

Municipal Budget 2026



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Councillor Amy Coady

Corporate Services Lead



As Corporate Services Lead, I am pleased to present the 2026 Municipal Budget for the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. The 2026 budget is the first budget for the newly elected Council, and it is a budget that I believe reflects the priorities from each of our campaigns, priorities that will tackle the issues that residents have brought to our attention. This is a budget built on fiscal prudence, strategic investments, and a commitment to the financial well-being of our residents. This plan is more than just numbers; it is a roadmap for a stronger, more sustainable community. It ensures we continue to provide high-quality services while tackling our long-term infrastructure needs.

Council has prioritized affordability for its residents in the 2026 Budget.

While we recognize the impact that inflationary pressures are having on the cost of living, we must also acknowledge that these same financial impacts affect the operation of the municipality as well.

Council and senior staff met this challenge head-on and worked diligently to find efficiencies within our budgets to build a plan that will work for the entire community.

Council is proposing to decrease the residential property mil rate by 0.35 mils. The new proposed residential mil rate will be 9.15 (reduced from 9.5 in 2025) and will result in a total Residential Property Tax revenue of \$10.9 million.

The decision to reduce our residential mil rate reflects our commitment to easing financial burdens on residents while still maintaining core service levels. This decrease provides tangible tax relief to property owners in Grand Falls-Windsor and we believe this adjustment is a crucial step in recognizing and responding to the financial pressures facing our residents today. The Town of Grand Falls-Windsor remains one of the lowest among comparable communities in terms of taxation per average household.

We recognize that our seniors, our most vulnerable residents, face significant financial obstacles. This budget continues to provide relief in various ways for this sector.

A targeted adjustment we are making is in relation to Personal Care Homes. Upon consultation with stakeholders, we as a Council have made the decision to reestablish a special category for Personal Care Homes at 4 mils.



Also, in 2026, we will once again offer a Senior's Discount for residents aged 65 and above when paying their municipal taxes before March 31st.

Unfortunately, however, this may be the last year we can offer that discount to the community. We have been advised by the provincial government that the legislation does not allow municipalities to offer a discount based on an age requirement.

We did not feel that stopping this discount at this time provided enough notice to our senior residents, and therefore it will continue for one final year in 2026. We will continue to discuss the issue with the province with the hope of maintaining the discount in the future.

All other proposed mil rates for the 2026 budget, such as the Commercial Property Tax and other Business Tax categories, remain unchanged and will result in revenue amounts of \$2.5 million and \$2.9 million, respectively.

Housing remains another focus of Council, as it is the cornerstone of a vibrant and growing community. Access to safe, diverse, and affordable housing options is essential for attracting new families, supporting our local workforce, and ensuring that our seniors can continue to live comfortably in the community they helped build.

To address the growing demand for residential space, the Town continues to proudly utilize the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF). This federal funding is a strategic tool that allows us to remove the common barriers to growth. By leveraging these funds, we can provide direct incentives to developers and, crucially, invest in the necessary infrastructure that opens new land for development. These investments make it more feasible for builders to start new projects and subdivisions, ensuring that Grand Falls-Windsor remains a welcoming and accessible place for everyone to call home.

Even while lowering the residential mil rate for members of our community, we can still say that this budget will provide the dependable service levels that we are accustomed to. We will continue to make strategic investments into Grand Falls-Windsor that will improve the quality of life for our residents and improve the experiences of those who visit.

\$650,144 of our operating revenue is allocated towards capital investment which will ensure that Council's goals will be met without overburdening our fiscal position with borrowing.



\$25.4 Million

Total Budget

In 2026, Council will continue to spend resources to improve the quality of water for residents in certain areas of town who have been subject to intermittent instances of discoloration. Council has made it a priority to rectify the longstanding issues that these areas have been experiencing with their water, and we are striving to gain improvement this year. Orthophosphate Treatment was a commitment made by the prior council, and we plan to start its implementation early in the new year.

Our total expenditure for the year is budgeted at \$25.4 million. Of this amount, every dollar spent goes towards keeping our town safe, clean, and functional. We will continue to provide the necessary services that our community has come to expect while ensuring that these services are delivered effectively and efficiently. Key expenditures include amounts that are earmarked for delivering critical services at an exceptional level, such as snow clearing, garbage collection, and utility maintenance.



