

**Subject: Agenda Item: 2002 Taxation Exemptions**

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Dear Mayor & Council

Why should District taxpayers provide a \$30,000 subsidy to the BC Maritime Employers Association, an 'unaccredited employers association currently consisting of 75 member companies' whose 'primary purpose of the Association is to provide sound labour relations advice to waterfront employers in British Columbia'?

<http://www.bcmea.com/>

R.N.B. Dance & Theatre Arts already receives a subsidy in the form of a lucrative discounted rental agreement in leasing District premises at 3355 Mountain Highway. This Bylaw also exempts them from paying \$8000 in property tax. This provides an unfair advantage in competing with the other five dance schools on the North Shore.

I previously brought this issue to Council's attention which you chose to ignore & instead rubber stamped the recommendations.

There are 43 other properties receiving exemption. Partial property exemption may be justified, but not 100%. **Everyone should pay their fair share for services provided.**

Yours truly, Dave Sadler