

VILLAGE OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE
2011-2015 FINANCIAL PLAN
STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES
SCHEDULE B TO BYLAW 51-2011

In accordance with Section 165(3.1) of the *Community Charter*, the Village of Queen Charlotte (Village) 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 2011. It excludes utility revenue such as water and water charges as they are billed separately on cost recovery basis as well as capital expenditures.

The Small Community Grant is the largest portion of revenue for the Village. This grant is provided by the Province of B.C. to all municipalities with a population of under 5,000. Property taxes and parcel taxes make up the next two levels of revenue. The Small Community Grant, property taxes and frontage charges provide a stable and consistent source of revenue for many services that are difficult or undesirable to fund on a user-pay basis. These include services such as general government, community safety, libraries, road maintenance and park maintenance.

Objective: Continue to pursue grants for specific needs in the community to lessen the burden on property taxes.

Table 1:

Revenue Source	% of Total Revenue*
Property Taxes	19%
Parcel Taxes	16%
Small Community Grant	28%
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	2%
Other Grants	9%
Other Sources	26%
	100%
*Total Revenue consists of general revenues.	

Distribution of Property Taxes

Table 2 provides the estimated 2011 distribution of property tax revenue amount the property classes. This approximate distribution will be determined upon receipt of the Village’s final revised roll.

Objective: Maintain the Village’s business to residential tax ratio near other municipalities. This will ensure that business are enjoying a similar burden to other communities.

Table 2

Property Class	% of Total Property Tax
Residential (1)	55%
Business (6)	31%
Light Industry (5)	6%
Others (2,7,8,&9)	8%
Total:	100%

Permissive Tax Exemptions

Each year, Council passes a permissive exemption bylaw exempting certain properties from property tax. The Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 42-2010 provides exemptions to churches, private schools, hospitals and charities as stated in Sections 220 and 224 of the *Community Charter*. Additional exemptions have also been granted to Queen Charlotte Community Club, the Queen Charlotte Volunteer Fire Prevention Society, the Thrift Store Society, and the Royal Canadian Legion.

Objective:

The Village will create a policy for permissive exemptions.