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City tax notice, two new videos link local government services and budgeting

With property tax notices arriving in the mail this week, a brochure and two new videos help explain how the City budget is spent.

“We recognize that when people receive their tax notice, they want to know how their tax dollars are spent to deliver local government services,” says city manager Deborah Sargent. *“This year, there’s a new look to the brochure that’s mailed with the property tax notice, and we’re launching two animated videos to illustrate the link between local government services, budgeting and property taxes.”*

The brochure shows what portion of each tax dollar pay for which services.

“For example, at nine cents out of a dollar of property taxes, the average household in Campbell River contributes approximately \$250 for fire service, and the same for parks, recreation and culture services each year,” says Dennis Brodie, the City’s Finance Reporting Supervisor. *“At the lower end of the scale, the average household contributes approximately \$60 per year to economic development and tourism services, and less than \$5 for snow clearing.”*

The average monthly household expense for the more than 100 City services offered in Campbell River is: \$229.

The short videos use contemporary animated graphics. One of the videos focuses on the range of City services and funding sources while the other outlines the role of property taxes, how to use the City’s online tax estimator and reminds citizens of payment options and the importance of claiming the homeowner grant.

See the videos on the City’s YouTube channel (one click from the icon at the top of the website at campbellriver.ca).

Did you know?

- Less than half of the City’s budget is funded through local property taxation; the majority is funded through user fees, sale of services and senior government grants
- More than 34 per cent of the payment due on this year’s property tax notice is collected by the City on behalf of other agencies (for provincial and regional district taxes, and for the hospital, schools and library.)

Find out more by reviewing answers to frequently asked property tax questions published on the City website (www.campbellriver.ca) under City Services/Property taxes. Paper copies are available at City Hall.

Property owners who have not received a tax notice by June 8 should contact the City’s Finance Department at 250-286-5715.

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