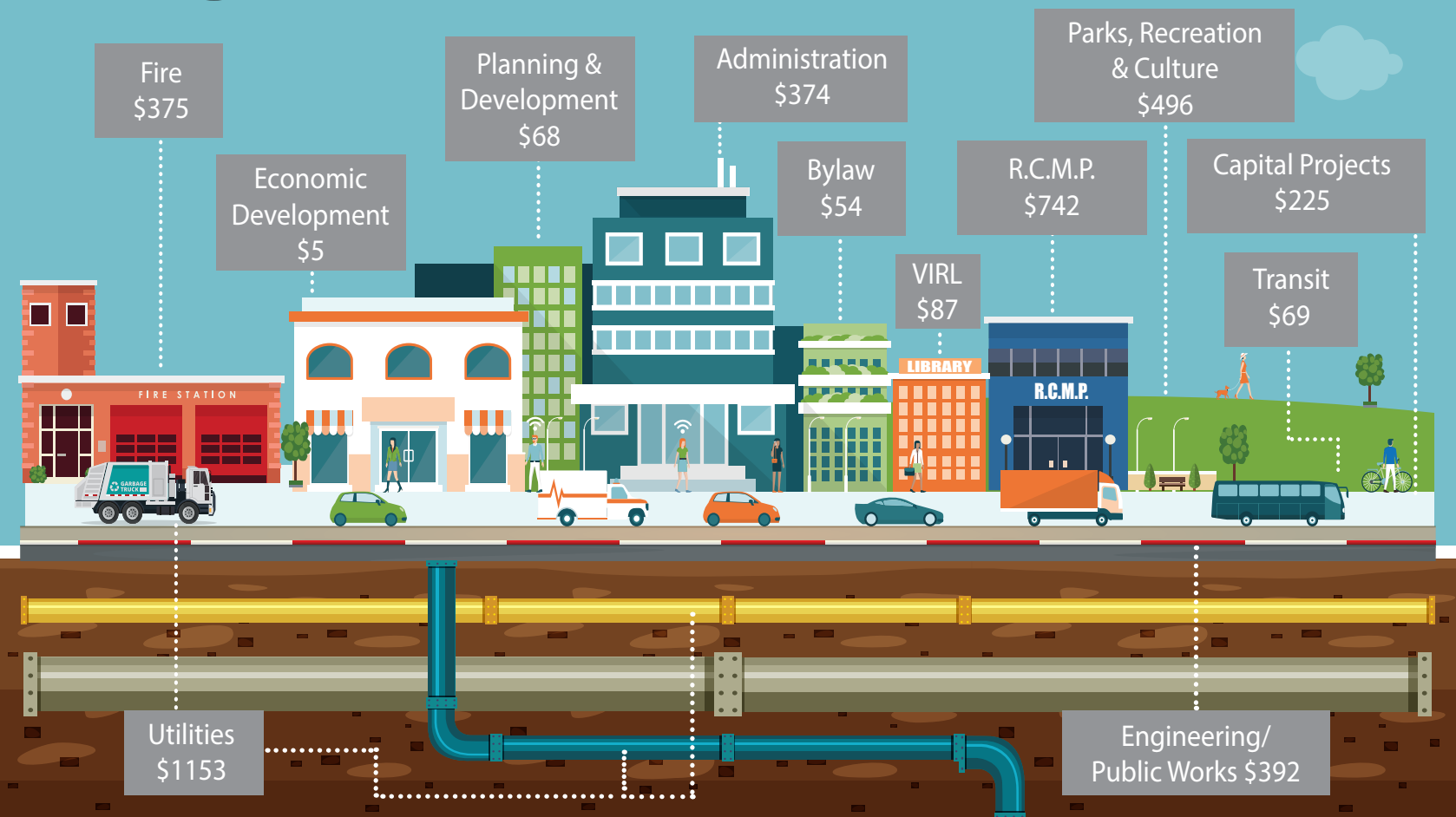




PROPERTY TAXES 2025



City of Port Alberni taxes are based on 2025 budgeted municipal taxes for the average single-family home with a property assessment of \$516,563.

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 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 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.

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, 2025, 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 TAXES DUE: JULY 2, 2025

To learn more about the annual budget process and your 2025 tax rate, visit: www.letsconnectpa.ca



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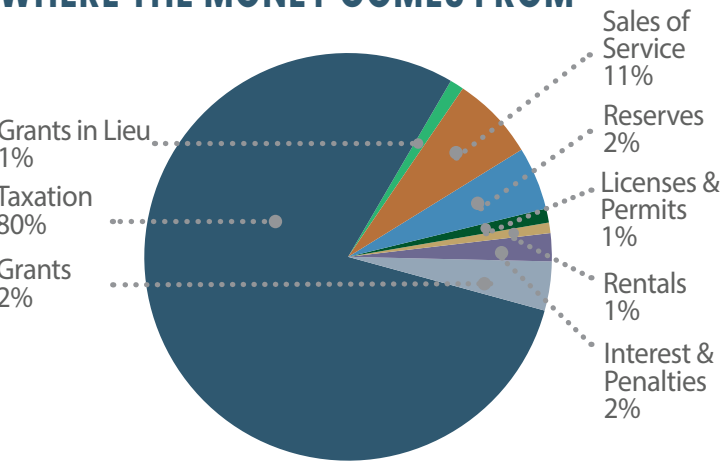
YOUR MONEY AT WORK

Every year the city evaluates its revenue needs and expenses to ensure that it maintains a balanced budget that serves the needs of our growing community.

