



2021/2022 FINANCIAL RESULTS

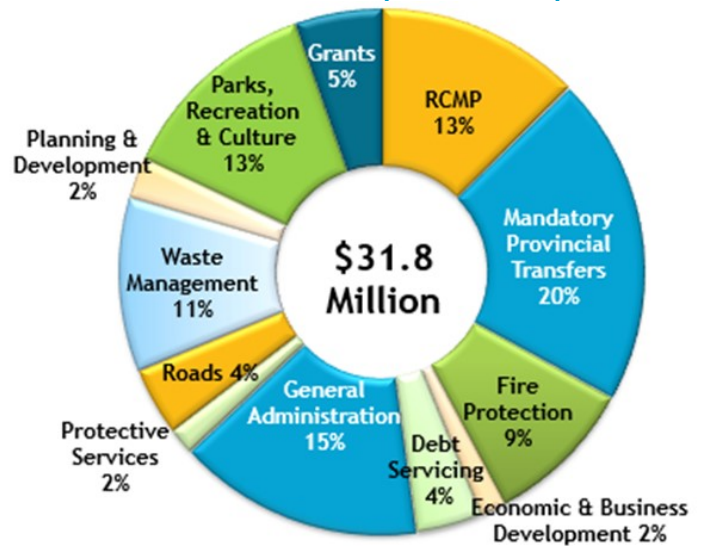
Once again, the Municipality of East Hants has received a favourable external audit report.

The Municipality began 2021/2022 with a total general operating budget of \$34 million including area rates. At year-end, the Municipality’s variances to budget are as follows:

- \$1,323,836 savings in the general tax rate;
- \$79,882 savings in the urban service rate (Enfield to Shubenacadie, serviced properties); and
- \$8,408 in the other streetlights area rate.

The chart “General Operations Expenditures” is a breakdown of all general tax rate expenses for 2021/2022 including fire protection. Revenues for the same period were generated 80% from property taxes, 14% from the sale of municipal services and other revenue and 6% from grants/transfers from other levels of government or their agencies. On the expense side, the mandatory provincial transfers (20% of spending, \$6.1 million) includes education costs, corrections, & public housing.

2021/2022 General Operations Expenditures



Nine Mile River

The **East Hants Water Utility** finished the year with a deficit of \$121,122, against a \$2.9 million budget. The Utility has 2,908 customers and an accumulated fund balance of \$1,598,303.



**General Tax Rate** covers the cost of administration (Council, Finance, Administration, Information Services, the office of the Chief Administrative Officer, 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.

2021/2022 INVESTMENTS IN EAST HANTS COMMUNITIES

**Paving renewal** of Municipally owned roads, **Watermain Renewals** was completed along Highway 215 & Burgess Road, and **Dawson Dowell Park** was completed with a gravel parking area and picnic shelters. Purchase of the **East Hants Sportsplex** in Lantz was completed in July 2021 using \$1.369 million of Canada Community Building Fund to secure the facility as a community asset.

Other projects this year included Phase 2 of the **Uniacke Business Park**, design for the new **Shubenacadie Wastewater Treatment Plant** & **Enfield Water Treatment Plant** beginning construction in 2022.

All told, **\$1.77 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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The 2022/2023 Municipality of East Hants operating budget is set at \$37.9 million.

General Residential Tax Rate  
\$0.8500/\$100 of Assessment



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

URBAN SERVICE RATES

Residential & Commercial Rates Unchanged

Milford Residential Surcharge up 1 cent

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

TAX BILLS

Most homes will see an increase in their tax burden as a result of a 5.4% 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

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

All departments kept the fire levies the same except for Mount Uniacke with a slight decrease of 0.8 of a cent in 2022/2023

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.

Table with 2 columns: Community, 2022/2023 Rate per \$100 of Assessment. Lists various communities and their respective tax rates.

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.