

1. Are you a Port Coquitlam resident or taxpayer? Yes  No
2. What kind of new festivals would you like to see in Port Coquitlam? Sports  Entertainment   
Arts  Music  Children  Ethnic  Food  Other : \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you feel you get good value for your tax dollar in Port Coquitlam? Yes  No   
Please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How do you feel about the level of service you get in the following areas?

	Exceeds Expectation	Meets Expectation	Needs Improvement	Additional comments
Road Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Traffic Control (lights, signals, crosswalks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
City Cleanliness and Attractiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Garbage, Recycling and Green Cart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fire Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Police Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Parks and Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Recreation and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

5. If you could reduce or eliminate either one City service or one of the planned 2016 enhancements in exchange for lower taxes, what would it be and why? \_\_\_\_\_
6. If you could improve one City service or add another enhancement to the budget, recognizing that it could increase taxes, what would it be and why? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you satisfied with the budget information available to you this year? Yes  No   
Please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_
8. How did you learn about this survey? Mailed to my home  Newspaper  City website  Social media  Email

**Have your say!**

Share your feedback and find out what's planned for 2016

Go to [portcoquitlam.ca/budget](http://portcoquitlam.ca/budget) to learn more and give your opinion!

**TOP THREE INVESTMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2016:**



**Public Safety**

Four new police officers in 2016 for a new Uniformed Crime Reduction Unit, with three more officers in 2017.



**Recreation Complex**

Saving for the new Community Recreation Complex in downtown Port Coquitlam.



**Infrastructure**

Saving for long-term infrastructure replacement (e.g. roads, buildings and pipes).

**MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL**



Back row from left: Cllr. Mike Forrest, Cllr. Dean Washington, Cllr. Glenn Pollock. Front row from left: Cllr. Brad West, Mayor Greg Moore, Cllr. Darrell Penner, Cllr. Laura Dupont.

If you think the City's budget has nothing to do with you, think again. Each year's budget determines how your tax dollars will be spent on a wide range of City functions, from waste collection and arts programming to planning for future development.

We ask for your feedback each year on the draft budget, and it's not just lip service. It's important to Council that our budget process is open and transparent, and that our citizens have the opportunity to have their say.

We encourage you to read the information provided and fill out the survey in this mailout or at [www.portcoquitlam.ca/budget](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/budget) before March 7. It's not uncommon for Council to change the draft budget based on feedback – for example, last year we reversed plans to reduce grass-cutting at some parks, and in 2014 we decided not to reduce youth centre hours at off-peak times. Your budget feedback also helps guide our decision-making throughout the year.

Mayor Greg Moore



your city, your say!

## How much will my City property taxes be in 2016?

Property taxes: +3.4%  
Water, sewer and solid waste: +0%

Port Coquitlam taxpayers pay separate tax and utility bills, but the numbers are shown together in these charts to show the full impact.

The water, sewer and solid waste levies are flat user fees based on the services provided to a property.

Wondering how your property assessment will affect your taxes? See the chart on the next page.

**Pay monthly!**  
Sign up for the City's easy Prepayment Plan to pay tax and utility bills in monthly installments. Learn more: [www.portcoquitlam.ca/taxes](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/taxes)

### Average Single-family Dwelling Assessed at \$561,855

	2015	Proposed 2016	\$ Change
Property Taxes*	\$2,007.22	\$2,075.45	\$68.23
Water Levy	427.00	427.00	-
Sewer Levy	306.00	306.00	-
Solid Waste Levy**	182.30	182.30	-
<b>What you pay:</b>	<b>\$2,922.52</b>	<b>\$2,990.75</b>	<b>\$68.23</b>

Pay monthly: \$249.23

### Average Townhouse Assessed at \$393,722

	2015	Proposed 2016	\$ Change
Property Taxes*	\$1,580.89	\$1,634.28	\$53.39
Water Levy	400.00	400.00	-
Sewer Levy	287.00	287.00	-
<b>What you pay:</b>	<b>\$2,267.89</b>	<b>\$2,321.28</b>	<b>\$53.39</b>

Pay monthly: \$193.44

### Average Apartment Assessed at \$255,503

	2015	Proposed 2016	\$ Change
Property Taxes*	\$927.60	\$959.13	\$31.53
Water Levy	380.00	380.00	-
Sewer Levy	272.00	272.00	-
<b>What you pay:</b>	<b>\$1,579.60</b>	<b>\$1,611.13</b>	<b>\$31.53</b>

Pay monthly: \$134.26

\* Represents the City's portion of taxes. The property tax bill will also include regional and provincial taxes (e.g. schools, TransLink, Metro Vancouver).  
\*\* Calculated separately from taxes but also included on the property tax bill.

we need your feedback!

