



# Standing Committee Report

## Electoral Area Services Committee

**To:** Electoral Area Services Committee  
**From:** Jodie Foster, Director of Communications and Information Services  
**Date:** December 12, 2024

**Subject:** Electoral Area Property Tax Look Up Application

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**Objective:** To demonstrate the RDCO's new Electoral Area Property Tax Look Up application.

### Discussion:

The RDCO has developed a new application based on our GIS platform to provide an opportunity for Electoral Area residents to look up their current and estimated taxes for Electoral Area Services using their property address.

The application is available for properties within the Electoral Area East and West, excluding Westbank First Nation lands within Electoral Area West.

The application uses BC Assessment data and the Province's Statement of Taxes data, plus tax adjustments proposed as part of the five-year financial plan to calculate estimates for the upcoming year.

### Estimate calculations

Residents pay for RDCO services in a number of ways including property taxes, parcel taxes, utility bills and user fees. The Look Up application:

- Provides property totals for the current year and estimates for the upcoming year, as well as a break down of cost for each service provided to the property.
- Includes the property taxes and parcel taxes for services delivered by the RDCO that residents would see on their annual tax notice.
- Does not include utility bill information but does point residents to [rdco.com/water](http://rdco.com/water) where they can find further information and a water rate calculator for their quarterly bills - this is based on rates and consumption.
- Does not include tax information about services from other governments (i.e. school district taxes, BC Assessment, police tax).
- The application shows data for 2024 and 2025.

### Next Steps:

The Look Up application will be available on [rdco.com](http://rdco.com) publically in early January for 2025 once the RDCO receives BC Assessment's 2025 data. The RDCO will promote this tool as part of the 2025 Financial Plan advertising and process.

**Recommendation(s):**

**THAT** the Electoral Area Services Committee receives the Electoral Area Property Tax Look Up Application report from the Director of Communications and Information Services dated December 12, 2024 for information.

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Respectfully submitted by: Jodie Foster, Director of Communications and Information Services

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachment(s): None

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