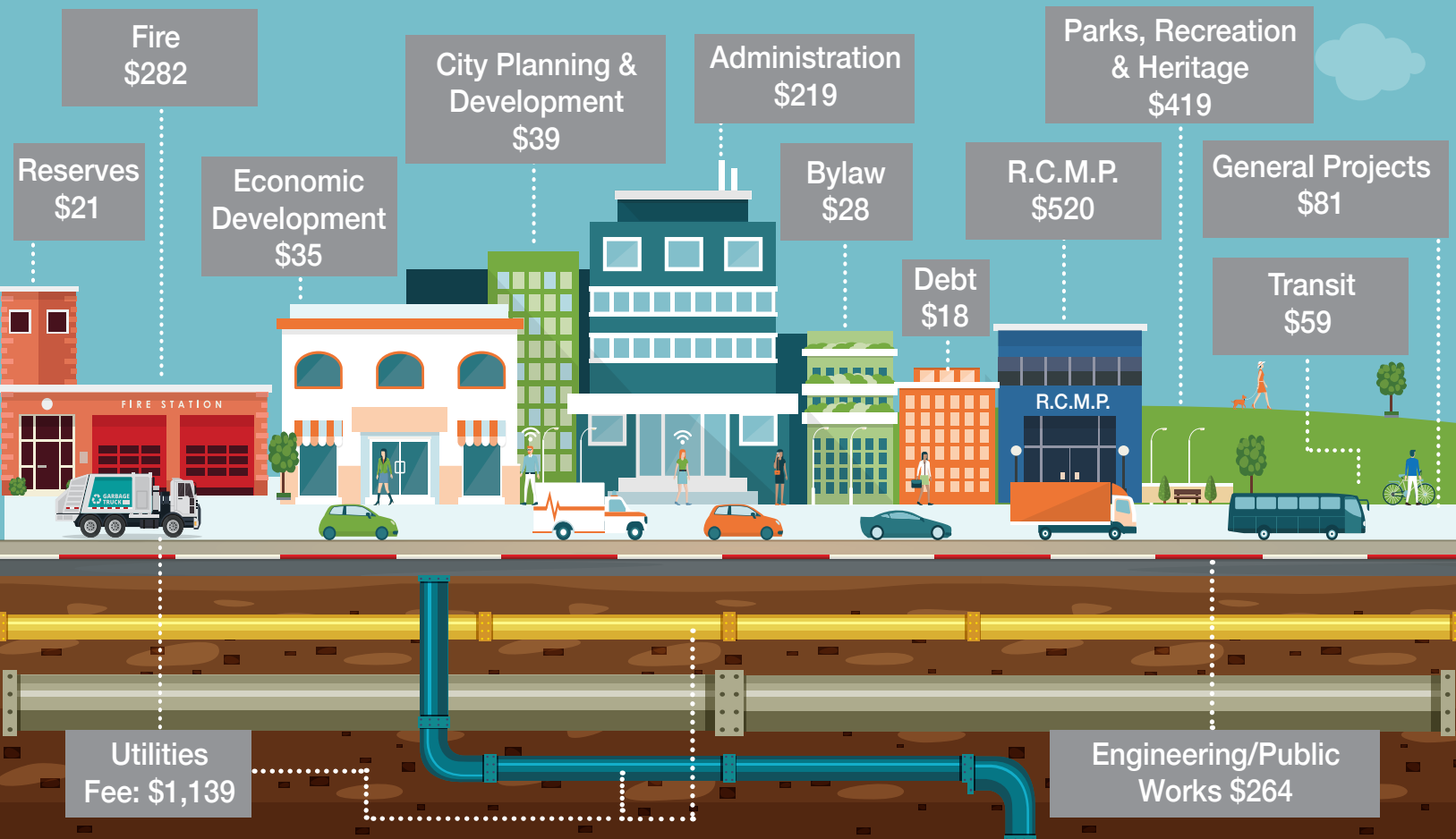


PROPERTY TAXES 2021



The taxes and fees you pay help fund a variety of municipal services



City of Port Alberni taxes are based on 2021 budgeted municipal taxes for the average single-family home with a property assessment of \$311,120.

Average taxes

+

Fees

HOME OWNER GRANT

The Province is now entirely responsible for the Home Owner Grant program (new or retro).

- All eligible home owners must apply directly to the Province by phone or online.
- The City of Port Alberni and Financial Institutions cannot accept Home Owner Grant applications.
- The program is centralized through the Province.
- All eligible home owners must still apply by July 2, 2021 in order to avoid late payment charges.
- All eligible home owners must still apply each year.

Check your eligibility and apply online at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or call a Provincial Representative toll free at 1-888-355-2700.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT

Property Tax Deferment is a low interest loan program that assists qualifying BC home owners (families with children and also those over the age 55) in paying the annual property taxes on their home. Starting May 2020 the Province's Property Tax Deferment program will launch a new online process.

To check your eligibility or to complete your online property tax deferment application, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment.

Need some assistance? Call 1-888-355-2700 or email TaxDeferment@gov.bc.ca.

