

Township of Algonquin Highlands

2012 Budget

The 2012 Municipal Budget results in the tax rate for general Municipal purposes decreasing 5.1%. With the County and Education tax rates, the total residential tax rate will decrease by 4.82%.

The total Residential Tax Rate for 2012 will be 0.636284% which results in taxes of \$636.28 per \$100,000.00 of assessment.

The Residential Taxes are shared as follows:

General Municipal	39%
County	26%
Education	35%

Municipal Budget Highlights

Administration:

- Allocation of funds to a Municipal Election Reserve to prevent the cost of the next Municipal election having to be absorbed into one fiscal year.
- Participation in the Ontario Doors Open and Ontario Trails Open event.

Protection to Persons & Property:

- Recruitment of a part time Administrative support staff person for the Fire Services.
- The Building Department will continue the review of outstanding building permit inspections. This project will entail comparisons with MPAC assessment records, as well as updating and consolidating files into a centralized system.
- OPP costing has increased 6.2% over 2011.

Roads:

- Complete surface treatment on Shangrila and Elmar Roads.
- Construct and surface treat McPhail Road.
- Construct and surface treat Maple Ridge Road into the Dorset Landfill.
- Crush and stockpile “A” gravel at the Braeloch Pit.
- Replace tractor, blower and roadside mower.
- Purchase a new plow for the F450 at the Stanhope yard.
- Hire seasonal operators.
- Continue tar and chip maintenance program by single surface treating Russell Landing Road, Harvey Ave east, and Airport Road.

Waste:

- Purchase concrete blocks to expand retaining walls at Maple Lake Landfill.
- Purchase additional bins for Maple Lake Landfill.
- Continue chipping program of construction debris.
- Purchase concrete blocks to expand retaining walls at Oxtongue Landfill
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- Construct a small reuse building at Oxtongue Landfill.

Docks and Landings:

- Construct a new retaining wall and floating dock at the Dorset Parkette boat launch.
- Install concrete ramp at Troutspawn Lake access point.
- Continue maintenance program and minor improvements where required at other Township access points.

Buildings:

- Replace stair treads at Stanhope Firefighters’ Community Centre.
- Replace some of the windows in Stanhope Firefighters’ Community Centre.
- Replace siding on Stanhope Firefighters’ Community Centre
- Replace the dishwasher at Club 35.

Parks:

- New hockey nets for “Stanhope Gardens”

Airport:

- Purchase and installation of a card lock fuel system to provide after hour fuel sales.
- MNR – discussion and progress continue regarding the relocation of the MNR Fire Base to the Airport.

Trails:

- Purchase of Canoes for Water Trails to build available rental stock and reduce operating costs.
- Purchase of new guide/maps for the trail system.

Recreation:

- Continued operation of various recreational programs including soccer and swim program.
- Acquisition of a treadmill to complement our existing healthy active living facility.
- Kitchen improvements at the Dorset Recreation Centre, as well as, improved drainage work.

Planning and Economic Development:

- Update of the Municipality's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law.
- Development of both a Cultural Plan and a Municipal Strategic Plan.