

## Register for Emergency Alerts

In times of crisis, it is important residents have access to trusted, timely and accurate information to ensure their own safety and that of their family and loved ones. In response to this need, the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality has chosen Voyent Alert! to serve the area.

Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like fires or floods as well as for relevant day-to-day communications such as water advisories.

How to Register: Registration for the service is FREE, simple and totally anonymous.

For mobile app alerts, download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple or Google Play stores

For email, text message, or voice call alerts, register online at <https://register.voyent-alert.com>

## Water and Gas Meter Preparation for Reading

Locate your meter. Determine if there is a safe and direct path to your meter that is free of obstructions such as pets, debris, snow, ice and overgrown trees or bushes. Ensure that there are no holes or objects in the path to the meter that may cause the reader to trip, slip or fall. The gas tariff and water bylaw both include fines for obstruction to the meters.

Please visit our website for all up-to-date information



## Property Taxes are due on July 4, 2023

A 10% penalty will be applied on July 5, 2023, to all outstanding balances. Please see the back of your property tax notice for all your payment options.

## Human-Bear Conflicts

There are several things we can all do to stay safe and keep bears from being destroyed.

1. Keep all garbage securely stored
2. Remove bird feeders in the summer
3. Feed pets indoors
4. Keep your barbecue clean
5. Report village bear sightings to the BC Conservation Officer Service

**Myth:** If I call the Conservation Officer Service (COS) when you first see a bear in the village or your yard, they will just shoot it.

**Reality:** Calling the Conservation Officer Service (COS) when you first see a bear in the village, or your yard gives the COS more options to manage the bear. They can use safe aversion techniques to steer the bear clear of homes and attractants like garbage, recycling and barbeques and show the bear that being close to humans is not where it belongs.

Once a bear gets used to being near people and has found unnatural food sources, it's hard to change its behaviour.

Report village bear sightings by phoning the BC Conservation Officer Service at

1-877-952-7277



## Understanding Your Taxes

and SPMRM Information



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## Understanding Your Tax Levies

**Police Levy:** The police financing model requires small communities and rural areas in British Columbia to pay a more equitable share of their policing costs. Under the new model, less than 50 percent of the total annual provincial costs to police municipalities under 5,000 population and rural areas will be collected from property taxpayers in these communities. The cost will be apportioned to each community using a formula that combines property assessment values and population.

**School Levy:** The provincial government collects this tax for education services and school facilities.

**BCAA Levy:** As a crown corporation, BC Assessment Authority sets all property assessment values in Sun Peaks. Their administration costs are directly recovered from your property tax.

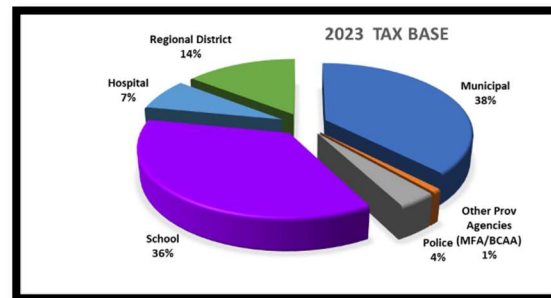
**Municipal Levy:** The Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality (SPMRM) collects taxes for the cost of providing services such as zoning, planning, building inspection, road maintenance, utilities, bylaw enforcement, protective services, parks, recreation, and administration.

**Hospital Levy:** The Thompson Regional Hospital District collects taxes to provide funding to the health authorities for

building medical facilities and to purchase needed equipment.

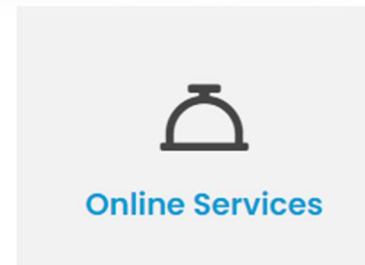
**MFA Levy:** A few cents per \$100,000 is collected for the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA), which coordinates borrowing for all local governments in BC. The MFA's AAA rating is better than the province's ratings. This allows your local government to get very good interest rates when borrowing money, and more competitive rates than the commercial sector.

**Regional District Levy:** The TNRD collects taxes for general services such as library, environmental planning and zoning, film commission, search and rescue, E-911, Crime Stoppers, noxious weed control, and solid waste management. The TNRD also collects for Sun Peaks area mosquito control.



2023 Taxation:  
Taxation on Statement of is made up of:

Property Tax	2,023
Total Tax Levy	6,878,499
Transferred to Other Gov't	
BCAA Levy	58,155
Hospital Levy	507,108
MFA Levy	340
School Levy	2,469,498
Regional District Levy	999,445
Police Tax Levy	250,354
Total	4,284,900
Net Taxes available for Municipal Purposes	2,593,599
Payent in Lieu of Property & business Licence	60,990

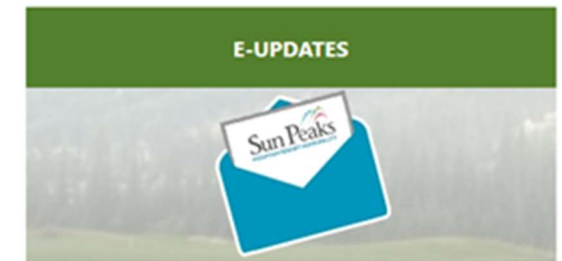


Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality is pleased to announce that we now have an online option for our residents to view their monthly utility invoices and annual property tax notice.

Please sign up to view your Utilities invoice and/or Property Tax notice online through our website.

**Note:** Once you have registered to view your utilities invoice and/or property tax notice online, the invoice and/or notice will be available through your online account. Past invoices or notices will not be available.

As of June 1, 2023, there will be a \$5.00 charge for each invoice sent by mail.



To stay in the loop on what's happening with the Municipality, you can sign up for email notifications for news and notices on our website. You can register by homepage. You can also receive notifications when Council meeting agendas are posted. To sign up for E-Updates, please click on 'Meeting Schedule' on the home page.