

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK BY FEB. 8



YOUR CITY  YOUR SAY

## Putting affordability for PoCo residents first

I often find myself reflecting on just how proud I am of Port Coquitlam, and the people who call it home. This is a special community. One where neighbours look out for one another, where families put down roots, and where the spirit of our hometown hero, Terry Fox, is woven into who we are.

Council's focus has been simple and consistent: protect what makes Port Coquitlam unique, and strengthen the sense of community that sets us apart.

In a time marked by uncertainty, PoCo is focused on what matters most — affordability, safety, and quality of life for our residents. That means keeping taxes and utility fees as low as possible, investing in core infrastructure, building great parks and public spaces, and making sure kids can play and families can get ahead.

For our 2026 budget, we've left no stone unturned to continue that leadership — and the result is the lowest average property taxes and utility fees out of the 21 municipalities in the region.

We want to hear what you have to say about our efforts. Learn more about the 2026 budget in this mailout and online, and



City Council 2022-2026

Back row, left to right: Cllr. Glenn Pollock, Cllr. Darrell Penner, Cllr. Dean Washington. Front row, left to right: Cllr. Paige Petriw, Mayor Brad West, Cllr. Steve Darling, Cllr. Nancy McCurrach.

then submit your printed or online survey by Feb. 8. Residents will be entered to win a \$150 gift card for a local licensed business of their choice, and all feedback received will help inform this budget and other important decisions year-round.

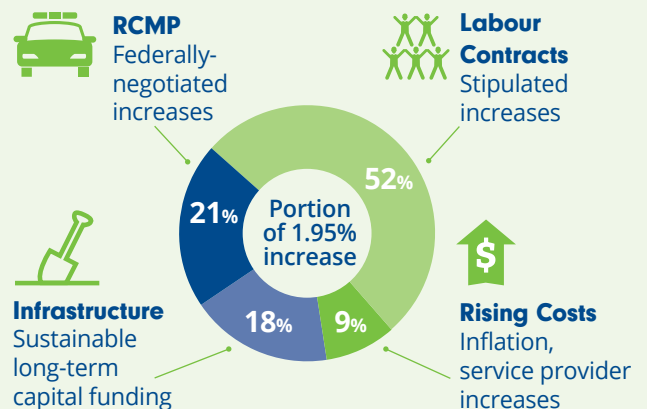
  
Mayor Brad West

### SOURCES OF 2026 INCREASE

**Port Coquitlam is proposing a 1.95% increase for municipal property taxes in 2026.**

The municipal portion of the tax bill is affected by many factors beyond the City's control. The graphic to the right illustrates the primary contributors to the increase in 2026.

As in past years, the City focused on finding savings and efficiencies to limit costs for taxpayers.



Give your feedback online or in attached survey by Feb. 8: [portcoquitlam.ca/2026budget](https://portcoquitlam.ca/2026budget)

## 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

**\$129.4 MILLION**

The annual operating budget pays for a wide variety of City services that residents and businesses rely on every day.

Faced with an uncertain economy and various rising costs beyond the City's control, Port Coquitlam has focused on maintaining existing service levels and taxpayer affordability in 2026.

Tactics to reduce the tax impact for 2026 included reviewing costs line by line, deferring non-critical items, strategic use of reserves, and leveraging of partnerships and grant funding wherever possible.

These and other City services are funded through the operating budget:



### PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire department, policing and bylaw services



### WASTE COLLECTION

Garbage, recycling and organics pickup



### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Supporting new housing and amenities



### RECREATION

Facilities, programs, festivals and events



### TRANSPORTATION

Roads, sidewalks and active transportation



### UTILITIES

Water, sewer and drainage

## 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET

**\$29.3 MILLION**

Each year's capital budget provides funding for neighbourhood infrastructure such as roads, water, sewer and drainage works, key capital renewal and replacement projects, and new assets needed to support health, safety and quality of life.

The capital program is informed by Council priorities, resident feedback through the budget survey and other channels, staff input and City policies.

The focus for 2026 is key investments in transportation, recreation, drainage/flood protection, and other infrastructure, along with ongoing maintenance to protect City assets.

Some of the major projects funded through the capital budget include:



### GATES PARK SOCCER HUB

Phase 1 and 2 completed in 2026



### MULTI-USE SPORT FACILITY

Construction of covered facility in 2026



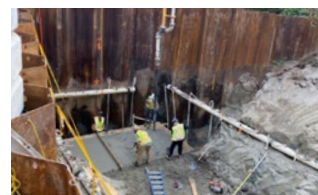
### GATES PARK DRAINAGE

Flood-prevention work near Wilson Avenue



### CEDAR CREEK PUMP STN.

Construction planned for January to June 2026



### MAPLE CREEK PUMP STN.

Construction throughout 2026 into early 2027



### KINGSWAY AVE UPGRADES

Continuing improvements from Tyner to Kebet



# What Will I Pay (Proposed) in 2026?

**+ 1.95% municipal property taxes in 2026 (proposed) for all property types**

## PROPERTY TAXES

Port Coquitlam's proposed municipal tax increase for 2026 is one of the lowest proposed increases in the region. A similar percentage increase is proposed for business taxes.

