

March 14, 2012

Premier Dalton McGuinty
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty,

Re: Council Resolution regarding Report No. CS-2012-0012 dated January 23, 2012, regarding Exemption from Taxation – Royal Canadian Legion; File No. F22/TA.

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Tuesday, March 6, 2012, adopted the following Recommendation:

Recommendation No. GC-2012-0028 (Resolution No. 2012-0065)

THAT Report No. CS-2012-0012 dated January 23, 2012, regarding the Exemption from Taxation – Royal Canadian Legion be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff be authorized to prepare a by-law exempting the lands and buildings of the Royal Canadian Legion Branches 120 and 197 from local taxes for a period of ten years commencing in 2012.

AND FURTHER THAT Staff request the Region of Halton to pass a similar by-law exempting the Royal Canadian Legion Branches in Halton Hills from regional taxes.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills requests the Province to exempt all Legion Halls in Ontario from Property Tax Rolls within the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province contribute back to affected municipalities a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for their Legion Halls that are eligible for a tax exemption;

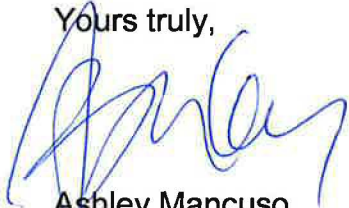
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Ted Arnott MPP, and all Ontario municipalities for their support.

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A copy of By-Law No. 2012-0020 is attached for your information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy O'Donnell, Manager of Finance at (905) 873-2601 ext. 2240.

Yours truly,



Ashley Mancuso
Council and Committee Services Coordinator

- c. The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance
Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
MPAC
Ms. Louise Cooke, Region of Halton
All Ontario Municipalities
Wendy O'Donnell, Manager of Finance



BY-LAW NO. 2012-0020

A By-law to exempt the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 and 197 from Municipal taxation.

WHEREAS Section 6.1 of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter A.31, permits the municipality to pass a by-law to exempt from taxes for its purposes any real property actually used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds by person who served in the armed forces of His or Her Majesty or an ally of His or Her Majesty in any war; and

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to provide such tax exemption.

AND WHEREAS on March 6, 2012, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. CS-2012-0012, dated January 23, 2012, in which certain recommendations were made relating to Exemption from Taxation – Royal Canadian Legion.

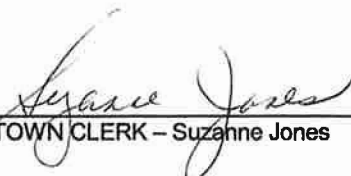
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That for the years 2012 to 2021 inclusive, the portion of the land and buildings owned and occupied by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120 situated at 127 Mill Street, Georgetown Plan 27, Part Lots 4, 47, 48 and Branch 197 situated at 15 Wright Avenue, Acton, described as Plan M140 Block B to Block H, in the Town of Halton Hills, is hereby exempt from municipal taxation.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 6th day of March, 2012.



MAYOR – Rick Bonnette



TOWN CLERK – Suzanne Jones