

CITY OF CORNER BROOK

2019 BUDGET CIRCULAR

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FOR BUSINESSES

BUSINESS TAX

- There will be no change in commercial property taxes or business taxes.
- The 10% levy on business tax for business in the downtown business improvement area will not be charged in 2019.



CITIZEN'S SURVEY

Budget 2019 largely reflects feedback received from a citizen survey conducted in the fall 2018. Four hundred residents were randomly surveyed on their perception of City services, customer service, taxation, and quality of life initiatives. Economic development and tourism, street maintenance, snow clearing and customer service were all identified as priority areas.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenue and Expenditures are balanced at \$35,747,900 up 1.98% from 2018. This increase represents a growth rate less than inflation, with no reduction in services.
- Council has reduced growth in spending while meeting the City's expanding service levels.
- Increased costs associated with garbage collection accounted for a \$261,700 (38%) increase in expenditures in the 2019 Budget.
- Residential property taxes will 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 in 2018). This adjustment will result in an average annual increase as follows:
 - Single Family Home - \$74.00;
 - Properties with two units - \$80.00;
 - Properties with 3-10 units - \$490.02

2018 MUNICIPAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

- 33,450 customer service inquiries
- 10,775 tonnes of asphalt placed
- 910 metres of street and curb repair
- 400 meters of sidewalk replaced
- 570 metres of waterline repaired or replaced
- Over 480 calls responded to by the Corner Brook Fire Department
- \$28,542,805 (Jan to Nov) building permit values
- New taxi bylaw approved
- Corner Brook hosted the regional FireFit Festival competition.

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POLL TAX PHASE OUT

Continued commitment to phase out poll tax. In 2019 the income exemption limit will increase by \$10,000 to \$32,500.

TOURISM

The City cemented its commitment to develop our tourism sector by creating a new Tourism Officer position. In 2019, we will continue to work with our tourism partners to develop a regional tourism strategy.

PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS:

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

RECREATION

The Jubilee Field Clubhouse Project has been identified as Council's # 1 priority for capital funding. Engineering design work on a new clubhouse project will be ongoing in 2019.

Conceptual design work on a new Regional Aquatic Center will commence in 2019. Grenfell Campus is being considered as the new location for this facility.

A new splashpad located at Margaret Bowater Park is planned to be opened in 2019.



Dedication of the Dick Nolan Stage Margaret Bowater



National Seniors Day Celebration

MAIN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN 2018:

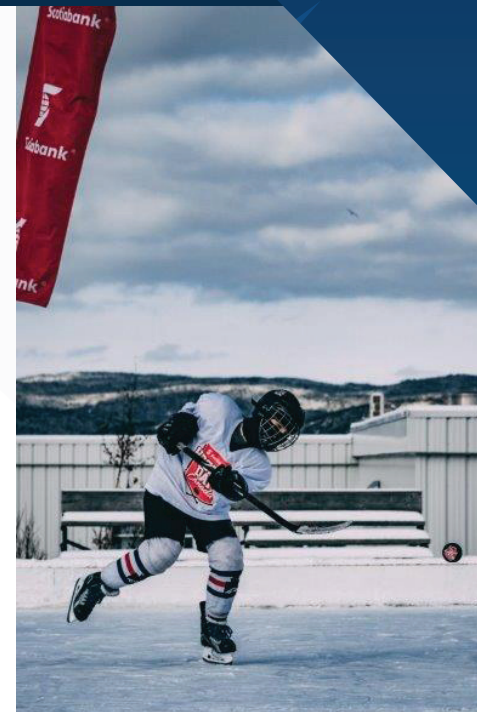
- \$10 Million for the Combined Sewer Separation
- \$4.8 Million Main Street Bridge
- \$3 Million Street Resurfacing
- \$1 Million Georgetown Road Lift Station and Culvert Replacement
- \$1 Million Pressure Reducing Station Upgrades
- \$600,000 East Valley Road/Central Street Storm Sewer Replacement
- \$550,000 for Old Humber Road Street Improvement
- \$390,000 water quality improvement Elizabeth Street

THE 18TH ANNUAL SCOTIABANK HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA

The 18th annual Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada took place in Corner Brook, NL, from January 17, to January 20, 2018. The event was a spectacular festival that included family-friendly activities, music, and special events throughout the week. Corner Brook was the featured location for an all day national broadcast of Hockey Day in Canada that showcased all seven NHL Canadian teams.

CORNER BROOK CIVIC CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2018

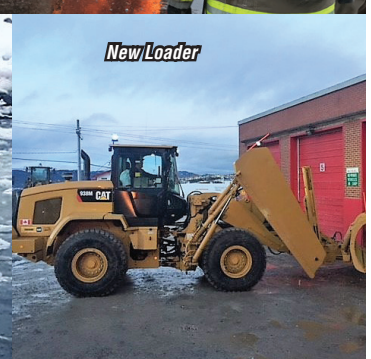
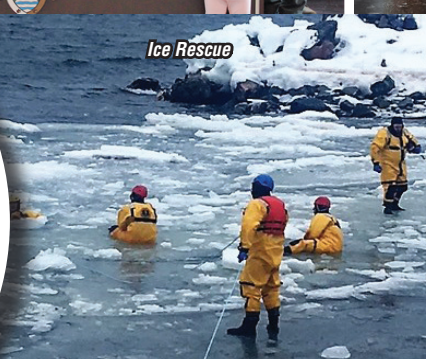
- Hosted Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada.
- A newly renovated meeting & banquet space at Canada House with one of the best views in the City
- Upgrades to the Conference Rooms and Box Office Entrance
- A new Zamboni
- Over 4,500 hours of recreation bookings
- Over 500 event and activity bookings
- Recreation Services division relocated to the Civic Centre with an increased focus on community events and daytime programming including activities for children and seniors



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019

For 2019 the capital program includes the following:

- New water main (O'Connell Drive from Georgetown Road to Petries Street)
- Waterline Replacement (Gale/Cochrane Street)
- Water Lateral Replacement (Georgetown Road)
- Waterline Replacement (East Valley Road)
- Waterline Replacement (Bayview Heights)
- Culvert Replacement (O'Connell Drive at Woodman's Avenue)
- Culvert Replacement (St. Mary's Brook)
- Completion of Combined Sewer Separation Project (Lower West Valley Road)
- Asphalt Program



REVENUE

PROPERTY TAXES
\$18,234,400
51.0%



UNIT CHARGES
\$5,744,700
16.07%



OTHER TAXES
\$6,564,700
18.36%



SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES
\$2,805,000
7.85%



OTHER REVENUES
\$1,264,800
3.54%



GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS
\$1,134,300
3.17%



TOTAL

\$35,747,900
100.00%



EXPENSES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
\$7,935,400
22.20%



PROTECTIVE SERVICES
\$5,391,500
15.08%



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
\$4,701,700
13.15%



ENVIRONMENT HEALTH
\$4,716,500
13.19%



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
\$153,300
.43%



RECREATION & CULTURE
\$3,625,600
10.14%



FISCAL

DEBT
\$5,144,500
14.39%



CAPITAL OUT OF REVENUE
\$2,924,300
8.18%



TRANSFER TO RESERVES
\$1,022,100
2.86%



BANK CHARGES & RESERVES
\$133,000
0.37%



TOTAL

\$35,747,900
100.00%



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