2011 Final Tax Rates

Tax rates multiplied by current value assessment equals tax on assessment.

Property Class/ Subclass	Code	Municipal Tax Rate	Education Tax Rate	Total Final Tax Rate
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Residential/ New Multi-Residential	RTEP, RTES, RTFP, RTFS, NTEP, NTES, NTFP, NTFS	**1.1717390%**	**0.2310000%**	**1.4027390%**
Multi-Residential	MTEP, MTES, MTFP, MTFS, MTN	**2.2816220%**	**0.2310000%**	**2.5126220%**
Commercial	CTN, DTN GTN, STN	**2.0391770%**	**1.5733320%**	**3.6125090%**
Commercial Excess/ Vacant Land	CUN, CXN, SUN, DUN	**1.4274240%**	**1.1013324%**	**2.5287564%**
New Comm.	XTN, YTN, ZTN	**2.0391770%**	**1.3300000%**	**3.3691770%**
New Comm. Excess/ Vacant Land	XUN, XXN, YUN, ZUN	**1.4274240%**	**0.9310000%**	**2.3584240%**
Industrial Taxable	ITN, LTN	**2.7221840%**	**1.9300000%**	**4.6521840%**
Industrial Excess/ Vacant Land	IUN, IXN, LUN, LXN	**1.7694200%**	**1.2545000%**	**3.0239200%**
New Ind. Taxable	JTN, KTN	**2.7221840%**	**1.3300000%**	**4.0521840%**
New Ind. Excess/ Vacant Land	JUN, KUN	**1.7694200%**	**0.8645000%**	**2.6339200%**
Pipeline	PTN	**1.4888120%**	**1.3295430%**	**2.8183550%**
Farmland & Managed Forest	FTEP, FTES, TTEP, TTES, R1EP	**0.2929350%**	**0.0577500%**	**0.3506850%**
Farmland Awaiting Development	R1EP	**0.4101090%**	**0.0808500%**	**0.4909590%**

July 2011

The enclosed tax notice is your **2011 Final Property Tax Notice.** This notice reflects taxation for all classes applicable to your property.

Residential Tax Payers – Schedule 2

Schedule 2 explains the tax changes that have taken place between the 2010 and 2011 taxation years as mandated by the Provincial Government. This schedule is for illustrative purposes only.

The annual tax on assessment is based on three distinct components: (1) the current value assessment of your property as determined independently by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC); (2) the municipal tax rates as established by City Council through the annual budget process; and (3) the education tax rates established by the Province.

Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Tax Payers – Schedule 3

Schedule 3 is provided for illustrative purposes only to help you track changes to your taxes from the year 2010 to 2011.

The annual tax on assessment is based on four distinct components: (1) the current value assessment of your property as determined independently by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC); (2) the municipal tax rates as established by City Council through the annual budget process; (3) the education tax rates established by the Province and (4) any applicable tax capping adjustment.

The Provincially mandated capping/clawback rules are the same, for the most part, as they were in 2010. Tax increases are capped at the greater of 10% of the previous years' annualized tax or 5% of the previous years' CVA tax, plus budgetary increases. Also, for those capped properties that are within $250 of their CVA tax amount, capping protection no longer applies. For 2011, properties that achieved CVA tax status in 2010 or properties that have changed class for 2011 will be at CVA tax status from now on.

Assessment Information

General information about the assessment process can be found at MPAC's HOMEPAGE at www.mpac.ca under the Property Owner's section. Specific information about your property and RFR (Request for Reconsideration) forms (requesting a review of your assessment) may be obtained from the local Assessment Office at 1477 Lansdowne St. W. at 1-866-296-6722 as well as on the website noted above.

Ownership/Mailing Address changes

If your property has been sold or you have changed your mailing address, please ensure that you notify the Tax Office in writing to ensure prompt mailing of future bills.

Commercial and Industrial Vacancies

Properties in the Commercial and Industrial taxation classes that have vacant areas within their buildings for a minimum of 90 consecutive days can apply for a vacancy rebate for the time period affected. For 2011, there will be an interim and final application process. For vacancies up to June 30th, application can be made for an interim rebate between July 1 and July 31st, 2011. Final applications, either for the entire year, or July to December must be received in the Tax Office any time after January 1 but no later than February 29, 2012. Applications for properties that experienced vacancies that span from 2010 into 2011 must also be received in the Tax Office no later than February 29, 2012. These types of vacancies cannot be treated by the interim process.

