

# SHAPE YOUR CITY BUDGET

## Budget FAQs



## HOW DOES YOUR MUNICIPAL TAX BILL COMPARE TO OTHER HOUSEHOLD BILLS?

For example, your household communications bill...

**Paid by the average Canadian family - \$185 / month or \$2,220 / year<sup>1</sup>**

### Services Provided:

- Mobile phone
- Home phone
- Internet services
- TV subscriptions

## MUNICIPAL TAX BILL...

**For average home in the Halifax region - \$143 / month or \$1,715 / year**

### Services Provided...

#### PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- Police response
- Crime prevention
- Traffic safety and enforcement
- Fire and rescue response
- Fire and injury education and prevention
- Disaster preparedness and response
- School crossing guards

#### COMMUNITY AND RECREATION SERVICES

- Recreation (facilities and programs)
- Community by-laws, licenses, grants
- Libraries
- Arts, entertainment and culture
- Community relations
- Compliance enforcement
- Public transit and Access-a-Bus

#### INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

- Roadway construction and maintenance (local and regional streets, bridges and sidewalks)
- Snow removal and ice control, including in parks and trails
- Transportation planning and traffic management
- Solid waste (garbage) collection and disposal (landfill)
- Recycling and waste minimization
- Parks and urban forestry (parks, athletic fields, playgrounds, natural areas, winter amenities)
- City beautification (public gardens/landscaping, litter collection, street cleaning)
- Industrial parks
- Community environmental and energy sustainability projects

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Regional planning
- Development approval, building permits and inspections
- Neighbourhood revitalization
- Economic development
- Heritage conservation
- Cemeteries
- Property asset management

#### GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Financial planning and services
- Procurement
- Information technology
- Legal services
- Human Resources
- Corporate Communications
- Office of the Municipal Clerk and Council Support

<sup>1</sup> Source: CRTC report - Communication Monitoring Report September 2013