While we have worked to ensure our operational spending is dutiful, a truly responsible budget must look beyond the immediate year. We cannot afford to sacrifice investment in our community for the sake of cutting costs alone. We as a Council have a vision for Grand Falls-Windsor, and strategic investment in our capital projects is vital in realizing our vision. This vision involves Grand Falls-Windsor as a growing and booming hub, a destination for people to live, play and do business in, with state-of-the-art recreation facilities, outstanding amenities, and quality functioning infrastructure being operated and maintained in dependable fashion.

Our 2026 Capital Budget has a significant investment in the future of Grand Falls-Windsor, totaling \$15.6 million, and will include money allocated towards:

Water and sewer infrastructure, with our largest single investment in this area being \$5 million for the Tank Rehabilitation and New Tank project, ensuring the safety and reliability of our water system for decades to come. Additionally, we are including funds for Phase II of the Circular Road project which was originally budgeted in 2025 but not completed due to contractor availability.



We continue to plan for major commitments in the area of recreation which we strongly believe will offer much in the way of boosting the quality of life of our residents, as well as appealing to visitors and tourists alike. These commitments include \$2.9 million for our proposed Community Center, \$1.3 million for Gorge Park enhancements, including riverfront trail upgrades this year, and other recreation commitments such as new bouncy castles and the creation of a new disc golf course to be located at the Exploits Nordic Ski Chalet.



Funds have been earmarked to go toward purchasing new heavy equipment which will enable us to deliver services effectively to the residents of Grand Falls-Windsor. This includes new snow clearing equipment, such as a new Trackless Sidewalk Machine, and a new Tandem Flyer Plow with wing.

Additionally, with the safety and well-being of the region in mind, Council has approved the purchase of new Jaws of Life equipment for the Grand Falls-Windsor Fire Department.

In closing, Mr. Mayor, the 2026 Budget is a clear statement of our collective priorities. It represents the commitments we as Councillors made during the election campaign. This budget is a blueprint for how we wish to see our town grow and flourish, while delivering services effectively and efficiently. We are doing this while still reducing our residential mil rate, keeping more dollars in the pockets of our residents and still maintaining a strong financial position.

I move that Council adopt the 2026 Municipal Operation Budget and related 2026 Schedule of Rates and Fees.

Amy Coady

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CORPORATE SERVICES LEAD
TOWN OF GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR



Operating Budget

2025/2026 Summary

	2025	2026
Revenue		
Taxation	21,537,891	22,642,071
Gas Tax Revenue	756,394	782,969
Other Revenue	1,947,445	1,980,577
	24,241,730	25,405,617
Expenditures		
Administration	5,403,669	5,476,782
Public Works and Development	11,802,765	13,065,319
Community Services	1,450,939	1,366,345
Protective Services	1,380,887	1,516,525
Debt Charges	2,472,222	2,666,096
Capital – CCBF	637,831	664,406
Capital - Revenue	1,093,417	650,144
	24,241,730	25,405,617
Net Revenue (Expenditures)	-	-

2026 Total Revenue

\$25,405,617

PROPERTY TAX

53%

BUSINESS TAX

15%

RENTAL & OTHER

6%

WATER & SEWER

21%

RECREATION

2%

GOVERNMENT
GRANTS

3%

2026 Schedule of Rates and Fees

PROPERTY TAX

Residential	9.15 mils
Commercial	10.75 mils
Idle Land Tax	5 mils
Tax Certificates	\$150
Seniors' Discount	5%
Low Income Discount (GIS)	20%

