

Petition to incorporate the City of Vancouver - February 15, 1886

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Petition for  
Bill to Incorporate  
the "City of Vancouver"

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To

The Legislative Assembly  
of the Province of British Columbia

The Petition of the residents of Vancouver in the District of New Westminster  
Humbly Sheweth

That the present village of Granville with its vicinity has been chosen by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as the terminus of their Railway, and in consequence thereof the said Village is now daily increasing, and is likely to increase very largely in population, in the immediate future

That in view of the large increase in said population, it is necessary and expedient that the building of the roads, streets and bridges, and other improvements of a like nature should be provided for

Your petitioners further shew that the said Railway Company are about setting the contract for constructing their line of Railway from Port Moody to said Village of Granville and are about constructing large wharves and other buildings and improvements in said Village of Granville and in the immediate vicinity which said construction and improvements will give employment to many hundreds of men, and for the reasons aforesaid, and for the better preservation of law and order your petitioners are desirous of obtaining a charter incorporating the said village of Granville and its immediate vicinity, a city under

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the name of "The City of Vancouver."

Your Petitioners therefore pray. .

That your Honorable House may be pleased to pass an Act incorporating the said City of Vancouver in accordance with the desire of Your Petitioners.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Richard Alexander

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May 4, 1944  
C.H. Wilson, Esq.,  
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I enclose herewith copy of the original  
Petition for the Incorporation of the City of  
Vancouver.

I thought you would like to have this.

Yours very truly,  
R L Maitland  
Attorney-General.  
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