

# 2023 PROPERTY TAXES & UTILITIES: DUE JULY 4, 2023

## Property Tax and Utility Payments

Property tax payments, annual utility payments and the Home Owner Grant (HOG) Applications must be received on or before **July 4, 2023** to avoid a 10% late penalty.

- We accept cash, debit or cheque.
- Mailed payments **must be received on or before July 4, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Postmarks will not be considered the date of payment.**
- Your financial institution can pay your taxes on your behalf if you have an arrangement through your mortgage agreement. **You will still need to submit a completed HOG application online to the Province.**
- Payments can be made electronically through online banking:
  - Payee = District of Elkford, Elkford Taxes or Elkford Utilities.
  - Account: Roll number on your property tax notice with no decimals or spaces.
  - Need a receipt for your online payment? Call us at 250.865.4000 to request one (pick up or receive via email).
- Credit card and debit payments are available through a third party company called **OptionPay**. This company charges service fees for credit cards and a minimum \$2 fee for debit card payments. Allow 2 to 5 business days to process. **For this option, visit <https://payment.optionpay.ca/district-of-elkford/index.php> or [https://www.elkford.ca/finance\\_services](https://www.elkford.ca/finance_services).** Need assistance? Call us—we are happy to help!

## \*\*\*2023 Home Owner Grants\*\*\*

Effective in 2021, the Province of British Columbia took over full administration of the Home Owner Grant Program. This means you will apply for your Home Owner Grant directly through the Province. **Local municipal offices are no longer accepting applications.**

### Apply online :

- [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](https://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) and click the **apply for your grant** link (find it in the middle, right-hand section on the webpage).

### Apply by phone:

- 1.888.355.2700 to speak to a live agent Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by using a \*voice recognition application 24/7.

### Have this information ready to apply:

- Your Property Tax Notice, which shows your roll number (jurisdiction is 517).
- Your social insurance number.
- Your date of birth.

### Important to remember:

- Eligible taxpayers need to apply for their Home Owner Grant (HOG) every year. Deadline is **July 4, 2023** to avoid a 10 per cent penalty. You are not required to make a payment in order to claim your HOG.

## Contact Us

### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## BC Government Tax Deferment Programs

Tax deferment is a low-interest loan program that helps qualified B.C. home owners pay their annual property taxes on their principal residence.

There are two tax deferment programs you may qualify for:

- **Regular program** (55 or older during current year, a surviving spouse of any age or a person with disabilities).
- **Families with children program** (if you are a parent, stepparent or financially supporting a child).

### More information:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/defer-taxes>

## Property Tax Calculation

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{ASSESSMENT} \\ \text{VALUE} \\ \text{(BC ASSESSMENT)} \\ \text{/ 1000.00} \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{TAX RATE} \\ \text{(District of Elkford} \\ \text{\& Other Tax} \\ \text{Authorities)} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{PROPERTY} \\ \text{TAXES} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

The total residential tax rate is \$8.30145 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. In 2023, the average single family home was assessed at \$331,142 (2022 = \$275,242). There has been an average tax increase of \$192 and a utility increase of \$41.

Along with the municipal taxes collected, the District of Elkford also collects taxes for School, Police, Regional District, Regional Hospital, Elk Valley Waste Management, BC Assessment and the Municipal Finance Authority. Council has no control over these rates and the impact on Elkford taxpayers.



## How Your Tax Dollars are Spent

**2023 residential tax breakdown—based on an average \$330,000 assessed home prior to any Home Owner Grants**

District of Elkford Property Taxes	
COUNCIL	\$49
ADMINISTRATION	\$269
BYLAW ENFORCEMENT	\$26
BUILDING INSPECTION	\$24
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$135
PUBLIC WORKS YARD/ADMINISTRATION	\$87
ROADS/SIDEWALKS/STREETS	\$110
SNOW REMOVAL	\$53
STREET LIGHTING	\$22
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$24
PUBLIC HEALTH/CEMETERY	\$2
ENGINEERING/PLANNING	\$131
COMMUNITY RELATIONS/TOURISM/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$62
RECREATION SERVICES	\$412
DEBT SERVICES	\$133
RESERVE TRANSFERS (FUTURE CAPITAL)	\$291
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT OF ELKFORD TAXES:</b>	<b>\$1831</b>
Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) Taxes	
ADMIN, TRANSIT, WEED CONTROL, PARKS, 911 AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE, AIRPORT, SOLID WASTE, LIBRARIES, EMERGENCY PLANNING	
<b>TOTAL RDEK TAXES:</b>	<b>\$189</b>
Other Government Taxes	
SCHOOL DISTRICT #5	\$525
POLICE TAX	\$80
REGIONAL HOSPITAL	\$102
BC ASSESSMENT	\$11
<b>TOTAL OTHER GOVERNMENT TAXES:</b>	<b>\$718</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$2738</b>
WATER PARCEL TAX (No changes in 2023)	\$65
SEWER PARCEL TAX (No changes in 2023)	\$52
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY &amp; PARCEL TAX AMOUNT 2023:</b>	<b>\$2855</b>

## 2023 Strategic and Operational Priorities

Each year, Council reviews achievements from the past year and looks forward to setting goals for the coming year. These goals and objectives inform the day-to-day operations and annual priorities and projects of the municipality.

### 2023 Priorities

- Childcare Facility/Community Hub (Old District Office)
- Downtown Core—Policies, Land & Signage
- Downtown Core—Construction
- Official Community Plan Update
- Recreation Service Agreements Review
- Boivin Creek Corridor—Landscape Project
- Community Wildfire Plan—Fuel Management
- Non-Motorized Trails Development
- Invasive Species Management Plan
- Commercial Water Metering Implementation
- Boivin Creek Watershed Management Policy

### Advocacy/Partnerships

- Seniors' Housing Initiatives
- Health Care and Emergency Social Services
- Indigenous Relationship Building

### Ongoing Initiatives

- Accessibility Initiatives
- Housing Initiatives
- Mountain Bike Tourism
- Crown Land Development/Management
- Commercial Water Metering Implementation
- Alternative Energy
- Economic Diversification
- Strategic Planning