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#### **REGULAR COUNCIL**

TO: Mayor & Council

DATE: **October 6, 2008** 

FROM: City Clerk

FILE: **1970-04** 

## SUBJECT: SECTION 224 TAX EXEMPTION BY-LAW NO. 16738 For properties under Section 224 of the *Community Charter*

# RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the report be received; and
- 2. That Council rescind third reading of the "Section 224 Tax Exemption By-law 2008, No.16738"; and
- 3. That "Section 224 Tax Exemption By-law 2008, No. 16738" be amended by adding Luke 15 House (Schedule A, Item 91); and
- 4. That "Section 224 Tax Exemption By-law 2008, No. 16738" be given third reading as amended.

# DISCUSSION

"Section 224 Tax Exemption By-law 2008 No. 16738" received first, second and third reading on September 29, 2008.

A late application has been received from Luke 15 House, a non-profit organization which provides faith-based temporary housing with a zero-tolerance approach to drugs and alcohol for men who are in transition from a prison environment and recovering from an addiction. The organization also offers 12-step programs, spiritual study, peer group counselling, life skills and job skills training.

It is in order for this application to be added to the By-law for Council's consideration.

The amended By-law will be given public notice in accordance with the *Community Charter*. Estimated value of the Section 224 tax exemption for this property is as follows:

2009	\$2,192
2010	\$2,277
2011	\$2,366

## CONCLUSION

The Section 224 Tax Exemption Bylaw has 95 properties granted 100% exemption, 14 properties granted proportionate exemptions. There are 11 new properties incorporated in the By-law, including the application from Luke 15 House.

The application from Luke 15 House has been checked and verified to ensure it complies with the legislation.

In order for the property to receive a tax exemption in 2009, Council must rescind third reading of "Section 224 Tax Exemption By-law 2008 No. 16738", amend the By-law at third reading and give the By-law third reading as amended.

In order for the listed properties to receive a tax exemption in 2009, Council must pass this Bylaw before October 31, 2008.

> Margaret Jones City Clerk