



EAST HANTS

2022/2023 Financial Results

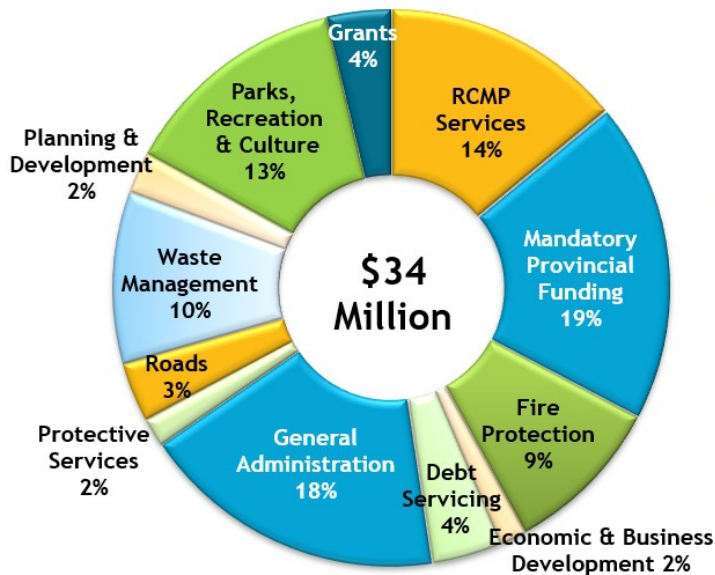
Once again, the Municipality of East Hants has received a favourable external audit report.

The Municipality began 2022/2023 with an operating budget of \$37.9 million. At year-end, the Municipality's variances to budget included:

- \$382,165 savings general operations;
- \$999 savings in the Urban Service Rate (Enfield to Shubenacadie, serviced properties); and
- \$22,452 in the other streetlights area rate.

The General Operations Expenditures chart below provides a breakdown of expenses including fire protection. Revenues were generated 81% from property taxes, 16% 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 (19% of spending, \$6.4 million) include education, corrections, library and public housing.

2022/2023 General Operations Expenditures



The **East Hants Water Utility** finished the year with a surplus of \$146,998 against a \$2.95 million budget. The Utility has 3,010 customers and an accumulated fund balance of \$1,745,301.

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Investing in our Community

Significant investments were made in the **Uniacke Business Park** to open up more lots and construct an entrance sign.

Shubenacadie saw significant investment in the construction of a new **Wastewater Treatment Plant** and the revitalization of **Shubenacadie River Park** with a new playground, trail and recreation infrastructure.

Municipally owned roads were repaved, additional fire hydrants installed and capacity upgrades began at the **Enfield Water Treatment Plant**.

\$1.26 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 Municipal Tax Assistance Program recipients).

Understanding Your Tax Bill

General Tax Rate covers the cost of administration (council, finance, real estate, information services, the office of the Chief Administrative Officer, human resources and building management), debt servicing, grants to groups, emergency measures, animal control, planning services, economic and business development, business park management, parks and recreation services, tourism and local library facilities.

Mandatory Provincial Funding is collected and transferred directly to the Province of Nova Scotia for corrections, education, regional library services and low-income housing.

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

Area Rates are charged for services specific to an area including streetlights, sidewalks, fire protection (hydrants) and the Sportsplex. The Urban Service Rate is an area rate levied to taxpayers in Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz, Milford and Shubenacadie who receive sewer, sidewalks, streetlights and/or fire protection.



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2023/2024 Budget

2023/2024 Operating Budget



**General
Residential
Tax Rate**

Lowered
4¢

**\$0.81/\$100
of Assessment**



**General
Commercial
Tax Rate**

Lowered
3¢

**\$2.57/\$100
of Assessment**

Assessment CAP for 2023 = 7.7%

How does this impact your tax bill?

Homeowners in the Capped Assessment Program will see an average increase to their General Tax bill of 2.3% or \$45 per \$200,000 home. Changes to home ownership, renovations and area rate billing will impact the average increases.

Other Tax Bill Changes & Constants

Urban Service Rate—the Residential Rate was decreased by ½¢ and the Milford Residential Surcharge was increased by ½¢. Wastewater Management Fee and Commercial Rate remain unchanged.

Waste Management Fee is unchanged from \$220 per dwelling unit.

Volunteer Fire Departments fire levies all stayed the same except for Enfield with an increase of 2¢.

Helpful Funding Programs

Recreation Access Program: gives qualified applicants discounted registration rates for municipal recreation & aquatic programs. Learn more at easthants.ca/recaccess

Municipal Tax Assistance Program: provides property tax assistance to lower income families. Learn more at easthants.ca/mtap

You can also call 902-883-2299 (1-866-758-2299 toll-free) to learn more about these programs.

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 and is not reflected in these rates.

Community	2023/2024 Rate per \$100 of Assessment
Elmsdale Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.055
Elmsdale Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.030
Elmsdale Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.407
Elmsdale Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.790
Enfield Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.055
Enfield Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.030
Enfield Horne Settlement Residential Streetlight	\$ 1.006
Enfield Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.407
Enfield Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.790
Gore & Kennetcook Residential	\$ 1.030
Gore & Kennetcook Commercial	\$ 2.790
Lantz Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.055
Lantz Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.407
Maitland Residential	\$ 1.030
Maitland Commercial	\$ 2.790
Milford Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.365
Milford Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.060
Milford Residential Sidewalk Only	\$ 1.040
Milford Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.980
Milford Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.820
Milford Commercial Sidewalk Only	\$ 2.800
Mount Uniacke Residential Streetlight (L9)	\$ 0.971
Mount Uniacke Residential Streetlight (L10)	\$ 0.955
Mount Uniacke Commercial Streetlight (L9)	\$ 2.731
Mount Uniacke Commercial Streetlight (L10)	\$ 2.715
Nine Mile River Residential Serviced	\$ 1.055
Nine Mile River Residential Streetlight	\$ 1.040
Nine Mile River Commercial Serviced	\$ 3.407
Nine Mile River Commercial Streetlight	\$ 2.800
Noel Residential	\$ 1.030
Noel Commercial	\$ 2.790
Rawdon Residential Streetlight	\$ 1.083
Rawdon Residential No Streetlight	\$ 1.040
Rawdon Commercial Streetlight	\$ 2.843
Rawdon Commercial No Streetlight	\$ 2.800
Shubenacadie Residential Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 1.205
Shubenacadie Residential Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 1.060
Shubenacadie Residential Sidewalk Only	\$ 1.040
Shubenacadie Commercial Serviced with Wastewater	\$ 3.437
Shubenacadie Commercial Sidewalk & Streetlight	\$ 2.820
Shubenacadie Commercial Sidewalk Only	\$ 2.800

Dog Tags

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