

# PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAMS

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The British Columbia Property Tax Deferment is a low-interest loan program that assists qualifying homeowners in British Columbia in paying the annual property taxes on their principal residences. To qualify, you must be a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident who has lived in BC for at least one year immediately prior to applying for tax deferment benefit and be:

- 55 years or older during the calendar year (only one spouse must be 55 or older),
- A surviving spouse, or
- A person with a disability as defined by regulation.\*

\*For detailed information, please visit [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individual.html](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individual.html) and click on the Persons with Disabilities link.

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT

Homeowners with children who have at least 15% equity in their home, based on assessed values as determined by BC Assessment, who declare they are facing financial hardship due to current economic conditions, and who meet the program eligibility requirements, will be eligible to apply.

For more information on eligibility, please visit [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/property\\_taxes/property\\_tax\\_deferment/ptd.htm](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/property_taxes/property_tax_deferment/ptd.htm)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Village of Pemberton AGM and TOWNHALL MEETING

June 28, 2011

5:30pm-7:30pm

New Community Centre

Join us for a community BBQ & more!  
Check [www.pemberton.ca](http://www.pemberton.ca) or call the  
Village Office for more information  
604.894.6135

## IMPORTANT POINTS

### PAYMENT AND PENALTIES

You can pay your taxes by cheque, cash, interac at the Village Office, or through online banking with most financial institutions. Please note that the Village does not accept credit cards. You **CANNOT** pay your taxes at the bank.

A 10% penalty will be applied to any unpaid balance after 4:30pm on Monday, July 4th, 2011.

If you are claiming a Northern and Rural Area Homeowner Benefit, **be sure to submit this prior to 4:30pm, Monday, July 4th to avoid a 10% penalty on the grant portion.** Your Northern and Rural Area Homeowner Benefit Application is on the bottom of your Tax Notice.

**It's not too late!** If you did not claim your Home Owner Grant last year but were eligible, you can still apply for a retroactive Home Owner Grant. Contact the Village to find out how.

# 2011 Property Tax QUICK FACTS

The 2011 deadline for  
payment of Property Taxes  
and claiming your  
Homeowner Benefit  
(NRAHOB) is:

**Monday, July 4th**

Village Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday,  
8:30am-4:30pm  
excluding Statutory Holidays

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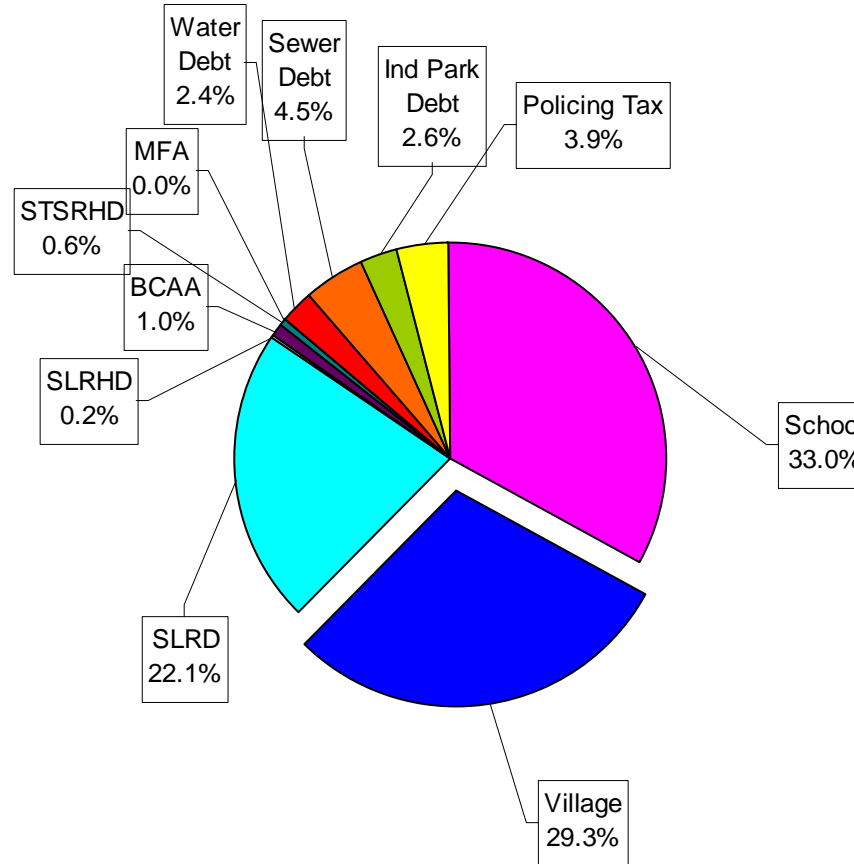
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Property Taxes are collected not only for municipal purposes such as administrative operations, special projects and general maintenance, but are also collected on behalf of other government agencies: the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD), the Squamish-Lillooet Regional Hospital District (SLRHD), the Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District (STSRHD), the British Columbia Assessment Authority (BCAA), the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA), and the Provincial Government for school and policing costs.

