

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

BYLAW NO. 496, 2019

A bylaw to adopt a financial plan for the years 2019 to 2023

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, 2023.
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 "2019 - 2023 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 496, 2019".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

ADOPTED THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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SCHEDULE "A"

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
REVENUE					
Taxation	\$ 191,000	\$ 192,000	\$ 194,000	\$ 196,000	\$ 197,000
Frontage Taxes	53,000	54,000	55,000	56,000	56,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	37,000	38,000	39,000	40,000	41,000
Licenses, Permits, Rentals and Sundry Returns on Investments	42,000	43,000	44,000	45,000	45,000
Unconditional Grants	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Conditional Grants	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
Solid Waste Revenue	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Water Revenue	56,500	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000
Sewer Revenue	59,500	59,000	59,000	59,000	59,000
	71,500	71,000	71,000	71,000	71,000
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 1,165,500	\$ 1,168,000	\$ 1,173,000	\$ 1,178,000	\$ 1,180,000
EXPENDITURE					
General Government Services	\$ 362,000	\$ 363,000	\$ 364,000	\$ 365,000	\$ 366,000
Protective Services	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000
Development Services	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Public Works & Transportation	223,000	224,000	225,000	226,000	227,000
Parks, Recreation & Culture	46,000	46,000	46,000	46,000	46,000
Municipal Buildings	76,500	77,000	77,000	77,000	77,000
Solid Waste Expenditures	73,500	74,000	74,000	74,000	74,000
Water Expenditures	73,500	74,000	74,000	74,000	74,000
Sewer Expenditures	87,000	87,000	87,000	87,000	87,000
Capital Expenditures	303,000	303,000	303,000	253,000	133,000
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 1,367,500	\$ 1,371,000	\$ 1,373,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,207,000
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$202,000)	(\$203,000)	(\$200,000)	(\$147,000)	(\$27,000)
TRANSFER (TO)/FROM RESERVE FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-
TRANSFER (TO)/FROM SURPLUS	\$202,000	\$203,000	\$200,000	\$147,000	(\$27,000)
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 2019 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
2019 REVENUES

REVENUE SOURCE	DOLLAR VALUE	% OF TOTAL REVENUE
Unconditional Grants (Province)	\$450,000	39%
Conditional Grants (Project)	200,000	17%
Property Taxes	191,000	16%
Sewer Revenue	71,500	6%
Water Revenue	59,500	5%
Solid Waste Revenue	56,500	5%
Frontage Taxes	53,000	5%
Licenses, Permits and Rentals	42,000	4%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	37,000	2%
Return on Investments	5,000	1%
Total	\$1,165,500	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
Class 1 – Residential	\$141,600	73%
Class 2 – Utilities	350	1%
Class 6 – Business/Other	48,200	25%
Class 8 - Recreation/Non-profit	850	1%
Total	\$191,000	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 municipal 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 2019 were granted to Upper Skeena Recreation Centre and Governing Council Salvation Army in the "2016 to 2020 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 477, 2015".