



# REMINDER

# PUBLIC MEETING

## Strategic Direction & Budget Planning

On Wednesday, **MARCH 5, 2025** at the **MASONIC HALL at 6pm** the Baddeck Village Commission is holding a public meeting to discuss the upcoming 2025 budget and the strategic direction of the Village. Our strategic plan, developed in 2023/2024 can be viewed at [www.baddeckvillage.ca](http://www.baddeckvillage.ca) and we encourage everyone to have a look at that document prior to the meeting. Paper copies will be made available at the Village office. That document outlines the mandate and priorities of the Village Commission as it relates to water and wastewater management, financial responsibility, maintenance and development of Village owned properties and accountability to the rate payers.

The Village area tax rate will be discussed - we will identify the current expenditures that are covered by the tax revenue and seek feedback from residents and ratepayers around the prioritization and sustainability of those expenditures. We'll talk about the Village-owned properties and projects related to those properties. Water and wastewater rates will also be discussed, including the prioritization and funding of capital upgrades to the systems and the suspension on new connections to the system that is currently in place for properties outside of the village.

The Village has secured a number of provincial and federal grants, and those projects will be discussed. We will also discuss the information we have received from the Municipality – Council has nullified all existing agreements between the Village and the Municipality. While the Commission is hopeful that new agreements will be developed, that decision will impact on our 2025/2026 budget.

If you live, work or operate a business in the village, utilize the water or wastewater systems (or would like to) and live outside of the village, these conversations will directly impact you because it relates to tax rates and consumption rates for the utilities. Everyone is welcome! If you have questions or concerns in advance, or can't attend the meeting, please reach out to the Village Office at 902-295-3666, [info@baddeckvillage.ca](mailto:info@baddeckvillage.ca) or to the Commissioners. We hope to see you there!

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