

TOWN OF GIBSONS

Bylaw No. 1113

A Bylaw for establishment of a 5-year Financial Plan

WHEREAS Section 165 of the *Community Charter* requires Council to adopt annually a Financial Plan covering a five year period;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Gibsons, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "2010 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1113, 2010".
2. The Financial Plan for the Town of Gibsons covering the years 2010 - 2014 will be so shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.
3. Pursuant to Section 165 (3.1) of the *Community Charter* the Council of the Town of Gibsons has prepared a statement of revenue and tax policy as shown on Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
4. The Financial Plan shall remain in effect until amended by bylaw or until the next year's Financial Plan is adopted.

READ A FIRST TIME this the 6th day of April 2010


READ A SECOND TIME this the 20th day of April 2010

READ A THIRD TIME this the 20th day of April 2010

ADOPTED this the 4th day of May 2010



Barry J. Janyk, Mayor



Michelle Jansson, Corporate Officer

Certified a true copy of
"2010 Financial Plan,
Bylaw No. 1113, 2010"



Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW 1113, 2010

**TOWN OF GIBSONS FINANCIAL PLAN
FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD 2010 TO 2014**

CONSOLIDATED ALL FUNDS

REVENUES	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Taxation					
Property Taxes - Existing	1,804,851	1,878,293	1,961,600	2,031,703	2,118,226
Property Taxes - Growth	0	18,049	18,783	19,616	20,317
1% Utility Tax	74,800	75,922	77,061	78,217	79,390
Rev. cont. to capital	253,669	215,086	234,508	253,320	254,931
Parcel Taxes - Water & Sewer	544,415	552,582	560,068	567,665	575,377
Utility User Fees - Existing	1,247,387	1,259,765	1,296,457	1,367,191	1,437,973
User Fee Growth	0	12,474	12,598	12,965	13,672
Fees and Charges	372,670	378,260	383,934	389,693	395,538
Other Sources					
Sale of services	733,469	718,497	729,275	740,214	751,317
Reserve Fund Interest	30,793	29,289	28,245	32,803	37,156
Other Revenue	315,759	320,495	325,303	330,182	335,135
Government Grants (ops)	529,162	534,454	539,798	545,196	550,648
Government Grants (capex)	2,359,074	2,658,160	1,621,729	0	0
Proceeds from Borrowing	4,310,250	629,284	1,472,269	904,000	400,000
Transfers Between Funds					
From Development Cost Chg.	1,212,680	2,459,447	1,856,155	2,106,945	0
From Capital Reserve Funds	178,400	165,400	24,300	34,000	114,300
From Reserve Funds	296,936	0	0	0	0
Surplus Accounts	51,204	25,348	29,629	0	0
Collections for Others	4,333,012	4,398,007	4,463,977	4,530,937	4,598,901
TOTAL REVENUES	18,648,531	16,328,813	15,635,688	13,944,647	11,682,880
EXPENDITURES					
Municipal Debt					
Debt Interest	213,554	251,531	281,042	349,583	389,633
Debt Principal	221,718	249,374	297,166	305,230	339,115
Capital Expenditures (All Funds)	8,817,700	6,404,100	5,514,900	3,478,700	1,095,000
Municipal Operations					
General Government	1,505,260	1,513,629	1,536,333	1,559,378	1,582,769
Protective Services	162,405	164,841	167,313	169,824	172,370
Transportation Services	916,300	849,860	862,607	875,547	888,680
Planning Services	294,777	258,599	262,478	266,415	270,411
Recreation and Parks	604,466	605,413	614,494	623,712	633,067
Water	700,983	711,498	722,170	733,003	743,998
Sewer	664,640	674,610	684,729	695,000	705,425
Transfers to Reserves					
To Reserve Funds	146,525	139,931	138,887	143,445	147,798
To Surplus Accounts	67,191	107,421	89,591	213,874	115,713
Paid to Other Gov't Agencies	4,333,012	4,398,007	4,463,977	4,530,937	4,598,901
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	18,648,531	16,328,813	15,635,688	13,944,647	11,682,880

SCHEDULE "B" TO BYLAW 1113

2010 FINANCIAL PLAN STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND TAX POLICY

1. PROPORTION OF TOTAL REVENUES BY SOURCE

Objective

- Continue to find alternate revenue sources with the aim of reducing reliance on property taxes.

Policies

- The Town will undertake a review of user fees and charges to ensure they continue to be cost recovery.
- The Town continues the program begun in 2009 to install residential water meters with consumption based billings scheduled for 2011. It is expected that water conservation will become a higher priority amongst our users.
- Utility fees (water, sewer, garbage) will be set at rates to achieve cost recovery.
- Alternate revenue sources will be examined to reduce reliance on property taxes as being the major source of funding (i.e developing a geo-thermal utility)

REVENUE SOURCE	TOTAL REVENUE		
	2010 %	2010 \$	2009 %
Property Taxes	14.90	\$2,133,320	14.54
Parcel Taxes	3.80	544,415	3.96
User Fees and Charges	11.32	1,620,057	11.59
Other Sources (including DCC's, Gov't Grants)	39.87	5,707,477	59.06
Proceeds from Borrowings	30.11	4,310,250	10.85
TOTAL	100.00	\$14,315,519	100.00

2. DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAXES BY CLASS

Objective

- To continue the trend of the past three years of shifting the burden of taxation borne by the Class 6- Business to Class 1 - Residential

Policies

- Staff to work in collaboration with the Area Economic Development Officer to establish a sustainable and competitive Business Tax Rate Multiple.
- To regularly review and compare the Town's tax distribution of burden relative to other local jurisdictions.

Property Class	Of Tax		
	2010 %	2010 \$	2009 %
Class 1 – Residential	66.81	\$1,369,820	68.99
Class 2 – Utility	0.33	6,731	0.36
Class 5 – Light Industrial	0.34	7,056	--
Class 6 – Commercial	32.15	659,127	30.29
Class 8 – Recreation	0.32	6,619	0.35
Class 9 – Farm	0.01	178	0.01
TOTAL	100.00	\$2,050,264	100.00

3. PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Objective

- The Town of Gibsons realizes that many volunteer organizations contribute to the well-being of the community and are an essential component to the social fabric which we honour and cherish. Council wishes to ensure that there be an alignment of the Town's goals and culture with those of the organization who are being granted a permissive tax exemption.
- Council will consider the total exemptions granted each year having given consideration to the total tax impact of granting exemptions realizing that in doing so will shift the taxation burden to the remaining taxable properties.
- The Town will continue discussions with benefiting organizations so that all concerned are cognizant of the services provided by others to avoid duplication of services.

Policies

- The Town requires benefiting organizations to apply annually for a permissive tax exemption.
- Applications for exemptions are reviewed by the Corporate Services Committee annually. Organizations are encouraged to attend to more fully explain the value of the services they provide to the Community in exchange for a tax exemption.

Background

In 2009 the Council of the Town of Gibsons passed Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1109 which gave a permissive tax exemption for 2010 to twelve (12) organizations covering thirteen (13) properties. The estimated taxation exemption was \$42,563

The Town started discussions in 2007 with the organizations that benefit from receiving permissive tax exemptions. The intent of these discussions is to ensure that all benefiting organizations are working in harmony to avoid duplication of services and to potentially identify services that may be lacking. It is Council's intent to continue these discussions in 2010 prior to adoption of the annual permissive tax exemption bylaw.