









BUDGET 2026

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Town of Bay Roberts Budget Speech 2026

Your Worship, Fellow Councillors, Staff, Special Guests and those joining us via YouTube. I am honored to present the 2026 Budget for the Town of Bay Roberts.

Bay Roberts has always been known as a town that punches above its weight a place where safety, recreation, and community thrive. From the Klondyke to Goose Pond to Mad Rock, our town is recognized for its natural beauty, vibrant festivals, and recreational opportunities. Our sense of togetherness has always shaped who we are and will continue to guide us into the future.

Council shaped this budget by listening on doorsteps, in conversations across our community, and through formal meetings. We heard what matters most to the residents of Bay Roberts. Council also benefited from the research and experience of our professional management team, and from guidance and consultation with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

The 2026 Budget focuses on the fundamentals: investment in infrastructure, safety, and planning for a strong financial foundation.

This budget reflects a combination of tax revenue, government transfers, sales of service and borrowing. This allows us tonight to present a balanced operating and capital budget for 2026 totaling $10,624,351.76, developed with careful planning, fiscal responsibility, and a clear focus on the priorities of our community.

Sustaining Growth While Managing Expenses

While operating expenses have increased due to inflation, there will be no increase in the residential mill rate. Residential tax rates will remain unchanged. Although property assessments have risen through the Municipal Assessment Agency, Council felt it was important to maintain stability for residential homeowners.

There will also be no increase in commercial tax.

As part of our commitment to competitiveness and equity, changes have been made to the business tax structure and classifications to reflect the diversity of our business community. These adjustments align with rates across the province and recognize the vital role businesses play in our town. Business owners need to be aware of the changes in the tax structure.

The Town will continue to offer Early Payment Discount and Senior Discount to those that are eligible if their taxes are paid in full by the due date of March 31, 2026 – after this date interest will be calculated on all outstanding tax balances. This approach is different from previous years but is in line with the legislation's tax collection policy. These details are outlined in the 2026 Tax Structure.

The Town of Bay Roberts is committed to working with residents to ensure fair and manageable tax payments. We are in a strong position to address delinquent accounts; however, we recognize that some residents may face financial challenges. Town staff are available to work with you to develop a payment

plan that meets both your needs and the Town's requirements. Please note that delinquent accounts will be treated accordingly, and failure to address outstanding balances may result in service disruptions or, where necessary, tax sales. Our goal is to avoid these outcomes by working together to find practical solutions.

Open and Transparent Governance

As part of our continued effort to modernize operations and strengthen public engagement, the Town is pleased to launch a new initiative focused on open and transparent governance. Beginning in 2026, all Committee of the Whole meetings will be livestreamed on YouTube. Prior to this the Town only broadcasted the monthly Public Council meetings. These meetings via YouTube will be posted on the Towns website once the minutes are approved. These meetings will take place on the first and second Tuesday of each month, allowing residents to follow decision-making in real time and reinforcing our commitment to accountability and accessibility.

Strengthening Community

We are proud to continue building on our strong reputation for recreation and tourism. The Town will support and expand events that draw visitors, showcase our amenities, and contribute to local business activity. Investments are allocated for continued upgrades to playgrounds, sports fields, trails, and

recreational facilities to ensure families, youth, seniors and visitors enjoy safe, accessible, and high-quality spaces.

This year the Town is pleased to invest $912,407.20 in the Economic Development and Tourism Department as well as $1,632,060.99 into the Department of Recreation, which includes The Bay Arena, recreation programs, swimming pool, outdoor facilities and events.

The Festival of Lights and Songs, Stages and Seafood Festival continue to draw resident and non resident visitors to our community during the shoulder seasons supporting our economy. 2026 will see the launch of a new visitor portal profiling the town's restaurant and accommodation industry.

Signature programs such as Light the Lamp, Fit and Fun, Pickleball, and Carved by the Sea Run will continue to grow.

We are also very pleased to announce that there will be no increase in our user rates for our stadium and outdoor recreation facilities.

Infrastructure and Municipal Assets

In 2026 the Town will invest $3,320,202.93 in the Public Works, Sanitation, and Water & Sewer Departments.

Our municipal planning process continues to guide long-term development. In 2026, the Town will invest $517,000 in paving and traffic-calming initiatives to improve safety and road conditions across our community.

A key focus this year will be upgrades to our Public Works fleet, with $375,000 allocated for a new dump truck, pickup-sander unit, and cargo trailer to support Public Works operations. This marks the launch of our fleet maintenance program, designed to address the needs of our aging town fleet and ensure reliable, efficient operations moving forward.

