



THE BLUE MOUNTAINS NEWS

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Message from the Town

This newsletter is the first of two that will be sent to you this year. Our hope is to send these to you twice a year, to keep you updated to changes.

Tips for Producing a Newsletter

Every time you produce your newsletter, ask yourself:

Q: Who are our readers?

A: Existing customers and potential customers,

Q: What will our readers want to know about our business?

A: Timely, helpful, problem solving information.

Utility e-billing

Your utility account can now be sent to you by e-mail. Utility e-billing offers a convenient, timely and environmentally friendly way to receive your bill.

The utility bill will look the same as your current paper copy and your billing and due dates will remain the same.

If you want to enroll please visit The Blue Mountains website at: www.thebluemountains.ca/ebilling-signup.cfm

Sign up today!



Don't get in the dumps, visit us at the Disposal Site.
The Disposal Site will be open on Saturdays year round beginning March 4, 2017.

SATURDAYS
8AM - NOON

Town Disposal Site
788090 Grey Road 13



TOMAHAWK

2017 Green Fees

\$8 Per Round

\$275 Season Pass



The Blue Mountains
**WASTE
RESOURCE**



APP: TBM Waste Resource
www.thebluemountains.ca/waste-resource.cfm

Text and Email Notifications and Alerts
Collection Calendar
Waste Wizard

Contact: (519) 599-3131 x276 for App Sign-up or a Guide

2017 Budget

The Town passed the 2017 Budget on February 13, 2017. What does this mean for you?

What the Budget Means to You

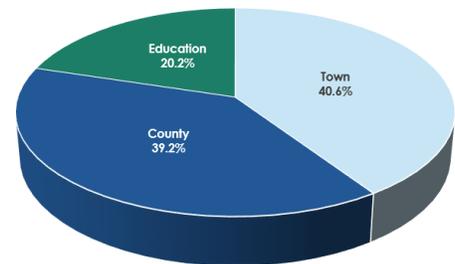
The 2017 Budget for taxation purposes results in a total tax increase, or blended rate, of 2.00%. With this increase, a residential property valued at \$550,000 would see an increase of approximately \$100 to the total annual property tax bill.

The 2017 Budget has the Town offering the same services as 2016. Infrastructure will be an important issue in 2017, as the Town is taking on a few large scale projects such as the reconstruction of Elma and Alice Street and Leachate Management at the Landfill. The Town has also

applied for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund which will be used towards some of the Town's water and wastewater infrastructure that has reach its useful life.

How Your Tax Dollar is Spent

Your dollar goes a long way. For every \$1 of taxation received, the Town keeps just \$0.40. The remainder is split between Grey County (\$0.40) for county services and the local School Boards (\$0.20) for the education of our community's children.



2017 Tax Bill

The enclosed 2017 Interim Tax Bill is based on 50% of 2016 total taxes and is payable in two instalments dated March 24 and May 24, 2017.

The 2017 Final Tax Bill in August will be based on the phased-in property assessment for 2017 times the 2017 tax rate, less the interim bill amount.

Tax payment options are noted on the reverse of the Tax Bill. Tax inquiries? tax@thebluemountains.ca or 1-888-258-6867 extension 221.

Please advise the Town promptly of any name or address changes or corrections that are required.

For information on your property assessment, please contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) 1-866-296-6722 www.mpac.ca

More Green Bin!

Less Fees

Bag tag fees are increasing to \$2
Compost more, avoid the second bag of garbage and avoid buying bag tags.