Taxes from the Province of BC and other agencies will also appear on the annual property tax bill.

## UTILITY LEVIES

A significant portion of water and sewer utility increases for 2026 are related to Metro Vancouver charges for regional services.

## PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

These figures are based on 2025 property assessment values. See article on the back about the potential impact of a property's assessed value.

## Municipal Property Taxes and Utilities for Average Port Coquitlam Home Assessed at \$1,126,339

	2025	\$ Change	% Change	Proposed 2026
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>				
General City & Infrastructure	\$1,962.69	\$18.46	0.79%	\$1,981.15
RCMP	\$362.64	\$26.88	1.16%	\$389.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,325.33</b>	<b>\$45.34</b>	<b>1.95%</b>	<b>\$2,370.67</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>				
Water (City)	\$190.89	(\$5.20)	-0.99%	\$185.69
Water (MV*)	\$335.46	\$39.59	7.52%	\$375.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$526.35</b>	<b>\$34.39</b>	<b>6.53%</b>	<b>\$560.74</b>
Sewer (City)	\$131.56	\$13.06	2.52%	\$144.62
Sewer (MV*)	\$386.80	\$33.43	6.45%	\$420.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$518.36</b>	<b>\$46.49</b>	<b>8.97%</b>	<b>\$564.85</b>
Solid Waste**	\$324.60	\$8.40	2.59%	\$333.00

### Prepayment Program – Pay Monthly!

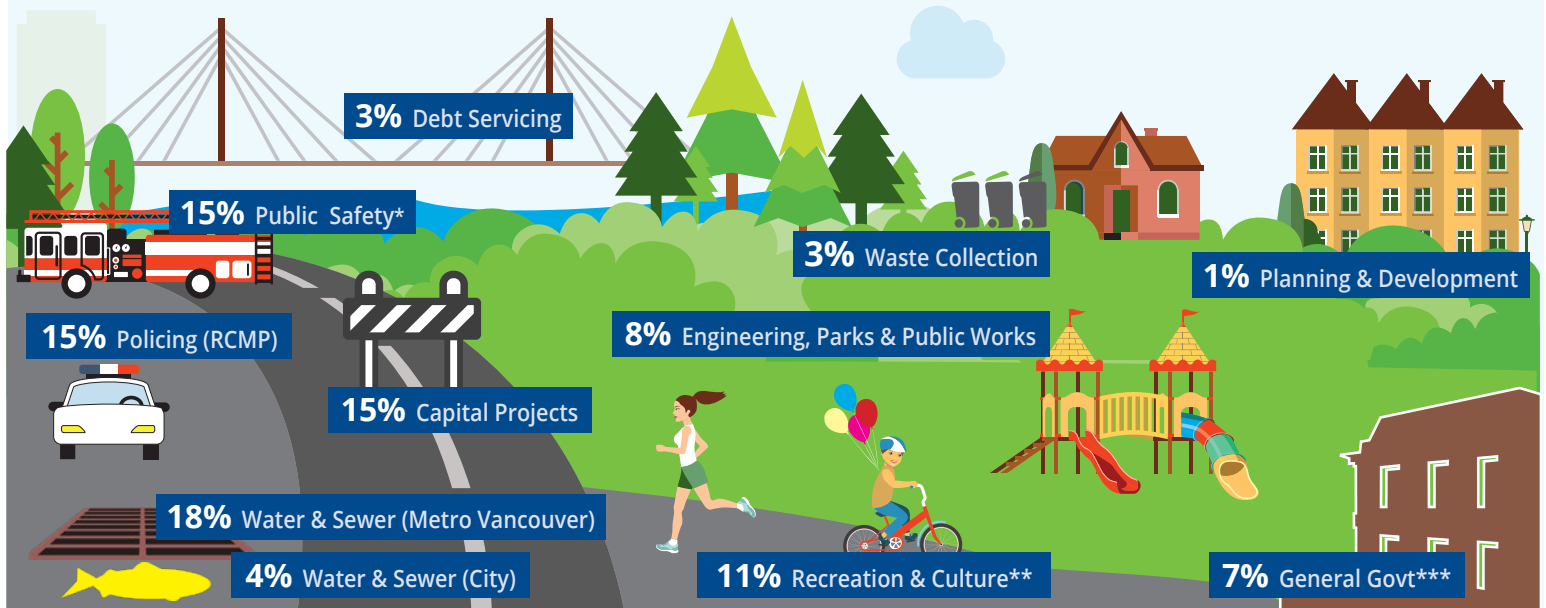
Pay property taxes and utilities in easy monthly installments: [portcoquitlam.ca/prepayment](https://portcoquitlam.ca/prepayment).

**Est. 2026 monthly: \$319.11\*\***

\* Metro Vancouver Regional District.

