

Minutes of the regular meeting of council held Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 No. 1464 held in the Council Chambers at 34 Reid's Lane, Deer Lake, NL.

In attendance: Mayor Michael Goosney  
Deputy Mayor Melanie Young  
Councillor Amanda Freake  
Councillor Gordon Hancock  
Councillor Kerry Jones  
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald  
Councillor Brett Langdon

Also in attendance: Town Manager, Jason Young  
Town Clerk, Lori Humphrey  
Director of Recreation Community Services, Glynn Wiseman

Regular meeting of council called to order at 7:31 pm by Mayor Michael Goosney.

2024-0108-01, 2024 Budget

Councillor Amanda Freake/ Councillor Darren Fitzgerald  
Resolved to accept the 2024 Budget as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Michael Goosney  
Deputy Mayor Melanie Young  
Councillor Amanda Freake  
Councillor Gordon Hancock  
Councillor Kerry Jones  
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald  
Councillor Brett Langdon

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried





## TOWN OF DEER LAKE 2024 Tax Rates

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

1. Payment in full by March 31, 2024, accepted forms of payment are:
  - Cash, Cheque, Interact, Visa, MasterCard, Amex, On-line bill payments,
  - e-mail transfers: [deerlakeadmin@nf.aibn.com](mailto:deerlakeadmin@nf.aibn.com) (include account number or civic address in memo line)
2. Interest Free Payment Plan Options:
  - Pre-authorized debit transactions, Post dated Cheques, Pre-Authorized Credit Card payments.

NSF fees - \$25.00 (Interest will be reinstated if any of the above noted transactions are declined or returned NSF).

Sign up for E-Statements, email [deerlakeadmin@nf.aibn.com](mailto:deerlakeadmin@nf.aibn.com) with your account number or civic address.

**DISCOUNTS:**            3% - if paid by January 31, 2024            2% - if paid by February 28, 2024

**INTEREST:**            3 % compound monthly interest

**On an ongoing basis council will be enforcing the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and encourage you to set up equal payments or have the balance paid in full by March 31<sup>st</sup>, otherwise they shall take action against your property.**

**PROPERTY TAX**

**RESIDENTIAL:**  
Mil Rate..... 7.5 mils  
Minimum ..... \$495.00

**COMMERCIAL:**  
Mil Rate..... 8 mils  
Minimum ..... \$495.00

**WATER/SEWER TAX**

**RESIDENTIAL:**  
Water & Sewer..... \$448.00 per unit  
Water Only..... \$338.00 per unit  
Sewer Only..... \$110.00 per unit

**COMMERCIAL:**  
Water & Sewer  
Minimum ..... \$448.00 per unit  
Mil Rate  
Schools ..... 8 mils  
Provincial Government ..... 8 mils  
Car Wash ..... 4 mils  
Hotel/Motel ..... 2.3 mils  
Seniors Manor ..... 1.8 mils  
Restaurant/Takeout/Lounge ... 1.5 mils

Water Only..... \$338.00 per unit  
Sewer Only..... \$110.00 per unit

**BED & BREAKFAST:**  
Up to 6 rooms..... \$896.00  
More than 6 rooms..... \$1,344.00

**Other Water & Sewer Fees:**  
Hookup Fee..... \$1,000.00  
Water Only Hook-up..... \$500.00  
Sewer Only Hook-up..... \$500.00  
Water/Sewer turn on/off fee..... \$50.00  
After Hours Call Out..... \$110.00

**BUSINESS TAX**

**FOR BUSINESS TAX BASED ON ASSESSMENT:**  
Minimum ..... \$399.00

General Business..... 7.75 mils

Includes all categories except the following:  
Doctors/Dentist/Professionals..... 18.0 mils  
Banks ..... 140.0 mils  
Drug Stores..... 14.0 mils  
Car Rental Agencies..... 69.5 mils  
Aviation..... 10.0 mils  
Financial Services..... 17.0 mils  
Insurance Services..... 17.0 mils  
Hotels/Motel..... 11.0 mils  
Agriculture..... 5.5 mils  
Senior's Manor..... 6.5 mils  
Funeral Homes..... 16.0 mils  
Retail with Gas/Diesel ..... 20.0 mils  
Retail with Gas ..... 9.0 mils  
Grocery ..... 20.0 mils

**FOR BUSINESS TAX BASED ON REVENUE:**  
No Fixed Place of Business...1% of Gross Revenue  
Utilities/Cable Companies.. 2.5% of Gross Revenue

**DIRECT SELLERS TAX/VENDOR PERMIT:**  
Up to 4 months..... \$50.00 per month  
After 4 months..... \$399.00

**GARBAGE FEE**

Residential ..... \$165.00 per unit  
Apartment..... \$165.00 per unit  
Commercial..... \$165.00 per unit

