Huge bill, wage increase for RCMP members won't bust Mission's budget

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City of Mission staffers say the budget can handle the large wage increase for RCMP members, negotiated in the new collective agreement with the federal government.

The six-year contract, recently ratified with the National Police Federation, provides a 1.75 per cent annual increase retroactive to 2017. Combined with an 11.5 per cent market adjustment, their wages will increase 23.8 per cent by the end of 2022.

The preliminary estimate for the amount owed to the beginning of 2021 is $1.5 million, according to a Sept. 7 report from Director of Finance Doug Stewart, but the city has over $2 million sitting in its police reserve.

The city has been anticipating the increased wages since negotiations began in 2016, setting aside a 2.5 per cent increase annually, adding $1.6 million to the reserve.

"It certainly has helped us now, because it's put us in a position where we can absorb the increase without a whole lot of pain or disruption to the (city) budget," Stewart said.

He did stress, however, that the $1.5 million retroactive-pay estimate was "rough," and his calculations may differ from the RCMP's invoice.

Staff are confident that there will be sufficient unspent funds in the reserves to cover the wage increases through 2021, but tax adjustments will be needed starting in 2022.

Mission council unanimously approved staff's request for $600,000 to be put into the police reserve to account for a 1.56 per cent tax increase over the next three years.

"We'll be compensating our RCMP more in line with what's been the standard across Canada, helping to retain people and attract new members to the RCMP, but also not burden the taxpayer," said Mayor Paul Horn.

"So I just want to say thank you to the council and staff for being forward thinking on this."

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NOTICE OF PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS

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CITY OF MISSION PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW 6059-2021

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to section 224 of the *Community Charter,* Council of the City of Mission proposes to exempt the following lands and improvements from municipal property taxes for the year 2022.

The "City of Mission Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 6059-2021" will be considered for adoption by Council at the Regular Council Meeting on **October 4, 2021.**

One-Year Applications (2022)

ORGANIZATION OWNER/OCCUPIER & PROPERTY FOR EXEMPTION	Use/Purpose		2022 Estimated City Taxes**
Communitas Supportive Care Society			
33032 11th Avenue	Mental health support programs		3,055
District of Mission Arts Council			
33535 1st Avenue	Art gallery and programs		5,264
33529 1st Avenue	Adjacent parking lot		8,150
Mamele'awt Qweesome Housing Society			
32767 Fraser Crescent	Safe and affordable rental housing	A	3,566
Mel Jr. and Marty Zajac Foundation, Inc.			
Florence Lake Road Power Lines	Special needs camp		109
Florence Lake Road Gate House	Special needs camp		1,664
Mission Community Services Society			
3-32618 Logan Avenue	Food Centre/office support		40,895
32646 Logan Avenue	First stage housing		2,219
Haven in the Hollow (two assessment classes)			8,247
Mission Daycare Society (Heritage Park Child Care Centre)			
33649 Prentis Avenue	Child care centre		6,127
(Sublessee) Owner: Province of B.C.	Child care centre		3,645
Lessee: School District No. 75			
SARA for Women Society (28% land and improvements)			
33070 5th Avenue	Office and support programs		9,819
Silverdale Community Centre			
31016 Silverhill Avenue	Preserving heritage and culture	A	1,691

A - Property taxable in 2021
**Property tax estimates increased by 2% over previous year's estimated value*
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Four-Year Applications (2022-2025)

