

Background Information









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Municipal Tax Revenue and Tax Rate Comparative Analysis

At the request of Council, a report was commissioned to look at Light Industrial and Business tax classes to ensure appropriate tax rates. The Hamilton Report found that the tax ratio for the Light Industrial Class was high and should be reduced from 5.5587 to a rate of 3.0. It has been reduced but only to 5.0693. Also, the report indicated that the tax ratio for the Business Class is within a reasonable range, but closer to the top of the range than the bottom. The report recommended that the City should reduce the tax ratio from 2.968 to 2.70; it has been reduced to only 2.8135.

It is evident that residential properties are being taxed at the mid-to-lower-end of the scale when compared to other municipalities. Business properties appear to be reasonably set, while Light Industry is in the higher-to-mid-range. Major Industry is in the mid-to-lower-end of the range.

Politically, it may be advantageous to be seen as a "business-friendly" community while limiting and minimizing the effect of an increased tax burden on our citizens. While an adjustment lower for Light Industry appears to be reasonable, the offsetting tax burden might be best borne by Major Industrial properties rather than shifting it to higher residential tax rates.

As a percentage of Total Revenues, Fort St. John's property taxes are below the national average of 38.8%.

Actual Property Taxes as % of Total Revenues

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Municipal taxes	26,263,577	29,483,277	31,973,798	31,858,191	31,714,481
Total Operating Revenue	59,627,252	64,828,185	66,728,127	61,951,332	60,576,913
Total Capital Revenue	21,908,645	24,642,043	26,332,183	26,759,588	25,890,850
	81,535,897	89,470,228	93,060,310	88,710,920	86,467,763
	32.21%	32.95%	34.36%	35.91%	36.68%

All statistics provided below are for the year 2018, as of May 6, 2019, and provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs of the Province of BC at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/facts-framework/statistics.

Residential

Comparing tax rates between cities can be very deceptive because cities often make frequent adjustments to the tax rate opposite of changing assessment values. Within the Peace River Regional District (PRRD), Fort St. John has the third-highest residential tax rate (out of the seven municipalities) but collects the highest tax revenue per household. The average house value is significantly higher than any of the other six municipalities and Fort St. John has approximately 50% of the PRRD population.

On a tax rate basis, when comparing BC municipalities of a similar size, northern communities or resourcebased municipalities, Fort St. John is in the bottom third percentile. However, on Tax Revenue paid per average household, Fort St. John is in the lowest third percentile when compared to similar-sized municipalities. The city is the second highest with comparable Northern Communities and the fourth-highest (out of nine) resourcebased municipalities. What makes this burdensome for the taxpayer is that Fort St. John's average housing value is significantly higher than the other ten comparable northern municipalities.

Residential 2018 Tax Rates - Peace River Regional District (by revenue per household)

		Population	Representative	Residential	Municipal Tax Revenue
	Municipality	(BC Stats)	House Value	Tax Rate	per Household
1	Tumbler Ridge	2,036	\$134,050	6.6773	\$895.09
2	Dawson Creek	11,840	\$255,433	5.4861	\$1,401.33
3	Fort St. John	20,363	\$357,857	4.8608	\$1,739.47
4	Chetwynd	2,721	\$219,737	4.4435	\$976.40
5	Hudson's Hope	1,016	\$166,814	3.5000	\$583.85
6	Taylor	1,649	\$270,372	3.4000	\$919.26
7	Pouce Coupe	690	\$200,221	2.9212	\$584.89
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Of the 12 municipalities of comparative size across British Columbia, the city has the third-highest residential tax rate (behind Cranbrook and Port Alberni) but is eighth based average tax revenue per household.

Residential 2018 Tax Rates - Comparable BC Communities (by revenue per household)

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		Population	Representative	Residential	Municipal Tax Revenue
	Municipality	(BC Stats)	House Value	Tax Rate	per Household
1	White Rock	19,187	\$1,580,023	2.2627	\$3,575.12
2	Oak Bay	18,717	\$1,243,938	2.4748	\$3,078.50
3	Squamish	19,852	\$798,347	3.1789	\$2,537.87
4	Esquimalt	16,899	\$579,169	3.6983	\$2,141.93
5	Cranbrook	19,771	\$267,260	7.5447	\$2,016.40
6	Central Saanich	16,213	\$660,525	2.8621	\$1,890.50
7	Pitt Meadows	19,580	\$673,925	2.7452	\$1,850.06
8	Fort St. John	20,363	\$357,857	4.8608	\$1,739.47
9	Colwood	17,952	\$532,700	3.0381	\$1,618.40
10	Port Alberni	15,788	\$202,667	7.7708	\$1,574.88
11	Salmon Arm	19,661	\$335,003	4.2134	\$1,411.50
12	Courtenay	26,185	\$346,064	3.6203	\$1,252.86

Due to high real estate prices in certain parts of the province, those local governments can keep lower tax rates to raise the necessary revenue to provide the services their residents demand. If we compare just northern communities, Fort St. John's residential tax rate is eighth of the ten municipalities but second-highest for average tax revenue received per household.

