



What Is a Municipal Budget?

A municipal budget is a plan for how the municipality spends public money. It helps pay for important services like garbage pickup, fire protection, road repair, recreation, and more.

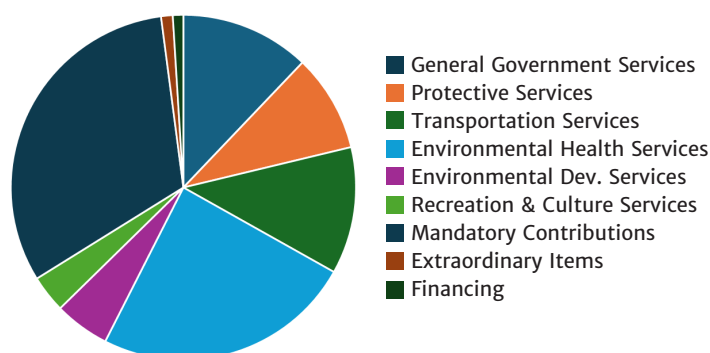
Where the Money Comes From:

- Property Taxes & Area Rates (sewer, fire department services) are the main source of revenue: 81% of all revenue, totalling: \$23,372,039
- This year's property tax rate: No increase
- Property taxes are based on the assessed value of your business, home or land
- Property Valuation Services Corporation sets these assessments and mails them to property owners each year
- Other revenue sources include grants, transfers and services from other governments, totalling: \$3,216,081

Total revenue: \$26,588,120

General Operating Expenses:

Outlined in detail in chart below



Breakdown by Service Area In Detail:

Service Area	Percentage	2025-2026 Budget
General Government Services (ex: administration, taxes, municipal buildings, grants)	12.1%	\$3,514,448
Protective Services (ex: fire, water supply, emergency services)	9.1%	\$2,646,995
Transportation Services (ex: roads, transit, street lighting)	11.9%	\$3,451,696
Environmental Health Services (ex: wastewater, recycling, garbage collection)	24.3%	\$7,061,337
Environmental Development Services (ex: community development, tourism, housing, planning)	5.2%	\$1,502,624
Recreation & Culture Services (ex: parks, libraries, literacy)	3.5%	\$1,011,695
Mandatory Contributions (ex: education, police, provincial roads, property assessments)	31.8%	\$9,215,740
Extraordinary Items (ex: pension for municipal staff)	1.1%	\$316,506
Financing (ex: debt repayment and financial charges)	1.0%	\$286,459
Total	100%	\$29,007,499

Where the Money Goes:

Total Operating Budget (Interim): \$29,007,499

Service areas are categorized according to the Province of Nova Scotia's Municipal Financial Reporting and Accounting Manual which lays out financial reporting requirements for municipalities.

What are Mandatory Contributions?

These are payments the municipality must make to the Province of Nova Scotia or its agencies to help pay for services the province provides. These include:

How can the budget be higher than the amount of revenue generated?

Recent unexpected increases to mandatory contribution costs and a drastic increase in solid waste collection costs created an unbalanced budget. As a result, this budget was approved by Council to allow the municipality to issue property tax bills. However, a plan is underway to further review and make operational changes around solid waste collection to reduce the overall budget total. Revisions will be made and presented to Council in the fall. An updated budget summary will be shared at that time.

Service Area	Cost
Appropriations to Strait Regional Centre for Education	\$4,812,079
Police Protection	\$3,650,933
Property Valuation Services Corporation	\$439,139
Regional Library	\$124,400
Provincial Roads	\$189,189
Total	\$9,215,740



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