



Four levels of government provide services to the residents of Powell River and area – City of Powell River, Regional District of Powell River, Province of British Columbia and the Canadian Federal Government. Texada Island and Savary Island have improvement districts for specific aspects of local governance.

In addition, the Tla’amin Nation negotiated a fair treaty settlement with the Province of BC and the Government of Canada. The agreement provides Tla’amin Nation with certain rights and benefits regarding land and resources, and self-government over its lands, resources and its members.

Who's Who

City of Powell River

Form of Government: CAO / City Council

Number of Council Members: One Mayor, 6 Council Members

Number of City Departments: 10

City Employees:

District of Powell River

Form of Government: Administrative Officer / Regional Board

Number of Board Members: One Board Chair, 6 Board Members

Number of City Departments: 4

District Employees:

Province of British Columbia

Form of Government: British Parliamentary

Premier and Party Affiliation: John Horgan, New Democratic Party of BC

Name of Provincial Government Representative for Powell River:

Nicholas Simons, New Democratic Party

Number of Elected Officials: 85

Year Elected: 2017

Current Term Expiration: 2021

Government of Canada

Form of Government: British Parliamentary

Prime Minister and Party Affiliation: Justin Trudeau, Liberal Party

Name of Federal Government Representative for Powell River:

Rachel Blaney, New Democrats Party

Number of Elected Officials: 338

Year Elected: 2015

Current Term Expiration: 2019

Crime Rate

Crime Rate Per 1,000 Residents, 2016

Violent Crime

177

Property Crime

489

Source: Policing and Security Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, August 2017



Taxation

Corporate Income Tax

	Small Business	Manufacturing	Non-Manufacturing
Federal			
Rate	10.5%	15%	15%
Accelerated Depreciated Permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provincial			
Rate	2.5%	11.0%	11.0%
Formula (i.e. Sales, Property & Payroll)	Sales & Payroll	Sales & Payroll	Sales & Payroll
Accelerated Depreciated Permitted	No	No	No
Local			
Powell River does not charge corporate income taxes	0%	0%	0%
Total Federal and Provincial Corporate Income Tax	12.5%	26.0%	26%

Source: Canada Revenue Agency 2016

Personal Income Tax

	Federal	State/Provincial	Local
Earned Income	15% - 29%	5.06% - 16.8%	0%
Capital Gains	7.5% - 14.5%	N/A	0%

Source: Canada Revenue Agency 2016



Sales Use Tax

	Rate	Notes
Federal Goods and Service Tax (GST)	5%	GST on business inputs is fully recoverable.
Provincial (State) Sales Tax (PST)	7%	0% for production machinery and equipment for eligible manufacturers.
Local	0%	Powell River has no local sales tax.
Total (Effective Combined Rate) Business	7%	Net of GST. 0% for production machinery and equipment for eligible manufacturers.

Sales Tax Rate by Utility

	Rate	Notes
Electric Power	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Natural Gas	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Fuel Oil	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Water	0%	GST is fully recoverable
Sewer	0%	GST is fully recoverable
Hazardous Waste Disposal	7%	GST is fully recoverable

Telephone Subject to Sales/Use Tax

	Yes/No	Rate	Notes
Local	Yes	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Long Distance In State	Yes	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Long Distance Out of State	Yes	7%	GST is fully recoverable



Machinery and Equipment Subject to Sales/Use Tax

	Yes/No	Rate	Notes
Production	No	0%	GST is fully recoverable
Non-Production	Yes	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Pollution Control	Yes	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Office Furniture/Fixtures/Equipment	Yes	7%	GST is fully recoverable

Notes:

1) Some tax exemptions are available for new equipment

Sales/Use Tax on Tangible Property

	Yes/No	Rate	Notes
Office Building Construction Materials	Yes	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Industrial Building Construction Materials	Yes	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Manufactures' Raw Materials	No	0%	GST is fully recoverable
Standard Software	Yes	7%	GST is fully recoverable
Custom Software	Yes	7%	-

Sales/Use Tax on Intangible Property

	Yes/No	Rate	Notes
Accounts Receivable	No	0%	-
Capital Stock	No	0%	-
Stock/Bond Transaction Fee	No	0%	-