

THE MUNICIPALITY OF DIGBY HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

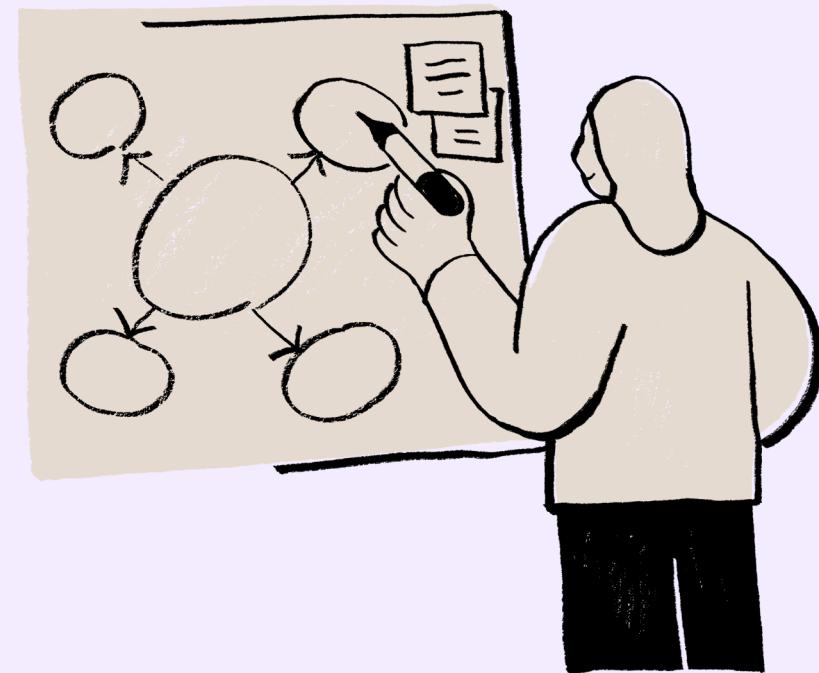


Council approved an operating budget of \$12,844,185 with no increase in the tax rate for the 19th consecutive year.

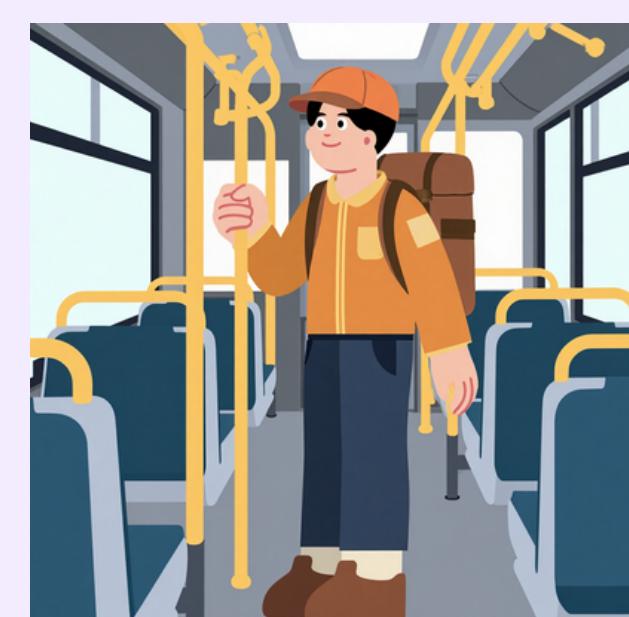


Increased our community grants program amount from 1% of total revenue to 1.5% which will result in an additional \$63,000, for a total of \$189,000 each year, towards community grants. In 2025, we approved approximately \$112,000 in community grants, which support non-profit organizations and goes towards festivals, events, housing, recreation, tourism, food banks, and many other programs.

Council approved the Strategic Plan. This included a focus on advocacy and partnerships, with priorities such as fire services, transit, recreation, economic development, asset management, and shared services.