Residential 2018 Tax Rates - Northern Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Representative House Value	Residential Tax Rate	Municipal Tax Revenue per Household
1	Prince George	70,316	\$262,370	7.5965	\$1,993.09
2	Prince Rupert	10,713	\$261,764	6.1918	\$1,620.80
3	Williams Lake	11,418	\$209,554	5.9037	\$1,237.15
4	Dawson Creek	11,840	\$255,433	5.4861	\$1,401.33
5	Mackenzie	3,443	\$150,873	5.4113	\$816.42
6	Terrace	10,289	\$298,334	5.1001	\$1,521.53
7	Quesnel	8,718	\$178,590	4.9310	\$880.63
8	Fort St. John	20,363	\$357,857	4.8608	\$1,739.47
9	Smithers	5,430	\$266,783	4.7518	\$1,267.70
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When comparing the nine BC resource-based communities, Fort St. John is seventh for the residential tax rate and fourth for municipal tax revenue received per household.

Residential 2018 Tax Rates - Resource-based Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Representative House Value	Residential Tax Rate	Municipal Tax Revenue per Household
1	Port Alberni	15,788	\$202,667	7.7708	\$1,574.88
2	Prince George	70,316	\$262,370	7.5965	\$1,993.09
3	Prince Rupert	10,713	\$261,764	6.1918	\$1,620.80
4	Mackenzie	3,443	\$150,873	5.4113	\$816.42
5	Powell River	13,476	\$252,699	5.2042	\$1,315.08
6	Kamloops	92,317	\$376,969	5.1900	\$1,956.47
7	Fort St. John	20,363	\$357,857	4.8608	\$1,739.47
8	Nanaimo	94,743	\$400,630	4.4807	\$1,795.10
9	North Cowichan	30,616	\$348,535	4.0346	\$1,406.20

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Major Industry

The tax rate or ratio for Major Industry could be adjusted slightly to compensate for an adjustment in the tax rate or ratio for the Light Industrial class because although Fort St. John ranks third-highest of the seven municipalities within the PRRD, it is sixth of twelve BC municipalities of similar populations, ninth out of ten Northern Communities, and eighth out of nine resource-based communities.

Major Industry 2018 Tax Rates - Peace River Regional District (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Major Industry Tax Rate
1	Tumbler Ridge	2,036	86.9655
2	Taylor	1,649	44.2208
3	Fort St. John	20,363	26.9739
4	Dawson Creek	11,840	22.8114
5	Chetwynd	2,721	22.0000
6	Hudson's Hope	1,016	16.0000
7	Pouce Coupe	690	0.0000

Major Industry 2018 Tax Rates - Comparable BC Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Major Industry Tax Rate
1	Salmon Arm	19,661	71.3031
2	Port Alberni	15,788	55.0127
3	Squamish	19,852	32.3896
4	Esquimalt	16,899	30.4179
5	Pitt Meadows	19,580	29.4587
6	Fort St. John	20,363	26.9739
7	Courtenay	26,185	14.1191
8	Cranbrook	19,771	0.0000
9	Colwood	17,952	0.0000
10	Central Saanich	16,213	0.0000
11	Oak Bay	18,717	0.0000
12	White Rock	19,187	0.0000

Major Industry 2018 Tax Rates - Northern Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Major Industry Tax Rate
1	Williams Lake	11,418	110.8211
2	Quesnel	8,718	76.5875
3	Smithers	5,430	58.4797
4	Prince Rupert	10,713	53.1097
5	Prince George	70,316	47.5606
6	Terrace	10,289	46.3690
7	Mackenzie	3,443	43.9233
8	Kitimat	7,421	29.2762
9	Fort St. John	20,363	26.9739
10	Dawson Creek	11,840	22.8114

Major Industry 2018 Tax Rates - Resource-based Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Major Industry Tax Rate
1	Kamloops	92,317	73.3400
2	Port Alberni	15,788	55.0127
3	Prince Rupert	10,713	53.1097
4	Prince George	70,316	47.5606
5	Powell River	13,476	46.0385
6	Mackenzie	3,443	43.9233
7	North Cowichan	30,616	30.8625
8	Fort St. John	20,363	26.9739
9	Nanaimo	94,743	12.9391

Light Industry

While Fort St. John has the second-highest light industrial rate in the PRRD, the third-highest of BC municipalities of a similar size, and fourth of the nine resource-based communities, it is somewhat tempered when compared to northern communities in seventh of the ten communities. Overall the tax rate or ratio could come down slightly.

