



2024 TAX INFORMATION

TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE JULY 5, 2024

In 2024, City Council passed a 6.78 per cent tax levy increase. Revenue collected through the levy will sustain current City of Prince George service levels and operational needs.

Significant budget impacts include:

- Hiring six new RCMP members. Two joined in May 2023 and the other four along with one police support staff were added by Council during the 2024 budget meetings.
- Hiring five new firefighters and one fire admin employee.
- Hiring new lifeguards for the City's pools to meet the required number of lifeguards per customer due to increased pool usage and hiring security for the Canfor Leisure Pool.
- An increased cost for transit as per the City's annual operating agreement with BC Transit.
- An increased cost for insurance premiums for City assets as replacement values rise.
- An extra 1 per cent increase to the tax levy each year to maintain the City's \$4.4 billion in assets.

An average residential property in Prince George valued at \$455,000 will see an increase of roughly \$175 this year (or \$14.50 per month) from last year's bill.

WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SHARED

Only 70 per cent of taxes billed to property owners are for services provided by the City. The City collects the remaining 30 per cent on behalf of other authorities including:

- The Province of BC (for school taxes)
- BC Assessment
- The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Regional 9-1-1 service
- The Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital
- The Municipal Finance Authority

BE BEAR SMART

More than 75 bears were euthanized in the Prince George area in 2023 after they became used to unnatural food sources like fruit grown on residential properties and garbage. Avoid attracting bears with these tips:

- Keep wildlife attractants like garbage and bird feeders out of reach of bears and remove any ripe fruit and vegetables. Violation of this bylaw can result in a \$300 fine.
- Lock your garbage cart in an enclosed structure like a garage or shed where possible.
- Secure your garbage cart with a locking device like a ratchet strap.
- Set your garbage cart at the curb only between 4 a.m. and 7 p.m. on collection days. Violation of this bylaw can result in a \$100 fine.
- Any bylaw violation can be reported to the City by calling 311.

Learn more about being bear smart: princegeorge.ca/bears.

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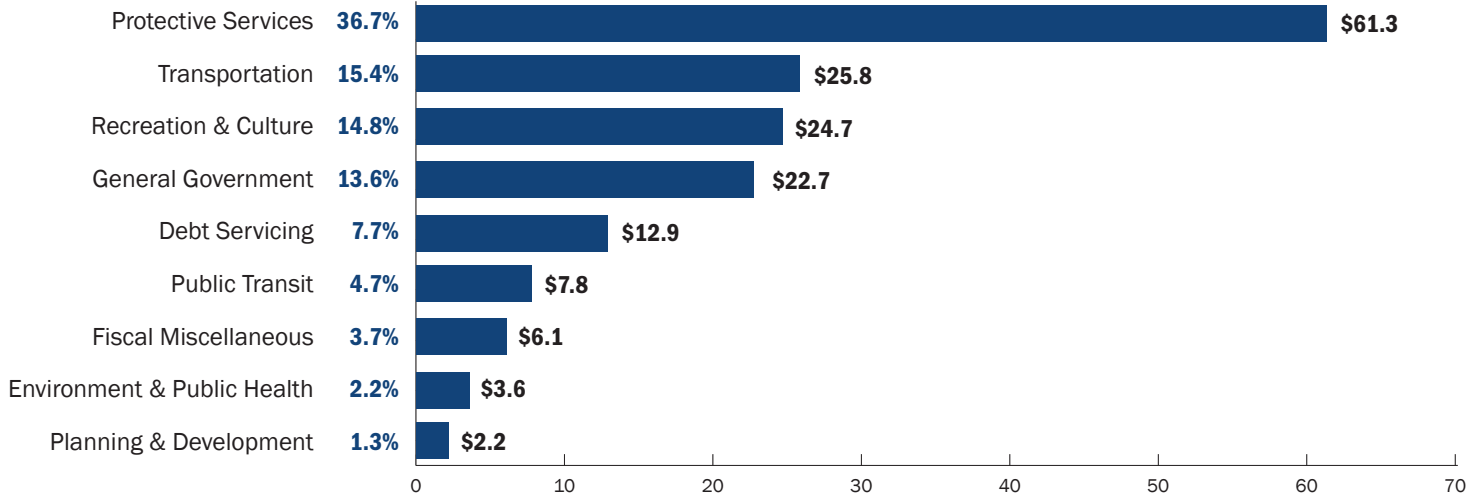


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HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

2024 General Operating Expenses in \$ millions



Services including 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.

CLAIMING THE HOME OWNER GRANT

The provincial home owner grant program reduces the amount of residential property taxes you pay each year on your principal residence. Applications must be made through the Government of B.C. To claim the home owner grant, visit gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or visit the link on the City website: princegeorge.ca/taxes. Note that taxes do not need to be paid before claiming the grant.

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