2017 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

At its regular meeting on January 24th, 2017 the Town of Fogo Island passed its 2017 Budget.

Under the Municipalities Act, municipalities should be charging a separate minimum for each parcel of property and to no longer continue the practice of pooling properties for taxes. Therefore the Town will charge minimum taxes for each parcel of property.

Tax Due Date and Interest:
- All taxes are due and payable when billed.
- Interest, compounded monthly, shall be charged on all taxes and shall accrue on any unpaid current year’s taxes unpaid as of May 31st, at the rate of one percent per month.

Exemption for Senior Citizens:
A discount of 15% will be available on Residential Property Tax for Senior Citizens subject to the following conditions:
1. All prior year’s taxes, including Water and Sewer Tax must be paid in full;
2. Current property taxes must be paid by May 31st of current tax year;
3. Applies to one property within the Town, in which the resident lives: full time or seasonal;
4. If property is in joint names, one owner must be over 65 years of age as of January 1st of current tax year;
5. A copy of birth certificate or other identification must be provided if requested.

EXPENDITURES
1.0 General Government 469,368            
2.0 Protective Services 64,900              
3.0 Taxes 1,618,439                         
4.0 Government Transfers 934,998            
5.0 Other Transfers -                       
TOTAL REVENUES 2,718,637$

2017 TAX RATES
Residential Property Tax: 7.75 mils, minimum $310
Commercial Property Tax: 7.75 mils, Min. $325
Non-Residential – Small Structure Property Tax: 7.75 mils, minimum $100
Vacant Land Property Tax: 7.75 mils, minimum $75
Business Tax Rate: Minimum $350, per business

Class mil Rate:
8 mils  Accommodations – B & B’s, Boarding Homes
10 mils  Cafeteria
12 mils  Accommodations – Hotels, Motels, Inns, Efficiency Units
13 mils  Other Fishers, Daycares
14 mils  Personal Care Homes
15 mils  Dental
19 mils  Crafts/Arts, Consumer Services, Hair Dressers, Taxation Office, Personal Services
23 mils  Taxis, Boat Tours, Bus Companies
23 mils  Retail-Convenience Store
25 mils  Service Station / Auto Repair
27 mils  Construction Companies, Small Manufacturing, Restaurant / Take out / Grill, Bars / Lounges, Freight Companies, Contractors & Road Transport
29 mils  Retail-Grocery Store, Retail- Convenience Store & Gas Bar, Propane Services
30 mils  Funeral Homes
34 mils  Retail-Hardware/General Stores, Department Stores-Furniture/Clothing, Retail-Pharmacies,
35 mils  Fish Processors
40 mils  Electrical Contractors
50 mils  Oil Delivery Companies
115 mils  Oil Company - Tank Farm
225 mils  Banks

Business with no fixed address 2.5% Gross Revenue

Residential Water/ Sewer Tax: $370.00 per Unit
i. Water only: 60% of rate
ii. Sewer only: 40% of rate
iii. Churches, Church Halls & Lion’s Club: $370 per year iv. Subsidiary Apartments: $370.00 per year v. Apartment Bldgs. Up to 20 units: $370.00 per unit vi. Cottages & vacation homes: Residential rates vii. B & B’s and Vacation Rental Properties: $370 per year for first three (3) rooms, $100 per every additional room thereafter.

Commercial Water/Sewer Tax
i. Basic: $420.00 per unit per year
ii. Water only 60% of rate
iii. Sewer only 40% of rate
iv. Senior Care residences $420.00 per 4 restroom
v. Efficiency units $420.00 per year for first unit, every additional unit $110 per unit
vi. Hotels & Motels $500.00 per year
vii. Fish Processors: $110,000.00 per year
viii. Fish offloading facilities: $300.00 per year

Poll Tax: $275.00 per Year

TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS
Tax payers may pay their taxes by Debit, Cheque, Cash or Electronic Bill Payments through your bank account online.

Electronic banking option:
To setup your electronic banking you need to:
- Sign in to your online banking
- Select bill payments
- Add the town as a payee: Fogo Island (Town) Utility/Tax
- Add your account number (located on your tax invoice, example: BLACMO01)

-Please forward your email address to Tracy Torraville at: accounts@townoffogoisland.ca and your tax receipt will be emailed to you.

The following banks are registered to submit payments to the Town via electronic banking: Scotiabank, CIBC, Royal Bank, Credit Union and TD Bank

NOTE: The Town does not accept VISA or Master Card payments.
SNOW CLEARING OPERATIONS

Winter is now upon us, and the Town of Fogo Island would like to review its snow clearing regulations with residents. Snow clearing operations help make our roads safe, and therefore, it is critical that residents take time to read and follow these guidelines.

- Between December 1st and March 31st, parking on the side of all town roads is prohibited between the hours of 12am-8am. Persons who violate this policy will be referred to the RCMP.
- No person is permitted to deposit or give permission to deposit, snow and/or ice from driveways onto any road within the Town.
- Personal items (garbage boxes, etc) must be removed or moved back a safe distance to prevent damages. The Town will NOT be liable for any damages or repairs.
- During a snow storm, or after large snowfall amounts, town roads are generally cleared to one lane only and then widen during regular working hours.

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

To aid in snow clearing operations, the Town asks that any resident residing near a fire hydrant to “adopt a hydrant” and help keep the hydrant clear from snow. During large snow storms, town maintenance staff are kept busy keeping roads clear and it is often days or weeks before they are able to clear hydrants. Adopting a hydrant helps keep the town safe in the event fire services need to avail of a hydrant. We would like to thank those residents who have adopted a hydrant!

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Central Newfoundland Waste Management are responsible for the collection and disposal of residential household garbage and recyclable materials on Fogo Island.

Garbage Collection Schedule:
- Tuesday: Stag Harbour, Seldom, Little Seldom, Island Harbour, Deep Bay, Fogo Island Central
- Wednesday: Fogo
- Thursday: Tilting, Joe Batt’s Arm, Barr’d Islands, Shoal Bay

Transfer Site:
- Hours of operation are: WEDNESDAY: 1:00pm -4:30pm FRIDAY: 8:00am -4:30pm SATURDAY: 8:00am -12:00pm

WATER TURN ON / OFF

To have the water turned on and/or off at your property during regular working hours, there is a charge of $25. After hours, holidays & weekends a $75 charge applies.

Homeowners or their representative must be present during water turn on/off to their property or the curb stop will not be turned on/off. A $25 charge will then be implemented for each visit to the property thereafter.

The Town will be implementing a schedule, this spring, for turning curb stops on and/or off. Please contact the Town Office at 266-1320, well in advance, for scheduled dates and times in your area.

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