

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

MEDIA RELEASE

Tax Rates 2011/12



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MIDDLETON – Tax rates for 2011/12

The Residential tax rate remains the same as prior year at \$1.80. The Commercial rate remains the same at \$4.30 and the special rate for the Industrial Park remains the same at \$1.86. The sewer rate has increased from \$0.17 to \$0.22 due to partial borrowing for the new sewage treatment plant.

Council expects the assessment growth that the Town has experienced to continue in 2011.

In 2010, the Town saw the completion of the new nursing home, new sidewalk and street on North Street, Bell-Aliant tower in the Industrial Park, and the new Petro Canada/Brooklyn Street Market on Brooklyn Road.

The Town and County of Annapolis have entered into a joint agreement to share taxes in the Brooklyn Road area which is serviced by Town water and sewer. In 2011, the Town expects to see the completion of the new housing project on Magee Drive, the new housing project on Brooklyn Road, new sewer treatment plant behind the United Church on Main Street, the new Anglican Church on Main Street and the new restaurant/art center on Main Street. There are several new proposed residential and commercial developments which the Town hopes will begin this year.

Capital items budgeted for in this years budget include installation of overhead crosswalk lights at the Home Hardware crossing on Commercial Street, a plastic remover at the sewage treatment plant, upgrades to the water clock, new playground equipment at Rotary Park, upgrades to the Industrial Park signs, new snowplow, new traffic lights on Main and Commercial Streets provided funding from other sources can be secured and computer software.

WATER UTILITY

The Water Utility rates and budget has been set by the URB for the current and following year. Capital items included in this years budget include the cleaning and upgrade of one production well, and repairs to the reservoir.

A complete budget package is available at the Town Office.

BUDGET HISTORY

The budget by category for comparison between 2010/11 and 2011/12 budgets is shown below.

Summary of Expense	Budget 2011/12	Budget 2010/11
1. Town Office/Council	386224	355340
2. Police Protection	541601	516646
3. Fire Protection	113232	109851
3a. Hydrant Rental	100435	98905
4. Dog Control/EMO	12392	12000
5. Roads & Streets	559232	541502
6. Sewers/Garbage/Trees	438741	381125
7. Social Services	7500	4680
8. Tourism/Planning/Promo	111696	10372
9. Recreation Services	262047	265192
10. Other Boards/Commissions	233394	267820
10a. Debt Payments	223426	228209
10b. Capital Projects	118500	108900
10c. Education	288985	274610
10d. Prior Year Deficit	0	0
Total Expense	3,397,405	3,275,152

Summary of Revenue	Budget 2009/10	Budget 2010/11
1. Taxes/Grants in Lieu	2341320	2197798
2. User Fees/Frontage Chgs	367960	311665
3. Taxes/Ind. Park	60897	60330
4. NSLC/NSPC/MTT Grnts	37141	35521
5. Fire Grant/Soc. S. Pyts.	68922	67363
6. Rentals/Rink Contract	104606	95715
7. Fines/Fees/Int. Misc.	74649	70286
8. Unconditional Grants	333867	339251
9. Conditional Grants	8043	13220
10. Tfrs own agencies	0	84003
Total Revenue	3,397,405	3,275,152
Surplus (Deficit)	0	0