



Swedish Canadian Rest Home Association • Swedish Canadian Residents Foundation
Gustav Wasa Housing Society • Swedish Canadian Manor Society

February 12, 2021

His Worship, Mike Hurley
Mayor of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby BC V5G 1M2

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Re: Request that City of Burnaby reverse penalties applied
to 2020 Swedish Canadian Village property taxes

The Board of Directors of Swedish Canadian Village hereby makes formal request for the reversal of the penalty applied on property taxes on the three properties owned by our three Societies as follows:

Property Tax Amounts

Folio: 1210-7230-0000
Address: 7230 HALIFAX ST
Swedish Canadian Rest Home Association Property Tax: \$71,912.39
Rest Home Late Payment Penalty: \$7,191.24

Folio: 1210-7250-5000
Address: 7250 HALIFAX ST
Gustav Wasa Housing Society Property Tax: \$22,654.35
Gustav Wasa Late Payment Penalty: \$2,265.44

Folio: 6995-1812-5000
Address: 1812 DUTHIE AVE
The Swedish Canadian Manor Society Property Tax: \$52,767.64
Manor Late Payment Penalty: \$5,276.76

The basis of our request is as follows:

1. Swedish Canadian Village consists of three properties providing assisted living and subsidized housing to over 200 residents of Burnaby, through the aforementioned three Societies. One Society is a Charity and two are Not for Profit. Founded in 1946 by the

Swedish Canadian community as a rest home, Swedish Canadian Village has been for many years a good taxpayer to the City of Burnaby.

2. The City of Burnaby last year changed the mailing address for property tax payments from what it had been previously. Apparently, no arrangement was made by the City of Burnaby for a simple post office mail-forwarding plan to deal with the address change.

3. Because of the pandemic, our accountant was frequently working from home. He was at the same time required to provide various government levels and departments substantial information relating to the additional funding levels for medical arrangements and staffing, including single site staffing. It is understandable how he erred in sending the property tax payment to the previous tax address. Many of our Directors also have contributed of their time to assist. These were and are desperate times, which resulted in three deaths at Swedish Canadian Village.

4. In these exceptional circumstances, we consider it reasonable for the City of Burnaby to use its ways and means to reverse the property tax penalties noted above, and we seek your forbearance to do so.

Yours sincerely,



Dorothy Carlson, President
Swedish Canadian Rest Home Association
Swedish Canadian Manor Society
Gustav Wasa Housing Society

cc: Councillor, Sav Dhaliwal
cc: Councillor, Pietro Calendino
cc: Aldine Larsen, BC Housing