



Rural Community of Hanwell
Proposed Budget
2022

As per the *Local Governance Act S. 99(2)* each year on or before the date set by regulation, a local government shall adopt by resolution and submit to the Minister for approval in the form provided by the Minister:

- (a) an estimate of the money required for the operation of the local government.
- (b) the amount of that estimate to be raised on the local government tax base.
- (c) the rate at which the amount referred to in paragraph (b) is to be raised.

2021 has once again been a difficult year for many of our residents and business owners as the pandemic continues to challenge us in many ways. This year many residents and business owners saw an increase in their assessments due to the increase in the housing market. In Hanwell the increases in assessment set by the province averaged between 8 to 10.5%. Due to the pandemic and rising costs of living, and the increase in assessments Council felt it was important to keep the municipal tax rate the same or to lower it; we are pleased to present the 2022 proposed budget with a decrease in the tax rate as follows:

2020 Tax Rate for Non-Streetlights	\$0.3984
2021 Tax Rate for Non-Streetlights	\$0.3950
2022 Tax Rate for Non-Streetlights	\$0.3750
2020 Tax Rate for Streetlights	\$0.4218
2021 Tax Rate for Streetlights	\$0.4190
2022 Tax Rate for Streetlights	\$0.3986

The 2022 budget is to be submitted to the Minister no later than November 15, 2022 therefore a Special Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday November 10th to adopt the 2022 budget.

I am pleased to present you the Proposed Hanwell Budget for 2022 as follows, if you have questions, please contact me at tparker@hanwell.nb.ca or contact your Council.

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General Government Services: This section details salaries of Council and staff, expenses related to the municipal office, communications, insurance, and grants & donations. Cost of living salary increases are estimated at 4.5%.

Increase from \$624,182 to \$656,380 (5.75% increase)

Legislative: Increase from \$95,049 to \$103,550 due to council salary of cost of living plus 2%.

Common Services: Increased from \$122,203 to \$135,930 due to an increase in the Cost of Assessment (\$12,028) figure that we receive from the province. This section also includes the cost for the Hanwell Herald, website, and brochures that are done for socials, recreation events and public notices.

Office/Municipal Building: Slight decrease from \$109,830 to \$109,380. There is an increase due to the computer upgrades to enhance our cyber security, the purchase of a commercial floor scrubber, but a decrease in furniture and fixtures as the municipal office is now fully furnished.

Administration: Decreased from \$201,655 to \$194,800 due to change in two staffing positions; staff will receive salary increases (minimum cost of living), and there is a decrease in legal and audit services.

Other General Admin: Increased from \$71,695 to \$79,720 due to an increase in payroll expenses, WorksafeNB and membership dues.

Other General Government Services: Increased from \$23,750 to \$33,000 for donations to individuals/groups in Hanwell and insurance premiums increasing due to additional equipment and properties purchased.

Protective-Transportation-Environmental Services: This section details fire protection, streetlighting, garbage & recycling collection.

****Policing, Transportation (Roads, Culverts etc) and Animal Control are under the jurisdiction of the province, the municipal tax does not include these services.*

Increase from \$972,078 to \$1,062,587 (9.31% increase)

Protective Services: Increased from \$540,043 to \$617,677 due to an increase in Fire Protection Services. Fire service expenses are shared between the province and Hanwell, and they dictate the cost which resulted in a 15.9% increase for 2022.

Council is pleased to announce that a ladder truck was purchased for our fire station in Hanwell, in the amount of \$137,500 + HST. The funds had been saved for a few years so there was no

impact on the budget for 2021 or 2022. The truck will be a great asset for the Hanwell school, the Radisson hotel as well as the business/industrial park.

Transport Services: Decreased from \$68,000 to \$66,500- A contract was awarded in 2021 to Stantec to do a feasibility study on transportation services that are currently under the authority of the province. There was a decrease to consulting fees and \$10,000 was budgeted in 2022 for any possible follow-up resulting from the study. There was an increase in street lighting (potential lights on new streets and or additional homes).

Environmental Services: Increase from \$364,035 to \$378,410 due to a slight increase in Solid Waste Collection (garbage collection), tipping fees and recycling collection; averaging the cost of living.

Environmental Development: This section details development services in the community such as the services at the Regional Service Commission 11 (RSC11) to issue building permits, rezoning, tender processing, development as well as studies that may be necessary, and economic development.

Decrease from \$231,743 to \$205,705 (11% decrease)

Local Planning (RSC11)- Increase from \$164,743 to \$168,705

Comprehensive Water Study- With the growth of the business/industrial park, the school, and the hotel Council feels it is necessary to conduct a study of the Hanwell water to ensure that growth can continue. A budget of \$10,000 is proposed for 2022 a decrease from \$50,000 in 2021.

Economic Development- \$15,000 is budgeted for regional economic development (Ignite Fredericton).

Recreation & Cultural Services: This section details staffing/community centre expenses (repairs & maintenance, grounds, furniture, snow removal) as well as all expenses related to the parks and trails and recreation expenses. Hanwell acquired the Ralph Gorman Playground in 2021 and the Brookdale Park is in the final steps of being transferred to Hanwell. Council is also proposing to purchase additional property for community parks within Hanwell.

Increase from \$343,999 to \$472,273 (37% increase)

Staffing/Community Centre- Increased from \$99,950 to \$140,400 due increase in salaries, additional summer students/staff as well this section includes furniture and fixtures, and repairs and maintenance of the community centre.

Parks & Trails- Increased from \$47,000 to \$95,000 due an additional \$50,000 budgeted for maintenance/labour contract for the trails and a slight decrease in equipment costs.

Sports & Recreation User Fees- Increased from \$164,049 to \$182,648. This is a set rate that is based on 3 cents of the tax rate and given to the City of Fredericton.

Recreation & Leisure- Decreased from \$33,000 to \$30,225. In 2022 there is a \$4500 reduction in civic relations (tree lighting) and flags/poles, as they are currently installed.

Fiscal Services- This section details loan payments for the fire station and Hanwell Place (community centre/municipal office) as well as capital projects.

Decrease from \$254,462 to \$184,590 (27.4% decrease)

Capital Projects- \$40,000 is budgeted in 2022 for capital projects. There are capital projects that are being considered by Council, however these projects will be funded through the Canada Community Building Fund (former Gas Tax Fund); these are funds that are given to the municipality by the Federal government. For the 2019-2023 fiscal period Hanwell will receive \$2,324,407, there are requirements on the spending of these funds therefore in Hanwell the majority of these funds are used for recreation purposes as we can't use them on brownfield redevelopment, public transit, airports, drinking/wastewater

Revenue: This section details the amount needed to operate the services in Hanwell. Once the revenue generated is determined the remaining balance comes from the municipal tax warrant, or the tax rate, therefore in 2022 it is proposed that for every \$100 of the assessed value of your property you will pay **\$0.3750** (for those homes with no streetlights) and **\$0.3986** (for homes with streetlights)

Revenue Generated from own sources- \$248,541

Municipal Tax Warrant- \$2,303,994

Overall Difference in Budget
Increase from \$2,426,464 to \$2,552,535 (6.39% increase)

***It is considered good governance not to decrease the overall budget under the cost of living, estimated at 4.5% due to the cost of living affecting the budget amounts incurred by the municipality such as salary increases, contract services, utility increases etc.*

Respectively Submitted,
Terri L Parker
Clerk/Treasurer