

Original → City Manager
Copy → Lynn Watter
→ Rob Mayne

April 28, 2016

Ron Mattiussi, City Manager
City of Kelowna
1435 Water Street
Kelowna, BC
V1Y 1J4

Dear Mr. Mattiussi:

This letter is a pre-notification that the ORL Board has directed the Library to apply for a permissive tax exemption in all jurisdictions where it is currently paying property tax. The purpose of sending this to you now is to invite any questions or concerns from our local government partners. We will be contacting your staff shortly to see if there is any special paperwork which needs to be completed and the deadline to apply.

By way of background, Libraries are normally exempt from property tax under section 220 of the Community Charter and provisions of the Local Government Act. However, in some cases, where libraries are leasing from a private entity, these provisions have not applied.

We are aware that permissive exemptions are very much a local decision, and are considered in the context of existing bylaws, procedures, and financial realities.

The ORL is a non-profit, registered charitable organization whose mission is to connect curious minds. We serve over 100,000 active users throughout the Southern Interior, and we act as a door to literacy and learning for children, families, newcomers, aboriginal people, and seniors.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns;

Yours sincerely,



Stephanie Hall, CEO
Okanagan Regional Library

Cc: ORL Trustee Tracy Gray

