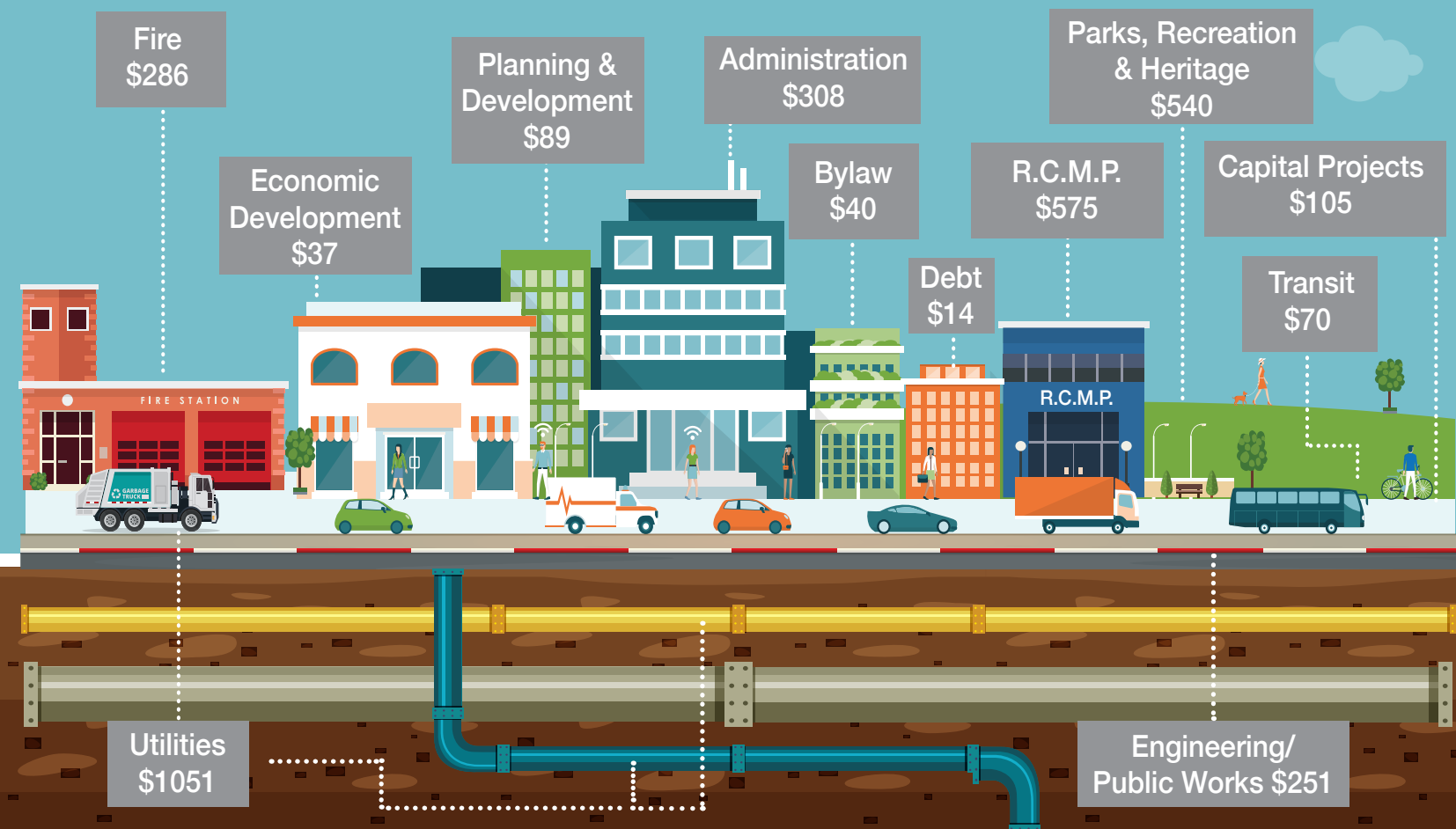


PROPERTY TAXES 2023



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



City of Port Alberni taxes are based on 2023 budgeted municipal taxes for the average single-family home with a property assessment of \$530,609.

$$\text{Average taxes (\$2,315)} + \text{Fees (\$1,051)} = \$3,366$$

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 4, 2023 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 55 or over) in paying the annual property taxes on their home. Please note: the Province's Property Tax Deferment program is now an 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. In person at City Hall - 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays;
4. By mail to the City of Port Alberni;
5. Through the secure 24-hour City Hall drop slot.

