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MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS

***SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE***

***AGENDA***

*Wednesday, January 26, 2022*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Zoom Videoconference*

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1. .                    **ROLL CALL**
  
2.                    **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**
  
3.                    **APPROVAL of the AGENDA (Order of the Day)**
  - 3.1                    THAT the Order of the Day be approved as circulated.
  
4.                    **NEW BUSINESS**
  - 4.1                    **Bridgetown Area Community Rate Review**
  
5. .                    **ADJOURNMENT**
  - 5.1                    THAT the Special Committee of the Whole adjourn its meeting.



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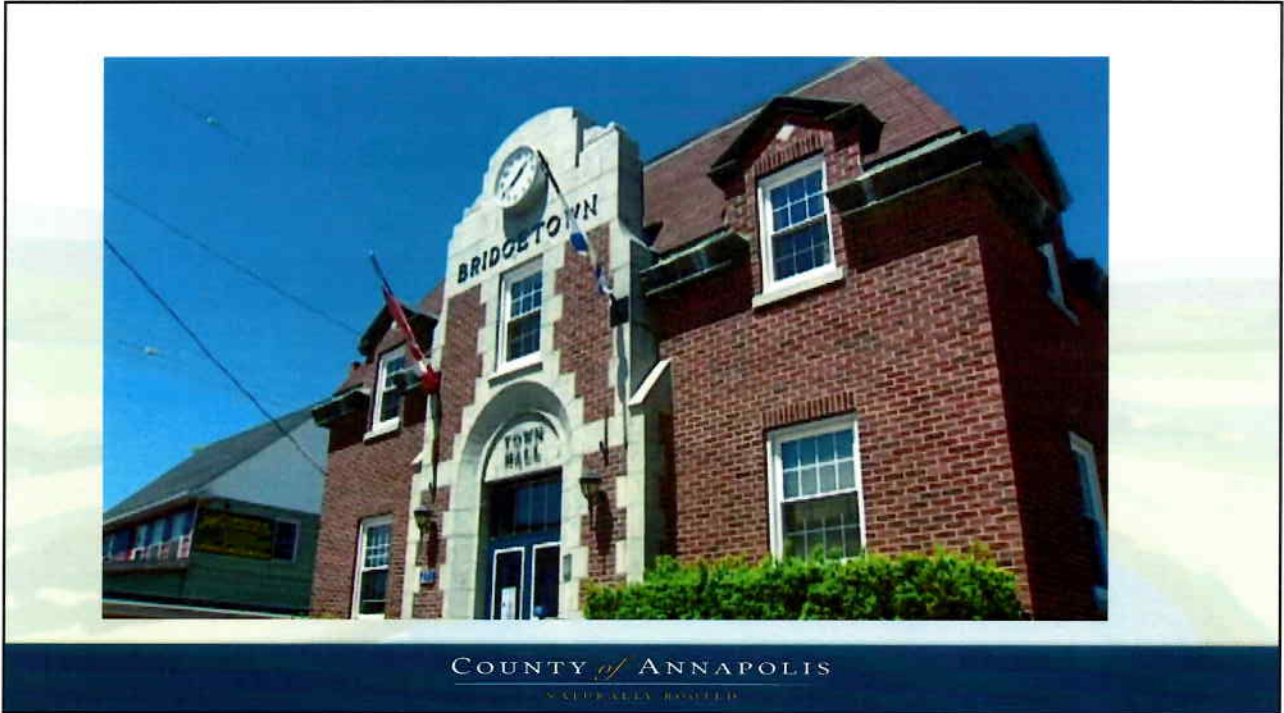
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**Bridgetown Community Rate**

