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MACKENZIE BRIDGE BY-LAWS

made under section 8

Citation. 1. These By-Laws may be cited as the Mackenzie Bridge By-Laws citation.

Interpretation. 2. (1) In these by-laws –

“the Bridge Master” means the person appointed by the Company under these by-laws;

“pedestrian traffic” includes any pedestrian using the bridge;

“rail traffic” includes any vehicle using the railway track over the bridge;

“road traffic” means any traffic other than pedestrian or rail traffic;

“traffic” includes goods, rolling stock, vehicles, persons and animals but excludes river traffic;

“vessel” includes any ship, boat, barge, pontoon, launch or other water-borne craft and any raft, boom or other collection of logs or timber, whether in tow or not, and anything in tow.

(2) Any reference in these by-laws to river traffic shall be construed as a reference to any vessel requiring, by reason of the dimensions of the vessel, the cargo or anything

in tow and the state of the tide that a section of the main span of the bridge be lifted wholly or in part for the purpose of enabling the vessel to pass under the bridge.

Appointment
and functions
of Bridge
Master.

3. (1) The Company shall appoint a fit and proper person to be Bridge Master, and the Bridge Master shall have, subject to the general directions of the Company and of these by-laws, exclusive control of the bridge and of all traffic passing over the bridge.

(2) Subject to the requirements, firstly, of rail traffic and, secondly, for the periodic lifting of a section of the main span of the bridge for the purpose of enabling vessels to pass under the bridge, the Bridge Master shall use his best endeavours to keep the bridge open to pedestrian traffic and road traffic.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this by-law, the Bridge Master shall have authority-

- (a) to direct the lifting and lowering of a section of the main span of the bridge;
- (b) to direct the lowering and raising of the barriers on the bridge;
- (c) to prohibit or restrict traffic from entering or crossing over the bridge;
- (d) to remove from the bridge any vehicle which stops on the bridge by reason of any mechanical failure or for any other reason;
- (e) to search any vehicle, container or package about to cross or to be

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conveyed across the bridge to ascertain insofar as is reasonably required in the interests of public safety in the use of the bridge whether any explosive or dangerous or noxious matter is contained therein;

- (f) to do all such acts as he may consider necessary to facilitate traffic over the bridge, to ensure safety in its use and to prevent damage to it.

(4) The Bridge Master may authorise any person to perform any of his functions under these By-Laws, and any act done by such person in pursuance of such authority shall be deemed to have been done by the Bridge Master.

(5) Any reference in these by-laws to the Bridge Master shall include a reference to any person for the time being authorised to operate or be in charge of the bridge or the control cabin thereof.

Traffic Signs.

4. (1) At such time as the bridge is closed to road traffic, a barrier carrying red lights and a warning sign shall be lowered across each approach to the bridge; and when the bridge is opened to road traffic, a signal light or lights shall be operated to control road traffic on the bridge.

(2) At such times as the bridge is closed to pedestrian traffic, a red light and a warning sign visible to oncomers shall be displayed at each approach to the pedestrian lanes on the bridge.

(3) Except when a section of the main span of the bridge has been lifted for the purposes of river traffic, such span and the adjacent fixed spans shall each bear red lights visible to approaching river traffic.

Lifting of section of main span of bridge for vessels.

5. (1) Any vessel requiring a section of the main span of the bridge to be lifted shall prominently display a blue flag by day and blue light by night; and it shall be the responsibility of the master of the vessel to attract the attention of the Bridge Master or person for the time being in charge of the control tower of the bridge.

(2) As soon as practicable after the request has been made, and subject to the requirements of rail traffic, the Bridge Master shall cause rail traffic, road traffic and pedestrian traffic to stop, and shall lift a section of the main span.

(3) The Bridge Master shall acknowledge the signal of any vessel requiring a section of the main span to be lifted by the following lights displayed on the control cabin of the bridge:

- (a) a red light indicating that the section cannot be lifted immediately and that the vessel must wait;
- (b) a red light with an amber light indicating that the bridge is being cleared of traffic and being made ready for the lifting of the section;
- (c) an amber light alone, indicating that the section is being lifted or that another vessel is about to pass under the bridge from the opposite direction, and that the vessel concerned must continue to wait;
- (d) a green light indicating that the section has been lifted and that the vessel may proceed.

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(4) When a section of the main span is about to be lowered the Bridge Master shall display a red light on the control cabin of the bridge.

(5) The master of any vessel requiring a section of the main span to be lifted shall, until the signal to proceed has been given, remain at such distance and under such control as may be necessary to keep the signal lights displayed on the control cabin of the bridge clearly in view.

