

2014 Budget Highlights

Council has been fortunate this year to maintain our services without increasing taxes. We will have the same tax rate as last year. For residential property that is 7.25 mill and for commercial property 9.0 mill. For more information about various tax rates go to our website:

http://glovertown.net/council/municipal-tax-rates.aspx

One change for 2014 is the tax on vacant land (land with no residence). The new tax will be \$1.00 per foot of frontage per year with a minimum of \$50.00. Because we have considerable privately owned dormant land inside the town limits, it is hoped this will encourage people to put land to use or sell it. The Town is in need of land for development. The Provincial Government has legislated that towns shall bring in this tax.

New expenditures for 2014:

- Marina Project \$25,000.00
- Town Center Study \$9,000.00
- Maintenance Town Hall/Garage \$38,500.00
- New Pickup Truck \$35,000.00
- Newfoundland Housing Corp./Future Street \$93,000.00 (61 acres) Some of these items will be financed over time and are not just expenses for 2014.

Capital Works Projects

Each year Municipalities request funding from Provincial Government's Dept. of Municipal Affairs for Capital Works Projects. These are larger projects that Muncipalities would have problems funding on their own. In recent years Capital Works Projects are funded 90% by Province and 10% by the Town. Decisions on funding are made by Government. For 2014 Glovertown's requests in priority order were:

- **1.** Back-up generator for Station Road pumphouse to automatically engage in a power outage. Cost \$222,958.94
- 2. Upgrade intake at Northwest Pond to eliminate ice blockage. Cost \$373,632.24
- **3.** Water Treatment Plant Phase I Assessment of Technologies. Cost \$275,155.00. Requested in 2013.
- **4.** Paving. Cost \$473,581.98. Requested in 2013.
- **5.** Multi-purpose Field Includes soccer field and track. Cost \$711,070.81. Requested in previous years.

Community Garden

The Town has received a Grant from the Provincial Government to be matched by the Town, for seniors recreation. The grant was received for establishment of a Community Garden. This will be an area where members of the community will be able to have a plot of land for growing vegetables, flowers etc. It is hoped to gain the cooperation of the 50+ Club and Alexander Bay Lions Club in carrying out this initiative.

Glovertown Centre Plan Update

Consultants CBCL Limited visited Glovertown from March 24-28 to gather knowledge about the community and hear the opinions of our residents and stakeholders regarding the development of a Town Centre. Mary, Gordon, Bruce and Taryn of the project team are extremely satisfied with the progress made so far and their interactions with Council, residents, businesses and community groups were very beneficial. The community can keep up to date and continue to share their opinions with the Team on Facebook by visiting the "Glovertown Centre Plan" page and by visiting our website at www.glovertown.net .

Future Street Development

The Town has finally purchased approximately 61 acres of land that includes the lots that are serviced on Future Street as well as the area North and West to Jolie Vue Drive. The 12 serviced lots on Future Street will be going up for public auction shortly. Lots will be available to individuals and developers. For further information, contact Colin Heffernan at 533 2351.

Land Sale for Tax Arrears

Several pieces of land have been identified with large amounts of outstanding taxes owing to the Town. These lots will be auctioned off to recover the outstanding taxes.

The first lot on auction for tax arrears was civic address 262-270 Main Street South. Information regarding auctions can be obtained from the Council office.

Community Warming Center

During recent power outages the Provincial Government was asking Municipalities to set up warming centers for those in situations where they had no source of heat. The elderly are considered the most vulnerable. Unfortunately there are no large buildings locally with a suitable heating system to handle large numbers. Most buildings have electric heat and a generator of considerable size is necessary to maintain those heaters.

Since that time, the Alexander Bay Lions Club, with the support of the towns of Glovertown and Traytown and the 50+ Club, have purchased a large generator that will be installed at the Lions Club. This will provide heat and light for any emergency.

We congratulate the Alexander Bay Lions on their work in this effort and thank them for their initiative.

Community **EVENTS**

House of Diamonds

We will be accepting art and craft product on consignment. HOD also hopes to increase the number of workshops offered throughout the year. If you are interested in facilitating a workshop or identifying one you would like to see offered by another artist/artisan, we would love to hear from you. Call us at 533-1168 or email us at hoda-programco-ordinator@hotmail.ca

House of Diamonds - Tea Party

May 1st @ 2 p.m

Drop by the House of Diamonds Art Centre for a relaxing afternoon and view our exhibit featuring tea and the culture surrounding it.

Admission \$5.00 donation.

Inaugural meeting of the Cross-country ski club

May 1, 2014

Inaugural meeting of cross-country ski club for Glovertown and area Information Session and Election of Executive @ the Glovertown Recreation Building

Crime Stoppers Annual Dog Show June 1, 2014

Arena **EVENTS**

Figure Skating Ice Show April 11th & 12th

Peewee Provincial Mega Tournament April 21st - 23rd

Bantam Provincial Tournament
April 24th - 26th



Crime Stoppers - 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)We want your information not your name.





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