Light Industry 2018 Tax Rates - Peace River Regional District (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Light Industry Tax Rate
1	Tumbler Ridge	2,036	37.2516
2	Fort St. John	20,363	24.6407
3	Taylor	1,649	23.9800
4	Chetwynd	2,721	18.0000
5	Dawson Creek	11,840	16.4012
6	Hudson's Hope	1,016	16.0000
7	Pouce Coupe	690	0.0000

Light Industry 2018 Tax Rates - Comparable BC Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Light Industry Tax Rate
1	Port Alberni	15,788	60.9653
2	Colwood	17,952	37.7957
3	Fort St. John	20,363	24.6407
4	Cranbrook	19,771	20.5217
5	Esquimalt	16,899	15.5952
6	Courtenay	26,185	14.1191
7	Pitt Meadows	19,580	12.8026
8	Squamish	19,852	12.1434
9	Salmon Arm	19,661	11.9983
10	Central Saanich	16,213	5.1698
11	Oak Bay	18,717	0.0000
12	White Rock	19,187	0.0000

Light Industry 2018 Tax Rates - Northern Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Light Industry Tax Rate
1	Williams Lake	11,418	51.0315
2	Terrace	10,289	34.4700
3	Prince George	70,316	28.1493
4	Quesnel	8,718	27.1893
5	Prince Rupert	10,713	26.9215
6	Kitimat	7,421	24.8344
7	Fort St. John	20,363	24.6407
8	Mackenzie	3,443	22.5348
9	Smithers	5,430	19.1599
10	Dawson Creek	11,840	16.4012

Light Industry 2018 Tax Rates - Resource-based Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Light Industry Tax Rate
1	Port Alberni	15,788	60.9653
2	Prince George	70,316	28.1493
3	Prince Rupert	10,713	26.9215
4	Fort St. John	20,363	24.6407
5	Mackenzie	3,443	22.5348
6	Powell River	13,476	21.7555
7	Kamloops	92,317	20.7700
8	North Cowichan	30,616	16.7596
9	Nanaimo	94,743	12.9391

Business

While there appears to be a justification for adjusting the Light Industrial tax class downwards either by tax ratio or rate, the Business class tax rate seems to be reasonable. However, if the City was to implement the recommendations from the 2009 Hamilton Report for 2019, the Light Industry and Business Tax Revenue will decrease by approximately \$363-thousand, and residential property owners would see their annual taxes increase by \$53. If Council chose to spread this out over four years, the increase each year related to this tax ratio adjustment would only be \$13.25 which would be relatively painless. Alternatively, decreasing the overall tax rate by 1% to lower the annual surpluses and adjusting the tax ratio between Light Industry and Business classes would offset any increase to residential properties.

Within the PRRD, Fort St. John has the third-highest Business rate and is also third-highest of the twelve similarly-sized municipalities in the province. However, amongst comparable Northern communities, the City places eighth and fifth amongst the resource-based municipalities.

Business 2018 Tax Rates - Peace River Regional District (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Business Tax Rate
1	Dawson Creek	11,840	17.0956
2	Tumbler Ridge	2,036	14.6686
3	Fort St. John	20,363	13.6758
4	Chetwynd	2,721	10.9888
5	Hudson's Hope	1,016	9.7000
6	Pouce Coupe	690	7.0365
7	Taylor	1,649	5.5500

Business 2018 Tax Rates - Comparable BC Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Business Tax Rate
1	Cranbrook	19,771	19.2459
2	Port Alberni	15,788	14.6073
3	Fort St. John	20,363	13.6758
4	Colwood	17,952	13.3449
5	Esquimalt	16,899	11.8812
6	Salmon Arm	19,661	11.8297
7	Courtenay	26,185	11.0051
8	Pitt Meadows	19,580	9.3294
9	Squamish	19,852	8.6784
10	Oak Bay	18,717	6.2902
11	Central Saanich	16,213	6.1520
12	White Rock	19,187	6.0131

