



Town of Carbonear Newsletter



December 2022

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It is my pleasure to extend Christmas greetings on behalf of myself, my colleagues on Council, and staff. During this busy time of the year, it is especially important to take the time to reflect on the spirit of Christmas and remember those less fortunate and lend a helping hand. The Town of Carbonear is a truly wonderful place to live as we witness the

compassion and generosity of those in our community helping those less fortunate.

My family and many others will also celebrate with Christians around the world the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. Our social media accounts will share the many church services available in our beautiful Town this season.

Christmas and the holidays are associated with celebration and sharing time with family and friends. A drive or walk through our Town will showcase the celebration, as there are many dazzling displays of the festive season. Homes and businesses decorated for the season brighten up the nights, bringing happiness and cheer to our neighbours as well as visitors.

During this holiday, I would encourage you to enjoy a moment and walk around our green spaces in our Town that have been decorated for the season. Our Pergola Park features our beautiful Christmas tree as well as holiday displays to share with loved ones in photos. Walk along the Heritage Waterfront District and enjoy the completed Phase I of the Downtown Revitalization Project.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to send out a special thank you to the members of the Special Events Committee and the Volunteer Fire Department.

The Special Events Committee continue to play an active role in making our Town a fun place to live and play. We thank you for all you do!

The Carbonear Volunteer Fire Department exemplify commitment each day. Dedicated to our protection and safety as well as participating and supporting the many events that take place in our community.

A grateful thanks to all the organizations, business leaders and residents who go that extra mile in our Town, we thank you for playing an active role in promotion of our town and making it a great place to live, work and play.

In 2023, we will mark the 75th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Carbonear. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with each of you.

Once again, best wishes for a joyous and memorable Christmas.

"Good things are happening in Carbonear"

Mayor Frank Butt

Important Reminders!



Snow Clearing Regulations are in effect as of Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Vehicles are not permitted to be parked or abandoned on any street reservation between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. during a snow fall or for 12 hours after a snow fall has ceased.

Vehicle owners in violation of these regulations may be subject to a fine or having the vehicle towed at the owner's expense.

The Town of Carbonear will not take responsibility for damage to fences, garbage boxes, trees, lawns or other structures located within the street reservation.

Garbage Collection

Residents are reminded to have their garbage and recycling placed curbside on the day of collection by 7 a.m.

A limit of 6 bags of garbage for collection.

The 2023 Collection Schedule can be found at <https://easternregionalserviceboard.com/>

Tax Payments

Property owners are reminded that all Property, Water/Sewer and Business Tax for 2023 are due **February 28, 2023.**

Interest is charged monthly at a rate of 8.5 % per annum on all overdue accounts. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, debit, online banking, at your bank machine or teller or by preauthorized payments from your bank account.

We no longer accept credit card payments directly. However, taxes may be paid by credit card via Plastiq, which will accept credit card payments on our behalf.

Please be advised that this third party provider will charge a fee for this service.

To avoid discontinuation of services for outstanding 2022 and prior taxes, please contact the town office to make satisfactory arrangements to pay the balance on your account.

Low Income Interest Adjustment Policy

Property owners with a family income of less than \$50,000 that are paying their taxes monthly may be eligible for an interest adjustment upon completing the required application and providing necessary documentation.

Please contact the Town Office for further information on the Low Income Interest Adjustment Policy.

Important Reminders!

CARBONEAR AND AREA

2023 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

GARBAGE MUST BE CURBSIDE NO
LATER THAN 7 A.M. ON
COLLECTION DAY

WEDNESDAY

Carbonear (east of and including,
Bemisters Hill) Hodgewater Line,
English Hill Ext., Old Highway,
Gadden's Mash

THURSDAY

Carbonear (west of Bemisters Hill
to Pondsiderd and Sideroads off
Pondsiderd)

FRIDAY

Carbonear (south of and
including London Rd, Forest Rd)

Holiday

Collection Changes:

Good Friday

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   - garbage collection

 - public holiday observed



- garbage and recycling collection

A limit of 6 garbage bags can be set out for collection.

