

“FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 2022 NO. 7359”

Consolidated Version

2024-FEB-26

Includes Amendment: 7359.01, 7359.02

CITY OF NANAIMO

BYLAW NO. 7359

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 2022 No. 7359”.

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 2023-JAN-01 to 2027-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 2023-JAN-01 to 2027-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.

PASSED FIRST READING: 2022-DEC-19
PASSED SECOND READING: 2022-DEC-19
PASSED THIRD READING: 2022-DEC-19
ADOPTED: 2023-JAN-16

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Schedule A
City of Nanaimo
2023 - 2027 Financial Plan

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Revenues:					
Revenue from Property Value Taxes	141,684,322	153,026,336	161,279,272	170,622,153	175,529,516
Revenue from Parcel Taxes	207,169	209,980	212,840	58,095	2,904
Revenue from Fees & Charges	58,550,853	60,597,421	63,999,886	65,550,807	66,918,916
Revenue from Other Sources	74,250,197	31,065,604	33,966,498	29,258,764	29,446,485
	274,692,541	244,899,341	259,458,496	265,489,819	271,897,821
Expenses:					
General Operating Expenditures	184,671,204	172,505,090	177,978,218	182,900,462	186,086,709
Sanitary Sewer Operating Expenditure:	5,769,855	5,128,536	5,234,368	5,358,271	5,453,826
Waterworks Operating Expenditures	13,111,447	12,806,068	13,469,655	13,214,315	13,418,202
Interest Payment on Municipal Debt	2,168,081	2,402,150	2,339,682	2,230,902	1,603,951
Amortization	32,523,752	33,268,491	34,164,334	34,700,907	36,078,637
Annual Surplus/Deficit	36,448,202	18,789,006	26,272,239	27,084,962	29,256,496
Add back:					
Amortization	32,523,752	33,268,491	34,164,334	34,700,907	36,078,637
Capital Expenditures					
General Capital Expenditures	90,172,436	34,442,608	30,592,025	28,587,955	28,188,868
Sanitary Sewer Capital Expenditures	10,102,200	10,267,637	1,558,102	6,085,711	3,000,830
Waterworks Capital Expenditures	48,304,839	22,380,272	8,438,016	15,042,480	19,414,426
Proceeds from Municipal Borrowing	(5,375,464)	-	-	-	-
Principal Payment on Municipal Debt	4,509,806	5,233,491	5,423,390	5,552,913	4,660,187
Transfers between Funds:					
Transfers to/(from) Accumulated Surplus	(78,741,863)	(20,266,511)	14,425,040	6,516,810	10,070,822
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 hydroelectric 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 Finance and Audit 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.