BUSINESS TAX

Classification	Tax Code	Rate	Min. Tax
General Business	1	8.5 mils	\$250
Personal Care Homes	1A	4.0mils	\$5,000
Bowling Alley	2	4.25 mils	\$1,000
Physiotherapy/Massage Therapy	2A	20.0 mils	\$1,000
Pharmacies	3	25.0 mils	\$2,000
Oil Companies, Real Estate, Insurance, Broadcasting Stations and Towers, Professional Offices, Special Services, Special Institutional	4	35.0 mils	\$250
Physician Practices	4A	30.0 mils	\$250
Finance Companies	5	60.0 mils	\$5,000
Chartered Banks	6	135.0 mils	\$65,000
Credit Unions and other financial institutions	6A	125.0 mils	\$30,000
Dept. Stores/Grocery stores who have four or more of the following departments: Sporting Goods, Pharmacy, Dry Goods, Restaurant, Food/Deli, Groceries, Clothing, Electronics, Automotive, Hardware, Photo Development or freestanding building more than 25,000 square feet	7	40.0 mils	\$110,000
Wholesale and Distribution Companies	8	15.0 mils	\$2,000
Home Based Businesses	9		
Basic/Short Term Rentals	Class 1		\$250
Insurance/Professional/Trades	Class 2		\$350
Cleaning/Contractors Construction/Trucking	Class 3		\$500
Utilities, Television Providers and all businesses with no fixed place of business.	10	2.5% of Revenue	\$500
Vehicle Dealerships & Garages	11	10.0 mils	\$250
Construction and Trucking/Courier Companies	12	12.0 mils	\$250
Private Post-Secondary Institutions	13	12.0 mils	\$250
Tourist Accommodation Tax	14	4% of accommodation revenue	

All taxes are due March 31, 2026. Interest will be charged at 12% per annum after the due date.

2026 Schedule of Rates and Fees

WATER & SEWER

Residential	\$545.00 per year
Commercial	\$545.00 per year + 3.0 mils
Schools	7.00 mils
Public Building	Flat Rate
Hospital/Care Facility	Flat Rate
Wooddale	1.80 per 1,000 gallons

MOBILE VENDOR FEES: VENDING VEHICLE

Daily Rate	\$50.00 (+ \$10.00 per additional unit)
Monthly Rate	\$150.00 (+ \$10.00 per additional unit)
Monthly Rate - Weekends (6:00pm Friday – 6:00am Monday)	\$75.00 (+ \$10.00 per additional unit)
Special Event Rate	Dependent on the event

MOBILE VENDOR FEES: VENDING STAND

Daily Rate	\$50.00 (per stand)
Monthly Rate	\$150.00 (per stand)
Monthly Rate - Weekends(6:00pm Friday – 6:00am Monday)	\$75.00 (per stand)
Special Event Rate	Dependent on the event.
Christmas Trees	\$10 (if grown in NL; same as above if not)

Registered mobile vendors with additional locations + \$75 per month. Access to secondary locations is only permitted if the product, good, service or food is unique in the opinion of the Authority of the Town.

OTHER FEES

Dog License (spayed/neutered)	\$10
Dog License (not spayed/not neutered)	\$30
Cat License (spayed/neutered)	\$10
Cat License (not spayed/not neutered)	\$20
Breeding License	\$50
Impounding Fee	\$50
Business Permit Application Fee	\$25
Occupancy Permit Fee	\$100
Garbage disposal fine (not later than 7 days)	\$50
Garbage disposal fine (not later than 14 days)	\$75
Taxi License: Annual Operating Fee	\$250
Taxi License: Renewal Fee	\$120
Taxi License: Decal Fee	\$25

2026 Schedule of Rates and Fees

PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT FEES	
Building Permit Fees: Residential	
Main Floor	\$3.00/sq.m.
Upper Level	\$1.75/sq.m.
Finished Basement	\$1.20/sq.m.
Attached Garage	\$1.75/sq.m.
Extensions	\$3.00/sq.m.
Renovations, New Undeveloped Basement, Frost Walls & Building Relocation (up to \$10,000)	\$150
Renovations, New Undeveloped Basement, Frost Walls & Building Relocation (over \$10,000)	\$150 + \$2.25/\$1,000 of construction value over \$10,000 (minimum of \$100.00)
Change in Occupancy	\$50
Additional site visits	\$100
General Repairs, Windows, and Siding	
Re-shingling, Demolition (over \$2,000.00); Building Permit is required for work valued less than \$2,000 but there will be no cost required for this permit.	\$55
Patio/Deck/Fences	\$30
Building Permit Renewal	\$30
Accessory Building	\$55
Building Permit Fees: Commercial, Industrial, or Constitutional	
New Buildings, Extensions (up to \$100,000)	\$500
New Buildings, Extensions (over \$100,000)	\$500 + \$5 / \$1,000 of construction value over \$100,000
Driveways/Paved Parking Lots/Landscaping	\$2,500 Security Deposit (\$2,400 is refundable if completed within 1 year)
Renovations/General Repairs (up to \$50,000)	\$175
Renovations/General Repairs (over \$50,000)	\$200 + \$5 / \$1,000 of construction value over \$50,000
Demolition	\$ 10 / 100sq.m. (min. of \$25)
New Accessory Buildings/Extensions (Including Portable Shelters. Tractor Trailer Containers are not permitted to be used as Accessory Buildings)	\$150
Patio/Deck/Fences	\$30
Signage - Illuminated/Non-Illuminated (locations to be approved)	\$75
Temporary Mobile Signs (locations to be approved)	\$ 75 / year
Change in Occupancy	\$150
Building Permit Renewal	\$50

