

2022 District of Sechelt Property Tax Bulletin

PROPERTY TAXES

DUE DATE – JULY 4th, 2022

5% Penalty is applied to outstanding taxes, including Home Owner Grant, after July 4th, 2022.

Additional 5% penalty on any outstanding Balance after August 31st, 2022

HOME OWNER GRANT

Claim Your Home Owner Grant Online www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or phone 1-888-355-2700 to speak with a live agent.

ONLINE BANKING

Use your financial institution's internet banking service and search "Sechelt" to set up as the payee.

Use the jurisdiction and roll number from your property tax notice with no spaces or decimals.

Ensure online payments are made in advance as it takes a few business days to process payments.

24 HOUR PAYMENT DROP BOX

Located by the Cowrie Street entrance of the Municipal Hall at 5797 Cowrie Street. Place your cheque in an envelope and drop it in the box. Include payment stub on bottom of tax notice. No cash, please. If you would like a receipt mailed to you, include your full tax notice.

BY MAIL OR COURIER

Detach the bottom portion of your property tax notice. Make cheques payable to District of Sechelt. The District of Sechelt accepts post-dated cheques or money orders and are processed as dated. Mail your payment to the District of Sechelt, PO Box 129, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0.

IN PERSON

5797 Cowrie Street (2nd Floor), Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) from 8:30am to 4 pm. The District of Sechelt accepts cash, cheque, money order or Interact. Credit cards are not accepted. Returned cheques constitute non-payment which are subject to applicable penalties and/or interest and a \$40 service charge.

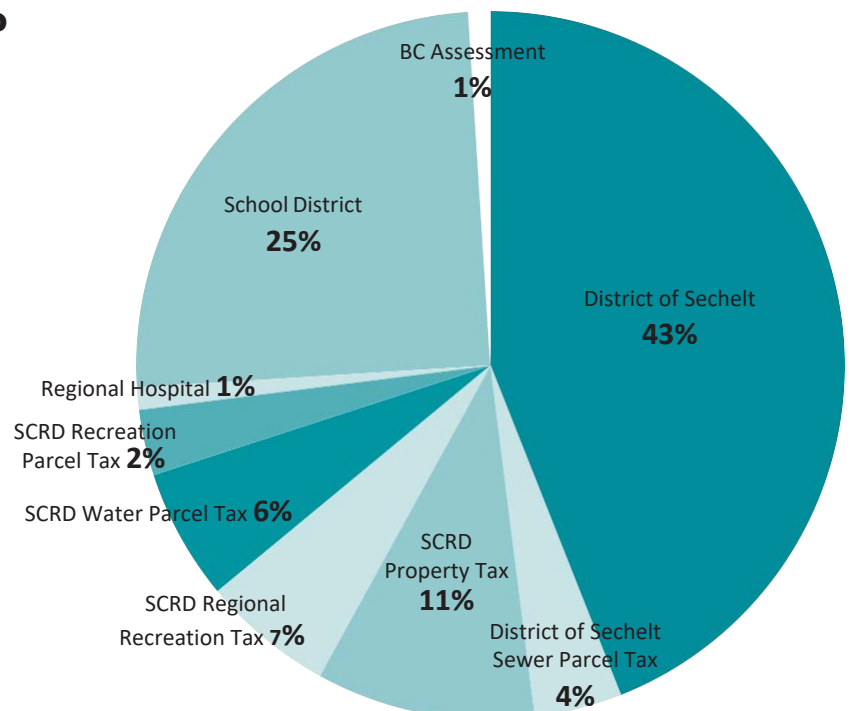
PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT The Province of BC offers several programs: 55 or older, widowed, surviving spouse, person with a disability and families with children. For more information call Property Tax Deferment in Victoria 1-250-387-0555 (alternate 1-888-355-2700) or visit www2.gov.bc.ca. **Important note:** Utilities are not included with deferment application amounts. Check your property tax notice for applicable utility charges.

Where do my property taxes go?

Repairing or replacing roads, picking up waste and recycling, building, and maintaining parks, protecting creeks and wetlands and providing vibrant, cultural experiences. These are just a few of the many services and capital projects that the District of Sechelt provides.

