account of the interest upon all debts may be kept, but which consolidated account shall be so kept that it will be possible to determine therefrom the true state of the interest account upon every debt and that provision has been made to meet the interest upon every debt.
111. If, in any year after paying the interest and appropriating the necessary sum in payment of the instalments, there is a surplus properly applicable to such debt, it shall so remain until required in due course for the payment of interest or in payment of principal.

112.—(1) If the Regional Council applies any money raised for a special purpose or collected for a sinking fund in payment of current or other expenditure, the members who vote for such application are personally liable for the amount so applied, which may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) If the Regional Council, upon the request in writing of a ratepayer of any area municipality, refuses or neglects for one month to bring an action therefor, the action may be brought by any such ratepayer on behalf of himself and all other ratepayers in the Regional Area.

(3) The members who vote for such application are disqualified from holding any municipal office for two years.

113. When, by or under the authority of this Act, the Regional Corporation is or becomes liable for the payment to an area municipality of all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding debentures issued by the area municipality, the Regional Corporation may, with the approval of the Municipal Board,

(a) cancel all such debentures that have not been sold and issue new debentures of the Regional Corporation in substitution and exchange therefor and apply the proceeds thereof, as may be directed by the Municipal Board, for the purposes for which such debentures were issued;

(b) arrange with the area municipality for the redemption of all such debentures as are redeemable and issue new debentures of the Regional Corporation to raise the monies required for such redemption; and

(c) purchase, by agreement with the owner or owners thereof, all such debentures of a single issue of the area municipality, and issue new debentures of the Regional Corporation to raise the money required to complete such purchase.

114. In 1973, no local municipality in the Regional Area shall, after the 1st day of June, without the approval of the Minister, dispose of any asset purchased at a cost of, or valued at more than $5,000.
115.—(1) Sections 5, 217, 223, 224, 229, 231, 232, 233 and 235, subsections 1, 4 and 5 of section 237, sections 238, 239, 245, 249, 250 and 254 and paragraphs 3, 9, 24, 44, 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67 of section 352 and Parts XV, XVI, XVII and XXI of The Municipal Act apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Corporation.

(2) For the purposes of subsection 2 of section 466 of The Municipal Act, the by-laws of the Regional Corporation or any local board thereof shall be considered to be by-laws passed by the council of a city.

(3) Sections 10 and 11 and, subject to subsection 3 of section 2, subsection 2 of section 14 of The Municipal Act do not apply to any area municipality except in relation to alterations of boundaries, within the Regional Area, of area municipalities, which alterations, in the opinion of the Municipal Board, are of a minor nature.

(4) The Regional Corporation shall be considered to be a local municipality for the purposes of paragraphs 90 and 116 of subsection 1 of section 354 and section 394 of The Municipal Act.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the Regional Council may pass a by-law authorizing the head of the department concerned to grant the approval required by subsection 2 of section 35 and any such by-law may prescribe terms and conditions under which any such approval or consent may be granted.

(6) The Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a Deemed municipality for the purposes of section 88 of The Liquor Licence Act.

(7) Every by-law of a local municipality as it exists on the 31st day of December, 1973, shall remain in force in the area of the former local municipality on and after the 1st day of January, 1974, and may be amended or repealed by the council of an area municipality as it affects such area municipality.

(8) Where any local municipality has commenced procedures to enact a by-law which, prior to its enactment, requires the approval of any minister of the Crown, any provincial ministry, the Municipal Board or any provincial body or agency, and such approval has not been obtained prior to the 31st day of
December, 1973, then the council of the successor area municipality to such local municipality shall be entitled to continue the procedure to finalize such by-law of the local municipality in so far as it pertains to such area municipality, and the provisions of subsection 7 apply *mutatis mutandis* to any such by-law.

(9) In the event that the Regional Corporation establishes a transportation system in accordance with the provisions of subsection 4, no area municipality shall operate such a system and all the assets and liabilities of any area municipality used for a public transportation system vest in the Regional Corporation on the day such regional transportation system is established, without compensation, and the Regional Corporation shall thereafter pay to the area municipality before the due date all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding debt of the area municipality in respect of any such assets.

