

### Important property tax information including changes for 2022

Access your tax account online!

✓ Visit Esquimalt.ca to set up your online account.

Choose to receive future tax notices & reminders by email.  Access your tax balance anytime, anywhere.

# WAYS TO PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

Any payments received at Esquimalt Municipal Hall, whether via mail, drop box, bank payment, etc., after July 4, 2022 will be subject to penalty. **Credit cards are not accepted.** 

### 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, ie "Esquimalt (Township) – Property Taxes" or "Esquimalt Prop Tax".

#### 24-hour mail slot

There is a secure mail slot located at the entrance to the municipal hall that is always accessible. Do not place cash in the mail slot. Please practice safe physical distancing when using the mail slot.

### 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 4, 2022. Receipts date stamped after the penalty date will be subject to a 10 per cent penalty.

#### By mail

Send 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.** 

#### **TAX DEFERMENT**

The tax deferment program is now administered by the Province. Municipalities no longer accept or process tax deferment applications.

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

Ask us about prepayments, pre-authorized payment plans and paying with your mortgage payment.

### **HOME OWNER GRANTS**

- The Home Owner Grant Program is administered by the Province. Visit gov.bc.ca/ HomeOwnerGrant for more information and to apply. Phone 1-888-355-2700 (toll free) to speak with a live agent.
- 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.
- Claim your 2022 grant at gov.bc.ca/HomeOwnerGrant

Visit esquimalt.ca/tax for more information

Property tax penalty deadline is July 4, 2022.



#### **FOLLOW US**

# **Happening in Esquimalt**

#### **Esquimalt Farmers Market**

Mondays at Gorge Park and Thursdays at Memorial Park | 4:30PM—7:30PM

Esquimalt Farmers Market provides a marketplace which serves as a community gathering point that builds relationships and encourages healthy, local living. Find locally grown produce, live music, food trucks and artisans! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram @esquimaltmarket or visit esquimaltmarket.com.



# Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretive Tour

May 28—9:30AM to 2:00PM

The sixth annual Fort Macaulay Historic Interpretation Tour will take place at Macaulay Point Park. Guided tours will take place at 10:30am and 12:45pm. Tours are led by local historian, Jack Bates. Self-guided tours are also an option.

The event will also feature members of the Victoria-Esquimalt Military Re-enactors Association, the Esquimalt Archives, Toad Hollow Photography and others. The Esquimalt Lions will provide a cash-only BBQ, serving up their famous hamburgers and hot dogs with proceeds going back into the community.

#### **Neighbourhood Party!**

June 4—11:00AM to 2:00PM

Esquimalt Recreation is ready to kick off the summer season with a huge party and we want you to bring your neighbours and join us!! We will be closing down the Esquimalt Recreation Centre parking lot for the festivities so plan your travel accordingly. Join in on the fun!

#### **Urban Arts Tour**

June 25—10AM-4PM

Lace up those shoes, grab a tour map and join in the 2022 Urban Arts Tour! The Urban Arts Tour is an outdoor self-guided tour in Esquimalt 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.

More at ecah.ca/urban-arts-tour

## **Sculture Splash! Sand Castle Edition** June 26-29

Sculptor Fred Dobbs and crew will create a sand sculpture celebrating "renewal and transformation" at Gorge Point Park. There will also be summer classes for kids!

#### JazzFest

June 26 | July 2 | July 3
For the first time, Esquimalt's Bullen
Park will be one of the fantastic JazzFest
venues. Come to the "Funk & Soul in the
Township (Esquimalt)" Series and check it
out! Buy tickets for one night or go to all
three. More at jazzvictoria.ca.

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



Music starts 6 p.m. at Memorial Park:

- July 5 Soul Shakers
- July 12 Black Angus
- July 19 Daniel Cook & the Radiators
- July 26 Cookeilidh
- Aug 2 BackBeat
- Aug 9 Cold Sweat
- Aug 16 The KingmiXers
- Aug 23 Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy



The splash pad opens May 20! Hours will be 10am—7pm daily and will run until September 6.

### Sculture Splash! Salish Wolf

July 8-24

First Nations carver, Rupert Jeffrey will demonstrate traditional coastal carving and create a Welcome Pole representing Coast Salish Lekwungen territory with Xwsepsum territory.

Come to the Esquimalt Town Square and share in culture and awareness through the wolf symbol. Elders teachings will be seen in the movement of the sculpture and its positions.

# Emergency alert service



Residents are encouraged to **sign up to** 

**Esquimalt Alert** to be notified of critical information by phone call, text or app.

Users can also choose garbage notifications and other useful information updates as well. Go to esquimalt.ca/alert.

#### 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