



**DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE
BYLAW NO. 956, 2025**

A Bylaw to adopt the Financial Plan for 2025 to 2029

WHEREAS the Council of District of Hudson's Hope shall adopt by bylaw a five-year financial plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Hudson's Hope, in an open public meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the "District of Hudson's Hope Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 956, 2025."
2. District of Hudson's Hope Annual Financial Plan Bylaw No. 945, 2024, is hereby repealed.
3. If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.
4. Schedules "A" to "B" which are attached to and forms part of this Bylaw, is adopted as the Financial Plan of the District of Hudson's Hope for the years 2025 to 2029.
5. Schedule "B" which is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw, is adopted as the Statement of Objectives and Policies of the District of Hudson's Hope for the years 2025 to 2029.

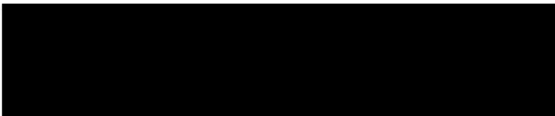
READ A FIRST TIME this 8th day of April 2025

READ A SECOND TIME this 8th day of April 2025

READ A THIRD TIME this 8th day of April 2025

ADOPTED this 5th day of May 2025


Crystal Brown, Chief Administrative Officer


Travous Quibell, Mayor

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 956, 2025
This ____ day of ____, 2025

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE A
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
PROPERTY TAX	4,538,939	4,675,107	4,815,360	4,959,821	5,108,616
GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	2,131,183	2,195,119	2,260,972	2,328,801	2,398,665
INTEREST AND PENALTIES	87,100	87,463	87,837	88,222	88,619
PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GRANTS	2,066,195	1,142,917	1,020,000	467,000	1,587,066
OTHER GRANTS AND DONATIONS	5,412,378	48,980	49,489	50,014	50,555
FEES AND CHARGES	186,795	189,162	192,132	195,190	198,341
OTHER REVENUE	186,282	193,748	199,172	204,758	210,512
WATER REVENUE	525,050	130,670	131,103	131,548	132,007
WASTE WATER REVENUE	78,778	80,971	83,230	85,556	87,953
TOTAL GENERAL SURPLUS	666,447		183,411	683,022	1,150,967
PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	1,330,311				
COLLECTED FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT	4,130,612	4,254,532	4,382,168	4,513,633	4,649,042
TOTAL	21,340,070	12,998,669	13,404,874	13,707,565	15,662,343

EXPENDITURES	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	2,583,034	2,614,260	2,686,328	2,760,558	2,837,014
MFA PAYMENTS				502,160	502,160
ICBC & OTHER EXPENSES	115,240	118,697	122,258	125,926	129,704
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	931,830	633,934	1,244,383	1,263,158	1,282,496
BYLAW & ANIMAL CONTROL	51,200	52,736	54,318	55,948	57,626
ASSET MANAGEMENT	99,000	19,570	20,157	20,762	21,385
PUBLIC WORKS	2,116,590	2,145,288	2,209,646	2,275,936	2,344,214
WASTE MANAGEMENT	171,000	67,680	69,710	71,802	73,956
CEMETERY	10,000	5,000	5,150	5,305	5,464
PUBLIC LIBRARY & NEW HORIZONS	150,954	155,482	160,147	164,951	169,900
PARKS & RECREATION	1,005,345	991,938	1,020,932	1,050,794	1,081,553
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	252,962	58,951	60,719	62,541	64,417
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	75,000	5,150	5,305	5,464	5,628
WATER UTILITY	897,450	497,130	512,043	527,405	543,227
WASTE WATER UTILITY	139,850	117,096	120,608	124,227	127,953
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL	8,533,054	1,176,000	701,000	147,000	1,736,606
TRANSFER TO RESERVE FUNDS	76,949	85,225	30,000	30,000	30,000
GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	4,130,612	4,254,532	4,382,168	4,513,633	4,649,042
TOTAL	21,340,070	20,498,669	13,404,874	13,707,565	15,662,343

SCHEDULE B
SUMMARY OF CAPITAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE	2,025	2,026	2,027	2,028	2,029
TRANSFER FROM OPERATING BUDGET	8,533,054	1,176,000	701,000	147,000	1,736,606
BORROWING		7,500,000			
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES					
ADMINISTRATION	41,419	56,500	26,500	12,500	12,500
PW FLEET	125,000	310,000	400,000	110,000	360,000
PW FACILITIES	257,000	25,000			265,394
PW ROADS	181,622				
WATER	26,185				
SEWER	109,124				
COMMUNITY HALL	185,110				
FIRE	184,401				
GROWING COMMUNITIES FUND	618,338				
TOTAL	10,261,253	9,067,500	1,127,500	269,500	2,374,500

