

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK BY MARCH 25!



CITY OF
PORT
COQUITLAM

2019 Budget at a Glance

YOUR CITY, YOUR SAY

TOP 3 PRIORITIES



New Community Centre



Livable Community



Infrastructure

GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT

The draft 2019 budget reflects what we've heard from the community – that you want us to get the basics right and be responsible with your taxes. We're investing in our infrastructure, both in long-term replacement and projects you'll see right away – such as road and parks improvements. We're building the new Port Coquitlam Community Centre, which will enhance services to the community and give a boost to our downtown.


We're also making investments to ensure our community is safe, family-friendly and livable, including support

for community events, organizations and more RCMP officers.

Throughout the process we've kept a focus on the bottom line, because we understand that decisions about the City budget affect your household budget.

Please review the details inside and at portcoquitlam.ca/budget, then fill out our survey to tell us how we're doing and if we're reflecting your priorities.

We look forward to hearing from you!


Mayor Brad West



Front row L-R: Cllr. Laura Dupont, Mayor Brad West, Cllr. Nancy McCurrach.
Back row L-R: Cllr. Glenn Pollock, Cllr. Darrell Penner, Cllr. Steve Darling, Cllr. Dean Washington.

Fill out the survey online or on the back by March 25 | Details at portcoquitlam.ca/2019budget

What Will I Pay in 2019?

Average home (all types): +2.99% City property taxes in 2019

The information shown here represents the City's portion only, and does not include the regional and provincial taxes that also appear on the annual property tax bill.

This year's property taxes include a \$25 parcel tax (ending next year) for the new Port Coquitlam Community Centre under construction downtown.

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Average Port Coquitlam home assessed at \$818,564: +2.99 property taxes in 2019

Total monthly: \$181.08

	2018	\$ Change	Proposed 2019
City Services	\$ 1,620.45	\$18.51	\$1,638.96
Infrastructure*	131.40	18.66	150.06
Community Centre**	124.42	18.66	143.08
Parcel Tax	25	-	25
Solid Waste Levy***	192.73	23.16	215.89
Total Tax:	\$2,094.00	\$78.99	\$2,172.99

Utility Bill (flat user fees – issued in spring)

Water Levy	430.63	17.42	448.05
Sewer Levy	329.72	2.71	332.43
Total Utilities:	\$760.35	\$20.13	\$780.48

* For long-term infrastructure replacement (1% of increase)

** For new Community Centre – 2019 last year (1% of increase)

*** Applies to single-family homes only on City waste service

How Will My Assessment Affect My Taxes?

Overall, Port Coquitlam residential assessments rose **an average of 6.45%** from last year (your assessment notice will show your home's assessed value increase or decrease.)

Properties whose assessment rose more than 6.45% will pay more than the average tax increase, while those whose assessment rose less than 6.45% will pay less.

Because assessments for multi-family homes increased far more than those for single-family homes, multi-family homes may see larger tax increases in 2019 than single-family homes.

Single-family homes



3.15% ASSESSMENT INCREASE

Below-average assessment increase = below-average tax increase

Townhomes



9.47% ASSESSMENT INCREASE

Above-average assessment increase = above-average tax increase

Apartments



12.27% ASSESSMENT INCREASE

Above-average assessment increase = above-average tax increase

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Sign up today to get your tax and utility bills electronically, view past statements, manage City licences, schedule building and plumbing inspections, and more!



What Changes are Proposed?

ONGOING PROPOSED ENHANCEMENTS

	2019 cost	\$ cost / avg. home*	% cost / avg. home*
Share of six new RCMP officers focusing on emerging issues	\$106,600	\$ 3.12	0.13%
Total	\$ 106,600	\$3.12	0.13%

*assessed at \$818,564

ONE-TIME ENHANCEMENTS

(No impact on 2019 taxes - funded through surplus or reserve accounts)

Proposed	2019 cost
Asset management of City infrastructure	\$250,000
Funding for the new Port Coquitlam Event Society	120,000
Digitization of property records	60,000
Funding to increase marketing of City recreation and other services	43,500
Port Coquitlam Heritage & Cultural Society funding	35,000
Port Coquitlam Community Foundation funding	20,000
Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable funding	15,000
User-friendly downtown directional and parking signs	13,500
Remembrance Day ceremony large video screen and speakers	10,000
Total	\$ 567,000

\$106M
2019 OPERATING BUDGET

\$87M
2019-2020 CAPITAL BUDGET

OTHER BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Family-friendly housing policies