From a capital works perspective, Phase 2 of the Water Street project will begin, continuing improvements from Barracks Road to Route 70. We will also move forward with water and sewer upgrades on Heney's Pond Road and continue lift station upgrades initiated in late 2025. These projects will allow much needed improvements to the Town's aging infrastructure.

In 2026, the Town will once again partner with the Eastern Regional Service Board to offer a bulk garbage pickup for residents. We're aiming for early spring and plan to have just one cleanup this year. We kindly ask that items not be placed at the curb until the official dates are announced on our social media channels. Stay tuned for updates.

The Town would like to thank residents for their cooperation with water conservation measures in 2025. Throughout this period, Town staff closely monitored the water supply, and Council remained informed of all updates. We are pleased to report that water levels have now returned to normal heights. Town staff will continue to monitor the situation carefully in 2026 to ensure a stable and reliable water supply

Protection and Safety

In 2026 we will invest $ 618,352.22 in protection and safety.

Over the past year, Council focused heavily on emergency services. In 2025, we completed the investment in a new Quint fire apparatus for Bay Roberts Fire Rescue, and we look forward to the arrival of our new pumper truck in late 2026 or early 2027. The Town will continue to invest in the safety and training of our firefighters through the purchase of additional self-contained breathing apparatus.

Given recent wildfire activity in Conception Bay North, emergency preparedness has taken on renewed importance. Work is already underway to update and strengthen the Town's Emergency Management Plan, and this will remain a priority through 2026.

The Town of Bay Roberts remains committed to collaboration and regional partnerships. We are pleased to confirm the movement from pilot project to a full-time staff Municipal Enforcement Officer (MEO). This MEO is shared with the Municipalities of North River, Spaniards Bay, Harbour Grace and Bay Roberts.

Planning for the Future

This year, we will finalize the Municipal Plan Review, with completion expected by late 2026. The Town will also complete its wastewater feasibility study that commenced late 2025.

Economic development remains a priority. In 2026, the Town will advance planning for the Bay Roberts Business Park, creating opportunities for commercial growth, attracting new investment, and supporting long-term employment. This initiative is a cornerstone of our strategy for a thriving and sustainable economy.

We are also developing a long-term infrastructure and priority plan to guide investment and community growth over the next 10 to 15 years. In 2027, we will begin building a fiscally responsible framework focused on improving debt management and reducing our debt ratio over time.

In Summary

The Town of Bay Roberts is moving forward with optimism and purpose. Through open governance, enhanced recreation, critical infrastructure investments, and strong partnerships, we are building a community that is safe, vibrant, and connected. Our commitment to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and long-term planning ensures that residents can feel confident about the future. Together, we are shaping a Bay Roberts that continues to grow, thrive, and reflect the values that make our town an exceptional place to live, work, and visit.

I would like to thank His Worship the Mayor, my fellow Councillors, and Town staff for the significant time, effort, and dedication that went into developing this budget. Countless meetings, detailed research, and careful review were required to ensure Council was provided with the information necessary to make informed, responsible decisions on behalf of our residents.

This budget reflects a collaborative effort, guided by sound financial management and a shared commitment to the people of Bay Roberts. Together, we have delivered a balanced and forward-looking budget that positions our Town well for the year ahead.

Your Worship, fellow Councillors, at this time I would like to present the following recommendations:

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that the 2026 Tax Structure and Schedule of Rates and Fees be accepted.

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that the 2026 Municipal Budget Submission Form be submitted to the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for review and acceptance prior to the deadline.

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that the Town of Bay Roberts accept the balanced budget hereby tabled for the fiscal year 2026 in the amount of $10,624,351.76.

Town of Bay Roberts - Budget 2026

Projected Revenues

TAXATION		
Property Taxes		$5,028,517.90
Water & Sewer Tax		$1,876,304.80
Other Taxes		$1,745,872.25
	Sub Total	**$8,650,694.95**
Other Revenue Sources		
Sale of Services		$979,197.50
Other Revenue		$35,500.00
Government Transfers		$958,959.31
	Total	**$10,624,351.76**

Expenditure Summary

Department Name	
Administration	$1,511,211.33
Protection to Persons & Property	$618,352.22
Parks and Recreation	$810,174.00
Economic Development / Tourism	$912,407.20
Pool Department	$169,860.00
Bay Arena	$652,026.99
Public Works	$1,974,471.71
Sanitation Department	$657,750.00
Water & Sewer Operations	$687,981.22
Debt / Fiscal Charges	$1,622,655.12
Other Fiscal Services	$216,013.72
Capital Expenditures	$791,448.25
Total	**$10,624,351.76**

