

2026 BUDGET QUICK FACTS



The 2026-2030 Financial Plan has been approved and the property tax increase has been set for 2026. The budget outlines strategic investment in services and infrastructure to support a growing community of over 100,000 residents and the stewardship of more than \$4.8 billion in assets (as of 2021). Departmental business plans and project initiatives are aligned with the City's Integrated Action Plan, reinforcing the City's commitment to achieving the five key goals identified in City Plan: Nanaimo Reimagined.



2026 OPERATING BUDGET \$228.6 MILLION

Ensures the sustainable delivery of essential services residents rely on and a broad array of programs and services that give residents a lifestyle second to none for living, working and playing.



2026 PROJECT BUDGET \$157.9 MILLION

Investment to maintain more than \$4.8 billion (2021) in assets and provide new infrastructure for a growing community.



Public Safety



Utilities – Drainage, Sewer & Water



Transportation



Solid Waste Collection



Recreation, Culture & More

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Public Works Yard Update (multi-year project)
- Utility and road upgrades in conjunction with the RDN's Departure Bay Force Main (multi-year project)
- Design for Loudon Park Improvements, Westwood Lake Park Improvements Phase 3 and Maffeo Sutton Park Amenity Building project
- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre Dehumidification Improvements and New Play Structure Phase 1



HOW WILL THE 2026 BUDGET AFFECT ME?

Total projected revenues for 2026 are \$295.7 million with 61.0% coming from property taxes and 24.7% from user fees and charges. The amount of municipal taxes you pay depends on your property type and your property's assessed value.

The City's budget includes a 6.4% increase in taxes on the average home in the City, which includes 1.0% for asset management.

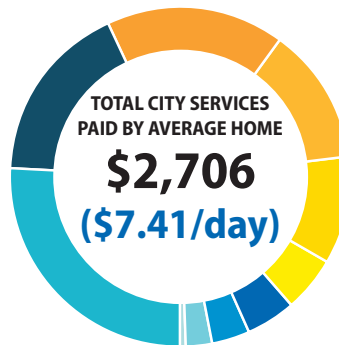
Based on Average Home of \$797,225

Assessment - Average Home	2025	2026	\$ Change	% Change
Municipal Property Taxes	\$3,091	\$3,287	\$196	6.4%
Municipal User Fees				
Water Fees*	532	558	26	5.0%
Sewer Fees	172	178	6	4.0%
Sanitation Fees	241	253	12	5.0%
Total Municipal Taxes & User Fees	\$4,036	\$4,276	\$240	

*Rounded to nearest dollar. Assumes a single family home with average Class 1 assessment change
Based on average seasonal usage.



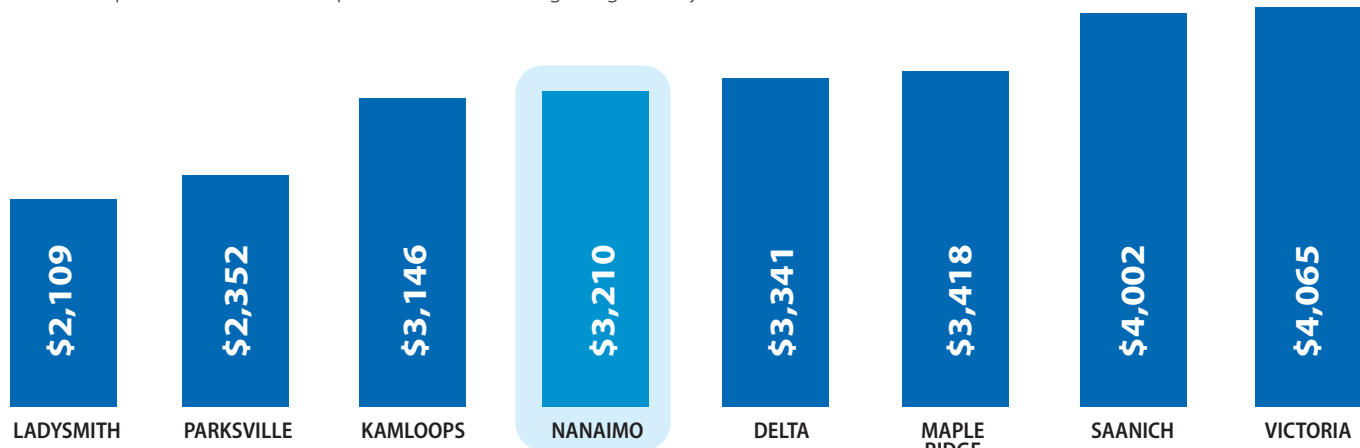
● \$2,706 - CITY SERVICES ● \$363 - RESERVES
● \$176 - PROJECTS ● \$42 - DEBT SERVICING



- \$686 - COMMUNITY SERVICES - RCMP
- \$513 - COMMUNITY SERVICES - NANAIMO FIRE RESCUE
- \$465 - COMMUNITY SERVICES - PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE
- \$305 - CORPORATE SERVICES
- \$286 - ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS
- \$141 - COMMUNITY SERVICES - POLICE SERVICES
- \$129 - CITY ADMINISTRATION
- \$97 - COMMUNITY SERVICES - PUBLIC SAFETY
- \$72 - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
- \$12 - CORPORATE FACILITIES

HOW DO CITY OF NANAIMO TAXES COMPARE TO OTHER COMMUNITIES?

Below is a comparison of 2025 municipal taxes* for an average single family detached residence.



*Includes Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL). Since 2016, the City of Nanaimo has considered VIRL as a collection for other governments.
Source - BC Stats: Taxes & Charges on a Representative House Schedule 704