



# Corporate *NO: R224*

# Report *COUNCIL DATE: October 22, 2001*

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<b>TO:</b>	<b>Mayor &amp; Council</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>October 22, 2001</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Acting City Clerk</b>	<b>FILE:</b>	<b>0023-14536</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Section 339 Tax Exemption By-law, Gurdarawa Sahib Dasmesh Darbar, 12899 - 85 Avenue, Surrey, B.C.</b>		

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council approve a tax exemption for 76,102 square feet of space utilized for parking for the Gurdarawa Sahib Dasmesh Darbar.
2. That Council consider a tax exemption for 18,116 square feet of the property that is required for the flag pole and area used for religious purposes.
3. That Council consider three readings of By-law 14536, under the by-law section.

## DISCUSSION

### Parking

At the October 15, 2001 Regular Council Public Hearing, Council referred the application of the Gurdarawa Sahib Dasmesh Darbar back to staff to bring forward a bylaw to exempt the area used for parking by the temple. The attached drawing outlines the area used by the temple for parking. There are 44 existing spaces for the temple, and an additional 210 spaces are required to accommodate the parking required for the temple, which has expanded over time.

### Flag Pole

The temple also has a flag pole on site which is used for religious purposes. This utilizes approximately 18,000 square feet, and Council may wish including an exemption for the flag pole, and including it in Bylaw 14536.

## **CONCLUSION**

Should Council approve an exemption for both the parking and the flag pole area, the by-law should be given three readings this evening, and a Special Regular Council meeting will have to be scheduled in order to give the bylaw final adoption. It should be noted that all readings of the bylaw require a two-thirds majority of Council (6) positive votes.

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Acting City Clerk

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