

Overall Budget

Budget 2019 is largely informed by the results of the Citizen Survey conducted this fall. PRIORITY AREAS: Economic develop, tourism, street maintenance, snow clearing and customer service

Total spending in the 2019 budget is \$35,747,900. This represents an increase of just \$693,800 or 1.98% over our 2018 budget (less than inflation)

Increased costs associated with Garbage Collection account for \$261,700 or 38% of this budget increase.

Council has reduced growth in spending while meeting the City's expanding service levels.

There will be no change in commercial property taxes or business taxes.

As requested by the board of the Downtown Business Association, the 10% levy on business tax for business in the downtown business improvement area will not be charged in 2019.

The City will be leasing two additional loaders and purchasing one new "Bobcat" skid-steer loader to assist with street and sidewalk snow clearing operations.

We will be conducting more winter asphalt repairs with recently acquired asphalt reclaimer and hotbox.

Follow Up-A foreman will be tasked with calling residents back when they register a complaint.

Residential property taxes increase by 4.33%. This is based on an average assessed value decrease of 3.83% and a mil rate increase to 8.25 (from 7.5)

Single family homes will see an average annual increase of \$74, properties with 2 units will see an \$80 increase, while properties with 3-10 units will see an average \$492 increase.

Water-There will be no change unit charges or wastewater levies.

The City-sponsored working group consisting mostly of tourism operators has begun work on a tourism strategy for the Bay of Islands and Lower Humber Valley region.

The City is strengthening its commitment to develop our tourism sector by creating a new Tourism Officer position.

The City has commenced engineering work on the new Jubilee Field clubhouse and has made the project the #1 priority for its capital funding request for 2018.

Conceptual design work and costing will commence on a new Regional Aquatics facility - Grenfell Campus.

Business



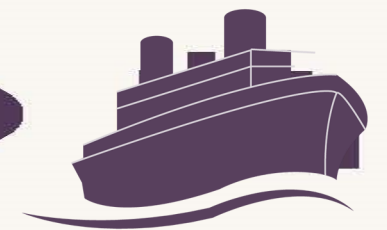
Public Works Improvements



Taxes



Tourism



Recreation



Budget Highlights 2019: Moving Forward Together