2026 Schedule of Rates and Fees

PUBLIC WORKS AND DEVELOPMENT FEES (continued)

Building Permit Fees: Commercial, Industrial, or Constitutional (continued)

Planning Amendments (Municipal Plan and/or Development Regulations)	Consulting fees + Advertising
Compliance Letter	\$175
Discretionary Use	\$150
Remove and replace concrete, curb & gutter or concrete curb and sidewalk	\$25 / ft
Additional site visits	\$100
Fees double if work is performed without obtaining a permit	

COMMUNITY SERVICES FEES

Ice Rental Fees (HST incl.)

Monday to Friday 8:00am-5:00pm	\$125.00/hour
Monday to Friday 5:00pm-11:00pm	\$160.00/hour
Monday to Friday 11:00pm-8:00am	\$135.00/hour
Saturday & Sunday 8:00am-5:00pm	\$160.00/hour
Saturday & Sunday 5:00pm-11:00pm	\$160.00/hour
Saturday & Sunday 11:00pm-8:00pm	\$135.00/hour
Adult Tournaments Daytime & Evening	\$160.00/hour
Summer Hockey School Weekly Rental	\$7,500
Summer Rentals – All hours	\$170.00/hour
Stadium Locker Rentals	\$95.00

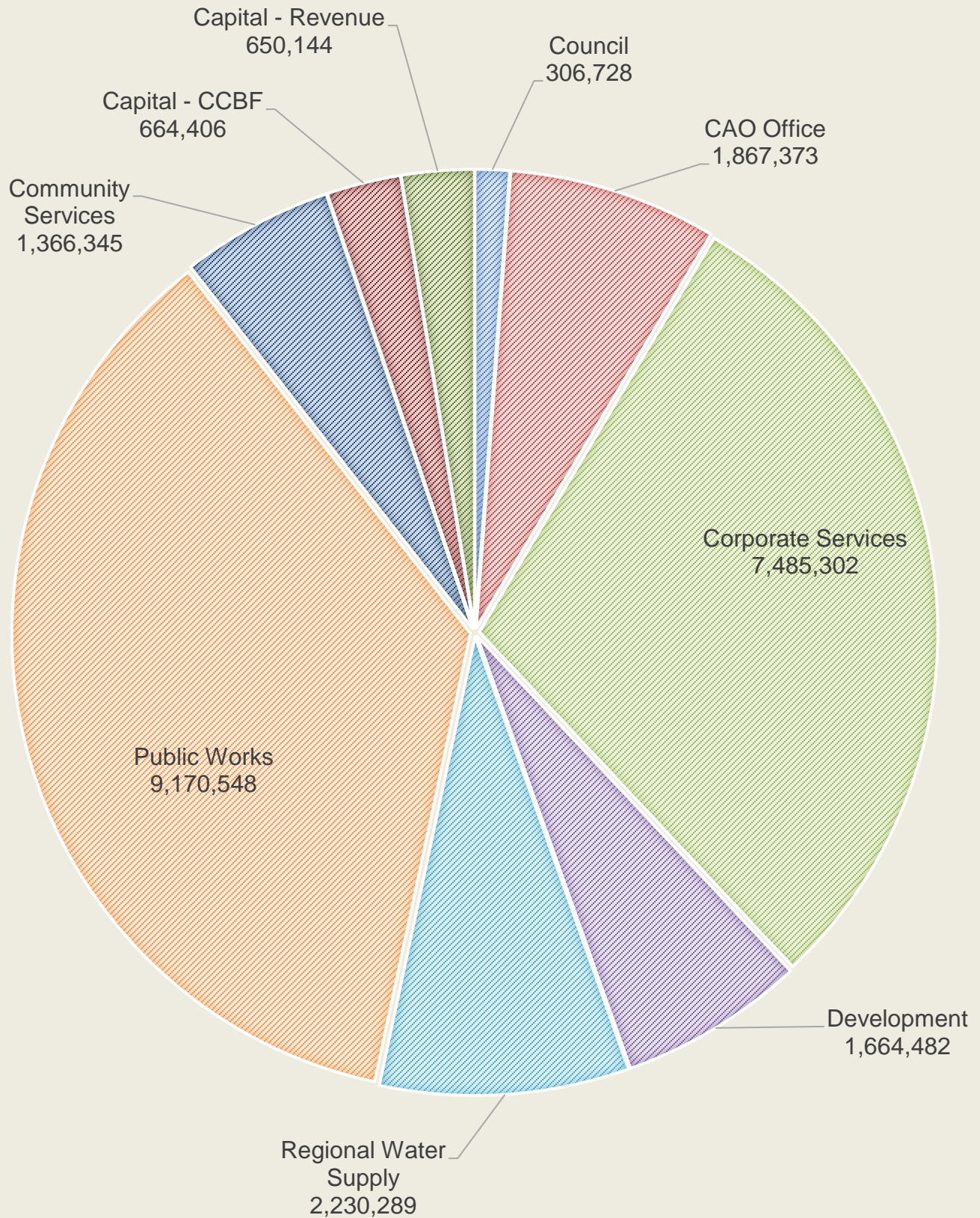
Facility User Fees (HST incl.)