(10) If the Regional Corporation fails, on or before the due date, to make any payment required by subsection 9, the area municipality may charge the Regional Corporation interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum thereon, or such lower rate as the council of the area municipality determines, from such date until payment is made.

116.—(1) The Regional Council shall pass by-laws under subclauses ii and iii of clause b of section 353 of *The Municipal Act*, and no area municipality shall pass any such by-laws.

(2) When a by-law passed under subsection 1 is in force, the Regional Council may pass by-laws,

(a) with the consent of the area municipality or local board concerned, for appointing heads of departments and alternates to be members of or advisers to the emergency measures planning committee or any subcommittee thereof;

(b) with the consent of the area municipality or local board concerned, for training employees of the area municipality or local board in their emergency functions;

(c) for appointing members of the emergency measures planning committee or of any subcommittee thereof to be in charge of such departments or utilities throughout the Regional Area, as the by-law may provide, when an emergency has been proclaimed under the *War Measures Act* (Canada) or under *The Emergency Measures Act*.

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**Vesting of transportation system assets in Regional Corporation**

**Default**

**Emergency measures, civil defence**


**Powers of Regional Council for emergency measures**

R.S.O. 1970, c. 145
(d) for acquiring alternative headquarters for the Regional
Government outside the Regional Area;

(e) for obtaining and distributing emergency materials,
equipment and supplies; and

(f) for complying with any request of the Government
of Canada or of Ontario in the event of a nuclear
attack.

(3) For the purposes of The Emergency Measures Act, the Deemed
Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a county and the R.S.O. 1970,
area municipalities shall be deemed to be the local munici-
palities that form part of the county for municipal purposes.

117.—(1) The Regional Corporation may make expendi-
tures for the purpose of diffusing information respecting the
advantages of the regional municipality as an industrial,
business, educational, residential or vacation centre and may
make annual grants for a period not exceeding five years, and
upon the expiration of any such period may make similar
grants for a further period not exceeding five years.

(2) Paragraph 50 of subsection 1 of section 354 and section
Application 395 of The Municipal Act apply mutatis mutandis to the 1979, c. 264
Regional Corporation, and no area municipality shall exercise
any such powers save and except in respect of those lands ac-
quired or held by a local municipality on or before the 31st

118. The Regional Council may make annual grants, not
to exceed in any year a sum calculated at one-tenth of one
mill in the dollar upon the total assessment upon which the
regional levy is apportioned among the area municipalities
under subsection 3 of section 81, to institutions, associations,
area municipalities and persons carrying on or engaged in
works that in the opinion of the Regional Council are for the
general advantage of the inhabitants of the Regional Area and
for which grant or grants there is no express authority provided
by any other Act.

119. Where, in an action or by the settlement of a claim
arising out of any injury to an employee including a member
of the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Force, or to any
person considered an employee for the purposes of The R.S.O. 1970,
Workmen’s Compensation Act, the Regional Corporation
recovers damages from a third person, such damages or any
portion thereof may be paid to such employee or person or,
in the event of his death, to one or more of his dependants
upon such terms and conditions as the Regional Corporation may
impose.
120.—(1) Where the Regional Council passes a resolution requesting a judge of the county court within the Regional Area or a judge of the county court of a county or judicial district adjoining the Regional Area, to investigate any matter relating to a supposed malfeasance, breach of trust or other misconduct on the part of a member of the Regional Council, or an officer or employee of the Regional Corporation, or of any person having a contract with it, in regard to the duties or obligations of the member, officer, employee or other person to the Regional Corporation, or to inquire into or concerning any matter connected with the good government of the Regional Corporation or the conduct of any part of its public business, including any business conducted by a local board of the Regional Corporation, the judge shall make the inquiry and for that purpose has all the powers that may be conferred on a commission under Part II of *The Public Inquiries Act*, 1971 and he shall, with all convenient speed, report to the Regional Council the result of the inquiry and the evidence taken.

(2) The judge shall be paid by the Regional Corporation the same fees as he would be entitled to if the inquiry had been made by him as a referee under *The Judicature Act*.

(3) The Regional Council may engage and pay counsel to represent the Regional Corporation, and may pay all proper witness fees to persons summoned to give evidence at the instance of the Regional Corporation, and any person charged with malfeasance, breach of trust or other misconduct, or whose conduct is called in question on such investigation or inquiry, may be represented by counsel.

