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PROPERTY TAX
DUE DATE



10% penalty applies to any 2023 tax amount outstanding at 12:01 am July 5, 2023, including any unclaimed home owner grant amount.

HOME OWNER GRANT
INFORMATION

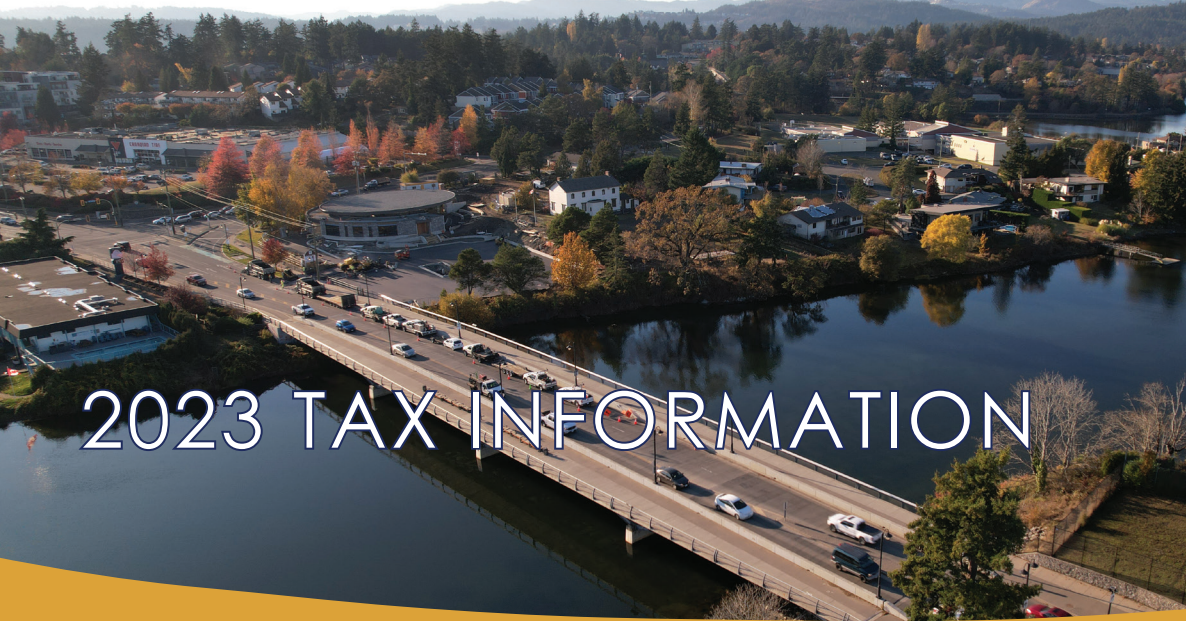
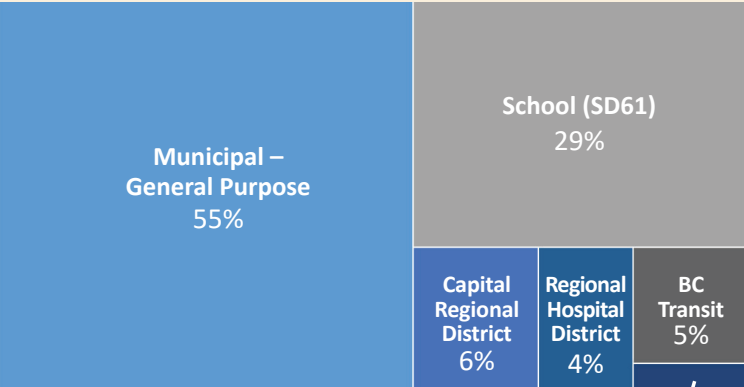
To claim your home owner grant go to:

www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant
or call
1-888-355-2700

You will need your jurisdiction number and roll number displayed on the top right corner of your property tax notice. You will also need your social insurance number.

Payment of taxes is not a requirement to claim the grant but your application must be made on or before July 4, 2023, to avoid a 10% penalty.

WHAT TAXES ARE INCLUDED
ON MY PROPERTY TAX BILL?



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On May 9, 2023, Council approved the 2023-2027 Financial Plan, which is one of the most important documents that any government adopts. The financial plan is the blueprint that outlines how municipal funds are collected and allocated to the services we deliver to our citizens and provides the resources to support our actions.

As we continue to emerge from the global pandemic and confront escalating costs in labour, goods, and services, it is clear that an increase in property taxes is unavoidable. The Financial Plan includes an overall increase of 9.97% in property taxes for 2023, before adding in taxation from new construction.

The proposed budget increase will result in no decreases to existing services and enables us to invest in important strategic initiatives to advance Council's priorities, which include:

- Nearly \$13 million over the five-year plan for an urgently needed expansion of the West Shore RCMP detachment facility in Langford.
- \$1.66 million for five firefighters and \$160,000 more in fire service volunteer compensation over the five-year plan.
- \$1.1 million over five years for operational and capital technology enhancements.
- Funding for further refinement of the Official Community Plan. This work, including deeper engagement with View Royal constituents, is funded from Casino revenue.

What does this mean for property owners?

