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2024 Budget Submitted to Province

At its meeting on November 14, 2023, Hartland's Council approved the proposed 2024 General Operating and Utility Budgets be forwarded to the province for final approval. The budget outlines what will be spent on the various expenses, and determines the municipal property tax and utility rates.

Property tax rate increases for 2024 have been submitted, which will be largely used to cover increases in operating costs, replace aging infrastructure and equipment, and build reserves for future capital projects.

Municipal property taxes are calculated per \$100 of assessed value. The Province charges a separate rate to the former LSD areas to cover winter road maintenance and summer repairs, since they remain responsible for those services (the 2023 rate was \$0.4115). A small assessment fee is charged by the province to cover their administration cost of assessing the properties and sending the notices and bills (the 2023 rate was \$0.0194).

The Province will be sending the Assessment Notices in January, which will show the assessed value of your property.

Reassessment instructions are provided with those notices if owners feel their assessment value is not accurate. This is also an opportunity to let the province know if the

use of your property has changed, which can affect the rates charged. The property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed on March 1, 2024.

Hartland Council have submitted the 2024 residential municipal rates as follows:

- ▶ **Hartland:** \$1.5339 = increase of \$0.019
- ▶ **Simonds / Somerville:** \$0.7006 = increase of \$0.019
- ▶ **Bright / Brighton / Wakefield:** \$0.7006 = increase of \$0.019
- ▶ **Coldstream:** \$0.735 = unchanged since it was already higher than the other LSDs
- ▶ **Peel:** \$0.661 = increase of \$0.05

Council adjusted rates by the same amount in Hartland, Simonds, Somerville, Bright, Brighton, and Wakefield. They also moved the tax rate for Peel closer to the rates of other former LSDs and did not adjust Coldstream, which had a higher rate than other former LSDs.

The rate adjustments will allow the municipality to boost investment in general reserves (savings) by \$116,000 in 2024, up from \$55,000 in 2023.

Another reason for the rate adjustments is to invest in core infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, works vehicles, etc., and to offset rising costs for policing, regional services, waste collection, and other services. The

new rates will also cover the cost of staffing and operations of the new community complex.

Hartland property owners who receive water and sewer service will see those rates adjusted in 2024 as follows:

- ▶ **Apartments:** \$475 = increase of \$175
- ▶ **Commercial/Non-Profits:** \$550 (new single rate for large and small)
- ▶ **Institutional:** \$625 = no change from 2023
- ▶ **Residential:** \$695 = increase of \$70

For 2024, metered users will only pay metered rates. Flat rates for metered users no longer apply. Metered users will be subject to two rates. The first rate of \$0.0055 per gallon applies for consumption up to 50,000 gallons. The second rate of \$0.00275 applies over 50,000 gallons.

These rate changes to the General Operating and Utility Budgets will ensure that Hartland is in a strong fiscal position to encourage growth and development, and provide the services important to its property owners.

Please visit our website to view the full budget that was submitted to the province by clicking "Budgets - Operating" using the link below.

townofhartland.ca/p/foundation-documents

Central Carleton Community Complex Construction Update



Mike Trecartin picks up his Side-By-Side from Corey Auto & Recreation. Pictured are Councillor Lee Patterson, Mike Trecartin, and Corey Auto & Rec Manager Colby Underhill.

Construction of Hartland's new Central Carleton Community Complex (CCCC) has made great progress in 2023. The \$12 million project began construction the summer of 2022 and was funded through provincial, federal, municipal and community contributions.

The construction management team was busy in 2023 finalizing the drawings, publishing tenders, and coordinating the various trades on site. By the end of 2023, the shell was up and the interior was taking shape. The concrete for the bleachers was poured in November, and the layout of the front lobby and dressing rooms were visible.

Fundraising efforts are ongoing to complete the municipal contribution, with the most recent one being a raffle for a 2023 CFMOTO ZForce 800 Trail Edition Side-by-Side. The lucky winner was drawn November 24, and the \$21,500 prize went to Mike Trecartin.

If you would like to sponsor the CCCC, please visit www.friendsofhartland.ca or contact Councillor Lee Patterson at 506-323-2006 for more information.



Bleacher area taking shape, November 2023

Two New Development Grants Available

To help fill the need for rental housing and commercial development in Hartland, the Town Council approved two development grants at their September 26, 2023 meeting. These grants will be available to anyone who constructs within the Hartland municipality and meets the eligibility criteria.

The first is a Grant for Residential Housing Development, which will provide a financial incentive to developers that create a minimum of four dwelling units. These could be detached homes, semi-detached homes, duplexes, mini-homes, modular homes, tiny houses, townhouses, condominiums, or apartment buildings. Residential grant applicants will be eligible to receive up to 37.5% of the year-one municipal property tax amount for four consecutive years upon completion of the development. The maximum incentive available is \$75,000 per year.

The second is a Grant for Commercial Property Development, which will provide a financial incentive to commercial developers for projects that will increase the assessed value of a property by \$1,000,000 or more. This could be through expanding an existing building, or all new construction. Similar to the Residential Development grant, the Commercial grant will provide 37.5% of the year-one municipal property tax amount for four consecutive years, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per year.

For more information on the two grants, please visit the Town's website at <https://townofhartland.ca/p/bylaws> and click Policies for more details.

If you own vacant land that you would like to have developed, please contact Michelle Derrah at the Town Office at 506-375-4357 extension 211 to have your property added to the Town's vacant land catalogue.



