

Tax Roll Information - 2009

School Tax Information

CLASS:	CODE:	ASSESSMENT:	RATE:	TAX AMOUNT:
RES	01	539000	2.138	1152.38
Total School Tax Payable				\$1152.38

School tax: Collected by the Province to run our school system. It has nothing to do with the RDOS but accounts for 44% of this "property tax" bill.

Rural Tax Roll Information

CLASS:	CODE:	ASSESSMENT:	RATE:	TAX AMOUNT:
RES	01	539000	0.52	280.28
Total Rural Tax Payable				\$280.28

Rural tax (11% of this tax bill) is paid to the Province to cover the things not covered by the regional district (e.g., rural roads).

Local Service Levies

DESCRIPTION:	CLASS:	RATE:	TAX AMOUNT:
OKAN.-SIMILK. RHD	01	0.2728	147.04
BC ASSESS. AUTH.	01	0.0641	34.55
MUNI. FIN. AUTH.	01	0.0002	0.11
AREA F OK-SIMIL.REG	01	0.8665	467.04
AREA F TAX ON BLDGS	01	0.1686	41.98
FIRE PROTECTION	01	0.5823	313.86
STERILE INSECT (L)	01	0.0474	13.75
OKAN. REG. LIBRARY	01	0.1912	103.06
COMMUNITY CENTRE	01	0.064	34.5
POLICE TAX	01	0.0907	48.89
Total Local Services			\$1204.78

Regional Hospital District (6%). Hospitals such as Penticton Regional are (as their name suggests) regional. This tax ensures that the entire region contributes to the capital costs of such important facilities.

Assessment and Municipal Finance are two services provided by the Province. The Municipal Finance charge is just a place-holder in case the Province has to raise more money to cover the interest payments on its bonds.

These are the two RDOS taxes (19% of this bill, but remember West Benchers were overcharged in 2009). There are two taxes because the RDOS can allocate the costs of services based on the assessed value of land + buildings or just buildings (improvements). The latter approach favors those with expensive land but few buildings (e.g., farmers)

A deal was struck in 1979 to build the Penticton Community Centre. West Benchers help subsidize this facility for all users.

Total Current Taxes

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Yes, fire protection is expensive (12% of this bill). We are working with the City of Penticton to change this.

Sterile insects are an alternative to using pesticides to treat codling moth. Since we all benefit when orchardists do not use pesticides, we all pay.

West Benchers use the Penticton Regional Library, which is not part of the Okanagan Regional Library. But we pay the ORL and they work out a deal with the City of Penticton.