Assessed property values in the Capital Regional District, and in much of BC, continued their upward trend in 2023. In View Royal, the average residential property's assessed value increased by 12%. In 2022 the average home was assessed at \$930,207 and paid \$1,848 for View Royal taxes. In 2023, the same home is assessed at \$1,046,317 and will pay \$2,048 for View Royal taxes – an increase of \$200. Property owners will experience this differently, depending on the type of property (residential or commercial), the change in assessed value, and how close their assessed value is to the average assessment for that property class.

Taxes collected on behalf of other taxing authorities

About 45% of the total on your property tax bill are tax levies collected on behalf of other taxing authorities. View Royal does not control the tax levies for these authorities but acts as the collector on their behalf. These include:

- The Province of British Columbia for schools
- The Capital Regional District for regional services like hospitals, housing, and parks
 - BC Transit
 - BC Assessment Authority
 - Municipal Finance Authority

View Royal's Financial Plan supports the enhancement of livability in View Royal through investments in roads, parks and trails, police and fire protection, technology, and a commitment to service excellence. It ensures responsible money management and supports Council's six key result areas outlined in the Strategic Plan.

I extend my gratitude to the entire team at the Town of View Royal for their ongoing commitment and efforts to ensure View Royal continues to be a resilient, vibrant community and a wonderful place to live.

Kind regards,

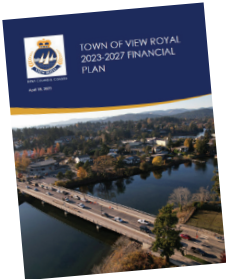


Mayor Sid Tobias

In 2023, the average residential property contributes \$7.29 per day to View Royal services

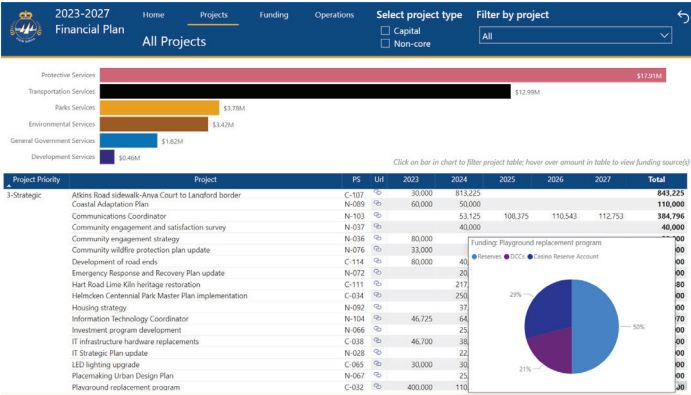
Service	Per Year	Per Day
Protective services	\$ 784	\$ 2.15
Transportation services	529	1.45
General government services	242	0.66
Parks services	154	0.42
Recreation & culture services	111	0.31
Reserve contributions	87	0.24
Development services	74	0.20
Debt	67	0.18
Tax on average residential property*	2,048	5.61
Garbage collection user fee	250	0.68
Sanitary sewer user fee**	365	1.00
Total for typical residential property	\$ 2,663	\$ 7.29

* Assessed at \$1,046,317
** Estimate based on water consumption of 80 m3 between November and April; includes user fees for both View Royal and CRD sewer systems



Discover the projects, sources of funding, and detailed operational budgets that are included in the 2023-2027 Financial Plan through the interactive **Financial Plan Insights App**

www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/town/town-budget/financial-plan-insights.html



Garbage user fees established for five years



On May 9, 2023, Council approved Bylaw 1115 to establish garbage collection user fees for five years. The curbside user fee will increase in 2023 by \$24 (from \$226 to \$250) per household and in 2024 by \$15 (to \$265). After 2024, the rate will increase by \$10-\$15 each year. This ensures the Town will recover the cost of providing the weekly service.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS



In person at Town Hall

Town Hall hours are 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. After hours, use the drop box by front entrance. *Cheques only in drop box – no cash.*



Online or telephone banking

Search for payee **VIEW ROYAL**. Select payee referencing TAX or TAXES. Account number is the last 8 digits of your roll number (without the decimal) shown on the property tax notice. Please allow sufficient time for electronic delivery of your payment. Consider your bank's cutoff times, as your payment must be processed with a payment initiation date on or before July 4, 2023.



Mail

Send cheque (payable to the *Town of View Royal*) to the address shown below. Payment **MUST** be received by July 4, 2023 to avoid penalties.



PAYMENT METHODS

- ✓ Cheque, cash, debit card, post-dated cheque (dated on or before July 4, 2023)
- ✗ No credit cards, wire transfers or third party cheques

PROPERTY TAX PREPAYMENT PLAN

You may pre-pay your property taxes in 10 equal monthly installments (August to May) and earn interest as well. For details, contact the Finance Department or visit www.viewroyal.ca

DEFERRING YOUR TAXES

You may be eligible to defer your property taxes with a low interest loan through the province. Only your current year's taxes may be deferred. **You must pay your garbage user fees or property taxes owing from a prior year (if applicable) before you can defer your current year taxes.** For more information, visit www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferral

viewroyal.ca ONLINE SERVICES



- View details about your property assessment, tax account and historical billing information
- Check to ensure you claimed your home owner grant
- View assessment and tax information for any property in View Royal

Online services link

Find the online services link on the home page at www.viewroyal.ca



Specific information from your property tax notice may be required to access some services.



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