

CITY OF TERRACE

BYLAW NO. 1995 – 2012

**"A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF TERRACE TO ESTABLISH AN
AIRPORT REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM."**

WHEREAS under the provisions of Section 226 of the Community Charter, the Municipal Council of the City of Terrace may, by bylaw, establish a revitalization tax exemption program;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to establish a revitalization tax exemption program for the airport, as shown in bold outline on the attached Schedule 'A';

AND WHEREAS Council's objectives for the revitalization tax exemption program at the airport are to support the ongoing redevelopment and revitalization of airside commercial operators and uses to secure the future economic and social health of the city;

AND WHEREAS Council has determined that increased investment, job creation and economic activity at the airport is vital to the success of the local economy and the enhancement of business, social and cultural, government and residential activities;

AND WHEREAS Council is of the opinion that the revitalization tax exemption program will stimulate investment and job creation at the airport and thus achieve council's objectives.

AND WHEREAS Section 165 of the Community Charter requires a municipality to set out in its Financial Plan the objectives and policies in relation to the use of permissive tax exemptions and such provisions have been set out in the 2012-2016 Financial Plan Bylaw and are consistent with this bylaw.

AND WHEREAS Section 227 of the Community Charter requires that notice be given of any revitalization tax exemption and that notice of this bylaw has been given accordingly;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the City of Terrace, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1.0 In this bylaw:

"Agreement" means a revitalization tax exemption agreement substantially in the form attached to this Bylaw as Schedule 'B';

"City" means the City of Terrace;

“Council” means the Council of the City of Terrace;

“Airport” means the North West Regional Airport – Terrace Kitimat;

“Airport Society” means the Terrace Kitimat Airport Society;

“Owner” means either the owner registered on title of a fee simple parcel or the lease holder of a surveyed land lease registered with the Land Title Office;

“Parcel” means either a fee simple property or a surveyed land lease parcel registered with the Land Title Office and, for the purposes of this bylaw, applies to a parcel situated within the Revitalization Area;

“Project” means the construction of a new improvement or alteration of an existing improvement;

“Revitalization Area” means the area within the bold outline on the drawing, which is attached as Schedule ‘A’ to this Bylaw, and the area includes those lands zoned for Airside Commercial (ASC) uses within the City of Terrace;

“Schedule” means a schedule attached to this bylaw;

“Tax Exemption” means a revitalization tax exemption for which a Tax Exemption Certificate has been issued;

“Tax Exemption Certificate” means a revitalization tax exemption certificate issued by the City of Terrace pursuant to this Bylaw and pursuant to the provisions of Section 226 of the Community Charter, substantially in the form attached to this Bylaw as Schedule ‘C’.

- 2.0 *There is hereby established a revitalization tax exemption program under Section 226 of the Community Charter for the granting of Tax Exemptions and the issuance of Tax Exemption Certificates for Parcels in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed in this bylaw.*
- 3.0 *The terms and conditions upon which a Tax Exemption Certificate may be issued are prescribed in sections 5.0 through 8.0 of this Bylaw, and any such specific terms and conditions applicable to a specific Parcel must be included in the Agreement and in the Tax Exemption Certificate for that Parcel.*
- 4.0 *The amount of the annual Tax Exemption over the period for which the Tax Exemption Certificate is issued shall be equal to the tax on the increase in the assessed value of improvements on the Parcel between:*
- a) the year before the commencement of construction of the Project, and*
 - b) the year in which the Tax Exemption Certificate under this Bylaw is issued.*

5.0 In order for a Project to be considered by Council and prior to entering an Agreement the following eligibility criteria must be achieved:

- a) The Owner must be issued a Development Permit(s) and/or Building Permit(s) for the Project by the City of Terrace on or after March 1, 2012 and prior to commencing the Project;*
- b) all conditions of a valid Development Permit and/or Building Permit for the Project must have been completed;*
- c) the Project must have a construction value of at least \$250,000.00; and*
- d) the land use for which the Project is intended must be one of the uses permitted in the Airside Commercial (ASC) zone as defined in the city of Terrace Zoning Bylaw No. 1431-1995, and amendments thereto.*

