

## Claiming Your Home Owner Grant Online

Eligible taxpayers have the option of claiming their Home Owner Grant (eHOG) online by visiting [www.elkford.ca](http://www.elkford.ca) and clicking the Online Services link on the right hand section of the home page.

All that you need in order to claim your eHOG is:

- your roll/folio number
- your access code

You can find both of these on your Property Tax Notice.

To avoid a 10% penalty on the total outstanding amount, ensure that you claim your eHOG by July 3, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

You can also claim your HOG by filling out the bottom portion of your Property Tax Notice and delivering it to the District Office.

### Contact Us:

Council and staff are always available to speak with you regarding any concerns or questions you may have.

A complete 2018 District of Elkford 5-Year Financial Plan is available from the District Office or on the District website at [www.elkford.ca](http://www.elkford.ca).

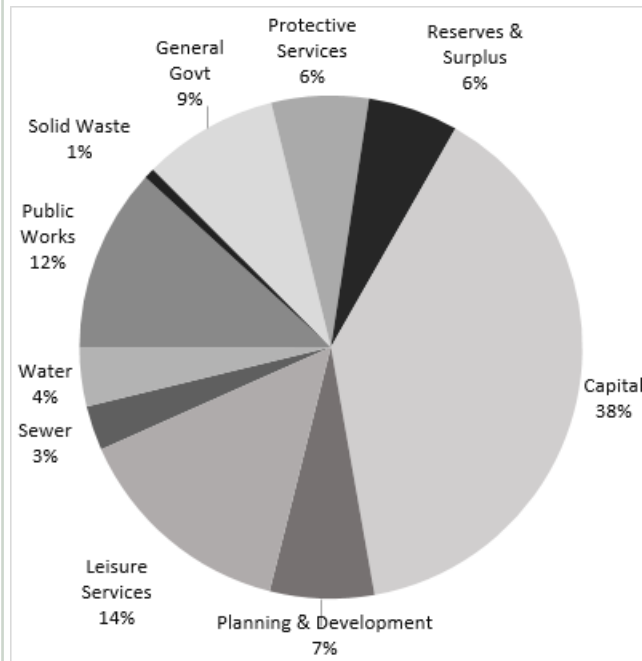
There are six ways to reach us:

**By telephone:** 250.865.4000  
**By fax:** 250.865.4001  
**By email:** [finance@elkford.ca](mailto:finance@elkford.ca)  
**Website:** [www.elkford.ca](http://www.elkford.ca)  
**At the office:** 816 Michel Road  
**By Mail:** PO Box 340  
Elkford, BC V0B 1H0

## 2018 Financial Plan

The 2018-2022 Five Year Financial Plan was adopted by Council in February 2018. For 2018, Council has approved total expenditures in the amount of \$12,753,674. Of this amount, \$7,040,907 is for operations, \$4,971,545 is for capital, and \$741,222 is to be placed in reserves.

The figure below is a percentage breakdown of the 2018 budget as allocated between expenditures.



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Wild at heart.

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# 2018

# PROPERTY TAXES

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## Message from Council

May 2018

### Dear Taxpayer,

Each year, the District of Elkford Council reviews its achievements from the past year and looks forward to setting goals for the coming year. These goals and objectives form the foundation for the District of Elkford's annual budget from which the property tax rates are determined. Again in 2018 we hope to achieve many of our goals while continuing to maintain service levels that the community can afford.

### Capital Projects

Council is pleased to announce the following major capital projects included in the 2018 budget:

- New District Office Construction
- Water Tender Fire Truck
- Water System – Pressure Management
- Devonian Concession / Washroom Upgrade

### Other Major Projects

Major operational projects include the following:

- Community Wildfire Plan
- 911 Radio Upgrade
- Generator - Town Centre Well



### Notice of Annual Report & Meeting

The Community Charter requires Council to prepare an Annual Report regarding financial and operational information related to the municipality. The Annual Report will be made available in June, with a meeting scheduled on June 11, 2018 to present the report to the public. The Annual Report will incorporate the progress on Council's Strategic Plan and the audited 2017 financial statements.

## Property Taxes: Where Do They Go?

The total residential tax rate is \$8.35396 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (2017 = \$8.16815). In 2018, the average single family home was assessed at \$226,805 (2017 = \$228,556). For the average single family home there is a tax increase of \$26 for the year and \$17 increase for utilities. This equates to a 2% increase overall.

Along with the municipal taxes collected, the District of Elkford also collects taxes for School, Police, Regional District, Elk Valley Waste Management, Regional Hospitals, BC Assessment and the Municipal Finance Authority. Council has no control over these rates and the impact they have on the Elkford taxpayer.

	2018	
Breakdown on average single family home	\$226,805	
	Amount	\$ Change
General Levy	\$1,112	\$68
School Levy	489	-18
Police Tax Levy	64	-1
Regional District	47	-3
Elk Valley Waste Management	140	-17
Regional Hospital	34	-2
BC Assessment Authority	9	-1
Municipal Finance Authority	0	0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,895</b>	<b>\$26</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$484</b>	<b>\$17</b>
<b>Parcel Taxes</b>	<b>\$117</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Average Charges</b>	<b>\$2,496</b>	<b>\$43</b>



**\*\* JULY 3, 2018 DUE DATE \*\***

### How to Pay your Property Taxes

#### In Person

Bring your tax notice and payment to the District Office. We accept cash, cheque, and debit payments. We are open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. **We do not accept payment by credit cards.**

#### By Mail

Mailed payments and Home Owner Grant Applications **must be received on or before July 3, 2018** to avoid the 10% late penalty.

#### Electronically

If you have online banking set up through your financial institution, you may be able to set up the District of Elkford as a payee and submit payments electronically. Your roll number is your account number.

#### Through your Mortgage

Your financial institution can pay your taxes on your behalf if you have made such an arrangement through your mortgage agreement. Contact your mortgage company to confirm that an arrangement is in place. **Your financial institution will not claim your Home Owner Grant, so you will still need to submit your completed Home Owner Grant Application directly to the District of Elkford office, or claim your eHOG online at [www.elkford.ca](http://www.elkford.ca) by the due date.**

#### Important:

- To avoid a 10% penalty, your payment and Home Owner Grant Application (HOG) **must be received on or before July 3, 2018.**
- The HOG needs to be re-applied for each year.
- You are not required to make a payment in order to claim your HOG.
- Postmarks on mailed remittances will **NOT** be considered as date of payment - late or delayed mail will be subject to the 10% penalty.
- Your **annual residential utilities** are also due on **July 3, 2018** to avoid a 10% penalty.