


2025 NRHD Pamphlet FAQsⁱ

Hospital Tax Requisition 2025	
Where do my hospital tax dollars go?	Hospital tax dollars help build local hospitals and buy essential healthcare equipment. The Nanaimo Regional Hospital District (NRHD) and the Government of BC work together to pay for these facilities and equipment. The NRHD's contribution comes from hospital taxes, sometimes combined with borrowing when major projects are planned.
How are NRHD tax rates determined?	<p>Every year, Island Health looks at what health infrastructure is needed and how much each project will cost. They ask the NRHD to help pay for capital projects in the region. The NRHD then decides which projects to support and how much funding to give in a cost-sharing arrangement.</p> <p>This money comes from local taxes. The amount of hospital tax residents pay is based on how much the NRHD needs to meet its funding commitments. The NRHD might also borrow money and pay it back over time to help cover its share.</p>
What are the NRHD Priority Projects	<p>In 2022, the Board identified five priority projects for the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high acuity unit, • a new patient tower, • a cardiac catheterization lab, • a cancer centre, • a new long-term care facility in the region.
How much will I be paying for hospital taxes in 2025?	In 2025, the tax requisition will result in approximately \$53.89 per \$100,000 of assessed property value for residents, an increase of \$8.60 per \$100,000 from the previous year.
What is the NRHD tax requisition for 2025?	<p>The NRHD adopted a budget of \$57.5 million for 2025, a 21% increase over the previous year.</p> <p>As part of the NRHD's efforts to minimize its reliance on debt and related debt charges, the tax levy of 21% in 2025 allows for a reserve contribution of \$36.7 million which will bring the reserve balance to \$100 million by the end of the year. This is a significant indication to the Province of the regions commitment to see these critical projects built.</p>
Why are big tax increases needed for NRHD's projects?	The NRHD has put in place a robust financial strategy to support its contribution to these critical projects. Annual tax increases are required to prepare for the NRHD's cost-sharing commitment to the priority projects.
The NRHD's Role and the Priority Projects	
What is the role of a regional hospital district?	The regional hospital district (RHD) provides annual capital funding to health authorities in support of local healthcare facilities. In partnership with the Government of BC, the NRHD provides annual capital funding to Island Health.

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<i>How did the NRHD Board prioritize the five projects?</i>	In April 2022, after seeking additional information about the proposed projects and inviting presentations from health experts on their challenges and infrastructure priorities, the Board identified the five priority projects: a new patient tower, cancer center, cardiac catheterization lab, and high acuity unit at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, and a new long-term care facility.
<i>How is funding requested for capital projects?</i>	Island Health reviews planned projects in the region and requests funding for them each year from the NRHD. The NRHD then decides which projects to support and how much to fund.
<i>What is the NRHD Board doing to advocate for the priority projects with the Government of BC?</i>	The NRHD Board has an advocacy plan underway to engage government officials and raise public awareness. This includes letters, meetings, media activities, videos and a public awareness campaign. The 2025 NRHD information pamphlet is part of the advocacy activities underway and is intended to keep residents informed on the priority projects.
Progress on the Priority Projects	
<i>What progress has been made on the priority projects?</i>	The high acuity unit is expected to open in 2025. Construction of the Nanaimo Cancer Centre starts in spring 2025. The long-term care facility in Lantzville is in the design phase. The Government of BC has made a commitment to building a new patient tower and cardiac catheterization lab at NRGH.
<i>What is the expected timeline for construction of the patient tower and cardiac catheterization lab?</i>	The Government of BC determines the construction timeline for capital projects.
<i>Why were the patient tower and cardiac catheterization lab not included in the Government of BC 2025 Budget?</i>	These projects are still in the provincial approval process and weren't expected to be in the 2025 budget.
How to Learn More	
<i>How can I learn more about these projects?</i>	Visit www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/nrhd for more information. Or scan the QR to visit the website. 
<i>Who can I contact for more information about the NRHD 2025 Budget and taxes?</i>	Please contact Tiffany Moore, Chief Financial Officer Regional District of Nanaimo Telephone: 250-390-4111 or toll-free at 1-877-607-4111 Email: tmoore@rdn.bc.ca .

¹ This fact sheet is intended to answer questions about the 2025 NRHD Information Pamphlet. Additional information regarding the NRHD budget can be found online at www.rdn.bc.ca/financial-reports.