



2019/2020 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Once again, the Municipality of East Hants has received a favourable external audit report.

The Municipality began 2019/2020 with a total general operating budget of \$31.8 million. At year-end, the Municipality's variance to budget are as follows:

- \$841,740 savings in the general tax rate;
• \$9,544 deficit in the urban service rate (Enfield to Shubenacadie, serviced properties); and
• \$7,582 in the other streetlights area rate.

The chart "General Operations Expenditures" is a breakdown of all general tax rate expenses for 2019/2020 including fire protection. Revenues for the same period were generated 86% from property taxes, 11% from the sale of municipal services and other revenue and 3% from grants/transfers from other levels of government or their agencies. On the expense side, the mandatory provincial transfers (22% of spending, \$6 million) includes education costs, corrections, & public housing.

2019/2020 General Operations Expenditures



Located in East Hants, Burntcoat Head Park is one of Nova Scotia's premier tourism destinations

General Tax Rate covers the cost of administration (Council, Finance, Administration, Information Services, the office of the Chief Administrative Officer and Human Resources, and Building Management), debt servicing, grants to groups, emergency measures, animal control, policing, planning services, business park management, parks and recreation services, tourism, libraries, and mandatory provincial transfers.

Waste Management Fee (WMF) is a per dwelling unit rate levied for the collection, transportation & processing of solid waste, including education, Waste Management Centre services and investment in solid waste assets.

Urban Service Rate (USR) is an area rate levied to taxpayers in the urban areas of Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford, and Shubenacadie who receive urban services including sewer, sidewalks, streetlights, and/or fire protection (hydrants). The Wastewater Management Fee, collected through the water billing cycle, forms part of the USR revenue base.

The East Hants Water Utility finished the year with a surplus of \$288,882, against a \$2.6 million budget. The Utility has 2,841 customers and an accumulated fund balance of \$1,533,249.



2019/2020 INVESTMENTS IN EAST HANTS COMMUNITIES

Construction of the East Hants Aquatic Centre was substantially complete in March 2020. Federal Gas Tax funded projects included the replacement of Barney's Brook Forcemain in Lantz, & installation of 20 street safety lights in Mount Uniacke. Other projects this year included Elmsdale Business Park expansion, the Mount Uniacke Memorial Community playground, a picnic shelter in Elmwood Park, extension of Burntcoat Head Park parking area, new fencing at Court House Hill and Walton Lighthouse road access improvements. The Water Utility installed an additional production well in Shubenacadie.

All told, \$1.4 million in grant funds were awarded for community programming, development and beautification, emergency services (includes operating & capital grants to fire departments but not fire levies), tourism and tax relief (for non-profit groups and our Municipal Tax Assistance Program recipients). These grants represent a significant investment in the communities of East Hants.

VISIT EASTHANTS.CA TO READ THE 2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT OR CALL 902-883-2299



EAST HANTS

2020/2021 BUDGET

The 2020/2021 Municipality of East Hants operating budget is set at \$33.1 million.

General Residential Tax Rate
Down by .002 of a cent to
\$0.8507/\$100 of Assessment



General Commercial Tax Rate
\$2.60/\$100 of Assessment

URBAN SERVICE RATES

Residential Unchanged

Commercial Urban Service Rate down \$0.053 per \$100.

Wastewater Management Fee Increase by \$0.22 at \$2.20/cubic metre

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS (VFD)

All departments kept the fire levies the same except for Mount Uniacke with a slight decrease in 2020/2021

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Interested in becoming a public member of the East Hants Audit Committee? Call for information at 902-883-2299

TAX BILLS

Most homes will see a slight increase in their tax burden which is a result of a 1% increase in the CAP Assessment

WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE
Unchanged from \$220 per dwelling unit

COVID-19 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX FINANCING PROGRAM

East Hants is offering a one-time property tax financing program for owners of residential and commercial properties negatively affected by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Residents who believe they are eligible can apply through an online form at nspropertytaxprogram.ca.

Deadline to submit your Application is **August 31, 2020**

This table shows, by community and service level, the all-inclusive tax rates per \$100 of assessment. The Waste Management Fee (\$220) is charged per dwelling unit; it is not reflected in these rates.

Community	2020/2021 Rate per \$100 of Assessment
Elmsdale Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.09
Elmsdale Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.06
Elmsdale Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.43
Elmsdale Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.81
Enfield Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.07
Enfield Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.04
Enfield Horne Settlement Residential Streetlight	\$ 1.02
Enfield Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.41
Enfield Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.79
Gore & Kennetcook Residential	\$ 1.07
Gore & Kennetcook Commercial	\$ 2.82
Lantz Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.09
Lantz Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.43
Maitland Residential	\$ 1.07
Maitland Commercial	\$ 2.82
Milford Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.37
Milford Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.09
Milford Residential Sidewalk Only	\$ 1.07
Milford Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 4.00
Milford Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.84
Milford Commercial Sidewalk Only	\$ 2.82
Mount Uniacke Residential Streetlight (L9)	\$ 1.02
Mount Uniacke Residential Streetlight (L10)	\$ 1.01
Mount Uniacke Commercial Streetlight (L9)	\$ 2.77
Mount Uniacke Commercial Streetlight (L10)	\$ 2.76
Nine Mile River Residential Serviced	\$ 1.09
Nine Mile River Residential Streetlight	\$ 1.07
Nine Mile River Commercial Serviced	\$ 3.43
Nine Mile River Commercial Streetlight	\$ 2.82
Noel Residential	\$ 1.07
Noel Commercial	\$ 2.82
Rawdon Residential Streetlight	\$ 1.12
Rawdon Residential No Streetlight	\$ 1.08
Rawdon Commercial Streetlight	\$ 2.87
Rawdon Commercial No Streetlight	\$ 2.83
Shubenacadie Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.33
Shubenacadie Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.09
Shubenacadie Residential Sidewalk Only	\$ 1.07
Shubenacadie Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.55
Shubenacadie Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.84
Shubenacadie Commercial Sidewalk Only	\$ 2.82



Receive your Tax and Water bills electronically, pay through online banking. For information visit: easthants.ca

Municipal Tax Assistance Program, providing property tax assistance to lower income families – visit easthants.ca or call 902-883-2299 (1-866-758-2299 toll-free) for more information.