

PROPERTY TAXES DUE JULY 2, 2009

Property owners are responsible for payment of the 2009 property tax regardless of whether or not a notice is received. If you have not received your notice, please contact the Financial Services Department. Payment must be received before the deadline of **July 2, 2009** – postmark is not valid as a date of payment.

New owners should ensure taxes are paid on their property. If there is any doubt, please call the Financial Services Department at 604.815.5035.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

- In-person at Municipal Hall, 37955 – Second Avenue, Squamish. Office is open for payment, until 5:30 p.m. Thursday July 2, 2009.
- Mail or deliver cheque to Municipal Hall early enough to be received before the deadline (postdated cheque dated July 2, 2009 is acceptable).
- Deposit in the after hours drop box at Municipal Hall on or before July 2, 2009.

Pay using Telephone or Internet banking services provided by Banks and Credit Unions (does not include over-the-counter payments at the bank or automated teller machines – please check with your banking service). Your account number is the roll number at the top left side of your tax notice. (13 digits)

HOME OWNER GRANTS

Beginning this year, Squamish residents may apply for the Home Owner Grant electronically. All you need is your Roll Number and your Electronic Home Owner Grant Password both located on your Notice of Current Real Property Tax Levies – 2009. The code is capital letters – no numbers – located under your name and address, top right.

If you have read the Explanatory Notes – Home Owner Grant (back of Tax Levies – 2009) and would like to claim your grant electronically, go to www.squamish.ca. Paper applications for Home Owner Grant will be still accepted at Municipal Hall. Even if your financial institution is remitting property taxes on your behalf, you must still complete your Home Owner Grant. If you are eligible for the Home Owner Grant, please ensure that the application on the bottom of the tax notice is completed and returned to Municipal Hall before July 2, 2009. It is to your advantage to submit the application before the tax penalty date to avoid penalty additions on the grant amount. **The Home Owner Grant application must be completed each year that a claim is made.**

TAX DEFERMENT

A home owner 55 years or over, a widow/widower, or persons with disabilities as defined in the Disability Benefits Program Act, may be able to defer their taxes on their principal residence through a program whereby the Provincial Government makes payment on their behalf. Forms and further information may be obtained from the Financial Services Department.

PENALTIES

A 5% penalty will be added to current taxes which are not paid by July 2, 2009 and an additional 5% will be added to current taxes not paid by July 31, 2009.

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**FINANCIAL SERVICES
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SQUAMISH SENIORS CENTRE**SQUAMISH SENIORS CENTRE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The membership drive for the new "Squamish Seniors Centre" will continue June 27 at the Farmer's Market in downtown Squamish. There are currently 82 members. The centre will open this fall at 1201 Village Green Way, in the lower floor of the Rockcliff building. Annual Membership is open to those who are 50 years of age or older for \$25.00. Memberships purchased now will be good until December 31, 2010.

Current members of the Squamish Seniors Branch 70 and or Tantalus Seniors Centre pay only \$20.00 for membership in the new Centre for the first year. Honorary membership applies to Seniors who are 90 years of age or older.

CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS

We are looking for Instructors who are interested in leading art, recreation, and or educational programs at the new Seniors Centre in downtown Squamish. Hobbyists interested in sharing their hobby are welcome. Send an email to cwynne@squamish.ca to receive a program proposal form or pick one up at Brennan Park Recreation Centre. For more information please call 604.898.6882.

FUNDRAISING

The Seniors fundraising committee is actively seeking donations to help furnish the centre. Monetary donations can be dropped off at Membership Drive location June 27. Please make cheques payable to Tantalus Seniors Centre Society. Donations can also be dropped off or mailed to the Tantalus Seniors Centre Society, c/o Brennan Park Recreation Centre at 1009 Centennial Way, V8B 0E2.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY MADE A DONATION TO THE NEW SENIORS CENTRE.

Your contributions will have a valuable impact on the Seniors programs and activities in our community.

SODC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the shareholder of the Squamish Oceanfront Development Corporation will hold the annual general meeting for receipt of the 2008 financial statements on July 7, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall. Copies of the financial statements are available for inspection at Municipal Hall.

SQUAMISH TRANSIT

**RIDE
to
WIN** **SQUAMISH
TRANSIT**

**Celebrate Transit to Brennan Park Recreation Centre.
Ride the bus to Brennan Park between July 2 and July 9 and
enter to win a fabulous family prize pack.**

Visit www.squamish.ca for full details.