



# Corporate Report

NO: R198

COUNCIL DATE: September 25, 2006

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TO: Mayor & Council DATE: September 22, 2006  
FROM: City Clerk FILE: 1970-04  
SUBJECT: SECTION 224 TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO. 16106  
For properties under Section 224 (2) (g) of the *Community Charter*

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received; and

That Council consider three readings of the “Section 224 (2) (g) Tax Exemption By-law 2005, No. 16106.

## BACKGROUND

The exemptions included in this By-law fall within Section 224 (2) (g) and are for land or improvements used or occupied by a religious organization as a tenant or licensee, for the purpose of public worship, or for the purposes of a hall that Council considers is necessary to land or improvement used or occupied by a religious organization as a tenant or licensee.

These permissive exemptions require notice to the public. The By-law must be adopted on or before October 31. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of all Council members is not required.

## DISCUSSION

Applications for 5 new properties were received, and have been included in the By-law. In each case, the application has been reviewed and certain verifications conducted to ensure the properties meet the criteria for the legislation.

**New Applications:**

- (1) Nichiren Shoshu Temple, #102 – 16055 Fraser Highway (Schedule A, Item 16) – this is a new application for a leased hall for the purpose of public worship. The property has been included in the By-law for Council consideration.
- (2) White Rock South Surrey Jewish Community Centre, #32 – 3033 King George Highway (Schedule A, Item 15) – this is a new application for land leased by a synagogue for the purpose of public worship. The property has been included in the By-law for Council consideration.
- (3) Glorious Covenant Church, 13579 Bentley Road (Schedule A, Item 9) – this is a new application for a leased church for the purpose of public worship. The property has been included in the By-law for Council consideration.
- (4) Surrey Christian Life Assembly, #106 – 12332 Pattullo Place (Schedule A, Item 17) – this is a new application for a leased church for the purpose of public worship. The property has been included in the By-law for Council consideration.
- (5) Islamic Academy of Canada, #113 – 8299 – 129 Street (Schedule A, Item 18) – this is a new application for a leased church for the purpose of public worship. The property has been included in the By-law for Council consideration.

**Applications Not Renewed/Changes:**

- (1) Bethel Hanin Methodist Church, #103 and #104 – 10304 – 152A Street – this church has moved its operation into a local school, and a tax exemption is no longer required.
- (2) National Muslim Foundation of Canada, #111 and #113 – 13140 – 80 Avenue – this church has vacated its premises and is looking for a new facility in which to operate. A tax exemption is no longer required for this property.

**Applications Not Recommended:**

**CONCLUSION**

The Section 224 (2) (g) Tax Exemption By-law has 18 properties listed, 5 of which are new applications. All applications have been checked and verified to ensure they comply with the legislation.

In order for the listed properties to receive a tax exemption in 2007, Council must pass this By-law before October 31, 2006.

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