



UNDERSTANDING YOUR 2019 PROPERTY TAXES

TUESDAY JULY 2, 2019

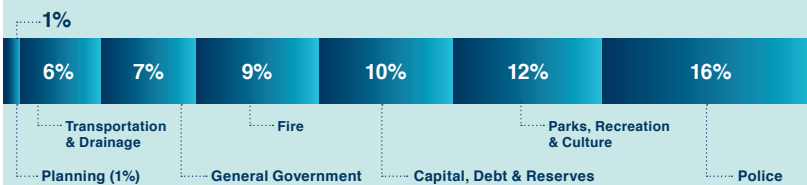
Property taxes and Home Owner Grant applications are due

Your 2019 property tax notice is enclosed.

This insert outlines where your 2019 tax dollars go and offers information about where and how to pay your taxes. There are a few changes this year and some new line items to understand. Our goal is to ensure you understand all the options before the July 2 deadline. If you still have questions or need assistance after reading this, please call us at **250-475-5454** or visit saanich.ca/tax. For more information on the budget, reference saanich.ca/budget.

WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO

61% of your taxes fund services provided by Saanich.



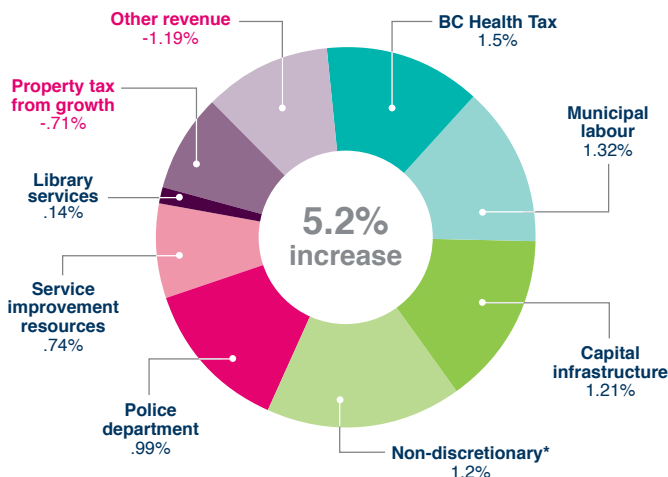
39% of your taxes are collected on behalf of other authorities.



The 2019 municipal property tax increase only applies to the municipal portion of your property taxes. The total increase to your property tax bill includes increases from other taxing authorities. Saanich has no ability to influence the rates charged by other authorities.

- Provincial School Tax 250-387-0555
- BC Assessment 1-866-825-8322
- Capital Regional District & Hospital 250-360-3000
- BC Transit..... 250-385-2551

Municipal property tax increase 2019



*Non-discretionary – includes increases to utilities, contracts, insurance, fuel and other costs that are impacted by factors outside of Saanich's control.

A new line item in 2019 – The BC Employer Health Tax Levy

In 2018, the Province of BC announced that medical services plan (MSP) premiums would be eliminated by 2020 and replaced with a new Employer Health Tax. This new tax consists of a levy of 1.95% of payroll costs in excess of \$1.5M. This means that a portion of your property tax will now fund provincial health services. This new cost shows as a separate line item on your property tax notice. The 2019 municipal property tax increase includes 3.7% for core services and 1.5% to cover the Province's new Employer Health Tax. For more information on the employer health tax levy, reference saanich.ca/healthtax.



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How to pay your 2019 property taxes

Full payment of property taxes and eligible Home Owner Grants must be received by July 2, 2019 to avoid a 10% penalty. Unclaimed Home Owner Grants are considered to be unpaid taxes and are subject to the same 10% penalty.

SKIP THE LINE! ONLINE OPTIONS:

PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ONLINE



1. **LOG ON** to your financial institution to add a payee.



2. **SEARCH** for Saanich and select "District of Saanich".



3. **USE THE NINE DIGIT FOLIO NUMBER** on the front of your Property Tax Statement as the account number.



4. **MAKE PAYMENT** prior to your bank's local daily cutoff time. Retain receipt for proof of payment.

CLAIM YOUR HOME OWNER GRANT ONLINE



1. **GO ONLINE TO SAANICH.CA/GRANT** to fill out the online application form.



2. **ENTER THE NINE DIGIT FOLIO NUMBER** and **SIX DIGIT ACCESS CODE** on the front of your Property Tax Statement.



3. **COMPLETE** the electronic Home Owner Grant application.



4. **SELECT "CLAIM GRANT"** to submit and retain your order number as proof of processing.

Eligible home owners must complete a Home Owner Grant application each year and submit it to the District of Saanich by the due date to avoid a 10% penalty. You may claim the Home Owner Grant without making a payment. See the front of your Property Tax Statement to complete the application in person and submit to the District of Saanich. More info at: gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

How your property assessment affects your municipal taxes

Lower than the 6% average change



Taxes increase **LESS THAN AVERAGE**

Similar to the 6% average change



Taxes increase **BY THE AVERAGE**

Higher than the 6% average change



Taxes increase **MORE THAN THE AVERAGE**

The average assessment increase for residential property assessment in 2019 is 6%. The average municipal tax increase is 5.2% or \$135 per household.

Average residential assessed property value for 2019 = \$924,100

How to pay

Pay online, or by debit, cash, cheque or mail

District of Saanich
770 Vernon Avenue
Victoria, BC V8X 2W7

24 hour drop box

Located at the entrance to the Municipal Hall. Drop off cheque and/or Home Owner Grant in an envelope. Do not put cash in the drop box. Drop box will be cleared daily and at midnight on July 2, 2019.

Pay monthly for 2020

Sign up at saanich.ca/tax for Saanich's prepayment plan to pre-pay your 2020 property tax in monthly installments.