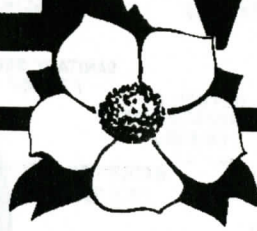


# DISTRICT OF COQUITLAM NEWS



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## Property Taxes Due July 3

It's tax time once again. District of Coquitlam property taxes must be paid on or before Wednesday, July 3, 1991. As a Coquitlam property owner, it is your responsibility to pay taxes by the due date in order to avoid penalty, whether you have received a tax bill or not. If you have not yet received your tax bill, please contact the Municipal Tax Office at 526-3611.

**Late payment penalties:** A 10 percent penalty will be added to current taxes outstanding at the end of July 3. The above penalty is also applicable to the Homeowner Grant portion of your taxes if you do not apply for the grant on or before the penalty date.

**Homeowner grant:** This grant may be claimed without first paying taxes. To avoid penalty on the grant amount (the basic grant is \$430), an application must be signed by the homeowner and received by the Tax Office by July 3.

If you are eligible for the Homeowner Grant but will be away between May and July 3, to avoid penalties due to late grant application, you may appoint, in writing, a relative or friend to act as your attorney and to sign the grant application on your behalf.

On or before the July 3 due date the appointed person should:

1. Complete the grant application on the back of your tax statement and sign it as your attorney. For example, 'John Smith, Attorney for John Doe.' (If your attorney cannot pick up the tax statement at your residence, he may ob-

tain a copy from the Tax Office.)

2. Deliver the *fully completed* grant application *with the letter* to the Tax Office. (If the letter and grant are sent separately, the grant may be rejected and penalties may apply.)

You may be eligible for an additional grant of up to \$270 if:

- a) You are or will be 65 or over during this calendar year, or

- b) You are in receipt of:

- i) handicapped persons income assistance under the *Guaranteed Available Income for Need Act*, or
- ii) an allowance under the *Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act (Canada)*.

- c) You are physically handicapped and have provided the collector with the required medical certificate, or

- d) A physically handicapped spouse or relative resides with you and you have provided the collector with the required medical certificate.

A separate supplementary grant equal to the lesser of 50% of the difference between the amount of basic school tax levied on the residential land and improvement component of the assessed values and the maximum homeowner grant amount, or \$1000, is available to eligible homeowners.

If your taxes are paid by a mortgage company, you must still apply for the grant, if eligible, by July 3 to avoid penalty. Contact your mortgage company for instructions on whether to send your completed grant application to your

mortgage company or directly to Coquitlam Tax Office.

**Tax deferrals:** If you are age 60 or over, a widow or widower, or handicapped as defined in the Guaranteed Available Income for Need Act, and residing in your home, you may apply to have your taxes deferred. Tax deferrals are applied after the grant has been deducted and do not apply to water rates and taxes on any rented portion of the house.

**Payment of taxes:** For convenience, taxes may be paid at most chartered banks or credit unions or at the Municipal Offices at 1111 Brunette Avenue, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may deposit your payment and/or grant application in the after hours letter drop located at the Accounting entrance doors of the Municipal Hall.

If mailing payment, plan to mail no later than June 24, 1991 for arrival at the Municipal Hall on or before July 3 to avoid penalties. **Warning:** Mail lost or delayed by the Post Office will be subject to penalties if not received by July 3.

