

First World War

REMEMBERING WORLD WAR ONE

Work continues on the multi-year initiative "Saanich Remembers World War One". When complete in November 2018, the project will commemorate the men and women of Saanich who served in the First World War. The project centres on the Saanich WWI Honour Roll that was started in 1916 but never completed. With the help of volunteer researchers, information about Saanich's First World War veterans will be preserved in the Archives and shared on the website.

Saanich residents George Rosson, Mr Heitz and Mr North, WWI (Saanich Archives 1980-6-6)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Work with the community on the 2017-2021 Police Strategic Plan is well underway. This update will identify and address the needs of the community for public safety and community well-being. There will be a focus on community engagement, collaboration and partnerships, service excellence and making the most efficient and effective use of resources as the plan is developed.



Property Taxes and Home Owner Grant Applications are due on **Tuesday, July 4, 2017**
 Online services are described below, or go to saanich.ca

Home owner grants:	Property tax payments:	Deferment application or renewals:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claim your home owner grant online at saanich.ca – do not claim your grant at your financial institution. You will need your folio number and your access code from your tax notice to claim online. You must submit a grant application each year you are eligible and it must be submitted by July 4, 2017 to avoid penalty. Unclaimed grants constitute unpaid taxes and will be subject to a 10% penalty if not claimed by July 4, 2017. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ensure when paying online that you check your financial institution's local cut-off time to ensure payment is received by the due date. Any payments with a payment date after July 4, 2017 will be considered late and will be subject to a 10% penalty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All deferment applications and renewals must be received at the District of Saanich by July 4, 2017. Applications and renewals received after July 4 are subject to a 10% penalty. You must submit a renewal application every year you intend to defer your property taxes. Applications that are not approved by the Provincial Deferment Office will be subject to a 10% penalty.

Please visit saanich.ca or the back of your tax notice for ways to pay your property tax

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Saanich tax at 250-475-5454 or go to saanich.ca

A Message from Saanich Council



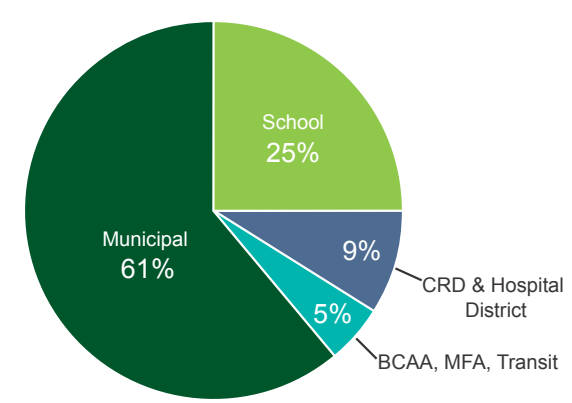
Mayor Richard Atwell

Greetings from Mayor Richard Atwell and Saanich Council.

We are sending you this newsletter with your 2017 property tax notice to provide you some background information about your property taxes and how your tax dollars are being put to work in Saanich. Your ideas and feedback are important to us as we move the municipality forward. We invite you to join us at Council meetings where decisions are made and to connect with us by email at mayor@saanich.ca and council@saanich.ca.

Your 2017 property tax notice is enclosed. Each homeowner's change in taxation varies due to property tax assessments. If the change to the assessment of your home was the same as the average change for homes in Saanich, then your general municipal tax increase will be 2.29% for core operations, 0.28% for resource requests to maintain current service levels, 0.86% for capital replacement and 0.10% for the Greater Victoria Public Libraries (This equates to \$85.72 for the average home assessed at \$758,700).

2017 Property Taxes by Agency



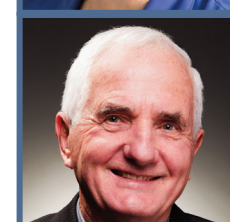
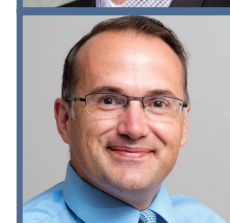
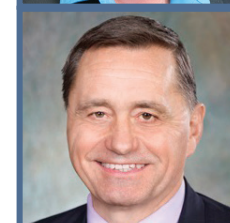
How your taxes are calculated?
Assessed Value/1000 x Tax Rate = Tax Owing

In addition to municipal levies, taxes are collected on behalf of other taxing authorities, who generate their own calculations to determine taxes to be collected by Saanich. For 2017, taxes collected on behalf of these various authorities represent 39% of your total property tax amount. The chart provides the details of amounts collected on behalf of each agency.

We would like to recognize the many years of contributions by the late Councillor Vic Derman - he was a passionate steward and advocate for the environment, and always worked towards making the world a better place. He will be sorely missed.



