

About Your 2012 Property Taxes

Tax Rates for 2012

Total Municipal Budget.....	\$70.4 million
Total revenues from external sources.....	\$24.7 million
Total revenues from taxpayers.....	\$45.7 million
County Levy.....	\$8.4 million
Solid Waste Management Levy.....	\$1.5 million
Education Levy.....	\$11.4 million
Municipal Purposes Levy.....	\$24.4 million

Tax Rate Changes for Residential Property Owners:

Waste Management is the Only Rate to Increase

Municipal-Decrease.....	5.52%
Solid Waste Management (\$20.00).....	14.81%
County-Decrease.....	3.09%
Education-Decrease.....	4.33%

For a property assessed at \$251,880 in 2012, the average residential assessment, there should be no change in the amount of taxes levied from the prior year.

**Final due dates for all Property Classes:
August 17, 2012 and October 19, 2012**

How your property tax bill is calculated:

Property owners pay taxes based on a property's assessment value as of January 1, 2008 multiplied by a combination of municipal, county and education tax rates.

How to calculate your taxes:

To calculate your residential taxes, multiply your assessed value by the applicable tax rate. For example, for a residential property assessed at \$200,000 the rate is 1.213644%, making the total taxes on the property \$2,427.28. You must then add the appropriate number of solid waste management charges of \$155.00 per dwelling unit.

A home with only one dwelling unit will have a total payable of \$2,582.28. The 2011 tax payable for this same assessment was \$2,684.45.

Penalty and Interest

To avoid interest charges, the payment **must** be received by the Tax Department on or before the due date. A penalty charge of 1.25% may be added on the first day of default. Interest will be added to each unpaid account at a rate of 1.25% on the first day of each month for as long as the account is outstanding.

Please be advised that Council and Town Staff do not have the authority to waive or alter a penalty and/or interest charge for any reason.

Pre-Authorized Payment Plans

The Town of Collingwood offers two pre-authorized payment plans: a plan that withdraws your tax payments on the normal installment due dates four times per year and a 10 month payment plan. Contact the Tax Department at (705) 445-1030 ext 1 or email townhall@collingwood.ca for more information.

2012 Municipal Budget Highlights

Total Operating Expenditures: \$39.2 million

The operating budget is dedicated to the day-to-day operations including services such as police and fire services, animal control and by-law enforcement, transit, road maintenance, snow plowing, parks, recreation and planning services. This is the same level of expenditure as 2011.

Highlights:

- Administration costs decreased \$413,605 to \$6.1 million due to decreases in Council donations and grants, salary and benefit estimates, legal estimates and studies.
- Fire costs increased \$233,304 to \$3.8 million due to increased salary related items.
- Protection Services decreased overall by \$132,935 to \$1.7 million reflecting staffing level changes.
- Public Works and Transportation costs increased \$191,339 to \$7.0 million due to salary related items and increased transit costs.
- Parks, Recreation and Culture expenditures were the same as 2011 at \$4.4 million.
- Library costs decreased \$67,797 in salary related items.
- Planning and Development costs have increased \$28,315 to \$1.4 million. Increased legal estimates and decreased salary related items netted to the minor increase.

Total Capital Expenditures: \$9.8 million

The capital budget is comprised of one-time expenditures and projects such as vehicles and vehicle replacement, road construction, sewer renewal and building upgrades and acquisitions.

Road Construction\$ 5.2 million

including sidewalks, resurfacing, widenings and design. The Town will fund these projects from taxes (\$286,000) reserves (\$2.5 million) development charges (\$1.4 million), debentures (\$454,000) and other recoveries (\$560,000).

Parks, Recreation & Culture\$ 1.2 million

facilities upgrades, parks development and upgrades, equipment purchases, Kinsmen Park Tennis Court revitalization.

Fire Services\$ 0.3 million

equipment replacement and new fire hall.

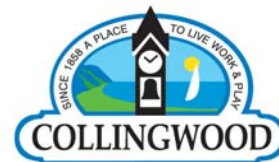
Administrative and Other\$ 0.6 million

Long Point Road Local Improvements\$ 1.0 million

Environmental Services.....\$ 1.0 million

plant upgrades and sewer renewal program.

Transit.....\$ 0.5 million



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**Town of Collingwood
2012 Tax Rates
Schedule "A" to by-law No. 2012-061**

DESCRIPTION	TAX CLASS	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	COUNTY TAX RATE	EDUCATION TAX RATE	TOTAL TAX RATE
Residential/Farm	RT	0.735257%	0.257387%	0.221000%	1.213644%
Multi-Residential	MT	1.131193%	0.395989%	0.221000%	1.748182%
Commercial Occupied	CT	0.920615%	0.322274%	1.260000%	2.502889%
Vacant Units/Excess Land	CU	0.644453%	0.225592%	0.882000%	1.752045%
Vacant Commercial Land	CX	0.644453%	0.225592%	0.882000%	1.752045%
Industrial Occupied	IT	1.131193%	0.395989%	1.590000%	3.117182%
Vacant Units/Excess Land	IU	0.735257%	0.257393%	1.033500%	2.026150%
Vacant Industrial Land	IX	0.735257%	0.257393%	1.033500%	2.026150%
Pipelines	PT	0.953334%	0.333728%	1.485479%	2.772541%
Farmlands	FT	0.183814%	0.064347%	0.055250%	0.303411%
Managed Forests	TT	0.183814%	0.064347%	0.055250%	0.303411%

NOTE:
Garbage collection and recycling fees are in addition to the taxes based on the above rates. Residential taxpayers will be charged \$155.00 per dwelling unit for these services.

Property classes for Shopping Centres, Commercial New Construction, Parking Lots, Office Buildings and the associated vacant and excess lands will pay taxes based on the rates as determined for the Commercial Property classes.

The Large Industrial property classes will pay taxes based on the rates as determined for the Industrial Property classes.

COSTS OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES FOR 2012

Using a sample home assessed at \$200,000, the total taxes payable will be \$2,582.28. Of this, \$442.00 is Education levy, \$514.77 is County levy and \$155.00 is Solid Waste Management. The Town portion of the levy is \$1,470.51. The chart below indicates the cost of each service to the sample household and the percentage that each service represents of the total 2012 budget.

