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Property Tax Information

Home Owner Grant

The Home Owner Grant reduces the amount of property tax you pay for your principal residence.

If eligible, you must claim your Home Owner Grant every year. Property tax payment in full is not required to claim your Home Owner Grant. Unclaimed Home Owner Grants constitute unpaid current taxes and are subject to penalties. Home Owner Grants are not accepted at City Hall, as this is a **provincial program**.

Claim Your Home Owner Grant:

gov.bc.ca/HomeOwnerGrant | 1-888-355-2700

Penalty Dates

July 3, 20265% penalty
September 1, 2026Additional 5% penalty

Property Tax Deferment

The Property Tax Deferment program is a loans program that helps qualified B.C. homeowners pay their current annual property taxes on their principal residence. Property tax deferment applications and renewals are not accepted at City Hall, as this is a **provincial program**.

Apply for or Renew Deferment Application:

gov.bc.ca/PropertyTaxDeferment | 1-888-355-2700

How to Pay Your Property Taxes

- > Online banking
- > At your bank
- > By mail
- > Credit card online (service fee applies)
- > Through your mortgage company
- > After-hours drop box
- > At City Hall

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A Message From the Mayor

I want to begin by acknowledging the profound loss felt across our community following the passing of Councillor Lillian Szpak. Lillian gave so much of herself in service to Langford, and she did so with conviction, compassion, and a deep respect for the residents she represented. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve alongside her, and even more grateful to have known her as a mentor and friend. She will be deeply missed.

Looking back at our time together as a Council, I am confident that together, with guidance from the community, we have set a solid foundation for sustainable and equitable growth to ensure Langford remains one of Canada's best cities to live and work. Looking ahead, Council remains focused on practical solutions that support residents and businesses. Our priorities are guided by the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, ensuring that Langford continues to thrive today while planning responsibly for the future.

Council recognizes the ongoing challenges many residents are navigating, including cost of living, access to health care and child care, support for seniors, and global economic uncertainties, putting pressures on daily lives. To help address these crises, Council continues to act to alleviate these pressures through bold leadership and advocacy to higher levels of government, focusing on improving quality of life for residents.

In January 2026, the opening of the downtown Langford Goldstream Medical Clinic marked a significant milestone for the community. In partnership with the South Island Primary Care Society, Council approved \$1.7 million in funding for the clinic to cover the costs of equipment and tenant improvements. The clinic will provide access to primary care for 12,500 patients. Although medical care is a Provincial responsibility, Council listened to residents and delivered a project that will drastically improve the quality of life for so many across the community.

Access to the outdoors is a key element of community well-being. Developed alongside the community, Langford's first Parks and Trails Master Plan is now complete, providing a clear framework for enhancing parks, trails, and green spaces city-wide. Work is also underway to expand Veterans Memorial Park, a central gathering place for reflection and community events. Once completed in September, the project will double downtown park space and introduce new amenities, including a band shell for outdoor performances.

This year, the City will finalize several long-term planning initiatives to support an integrated approach to growth. In



2025, Council adopted the Official Community Plan, updated for the first time since 2008. Building on this momentum, in 2026 the City will finalize the Transportation Master Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Asset Management Plan, Arts and Culture Strategy, Economic Development Strategy, and Climate Action Plan. Together, these initiatives provide a coordinated roadmap for Langford's growth over the next decade and beyond, while strengthening eligibility for critical grant funding that supports local infrastructure and services.

Construction is now underway on a child care project in partnership with the provincial and federal governments. Once complete, the new facility will provide 49 licensed child care spaces and become the future home of a new Community Arts Centre operated by West Shore Parks and Recreation.

Investment in public safety has also remained a priority. Council approved the West Shore RCMP Detachment Facility Expansion Project to ensure emergency services can keep pace with Langford's growing population. Following validation by all three Owner municipalities, the project has entered detailed design, with phased construction anticipated to begin in late 2026.

Council remains committed to strong financial management. During the budget process, Council carefully reviewed options to mitigate property tax impacts while maintaining core services and planning responsibly for the future.

