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2025 Permissive Tax Exemption Applications Now Being Accepted

The City of Vernon is now accepting 2025 Permissive Tax Exemption applications.

Permissive tax exemptions provide a reduction in property taxation for places of worship, private schools and other non-profits, in recognition of the value of volunteers, volunteer groups and agencies to the spiritual, social, cultural, educational and physical well-being of Vernon.

Please note that Council has updated the policy for permissive tax exemptions.

- Places of worship, private schools, and hospital-related properties can now apply for exemptions lasting up to five years pending submission of an annual confirmation that no property information has changed.
- Other non-profits will continue to apply for exemption annually, an initial comprehensive application package is required at the beginning of each five-year cycle, once approved, a short, annual renewal will be required. Two new application packages are available for use, one for each of those types of organizations.

The previous permissive tax exemption policy, bylaw and existing approvals, expire with the 2024 tax year. To be considered for exemption in the 2025 – 2029 bylaw cycle, all organizations must submit a complete application package including detailed property information. No renewals are being accepted at this time, as the beginning of a new five-year cycle requires complete review of each property for inclusion in the new bylaw.

Applications for 2025 permissive tax exemption must be submitted within the **June 1 – July 15, 2024 intake period**.

To view eligibility criteria, please refer to the [Permissive Tax Exemption Policy](#). To access the application forms and policy, visit the City's website at vernon.ca/propertytaxes. For more information, call 250-550-3554 or email pte@vernon.ca.