



**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**

Municipal Hall
1229 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt, B.C. V9A 3P1

Local Grant Committee

Monday, September 9, 2024

5:30 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present: 3 - Councillor Ken Armour
Councillor Andrea Boardman
Councillor Jacob Helliwell

Staff: Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services & IT
Victoria McKean, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Armour called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Boardman, seconded by Councillor Helliwell: That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

4. MINUTES

1) [24-413](#) Minutes of the Local Grant Committee meeting held on January 17, 2024

Moved by Councilor Boardman, seconded by Councilor Helliwell: That the minutes of the Local Grant Committee meeting held January 17, 2024 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

5. STAFF REPORTS

1) [24-414](#) 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption Applications

The Director of Financial Services provided an overview of the applicants before the Committee.

Committee Discussion:

- Exemptions granted in previous years and the length of the exemptions;
- The amount of foregone revenue for each application;
- Standard practice regarding granting permissive tax exemptions to another municipal government;
- Primary purposes of the applicants and the benefit to the Township that they offer;

- The scope of statutory tax exemptions applied to places of worship by BC Assessment;
- Precedent for granting permissive tax exemptions to places of worship, beyond the statutory exemptions;
- Distinction between different classes of properties and their merits to the community; and
- Philosophy or methodology behind granting permissive tax exemptions.

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Boardman: That the Local Grant Committee recommends to Council approval of the following permissive tax exemptions:

City of Victoria - 912 Hereward Road:	100% for 2025;
Island Corridor Foundation:	100% for 2025;
Esquimalt Legion Dockyard Branch 172:	50% for three years;
Municipal Archives:	100% for three years;
GVPL - Esquimalt Branch:	100% for three years;
Esquimalt Town Square:	100% for three years;
Esquimalt United Church:	75% for 2025 and 2026 and 50% for 2027;
Anglican Synod of the Diocese of BC:	75% for 2025 and 2026, and 50% for 2027;
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish:	75% for 2025 and 2026, and 50% 2027;
Van Hanh Buddhist Society:	75% for 2025 and 2026 for the Class 6 & 8, and 50% for 2027 for Class 6 & 8, and no exemption for Class 1;
Aga Khan Foundation Canada:	75% for 2025 and 2026, and 50% for 2027.

Carried Unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Helliwell, seconded by Councillor Boardman: That the meeting of the Local Grant Committee be adjourned at 6:27 PM. Carried Unanimously.

COUNCILLOR KEN ARMOUR, CHAIR
LOCAL GRANT COMMITTEE
THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

VICTORIA MCKEAN
RECORDING SECRETARY
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