



MIRAMICHI'S RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE REMAINS SAME AS CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 2024 BUDGET

Miramichi City Council approved the City of Miramichi's 2024 budget at a special public council meeting on November 28. Council held three days of public deliberations on November 7, 14, and 21 before adopting the final budget which includes three separate budgets:

- Operating Budget – funds municipal programs and services
- Utility Operating Budget– funds the provision of water and sewerage services
- Utility Capital Budget – funds new construction as well as updates to existing infrastructure
- Capital Budget – funds new construction as well as updates to existing infrastructure

"This budget is a reflection of the resources necessary to meet our service delivery requirements to both the current and future residents and businesses of the City of Miramichi," said city treasurer, Nancy Gorman.

"Further, it implements strategic plan priorities and supports investment into various initiatives."

She added significant pricing challenges, inflation, delivery delays on good and services continue to impact the operating and capital budgets of the City.

Highlights of the 2024 Utility Operating Budget (\$6.6 million)

- Budget has increased by \$91,147 from 2023
- No increase to water and sewerage rates in 2024. Water cost per cubic meter will remain at \$1.29. The residential sewerage flat rate will remain at \$99.03 per quarter.
- Average quarterly bill for family of 4 would be \$103.50 for water, \$99.03 for sewer for an average yearly billing of \$810.12

Highlights of the 2024 Utility Capital Budget (\$2.2 million)

\$1.3 million for Newcastle water system upgrade – continuing project

\$550,000 for 2 street reconstruction projects

\$250,000 for water meter replacement project – year 5

Highlights of the 2024 Operating Budget (\$43 million)

- The residential tax rate will remain the same at \$1.715 per \$100 of assessment.
- The residential tax rate in the former Nelson Local Service District will increase by 5 cents to \$0.608 per \$100 of assessment.
- The residential tax rate in the former Newcastle Service District will increase by 5 cents to \$0.664 per \$100 of assessment.
- Non-residential (commercial) tax rates and heavy industrial tax rate will be \$2.744 per \$100 of assessment, or 1.6 times the local residential rate.
- New positions created in the police department and community wellness and recreation departments.

Highlights of the 2024 Capital Budget (\$29 million)

- \$20 million for Miramichi Multiplex project
- \$5.4 million for road work and sidewalk replacements. Projects include annual resurfacing of city streets at \$2.5 million, \$650,000 for drainage, paving, and lighting of parking lot on Newcastle waterfront, \$550,000 for Phase 1 of design and construction of stormwater system in Kerr Park, and \$375,000 for new roadway development adjacent to the Multiplex site.
- \$2.4 million in improvements to parks, playgrounds and trails including \$550,000 for Active Transportation Plan - Southern Spine, \$753,000 for replacement of Ritchie Wharf dance floor, and \$300,000 for Harkins site development.
- \$878,000 in renewal/upgrades to equipment and buildings including \$65,000 for jaws of life, \$85,000 for body armour for Emergency Response Team, and funds to upgrade/replace a playground, improve lighting and drainage at baseball fields.
- \$590,000 in ongoing fleet replacement including replacement of vehicles for the fire and police departments, heavy equipment in the public works department, and a transit bus.

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2024 GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS

