

Checklist – Place of Worship

The following documentation is required for a complete submission:

Application Form

To be signed by a current Director as listed on the most recent list of directors and witnessed by a Commissioner for taking Affidavits or a Public Notary. The City Clerk's Office provides this service free of charge in the Clerk's Office on the fifth floor, east tower of City Hall, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Please note that witnessing a signature does not mean that staff is verifying that your application is complete or has been approved. Staff will contact the applicant if there is any outstanding information missing in the application submission. Applicants may also use a Public Notary at their own cost.

Most recent list of directors as submitted to a governing body (a Statement of Registered Directors and Registered Office from the Province **or** a T1235E form from Canada Revenue Agency)

T1242E letter from the Canada Revenue Agency (if the organization is a registered charity)

Certificate of Good Standing (if the organization is incorporated under the *Societies Act*).

If your organization has an incorporation number and submits an annual report to the Province, a Certificate of Good Standing is required. Applicants can order the certificate online at:
https://www.corporateonline.gov.bc.ca/WebHelp/overview_cogs.htm

In addition to the above noted submission requirements, all **new** applicants must also submit:

Floor plan, showing each room along with its purpose

Interior photos of each room listed on the floorplan

Exterior photos showing the hours of operation and signed

Site plan showing any parking and / or outbuildings and their use

Certificate of Incorporation

Staff will advise if any documentation is missing. Please allow up to five business days for staff to review your application after it has been submitted.

Application for Tax Exemption – Place of Worship

Tax Year 2026

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 PROVINCE OF)
 BRITISH COLUMBIA)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TAXATION EXEMPTION
 BYLAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 220 AND 224(2)(f)
 and (h) OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER IN THE
 CITY OF SURREY
 (exemption from taxation under Annual Property
 Tax Bylaw for tax year 2026)**

I, _____ in the Province of British Columbia,
(first and last name of applicant)

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT

(a) I am the _____ of the _____ and as such
(position currently held)
(name of association, society or organization)

have knowledge of the facts hereinafter deposed with respect to the subject property for which a tax exemption application is being made;

- (b) The organization will be the legal occupier of the property that they are seeking a permissive exemption for in the tax year being considered (tax year 2026);
- (c) The property is in compliance with City bylaws, policies and regulations;
- (d) All of the information provided below and materials submitted to the City in support of this application are complete, true and correct in all respects; and
- (e) I understand that the City of Surrey may adjust a permissive property tax exemption for a property should factors important to the eligibility of the property for an exemption change at any time.

AND I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of the CANADA EVIDENCE ACT.

DECLARED before me at Surrey
 in the Province of British Columbia
 this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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 Signature of Applicant
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 Name of Applicant (Please Print)
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 Title of Applicant
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 Organization

 A Commissioner for taking Affidavits within
 British Columbia or
 A Notary Public in and for the Province of British Columbia

PART A: Applicant Information

- 1. Full name or title of organization: _____
- 2. Registered Owner Name (if different than above): _____
- 3. Property Address: _____
- 4. Contact Person (provide contact information for up to two people that staff can contact regarding the submission as necessary).

Name: _____ Name: _____
Title: _____ Title: _____
Daytime phone no: _____ Daytime phone no: _____
e-mail: _____ e-mail: _____

- 5. Is the organization a registered charity?
 Yes No

5.a. If yes, please provide your registered charity number:

- 6. Is the organization an incorporated society (i.e. – does the organization file an annual report with the Province of BC)?
 Yes No

6.a. If yes, please provide your incorporation number:

PART B: General Information

- 1. Is this a new application for a permissive property tax exemption:
 Yes No
- 2. Is the organization the owner of the property:
 Yes No
- 3. Does the property currently receive a statutory exemption applied by the BC Assessment Authority:
 Yes No

4. Has there been any change in status or use of the building or property in the last 12 month:
 Yes No

If yes, please explain briefly below (If required, use additional paper as attachment.)

5. Is the permissive exemption being sought for:
 The whole parcel **OR** A portion of the parcel (describe in square feet and/or submit a site plan. Use a separate piece of paper as necessary.)

6. List the type of buildings, their use and gross floor area for all buildings on the property:

Building Type and Use		Gross Floor Area	
Type and number of parking spaces available on site	Gravel: _____	Blacktop: _____	Undeveloped: _____
How many people live in any building(s) on the property?			
What is the square footage of the living area?			

7. Are there any plans to sell or redevelop the property in the next 24 months:
 Yes No

Should the property be sold prior to end of the tax year being considered, the permissive tax exemption will be automatically removed and the property will be be liable to taxation from the date of the transfer, sale, lease, as the case may be.

PART C: Services Information

1. What is the principal use of the property?

2. What charitable and/or outreach services do you provide at no charge to the residents of Surrey?

3. State the days and time periods that services and/or programming are available (if required, use additional paper as attachment):

Program	Dates and Hours of Operation

4. How is your organization a complementary extension to City services and programs?

5. How is your organization accessible to the public? How is the public made aware of your services?

6. Specify the number of users of your service during the most recent fiscal year. Of these users, specify the number who are residents of Surrey and advise how you know they are Surrey residents.

7. Is every building on the lands in use and currently set aside for public worship?

Yes No

8. Is any portion of the property used exclusively for daycare or preschool purposes?

- Yes No

Regardless of exclusivity, provide details regarding the daycare and/or preschool operator as follows:

Provider: _____

Contact information: _____

If the church does not run the daycare and/or preschool, please submit a copy of the provider's license and charity registration number, as well as a copy of the lease agreement.

9. An important and much needed service in the city is Extreme Weather Response (EWR) shelters. EWR shelters are temporary shelters (mats on the floor) that open overnight during extreme weather alerts. The Homelessness Services Association of British Columbia (HSABC) is contracted by BC Housing to coordinate the EWR program in Surrey. Experienced non-profit shelter providers are contracted by BC Housing to manage and staff the EWR shelters. Funding is not provided for rent, so shelter spaces are sought free of charge from community organizations. Please indicate if your organization would consider providing your place of worship as an EWR shelter. City staff will be in contact if you indicate that your space could be used as an EWR shelter. **Please note that indicating yes or no to being an EWR shelter has no impact on your eligibility for a permissive property tax exemption.**

- Yes No

PART D: Financial Information

1. Provide details of revenue generating activities on your property; such as daycare, pre-school, catering, hall rental, thrift shop, etc. We require the following information for each activity. Use a separate piece of paper as necessary.

Activity	Organization or Operator	Fee charged	Annual income

2. Have you applied for or received funding from any other government or non-government organization? (For example, Federal or Provincial Government, B.C. Housing, B.C. Rental Housing, United Way, private donors, endowment funds, or other agencies)

- Yes No

Funding Agency	Type of Grant or Funding	Amount	Status

Do any of the above listed sources include provision for property taxes?

- Yes No

