

# NEWS RELEASE

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## COUNCIL APPROVES TAX RATES FOR 2015/2016

**Barrington, N.S., July 29, 2015**—At its regular Council meeting Monday night Barrington Municipal Council approved its budget for the 2015/2016 fiscal year, including all tax rates and fees for Municipal services.

The Residential and Resource Tax Rates remain unchanged at \$ 1.00 per \$ 100.00 of assessment.

The Commercial Tax Rate also remains unchanged at \$ 2.55 per \$ 100.00 of assessment.

Area Fire Rates were reduced in 3 of the 4 Districts as follows;

Woods Harbour Shag Harbour      from \$ 0.186 to \$ 0.180

Island/Barrington Passage          from \$ 0.094 to \$ 0.085

Barrington/Port Latour              from \$ 0.153 to \$ 0.131

While the Port Clyde Area Rate increased from \$ 0.153 to \$ 0.165

Sewer Service Charges in both Barrington and Woods Harbour will increase by \$ 10.00 to \$ 310.00 per sewer unit.

All other fees for Municipal services will be unchanged with the exception of the prime time Arena Ice Rental Fee which will increase by \$ 5.00 to \$ 120.00/hour.

Additional investments will be made in tourism projects at the Cape Sable Causeway this summer. In cooperation with ACOA the Municipality will fund the construction of a tourist rest stop at the mainland end of the Causeway and a floating dock, providing access to the water at the North East Point end of the Causeway.

In addition the Municipality is erecting a Wind Turbine Generator near the Landfill Site on the Goose Lake Road which will contribute revenues to reduce municipal taxes over the next 20 years.