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Following is information to answer general questions at property tax time, please check our website for more detailed information.

HOME OWNER GRANT

Individuals who are Canadian citizens or Landed Immigrants and reside permanently in British Columbia can claim the grant, if they own and occupy an eligible residence as their principal residence.

- Unclaimed grants are subject to a penalty of 10%
- Payment is not required to claim the home owner grant

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

- Complete form on back of property tax notice in full and submitted to City Hall OR
 - Claim online at www.dawsoncreek.ca
- (please ensure that you receive an email back confirming receipt of your Home Owner Grant– hog@dawsoncreek.ca)

TAX PAYMENTS

- Must be received at City Hall by 4:30 p.m., Monday July 4, 2011
- Postmarks will **not** be accepted as date of payment
- A 10% penalty will be applied if unpaid by July 5

Payments may also be made by:

- Financial institutions (at the bank or by online banking)
- Post-dated cheque
- Interac (all bank cards have a limit, check yours at your bank)

Credit cards are not accepted for payment of property taxes.

PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

- Are automatically withdrawn on the 1st of each month
- Prepayment of 2012 taxes start August 1
- Forms can be completed at City Hall *or* on our website and submitted with a voided cheque

LAND TAX DEFERMENT

This is a provincial government program that allows the deferring of property taxes on your home

- if you are 55 years or older
- a surviving spouse
- A disabled person defined in the **DISABILITY BENEFITS PROGRAM ACT.**

Families with children (FC) will be eligible to defer their current property taxes effective for the 2011 Taxation year if they meet the following:

- o Owners of principal residence and must have a valid fire insurance policy
- o Financially supporting a dependent child under the age of 18

Information is available from the Tax Department at City Hall.

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