

Subject: RE: Agenda Item 6 - permissive tax exemption-West Vancouver

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The properties are located on the west side of Capilano approximately north of Fullerton Ave and south of the Suspension Bridge.

The properties are located within the boundaries of the District of North Vancouver and owned by the District of West Vancouver. The applications for permissive tax exemption for these properties are handled in the same manner as any other application. A few months ago I had discussions with BC Assessment regarding these properties. If these properties had taxable assessments the municipal taxes would be approximately \$12,600.

I trust that I have answered your questions.

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Dear Mr. McCormick

Again this year, I notice that West Vancouver, as holders of three properties in the District of North Vancouver, are being given tax exempt status on them.

This year, I went digging into what this is, and where these lands are located.

All are located on the western side of the Capilano River. Two seem to be parkland, with no uses on them, other than natural space and trails. The third is a part of the Klee Wyck property, owned and operated by West Vancouver.

I suppose the District has been forgiving the payment of taxes on these lands for some time. From reading the District's policy on permissive tax exemptions, they do not seem to meet all the criteria.

It was also interesting to review West Vancouver's policy on permissive tax exemptions. Their policy is to only grant exemptions for three situations - child care, seniors housing, and places of worship. West Vancouver themselves do not give exemptions to organizations providing recreation and cultural opportunities.

Could you confirm the above information? What is the value of these exemptions each year, and does this situation get reviewed on a regular basis?

Sincerely,
Cathy Adams