Centennial Pool, Castle Park spray park and other park upgrades



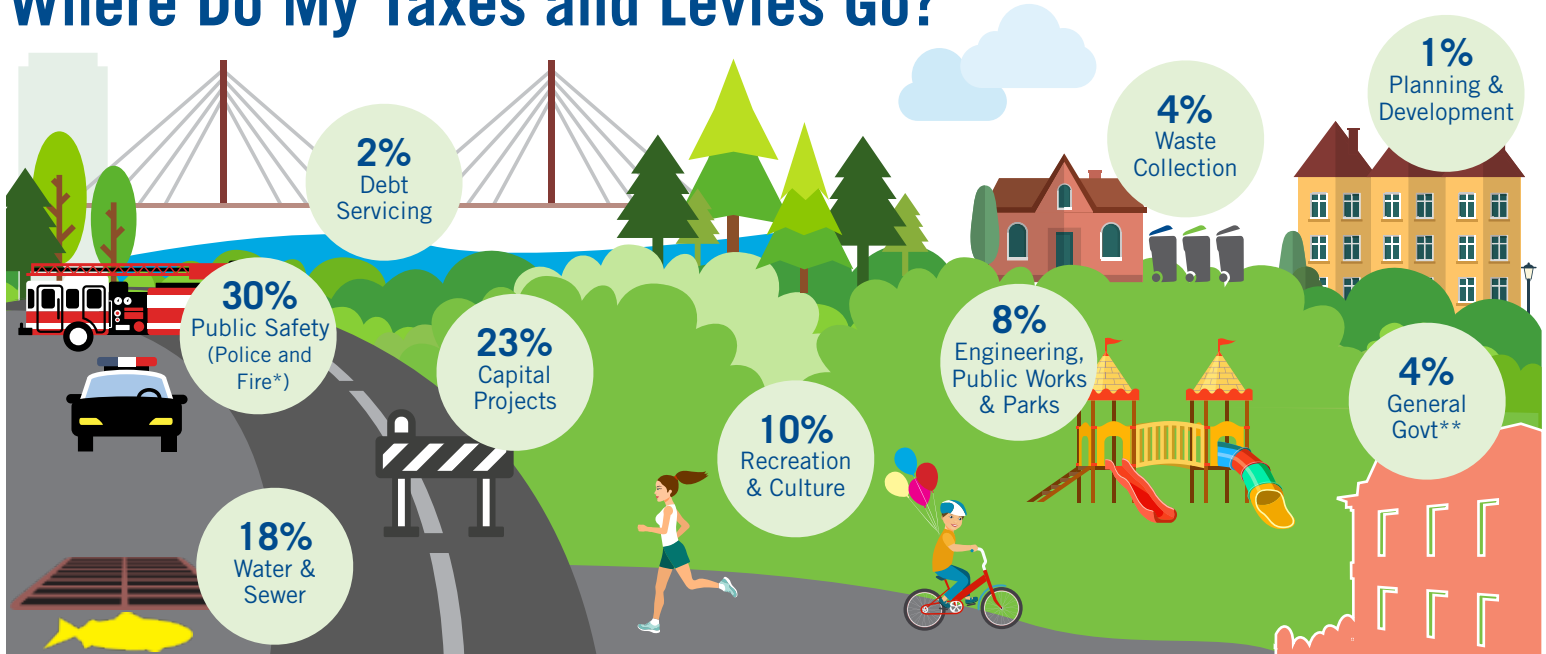
3.5 km of road rehabilitation and utility works



Sidewalks, traffic calming, cycling and pedestrian safety

Go online for more details

Where Do My Taxes and Levies Go?



* Includes 1% for bylaw enforcement

** Includes Corporate Support, HR and Licensing

Visit portcoquitlam.ca/2019budget for details and to provide feedback

Give us your feedback by March 25

Go to portcoquitlam.ca/2019budget to fill out online, or complete the form below.

Submit to budget@portcoquitlam.ca or to City Hall, 2580 Shaughnessy St., Port Coquitlam BC, V3C 2A8

SAVE TIME &
POSTAGE: go to
[portcoquitlam.ca/
2019budget](http://portcoquitlam.ca/2019budget)

1. Are you a Port Coquitlam resident or taxpayer? Yes No
2. I feel I get good value for my tax dollar in Port Coquitlam. Agree Disagree Undecided

Please explain why: _____

3. On a scale from 1-10, rank how you prefer to get info about recreation, arts and culture programs, events and festivals: 1 being your top choice.

Leisure Guide _____ City website _____ Facebook _____ Twitter _____ Instagram _____ Newspaper _____ Mailed to me _____

Email _____ Experienceit.ca _____ Posters/flyers _____ Other: _____

4. How do you feel about the service you get in these areas?
- | | Exceeds expectation | Meets expectation | Needs improvement | Have not used | Additional Comments |
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Road Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Traffic Control (lights, signals, crosswalks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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City Cleanliness and Attractiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Garbage, Recycling and Green Cart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Fire Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Police Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Parks and Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Recreation and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Business and Development Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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5. If you could reduce one of the above services or another City service in exchange for lower taxes, what would it be and why?

6. If you could improve one of the above City services or add another enhancement to the budget, recognizing that it could increase taxes, what would it be and why?

7. I am satisfied with the budget information available to me this year. Agree Disagree Undecided

Please explain why: _____

8. What is the main way you learned about this survey? Mailed to me Newspaper City website Social media Email