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CITY OF
PORT
COQUITLAM

2021 Budget at a Glance

YOUR CITY, YOUR SAY

COUNCIL PRIORITIES



Improving customer service



Investing in infrastructure



Enhancing community safety

GETTING THE BASICS RIGHT



Left to right: Cllr. Laura Dupont, Cllr. Glenn Pollock, Cllr. Darrell Penner, Mayor Brad West, Cllr. Steve Darling, Cllr. Dean Washington and Cllr. Nancy McCurrach.

As the challenges of the pandemic continue, we've focused our draft 2021 budget on getting the basics right – the core municipal services the community relies on. The impact on our taxpayers is always top-of-mind for Council, and that's never been more important.

We're staying on track with our responsible and commonsense approach. The modest increase and removal of the parcel tax is coupled with service enhancements such as city cleanliness, parks maintenance, snow removal and extra holiday recycling pickup that our residents have been asking for.

We work hard to keep taxes as low as possible, while continuing to meet our responsibilities. Following a zero tax increase in 2020, this draft budget strikes the right balance at a time when revenues have dropped and we face a number of rising costs beyond the City's control.

Please read through the budget details in this mailout and at portcoquitlam.ca/2021budget, then either fill out the survey on the back or online by Jan. 17. As always, your input will help inform our decisions throughout the year.

We look forward to hearing from you.


Mayor Brad West

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2021 Proposed Enhancements

	2021 cost	\$ cost / avg. home*	% cost / avg. home*
Extra day of holiday recycling in 2021	\$12,000	\$0.34	0.02%
Increased snow removal (sanding and ploughing)	85,000	2.40	0.12%
Increased litter collection throughout community	50,000	1.41	0.07%
Increased park graffiti removal and grass cutting	43,000	1.21	0.06%
Increased sport field and court maintenance	26,500	0.75	0.04%
Menstrual products in City facilities	4,400	0.12	0.01%
Total	\$220,900	\$6.23	0.32%

*assessed at \$735,185

\$114.5M
2021
OPERATING
BUDGET

\$55M
2021-2022
CAPITAL
BUDGET

2021 ENHANCEMENTS WITH NO 2021 TAX IMPACT

Funded through accumulated surplus, reserves or grants

Integrated stormwater management plan	\$200,000	Hyde Creek Recreation Centre assessment	25,000
Bulky item collection pilot	193,000	Citadel Heights water pump station assessment	15,000
Climate change adaptation strategy	150,000	Tax/utility collection at recreation facilities pilot	14,400
Coast Meridian Overpass detailed inspection	100,000	Extra day of holiday recycling in 2020	12,000
Extend land and development facilitator contract	100,000	Lions Park Artist-in-Residence public engagement	7,000
Communications support to engage/inform public	75,000	Menstrual products in City facilities	6,600
Heritage and Cultural Society funding	35,000	Tri-Cities Homelessness & Housing Task Group	4,150
Corporate records microfilm scanning	30,000	Total	\$967,150

The budget is also affected by a number of factors, including previous decisions, such as the increase in bylaw enforcement, and costs that are beyond the City's control, such as third-party contracts and pandemic response.

Where Do My Taxes and Levies Go?



* Includes bylaw enforcement

** Includes Corporate Support, HR and Licensing

*** Includes library

What Will I Pay (Proposed) in 2021?

- ▶ Property taxes and levies for the average Port Coquitlam home (assessed at \$735,185) will increase by 2.39% in 2021.
- ▶ **For 2021, we have eliminated the \$25 parcel tax the City has collected over the past four years for the new Port Coquitlam Community Centre.**
- ▶ These figures are based on 2020 property assessment values and represent the City's portion only. They do not include the regional and provincial taxes that also appear on the annual property tax bill.

Pay monthly!

Did you know you can pay your tax and utility bills in easy monthly installments through the City's Prepayment Plan?

Learn more and sign up for next year at portcoquitlam.ca/prepayment

Property Taxes for Average Port Coquitlam Home Assessed at \$735,185

	2020	\$ Change	Proposed 2021
City Services*	\$ 1,932.43	\$67.75	\$2,000.18
Parcel Tax**	25.00	(25.00)	-
Solid Waste Levy***	218.76	12.31	231.07
Total Tax:	\$2,176.19	\$55.06	\$2,231.25

Utility Bill (flat user fees)

Numbers shown are for single-family homes. Multi-family rates will be lower.

	2020	\$ Change	Proposed 2021
Water Levy	\$464.99	\$9.30	\$474.29
Sewer Levy	339.08	6.78	345.86
Total Utilities:	\$804.07	\$16.08	\$820.15

Total Taxes and Utilities

Total:	\$2,980.26	\$71.14	\$3,051.40
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* Includes long-term infrastructure replacement levy

** For new Port Coquitlam Community Centre

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

Total monthly:
\$254.28

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. We will post the new average change for Port Coquitlam residential assessments in early January at portcoquitlam.ca/2021budget.

If your assessment rises more or decreases less than the City average* = your 2021 property tax increase will be higher than the average

Average assessment change across the City*

If your assessment rises less or decreases more than the City average* = your 2021 property tax increase will be lower than the average

*Watch for 2021 figures at portcoquitlam.ca/2021budget in early January

How We Compare

In 2020, Port Coquitlam had the third lowest municipal property taxes for an average representative single-family home out of 21 Metro Vancouver municipalities.

West Van.	\$6,994
New West.	\$6,321
Lions Bay	\$6,218
Bowen Island	\$5,036
White Rock	\$4,910
Vancouver	\$4,844
North Van. Dist.	\$4,732
Port Moody	\$4,558
Anmore	\$4,500
Belcarra	\$4,363
Coquitlam	\$4,028
Richmond	\$4,021
North Van. City	\$3,873
Maple Ridge	\$3,799
Burnaby	\$3,736
Delta	\$3,618
Surrey	\$3,556
Langley Dist.	\$3,546
Port Coquitlam	\$3,380
Pitt Meadows	\$3,313
Langley City	\$3,251

Source: BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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SAVE TIME & POSTAGE: Fill out the survey at portcoquitlam.ca/2021budget or if you prefer, submit this form to budget@portcoquitlam.ca, or by mail or in the dropbox at City Hall, 2580 Shaughnessy St., Port Coquitlam BC, V3C 2A8



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

Please explain why: _____

- The City is making improvements to downtown Port Coquitlam to provide more opportunities for people to gather, shop and celebrate. What would you like to see in the downtown?

How do you feel about the service you get in these areas?	Exceeds expectation	Meets expectation	Needs improvement	Have not used	Additional Comments
Road Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Traffic Control (lights, signals, crosswalks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
City Cleanliness and Attractiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Garbage, Recycling and Green Cart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fire Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Police Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Parks and Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Recreation and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Business Licensing, Building Permit, Development Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

- If you could reduce one of the above services or another City service in exchange for lower taxes, what would it be and why?

- 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?

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

Please explain why: _____

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