(6) The master of any vessel approaching the bridge, whether or not requiring a section of the main span to be lifted, shall keep his vessel under such control as to ensure that no part of the vessel, the cargo or anything in tow shall come into contact with the bridge.

Speed limit.

6. No vehicle shall travel over the bridge at a speed exceeding speed limit. 15 miles per hour or such lesser speed as the Bridge Master may prescribe.

Prohibition against stopping.

7. No vehicle shall stop on the bridge unless required to do so by the Bridge Master.

Operation of machinery.

8. No person other than the Bridge Master shall operate or in any way tamper with any machinery relating to the operation of the bridge or any lights thereon.

Carriage of explosives.

9. Except with the prior written approval of the Bridge Master, no explosive or dangerous or noxious matter shall be taken upon or conveyed across the bridge otherwise than in the Company's vehicles and for the Company's business.

Conditions for user.

10. (1) The Company may prescribe the conditions subject to which road traffic, pedestrian traffic and other traffic may cross or use the bridge and where such conditions are prescribed, the Company shall cause notices to be posted at all approaches to the bridge, or to be printed on tickets,

setting out such conditions; and such notices or tickets shall be deemed to be sufficient notice of such conditions to all persons and traffic using the bridge.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the power of the Company under paragraph (1) to prescribe conditions-

- (a) no motor vehicle exceeding 40,000 pounds gross weight, no animal-drawn vehicle and no hand-cart shall be permitted upon the bridge save in accordance with special clearance in writing given by the Bridge Master;
- (b) no animal shall be taken or permitted to be upon the bridge unless it is drawing a vehicle in respect of which special permission has been given or is carried in a vehicle or by the person under whose control it is:

Provided that a pedestrian may be accompanied along a pedestrian lane by a dog controlled by a lead.

Tolls Schedule.

11. The Company shall charge and, subject to by-law 12, collect the tolls set out in the Schedule in respect of traffic using the bridge:

Provided that the Company may from time to time-

- (a) with the approval of the Minister alter or amend such tolls;
- (b) suspend or direct to be suspended the charge and collection of any toll on such occasions and during such

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periods and on such conditions as it thinks fit.

Collection of
tolls by local
authority.

12. Any local government authority to which the collection of tolls has been assigned pursuant to section 6 (3) of the Act shall be solely responsible for the due and proper collection of the tolls so imposed and not suspended as hereinbefore provided; and the Company shall be under no liability in respect of any act, deed or thing done by the local government authority or its servants or agents in relation to or in connection with any such collection.

Prohibition of
traffic.

13. No tolls may be collected in respect of any traffic which has been prohibited or restricted from entering or crossing the bridge by the Bridge Master.

Offences.

14. Any person who –

- (a) being a pedestrian, enters any part of the bridge other than a pedestrian lane;
- (b) takes or permits an animal to be on the bridge otherwise than in accordance with by-law 10 (2) (b);
- (c) obstructs the Bridge Master or any person lawfully carrying out his instructions;
- (d) disobeys any instructions given by the Bridge Master under these by-laws;
- (e) disobeys or disregards any signal displayed on the Bridge;
- (f) unreasonably requests that a section of the main span of the bridge be

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lifted;

- (g) loiters on the bridge and refuses to proceed when requested by the Bridge Master;
- (h) writes upon defaces or in any way damages the bridge or damages or removes without authority any board, plate or notice on any part of the bridge or the approaches thereto; or
- (i) fails to comply with any of the provisions of these by-laws, shall be liable to a fine of twenty-four dollars.

(By-law 11)

SCHEDULE

TOLLS

<i>Type of Traffic</i>	<i>Toll</i>
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PART 1

SINGLE PASSAGES

Pedestrian	5c. per person
Passenger in motor vehicle	5c. per passenger
Cyclist	7c. including cycle
Motor cycle, motorised cycle; scooter	10c. including driver
Private car, hire car, delivery van, jeep, land rover or similar motor vehicle	25c. including driver

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Bus, lorry or other registered heavy motor vehicle not exceeding 40,000 lb. gross weight	35c. including driver
Motor vehicle given special clearance	\$10.00 including driver
Animal-drawn vehicle or handcart given special clearance	50c. including driver
Police officer on duty, local government officer on duty or member of the Guyana Defence Force on duty together with the conveyance of any equipment used in connection with such officer's or member's duties, including his personal baggage	NIL
Company employee on duty (NOT including journeys to and from work)	NIL
Company vehicle being used for Company business	NIL
Child in arms	NIL

PART II

SEASON TICKETS

Schoolchild (whether pedestrian, passenger or cyclist)	\$1.50 per child per school term, including cycle.
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