



CHAPTER 76.

An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures.

[Assented to 3rd April, 1947.]

WHEREAS excess revenues over expenditures have accumulated and are available for appropriation: Preamble.

And whereas it is deemed necessary and expedient to appropriate a part of the said revenue surpluses for expenditures urgently required for public works and other purposes:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act, 1947." Short title.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may (in addition to all other moneys to be expended under the authority of any other Act of the Legislature) from time to time direct to be expended from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the public service of the Province:— Power to expend moneys.

(a.) Such sums as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time think proper, but not exceeding in the aggregate fifteen million dollars, to be expended for the public service of the Province in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, and protection of highways, highway bridges, ferry landings, and wharves, including the acquisition of land necessary therefor, and surfacing and resurfacing of highways and highway bridges throughout the Province, and all work incidental thereto, and in the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of ferries, and the supplementing as may from time to time be necessary of the

Equipment Fund heretofore established in the Treasury for the purchase of construction and maintenance machinery for use in connection with such highways, highway bridges, and other public works; and in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, protection, and surfacing of approved roads and bridges within municipal limits necessary for extra-municipal traffic or the more convenient use of Provincial highways, including the acquisition of land necessary therefor:

- (b.) Such sums as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time think proper, but not exceeding in the aggregate two million six hundred and eighty thousand dollars, to provide grants to be apportioned under this Act among the several municipalities in the Province in the following manner: The grant payable to a municipality shall be the amount that bears the same ratio to two million six hundred and eighty thousand dollars as the share of direct relief paid on the Provincial approved scale by that municipality bears to the total share of direct relief paid on the Provincial approved scale by all municipalities during the period that commenced on the first day of November, 1930, and ended on the thirty-first day of March, 1940. Subject to such regulations as are made by the Minister of Finance, the said grant payable to each municipality under this clause shall be applied for the following purposes only and in the order named:—

(i.) For the repayment of loans made by the Province to the municipality for relief purposes, no matter how secured:

(ii.) Any balance remaining from the said grant after fulfilling the requirements of paragraph (i.) shall be used for the repayment of any other debt for unemployment relief purposes that has been incurred and remains outstanding, or for the establishment of a fund for its redemption:

(iii.) Any balance remaining from the said grant after fulfilling the requirements of paragraphs (i.) and (ii.) shall be paid into the municipal sinking fund to make up in whole or in part any shortage in theoretical requirements:

(iv.) Any balance remaining from the said grant after fulfilling the requirements of paragraphs (i.), (ii.), and (iii.) shall be used for the capital projects of the municipality:

- (c.) Such sums as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time think proper to be expended in

granting a cost-of-living bonus or allowance, not exceeding five dollars per month, in addition to that being paid as at December thirty-first, 1946, to recipients of old-age pensions who:—

(i.) Have applied for and are now receiving the old-age pension while residing within this Province:

(ii.) Having applied for and received the old-age pension within this Province, subsequently have moved to any other Province with which this Province has reciprocal arrangements covering the payment of the cost-of-living bonus or allowance to those pensioners who are eligible and who are presently residing in such other Province:

(iii.) While eligible for the old-age pension in this Province, moved to another Province with which the aforesaid reciprocal arrangement exists before making application for a pension, and to whom the pension was granted before eligibility by reason of residence in the said reciprocating Province was established.

3. Moneys expended under the provisions of this Act shall be charged to the Revenue Surplus Appropriation Account, and the due application thereof shall be accounted for to His Majesty. Accounting.

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