

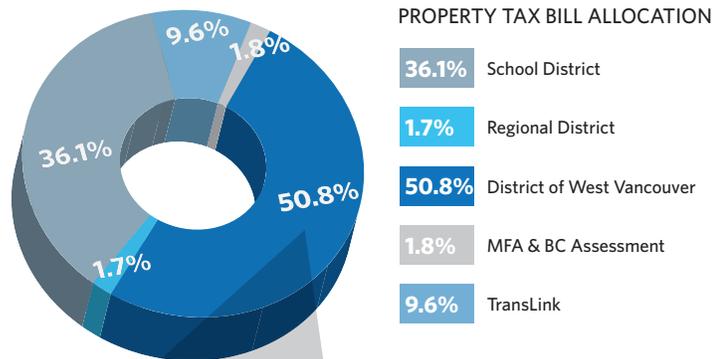
2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATING BUDGET

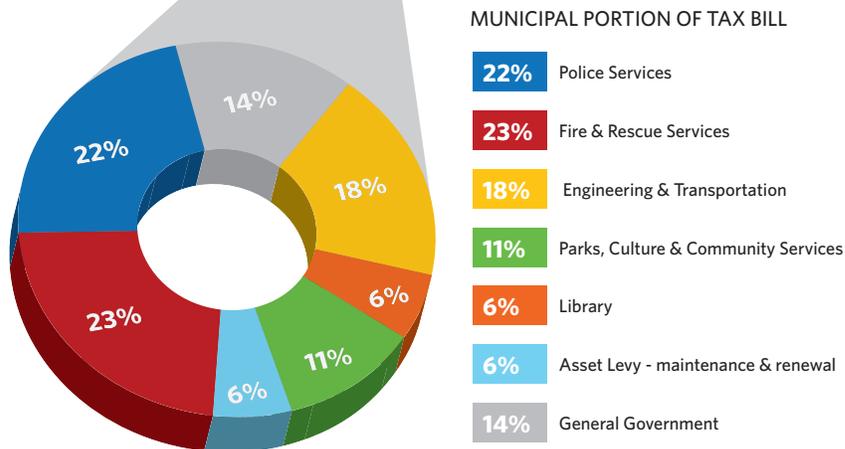
The proposed \$114 million operating budget has been developed to maintain and improve District services. The proposed operating budget includes a \$1.4 million increase which equates to a proposed operational levy increase of 2.09 per cent. The increase is driven by contractual costs, energy costs, environmental factors and new investments needed to ensure the services most valued by our residents are improved.

The District's current funding sources are quite limited with the majority of funding through property taxes and then fees and charges. Each year, all non-taxation sources of funding are reviewed for further opportunities before resorting to taxation. The District is limited in the diversification of its tax base, with 93 per cent of properties falling into the residential class. The remaining percentage of properties are in the business class; there are no industrial properties, which are a major source of tax revenue in other municipalities.

The total amount of your property tax bill also includes amounts collected on behalf of other taxing authorities. In 2017, your tax bill was allocated this way.



The property taxes collected by the District are used to directly fund the delivery of the services. In 2017, the tax dollars for the District were allocated this way.



CAPITAL BUDGET

Capital expenditures planned in 2018 total \$19.7 million. The majority of the spending, \$17 million, is for maintaining and replacing existing assets that the District owns, \$1.5 million is for investments in new assets and \$1.2 million, is a proposed contribution to non-district assets that benefit the community.

In addition to ongoing annual maintenance in transportation infrastructure, parks, sports fields, equipment and IT infrastructure, significant projects planned in 2018 include major facilities renewal projects at Municipal Hall and the ice arena. There are also three projects identified in the capital plan as important to the community and while the district will not own these assets, it is worthwhile to consider contributing funding to support them. These projects consist of building a wheelchair accessible elevator at the Kay Meek Centre, building a new track and artificial turf field for West Vancouver Secondary School and improving the safety of Wardance Bridge.

