



# St. Alban's, NL Strong Roots



## Budget Circular - 2014

### Budget 2014 - Introduction

### Town of St. Alban's

**Dear Residents, Stakeholders and Taxpayers:**

**“A Proud History and Hometown Strong”**

In this “Budget Circular” you will find information on your town’s budget for this year, as reviewed and adopted by your Town Council.



The budget for 2014 is \$1,129,977. There will be no changes in tax rates and fees for 2014.

The budget includes financing expenditures for the acquisition of a new loader for snow clearing acquired very late in 2013 in advance of the snow clearing season. Also included is the town’s debt servicing for the town’s portion of past and recent years capital works projects, and the proposed phase 3 (\$1,570,000) for 2014-2015 of the water service upgrades, as submitted under 2014-2015 capital works program. If approved, the town’s share of that project and thus debt is \$157,000.

The debt service ratio of the town is 8% and the acceptable threshold is 40%. That is, for every dollar in expenditures 8 cents goes toward serving debt for capital investment loans (treatment plant, water supply, lift stations, equipment, etc.). There are some past loans covered by the province (water supply, paving, recreation, etc.) that are not a part of the town’s liability. Most of the projects on the books as referenced above pertain to maintaining and trying to keep pace with aging infrastructure such as water service upgrade projects of recent years.

There are many priorities and long term considerations to be made. In 2014, Council plans on looking beyond the current year budget as to potential future priorities and potential feasible options. Much of this will be accomplished by committees of Council that would bring forward recommendations to the entire Council.

Most Sincerely and Respectfully,

**Jamie LeRoux**

Mayor

### 2014 Tax Rates

Residential Property	8.5 mills
Minimum Tax	\$200
Commercial Property	8.5 mills
Minimum Tax	\$200
Residential Water and Sewage	\$444
Commercial Water and Sewage	Varied
Municipal Service/Poll Tax	\$200
Business Tax	Varied

### 2014 Permits

Commercial Over \$500,000	\$5,000
Under \$500,000 to \$250,000	\$1,500
Under \$250,000 to \$100,000	\$500
Under \$100,000 and Under	\$250
Minor Repairs to Business	\$55
Minor Repairs to Residential	\$15
Major Repairs to Residential	\$20
Extension to Residential	\$30
Construction of Sheds	\$30
Construction of Homes	\$55



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#### EXPENDITURES

<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	
Remuneration for Councillors	20,000
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Burden	148,299
Travel and Meetings	16,500
Supplies	11,000
Purchased Services (Hydro, Phone, Postage, Copy, etc.)	44,900
Professional Services (Auditor, Survey, Legal, etc.)	21,730
Insurance (Property, Liability, Travel, etc.)	31,105
Elections/Bi-Elections	1,500
Property Assessment Services (Assessment Agency Fee)	25,000
General Maintenance (Salaries, Supplies, Garage, etc.)	50,381
Professional Development and Training	18,009
Public Relations (Donations, Cleanup, Promotion, etc.)	5,000
<u>PROTECTION SERVICES</u>	
Fire Protection (Supplies, Equipment, etc.)	16,630
<u>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES</u>	
Vehicle Fleet Operation/Main. (Lease, Supplies, etc.)	56,300
Streets/Roads (Salaries, Supplies, Material, Signs, etc.)	100,567
Snow Removal (Salaries, Supplies, Salt, Fuel, Tires, etc.)	99,567
Street Lighting (Hydro)	12,000
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</u>	
Water Supply (Supplies, Hydro, etc.)	92,160
Sewage Collection and Disposal (Pumps, Hydro, etc.)	45,000
Garbage Collection Disposal (Tender, Equip. Hire, etc.)	65,000
<u>RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES</u>	
Recreation Administration (Salaries, Supplies, etc.)	37,205
Heritage Committee (Supplies, etc.)	1,500
Recreation Facilities (Ball Field, Hydro Playground, etc.)	10,300
<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>	
Municipal Annual Debt Charges Payment	83,844
Provincial Annual Debt Charges Payment	31,354
Provision for Uncollectible Taxes, Fees, & Charge	9,000
Capital Expenditures Out Of Revenue Transfer	14,155
Gas Tax Transfer	60,471
Bank Charges & Other Fiscal Services	1,800
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,129,977</b>
Budget Categories Defined By Municipal Affairs.	

#### **Budget Highlights:**

New Loader, Retain Backhoe, Street Signs, Phase III Project of Water Service Upgrade, Additional Bunker Suits & Pagers for Fire Department, Town Cleanup, and Ball Field Development. The forgoing represents incremental or notable costs which are capital expenditures and/or projects totaling investments of nearly \$2 million (if Phase III Project of Water Service Upgrade is approved under Municipal Affairs 2014-2015 Capital Works Program). Funding is also being sought for more lift station upgrading (in addition to that in progress).

#### REVENUES

<u>TAXES</u>	
Residential Property	294,030
Commercial/Non-Residential Property	50,437
Residential Water And Sewage	230,880
Commercial/Non-Residential Water And Sewage	24,597
Municipal Service/Poll	14,600
Business	143,803
Utility	45,000
<u>SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES</u>	
Tipping Fees	6,000
<u>OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE</u>	
Rental Income and Other Revenue	26,200
<u>GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS</u>	
Municipal Operating Grant	202,605
Provincial Portion of Debt Charges	31,354
Gas Tax	60,471
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,129,977</b>
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#### 2014 Tipping Fees

Pickup Truck Load	\$15 + HST
Dump Truck Load	\$60 + HST
Tandem Truck Load	\$85 + HST
Demolition Waste - Dump	\$60 + HST
Demolition Waste - Tandem	\$85 + HST
Semi Dump	\$105 + HST

#### 2014 Business Mill Rates

Banks	105 mills
Air Service	90 mills
Boat Building	50 mills
All Other Commercial	30 mills
Hotels/Accommodations	15 mills
Personal Care Homes	10 mills
Minimum Business Tax	\$200
Utilities and Cable TV	2.5% of Gross Rev.
No Fixed Place/Address	.2% of Gross Rev.