



2020/2021 FINANCIAL RESULTS

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

The Municipality began 2020/2021 with a total general operating budget of \$33.1 million including area rates. At year-end, the Municipality’s variances to budget are as follows:

- \$882,743 savings in the general tax rate;
- \$194,444 savings in the urban service rate (Enfield to Shubenacadie, serviced properties); and
- \$11,777 in the other streetlights area rate.

The chart “General Operations Expenditures” is a breakdown of all general tax rate expenses for 2020/2021 including fire protection. Revenues for the same period were generated 84% from property taxes, 11% from the sale of municipal services and other revenue and 5% from grants/transfers from other levels of government or their agencies. On the expense side, the mandatory provincial transfers (22% of spending, \$6.2 million) includes education costs, corrections, & public housing.

2020/2021 General Operations Expenditures



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

The East Hants Water Utility finished the year with a surplus of \$186,177, against a \$2.7 million budget. The Utility has 2,868 customers and an accumulated fund balance of \$1,719,426.



**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** is a per-dwelling unit rate levied for the collection, transportation and processing of solid waste, including education, Waste Management Centre services and investment in solid waste assets.

**Urban Service Rate** 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 Urban Service Rate revenue base.

2020/2021 INVESTMENTS IN EAST HANTS COMMUNITIES

Construction of the Uniacke Business Park expansion Phase 1 and Mill & Pavé project was completed. Federal Gas Tax funded projects included the replacement of Isenor Road Lift Station in Lantz, Wastewater Forcemain upgrade Highway 214 and Royal Oaks Playground in Belnan. Other projects this year included installing a new washroom at Dawson Dowell Park and the completion of the Splash Pad adjacent to the Aquatic Centre. The Water Utility installed new fire hydrants, water meters and design of Watermain Renewals for Burgess Road and Highway 215.

All told, \$1.5 million in grant funds were awarded for community programming, development and beautification, emergency services (includes operating and 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.

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# EAST HANTS

# 2021/2022 BUDGET

The 2021/2022 Municipality of East Hants operating budget is set at \$34 million.

**General Residential Tax Rate**  
**\$0.8507/\$100 of Assessment**



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

### URBAN SERVICE RATES

Residential & Commercial Rates Unchanged

Milford Residential Surcharge up 2 cents

Wastewater Management Fee held at \$2.20/cubic metre of water billed

### SPORTSPLEX LEVY

Increase of 1 cent/\$100 of assessment to ensure the sustainability of this important community infrastructure.

### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

All departments kept the fire levies the same except for Mount Uniacke with a slight decrease of 0.4 of a cent in 2021/2022

### TAX BILLS

Most homes will see a slight increase in their tax burden which is a result of a 0.3% increase in the CAP assessment

### WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE

Unchanged from \$220 per dwelling unit

### RECREATION ACCESS PROGRAM

Recreation Access (RecAccess) is a funding program offered by the Municipality of East Hants designed to reduce financial barriers for adults, youth and children who wish to enroll in municipal recreation programs/services.

Each member of the qualified applicant's household will be eligible for a **75%** discount on up to four registered recreation programs per year and **10** single entry passes to the East Hants Aquatic Centre.

For more information call 902-883-2299 or visit [easthants.ca](http://easthants.ca)

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	2021/2022 Rate per \$100 of Assessment
Elmsdale Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.10
Elmsdale Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.07
Elmsdale Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.44
Elmsdale Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.82
Enfield Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.08
Enfield Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.05
Enfield Horne Settlement Residential Streetlight	\$ 1.03
Enfield Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.42
Enfield Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.80
Gore & Kennetcook Residential	\$ 1.07
Gore & Kennetcook Commercial	\$ 2.82
Lantz Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.10
Lantz Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.44
Maitland Residential	\$ 1.07
Maitland Commercial	\$ 2.82
Milford Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.40
Milford Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.10
Milford Residential Sidewalk Only	\$ 1.08
Milford Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 4.01
Milford Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.85
Milford Commercial Sidewalk Only	\$ 2.83
Mount Uniacke Residential Streetlight (L9)	\$ 1.02
Mount Uniacke Residential Streetlight (L10)	\$ 1.00
Mount Uniacke Commercial Streetlight (L9)	\$ 2.77
Mount Uniacke Commercial Streetlight (L10)	\$ 2.75
Nine Mile River Residential Serviced	\$ 1.10
Nine Mile River Residential Streetlight	\$ 1.08
Nine Mile River Commercial Serviced	\$ 3.44
Nine Mile River Commercial Streetlight	\$ 2.83
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	\$ 1.34
Shubenacadie Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.10
Shubenacadie Residential Sidewalk Only	\$ 1.08
Shubenacadie Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.56
Shubenacadie Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.85
Shubenacadie Commercial Sidewalk Only	\$ 2.83

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