Men's and Mixed Softball Leagues	\$395/team per year
Minor Baseball League and Tournaments	\$725/year
Minor Soccer League and Tournaments	\$725/year
Senior Soccer Leagues	\$395/team per year
Senior Tennis Leagues	\$600/year
Senior Tournament Fees – All Weekend	\$195.00/field per weekend
Daily Facility Rentals – Non-Profit	\$75/hr. (Max. \$225/day)

Note: Any weekend or extra maintenance for user groups will be billed at cost + HST

2026 Total Expenses

\$25,405,617



Grand Falls-Windsor Town Council



The Mayor and Councillors are the Elected Officials responsible for the governance of the Municipality. The Municipal Council is the Board of Directors and Supreme Authority of the Corporation; they are responsible for enacting policies and by-laws in accordance with provincial legislation. Council also gives direction to senior management about the Town's provided services. With the CAO, responsibilities are established among the Management Team for efficient and effective operations that align with the policies, by-laws, and direction established by Council.

Grand Falls-Windsor Town Council

In 2026, the newly elected Council is dedicated to a mandate of affordability and stability. Council's primary focus is balancing the rising costs of living for our residents with the need to maintain the high service levels that make our Town a preferred place to live.

Addressing the housing crisis is a top priority for this term. We will continue to utilize the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to provide strategic incentives for developers and to upgrade the essential infrastructure required to open new subdivisions and apartment developments. This ensures that all residents have access to a diverse and safe housing market.

Simultaneously, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life through recreation and long-term infrastructure planning. We continue to plan for the construction of our new Community Center and significant upgrades to attractions such as Gorge Park and other trails.

Council recognizes that sustainability requires looking decades ahead. By investing over \$15.6 million in critical capital projects, such as our water tank rehabilitation and road improvements, we are ensuring that our infrastructure is resilient for future generations. Throughout 2026, Council will continue to support our local community organizations and events, ensuring that every initiative is inclusive, accessible, and designed to foster well-being for residents of all ages and abilities.

