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From: Laurie Hurst
Sent: May-04-20 4:48 PM
To: Kim Maddin
Subject: FW: Temporary Tax Deferral Program Expansion
Attachments: 2020-05-04as_ltb_Reinstatement of Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program.pdf; ATT00001.htm

For mail log, thanks.

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Council may want to support this , next agenda?

Sent from my iPhone

Barbara Desjardins

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Al Siebring <mayor@northcowichan.ca>
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Subject: Temporary Tax Deferral Program Expansion

Minister Robinson:

Please see the attached letter, which is sent based on a resolution approved by our Council last week.

Thank you,

Al Siebring,
Mayor,
District Municipality of North Cowichan.



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May 4, 2020

The Honourable Selina Robinson
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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By email: MAH.minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Robinson

Re: Reinstatement of Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program

This letter is to confirm that North Cowichan Council, at its meeting on April 29, 2020, endorsed a motion urging your government to reinstate the Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program, initially announced in November 2008 by then-Premier Gordon Campbell.

As you may know, this program allowed eligible homeowners facing financial hardship due to the economic conditions of the day to defer their property tax payments for the following two years, with no requirement to repay the deferred taxes until the homes were sold or transferred. This program temporarily expanded eligibility for property tax deferral while ensuring local governments would receive property tax revenues. Our Council is asking that this be done again in the context of the COVID-19 economic crisis. Our motion – which passed unanimously – reads as follows:

"That the Mayor be authorized to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with copies being sent to Vancouver Island municipalities, to request the reinstatement of the financial hardship property tax deferment program to provide support to property owners facing hardships from COVID-19, who are not eligible for the existing property tax deferment programs".

Sincerely

Al Siebring
Mayor

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cc: North Cowichan Council
Vancouver Island Municipalities