

In 2025, City Council passed a 6.21 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 five new firefighters and the promotion of four senior firefighters to lieutenants.
- RCMP enhancements including hiring an assistant manager, a guard, and four new RCMP members (as the members will not be recruited until late summer only half the wages are needed for 2025).
- A reduction of the snow removal budget of \$1,000,000 (with no changes to the service level).
- An increased cost for transit as per the City's annual operating agreement with BC Transit.
- An increased cost for line painting, traffic control, concrete and asphalt due to inflation.

An average residential property in Prince George valued at \$453,777 will see an increase of approximately \$170 this year (or \$14.17 per month) from last year's bill.

Where your tax dollars are shared

Only about 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

Public input and budget decisions

In our annual **Citizen Budget Survey**, participants were asked to increase, decrease, or maintain their property tax funding for different budget categories, and provide feedback on City services. The survey had 930 responses.

Public feedback	Council decision
Reduce Corporates Services budget	One per cent reduction to the Human Resources budget
Concerns about downtown safety	RCMP budget enhancement, including the hiring of four new members
More public engagement	Creation of engagement coordinator position

The City must balance public feedback with other factors like community need, budget, strategies and plans, legislation, operational and technical considerations, and staff expertise. Sometimes that means that the feedback the City receives is considered but not acted on if it is not the right fit based on other factors.

Learn more about how public input shaped the 2025 Budget: princegeorge.ca/Budget

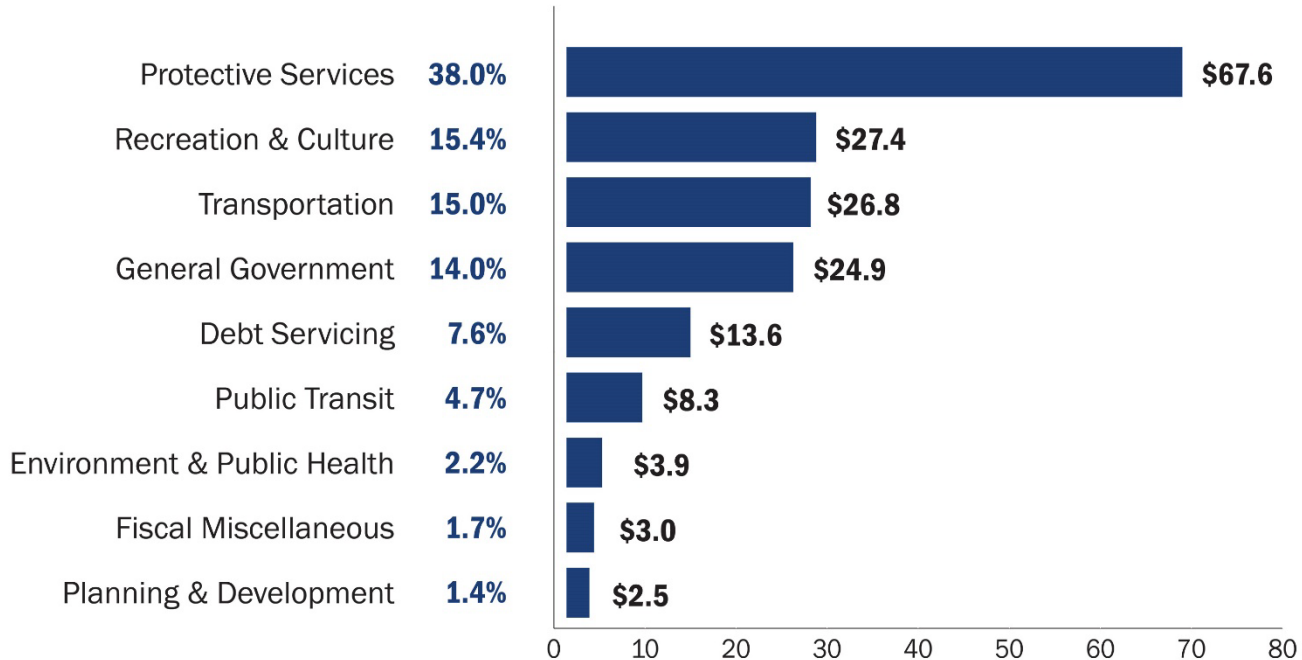
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How your tax dollars are spent

2025 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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