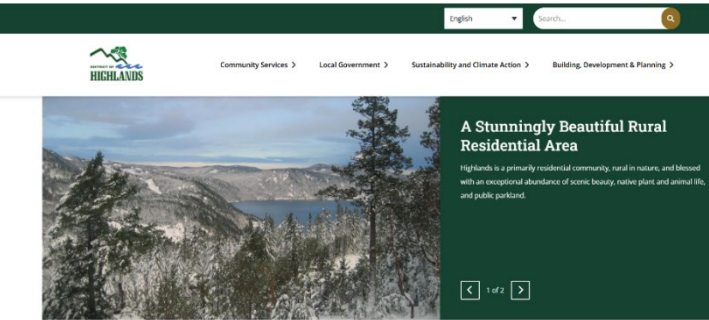


HIGHLANDS WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK!

Check out our new website at www.highlands.ca where you will find property tax information, bylaws, community events, meeting schedules, burning permits, and more.

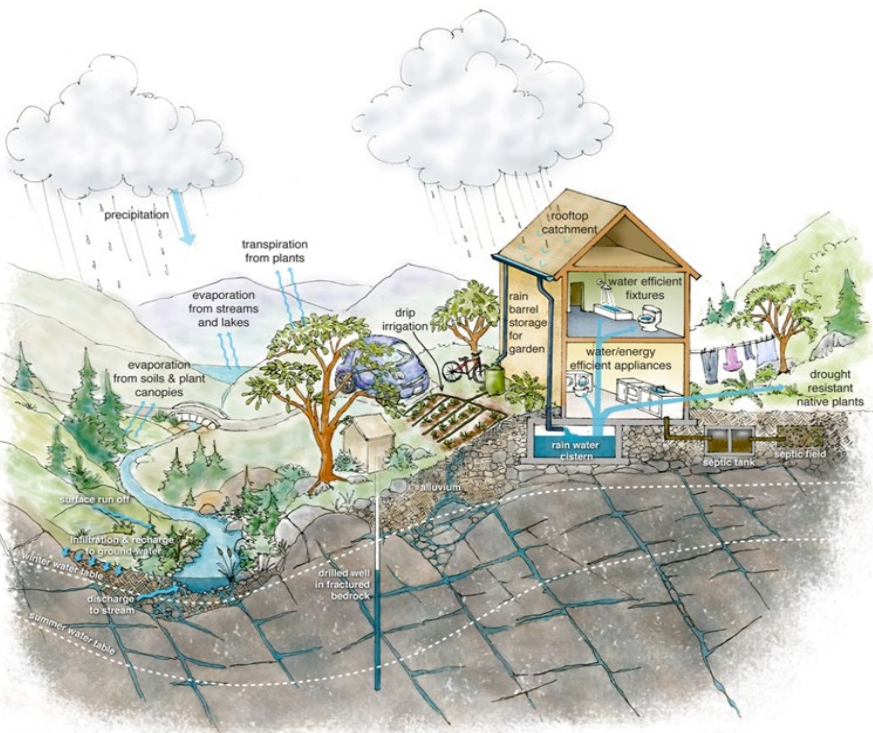


ALERTABLE

Stay informed with Alertable community notifications. Sign up for Westshore Alerts to stay aware and plan ahead. Check in advance for events, closures, restrictions, hazards, and more. Residents can sign up for Email, SMS, and Phone notifications or download the app. <https://alertable.ca/signup/index.html?site=BC7B>



GROUNDWATER PROTECTION AND YOU



How do I take care of my well?

What effect will climate change have on our water supply?

People and the natural environment depend on groundwater. Please refer to the online brochures to learn more about our water supply: how it works, the source of groundwater, the risks it faces, and what we can do to protect the quantity and quality of our groundwater.

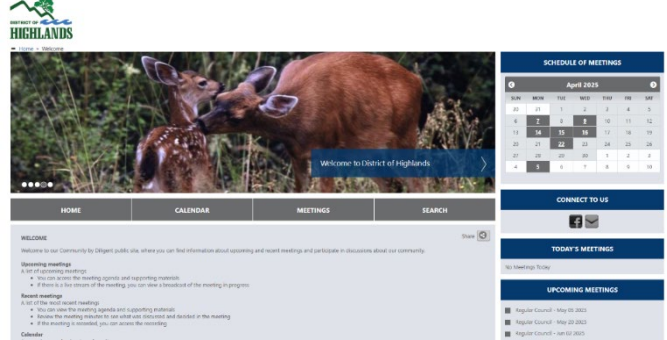
Link to brochure here:

<https://www.highlands.ca/sustainability-and-climate-action/groundwater-well-information>

MEETING PORTAL

Keep up to date with all Council and Committee meetings in our Meeting Portal for meeting agendas and minutes, and more.