There is **no limit** for recyclables.

Visit our website to determine recyclable items.

Bulk Collection Schedule

Bulk collection will begin on the dates noted below.

Items must be curbside no later than 7 A.M.

May 8 and Sept. 11: Carbonear (east of and including,
Bemisters Hill) Hodgewater Line, English Hill Ext., Old
Highway, Gadden's Mash

May 29 and Sept 25: Carbonear (west of Bemisters Hill to
Pondsiderd and Sideroads off Pondsiderd)

June 5 and Oct. 2: Carbonear (south of and including
London Rd, Forest Rd)

RECYCLING MATTERS

Recycling is easy once you start!


Place accepted containers in
a blue bag

- water and drink bottles
- canned food tins
- foil containers
- plastic food containers
- household cleaner bottles

Place accepted paper
products in a blue bag

- packing boxes
- drink trays
- food boxes
- paper bags
- flyers and magazines

AND MORE - see our website!

 easternregionalserviceboard.com



2023 SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL TAX RATES

Property Tax

Residential Property Tax (minimum \$300 per parcel).....	6.75 mills of assessed property value
Commercial Property Tax (minimum \$500)	9.00 mills of assessed value

Taxpayers with a Household Family Income of \$50,000 or less may be eligible for an interest adjustment in accordance with the Interest Adjustment Policy. Applications and the policy are available by contacting the Town Hall.

Service Organizations are eligible for a property tax adjustment in accordance with the Real Property Tax Exemption – Service Organizations Policy.

Residential Water/Sewer Rates

Water and Sewer (subsidiary apartments are a separate unit)	\$360.00 PER UNIT
Double Family Dwellings, apartments, etc.....	\$360.00 PER UNIT
Vacant Land (Water Only Prorated at 60%, Sewer Prorated at 40%)	\$50 per parcel
Water Only (subsidiary apartments are a separate unit).....	\$216.00 PER UNIT
Sewer Only (subsidiary apartments are a separate unit)	\$144.00 PER UNIT

Commercial Water/Sewer Rates

Water & Sewer (minimum \$360)	\$125.00 plus 6.25 mills of assessed property value
Water Only (minimum \$216)	60% of Total Water/Sewer Rates levied
Sewer Only (minimum \$144)	40% of Total Water/Sewer Rates levied
Hospital and Long Term Care Facility and other institutions.....	
.....	\$125.00 plus 6.25 mills of assessed property value, maximum of \$230,000 per property
Vacant Provincial Government Health Care facilities, former Hr. Lodge & Interfaith Homes.....	
.....	\$1,000 per property
Schools.....	\$125.00 plus 6.25 mills of assessed property value
Colleges (Provincial Government and Private)	\$125.00 plus 6.25 mills of assessed property value
Minimum Commercial water and sewer tax.....	\$360
Minimum Commercial Vacant Land Water and Sewer Tax	\$250 per parcel

Business Tax Rates

Financial Institutions	100 mills of assessed property value
Business Operating in Tax Exempt buildings	20 mills of assessed property value
All businesses subject to the taxation under the Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act	2.5% of gross revenue
Medical, Professional	20 mills of assessed value
(ie. Vets, Lawyers, Physiotherapists, Chiropractors, Para-Legal, etc.)	
Car Dealerships, Real Estate Offices, Travel Agencies, Radio Stations, Newspapers, Insurance Companies.....	15 mills
Department Stores.....	13.5 mills
Oil and Bulk Fuel Storage	20 mills
All other types of business	11 mills of assessed property value
Businesses with no fixed place of address (min)	\$200
Minimum Business Tax	\$200
Mobile Vendors and Vendor Stands	\$20per day/\$200per quarter/\$400 per year
Simple Interest.....	8.5% per annum
<i>(Charged monthly on unpaid balances after due date for taxes - February 28, 2023)</i>	

Taxes are due and payable by February 28, 2023.

Council reserves the right to take action on all taxes not paid by February 28, 2023.

Carbonear Pool and Recreation

Swimming lesson registration information for the January- February 2023 session.