EXPENDITURES	2,025	2,026	2,027	2,028	2,029
ADMINISTRATION	95,500	56,500	26,500	12,500	12,500
FLEET	125,000	310,000	400,000	110,000	360,000
FACILITIES	1,322,163	25,000			700,000
ROADS	192,000	100,000	300,000		50,000
WATER	6,209,623	900,000	100,000		915,000
SEWER	872,000		200,000		225,000
COMMUNITY HALL	370,000	7,500,000	370,000	7,500,000	370,000
FIRE FLEET	453,000	30,000		135,000	
FIRE EQUIPMENT	589,467	34,000	31,000	12,000	12,000
FIRE FACILITIES	32,000	112,000	70,000		100,000
TOTAL	10,261,253	9,067,500	1,127,500	269,500	2,374,500

SCHEDULE C

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Funding Sources

The table below presents the proposed revenue sources and their respective contributions to the total revenue for 2025.

Revenue Source	Value	Percentage
Provincial/Federal and Other Grants	7,478,573	39.5%
Property Tax	4,538,939	24.0%
Grants In Lieu Of Taxes	2,131,183	11.3%
Capital Reserve Funds	1,728,199	9.1%
Prior Year Surplus	1,330,311	7.0%
Fees/Charges/Other Revenue	976,905	5.2%
General Surplus	666,447	3.5%
Interest And Penalties	87,100	0.5%
Total	18,937,657	100%

For the 2025 fiscal year, Provincial, Federal, and Other Government Grants form the largest portion of revenues due to capital infrastructure grant funding.

Property taxes constitute the second largest portion of revenue. Property taxation offers several advantages, such as simplicity in administration and ease of understanding for residents. It provides a stable and reliable source of funding for services that are challenging or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis. These include essential services like general administration, fire protection, parks and recreation, and bylaw enforcement.

Grants in Lieu of Taxes are the third largest source of revenue with payments from BC Hydro Dam/Reservoir accounting for the largest percentage.

Objectives

- Utilize Peace River Agreement Funding for capital projects.
- Increase revenue from user fees and charges to ensure that users of services are not subsidized by non-users, particularly for water and sewer services.

Policies

- Review all user fee levels to ensure they meet both capital and delivery costs of the service.
- Compare the District's competitiveness with market standards.
- Continue applying for grant funding to support projects and initiatives.

Distribution of Property Tax Rates

The table below outlines the distribution of property taxes among the property classes. The Utilities property class provides the largest proportion of property tax revenue.

PROPERTY CLASS 2025	DOLLAR VALUE	% OF REV
1. RESIDENTIAL	442,917	9.65
2. UTILITIES	3,539,200	81.14
4. MAJOR INDUSTRY	27,035	0.39
5. LIGHT INDUSTRY	369,415	5.62
6. BUSINESS	151,450	2.97
8. REC/NON-PROFIT	411	0.01
9. FARM TAXES	8649	0.22
TOTAL	4,538,939	100.00
Other Taxes	47,710	
Municipal Property Tax Total	4,337,843	

Objectives

- Align Property Class 2 (Utilities) with municipal averages
- Gradually increase the percentage of property tax rate across all classes

Policies

- Compare the District against other municipalities within the Peace River Regional District and municipalities of similar size to assess the rate of property tax paid by each class.
- Maintain and encourage economic development initiatives.

Permissive Tax Exemptions

The District of Hudson's Hope Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 908, 2019, guides the administration and approval of permissive tax exemptions. The eligibility criteria for permissive tax exemptions include the following:

- The exemption must benefit the community and residents of the District of Hudson's Hope by enhancing their quality of life economically, socially, and culturally.
- The goals, policies, and principles of the exempt organization must align with those of the District of Hudson's Hope.
- The receiving organization must be a registered non-profit society, ensuring that municipal support is not used for commercial or private gain.
- Permissive tax exemptions will be considered alongside other assistance provided by the District, potential demands for District services or infrastructure arising from the property, and the revenue loss incurred by the District.

Objective

- The District of Hudson's Hope aims to continue providing permissive tax exemptions to non-profit societies under its current bylaw.

Policies

- Encourage the development of non-profit societies that offer services to the community as outlined in the Property Tax Exemption Bylaw by providing Insurance Expansion Coverage.
- Ensure that applicants remain eligible and qualify under the district's tax exemption guidelines.