

DISTRICT OF SEHEL T

Bylaw No. 500, 2011

A Bylaw to Adopt the 2011 – 2015 Financial Plan

WHEREAS Section 165 of the *Community Charter* provides that Council shall adopt a Financial Plan before the annual property tax bylaw is adopted;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of Sechelt in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. **TITLE**

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “District of Sechelt 2011-2015 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 500, 2011”.

2. **PROVISIONS**

Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this Bylaw is hereby adopted as the Financial Plan of the District of Sechelt for the five-year period from 2011 – 2015.

The various items of expenditures set forth in Schedule “A” are hereby authorized.


Pursuant to Section 165 (3.1) of the Community Charter the Council of the District of Sechelt has prepared a Statement of Revenue and Tax Policy as shown in Schedule “B” attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.

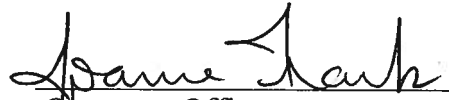
READ A FIRST TIME THIS 20th DAY OF April, 2011

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 20th DAY OF April, 2011

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 20th DAY OF April, 2011

ADOPTED THIS THE 4th DAY OF May, 2011

Mayor 



Corporate Officer

I hereby certify this to be a true and accurate copy of “District of Sechelt 2011-2015 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 500, 2011”.

Corporate Officer

Schedule A

Five Year Financial Plan 2011-2015

REVENUES	2011 BUDGET	2012 BUDGET	2013 BUDGET	2014 BUDGET	2015 BUDGET
Taxation					
Property Taxes	6,273,250	6,555,546	6,850,546	7,158,820	7,480,967
Parcel and Frontage Taxes (Sewer)	398,000	399,990	401,990	404,000	406,020
Utility and Grant in Lieu of Taxes	207,150	211,811	217,106	222,534	228,097
Taxes Collected for Other Governments	10,752,400	10,994,329	11,269,187	11,550,917	11,839,690
Fees and Charges					
Sewer User Fees	1,314,500	1,344,076	1,377,678	1,412,120	1,447,423
Environmental User Fees	575,000	587,938	602,636	617,702	633,144
Sale of Services	985,950	1,008,134	1,033,337	1,059,171	1,085,650
Permits, Licences and Fees	418,800	428,223	438,929	449,902	461,149
Other Revenue					
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	142,000	145,195	148,825	152,545	156,359
Return on Investments	561,000	532,950	506,303	480,987	456,938
Donations/Other	28,550	29,192	29,922	30,670	31,437
Grants and Transfers					
Operating Grants	421,000	430,473	441,234	452,265	463,572
Capital Grants	2,919,000	3,280,000	130,000	252,000	30,000
Transfer from Capital Reserves	2,153,500	4,127,302	943,503	1,081,000	510,000
Transfer from Development Cost Charges	367,000	500,000	379,000		
Transfer from Operating Reserves	473,594	306,000	313,650	321,491	329,529
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>27,990,694</u>	<u>30,881,159</u>	<u>25,083,846</u>	<u>25,646,125</u>	<u>25,559,975</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Debt					
Interest Payments	434,500	434,500	434,500	434,500	369,500
Debt Payments	249,500	249,500	249,500	249,500	210,185
Municipal Purposes					
General Government	2,686,246	2,746,687	2,815,354	2,885,738	2,957,881
Protective Services	2,342,768	2,395,480	2,455,367	2,516,751	2,579,670
Environmental Health	583,700	596,833	611,754	627,048	642,724
Community & Development Services	980,550	1,002,612	1,027,678	1,053,370	1,079,704
Transportation / Engineering	1,735,550	1,774,600	1,818,965	1,864,439	1,911,050
Sewer Services	930,600	951,539	975,327	999,710	1,024,703
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services	1,209,350	1,236,560	1,267,474	1,299,161	1,331,640
Other	31,500	32,209	33,014	33,839	34,685
Amortization	2,776,401	2,999,031	3,037,783	3,073,041	3,087,081
Transfers to Own Funds					
Capital Expenditures	2,289,500	2,227,103	1,123,503	1,133,000	540,000
Sewer Capital Expenditures	3,150,000	5,680,200	329,000	200,000	0
Contribution to Reserves	614,530	559,007	673,223	798,152	1,038,543
Add Back Amortization: (Non cash expense)	-2,776,401	-2,999,031	-3,037,783	-3,073,041	-3,087,081
Taxes remitted to Other Governments (SCRD/Prov School and Hospital Taxes)	10,752,400	10,994,329	11,269,187	11,550,917	11,839,690
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>27,990,694</u>	<u>30,881,159</u>	<u>25,083,846</u>	<u>25,646,125</u>	<u>25,559,975</u>

Schedule B

Financial Plan Statement for 2011

Revenue Distribution

In accordance with section 165(3.1) of the Community Charter, the proportion of total revenue derived from each revenue source is as follows:

Revenue Source	2011 Total Revenue %	2010 Total Revenue %
Property Taxes	36.39%	36.80%
Parcel Taxes	2.31%	2.26%
User Fees and Charges	20.31%	18.35%
Other Sources	4.24%	4.27%
Grants	19.37%	17.07%
Proceeds from Borrowing	0.00%	0.00%
Transfer from Own Funds	17.38%	21.25%
Total	100.00%	100.00%

Property Taxes:

Property taxes as a percentage of total revenues remained the same as 2010. Going forward, a 4.5% increase per year is derived from a combination of actual additions to total assessed values, possible inflation in assessed values, and tax increases.

Parcel Taxes:

Parcel taxes will be implemented whenever Council determines new services provided, are more appropriately funded by them, than assessment based taxes.

User Fees and Charges:

- User fees will be used to recover costs from those who benefit from services provided. The proportion of user fees to be recovered will vary with the service provided.
- Council completed an extensive review of its user fees and charges in 2009, resulting in some fee increases to better match current costs. This source of revenue is gradually increasing as a percentage of total revenues.

Other Sources:

The District of Sechelt will continue to seek other sources of revenue to reduce its reliance on property taxes.

Proceeds from Borrowing:

Borrowing will be considered when a capital project will provide benefits to taxpayers over a long period.

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Transfers from Own Funds:

Pursuant to the District's financial policies, the District will build up reserves to fund major capital projects. This practice reduces the need for significant increases in taxation and minimizes the necessity for borrowing.

Distribution of Property Tax Revenues

Taxes for 2011 are distributed as follows:

Property Class	Number of Properties	Revenue Distribution 2011 (%)	Comparative % Distribution 2010
Residential	5,412	85.99%	85.96%
Utilities	28	0.52%	0.53%
Light Industry	13	1.00%	0.96%
Business/Other	303	12.15%	12.18%
Managed Forest	1	0.06%	0.07%
Seasonal/Recreational	38	0.26%	0.28%
Farm	25	0.02%	0.02%
Total	5,820	100.00%	100.00%

This distribution of taxation has been established over several years. With residential properties making up 93% of the total number of properties, the majority of the current tax burden rests with this property classification.

Permissive Tax Exemptions:

The District of Sechelt believes that permissive tax exemptions are one method of placing more resources into not-for-profit organizations providing social services to the community. Council policy is to review all permissive tax exemptions annually. All applications for permissive tax exemptions are considered in accordance with the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy, which was revised in 2010.