

Your Taxes at Work

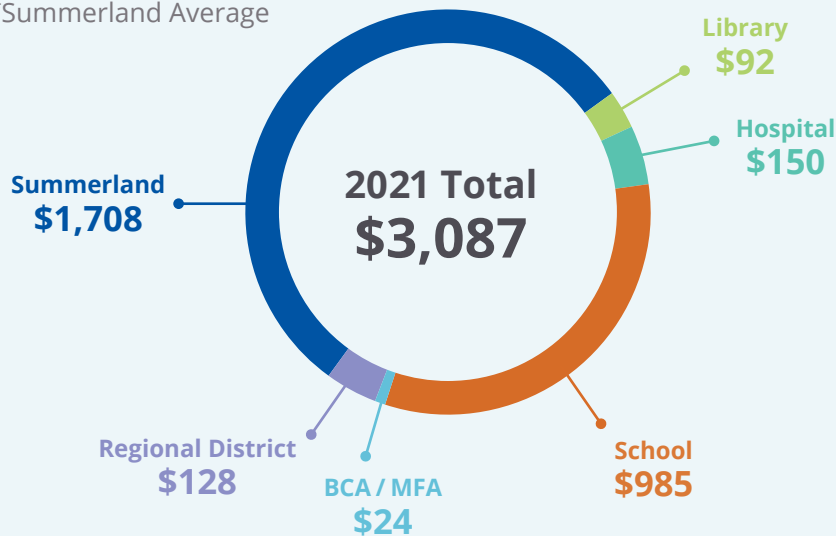
Property taxes are one of the ways the District of Summerland collects revenue to pay for Municipal services. The amount you pay is based on the funds the District needs each year and your property assessment.

Due: Friday July 2nd, 4:00pm

How are My Taxes Used?

Residential Property Tax Comparison on a House Assessed at \$592,123*

*Summerland Average



Methods of Payment

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, residents wishing to make payments at Municipal Hall are strongly encouraged to use the drop box to help limit social contact.

IN-PERSON: At Municipal Hall during regular business hours: **8:30am – 4:00pm.**

DROP BOX: In-front of Municipal Hall.

BY MAIL: See contact information on the back of this document.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: Search for Summerland, Corporation or District of Summerland (Taxes) as a payee and use your roll number as the account number.

MORTGAGE COMPANY: If eligible, **you must claim your Home Owner Grant.** Please see below for more information.

PRE-AUTHORIZED PREPAYMENT PLAN: Prepay your property taxes in monthly installments. Find forms and more information on our website.

Home Owner Grant

Effective January 1, 2021, the District of Summerland will no longer be managing the Home Owner Grant (HOG) Program on behalf of the Province of BC. Program eligibility has not changed, however, **homeowners can no longer apply for their HOG at Municipal Hall.**

The Home Owner Grant reduces the amount of property tax you pay for your principal residence. The grant application must be completed each year that a claim is made, no matter what method of payment you choose to make (i.e. pre-authorized payment, mortgage payment, cheque, etc.).

If you are eligible for the Home Owner Grant, you will need to apply directly to the Province of BC using their online system or by calling 1-888-355-2700. In order to avoid penalties and interest, you are strongly encouraged to claim your HOG as soon as you receive your property tax notice, as unclaimed Home Owner Grants are deemed to be unpaid taxes and are subject to a 10% penalty if not claimed prior to the property tax deadline of July 2, 2021.