Langford's long-term planning efforts continue to receive recognition. The City's refreshed Official Community Plan was named a finalist for a Canadian Institute of Planners award, and Langford was ranked the #2 most economically resilient city by BC Business Magazine for a second year. Record business licence applications further demonstrate that entrepreneurs continue to choose to invest in Langford.

Looking ahead, I am confident in Langford's future as our strength has always come from our people. In times of global uncertainty, our community continues to come together with compassion, generosity, and determination. Thank you to every resident who contributes to this shared effort, whether by serving others, supporting community events, volunteering time on committees, or simply being there for a neighbour. These collective actions define who we are as a city.



In Memoriam: Councillor Lillian Szpak

The City of Langford honours the life and service of Councillor Lillian Szpak, whose passing on May 2, 2026, marked a profound loss for our community.

First elected in 2002, Councillor Szpak dedicated more than two decades to public service, community advocacy, and the thoughtful growth of the city she was proud to call home. A Langford resident since 1993, she brought to Council a deep belief that local government should listen carefully, respect community voices, and make decisions with future generations in mind.

Her service reflected the breadth of issues that matter to residents: responsible growth, public input, environmental stewardship, housing affordability, community safety, parks, recreation, regional collaboration, and the importance of representation in civic leadership. In her own words during the 2022 election, Councillor Szpak described her priority as bringing the community's voice to the table, listening deeply, and helping ensure Council Chambers remained a respectful place where residents could be heard.

Lillian's legacy will live on throughout Langford; she played a meaningful role in shaping the thriving community we see today.

Why Plan for Langford's Future?

As one of the fastest-growing communities in Canada, it is important to plan responsibly for our city's future. Langford has experienced a population increase of nearly 60% over the past two census periods and continues to grow at a rapid pace.

This level of growth requires strategic city planning to ensure that our community continues to thrive for generations to come. Formalized plans are a key element of good governance, guiding resource allocation, and often a requirement when applying for essential grant funding. The following plans, created in partnership with the community, provides a roadmap and vision for the community's future.



Key Highlights from 2025

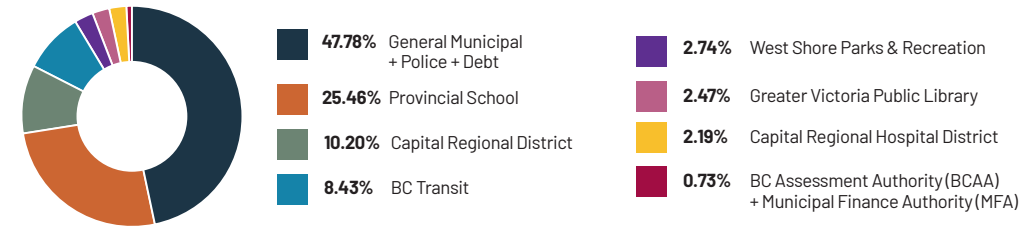
- Expanded Access to Primary Care:** In partnership with the South Island Primary Care Society, the City provided \$1.7 million towards a new medical clinic in downtown Langford. The Clinic will support 12,500 patients by the end of 2026.
- Secured 6-Acres of Urban Parkland:** Council approved the purchase of Woodlands Park, protecting six acres of greenspace in the heart of Langford into a future urban sanctuary. Building on existing trees, and pathways, the park will be enhanced beginning in 2030 with expanded trails, water features, and botanical gardens. Woodlands Park will strengthen the downtown core while creating an accessible space for all.
- Post-Secondary Education Milestone:** Supported the opening of the John Horgan Campus in September 2025, establishing a multi-institution post-secondary partnership and expanding access to education in downtown Langford.
- Completion of the Official Community Plan:** Adopted Langford's updated Official Community Plan, the first comprehensive update since 2008, following extensive community engagement, public consultation, and alignment with long-term growth, sustainability, and livability objectives.
- Long-range Planning:** Completed multiple City Master Plans through robust community engagement. This work lays the foundation for implementation of transportation, parks and trails, arts and culture, economic development, and climate action and other strategic priorities. This is essential work for a City the size of Langford to be eligible for grant funding.
- Childcare Expansion:** 122 new licensed child care spaces will open in 2027 and 2028, supported by a \$13.4 million grant from the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund. The Glen Lake project will include a modern Community Arts Centre.
- Enhanced Emergency Response:** Achieved full 24/7 staffing at Fire Hall 2, supported by a multi-year staffing strategy that added nine firefighters annually between 2023 and 2025.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

