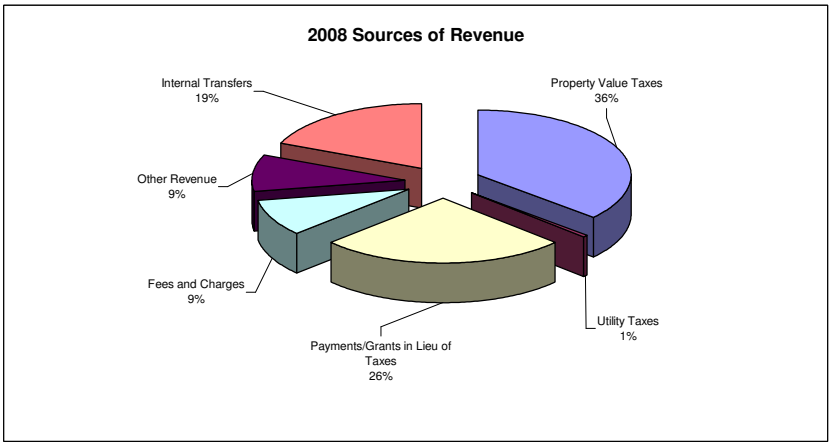
Sources of Revenue

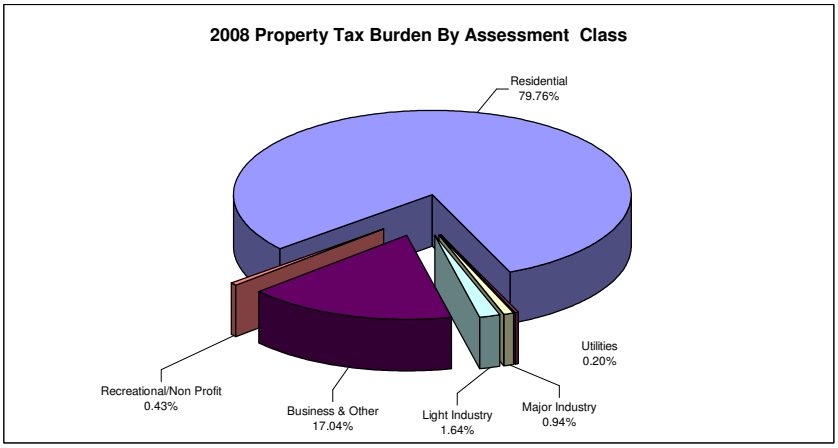
The following chart shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each funding source in 2008. Property value taxes form the greatest proportion of the revenue of the municipality. It provides a stable and consistent source of revenue for many services that are difficult or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis. These include services such as fire protection, bylaw enforcement, libraries and street-lighting. For these reasons, property value taxation will continue to be the major source of municipal revenue.

The presence of CFB Esquimalt results in the second largest source of revenue being payments in lieu of taxes. Internal tranfsfers mainly from Reserve Funds for capital projects represents the third largest funding source followed by other revenue and fees and charges for services such as recreation programs and services.



Distribution of Property Taxes by Class

The following chart shows the distribution of property tax revenue among the property classes. The practice of council has been to set tax rates in order to maintain tax stability. This is accomplished by maintaining the proportionate relationship between the property classes before accounting for any non-market growth in assessments. This practice allows the various taxpayers in the municipality to be confident that, in any year, their property tax bill will only increase as much as their proportion of the increase in tax revenue required year over year.



Permissive Exemptions

The Annual Municipal Report for 2007, contains a list of permissive exemptions granted for the taxation year and the amount of tax revenue foregone. The list demonstrates the coucil policy of supporting not-for-profit institutions that form a valuable part of our community. These include religious institutions, service, and cultural organizations.