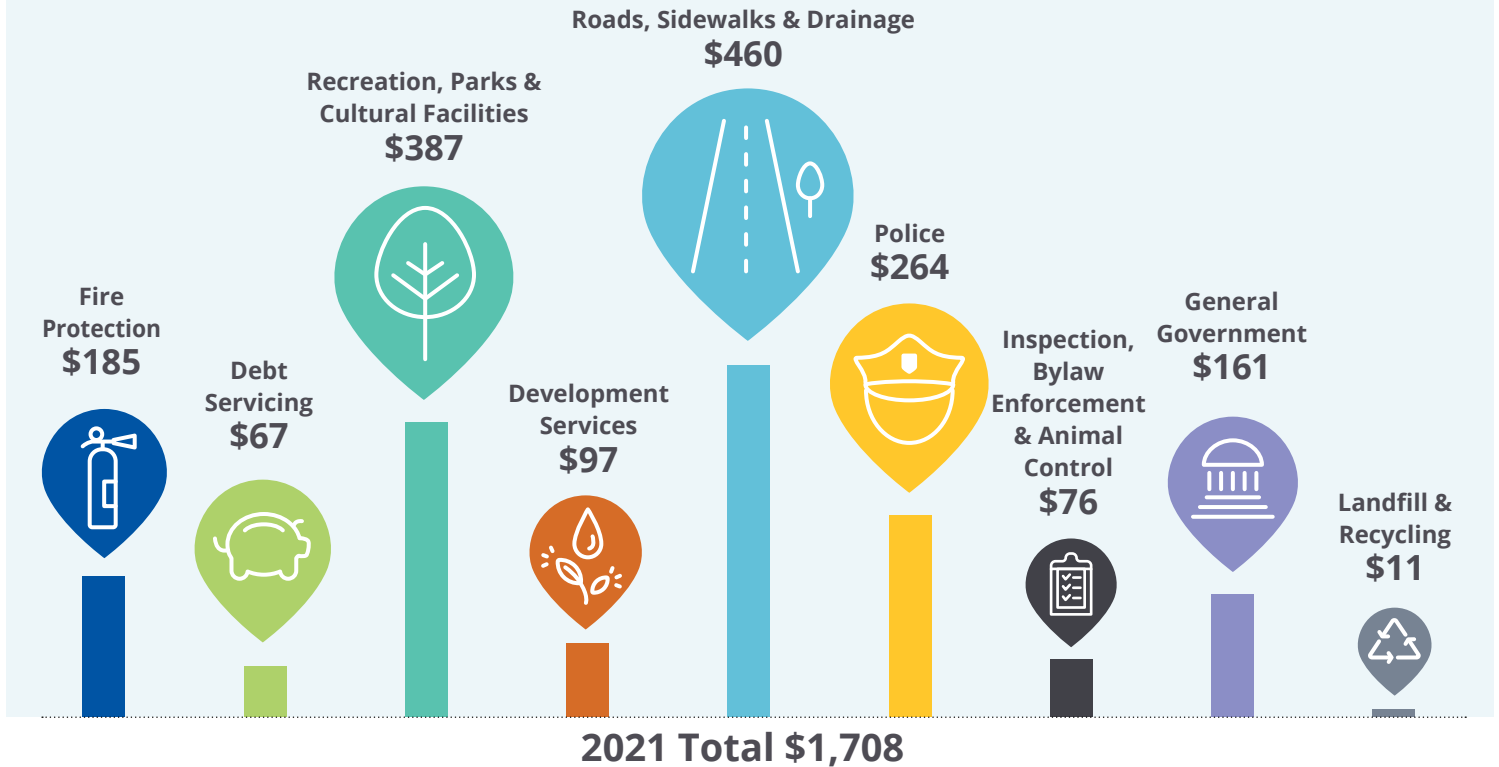
Method of Accessing HOG Applications

1. Online at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant
2. Phone 1-888-355-2700
3. Service BC Offices (please note that not all municipalities have SBC offices that provide full services)

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How Summerland Taxes are Spent

The District is adjusting to the demands and requirements of a growing community with a variety of needs. A tax rate increase provides funds needed for capital projects, parks and recreational facilities, Police, Fire, Bylaw Enforcement, Waste and Roads, Sidewalks and Drainage.



Tax Deferment

A home owner 55 years or over, a widow/widower, persons with disabilities as defined in the Disability Benefits Program Act, or families with children under 18 years of age may be able to defer their taxes on their principal residence through a program whereby the Provincial Government makes payment on their behalf. For further information and forms, please visit the Property Tax Deferment Program webpage.

If you have any comments or questions, please look at the Province of BC's website at www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment

Other Groups of Interest:

[Home Owner Grant](#) ➔

[Property Tax Deferment](#) ➔

[BC Assessment](#) ➔

[District of Summerland Financial Bylaws](#) ➔



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