



# 2019 TAX INFORMATION

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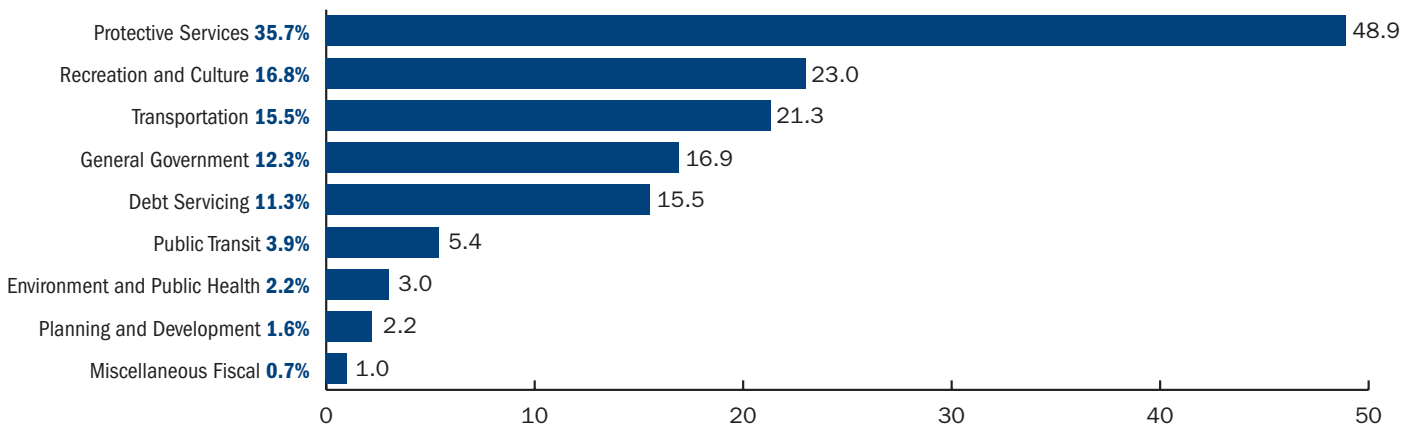
In 2019, the City of Prince George is increasing taxes to maintain services in key areas, and to provide necessary enhancements in others. Key measures in 2019:

- A 1% increase in property taxes to reflect the City's new responsibility of paying the Employers Health Tax, which was recently invoked by the Government of BC.
- Increasing the budget by 1.5% for snow removal to better align with actual annual snow removal expenditures. The annual budget for snow and ice control is now \$8.5 million.
- Increasing the road rehabilitation budget by 0.6% in order to better maintain the City's network of 670km of roads, 200km of sidewalks, 16 bridges, and urban lanes.
- Adding an inflationary increase to the General Infrastructure Reinvestment Fund.

Together with other budget enhancements, such as City support for an all-wheels park in Blackburn and increased staffing support at the recently upgraded Masich Place Stadium, the tax increase for 2019 is 4.3% compared to last year.

## HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

### 2019 General Operating Expenses in \$millions



Services such as water, sanitary sewer, and residential garbage collection are billed separately from property taxes; user fees support the operating costs of these utilities as well as the replacement of aging infrastructure.

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## HOME OWNER GRANTS

- Can be claimed online at [www.princegeorge.ca](http://www.princegeorge.ca). See “Claim the Home Owner Grant” link in the “How Do I” menu at the top of the page next to the City logo.
- Only one home owner grant can be claimed by you or your spouse each year.
- See the Provincial Government website for more information on eligibility requirements: [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant).
- If you did not claim your home owner grant for 2018, you may be able to claim a retroactive home owner grant subject to eligibility. Forms are available at City Hall or on the Provincial Government website; deadline to claim is December 31, 2019.

## DEFERMENT

- Offered by the Province of British Columbia: [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/home](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/home).
- 2 programs are available: Regular Deferment Program and Families with Children Program.
- Applications are submitted to the City; apply by the tax due date to avoid penalty.
- Home owner grant must be claimed before application can be processed.

## PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLANS

- Payments are withdrawn automatically from your bank account.
- Application forms are available on the City website at [www.princegeorge.ca](http://www.princegeorge.ca).

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

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

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

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