

A New and Improved Virtual Municipal Hall

District of Lillooet

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The Property Tax due date is 4:30 pm on July 2, 2009. A 10% penalty will be applied to any outstanding taxes or home owner grant.

Gross Property Taxes include your annual water, sewer and refuse collection user fees. If these services are not offered to you by the municipality, you do not pay for them.

Residential user fees are: \$208.00 for water, \$208.00 for sewer and \$122.00 for refuse collection and disposal. There is a Seniors' user fee refund of \$24 per service—see page 3 for more information.

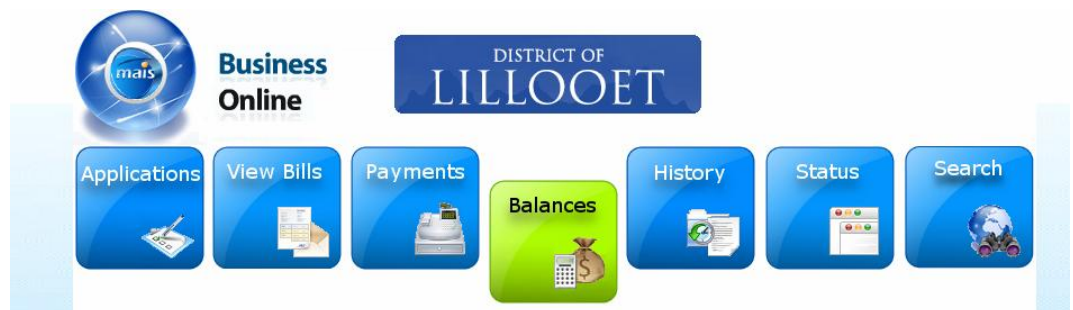
Virtual Municipality - www.lillooetbc.ca/city-hall.aspx

We now have a New and Improved “Virtual Municipality”. This is an online service that provides you with access to your personal property or business information and other municipal services from the comfort of your own home, 24 hours a day.

Create a profile, register your accounts and access your information.

- Pay property tax bills, review transactions and billing history, print your tax notice
- Sign up for online billing - with email or text notification
- Review and renew business licences online
- Review and renew dog licences online

Go to—www.lillooetbc.ca/city-hall ‘Virtual Municipality’ and click on ‘Register Now’



Ways to Pay your Property Taxes — deadline 4:30 pm, July 2, 2009

Pay by Mail

Consider mailing a Post-Dated cheque dated July 2, 2009. Make the cheque payable to the District of Lillooet and mail it to :

District of Lillooet, Box 610 Lillooet BC
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Must be received at Municipal Hall by 4:30 p.m. on July 2, 2009. Post Marks are not accepted.

Do not forget to claim your Home Owner Grant if applicable.

Pay in Person

Bring your payment and your home owner grant application, if applicable, to the Municipal Hall at 615 Main Street.

NO Credit Card Payments

The District of Lillooet does NOT accept credit cards as payment for property taxes.

Pay by Phone / PC Banking

Telephone / PC banking can be used for property tax payments at most financial institutions.

We do not accept late over the counter payments from financial institutions. If you make a payment at your financial institution ensure they do it ON LINE. You will need your Roll Number from your tax notice.

We are listed as "Lillooet (District of) Tax". **Do not forget to claim your Home Owner Grant if applicable**

My Mortgage Pays my Taxes

In order to determine if your bank has been notified, check the front of your tax notice under mortgage codes. If there is no number present, your mortgage company has not been contacted by the District.

Remember you still must claim your Home Owner Grant either on line or at the Municipal Office.

Direct Withdrawal from your Bank Account right from our Virtual Municipality

Pay your taxes directly from your bank account from our Virtual Municipality.

On Line Home Owner Grant (eHOG)

After you pay your taxes online claim your Home Owner Grant online as well. Go to www.lillooetbc.ca and click the city hall tab.

- click on eHOG under 'Important Links';
- enter in your Roll Number and your eHOG Password from your tax notice.
- click on 'apply for home owner grant';

BC Property Tax Deferment Program

The 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.

To qualify, you must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who has lived in British Columbia for at least one year immediately prior to applying for tax deferment benefits and be:

- 55 years or older during that calendar year (only one spouse must be 55 or older);
- A surviving spouse;
- A disabled person as defined by regulation.*

* for detailed information, visit their website at 'www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt' and click on the "Persons with Disability" link.

What Homes Qualify?

You may defer taxes on the home where you live and conduct your daily activities.

Second residences, such as summer cottages or rental properties, do not qualify for tax deferment benefits.

- You must have and maintain a minimum equity (after deducting the upper limit of all outstanding mortgages, lines of credit and other charges on your home) of 25% of the current assessed value determined by BC Assessment. (other appraised values are not accepted)
- You must have current fire insurance on your home for an amount not less than the current BC Assessment Value.
- If you own your home under a long-term lease or have a life estate interest in your home, you may also qualify.