<https://highlandsbc.diligent.community/Portal/>



FACEBOOK

Find us on Facebook for timely information affecting the District of Highlands.



PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

TAXES DUE: Wednesday July 2, 2025

PENALTIES: Unpaid property taxes (including unclaimed Home Owner Grants) are subject to penalties as follows: 5% if paid after July 2, 2025, and an additional 5% if paid after September 2, 2025.

PLAN AHEAD: Delays caused by postal service disruption will NOT exempt late payments from penalties.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS	PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS
<p>IN PERSON</p> <p>District of Highlands Office 1980 Millstream Rd Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:00 pm excluding holidays (Cash/Cheque/Debit) CREDIT CARDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED</p> <p>OR</p> <p>at your Financial Institution</p> <p>Bring your tax notice to the bank teller to make your payment.</p>	<p>HOME OWNER GRANT</p> <p>Home Owner Grants cannot be processed at the District Office. To avoid penalties, ensure you claim your Provincial Home Owner Grant by the annual tax due date.</p> <p>For eligibility information or to claim your grant, visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or call toll-free 1-888-355-2700.</p>
<p>ONLINE BANKING</p> <p>Payee: Select "Highlands, Dist (BC) Taxes."</p> <p>Account Number: Use your 11-digit jurisdiction and roll number (e.g., 36215912345) found on the front of your tax notice.</p> <p>Ensure your payment is made before your financial institution's cut-off date for processing transactions.</p>	<p>TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAM</p> <p>The Property Tax Deferral program is a loans program available to eligible B.C. homeowners. It allows you to defer your current year property taxes.</p> <p>To find out if you are eligible or to apply visit www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferral or call toll free 1-888-355-2700</p>
<p>BY MAIL or 24-HOUR MAILBOX</p> <p>Mailing Address: District of Highlands, 1980 Millstream Rd, Victoria, BC, V9B 6H1.</p> <p>Payments sent by mail must be received by the tax due date, as the Canada Post mark is no longer accepted as the received date.</p> <p>Drop-off: Use the mailbox located at the front door of the District of Highlands Office. (Do not mail or drop off cash)</p> <p>Instructions: Detach and include the bottom portion of your tax notice or write the folio (roll) number on the face of your cheque. Make cheques payable to: District of Highlands.</p>	<p>SPECULATION AND VACANCY TAX</p> <p>The Provincial Speculation and Vacancy Tax is an annual tax based on how owners use residential properties in areas in B.C. affected most by the current housing shortage crisis.</p> <p>Declaration letters are mailed in January. Each property owner must complete their declaration by March 31 every year.</p> <p>For more information visit http://www.gov.bc.ca/spectax or call 1-800-663-7867/1-604-660-2421</p>
MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN	
<p>Property owners can enroll in the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan to pre-pay next year's property taxes. Information regarding this option can be found on our website https://www.highlands.ca/local-government/finance/property-taxes/payment-options</p>	

2025-2029 FIVE YEAR FINANICAL PLAN OVERVIEW

2025 Municipal Property Taxes

The municipal portion of the 2025 property taxes will increase by approximately \$143 for the average assessed property in the District of Highlands. This represents a combined 6.1% increase (4.1% general and fire taxes; 2% asset management). Following an update to the Asset Management Plan in late 2024, Council increased the asset management tax from 1% to 2% for the average homeowner.

Approximately 46% of the total tax revenue collected represents the municipal portion of the tax notice. The remaining revenue is collected on behalf of other taxing authorities such as the CRD, BC Transit, and the Province for School Taxes and Police Taxes.

The 2025 budget continues to support core services for the community and fund key projects and Council priorities. This includes ongoing Strategic Plan priorities.

The Financial Plan focuses on maintaining roads, roadside ditches, and culverts, and undertaking capital paving and culvert replacements.

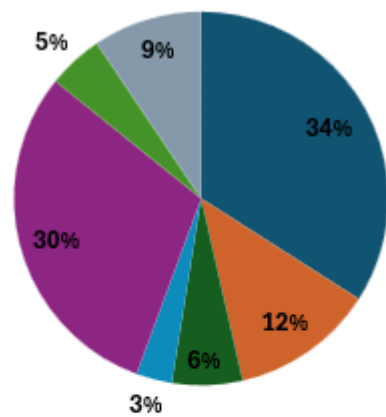
Asset Management Levy

In 2019, an asset management levy was introduced to support community infrastructure renewal. This is identified as a separate line item on your tax notice so that residents can see what portion of your tax bill directly contributes to the District’s asset management.