To pay for these services and projects, the District must raise money from several sources including fees and charges, grants, reserve or surplus funding and taxation.

The District of Sechelt is also required to collect taxes for other authorities including: The Regional District, the Fire Protection District, the School District, the Municipal Finance Authority and BC Assessment. Only 44 cents of your total tax bill go to the District of Sechelt.



Projects and upgrades

More major capital projects than ever before in Sechelt.

Capital budget is just over \$23 Million Funding sources:

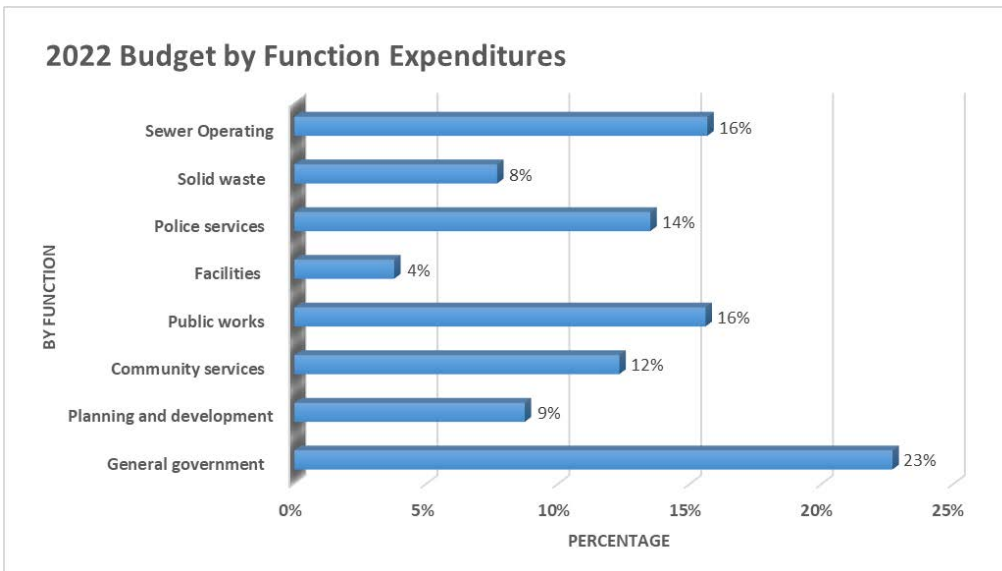
- 5% development cost charges (fees from developers)
- 47% grants
- 6% Canada Community Building Fund (gas tax)
- 2% sewer usage fees
- 15% debt financing
- 25% reserves (This is like a savings account from tax and other revenue from this year and past years)

A few capital projects coming in 2022

- A new playground for Hackett Park
- A washroom in Snickett Park
- More park trails
- Over \$2 million in road paving
- Rockwood Lodge: A commercial kitchen for community use, paint, new roof, and an accessible washroom
- Improved IT infrastructure including a new District website
- A sani-station – for recreation vehicle grey water and black water
- An operations building
- Wastewater systems: lift station, maintenance hole replacements, filters, chemical storage facility
- Airport expansion, resurfacing and lighting
- Improvements to active transportation network

Where the funds go

The District of Sechelt has eight separate functions. This graph shows the percentage expenditures for each of those business areas and their percentage distribution.



Assessment go up?

Many people think a big change in your assessed value will result in a big change in your property taxes. For example, if your assessment goes up 20%, your taxes will go up 20%. **This isn't always the case.**

The most important factor is not how much your assessed value has changed, but how your assessed value changed relative to the average change for your property class in Sechelt.



Lower than average change

Taxes increase less than average



Similar to the average change

Taxes increase by the average



Higher than average change

Taxes increase more than average.

Have an Event Coming Up?

- Birthdays
- Weddings
- Meetings
- Parties
- Awards
- Graduation
- Retirements

Book your event here!
sechelt.ca/bookme

Sechelt Citizen App

Download to:

- * Receive waste collection reminders
- * Connect to the Waste Wizard
- * Report a problem
- * Read municipal updates
- * More!



Utility Fees cover the cost of delivering essential utility services and to support the replacement of infrastructure like water mains.

Residential Garbage fees - \$243.00
Residential Sewer fees - \$614.00