



ACT OF INCORPORATION

The British Columbia School Trustees Association was instituted on February 16, 1905, in Vancouver. Eight Boards of Education were present at the inaugural meeting.

In 1956, the association was incorporated by an act of the provincial legislature, "*The British Columbia School Trustees Association Act.*" (SBC 1956, c.52) *The Act* was amended in 1974 (1974 SBC c.102 s.2), 1994 (*Public Education Labour Relations Act*, 1994 SBC. c.21 s. 13) and 2007 (*School (Student Achievement Enabling) Amendment Act*, 2007 SBC c.29 s.44, Sched). Below please find the current Act of Incorporation.

An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia School Trustees Association

Chapter 52 [SBC 1956]

Whereas the British Columbia School Trustees Association has hitherto operated as an unincorporated association:

And whereas it is desirable that the said Association should be incorporated:

Therefore, Her 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 British Columbia School Trustees Association Incorporation Act.*"
2. The present members of The British Columbia School Trustees Association and such persons and Boards of School Trustees as may from time to time become members pursuant to the by-laws of the Association shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of "The British Columbia School Trustees Association."
3. The "Association" means The British Columbia School Trustees Association.
4. The objects of the Association are:
 - a. to represent the public interest in public school education;
 - b. to advance the cause of education in the Province and promote public interest in educational affairs;
 - c. to recommend changes in the *School Act* and any other Act which may affect the public education system;
 - d. to co-operate and provide liaison with Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments and with organizations in Canada or elsewhere having aims and objectives the same as or similar to those of the Association;
 - e. to promote efficiency in the carrying out of the duties and exercise of power by boards of education;
 - f. to promote, conduct and direct research and the gathering of information and to make available the findings; and
 - g. repealed
 - h. to take any action, not inconsistent with this Act or any other Act, or any regulations or rules made under the authority of any Act, that the Association deems necessary or advisable to give effect to any policy adopted by it with respect to any question directly or indirectly affecting the purposes and objects of the Association.



5. The Association shall have a common seal, which shall be used only in accordance with the provisions in the bylaws governing the same.
6. The Association may acquire and take by purchase, donation, devise, or otherwise land and personal property, and may sell, exchange, mortgage, lease, let, improve, and develop the same, and may erect and maintain any buildings necessary or convenient for its purposes.
7. The Association may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as it thinks fit, subject to the provisions of its bylaws, and may draw, make, accept, endorse, execute, and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.
8. The Association may, if authorized so to do by simple resolution of the membership, become a member of or co-operate with any other society or association, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are in whole or in part similar to its own objects.
9. The Association shall have power to establish and to amend bylaws governing its operations and procedure, including all or any of such matters as are dealt with by bylaws under the *Societies Act*.