The asset levy funding is used exclusively for asset maintenance. Community amenity funds are used for all non-district asset contributions.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

The District currently owns \$761 million in assets (not including Utilities' assets which are managed separately within the Utilities' Funds) and over the next 20 years, virtually all of these assets will require capital investment to maintain their performance. The estimated cost of maintaining the general fund assets is \$283 million over the 20 years, which on average requires an ongoing \$14.1 million investment per year. The current asset levy amount is \$12 million which is insufficient to support the infrastructure needs.

The asset levy requirement will change as the District's better identifies maintenance on major components/systems and addresses climate change impacts on assets such as roads. Also, there is a compounding effect of not funding required maintenance in past years resulting in higher costs to prevent assets from failing. For 2018, the asset investment gap equals \$2.1 million.

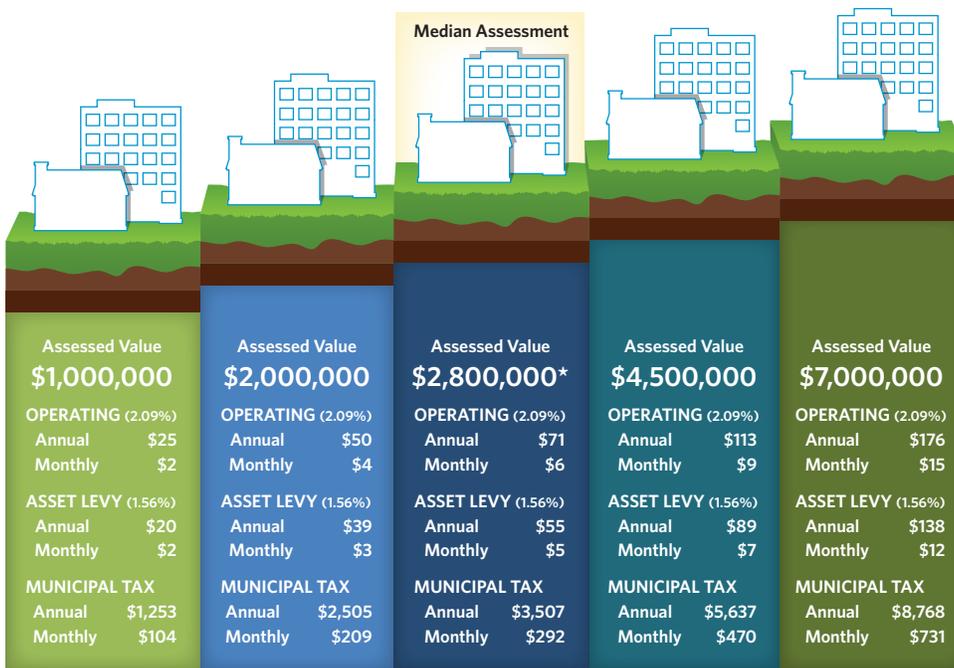
The proposed recommendation is to close the gap in two years which would equate to an asset levy increase of 1.56 per cent each year.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

Staff are proposing an operational levy increase of 2.09 per cent and an asset levy increase of 1.56 per cent for 2018. The increases together amount to an extra \$126 for the median household assessed at \$2.8 million.

Operational Levy	\$71	2.09%
Asset Levy	\$55	1.56%
Total Tax Increase	\$126	3.65%

The illustration below summarizes the impact of proposed tax increases to property owners based on assessed value.



2018 PROPERTY TAX impact to household based on various assessed values for Proposed Asset Levy and Operating Tax Rate increase

*The median residential property in the District of West Vancouver has an assessed value of \$2.8 million. 50 per cent of the properties in West Vancouver are assessed above \$2.8 m and 50 per cent are assessed below.

FEEDBACK

We would like to hear from you. The District of West Vancouver is using a new interactive online tool, Citizen Budget, for residents to submit input on their service and spending priorities. This budget simulator also helps you to understand how the budget is built.

When you enter your property assessment into the budget simulator you will see how much you pay for a variety of municipal services. You can then prioritize spending while seeing the immediate impact of changing funding on service levels.

Also, the District has received community requests for new assets to improve the quality of life in the community and we would like your feedback on these projects.

Your participation will provide us with helpful information to support the 2018 budget process.

Visit westvancouver.ca/budget to access Citizen Budget. The deadline for participation is January 31, 2018.

For more information on the budget, please visit westvancouver.ca/budget.