

# News Release

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## Wolfville's budget commits to safer streets

In alignment with the priorities set out in their Strategic Plan and detailed community feedback, Wolfville's Council has delivered a balanced budget with increased funding for safer streets, plus on-going support of community programs and services.

"It's going to be a busy construction season," explained Wolfville's Mayor, Jodi MacKay. "We're ready to start on the East Main Street repaving project and there's more to come."

The 2026-27 Town of Wolfville Operating Budget was approved with revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$16,986,543. The capital budget came in at \$17,957,103.

A two-cent increase was approved by Council to boost capital reserves to fund the long list of improvements the community has been advocating for. The residential tax rate was approved at \$1.4855 per hundred dollars of assessment. For the average household in Wolfville, this means an increase around \$73 dollars each year.

The commercial tax rate was set at \$3.5855 per hundred dollars of commercial assessment.

"Increasing the rate was not an easy decision for Council but this is how we will cover the costs of improvements in the years to come," Mayor MacKay explained.

The new budget commits over \$5 million in road investments including the East Main repaving project, University Avenue repaving, curb, and sidewalk work on West Main Street and a rebuild of Earnscliffe Avenue. The full details can be found in the Town's Operations Plan.

The budget supports pedestrian safety and tackles traffic snarls with a new pilot program that will see crossing guards at Main and University during the academic season. Additional traffic calming initiatives will also be installed and tested through the Town.

Programs like Wolfville's Afterschool Program, the Maple Avenue Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Site, Environmental Summer Camps, The Recreation Hub and Soups and Sides continue to be funded by the Town.

"This budget improves the health of our infrastructure and grows programs and services to support the wellbeing of all members of our community," Mayor MacKay said. "I encourage

everyone to take some time to review the operations plan to get an idea of the work we will be undertaking this year.”

Full budget documents and the 26/27 Operations Plan can be viewed at [Wolfville.ca](http://Wolfville.ca).

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