Business 2018 Tax Rates - Northern Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Business Tax Rate
1	Prince Rupert	10,713	25.2801
2	Terrace	10,289	21.5900
3	Prince George	70,316	17.5046
4	Dawson Creek	11,840	17.0956
5	Smithers	5,430	16.9316
6	Quesnel	8,718	15.3119
7	Kitimat	7,421	14.6987
8	Fort St. John	20,363	13.6758
9	Williams Lake	11,418	13.2874
10	Mackenzie	3,443	7.3115

Business 2018 Tax Rates - Resource-based Communities (by rate)

	Municipality	Population (BC Stats)	Business Tax Rate
1	Prince Rupert	10,713	25.2801
2	Powell River	13,476	18.5802
3	Prince George	70,316	17.5046
4	Port Alberni	15,788	14.6073
5	Fort St. John	20,363	13.6758
6	Kamloops	92,317	13.2100
7	Nanaimo	94,743	12.9391
8	North Cowichan	30,616	9.1829
9	Mackenzie	3,443	7.3115

Analysis - Cash Operating Surplus

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Budg % (201
Revenue (excluding Capital Revenue, Requisitions)						(-5)
Municipal Taxes	26,263,577	29,483,277	31,973,798	31,858,191	31,714,481	52.35
Grants in lieu of taxes	387,023	397,497	395,488	463,696	457,499	0.76
Services provided to other governments	749,828	701,222	751,628	723,189	489,318	0.83
Sale of services	10,882,667	11,303,466	10,866,398	12,172,506	11,855,089	19.57
Other revenue from own sources	6,727,520	6,162,178	7,562,756	7,876,894	8,000,708	13.2
Government transfers (operating only)	3,145,757	3,516,959	3,448,700	3,202,607	3,893,520	6.43
Return on investment	834,528	1,068,734	1,448,430	1,710,706	2,929,034	4.84
Transfers in	1,429,326	1,144,963	602,724	754,995	614,379	1.01
Actuarial adjustments	422,257	507,596	583,513	603,566	539,786	0.89
Sale of Assets	20,393	146,895	-	45,897	8,264	0.01
Developer contributions	8,764,376	10,395,398	9,094,692	2,539,085	74,835	0.12
	59,627,252	64,828,185	66,728,127	61,951,332	60,576,913	100
Expenses (excluding Capital Expenditures, Requisitio	ns, Depreciat	ion)				
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	19,080,499	20,346,324	21,455,791	23,403,776	23,712,573	40.07
Contracted and general services	13,533,125	12,884,384	13,448,706	15,081,438	15,228,256	25.73
Materials, goods and supplies	3,396,019	3,533,748	4,076,832	3,664,069	4,216,161	7.12
Utilities	2,128,640	2,002,509	2,159,869	2,250,167	2,074,226	3.50
Other expenses	1,931,073	2,137,927	1,592,328	1,488,420	1,739,128	2.94
Interest and Bank charges	2,187,789	2,183,156	2,249,128	2,143,173	1,506,028	2.54
Principal on Long-Term Debt and Actuarial						
Adjustments	2,059,227	2,261,904	2,441,555	2,114,235	2,019,279	3.42
Transfers out (to operating and DCC reserves)	13,867,652	10,965,593	10,446,273	11,062,502	8,687,234	14.68
	58,184,024	56,315,545	57,870,482	61,207,780	59,182,885	100
Net Cash Before Reserve Transfers	1,443,228	8,512,640	8,857,645	743,552	1,394,028	
Add Transfer To/From Accounts not Listed in Questic	a					
Transfer to Operating Reserves from Surplus	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	
CARIP Grant Revenue not Transferred into Reserve	-	-	-	-	(125,771)	
Record Reserve Transfers from Current Year Surplus						
Transfer to Emergency Reserve	(163,164)	(267,159)	(19,363)	-	-	
Transfer to Contingency Reserve	(163,164)	-	-	-	-	
Transfer to RCMP Reserve	(18,286)	(53,340)	(32,311)	-	-	
Transfer to Human Resources Reserve	(21,857)	(38,316)	(20,285)	-	-	
Transfer to Green Initiative Fund (CARIP) Reserve	(170,195)	(175,226)	(166,077)	-	-	
Transfer to Energy Literacy	(25,000)	(25,000)	-	-	-	
Transfer to Transit Reserve	61,577	-	-	-	-	
Transfer from Solid Waste Disposal	(17,117)	-	-	-	-	
Transfer to Water Reserve	-	(2,800,271)	(2,777,384)	-	-	
Transfer to Sewer Reserve		(1,913,176)	(1,476,834)			
Actual Cash Surplus (Deficit)	802,868	3,240,152	4,365,391	1,743,552	2,268,257	
Equivalent tax %*	2.73%	11.00%	14.82%	5.92%	7.70%	
*NI-t 10/ t in C201 F0C						

