

# Town of Bishop's Falls

## 2021 Budget Highlights



### General Highlights

- Balanced budget of approximately \$3.5 million.
- Budget has increased by 6% since 2020 (based on revised estimates).
- No increases to any taxes or fees.
- COVID-19 safe restart grant, totalling \$185,459.93, was used to balance the 2021 budget with investments in infrastructure, programs, and services.

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

Tax Type	2021	2020
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	6.5 mills/minimum \$475
Crown water and sewer	6.5 mills/minimum \$475	6.5 mills/minimum \$475
Poll	\$250	\$250
General Business Tax	1.00%/minimum \$300	1.00%/minimum \$300
Utility Tax	2.5%	2.5%

### 2020 Highlights

- 9 permits issued for new dwellings (up from 4 in 2019).
- 25 permits issued for accessory buildings (up from 11 in 2019).
- Five capital works projects completed or initiated including phase 1A of the Exploits River Tourism Product Development Project (Fallsview Park boat launch/slipway/dock, gateway signage, and directional signage), Station Road floating wharf, phase 1B of the Exploits River Tourism Product Development Project (Riverside Drive access point), Greenridge Road waterline loop, and Riverside Drive road upgrade.
- Approximately \$68,000 invested in general road repairs.
- Chiller and condenser seals replaced on the stadium plant at the cost of apx. \$25,000.
- Some recreation programs and services proceeded in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e., Christmas on the Boardwalk, Halloween events, and other Fall workshops).

### 2021 Budget Plans (Highlights)

- Conclude four (4) capital works projects as follows: Main Street asphalt upgrade (750 meters in the west end), phase 1A of the Exploits River Tourism Product Development Project (Fallsview Park boat launch/slipway/dock, gateway signage, and directional signage), Beaumont Heights Brook Upgrade, and phase 1B of the Exploits River Tourism Product Development Project (Riverside Drive access point).
- \$50,000 for asphalt repairs.
- \$10,000 for ditching work.
- \$15,000 to repair road shoulders.
- \$5,500 grant for the RiverFest Committee to support the community's civic festival.
- \$10,000 for recreation programs including Harvest on the Exploits, Christmas on the Boardwalk, etc.
- \$29,840 to leverage \$135,000 from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to complete nine (9) COVID-19 stimulus projects as follows:
  - o Develop a walkway around Diamond Pond.
  - o Complete minor renovations at the Town Hall.
  - o Replace the incandescent lights in the stadium with LEDs.
  - o Install canopies over the stadium doors.
  - o Replace the ammonia safety relief header on the plant at the stadium.
  - o Increase the storage capacity of the Recreation Department.
  - o Increase the storage capacity of the Public Works Department.
  - o Install canopies over the Fall Hall doors.
  - o Upgrade the electrical at the Fire Hall.

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