

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

BYLAW NO. 516, 2021

A bylaw to adopt a financial plan for the years 2021 to 2025

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:

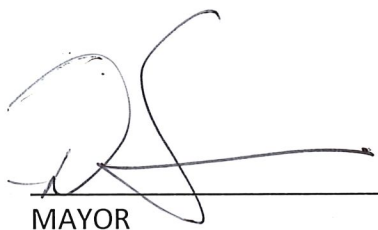
1. Schedule "A" attached hereto and made part of this bylaw is hereby declared to be the Financial Plan of the Village of Hazelton for the 5-year period ending December 31, 2025.
2. Schedule "B" attached hereto and made part of this bylaw is hereby declared to be the Statement of Objectives and Policies.
3. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "2021 – 2025 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 516, 2021".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

ADOPTED THIS 13 DAY OF APRIL, 2021.


MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

2021 - 2025 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 516, 2021

SCHEDULE "A"

REVENUE	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Taxation	\$225,000	\$229,500	\$243,632	\$238,772	\$243,547
Other Jurisdiction Taxes	159,505	159,505	159,505	159,505	159,505
Frontage Taxes	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	44,500	46,500	46,500	46,500	46,500
Licenses, Permits, Rentals and Sundry	49,300	38,300	38,300	38,300	38,300
Returns on Investments	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Unconditional Grants	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Conditional Grants	4,414,716	702,500	702,500	702,500	702,500
Solid Waste Revenue	61,100	64,916	66,938	69,022	69,737
Water Revenue	56,600	57,186	57,778	58,376	58,980
Sewer Revenue	73,487	74,242	75,005	75,775	76,552
Transfer Between Funds	785,376	119,650	100,265	115,818	227,219
REVENUE TOTAL	\$6,384,585	\$2,007,300	\$1,995,881	\$2,019,567	\$2,137,840
EXPENDITURE					
General Government	\$589,805	\$608,535	\$599,420	\$603,860	\$606,757
Protective Services	422,250	119,494	121,384	123,812	126,288
Development Services	656,585	124,633	125,701	126,791	127,903
Public Works & Transportation	245,800	254,897	263,874	290,758	292,332
Parks, Recreation & Culture	44,500	45,390	46,298	47,224	48,168
Municipal Buildings	66,100	66,300	67,626	68,979	70,358
Solid Waste Expenditures	69,924	69,924	70,923	79,245	80,830
Water Expenditures	76,131	81,996	82,900	91,582	93,091
Sewer Expenditures	91,500	93,330	95,156	97,039	98,960
Capital Expenditures	4,118,490	303,000	303,000	253,000	133,000
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$6,384,585	\$1,770,999	\$1,779,852	\$1,785,931	\$1,681,402
Transfer Between Funds	-	(236,300)	(216,030)	(233,636)	(456,438)
BUDGET TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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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 2021 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 secure opportunities for additional revenues.
- To update development bylaws to respond to potential growth that may come with the increase in resource extraction and development activities.

Policies:

- The proportions of revenue proposed to come from various funding sources shall be reviewed 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
2021 REVENUES**

REVENUE SOURCE	DOLLAR VALUE	% OF TOTAL REVENUE
*Rounded to zero dollar value & does not include in-house transfers		
Conditional Grants (Project)	\$4,414,716	81%
Unconditional Grants (Province)	450,000	8%
Property Taxes	225,000	4%
Sewer Revenue	73,487	1%
Water Revenue	56,600	1%
Solid Waste Revenue	61,100	1%
Frontage Taxes	53,000	1%
Licenses, Permits and Rentals	49,300	1%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	44,500	1%
Return on Investments	12,000	0%
Total	\$5,439,703	100%

DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX RATES

Table 2 below shows the distribution of municipal 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 municipal property tax revenue among the property classes.

TABLE 2

PROPERTY CLASS	DOLLAR VALUE	% TAXATION
*Municipal Tax only		
Class 1 – Residential	\$178,844	78%
Class 2 – Utilities	654	1%
Class 6 – Business/Other	45,156	20%
Class 8 - Recreation/Non-profit	896	1%
Total	\$225,550	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 municipal revenue to be foregone by permissive tax exemptions will be approved by Council in the Village of Hazelton’s Tax Exemption Bylaw.
- In September/October, Council will review its objectives and policies prior to determining the permissive tax exemptions.
- Exemptions for 2021 were granted to Governing Council Salvation Army and the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine in the “2021 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 515, 2020”.