6.0 The maximum term of a Tax Exemption is dependent upon when the Tax Exemption Certificate for the Parcel is issued by the Director of Finance pursuant to the terms of this Bylaw and the applicable Agreement according to the following requirements, and in any case shall not exceed three (3) years:

- e) if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2012, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2013 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years;*
- f) if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2013, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2014 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years;*
- g) if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2014, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2015 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years;*
- h) if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2015, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2016 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years;*
- i) if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2016, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2017 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years.*

7.0 Application for a Tax Exemption Certificate and confirmation of Project completion shall be submitted in a form acceptable to the Director of Development Services no later than August 31st of the years 2012, 2013,

2014, 2015 or 2016 in order for the Certificate to be entered on the assessment roll for the period of time indicated in Section 6.0.

8.0 If an Owner of a Parcel wishes Council to consider entering into an Agreement with the Owner, the Owner must apply to the City in writing and must submit the following:

a) a completed application form, in a format acceptable to the City and available at the Development Services department;

b) a certificate that all taxes assessed and rates, charges and fees imposed on the Parcel have been paid, and, where taxes, rates or assessments are payable by instalments, that all instalments owing at the date of application have been paid;

c) a description of the Project and confirmation that all conditions of a Development Permit and/or Building Permit have been completed;

d) a confirmation in a form satisfactory to the City's Director of Development Services certifying that the construction value of the project exceeds \$250,000.00; and

e) a fee in the amount of \$500.00.

9.0 If, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the Agreement or the Tax Exemption Certificate, the Certificate is cancelled, the owner of the property for which the Certificate was issued will remit to the City, no later than 30 days after the date of the cancellation of the Certificate, an amount equal to the amount of the Tax Exemption received after the date of the cancellation of the Certificate.

10.0 The Director of Finance for the City of Terrace is the designated municipal officer for the purpose of Section 226 of the Community Charter.

*11.0 This Bylaw may be cited, for all purposes, as "**City of Terrace Airport Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1995 – 2012**".*

12.0 The Schedules to this bylaw form a part of and are enforceable in the same manner as this bylaw.

READ a first time this 26th day of March, 2012.

READ a second time this 26th day of March, 2012.

