



# Budget 2025: Council Clarification on the 2025 Property Tax Rate

December 9, 2024



NEW WESTMINSTER

# Agenda

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# Purpose

- To provide Council with information on the components of the preferred Scenario 2 that Council approved for 2025.
- To receive confirmation regarding the property tax increase for 2025 that will be included in the 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan.

# Proposed 7.6% Property Tax Increase Components

## Scenario 2 = 3a + 3b + 3c + 3d + 3e

Scenario	Property Tax Impact	Cumulative Increase	
Baseline Budget – 3a	5.5%	5.5%	Non-Discretionary inflation increases, contractual obligations, regulatory and legislative requirements
SMT Recommended – 3b	- 0.2%	5.3%	Addresses critical areas where resources are needed for organizational effectiveness and to mitigate risks
Police Board Approved – 3c	0.9%	6.2%	Discretionary operational enhancements approved by the Police Board Nov. 19, 2024
Council Supported – 3d	0.4%	6.6%	Recommended enhancements referred by Council to the 2025 budget deliberation
Deferred to 2026 – 3e	0.6%	7.2%	Enhancements SMT recommend to defer to 2026 <b>Council motion is to hire the positions in 2025</b>
Prorate Hire Dates – 3e	0.4%	7.6%	New hires start dates will be staggered throughout the year <b>Council motion is to include the full cost of new hires in 2025</b>
Proposed Property Tax Increase for 2025	<b>7.6%</b>		<b>Scenario 2 Total = 3a + 3b + 3c + 3d + 3e</b>

# Budget Scenario 2 : All Service Enhancements

Cost to implement all Council projects requested through Strategic Priorities and Motions

<b>BC Assessment Property Classes</b>	<b>2024 Average Assessment Value</b>	<b>2024 Municipal Tax</b>	<b>Proposed 7.6% Increase</b>	<b>Estimated 2025 Municipal Tax</b>
<b>Class 1 Residential - Single Family</b>	\$ 1,616,000	\$ 4,246	+ \$ 323	\$ 4,569
<b>Class 1 Residential - Strata</b>	\$ 665,000	\$ 1,747	+ \$ 133	\$ 1,880
<b>Class 6 Business And Other</b>	\$ 4,022,000	\$ 32,181	+ \$ 2,446	\$ 34,627

# Questions for Council

1. Does Council need any further information about the enhancements included in Scenario 2?
2. Having received this information are there any adjustments to the 7.6% proposed property tax increase for 2025?

# Recommendation

THAT Council receive this report providing further details to the December 2, 2024 report on the 2025 General Fund Operating Enhancements Scenarios and Funding Strategy and provide direction for staff to report back with a Consolidated Five-Year Financial Plan (2025 – 2029) bylaw.

**Thank You!**