



2023 TAX INFORMATION

TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE JULY 7, 2023

In 2023, City Council passed a 7.58 per cent tax levy. Revenue collected through the levy will sustain current City service levels and operation needs.

Significant budget impacts include:

- The addition of four RCMP members and two police support services employees
- Higher-than-normal inflationary increases for fuel, tires, and maintenance for the City's fleet
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), electrical, and other maintenance costs for civic facilities
- Transit increases as per the City's annual operating agreement with BC Transit
- Costs associated with the opening of the Canfor Leisure Pool
- Cost increases to contracts with third-party service providers
- Reduction of the snow removal budget by \$600,000

An average residential property in Prince George valued at \$410,000 will see an increase of roughly \$175 this year (or \$14.50 per month) over the previous year's bill.

SMALL POPULATION, LARGE FOOTPRINT

Beginning in the 1950s, Prince George experienced a population boom and was considered one of the fastest growing cities in Canada. Much of the city's infrastructure dates from that period of rapid growth. The first official community plan for Prince George (1979) forecast a population of 185,000 by 2012. Growth began to slow in the 1980s, and by 1996 the population peaked at just over 75,000.

Today, Prince George's substantial geographic area and the need to maintain infrastructure intended for a much bigger community presents a continuous financial challenge.

To learn more about Prince George's infrastructure story, visit princegeorge.ca/infrastructure.

WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SHARED

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

- The Province on 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

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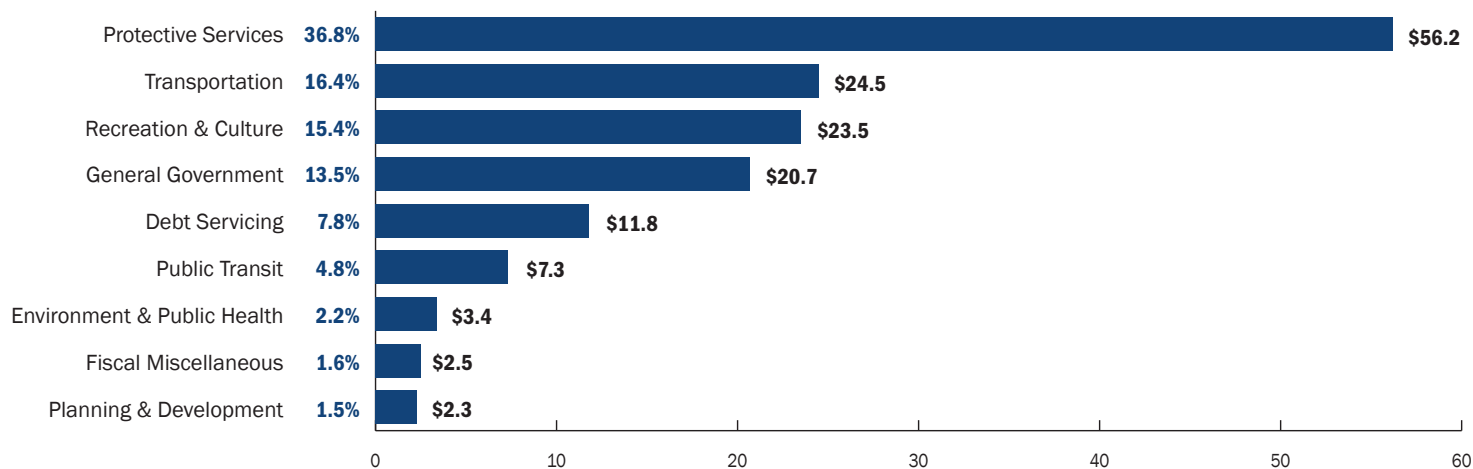


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HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

2023 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 related infrastructure.

CLAIMING THE HOME OWNER GRANT

The Provincial Home Owner Grant program helps reduce the amount of residential property taxes home owners pay on their primary residences. Applications **must** be made through the Government of BC. To claim the Home Owner Grant, visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or visit the link on the City website: www.princegeorge.ca/taxes. Note that taxes do not need to be paid before claiming the Home Owner Grant.

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