

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND

BYLAW No. 2568

A BYLAW TO ADOPT A FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE PERIOD OF 2014 TO 2018

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 2014 – 2018 BYLAW".
2. The planned revenues and expenditures for the years 2014 to 2018 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 - (2) Bylaw #2549 and the amendments thereto are hereby repealed.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 14th day of April, 2014
this 14th day of April, 2014
this 22nd day of April, 2014
this 2nd day of April, 2014
this 28th day of April, 2014



Mayor



Corporate Officer

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SCHEDULE "A"

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City of Rossland
5 Year Financial Plan (Consolidated)
2014 - 2018

	Plan 2014	Plan 2015	Plan 2016	Plan 2017	Plan 2018
Revenue					
Taxation:					
Property Value Taxes	3,577,596	3,577,596	3,577,596	3,577,596	3,577,596
Non Market Changes	33,345	68,345	103,345	138,345	173,345
Property Tax for Columbia Washington Debt 6.7%	241,320	241,320	482,640	482,640	482,640
Property Tax 0.3% Increase	11,511	11,511	11,511	11,511	11,511
Parcel & Local Service Area Taxes	557,744	557,744	557,744	557,744	557,744
Utility Taxes & Grants in Lieu	112,765	113,893	115,032	116,182	117,344
	4,534,281	4,570,408	4,847,867	4,884,018	4,920,179
Funding for Operations:					
Sales of Services	340,637	349,322	351,277	353,251	355,245
Licences, Permits, Fees & Other	124,908	127,259	128,422	129,597	130,783
Utility User Fees	1,059,103	1,069,689	1,080,381	1,091,180	1,102,087
Tax Penalties & Interest	155,595	165,107	177,885	191,212	208,522
	1,680,243	1,711,378	1,737,965	1,765,240	1,796,636
Grants - Operational	406,104	491,828	491,957	467,086	467,217
Grants - Capital	-	-	-	-	-
	406,104	491,828	491,957	467,086	467,217
TOTAL REVENUES	6,620,628	6,773,615	7,077,789	7,116,344	7,184,033
Expenses					
Government Services	1,212,483	1,076,297	1,083,262	1,106,832	1,115,510
Protective Services	167,000	168,670	170,357	172,060	173,781
Transportation & Public Works	1,118,242	1,129,133	1,140,334	1,151,647	1,163,074
Water Operations	465,884	432,923	437,102	441,323	445,586
Sewer Operations	533,685	572,541	585,198	594,512	584,549
Environmental Health Services	107,278	107,278	107,278	107,278	107,278
Public Health and Welfare	13,800	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Planning, Community & Environ. Dev.	145,300	134,533	135,778	137,036	138,306
Recreation and Cultural Services	183,551	185,387	187,240	189,113	191,004
Facilities and Parks	613,150	619,487	625,884	632,143	638,464
Special Projects	436,617	49,404	49,404	14,404	14,404
Interest & Bank Charges	38,501	14,940	15,001	15,062	15,124
Interest on Long Term Debt	261,186	346,431	409,732	409,907	410,027
Community Support	349,851	349,851	349,851	349,851	349,851
Rossland Swimming Pool	55,419	55,923	56,433	56,947	57,466
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,701,947	5,247,797	5,357,853	5,383,116	5,409,425
NET INCOME / (LOSS)	918,681	1,525,818	1,719,936	1,733,228	1,774,608
Allocations					
Debt Proceeds	112,000	280,000	4,240,000	190,000	130,000
Capital Expenditure	(1,185,256)	(1,455,280)	(5,215,491)	(1,157,450)	(960,708)
Debt - Principal	(290,292)	(374,992)	(436,886)	(453,412)	(469,562)
Development Cost Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer (to)/from Reserves	444,867	24,454	(307,560)	(312,367)	(474,339)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	-	(0)	(1)	(1)	(0)

BYLAW #2568**SCHEDULE "B"****Table 1 – Sources of Revenue**

Revenue Source 2014	%
Property Value Taxes	58.4%
Parcel & Local Service Area Taxes	8.4%
Utility Taxes, Grants in Lieu & Penalties & Interest	4.1%
Utility User Fees	16.0%
Sales of Service	7.0%
Grants	6.1%
	100.0%

Table 1 reflects the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each revenue source in 2014. 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.

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SCHEDULE "C"

Table 2 – Proposed Distribution of Property Taxes Among Property Classes for 2014

Property Class	%
Residential	87.6%
Utility	2.8%
Business and Other	9.1%
Managed Forest	0.0%
Recreation / Non-Profit	0.5%
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 #2568**SCHEDULE "D"**

**The Corporation of the City of Rossland
Permissive Tax Exemptions
Per Bylaw #2561 – 2014 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw**

Legal Description	Roll #	Civic Address	Organization
Parcel A, Block 27, Plan 616A	767.350	2396 Columbia Avenue	Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson - Sacred Heart Church
Lots 11 - 14, Block 30, Plan 616A	805.100	2393 Columbia Avenue	Seven Summits School of Learning (Class 08 portion only)
Lots 1 - 4, Block 20, Plan 616A	676.100	2110 - First Avenue	United Church of Canada - St. Andrew's United Church
Lot 26, Block 18, Plan 616 & Lot A, Plan 10762	673.940	2099 - Third 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)
Revitalization Tax Exemptions per Bylaw #2488			
Lot 1, Block 41, Plan 579	343.000	2004 Columbia Avenue	Quince Tree Enterprises Inc.
Lot 8, Block, 28, Plan 579, Kootenay Land District	234.000	1960 Columbia Avenue	Sourdough Alley Holdings Co.
Lot 5, Lot 4, Block 28, Plan 579, Kootenay Land District	231.500	1938 Columbia Avenue	Sourdough Alley Holdings Co.

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.