Each year, Council approves the City's Financial Plan, informed by public engagement input, the Strategic Plan, existing contracts, service levels, and staff guidance. They review proposed changes to service levels and resource needs, and consider upcoming capital projects. While Council has discretion over the General Municipal Tax increase, which represents approximately half of total taxes, the remaining portion is made up of levies from other jurisdictions over which the City has no control. Overall, Langford's property taxes are amongst the lowest in the region.

Learn more at Langford.ca/Budget

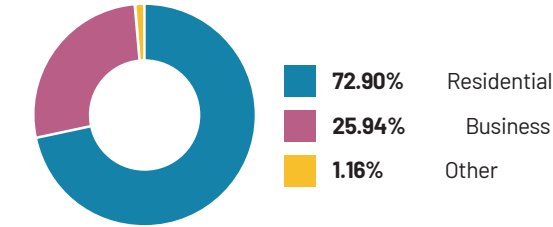
Where Your 2026 Tax Dollars Go



Operating Expenses



Tax Base Contributions



What Makes up the 10.22% Overall Tax Increase?

- 2.74%** RCMP Contract
- 2.34%** Langford Aquatic Centre/Woodlands Park/Asset Management
- 2.00%** Impact of inflation and Growth to Maintain Service Levels
- 1.88%** Fire Department Staffing
- 1.28%** Internal Capital Payment for Capital Previously Purchased
- 1.15%** E-Comm (Police Dispatch)
- 0.69%** Protective Services
- 0.65%** Consumer Price Index Wages Adjustment
- 0.60%** Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL)
- 0.52%** Maintenance Contracts (Roads & Parks)
- 0.44%** Utilities
- 0.40%** West Shore Parks and Recreation Society (WSPRS)
- 0.48%** Increased Non-Property Tax Revenues
- 3.99%** Non-Market Change (new property assessment added which contributes to the tax base)

How Did Langford Compare to Other CRD and Similar-Sized Municipalities in 2025

*General Municipal Property Taxes on a Representative House

MUNICIPALITY	Amount
Sooke	2,022
North Saanich	2,059
Metchosin	2,122
North Cowichan	2,123
Courtenay	2,189
Sidney	2,444
Highlands	2,455
Campbell River	2,480
View Royal	2,502
Vernon	2,634
Langford	2,641
Penticton	2,664
Colwood	2,678
West Kelowna	2,982
Mission	3,022
Central Saanich	3,127
Average	3,183
Langley	3,194
Esquimalt	3,675
North Vancouver	4,001
Saanich	4,002
Victoria	4,065
Port Moody	4,792
Oak Bay	6,179
West Vancouver	6,338

*Total Residential Property Taxes & Charges on a Representative House

MUNICIPALITY	Amount
Metchosin	4,636
Langford	4,856
Vernon	5,178
View Royal	5,233
Colwood	5,281
Highlands	5,305
Sooke	5,307
North Cowichan	5,459
Sidney	5,658
Courtenay	5,717
Penticton	5,740
Campbell River	5,800
North Saanich	5,890
Esquimalt	6,022
Mission	6,145
Central Saanich	6,580
Average	6,716
West Kelowna	6,830
Langley	6,977
Victoria	7,498
Saanich	7,933
North Vancouver	8,547
Port Moody	9,315
Oak Bay	11,547
West Vancouver	13,721

*Source: Government of British Columbia, Municipal taxes and charges on a representative house (2025) - Province of British Columbia