How is stormwater funded?

The City primarily funds its stormwater management program using property taxes. More specifically, it is funded through:

- Debt servicing. Debt is used to finance many capital needs which then must be paid back using property taxes.
- Reserves. Some reserves are funded by property taxes, such as the General Infrastructure Reinvestment Fund.
- Federal and provincial grant programs when available.
- In 2023, approximately $1.8 million was allocated annually to stormwater operating from the general levy.

You are already paying for the stormwater management service, in fact, in 2024 the average representative home in Prince George paid approximately $119 for stormwater management through property taxes.

Proposed funding options

Option one: Dedicated tax levy

- An annual fee in your property tax each year. The rate is calculated based on property assessment values in the same way that property taxes are calculated.

Option two: Tiered flat rate

- Based on the type of property (residential, business, etc.) and tiered by property size, a flat fee would be charged on your utility bill.

Option three: Equivalent residential unit (ERU) - zoning maximums

- Based on the zoning of your property, a formula will be developed to determine how much your property is contributing to the stormwater system. This is calculated by using the zoning's maximum site coverage to determine the amount of allowed hard surface on your property.

Option four: Equivalent residential unit (ERU) - statistical sampling

- Similar to option three, but based on the actual measured hard surface area in a sampling of all types of residential properties.

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