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10% penalty applies to any 2024 tax amount outstanding at 12:01 am July 3, 2024, 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 2, 2024, to avoid a 10% penalty.

> WHAT TAXES ARE INCLUDED ON MY PROPERTY TAX BILL?



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Council's approval of the 2024-2028 Financial Plan on May 7, 2024, marks a crucial step in governing our municipality. This plan serves as the backbone for how our funds are collected and distributed to provide essential services and support various initiatives. Throughout February, Council engaged in rigorous budget workshops to address costs, balance future savings, and uphold service expectations amid affordability challenges and high interest rates. Thank you to those that provided feedback on the financial plan and a reminder it is open every year for your feedback.



To alleviate taxpayer burden, Council kept tax increases mindful while having to increase funding for protective services. Despite a 6.6% property tax revenue increase, existing services will remain intact, and

a 6.6% property tax revenue increase, existing services will remain intact, and strategic initiatives will receive funding. This increase is not as high as predicted and is competitive among our neighbouring municipalities.

Notable allocations include adding RCMP members and policing support staff, increasing career firefighters, and funding an Official Community Plan update through provincial grants and Casino revenue reserves. Additionally, the completion of the Six Mile Road roundabout is fully funded by external grants and developer contributions.

For residential property owners, BC Assessment indicates modest assessment changes, with an average 1.5% increase in View Royal for 2024. Depending on property type and assessed value, tax implications will vary. Notably, nearly half of property taxes fund other taxing authorities' services, including schools, regional services, transit, and assessment authorities.

In the spirit of transparency, residents are encouraged to utilize the Financial Plan Insights online tool available at <u>www.viewroyal.ca</u> for detailed revenue and expenditure breakdowns. The Financial Plan reflects View Royal's commitment to enhancing livability through investments in infrastructure, public safety, and service excellence, aligned with Council's strategic priorities.

Kind regards,

Mayor Sid Tobias

Municipal – General Purpose 55% **School (SD61)** 28%

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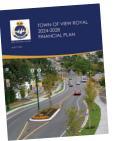
BC Assessment/MFA 1%

## In 2024, the average residential property contributes \$7.85 per day to View Royal services

Service	Per Year	Per Day		
Protective services	\$ 857	\$ 2.35		
Transportation services	535	1.46		
General government services	232	0.63		
Parks services	167	0.46		
Recreation & culture services	120	0.33		
Reserve contributions	157	0.43		
Development services	76	0.21		
Debt servicing	67	0.18		
Tax on average residential property*	2,211	6.05		
Garbage collection user fee	265	0.73		
Sanitary sewer user fee**	390	1.07		
Total for typical residential property	\$ 2,866	\$ 7.85		

\* Assessed at \$1,060,908

\*\* Estimate based on water consumption of 85 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 2024-2028 Financial Plan through the interactive **Financial Plan Insights App** 

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

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#### Garbage user fees

The curbside user fee will increase in 2024 by \$15 (from \$250 to \$265) per household and in 2025 by \$10 (to \$275). After 2025, 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 slot by front entrance. *Cheques only in drop slot* – *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 2, 2024.



#### Mail

Send cheque (payable to the *Town of View Royal*) to the address shown below. Payment **MUST** be received by July 2, 2024 to avoid penalties.

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PAYMENT METHODS

Cheque, cash, debit card, post-dated cheque (dated on or before July 2, 2024)

No credit cards, prepaid 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/propertytaxdeferment

## 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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