PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE RELATIONS

Taxation (Rural Area) Act

I, Andrew Petter, Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations, order that

the attached 1997 Property Tax Notice is prescribed for the purpose of section 2l(2) of the Taxation (Rural Area) Act.

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Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations

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(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: <u>Taxation (Rural Area) Act, section</u> 20(2), RSBC 1979 - Ch 400

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The information on this form is collected under the authority of the Home Owner Grant Act (S.B.C. 1980, c. 18). The information provided will be used to process your Home Owner Grant Application. Questions about how the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* applies to this personal information can be directed to the Director, Home Owner Grant Administration Branch at (250) 387-8166, 800 Johnson Street, Victoria, BC V8V 1X4.

PROVINCIAL HOME OWNER GRANT

- The enclosed brochure explains the 1997 Home Owner Grant and its eligibility requirements.
- If you are eligible for the grant, please complete and sign the application above.

TAX LEVY INFORMATION

- · Tax rates are:
 - dependent on the annual funding requirement of the taxing jurisdiction, such as regional districts, hospital districts and improvement districts.
- set by the province for school and provincial rural purposes.
- Taxes are calculated as: Assessed Value X Tax Rate = Tax Payable.

Provincial School Tax

- Historically, residential school tax has funded about 12 % of education costs and non-residential school tax has funded about 18 % of total education costs.
- The remainder is funded from other revenue sources.

Provincial Rural Tax

- Supports rural programs, including police protection, and road maintenance.
- Local Service Taxes
- Support regional districts, regional hospital districts, improvement districts and other local governments. Questions regarding these taxes should be directed to the local government responsible for administering the individual service.
- Improvement districts also issue tax notices for various purposes, which do not duplicate taxes shown on this notice.

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

Contact your **Government Agent** at the address or telephone number listed in the blue pages of the telephone directory.

Payments From Outside of Canada

 Payment must be made in Canadian funds by bank draft or money order.

Dishonoured Cheques

- There is a \$20 service charge for all dishonoured cheques.
 Multiple Owners
- Each registered owner will receive a tax notice reflecting the full tax amount billed.
- Have one owner remit one cheque for the full amount billed to avoid duplicate payments.
- **Recently Sold Property**
- Please forward this notice to the new owner(s) to avoid late payment penalty charges.

REVISED TAX LEVIES

- A change in your assessment may result in issuance of a Notice of Revised Taxes after this billing.
- · If you expect a decrease in assessment:
 - the amount shown on this notice is still due and payable by the tax due date.
 - your account will be adjusted when the revised information is received from B.C. Assessment. ANY unpaid balance remaining after the revised assessment is processed will be charged penalty.
 - credit balances of \$35 or greater resulting from an assessment decrease will be automatically refunded. Balances under \$35 will be credited to your account.
- If you expect an increase in assessment, you must still pay the amount shown by the tax due date, or penalty will be charged on any outstanding tax amount.

FARM LAND

- Completed applications to extend the tax due date must be received by close of business July 2, 1997.
- Application forms are available through the Surveyor of Taxes' office or your local Government Agent.

TAX DEFERMENT

- If you are 60 years or older, widowed or physically disabled, you may qualify to defer payment of taxes on your principal residence.
- Contact your local Government Agent or phone the Tax Deferment office in Victoria at (250) 387-0540.

OVERPAYMENT

OR

- Any over payment will be held and applied to your tax account unless a request for refund is made in writing. Credit balances accrue interest.
- SURVEYOR OF TAXES (Victoria): By telephone: (250) 387-0555 In writing: Surveyor of Taxes PO Box 9446 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9V6 or In person: 1061 Fort Street, Victoria BC

Apportionment of Property Taxes

- If the subject property has been subdivided after November 30, 1996, an apportionment of the taxes may be requested.
- Requests for apportionment received by the tax due date will not be charged penalty.

Payments Not Reflected

 Payments made after April 26, 1997 may not be reflected on this tax notice.