Annexed Properties

For properties annexed into the City in 2008, the final bill is based on the 2011 Current Value Assessment times the City's full tax rate for 2011. As the annexation agreement has now expired, no further annexation credits will show on your tax bill.

Municipal Tax Rates

The Municipal tax rates are established by City Council through the annual budget process and are a function of the City's net municipal tax levy requirements ($95.4 million for 2011) and total available current value assessment weighted by class ($8.141 billion for 2011). For the year 2011, a 4.7% increase in total weighted assessment was offset by a 2.5% increase in the municipal tax levy requirement. The 2011 municipal tax rates for all property classes are set out in column 3 in the "2011 Final Tax Rates" chart included in this pamphlet.

Additional details on the City's 2011 budget can be found on the City's website at www.peterborough.ca/living/Property_Tax/Tax_Rates.

Education Tax Rates

The education tax rates for all property classes are legislated by the Province. The 2011 education tax rates for all property classes are set out in column 4 of the "2011 Final Tax Rates" chart included in this pamphlet.

Combined Municipal and Education Rates

The combined municipal and education tax rates have decreased by various percentages for all classes. The 2011 Final combined tax rates for all property classes are set out in column 5 of the "2011 Final Tax Rates" chart included in this pamphlet.

Newly Constructed Homes

Owners of newly constructed homes will receive a tax bill for the value of the vacant lot only, until the home is assessed. After it is assessed, you will receive a supplementary tax bill for taxes on the value of your home. This process can take 2 – 3 years and the tax bill is retroactive to the date you took possession of the home. To estimate the amount of your annual taxes, multiply the purchase price of your home by the tax rate (1.4027390%) or for more information, contact us.

Payment Options

Please refer to the back of your tax bill for the various payment options available. Please note that the following change to your PAP agreement is effective immediately: NSF payments will automatically be represented to the bank approximately 5 business days after the first date of presentment.

Tax Arrears & Pre-authorized Payments (PAP)

The City offers monthly arrears PAP if your account is one or two years in arrears. Contact our Collections Clerk at (705) 742-7777 extension 1661 for further details.

Instalment Due Dates

The first instalment of the Final Tax Bill is due July 29th, 2011 with the second instalment due September 30th, 2011. **People on a fixed monthly income have until August 4th & October 5th, 2011** respectively to pay the first and second instalments.

City Hall Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and all Statutory Holidays

Further Tax Information

Tax office staff will gladly answer any questions you may have. The telephone number for tax inquiries is **705-742-7777 Extension 1865** or **email** tax@peterborough.ca.

IMPORTANT CITY RELATED PHONE NUMBERS

Blue Boxes	705-742-7777 ext 1657
By-laws & Marriage Certificates	705-742-7777 ext 1820
Fire Prevention	705-745-3284 ext 2755
MPAC – Assessment Office	1-866-296-6722
Non-working Street Lights	705-742-7777 ext 1890
Non-working Traffic Lights	705-742-7777 ext 1846
Parking Issues	705-742-7777 ext 2802
Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre	705-742-0050
Peterborough Utilities (Hydro & Water)	705-748-9300
Police-Non-Emergency	705-876-1122
Recreation	705-742-7777 ext 1873
Tax Office	705-742-7777 ext 1865

The following services can be accessed by calling 705-742-7777 extension 2902 or 2903

Garbage Pick-up	Potholes (Public Works)
Flooding/Sewer Back-up	Tree Trimming

On-Line Services

The services listed below are available on-line for your convenience and are accessible 24/7. Visit: www.peterborough.ca

Recreation Program Registration
Compost & Woodchip Orders
Parking Ticket Payments
Provincial Offences Payments
GIS Mapping
Tenders
Memorial Centre Event Tickets
Beavermead Campground Permit Requests
Various City Forms

Completing City Forms On-Line

Forms such as Pre-Authorized Payment Plan Applications, Name and Address Change Forms, Bingo Reports, Business License Applications, Recreation Camp sign-up forms, Handi-Van Applications, Compost & Woodchip Order Forms and much more can be downloaded from the City's website and completed before you come to do your business with the City.

City Hall More Accessible

New exterior and interior barrier-free ramps provide an accessible entrance from George Street to the City Hall Lobby and access to other areas in City Hall. Convenient, 30-minute free parking is available on George Street in front of City Hall.

Accessibility

The City of Peterborough has implemented Accessibility Customer Service Policy and Procedures to assist you when accessing municipal services. We now provide notices of temporary service disruptions, alternate formats upon request and have implemented a feedback process on the quality of our accessible customer service. Effective July 1, 2011 the City of Peterborough is implementing the Integrated Accessibility Standard which affects Information and Communications, Employment and Transportation initiatives. Visit us at www.peterborough.ca/accessibility to learn more.