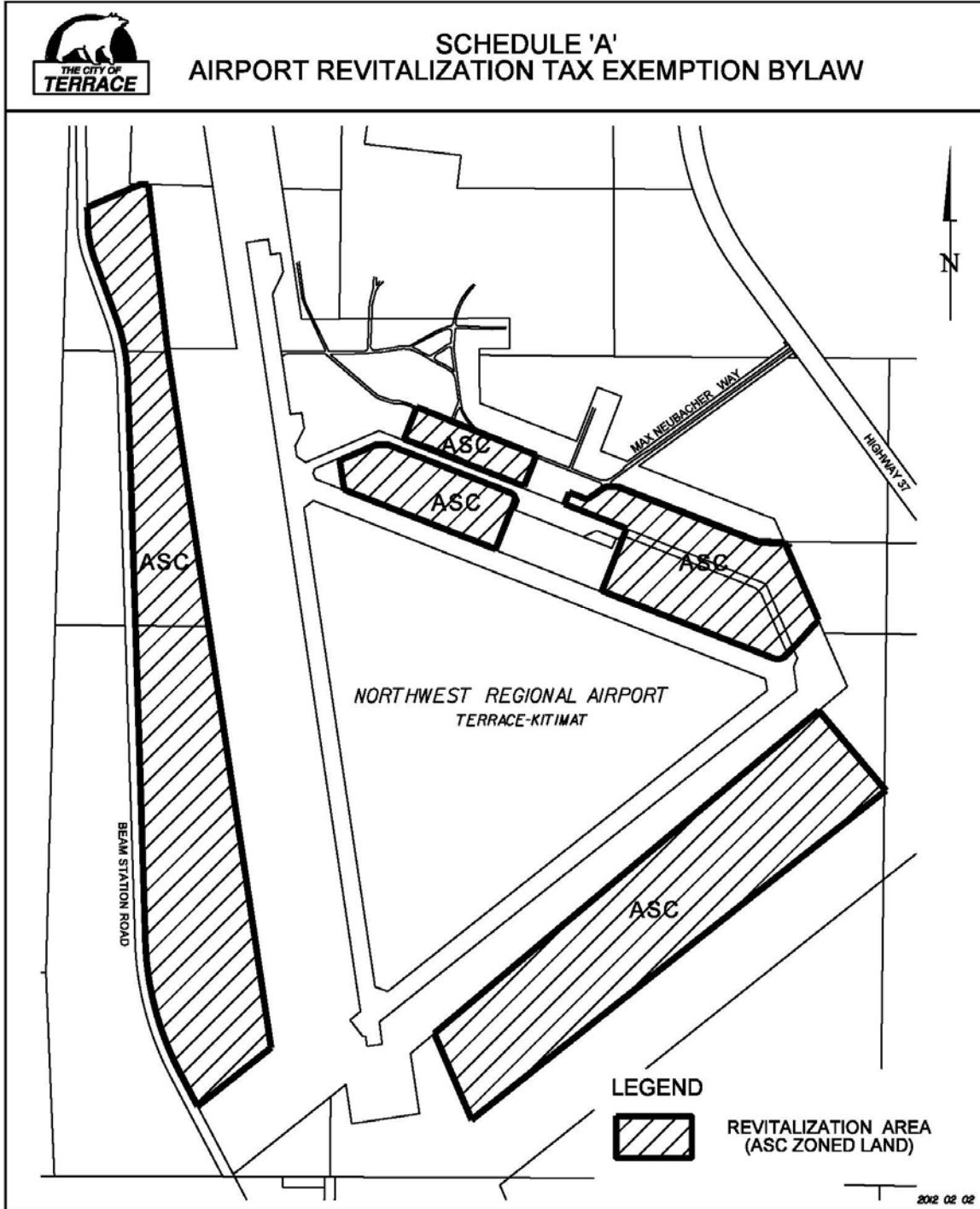
READ a third time this 26th day of March, 2012.

ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2012.

Deputy Mayor

Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A'
REVITALIZATION AREA



SCHEDULE 'B'

Bylaw No. - 2012

REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT (AIRPORT)

This Agreement dated for reference the ____ day of _____, 20__ is

BETWEEN:

(the "Owner")

AND:

**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TERRACE,
3215 Eby Street
Terrace, British Columbia
V8G 2X8**

(the "City")

GIVEN THAT:

- A. *The Owner is either the owner of a fee simple parcel or the lease holder of a registered surveyed land lease located within the City of Terrace at [civic address] legally described as [legal description] (the "Parcel");*
- B. *Council has established a revitalization tax exemption program for those parcels zoned Airside Commercial (ASC) in the airport commercial area consisting of the lands shown within the revitalization area delineated on Schedule 'A' of Airport Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. ____ - 2012 (the "Bylaw");*
- C. *Council's objectives in designating the lands within the airport revitalization area are to support the ongoing redevelopment and revitalization of airside commercial operators and uses to secure the future economic and social health of the city ; and*
- D. *The Owner proposes to construct new improvements, or alter existing improvements (the "Project"), on the Parcel and has applied to the City to partake in the revitalization tax exemption program in respect of the Project and the City has agreed to accept the Project under the program;*

THIS AGREEMENT is evidence that in consideration of the following commitments, the Owner and the City covenant and hereby agree that:

1. Eligibility – A revitalization tax exemption will only be granted for a Parcel if:
 - a) the Owner has been issued a Development Permit and/or a Building Permit for the Project on or after March 1, 2012.
2. The Project – The Owner will use its best efforts to ensure that the Project is constructed, maintained, operated and used in a fashion that will be consistent with and will foster the objectives of the revitalization tax exemption program as set out in the Bylaw.
3. Operation and Maintenance of Project – Throughout the term of the Tax Exemption the Owner must operate, repair and maintain the Project and keep the Project in a state of good repair as a prudent owner would do.
4. Revitalization Tax Exemption – Subject to fulfillment of the conditions set out in this Agreement and in the Bylaw, the City will issue a revitalization tax exemption certificate (the “Certificate”) to the Owner and provide the relevant assessor of BC Assessment with a copy of the Certificate entitling the Owner to a property tax exemption in respect of the Parcel (the “Tax Exemption”) for the calendar years set out in this Agreement. The Certificate will be in the form attached to the Bylaw as Schedule ‘C’.
5. Conditions – The following conditions must be met before the City will issue a Certificate to the Owner:
 - a) The Owner must obtain a Development Permit from the City on or after March 1, 2012 for the Project prior to commencing the Project.
 - b) The Owner must obtain a Building Permit, if applicable, from the City on or after March 1, 2012 for the Project prior to commencing the Project.
 - c) The Owner must complete, or cause to be completed, construction of the Project in conformance with the conditions of all Development Permit(s) and/or Building Permit(s) issued for the Parcel and in compliance with all laws, statutes, regulations and Orders of any authority having jurisdiction, including bylaws of the City.
 - d) The Owner must provide the City with documentation from the Owner’s design professional, or copies of valid paid invoices for work completed for the Project, in a form and content satisfactory to the City’s Director of Development Services, which certifies that the actual costs to construct the Project exceeds \$250,000.00.
6. Calculation of Revitalization Tax Exemption - The amount of the annual Tax Exemption shall be equal to the tax on the increase in the assessed value of improvements on the Parcel between:

- a) *The year before the commencement of construction of the Project, and*
- b) *The year in which the Tax Exemption Certificate is issued.*

7. Term of Revitalization Tax Exemption

The maximum term of the Tax Exemption under this Agreement depends on when the Tax Exemption Certificate for the Parcel is issued by the City's Financial Officer pursuant to the Bylaw and applicable Agreement:

- j) *if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2012, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2013 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years;*
- k) *if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2013, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2014 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years;*
- l) *if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2014, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2015 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years;*
- m) *if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2015, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2016 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years;*
- a) *if the Certificate is issued by the City and entered on the assessment roll on or before October 31, 2016, then the Tax Exemption will be available for the 2017 calendar year and for the 2 subsequent calendar years.*

8. Cancellation

- a) *The City may cancel the Certificate if the Owner requests cancellation in writing or fails to meet any of the conditions specified in the Certificate as conditions on which the Tax Exemption was provided.*
- b) *If a Certificate is cancelled on or before October 31st in any year, it will apply to taxation in the following calendar year; otherwise it will apply to taxation in the year after the following calendar year.*

9. Recapture - *If, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement or the Tax Exemption Certificate, the Certificate is cancelled, the Owner will remit to the City, no later than 30 days after receiving notice from the City of the cancellation and the amount owing, an amount equal to the value of the tax exemption received after the date of the cancellation of the Certificate.*

10. No Refund – For greater certainty, under no circumstances will the Owner be entitled, under this Agreement, the Bylaw, the Certificate or the City's revitalization tax exemption program, to any cash credit, any carry forward tax exemption credit or any refund for any property taxes paid.
11. Enurement – This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and is binding on the parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
12. Notices – Any notice or other communication required or contemplated to be given or made by any provision of this Agreement shall be given or made in writing and delivered personally (and if so shall be deemed received when delivered) or mailed by prepaid registered mail in any Canada Post Office (and if so shall be deemed delivered on the sixth business day following such mailing except that, in the event of interruption of mail service notice shall be deemed to be delivered only when actually received by the party to whom it is addressed), so long as the notice is addressed as follows:

To the Owner at:
[mailing address]

And to the City at:

City of Terrace
3215 Eby Street
Terrace, B.C.
V8G 2X8

Or to such other address to which a party hereto from time to time notifies the other parties in writing.
13. No Assignment – The Owner may not assign its interest in this Agreement except to a subsequent owner of the Parcel.
14. Severance – If any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that it is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement.
15. Interpretation – Wherever the singular or masculine is used in this Agreement, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural, the feminine or body corporate where the context or the parties thereto so require.
16. Further Assurances – The parties hereto shall execute and do all such further deeds, acts, things and assurances that may be reasonably required to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

- 17. References – A reference in this Agreement to the City or the Owner includes their permitted assigns, heirs, successors, officers, employees and agents.
- 18. Date of Effect – This Agreement shall be effective from and after the reference date in this Agreement, but only if this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Owner to the City and duly executed by the City.
- 19. Expense – Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the expense of performing the obligations and commitments of the Owner contained in this Agreement, and of all matters incidental to those obligations and commitments, is solely at the expense of the Owner.
- 20. Owners Representation – The Owner represents and warrants to the City that:
 - a) all necessary corporate actions and proceedings have been taken by the Owner to authorize its entry into and performance of this Agreement;
 - b) upon execution and delivery on behalf of the Owner, this Agreement constitutes a valid and legally binding contractual obligation of the Owner;
 - c) neither the execution and delivery, nor the performance, of this Agreement shall breach any other agreement or obligation respecting the Lands; and
 - d) the Owner has the corporate capacity and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

Mayor
City of Terrace

Corporate Officer
City of Terrace

Owner

Witness to Owner(s)

Owner

SCHEDULE 'C'

Bylaw No. – 2012

REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

SECTION 226 OF THE COMMUNITY CHARTER

In accordance with the City of Terrace Airport Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. ____ - 2012, and in accordance with the Revitalization Tax Exemption Agreement dated for reference the ____ day of _____, 20__ (the "Agreement") entered into between the City of Terrace (the "City") and _____ (the "Owner"), the registered owner(s) or lessee(s) of the Parcel described below:

This Certificate certifies that the Parcel is subject to a revitalization tax exemption in an amount equal to the tax on the increase in the assessed value of improvements on the Parcel between the year before the commencement of construction of the Project _____, and the year in which the Tax Exemption Certificate is issued _____.

The Parcel to which the tax exemption applies is located in the City of Terrace and is described as follows:

Civic Address:

PID:

Legal Description:

The Tax Exemption is for the calendar years commencing with the year _____ and ending with the year _____.

The Tax Exemption is provided on the following conditions:

- 1. The Owner does not breach any covenant or condition in the Agreement and performs all obligations to be performed by the Owner as set out in the Agreement.*
- 2. The Owner has not sold all or any portion of his or her equitable or legal fee simple interest in the Parcel without the transferee taking an assignment and agreeing to be bound by the Agreement.*
- 3. The Owner, or a successor in title to the Owner, has not allowed the property taxes for the Parcel to go into arrears or to become delinquent.*
- 4. The Owner, or a successor in title to the Owner, does not apply to amend the City of Terrace Zoning Bylaw No. 1431- 1995, as amended, consolidated or replaced from time to time, to rezone the parcel from the zoning in effect at the time the Certificate was issued.*
- 5. The Parcel is not put to a use other than those uses permitted in the Airside Commercial (ASC) Zone as defined in City of Terrace Zoning Bylaw No. 1431-1995, and amendments thereto.*
- 6. The Exempt use (as defined in the Agreement) of the Project is not discontinued.*

If any of these conditions are not met then the Council of the City of Terrace may cancel this Revitalization Tax Exemption Certificate. If such cancellation occurs, the owner of the property for which the Certificate was issued will remit to the City an amount equal to the value of the exemption received after the date of the cancellation of the certificate.

Director of Finance

Date