

# What will my 2020 taxes pay for?

Figures are based on 2020 average assessed property values in North Cowichan

**\$1,655**

## Municipality of North Cowichan



### \$432 to Protective Services

This includes 32 municipally funded RCMP Officers, your 4 fire halls, and Bylaw services



### \$140 to Capital Expenditures

This includes new: pavement, roads, sidewalks, traffic circles, parking lots, playground equipment, and trail signage



### \$278 to Roads and Drainage Maintenance

This includes street lighting, flood pumps and culvert cleaning, street cleaning, line painting, bridge maintenance, and snow removal

**\$362**

## Cowichan Valley Regional District

A portion of the property tax that North Cowichan collects is paid to the Cowichan Valley Regional District for regional services. Some of these services include:

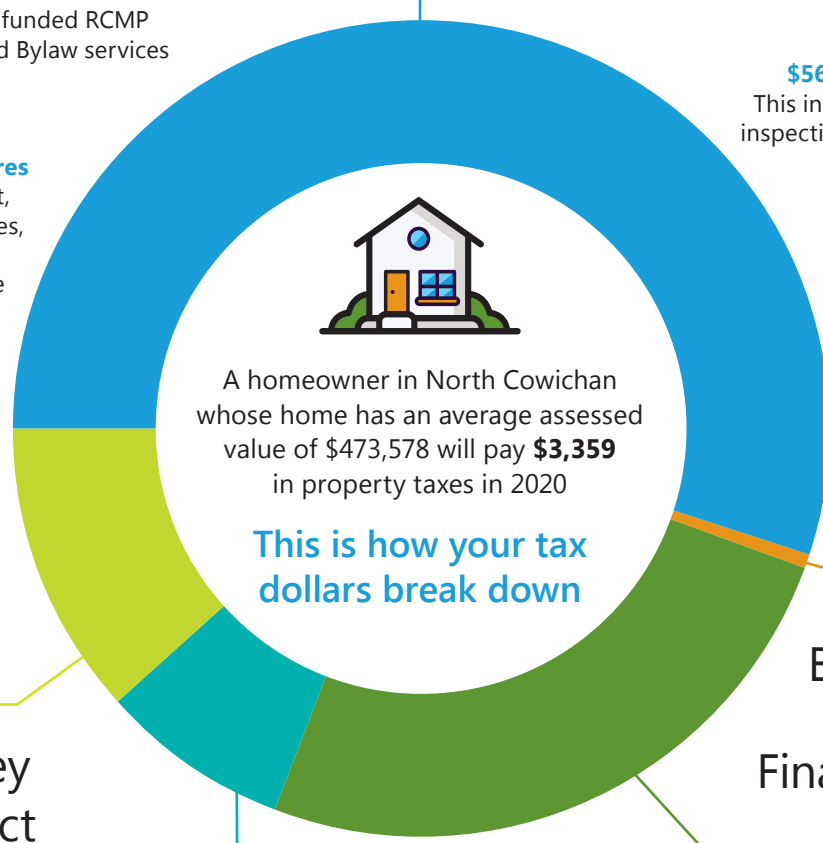
- Transit
- Solid Waste
- Economic Development
- Emergency Planning
- 911 Services
- Regional Parks & Parkland Acquisition
- Environmental Initiatives
- Regional Tourism
- Arts & Culture
- **+\$270 Cowichan Community Centre\***

\*Only homeowners located south of Herd Road pay this tax.



A homeowner in North Cowichan whose home has an average assessed value of \$473,578 will pay **\$3,359** in property taxes in 2020

### This is how your tax dollars break down



### \$262 to Parks and Recreation

This includes operation of the Cowichan Aquatic Centre, Fuller Lake Arena, Crofton Pool, sports fields, and your neighbourhood parks



### \$56 to Development Services

This includes building permits and inspections, community design and development applications



The remainder, **\$487**, is invested in: General government (\$263), Debt repayment (\$81), Library services (\$77), Reserve fund (\$55), and Energy and environment (\$11)

**\$20**

## BC Assessment and Municipal Finance Authority

**\$806**

## Cowichan Valley School District 79

**\$246**

## Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District

# Paying your property taxes

Property taxes are due by 4:30 p.m.  
on **Wednesday, Sept 30, 2020**

*Avoid a 10% penalty by paying your taxes on time.*

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Municipal Hall is currently closed to the public. We encourage residents to claim their Home Owner Grant online, and to pay property taxes using online or phone banking. Alternatively, you can mail us a cheque (details below). Cheques can also be securely dropped off, in person, in the drop-box at the main entrance to Municipal Hall. At this time, we are working towards reopening Municipal Hall and welcoming residents back to do business with us in-person. Please call **250.746.3100** or check our website [www.northcowichan.ca/COVID19](http://www.northcowichan.ca/COVID19) for the most up to date information.

## 1 Claim your Home Owner Grant Online

[www.northcowichan.ca/HomeOwnerGrant](http://www.northcowichan.ca/HomeOwnerGrant)

You can claim the grant online using the folio number and access code located on your tax notice, or by filling out the application on the bottom of your tax notice and returning it to the drop-box at Municipal Hall.

Your Home Owner Grant must be submitted to North Cowichan by 4:30 p.m. on September 30, 2020 to avoid a 10% penalty on the grant portion of your taxes. Even if your mortgage company or bank pays your taxes, you must personally claim the grant by the due date. You do not need to make a payment to claim the Home Owner Grant.

## 2 Pay your taxes online or by cheque



### Online or Phone Banking

You can pay your taxes using online banking if you are a member of a bank or credit union offering pay-by-phone or internet payment services. Call your branch for details.



### By Mail

Mail your payment and ensure that it is postmarked on or before September 24, 2020, to avoid a late penalty. Cheques can be postdated for September 30, 2020.



### In Person

Drop your bill and cheque, secured in an envelope, in the drop-box located at the main entrance to Municipal Hall.

## 3 The Property Tax Deferment Program has changed!

**Property Tax Deferment forms are no longer accepted by North Cowichan.** The program is now completely administered by the Province, please visit [www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment](http://www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment) or call **1.888.355.2700** for info.

*Property Tax Deferment is a low-interest provincial loan program that assists qualified homeowners in paying the annual property taxes on their homes. You may be eligible to defer your property taxes if you are 55 years of age or over; a person with disabilities and you live in your home; or if you are a qualifying homeowner who is financially supporting a dependent child under the age of 18.*

## 4 2020 Property Tax Installment Payments

If it's convenient, you can pay your property taxes in monthly installments through automatic deductions from your bank account. Call or check online for details: [www.northcowichan.ca/taxes](http://www.northcowichan.ca/taxes)

## Questions



While Municipal Hall is closed, we are still here to support you! Please call or email us:  
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