



Mayor's Message

Although late arriving, winter brought lots of snow. That creates snow clearing issues. We understand the frustration of clearing driveways only to have them filled in again by the plow. Unfortunately this cannot be avoided. Our operators do a superb job under some difficult circumstances. For a community our size, we have a large number of streets and side streets that need to be cleared and a small number of machines and workers to do the clearing. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

Mill Rate Reduced from 8.75 to 7.25mill

The Provincial Government has a system in place for Municipalities to raise revenue. That system is a tax on property values. Owners of residential property with higher value pay the higher tax. The property assessment values that homeowners received from the Municipal Assessment Agency in the fall of 2012 are the basis for the Town's tax. The recent assessments saw an average increase for properties in Glovertown of over 30%.

The Town has a responsibility to balance the cost of services with this substantial increase in property values. The only control the town has is over the mill rate. As a result, this year, the Town has been able to reduce the residential mill rate from 8.75mill to 7.25mill. (1 mill is \$1.00 for each \$1000.00 value) In spite of this reduction, some property owners will see their taxes increase considerably, while others will see no increase at all, or in a few rare cases their taxes will go down. This is the result of some property assessments staying the same while others went up by as much as 60%, with an overall average increase of 30%. Those whose assessed value did not increase will see a reduction in taxes as a result of the mill rate reduction.

Waste Management Costs Increasing

Central Waste Management, with their new garbage truck, has been collecting our garbage since November. The cost of this collection system has to be paid by the home owners and this is in addition to the \$100.00 tipping fee (the handling cost from our transfer station to Norris Arm) introduced last year. Although the tipping fees are not as high as originally thought, the cost of pick-up, is an additional \$66,600.00 annually. To cover the difference between this new cost and the savings on the tipping fees each homeowner is being charged an additional \$50.00. We see this new cost itemized on our tax bill from the Town. The town is responsible for collecting all fees and paying Central Waste Management. Every homeowner will pay the extra fee regardless of property value.

THM's (Trihalomethanes)

There has been some discussion lately in the media about concern for health and THM's. THM's or trihalomethanes are chemical compounds that are formed when water is disinfected with chlorine. Chlorine reacts with organic matter in water and for this reason THM's are common in surface water supplies in Canada. The acceptable level of THM's in drinking water in Canada is set by Health Canada and is 100 micrograms of THM's per liter of water. There is concern among some experts that THM's may pose a risk in the development of cancer.

Glovertown's level at the last check was 74 micrograms of THM's per liter, well within acceptable limits. This is part of the regular water testing that is done.

Community EVENTS

Ice show
March 15th & 16th

Female U12 Provincials
March 22nd, 23rd & 24th

Crimestoppers
2nd Annual
Fun Dog Show,
April 28, 2-4 pm,
Glovertown Gardens

Crime Stoppers
1 800 222 tips (8477)

We want your information not your name.

Budget Highlights

Water and Sewer Tax – no change
Commercial Property Tax – reduced from 9.5 to 9.0 mills
Business Tax – no change
Minimum Property Tax - \$350.00 (no change)
Residential Property Tax Revenue - \$677,809.00
Commercial Property Tax Revenue - \$72,150.00
Business Tax Revenue- \$147,250.00
Residential Water and Sewer revenue - \$334,152.00

Total Budget - \$1,943,212.00 (Budget for 2012 was 1,909,457.00)

New for 2013 is a water and sewer fee for vacant land of \$1.00 per foot of frontage with a minimum of \$50.00.

Other items of note:

New Town Website

With financial assistance from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, a new website for Glovertown has been developed. In addition to the regular information for visitors and residents there is a Community Profile section. This is meant to answer questions about Glovertown and the surrounding area that a potential resident or business might ask. It highlights the positive things about living here or starting a business here. The web site can be viewed at www.glovertown.net.



Recreation Building Nearing Completion

Over the past several months, with the assistance of a Job Creation Partnership Program from the Provincial Government, the old Recreation Building has been taken down and a new one constructed nearby. It should be ready for use this spring.

Town Center

Council, with the help of The Economic Development Officer, Colin Heffernan, has set up a committee to plan for a “town centre” development in Glovertown. In the fall, many of the businesses were contacted to come together to discuss this proposal and to gauge support. Fifteen businesses were present with several others indicating support but unable to attend. It was agreed that a funding proposal would be developed through Colin, and presented to government funding agencies. A consultant would do the study and bring back a report of the plan and the costs involved.

The concept is to develop, in a part of town, (perhaps from the Town Hall to Glovertown Pharmacy) an area that would be walker-friendly, have tourist information, have cultural/heritage information and business information. Anyone coming into town would come to this area to gain insight into what services etc. were available in town. There could be a series of panels with information, lighting, small green spaces and flowers etc. that would beautify the area.

The business community, throughout town, would develop a consistent look, based on the Town Center concept, for all businesses. The proposal should be ready for submission to Government by early March.



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