

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

BYLAW NO. 485, 2017

A bylaw to adopt a financial plan for the years 2017 to 2021

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Hazelton is required to adopt a five year financial plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Hazelton in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Schedule "A" attached hereto and made part of this bylaw is hereby declared to be the Financial Plan of the Village of Hazelton for the 5-year period ending December 31, 2021.
2. Schedule "B" attached hereto and made part of this bylaw is hereby declared to be the Statement of Objectives and Policies.
3. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "2017 - 2021 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 485, 2017".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

FINALLY CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

2017 - 2021 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 485, 2017

SCHEDULE "A"

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
REVENUE					
Property Taxes	\$169,000	\$168,000	\$171,000	\$174,000	\$176,000
Parcel Taxes	53,000	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000
Licenses, Permits, Rentals and Sundry Returns on Investments	32,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Provincial Grants – Unconditional	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Project Grants – Conditional	400,000	410,000	410,000	410,000	410,000
Solid Waste Revenue	520,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Sewer Revenue	56,000	57,000	58,000	59,000	60,000
Water Revenue	87,000	87,000	87,000	87,000	87,000
	71,000	71,000	71,000	71,000	71,000
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,430,000	\$1,119,000	\$1,123,000	\$1,127,000	\$1,130,000
EXPENDITURE					
General Government Services	\$318,000	\$330,000	\$332,000	\$333,000	\$334,000
Protective Services	32,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000
Development Services	90,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000
Public Works & Transportation	183,000	184,000	186,000	188,000	190,000
Parks, Recreation & Culture	25,000	26,000	26,500	27,000	27,500
Municipal Buildings	55,000	54,000	55,000	56,000	57,000
Solid Waste Expenditures	87,000	88,000	89,000	90,000	91,000
Water Expenditures	76,500	76,500	79,000	80,000	81,000
Sewer Expenditures	97,500	90,000	91,000	92,000	93,000
Capital Expenditures	442,000	167,000	162,500	159,000	156,500
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,406,000	\$1,119,000	\$1,123,000	\$1,127,000	\$1,130,000
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$24,000	-	-	-	-
TRANSFER (TO)/FROM RESERVE FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-
TRANSFER (TO)/FROM SURPLUS	(24,000)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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SCHEDULE "B"

Statement of Objectives and Policies

In accordance with Section 165 of the *Community Charter*, the Village of Hazelton is required to include in the Five-Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

1. Distribution of property taxes among the property classes;
2. Use of permissive tax exemptions; and
3. Proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165 (7) of the *Community Charter*.

FUNDING SOURCES

The proportion of total revenue to be raised from each funding source for 2017 is shown on Table 1.

Without grant revenues from other non-taxation sources, the Village's municipal functions simply could not be maintained at existing service levels. This year, as in previous years, the Village will be taking advantage of all possible grant opportunities, and will continue to meet its current and future goals.

Objectives:

- To Endeavour to supplement revenues from user fees and charges to lessen the burden on its limited property tax base.
- To investigate other potential funding sources and securing opportunities for additional revenues.
- To update development bylaws to respond to potential growth that may come with the increase in resource extraction activities.

Policies:

- The proportions of revenue proposed to come from various funding sources shall be re-considered from year to year as differing funding sources become available.
- The Village will consider the amount of revenue required to provide and maintain current service levels for all municipal services to our taxpayers. Any new or one-time expenses must be approved each year.
- Aggressively seek available grants for projects to mitigate the potential impact on property taxation rates.

**TABLE 1
2017 REVENUES**

REVENUE SOURCE	DOLLAR VALUE	% OF TOTAL REVENUE
Small Community Grant – Province	\$400,000	28%
Project Grants – Transfer from Others	520,000	36%
User Fees and Charges	214,000	15%
Property Taxes	169,000	11%
Parcel Taxes	53,000	4%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	37,000	3%
Other sources	37,000	3%
Total	\$1,430,000	100%

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX RATES

Table 2 below shows the distribution of property tax revenue among the property classes. The residential property class provides the largest proportion of property tax revenue. This is appropriate as this class forms the largest portion of the assessment base and consumes the majority of Village services.

Objective:

- To set tax rates at levels comparable to other neighbouring municipalities as to be competitive for both residential and commercial property owner to purchase property in the Village as opposed to outlying areas or other communities.

Policies:

- The amount of taxes proposed to be collected from the classes will be adjusted for taxation increases as approved by Council annually. Class multiples and tax rates will be reviewed annually to ensure that they are relative to those set by the Provincial Government and comparable municipalities.

The table below shows the proposed distribution of property tax revenue among the property classes.

TABLE 2

PROPERTY CLASS	DOLLAR VALUE	% TAXATION
Class 1 – Residential	\$119,500	70%
Class 2 – Utilities	300	1%
Class 6 – Business/Other	48,400	28%
Class 8 - Recreation/Non-profit	800	1%
Total	\$169,000	100%

PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Objective:

Council’s principle objective in considering permissive tax exemptions under section 224 of the *Community Charter* is to provide financial assistance to organizations that provide a valuable service to the broader community. These services may include cultural and recreational opportunities for adults and youth, promotion of the local economy and local charitable services.

Policies:

- The total amount of revenue to be foregone by permissive tax exemptions will be approved by Council on a five year period in the Village of Hazelton’s Tax Exemption Bylaw.
- In September/October of the fourth year, Council will review its objectives and policies prior to determining the permissive tax exemptions.
- Exemptions for 2017 were granted to Skeena Ice Arena Association and Governing Council Salvation Army in the *2016 to 2020 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 477, 2015*.