Revenues

2025- 2026 Comparison

Revenues	2025	2026	Variance
TAXATION			
Property Taxes	$4,555,848.98	$5,028,517.90	$472,668.92
Water & Sewer Tax	$1,557,727.00	$1,876,304.80	$318,577.80
Other Taxes	$1,410,478.11	$1,745,872.25	$335,394.14
Other Revenue Sources			
Sale of Services	$948,400.00	$979,197.50	$30,797.50
Other Revenue	$55,500.00	$35,500.00	-$20,000.00
Government Transfers	$1,612,583.13	$958,959.31	-$653,623.82
Total	**$10,140,537.22**	**$10,624,351.76**	$483,814.54

Expenditures

2025- 2026 Comparison

Department	2025	2026	Variance
Administration	$1,140,994.44	$1,511,211.33	$370,216.89
Protection to Persons & Property	$582,600.10	$618,352.22	$35,752.12
Parks and Recreation	$752,826.50	$810,174.00	$57,347.50
Economic Development / Tourism	$903,521.36	$912,407.20	$8,885.84
Pool Department	$169,196.20	$169,860.00	$663.80
Bay Arena	$630,722.80	$652,026.99	$21,304.19
Public Works	$1,860,107.46	$1,974,471.71	$114,364.25
Sanitation Department	$652,750.00	$657,750.00	$5,000.00
Water & Sewer Operations	$507,618.36	$687,981.22	$180,362.86
Debt / Fiscal Charges	$1,641,600.00	$1,622,655.12	-$18,944.88
Other Fiscal Services	$62,000.00	$216,013.72	$154,013.72
Capital Expenditures	$1,236,600.00	$791,448.25	-$445,151.75
Total	**$10,140,537.22**	**$10,624,351.76**	$483,814.54

