VICTORIA, BC – With the deadline just one week away, property taxpayers are reminded that even in the event of postal service delays, payment must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 4, 2011.

A penalty of 10% will be applied to outstanding current year taxes and unclaimed Provincial Home Owner Grants at the close of business July 4, 2011. Property taxpayers who are intending to pay in person at City Hall are encouraged to give themselves ample time. Although City Hall’s Public Service Centre is fully staffed for the busy season, line-ups leading up to the July 4 deadline should be expected.

The City provides a variety of convenient ways to pay property taxes:

**Pay Online/ Financial Institution**
Most banks and credit unions accept property tax payments online or in person. Please use the Folio Number, located at the top left of your tax notice.

**Post-dated Cheques**
Cheques post-dated for July 4, 2011 are accepted. Cheques can be dropped off at the Public Service Centre at City Hall, or in the drop box located at the Pandora Avenue entrance of City Hall.

**Public Service Centre**
If you do prefer to pay your taxes in person, the Public Service Centre is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cash, cheque and Interac are accepted. *Credit cards are not accepted.*

Thinking ahead to next year’s taxes, property taxpayers may wish to enrol in the monthly, automatic pre-payment program. This program allows you to pay on a monthly basis instead of one lump sum – making budgeting easier and helping you avoid the risk of a 10% penalty. For 10 months, on the first day of the month, a fixed amount is automatically debited from your bank account. Once taxes have been determined the remaining balance will be debited on the due date in July.

For more information on 2011 property taxes please visit [www.victoria.ca/propertytax](http://www.victoria.ca/propertytax).

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