

Township of Algonquin Highlands

2013 Budget

The 2013 Municipal Budget has been adopted by Council and with the County and Education tax rates, the total residential tax rate will increase by 1.4%. The average residential assessment has decreased in 2013 by 2.14% with the Provincial assessment update.

The total Residential Tax Rate for 2013 will be 0.645180% which results in taxes of \$645.18 per \$100,000.00 of assessment.

The Residential Taxes are shared as follows:

General Municipal	40%
County	27%
Education	33%

Municipal Budget Highlights

General Government:

- The Municipality lost \$18,800.00 in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding.
- The reassessment of Provincial Parks resulted in a tax loss of over \$50,000.00.
- These two revenue losses equate to almost 2% on the general Municipal tax levy.
- Despite this revenue loss, Council has approved a budget that represents the 2012 Municipal Tax Levy, plus 2.5% and growth related taxes.

Protection to Persons & Property:

- Fire Services will see two new Hurst Spreaders at the Stanhope and Oxtongue Districts to provide for upgraded equipment for motor vehicle accidents. The Dorset District will see upgrades to the marine unit with the assistance of a substantial donation from the Dorset Firefighters' Association.

Accessibility:

- The Municipality has applied for funding from the Federal Enabling Accessibility funding program for accessibility improvements at many of the Township's facilities. Provision has been included in the budget for these projects, should the funding be approved.

Roads:

- Construct and surface treat Vista Road, Clearwater Road and Camp Dorset Road.
- Continue tar and chip maintenance program by single surface treating North Shore Road from St. Peters Road to Airport Road.
- Replacement of a pickup and a backhoe.

Waste:

- Continue chipping program and removal of construction debris at landfill sites.
- A transfer station operations plan will be submitted to MOE for the Dorset Landfill Site.
- Options for the McClintock Lagoon site will continue to be pursued.
- The bear fence will be increased at the Maple Landfill Site if the expansion is approved.

Docks and Landings:

- Major repairs will be completed at the Boshkung boat launch.
- Continue maintenance program and minor improvements where required at other Township access points.

Airport:

- Completion of the Airport Land Use and Development Plan.
- 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.

Recreation:

- Continued operation of various recreational programs including soccer and swim programs.

Planning and Economic Development:

- Update of the Municipality's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law.
- Completion of the Municipal Cultural Plan.
- Completion of an Asset Management Plan.