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2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

At a special meeting on January 8th, 2018 the Town of Fogo Island passed its 2018 Budget.

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.
- Taxes must be received at the Office by May 31, to avoid interest charges or qualify for the discount noted below.

Property Tax Discount:

Individuals who **OWN and RESIDE** at the property and are in receipt of the Seniors Guaranteed Income Supplement (Box 21 on T4A OAS) are eligible for a 15% discount on Property Tax, 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: permanent place of residence
4. If property is in joint names, one owner must be over 65 years of age as of January 1st of current tax year and in receipt of the Seniors Guaranteed Income Supplement;
5. A copy of birth certificate or other identification must be provided if requested;
6. **A copy of T4A OAS, showing box 21, must be provided.**

EXPENDITURES

1.0 General Government	502,010
2.0 Protective Services	110,815
3.0 Transportation Services	347,662
4.0 Environmental Health	665,667
5.0 Planning and Development	55,000
6.0 Recreation and Cultural Services	357,263
7.0 Fiscal Services	745,960
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,784,377

REVENUES

1.0 Taxes	1,702,038
2.0 Sales of Goods and Services	126,830
3.0 Other Revenue From Own Sources	67,900
4.0 Government Transfers	887,612
5.0 Other Transfers	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,784,380

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.

2018 TAX RATES

Residential Property Tax: 8 mills, minimum \$325

Commercial Property Tax: 8 mills, Min. \$400

Non-Residential – Small Structure Property Tax: 8 mills, minimum \$100

Vacant Land Property Tax: 8 mills, minimum \$75

Business Tax Rate: Minimum \$400, per business

Class mil Rate:

10 mills	Accommodations – B & B's, Boarding Homes, Vacation Home Rentals, Camp Grounds
15 mills	Accommodations – Hotels, Motels, Inns, Efficiency Units, Personal Care Homes, Other Fishers
20 mills	Daycares, Dental, Crafts/Arts, Museums, Consumer Services, Hair Dressers, Taxation Office, Personal Services
25 mills	Taxis, Boat Tours, Bus Companies
30 mills	Food Services – Restaurant, Take out, Grill, Bars, Lounges, Cafeteria, Bakeries, Coffee Shop, Ice Cream Shop, Mobile Food Services
35 mills	Fish Processors, Service Station/Auto Repair
40 mills	Retail - Hardware, General Stores, Furniture/Clothing, Pharmacies, Convenience Store, Grocery Store, Convenience Store & Gas Bar
50 mills	Construction companies, Small manufacturing, Freight Companies, Contractors & Road Transport, Funeral Homes
60 mills	Utilities - Propane Services, Oil Delivery Companies, Electrical Contractors, Plumbing & Heating
130 mills	Oil Company - Tank Farm
230 mills	Banks

Business with no fixed address: 2.5% Gross Revenue

Utility Tax: 2.5% Gross Revenue

Peddlers: \$20 per day / \$125 per Season

* Business tax will be charged on Vacation Rental Properties whether rented by the day, week, or month.

Business Licences (Non- Resident Businesses and outside contractors): 2.5% of Contract, Minimum \$400

Residential Water/ Sewer Tax: \$380.00 per Unit

i. Water only: 60% of rate

ii. Sewer only: 40% of rate

iii. Churches, Church Halls & Lion's Club: \$380 per year

iv. Subsidiary Apartments: \$380.00 per year

v. Apartment Bldgs. Up to 20 units: \$380.00 per unit

vi. Cottages & vacation homes: Residential rates

vii. B & B's and Vacation Rental Properties: \$380 per year for first three (3) rooms, \$100 per every additional room thereafter.

Commercial Water/Sewer Tax

i. Basic: \$430.00 per unit per year

ii. Water only 60% of rate

iii. Sewer only 40% of rate

iv. Senior Care residences \$430.00 per 4 restroom

v. Efficiency units \$430.00 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

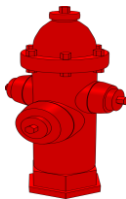
Winter is now upon us, and the Town of Fogo Island would like to review its snow clearing regulations with residents. Snow clearing operations help make our roads safe, and therefore, it is critical that residents take time to read and follow these guidelines.

- ❖ 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, the Town’s 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 is 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 \$50. After hours, holidays & weekends a \$100 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.

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 (Family Skate)
Tuesday	6:00 – 7:00 (Public Skate)
Wednesday	11:00-12:00 (Pre-school/public Skate)
Thursday	7:00-8:00 (Public 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

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

Montreal Canadian’s Alumni Game:

Date: Saturday March 17th

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 – HOUSE NUMBERS

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.