
City of Kelowna

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 10, 2004
FILE: 1970-50

TO: City Manager

FROM: Director of Financial Services

RE: **TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST – OKANAGAN FAMILIES SOCIETY**

Report prepared by Revenue Supervisor

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council not approve a request for property tax exemption for the Okanagan Families Society for the years 2003 and 2004 on property roll no. 7270, located at 628 - 630 Cadder Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

On June 24, 2004 the property owners provided an application for tax exemption for the year 2005. Also submitted is a letter requesting that the City consider refunding the municipal portion of their 2003 and 2004 property taxes for the property at 628 - 630 Cadder Avenue. The letter states that the property tax exemption was not applied for in 2002 because of the timing of the purchase and subsequent renovation of the home in 2003 because of an administrative oversight.

A similar request was received from the Okanagan Families Society on June 28, 2000 whereby the Society requested tax relief for the 2000 property taxes on two of their properties located at 831 Lawrence Avenue and 1290 Bernard Avenue because they had not submitted a permissive exemption application the previous year. This request was approved and funding provided through Council contingency.

The history presented above demonstrates that the Okanagan Families Society is aware of the permissive tax exemption process, however, as mentioned in their letter they are requesting that Council consider this "unusual request" and refund the municipal portion of their 2003 and 2004 tax levy in the amount of \$3,161.14.

Paul Macklem

Attachment – letter only