

**2021 Clarenville Pre-Budget Consultation** 



### INTRODUCTION

2020 has been a year of uncertainty. COVID 19 restrictions continue and the economic fallout of the pandemic have been difficult for the people of Clarenville. This has been compounded by a contraction in many of the industries, both big and small, that our town and its families depend on for their livelihoods. Within this environment the Town has done its part by helping people and businesses navigate the challenges by extending tax due dates. As 2021 approaches, we are preparing for an extended period of continued uncertainty, before things begin to return to normal.

### **OUR PROGRESS IN 2020**

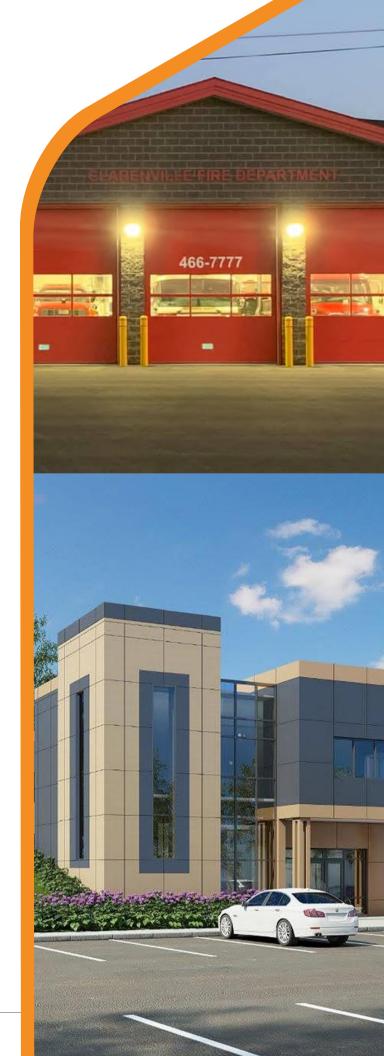
We are pleased to report that the majority of the planning that took place in 2019 has come to fruition.







We have made significant investments in long-lived infrastructure like new road network improvements, a new fire hall, redevelopment of the Town Hall, improvements to parks and trails, and improvements to business and operational processes. These are designed to ensure the highest quality of life for residents and keep Clarenville in the forefront for attracting new residents and new businesses.



### **OUR 2020 BUDGET**

For reference, below is an overview of the Town of Clarenville's 2020 budget. Like all town's, Clarenville must balance its budget each year.

### **Town of Clarenville**

2020 Planned Expenditures (In Thousands of \$)

	2020	% Change Year-over-year	2019
General Administration	\$1,459.83	2.66%	\$1,421.98
Fire and Protective Services	\$388.32	7.42%	\$361.50
Transportation Services Environmental Health	\$2,622.29 \$1,558.39	4.10% -6.98%	\$2,519.00 \$1,675.33
Planning and Development	\$188.95	14.90%	\$164.45
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$1,154.52	1.65%	\$1,135.78
Fiscal Services Total Planned Spending	\$4,110.72 \$11,483.02	3.39% 2.03%	\$3,976.08 \$11,254.13
Increase over previous year	2.03%		1.83%



### **Town of Clarenville**

2020 Planned Revenues (In Thousands of \$)

Revenue Residential Property Tax Commercial Property Tax Business Tax Water and Sewer	2020 %° \$3,846.18 \$1,123.70 \$2,072.90 \$1,716.50	0.51% 3.23% 0.02% -0.20%	2019 \$3,826.50 \$1,088.50 \$2,072.50 \$1,720.00
Contribution to Debt Servicing Other Revenue Recreation Revenue Poll Tax Revenue	\$876.80 \$534.80 \$497.60 \$250.00	0.00% 78.74% -6.11% -7.41%	\$876.80 \$299.20 \$530.00 \$270.00
Gas Tax Revenue (Federal)  Operating Grant (Provincial)  Total Planned Revenue  Increase over previous year	\$331.28 \$233.26 \$11,483.02 2.03%	-1.81% 0.00% 2.03%	\$337.37 \$233.26 \$11,254.13







## **OUR CHALLENGES FOR 2021 & BEYOND**

- COVID 19
- ► Financing the replacement of the Shoal Harbour Causeway Bridge
- Increasing costs of providing services
- Slowed growth
- Economic concerns in the business community
- ▶ Job/Industry uncertainty
- Reduced provincial & federal government capacity/spending
- Reduction in the pace of development/housing/building permits



# PLOTTING OUR PATH FORWARD

As a progressive town, our goal is continued managed growth, highlighting Clarenville as a preferred location to do business, live and work. This includes:

- A commitment to managed strategic investment in our community
- ▶ The provision of the services that people expect in a growing community
- ▶ Professional municipal management
- A commitment to people & place.
  Retention and attraction of residents and businesses (community & economic development)



## YOUR SUGGESTIONS & FEEDBACK



As a Council, we would like to hear your suggestions on what you feel Clarenville needs to focus on, what improvements can be made and what Innovative strategies we could advance to achieve our community's goals.

We invite your feedback through to **Wednesday, November 18, 2020.** This information is being collected for the purpose of obtaining your views to help inform the 2021 budget process. To protect your privacy, please do not include your name or information that could identify you in your responses.

### ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM

An Online Pre-Budget Consultation Feedback Form is available by clicking the link below. Simply answer all questions and submit the form. The form will then be submitted to our Finance committee.

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM

### **OTHER WAYS TO ENGAGE**

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