



A Message From Mayor Barbara Desjardins



On behalf of Council — Councillors Meagan Brame, Beth Burton-Krahn, Lynda Hundleby, Tim Morrison, Olga Liberchuk, Susan Low and myself —I invite you to review the 2018 financial information presented here.

Since being elected in the fall of 2014, we have been working hard to develop and implement strategic priorities for the community.

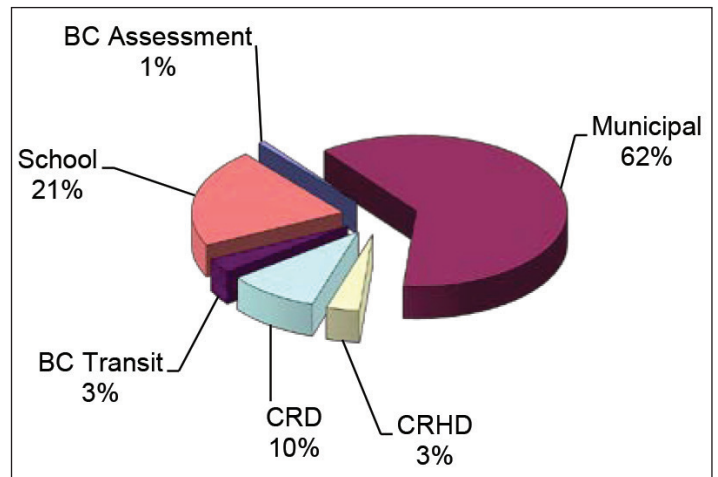
Our focus for 2018 will be on continued economic development within a framework of environmental and social sustainability.

Several developments are taking shape this year, including the Esquimalt Town Square, the English Inn and the Triangle Lands at West Bay (Westbay Quay). Council and staff have been working on the update of our Official Community Plan — which sets out the goals and policies for future growth. This road map to the future will be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure it continues to reflect the values and aspirations of the community.

The 2018 budget process involved input opportunities for taxpayers during regular Council meetings. With this input, and through deliberations and analysis by Council and staff, we held the tax revenue increase to 2.90% for all property classes. We achieved this while maintaining core municipal service levels, replenishing reserve funds and budgeting \$6 million for capital costs and infrastructure improvements.

In addition to municipal levies, other taxing authorities generate their own calculations to determine taxes to be collected on their behalf by the Township. For 2018, taxes to be collected for these other authorities represents approximately 38% of your total property tax amount.

2018 Total Taxation



In addition to municipal levies, taxes are collected on behalf of other taxing authorities.

Your tax notice provides the details and amounts to be collected for your property. The reverse side of this message includes important property tax payment information and a breakdown of how your 2018 municipal property taxes are allocated.

As Council works on your behalf to move the Township forward, there will be opportunities for you to provide input about service levels and to articulate your vision for our community. Consider attending a Council meeting, or reviewing our Strategic Priorities document at esquimalt.ca and providing your feedback on-line. We look forward to hearing from you.

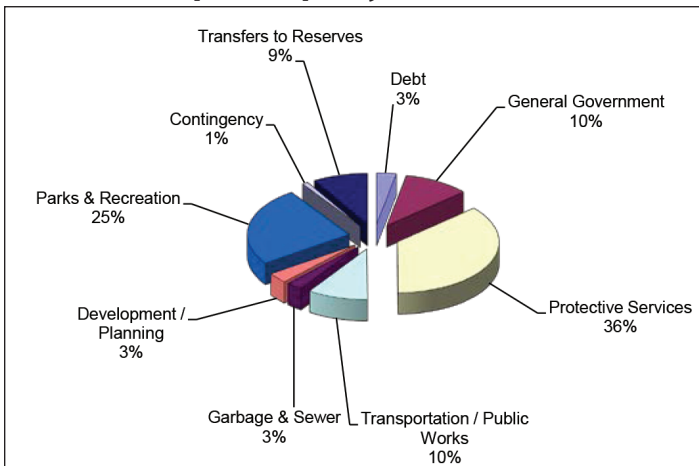
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2018 Tax and Budget Information

2018 Municipal Property Taxes



The above graph is based on the 2018 approved operating budget and demonstrates where your municipal tax dollars will be spent.

Your 2018 property tax notice covers the tax year from January 1st, 2018 to December 31st, 2018. To balance the operating budget, Council must collect revenue through property taxes. The amount required is converted to a rate, which is then applied to the taxable assessment of each property to determine the taxes payable.

You can pay your taxes:

- In person at the Municipal Hall (1229 Esquimalt Road) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday by cash, cheque, money order, bank draft, or by debit card. Credit card payments are not accepted.
- By post-dated cheque (Post-dated no later than July 3, 2018).
- Via the Municipal Hall mailbox outside the front entrance (no cash please).
- At most financial institutions either in person, online, or via telebanking (set up through your bank). **Do not submit your completed Home Owner Grant application at the bank.**
- By mail. To avoid a late penalty, **your mailed payment must be received by the Township on or before July 3, 2018.**

Visit our website at esquimalt.ca/tax for more options and information on how you can pay your taxes.

If you are eligible for a Home Owner Grant, you must also apply for it by July 3, 2018 or the unclaimed/unpaid balance will be subject to penalty. You can claim your Home Owner Grant even if you are not making a payment to your property tax account.

Home Owner Grants may be claimed electronically by visiting esquimalt.ca/homeownergrant. You will require your **folio number** and **access code** from your property tax notice.

You may qualify for one of two provincial tax deferment programs. If you are interested, visit gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment or contact the Provincial Tax Deferment Office at 250-387-0555 for more information.

Schedule of Upcoming Council Meetings

Public input is invited at all Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings.

May 28, 2018	Council, 7 p.m.
June 11, 2018	Council, 7 p.m.
June 18, 2018	Committee of the Whole, 7 p.m.
June 25, 2018	Council, 7 p.m.
July 9, 2018	Council, 7 p.m.
July 16, 2018	Council, 7 p.m.

Summer Recess: July 23 through August 17, 2018

Property Tax Deadline is July 3, 2018. Please visit our website for more tax information or to claim your Home Owner Grant online.

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