

**Excerpt from the September 12, 2023 Draft Committee of the Whole Minutes  
RE: Decisions in Relation to Permissive Tax Exemptions**

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IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff to:

- (1) Establish the term for exemptions in the new Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw to be for one year; and,
- (2) Coordinate a workshop for Council to consider amendments to the Permissive Tax Exemption policy, that align with best practices in other jurisdictions, and which include:
  - (a) Evaluation (scoring) Criteria related to, but not limited to:
    - Alignment with municipal policies and values such as inclusion and equity
    - Availability of services and activities to all or a good proportion of municipal residents
    - Availability of services without restrictive or expensive membership
    - Service provision by volunteers
  - (b) Establish the maximum percentage for exemptions based on organizations meeting the criteria set out in the policy.

(Opposed: Manhas)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the applications for Permissive Tax Exemptions submitted by the following organizations be considered separately:

- (1) B.C. S.P.C.A
- (2) Canadian Red Cross
- (3) Ducks Unlimited
- (4) Island Corridor Foundation
- (5) Nature Conservancy of Canada
- (6) Nature Trust of BC.

(Opposed: Douglas, Istace, Justice)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the application for Permissive Tax Exemptions submitted by Camp Qwanoes be considered separately.

(Opposed: Findlay)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff to draft a Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw, which includes 100% tax exemption for all land and improvements to all organizations that Council had granted in prior years, excluding B.C. S.P.C.A., Canadian Red Cross, Ducks Unlimited, Island Corridor Foundation, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Nature Trust of BC, and Clements Centre Society, as Council will consider these applications separately.

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff include 50% of all land and improvements for Class 8 for Maple Bay Yacht Club and Mount Brenton Golf Course in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole deny the Permissive Tax Exemption application from the House of Grace Pregnancy Centre and direct staff to exclude the organization from the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

(Opposed: Caljouw, Findlay, Manhas)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole direct staff to include 100% tax exemption for all land to Cowichan Community Land Trust's Quamichan Lake property in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw. CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole deny the Permissive Tax Exemption application from Camp Qwanoes and direct staff to exclude the organization from the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

(Opposed: Findlay, Manhas)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Permissive Tax Exemption application from the B.C. S.P.C.A. and direct staff to include the organization in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

(Opposed: Findlay)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Permissive Tax Exemption application from the Canadian Red Cross and direct staff to include the organization in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

(Opposed: Findlay)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Permissive Tax Exemption application from Ducks Unlimited and direct staff to include the organization in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

(Opposed: Findlay)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Permissive Tax Exemption application from the Island Corridor Foundation and direct staff to include the organization in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

(Opposed: Findlay)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Permissive Tax Exemption applications from the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Nature Trust of BC, and direct staff to include the organizations in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

(Opposed: Caljouw, Findlay, Manhas)

CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the Permissive Tax Exemption application from the Clements Centre Society and direct staff to include the organization in the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw.

CARRIED