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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	27
COUNCIL MEETING	90/04/09

RE: LETTER FROM THE CANADIAN RED CROSS WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
APRIL 02ND MEETING OF COUNCIL (CORRESPONDENCE ITEM 16)
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FOR TAXATION AT THEIR BRANCH LOCATED AT 3248 BETA AVENUE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Finance be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 April 04
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE File: G69-1a
SUBJECT: THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
PURPOSE: To respond to a request from the Canadian Red Cross Society
for exemption from property taxation.

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RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Dawne Bringeland,
President, Fraser Region of the Canadian Red Cross Society,
100 - 522 Seventh Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3M 5T5.

REPORT

Appearing under Correspondence on Council's 1990 April 02 agenda was a letter from Dawne Bringeland, President, Fraser Region of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The letter requests exemption from local taxes for the Society's Burnaby office, located at 3248 Beta Avenue, for the years 1989 and 1990.

The Red Cross operates a "loan store" at this location where people can borrow wheelchairs, walkers and other similar items. In addition, a group of volunteers make and sell quilts at this location to raise funds for international relief. The space is also used as a general office/meeting area for the local activities of the Society.

The Canadian Red Cross Society does not qualify for statutory exemption from taxation under Section 398 of the Municipal Act. As a tenant, renting privately owned taxable space, they would not be eligible for permissive exemption from taxation under Section 400 of the Act.

Even if the Society was eligible for permissive exemption, it would be too late to consider requests for 1989 and 1990. Such exemptions must be approved by Council by August 31 each year for the following year. We have contacted the Society and passed this information to them.

The Canadian Red Cross Society was awarded a \$3,000 grant from Council in 1989 for the acquisition of storage cabinets in their Burnaby office.


Howard Karras
DIRECTOR FINANCE