

**Bylaw 102, 2009  
Schedule "C"**

**2009 Financial Plan Statement**

**The proportion of total revenue proposed to come from each funding source**

Table one below shows the proportion of total revenue to be raised from each funding source in 2009. At 85.2%, grants are the largest and most important source of revenue for the municipality. Comparatively, property and parcel taxes in 2009 will account for a combined total of only 7.9% of the District's revenue requirements with user fees for municipal services such as garbage collection and water and sewer usage accounting for the remaining 6.9%.

The above combination of grants, property taxes and user fees together provide a stable and consistent source of revenue for the District. It must be noted that all District capital projects in the Financial Plan are based around external funding opportunities such as grant programs. It should also be noted that without the unrestricted Provincial Small Communities Protection Grant, the District of Wells would be unable to sustain general municipal operations given the current size of the local tax base. For these reasons, senior government grants will continue to be the essential source of municipal revenue for the District of Wells over the next five years.

**Table one: proportions of total revenue**

<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>% Total Revenue</b>
Grants and other sources	85.2%
Parcel taxes	4.7%
Property value taxes	3.2%
User fees and charges	6.9%
Proceeds from borrowing	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Policy:**

It is the policy of the District of Wells that property tax increases over the span of this five-year Financial Plan should be minimal. Within the context of the Financial Plan, Council recognizes that the District of Wells, having one of the smallest municipal tax bases in British Columbia, cannot unilaterally support municipal operations without substantial external sources of revenue. Therefore in order to sustain the municipality, it is the policy of the District to be a strong proponent for the continuation of provincial funding programs such as the Small Communities Protection Grant. Further it is the policy of the District to actively pursue external grants and sources of revenue to fund any new operational program or capital project.

**Objective:**

Over the five-year period of this financial plan, the District will be a strong proponent for the continuation of provincial funding programs for small municipalities in British Columbia, the District will pursue external funding grants and sources of revenue in conjunction with the initiation of any new operational

program or capital project and the District will maintain property taxes collected in each year of the plan at the 2008 level with the exception of adjustments for new construction.

### **Distribution of property taxes among the property classes**

The table below illustrates the percentage of total property tax revenue collected from each property class.

<b>Property class</b>	<b>% Property Value Tax</b>
Residential (1)	48%
Utilities (2)	5%
Major Industry (4)	13%
Business (6)	34%
Rec./Non-Profit (8)	%
TOTAL	100.0%

#### **Policy:**

The District of Wells will work to maintain the total annual property taxes collected over the next five years at the 2008 level with exceptions for increases attributable to new construction. The District will also endeavor to minimize changes to the proportional relationship of the property classes for tax purposes.

#### **Objective:**

The objectives will be to maintain the total annual property taxes collected over the next five years at the 2008 levels with exceptions for increases attributable to new construction and to minimize changes to the proportional relationship of the tax classes.

### **Use of permissive tax exemptions**

The Annual Municipal Report for 2008, contains a list of permissive exemptions granted for the taxation year and the amount of tax revenue foregone. The list demonstrates the policy of council that permissive exemptions are granted to not-for-profit organizations that form a valuable part of our community. These include religious institutions, historical societies, recreational facilities, service organizations and cultural institutions.

#### **Policy:**

Council will continue to support local non-profit organizations through permissive tax exemptions.

#### **Objective:**

Council will continue to support local non-profit organizations through permissive tax exemptions.