5 bag limit – garbage (clear bags)  
5 bag limit – recycle (blue bags)  
\$1 per bag for extra bags, up to max. of 5 extra bags per week, must be purchased before garbage day.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE FEES**

Fire Protection ... \$65.00 per household  
Reidville Water ... \$147.70 per household

**ANIMAL CONTROL FEES**

License Fee (Lifetime of animal) ..... \$10.00

**Impounding Fee**  
1<sup>st</sup> offence...\$50.00    2<sup>nd</sup> offence...\$75.00    3<sup>rd</sup> offence...\$100.00  
Overnight Stay.....\$10.00 per night  
Disposal of Animal..... \$50.00

**OTHER**

Tax Certificates..... \$150.00 each  
Compliance Letters..... \$150.00 each  
Copies of Municipal Plan/Dev. Regulations..... \$25.00  
Letters of Confirmation..... \$150.00  
Information Requests..... \$100.00 per hour  
Printing/Coping..... \$5.00 per copy (lg)  
..... \$0.25 per copy (letter/legal size)  
Faxing..... \$2.00 per fax

Taxi Permits..... \$70.00 each  
Taxi License..... \$25.00 per year

Fire/Oxygen Inspection:    Commercial ..... \$50.00 per visit  
   Residential ..... \$30.00 per visit

**DEVELOPMENT**

**Residential Building Permits:**  
New Construction ..... \$1.00 per sq. m /gross floor area  
Extensions ..... \$1.00 per sq. m  
Accessory Buildings ..... \$1.00 per sq. m (Min. of \$50.00)  
Basement Apartments ..... \$1.00 per sq. m

**Renovations/Improvements:**  
Construction value less than \$5,000..... \$25.00  
Construction value over \$5,000..... \$50.00  
Swimming Pools..... \$50.00  
Fencing..... \$25.00

**Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Building Permit:**  
New Construction/Extensions \$4.25 per \$1,000 construction value  
Accessory Buildings..... \$4.25 per \$1,000 construction value  
Renovations/Improvements..... \$100.00  
Commercial – Other..... \$4.25 per \$1,000 construction value

**Other:**  
Installation of Signs..... \$50.00  
Demolition Permits..... \$25.00 minimum  
Subdivision Application Fee..... \$500.00  
Town Plan Amendment Fee..... \$400.00 minimum  
Zoning Amendment Fee..... \$100.00 minimum  
Non-Compliant Fee:    Commercial..... \$50.00 minimum  
   Residential..... \$25.00 minimum

**ALL TAXES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE BY MARCH 31, 2024**

2024-0108-03, 2024 Exemption Form

Councillor Amanda Freake / Councillor Gordon Hancock  
Resolved to accept the 2024 Exemption Form as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Michael Goosney  
Deputy Mayor Melanie Young  
Councillor Amanda Freake  
Councillor Gordon Hancock  
Councillor Kerry Jones  
Councillor Darren Fitzgerald  
Councillor Brett Langdon

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## MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR 2024

To Qualify:

- Must have a total annual income from the prior year (2023) of 18,500 or less (please see sliding scale below).
- Application must be for primary residential property only
- A copy of the previous year's tax return notice of assessment for all household members – which would include both property owners (husband, wife or Common-Law partners), must accompany this application.
- Deadline for receipt of applications is **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

NOTE: This exemption applies **ONLY** to the current property tax. Any property owner with tax arrears will not be eligible for this discount unless they make a minimum payment of \$200 per year towards the tax arrears.

If approved, exemption will not be applied to the account until the Payment for the taxes owed is paid in full. **The exemption does not include Tipping fees, this fee (\$165) must be paid.**

Council reserves the right to approve applications on an individual basis and may not necessarily decline those who only meet one criteria.

### SLIDING SCALE

Annual Income Level	To Pay (Property Tax)
\$0.00 - \$13,500.00	\$200

\$13,501.00 - \$14,500.00	\$225
\$14,501.00 - \$15,500.00	\$250
\$15,501.00 - \$16,500.00	\$275
\$16,501.00 - \$18,500.00	\$300

2024-0108-03 Adjournment

Councillor Amanda Freake

Resolved that since there is no further business that the meeting adjourns at 7:43 pm. Next Meeting scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

In Favor:

Mayor Michael Goosney  
Deputy Mayor Melanie Young  
Councillor Amanda Freake  
Councillor Gordon Hancock  
Councillor Kerry Jones  
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Mayor Michael Goosney



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Lori Humphrey, Town Clerk