

2023 PROPERTY TAXES: IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS



Taxes are due Tuesday, July 4, 2023

AVOID PENALTIES: On July 5, 2023, a statutory penalty of 10 % must be applied to late taxes and unclaimed Home Owner Grant amounts.

The District cannot waive this statutory charge.



CLAIM YOUR HOME OWNER GRANT THROUGH THE PROVINCE OF BC

Claim before July 4, 2023

Apply for your Home Owner Grant directly with the Province online at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

To be eligible to receive the grant, the home owner must:

- Be the registered owner of the home
- Occupy the residence as their principal residence
- Live in British Columbia and be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada

For assistance, please call the Province of BC at 1-888-355-2700 or visit the local Service BC centre.

To avoid interest and penalties, apply ONLINE before the tax due date of July 4, 2023.



DEFERRING YOUR PROPERTY TAX

The Province of BC's Property Tax Deferment Program is a low-interest provincial loan program designed to help qualified BC home owners pay annual property taxes on their principal residence.

Submit your property tax deferment application to the Province, or learn more about the program:

- **Online:** www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment
- **Phone:** 1-888-355-2700



HOW TO PAY

There are many ways to pay your taxes

Pay Online - through your financial institution:

Log into your financial institution's online banking system, search "Mackenzie" as the payee, and select District of Mackenzie - Taxes. Use the roll number located on the front of your tax notice as your account number.

NOTE: Online/telebanking and financial institution payments are subject to late payment penalties if rejected by the financial institution for any reason or if the payment is made after the financial institutions' "local cut-off time" on July 4, 2023.

Pay in-person:

Visit the District of Mackenzie office at #1 Mackenzie Blvd during regular office hours and pay by cash, debit card or cheque. Credit cards are not accepted for tax payments. Pay early to avoid waiting in line.

Due Date: July 4, 2023

Drop off your payment:

After hours drop box is located on the right hand side of the main entrance of the District of Mackenzie office. Payments received after midnight on July 4, 2023 are subject to late payment penalties.

Mail or Courier your payment:

Payment must be received by the due date. The postmark is not accepted as date of payment. Lost, stolen or delayed mail will be subject to late payment penalties if received after the due date.

Send payments to:

District of Mackenzie
PO Bag 340
1 Mackenzie Boulevard
Mackenzie, BC, V0J2C0



How to connect with us

- Email finance@districtofmackenzie.ca
- Call 250-997-3221 during office hours

Regular Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30 pm

CLOSED on Monday, July 3rd for Canada Day

- visit www.districtofmackenzie.ca





BURNING PERMITS & FIRESMART

Don't forget to get your burn permit before having any backyard campfires this summer!

Burning permits are now available online at www.districtofmackenzie.ca or in person at the District of Mackenzie office.

Please abide by all campfire restrictions and burning bans. Fire Ban information is available online on the BC Wildfire Service website and shared on the District of Mackenzie Emergency Network Facebook page.

Follow these instructions to obtain your permit online:

1. Click on "Public Services" in the main menu.
2. Once on the page, click on "Burning Permits."
3. Scroll down to "Burning permits" in the list and click the linked text.
4. Print, fill out and sign the form and bring the application to the District of Mackenzie office at 1 Mackenzie Blvd or scan and email to kcarty@districtofmackenzie.ca
5. For questions, call the Fire Hall at (250) 997-4221 or email kcarty@districtofmackenzie.ca for assistance.

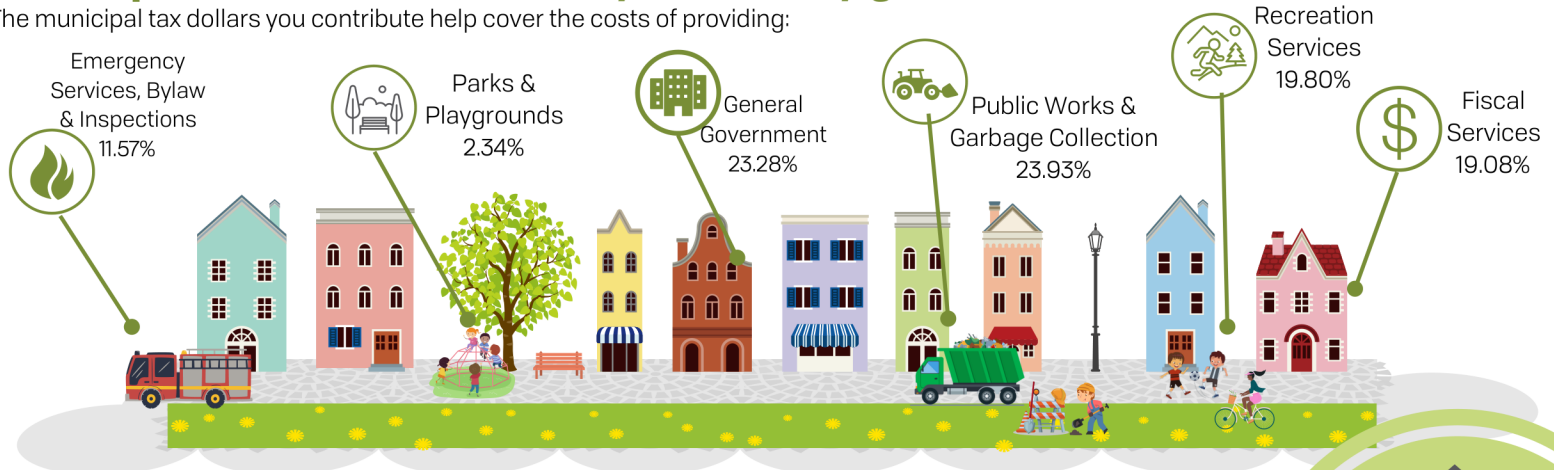


Your Tax Notice

The District collects its municipal portion of the tax, and collects taxes on behalf of other tax authorities (school, hospital, Regional District and others). Assessment values, as determined by BC Assessment, are used to determine the tax rates required to raise enough revenue to cover the annual operating budget.

Municipal Tax Portion: Where your money goes

The municipal tax dollars you contribute help cover the costs of providing:



Utilities



Water, sewer and garbage services are shown separately on the tax notice because they are collected as a user fee, rather than a tax on your property assessment.

Water, sewer and garbage rates are determined through bylaw. This fee is directly related to the cost of providing the services. These services are intended to be self-funded, meaning the full cost of the programs are funded by user fees, including the costs related to managing the life cycle of capital assets. User fees are adjusted annually to offset any changes in the cost to deliver the service.

Residential customers are billed annually for these services on their property tax notice. Residents cannot opt out of these services. Commercial and Industrial customers are billed on a bi-monthly basis depending on the services they use.



For information about how your property is assessed, call the BC Assessment Authority at 1-866-825-8322

Arrears, Delinquent & Tax Sale

Arrears - If property taxes are not paid for the current year, they go into your account as arrears and are subject to daily interest.

Delinquent - If property taxes are not paid after two years, they become delinquent and are subject to daily interest. Having delinquent taxes puts your property at risk of being sold at tax sale.

Tax Sale - In accordance with the Local Government Act, the District of Mackenzie may conduct an annual tax sale the last Monday in September by offering for sale by public auction each parcel of real property on which taxes are delinquent. (Delinquent taxes are outstanding taxes from two years prior to the current tax year).

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