

“FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 2015 NO. 7222”

Consolidated Version

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CITY OF NANAIMO

BYLAW NO. 7222

A BYLAW TO CONFIRM AND ADOPT THE FINANCIAL PLAN

The Municipal Council of the City of Nanaimo in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Title

This Bylaw may be cited as the "FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 2015 NO. 7222".

2. Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw is hereby adopted and is the Financial Plan for the City of Nanaimo for the period 2016-JAN-01 to 2020-DEC-31.

3. The various items of expenditure set forth in Schedule "A" are hereby authorized.

4. Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw is hereby adopted and is the Statement of Revenue Objectives & Policies for the City of Nanaimo for the period 2016-JAN-01 to 2020-DEC-31.

5. The Financial Plan may be amended in the following manner:

(a) Funds may be reallocated in accordance with the City of Nanaimo's management policy on budget transfers.

(b) The Director of Finance may transfer unexpended appropriations to Reserve Funds or Reserve Accounts for future expenditures.

(Bylaw Nos. 7222.01, 7222.02, 7222.03)

Schedule A

City of Nanaimo
2016 - 2020 Financial Plan

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Revenues:					
Revenue from Property Value Taxes	96,793,560	100,742,387	103,818,290	105,913,850	108,312,554
Revenue from Parcel Taxes	234,042	234,242	236,584	-	-
Revenue from Fees & Charges	38,290,552	40,025,693	41,813,860	43,722,729	45,693,787
Revenue from Other Sources	33,213,424	32,562,513	24,939,336	25,435,736	26,038,400
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	168,531,578	173,564,835	170,808,070	175,072,315	180,044,741
Expenses:					
General Operating Expenditures	118,957,882	116,500,769	118,564,552	120,040,917	122,768,411
Sanitary Sewer Operating Expenditures	4,630,586	4,252,532	4,292,953	4,332,360	4,437,557
Waterworks Operating Expenditures	9,269,577	8,999,350	9,011,167	9,250,548	9,431,959
Interest Payment on Municipal Debt	2,575,375	2,928,600	3,280,654	3,270,920	3,213,460
Amortization	23,174,277	23,527,325	23,424,366	23,346,056	22,920,790
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Annual Surplus/Deficit	9,923,881	17,356,259	12,234,378	14,831,514	17,272,564
Add back:					
Amortization	23,174,277	23,527,325	23,424,366	23,346,056	22,920,790
Capital Expenditures					
General Capital Expenditures	27,736,329	21,345,392	23,908,950	14,681,900	9,511,900
Sanitary Sewer Capital Expenditures	10,609,021	2,915,600	6,013,000	2,712,000	4,171,602
Waterworks Capital Expenditures	12,642,872	14,834,550	6,417,606	6,984,400	6,217,700
Proceeds from Borrowing	-	(600,000)	(12,000,000)	-	-
Principal Payment on Municipal Debt	3,060,719	3,389,719	3,752,133	3,907,665	4,069,641
Transfers between Funds:					
Special Funds	-	-	-	-	-
DCC Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to/(from) Accumulated Surplus	(20,950,783)	(1,001,677)	7,567,055	9,891,605	16,222,511
Financial Plan Balance	-	-	-	-	-

Schedule B

City of Nanaimo Statement of Revenue Objectives & Policies

1. Proportion of revenue by source

Property taxes

- The City of Nanaimo will attempt to keep the proportional share of revenue from property taxes at a level similar to the average of comparable municipalities.
- Where new sources of revenue are made available to the City from senior governments, wherever possible these revenues will be used to reduce dependency on property taxation revenue.

Parcel taxes

- Parcel taxes will be used whenever Council determines that they are more appropriate than property taxes.

Fees & Charges

- Wherever possible, fees & charges will be used to assign costs to those who benefit from the service provided. The proportion of the costs recovered by fees and charges will vary with the nature of the service provided.

Proceeds of borrowing

- Borrowing will be considered when determining the funding sources of large capital projects that provide benefits to taxpayers over a long period of time (20 years or more).
- Council will consider a policy to identify an appropriate level of debt for the community.

Other sources of revenue

- The City will continue to seek other sources of revenue in order to reduce reliance on property taxes.
- The City will consider hydro electric power generation where practical and environmentally supportable.

2. Distribution of property taxes among the classes

- The City of Nanaimo will maintain the percentage of property taxes received from residential taxpayers at a level comparable to the average of similar municipalities.
- The City will attempt, over time, to reduce the commercial tax rate to the average of all BC municipalities.
- Between 2009 and 2013, the light and major industrial tax rates were reduced to the same level as the commercial tax rate.

3. Permissive Tax Exemptions

- The City of Nanaimo believes that Permissive Tax Exemptions are an appropriate way to recognize the value of the services provided to the community by non-profit organizations.
- Permissive Tax Exemption requests will be reviewed by the Grants Advisory Committee based on policies and guidelines approved by Council. The Committee will make recommendations to Council.
- Permissive Tax Exemptions will be reviewed at least every three years to ensure that the organization and property still meets the criteria established by Council.

4. Revitalization Tax Exemptions

- The City of Nanaimo believes that Revitalization Tax Exemptions are an appropriate tool to assist the City in realizing its strategic objectives.
- The City can exempt municipal taxes for up to ten years for projects undertaken by landowners, where the project meets defined objectives of a City strategy.
- Recipients of exemptions must enter into a Revitalization Tax Exemption Agreement with the City.
- Every Revitalization Tax Exemption must be approved by Council.