*Note: 1% tax increase equals \$294,506

Staffing Formula - New Capital Factor

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Departments that Service Capital Assets								
Grounds	11.21	10.15	10.95	10.73	11.01	10.89	10.89	
Civic Buildings	2.89	3.27	2.62	3.11	2.96	2.94	2.94	
Facilities - Other	2.21	2.50	2.60	2.52	2.40	2.43	2.43	
Engineering	7.54	7.50	5.06	4.90	5.10	5.10	5.10	
Roads	19.99	18.35	19.47	19.88	20.08	21.39	21.39	
Sewer Maintenance	2.52	2.11	2.21	2.00	2.35	4.56	4.56	
Sewer Servicing	1.81	1.57	1.19	0.93	1.31	0.88	0.88	
Water Maintenance	7.88	6.91	7.21	6.92	8.12	7.75	7.75	
Water Servicing	1.66	1.38	1.26	1.11	1.11	0.49	0.49	
Total	57.71	53.74	52.57	52.10	54.44	56.43	56.43	

^{*} Numbers represent Full-time Equivalent Employees (FTE)

54.44 / \$539,615,093 = 0.0000001008867

Note: 54.44 FTE as at January 1, 2018 to service \$539,615,093 in Capital Assets as at December 31, 2017

N	ew Capital	Factor	FTE
	1,000,000	0.0000001008867	0.10
	5,000,000	0.0000001008867	0.50
1	.0,000,000	0.0000001008867	1.01
1	.5,000,000	0.0000001008867	1.51
2	0,000,000	0.0000001008867	2.02

Annual Grant Revenue

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Use
Capital Grants					
					To offset current year capital projects, with the
Peace River					remaining amounts being transferred to their
Agreement	22,373,886	23,976,174	24,850,893	23,915,957	perspective reserves
					For capital projects specific to trails
					boulevards, or bike paths that meet criteria
Federal					set out by the province. Unused funds are
Gas Tax	809,907	838,509	855,695	884,892	transferred into the Gas Tax Reserve
	23,183,793	26,332,183	26,469,741	25,239,564	
Operating Gran	ts				
Small					Offsets operating expenses which then factors
Community					into the surplus. May not qualify for in future
Grant	128,156	118,681	-	109,003	year
Traffic Fine					
Grant	363,284	326,713	278,550	301,183	Used to offset the RCMP operations
Regional Fire					
Protection	616,303	854,351	662,300	674,300	Used to offset Fire Services operating costs
					Per Council Policy No. 120/16 used to offse
					operating costs of the Pomeroy Sport Centre
					Funds above \$750,000 is transferred into
Gaming Grant	956,089	756,551	885,994	900,982	community foundation reserves
					Used to offset operating expenses for carbor
Carbon Tax	86,642	95,927	101,052	101,000	tax paid on fuel, natural gas and propane
Atco					Offset Fire Services operating expenses (Unde
Agreement	-	488,000	586,000	586,000	"Other Revenue from own Sources")
Aecon-					
Flatiron-					
Dragados					Offset Fire Services operating expenses (Unde
(AFDE)	-	-	-	85,000	"Other Revenue from own Sources")
	2,150,474	2,640,223	2,803,743	3,408,753	
**Atco aareeme	nt funds are re	corded under s	ection 5 - Othe	er Revenue fro	m own sources