How do I Apply

You can apply once you receive your property tax notice.

- Pick up an *Application and Agreement for Deferment of Property Taxes* form, available from your municipal office, 615 Main St.
- Complete your home owner grant application and tax deferment application forms.
- Return the completed forms to your municipal office for processing prior to July 2, 2008.

If you miss the tax due date, you have until December 31, 2008 to apply.

Before applying for deferment, you must pay all penalties, interest, previous years property taxes, and user fees as these cannot be deferred.

Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program

The Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program is available for the 2009 and 2010 annual property taxes.

Qualifications

- You are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who has lived in BC for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the tax deferment,
- You are currently experiencing financial hardship due to economic conditions,
- You must have and maintain a minimum equity of 15% of the current BC Assessment Value, after deducting the upper limit of all outstanding mortgages, lines of credit and other charges on your home (other appraised values are not accepted), and
- You must have a current fire insurance policy on your home for an amount not less than the current BC Assessment value.

How to Apply

Once you receive your property tax notice, pick up a *Financial Hardship Property Tax Deferment Program* application form from your municipal office or Service BC Centre,

For more information:
www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/Property_Taxes/Property_Tax_Deferment/ptd.htm

2009 Property Tax Distribution

Other Taxing Authorities	\$ Tax Levy	%
School	1,366,484	40.93
Police	80,498	2.41
Regional District	232,471	6.96
Regional Hospital	68,977	2.07
BC Assessment Authority	20,961	0.63
Municipal Finance Authority	54	0.00
Total Other Taxing Authorities	1,769,445	53.00
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General Purposes	1,256,178	37.62
General Debt	92,282	2.76
Specified Area - C Lillooet Water	77,841	2.33
Specified Area - N Lillooet Water	37,909	1.14
Specified Area - C Lillooet Sewer	36,107	1.08
Specified Area – Sewer T. Plant	69,092	2.07
Total Municipal Taxation	1,569,409	47.00
TOTAL TAXATION	3,338,854	100.00

How your 2009 Taxes will be spent

With the \$1,569,409 that the District of Lillooet collects from the local taxpayers for municipal purposes and other monies received from user fees, grants, reserves and other various purposes, the District will expend \$7,847,352 on the following:

General Operations	2,491,620
Airport Operations (no funding from taxes)	106,328
Recreation Facility	593,745
Water Services	249,370
Sewer Services	207,305
Interest Payments on debt	93,396
Principle Payments on debt	90,144
Capital Projects	3,339,773
Transfer to Reserve Funds	211,192
Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	464,479
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,847,352

Seniors' Utility User Fee Refund

A User Fee Refund of \$24 per service will automatically be refunded to a property owner once a Home Owner Grant for persons 65 years of age and over has been submitted and approved and the 2009 property taxes have been paid in full.

Pre-Pay Your 2009 Property Taxes

Pre-authorized payment is an assured method of paying your taxes and utilities in advance. **Simple** interest will be paid on your balance at the CIBC prime rate less 3%.

When you join the Prepayment Plan, your monthly installment will be automatically deducted from your bank account from August to May of each year until you cancel.

To sign up for the prepayment plan, contact the Finance Department at 250-256-4289 or email at finance@lillooetbc.ca.

If you are currently on the plan, you will receive your new payment amount for 2010 in the next couple of weeks.

If you wish to continue, note your new payment amount and you need not do anything else.

If you wish to cancel from the plan, sign the bottom of the form and return it by mail or drop it off at 615 Main Street.

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Electronic Home Owner Grant Application (eHOG)

To apply for your Provincial Home Owner Grant online, go to www.lillooetbc.ca/city-hall.aspx - click on "eHOG" and you will be taken to the following log in page.

From your tax notice, enter your roll number and the eHOG Password.

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Home Owner Grant Login Form

Roll Number:

Password:

This form is hosted for The District of Lillooet by Temple Consulting Group Ltd.
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Save Money and Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Homeowners: save money and reduce your carbon footprint by taking part in the B.C. government's new LiveSmart BC: Efficiency Incentive Program. The program provides rebates and incentives in addition to federal ecoEnergy incentives when you make energy efficiency upgrades to your home. Upgrades include Energy Star windows and doors, insulation, hot water heating, high-efficiency furnaces, weather stripping and caulking.

The first step is to arrange for an in-home energy assessment by a certified energy advisor. The energy advisor will provide you with your home's EnerGuide rating, recommend energy efficiency improvements and handle the paperwork of getting rebates and incentives from both programs.

For more information on the LiveSmart BC program, go to http://www.gov.bc.ca/empr/popt/livesmart_bc.html

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