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# Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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## February Important Dates

**February 5, 2018:**
**7:00PM**
**Special Council Meeting**

**February 7, 2018:**
**Public Exit 506 Consultation Meeting**
**7:00pm**

**February 8-11, 2018:**
**Sackville Winterfest**

**February 12, 2018:**
**7:00PM**
**Regular Council Meeting**

**February 15, 2018:**
**Visitor Guide Deadline**
**r.kellyspurles@sackville.com**

**February 16, 2018:**
**Bordertown Submissions Due**
**r.kellyspurles@sackville.com**

**FULL COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE:**
**SACKVILLE.COM/CALENDAR**

# 2018 Budget Overview

In January, Town Council approved the 2018 General and Utility Operating and Capital Budgets. Despite a 1.47% reduction in provincial property tax assessments, resulting in $143,257 of less revenue to the Town from 2017, Town management trimmed their operational budgets by approximately $80,000 without cutting services to our residents. This left Council with an additional $60,000+ to find to balance the budget. To avoid cutting services, Council approved a small $0.01 municipal tax increase, $10 per year on a $100,000 home and only the second increase in 14 years.

The 2018 Capital budget includes road paving, replacing the baseball/football building, a new events tent, phase two of the Lorne Street Project, completing our new storage facility, an addition to the Waterfowl Park and much more!

Our Utility Operating Fund continues a modest annual 5-year increase to help us meet our yearly utility budget targets. Residents can expect their quarterly bill to be $90.20 in 2018, $99.30 in 2019, $108.40 in 2020 and $117,50 in 2021. Our budget also includes a transfer of $80,000 to utility capital reserve fund in 2018. $40,000 was transferred in 2017 and we expect estimated future transfers of $120,000 in 2019; $160,000 in 2020 and $200,000 in 2021 for a total of $600,000 in the reserve fund to be used on mandated future lagoon upgrades.

Our total 2018 Utility Capital Budget of $392,000 includes ongoing water meter replacements, repairs to our lift station, utility renewals and Main Street and improvements to our water treatment plant.

We are pleased to have been able to continue to provide our citizens with a balanced budget each year. A full detailed outline of all our Budget items can be found at www.sackville.com.

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## Town Accepting Summer Student Applications



The Town of Sackville is now accepting summer student applications until March 1, 2018 at 4:30pm. A variety of jobs are available; including general labourers, engineering student, Visitor Centre supervisor, travel counsellor, guide-interpreter, production coordinator/stage manager, summer program coordinator, programming staff, head lifeguard, and lifeguards.

Anyone applying for a summer job with the Town of Sackville must be a student in the 2017/18 school year and plan on going back to school in the fall of 2018. Other requirements are listed in the applications package.

Application forms and full details can be found at www.sackville.com/tos_careers.

## Subsidized Food Handling and Food Safety Course to be Offered in February




The Town of Sackville will be offering a course in February, exact date to be determined. This certification will meet current health laws passed by the province. Cost: $89 + HST for people or businesses from outside of Sackville, $45 + HST for businesses or people who live or work in the Town.

For more information visit sackville.com, call 364-4938 or email visitor@sackville.com.

## Exit 506 Public Meeting

Ekistics Plan and Design will be presenting the draft Exit 506 Land Use and Functional Planning Report on February 7, 2017. The presentation will summarize the full planning report including existing conditions, community engagement, opportunities and constraints, proposed site design and guidelines, and implementation that includes any required planning policy changes and amendments. The presentation will start at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers and is open to the public.

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## Bordertown Festival Will be Held May 3 – 6 – Funding for Partners Available



The Bordertown Festival is looking for venues, presenters and producers who want to present a program or event at the fourth annual Bordertown Festival, which will be held May 3 – 6 in Sackville. The Bordertown Festival is a four-day celebration of art, music, and hospitality, which offers a sample of Sackville's many festivals, art galleries, local businesses, and restaurants.

Organizations or venues that are interested in presenting something at Bordertown may be eligible for funding to help offset their expenses. Details on eligibility and application forms for partnerships can be found at www.sackville.com or by contacting Ron at r.kellyspurles@sackville.com or 364-4938. The deadline for submitting programming possibilities is February 16.

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## Winterfest Schedule Now Available



The 11th Annual Sackville Winterfest will take place February 8 - 11, 2018! We have a great lineup of events during the weekend; including Fireworks, Family Day at Beech Hill Park, a kid's magic show, plenty of drop-in art programs, Fireman's Breakfast, Outdoor Dance Party, and much more!

A full schedule has been released and can be found at www.sackville.com!

WinterFest