



# 2020 TAX INFORMATION

TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE JULY 3, 2020

Council has made significant adjustments to the City budget and 2020 tax levy in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Council reduced the tax levy increase nearly by half from a 3.44% increase approved prior to the pandemic to 1.75%. This levy will ensure the City can maintain services in key areas, and even enhance some important services, particularly the improvement of security, health, and safety in the community.

**Council has approved various measures related to the 2020 budget, property taxes, and utility billing:**

- Deferring nearly \$25 million in capital projects.
- Eliminating the 10% penalty on late sewer, water, and solid waste utility payments for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2020.
- Cost of living increases have been frozen for the Mayor, Members of Council, and City management.

Service enhancements aimed at improving safety, cleanliness, and security downtown are proceeding in 2020. These include providing for additional police, security, and bylaw services personnel for the area; funding for homeless service hubs; and increased resources for removing illegal camps and dumpsites.

## PROPERTY TAXES, SERVICES, AND THE IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Property taxes paid to the City of Prince George fund the majority of the City's operations and services. The remaining revenues typically come from various sources such as user fees, the rental of civic facilities, off-street parking, and permits related to new developments and construction. Provincial health orders issued in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic have greatly

affected civic operations since March and are responsible for reducing revenues to the City of nearly \$1.3 million per month.

In addition to funding City operations and services, a portion of property tax payments flow through the City to support the Regional District and other government services including the hospital and schools.

## LATE PENALTIES

**Class 1, 2, 3, and 9** – 5% penalty after July 3.  
Additional 5% on outstanding amounts after Oct 1.

**Class 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8** – 10% penalty after October 1.

The class is indicated on the Tax Notice

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Apply for the home owner grant online:  
[www.princegeorge.ca/taxes](http://www.princegeorge.ca/taxes)

Payment options are indicated on the City website ([www.princegeorge.ca/taxes](http://www.princegeorge.ca/taxes)) and on the back of the tax notice.

**JULY 3 TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE JULY 3. DON'T FORGET TO APPLY FOR THE HOME OWNER GRANT.**

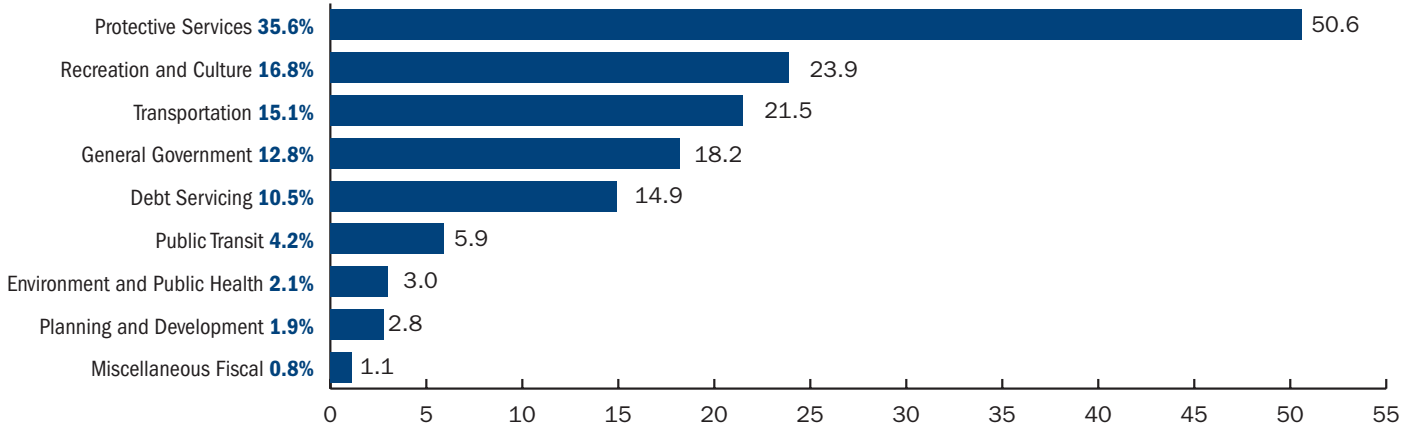


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## HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

### 2020 General Operating Expenses in \$millions



Services such as water, sanitary sewer, and residential garbage collection are billed separately from property taxes; user fees (collected through City utility bills) support the operating costs of these services as well as the replacement of aging infrastructure.

## TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAM

Please note municipalities no longer accept new applications and renewals.

BC residential property owners must now submit an online application to defer property taxes on their principal residence. Owners must renew their application through the same system.

For more information, view the link to the Government of BC's property tax deferral information from the City's website: [www.princegeorge.ca/taxes](http://www.princegeorge.ca/taxes)

## KEEP UP TO DATE ON CITY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND EVENTS

More information about property taxes, including ways to pay: [www.princegeorge.ca/taxes](http://www.princegeorge.ca/taxes)

Access City accounts online, pay for parking and licenses, register for recreation programs and more: [www.princegeorge.ca/mycityofpg](http://www.princegeorge.ca/mycityofpg)

Subscribe to receive notifications about City news and events directly to your email inbox: [www.princegeorge.ca/subscribe](http://www.princegeorge.ca/subscribe)

Learn about the various activities and initiatives the City of Prince George has undertaken due to the Covid-19 pandemic: [www.princegeorge.ca/covid19](http://www.princegeorge.ca/covid19)

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