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FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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 Transportation Services	346,766
4.0 Environmental Health	625,636
5.0 Planning and Development	41,000
6.0 Recreation and Cultural Services	326,931
7.0 Fiscal Services	844,036

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 2,718,637

REVENUES

1.0 Taxes	1,618,439
2.0 Sales of Goods and Services	112,700
3.0 Other Revenue From Own Sources	52,500
4.0 Government Transfers	934,998
5.0 Other Transfers	-

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 2,718,637

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 BLACM001)

-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.

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 \$5000.00 per year

vii. Fish Processors: \$110,000.00 per year

viii. Fish offloading facilities: \$3000.00 per year

Poll Tax: \$275.00 per Year

SNOW CLEARING OPERATIONS

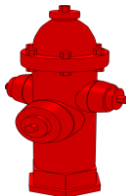
Winter is now upon us, and the Town of Fogo Island would like to review its snow clearing regulations with residents. Snow clearing operations help make our roads safe, and therefore, it is critical that residents take time to read and follow these guidelines.

- ❖ 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



Issues/Concerns/Comments?

Contact CNWM at:

Office: 1-709-653-2900

Cell: 1-709-700-6188 Or visit their website:

<http://www.cnwmc.com/Fogo.aspx>

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.



Skating Sessions:

Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 (General Skate)
 Tuesday 1:30 – 2:30 (Pre School)
 6:00 – 7:00 (General Skate)
 Wednesday 11:00-12:00 (General Skate)
 Thursday 6:50-7:50 (General Skate)

Minor Hockey – Call the Ice Line at 266-1112 for the daily schedule

Men’s Hockey – Monday’s and Wednesday’s
 7:00 – 10:00

Fitness Room: Open Daily (\$3)

Common Room: Available for meetings, birthday parties, socials and more.

Snow Shoe Rentals: \$5 per afternoon / \$10 per night

Snowshoe & Cross Country Ski: Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 10:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Just for Fun Hockey – “Pink at the Rink” fundraiser for cancer research. Date: to be announced

Annual Iceberg Cup Men’s Hockey Tournament:

Date: February 17th-18th

For rental rates and bookings, please call Iceberg Arena at 266-1111

or email stadiummanager@townoffogoisland.ca

Please note: it is mandatory for everyone to wear a helmet while on the ice!

PUBLIC ADVISORY

The Town of Fogo Island, in conjunction with Central Health, are encouraging all residents to post their house numbers on their home or property.

This is to ensure that emergency personnel (ambulance, fire trucks, RCMP) can easily locate your home in the event of an emergency.

Ideally, the number(s) should be placed in a highly visible location so that it can be seen from the road. Having the number visible nighttime would also help emergency workers. House numbers come in a variety of types and sizes, such as having a reflective coating or with LED lighting. If possible, have your house number visible both daytime and nighttime so that your home can be easily located in the event of an emergency.

The Town is doing their part in this initiative by ensuring that all Town roads are clearly marked. If your road is missing its street sign, please call the Town Office at 266.1320 so that it can be replaced.