HOW TO PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

There are five ways you can pay your taxes:

- 1) Online or through telephone banking
- 2) At your bank or credit union (with your tax notice)
- 3) By mail to the City of Port Alberni
- 4) Through the secure 24-hour City Hall drop slot
- 5) In person at City Hall (limits may apply)

PROPERTY TAXES DUE: JULY 2, 2020



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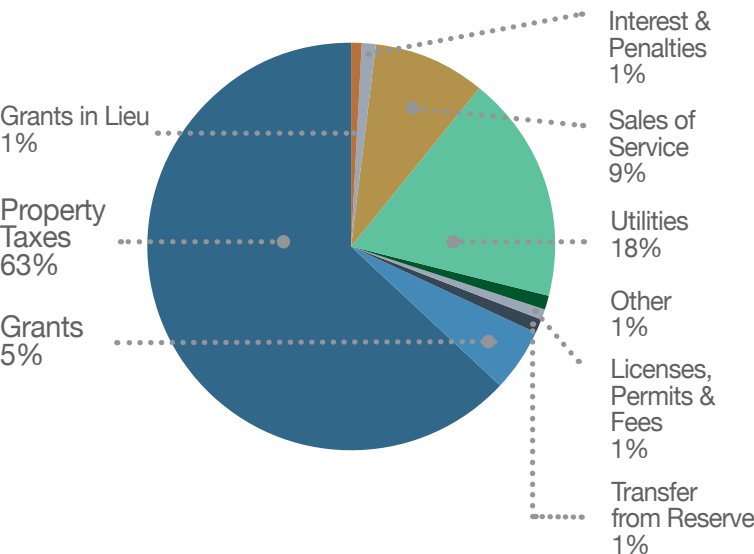
BUDGET 2021

The City of Port Alberni Council has adopted a balanced budget with a modest tax rate increase of 1.1 per cent for the average single-family home. This translates into an additional \$1.80 per month, per household.

The City of Port Alberni is committed to taking care of the assets we all own and to planning accordingly for the future. Below is a breakdown of where the City's revenues come from and how the dollars are spent to support the continued delivery of high-quality services in your community.

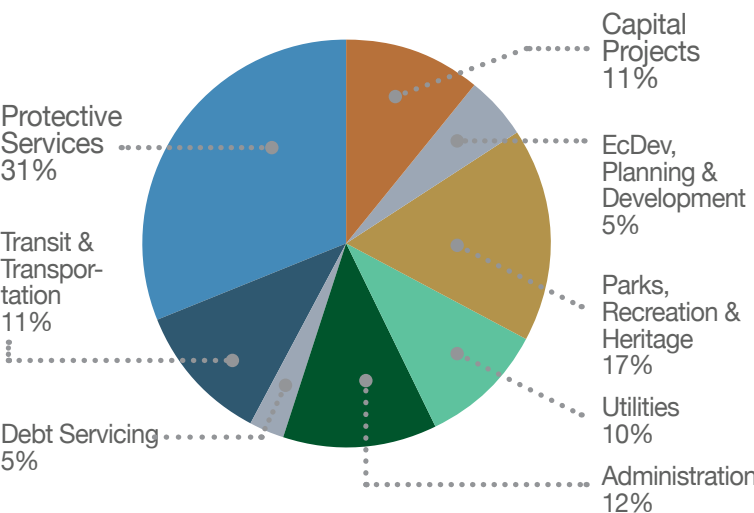
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

General Revenue: \$38,452,150



HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT

Projected Expenditures: \$38,452,150



CHANGES TO THE 2021 BUDGET

In response to COVID-19, the City made significant changes to the 2020 - 2024 Five Year Financial Plan bringing the proposed tax rate down from 4.3 per cent to 1.1 per cent. These changes included:

- Reducing funds earmarked for the 3rd Avenue Revitalization and Welcome Signage projects and seeking grant funding for project implementation.
- Decreasing the 2020 training and travel budget for councillors and staff by \$90,000.
- Decreasing general taxation by \$700,000 due to curtailed services in Parks, Recreation and Heritage.

These changes and others made through the course of the budget process resulted in a significant net reduction in general taxation.

The City anticipates that the federal and provincial governments will make available substantial grant funding in late-2021 to help stimulate local economies. As your local government, we are committed to applying for funding where applicable to further reduce the tax burden.

VITAL PROJECTS

- 01 Investing in our community**
The City continues to provide funding programs including the Community Investment Program, the Façade Improvement Program, and enhanced Community Building Security Program and has renewed the Graffiti Removal Program.
- 02 Protecting our environment**
Tendering and award of the final stage of the Coal Creek Storm and Sewer Separation Project. This project will decrease environmental impacts, reduce operating costs, and help achieve the City's Liquid Waste Management Plan targets.
- 03 Ensuring service delivery**
The City will consolidate solid waste collection services. Beginning in September 2021 the City will collect garbage, and separated organics and recycling. Taking this approach will enable the lowest cost service delivery model while reducing environmental impacts.
- 04 Creating community connection**
Planning continues for the Connect the Quays Pathway, a multi-use path that will improve connectivity between the City's two waterfront public areas
- 05 Planning for the future**
The City together with the ACRD is exploring the best process to creating a new Aquatic Centre. Ideally all Alberni Valley residents will share in the decision-making process as well as the capital and operational costs associated with a new Alberni Valley Aquatic Centre.

WANT MORE DETAIL?

For more information on the City's approved 2021 - 2025 Five Year Financial Plan, visit portalberni.ca/5-year-financial-plans.



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