ORGANIZATION & PROPERTY FOR EXEMPTION	Use/Purpose		Estimated City Taxes**		
			2022	2023	2024
All Saints Anglican Church					
33077 2nd Avenue	Spiritual programs		1,622	1,655	1,688
Cedar Valley Mennonite Church					
32860 Cherry Avenue	Preschool/counselling/programs & support		14,708	15,002	15,302
Ducks Unlimited Canada					
29220 Lougheed Highway	Wetlands / educations programs		757	772	788
29449 Donatelli Avenue	Wetlands / educations programs		4,740	4,835	4,931
Turner Street [2]	Wetlands / educations programs	A	5,628	5,741	5,856
Lougheed [2]	Wetlands / educations programs	A	4,438	4,527	4,618
31420 Silverdale Avenue [2]	Wetlands / educations programs	A	90	92	93
Silverdale Avenue [2]	Wetlands / educations programs	A	3,796	3,872	3,949
Silverdale Avenue [2]	Wetlands / educations programs	A	5,294	5,400	5,508
Fraser House Society					
33063 4th Avenue [2]	Addiction counselling, clinics, education		2,914	2,972	3,032
Lookout Housing and Health Society					
7251 Cedar Valley Connector	Housing for no or low income adults	A	30,816	31,433	32,061
Mamele'awt Qweesome Housing Society					
32539 Fraser Crescent	Safe and affordable housing	A	30,420	31,028	31,649
Mel Jr & Marty Zajac Foundation					
15600 Florence Lake Rd	Special medical/disability summer camp		18,662	19,035	19,415
(two assessment classes)	programs/activities		32,758	33,413	34,081
33345A 2nd Avenue	Preschool		2,422	2,471	2,520
Mission Association for Community Living *					
33345B 2nd Avenue	Administration office for programs		2,685	2,738	2,793
33593 3rd Avenue	Staffed adult residential group home		2,527	2,578	2,629
8645 Goundrey Street	Staffed adult residential group home		2,816	2,872	2,930
7373 Murray Street	Staffed residential group/respite home		1,973	2,013	2,053
4 - 32540 Logan Avenue	Employment support for adults		7,163	7,306	7,452
7713 Grand Street	Staffed youth residential home		1,618	1,650	1,683
7815 Tavernier Terrace	Staffed adult residential group home		2,937	2,996	3,056
32981 2nd Avenue	Staffed adult residential group home	A	1,629	1,662	1,695
1 - 32540 Logan Avenue	Recreation/training/support for adults	A	11,073	11,295	11,521
5 - 32540 Logan Avenue	Administration and program supervision	A	2,851	2,908	2,966
6 - 32540 Logan Avenue	Administration and program supervision	A	2,160	2,203	2,247
7 - 32540 Logan Avenue	Outreach support to adults	A	3,767	3,842	3,919
8 - 32540 Logan Avenue	Training employees/support families	A	2,681	2,735	2,790
*MACL supports adults/youth with developmental disabilities					
Mission Association for Seniors' Housing					
7682 Grand Street	Senior's housing	A	8,290	8,456	8,625
7380 Hurd Street	Senior Assisted Living facility		26,371	26,899	27,437
Mission Community Services					
33179 2nd Avenue	Administration office and programs		21,976	22,416	22,864
7368 Proctor Street	"MY House", safe haven for youth		1,882	1,919	1,958
33313 3rd Avenue	"Family Place" supports parents & kids 0-8	A	11,098	11,320	11,546
Mission District Historical Society					
33201 2nd Avenue [2]	Historic 1907 building that houses the Mission		966	985	1,005
(two assessment classes)	Museum, open year round		3,828	3,904	3,982
Mission Elks Lodge #30					
33336 2nd Avenue	Community rental and programs		4,478	4,568	4,659
Mission Friendship Centre Society					
33146 1st Avenue	Cultural programs		10,773	10,989	11,209
Mission Hospice Society					
32180 Hillcrest Avenue	Administration and grief support programs		2,154	2,197	2,241
Mission Horse Club					
9457 Stave Lake Street [1]			295	301	307
(two assessment classes)	Year round recreational programs		5,940	6,059	6,180
Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce					
34033 Lougheed Highway [1]	Administration office		12,789	13,044	13,305
Pleasant View Housing					
7540 Hurd Street [2]	Senior's affordable housing		6,441	6,570	6,701
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #57					
32627 Logan Avenue	Recreational facilities and programs		7,360	7,507	7,657
SARA for Women Society					
33368 1st Avenue	Support programs and facilities		5,527	5,637	5,750
N/A	Support programs and facilities		2,797	2,853	2,910
Silverdale Community Centre					
McLean Street	Adjacent parking and recreational space		2,078	2,120	2,162
8760 McLean Street	Facility rentals and community programs		7,486	7,636	7,789
Steelhead Community Association					
32972 Cardinal Street [1]	Recreational facilities and programs		2,704	2,759	2,814
Sto:lo Heritage Trust Society (for the Xá:ytem Longhouse and property)					
35087 Lougheed Highway	Preserving heritage and culture		23,548	24,019	24,499
35102 Sunnyside Drive	Preserving heritage and culture		4,602	4,694	4,788
Union Gospel Mission					
33170 7th Avenue	Support women with substance disorders		1,836	1,873	1,910
Valley Christian School					
8955 Cedar Street	Christian based education for grades 1-8		2,290	2,336	2,382

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[1] Property owned by City of Mission;
[2] Property owned jointly with City of Mission
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