



## PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE JULY 4, 2023

Property owners are encouraged to pay their property taxes and claim their Home Owner Grant by the July 4, 2023 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, 2023.

## 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, 2023.

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, 2023*).

## 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 2023. 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

## 2023 HOME OWNER GRANT

Residential property owners are reminded that the Town is no longer processing Home Owner Grants (HOG).

To claim your Home Owner Grant, visit: [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or phone 1-888-355-2700.

You will need your enclosed Property Tax Notice, with Jurisdiction Number (usually 445), Roll Number and Social Insurance Number.

## 2023 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 down 1.1% for a single-family dwelling with a year-over-year increased property assessment value of 12.5% - the average for residential properties in town as determined by BC Assessment.

The Water Parcel Tax is unchanged for 2023 and the Sewer Parcel Tax increased by \$10 per household.

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.

Watch for Council's new 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, which will be published in the upcoming weeks.

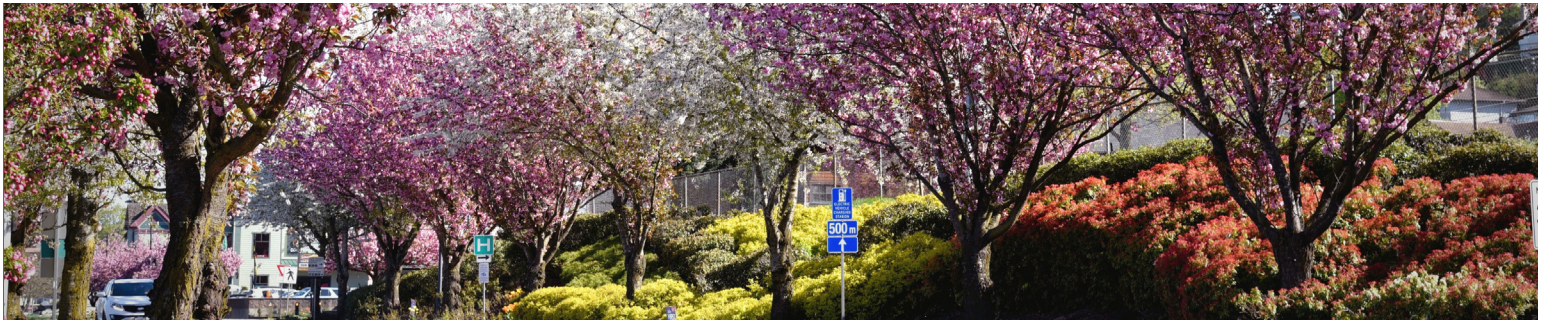
The Town's list of capital projects for this year, include:

- FJCC pool condition assessment;
- RCMP building repairs;
- Resurfacing the FJCC oasis pool and epoxy sealing the hot tub;
- Aggie sports fields irrigation improvements;
- Harbourview Park playground and accessibility upgrades;
- Street sweeper vehicle replacement;
- Area-specific traffic study - location TBD.
- Farrell Road sidewalk construction - Stirling to Gales
- City Hall building refurbishments;
- Ladysmith Archives fire suppression system.

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 that align with Council's strategic priorities.

Information about the budget is available on our website.





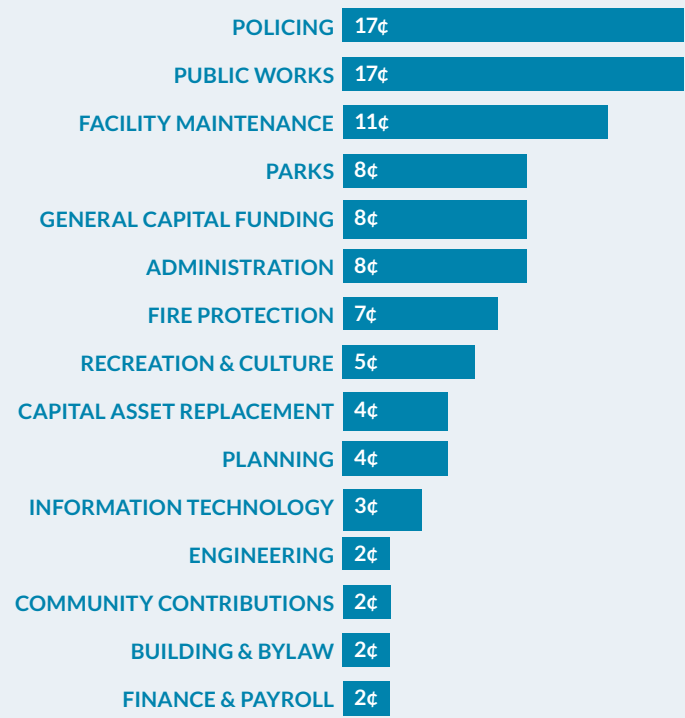
WHAT SERVICES DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES PAY FOR?

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 40.6 kilometres of Ladysmith sidewalks
- Providing a safe and inclusive facility for 53,828 patron visits
- Placing approximately 250-300 tons of salt and 200 tons of sand on roads each winter
- Cleaning and repairing 73.8 kilometres of sanitary sewer lines
- Maintaining a system that supplies 1,407,000,000 litres of clean, safe drinking water
- Maintaining 68.1 kilometres of roads and 17 municipally owned buildings

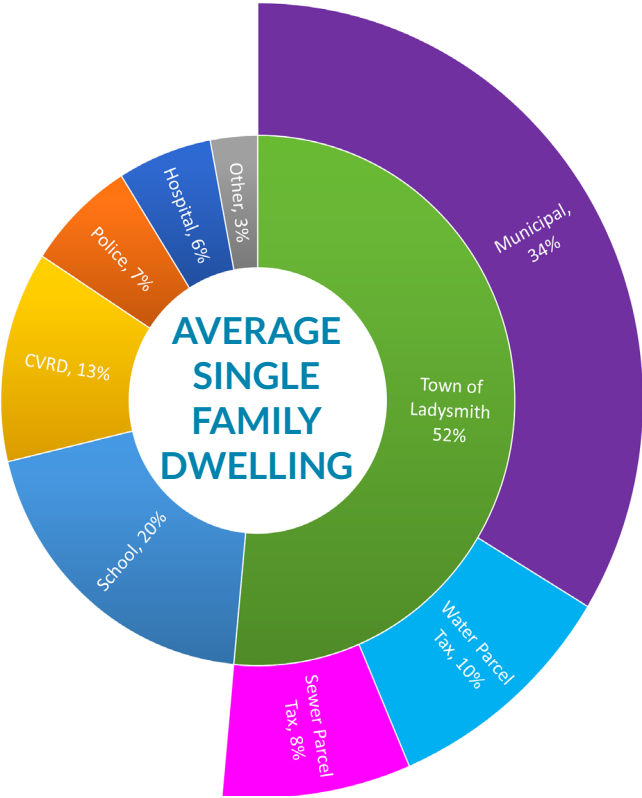
The chart below shows how one dollar of your property taxes is spent. In addition to the amounts we’ve listed, property owners also pay water and sewer parcel taxes to help fund upgrades to our water supply system, including the waste water treatment plant, the bio-solids composting facility, and our 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, 48 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 18 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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