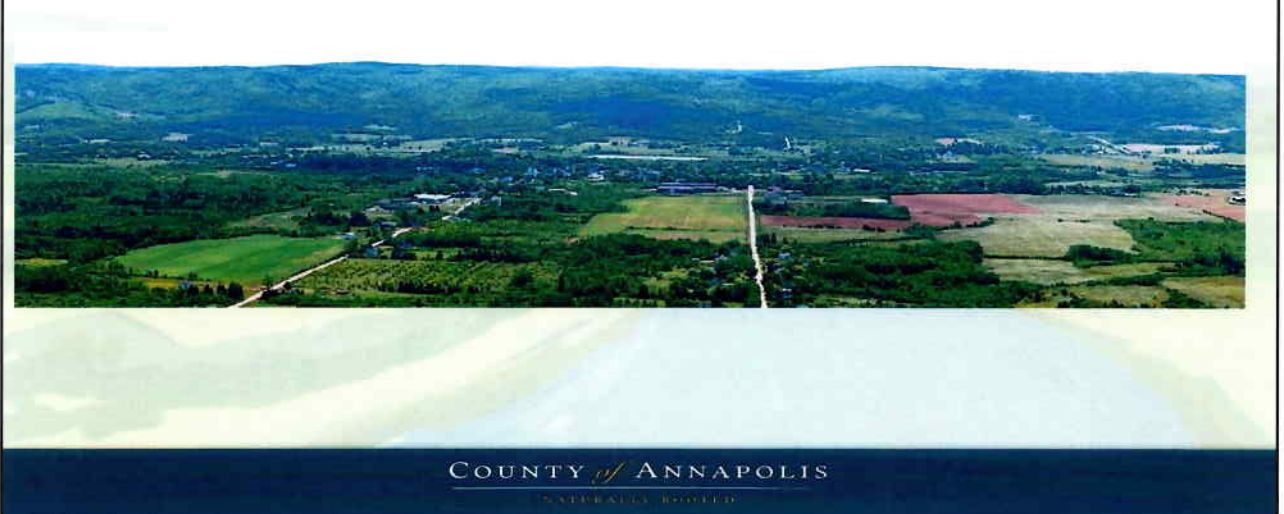


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## WHAT IS THE "COMMUNITY RATE"



## Bridgetown Community Rate Kent & Duffett

The Bridgetown Community Area Rate is a taxation rate specifically applicable to the boundaries within the former Town of Bridgetown. This rate is designed to capture all the costs associated with all levels of service provided to the former Town, such as road and streets, planning, fire, recreation and debt servicing expenditures. These services are similar to those provided in the base rate but are consistent with the level of costs in the former town prior to dissolution.

Furthermore the BCR is designed to ensure the overall level of services provided to the residents are similar to those provided before Town status dissolution. It is important to note that some service levels provided to the former town exceed those being offered throughout the other parts of the County.

Anticipated cost savings where noted including economies of scale and consolidation of the staffing resources will be included in any future base and area rates.



### Net requirement assigned to Former Town

Assessment increase 1%	Budget YEAR 1 (15/16)	Budget YEAR 2 (16/17)	Budget YEAR 3 (17/18)	Budget YEAR 4 (18/19)	Budget YEAR 5 (19/20)
Residential Assessment	\$ 40,433,900	\$ 40,838,239	\$ 41,246,621	\$ 41,659,088	\$ 42,075,678
Resource Assessment	148,900	150,389	151,893	153,412	154,946
Commercial Assessment	6,147,800	6,209,278	6,271,371	6,334,084	6,397,425
	\$ 46,730,600	\$ 47,197,906	\$ 47,669,885	\$ 48,146,584	\$ 48,628,050
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES BEFORE CREDITS/REVENUES</b>	<b>1,537,836</b>	<b>1,549,815</b>	<b>1,562,827</b>	<b>1,573,060</b>	<b>1,584,996</b>
<b>Total credits</b>	<b>(1,144,675)</b>	<b>(1,153,171)</b>	<b>(1,161,787)</b>	<b>(1,170,523)</b>	<b>(1,179,383)</b>
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY AREA RATE</b>	<b>\$393,162</b>	<b>\$396,644</b>	<b>\$401,041</b>	<b>\$402,536</b>	<b>\$405,613</b>
Projected residential community area rate	0.727	0.726	0.727	0.722	0.720
Projected commercial community area rate	1.599	1.597	1.599	1.589	1.585

