

Proposed Motion:

Moved to recommend to Council to approve the draft 2025/2026 Operating Budget, amended as follows:

Proposed 25/26 Operating Budget Adjustments

GENERAL TAX RATE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS		
Sackville River Floodplain Study - Reduce Professional Fees	Planning	(160,000)
Sackville River Floodplain Study - Reserves adjustment		160,000
Beautification Grants - Increase	Council	11,000
Fund from General Contingency Reserves		(11,000)
Physical Security Audit - Professional Fees	Corporate Services	60,000
Fund from Professional Fees Reserves		(60,000)
Safe Grad - General Government Grant	Parks and Recreation	7,000
Fund from General Government Reserves		(7,000)
Fire Protection Revenue - Elmsdale Additional .02 cents	Finance/Council	(83,758)
Fire Protection Expense - Elmsdale Additional .02 cents	Finance/Council	83,758
Fire Protection Revenue - Lantz Additional .02 cents	Finance/Council	(64,507)
Fire Protection Expense - Lantz Additional .02 cents	Finance/Council	64,507
Total		\$ -

URBAN SERVICE RATE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS		
Highway 214 Wastewater Forcemain (Remaining Easements)	Infrastructure & Operations	\$ 150,000
Fund from Wastewater Obligatory Reserves		\$ (150,000)
Total		\$ -

And that the following tax rates be set by Council for the 2025/2026 fiscal year:

FINAL TAX RATES 2025/2026		
General Tax Rate - Residential*		\$ 0.2857
General Tax Rate - Resource*		\$ 0.2857
General Tax Rate - Commercial*		\$ 2.0607
General Tax Rate - Mandatory Provincial Funding*		\$ 0.2880
General Tax Rate - RCMP Services**		\$ 0.2213
Waste Management Fee (Per Dwelling Unit)		\$ 230.00
Commercial Serviced Levy Rate (R2)		\$ 0.6250
Commercial Serviced Levy Rate - Milford (M2)		\$ 1.2000
Residential Serviced Levy Rate (R1)		\$ 0.0700
Residential Serviced Levy Rate - Shubenacadie (SR1)		\$ 0.1900
Residential Serviced Levy Rate - Milford (M1)		\$ 0.3800
Urban Sidewalks and Streetlights Rate (R4)		\$ 0.0400
Urban Sidewalks Rate (R5)		\$ 0.0200
Urban Sidewalks Rate (R6)		\$ 0.0200
Mt Uniacke Streetlights- Park/Subdivision Rate (L9)		\$ 0.0200
Mt Uniacke Safety Streetlights Rate (L10)		\$ 0.0038
Rawdon Streetlights Rate (L8)		\$ 0.0430
Shubenacadie (differential on USR)		\$ 0.1200
Milford (differential on USR)		\$ 0.1250
Sportsplex Area Rate (Commercial and Residential only)		\$ 0.0400
Mount Uniacke Recreation Rate		\$ 0.0070
Enfield Fire Department Levy (K1)		\$ 0.1400
Elmsdale Fire Department Levy (K2)		\$ 0.1600

Lantz Fire Department Levy (K3)		\$ 0.1600
Milford Fire Department Levy (K4)		\$ 0.1700
Shubenacadie Fire Department Levy (K5)		\$ 0.1700
Maitland Fire Department Levy (K6)		\$ 0.2100
Noel Fire Department Levy (K7)		\$ 0.2100
Walton Fire Department Levy (K8)		\$ 0.2100
Gore Fire Department Levy (G1)		\$ 0.2100
Kennetcook Fire Department Levy (G2)		\$ 0.2100
Nine Mile River Fire Department Levy (G3)		\$ 0.1700
Rawdon Fire Department Levy (G4)		\$ 0.2200
Mt Uniacke Fire Department Levy (G5)		\$ 0.1340
Brooklyn Fire Department Levy (G6)		\$ 0.2100
Wastewater Management Fee (rate/cubic metre)(Full Recovery \$2.49)		\$ 2.40

And that the "Mandatory Provincial Funding" rate will summarize the costs of Education and Regional Library to be charged on all taxable assessment (commercial, residential, and resource);

And that the "RCMP Services" to be charged on all taxable assessment (commercial, residential, and resource).

And that for Provincial reporting purposes the General Residential/Resource tax rate will be \$0.795 and the Commercial tax rate will be \$2.57.