



## A message from Mayor Barbara Desjardins



On behalf of Council—  
Councillors Meagan Brame,  
Ken Armour, Lynda Hundleby,  
Jacob Helliwell, Tim Morrison,  
Jane Vermeulen and myself  
—I invite you to review the  
Township’s 2019 budget and  
tax information.

Since being elected in the  
fall of 2018, we have been  
working hard to develop and  
implement strategic priorities  
for the community.

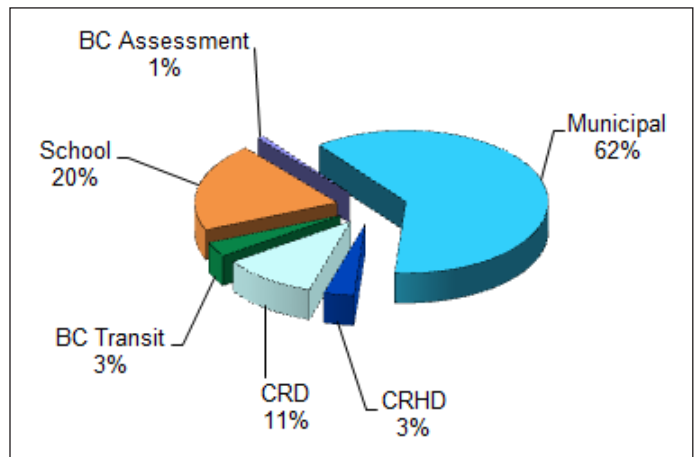
Council and staff are pleased to move forward with  
our 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, scheduled to be  
adopted at May 27’s Council meeting and available  
on our website. Shaped by your input, the plan is the  
framework that council uses to guide decision-making  
and budget spending for the upcoming term.

We’ve budgeted almost \$12M for capital projects, of  
which \$5M is from the McLoughlin Amenity Funds  
and will go to the Public Safety Building improvement  
project.

The 2019 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 0% for businesses and 4.93% for all residential  
properties. By reducing the tax burden on businesses,  
we aim to support our local economy.

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  
2019, taxes to be collected for these other authorities  
represents approximately 38% of your total property  
tax amount.

### 2019 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 2019  
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](http://esquimalt.ca) and providing your  
feedback online. We look forward to hearing from you.

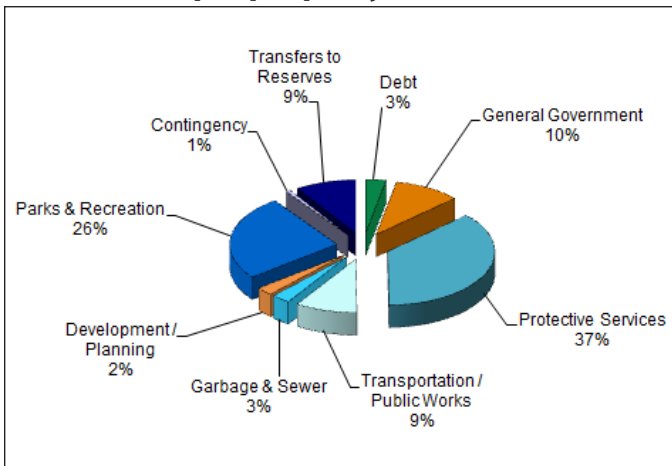
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# 2019 tax and budget information

## 2019 municipal property taxes



The above graph is based on the 2019 approved operating budget and demonstrates where your municipal tax dollars will be spent.

**Your 2019 property tax notice covers the tax year from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.** 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 2, 2019).
- 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 2, 2019.**

Visit our website at [esquimalt.ca/tax](http://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 2, 2019 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](http://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](http://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 27	Council, 7 p.m.
June 10	Council, 7 p.m.
June 17	Committee of the Whole, 7 p.m.
June 24	Council, 7 p.m.
July 8	Council, 7 p.m.
July 15	Council, 7 p.m.

**Summer recess: July 22 through August 16, 2019**

## Property tax deadline is July 2, 2019.

Please visit our website for more tax information or to claim your Home Owner Grant online.