FUND	GEN		
Department	Project	Description	_TOTAL
Econ Dev - Transit	Transit Bus	Replace Transit Bus	150,000
Engineering	Asphalt Paving	Multiyear Program - Improving Road Quality	2,500,000
	Full Reconstruction	John Street (from Church to Pyne Street - 320m)	650,000
		Prince Charles Street (120m)	200,000
	Kerr Park - Stormwater System	Design and Construction	550,000
	Multiplex	Replacement Facility	20,000,000
	Newcastle Waterfront	Parking Lot - Drainage, Paving, Lighting (Downtown Plan)	650,000
	Roadway	New Development - adjacent to Mulitplex - costshare	337,500
	Shoreline Protection	Multi-year program	300,000
	Sidewalk Replacement	Multi-year program - Improving Sidewalk Condition	200,000
Fire	Equipment	Extrication Tools - Jaws of Life	65,000
	Fire Chief Vehicle	Replacement SUV	90,000
Police	Equipment - Body Armour	Emergency Response Team - Body Armour	85,000
	IT Equipment	Evergreening and IT Infrastructure (Communications)	30,000
	Patrol Vehicle	Replace Patrol Vehicle - Unit 426	70,000
		Replace Patrol Vehicle - Unit 428	70,000
	Utility Vehicle	Side-by-Side - replace ATVs (early), increased access	50,000
Public Works	Beaverbrook House	Mechanical - Boiler Replacement	100,000
	Heavy Equipment	Replace Loader	330,000
	IT Equipment	Provides for the replacement of IT (Miratech/CityHall)	50,000
	North Side Salt Shed	Addtional funding required to complete	100,000
	Truck	Replacement with Hybrid	80,000
Recreation	Anderson Mill Site Development	Active Transportation Plan - Add Greenery	245,000
	Carroll/Kierstead Street Playground	Replace Playground and Ground Surface	80,000
	City Baseball Field- MVHS	Lighting Replacement	400,000
	Civic Centre Arena	Wi-Fi	50,000
	Gerald King Ballfield	Bleachers - Base Replacement	20,000
	Harkins Site Development	Outdoor Parks & Rec Master Plan - Confirm Scope	300,000
	Memorial Field	Baseball Field Drainage - Replace Infield Material	100,000
	Ritchie Wharf	Ritchie Wharf Dance Floor - Replacement	753,000
	Southern Spine - Phase 1	Active Transportation Plan	550,000
	Station Wharf Marina - Storage Building	Roof Replacement	18,000
	Truck	Replace Half-Ton Truck, Single Cab	130,000
Grand Total			29,303,500

2024 UTILITY CAPITAL PROJECTS

FUND	WAT		
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Engineering	Full Reconstruction	John Street (from Church to Pyne Street - 320m)	400,000
		Prince Charles Street (120m)	150,000
	Newcastle Water System Upgrades	Phase 8,9 - Decommissioning, Replacement, Transmission Lin	1,300,000
Public Works	Newcastle & Chatham Lagoons	Aerator replacements (2 x \$50k)	100,000
	Water Meter Replacement Program	Water Meters - Multi Year Project	250,000
Grand Total			2,200,000

CITY OF MIRAMICHI

General Fund
2024 Annual Budget

	% of Budget	2024	% of Budget	2023	Variance
Revenue					
Warrant for Property Taxes	76.56%	33,573,023	72.79%	30,967,647	2,605,376
Equalization Grant	14.30%	6,269,142	15.95%	6,785,237	- 516,095
Non-tax Revenue	9.14%	4,008,935	11.26%	4,788,362	- 779,427
Total Revenue	100.00%	43,851,100	100.00%	42,541,246	1,309,854
Operating Expenditures					
Personnel	43.19%	18,937,916	43.74%	18,606,671	331,245
Non-personnel	38.84%	17,030,202	37.53%	15,967,721	1,062,481
Total Operating Expenditures	82.02%	35,968,118	81.27%	34,574,392	1,393,726
Capital Expenditures					
Capital Expenditures	9.07%	3,976,500	10.44%	4,440,438	- 463,938
Debt Service Costs	8.91%	3,906,482	8.29%	3,526,416	380,066
Total Capital Expenditures	17.98%	7,882,982	18.73%	7,966,854	- 83,872
Net Cash Budget					
	100.00%	-	100.00%	-	

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New Subunit Name (letters at the end is the former type)	2024 Residential Assessment	2024 Non Residential Assessment	2024 Heavy Industrial Assessment	Non Residential Ratio	Heavy Industrial Ratio	Tax base with 1.6 Non Residential Ratio	Tax Rate	Prop Tax Revenue (Warrant)
Miramichi C	1,439,713,200	298,314,600	18,023,100	1.6	1.6	1,945,853,520	0.017150	33,371,388
Nelson LD	17,968,000	27,800	-	1.6	1.6	18,012,480	0.006808	122,629
Newcastle LD	11,889,600	2,200	-	1.6	1.6	11,893,120	0.006643	79,006
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