Registration will take place in person at our facility over 3 days (December 27th, 28th & 29th)

SWIMMING LESSON Registration

Registration will take place **in person** at the Carbonear Swimming Pool from **2:00-6:30PM** on the following days

Tuesday December 27th: Surnames P-Z
Wednesday December 28th : Surnames A-G
Thursday December 29th: Surnames H-O

Lessons will take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

Cost per set: \$60.00 for 8 weeks

Carbonear Volunteer Fire Department

The Carbonear Fire Department has noticed that many properties are lacking clear & visible house numbers. Firefighters, law enforcement & paramedics will find you faster when your home is properly marked.

Minutes or even seconds can make a difference in a life or death situation.

Points to remember:

- Use civic numbers with a contrasting background, so they will be visible.
- Civic numbers need to be at least 4 inches in height and visible under lighting at night
- The bottom of the civic numbers should be a minimum of 48 inches above grade
- The civic numbers should be displayed on the side of the building that faces towards the street upon which the street is addressed
- Be sure to keep the civic numbers visible by trimming trees and bushes.



Carbonear Special Events Committee

The Carbonear Special Events Committee have successfully hosted a variety of events throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported their efforts.

To keep up to date on upcoming events hosted by the Carbonear Special Events Committee, visit their Facebook page and give it a Like!
[@CarbonearSpecialEvents](#)



Town of Carbonear Council Meetings



Council meetings are live streamed on the Town of Carbonear Youtube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCajwqy0ANGcBDSYaFsxBUow>

Carbonear Connect

Help us stay better connected with you!

Register your email address with us to receive relevant newsletters, updates and events.

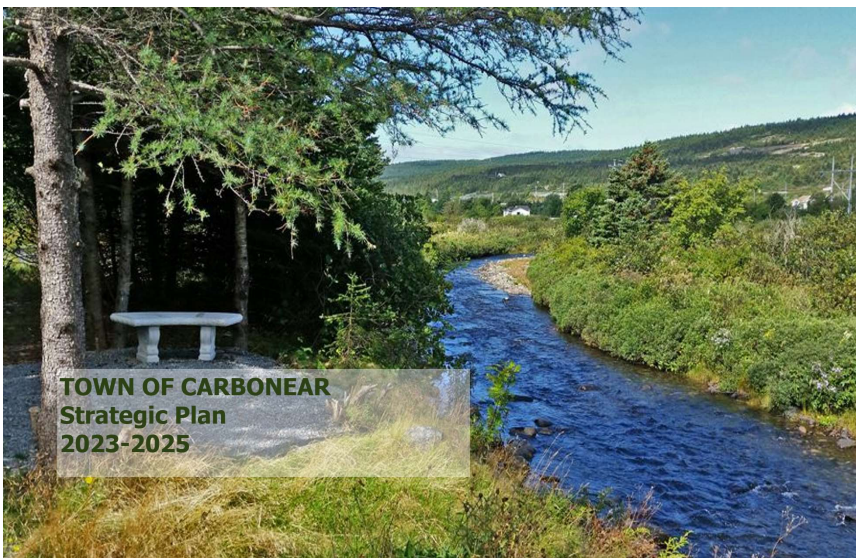
To register your contact info, fill out the form at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ConnectCarbonear>

Budget 2023

At a Town of Carbonear Special Council Meeting held Wednesday, December 15, the 2023 Budget was presented by Finance and Administration Committee Chair, Chris O'Grady.

Councillor O'Grady stated, "We are very pleased to announce that this balanced budget will be attained without any increases in the tax rates. However, property assessment values are calculated annually by the Municipal Assessment Agency and for 2023, the overall assessments have increased by 5%. Based on this residents may see a small increase in their property tax invoice."

Town of Carbonear Strategic Plan



Council will host a public presentation for the release of the Town of Carbonear Strategic Plan in January 2023.

Stay tuned to our social media accounts!



The Town of Carbonear incorporated on Tuesday, July 13, 1948

2023 will mark our 75th Anniversary as an incorporated town.

Stay tuned to our social media for more details about upcoming celebrations!



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