

About Your 2011 Property Taxes

Tax Rates for 2011

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| Total Municipal Budget | \$79.6 million |
| Total revenues from external sources | \$34.7 million |
| Total revenues from taxpayers | \$44.9 million |
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| County Levy | \$8.1 million |
| Solid Waste Management Levy | \$1.3 million |
| Education Levy | \$11.2 million |
| Municipal Purposes Levy | \$24.2 million |

Tax Rate Changes for Residential Property Owners: Note all rates have decreased

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| Municipal | 4.14% |
| Solid Waste Management (\$5.00) | 3.57% |
| County | 3.30% |
| Education | 4.15% |

For a property assessed at \$237,712 in 2011, 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 19, 2011 and October 21, 2011**

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 1.274725%, making the total taxes on the property \$2,549.55. You must then add the appropriate number of solid waste management charges of \$135.00 per dwelling unit. A home with only **one** dwelling unit will have a total payable of \$2,684.55. The 2010 tax payable for this same assessment was \$2,794.78.

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.

2011 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.

Highlights:

- Administration costs decreased \$272,764 to \$3.01 million due to decreases in Council donations and grants, FCM and AMO expenses, legal estimates and some salary related items.
- Fire costs increased \$225,248 to \$3.6 million due to increased salary and outfitting costs reflective of the increased staff compliment.
- Policing costs increased \$413,416 to \$5.5 million reflecting an increase in the contract with the OPP.
- Public Works and Transportation costs increased \$1 million to \$4.4 million due to increased debenture costs.
- Parks, Recreation and Culture which includes the Library increased \$316,040 to \$4.4 million reflecting increased staffing needs.
- Planning and Development costs have decreased \$424,931 to \$1.2 million due to reduced staffing levels.

Total Capital Expenditures: \$19.8 million

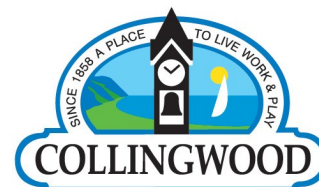
The capital budget is comprised of one-time expenditures and projects such as vehicles and vehicle replacement, road construction, sewer renewal and building upgrades and acquisitions.

Road Construction \$ 9.3 million including sidewalks, resurfacing, widenings and design. The Town will receive Provincial or other external funding of approximately \$6.4 million for these projects.

Parks, Recreation & Culture \$ 4.7 million facilities upgrades, parks development and upgrades, equipment purchases, Heritage Park revitalization

Environmental Services..... \$ 4.7 million plant upgrades and sewer replacement program.

Administrative and Other \$ 1.1 million



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**Town of Collingwood
2011 Tax Rates
Schedule "A" to by-law No. 2011- 077**

| DESCRIPTION | TAX CLASS | MUNICIPAL TAX RATE | COUNTY TAX RATE | EDUCATION TAX RATE | TOTAL TAX RATE |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Residential/Farm | RT | 0.778187% | 0.265538% | 0.231000% | 1.274725% |
| Multi-Residential | MT | 1.197240% | 0.408530% | 0.231000% | 1.836770% |
| Commercial Occupied | CT | 0.974368% | 0.332480% | 1.330000% | 2.636848% |
| Vacant Units/Excess Land | CU | 0.682081% | 0.232736% | 0.931000% | 1.845817% |
| Vacant Commercial Land | CX | 0.682081% | 0.232736% | 0.931000% | 1.845817% |
| Industrial Occupied | IT | 1.197240% | 0.408530% | 1.930000% | 3.535770% |
| Vacant Units/Excess Land | IU | 0.778187% | 0.265545% | 1.254500% | 2.298232% |
| Vacant Industrial Land | IX | 0.778187% | 0.265545% | 1.254500% | 2.298232% |
| Pipelines | PT | 1.008997% | 0.344297% | 1.542835% | 2.896129% |
| Farmlands | FT | 0.194547% | 0.066385% | 0.057750% | 0.318682% |
| Managed Forests | TT | 0.194547% | 0.066385% | 0.057750% | 0.318682% |
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NOTE:
Garbage collection and recycling fees are in addition to the taxes based on the above rates. Residential taxpayers will be charged \$135.00 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 2011

Using a sample home assessed at \$200,000, the total taxes payable will be \$2,684.55. Of this, \$486.00 is Education levy, \$531.18 is County levy and \$135.00 is Solid Waste Management. The Town portion of the levy is \$1,556.36 The chart below indicates the cost of each service to the sample household and the percentage that each service represents of the total 2011 budget.

