

Town of Bishop's Falls

2020 Budget Highlights



General Highlights

- Balanced budget of approximately \$3.4 million.
- Budget has increased by 1% since 2019 (based on revised estimates).
- Crown and Commercial water/sewer tax increased from 6.0 to 6.5 mills. No other increases to taxes for commercial properties.
- A new Waste Collection Fee of \$70 annually (equating to \$5.83 monthly) per residential property.
- No increases to residential taxes.
- 2.08% increase to the Senior and General Rates at the stadium.

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

Tax Type	2020	2019
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	\$475
Commercial water and sewer	6.5 mills/minimum \$475	6 mills/minimum \$475
Crown water and sewer	6.5 mills/minimum \$475	6 mills/minimum \$475
Poll	\$250	\$250
General Business Tax	1.00%/minimum \$300	1.00%/minimum \$300
Utility Tax	2.5%	2.5%

2019 Highlights

- 4 permits issued for new dwellings (down from 5 in 2018).
- 11 permits issued for accessory buildings (down from 16 in 2018).
- Eight capital works projects completed or initiated including Main Street upgrades (750 meters), Newtown Road booster pumps replacement, Exploits River tourism product development (Main Street viewing area and the Station Road boat launch), Hampton's Hill water tower replacement, Public Works Depot roof upgrade, Riverside Drive road upgrade, and Main Street beautification.
- Approximately \$60,000 invested in general road repairs and ditching work.
- New equipment (i.e. F550, sweeper, line locator, and crack filling machine) acquired for public works to enhance or maintain services.
- Enhancements to recreation programs, services, and events that include the Summer Recreation Program, Community Garden, Harvest on the Exploits, Christmas on the Boardwalk, and the Pumpkin People/Scarecrow Display Contest.
- Upgrades to the stadium to improve safety (i.e. carbon monoxide detector system).

2020 Budget Plans (Highlights)

- Conclude two capital works projects (Riverside Drive upgrade and Main Street beautification).
- Construct the Fallsview Park boat launch, tourism signage, and a floating wharf for Station Road. Apply for funding to construct the Riverside Drive tourism development site.
- \$50,000 for asphalt repairs.
- \$100 increase to the firefighter honourariums.
- \$5,500 grant for the RiverFest Committee to support the community's civic festival.
- \$20,000 to overhaul the plant chiller in the stadium.
- Temporary/Seasonal labour for the Public Works and Recreation Departments to increase productivity during the summer period.
- Culvert replacements on Forest Road and ditching work behind Adams Avenue.
- Initiation of a more comprehensive road shoulder repair program.
- Enhancements to recreation and tourism programs and services. The Town will replace the seasonal Program Coordinator with the new full-time Recreation and Tourism Program Manager job beginning in April 2020. The budget includes \$10,000 for programs and services, which can be used to leverage additional funding from government and non-profit sources.
- Upgrades to the electrical service in the Fallsview Municipal Park. 15-amp services will increase to 30.
- Establish a Beautification Committee that will utilize a \$2,600 grant to purchase and plant flowers throughout the town.

For more information regarding the budget, visit bishopsfalls.ca.