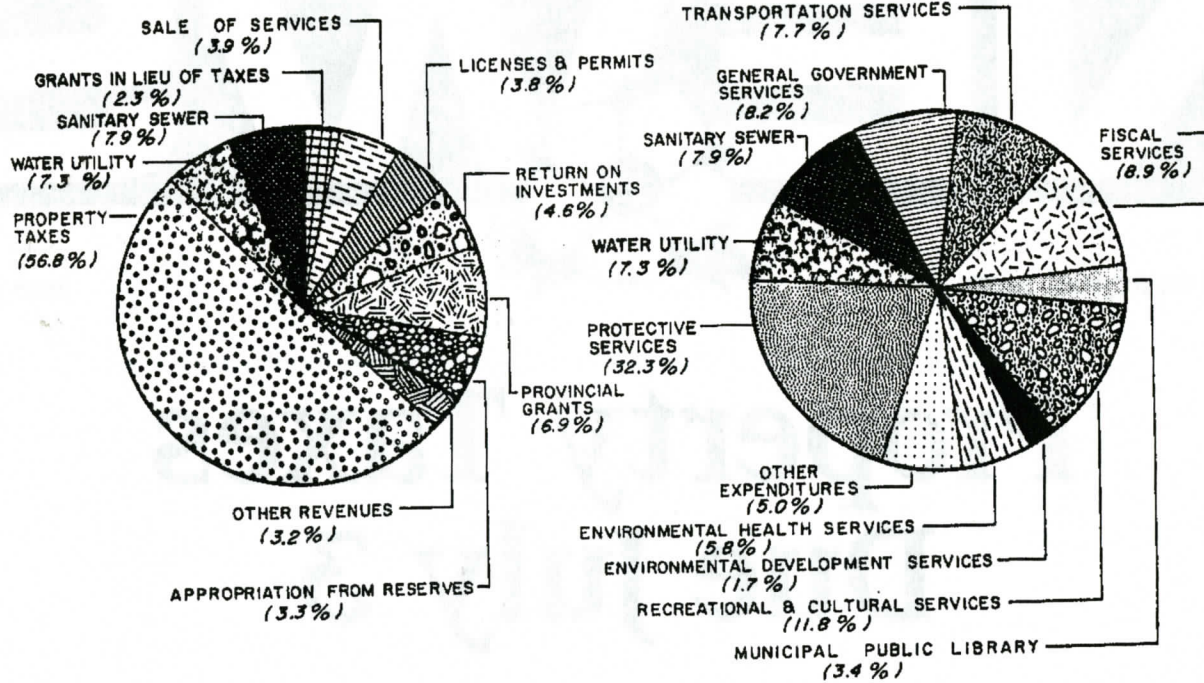
**Receipts:** To help reduce cost, receipts are not issued for taxes paid. Your cancelled cheque is your receipt. However, if you require a receipt, send in your entire tax statement with a note attached requesting a receipt.

If you require further information concerning your tax account, please phone the Tax Office at 526-3611.

# The Budget Dollar — Fiscal Year 1991

where it comes from

where it goes to



1991 BUDGET REVENUES / EXPENDITURES \$55,935,244

## GROWTH CONTINUES, COSTS INCREASE

Expanded and improved services and facilities to better meet the needs of a growing community plus the hosting of special events during Coquitlam's centennial have led to increased municipal expenditures.

Coquitlam's centennial celebrations are well under way and will feature events such as the 1991 B.C. Summer Games, scheduled July 25 to 28, and the B.C. Seniors' Games, September 4 to 7. With 4500 participants, the Summer Games will be the largest sports event in Coquitlam's history.

Approved 1991 construction projects totalling in excess of \$10 million will result in improved municipal services.

Projects include servicing of the new Mariner Way fire station site and the social housing site on Pinetree Way. Road rehabilitation will take place on Foster Avenue, on Montgomery Street and on Chapman Avenue while road re-

construction will take place on Schoolhouse Street from Booth Avenue to Loughheed Highway.

In addition, over 7000 metres of local and collector streets will have ditches eliminated by October. Estimated cost of the 1991 Ditch Elimination Program is \$2.3 million.

Meanwhile, 11.8 percent of the municipal budget will be spent on recreation and cultural services.

Projects include additional work on Town Centre Park, including completion of the 1400 seat grandstand and fabric roof structure in time for the new facility to host the Summer Games. Improvements will also be made to softball and baseball sites, community/school playing fields and public swimming pools.

In addition, the Hickey Street tennis facility will be expanded from three to six courts while the Eagle Ridge tennis courts will be upgraded along with the tennis courts at Blue Mountain Park.

## Coquitlam Council 1991

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Alderman Bill LeClair  
Alderman Eunice Parker  
Alderman Mae Reid  
Alderman Brian Robinson  
Alderman Dave White

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Municipal Clerk—Ted Klassen  
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Municipal Solicitor—David Dunnigan  
Municipal Engineer—Neil Nyberg  
Planning Director—Don Buchanan  
Parks & Recreation Director—  
Don Cunnings  
Fire Chief—Doug Johnson  
Personnel Director—Fred Klewchuk  
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