

Town of View Royal

2025 TAX INFORMATION

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On May 13th, 2025, Council approved the Town's 2025–2029 Financial Plan - our roadmap for delivering essential services and community priorities and investing in public safety and infrastructure.

Despite rising operational costs but in recognition of ongoing affordability challenges, we've kept the property

tax increase to 7.06%, lower than the anticipated 11.25% we began deliberating on, and competitive with neighbouring municipalities. The average residential property assessment in View Royal rose just 0.96%, meaning impacts will vary by property. Council and staff worked hard to find solutions for savings that include rationalizing service contracts and

utilizing surplus funds from last year while still contributing to infrastructure reserves to support future asset renewal.

Key investments include increased career fire personnel, increased RCMP contract costs, and investment in infrastructure replacement reserves.

New this year, the Town faces \$276,600 in E-Comm 911 charges, a cost downloaded from the Province. I and nine fellow Mayors lobbied to urge the Province for better governance and funding support, as there are many communities in B.C. that are currently not required to pay. The Solicitor General has ordered a review of the service.

To see how your tax dollars are put to work, review our Financial Plan at www.viewroyal.ca.

Thank you for your feedback and your continued commitment to our community.

Kind regards,



Mayor Sid Tobias



10% penalty applies to any 2025 tax amount outstanding at 12:01 am July 3, 2025, 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 the provincial Home Owner Grant Administration at 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, 2025, to avoid a 10% penalty.

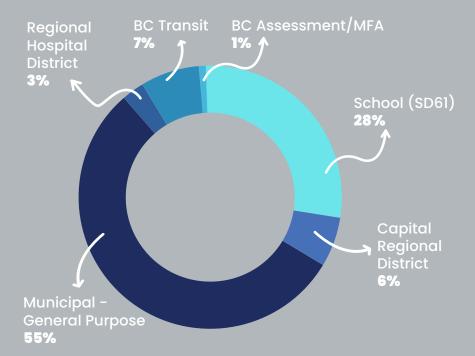
PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN

What taxes are included on my property tax bill?



GARBAGE USER **FEES**

will increase in 2025 by \$10 (from \$265 to \$275) per household. Future rates will be reviewed each year to ensure the Town recovers 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.



Mail

Send cheque (payable to the **Town of View Royal**) to the address shown below. Payment MUST be received by July 2, 2025 to avoid penalties.

In the event of a postal strike, please use a payment method other than mail. Payments received by the Town after July 2 will be considered late and subject to a 10% penalty.



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, 2025.

viewroyal.ca ONLINE SERVICES

- · View your property assessment, tax account, and billing history
- Check if you claimed your Home Owner Grant
- Look up assessment and tax info for any View **Royal property**

To register or access Online Services:

Under Quicklinks at **www.viewroyal.ca** you will find the Online Services link. Specific information from your property tax notice may be required to access some services.

PAYMENT METHODS

Cheque, cash, debit card, post-dated cheque (dated on or before July 2, 2025).

> Please ensure your debit card daily limit will cover the property tax payment amount.

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.



The Town is updating its Official Community Plan through a multi-year process called View Royal 2050. We want to hear from you! Join the conversation and help shape our community's future.

Learn more at engage.viewroyal.ca.

