



**THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH**

**Permissive Tax Exemption Application**

**Taxation Year: 2024**

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**Permissive Tax Exemption Applications are due by July 31, 2023:**

In person to: The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich  
1903 Mount Newton Cross Road  
Saanichton, BC V8M 2A9

By Fax: 250-652-0135 or Email to: [municipal.hall@csaanich.ca](mailto:municipal.hall@csaanich.ca)

Exemptions are applied to the taxes of the following year and are subject to the availability of sufficient funding within the District's Annual Operating Budget, according to Council Policy and at the discretion of Council.

Exemptions are generally intended for "not for profit" organizations which provide a direct benefit to the community. A copy of the Permissive Exemptions Policy FIN-2021-11 outlines the criteria used to consider approving exemptions.

All applications must include a copy of the previous year's financial statements along with evidence of being a registered charity or non-profit organization in good standing.

Further information may also be obtained by contacting the Manager of Finance at 250-544-4207 or by email to [finance.department@csaanich.ca](mailto:finance.department@csaanich.ca).

**Application:**

Pursuant to Section 224 of the Community Charter:

I, Gordon Elliott of 800B Stelly's Cross Road  
*Name Street Address*  
Brentwood Bay BC Telephone No. 778-351-4969 or \_\_\_\_\_  
*City/Town*

certify THAT:

1. I am the Officer and Senior Manager of the  
*Position Currently Held Within Organization*

WSANEC Lands Trust Society  
*Name of Corporation, Association, Society or Organization*

have knowledge of the facts hereinafter detailed with respect to the following property for which a tax exemption is being applied for:

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<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Property Zoning</u>	<u>Tax Roll/Folio No.</u>
<u>See attached listing of ten (10) properties</u>		
<u>Legal Description of Property</u>		

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

2. Full name or title of organization: WSANEC Lands Trust Society

3. Mailing address of the organization (including postal code):  
800b Stellys Cross Rd, Saanichton BC  
V8M 1J4

4. Registered Non-Profit Organization?  
 Yes  No

5. Religious or Church property?  
 Yes  No

6. Registered Charity?  
 Yes Charity Number 78145 4103 RR0001  
 No

7. Name and phone number of two other officials in organization (i.e. Pastor, President, Manager, etc.)

(i) Name: Bill Stafford  
Title: Financial Officer  
Email: finance@wsanec.com  
Day Phone No.: 778-351-4969  
Night Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Name: Eryn Rogers  
Title: Project Manager  
Email: eryn.rogers@wsanec.com  
Day Phone No.: 778-351-4969  
Night Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

8. The lands are registered in the name of: WSANEC Lands Trust Society

9. This exemption is claimed under the Community Charter, Section 224, pursuant to Subsection 2 as the organization is (please indicate the relevant designation for eligibility):  
Section 224(2)(a)

**INFORMATION ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZATION**

10. What is the principal use of this property?

**See attached.**

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11. (a) Describe your organization's non-profit activities, including details of programs/services/benefits delivered, as well as any fees charged.

**See attached**

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(b) Provide the participant numbers and volunteer opportunities within your organization.

**See attached**

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(c) Describe who benefits from your programs/services offered and in what ways.

**See attached**

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(d) Describe how your organization is accessible and equally available to all residents of the District. In particular, by groups, individuals, those with special needs, youth, seniors, general public, members only, etc.

**See attached**

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(e) Provide usage statistics by jurisdiction.

i.e. % use by District of Central Saanich residents

% use by residents outside of District of Central Saanich

Not formally assessed. Property has only recently transferred and this information is not available.

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Anicdotally, both local and non-residents frequent the property to watch birds and walk dogs.

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12. Please provide details of other activities on your property, such as daycare centers, catering and hall rental, thrift shop. The following information is required for each activity:
- Hourly per day and/or days per week of operation
  - Fee or charge
  - Approximate number of participants
  - Is the activity operated by the church or by an outside organization?

None. The whole property is being restored to a wetland.

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13. Other activities which may be pertinent to your application (attach a separate page if necessary):

N/A

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#### USE OF PROPERTY INFORMATION

14. **We require a current site plan of the property** indicating the grounds and buildings and their uses. This would include buildings, storage buildings, walkways, parking lot, playgrounds, bush areas, etc. Show all dimensions.

