

Town of Bishop's Falls

2019 Budget Highlights



General Highlights

- Balanced budget of approximately \$3.3 million.
- Budget has decreased by 3% since 2018 (based on revised estimates).
- \$25 increase to water/sewer tax. No other increases.

Tax Schedule Summary (this is not a complete listing of taxes, fees and policies)

Tax Type	2019	2018
Residential property	7.75 mills/minimum \$500	7.75 mills/minimum \$500
Commercial property	7.75 mills/minimum \$500	7.75 mills/minimum \$500
Vacant land	\$650	\$650
Residential water and sewer	\$475	\$450
Commercial water and sewer	6 mills/minimum \$475	6 mills/minimum \$450
Crown water and sewer	6 mills/minimum \$475	6 mills/minimum \$450
Poll	\$250	\$250
General Business Tax	1.00%/minimum \$300	1.00%/minimum \$300
Utility Tax	2.5%	2.5%

2018 Highlights

- 5 permits issued for new dwellings (down from 15 in 2017).
- 16 permits issued for accessory buildings (down from 20 in 2017).
- 82 general repair permits issued (up from 61 in 2017).
- Ten projects were completed including the Riverside Drive boardwalk, upgrades to the Beaumont Heights brook, Mayor Avenue lift station fence, stadium warming/volunteer room, Fire Hall renovations, upgrades to the Dominic Street lift station, McDonald Crescent gabion retaining wall, and the Main Street culvert replacement among others.
- The Town is actively involved in ongoing projects including development of the riverfront (Main Street and Station Road), replacement of the Hampton's Hill water tower, and replacement of the Newtown Road booster pumps among others.
- Over \$60,000 was invested in road repairs and ditching work.
- New website and social media presence.
- Community garden in the Fallsview Park.

2019 Budget Plans (Highlights)

- \$50,000 for asphalt repairs.
- \$9,000 for ditching, which equates to 1,233 meters.
- \$5,000 grant for the RiverFest Committee to support the community's civic festival.
- \$20,000 to overhaul the plant chiller in the stadium.
- \$5,000 for repairs and upgrades to the west-end playground.
- Additional labour is allocated for the Public Works Department to increase productivity during the summer period. One temporary employee will be hired from May to September.
- Several capital works projects will be implemented and concluded such as the Hampton's Hill water tower replacement, Main Street paving, Riverside Drive paving, Newtown Road booster pumps replacement, and the riverfront development.

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