

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

**BYLAW #2549**

A BYLAW TO ADOPT A FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE PERIOD OF 2013 TO 2017

WHEREAS section 165 of the *Community Charter*, SBC 2003 CHAP. 26 requires that Council adopt a financial plan for a period of five years,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Rossland, in open meeting assembled, hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**SHORT TITLE**

1. This Bylaw may be cited, for all purposes, as the **"CITY OF ROSSLAND FINANCIAL PLAN 2013 – 2017 BYLAW"**.
2. The planned revenues and expenditures for the years 2013 to 2017 shall be those recorded on Schedule "A" attached to, and forming part of this Bylaw.
3. In accordance with Section 165(3.1) of the Community Charter, Schedules "B", "C" and "D" are attached to, and form a part of this Bylaw to provide the objectives and policies regarding each of the following:
  - a) the proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165(7) of the Community Charter,
  - b) the distribution of property taxes among the property classes, and
  - c) the use of permissive tax exemptions

**ENACTMENT**

7. (1) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the part that is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder.
- (2) Bylaw #2527 and the amendments thereto are hereby repealed.
- (3) This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the final adoption thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME  
READ A SECOND TIME  
READ A THIRD TIME  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION HELD ON  
RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013/May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013/May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer

**BYLAW #2549****SCHEDULE "A"**

<b>Corporation of the City of Rosland</b>								
<b>Schedule A</b>								
<b>2013 to 2017 Financial Plan Bylaw</b>								
				<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Revenue</b>								
	Taxation			4,089,700	4,089,700	4,089,700	4,089,700	4,089,700
	Sales of Service			525,100	535,600	546,300	557,200	568,300
	Other Revenues			1,266,900	1,288,400	1,310,400	1,332,800	1,355,600
	DCC's and Contributions			569,900	693,000	693,000	693,000	693,000
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>			<b>6,451,600</b>	<b>6,606,700</b>	<b>6,639,400</b>	<b>6,672,700</b>	<b>6,706,600</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
	Operating			5,008,400	5,064,200	5,158,900	5,255,500	5,354,100
	Long-Term Debt Interest			177,700	382,400	447,100	511,800	576,500
	Amortization			1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			<b>6,416,100</b>	<b>6,676,600</b>	<b>6,836,000</b>	<b>6,997,300</b>	<b>7,160,600</b>
	<b>Net Revenue (Loss)</b>			<b>35,500</b>	<b>(69,900)</b>	<b>(196,600)</b>	<b>(324,600)</b>	<b>(454,000)</b>
<b>Allocations</b>								
	Borrowing Proceeds			4,285,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
	Debt Principal Payments			(256,600)	(368,900)	(402,200)	(435,500)	(468,800)
	Capital Expenditures			(1,447,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
	Unfunded Amortization			1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000	1,230,000
	Transfer (to) from Reserves			(3,846,900)	(191,200)	(31,200)	130,100	292,800
	<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>			<b>(35,500)</b>	<b>69,900</b>	<b>196,600</b>	<b>324,600</b>	<b>454,000</b>

**BYLAW #2549****SCHEDULE "B"****Table 1 – Sources of Revenue**

<b>Revenue Source 2013</b>	<b>%</b>
Property Value Taxes	55.0%
Parcel & Local Service Area Taxes	8.4%
Utility Taxes, Grants in Lieu & Penalties & Interest	3.0%
Utility User Fees	16.7%
Sales of Service	8.1%
Grants	8.8%
	100.0%

Table 1 reflects the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each revenue source in 2013. Property Value Taxes form the greatest proportion of the revenue of the municipality and provide a stable, consistent source of revenue for many municipal services that are difficult or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis. Grants also provide a source of revenue to the municipality. Sales of service and Utility User Fees provide revenue for the municipality on a user-pay basis.

**Policy:**

Council is committed to maintaining a consistent property tax base and strives to maximize the user-pay method of providing services wherever feasible.

**Objectives:**

- To maximize a user-pay cost structure wherever possible.
- To maximize the use of grant funding for infrastructure and service upgrades.

**BYLAW #2549****SCHEDULE "C"****Table 2 – Proposed Distribution of Property Taxes Among Property Classes for 2013**

<b>Property Class</b>	<b>%</b>
Residential	87.9%
Utility	2.7%
Business and Other	8.9%
Managed Forest	0.0%
Recreation / Non-Profit	0.4%
Farm	0.0%

Table 2 reflects the distribution of property value taxes among property classes. The City of Rossland's tax base is primarily residential and therefore the majority of the tax burden falls on the residential homeowners.

**Policy:**

It is the policy of Council to maintain a tax rate ratio between individual property assessment classes at fixed values. The tax rate for all property classes are a multiple of the tax rate for Property Class 01 (Residential). In order to encourage business in Rossland and reduce operating costs for existing businesses, the tax rate multiple for Class 06 was reduced from 2.25 to 1.71 in 2007.

**Objective:**

To maintain the current tax rate structure and to encourage business in Rossland by providing tax relief in the form of the reduced variable tax rate.

**BYLAW #2549****SCHEDULE "D"**

<b>THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND</b>			
<b>PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS</b>			
<b>Per Bylaw #2516 - 2012 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw</b>			
<b>Legal Description</b>	<b>Roll #</b>	<b>Civic Address</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Parcel A, Block 27, Plan 616A	767.350	2396 Columbia Avenue	Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson - Sacred Hearth Church
Lots 11 - 14, Block 30, Plan 616A	805.100	2393 Columbia Avenue	Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson - Parish Hall
Lots 1 - 4, Block 20, Plan 616A	676.100	2110 - 1st Avenue	United Church of Canada - St. Andrew's United Church
Lot 26, Block 18, Plan 616 & Lot A, Plan 10762	673.940	2099 - 3rd Avenue	Rossland Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Lots 15 - 17, Block 26, Plan 579, Kootenay Land District	212.000	1869 Columbia Avenue	Rossland Swimming Pool Society
Lot 15, Block 28, Plan 579	238.000	2055 - 2059 Washington Street	Rossland Health Care Auxiliary Society
Lot A, Plan 9862	675.000	2112 Second Avenue	Golden City Manors Society
Lot B, Plan 9766, District Lot 535 & Lot 22, Block 28, Plan 579 District Lot 535 except Parcel A	243.000	2058 Spokane Street	Rossland Child Care Society
Lot 20, Block 41, Plan 579	360.000	2054 Washington Street	Rossland Light Opera Players
Lot 1, Plan NEP73284, District Lot 535	240.000	2081 Washington Street	Royal Canadian Legion ( Class 8 portion only)
<b>Revitalization Tax Exemptions per Bylaw #2517</b>			
Lot 1, Block 41, Plan 579	343.000	2004 Columbia Avenue	Quince Tree Enterprises Inc.

Council provides permissive tax exemption to not-for-profit organizations that form a valuable part of the community. These include religious institutions, recreational facilities, a seniors housing society and a child care society. In 2010, Council adopted a Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw to encourage economic activity and growth.

**Policy:**

Council will continue to support local not-for-profit organizations that provide benefits to the community as a whole and are eligible under the Community Charter through permissive tax exemptions. In order to encourage economic activity and growth, Council will provide revitalization tax exemption to businesses who meet the criteria set out in the Revitalization Tax program.

Objective:

To provide permissive tax exemption to not-for-profit organizations that benefit the overall well-being of the community.

To encourage economic activity and growth by providing exemption from property value tax increases for a period of five years.