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Squamish-Lillooet Regional District adopts five-year financial plan
Suite of SLRD infographics share high-level overview and budget details for region and each electoral area

Pemberton, BC – The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Board of Directors adopted the 2026-2030 Financial Plan during the March 25, 2026, regular Board meeting.

Through the Local Government Act and the Community Charter, local governments are required to adopt a five-year financial plan bylaw by the end of March each year. The planning period covered must be for a minimum of five years. The financial plan is often referred to as the budget, which includes estimated expenditures to provide for the Board's priorities, policies and services. Sufficient funds need to be raised to ensure individual service operating budgets remain balanced.

The 2026-2030 Financial Plan maintains service levels, meets regulatory obligations, supports long-term reserve health, funds critical infrastructure and advances the Board's strategic plan priorities. The consolidated 2026 tax requisition reflects a 1.3% increase (\$204,601) over 2025. This approval sets the taxation for the 2026 Budget, which includes 91 services provided by the SLRD and a total tax requisition of \$15,796,243 divided between four electoral areas and four member municipalities, based on services specific areas receive. The cost to a typical household depends on the area the property is located and the local services provided. More detail is available in the [Board report](#).

"This budget reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility while ensuring we continue to deliver the essential services our communities rely on," said SLRD Board Chair, Jen Ford. "By making careful, informed and disciplined decisions, we are protecting public resources and positioning our organization to meet the evolving needs of our residents."

Budget presentations began in January with the first presentations to the Electoral Area Directors (EAD) Committee, the Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services (PVUS) Committee and the SLRD Board. Additional discussions took place in February and March. The public input period, with the public invited to review and provide input on the draft five-year plan, was in March. There was no public input received. For the 2025-2029 financial plan process, all information was shared on [Get Involved SLRD](#), the SLRD's online engagement platform, with notices and reminders shared on social media, and newspaper advertisements acknowledging the public input period.

To support the public communication of the 2026-2030 financial plan process and budget adoption, the SLRD has developed a series of infographics to explain the budget process. The following infographics are available on the SLRD website, and will be shared through the SLRD's social media channels, for public awareness:

- [SLRD Budget Requisitions and Parcel Tax by Electoral Area and Member Municipality](#)
- [How the total SLRD tax requisition funds are distributed](#)
- [How the SLRD Budget is distributed: Electoral Area A](#)

- [How the SLRD Budget is distributed: Electoral Area B](#)
- [How the SLRD Budget is distributed: Electoral Area C](#)
- [How the SLRD Budget is distributed: Electoral Area D](#)
- [How property values and services shape your property taxes in the SLRD](#)
- [SLRD budget category definitions](#)
- [Who does what?](#)

“This budget not only reflects responsible financial decision-making, but also a commitment to clearer and more accessible public communication,” added Ford. “By improving how we share information, we can better explain our choices and ensure the community understands how the budget process works, and how the budget supports their needs.”

Regional District budgeting is unlike municipal government budgeting, with several notable differences:

- Every service provided by the regional district requires its own budget, using dedicated cost centres which identify the full cost of the service to the Regional District, including staff time, overhead and all applicable expenses.
- Each service has its own tax rate and service area, so the taxes paid are dependent on where you live in the regional district and which services are applicable to your area. Only property owners within a cost centre/ service area pay for that service (for example, wastewater service in Britannia Beach is only paid for by those people in the service area).
- Funds cannot be transferred between services of differing areas.
- Regional District assessment property class multipliers are set by the Province of British Columbia.
- The Regional District is not a taxing authority and therefore does not collect taxes itself. The Province of BC (Surveyor of Taxes) collects taxation funds on behalf of the Regional District.

The tax impact on the average home in each specific area varies and is heavily dependent on the unique mix of services provided to each area. The year-over-year change is determined by using the specified tax rate per service and multiplying by the assessed value provided by BC Assessment.

The SLRD oversees different services across the region. Depending on where residents live in the SLRD, they may receive services such as:

- Fire protection
- Water
- Sewer treatment
- Curbside collection
- Parks
- Transit
- Recreation
- Search and Rescue
- Library
- 911

Rural property owners receive their tax notices in May/June from the [Surveyor of Taxes](#) in Victoria. Property owners within each member municipality receive their tax notices from their respective municipality.

The SLRD’s financial plans and statements are available on the website:
<https://www.slrd.bc.ca/services/financial-services/financial-plans-statements>

About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 50,496 residents (2021 Census as certified by the Minister of Municipal Affairs).

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District is found within the traditional territories of several First Nations, including the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), St'át'imc and Líl'wat. Small parts of the SLRD also overlap with the traditional territories of the Stó:lō, Tseil-Waututh, Nlaka'pamux, Tsilhqot'in, and Secwepemc Nations. While the SLRD does not provide direct services to the residents of the First Nations communities located within the region, the organization is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose territories the SLRD operates.

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