(4) The judge may engage counsel and such other assistants and staff and incur such incidental expenses as he considers advisable for the proper conduct of the investigation or inquiry, and the Regional Corporation shall pay the costs thereof.

121.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister, may issue a commission to inquire into any of the affairs of the Regional Corporation or a local board thereof, and any matter connected therewith, and the commission has all the powers that may be conferred on a commission under Part II of *The Public Inquiries Act*, 1971.

(2) A commission may be recommended at the instance of the Ministry or upon the request in writing of not less than one-third of the members of the Regional Council, or of not less than fifty ratepayers of an area municipality assessed as owners and resident therein.
The expenses of and incidental to the execution of the commission, including the fees and disbursements of the commissioner, shall be fixed and certified by the Minister and are subject to such division between the Regional Corporation and the Province as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may direct.

122. The Regional Corporation for its purposes may enter, break up, dig and trench in, upon and under the highways, lanes and other public communications of any area municipality and may construct and maintain therein pipes, sewers, drains, conduits and other works necessary for its purposes, without making compensation therefor, but all such highways, including any sidewalks thereon, lanes and other public communications shall be restored to their original condition without unnecessary delay.

123. The Regional Corporation and any area municipality may enter into agreements for the use within any part of the Regional Area of the services of their respective officers, employees and equipment on any such terms and conditions as the councils deem necessary.

124.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph 9 of section 3 and section 35 of The Assessment Act, the Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a municipality.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 9 of section 3 of The Assessment Act, where property belonging to the Regional Corporation is occupied by an area municipality or where property belonging to an area municipality is occupied by the Regional Corporation or another area municipality, the occupant shall not be considered to be a tenant or lessee, whether rent is paid for such occupation or not.

(3) In subsection 2, “Regional Corporation” and “area municipality” include a local board thereof.

125.—(1) An execution against the Regional Corporation may be endorsed with a direction to the sheriff to levy the amount thereof by rate, and the proceedings therein shall then be the following:

1. The sheriff shall deliver a copy of the writ and endorsement to the treasurer of the Regional Corporation, or leave such copy at the office or dwelling place of the treasurer, with a statement in writing of the sheriff's fees and of the amount required to satisfy the execution, including the interest calculated to some day as near as is convenient to the day of the service.
2. If the amount with interest thereon from the day mentioned in the statement is not paid to the sheriff within one month after the service, the sheriff shall examine the assessment rolls of all the area municipalities and shall, in like manner as the levies of the Regional Council for general purposes are apportioned among the area municipalities, determine the portion of the amount mentioned in the statement that shall be levied against and in each area municipality.

3. The sheriff shall then in like manner as rates struck for general municipal purposes within each area municipality strike a rate sufficient in the dollar to cover its share of the amount due from the execution, and in determining such amount he may make such addition to the same as the sheriff considers sufficient to cover its share of the interest up to the time when the rate will probably be available and his own fees and poundage.

4. The sheriff shall thereupon issue a precept under his hand and seal of office directed to the collector of the area municipality and shall annex to the precept the roll of such rate and shall by the precept, after reciting the writ and that the Regional Corporation has neglected to satisfy the same, and referring to the roll annexed to the precept, command the collector to levy such rate at the time and in the manner by law required in respect to the general annual rates.

5. If, at the time for levying the annual rates next after the receipt of such report, the collector has a general rate roll delivered to him for the year, he shall add a column thereto, headed "Execution in A.B. vs. The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth (adding a similar column for each execution if more than one), and shall insert therein the amount by such precept required to be levied upon each person respectively, and shall levy the amount of such execution rate as aforesaid, and shall, within the time within which he is required to make the return of the general annual rate, return to the sheriff the precept with the amount levied thereon.

6. The sheriff shall, after satisfying the execution and all the fees and poundage thereon, pay any surplus, within ten days after receiving the same to the treasurer of the area municipality.
(2) The clerk, assessor and collector of each area municipality shall, for all purposes connected with carrying into effect or permitting or assisting the sheriff to carry into effect, the provisions of this Act with respect to such execution, be considered to be officers of the court out of which the writ issued, and as such are amenable to the court and may be proceeded against by attachment, mandamus or otherwise in order to compel them to perform the duties imposed upon them.

