

TRAYTOWN NEWS UPDATE

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Tax fee & Structure 2024

Property Tax – 5.5 mills
Minimum property - \$300.00
Sewer Rate - \$250.00
Water - \$200.00
Vacant Land Mill Rate - 5.5
Minimum property - \$300.00
Commercial Land Mill Rate 3.3
Minimum Property - \$335
Sewer Rate (Cabins) - \$50.00 per unit per year.

BUSINESS TAX:

Tourist cabins & B&B's 3 mills
Restaurants, Amuse, etc. 3 mills
Construction Services 3 mills
Retail Stores 3 mills
Warehouses 3 mills
Garages, Repair Shops 3 mills
Home & Ten. Businesses \$335.00 per year.
Quarry Business Tax - \$1000.00 per year.
Utility Tax - 2.5% per year

PERMITS:

Residential Building - \$ 25.00
Commercial Building- \$ 25.00
General Repairs- \$ 10.00
Sheds / Garages - \$ 10.00
Tax Certificates - \$100.00
Please be advised that: All taxes are due June 30, 2024 Interest will be charged after June 30, 2024.

All Vacant land that can be connected to the town

water/sewer will be charged \$250.00 for sewer tax \$200 for water as per Municipalities Act 1999 Chapter M – 24 Section 130. "A Council of a municipality served by a water system, sewage system or a water and sewage system shall impose upon the owner of real property located inside or outside the municipality that is connected or is capable of being serviced by that system, a tax, to be known as the water and sewage tax.

All parcels of land will now be charged a minimum of \$300, as per Municipalities Act 1999 Chapter M – 24 Section 112. This means if you have more than one piece of property you will have to pay the minimum of \$300.00, for each additional piece, as per regulations.

Residential Property Tax Discount

Low Income Reduction – Homeowners are eligible for the following reduction in their Residential property taxes provided that the TOTAL Income into the household is as shown below. Income is deemed to be household income from all sources, including both spouses and adult children, rental income etc. No homeowner will pay less than the \$300 minimum plus the water/sewer tax.

Tax Arrears from Previous Years

Thank you to all the tax payers who are making a worthwhile effort to pay their taxes it is very much appreciated. Please be advised that the council will have to make a conscious effort to collect all taxes owing to the town and in doing so Court proceeding will be taking place. Council feels it is the only way that all residents are treated in a fair and equal state. When budgets are done it is on the bases that everyone pays their taxes to keep the town running. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but the new Tax Recovery Plan implemented by the Provincial Government gives the council no other choice. Pay up now to avoid those expensive court charges that will be added on the amount you owe.

If you look on the town's web page you can read the minutes and be up to date on the town's news.

Annual Household Income	Property Tax Reduction
\$0.00 - \$16,000	50%
\$16,001 - \$18,000	45%
\$18,001 - \$20,000	40%
\$20,001 - \$22,000	35%
\$22,001 - \$24,000	30%
\$24,001 - \$26,000	25%

The reduction will be based on the preceding year's income. Applicants will complete a form indicating their total household income for the year. They must verify their income with the Town by providing copies of Revenue Canada Assessment Notices for the previous year when they become available. After the income is confirmed, the credit amount will be adjusted on the taxpayer's account.

Monthly meetings

Council's regular monthly meeting takes place on the first or second Monday of every month. Due to work schedules and other obligations this sometimes has to be rescheduled. Traytown's website: www.traytown.net can give you the information you are looking for. It provides the office schedule, meeting minutes, notices, any rescheduling, upcoming events, past and present councils, etc.

If you would like something added to the site, please let us know at:

townoftraytown@eastlink.ca

Street Lights

If you see a street light out, please report it to the council office to have it repaired immediately. 533-2156 or townoftraytown@eastlink.ca

Traytown Recreation News

**A COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
WILL BE HELD IN THE
TRAYTOWN HALL ON Saturday
FEBRUARY 17, 2024 8AM until
11AM or until they run out AT A
COST OF \$2.00
YES, JUST A - TWOONIE!!!**

Everyone welcome.

Traytown Recreation Committee are seeking new members for their committee, anyone who would like to contribute any free time to many worthwhile events are welcome to contact Curtis Abbott, Suzanne Denty or Dawn Mesh.

Parks

The little seating areas around town has been spruce up with colourful picnic tables and or chairs. Pissamare Pond area has a gazebo and picnic area. The sign describing our town has been changed to include more of the town's history. Another wonderful area for our many walkers is Head and Nose Park, the sign has been purchased and will be put in place as soon as weather permits. Council has a chair for Flat Rock this year, that will be put in place this spring.

Council has been in discussion with the trail system organizers to produce trails around town, there has been drone pictures taken to see where these trails could be established, as soon as grants become available, the town will avail of any funds. If you have any suggestion on other areas in town you would like to see developed, please drop us a line or talk to our council or staff.

Volunteers Needed

Council needs volunteers for the flooding of the rink and other activities in town contact any council member or staff to help.

Water & Sewer Update

Council are still delayed due to needing poles installed by Newfoundland Power and hopefully this will be completed this spring and if government approves Phase 2 of the project, we will have water and sewer to the Pine Tree Road area this year and many other areas in the next couple of years. Progress is slow but at least it has started.

Thank you

A big thank you going out to **TBL Chris and Janice Dyke** for the offer to supply paint for the rink when the repairs are completed.

A big thank you to **Sherry Chambers** a visitor to our town who cleaned all the debris out of the ditches this past fall.