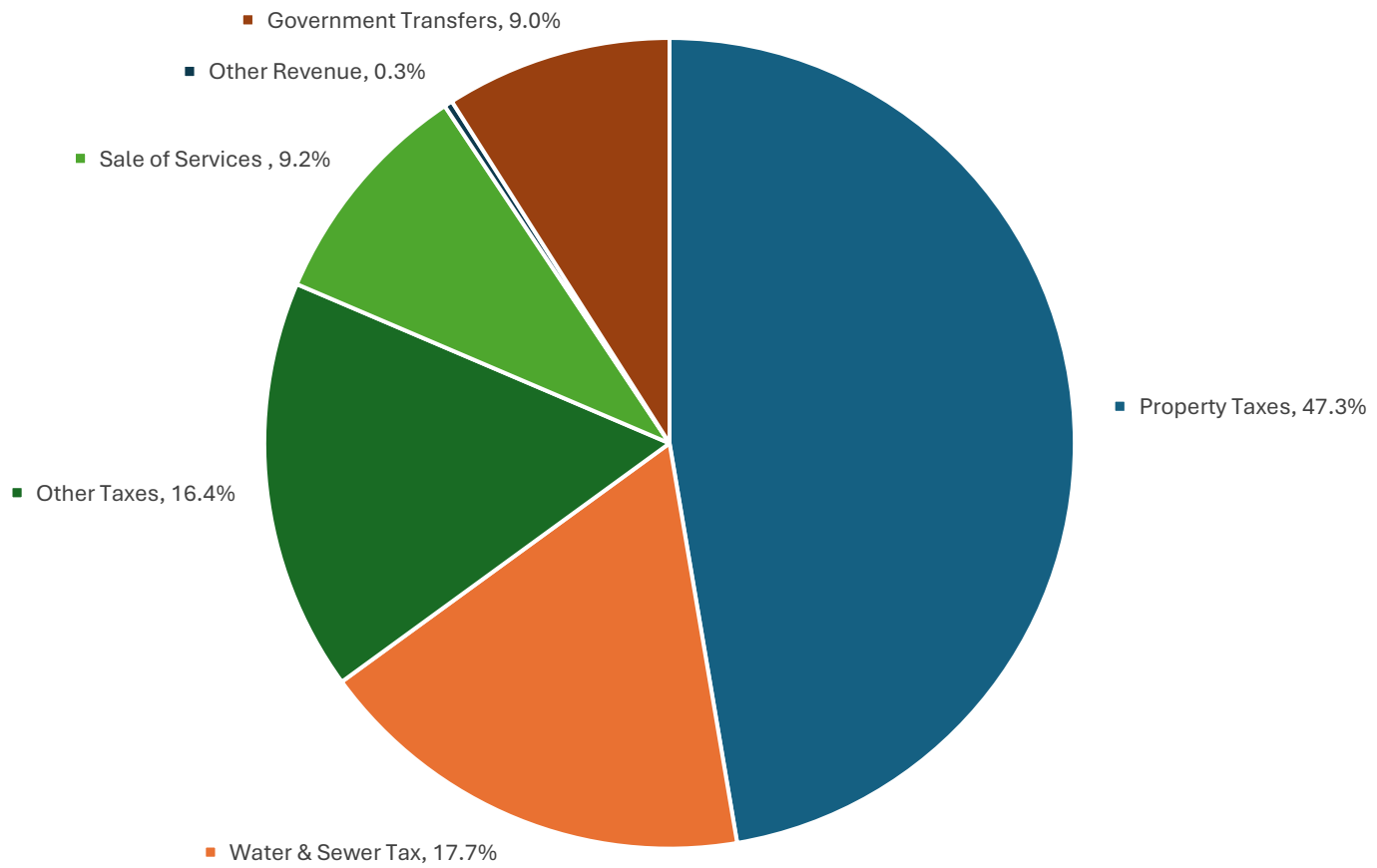
Capital Budget

Capital - from Tax Revenue	
Protective Services	
Municipal Plan	$72,875.06
SCBA (Breathing Apparatus) Fire Dept	$45,000.00
Parks & Recreation	
Softball Field Groomer	$15,000.00
Pool Exterior Repairs	$10,000.00
Tourism & Development	
VIC Repairs	$40,000.00
Public Works	
Wastewater Treatment Study	$51,376.33
Pavement Projects	$292,656.00
Lift Station Upgrades	$264,540.86
Total	**$791,448.25**

Capital - from Borrowing	
Public Works	
Cube Van / Trailer	
Dump Truck	
Pickup Truck	
Water Street Upgrades Phase 2	
Heney's Pond Road - Water Main Sewer	
Total	**$1,685,444.83**