126. — (1) The Corporation of the County of Wentworth is dissolved on the 1st day of January, 1974, and the Regional Corporation shall stand in the place and stead of the County of Wentworth.

(2) All the assets and liabilities of the County of Wentworth become, on the 1st day of January, 1974, the assets and liabilities of the Regional Corporation, and all documents and records kept by the clerk or treasurer or any other officer of the County of Wentworth shall be transferred to the clerk.

(3) The Hamilton-Wentworth Suburban Roads Commission is hereby dissolved on the 1st day of January, 1974, and all the assets and liabilities thereof become on such date the assets and liabilities of the Regional Corporation and all records and documents of the said roads commission shall be transferred to the clerk.

127. — (1) Except as provided in this Act, the Municipal Board, upon the application of any area municipality or the Regional Corporation, may exercise any of the powers under clauses a, b and d of subsection 11 of section 14 of The Municipal Act in relation to the dissolution of the County of Wentworth.

(2) In the event of any doubt as to whether any particular asset or liability is vested in the Regional Corporation under this Act, the Municipal Board upon application has power to determine the matter as sole arbitrator and sections 94 and 95 of The Ontario Municipal Board Act do not apply to decisions or orders made in the exercise of such power.

(3) In the event of any doubt as to whether any outstanding debt or portion thereof is a debt in respect of any asset assumed by or vested in the Regional Corporation under this Act, the Municipal Board may upon application determine the matter and its decision is final.

128. The Lieutenant Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister, may authorize all such
acts or things not specifically provided for in this Act that are considered necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the purposes of this Act.

120. — (1) The provisions of this Act apply notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special Act and, in the event of any conflict between this Act and any general or special Act, this Act prevails.

(2) The provisions of any special Act relating to the County of Wentworth or a local municipality or local board thereof within the Regional Area, in so far as the provisions of such special Act are not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, continue in force, and the powers conferred by any such special Act may be exercised by the Regional Corporation or a local board thereof or by the corporation of the appropriate area municipality or a local board thereof according to whether the powers conferred by such special Act relate to a function assigned under this Act to the Regional Corporation or a local board thereof or to the area municipalities or local boards thereof.

130. — (1) The Regional Corporation or an area municipality or the Regional Corporation and one or more area municipalities,

(a) may acquire land for the purpose of constructing municipal buildings; and

(b) may construct municipal buildings for the use of the Regional Corporation or the Regional Corporation and one or more area municipalities or any local board thereof.

(2) Section 256 of The Municipal Act applies mutatis mutandis to any joint undertaking under this section.

131. — (1) In this section, "waste" includes ashes, garbage, refuse, domestic waste, industrial solid waste or municipal refuse, and such other waste as may be designated by by-law of the Regional Council.

(2) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, the Regional Corporation shall provide facilities for the purpose of receiving, dumping and disposing of waste, and no area municipality shall provide such facilities.

(3) For the purposes of subsection 2, the Regional Corporation may acquire and use land within the Regional Area and may erect, maintain and operate all facilities including
buildings, structures, machinery or equipment for the purposes of receiving, dumping and disposing of waste, and may contract with any person including Her Majesty in right of Ontario, for such purposes, and may prohibit or regulate the dumping and disposing of waste or any class or classes thereof upon such land, and may charge fees for the use of such property, which fees may vary in respect of different classes of waste, and all such existing facilities and lands of a local municipality to the extent they are used for such purposes vest in the Regional Corporation on the 1st day of January, 1974, without compensation.

(4) The Regional Corporation shall pay to the corporation of any area municipality on or before the due date all amounts of principal and interest becoming due upon any outstanding debt of such area municipality in respect of the property assumed by the Regional Corporation under the provisions of subsection 3.

(5) If the Regional Corporation fails on or before the due date to make any payment required by subsection 4, the area municipality may charge the Regional Corporation interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum thereon, or such lower rate as the council of the area municipality determines, from such date until payment is made.

