



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022 OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM

PRESENT: VOTING
Councillor Gares, Chair
Councillor Mund (11:12 a.m.)
Mayor Cumming

NON-VOTING

STAFF: Debra Law, Director, Financial Services
Rena Crosson, Manager, Financial Operations
Terry Martens, Manager, Financial Planning & Reporting
Kristy Hornett, Coordinator, Financial Services
Jennifer Bruns, Manager, Legislative Services/Corporate Officer
Jade Adams-Longworth, Secretary I - Corporate Services

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

**LAND
ACKNOWLEDGMENT** *As Chair of the City of Vernon's Finance Committee, and in the spirit of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan Nation.*

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA** Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Gares;
THAT the amended agenda for the Wednesday, August 17, 2022 meeting of the Finance Committee be adopted:

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES** Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Councillor Gares;
THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held May 17, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS

The Manager, Financial Operations presented the Committee with the 2023 Permissive Tax Exemptions, and the 2023 Permissive Tax Exemptions update. The following was noted:

- Clarification and reasoning were given on three organizations (four properties) and why the recommendation for those organizations had changed.
 - Okanagan Learning Foundation did not pay the 2022 Property Tax directly to the City of Vernon for the property located at 102 – 3126 31 Avenue.

Councillor Mund entered the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

- Okanagan Village Housing Society properties (4005 Pleasant Valley Road and 6335 Okanagan Landing Road) currently have zero occupancy, and no occupancy permit.
- St. Johns Ambulance Society is moving locations, and are no longer sharing a building with another organization.

Moved by Mayor Cumming, seconded by Akbal Mund;

THAT the following properties making new application be denied tax exemptions:

- Okanagan Learning Foundation – 102-3126 31 Ave
- Okanagan Village Housing Society – 4005 Pleasant Valley Rd
- Okanagan Village Housing Society – 6335 Okanagan Landing Rd

AND FURTHER, that the following property making a new application be granted tax exemption beginning in 2023 to the extent show:

- St. Johns Society – A-6135 Okanagan Landing Rd – 100% exemption

CARRIED.

Moved by Akbal Mund, seconded by Mayor Cumming;

THAT the Finance Committee recommends that the following properties making new application be granted tax exemptions beginning in 2023 to the extent shown:

- Archway Society for Domestic Peace – 2400 46 Ave – 100% exemption
- North Okanagan Community Life Society – 4203 Pleasant Valley Rd – 100% exemption phased in over 3 years
- North Okanagan Community Life Society – 505-1607 43 Ave – 100% exemption phased in over 3 years

- North Okanagan Community Life Society – 3209 22 St – 100% exemption phased in over 3 years
- North Okanagan Community Life Society – 3213 22 St – 100% exemption phased in over 3 years
- Vernon Gospel Chapel – 4106 Pleasant Valley Rd – 100% exemption

AND FURTHER, that the tax exemptions for the following properties be deleted beginning in 2023 for the reasons show:

- New Apostolic Church – 4203 Pleasant Valley Rd – due to the sale of the property
- St Johns Ambulance – 1905-1901 47 Ave – due to the need to move out of a City owned location to a new location
- North Okanagan Community Life Society – 2400 46 Ave – due to the building being occupied by a new tenant
- Turning Points Collaborative Society – 2500 43 Ave – due to the property already being exempt as a Class 3 property
- Canadian Mental Health Association – 3405 Okanagan Ave – due to the property transitioning from Class 1 to Class 3
- North Valley Gymnastics – 4700 31 St – due to property being listed for sale

AND FURTHER, that housekeeping corrections be made to Schedule “C” (“Social Services Properties”) and Schedule “F” (Mixed and Unique Properties) of City of Vernon Tax Exemption Bylaw Number 5713, 2018 for the following properties.

- North Okanagan Valley Gleaners Society – 4405 29th St – move from Schedule “C” (Social Services Properties) to Schedule “F” (Mixed and Unique Properties)
- Vernon Book Volunteers Society – 35 – 100 Kalamalka Lake Rd – move from Schedule “C” (Social Services Properties) to Schedule “F” (Mixed and Unique Properties)
- Vernon Curling and Athletic Club – correct address from 3400 39th Ave to 3800 33 St
- Vernon Senior Citizens’ Society – Halina Seniors Centre – correct address from 3310 37th Ave to 3800 33 St
- Boys and Girls Club – Centennial Building – correct address from 3600 33rd Street to 3300 37 Ave

CARRIED.

**DATE AND TIME OF
NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chair