## What enhancements are planned in 2016?

### ONGOING PROPOSED ENHANCEMENTS

Projects funded through 2016 taxes

	2016 cost	\$ cost / SFD	% cost/ SFD
Four police officers for a new unit to increase visibility and target crime hotspots	\$304,000	\$10.43	0.52%
Save for new Recreation Complex in downtown Port Coquitlam	292,500	10.04	0.50%
New Cultural Development & Community Services Manager position (top-up of vacant post)	20,100	0.69	0.03%
Proactive bridge inspections and maintenance	12,500	0.43	0.02%
Software to improve efficiency in preparing Council meeting agendas/minutes	10,000	0.34	0.02%
New two-page property tax notices that enhance information for taxpayers	4,500	0.15	0.01%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$643,600</b>	<b>\$22.08</b>	<b>1.10%</b>

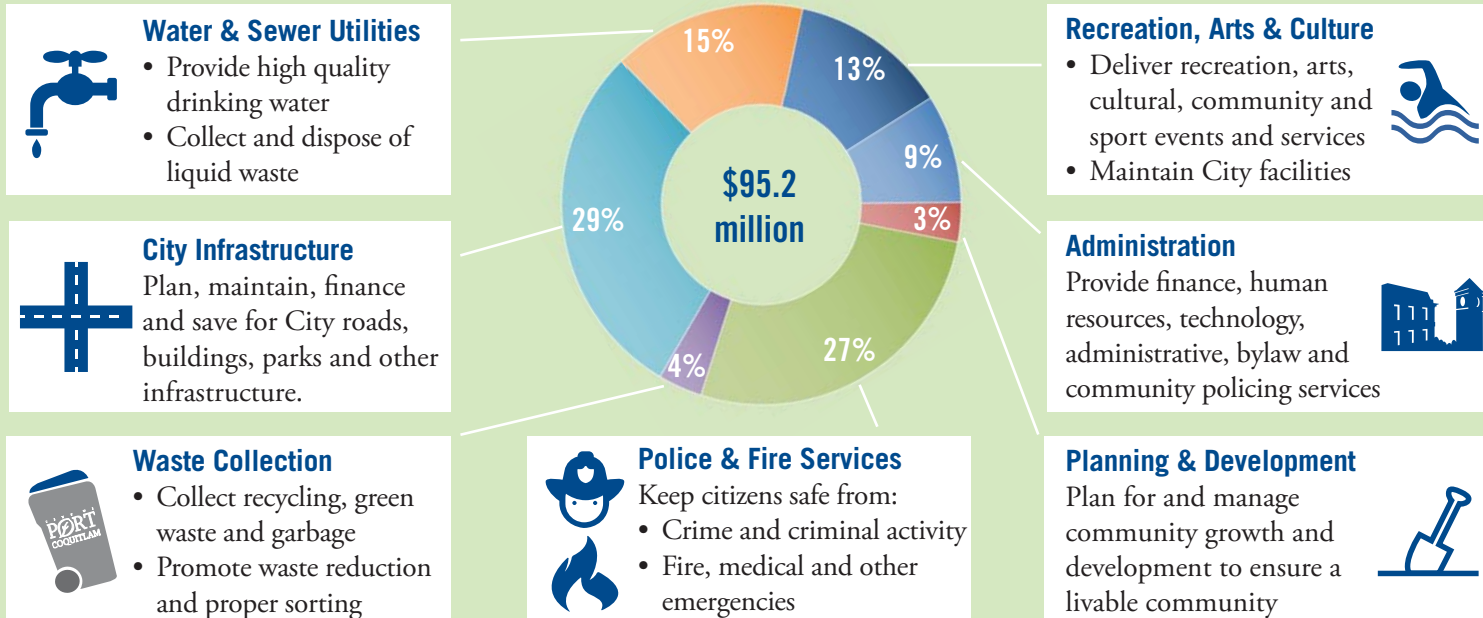
### ONE-TIME PROPOSED ENHANCEMENTS

Projects funded through surplus or reserve accounts – no impact on 2016 taxes

Maintenance projects for various City buildings and parks	\$122,000
Funding for various engineering studies, inspections, aerial photography and specialized consulting	75,000
New Festivals & Events Committee to plan new community festivals	60,000
Enhanced exhibits and programming by the Port Coquitlam Heritage and Cultural Society	30,000
Parklets – landscaped outdoor seating areas in City streets	30,000
Funding for position to sell advertising in City publications and on other spaces to generate revenue	25,000
Mural program development to beautify the City, promote civic pride, engage youth and deter graffiti	20,000
Funding to enable the PoCo Sports Alliance to continue to provide services and grow its membership	18,000
Feasibility study for rapid transit linking the City with Coquitlam, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows	15,000
Second annual PoCo Biz Alley business showcase at the May Day Festival	10,000
Piano project that provides free pianos in outdoor public spaces during the summer months	10,000
Development of new enhanced property tax notice	8,500
Professional development in Purchasing Division	6,000
<b>Total (funded through surplus or reserve accounts)</b>	<b>\$429,500</b>

## Where do my property taxes go?

City functions and percentage of 2016 budget



## How will we save money?

These savings and efficiencies would reduce the 2016 tax impact by 0.73%, or \$14.71 per average single-family dwelling valued at \$561,855.

	2016 savings	\$ cost / SFD	% cost/ SFD
Elimination of vacant Recreation position due to department restructuring.	-\$158,800	-\$5.45	-0.27%
Reduced contribution to capital funding reserve accounts (IT, roads & drainage).	-270,000	-9.26	-0.46%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$428,800</b>	<b>-\$14.71</b>	<b>-0.73%</b>

SFD = single-family dwelling assessed at \$561,855

### Impact of property assessment on taxes

Your tax increase for 2016 will depend on whether your home's assessed value increased more or less than the average of 12.8%.

**> 12.8%**  
Higher than average assessment increase = 2016 property tax increase will be higher than 3.4%

**Average assessment increase of 12.8% = 2016 property tax increase of 3.4%**

**< 12.8%**  
Lower than average assessment increase = 2016 property tax increase will be lower than 3.4%

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