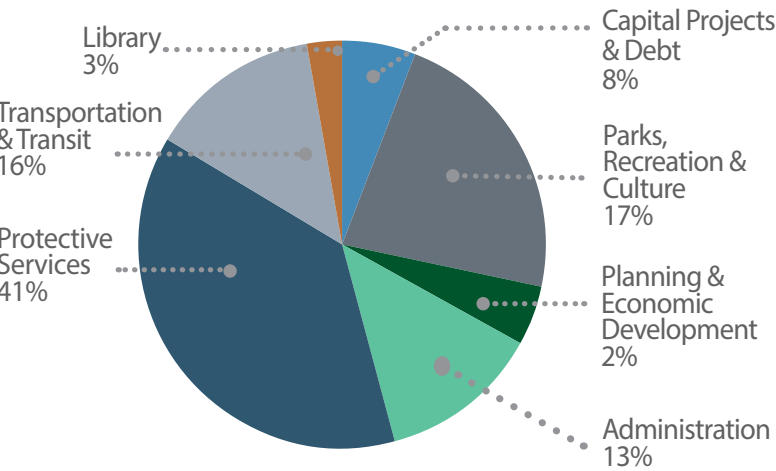
For 2025 your City of Port Alberni Council adopted a balanced budget with a new tax rate of 13.98 per cent for the average single-family home. This new tax rate translates into an additional \$29.51 per month — or about \$1 per day.

This tax rate increase will help with the continued provision of essential services, maintenance of our vital infrastructure, and supports our community’s continued growth. A breakdown of the city’s revenue sources and how those dollars are spent is outlined for you below.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT



MOVING FORWARD

The city is continually working to build a community that is safe, accessible and welcoming. Using the 2023 - 2027 Corporate Strategic Plan Council has set strategic priorities for the city that aim to enhance the quality of life for residents and taxpayers by creating a vibrant waterfront community.

There are five strategic priorities in total. Each priority has several goals and strategies (or projects). Check out *Your Money at Work* to see a few goal-achieving highlights from 2024/2025.

For more on the 2023 - 2027 Corporate Strategic Plan visit: www.portalberni.ca/corporate-strategic-plan.

Responding to Demographic Change



Strategic Goal 1.3 - highest and best use of waterfront for active lifestyles

The City of Port Alberni has signed the Somass Lands master development agreement with Matthews West Developments Ltd., a private Canadian development company based in Squamish, BC.

The city and Matthews West recognize the importance of enhancing the natural environment through the master planning process and are committed to creating a development that fosters an active lifestyle at our waterfront. With this in mind, the agreement sets out that a minimum of 20 per cent of the Somass Lands will be reserved as public space/green space.

Enabling the New Economy



Strategic Goal 2.3 - encourage investment and sustainable growth

To help encourage investment and align our community’s goals for resident and business attraction, the city partnered with Community Futures Alberni-Clayoquot to launch *Choose Port Alberni*, an investment and business attraction hub that provides news and information about how and why to invest in Port Alberni.

Through this platform individuals can access economic data, learn about exciting projects and key areas of growth, and discover investment opportunities in our growing community.

Visit www.chooseportalberni.ca to get the scoop.

Providing Quality Services



Strategic Goal 3.1 - highest and best use of city owned assets

The city has undertaken a master planning process to map out the future of the city’s assets. These master plans will build on the Official Community Plan and past planning studies to provide a road map for repairs, renovations, and improvements. They will also help in identifying the projects that are most needed in the next ten years, and beyond.

To get connected with the master planning process, visit: www.letsconnectpa.ca.

Encouraging Environmental Leadership



Strategic Goal 4.1 - reducing the amount of solid waste generated within the city

Did you know that food scraps and yard waste make up 39 per cent of the valley’s waste that goes to landfill? This waste is accepted in your curbside organics cart. Help extend the life of our region’s landfill by up to 35 years by using your cart and composting your organics.

Fostering a Complete Community



Strategic Goal 5.3 - a connected community with safe pathways and trails

The four kilometre Quay to Quay pathway is complete, and it is so wonderful to see how often it’s being used. To help ensure the safety of users during the evening hours sections of the pathway have been lit. A total of 56 solar street lights are now in place. These lights take a charge during the daylight hours and at dusk are triggered to omit a soft glow that lights the pathway for its users, keeping the pathway accessible and its users safe and visible.