

DISTRICT OF STEWART

2015-2019 FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW No. 887, 2015

A BYLAW TO ADOPT THE 2015-2019 FINANCIAL PLAN.

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 165 of the Community Charter, being Chapter 26 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 2003, a Municipality must have a Financial Plan that is adopted annually, by Bylaw, before the Annual Property Tax Bylaw is adopted;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Stewart in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

- 1.0 Schedule "A", attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted as the Financial Plan for the 5 years ending December 31, 2019.
- 2.0 Schedule "B", attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted as the Statement of Objectives and Policies.
- 3.0 This Bylaw may be cited as "**2015-2019 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 887,2015.**"

READ a first time this 11th day of May, 2015.

READ a second time this 11th day of May, 2015.

READ a third time this 11th day of May, 2015.

ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2015.



Galina Durant, Mayor



Maureen Tarrant, CAO

SCHEDULE "A"

DISTRICT OF STEWART FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2015–2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
REVENUES					
Residential Class 1	\$ 249,339	\$ 254,326	\$ 259,412	\$ 264,601	\$ 269,893
Utilities Class 2	\$ 950,684	\$ 969,698	\$ 989,092	\$ 1,008,873	\$ 1,029,051
Major Industry, Class 4	\$ 127,272	\$ 129,817	\$ 132,414	\$ 135,062	\$ 137,763
Light Industry, Class 5	\$ 86,231	\$ 87,956	\$ 89,715	\$ 91,509	\$ 93,339
Business, Class 6	\$ 161,110	\$ 164,332	\$ 167,619	\$ 170,971	\$ 174,391
Recreation/Non-Profit, Class 8	\$ 264	\$ 269	\$ 275	\$ 280	\$ 286
Grants in Lieu	\$ 29,829	\$ 30,426	\$ 31,034	\$ 31,655	\$ 32,288
Sale of Services (Includes Water and Sewer Fees)	\$ 1,113,982	\$ 1,139,184	\$ 1,161,968	\$ 1,185,207	\$ 1,208,911
Grants ('14-'18 capital net of grants)	\$ 2,433,514	\$ 433,620	\$ 440,586	\$ 451,305	\$ 451,594
Other Revenue	\$ 77,400	\$ 24,888	\$ 25,386	\$ 25,893	\$ 26,411
TOTAL REVENUE	5,229,625	3,234,516	3,297,499	3,365,356	3,423,927
EXPENSES					
General Municipal	\$ 2,296,899	\$ 2,032,672	\$ 2,062,073	\$ 2,105,336	\$ 2,149,850
Revitalization Tax Exemption	\$ 542,449	\$ 553,298	\$ 568,649	\$ 575,778	\$ 582,923
Amortization of Tangible Capital Assets	\$ 311,439	\$ 311,439	\$ 311,439	\$ 311,439	\$ 311,439
Interest on debt	\$ 2,020	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,152,807	2,902,909	2,946,761	2,997,053	3,048,712
SURPLUS	2,076,818	331,607	350,738	368,304	375,215
ADJUST FOR NON-CASH ITEMS					
Amortization	-311,439	-311,439	-311,439	-311,439	-311,439
ADJUST FOR CASH ITEMS NON-PSAB					
TCA expenditures ('15-'18 net of grants)	\$ 3,257,300	\$ 35,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000
Debt Principle Payment	\$ 71,955	\$ 99,405	\$ 94,200	\$ 91,855	\$ 91,855
Debt Proceeds	\$ (1,015,306)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to (from) Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to (from) Operating Surplus	\$ 74,308	\$ 508,641	\$ 307,978	\$ 337,888	\$ 394,799
	2,076,818	331,607	350,738	368,304	375,215
FINANCIAL PLAN BALANCE	0	0	0	0	0
CUMULATIVE OPERATING SURPLUS	-581,789	-73,148	234,830	572,717	967,516

SCHEDULE "A" (cont'd)
DISTRICT OF STEWART FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2015- 2019

PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
North American Baptist Conference	262	267	273	278	281
North American Baptist Conference	1149	1171	1195	1219	1231
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp	242	247	252	257	260
Anglican Synod Diocese	311	317	324	330	333

SCHEDULE "B"

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

In accordance with Section 165(3.1) of the Community Charter, the District of Stewart is required to include in the Five Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

- 1. The proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165(7) of the Community Charter;*
- 2. The distribution of property taxes among the property classes, and*
- 3. The use of permissive tax exemptions.*

Funding Sources

Table 1 shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each funding source in 2015. Property taxes form the greatest proportion of revenue. As a revenue source, property taxation offers a number of advantages, for example, it is simple to administer and it is fairly easy for residents to understand. It offers a stable and reliable source of revenue for services that are difficult or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis. These include services such as general administration, fire protection, and street lighting.

Other sources and grants is the small community grant that we received annually. User Fees & Charges is where our logging industry revenue ie. Rent, log throughput charges is located.

Objective

The District of Stewart will annually review the proportion of revenue that is received from other sources.

Policy

The District of Stewart will review all other source levels to ensure they are adequately meeting both the capital and delivery costs of the service.

REVENUE SOURCE	% TOTAL REVENUE	DOLLAR VALUE
TAXATION & GRANTS IN LIEU	27	1,062,280
USER FEES & CHARGES	24	834,882
OTHER SOURCES	8	303,500
GRANTS	16	696,820
BORROWING	25	1,015,306
RESERVES & SURPLUS		
TOTAL		3,912,788

Table 1

Distribution of Property Taxes

Table 2 outlines the distribution of property taxes among the property classes. The residential and utility property classes provide the largest proportions of property tax revenue. This is due to Long Lake Hydro Project coming on line.

PROPERTY CLASS	% OF TOTAL PROPERTY TAXATION	DOLLAR VALUE
<i>Residential</i>	16%	249,339
<i>Utilities</i>	59%	950,684
<i>Major Industrial</i>	8%	127,272
<i>Light Industrial</i>	5%	86,231
<i>Business and Other</i>	10%	161,110
<i>Recreation/Non-Profit</i>	n/a	264
<i>Grants in Lieu</i>	2%	29,829
TOTAL	100%	1,604,729

TABLE 2

Objectives

Maintain the property tax levy percentages for 2015 adjusted for the impact of non-market changes to assessments (new-construction).

Policies

Continue to maintain and encourage economic development initiatives.

Regularly review and compare the District of Stewart's distributions of property tax burden relative to other municipalities in British Columbia.

Permissive Tax Exemptions

The District of Stewart passes a permissive tax exemption bylaw every five years based on the criteria of the Community Charter Section 224 which guides the administration and approval of permissive tax exemptions.

Objectives

Continue to provide permissive tax exemptions to non-profit societies pursuant to the Community Charter, Section 224 (2)(a)(i).