

# Building Our Community



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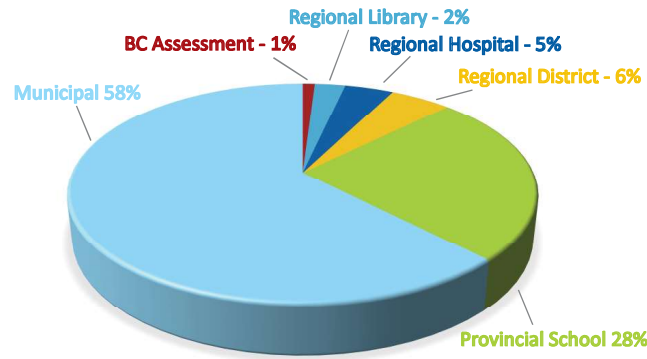
## 2022 Budget

Property Taxes Are Due July 4, 2022

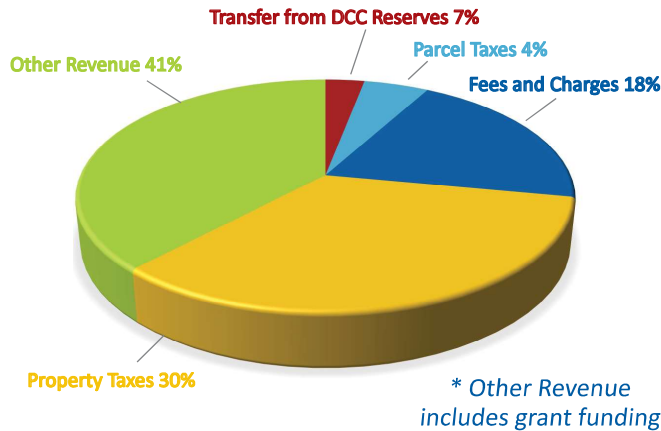
The property tax money allocated to the District goes toward parks, programs, public safety and many other things that benefit Lake Country residents.

### Your Property Tax Dollars

The District collects funds for schools, Regional District of the Central Okanagan, the regional hospital district, BC Assessment Authority and the Municipal Finance Authority. This accounts for 42% of your tax bill.



### Where the Money Comes From



### 2022 Budget Highlights

- Operating budget is \$33.2 million
- Project and Capital budget is \$31.5 million

Budget includes support of Community Services:

- Lake Country Health Planning Society
- Lake Country Art Gallery
- Lake Country Heritage Society
- Boys and Girls Club
- Community Hall Grants
- Community Engagement Grants

### 2022 Capital Projects

\$19.3 million	Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 5
\$1.6 million	Irvine Road Pump Station
\$1.1 million	Davidson Road (Camp to McGowan)
\$1.1 million	Hare Road Watermain Extension
\$773,360	Woodsdale Cultural Centre & Nature Park
\$600,000	Interim Pavement Renewal
\$375,000	Bottom Wood Lake Road – Swalwell to Berry
\$350,000	Okanagan Centre Park Improvements
\$312,000	Bottom Wood Lake Road – Nexus to Beaver Lake
\$300,000	Woodsdale Lift Station Improvements
\$300,000	Woodsdale Road Improvements
\$300,000	Beaver Lake Water Treatment Plant Pilot
\$300,000	Mainline Valve Improvements
\$280,000	Oyama Isthmus Park Amenity Building
\$275,000	Swalwell Intake Tower Replacement Design
\$175,000	Hydrogeneration Improvements
\$175,000	Master Drainage Plan
\$150,000	LED Street Light Conversion
\$100,000	Water Management Plan
\$100,000	Okanagan Centre Beach Trail Improvements



## Where Your Tax Dollars Go

The District's Water and Sewer Systems are funded entirely by user fees.



30%  
Transportation  
Services



29%  
Protective  
Services



25%  
Parks,  
Recreation &  
Culture



9%  
Community  
Services



4%  
Environmental  
& Engineering



3%  
Debt



Mayor  
James Baker

It's time to give up the gavel. After 30 years of public service, I've announced I will not be running for elected office after this term ends in October. I was elected to the first council of Lake Country in 1995 and am honoured to have watched the municipality grow so impressively since then. I am proud of the policies and procedures we have developed because, above all, our goal is to provide efficient, effective and timely services to the community while using resources economically.

This year is no different with a budget that is focused on providing needed services to the community. Our tax increase of 4.85% ensures we maintain standards including year-round sidewalk and road maintenance and current levels of protective services. The additional 1.03% provides for engineering and environmental consulting services, line painting, road signage, fleet maintenance, arts and culture and much more.

My last months as Mayor of Lake Country will be spent encouraging others to take up the mantle and consider volunteering to help your community. I look forward to watching the next Council of Lake Country as it works with its citizens to guide the future of this great community.

**James Baker,**  
MAYOR

## Home Owner Grant and Tax Deferment Program

If eligible, you may claim the **Provincial Home Owner Grant** on your principal residence.

You must apply for your Home Owner Grant each year through the Province of BC.

Visit [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or phone 1-888-355-2700 to find out if you are eligible or to apply for your grant.

To avoid penalties, Home Owner Grants must be received by the Province by the due date, July 4, 2022.

**You do not need to make a payment in order to claim your Home Owner Grant.**

**Tax Deferment** is a Provincial low interest loan program that helps qualified BC home owners pay their annual property taxes on their principal residence. For more information about Tax Deferment please visit [www.gov.bc.ca/annualpropertytaxes](http://www.gov.bc.ca/annualpropertytaxes)

