

## Property Tax Deferment Program

This is a Provincial government program that allows the deferral of property taxes on your primary residence. To qualify, you must be **one** of the following:

- 55 years or older, a surviving spouse or person with disability
- Financially support a dependent child with a disability or is under the age of 18

For more information and to apply, go online to [www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment](http://www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment), or call 1-888-355-2700. You can also visit Service BC.

## **The City of Dawson Creek collects property taxes on behalf of the following other government agencies:**

- BC Assessment Authority
- Municipal Finance Authority
- Peace River Regional District
- Peace River Regional Hospital District
- School Tax (District 59)

If you have questions regarding other government tax rates, please contact the agencies directly.

Property Tax Rates			
Class	2022	2023	% Change
Residential	6.2375	6.5182	4.50%
Utilities	47.0406	49.1574	4.50%
Major Industry	32.0989	33.5434	4.50%
Light Industry	19.0104	19.8659	4.50%
Business & other	18.8162	19.6629	4.50%
Rec/Non profit	7.0623	7.3801	4.50%
Farm	18.7776	19.6226	4.50%

## Property Tax Department

### Services Available:

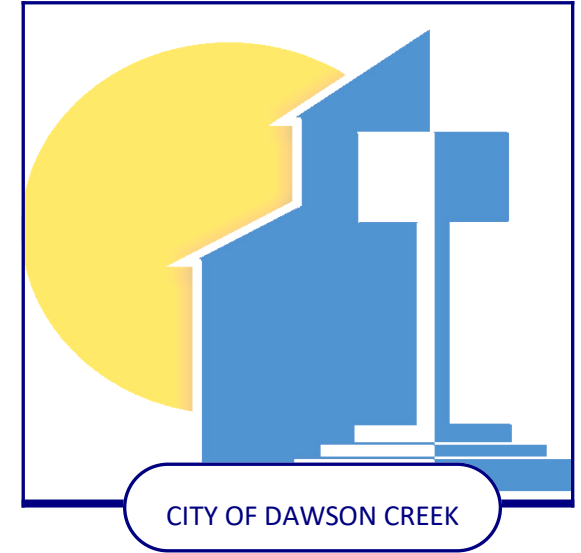
- Change your mailing address
- Make payments
- Tax Certificates (\$10.87)
- Tax roll search
- Reprint your tax notice (\$5.58)
- Sign up to receive property tax notices by email. Send email with Civic Address or Roll Number to [tax\\_dept@dawsoncreek.ca](mailto:tax_dept@dawsoncreek.ca).
- Sign up for monthly pre-authorized payments (P.A.P.). These payments are automatically withdrawn on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and interest is paid at the Government set rate. The payment plan is over 10 months and no payments come out in June or July. Forms can be completed at City Hall or on the City website and need to be submitted with a void cheque or bank deposit form. Overpayments will be applied to the following year's property taxes and will not be refunded unless the property is sold.

## **PAVING LEVY**

A paving levy of 1.5% has been added to the tax levy under general municipal taxes. This is to replace the previous Local Area Service Improvements process. If your property is currently enrolled in a Local Area Service Improvement for paving you will be exempt from the paving levy until the process is complete.

# 2023 PROPERTY TAXES

## DUE TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023



### **IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES**

Enclosed is some information you may find helpful, please check our website for more detailed information.

[www.dawsoncreek.ca](http://www.dawsoncreek.ca)

### **City of Dawson Creek Tax Department**

**Visit:** 10105 12A Street, Dawson Creek BC  
**Mail:** PO Box 150, Dawson Creek BC V1G 4G4

**Phone:** (250) 784-3608

**Email:** [tax\\_dept@dawsoncreek.ca](mailto:tax_dept@dawsoncreek.ca)

**Website:** [www.dawsoncreek.ca/departments/finance/taxes/](http://www.dawsoncreek.ca/departments/finance/taxes/)

## PROPERTY TAX PENALTY

A 10% penalty will be applied on the current tax balance if unpaid after the due date as per Municipal Tax Regulation 426/2003.

## UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Council has voted in the following changes:

A 10% penalty for utility accounts unpaid after 30 days.

Water Shut-off Policy for accounts over 2 billing cycles. Go to [www.dawsoncreek.ca](http://www.dawsoncreek.ca) and search Water Shut-off Policy to view the full policy.

A \$2.14 charge for a printed copy of your utility bill. To avoid the charge you can sign up to receive your utility bills by email.

Utility accounts unpaid as of December 31<sup>st</sup> will transfer to the property tax account and daily interest is charged according to the rates set by the Province thereafter. The City offers a preauthorized payment plan for utilities.

Please email [utility\\_bills@dawsoncreek.ca](mailto:utility_bills@dawsoncreek.ca) for more information.

## HOME OWNER GRANT (HOG)

### APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

To apply:

Online: [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant)

By phone: 1-888-355-2700

You will need your Roll #, Jurisdiction #206, birthdate, and Social Insurance Number.

### DON'T FORGET TO CLAIM YOUR HOG FROM THE PROVINCE OF BC BEFORE THE DUE DATE TO AVOID PENALTIES

- Eligibility is unchanged, to find out if you qualify, go to [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant). You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, live in BC, and own **and** occupy the property as your principal residence.
- **You can claim until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year, however, penalties will apply.**
- If you did not claim the Home Owner Grant for the previous year, you can claim the retro grant by contacting the Province's Home Owner Grant department either online or by phone. Some rules apply.
- You must claim the Home Owner Grant each year. You need to claim the grant whether you pay your taxes online, through your financial institution, or if you defer your taxes. Payment of taxes is not a requirement to apply for the Home Owner Grant.

## HOW TO PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

### Payment Options:

City Hall (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am—4:30 pm)

- Interac, Cash, or Cheque (check your card limit)
- Credit Card with a 2% convenience fee.
- Cheques can be post dated and **must be received** before the penalty date. Please make payable to the City of Dawson Creek. Receipts will not be mailed as your cancelled cheque is your receipt.

### Mortgage to pay property taxes

If we have contacted your mortgage company for payment, the mortgage name will appear on your tax notice under your name. If it is not listed, you must notify your mortgage provider to pay. You must still claim the home owner grant from the Province of BC if eligible.

### Financial Institutions

Go to your online banking website.

- Choose the payee name—Dawson Creek City of - Taxes BC.
- Enter the 9 digit **Tax Roll #** from your property tax notice with **no spaces or decimals for account #**.
- Allow 3-5 days for processing as payment must be received by the City of Dawson Creek's bank before the penalty date.
- When banking online for utilities or property taxes ensure you have selected the City of Dawson Creek, BC **not** Dawson City, Yukon.
- Please remember if you bank with the Royal Bank they are no longer submitting property taxes on your behalf.