PROPERTY TAXES DUE: JULY 4, 2023



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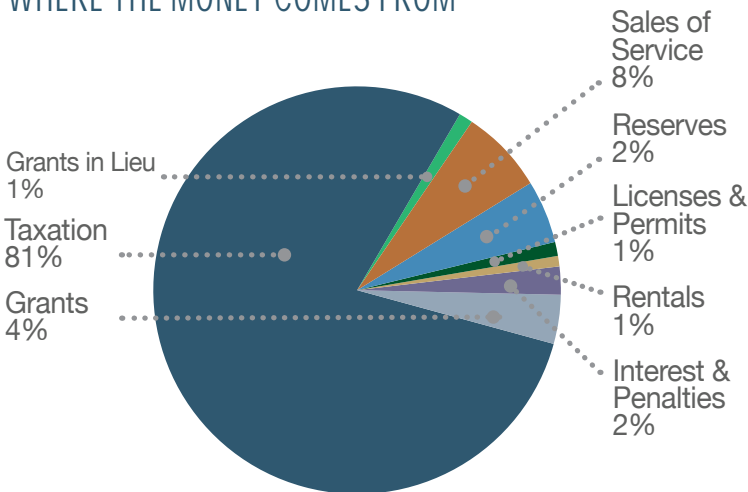
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VITAL PROJECTS

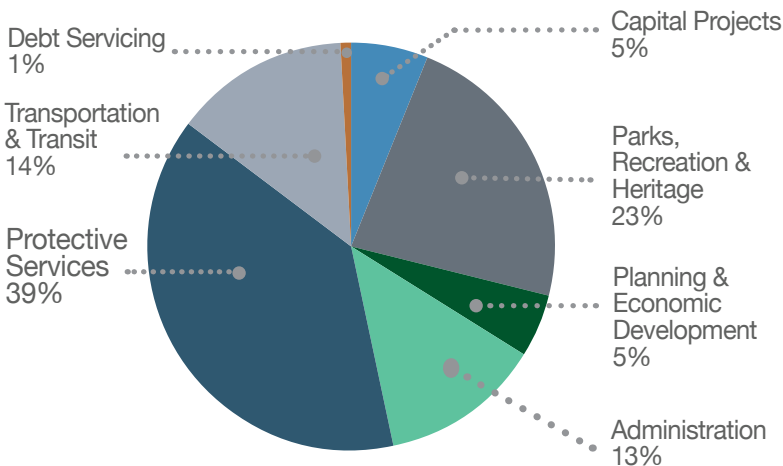
The City of Port Alberni Council has adopted a balanced budget with a modest tax rate increase of 7.26 per cent for the average single-family home. This translates into an additional \$13.06 per month, per household. [NOTE: These numbers reflect City taxation only and do not address other taxing authorities e.g., School, Regional District].

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



HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT



1 Investing in our community
The City, in partnership with Hupacasath First Nation and Tseshaht First Nation, are proud to be participating in the First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI). This national program will run until 2025, and seeks to support First Nations and neighbouring municipalities to build respectful and equitable partnerships, and to work towards long-term planning for joint community economic development.

2 Protecting our environment
Starting in March 2023, the City is now participating in the Ocean Communities Climate Challenge, a new competition to find promising and innovative ideas, and ultimately build startups, that will improve the health of our oceans and help solve some of the most pressing climate challenges. For more information visit oceanstartupproject.ca/climate.

3 Ensuring service delivery
In alignment with Council's *Corporate Strategic Plan* goal of fostering a complete community that is safe, healthy and inclusive, the Public Safety Building is now officially open in the Uptown District. The Public Safety Building will bolster the City's innovative approach to community safety and help address current and emerging public safety challenges. This office houses City Bylaw Services and Community Policing staff and volunteers as well as office space for partnering agencies and a public washroom.

4 Creating community connection
With the purchase of the 43-acre waterfront Somass Lands, City Council and staff are now embarking on a process to support redevelopment of these lands. In 2023, the City will complete a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to develop a short list of qualified potential development partners. Work will also continue on planning for the Connect the Quays pathway, a proposed 4 km multimodal pathway connecting Harbour Quay to Victoria Quay – with both projects bringing to life Council's strategic goal of providing public access to the waterfront.

5 Planning for the future
The City's Development Services team has a number of ongoing projects that are key to future planning for the community. This includes continued engagement around policy development for the Official Community Plan, as well as updating the City's zoning bylaw based on public feedback.

WANT MORE DETAIL?

For more information on the City's approved 2023 - 2027 Five Year Financial Plan, visit portalberni.ca/5-year-financial-plans or contact/visit City Hall.



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