Property Tax Deadline Nears

Date: Monday, June 18, 2012

VICTORIA, BC – With the deadline just two weeks away, property taxpayers are reminded that payment must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2012. A penalty of 10% will be applied to outstanding current year taxes and unclaimed Provincial Home Owner Grants at the close of business July 3.

City Hall is currently under renovation; property taxpayers can avoid the dust and line-ups by choosing one of the convenient ways to pay, including online and by mail.

**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. Provincial home owner grants can be claimed electronically at [www.victoria.ca](http://www.victoria.ca).

**Post-dated Cheques**
Cheques post-dated for July 3, 2012 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.

**Pre-authorized Payments**
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.

**Public Service Centre**
If you 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.** Although City Hall’s Public Service Centre is fully staffed for the busy season, line-ups leading up to the July 3 deadline should be expected. During construction, access to City Hall for property taxes in limited to the Centennial Square and Pandora Avenue entrances only. **There is no access off of Douglas Street.**

For more information on 2012 property taxes please visit [www.victoria.ca/propertytax](http://www.victoria.ca/propertytax)

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