

# TOWN OF OSOYOOS

## YOUR 2010 PROPERTY TAX & UTILITY NOTICE



### Payment Methods:

A variety of payment methods are available to you to pay for your Property Taxes.

- Mail or in person at Town Office
- Bill Payment via Telephone/Internet Banking with your local Financial Institution
- Drop in slot at Town Office.

Remember that “**Post dated**” cheques are accepted, but “**postmarks**” are not, so please ensure our office receives your payment on time to avoid the late payment penalty. Your homeowner grant must be completed and received by the due date as well.

### DUE DATE: JULY 2, 2010

A 10% late payment Penalty will be applied to outstanding Current Taxes as at **4:30 p.m. July 2, 2010.**

If you require further information, please call the Town Office at (250) 495-6515 to speak to Jim Zakall, Director of Finance, Phyllis Polukoshko, Accounting Clerk or Janice Stene, Payroll.

### Single Family Residential Taxes Comparison between Municipalities

<u>Average Assessment:</u>	Osoyoos	Oliver	Peachland	Summerland
Land	\$193,360	\$136,526	\$201,773	\$206,817
Improvements	\$183,482	\$153,430	\$234,576	\$201,711
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$376,842</b>	<b>\$289,956</b>	<b>\$436,349</b>	<b>\$408,528</b>
<b><u>Mill Rates: (Class 1)</u></b>				
Municipal	1.4800	1.3073	2.5087	2.5299
Library	0.1511	0.1963	0.1670	0.1761
Regional District	0.3747	1.0088	0.4059	0.1635
Hospital	0.2668	0.2711	0.3119	0.2671
School	2.4750	2.4750	1.9954	2.1856
Police	0.1989	0.2575	0.2055	*over 5,000
British Columbia Assessment Authority	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664
Municipal Finance Authority	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002
(land and improvements)	5.0131	5.5826	5.6610	5.3888
Sterile Insect Release (land only)	0.0502	0.0465	0.0447	0.0475
911	0.1115	0.1069	N/A	0.1014
Fire Protection	N/A	0.4466	N/A	N/A
(improvements only)	0.1115	0.5535	0.0000	0.1014
	5.1748	6.1826	5.7057	5.5377
<b>Average Residential Property Taxes</b>	<b>1,919.31</b>	<b>1,709.98</b>	<b>2,479.19</b>	<b>2,231.75</b>
<b>Municipal Portion</b>	<b>557.73</b>	<b>447.58</b> #	<b>1,094.67</b>	<b>1,033.53</b> =
<b><u>User Fees:</u></b>				
Water	267.00	307.00	222.00 *	401.28
Sewer	209.00	212.00	275.72	252.00
Garbage/Recycling and Yard Waste	104.00	115.00	196.45	174.00
<b>Residential User Fees</b>	<b>580.00</b>	<b>634.00</b>	<b>694.17</b>	<b>827.28</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,499.31</b>	<b>2,343.98</b>	<b>3,173.36</b>	<b>3,059.03</b>

\* plus metered consumption charge water \$0.30 m3 up to 400 m3 then \$0.50 > 400m3 per quarter

+ Fire Protection included in Municipal Rate

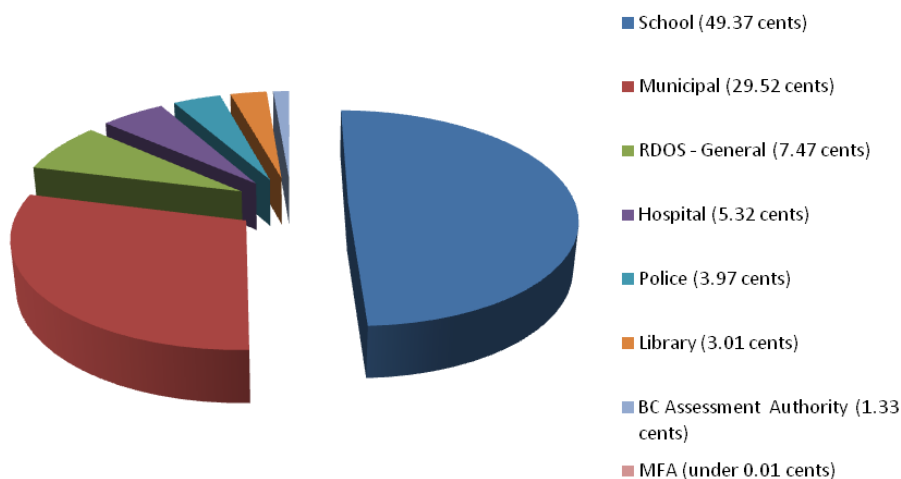
# Parks maintenance not included

= Includes Police

## Where do your Property Taxes go?

Approximately 70.48% of your tax bill represents taxes collected for other governments, over which your municipality has very little control. 49.37% of taxes collected go to the Province for funding of schools.

## Your Tax Dollar



### Utility Charges

Osoyoos places all utility charges on the annual tax notice in order to save administration costs and keep charges lower. Many other larger communities are able to charge utilities monthly or quarterly because they also have an electrical utility, which makes this billing process more economical.

### Water Conservation Tips

**Water between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m.** when the sun is low, winds are calm and temperatures are cool.

**Divide by zones:** Different plants need different amounts of water. Divide your yard and landscape areas into separate irrigation zones so that grass can be watered separately and more frequently than groundcovers, shrubs and trees. Both sprinkler and drip irrigation can be incorporated to achieve more efficient use of water.

**Water only things that grow:** If you have an underground sprinkler system, make sure the sprinkler heads are adjusted properly to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways.

**Do routine inspections:** periodically check your sprinklers to make sure everything is working properly.

**Be rain smart:** Adjust your irrigation system as the seasons and weather change.

### Home Owner Grants

The basic grant is \$570, but if you are over 65, disabled or otherwise qualify, you may qualify for a higher grant of \$845. This must be your permanent residence to be eligible. Only one homeowner grant may be claimed per family each year and the completed portion of the Home Owner Grant must be delivered directly to the Town Office either in person, by mail or by fax "**no later**" than **4:30 pm July 2, 2010**, the due date to avoid a 10% late payment penalty.

### Boulevards

Owners or occupiers of property within the Town of Osoyoos are responsible for the maintenance of boulevards including cutting grass, weed control and rubbish removal; and watering and care of boulevard trees, except pruning of boulevard trees.



**The Town of Osoyoos is taking steps to make our community healthier and greener.**

In order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Town has launched an "anti-idling" campaign. On **March 15, 2010**, Osoyoos Town Council adopted **Idling Control Bylaw No. 1262**. The goal of this Bylaw is to protect air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce urban noise and save money on fuel.

The Bylaw prohibits the idling of vehicles for more than **three (3) consecutive minutes** within the municipal town boundary, some exemptions do exist. Bylaw Enforcement Officers shall be issuing \$50 tickets to all violators.

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