15. The gross floor area of the building: 0

16. Number of parking spaces:

Gravel: 0 Blacktop: 0 Undeveloped: 0

17. Does anyone live in the buildings? N/A If yes, how many people? N/A

18. Square footage of living area: 0

19. Is any part of the building or of the property used or rented by commercial or private operators or by any group other than your organization? If yes, provide details *including percentage of building/property allocated to this use.*

No

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20. Has there been any change in the status or use of the buildings or property in the last 12 months? N/A If yes, please explain briefly. \_\_\_\_\_
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21. **CHURCHES ONLY** complete the following additional questions:

(i) What is the seating capacity of the church?

Permanent: \_\_\_\_\_

Portable: \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) What is the gross floor area of the:

(a) Church: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Hall: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Other Buildings: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Gross Floor Area: \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) Every building on the lands is in use and continues to be set aside for public worship or for a Church Hall. YES  NO

(iv) For a manse or a building of similar kind:

is not used in association with the place of public worship

is used for public worship; and an exemption is claimed for the land and improvement.

If the manse or a building is used for public worship, specify what area of the building and the square footage.

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**Note:** Manses may be considered if they are used for Sunday School, Bible Class, etc., but not for office, elders meetings, storage or residential purposes.

Gordon Elliott

Applicants Name

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Witness Name



Applicants Signature



Witness Signature

**NOTES:**

(1) The personal information on this form is collected for the purpose of an operating program of the District of Central Saanich as noted in Section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the Director of Financial Services at 250-544-4204.

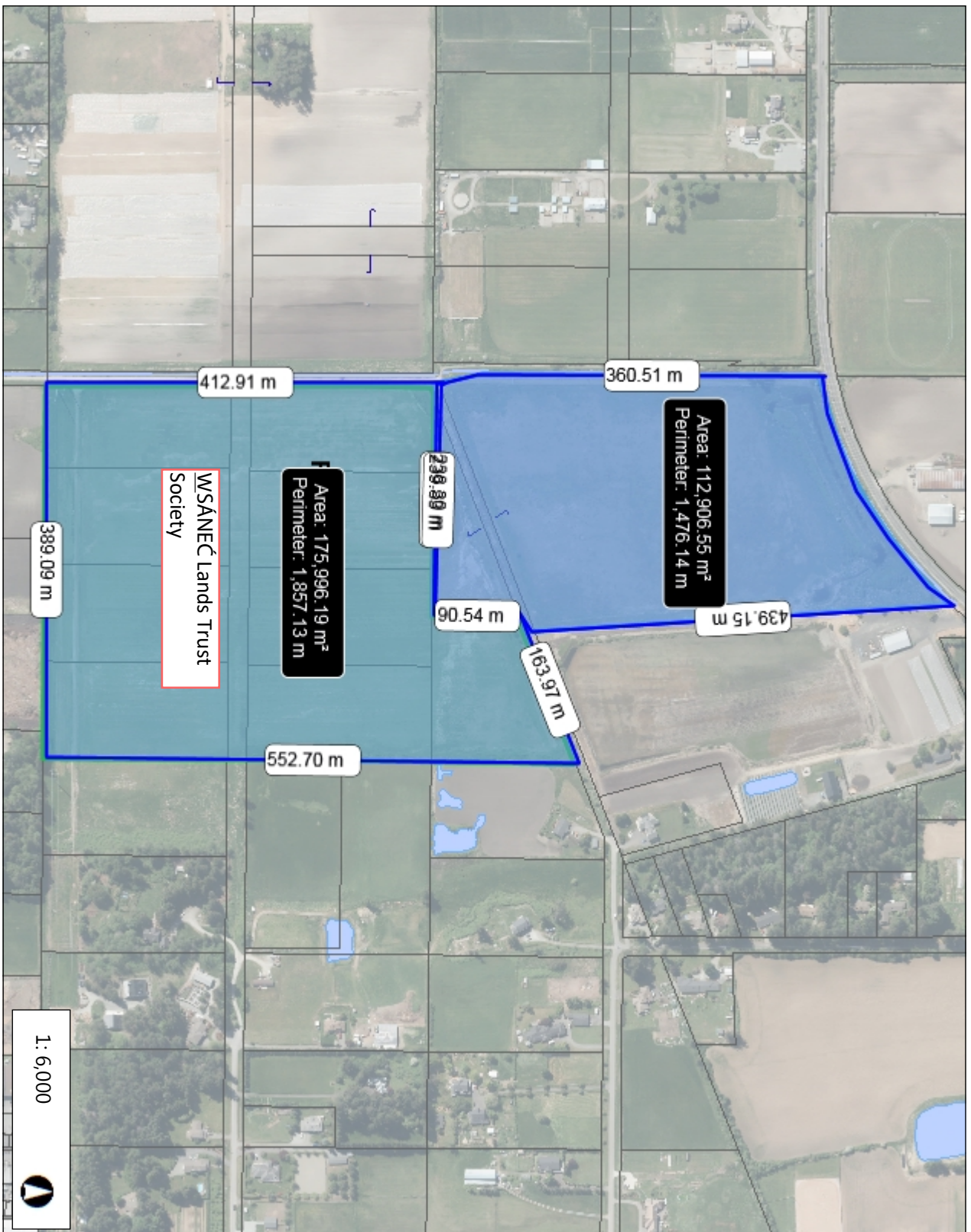
**WSANEC Lands Trust Society  
 2025 Permissive Tax Exemptions  
 Properties Listing**

