

Minutes of the regular meeting of council held Monday, January 8th, 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 (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 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 31st deadline and encourage you to set up equal payments or have the balance paid in full by March 31st, 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

1st offence...\$50.00 2nd offence...\$75.00 3rd 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

In favor 7; opposed 0. Carried

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 1st, 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 22nd, 2024.

In Favor:

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



Lori Humphrey, Town Clerk