

## Important property tax information for 2024

Pay your property taxes online!

✓ Visit Esquimalt.ca to set up your online account.  Pay your tax balance anytime, anywhere. ✓ Choose to receive future tax notices & reminders by email.

## WAYS TO PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

Any payments received at Esquimalt Municipal Hall, whether via mail, drop box, bank payment, etc., after July 2, 2024 will be subject to penalty.

## By online or telephone banking

Pay your property tax bill at your bank or credit union using your folio number (numbers only, do not include the decimal) as the account number. Bill payee name: Esquimalt–TAX. This may vary among financial institutions, i.e., "Esquimalt (Township) – Property Taxes" or "Esquimalt Prop Tax".

## By credit card (online only)

Create a MyEsquimalt profile and register your property tax account. This gives you the option to pay through a third party



online payment service which is independent from the Township of Esquimalt. Using this service will result in a service fee. Please note: The option to pay by credit card is not available at Municipal Hall.

## 24-hour drop box

There is a secure mail slot located at the entrance to the municipal hall that is always accessible. Do not place cash in the drop box.

## At your bank

You can pay your property taxes at

most financial institutions.

For your payment to be considered on time, you must have a receipt from your bank with a date stamped on or before July 2, 2024. Receipts date stamped after the penalty date will be subject to a 10 per cent penalty.

## Mail your payment to:

Township of Esquimalt 1229 Esquimalt Rd Esquimalt BC V9A 3P1

#### Pay in person

Esquimalt Municipal Hall is open to accept payments Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Credit cards are not accepted for in-person payments.

## TAX DEFERMENT

The tax deferment program is administered by the Province.

Residential property owners can apply online for property tax deferment on their principal residence.

Owners can choose to auto-renew their application.

Note a 10 per cent penalty will apply if your application or renewal is not approved, if you sell your property, or you cancel your application before the taxes are paid on your behalf.

Visit gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment for more information or to apply.

## HOME OWNER GRANTS

- The Home Owner Grant Program is administered by the Province.
- You must apply for the grant every year. If you miss the due date, you may apply for the home owner grant until December 31; however, penalties may apply.
- For more information & to apply: to speak with an agent, call 1-888-355-2700 (toll free) or visit Service BC at 403-771 Vernon Ave, Saanich; find online service at gov.bc.ca/HomeOwnerGrant

Visit esquimalt.ca/tax for more information

Property tax penalty deadline is July 2, 2024.



# Happening in Esquimalt

#### Esquimalt Farmers Market

Memorial Park- Thursdays 4:30-7:30PM Gorge Park- Mondays starting June 17; 4:30-7:30PM esquimaltmarket.com

#### **Lion's Bottle Drive**

May 25; 9AM Archie Browning Join this bottle drive to raise funds for Camp Shawnigan.

## Fort Macaulay Interpretive Event

May 25; 9:30AM–2:30PM
Macaulay Point Park
The ninth annual Fort Macaulay
Historic Interpretation Event will
take place at Macaulay Point Park.
The buildings and gun emplacements at the historic site will all be
numbered and indexed to a handout with brief historical references
to each. The interpretive tour will
take place at 10:30 a.m. led by
local historian, Jack Bates.

## **Neighborhood Party**

June 8; 11AM–2PM
Esquimalt Rec Centre
Esquimalt Recreation is ready to kick off the summer season with a huge party and we want you to bring your neighbors and join us!
Esquimalt is working hard on building a strong, resilient community and it has been proven that communities that celebrate together are safer and more enjoyable to live in.

#### **Vic West Fest**

June 8; 12PM; 521 Craigflower Rd This is a free, family-friendly event and everyone is welcome! We will be celebrating with musicians, performers, food, beer, kids zone, artisan market, games, bubbles,

50/50 raffle, dog show and more!

#### Navy Run Esquimalt

June 22

It's the navy's annual race! The Navy Run - 10K, 5K, and Kids Fun Run is a family-oriented, inclusive community event and is hoping to run both an in person and virtual race this year. This event is open to everyone whether you are part of the DND community or not. Come out and get to know your Navy. navyrunesquimalt.com

#### **TD Jazzfest**

June 21-30; Bullen Park (main stage)

Welcome to the 40th TD Victoria International JazzFest – a celebration of 10 hot days and nights of the coolest music in town! The longest-running party on Vancouver Island brings you jazz, blues, funk, world, and more, featuring freeto-attend outdoor performances, ticketed and cover charge shows, and free-to-attend workshops across Victoria and Esquimalt, BC!

#### Trackside Paint Jam

June 22; 10AM-5PM Hereward Road

We're doing it again for another year! Join us at the 4th annual Trackside Paint Jam on Saturday June 22 along the Trackside Art Gallery. The event is organized by ECAH - Esquimalt Community Arts Hub.

#### **Urban Arts Tour**

July 6; 10AM-4PM

Meet at Esquimalt Municipal Hall

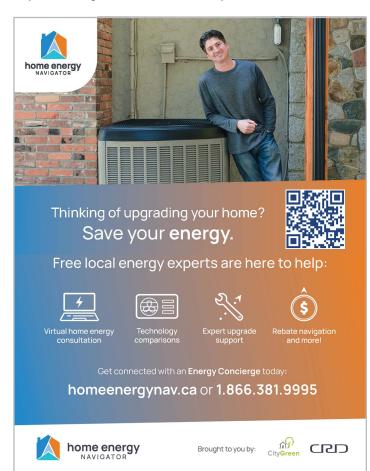
Lace up those shoes, pump up those bike tires and join in the 2024 Urban Arts Tour! The Urban Arts Tour is an annual outdoor self-guided tour now in its 5th year, featuring local gardens and artists. We've paired talented visual artists with some of Esquimalt's most impressive gardens for a unique, family-friendly day of adventure.

## See our full calendar at esquimalt.ca/events

#### **Memorial Park Music Fest**

Tuesdays; July 9-August 27

Bring your lawn chairs; bring your picnics; bring your dancing shoes! Concerts start 6pm



#### Short term rentals

The Township of Esquimalt does not allow renting any part of a residential dwelling for a period of less than one month.

The Township expects to review its regulations around short-term rentals in the coming year. Please contact council@esquimalt.ca if you would like to provide input.

#### Staying in touch

- Subscribe to our e-newsletters for news and events
- · Keep an eye out for our quarterly Current newsletter
- · Follow us on social media
- · Sign up for council agenda reminders
- Take part in our community engagement campaigns