

Update from City Council

On behalf of Abbotsford City Council, I am pleased to highlight some of the City's achievements from 2016 as well as some of the new and ongoing initiatives that are taking place in 2017. Abbotsford is a growing and diverse community, and the City of Abbotsford is committed to providing the best possible services to our residents and businesses.

Guiding all of our work is Council's vision for the community – that Abbotsford is the Hub of the Fraser Valley. This vision sees Abbotsford as a preferred destination to live and work, and provides the foundation for delivering key services for current and future generations.

As the Hub City, Abbotsford will become the regional centre of the communities of the Fraser Valley. The City of Abbotsford will be home to regionally centralized services and agencies including health care, courts, transportation, the university, airport, provincial and federal government services, entertainment and cultural facilities, and commerce.

To achieve this Vision, Council created four Cornerstones to support and focus the work of Council and the City that form the foundation of Council's 2015-18 Strategic Plan:

1. **Vibrant Economy**
2. **Complete Community**
3. **Fiscal Discipline**
4. **Organizational Alignment**

In furthering the objectives that support these Cornerstones, a key focus for the City this year is working to update the directions provided in our Master Plans and Neighborhood Plans to align them with policies set in our new Official Community Plan.

An important part of this process is receiving feedback and input on the development of these plans from our residents. This includes hearing from you on everything from how our parks and transit opportunities are considered to how we contemplate the development of our industrial lands and our housing strategy. We need your help to shape the future of Abbotsford, and I invite you to participate through one of our online surveys or by talking to us in person at one of our many community events, open houses and workshops. You can also receive regular updates on the progress of all of these plans through signing-up on our website at abbotsford.ca/plan200K.

Abbotsford City Council is very honoured to be serving this wonderful community. Thank you for allowing us to represent you and put our best foot forward in one of the best places to be in BC!

Mayor Henry Braun

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- The **Official Community Plan** was completed, providing a blueprint for how the city will grow and develop from a population of 140,000 to 200,000.
- Abbotsford hosted a successful **BC Summer Games** with over 2,400 athletes, showcasing our great City to all of BC.
- **\$4 Million** in funding from the province was received for **shoreline flood mitigation projects**, protecting farmland, homes and important regional infrastructure, and strengthening our community structurally.
- **\$28 Million** in provincial and federal funding was received to boost **transit infrastructure** with a new and expanded Central Fraser Valley Transit operation and maintenance facility, providing more convenience to residents who use public transportation.
- Construction began on the **Supportive Housing Project** on Gladys Avenue. The project is a partnership between the City, Abbotsford Community Services and BC Housing and opened in 2017, providing a home and support to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

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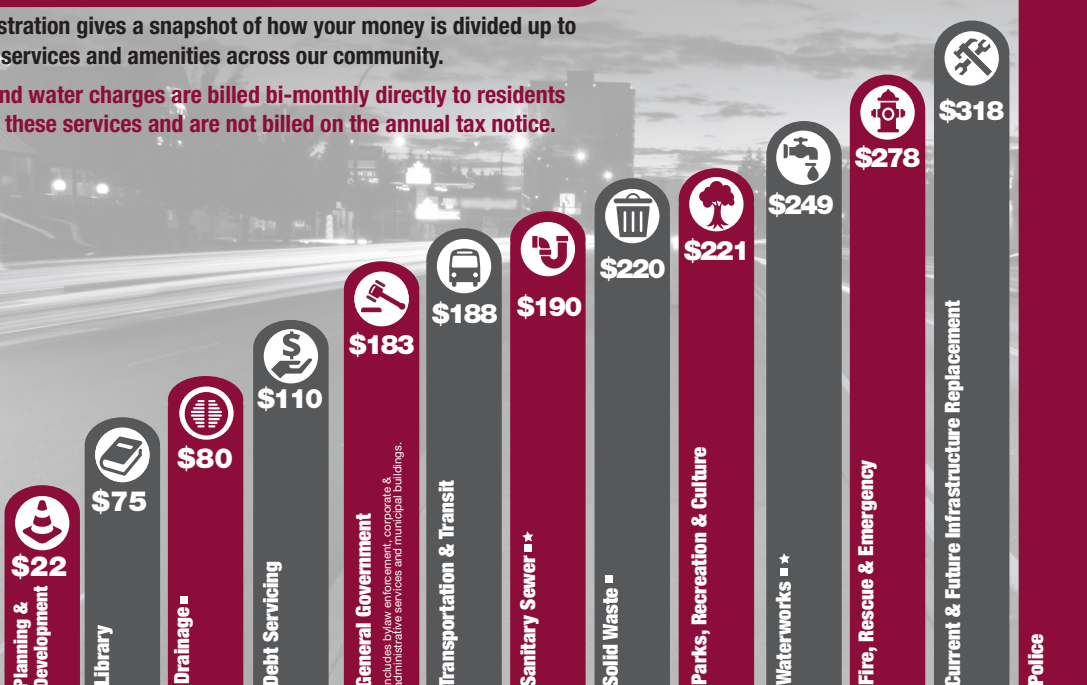


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How tax dollars pay for city services

This illustration gives a snapshot of how your money is divided up to support services and amenities across our community.

Sewer and water charges are billed bi-monthly directly to residents that use these services and are not billed on the annual tax notice.



