

Notice of Motion

Agenda Number: 22.2

Date: November 12, 2020

Moved by Councillor Dasko

Seconded by Councillor Ras

Whereas each year on November 11th, Canadians pause to remember the heroic efforts of Canadian veterans who fought in wars and military conflicts, and served in peacekeeping missions around the world to defend our freedoms and democracy so that we can live in peace and prosperity;

And whereas, it is important to appreciate and recognize the achievements and sacrifices of those armed forces veterans who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace;

And whereas, Section 6.1 of the *Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. A31 as amended, Regional Council may exempt from Regional taxation land that is used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds by persons who served in the armed forces of His or Her Majesty or an ally of His or Her Majesty in any war;

And whereas, through By-Law Number 62-2017 Regional Council has provided an exemption from Regional taxation to Royal Canadian Legions and the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Clubs that have qualified properties used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds;

And whereas, local municipal councils in Peel have provided a similar exemption for local property taxes;

And whereas, notwithstanding Regional and local exemptions, the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Clubs still have to pay the education portion of property taxes;

And whereas, Royal Canadian Legion branches in Ontario are exempt from all property taxation, including the education portion of property taxes, under Section 3 (1) paragraph 15.1 of the *Assessment Act*, and that a municipal by-law is not required to provide such an exemption;

And whereas, Army, Navy and Air Force veterans' clubs do not have the same exemption from all property taxation, as applied to Royal Canadian Legion Ontario branches;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Chair write to the Minister of Finance, on behalf of Regional Council, to request that the Ontario government amend Section 3 (1) of the *Assessment Act* to include the Army, Navy and Air Force veterans' clubs in the exemption from all property taxes, including the education portion;

And further, that copies of this resolution be sent to Peel-area Members of Provincial Parliament as well as to all Ontario municipalities for consideration and action.

Regional Chair