

# Report

**City of Merritt**  
**REGULAR Council Meeting**  
**October 13, 2020**

**File Number: 3900.2288**

**To:** Sean Smith, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Greg Lowis, Director of Corporate Services  
**Date:** October 9, 2020  
**Subject:** Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Council rescind Third Reading of Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2288, 2020;**

**And**

**THAT Council amend Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2288, 2020 as attached**

**And**

**THAT Council read Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2288, 2020 a third time**

**And**

**THAT Council Adopt Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2288, 2020**

**Background:**

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Council gave three readings to Permissive Tax Bylaw 2288, 2020. The subject properties were then properly advertised to be made permissively exempt.

Subsequent to publication, staff noticed that the precise text of the Bylaw could create problems, as while all the proposed properties were eligible for the exemption, they had

not been described under the correct sections of the *Community Charter*. In order to ensure that the exemptions could not be questioned, staff propose a textual change to the Bylaw in order to invoke the correct subclauses in all events.

Ministerial Order M192/20 provides authority for a Council to adopt Financial Bylaws on the same day they receive Third Reading, and as the properties have already been advertised as required in the Merritt Herald, staff propose that this authority be used in this case.

**Attachments:**

Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 2288, 2020.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Greg Lowis**  
**Director of Corporate Services**