	Property Address	Property Zoning	Tax Roll/Folio No.	Legal Description of Property
1	Highfield Road	A-1	340071.012	LT 2 BLK 4 RGE 2E SSD PL VIP1607
2	Meadowbank Road	A-1	340071.093	LT 15 BLK 4 RGE 2E SSD PL VIP1607
3	Meadowbank Road	A-1	340071.094	LT 16 BLK 4 RGE 2E SSD PL VIP1607
4	Meadowbank Road	A-1	340071.095	LT 17 BLK 4 RGE 2E SSD PL VIP1607
5	Meadowbank Road	A-1	340071.096	LT PT18 BLK 4 RGE 2E SSD PL VIP1607
6	Meadowbank Road	A-1	340092.011	LT PT1 BLK 5 SEC 12 SSD PL VIP1607
7	Meadowbank Road	A-1	340092.012	LT 2 BLK 5 SEC 12 SSD PL VIP1607
8	Meadowbank Road	A-1	340092.013	LT 3 BLK 5 SEC 12 SSD PL VIP1607
9	Meadowbank Road	A-1	340092.014	LT 4 BLK 5 SEC 12 SSD PL VIP1607
10	1801 Meadowbank Road	A-1	340092.015	LT 5 BLK 5 SEC 12 SSD PL VIP1607

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Question Answers Supplementary

10. The land is degraded farmland that was transferred to WSANEC under the Ecological Gifts Program to be restored back to an abundant wetland by WSANEC. TIKEL was a sacred place used by WSANEC for food, medicine, and supplies. There are currently no functional wetlands in the watershed and the restoration of TIKEL will provide important ecological functions such as water retention, carbon sequestration and supporting rare plants & animals including 175 migratory birds. Having TIKEL restored to wetland, as it was before colonization, will reduce flooding in the area, provide drought management, and once again provide a home to the many animals, plants, and traditional practices of the WSANEC people.
11. (a) The charitable purposes of the WLTS include owning and providing WSANEC access to land for reconnection, environmental stewardship, collaborative projects like community housing and economic development. The WLTS was established to enable the return of SISCENEM (Halibut Island), and in 2023 also become the first Indigenous organization to receive land, "TIKEL", under the Ecological Gift Program from the Berglund Family. WLTS is also contributing to research and policy development on how to effectively establish an Indigenous led Lands Trust that meets both WSANEC and Western legal requirements. Future plans include continued maintenance and community involvement, plans in action for restoration, fundraising, educational activities, ceremonies, traditional practices.
- (b) WLTS serves WSANEC First Nations and their members. Is supported by WSANEC Leadership Council in-kind contributions of staff time. Stewardship volunteer activities will increase over the coming year as restoration work begins. WLTS currently has one permanent volunteer who assists with the internal structural development for the organization, we also work with a broader Community of Practice made up of staff from other Lands Trusts operating within WSANEC territories.
- (c) Members of the WSANEC Nation will regain valuable connection to ancestral land. Benefits include bringing youth onto the land and sharing culture, stewardship, education and connection through elders stories and hands on learning. Ceremonial practices could also take place here. The general public within WSANEC territories will also benefit from having Indigenous led conservation and land reconnection efforts because land wellbeing is important for everyone's future. There may be opportunities for public education and forms of relationship building along with overall reconciliation from past harm WSANEC people have had to endure due to being removed from land.
- (d) Indigenous led conservation benefits everyone in a local community by ensuring local solutions and deep connection to land. WLTS's plan to restore TIKEL to a bountiful wetland like it once was gives accessibility for plants and animals to thrive including in the surrounding landscape. Thus, giving the WSANEC Nation and general public a space to enjoy respectful.

# Area Test



### Legend

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### Notes



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