



Mayor and Council
 Township of Langley
 20338-65 Ave
 Langley, BC, V2Y 3J1

March 12, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation, I am kindly requesting a grant to cover the portion of the 2021 municipal taxes on the Foundation's property, Lot 4 (East Parking Lot), that is not exempt (approximately \$13,000).

We have gratefully received the Townships total tax exemption on our parking lot for many years as we have been able to drive those funds into improving the quality of healthcare available to our Langley residents.

Several recent events have put us in a difficult position this year:

- In March 2020, due to Covid, the Provincial government passed its first State of Emergency which lifted parking fees charged on hospital sites. We have had no revenue from parking since that time.
- The Townships by-law Policy 03-837 regarding permissive exemptions from property taxation comes into effect this year. Specifically, section 3.3 limits total available exemptions on tax assessments to \$75,000.
- The Foundation's property was assessed with a 23% year over year increase in value.

Unfortunately, the increase value of our land did not come to my attention in time to appeal the assessment and the deadline has passed. This year, we will appeal this assessment arguing that the municipal covenants that restrict the land to provide parking for the hospital, take the land out of normal market forces and depress its value.

The Foundation has enjoyed a productive partnership with Fraser Health and the Langley Township. We remain dedicated to our work to expand and improve the health care available to our residents. We truly appreciate your support of our efforts with this grant at this difficult time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Scott".

Heather Scott, CFRE, MPA
 Executive Director

Partner with us in building a healthy community.

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