

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF
ANTIGONISH

285 Beech Hill Road – Antigonish NS – B2G 0B4

PRESS RELEASE

RE: APPROVAL OF THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET

Date: 28 May 2018

On Thursday, May 24, 2018, Municipal Council approved its \$14,654,557, 2018/19 Municipal Operating & Capital Budget. Highlights include:

Rates:

- The **residential rate will remain at \$0.88 per \$100 of assessment**. This is among the lowest rates in Nova Scotia and the tenth consecutive year that it has not increased.
- The **commercial rate will remain at \$1.46 per \$100 of assessment**. The Municipality remains the lowest commercial tax jurisdiction in the Province of Nova Scotia.
- Residential municipal sewer rates will increase by 1.7% to \$316.29 / unit; the commercial rate to \$0.11/sqft & industrial rate to \$0.14/sqft.

Key Initiatives:

- \$50,000 for the 2018 National Special Olympics.
- A commitment of \$150,000 if matched by provincial and federal governments to enhance cellular connectivity within the Municipality.
- \$630,000 in grants to support local community groups and events.
- Community Economic Development Initiative with Paqtnkek First Nation.
- Economic development activities including continued support of the Eastern-Strait Regional Enterprise Network and completion of an Economic Assessment.
- Purchase of 10 Automated External Defibrillators for community centres.
- Purchase of a mobi-mat and floating wheelchair, increasing access to Pomquet beach.
- Completion of a condition assessment of all water lines sewer lines & roads.

Capital Investments:

- Accessibility upgrades to municipal facilities.
- Purchase of a new Excavator for the Beech Hill Solid Waste Management Facility.
- Paving West River Cross Road and repaving of Old South River Road.
- Repaving the Antigonish Arena parking lot.
- Curb & gutter at Appleseed Drive.
- Completion of the Canada 150 Pavilion at the Antigonish Education Centre.

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Tax-bills are in the mail and are due on June 29, 2018. The development and approval of this budget is the result of significant work on the part of staff and Council.

2018-2019 Operating Budget Summary

General Government Services	\$2,762,546	Council, Administration, Facilities & Assessment Costs
Protective Services	\$3,167,768	Policing, Corrections, Fire Protection & Fire Departments
Transportation Services	\$385,091	Municipal & J-Class Roads, Sidewalks & Snow Removal
Environmental Health	\$2,212,732	Sewer, Solid Waste Collection & Beech Hill Transfer Station Operation
Public Health & Welfare	\$148,300	Regional Housing Authority & Community Organizations
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$1,041,647	Recreation & Community Programs, Antigonish Arena, Community Grants
Environmental Development	\$441,576	Economic Development, Planning Services, Street Lights
Fiscal Services	\$776,176	Debt Charges
Heritage Cultural & Services	\$203,000	Pictou Antigonish Regional Library & Heritage Museum
Education	\$3,515,720	Mandatory Education Transfer to Province
Total Expenditures	\$14,654,557	

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