

## **Payment Options**

### **USING MyCityHall**

Register for an account and pay your property taxes:

- Download the app or visit mycityhall.fortstjohn.ca
- Register for an account and link your property tax account using your Roll (Folio) Number.
- Pay your property tax amount due

#### BANK OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Most banks and financial institutions offer bill payment services that you can access through:

- Your online banking account
- An automated teller machine
- Telephone banking

Information needed if you are using a bill payment service:

- Payee name: Fort St. John, City of, Property Taxes (or search the word "Fort")
- Your Roll (Folio) Number enter all 9 digits (no period)

For assistance, call your financial institution

#### OTHER WAYS TO PAY

- In person at City Hall with cash, cheque, debit card, or credit card (3.5% convenience fee will apply)
- At your bank, with your Property Tax **Notice**
- Through your mortgage lender
- By mail (must be received at City Hall by Tuesday, July 4, 2023)

## **Important Information**

#### TAX DEFERMENT

You may qualify for property tax deferment. Learn more at: *qov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment* 

#### ADDITIONAL SCHOOL TAX

Additional school tax is applied to highvalued properties in the province. Learn more at: gov.bc.ca/schooltax

#### **REFUNDS**

Overpayments will not be refunded unless applied for, email: tax@fortstjohn.ca to apply.

Say goodbye to the clutter of paper bills! Make your life **2023 Homeowners** simpler by opting for electronic property tax notices. **VISIT:** fortstjohn.ca/property-taxes

**Grant (HOG)** Property owners are reminded that the City



## To Claim, Scan QR Code or visit:

gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

Or call: 1-888-355-2700

PROPERTY TAX DUE JULY 4, 2023

Please note that a penalty of 10% will be applied to unpaid property taxes.





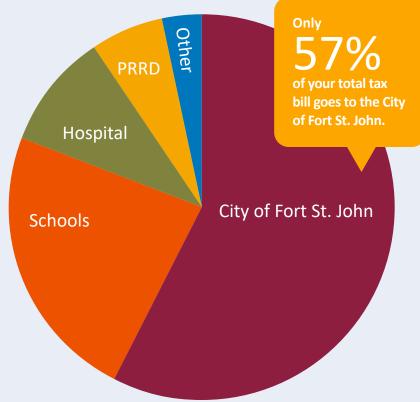
## How is my tax payment spent?

Your property taxes play a vital role in supporting a wide range of programs and services that benefit our community. Here are some of the key areas where your tax dollars are invested:

- Producing and supplying over 3 million cubic meters of clean, safe drinking water – for perspective, that is about 1,200 Olympic-sized swimming pools
- Clearing snow from over 350 lane kilometers of roads, including placing over 7,000 tonnes of winter sand
- Caring for over 642 acres of park space, 13 playgrounds, two cemeteries, and an off-leash dog park
- Maintaining over 170 kilometers of sanitary sewers (to keep that... stuff flowing)
- Responding to over 15,000 service calls to the Fire Department, RCMP and Bylaw Services
- Operating over 15 municipally owned buildings, including the Pomeroy Sport Centre featuring 2 NHL-sized ice rinks, an indoor speed skating oval, and a walking track
- Providing over 100 arts and cultural, recreation, and aquatic programs and events

## Who gets my tax payment?

The City is responsible for determining only a portion of your total property taxes. The rest, about 40%, is determined by various external agencies and governments, including the Peace River Regional District, Schools (Province of BC), Regional Hospital, and BC Transit. The City of Fort St. John then forwards the collected amounts to those agencies.



## **Peace River**

AGREEMENT

## What is the Peace River Agreement?



# The Peace River Agreement (PRA) is a significant source of funding for eight local governments in Northeast BC.

Signed in 2015, this agreement with the Province of BC recognizes that the local governments provide essential services and infrastructure to industries and their workers, but are unable to tax industrial operations outside of their municipal boundaries.

In early years, the majority of funding was invested into road construction and paving. In more recent years, funding has been invested into developing and upgrading municipal facilities, parks and infrastructure, which make Fort St. John a great place to work and live.



The Peace River Agreement evolved from its predecessor, the Fair Share agreement, which was originally established in 1994, and then renegotiated in 1998 and 2005.

#### How is it used?

## In 2023, Fort St. John received \$26.16 million in Peace River Agreement funding.

These funds, represent 50 percent of the City's capital projects budget. Capital projects are funded primarily by the Peace River Agreement, not by local property taxes.

#### **Recent Projects**

## Recent projects funded by the Peace River Agreement

- → Centennial Park
- → Fire Training Centre
- → 100 Street Corridor Project
- → New RCMP Detachment building
- → Kids Arena Fieldhouse upgrades
- → Surerus and Kin Park upgrades
- → North Peace Arena upgrades
- → Fire Hall upgrades
- → Equipment upgrades (Fire apparatus, snow clearing, fleet, and more)

**Learn More at:** fortstjohn.ca/ peace-river-agreement