Debt Limit Calculation

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Debt Limit					
Statutory Limit					
Total Revenue	\$79,059,523	\$92,548,924	\$91,225,772	\$87,253,242	\$88,916,977
Conditional Grants	(\$2,939,793)	(\$3,390,548)	(\$2,651,242)	(\$3,994,139)	(\$4,542,828)
Limit on Class 4 Industrial Properties	(\$11,402,043)	(\$5,349,243)	(\$3,089,358)	(\$3,300,300)	(\$3,300,300)
Developers' Contributions	(\$8,936,128)	(\$11,573,961)	(\$9,094,692)	(\$2,652,994)	(\$209,941)
Actuarial Adjustments	(\$422,257)	(\$507,596)	(\$583,513)	(\$603,567)	(\$539,786)
Gain on Disposal of Assets	(\$535,124)	(\$4,428,888)	(\$2,062,327)	(\$519,798)	(\$31,664)
Eligible Annual Revenue	\$54,824,178	\$67,298,688	\$73,744,640	\$76,182,444	\$80,292,458
Total Debt Allowed					
(1.5x Annual Revenue)	\$82,236,267	\$100,948,032	\$110,616,960	\$114,273,666	\$120,438,687
Debt Limit Remaining					
Net Debt at Year End	\$37,258,520	\$39,872,219	\$37,430,664	\$37,526,454	\$35,507,175
Debt Capacity Available	\$44,977,747	\$61,075,813	\$73,186,296	\$76,747,212	\$84,931,512
Debt Limit Used	45%	39%	34%	33%	29%
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Debt Service Limit					
Statutory Limit					
Eligible Annual Revenue	\$54,824,178	\$67,298,688	\$73,744,640	\$76,182,444	\$80,292,458
Debt Servicing Limit					
(25% of Revenue)	\$13,706,045	\$16,824,672	\$18,436,160	\$19,045,611	\$20,073,115
Debt Limit Remaining					
Net Debt Servicing Costs	\$5,689,903	\$5,245,865	\$4,531,158	\$4,945,987	\$3,717,541
Debt Servicing Limit Remaining	\$8,016,142	\$11,578,807	\$13,905,002	\$14,099,624	\$16,355,574
Debt Servicing Limit Used	42%	31%	25%	26%	19%

Reserve Segmentation

Capital Reserves

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Capital Reserves (C1 - C4 Projects)					
General Infrastructure Fund	12,687,960	18,283,780	22,275,088	24,767,399	28,556,672
Facility Upgrading Reserve	3,183,761	5,360,820	6,780,048	8,090,110	11,792,576
Equipment Fund	6,771,071	7,039,773	7,801,661	7,941,847	8,960,709
Growth Infrastructure Reserve	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	8,668,947
PRA Reserves (10% for future projects)	-	-	3,894,211	4,894,211	5,999,432
Community Works (Gas Tax) Fund	2,223,848	1,122,251	1,519,425	1,069,744	290,904
Transit Reserve	55,063	17,248	17,248	175,500	277,211
	\$24,921,703	\$31,823,871	\$52,287,682	\$56,938,811	\$64,546,451
Percent growth	-	27.70%	64.30%	8.90%	13.36%
Utilities Capital Reserves					
Future Capital Expenditures - Water	5,426,537	7,774,978	9,196,589	11,028,573	13,836,066
Future Capital Expenditures - Sewer	1,707,000	3,754,689	5,225,491	3,624,925	3,851,026
	\$7,133,538	\$11,529,666	\$14,422,080	\$14,653,498	\$17,687,092
Percent growth	-	61.63%	25.09%	1.60%	20.70%
Statutory or Regulatory Reserves					
Development Cost Charges - Sewer	1,327,794	2,125,310	2,312,537	2,446,425	2,632,289
Development Cost Charges - Water	1,185,349	1,915,427	2,079,756	2,197,491	2,360,728
Sale of City Owned Property	431,118	2,877,129	274,158	283,774	289,844
Parking Reserve	64,216	65,247	66,541	67,746	69,305
Parks Reserve	40,637	41,290	42,109	42,871	43,793
	\$3,049,114	\$7,024,403	\$4,775,101	\$5,038,307	\$5,395,959
Percent growth	-	130.38%	(32.02%)	5.51%	7.10%
Total Capital Reserves	\$35,104,355	\$50,377,940	\$71,484,863	\$76,630,616	\$87,629,502
Percent growth	-	43.51%	41.90%	7.20%	14.35%

Operating Reserves

- Porturn Britania					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Contingency Stabilization Reserves					
Tax Stabilization Reserve	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Contingency Account Reserve	1,132,936	1,400,095	1,419,458	1,437,444	1,437,444
Emergency Account Reserve	781,980	1,049,139	1,068,502	1,086,488	1,086,488
RCMP Reserve	530,340	583,680	615,991	542,751	624,151
Human Resources Account Reserve	512,356	550,672	570,957	594,529	594,529
Snow Removal Reserve	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Assessment Appeal Reserve	312,000	312,000	312,000	312,000	312,000
Insurance Deductible	159,525	162,088	165,301	168,294	171,912
Election Account Reserve	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	\$6,979,137	\$7,607,674	\$7,702,208	\$7,691,506	\$7,776,524
Percent of Operating Budget	8.83%	8.22%	8.44%	8.82%	8.75%
Other Reserves					
Green Initiative Fund (CARIP)	393,592	568,818	753,954	843,170	843,170
Pomeroy Sports Centre Sponsorship Reserve	450,801	420,966	564,983	690,133	841,115
Reserve - Solid Waste	112,038	(33,005)	(32,351)	111,341	207,451
Energy Literacy	50,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
	\$1,006,431	\$1,031,779	\$1,361,586	\$1,719,644	\$1,966,736
Percent growth	-	2.52%	31.96%	26.30%	14.37%
Statutory or Regulatory Reserves					
New Cemetery Care fund	188,793	203,629	212,131	212,131	222,246
Old Cemetery Care Fund	57,950	59,910	61,224	61,304	61,589
Cemetery Columbarium	2,360	2,398	2,446	2,490	2,544
	\$249,103	\$265,937	\$275,801	\$275,925	\$286,379
Total Operating Reserves	8,234,671	8,905,389	9,339,595	9,687,075	10,029,639
Percent growth	-	8.15%	4.88%	3.72%	3.54%
Total Reserves	\$43,339,026	\$59,283,329	\$80,824,458	\$86,317,691	\$97,659,141
Percent growth	-	36.79%	36.34%	6.80%	13.14%



