



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES LOCAL GRANT COMMITTEE PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Municipal Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Barb Desjardins (Chair)
Councillor Tim Morrison
Councillor Ken Armour

STAFF: Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Desjardins was Chair and called the meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.**

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Requests were made to move Island Community Mental Health to first on the list and to move Island Corridor Foundation to last on the list. Moved by **Councillor Morrison**, seconded by **Councillor Armour** that the Agenda be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously

4. PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

The Committee instructed presenters that they had three minutes to address their application. It was requested that each representative address the services they provide specifically to Esquimalt.

Organizations present at the meeting:

- Boys and Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria
- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island
- Habitat Acquisition Trust
- Compassionate Resource Warehouse
- Victoria Operatic Society
- Victoria Association for Community Living
- Esquimalt Neighbourhood House Society
- Island Community Mental Health Association
- PEERS Victoria Resource Society
- Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce

Organizations not present at the meeting:

- City of Victoria
- Island Corridor Foundation
- Esquimalt Anglers Association
- WITS Programs (Rock Solid) Foundation

Presentations were completed at **6:38 p.m.** and the meeting was recessed until all applicants were able to leave.

Meeting was reconvened at **6:40 p.m.** and discussions were held regarding the granting of exemptions.

Moved by **Councillor Armour**, seconded by **Mayor Desjardins** that:

the following applicants be approved to receive a 100% permissive tax exemption for the 2020 taxation year:

- Esquimalt Neighbourhood House Society
- Compassionate Resource Warehouse
- Esquimalt Anglers Association
- WITS Program (Rock Solid) Foundation
- City of Victoria
- Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce

the following applicants be approved to receive a 100% permissive tax exemption for the **2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023** taxation years:

- Habitat Acquisition Trust

the following applicants be approved to receive a 75% permissive tax exemption for the 2020 taxation year:

- Boys and Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria

the following applicants be approved to receive a 50% permissive tax exemption for the 2020 taxation year:

- Victoria Association for Community Living
- PEERS Victoria Resource Society
- Island Community Mental Health Association
- Victoria Operatic Society

Carried Unanimously

Moved by **Councillor Morrison**, seconded by **Mayor Desjardins** that:

- the following applicants be denied a permissive tax exemption for the 2020 taxation year:

- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island

In Favour: **Councillor Morrison, Mayor Desjardins**

Opposed: **Councillor Armour**

Moved by **Councillor Armour**, seconded by **Councillor Morrison** that:

-the following applicants be denied a permissive tax exemption for the 2020 taxation year:

- Island Corridor Foundation

In Favour: **Councillor Armour, Councillor Morrison**

Opposed: **Mayor Desjardins**

Moved by **Councillor Morrison**, seconded by **Councillor Armour** that:

-staff draft a report regarding the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy for consideration at a Committee of the Whole Meeting. This report should discuss: (i) options for reducing future exemptions, (ii) amendments to the existing assessment criteria, and (iii) the provision of exemptions over multiple years.

Carried Unanimously

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by **Councillor Morrison**, seconded by **Councillor Armour**, that the Local Grant Committee meeting be adjourned at **7:31 p.m.**

Carried Unanimously