COUNCIL EXPENDITURES		
	2025	2026
Remuneration	230,566	235,178
Community grants and donations	6,500	6,500
Scholarships	4,000	4,000
Art procurement	-	5,000
Membership fees	16,950	16,950
Promotion and advertising	7,000	7,000
Travel	17,100	14,100
Special events	22,000	18,000
	\$304,116	\$306,728

Chief Administrative Officer

A Message from CAO Darren Finn

The primary role of a Municipal Government is to provide a wide range of core services to its residents. As Chief Administrative Officer, my role is to ensure that the execution of these functions aligns with the direction and goals of the newly elected Council and that they are carried out in an efficient and effective manner. In 2026, a primary focus is maintaining the high level of service our residents expect while supporting Council's commitment to affordability, highlighted by the 0.35 residential mil rate reduction.



The CAO provides leadership and direction for all Town functions and activities within the policies established by Council and has direct responsibilities for Protective Services, including Policing, Animal Control, and Fire Protection. Furthermore, the CAO serves as an administrative advisor to the Exploits Regional Water Supply Committee, which provides a treated water supply to the 22,000 residents of Grand Falls-Windsor, Bishop's Falls, Botwood, Peterview, and Northern Arm.

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of this office. The CAO engages frequently with residents and organizations on Council's behalf to address issues and concerns and continues to be involved with the Grand Falls-Windsor Community Healthcare Coalition, advocating for improved services and access to healthcare in Central Newfoundland.

2026 CAO Department Expenditures

\$1,867,373

In 2026, the CAO will prioritize the successful completion of the Town's Strategic Plan, in addition to an overall review of the structure of the Fire Department to ensure adequate resources are provided. Additionally, the CAO will continue to support Municipal Enforcement efforts to ensure residents are provided with the safe neighborhoods that they deserve.

Having moved through the initial implementation of the *Towns and Local Service Districts Act* in the previous year, the focus for 2026 shifts toward optimizing our governance processes under this new framework. By maintaining a proactive approach, the CAO supports the new Council in achieving its strategic goals while positioning the Town for long-term fiscal and operational success.

	2025	2026
Salaries (4 employees)	336,881	338,969
Other administration	11,880	11,880
Firehall - Salaries (6 employees)	508,102	515,996
Firehall - Honorarium	204,865	212,610
Firehall - Protective clothing	73,805	137,885
Firehall - Tools and equipment	60,300	63,300
Firehall - Training	40,400	40,600
Firehall - Other administration	165,950	164,345
Municipal Police - Salaries (4 employees)	280,765	315,238
Municipal Police - Clothing and equipment	30,750	36,650
Municipal Police - Other administration	15,950	29,900
	\$1,729,648	\$1,867,373

Corporate Services

The Corporate Services Department serves as the operational backbone of the Town, providing essential services in Human Resources, Financial Administration, Information Technology, Occupational Health and Safety, and general operational support.

In 2026, the department's primary mission is to ensure that the Town's long-term financial viability remains the primary filter for every organizational decision.



2026 Corporate Services

Goals and Objectives

Financial Stewardship

- Manage 2026 Budget to ensure all departments reach their financial goals.
- Provide advice to other departments regarding financial operational questions.
- Develop a 10-year financial plan.

Technological Advancement

- Continue implementation of Council meeting software.
- Explore opportunities for additional software that could enhance staff efficiency.
- Explore opportunities to enhance digital service offerings to residents.

Operational Alignment

- Work with the CAO and Council to implement the 2026 Strategic Plan.
- Work with the CAO to ensure needs of the organization are met on a department level.
- Continue work on performance management plans for all staff.

Collection of Arrears

- Continue to improve on collection efforts of outstanding taxation balances
- Communicate Arrears sale bylaw so residents understand risks of no payment on tax balances.

2026 Corporate Services Expenditures

\$7,485,302

	2025	2026
Salaries (15 employees)	1,087,279	1,084,916
IT software and hardware	136,800	122,000
Professional fees and claims	115,000	115,000
Professional development and travel	27,875	25,900
Supplies and equipment	48,133	63,133
Other Corporate Services administration	42,456	46,956
Bad debt expense	40,000	46,000
Employee benefits	2,454,631	2,596,683
Insurance	250,000	280,000
Property assessments	163,618	163,618
Discounts	245,000	275,000
Debt payments	2,472,222	2,666,096
	\$7,083,014	\$7,485,302

Public Works and Development

The Department of Public Works and Development is responsible for the physical facilities and infrastructure that make Grand Falls-Windsor functional. From the roads and sidewalks we drive and walk on, to the water, drainage, and sewer systems that keep our homes running, this department manages the Town's most critical assets. Their work also extends to our parks, playgrounds, snow clearing, and waste disposal; services that directly impact the quality of life for every resident.

