



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**DATE:** September 24, 2019

Report No. FIN-19-016

**TO:** Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** Ian Irvine, Director of Financial Services

**SUBJECT:**

2020 Permissive Tax Exemptions

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council give first, second and third readings to the Tax Exemption (Non-Profit Organizations) Bylaw, 2019, No. 2978 as attached to Staff Report FIN-19-016.

**RELEVANT POLICY:**

Council Policy FIN-16 Permissive Tax Exemptions  
Community Charter S.224

**STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:**

This decision does not directly relate to any specific strategic objective

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 224 of the Community Charter gives Council the authority to grant permissive exemptions from property taxes for a period of up to 10 years. Council must adopt a bylaw and, prior to its adoption, ensure notification of the proposed exemptions is posted on the public notice board and

advertised during two consecutive weeks in a publication circulating within the municipality.

On September 10, 2019, the Local Grant Committee made recommendations relating to the 2020 permissive tax exemptions, for approval by Council. These recommendations have been incorporated into the bylaw attached to this staff report. Additionally, public notice of the intent to adopt the bylaw will be published in the Victoria News. A copy of this year's public notice is attached for your information. Once adopted, the bylaw must be provided to the BC Assessment Authority in advance of its October 31, 2019 deadline.

## **ISSUES:**

### **1. Rationale for Selected Option**

A total of 14 permissive tax exemption applications were received in advance of the Township's August 30, 2019, deadline. While the Council policy criteria states that each applicant is required to appear before the Committee during the first year of a new Council, three organizations were not represented at the meeting.

The following not-for-profit organizations made permissive tax exemption applications and the Local Grant Committee has recommended the approval of a 100% exemption for the 2020 taxation year:

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

The following not-for-profit organization made a permissive tax exemption application and the Local Grant Committee has recommended the approval of a 100% exemption for the 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 taxation years:

- Habitat Acquisition Trust

The following not-for-profit organization made a permissive tax exemption application and the Local Grant Committee has recommended the approval of a 75% exemption for the 2020 taxation year:

- Boys and Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria

The following not-for-profit organizations made permissive tax exemption applications and the Local Grant Committee has recommended the approval of a 50% exemption for the 2020 taxation year:

- Island Community Mental Health Association
- PEERS Victoria Resource Society
- Victoria Association of Community Living

- Victoria Operatic Society

The Local Grant Committee recommends the permissive tax exemption application from the following not-for-profit organizations be denied for the 2020 taxation year:

- Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island
- Island Corridor Foundation

## 2. Organizational Implications

There are no organizational implications of this decision.

## 3. Financial Implications

Upon approval of these permissive tax exemptions, the identified organizations will not be required to submit property taxes on the portions of land and improvement assessed values which have been exempted during the 2020 taxation year.

The following table illustrates the actual value of permissive tax exemptions provided by the Township during the 2019 taxation year. Additionally, based on the recommendations of the Local Grant Committee, the estimated municipal and total taxes that would be exempted for these during 2020 are included. The estimated exemption amounts for 2021 and 2022 are also disclosed as required under the Community Charter.

	Municipal Taxes	Total Taxes
2019 (Actual)	\$ 76,524	\$ 129,291
2020 (Estimated)	\$ 67,387	\$ 113,037
2021 (Estimated)	\$ 69,409	\$ 116,427
2022 (Estimated)	\$ 71,491	\$ 119,922

## 4. Sustainability & Environmental Implications

There are no sustainability or environmental implications of this decision.

## 5. Communication & Engagement

Under section 94 of the Community Charter, municipalities are required to make public, Council's intent to adopt a permissive tax exemption bylaw. In accordance with the requirements, the notice of intention to adopt the bylaw is scheduled to be published in the Victoria News for two consecutive weeks prior to adoption.

Additionally, upon adoption, copies of the bylaw will be provided to the BC Assessment Authority so that they may calculate and apply the exemptions during the 2020 taxation year.

Subsequent to adoption of the bylaw, all permissive tax exemption applicants will be notified in writing

whether their application has been approved. Within this correspondence they will be notified that in accordance with Council Policy FIN-16 Permissive Tax Exemptions, if they have been granted an exemption they would be ineligible to apply for a 2020 local grant.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That Council give first, second and third readings to the Tax Exemption [Non-Profit Organizations] Bylaw, 2019, No. 2978.
2. That Council amend the Tax Exemption Bylaw and give first, second and third readings to Bylaw, 2019, No. 2978 as amended