

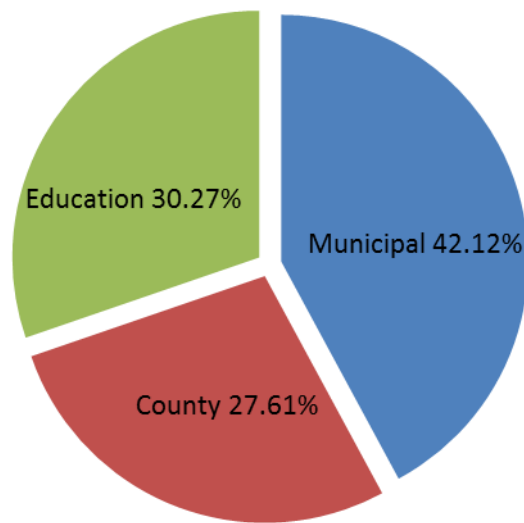
## Township of Algonquin Highlands

### 2015 Budget Highlights

The 2015 Municipal Budget has been adopted by Council and with the County and Education tax rates, the total residential tax rate will increase by 1.10%.

The total Residential Tax Rate for 2015 will be 0.64426% which results in taxes of \$644.26 per \$100,000.00 of assessment.

#### The Residential Taxes are shared as follows:



#### Municipal Budget Highlights

##### Ontario Provincial Police:

- The new OPP billing model, implemented by the Provincial Government, has resulted in a dramatic increase in the cost that the Municipality is required to pay for OPP services. The increase in 2015 to our Township is \$168,113, which represents an increase to our Municipal Tax Levy of 4.37%. This OPP increase will continue every year over the 5 year phase in period.

##### Protection to Persons & Property:

- Fire Services will see the purchase of two new medium duty rescue vehicles. One in each of Stations 60 and 70 in accordance with the Master Fire Plan.

**Accessibility:**

- The Township will be upgrading the entrance to the North Shore Road office to provide for accessible access. This will be completed with the benefit of funding from the Federal Enabling Accessibility Fund, in the amount of \$32,500.

**Roads:**

- The Dorset Roads Garage will be replaced with a new facility to be located at 1850 Kawagama Lake Road. Construction design includes the capability of future solar installation.
- Two new pickup trucks will be purchased in accordance with the Township's Asset Management Plan, with the cost to be paid by the Equipment Replacement Reserve.
- Two new steamers will be purchased to replace the units that are in excess of 20 years old.
- Reconstruction and surface treatment of Boshkung Lake Road is being included this year.
- Continue tar and chip maintenance program by single surface treating McClintock Road and Wes Clarke Road.

**Streetlights:**

- Conversion of all the streetlights to LED, with the benefit of an Ontario Power Authority Rebate.

**Waste:**

- Continue chipping program and removal of construction debris at landfill sites.
- The Dorset Landfill Site will be converted to a Transfer Facility, and new compaction units will be installed to reduce costs.
- The Township will be developing Terms of Reference for a new Environmental Committee to be formed.

**Docks and Landings:**

- \$12,000.00 worth of Docks and Landings work will be completed with the assistance from the National Trails Coalition grant.
- Continue maintenance program and minor improvements where required at Township access points.

**Airport:**

- The site work required of the Township was completed, and the relocation of the MNR Northeastern Fire Headquarters has commenced. It is anticipated that this facility will be completed late 2015.
- A new deck will be constructed for the Airport Terminal Building.
- A webcam will be installed at the Airport.

**Parks/Trails:**

- The Township has been approved for hosting the Youth Rangers program again in 2015.
- The Elvin Johnson Park will be receiving an enhanced playground with the financial support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation.
- Various trails will be improved with the financial support of the National Trails Coalition and the Great Lakes Guardian Fund.

**Recreation:**

- Continued operation of various recreational programs including soccer, swim and day camp programs.
- The Dorset Recreation Centre will be receiving new chairs and tables.
- The public will benefit from the installation of a webcam at the Dorset Tower.
- The Oxtongue Lake Community Centre will receive some electrical improvements.

**Administration:**

- The Township's website will be upgraded and reconfigured for mobile use.
- Possible future expansion of the North Shore Road Office is being investigated with a RFP to be issued for Architectural Services.