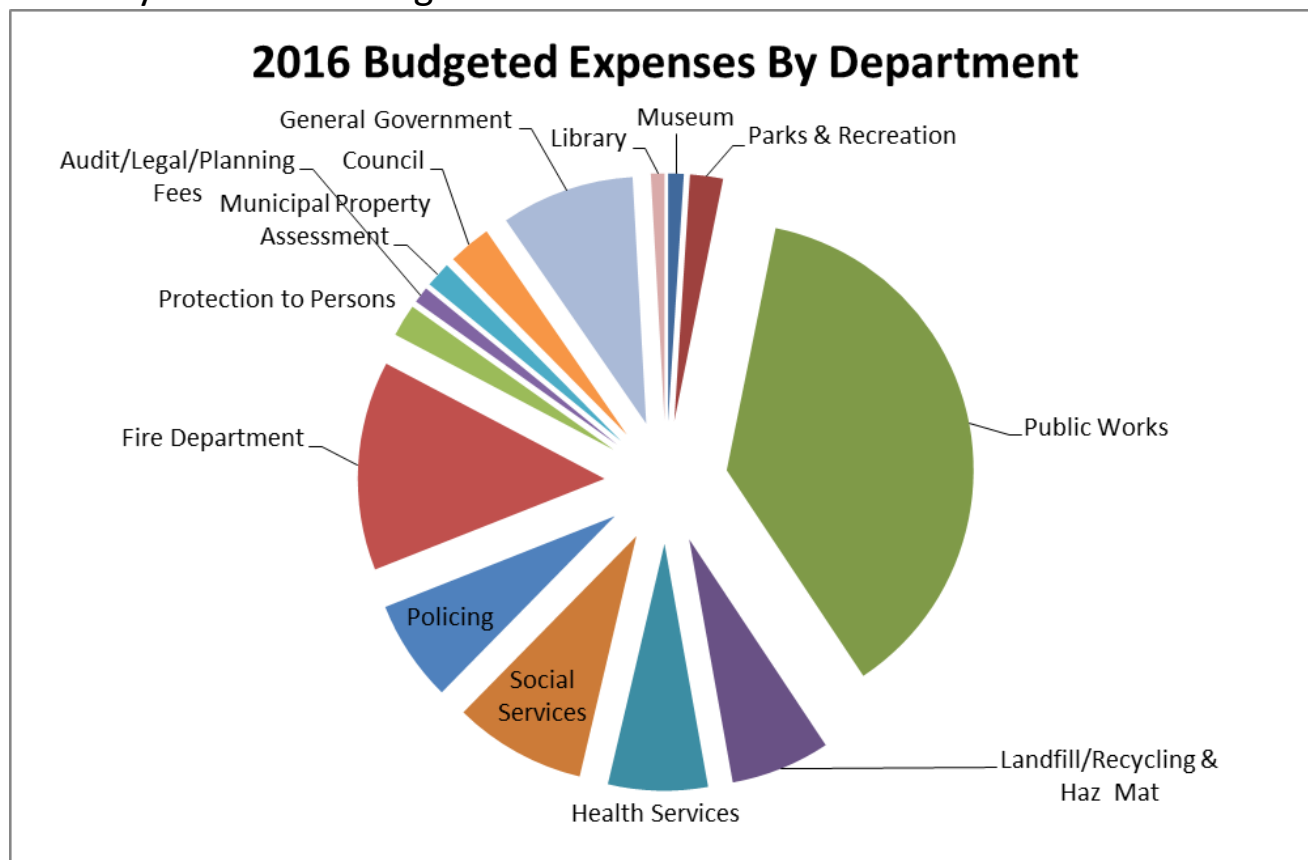


2017 BUDGET NEWS

Where your tax dollars go:



2017 Budget special points of interest:

Expenses

OPP costing will increase 28% over the 2016 amount, this increase will cost an additional \$64,916. This is the third scheduled increase out of five anticipated between 2015 and 2019.

DSSAB (District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board) and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit levies will each increase 0%.

Revenues

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) will provide \$50,000 formula based funding for infrastructure which has increased from \$25,000 in 2016 and is expected to be \$61,720 in 2018.

*OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund) will increase by 0% for 2017, providing a \$504,000 payment.

Municipal Property Taxes Support:

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| ❖ Road maintenance | ❖ By-Law Enforcement |
| ❖ Landfill operations | ❖ Building Department |
| ❖ Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste programs | ❖ Animal Control |
| ❖ Fire Department | ❖ Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) services |
| ❖ EMS (land ambulance) services | ❖ Emergency Management Planning |
| ❖ Police services – provided by the Ontario Provincial Police | ❖ Council and General Government Administration |
| ❖ Health Unit – member of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit | ❖ Nipissing Community Centre and Fitness Centre operations |
| ❖ North Bay Regional Health Centre contribution | ❖ Heritage Park outdoor rink |
| ❖ DSSAB – District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board | ❖ Powassan and District Union Public Library partner |
| ❖ Eastholme, Home for the Aged – Operating and Capital levies | ❖ Nipissing Township Museum |
| ❖ Cemetery - 3 operating cemeteries | ❖ Recreational activities – Canada Day 150 th Anniversary celebrations, Children’s Easter and Halloween |

Council is now preparing for the 2017 Budget. The **First Budget Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 21, 2017** during the regular Council meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Council meetings are held at 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing. Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Township Office via email admin@nipissingtownship.com, by mail, by fax 705-724-5385 or in person.

FIRE PERMIT CHANGES FOR 2017

Considerable changes to the Fire Permit system have been developed and will be in effect as of April 1, 2017.

Fire Permits for Open Air Burning and Fireworks will now be issued on an annual basis.

All Fire Permits for open air burning and fireworks will be issued by the Township Office.

The Fire Permit process will be available on-line, by mail, by fax or in person. Annual Fire Permits for Open Air Burning must be renewed by April 1st of each year.

Rationale for the changes:

- As per the Open Air Burning By-Law and Fireworks By-Law, only REGISTERED LAND OWNERS are authorized to be issued fire permits.
- Issuing the permits through the Township Office allows for confirmation of registered owner status at the time of issue.
- Annual permits allow for a more comprehensive data-base of those with permits issued creating a more effective monitoring system for the Fire Department, notification of burning restrictions in a timely manner and a method of communication with permit-holders on time-sensitive information.
- Annual permits will ease the administrative burden and provide a more efficient, accessible permit process for land owners.
- April 1st is the beginning of the burning season whereas day time burning is restricted. March 31st is also the Interim Tax Billing Due Date and the deadline for Dog Tag renewal. Having all items due at the same time of year will provide a more efficient process for land owners.

Copies of the Open Air Burning By-Law and Fireworks By-Law are available on the Township website on the Fire Department page or may be obtained from the Township Office by email, fax or in person.

Campfires:

An Open Air Burning Fire Permit is not required for campfires used for personal warmth or cooking.

These fires are limited to a size of 1 metre (width) x 1 metre (length) x 1 metre (height – fuel and flame combined). Day time burning restrictions within the Burning Season (April 1 to October 31) apply to campfires. For permitted times of burning and other pertinent information on location, safety and requirements please refer to a copy of the Open Air Burning By-Law, contact the Township of Nipissing Fire Department or the Township Office.

Fireworks:

A permit is required to discharge fireworks.

Flying Lanterns are not permitted in the Township of Nipissing. These items are unpredictable and have the ability to land in highly flammable areas with reduced access providing an imminent danger to those in the area.

Definition: Flying lanterns, or any devices that rely on an open flame or any burning fuel source, to heat the air inside the lantern and then release the device into the air, are prohibited.

Annual Fireworks permits for Registered Landowners will allow the Fire Department to keep an effective record of those discharging fireworks in the Township and provide an enforcement tool for complaints.

For further information on these by-laws please contact the Fire Department at 705-752-2772 or the Township Office at 705-724-2144, admin@nipissingtownship.com.

Security Options for your property

The Ontario Provincial Police have been working with retail outlets in North Bay and surrounding areas to start a program where discounts will be available on select trail-cameras to help you view your property when you are not able to be there. Please visit the Township of Nipissing website for updates on this program and participating locations.