### Where Your Tax Dollars Go

Of the total Property Tax collected by the Village of Pemberton, only **29.3%** of the total goes directly towards municipal purposes. The rest of the money is forwarded to the various agencies listed above, in the proportionate amounts shown in the pie chart at the right.



For further information on where your tax dollars go, the Village's Five-Year Financial Plan is available online at [www.pemberton.ca](http://www.pemberton.ca).

For information regarding any of the other agencies for which the Village collects tax dollars on behalf of, please contact each agency directly:

#### SLRD, SLRHD, or the STSRHD:

P: (604) 894.6371 | F: (604) 894.6526  
E: [info@slrd.bc.ca](mailto:info@slrd.bc.ca) | W: [www.slrd.bc.ca](http://www.slrd.bc.ca)

#### Municipal Finance Authority

P: (250) 383.1181 | F: (250) 384.3000  
E: [mfa@mfa.bc.ca](mailto:mfa@mfa.bc.ca) | W: [www.mfa.bc.ca](http://www.mfa.bc.ca)

#### BC School Tax | Police Tax

P: (250) 356.0907 | F: (250) 387.2210  
E: [MSRBOffice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MSRBOffice@gov.bc.ca)  
[www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/Property\\_Taxes/property\\_taxes.htm](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individuals/Property_Taxes/property_taxes.htm)

#### British Columbia Assessment Authority

P: (250) 595.6211 | F: (250) 595.6222  
E: [info@bcassessment.ca](mailto:info@bcassessment.ca)  
W: [www.bcasessment.ca](http://www.bcasessment.ca)

## NORTHERN AND RURAL AREA HOMEOWNER BENEFIT

The Northern & Rural Home Owner Grant is the longstanding Home Owner Grant combined with the new Northern & Rural Area Home Owner Benefit of up to \$200 that is available in northern and rural areas. To be eligible for the benefit, you must meet the requirements for the basic and/or additional grant, and your home must be located in British Columbia, but outside the Capital, Greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley Regional Districts. To qualify for the basic grant, when you apply for your grant you must:

- Be a BC resident;
- Own the property; and
- Occupy the dwelling as your principal residence.

You are responsible to complete and file your Northern and Rural Area Home Owner Grant with the Village of Pemberton, by mail or in person, regardless of whether your bank or mortgage holder pays your taxes - your bank CANNOT do this for you!

**You and your spouse together can claim only one Home Owner Grant.**

You may also qualify for an additional grant amount if you meet the criteria for the Home Owner Grant, plus **one** of the following:

- You are **65 or older**.
- You receive a **disability allowance** under the *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act*.\*
- You are **permanently disabled** or you have a **disabled spouse or relative** residing with you permanently.\*
- You are a **veteran** or veteran's spouse, widow or widower receiving an allowance under the *War Veterans Allowance Act* or the *Civilian War Related Benefits Act*.\*

\*For full details on the Home Owner Grant Program including eligibility requirements, please visit: [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individual.s/ptoperty\\_taxes/home\\_owner\\_grant/hog.htm](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/individual.s/ptoperty_taxes/home_owner_grant/hog.htm), or call 1 888 355.2700.