



## PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE JULY 4, 2022

Property owners are encouraged to pay their property taxes and claim their Home Owner Grant by the July 4, 2022 due date to avoid a 2% penalty. Please note that an additional penalty of 8% will be applied to unpaid property taxes and/or unclaimed Home Owner Grants at 4:00 p.m. on September 15, 2022.

## PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

We encourage you to make your tax payments online. Visit: [www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/taxes-payments](http://www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/taxes-payments) for details.

Payments are due, and Home Owner Grants must be claimed by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4, 2022.

If you can't pay online, here are other options:

- In person at City Hall (*cash, cheque or debit card*)
- In the after-hours drop box at City Hall (*beside the front doors*)
- At your bank, with your Property Tax Notice
- Through your mortgage lender
- By mail (*must be received at City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4, 2022*).

## RESIDENTIAL TAX DEFERMENT

Tax deferment is a low interest loan program that helps qualified B.C. homeowners pay the annual property taxes on their principal residence.

To find out if you are eligible to defer your property taxes, please visit the Province of BC Property Tax Deferment Program [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/defer-taxes](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/defer-taxes) or call 1.888.355.2700.

Enclosed with this newsletter is your Property Tax Notice for 2022. We hope you find all the information you need right here.

If you need more information, we encourage you to get in touch:

- ✉ Send an E-mail to [info@ladysmith.ca](mailto:info@ladysmith.ca)
- ✉ Mail a Note to Town of Ladysmith City Hall, 410 Esplanade, Box 220, Ladysmith, B.C. V9G 1A2
- ☎ Call 250.245.6400

## 2022 HOME OWNER GRANT

Residential property owners are reminded that the Town is no longer processing Home Owner Grants (HOG) as of last year. More instructions on how to claim your HOG through the Province can be found on your tax bill.

To apply visit: [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or phone 1-888-355-2700. To claim your grant, you will need your enclosed Property Tax Notice, with Jurisdiction Number (usually 445), Roll Number and Social Insurance Number.

## 2022 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Ladysmith Council is once again prioritizing capital projects that renew our aging infrastructure, upgrade public facilities, as well as improve the high level of service delivery.

This year, Ladysmith's municipal taxes are increasing 3.8% for a single-family dwelling with a year-over-year increased property assessment value of 34.3% - the average for residential properties in town as determined by BC Assessment.

Both the Water Parcel and Sewer Parcel Taxes are unchanged for 2022.

Each year, property taxes collected by the municipality help to cover the ongoing costs of roadwork, water and sewer projects, other infrastructure improvements, maintaining parks and keeping our community safe.

The capital projects to be completed this year align with Council's Strategic Priorities for Infrastructure, Community, Waterfront and Economy.

The Town's list of capital projects for this year, include:

- Replacement of strength training equipment at the FJCC Fitness Centre.
- Complete accessibility audit of Town parks and facilities and implement identified priority action items.
- Construction design of Lot 108 Phase 1- artificial turf practice pitch, accessible walkway, turf field resurfacing.
- Demolition of former food bank building on Buller Street and Transfer Beach Park concession.
- Purchase of Ladysmith Fire/Rescue ladder truck.
- Water main replacement on Parkhill Terrace, as well as French, Kitchener and Methuen Streets.
- Ongoing remediation of the waterfront uplands as part of the Waterfront Area Plan implementation.
- Completion of the Official Community Plan Review.

Federal and Provincial grants also help to offset some of our capital costs and reduce the burden on our taxpayers; we will continue to apply for various opportunities.

Information about the budget is available on our website, and at City Hall.



## WHAT SERVICES DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES PAY FOR?

Each dollar that you pay in property taxes funds a variety of programs and services. These include:

- Maintaining 222 acres of park land and 26 kilometres of trails
- Caring for 38 kilometres of Ladysmith sidewalks
- Providing a safe and inclusive facility for 44,734 patron visits
- Placing approximately 250-300 tons of salt and 200 tons of sand on roads each winter
- Cleaning and repairing 68 kilometres of sanitary sewer lines
- Maintaining a system that supplies 1,407,000,000 litres of clean, safe drinking water
- Maintaining 67.8 kilometres of roads and 17 municipally owned buildings

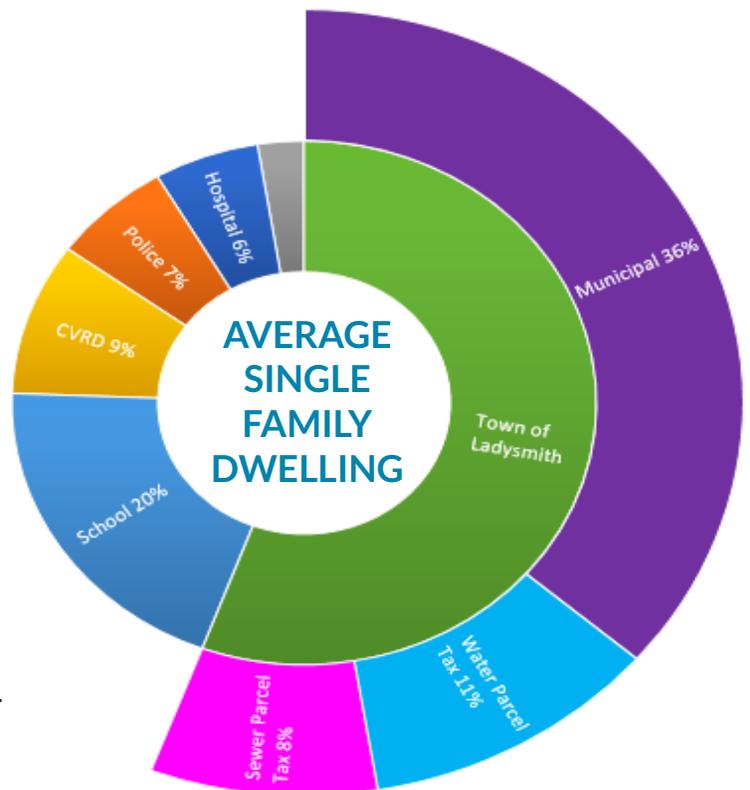
The chart below shows how one dollar of your property taxes is spent. In addition to the amounts we've listed, property owners also pay water and sewer parcel taxes to help fund upgrades to our water supply system, including the waste water treatment plant, the bio-solids composting facility, and our water filtration plant.

## THE IMPACT OF A MUNICIPAL TAX DOLLAR



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Town of Ladysmith is only responsible for determining a portion of your overall property taxes. Altogether, 44 per cent of your bill is set by other agencies like Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, Vancouver Island Regional Library, and Cowichan Valley Regional District. Sewer and water parcel taxes make up 19 per cent of taxes we collect and help to ensure the Town's infrastructure is properly maintained.



## WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

If you have comments, questions or suggestions, or you just want to know what's going on, there are many ways to get in touch.

WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. CONNECT WITH US:

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