

2026 Rural Property Tax Guide: SLRD Electoral Area C

About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

One of 27 regional districts in the province, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) consists of four member municipalities (District of Lillooet, Village of Pemberton, Resort Municipality of Whistler, District of Squamish) and four electoral areas (A, B, C, D). The SLRD is found within the traditional territories of the Squamish, St'at'imc and Lil'wat Nations.

The district encompasses 16,311 km² and is home to 50,496 residents, including First Nations (2021 census).

Area C is in the centre of the SLRD and is the largest, most populous electoral area. It includes the communities of WedgeWoods, Birken, D'Arcy, Devine, Poole Creek, Anderson Lake, Pemberton Fringe, Pemberton Meadows, Birkenhead Lake Estates, Lillooet Lake Estates, Heather Jean Properties, Owl Ridge, Reid Road, Ivy Lake Estates & Walkerville.



About Regional District taxation

Each regional district service has its own budget outlining the revenues and costs to deliver that service. Funds cannot be shared between services, and deficits are not permitted. Only participating areas, such as electoral areas or municipalities, pay for the services they receive.

Most services are funded through property value taxes based on assessed value. Some also use parcel taxes, which are a flat rate per property, or user fees such as water charges.

With limited exceptions set by the Province, the SLRD can only provide services that have been formally established in response to a request from residents or a member jurisdiction.

Services fall into four categories:

- Regional services, provided across the entire region;
- Sub-regional services, shared by two or more jurisdictions;
- Local services, provided within a single electoral area or a portion of it;
- Defined area services, funded only by properties within a specific boundary.

Understanding your tax notice

The Province of B.C. collects taxes for schools, road, policing and regional district services. The SLRD receives a lump sum payment from the Province in August of each year.

Provincial School Tax: The Province collects this tax for education services and school facilities.

Provincial Rural Tax and Police Tax: This provincial tax is for rural road maintenance and police protection services.

BC Assessment Authority: This is a Crown corporation that sets all property assessment values in the province. Its costs are recovered by this tax.

Municipal Finance Authority: The Municipal Finance Authority coordinates the borrowing of funds for all local governments in the province.

SLRD Electoral Area Services: This is your electoral area tax for services provided by the SLRD.

The regional district provides common services to residents of the entire region (member municipalities & electoral areas) and some services which are specific only to the electoral areas, or to your area alone.

Defined Area Services: Included in this brochure is a breakdown of taxation for the services provided only to a defined area of your electoral area.

The Provincial tax collection fee is 5.25% of all taxes collected. This fee is embedded in your property tax notice amounts and retained by the Province and is not included in this brochure's estimated taxes.

Property Assessments

The BC Assessment Authority classifies all properties according to one of eight property tax classes:

- Residential
- Utilities
- Major Industry
- Light Industry
- Business / Other
- Managed Forest
- Recreation / Non-Profit
- Farm

The Utilities, Industry, Business and Managed Forest classes are taxed at higher rates than other classes, thus relieving the residential tax burden. For regional districts, the tax ratios among the different classes are set by the Province. Municipalities can set their own ratios.

Total 2026 assessed values for the Regional District as a whole have increased by 2.1% over 2025. Electoral Area C's assessed values have increased by approximately 8.1% over 2025. Changes in individual property values will vary.

BC Assessment Authority Squamish Rural

200-2925 Virtual Way
Vancouver BC V5M 4X5
1-800-661-1780
www.bcassessment.ca

Hospital Districts

Regional Hospital Districts were established as a means of financing a local contribution to the capital and equipment costs of health care facilities. The local share is up to 40% and the Province contributes 60%. Electoral Area C is part of the Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District (SSRHD). Contact the SLRD: [1-800-298-7753](tel:1-800-298-7753) or visit www.slrd.bc.ca.