Beavermead Campground Study

The City has initiated a study of the Beavermead Campground on the east shore of Little Lake in Beavermead Park. The purpose of the study is to complete a cost-benefit analysis of the campground followed by the development of a strategy to guide use of the lands. Public input is being sought. Weigh in on this important issue! Go to the link below to have your voice heard:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/Beavermead_Campground_Survey

Hunter Street Bridge Rehabilitation

The Hunter Street Bridge rehabilitation work is proceeding extremely well and is on schedule. Refacing of the piers and arches is progressing at the same time that the railing and sidewalks are being rebuilt. The work is over 60% complete. Final completion is scheduled for November 2011.

2011 Large Article Collections

The last large article collection for 2011 will take place the week of **Monday, September 19th**. Tickets may be purchased at any time preceding the week of collection at City Hall (Tax Office) or Public Works (Townsend Street). Tickets will not be available during the actual week of collection. All items should be out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on September 19th regardless of your regular garbage day. Call 705-742-7777 ext 1657 for more details.

Sign up for the **SMART CYCLYING 101 ADULT/YOUTH CYCLING SKILLS COURSE**, and learn to ride safely and confidently on city streets. Two sessions left this year: July 21 & 23 and August 3, 4, & 5. Call 705-745-3238 extension 203 for more details and to register. Fees are $35 for adults and $10 ages 14-18.

New Peterborough Parks Smoke Free

In 2009, City Council approved smoke free zones in three municipal parks in Peterborough. Del Crary Park, Riverside Park and East City Bowl all feature spectator zones prohibiting smoking at any time. Effective May 1, 2011, City By-law #07-126 is further amended as follows: Smoking and the holding of lighted tobacco products is prohibited within 9 metres of any public playground, beach, wading pool, splash pad, sports field and skateboard park. To obtain specific details on this, contact the Recreation Division at 705-742-7777 extension 1829.

Consider a 'Stay-cation' this Summer!

If you are looking for a unique summer or fall vacation, why not consider camping at Beavermead Park! Located in the heart of Peterborough at 2011 Ashburnham Drive, Beavermead Park has all of the features of a first class campground: serviced and un-serviced campsites; washroom and shower facilities; outdoor natural setting; children's playground; trails; sandy beach; located next to the Ecology Park. Rates start at $35-40 per site. Call Beavermead Campground today at 705-742-9712 to discuss 'stay-cation' options.

Municipal Addressing By-law #09-050

Municipal Properties can be difficult to locate without an easily understood addressing system. The objectives of this by-law are:

YOUR ADDRESS
"It's not just a number; It can save your life!"

- To ensure every occupied building has a unique address making it easy to identify and locate.
- To improve services from local government and utility companies.
- To provide Emergency Personnel a quick and effective way to locate addresses. With a municipal address, dispatch operators will instantly know the address from where a call (land-line phones only) is being placed.

This by-law can be accessed in the following ways:
- a printable version from our website at:
www.peterborough.ca/Living/City_Services/Land_Information_Services__GIS_/Municipal_Addressing_By-Law__09-050_.htm
- in person at City Hall in the Clerk's office.

Parking Ticket Payment Options

Click here to pay your Parking Ticket

Parking Tickets can be paid on-line at the City's website at www.peterborough.ca. Select On-line Services then Parking Ticket Payment. Click the Parking Meter icon on the Parking Ticket Payment page to pay.

Parking Tickets can also be paid at the following sites:
- City Hall Tax Office, 500 George St N;
- Provincial Offences Office, 99 Simcoe St;

Payments can be made for parking tickets by:
- cash / cheque / money order/debit card/credit card

Various Tax Office Fees for Service

Tax Receipts	$10.00
Statement of Account	$10.00
Faxing of Statements	$1.00 local; $5.00 long distance
NSF Charges	$25.00
Ownership Changes	25.00/change/roll number
Tax Bill Reprints	$10.00
New Property Accounts	$50.00/roll number
Local Improvement Buy-outs	$25.00/roll number

"The City of Peterborough is developing its first Municipal Cultural Plan, which will focus on culture's role in developing a vision for Peterborough that underpins economic prosperity, social progress, and quality of life. The first draft of the plan will be presented at a public meeting in the fall of 2011. Information about the draft review meeting will be available soon." For further information, call Ben Dick at 705-742-7777 extension 1487, or visit: http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/Arts__Culture___Heritage/Municipal_Cultural_Plan.htm.