

By-law made by the Hastings Fire Board.

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HASTINGS FIRE BOARD BY-LAW No. 1.

A BY-LAW to repeal all by-laws in force in the Hastings Fire District and to make by-laws in substitution therefor, and otherwise to make provision for the various matters set out in section 43 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, as amended by section 4 of the Fire Brigades Amendment Act, 1914, and for the purpose of regulating the proceedings of the Hastings Fire Board.

The Hastings Fire Board hereby makes and ordains the following by-law under and by virtue and in exercise and pursuance of the powers and provisions contained in the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, and the several Acts amending the same respectively and of all powers and authorities contained in each and every other act or authority in anywise enabling the Board on that behalf.

1. The Short Title of this by-law is the Hastings Fire Board By-law No. 1.

2. In this by-law, except where repugnant to or inconsistent with the context, or where otherwise expressly provided,—

“The Act” means the Fire Brigades Act, 1908, and its several amendments, or other the Act or Acts for the time being in force in substitution therefor, and includes all regulations of the Governor-General in Council made thereunder respectively :

“Board” means the Hastings Fire Board :

“By-law” or “By-laws” shall mean all or any by-laws of the Board for the time being in force made under the provisions of the Act or of any Act or authority enabling the Board to make by-laws :

“The Inspector” shall mean any person for the time being appointed by the Board to carry out the powers, duties, and discretions given by this by-law to the Inspector :

“The Superintendent” and “the Deputy Superintendent” mean the Superintendent of Fire Brigades and the Deputy Superintendent of Fire Brigades for the Hastings Fire District for the time being appointed by the Board under the authority of the Act :

“The district” means, applies to, and includes the Hastings Fire District as now constituted under the authority of the Act :

“Station” means, includes, and applies to every building or place in which any of the plant or property of the Board shall for the time being be kept :

“Station-keeper” means the person for the time being placed in charge of any station by the Board or by any officer thereof :

“Office” means the office for the time being of the Board :

“Brigade” and “fire brigade” mean, include, and apply to the Hastings Fire Brigade and any other body of men organized for public fire-prevention purposes which the Board may at any time establish and maintain under the provisions of the Act :

“Person” or any words applying to any person or individual shall include a firm and also a company or corporation :

“The Secretary” means the Secretary for the time being of and appointed by the Board, and includes the person for the time being acting for or as the Secretary of the Board :

Words importing the singular number include the plural number, and words importing the plural number include the singular number, and words importing the masculine gender include females :

Words referring to any district, fire brigade, locality, place, person, office, officer, functionary, party, or thing, shall be construed distributively as referring to each district, fire brigade, locality, place, person, office, officer, functionary, party, or thing to whom or to which the provision is applicable :

The headlines to the clauses under the several parts of this by-law, or the marginal notes to any clauses of this by-law, are not to affect the construction thereof respectively.

3. All Superintendents and other officers appointed by or under the authority of the Board under the Act or under or for the purpose of any repealed by-laws, and holding office at the time of this by-law coming into operation shall be deemed to have been appointed under this by-law.

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4. Every person offending or guilty of an offence against, or committing any breach of, or failing to comply with or to perform any duty imposed upon him by any of the provisions of this by-law, shall, if not otherwise specially mentioned in this by-law, be liable for each such offence, breach, or failure upon conviction to such penalty (recoverable in a summary manner) not exceeding twenty pounds (£20), as the Court inflicting the same shall in its discretion think fit to impose.

PART I.

REGULATING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD.

Office of the Board.

5. The office of the Board shall be at the present office of the Board situate in Market Street in the Town of Hastings, or at such other place as may from time to time be determined by the Board.

Board to meet.

6. Subject to the provisions of section 36 of the Act, the Board shall meet at the office, for the despatch of business, at such hour as shall from time to time be fixed by the Chairman of the Board on the second Wednesday in each of the months of March, June, September, and December, in each year.

7. The Board may at any time hold a special meeting, to be called upon a requisition in writing delivered to the Secretary, signed by the Chairman of the Board, and specifying the day and hour for which such special meeting is to be called.

Notice of Meetings.

8. Notice in writing under the hand of the Secretary of every ordinary or special meeting of the Board shall be posted to or delivered at the last known address of each member of the Board three clear days at least before such meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, or of the proposal to alter or revoke any resolution of the Board, the notice shall set forth the business to be brought before the meeting.

Commencement of Business.

9. The Board shall commence business as soon after the time stated in the summons as there is a sufficient number of the members in attendance to form a quorum (by section 36 of the Act four members shall form a quorum), but if at the expiration of thirty minutes from the time specified in the summons there is not a quorum present no business shall be transacted by the Board at that meeting, and such circumstance, together with the names of the members present, shall be recorded in the minute-book.

10. Any meeting of the Board, whether ordinary or special, may be adjourned to such time and place as the Board shall by resolution decide.

Committees, Appointment of.

11. The Board may appoint from its members any committee for any purpose, and the Chairman of the Board shall be Chairman of each such committee. The majority of any such committee shall form a quorum. In the absence of the Chairman the committee may appoint its own chairman. Committees so elected shall not have power to commit the Board to anything unless specially granted power to do so.

Finance Committee.

12. A committee shall be appointed from time to time by the Board which shall exercise supervision in all matters relating to the finances of the Board. This committee shall be known as the Finance Committee.

Report of Proceedings of Committee.

13. Minutes of all proceedings of committees shall be entered in a special minute-book (and being signed by the Chairman of the Committee shall be presented to the Board), and a report of the proceedings of any committee shall be presented to the Board at the first meeting of the Board subsequent to the meeting of such committee.

Consideration of Reports.

14. If in the report of any committee there are distinct recommendations contained, such report shall not be adopted until the same has been printed on the business-paper, or notice has been given of the several recommendations, and the sense of the Board has been taken separately on each.

Meetings of Committees.

15. All committees appointed by the Board shall meet within fourteen days of their first appointment, or at any time thereafter by order of the Board, or on the written order of the Chairman of any committee, or of any two members of any such committee.