(6) In the event of any doubt as to whether any outstanding debt or portion thereof was incurred in respect of any property vested in the Regional Corporation under this section, the Municipal Board may determine the matter and such determination is final and binding.

(7) For the purposes of subsection 3, paragraph 77 of subsection 1 of section 354 of The Municipal Act applies mutatis mutandis.

132. Where any agreement has been entered into by a local municipality, providing the terms thereof are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, the Regional Corporation or the appropriate area municipality shall on and after the 1st day of January, 1974, be deemed to stand in the place and stead of such local municipality in so far as the agreement pertains to the functions of the Regional Corporation or area municipality.

133. The Regional Corporation shall appoint a Regional Fire Co-ordinator who shall be responsible for the establishment of an emergency fire service plan and program for the Regional Area, and the Regional Corporation is authorized to expend such sums as it considers necessary to implement such plan and program.
134. (1) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act but subject to subsections 2 and 3, for the purposes of section 82 of The Highway Traffic Act the area in the Regional Area that, on the 31st day of December, 1973, formed part of a town, village or township municipality shall be considered to continue to form part of a town, village or township municipality.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 1, the Regional Council and the council of each area municipality may exercise any of its powers under section 82 of The Highway Traffic Act in respect of highways under its jurisdiction and control.

(3) Every by-law passed by the council of a municipality under any provision of section 82 of The Highway Traffic Act that applied, on the 31st day of December, 1973, to any highway or portion thereof within the Regional Area shall continue to apply thereto until a by-law passed by the Regional Council or the council of an area municipality under such section 82 applies thereto.

135. (1) On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, no area municipality shall be required to comply with section 108 of The Power Commission Act.

(2) Where, on the 31st day of December, 1973, The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario or a public utilities commission or a hydro-electric commission is supplying electrical power and energy in any area within the Regional Area, such commission shall continue, until a date to be determined by the Minister, to distribute and sell power within such area and such commission shall be deemed to be a local board of the area municipality in which it has jurisdiction.

(3) The members of a public utilities commission or a hydro-electric commission referred to in subsection 2 including ex officio members, who hold office when this section comes into force, shall continue to hold office until a date to be determined by the Minister and in addition to such members, the mayor elected for the area municipality in which such a commission operates and of which such commission becomes a local board shall also be a member of such commission.

(4) The Board of Trustees of the Police Village of Lynden as it exists on the 31st day of December, 1973, shall, until such date as the Minister may by order designate, be deemed to be a commission established under Part III of The Public Utilities Act for the area of the said police village and be known as the Hydro-Electric Commission of Lynden.
(5) All the assets and liabilities of and pertaining to the hydro-electric system of the Police Village of Lynden shall be assumed on the 1st day of January, 1974 by the Hydro-Electric Commission of Lynden and the said Commission shall be deemed to be a local board of the Township of Flam­ borough.

(6) All public utilities commissions and waterworks com­ missions within the Regional Area, except those referred to in subsection 2, are hereby dissolved on the 1st day of January, 1974.

(7) A person who is a member of a commission referred to in this section is not disqualified to be elected a member of the Regional Council or the council of an area municipality or to sit or vote therein by reason of being a member of such commission.

136.—(1) On the 31st day of December, 1973, all community centre boards and all boards of recreation and park management in a local municipality are dissolved and the assets and liabilities thereof become on the 1st day of January, 1974, the assets and liabilities of the area municipality of which the local municipality forms part or is continued, and in the event the area of jurisdiction of any such board is divided between two or more area municipalities, the committee of arbitrators appointed under section 88 shall make the determination of the disposition of such assets and liabilities in the manner prescribed in that section.

(2) The council of an area municipality shall be deemed to be a recreation committee under The Ministry of Community and Social Services Act and the regulations thereunder and a board of a community centre under The Community Centres Act.

137.—(1) The Regional Council may pass by-laws for acquiring land for and establishing, laying out and improving and maintaining public parks, zoological gardens, recreation areas, squares, avenues, boulevards and drives in the Regional Area and for exercising all or any of the powers that are conferred on boards of park management by The Public Parks Act.

