



AGENDA CITY OF MERRITT SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 21, 2026
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, B.C

The City of Merritt is a progressive, attractive, economically viable City that is socially responsible and environmentally sustainable.

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Recommendation:
THAT “City of Merritt 2026 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2421, 2026” be read a First Time;

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7. NEW BUSINESS

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Report

**City of Merritt
SPECIAL Council Meeting
April 21, 2026**

File Number: XXXX

To: Rick Green, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Kevin Natkinniemi, Director of Finance and Human Resources
Date: April 14, 2026
Subject: 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT “City of Merritt 2026 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2421, 2026” be read a First Time;

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THAT “City of Merritt 2026 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2421, 2026” be read a Third Time.

Background:

Pursuant to Section 197 of the Community Charter, Council must, by bylaw, impose property value taxes for the year by establishing tax rates for the municipal revenue proposed to be raised for the year from property value taxes, as provided in the financial plan. In addition, the amounts to be collected for the year by means of rates established by the municipality need to meet the City’s taxing obligations in relation to other local governments or other public bodies (i.e. TNRD, TRHD, etc.).

Financial / Risk Implications:

This bylaw must be adopted by May 14, 2026.

Attachments:

1. City of Merritt Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2421, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

**Kevin Natkinniemi
Director of Finance and HR & CFO**

CITY OF MERRITT

BYLAW 2421

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR 2026

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 197 of the *Community Charter*, Council must, by bylaw impose property value taxes for the year by establishing tax rates for the municipal revenue proposed to be raised for the year from property value taxes, as provided in the financial plan, and the amounts to be collected for the year by means of rates established by the municipality to meet its taxing obligations in relation to another local government or other public body;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council for the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

Citation

1. This Bylaw shall be cited as the “**City of Merritt 2026 Annual Property Taxes Bylaw No. 2421, 2026**”.

General

2. The following taxation rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2026:

- a) General Municipal and Debt Rate

For all lawful general and debt purposes of the municipality, on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, appearing in Column “A” of the Schedule attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

- b) Thompson-Nicola Regional District Rate

For purposes of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for hospital assessment base purposes, appearing in Column “B” of the Schedule attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

- c) Thompson Regional Hospital District Rate

For purposes of the Thompson Regional Hospital District, on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for hospital assessment base purposes, appearing in Column “C” of the Schedule attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

d) Transit Rate

For purposes of transit services, on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, appearing in Column "D" of the Schedule attached to and forming a part of this bylaw.

3. The minimum amount of taxation upon a parcel of real property shall be One Dollar (\$1.00).
4. For the purposes of Section 237 of the *Community Charter*, the tax notice will provide for a tax due date of July 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. and state that a 10% penalty will be applied to any outstanding tax balances as of that date and time.
5. "City of Merritt Annual Property Taxes for 2025, Bylaw No. 2400, 2025" is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this _____ day of _____, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME this _____ day of _____, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME this _____ day of _____, 2026

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026

Michael Goetz
Mayor

Linda Brick
Corporate Officer

Bylaw 2421 – A Bylaw to establish the annual property tax rates for 2026.

CITY OF MERRITT
2026 Tax Rates Schedule
Bylaw No. 2421

		Rates in \$/1,000 of Assessed Value							
Property Class	Class Desc	A Municipal	B Multiples for General Purposes	C TNRD	D Hospital	E Transit	F School Tax	G BC Assessment	MFA
1	Residential	4.9886	1.0000	0.6444	0.3125	0.1277	1.8180	0.0381	0.0002
2	Utilities	40.0000	8.0182	2.2553	1.0938	1.0243	12.0600	0.4142	0.0007
4	Major Industry	58.1822	11.6630	2.1908	1.0626	1.4899	1.6200	0.4488	0.0007
5	Light Industry	22.3454	4.4793	2.1908	1.0626	0.5722	4.0400	0.1127	0.0007
6	Business/Other	12.0931	2.4241	1.5787	0.7657	0.3097	4.0400	0.1130	0.0005
8	Rec/Non-Profit	2.9815	0.5977	0.6444	0.3125	0.0763	2.3800	0.0391	0.0002
9	Farm	28.5518	5.7234	0.6444	0.3125	0.7312	7.6700	0.0350	0.0002