This levy is intended to help the District of Highlands reach sustainable funding levels over time which will ensure that Highlands’ roads, facilities and other infrastructure is replaced or maintained well into the future.

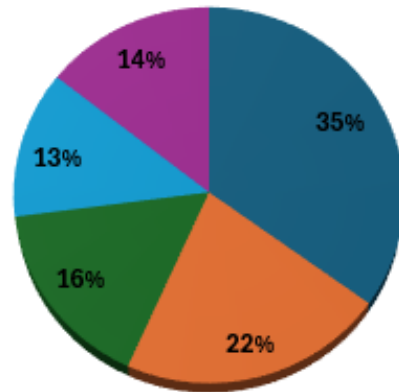
2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Where Your Tax Dollar Goes



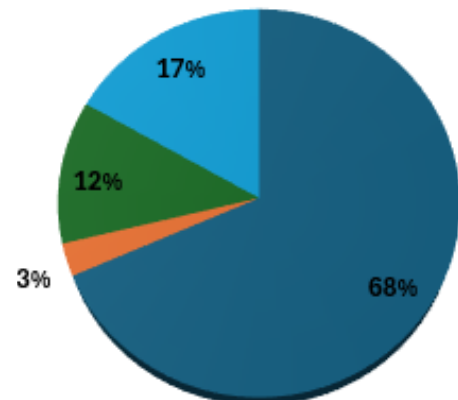
- District of Highlands
- District of Highlands Fire
- Capital Regional District
- CRD Hospital District
- School Taxes
- Police
- BC Transit, BCA, MFA

Operating Expenses



- General Govt Services
- Protective Services
- Transportation Services
- Planning Services
- Recreation and Cultural Services

Operating Revenues



- Taxation
- Sales of Services
- Other Revenue
- Grants and Contributions

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Visit our website at www.highlands.ca



RESIDENTIAL TAXATION IMPACTS

Municipal Taxes	2024 ASSESSMENT OF TYPICAL PROPERTY \$1,333,900	2025 ASSESSMENT OF TYPICAL PROPERTY \$1,334,834
General Property	\$1,517	\$1,582
Asset Management	187	235
Specified Area (Fire Protection)	628	659
Total Highlands Taxes	\$2,332	\$2,476
Taxes Collected for Other Government Agencies		
School	\$1,552	\$1,607
Capital Regional District	299	324
Regional Hospital	166	165
Regional Transit/BC Assessment/MFA	378	501
Police	252	255
Total Taxes for Other Agencies	\$2,647	\$2,852

2025-2029 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN Consolidated Five Year Financial Plan

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
Operating Revenues					
Taxation	2,822,800	3,081,500	3,373,000	3,550,800	3,769,600
Sales of Services	113,300	172,700	116,600	116,600	116,600
Other Revenue	492,100	487,300	487,300	487,400	487,400
Grants and Contributions	694,400	610,400	611,400	620,500	622,500
Total Operating Revenues	4,122,600	4,351,900	4,588,300	4,775,300	4,996,100
Operating Expenses					
General Government Services	1,216,500	1,254,500	1,285,000	1,312,700	1,374,800
Protective Services	757,400	652,700	691,900	705,900	729,800
Transportation Services	564,000	588,100	602,900	611,400	630,100
Planning Services	441,700	278,800	293,100	292,400	306,700
Recreation and Cultural Services	500,600	492,600	504,900	519,400	534,200
Total Operating Expenses	3,480,200	3,266,700	3,377,800	3,441,800	3,575,600
Net from Operations	642,400	1,085,200	1,210,500	1,333,500	1,420,500
Add					
Reserves Used for Operating Projects	465,400	211,400	110,000	110,000	110,000
Equity for Amortization	875,800	875,800	875,800	875,800	875,800
Reserves Used for Capital	2,572,000	770,000	680,000	1,370,000	610,000
Proceeds of Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Deduct					
Capital Expenses	2,572,000	770,000	680,000	1,370,000	610,000
Amortization Expense	875,800	875,800	875,800	875,800	875,800
Transfer to Reserves	1,064,100	1,252,900	1,320,500	1,443,500	1,530,500
Debt Servicing	43,700	43,700	-	-	-
Total Budget for the Year	-	-	-	-	-