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Budget 2025: caution is key in Shediac

Shediac (NB) – The Municipal Council of the Town of Shediac unanimously adopted its 2025 budget at a special meeting held on November 25. Despite the town's strong financial position, council members wish to be fiscally cautious by reducing the base tax rate by \$0.015 to \$1.4334 per \$100 of assessment. Council members are also looking to cut the tax rate further over the next few years.

“Shediac has experienced steady growth over the past few years, but the consensus around the council table is that it's important to maintain some financial stability,” says Shediac Mayor Roger Caissie.

Following the Province of New Brunswick's local governance reform in 2023, the Town of Shediac conducted a thorough assessment of the level of shared services between the new territories and the former Town of Shediac. The result was a scenario that represents the exact share of services offered to the new wards in Shediac, specifically the former local service districts of Pointe-du-Chêne, Shediac Cape, Scoudouc and Scoudouc Road. Following the adjustment plan put forward by the province, a slight increase of \$0.05 will be added to the tax rate for the year 2025 for these territories.

The Town of Shediac must assume responsibility for new services for the new wards in 2025, including weekly garbage collection and the management of municipal by-laws such as animal control and the management of dangerous and unsightly premises,” says Roger Caissie. In addition, the municipality will continue its work to offer more services, by extending the scope of several other municipal by-laws over the next few years.”

The year 2025 will enable the Lobster Capital of the World to better position itself for future municipal projects. A series of infrastructure projects will take effect during the year, including the construction of a new trunk sewer line and the development and improvement of certain streets. Phase 2 of the Breaux Bridge Street extension project is scheduled to begin in the coming year, extending the Town's new main artery to Ohio Road. Breaux Bridge Street will end up between the Kent building supplies store and the Shediac Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment. Infrastructure work will also be carried out on Calder Street.

“The new trunk sewer line project will give our municipality new options for new developments near Ohio Road and Highway 15,” says Mayor Caissie. The extension of Breaux Bridge Street, a project



that has been on the drawing board for over 50 years, is also a key project, since it will give residents easier access to the city from Ohio Road. Not to mention that for residents of this area, access to the highway will be facilitated with this extension.”

The project for the new fire station continues and is scheduled for completion before the end of 2025. The project has been in development for several years and was launched in 2024. It is a major project costing almost \$10 million.

The operating budget for the year 2025 is just over \$25.3 million, and the Town of Shediac's actual warrant is over \$22.5 million.

The municipality's budget deliberations were held during special meetings on November 13, 14 and 25, 2024. At these meetings, Shediac's municipal council also decided to maintain the rate for water service at the same level as in recent years. The rate remains at \$365 per unit per year, with a \$34 rebate available if the user pays his bill by March 31, 2025.

The municipality's councillors also believe it is important to enable citizens to remain active by investing more in the town's infrastructure.

“Last year, the municipality consulted its residents to pinpoint their visions of what a new recreation center might look like in the future,” says Caissie. Council members want to continue this work in 2025 by identifying all aspects related to the feasibility of this project, including the evaluation of the municipality's fiscal capacity and the development of a business plan.”

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