



DISTRICT OF LILLOOET

2020 PROPERTY TAX AND UTILITY INFORMATION

April 29, 2020

At the April 20, 2020 Council meeting, the District of Lillooet's Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw was adopted. Included in this bylaw are a 0% increase for property tax revenues as well as a 0% increase in utility rates over 2019. This decision was made by Council as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic and is an effort on their behalf to support the residents and businesses of Lillooet during a time when many businesses have been forced to close and many residents are experiencing an interruption in regular employment income. The deadlines for payment of the 2020 utilities notice and the 2020 property tax notice have also been extended.

To reduce postage costs, the District will be mailing the 2020 utilities notice and the 2020 property tax notice together in mid-May; however, they have **different due dates**. Please note the following:

2020 UTILITIES

Due date: **September 15, 2020**

Accounts with amounts outstanding at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 will be subject to a 10% penalty on the unpaid balance. If you are the registered home owner, the property is your principal residence and you are 65 years of age or older in 2020, please complete and return the Seniors Discount Form on the back of the utility notice to claim your discount. The discount form can be mailed, emailed, faxed or dropped off through the mail slot on the front door of the District office. Please note your account number on the form to ensure the discount is applied to the correct account.

2020 PROPERTY TAXES

Due date: **September 30, 2020**

Accounts with amounts outstanding at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020, will be subject to a 10% penalty on the unpaid balance (including unclaimed home owner grants). The District of Lillooet has no authority to waive or reduce a penalty

that is applied on outstanding property taxes. If you are the registered home owner and the property is your principal residence, please complete and return the Home Owner Grant application found on the bottom of your property tax notice to claim your Home Owner Grant. This application can be mailed, emailed, faxed or dropped off through the mail slot on the front door of the District office and must be received on or before September 30, 2020 to avoid a penalty on the unclaimed amount.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The District office is currently closed to the public and will remain closed to the public until the Provincial Health Officer deems it safe to relax physical distancing measures. During the time that the office is closed, the following payment options are available:

Cheques can be mailed to the District office at PO Box 610, Lillooet, BC V0K 1V0 or can be deposited in the front door mail slot at the District office at 615 Main Street, Lillooet, BC. Please note your account number and/or folio number on the back of your cheque to ensure the payment is applied to the correct account. Payment must be received on or before the due date; postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment. Cheques postdated on or before the due date are also accepted.

Online/Telebanking payments can be made through your financial institution. If you need assistance with this option, please contact your bank.

A One-Time Preauthorized Withdrawal can be arranged by completing the authorization form that will be sent with the utility and tax notices (or download the form on our website). The completed form must be returned to the District office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 to ensure that the payment(s) can be processed by the due date.

PREPAYMENT CUSTOMERS

If you are currently enrolled in our prepayment plan for utilities or property taxes, the withdrawal dates will remain the same as in prior years and will occur on the 5th business day of each month beginning on August 10, 2020. These prepayments are intended to accumulate and be applied to your 2021 billings. There will be 8 monthly withdrawals for utilities (excluding April, May, June and July) and 10 monthly withdrawals for property taxes (excluding June and July). The 2021 prepayment amount will be shown on your property tax and/or utility notice.