From: Corinne Saad

**Sent:** September 26, 2023 9:44 AM

**To:** Dave Thompson (Councillor); Krista Loughton (Councillor); Marianne Alto (Mayor);

Jeremy Caradonna (Councillor); Chris Coleman (Councillor); Matt Dell (Councillor); Marg Gardiner (Councillor); Stephen Hammond (Councillor); Susan Kim (Councillor); Susan

Kim (Councillor); Legislative Services email

**Subject:** The Gorge View Society property tax exemption application

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

On May 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Gorge View Society submitted an application for permissive tax exemption. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, I followed up with an email asking what the next steps would be. I received a response on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, letting me know that staff would not be recommending that GVS's application be included in the tax exemption bylaw and that it would be considered at your Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday of this week.

We believe that our circumstances warrant favourable consideration and respectfully request the opportunity to speak to Mayor and Council at Thursday evening's Council meeting about our permissive tax application. There are details and context that are important for you to hear as you make your decision.

Yours sincerely.

Corinne Saad (she/her) Executive Director Gorge View Society

I acknowledge and respect the lakwaŋan peoples on whose traditional territory the Gorge View Society exists, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.