



Enclosed with this newsletter is your Property Tax Notice for 2016. We hope you find all the information you need right here. If you do need more information, we encourage you to get in touch:



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Write to PO Box 220,
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Call 250.245.6400

Paying Property Taxes: Two Simple Steps

1. **FIRST:** Claim your Homeowner Grant at City Hall or online by clicking  the Property Taxes logo on our home page at www.ladysmith.ca
2. **NEXT:** Pay your Property Taxes by 4:00 p.m. on July 4, 2016

You Choose How to Pay:

- In person at City Hall (by cash, cheque or debit card)
- In the after-hours drop box at City Hall (beside the front doors)
- At your bank, with your tax notice
- Through online banking
- Through your mortgage lender
- By mail (must be received at City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on July 4. A postmark does not count)

Ladysmith's 2016 Budget Highlights

In determining our budget for 2016, Council was committed to keeping property tax rate increases down, while being aware that assessments had gone up. The overall municipal budget is up slightly over 3 per cent this year over 2015.

In addition to providing the ongoing municipal services and maintenance of parks, roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure, there are a number of major projects underway or planned for 2016. These include:

- Completing our new Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Water Supply and Watershed Protection, including a new filtration system for our water supply which is required by Island Health (VIHA)
- First Nations Partnerships — continuing work with the Stz'uminus First Nation on joint projects like a south end industrial park, and clean-up of the Ladysmith Harbour
- Asset Management and Replacement—setting aside funds to eventually replace the aging Fire Hall and City Hall, and making sure there are funds to upgrade infrastructure
- Updating the Waterfront Area Plan
- Upgrades to the road, infrastructure and sidewalks on Fourth Avenue
- A new administrative support person at the Ladysmith RCMP Detachment, allowing officers to spend more time keeping the community safe
- Improvements to the Ladysmith Fire Hall

The full budget and related documents are available on our website at www.ladysmith.ca, and at City Hall. We encourage you to review them and ask questions of Council or staff.

Residential Tax Deferment

There are two different provincial government loan programs that allow eligible Home Owners to defer (postpone) payment of your property taxes:

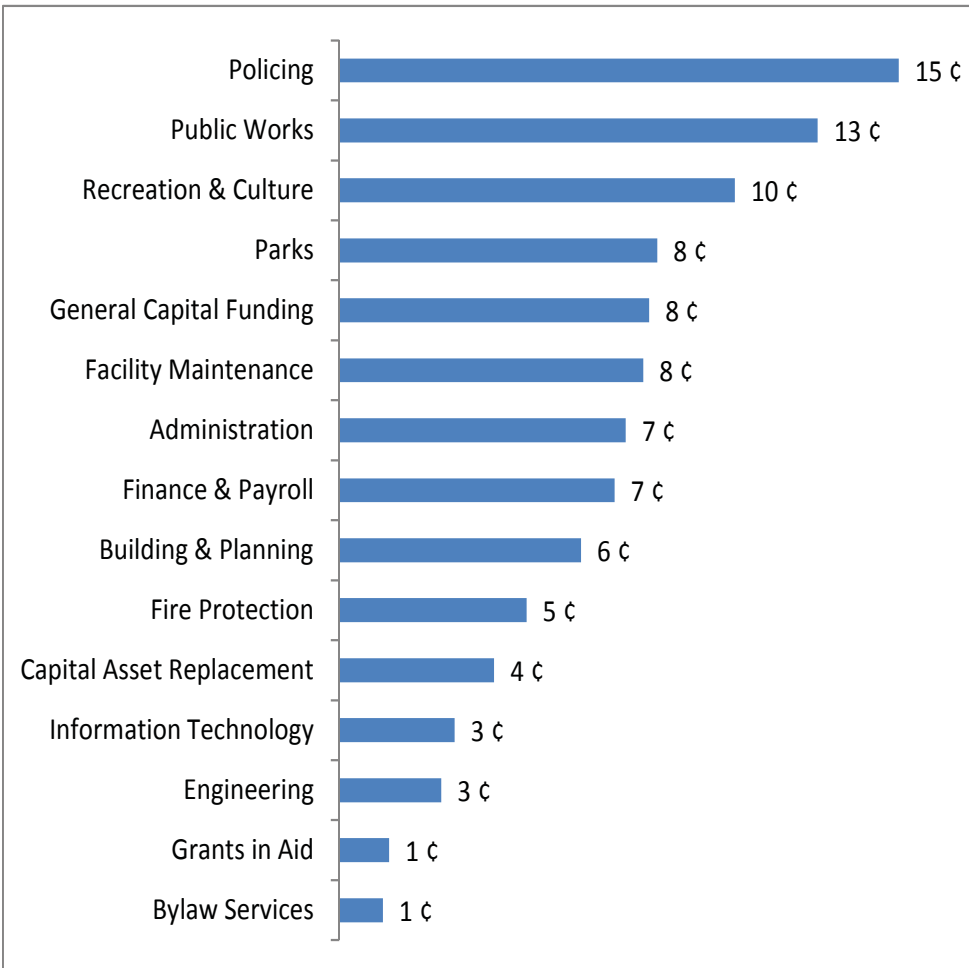
- Property Tax Deferment Program
- Families with Dependent Children Under 18

For information and application forms, contact City Hall (250.245.6400 or www.ladysmith.ca) or the Government of BC — 1.888.355.2700, or go online at: www.gov.bc.ca (search "property taxes").

Working together to build a better community



What services do your property taxes pay for?



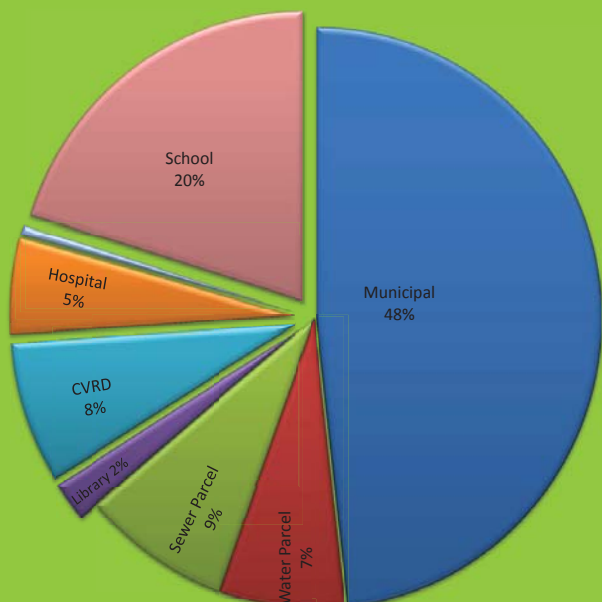
Each dollar that you pay in property taxes funds a large number of programs and services -- to keep Ladysmith clean and safe, repair roads and sidewalks, maintain parks and trails, and support community groups and organizations. This chart shows how one dollar of property taxes is spent.

In addition to the amounts listed here, property owners also pay water and sewer parcel taxes to help fund our water supply system and new waste water treatment plant.

Ladysmith will be building a new water filtration plant by 2018. This is required by Island Health (VIHA) in order for our water to meet quality standards for drinking water and to remove chlorination byproducts from our water supply. The plant is estimated to cost \$14 million.

Did you know?

36% ... of all property taxes collected by the Town of Ladysmith go directly to other agencies to pay for services like schools, the Vancouver Island Regional Library, the Cowichan Valley Regional District and the Cowichan Regional Hospital fund. Sewer and water parcel taxes make up 16 per cent of taxes collected.



Contact Us

Questions? Comments?
We want to hear from you

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