The department is powered by a professional team of Engineers, Technicians, Supervisors, Landscapers, Equipment Operators, Specialized Tradespersons, Labourers, and Administrative and support staff. Together, they are responsible for maintaining the Town's entire existing infrastructure while simultaneously planning for the expansion and improvement of services.

This department makes up more than half of our overall budget and can expect some significant increases in costs for 2026. The most significant areas of increased costs are water chemicals (with the introduction of Orthophosphate), building maintenance and maintenance costs for our heavy equipment fleet.



2026 Development Department

Public Works and Development Goals and Objectives

Water Quality & Regional Plant

- Execute the \$4.8 Million Tank Rehabilitation project to ensure long-term storage reliability and water pressure stability.
- Continue reviewing Regional Water Treatment Plant configurations to optimize the use of treatment chemicals (Alum, Lime, and Orthophosphate) amidst rising market costs.
- Effectively apply newly secured funding to high-priority water infrastructure improvements identified in the long-term planning cycle.

Service Excellence & Manuals

- Complete the development of the Public Works Manual, formalizing standard procedures and record-keeping methods to ensure service consistency across all shifts.
- Refine the departmental reporting structure to provide Council with data-driven updates on infrastructure health and maintenance productivity.

Waste Management & Stockroom

- Conduct a full review of garbage collection routes and methods to evaluate efficiency and adjust for town growth while keeping fuel and labor costs in check.
- Continue the inter-departmental committee review of stockroom inventory to improve accountability and determine the exact material needs of a growing municipality.

2026 Development Department

Public Works and Development Goals and Objectives

Housing & Growth

- Utilize the Housing Accelerator Fund to provide incentives for local developers and upgrade the "off-site" infrastructure necessary to unlock new subdivisions and multi-unit projects.
- Actively seek and obtain land for residential development where feasible, completing formal expressions of interest to meet the diverse housing needs of seniors and families.

Asset Management & Infrastructure

- Leverage the Asset Management Program (AMP) to prepare for future Municipal Capital Works (MYCW) funding cycles, ensuring a proactive rather than reactive approach to road and pipe replacement.
- Continue inspecting crosswalks—with a priority on school zones—to ensure they meet updated TAC (Transportation Association of Canada) standards.

Community & Signage

- Continue replacing and upgrading directional signage to improve traffic flow and assist residents and visitors in navigating new development areas.
- Progress with the formal application to Crown Lands for a new cemetery location to accommodate all denominations for the long-term needs of the community.

2026 Public Works and Development

\$13,065,319

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES		
	2025	2026
Development expenses (breakdown below)	1,612,675	1,664,482
Regional water supply (breakdown below)	1,596,485	2,230,289
Public Works expenses (breakdown on next page)	8,574,224	9,170,548
	\$11,783,384	\$13,065,319

DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE BREAKDOWN		
	2025	2026
Salaries (19 employees)	1,408,075	1,470,137
Professional development and travel	122,800	110,395
Supplies and equipment	59,200	63,250
Other administration	22,600	20,700
	\$1,612,675	\$1,664,482

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY EXPENSE BREAKDOWN		
	2025	2026
Salaries (5 employees)	463,584	501,000
Chemicals	610,000	1,116,600
Maintenance	199,260	265,495
Supplies and equipment	81,600	86,600
Travel and training	10,500	14,500
Other administration	231,541	246,094
	\$1,596,485	\$2,230,289