Dollars are based on 2017 budgeted municipal taxes (city/police/library) for a typical single family residence with a property assessment of \$429,000. (Does not include taxes for schools, hospital and the FVRD).

■ Utility user fees includes operations and maintenance, current & future infrastructure replacement and debt servicing.

★ Waterworks & sanitary sewer based on the 2016 median single family water usage (224 m³), and include a 3.75% rate increase effective July 1, 2017: (i) waterworks rate with one-time payment discount \$1.13; (ii) sanitary sewer rate with ontime payment discount \$0.96.



Taxes are due July 4, 2017.

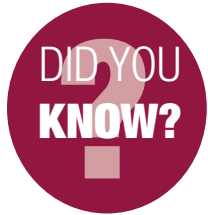
Canada Post postmarks are not accepted as the due date, so please allow for delivery time for your mailed cheque to arrive. City Hall also has drop boxes which are emptied every day. Cheques only, please!



CANADA 150

Visit the online calendar to find out about local 150th birthday celebrations and special community events!

abbotsford.ca/canada150calendar



DID YOU KNOW?

Abbotsford Airport secured an additional national air carrier and set a record for passenger volume in 2016, reaching **530,643 passengers.**

Abbotsford is the **Agriculture capital of Canada**, with farm receipts of **\$20,441/ha.**

We assessed **37** City facilities and have an energy savings plan to **save 1.5M kWh of energy** over the next three years!



Online is easier!

Set-up the City as a bill payee through your online banking system.

You can also claim your Home Owner Grant online at abbotsford.ca/hog.

Note that this year financial institutions will NOT accept your Home Owner Grant.

Go paperless!

eBilling delivers your tax and utility bill right to your email box. Visit abbotsford.ca/mycity and sign up today!



Help shape the future of Abbotsford with Plan200K. Go online today to abbotsford.ca/plan200K to take our surveys, find out about the project and sign up for updates!

Open air burning ban



A city-wide burning ban is in place from **June 1 to September 30.**

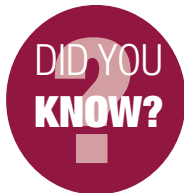
This includes all rural areas.

Burning is not permitted in urban areas at any time.

Find out more at

abbotsford.ca/fire

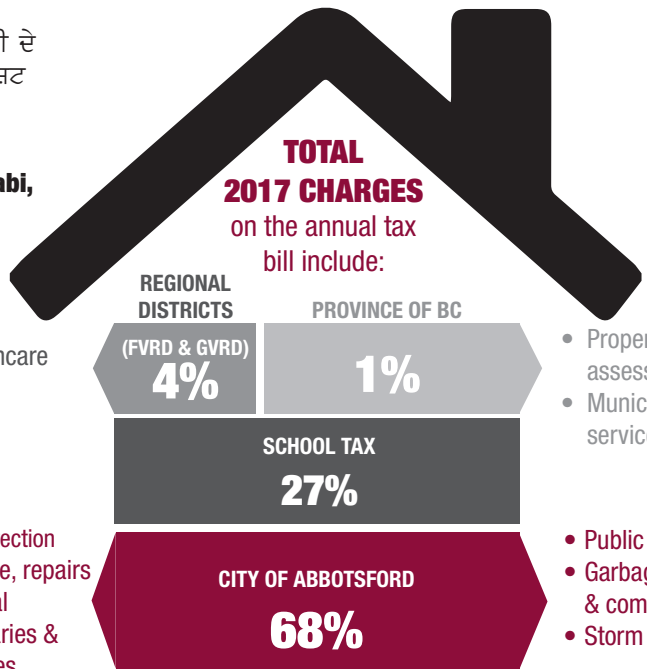
The City supported over 150 community events in 2016 with an economic impact of over \$14 Million.



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To read this newsletter in Punjabi, please visit abbotsford.ca.

- Hospitals & healthcare
- Regional parks
- Animal control
- Police and fire protection
- Road maintenance, repairs and snow removal
- Parks, pools, libraries & community centres



- Property assessments
- Municipal lending services

- Public transit
- Garbage, recycling & compost
- Storm drainage



Get the app!

Never miss a garbage day again. Download our CurbCollect app and get notification about your

pick up day and use the **Waste Wizard** online search feature to find out what trash goes where! Download for **free** at the Appstore or Google Play.

Get your bloom on!



Abbotsford Communities in Bloom

Abbotsford has joined the national Communities in Bloom program. Residents can brag about their gardens for a chance to win great prizes in the Garden Showcase! Log on to the Communities in Bloom website and enter your photo of your garden. Deadline for photos is July 31, 2017.

www.abbotsford.ca/cib

It has been a rainy spring, but water restrictions remain the same! Restrictions, along with the spring rains and high snow pack, will keep the lake level high and save us from moving to Stage 2, if its a hot summer.

Thanks for conserving and reserving!

For conservation information: ourwatermatters.ca

WATER RESTRICTIONS began May 1

LAWNS: 2 DAYS ONLY

Even Addresses Wed & Sat • Odd Addresses Thurs & Sun

MORNINGS BETWEEN 6am – 8am ONLY

GARDENS: AS NEEDED

Flowers • Vegetables • Trees • Shrubs

Keep up to date with your City:

