

Subject: Re: Public Notice of Permissive Tax Exemptions for 2007
From: Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2006 21:43:32 -0700
To: Agnes Hilsen <Agnes_Hilsen@dnv.org>
CC: Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@dnv.org>, fonvca@fonvca.org, James Ridge <james_ridge@dnv.org>

Dear Agnes Hilsen,

Whereas, as part of the Public Notice listing the permissive tax exemptions, the City of North Vancouver and West Vancouver both advertize the permissive tax exemptions and then say "it is the intention of the Council...to consider ...Bylaw... at the regular Council meeting" the DNV says it "intends to consider the **adoption** of Bylaw..at the regular council meeting to be held..."

The subtle but important distinction is that the DNV has already given first 3 readings to a bylaw before they publish the notice, while our neighbouring municipalities publish the notice before council debate. In both cases a renotification is required should council decide to change the exemptions. However, for the DNV the discussion for those potential changes have already taken place before the public notification. I find this antithetical to the democratic process.

Perhaps, in the future, council could consider using the process adopted by our neighbouring municipalities. Perception is important.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost

Agnes Hilsen wrote:

Dear Corrie Kost:

The Community Charter states that a proposed permissive tax exemption bylaw may only be adopted after notice of the proposed bylaw has been given.

Notice of the proposed bylaw will be placed in the newspaper on October 6 & 13. Council will consider the adoption of the Bylaw on October 16.

This is in keeping with our practice in previous years and meets the requirements of the legislation. Presumably, the purpose of advertising the proposed bylaw is to provide the public with an opportunity to review the exemptions and provide input to Council. Council may, at the time of adoption, consider any input received amend the Bylaw if it so wishes.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:kost@triumf.ca>]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 8:19 PM

To: kost@triumf.ca

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Subject: Re: Public Notice of Permissive Tax Exemptions for 2007

kost@triumf.ca wrote:

Your Worship & Members of Council,

I may have missed it (I am not perfect!) but I question whether the public notifications (usually in local newspaper) were published on the

subject issue.

Please indicate date of publication so I can verify postings. Lacking such I urge council to rescind its consideration till it was properly advertized.

Yours truly,

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

Further the above. Strictly speaking the Community Charter requires only a public notice be given (in certain prescribed terms) before council ADOPTS the exemptions.

But traditionally (and by common sence) notification is given in the media well before council gives first readings to the bylaw.

For example, this year West Vancouver published on page 16 of NSN on Sep 22 for discussion before WV council on Oct 2, while the CNV published a notice on page 46 of NSN on Sep 15th for its council discussion on September 25th.

To have the DNV council give first 3 readings on Sep 25th and a publication at a later date is not in keeping with open governance.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost