



# Town of Bishop's Falls

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## News Release

### 2013 Municipal Operating Budget Adopted

December 18, 2012  
For Immediate Release

Robert Hobbs, Mayor of the Town of Bishop's Falls, and Councillor Robert Canning, Chairperson of the Governance Standing Committee, announced today that Council adopted the 2013 Municipal Operating Budget during the public meeting on December 18, 2012. "The Governance Standing Committee presented a balanced budget to Council during the December 18, 2012 public meeting, which has grown by approximately 10% since December 2011 to \$3,206,170. This, the final budget in our mandate, involved many policy challenges particularly around taxation. The Committee focused on achieving a reasonable balance between the diverse needs of our community and its local government. 2013 brings many additional expenditures, along with the need to maintain and grown our infrastructure, and this was addressed by introducing reasonable taxation adjustments to property, water/sewer, and business", stated Councillor Canning. Mayor Hobbs added, "The 2013 budget is a strong fiscal plan for the community of Bishop's Falls. It includes expenditures in capital works, preventative maintenance, and equipment. Since assuming office, this Council has been working diligently to improve our fiscal position, and the 2013 budget continues this good work."

#### Revenue and Taxation Summary

- Residential and commercial property tax was decreased from 11 mills to 9.5 mills.
- Residential water/sewer tax was increased from \$395 to \$450.
- Church properties were exempted from water/sewer taxes.
- Business taxes were updated to more reasonable levels (see table below).

Type	2013 Tax	2012 Tax
Minimum business tax	\$350	\$300
General business tax	3.5 mills	NA
Farms and resource based industries	2.5 mills	1.0 mills
Manufactures	2.5 mills	1.75 mills
Drug stores	4.0 mills	1.25 mills
Funeral homes	4.0 mills	1.25 mills
Doctor offices	4.0 mills	2.50 mills
Senior/Retirement homes	2.0 mills	1.25 mills

#### Spending Plan Summary

- \$62,000 for the Town's share of Beaumont Heights/Hynes Road.
- \$47,000 for payments on a new flyer for the Public Works Department.
- \$40,000 for repairs to the road shoulder and other public works projects.
- \$35,000 for asphalt repairs.
- \$20,500 for additional ditching, calcium and other road related works.
- \$20,000 for payments on a new Zamboni.

- Increased honourariums for the Bishop's Falls Fire Department. More specifically, \$600 for the Fire Chief, \$400 for Executive Officers, and \$300 for firefighters. Up from \$200.

#### Where the Money Comes From

		% of total
Property Taxes	1,332,587	41.56%
Business Taxes	227,511	7.10%
Water and Sewer Taxes	785,231	24.49%
Poll Taxes	65,250	2.04%
Utility Taxes	157,000	4.90%
Sale of Goods and Services	109,203	3.41%
Other Revenue	30,500	0.95%
Provincial Government Transfers	283,445	8.84%
Federal Government Transfers	148,462	4.63%
Other Transfers	<u>66,981</u>	2.09%
	3,206,170	

#### Where the Money Goes

		% of total
General Government	569,981	17.78%
Protective Services	92,704	2.89%
Transportation Services	717,245	22.37%
Environmental Health	374,517	11.68%
Recreation	249,811	7.79%
Fiscal Services	<u>1,201,912</u>	37.49%
	3,206,170	

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