

Information on the Home Owner(s) Grant Program Operated by Splatsin

SPLATSIN provides to its **residential** taxpayer's a Home Owner Grant (HOG) program similar to that operated by the Province of British Columbia. The maximum HOG rates available in 2020 are:

Basic Grant **\$570 (amount "B")**
Additional Grant (over 65 or disabled) **\$845 (amount "C")**

To claim the basic grant, you **must sign and return** a copy of the declaration on the tax notice, verifying that the property that is being taxed is your principle residence.

As provided for in the Provincial Home Owner's Grant program, principle residence means:

Principle residence is the property where you live and from where you conduct your daily affairs (for example; pay your bills, file your income tax returns, receive your mail, have a telephone listing). It is the address where you reside when the grant is claimed, and the property taxes paid. A person can have only one principle residence.

NOTE: There is a minimum tax payable of \$350 before the basic grant is provided, and a minimum tax payable of \$100 before the additional grant is provided.

To claim the additional grant, firstly, the property must be your principle residence **AND** you must be 65 years of age or older in the current year or be disabled under the BC HOG program rules. To claim the additional grant, you must also (in addition to signing the declaration) come into the Splatsin Band Office and provide documentary proof of age (such as birth certificate and/or driver's license) or proof of disability.

NOTE: Your signature claiming the basic grant allows Splatsin to verify the accuracy of this claim. For example, to confirm with the province of BC that you have not claimed another Home Owner's Grant for another property.

Regarding the Tax Notice enclosed:

Pay Amount "A" if this property **is not** your principle residence and only, for example, a seasonal recreational property, note that this is the default amount you are liable for if you fail to complete the declaration/application for the Home Owner's Grant.

Pay Amount "B" if this property **is** your principle residence and you are claiming the *basic grant*, note that you must complete the declaration provided on the back of the tax notice and return it to claim the basic grant.

Pay Amount "C" if this property **is** your principle residence and you are claiming the *additional grant* because you are 65 years of age or older in the current year, or disabled within the meaning of the rules of the Home Owner's Grant program operated by the Province of BC. In addition to doing everything to qualify for the basic grant, you must provide acceptable documentary evidence to qualify for the *additional grant*.

NOTE: It is important to claim the applicable HOG before the deadline to avoid being penalized. You can claim the grant regardless of whether you are making a payment on your property taxes.

Note that it is a serious offence to submit a false declaration.