



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 2020 budget and
tax information.

It would be an understatement
to say that this year is
different from previous years.

Many in the community
are facing financial challenges due to the COVID-19
pandemic and we reviewed options available to the
township that could provide some financial relief while
at the same time balancing the financial requirements
to continue providing many services upon which the
community relies.

The 2020 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 per
cent for all property classes which is below the annual
Consumer Price Index.

To offer relief for those experiencing financial hardship
due to the pandemic, we have extended the late payment
penalty dates for all taxpayers. Please note, however, that
the municipality also has to pay taxes to others and your
timely payment allows us to do this without incurring
costs to the organization.

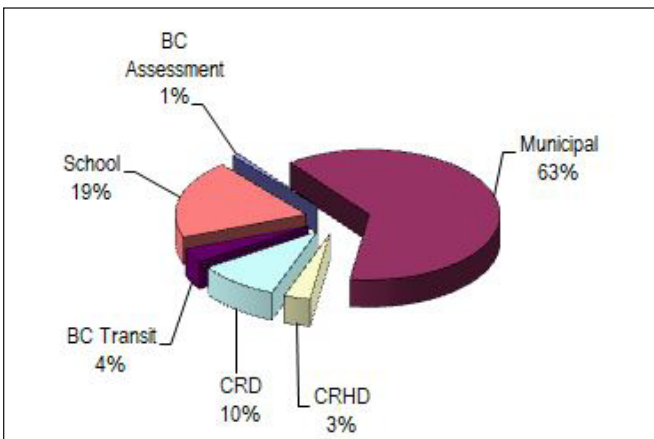
In addition to municipal levies, other taxing authorities
generate their own calculations to determine taxes to be
collected on their behalf by the township.
For 2020, taxes to be collected for these other authorities
represents approximately 37 per cent of the total
property tax amount on your notice.

We’ve budgeted \$35M for capital projects, of which
almost half will come from the McLoughlin Amenity
Reserve Funds to fund the Public Safety Building,
Waterfront Parks and Recreation improvement projects.

Council recognizes this is a challenging year for everyone
and our decisions regarding taxes were made to
minimize financial hardship as much as possible while
ensuring municipal services are maintained and the
township finances are sustainable. We will get through
this year together. Stay safe.

Barbara Desjardins
Mayor, Township of Esquimalt

2020 total taxation



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authorities.*

See 2020 tax & budget information on reverse

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2020 tax and budget information

NEW for 2020 and COVID-19

- **Deferments are no longer done through municipalities.** They must be done online through the B.C. government website.
- **We are NOT taking cash or credit cards** as tax payment.
- **We have extended the penalty deadline to September 30, 2020.** Taxes are still due July 2, 2020 and we appreciate timely payments from those who are able.

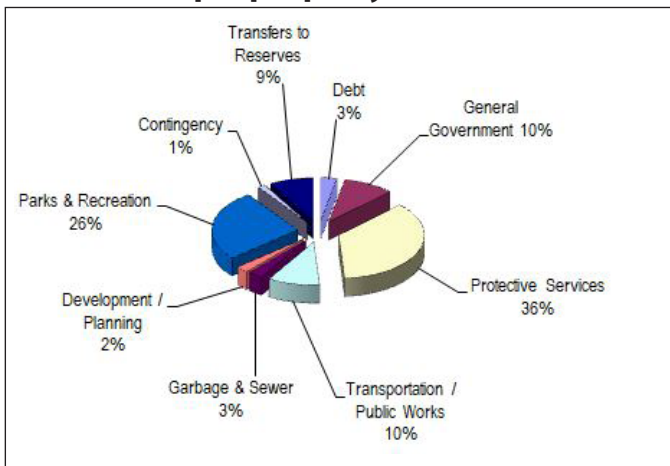
You may qualify for one of two provincial tax deferment programs. Visit gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment or contact the Provincial Tax Deferment Office at 250-387-0555 for information.

You can pay your taxes:

- By post-dated cheque (post-dated no later than September 30, 2020).
- Via the municipal hall mailbox outside the front entrance (no cash please).
- At most financial institutions either in person, online, or via telebanking. 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 September 30.

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

2020 municipal property taxes



The above graph is based on the 2020 approved operating budget and demonstrates where your municipal tax dollars will be spent.

Your 2020 property tax notice covers the tax year from **January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**. 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.

If you are eligible for a Home Owner Grant, you must also apply for it by **September 30, 2020** 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.

Schedule of upcoming council meetings

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

June 1	Council, 7 p.m.
June 15	Committee of the Whole, 7 p.m.
June 22	Council, 7 p.m.
July 6	Council, 7 p.m.
July 13	Council, 7 p.m.

Summer recess: July 20 through August 14

Property tax penalty deadline is September 30, 2020.

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

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