

**PROPERTY TAX TIME DEADLINE IS JULY 3RD**

Reminder: City Hall is closed Monday, July 2nd.

# City of Nelson News



## PROPERTY TAX TIME

City of Nelson property tax notices have been mailed out. If you have not yet received your tax notice, please contact the City of Nelson.

**NO LINE UPS. NO BIG BILLS. NO PROBLEM.**

Payment of your City of Nelson property taxes, and home owner grant applications - made easy!

Did you know that the City of Nelson sends almost 5,000 tax notices every spring? Or that last year there were 2,840 Home Owner Grants claimed, with almost 1/3 of them claimed on-line?

More importantly, did you know there is a way of avoiding the inevitable stress we all feel come City tax time?

The City of Nelson wants you to know there are a number of ways to make payment of your taxes simpler, your Home Owner Grant application faster, and the entire process less, well, taxing.

### PAY YOUR TAXES ON LINE BY FOLLOWING THESE EASY STEPS:

#### Set-up the City as a Payee on your banking web page

- The number to identify your tax account is your folio number which is located in the coloured box on the upper right hand side of the Property Tax Notice
- Follow your bank's step-by-step instructions to complete the payment
- Payments for 2018 taxes are due by July 3, 2018 or a 10% penalty will be applied. As it takes time for on-line payments to be processed by your bank, we suggest that when paying on-line, make the payment five (5) days in advance of the deadline

#### Or, pay on-line using the City's website

- Visit [www.nelson.ca](http://www.nelson.ca), click on City Services in the top banner, select Property Taxes → Payment Options for Property Taxes. Then click the highlighted link for Online Payment of property taxes.
- Note that the on-line payment option is for credit card payment only, and will be subject to a 2.4% convenience fee.

#### As for your Home Owner Grant, you can do that on-line too.

- Go to City of Nelson website [www.nelson.ca](http://www.nelson.ca).
- Click on City Services in the top banner, then select Property Taxes → Home Owner Grant and click the highlighted link on the page to Claim Online.
- Enter the **Roll#** and **eHOG** password found in the coloured box on the upper right hand side of your Property Tax Notice to log-in.
- Click on Apply Now.
- Read through the application and enter the information required. Once completed, you may print out your application as confirmation.

#### Why not make next year's tax payment easier on your bank book and your peace of mind by choosing the City of Nelson's Pre-Authorized Payment Option?

- Either go on-line at the City website or come into City Hall and pick-up a Pre-Authorized Payment Request Form.
- Fill in all the applicable information.
- For property taxes you can choose an amount that fits your monthly budget, or call City Hall to get your monthly payment estimate. It will be close to the actual amount due at tax time. And remember - if the prepaid amount is less than the actual amount, you'll need to pay the difference before the deadline date, to avoid penalty.
- Fax (250-352-6594), mail or hand deliver the completed form and a void cheque. Double check that it is voided!

### PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAM

The British Columbia Property Tax Deferment Program is a loan program that allows you to defer your annual property taxes on your home if you meet certain criteria. For detailed information, visit the website [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt) or contact City Hall for an application form.

#### 2018 Renewal Application for Deferment Program

The renewal applications were mailed out in early May. If you did not receive your renewal please contact the Tax Deferment Office at 1-888-355-2700 or email [TaxDeferment@gov.bc.ca](mailto:TaxDeferment@gov.bc.ca) This renewal application form is required in order to process your renewal at City Hall.

Property taxes are due **Tuesday, July 3, 2018**. Payment can be made online through most financial institutions, through the City's website (Credit Card only), by mail, or in person.

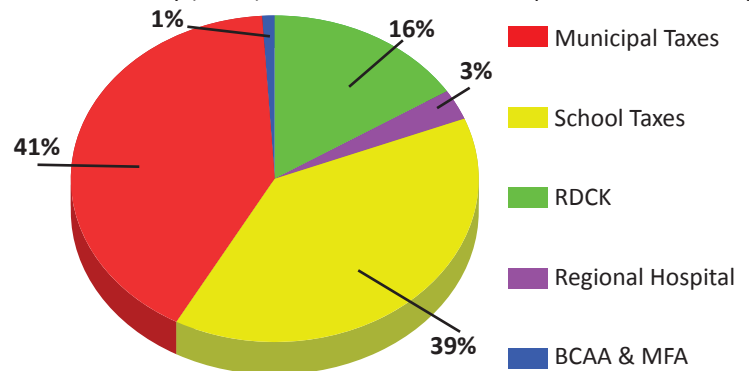
**City Hall is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, but will be closed Monday, July 2nd in lieu of Canada Day.**

**IF YOU ARE COMING IN TO CITY HALL TO PAY YOUR TAXES, YOU CAN USE THIS BOTTOM PORTION OF YOUR BILL TO APPLY FOR YOUR HOME OWNER GRANT.**

## THE BIGGER PICTURE

### YOUR TAX INVOICE BREAKDOWN - BY AGENCY

The City of Nelson also collects taxes for a number of important services and organizations we all rely on, not just for the municipality itself. Those include Kootenay Lake School District #8, The Regional District of Central Kootenay, the Regional Hospital Board, the BC Assessment Authority (BCAA) and the Province's Municipal Finance Authority(MFA).



## WHERE DOES IT ALL GO?

### CITY OF NELSON OPERATING EXPENSES

The City of Nelson collects \$10 million in taxation to fund a \$22 million operating budget every year. Here's a breakdown of the many city services that your municipal dollars help support.