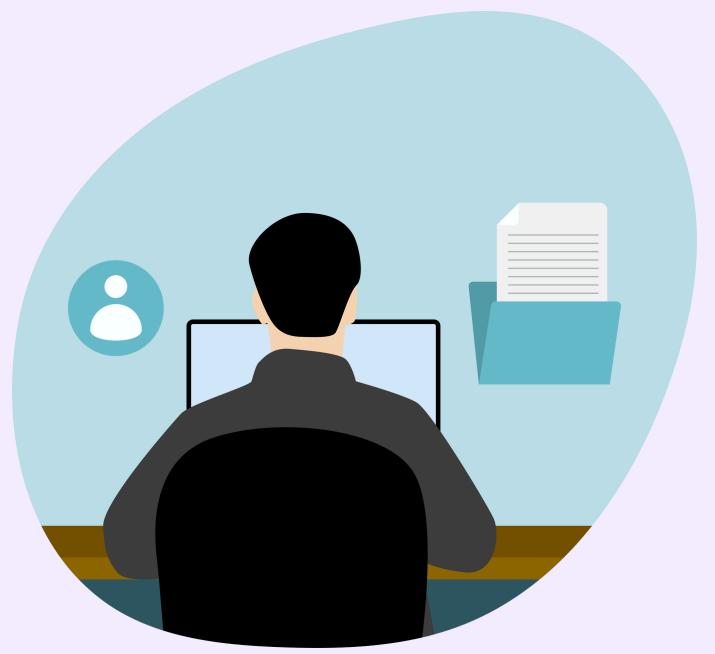


Negotiated a new transit agreement to become a core partner of Kings Transit. The new agreement reduced our costs by approximately 42% on operational and 90% on capital. We received higher than market value for the bus we previously owned.



Agreed to provide free transit days moving forward during Scallop Days, Lobster Bash, Wharf Rat Rally, and for the two weeks leading up to Christmas.

Chief Administrative Officer Tyler Pulley was hired in January. He brought with him five years of senior management experience as Deputy CAO. Prior to that he was a lawyer for five years.





Hired Chris Kingston as the Director of Municipal Services in April. He is a professional engineer and land surveyor with eight years of experience.

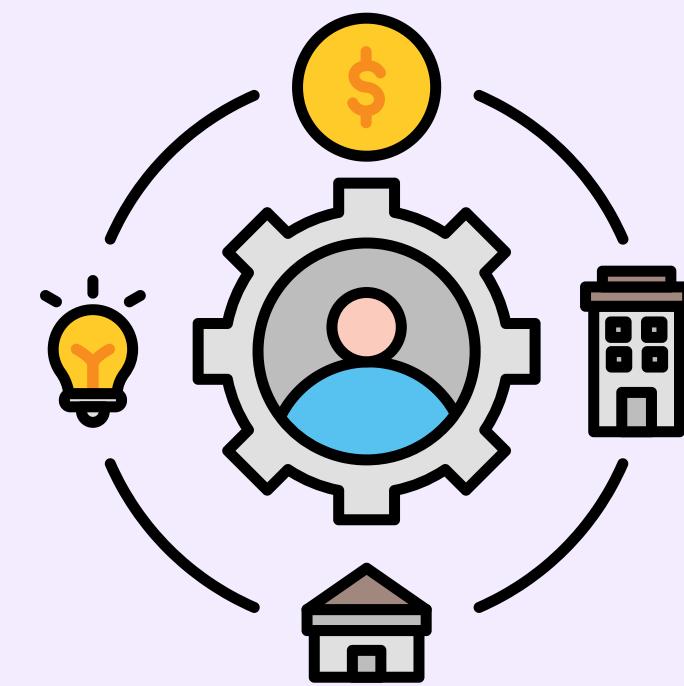
Provided approximately \$900,000 towards fire services. This includes funding for operating grants, radio licenses, dispatch services, suppression foam, WCB insurance, dry hydrants, and insurance.