## Bridgetown Community Rate

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Administration	\$159,122	\$149,220	\$0
Protective Services	284,335	262,700	43,600
Public works	395,467	365,350	357,850
Sewer	107,513	99,325	99,325
Environmental, cultural, recreational	97,744	90,300	0
Transfer to sewer reserves	40,000	92,127	92,127
Debt servicing	359,764	167,714	167,714
Transfer to operating reserves	5,000	155,000	50,000
Total expenditures	1,584,996	1,507,836	820,116
Revenues	<u>(1,179,383)</u>	<u>(1,144,675)</u>	<u>(961,315)</u>
Net Cost	<u>\$405,613</u>	<u>\$363,162</u>	<u>\$(141,199)</u>

## Letter of Intent

- Dissolution effective April 1, 2015
- Assets and liabilities of the Town become those of the Municipality
- During the next 10 years, proceeds from sale of any asset owned by the Town will be held in a special reserve for use by the Town
- Ownership and responsibility for the maintenance of roads and streets shall be transferred to the Municipality as of April 1, 2015
- Current Uncommitted Balance \$790

## Letter of Intent

- The Province shall pay the Municipality the following amounts on the terms described for the five year period 2015/16 to 2019/2020

	Bridgetown	County	Total
– Equalization Funding	\$206,362	\$604,898	\$811,257
– Special Capital Funding	\$230,690		\$230,690
– Capital	\$91,500		\$91,500
– Operating	\$37,800		\$37,800
– Post Transition Year 1	\$496,500		\$496,500
– Post Transition Year 2	\$151,500		\$151,500
– Post Transition Years 3-5	\$21,500		\$21,500

(funding for the final year received to date is \$32,695. The remaining \$349,095 is expected in 2021/22)

## Letter of Intent Funds

2021/22		Commitment	Revenues	Other projects
Opening balance	1,206,896			
Parking lot		100,000		
Queen Street		779,600		
Interest			13,808	
2019 allocation			340,000	
Other		27,257		
Remaining Balance	653,847			
Unfunded Queen Street				418,973
Other projects (Arena, Sports Complex, Granville street...)				\$ XXXX

Village of Lawrencetown Area Rate

- Sidewalks & Village Maintenance
- Street Lights
- Hydrants
- Community Grants
- Community Buildings
- Community Broadband

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Bridgetown Community Rate Includes the Following:

- Planning
- Recreation
- Fire Services (BVFD)
- Streets & Sidewalks
- General Operating
- Debt Charges

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## 2021/22 Tax/Area/Community Rates (Res)

Tax Rate	Bridgetown	Cornwallis	Margaretsville	Lawrencetown	Wilmot
Base Rate	\$0.010250	\$0.010250	\$0.010250	\$0.010250	\$0.010250
Fire Capital	0.000611	0.000611	0.000611	0.000611	0.000611
Street Lights	0.000446	0.000446	0.000446	0.000446	0.000446
Paving Loans *	-	-	-	-	0.000546
Fire Hydrants *	0.003073	0.002682	0.003351	-	-
Bridgetown (Res)	0.007204	-	-	-	-
Lawrencetown	-	-	-	0.006600	-
<b>Total Rate</b>	<b>\$0.021584</b>	<b>\$0.013989</b>	<b>\$0.014658</b>	<b>0.017907</b>	<b>\$0.011853</b>
<b>Tax Bill \$100,000</b>	<b>\$2,158.40</b>	<b>\$1,398.90</b>	<b>\$1,465.80</b>	<b>\$1,790.70</b>	<b>\$1,185.30</b>

\* Rate varies according to area serviced and the cost

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## 21/22 Bridgetown Community Rate Includes:

Recreation	\$ 44,171	Community Rated Expenses	\$600,899
Planning	52,773	Less	
Debt	108,204	Shared Services Revenue	<u>\$181,071</u>
General Operations	96,719		
Streets & Sidewalks	253,731		
Fire Services	<u>45,301</u>	Community Rate	<u>\$419,828</u>
Community Rated Expenses	<u>\$600,899</u>		

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The "Town" had a higher level of service for snow clearing than the County offers. The *Sidewalk Snow & Ice Control By-Law* for the "Town" states:

*4.4 The removal of snow required ... following a snow fall shall be completed: when a snowfall ceased during daylight hours and at least 4 hours in advance of sunset, within 4 hours after the snow stops falling; and at other times (within 4 hours) after sunrise on the following day.*

The County has streets and sidewalks in the following areas that we maintain:

- Paradise
- Cornwallis Park (South Broadway intersection to #1043 #Highway 1)
- Granville Ferry (Granville Rd & North St)
- Church St (Bridgetown boundary to pedestrian crosswalk, Mountain Lea Lodge)
- Bear River (downtown)

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Most County communities are getting additional services at no charge, whereas Bridgetown is charged. The question before us now is ...