Hospital District Est. Taxation per \$100K assessment

2026 - \$4.37

2025 - \$4.36

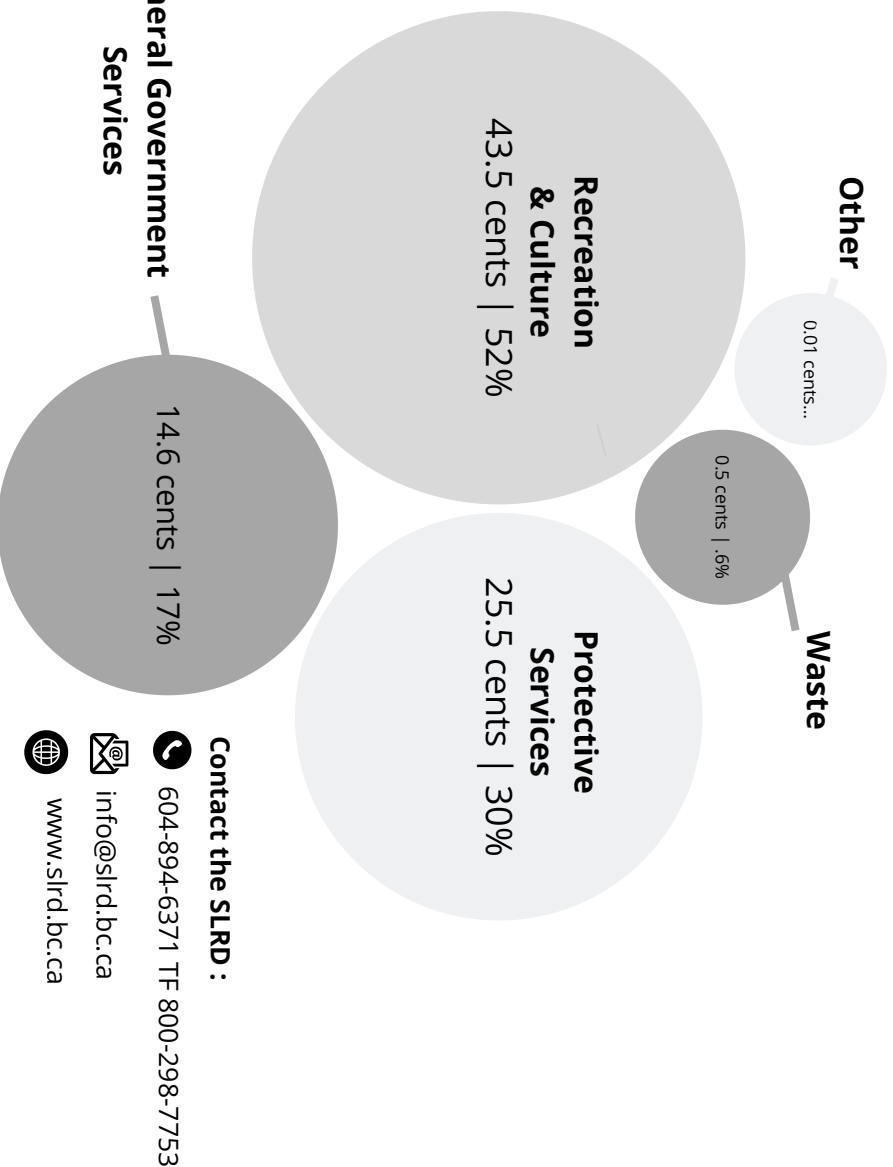
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Electoral Area C represents approximately 18% of the total SLRD tax requisition.

The circles represent SLRD services shared across Electoral Area C based on an estimated tax rate per \$1,000 of assessment value.



Contact the SLRD :

604-894-6371 TF 800-298-7753

info@slrd.bc.ca

www.slrd.bc.ca

Enquiries

In accordance with the Local Government Act, regional districts do not collect taxes directly from the taxpayer. Instead, taxes for regional district purposes are collected by the Province (Surveyor of Taxes) and by the member municipalities.

Surveyor of Taxes can provide information on provincial taxation and property tax notices.

Call toll-free through Enquiries BC at 1-888-355-2700 or locally 250-387-0555.

Tax information is also available on the Provincial Property Tax website:

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/rural-area

Community-specific services in Electoral Area C, funded only by properties in those service areas

Requisition Services	Parcel Tax Services
Tax based on assessed property value, calculated per \$1,000 to fund services.	Fixed charge per property for specific local services.
Pemberton Fire Protection \$0.30	
Pmbtrn Meadows Fire Protection \$0.35	
Birken Fire Protection \$0.44	
The Heights Fire Protection \$0.31	
Wedgewood Estates Fire Protection \$0.38	D'Arcy Street Lighting \$80.77
Pemberton Refuse Grounds \$0.21	Anderson Lake Refuse \$70.28
Birkenhead Lake Refuse \$0.42	D'Arcy/ Devine Refuse \$114.52
Catiline Creek Debris Flood Mitigation \$4.51	Walkerville Dyking \$197.34
Pemberton & District Arts, Culture Recreation Grant \$0.03	
Pemberton & District Economic Development Grants \$0.02	
Birken Recreation Commission \$0.06	Devine Water System \$1,014.11
Pemberton Valley Recreational Trails \$0.03	Pemberton North Water \$961.38
	D'Arcy Water \$1,172.24



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