

## NEWS RELEASE

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### 2015 Property Taxes are due July 2nd

#### Summary

Nanaimo property owners are reminded that the 2015 Property Tax deadline is quickly approaching. All payments must be made and Northern and Rural Home Owner Grants must be claimed by end of day July 2nd to avoid a 5% penalty that will be applied to any outstanding tax balance.

Last minute payments can be made at the City of Nanaimo's Service and Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street) with debit card, cash or cheque during office hours, or by putting a cheque in the drop box located by the front doors of the building at any time. You can also make internet or telephone banking payments for your property taxes.

Please note that some banks are no longer accepting the Home Owner Grant applications. Please check with your bank before going to the branch if you plan to pay your taxes and claim the grant at your bank.

*Strategic Link:* Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government and communicating the tax due date with property owners.

#### Key Points

- You can claim your Northern and Rural Home Owner Grant without making a payment. An outstanding grant is subject to penalties after July 2nd. The grant can be claimed online at [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/hog](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/hog)
- Please remember that post marks are not accepted as the date of payment. It is now too late to mail in your payment and/or grant.
- If you intend on making payment at your bank as well as claim your Home Owner Grant, make sure to ask your bank if they will be forwarding the grant to the City. If not, you will need to complete the grant by another method. The teller's date stamp will be accepted as the date of payment.

#### Quotes

"Provincial Legislation does not allow for waiving penalties under any circumstance, so when we say July 2nd is the due date, it really is. Please contact our office if you need help claiming your grant or to go over payment options."

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