"Should the Bridgetown Community Rate be removed or continued at any level?"  
And if so, "Why?"

## Points to Consider



As a result of decisions by former councils, Bridgetown offers many more services than most communities but this is a huge benefit to the entire County



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## Options for Council to Consider

- Option 1 FD Operating Grant, LTD
- Option 2 as above, streets and sidewalk winter maintenance
- Option 3 As above, P&I buildings
- Option 4 As above, P&I equipment for winter maintenance

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## Tax Bill Comparison: Current vs Option 1

**Current - County Location (Margarettsville)**

\$1,025	Base Rate	@ \$0.010250
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
335	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003351

**\$1,466 Tax Bill - County**

**Current - Bridgetown Location**

\$1,025	Base Rate	@ \$0.010250
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
307	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003073
720	Community Rate	@ \$0.007204

**\$2,158 Tax Bill - Bridgetown**

**Option #1 County Location**

\$1,051	Base Rate	@ \$0.010511
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
335	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003351

**\$1,492 Tax Bill - County**

**Option #1 Bridgetown Location**

\$1,051	Base Rate	@ \$0.010511
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
307	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003073
186	BVFD	@ \$0.001861

**\$1,650 Tax Bill - Bridgetown**



## Tax Bill Comparison: Current vs Option 2

**Current - County Location (Margarettsville)**

\$1,025	Base Rate	@ \$0.010250
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
335	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003351

**\$1,466 Tax Bill - County**

**Current - Bridgetown Location**

\$1,025	Base Rate	@ \$0.010250
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
307	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003073
720	Community Rate	@ \$0.007204

**\$2,158 Tax Bill - Bridgetown**

**Option #2 County Location**

\$1,049	Base Rate	@ \$0.010485
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
335	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003351

**\$1,488 Tax Bill - County**

**Option #2 Bridgetown Location**

\$1,049	Base Rate	@ \$0.010485
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
307	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003073
240	BVFD/Snow	@ \$0.002397

**\$1,702 Tax Bill - Bridgetown**



## Tax Bill Comparison: Current vs Option 3

**Current - County Location (Margaretsville)**

\$1,025	Base Rate	@ \$0.010250
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
335	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003351

**\$1,466 Tax Bill - County**

**Current - Bridgetown Location**

\$1,025	Base Rate	@ \$0.010250
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
307	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003073
720	Community Rate	@ \$0.007204

**\$2,158 Tax Bill - Bridgetown**

**Option #3 County Location**

\$1,047	Base Rate	@ \$0.010468
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
335	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003351

**\$1,488 Tax Bill - County**

**Option #3 Bridgetown Location**

\$1,047	Base Rate	@ \$0.010468
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
307	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003073
275	BVFD/Snow/Bldg	@ \$0.002754

**\$1,735 Tax Bill - Bridgetown**



## Tax Bill Comparison: Current vs Option 4

**Current - County Location (Margaretsville)**

\$1,025	Base Rate	@ \$0.010250
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
335	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003351

**\$1,466 Tax Bill - County**

**Current - Bridgetown Location**

\$1,025	Base Rate	@ \$0.010250
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
307	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003073
720	Community Rate	@ \$0.007204

**\$2,158 Tax Bill - Bridgetown**

**Option #3 County Location**

\$1,047	Base Rate	@ \$0.010468
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
335	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003351

**\$1,488 Tax Bill - County**

**Option #3 Bridgetown Location**

\$1,047	Base Rate	@ \$0.010468
61	Fire Dept Capital	@ \$0.000611
45	Street Lights	@ \$0.000446
307	Fire Hydrants	@ \$0.003073
369	BVFD/Snow/Debt	@ \$0.003694

**\$1,829 Tax Bill - Bridgetown**