2026 Public Works and Development

\$13,065,319

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSE BREAKDOWN		
	2025	2026
Building maintenance	474,700	777,900
Garage – Parts, supplies and fluids	832,020	1,012,420
Fuel	468,500	421,650
Road Services – Traffic	108,820	108,820
Road Services – Snow clearing supplies	225,600	238,200
Road Services – Street lighting	434,100	445,100
Road Services – Patching	74,000	84,000
Road Services – Tools and equipment	118,800	121,800
Sanitation – Residential tipping fees	468,000	456,000
Sanitation – Saturday dropoff fees	113,000	113,000
Sanitation – Annual clean up tipping fees	82,000	90,000
Sanitation – Other	33,600	47,600
Water system costs (materials/equipment)	231,200	265,700
Sewage system (materials/equipment)	175,000	174,000
Sewage Treatment Plant maintenance	246,475	240,300
Stadiums	730,000	749,840
General Parks maintenance	393,000	381,500
General Parks labour	648,000	670,960
Public Works labour	2,717,409	2,771,758
	\$8,574,224	\$9,170,548

Community Services

The plan for 2026 focuses on enhancing quality of life through strong recreation, wellness, and community development initiatives. Emphasis is placed on long-term planning, efficient use of resources, and continuous improvement to ensure programs and services meet the evolving needs of residents while supporting future growth.

A key priority is the maintenance and enhancement of parks and recreational facilities. Planned efforts include addressing ongoing maintenance needs, expanding community gardens, advancing trail development, and continuing to plan for a new community center. These initiatives are intended to provide safe, accessible, and modern spaces that encourage active living and community connection.

Recreation programming and special events remain central to community life. A wide range of inclusive programs will continue to support residents of all ages and abilities, alongside popular festivals, concerts, and seasonal events that bring people together. Support for local organizations, specialty groups, and tournament hosting helps increase participation and strengthen community spirit.

Strong operations and partnerships underpin the delivery of all initiatives. Focus areas for 2026 include workforce development, improved productivity, and collaboration with community and regional partners. This integrated approach ensures recreation and community services continue to support resident well-being, tourism, and the long-term vitality of the community.



2026 Community Services

Economic Development Goals and Objectives

Tourism Development and Visitor Experience

- Development and promotion of local and regional tourism products
- Trails, parks, heritage assets, and signature attractions
- Event-based tourism and extended visitor stays

Investment Attraction and Community Growth

- Marketing Grand Falls-Windsor as a place to live, work, and invest.
- Support for housing, commercial, and industrial development.
- Newcomer attraction, immigration support, and talent retention

Business Development, Retention and Expansion

- Engagement with existing businesses and sector stakeholders.
- Support for workforce development and skills training.
- Business networking, growth opportunities, and sustainability.

Sector and Industry Development

- Renewable energy, mining, forestry, agriculture, and health innovation.
- Education and training partnerships.
- Industry-specific investment and innovation opportunities

Operations, governance, and Organizational Excellence

- Departmental efficiency and productivity.
- Staff development and professional training.
- Long-term planning, partnerships, and fiscal responsibility.

Community Wellness and Social Well-Being

- Senior's programming and supports.
- Homelessness and housing stability initiatives.
- Adult day care development.
- Community health partnerships and social change initiatives

2026 Community Services

Recreation Department Goals and Objectives

Recreation Marketing and Promotion

- Promotion of parks, programs, facilities, special events, and activities.
- Increased use of social media and digital engagement initiatives.
- Collaboration with communications and tourism partners.
- Development of tourism and accommodation packages

Recreation Program Development

- Delivery of inclusive programs for all ages and abilities.
- Support for local sports organizations and specialty groups.
- Assistance through grants, travel support, and program funding.
- Collaboration with schools and community partners.

Recreation Facility Development and Enhancement

- Maintenance and improvement of existing recreation facilities.
- Expansion of community gardens and common areas.
- Development of trails and outdoor recreation amenities.
- Planning and funding exploration for future recreation facilities.

Recreation Special Events Planning

- Delivery of major community festivals and seasonal events.
- Expansion of pop-up events and recreational programming.
- Support for tournaments and externally hosted events

Recreation Operations and productivity

- Focus on safe, efficient, and cost-effective service.
- Staff training, professional development, and workforce support.
- Internal communication, staff engagement, and morale building

2026 Community Services Expenditures

\$1,366,345

	2025	2026
Salaries (8 employees)	618,269	661,125
Professional Development & Travel	21,850	21,900
Other administration	32,550	31,550
Community Programming	101,500	45,100
Community Events	211,570	201,470
Community Grants	308,200	219,200
Economic Development	77,000	86,000
Festivals	100,000	100,000
	\$1,470,939	\$1,366,345