Permissive Property Tax Exemptions

					PRRD		BC Assessment		
Owner	Municipal Tax	School	Hospital		<u></u>	Finance Auth.	Auth.	Transit	Total
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Prince Rupert	906.54	410.88	111.96	31.01	106.93	0.04	7.25	45.66	1,620.26
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Prince Rupert	26,339.59	7,126.20	2,832.57	784.65	-	0.96	208.39	1,155.41	38,447.78
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Prince Rupert	18,881.72	4,238.90	1,106.35	306.49	1,165.44	0.37	71.69	451.17	26,222.13
Fort St. John Christian and Missionary Alliance	1,709.48	462.50	183.84	50.93		0.06	13.53	74.99	2,495.31
Fort St. John Christian and Missionary Alliance	5,143.04	1,154.60	301.35	83.48	154.00	0.10	19.53	122.89	6,978.99
Guru Nanak Sikh Temple and Cultural Society	2,137.53	578.31	229.87	63.68	5.44	0.08	16.91	93.76	3,125.58
Guru Nanak Sikh Temple and Cultural Society	2,092.40	566.10	225.02	62.33	-	0.08	16.55	91.78	3,054.26
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Guru Nanak Sikh Temple and Cultural Society	3,804.01	853.99	222.89	61.75	64.76	0.07	14.44	90.89	5,112.81
BC Corporation of the Seventh Day Adventist Church	3,823.47	858.36	224.03	62.06	33.76	0.07	14.52	91.36	5,107.64
Calvary Baptist Church (Baptist Union of Western Canada)	1,249.90	280.60	73.24	20.29	-	0.02	4.75	29.87	1,658.66
Trustees of the Congregation of Fort St. John Presbyterian Church	5,624.56	1,262.70	329.56	91.30	-	0.11	21.36	134.40	7,463.98
Peace Lutheran Church	3,247.70	729.10	190.30	52.72	-	0.06	12.33	77.60	4,309.81
BC Conference of Mennonite Brethren Church	3,576.56	802.93	209.56	58.06	174.85	0.07	13.58	85.46	4,921.07
Peace View Congregation of Jehovah's Witness of FSJ	1,955.79	439.07	114.60	31.75	8.68	0.04	7.43	46.73	2,604.08
President of the Lethbridge Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	6,581.45	1,477.52	385.63	106.83	375.93	0.13	24.99	157.26	9,109.74
Evangelical Free Church of Fort St. John	3,293.80	739.45	193.00	53.47	165.44	0.06	12.51	78.70	4,536.42
Salvation Army	14,017.70	3,792.50	1,507.47	417.59	1,334.48	0.51	110.91	614.90	21,796.04
Fort St. John Association for Community Living	10,434.64	2,823.10	1,122.14	310.85	787.51	0.38	82.56	457.72	16,018.89
Fort St. John Association for Community Living	1,934.60	989.41	269.59	74.69	34.36	0.09	17.47	109.94	3,430.15
Fort St. John Association for Community Living	1,851.96	839.38	228.71	63.36	175.52	0.08	14.82	93.27	3,267.11
Fort St. John Friendship Society	11,077.40	2,997.00	1,191.27	329.99	209.23	0.41	87.64	485.92	16,378.86
Child Development Centre Society	1,033.89	279.72	111.18	30.80	-	0.04	8.18	45.35	1,509.17
Child Development Centre Society	33,511.72	7,523.30	1,963.58	543.97	2,199.75	0.65	127.24	800.74	46,670.96
Fort St. John Senior Citizens Association	14,332.24	3,877.60	1,541.29	426.96	263.60	0.52	113.39	628.70	21,184.30
North Peace Seniors Housing Society	6,236.41	2,826.58	770.18	213.36	570.95	0.26	49.91	314.08	10,981.73
North Peace Seniors Housing Society	6,017.67	2,727.44	743.17	205.88	598.53	0.25	48.16	303.06	10,644.15