\*\* Homes receiving City waste services.

## Where Do My Taxes and Levies Go?



\* Includes Fire, Bylaw Enforcement, Community Policing

\*\* Includes library

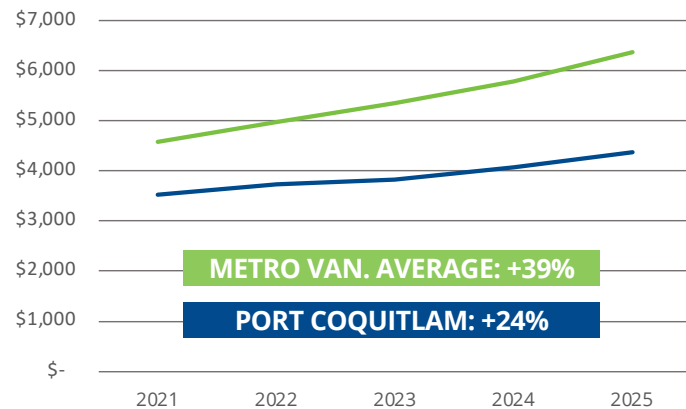
\*\*\* Includes Finance, HR, IT, Corporate Office, Office of the CAO

## How Does Port Coquitlam Compare?

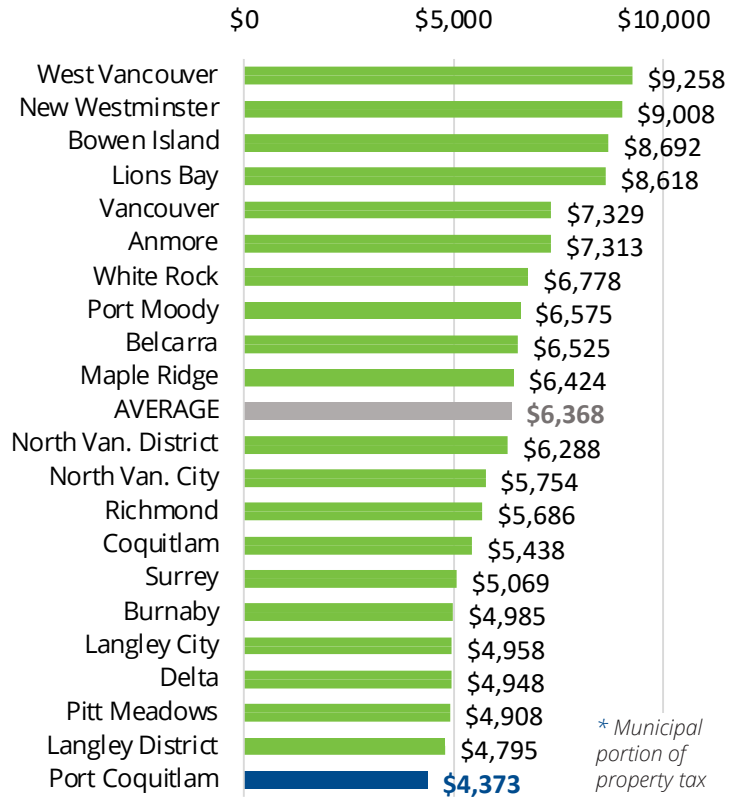
Port Coquitlam has an established track record of lower-than-average property taxes and utilities compared to other municipalities in Metro Vancouver, and is on track to continue that trend in 2026.

Over the past five years, taxes and utilities in Port Coquitlam have increased **significantly less** than the regional average.

### Taxes and utilities: Port Coquitlam vs. Metro Vancouver average (2021-2025)



### Taxes\* and utilities in Metro Vancouver (2025)



## How Will My Assessment Affect My Taxes?

A property's assessed value determines its share of taxes. The assessments provided by BC Assessment each January indicate how much Port Coquitlam property assessments increased or decreased from the prior year.

Properties whose value has increased or decreased more than other typical properties of the same type will experience a tax rate that differs from the average. For more details, see the assessment mailed to you in January.

If your assessment either **risers more or decreases less** than the City average = your 2026 property tax increase will be **higher** than the average

### AVERAGE ASSESSMENT CHANGE ACROSS THE CITY (SEE YOUR BC ASSESSMENT NOTICE)

If your assessment either **risers less or decreases more** than the City average = your 2026 property tax increase will be **lower** than the average

## GIVE FEEDBACK BY FEB. 8 FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Help shape City services and decisions. Port Coquitlam residents who complete the survey by Feb. 8 will be entered in a draw for a \$150 gift card to a licensed local business of their choice.

- **Online information and feedback:** [portcoquitlam.ca/2026budget](https://portcoquitlam.ca/2026budget)
- **Submit enclosed form:** [budget@portcoquitlam.ca](mailto:budget@portcoquitlam.ca), or by mail or the dropbox at City Hall, 2580 Shaughnessy St., Port Coquitlam BC, V3C 2A8

