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이것은 시청에서 보내는 중요한 통지입니다. 다른 사람에게 번역을 부탁하여 읽으십시오. ابن یک اطلاعیه مهم شهری است. لطفاً از کسی بخواهید که آنرا ترجمه کند.

# 2025 Property Tax - Due July 2

# **Property Tax Updates**

2025 property tax payments are due on Tuesday, July 2, 2025. **10% penalty is applied to unpaid** taxes after the close of business on July **2, 2025.** 

Pay your taxes anywhere, any time by utilizing Interac e-Transfer. It is fast, easy and safe. Please review the details on the back of this page.

However, due to daily limits imposed by your financial institution, you may need to send multiple e-Transfers on different days before the due date. If you are being asked to submit a security Q&A, please do not proceed and consider a different payment option.

For important announcements, updates, and frequently asked questions, please visit our website at: https://twnation.ca/property-tax/

You can email us at: propertytax@twnation.ca

Due to an increase in false applications for Home Owner Grant, you may be required to provide supporting documentation (such as a valid BC ID or Driver's License) to verify eligibility before, during, or after submitting your grant application. Home owner grants are audited for up to seven years to ensure applicants are eligible for the grants they receive.

If you pay your taxes using e-Transfer, you are responsible for applying for your grant either online or via paper application.

Starting in 2025, the District of North Vancouver (DNV) has separated annual residential utility fee billing from property taxes. DNV residents now receive a separate utility bill for water, sewer, solid waste collection, and environmental fees, with payment due by March 31. The Tsleil-Waututh Nation is considering a similar approach, potentially issuing two separate bills in future years.

# **Home Owner Grant Application**

Your Home Owner Grant Application is also due on July 2, 2025. To claim the grant, you must meet the eligibility requirements, and complete an application form each year by the tax due date. Please carefully review the information and eligibility requirements on reverse side of your 2025 Property Taxation Notice. An unclaimed or incomplete grant application is deemed unpaid taxes and is subject to penalty and interest. Do not send your grant application to your bank or mortgage company.

Eligible homeowners now have the option of claiming the Home Owner Grant online. You are eligible to submit your grant online only if you have applied and been approved for a Basic or Additional Grant in the previous year and you can only apply for the same type of grant (Basic or Additional) that you applied for last year.

You need to use a paper grant application and either mail or drop off your application in our letter box if:

- You are a new homeowner or this is your first year applying for the Home Owner Grant for this residence
- You turned 65 this year and want to apply for the Senior/Additional Grant
- Your mailing address is different from your property/unit address

To apply for the grant online, simply go to the Homeowner Website: https://homeowner.smartgroupsoftware.com

You need to have your Assessment ID and your Access Key, found on your 2025 Property Taxation Notice, below your taxes payable amount.

For a complete set of instructions to use the Homeowner Portal and submit your Homeowner Grant Application online, please visit: https://homeowner.smartgroupsoftware.com/Instructions

Please note that we cannot provide you with any technical support for using the Homeowner Website and submitting your grant online. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to submit your grant online, please complete a paper grant form and mail or drop off your application in our letter box.

# **Late Payments and Penalties**

Pay your taxes and claim your Home Owner Grant (if eligible) by the due date to avoid penalties and interest. 10% penalty is applied to unpaid tax balances after July 2, 2025 (NO EXCEPTION). Unpaid taxes and arrears are subject to daily interest at a rate of 15% annually until the property taxes are paid in full. Tsleil-Waututh Nation does not have discretion to waive any penalties or interest.

Cheques rejected by your financial institution for any reason are considered non-payment of taxes and are subject to applicable penalties and interest charges. In addition, you will be charged an administrative fee for each rejected payment.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Do I qualify for a Tax Deferral?

Unfortunately no. The Tax Deferral Program is a Provincial program that does not apply on Federal Reserve lands. At this time there is no equivalent program offered by Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

# My mortgage company pays my taxes. Can I still get the grant?

If your mortgage company pays your property taxes on your behalf you may still qualify for the grant. However, it is still your responsibility to:

- Complete, sign and return the home owner grant application to the Tsleil-Waututh Nation Administration office by the due date. Do not send your grant application to your mortgage company.
- Make sure your mortgage company is paying the correct amount, i.e. property taxes minus your eligible home owner grant.

In order to avoid a duplicate payment or late payment penalty, confirm who, you or your mortgage company, is responsible for paying your taxes.

# Why must we complete a Home Owner Grant application every year?

Legislation requires an annual assessment of your eligibility and to determine whether you still qualify under the current requirements. For the 2025 tax year, the grant is reduced by \$5 for each \$1,000 of assessed value over \$2,175,000.

### **Payment Options**

Information on a variety of payment options is provided below. To avoid penalty and interest, payment in full must be received by July 2, 2025.



Interac e-Transfer (RECOMMENDED)

You can send your email transfer to:

propertytax@twnation.ca

Please make sure to include your Folio Number in the Message section in the e-Transfer so we can track your payment. There may be daily limits on the amount you can send in an Interac e-Transfer. You may need to break down your payment into smaller amounts and send multiple e-Transfers on different days.

Please DO NOT setup a security Q&A with your e-Transfer.



#### Mail

Please mail early to allow adequate mailing time. Mail lost or delayed by the post office will be subject to late penalty and interest. Canada Post postmarks are NOT proof of on-time payment. Cheques post-dated to July 2, 2025 are accepted.



Online or Telephone Banking (RBC customers only)
RBC customers may pay their taxes through Online
or Telephone Banking. Your Folio Number is used
for your account number. Please contact RBC for
more information about this service.



24-hour Letter Box (cheque or money order only)
Drop your payment in the 24-hour letter box
located at the main entrance of Tsleil-Waututh
Administration Office. Your cheque and/or home
owner grant application must be in an envelope,
with your name written on it.

No cash payments will be accepted through the letter box.



<u>Debit/Credit Card</u> (Visa and MasterCard only) Credit card payments are subject to a 5% surcharge.

Banks have daily spending limits on debit card transactions. Please contact your bank.

Consider joining our pre-authorized Prepayment Plan for property taxes and utilities. For more information and application please visit:

https://twnation.ca/property-tax/#pre-authorized-prepayment-plan