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By-law No 12, 1883

Relating to Public morals

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Passed the 13th day of October A.D. 1883

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Whereas by the Municipal Act cap 144 Revised Statutes of Ontario section 461 and sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 & 34 power is given to Township Municipal Councils to pass By-laws for preventing and punishing any person or persons found guilty of violating the provisions or restrictions hereinafter mentioned in said By-law No Twelve

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Township of Westmeath in the County of Renfrew by the authority vested in them by the above Municipal Act enacts as follows

1. That from and after the passing of this By-law - All persons are hereby forbid from posting indecent placards, writings of pictures, or the writing of indecent words, or the making of indecent pictures, or drawing on walls or fences in streets or public places in this Municipality.
- 2^d All persons are forbid from getting intoxicated or drunk, from profane swearing and from using any blasphemous or grossly insulting language against any other person - or any other immorality or indecency in any private or public place in this Municipality.
- 3 All persons are hereby forbid from keeping any disorderly house & house of ill fame or any house for the encouragement of prostitution in this Municipality.
- 4 All persons are hereby forbid from gambling of any and every description or keeping or allowing any gambling on their premises.

Neither shall any person or persons be allowed to keep any faro-tables, rouge et noir, roulette tables, wheels of fortune, or any machinery or devices of any description for the purpose of gambling in any house, street, road, or public place in this Municipality.

5 All persons are thereby forbidden from racing horses on the public roads or streets in this Municipality.

6 All persons are hereby forbidden from traveling from place to place begging or asking alms (unless they have a certificate from some resident Clergyman in this Municipality that they are a fit subject for charity) and any person or persons found drunk or disorderly in any street, road, or public place in this Municipality shall be liable to be punished according to the provisions of Sect 9 of this By-law.

7 All persons are hereby forbidden from publicly exposing their person or showing any other indecent exhibitions in any street, road or public place in this Municipality.

8 All persons are hereby forbidden from undressing or bathing in any river or stream near any dwelling house that is erected adjacent to or close to any river or stream in this Municipality.

9 That in the event of any person or persons male or female violating any of the provisions or restrictions of the above recited By-law. It shall be competent for any person, Constable or peace officer to bring the person or persons before a Justice or Justices of the Peace to be further dealt with according to law and any person making a complaint before any of her Magistery Justice of the Peace.

in and for the County of Renfrew of any person or persons having violated any of the provisions of the above recited By-law. It shall be the duty of said Justice of the Peace or any other Justice or Justices of the Peace on conviction of the offender or offenders to inflict a fine or penalty of not less than one or more than twenty dollars and costs, and in default of payment shall issue a distress warrant against the goods and chattles of the offender and there being no distress found of which the penalty and costs can be levied then the offender may be imprisoned in the common gaol of the County of Renfrew for a period of not less than ten or more than thirty days with or without hard labour unless the penalty & costs and costs of taking the offender to gaol be sooner paid.

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And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid that of any person ^{or persons} convicted of a violation of section No 4 of this By-law it shall be competent for the Justice or Justices of the Peace in addition to any penalty they may inflict in section nine of this By-law to destroy or cause to be destroyed all instruments for gambling purposes of any description whatever found in possession of the party or parties, person or persons convicted.

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All fines and penalties collected by the provisions of this By-law shall be paid over to the Townships Treasurer for the use of the Municipality.

Passed in open Council this
13th day October 1883



David Ferguson
Treasurer

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