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The Rural Community of Maple Hills Adopts Its 2026 Budget

Irishtown, NB – The local government of Maple Hills has approved its 2026 operating budget, totaling \$6.4 million. The budget was adopted during a Special Council Meeting held in Council Chambers on November 12, 2025. The Department of Environment and Local Government approved the local government's proposed budget today.

New for 2026

Late in 2025, the local government of Maple Hills assumed responsibility for administering services related to Dangerous or Unsightly Premises, including the associated bylaw enforcement services. Previously, the cost of these services was included under the Provincial Tax Rate; however, beginning in next year, it will be incorporated into the Local Tax Rate. This adjustment does not increase the amount residents pay for Dangerous or Unsightly Premises services. Rather, it represents a reallocation of funds already being collected.

Local Tax Rates for 2026

Despite the addition of Dangerous or Unsightly Premises services—including bylaw enforcement—to the Local Tax Rate, residents across Maple Hills' five taxation areas will benefit from a 3.0% tax reduction in 2026, while maintaining service levels comparable to those provided in 2025.

"People want good services and fair taxes, and we completely understand that...we live here too," said Mayor Erica Warren. "Council worked hard on this budget to make sure residents get the same level of service they count on, paired with a responsible reduction in the tax rate."

You will find the details of the 2026 budget on the website maplehills.ca under the *Finance* section early in 2026.

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About the Maple Hills Rural Community

Following the New Brunswick Local Governance Reform, Maple Hills was incorporated on January 1st, 2023. The rural community has a population of nearly 9500 residents over an area of 522 km² and is comprised of a portion of the former local service district (LSD) of Dundas, LSD of Irishtown, LSD of Moncton, LSD of Painsec Junction, and the LSD of Shediac. As a result, it is one of the largest local government entities in the southeastern part of the province.