North Peace Seniors Housing Society	15,224.03	6,900.11	1,880.14	520.85	1,402.16	0.63	121.83	766.71	26,816.46
North Peace Seniors Housing Society	13,556.77	6,144.45	1,674.24	463.81	1,320.12	0.56	108.49	682.75	23,951.18
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Owner	Municipal Tax	School	Hospital	PRRD	PRRD Improvement	Municipal Finance Auth.	BC Assessment	Transit	Total
Owner North Peace Historical Society	38,552.08	10,430.30	4,145.90	1,148.46	1,504.17	1.41	Auth. 305.02	1,691.12	57,778.46
·		<u>-</u>	716.23		502.49	0.24	52.69	292.15	<u> </u>
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	6,660.11	1,801.90		198.40					10,224.23
Board of School Trustees (Totem Preschool Lease)	11,452.04	5,190.50	1,414.31	391.80	49.09	0.47	91.65	576.75	19,166.62
New Totem Archery Club Society [City of Fort St. John]	15,610.46	3,504.51	914.68	253.39	13.92	0.30	59.27	373.00	20,729.54
Fort St. John MotoX Society	7,847.75	1,761.80	459.83	127.39		0.15	29.80	187.52	10,414.23
Abbeyfield Houses of FSJ	5,351.74	2,425.61	660.93	183.10	515.14	0.22	42.83	269.52	9,449.09
Royal Canadian Legion - 81.6% exemption	4,759.18	1,287.60	511.80	141.78	469.54	0.17	37.65	208.77	7,416.49
Royal Canadian Legion	7,960.44	1,787.10	466.43	129.22	425.69	0.16	30.23	190.21	10,989.47
Royal Canadian Legion	1,449.63	392.20	155.89	43.18	-	0.05	11.47	63.59	2,116.03
Royal Canadian Legion	2,912.95	788.10	313.26	86.78	-	0.11	23.05	127.78	4,252.01
FSJ Women's Resource Society - 81% exemption	3,559.81	963.11	382.82	106.05	276.45	0.13	28.16	156.15	5,472.69
United Pentecostal Church of British Columbia	2,858.38	641.70	167.48	46.40	-	0.06	10.85	68.30	3,793.17
North Peace Community Resources Society - 50% exemption	14,455.32	3,910.90	1,554.53	430.62	1,428.38	0.53	114.37	634.09	22,528.75
Evangel Chapel Society - 76% exemption for land and improvements	8,380.49	1,881.40	491.05	136.03	398.12	0.16	31.82	200.25	11,519.32
Christian Life Centre	56,016.08	15,155.20	6,023.99	1,668.71	6,403.83	2.05	443.19	2,457.19	88,170.23
City of Fort St. John (North Peace Cultural Society Mgmt Agreement)	62,170.19	16,820.20	6,685.80	1,852.04	5,349.43	2.27	491.88	2,727.15	96,098.96
City of Fort St. John (North Peace Cultural Society Mgmt Agreement)	2,160.78	584.60	232.37	64.37	-	0.08	17.10	94.78	3,154.08
City of Fort St. John (Fort St. John Curling Club Mgmt Agreement)	23,727.51	6,419.50	2,551.66	706.84	1,064.29	0.87	187.73	1,040.83	35,699.22
Passivhaus (City of Fort St. John)	612.46	277.59	75.64	20.95	-	0.03	4.90	30.84	1,022.41
North Peace Light Horse Association	3,254.84	880.60	350.03	96.96	392.11	0.12	25.75	142.78	5,143.18
North Peace Light Horse Association	9,210.34	2,067.70	539.67	149.50	-	0.18	34.97	220.08	12,222.44
Pinnacle Capital Corporation (Canadian Red Cross Lease Agreement) for 1/2 of Strata Lot	4,575.92	1,238.02	492.10	136.32	533.79	0.17	36.20	200.73	7,213.24
Industrial Surplus Supplies Ltd. (North Peace Gymnastics Association Lease Agreement)	13,224.50	3,577.90	1,422.17	393.96	634.29	0.48	104.63	580.10	19,938.03
Total Permissive Tax Exemptions	528,451.96	148,055.94	50,890.33	14,097.46	31,112.14	17.19	3,602.11	20,756.52	796,983.65





