

2022 PROPERTY TAXES & UTILITIES · DUE JULY 4, 2022

Property Tax and Utility Payment

Property tax payment, annual utility payment and the Home Owner Grant (HOG) Applications must be received on or before **July 4, 2022** to avoid a 10% late penalty.

- We accept cash, debit or cheque.
- Mailed payments **must be received on or before July 4, 2022 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 **Option Pay**. This company charges service fees for credit cards and a minimum \$2.00 fee for debit card payments. Allow 2 to 5 business days to process. **For this option, please visit <https://www.elkford.ca> or call our office for assistance.**

2022 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.**

To apply online :

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

To 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, 2022 to avoid a 10% penalty. You are not required to make a payment in order to claim your HOG.

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>.

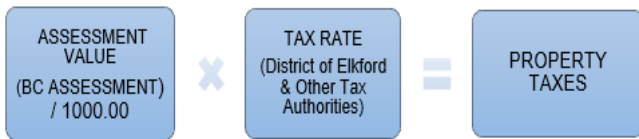
Contact the District of Elkford

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Property Tax Calculation

How Tax Rates are Determined



The total residential tax rate is \$8.89918 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. In 2022, the average single family home was assessed at \$275,242 (2021 = \$247,149). There has been an average tax increase of \$95 and a utility increase of \$38.

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.

Representative House	2022		\$ Change %	
	\$275,242			
	Rate	Amount	\$ Change	% Change
General Levy	5.97916	\$1,646	\$93	6%
School Levy	1.69910	468	-30	-6%
Police Tax Levy	0.23030	63	-3	-5%
Regional District	0.20532	57	2	4%
Elk Valley Waste Management	0.39853	110	15	16%
Regional Hospital	0.35167	97	18	23%
BC Assessment Authority	0.03490	10	-1	-5%
Municipal Finance Authority	0.00020	0	0	0%
Taxes Subtotal	8.89918	\$2,450	\$95	4%
Utilities		\$597	\$38	7%
Parcel Taxes		\$117	\$0	0%
Total Average Charges		\$3,164	\$133	4%

2022 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.

2022 Council Priorities

Ongoing from 2021

- Communication Strategy & Updated Website
- In-Kind Assistance Policy Review
- 50th Anniversary Planning & Recognition
- Downtown Core (Policies, Land & Signage)
- Recreation Service Agreements Review
- Childcare Facility (Old District Office)
- Bike Park Support
- Elkford Marketing Package

New for 2022

- Boivin Creek Watershed Management Plan
- Outdoor Facility Security Cameras
- Boivin Creek Corridor - Plan & Implementation
- Municipal Campground Business Plan

2022 Operational Priorities

Ongoing from 2021

- 50th Anniversary Planning & Recognition
- Temporary Workforce Housing Committee
- Community Wildfire Plan - Fuel Management

New for 2022

- Boivin Creek Corridor - Landscape Project
- Non-Motorized Trails Development
- Downtown Core (Design & Construction)
- Municipal Election
- Invasive Species Management Plan
- Commercial Water Metering Implementation

2022 Financial Plan

The 2022 - 2026 Five-Year Financial Plan was adopted by Council in March 2022. For 2022, Council has approved total expenditures in the amount of \$9,033,463 for operations, \$10,741,208 for capital and \$1,113,833 to be placed in reserves. The figure to the right represents a percentage breakdown of the 2022 budget as allocated between expenditures.

