



2016 Property Tax Tips and Reminders

Property tax notices for 2016 will be mailed to all owners of property in the Village of Tahsis to the current address on file by May 31, 2016. If you do not receive your tax notice by mid-June 2016 please contact the Village Office at (250) 934-6344 to make arrangements to receive a duplicate copy.

Options for Payment

Payment options available to property owners: cash, certified or personal/business cheques, money order; debit card, and internet bill payment. Please see additional information on our website regarding information regarding online payments and bank transfers.

For out of country home owners, it is recommended that taxes be paid via bank wire. Please ensure that the currency conversion less the applicable fees is sufficient for full payment.

Please note: Due to the high cost of the transaction fee charged to the Village of Tahsis we do not accept credit card payments for property taxes.

Deadline for Payment

To avoid the penalty, payments must be received **in the Village Office** before the close of business on **July 4, 2016**. We do not accept postmarks as proof of payment. If you are mailing your payment, allow plenty of time for it to reach the Village of Tahsis. All payments received after the close of business on July 4, 2016 will be subject to a 10% penalty.

Village Office Hours of Operation for Property Tax Payments

Monday to Friday – 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed Friday, July 01, 2016 for Canada Day

Home Owner Grant

Eligible property owners are reminded that they must complete and return the Home Owner Grant application (form is on your tax notice) to receive benefit of the grant. You may claim the grant even if you are not paying your taxes in full. Failure to claim the grant before the deadline for payment will result in penalties. **You must claim your Home Owner Grant each year.**

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If your banking institution pays the property taxes on your behalf, you are required to claim the Home Owner Grant by completing and returning the grant application to the Village Office by the close of business on July 4, 2016 otherwise a 10% penalty will be added.

For more information on the Home Owner Grant, please see:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/reduce/home-owner-grant>

The B.C. government offers a Property Tax Deferment Program with low interest loans that allow property owners to defer annual property taxes if they meet certain criteria. For information regarding the Property Tax Deferment Program please visit

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/pay/defer-taxes>

Questions? Call 250.934.6344 or E-mail reception@villageoftahsis.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much of this tax bill is actually for Village services?

Look for the 'General Tax' line of your Tax Notice. This line indicates the amount of tax collected that the Village of Tahsis retains for its operating purposes.

All other tax amounts are collected and paid to other agencies: Provincial School Tax, Regional District, Regional Hospital Districts, BC Assessment Authority, Police Tax, and Municipal Finance Authority. The Village of Tahsis collects and forwards these amounts to those agencies.

How is the penalty for late payment and any interest calculated?

All penalties and interest calculated are as per provincial legislation regulations, including the rates. Interest is applied to any amounts from prior years, as the tax notice only shows the outstanding balance as of December 31 of the previous year. Any penalty is applied on the current year only if unpaid as of the due date.

In the future, how can I find out how much is owed before I receive the tax notice in the mail, as I am out of town?

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The Village of Tahsis does not receive the information from all the other agencies (school, police, etc.) until early May. Therefore the total amount for each property is available by the end of May. You can email the office at reception@villageoftahsis.com to request the amount or telephone the office at 250-934-6344.

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