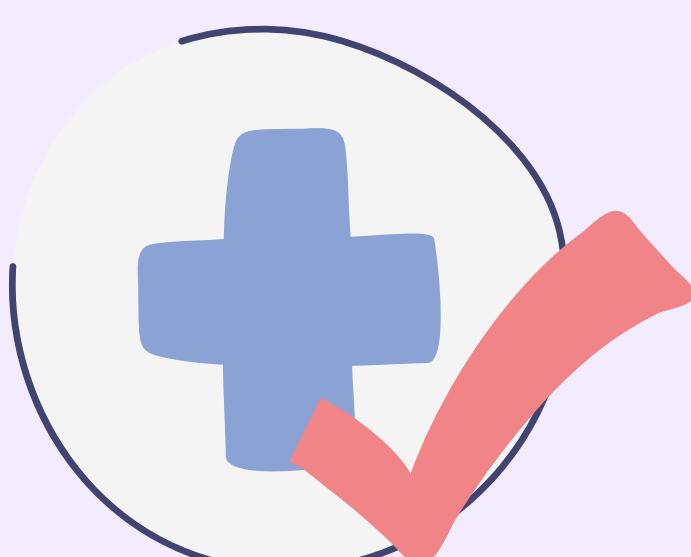
Increased the low-income tax exemption income level so more residents qualify.



Created the Fire Services Coordinator role, and Bruce Snell, who is also our REMO Coordinator, was hired. This role was created to assist the fire departments in our area and provide support as needed.



Transferred \$1,000,000 to the capital reserve from the operating reserve surplus. This will be used towards our asset management and the considerable capital contributions that will be needed for the upcoming end of life assets.



Continued to be a funding partner in the Community Navigator Program, which works to attract and retain health professionals in our area.

Moved the Development Officer role in house. This role was previously done by a consultant and this new arrangement will better serve our residents. Our consultant will still assist with subdivisions and with the Planning Advisory Committee.



Hired Cory Rice as Building Inspector in April. He is a red seal certified carpenter with over 15 years of experience.

Executed a new agreement with the Western Regional Enterprise Network, to promote and support business and economic development.



Executed a five-year agreement with Digby Salvage & Disposal for the collection of solid waste.

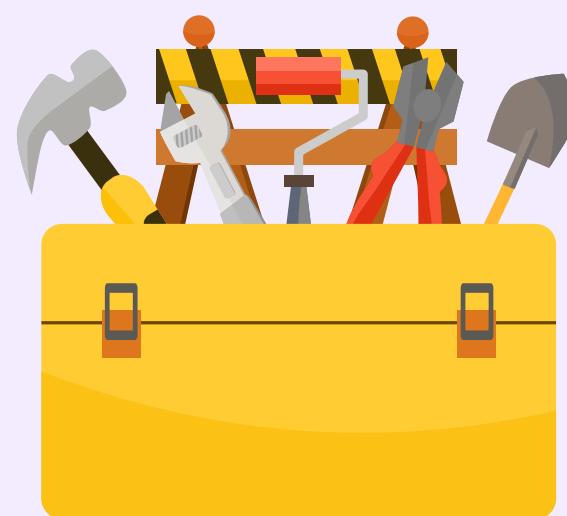


Council approved an Anti-Racism and Equity Plan and an updated Accessibility Plan.



Received \$60,000 through the provincial REMO Capacity Grant Program towards the installation of a generator at the municipal office and the purchase of TMR radios.

Completed several capital projects including for recreation, lighthouses, emergency management, and accessibility.



Received \$37,452 through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and \$18,990 from the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage towards engineering and design work at Balancing Rock trail.



Executed an Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement with the Town of Digby and the Municipality of Clare to create a Digby County EMO.

Implemented a water voucher program, providing bottled water to residents whose wells had run low or dry. We distributed 2,247 water vouchers in total.



Extended producer responsibility for residential recycled materials took effect in December and we executed contracts with Circular Materials. This has reduced our costs for solid waste collection by approximately 33%