



Town of View Royal

2026 TAX INFORMATION

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Council approved the Town's 2026-2030 Financial Plan, establishing a roadmap to deliver essential services, invest in public safety and infrastructure, and support the long-term sustainability of our community.

While municipalities across British Columbia continue to face rising operational and infrastructure costs, Council remained mindful of the affordability pressures facing residents. Through careful deliberation, Council reduced the proposed property tax increase from an anticipated 9.11% to 7.05%, a figure that remains competitive with neighbouring municipalities.

The average residential property assessment in View Royal increased by just 1.27%, meaning individual impacts will vary depending on assessment changes relative to the community average. Council and staff worked collaboratively to identify savings and efficiencies, rationalize service contracts, and maintain contributions to infrastructure reserves to support future asset renewal and replacement.

Key investments in the Financial Plan include expanded career fire personnel to strengthen emergency response capacity, increased RCMP contract costs, and continued investment in infrastructure replacement reserves.

Importantly, both View Royal's capital debt and debt servicing levels remain low compared to the CRD average, leaving the Town in a strong financial position to manage future infrastructure and service demands responsibly.

New this year, the Province is expanding the 7% Provincial Sales Tax to a range of professional services, including accounting and bookkeeping, architecture, engineering and geoscience work, certain real estate and strata management activities, and security services. For municipalities, this will increase the cost of delivering infrastructure projects, financial services, public facilities, and other core local government operations, placing additional pressure on property taxes and long-term capital planning.

To learn more about the 2026-2030 Financial Plan and how your tax dollars are being invested in the community, please visit www.viewroyal.ca.

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

Kind regards,

Mayor Sid Tobias



**PROPERTY TAX
DUE DATE**

JULY 2, 2026

10% penalty applies to any 2026 tax amount outstanding at 12:01 am July 3, 2026, 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, 2026, to avoid a 10% penalty.

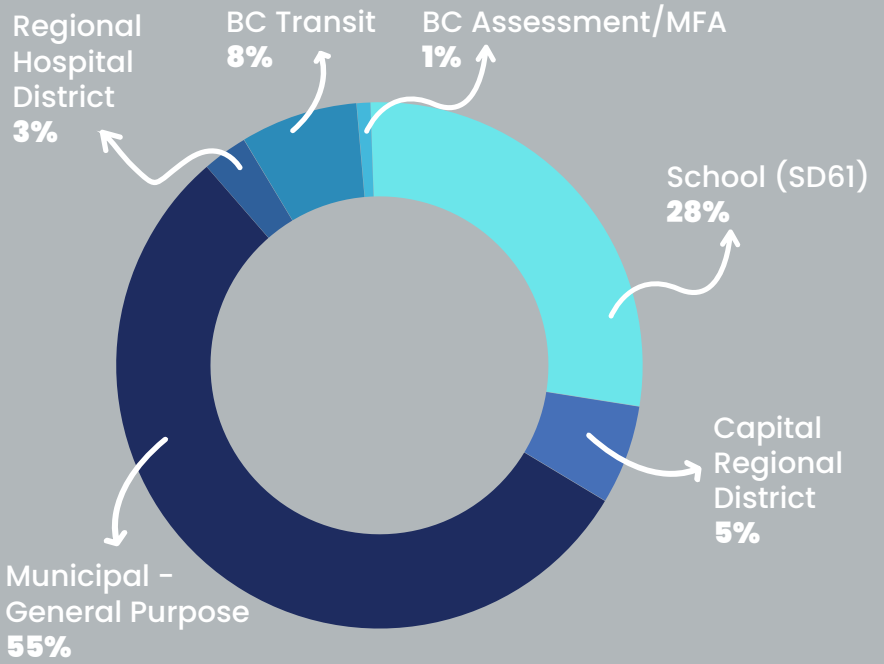
PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN

What taxes are included on my property tax bill?



GARBAGE USER FEES

The curbside user fee will increase in 2026 by \$15 (from \$275 to \$290) per household. Future rates will be reviewed each year to ensure the Town recovers the cost of providing the weekly service.



KEY DRIVERS OF THE 2026 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The 2026 budget included several significant cost pressures and service investments that contributed to the annual property tax increase, including:

- 1 The addition of four new full-time firefighters to support emergency response.
- 2 Increased RCMP contract and dispatch costs.
- 3 Continued investment in sustainable infrastructure replacement and renewal.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS



In person at Town Hall: Town Hall hours are 8:30am-4:30pm, 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, 2026 to avoid penalties.



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, 2026.

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PAYMENT METHODS



Cheque, cash, debit card, post-dated cheque (**dated on or before July 2, 2026**).

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.

DEFERRING YOUR TAXES

You may be eligible to defer your property taxes 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.

New for 2026: Revisions to the program have changed how interest on deferrals is calculated. For more information, visit www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferral.

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.