Top to bottom: Councillors Susan Brice, Judy Brownoff, Fred Haynes, Dean Murdock, Colin Plant, Vicki Sanders, and Leif Wergeland.

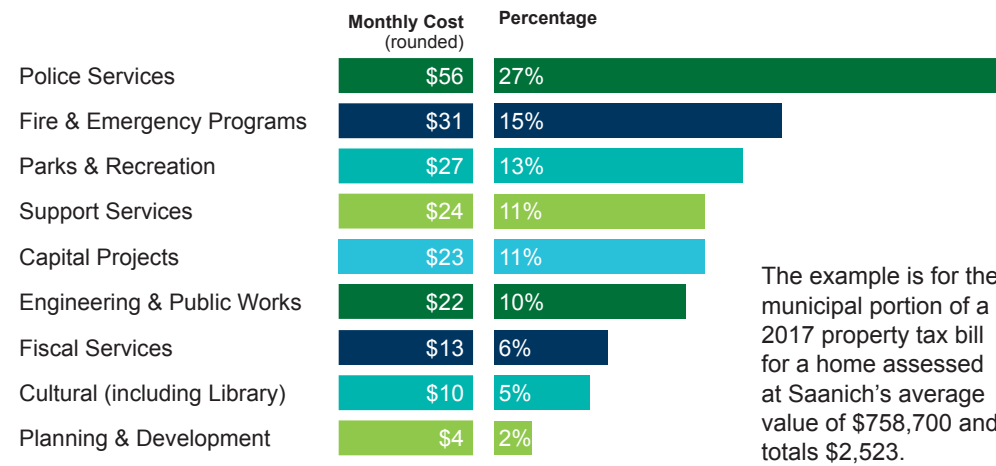


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Where Your Saanich Tax Dollars will be Spent in 2017

The municipal portion of your tax dollars ensures that Saanich is financially sustainable and has adequate resources to maintain the services and programs that meet community needs and move us further toward the Saanich Vision.



We are proud to focus your tax dollars on achieving the Saanich Vision. The Vision is founded on the underlying principles of sustainability and liveability and integrates environmental integrity, social well-being and economic vibrancy.



Some key projects are highlighted below.



MCKENZIE AVENUE CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

McKenzie from Shelbourne to Cedar Hill will be improved to include cycling facilities and complete the last remaining gap between the Lochside Trail and the University of Victoria. The design of this short corridor will be compatible with the proposed intersection improvements identified in the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan.



HARO WOODS

Saanich Parks continues to collect public input to inform a management plan. The plan will contain a guiding vision for the park, supporting guidelines for its natural areas, recreational activities, and more. Many stakeholders, including the University of Victoria and the CRD, have been involved in the process to date. Project advisory group meetings have identified some key values about Haro Woods.



OLDER ADULT STRATEGY

The strategy will guide Saanich Parks and Recreation programs and services for Saanich adult residents through the years 2017-2022. With its high percentage of older adults, our primary goal in this strategy has been to understand the programs, facilities and services required to respond to the diversity of this changing demographic. We strive to design services and environments that will enable older adults to experience our community in meaningful ways.



FIRE PREVENTION

Saanich Fire conducts about 130 station tours, school presentations, fire extinguisher classes, fire safety talks, and evacuation drills each year. They participate in approximately 90 community and special events including the parades, school fairs, summer camps and outreach campaigns. Through these educational opportunities, our staff provide fire and life-safety information to over 18,000 children and adults.



GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Governance Review Citizen Advisory Committee (GRCAC) was established by Council to conduct an independent review and report back in fall 2017. The GRCAC provides input and guidance to staff, consultants and Council regarding public and stakeholder engagement during the review. A key objective of the committee is to consult broadly with the community to obtain a diversity of feedback.



MCMINN PARK, CORDOVA BAY

The popular 6 hectare park features trails, a pond, and cedar forested areas. The park has a playground, picnic area, and both tennis and basketball courts. Saanich Parks will be upgrading aging and obsolete park structures including drainage, playground equipment, and park amenities. We are also exploring the potential to construct a washroom building, and expand the recreational program - particularly for youth.



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ('MOVING SAANICH FORWARD')

After three months of technical analysis and public engagement, the District of Saanich has completed the first phase of Moving Saanich Forward. More than 2,000 residents have been involved in the process to date. What we heard through the public engagement process will be incorporated as the project transitions into its second phase, developing a vision, goals and targets.



UPTOWN-DOUGLAS CORRIDOR PLAN

The Uptown-Douglas Corridor Plan will guide growth and future change in this critical regional hub that has the potential to be the heart of Saanich. Through extensive public engagement a vision, community values, concepts and emerging directions have been developed and will be used to guide creation of a draft plan. The draft plan is anticipated to be available for public review and comment in late 2017.