(2) In addition to the powers that may be exercised under subsection 1, the Regional Council has power to let from year to year, or for any time not exceeding ten years, the right to sell, subject to The Liquor Licence Act, and the regulations made thereunder, spirituous, fermented or in­ toxicating liquors within regional parks under such regulations as the Regional Council may prescribe.
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(3) Paragraphs 70 and 71 of section 352 of The Municipal Act apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Corporation.

(4) The Regional Corporation shall be deemed to be a municipality for the purposes of The Parks Assistance Act.

(5) Where, under an agreement with any conservation authority, lands vested in the conservation authority are managed and controlled by the Regional Corporation, the Regional Corporation may,

(a) exercise all or any of the powers conferred on it under subsection 1 in respect of such lands;

(b) lay out, construct and maintain roads on such lands and, with the consent of the area municipality in which such lands, or any part thereof, are situate, assume the maintenance of existing roads on such lands, or any part thereof;

(c) subject to The Highway Traffic Act, regulate traffic on such roads and prescribe the rate of speed for motor vehicles driven on such roads in accordance with subsection 4 of section 82 of The Highway Traffic Act.

(6) The Regional Council may agree to pay annually to the area municipality in which any land used for the purposes set out in subsection 1 is situate a sum not exceeding the amount that would have been payable to the municipality as taxes if the land were not exempt from taxation.

138. The Minister may by order do all such things as may be necessary to re-establish the Wentworth County Library.

139. On and after the 1st day of January, 1974, the portion of the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth that is not in the City of Hamilton is a school division and The Wentworth County Board of Education is continued subject to subsection 5 of section 29 of The Secondary Schools and Boards of Education Act, as the divisional board of education of such school division.

140. Section 38 of The Secondary Schools and Boards of Education Act applies to the election of the members of The Wentworth County Board of Education, section 37 of the said Act applies to the election of the members of The Board of Education for the City of Hamilton and section 90 of The Separate Schools Act applies to the election of the members of The Wentworth County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, except that, notwithstanding The Municipal Elections Act, 1972, in the year 1973,
(a) the polling day for the members of The Wentworth County Board of Education and the Board of Education for the City of Hamilton and of The Wentworth County Roman Catholic Separate School Board shall be the 1st day of October, and the hours of polling shall be the same as for the municipal elections in the Regional Area and the members elected on such date shall take office on the 1st day of January, 1974, and continue to hold such office until the 31st day of December, 1976;

(b) the Minister shall, by order provide for nomination and term of office of candidates for The Wentworth County Board of Education and the Board of Education for the City of Hamilton and for The Wentworth County Roman Catholic Separate School Board and may by order provide for any other matters necessary to hold the elections for such boards; and

(c) any reference in such sections to the 1st day of September, the 15th day of September or the 1st day of October shall be deemed to be a reference to the 1st day of August, the 15th day of August or the 1st day of September, respectively.

141. Section 244 of The Municipal Act does not apply to the council of a local municipality in the Regional Area in the year 1973.

142. Notwithstanding the provisions of The Public Libraries Act, the Minister may by order provide for the establishment of a public library board in any area municipality and for the transfer of any assets and liabilities of any former public library board to such new board.

143. The council of the City of Hamilton may pass any by-law that a board of commissioners of police of a city is authorized to pass under The Municipal Act.

144. -(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order, provide for payments to be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund towards the organization expenses of the Regional Corporation.

   (2) Payments made under this section shall be made on such terms and conditions as the Minister may direct.

145. —(1) This Act, except Parts V, VII and VIII and sections 78 to 87 and 89 to 113 of Part IX, comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.
Short title

146. This Act may be cited as The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Act, 1973.

FORM 1

(Section 10 (6))

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, .............................................................................................................

having been elected (or appointed) as chairman of the council of The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (or the reigning sovereign for the time being).

Sworn before me, etc.

FORM 2

(Section 10 (6))

DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION BY CHAIRMAN

I, ...............................................................................................................

having been elected (or appointed) as chairman of the council of The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth declare that:

1. I am a British subject and am not a citizen or a subject of any foreign country.

2. I am of the full age of eighteen years.

3. I am not an officer, employee or servant of any area municipality or local board of any area municipality.

4. I have taken the oath of allegiance (Form 1) which I attach hereto.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Declared before me, etc.