

City of Chilliwack

Bylaw No. 5272

**A financial plan for the City of Chilliwack for the
Period 2023 to 2032 inclusive**

WHEREAS Section 165 of the *Community Charter* requires that the City have a financial plan adopted annually, by bylaw;

AND WHEREAS Section 165 of the *Community Charter* requires that the financial plan set out the objectives and policies of the City for the planning period, adopted annually, by bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Chilliwack in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as **“2023 Financial Plan Bylaw 2022, No. 5272”**.
2. The financial plan for the City of Chilliwack for the years 2023 to 2032, as shown on Schedule “A”, attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted.
3. The “Objectives and Policy Disclosure”, as shown on Schedule “B”, attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted.

Received first and second reading on the 20th day of December, 2022.

Notice given under Section 166 of the *Community Charter* in two editions of the Chilliwack Progress on the 30th day of December, 2022 and the 6th day of January, 2023.

Public Information Meeting held on the 10th day of January, 2023.

Received third reading on the 10th day of January, 2023.

Received adoption on the 24th day of January, 2023.

“Ken Popove”

Mayor

“Jacqueline Morgan”

Corporate Officer

Schedule "B"
Objectives and Policy Disclosure

1. Proportion of Total Revenue from each Funding Source

a) Property Value Taxes

- (i) The proportion of revenues represented by property taxes should be the difference between all other collections and total revenues required.
- (ii) The objective is to balance the budget each year with reasonable tax levies.
- (iii) To maintain a reasonable tax burden, the City will continue to review and collect user fees and charges at appropriate levels.

b) Parcel Taxes

- (i) Parcel taxes shall be used on a limited basis, and be for initiatives that are not for the benefit of the entire community. The proportion of revenues represented by parcel taxes should be zero.
- (ii) The objective is to use other sources of revenue rather than parcel taxes.

c) Fees

- (i) Fees should be charged on a cost recovery basis as much as possible, with the exception of subsidized activities. The proportion of revenues represented by fees will vary depending on the levels of services for which fees are charged.
- (ii) The objective is to recover costs related to commercial activities and partially recover costs related to youth activities.

d) Other Sources

- (i) The proportion of revenues represented by other sources shall be the percentage represented by those revenue sources as anticipated for the year.
- (ii) The objective is to maximize other revenue sources including grants from senior levels of government.

e) Borrowing

- (i) Council has adopted a pay-as-you-go, no debt policy for capital expenditures.
- (ii) The objective is to identify required projects in advance and save for eventual construction or purchase.

2. Distribution of Property Value Taxes

- a) The City of Chilliwack will maintain the existing property tax distribution between property tax classes, maintaining a low class multiple for business taxation compared to other lower mainland communities. Any tax increases will be applied uniformly to each property tax class, as to maintain the current tax multiples as closely as possible.
- b) Property tax distribution should be consistent from year to year with the exception of the effect of new growth and legislative changes.

3. Use of Permissive Tax Exemptions

- a) Permissive Tax Exemptions should be considered in accordance with Council's Permissive Tax Exemption Policy. The City will also continue to offer a Revitalization Tax Exemption in accordance with Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 3012.
- b) The objective of the Permissive Tax Exemption is to provide assistance to community organizations performing activities that the City would otherwise provide while the objective of the Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw is to stimulate redevelopment of the aging downtown area.