Proposed Regional Police Proposal Submitted to Province

With crime on the rise in Carleton County, and a lack of police visibility in the District of Carleton North and Town of Hartland, residents voiced their concerns to municipal candidates during the 2022 election campaign. Therefore, one of the first pieces of business for both municipalities was to see what options were available to address the issue.

In early 2023, a Police Review Committee was formed, made up of elected representatives from each Council, plus two members of the public who had previous policing experience. John deWinter chaired the committee, having been a District Commander with the RCMP, and Jason Hickey also provided expertise with his background in regional policing.

The Committee agreed that the best solution was to form a new regional police force. In 2023, the two municipalities paid a combined total of just under \$3 million in 2023 for policing services.

Altogether, the District of Carleton North

and the Town of Hartland have a combined 13,500 residents, and encompass 2,010 square kilometres.

Following public Town Hall meetings and surveys, the Committee drafted a detailed proposal to the province, requesting that they approve a regional police force for Hartland and Carleton North. The proposed policing model is based on a local, 24-7 policing service based in and controlled by the people of Carleton North and Hartland.

Under the current RCMP contract, municipalities must give a 12-calendar month notice, which means the new regional police force could be in place for January 2025 at the earliest.

Once a decision has been provided by the province, it will be released to the public accordingly.

The proposal can be viewed on the Town's website by following this link and clicking Policing.

townofhartland.ca/p/foundation-documents



Councillor Mike Walton addressing attendees of the Nov 9th Open House meeting at Hartland Community School



Police Review Committee Chair, John deWinter

Christmas Festivities in Hartland



The Christmas Spirit was in full swing in Hartland with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event kicking off the festivities on December 1 at the Charles Allen Park located next to the Dr. Walter Chestnut Library.

A group of carolers from the Hartland Community School were on hand to start things off with a selection of festive musical favourites that warmed the hearts of all in attendance. The children were from grades 6 to 12, and were led by teacher Miss. Amanda Carr. Hot chocolate helped keep everyone cozy and the kids enjoyed a candy cane treat.

Other events leading up to Christmas included a gingerbread house making contest, a door-to-door caroling event to collect food and monetary donations hosted by Hartland Helpers and the ever-popular Skate with Santa.

We hope you were able to take part in some of these activities and embraced the spirit of Christmas.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Garbage Schedule Change

To create fairness between the newly amalgamated areas and the former Town of Hartland, all residential properties in the new municipality will not have garbage collected on recycling week.

In the past, Hartland was able to pay a premium to have garbage collection every week, but with the larger municipality, the extra cost and additional trucks do not make it feasible to expand this service throughout the entire area.

Therefore, all residents may only place recycling curbside on recycling weeks, and all other weeks will have garbage collected.

Visit www.rsc12.ca for the 2024 recycling schedule.

Available at | Disponible à :

Town Office | Bureau de la ville - 31 Orser St
Monday - Friday 9 AM-4 PM | lundi-vendredi 09h00-16h00

Library | Bibliothèque - 395 Main St
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 AM-5 PM
(closed 12:30-1:30 PM); Thursday 1-8 PM (closed 5-6 PM)
Mardi, mercredi, vendredi, samedi 10 h-17 h (fermé 12 h 30-13 h 30); jeudi 1-8 PM (fermé 5-6 PM)

FREE ENERGY SAVING KITS

TROUSSES D'ÉCONOMIE D'ÉNERGIE GRATUITS



New Brunswick
Public Library
Service des bibliothèques publiques
du Nouveau Brunswick

Énergie NB Power



Free Energy Saving Kits Available to Hartland Residents

Hartland has partnered with NB Power to provide our residents with an Energy Savings Kit **FREE** of charge. A total of 200 kits are available on a first come basis, so be sure to add one of the two convenient pickup locations to your schedule!

The kits include an assortment of useful items that can make your home more energy efficient. They contain LED lightbulbs, a water-efficient shower head, a faucet aerator, an LED nightlight, a power bar, and a handy installation guide for the products.

Town residents may visit the Hartland Town Office or Dr. Walter Chestnut Library to pick up a kit while supplies last during regular business hours.

Visit NB Power's website to learn more about ways you can make your home more energy efficient, and find out about their energy incentive programs for new construction, renovations, and assistance for free energy upgrades for households with less than \$70,000 per year.

You can also find the answer to the age-old question: Is it more energy efficient to wash dishes by hand, or use a dishwasher? Inquiring minds want to know!

www.saveenergy.nb.ca



Council Meeting Schedule



The Hartland Town Council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Hartland Town Hall, located at 31 Orser Street. The public is always welcome to attend.

If anyone would like to address Council about a particular topic, to make a request, or to do a presentation, they must notify the Clerk at least one week in advance to be added to the agenda, by contacting cao@townofhartland.com or call 506-375-4357 ext. 200.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, but want to keep up to date on what is happening, agendas and minutes are available on the Town's website.

<https://townofhartland.ca/p/agendas-minutes>



Sign up for the Town's Notification System

Never miss an event, public service announcement or public safety notice again!

Sign up to receive a variety of municipal service notifications via voicemail or email, such as:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency notifications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation activities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Events | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletters |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal water advisories | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public meeting notices |

Visit the Town's website and click Notification System under Latest Notices to start receiving notifications now. You will receive the Urgent notices by default, but be sure to select "Community Messages – Non Urgent" under the information groups section of the Sign Up page to ensure you receive all notices.

Information groups

- ☒ Urgent
☒ Community Messages - Non Urgent

Or call the Town office at 506-375-4357 ext. 211 with your name and phone number to be manually added to the voicemail distribution list!

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