

Corporate Report

NO: <u>R205</u>

COUNCIL DATE: <u>SEPTEMBER 17, 2007</u>

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: September 10, 2007

FROM: City Clerk FILE: 1970-04

SUBJECT: SECTION 225 TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW NO 16446

For properties under Section 225 of the Community Charter

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received; and

2. That Council consider three readings of the "Section 225 Tax Exemption Bylaw 2007 No. 16446".

BACKGROUND

The permissive exemptions included in this By-law are heritage properties which fall within Section 225 of the *Community Charter* S.B.C. 2003, Chap. 26, and receive a 100% tax exemption. The legislation provides that a By-law under Section 225 may only come into force once notice of the proposed bylaw has been given and the Bylaw is adopted on or before October 31 in any year, adopted by 2/3 of all Council members.

In previous years, heritage properties were included in the general By-law for permissive exemptions. However, the *Community Charter* provides that only exemptions under Section 225 now require a 2/3 vote of all Council members.

DISCUSSION

Applications for 8 heritage properties were received, 7 were included in the by-law for Council consideration.

Estimated value of the Section 225 exemptions is as follows:

2008	\$10,903
2009	\$11,219
2010	\$11,544

New Applications

(1) <u>Feedham House, 14040 – 32nd Avenue</u> – this is on the Surrey Heritage Registry and has a Heritage Revitalization Agreement under By-law 15804. It is in order for a tax

exemption to be considered by Council. The map attached to the by-law has been drawn to indicate that the new addition of a separate carriage house on the property is not exempt.

- (2) <u>Willard Kitchen Heritage House, 2590 O'Hara Lane</u> this is on the Surrey Heritage Register and has a Heritage Revitalization Agreement under By-law 16196. It is in order for a tax exemption to be considered by Council.
- (3) <u>Rothwell House, 2598 O"Hara Lane</u> this is on the Surrey Heritage Regiser and has a Heritage Revitalization Agreement under By-law 15657. It is in order for a tax exemption to be considered by Council.

Applications Not Approved/Changes

- (1) <u>2670 O'Hara Lane</u> this is a residential property that does not have a Heritage Revitalization Agreement. The owners of the property can reapply if a Heritage Revitalization Agreement is put in place.
- (2) Robert Dougall Mackenzie House, 5418 184 Street the map attached to the by-law has been amended to indicate that the indoor swimming pool located to the rear of the house is not exempt from taxes.

CONCLUSION

The Section 225 Tax Exemption By-law has 7 properties listed, and requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of all Council members. Public notice will be given in accordance with the Community Charter, following first, second and third reading of the By-law.

In order for the listed properties to receive a tax exemption in 2007, Council must pass this Bylaw by October 31, 2007.

Margaret Jones City Clerk