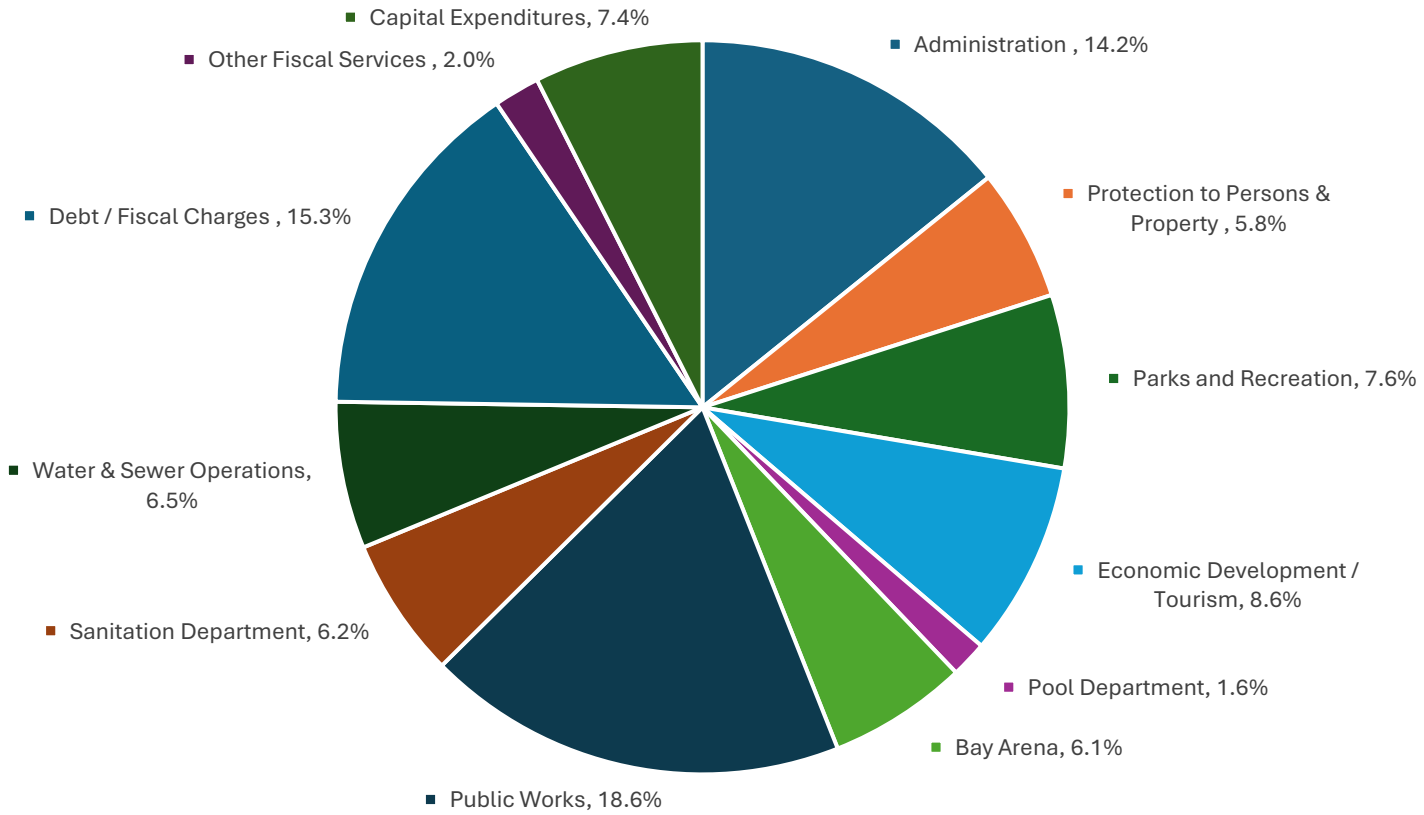
Total Capital **$2,476,893.08**

Revenues



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Expenditures



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TAX STRUCTURE JANUARY - DECEMBER 2026

Property Tax Information	**Rates**
Residential Property Tax	6.5 Mill
Commercial Property Tax	7 Mill
Minimum Property Tax	$300.00

Business Tax Information

Business Tax @ 13 Mill
Bakery; Butcher Shop; Cannabis Shop; Clothing Shop; Coffee Shops; Construction; Convenience Store; Dance School; Day Care Centre; Fitness Centre/Gym; Flower Studio / Shop; Gaming / Video Shop; Garden Centre; Gift Shop; Hair Salon /Barber Shop; Home Care Agency; Home Improvement / Hardware Store; Jewelry Store. Lotto Kiosk; Lounges/ Clubs; Mechanic /Garage/ Repair Businesses, including Glass; Micro Brewery; Nail Salon; Nursing/ Retirement Homes; Parking Lots; Pet Grooming; Private Schools Training Centres; Recycling Depot; Restaurants; Security; Tattoo Parlor; Tax Centres; Travel Agencies

Business Tax @ 15 Mill
Bulk Storage Plant, Car Dealers; Car Rental; Car Wash; Counselling / Psychology; Department Store; Financial Planning; Fish Processing / Plant / Cold Storage/ Industrial; Furniture Stores; Gas Bars with Convenience Store; Grocery Store; Hotel / Motel; Industrial; Insurance; Mail Order Company (Couriers i.e. Fed Ex; Purolator); Medical Supply Companies; Pharmacy; Survey Companies; Salvage Yards; Spas; Wholesale Warehouse

Business Tax @ 20 Mill
Accounting Firms; Chiropractors; Dental Office; Dentist; Doctors; Engineering; Funeral Home; Hearing Centers; Investments; Laundromats; Law Office; Massage Therapy; Medical Office; Medical Esthetics; Optometrists; Physiotherapy; Real Estate; Veterinary Clinics

Business Tax @ 100 Mill
Banks; Credit Unions & Financial Institutions

Minimum Business Tax	$200.00
B & B /Vacation Home Rentals	$500.00 / Annual

TAX STRUCTURE JANUARY - DECEMBER 2026

Water & Sewer Tax Information	**Rates**
Vacant Land Water & Sewer	$212.50
Residential Water & Sewer	$425.00
Res Additional Apartment Units – each	$250.00
Residential Water	$275.00
Res Additional Apartment Units (Water Only) – each	$175.00
Residential Sewer	$150.00
Res Additional Apartment Units (Sewer Only) – each	$100.00

Commercial Water & Sewer	**Rates**
Commercial Water & Sewer	6 Mill Plus $100.00
Commercial Water	4 Mill Plus $100.00
Commercial Sewer	2 Mill Plus $100.00
Water Use Tax (Metered)	$1.80 Per 1000 Gallons

Other Tax Rates	**Rates**
Fire Protection	
House	$110.00
Harbour Authority of Port de Grave	$9,000.00
Businesses	$1,100.00
Fish Plants	$2,750.00
Churches	$300.00
Butlerville Service Area	$500.00
Air BNB Inspection in Service Areas	$50.00
Municipal Plan Amendments	Actual Cost - Deposit of $3000.00 required prior to proceeding.

TAX STRUCTURE JANUARY - DECEMBER 2026

Residential Permits - anyone within the planning zone	**Rates**
Application Processing Fee (at submission)	$20.00
New Residential Permit	$350.00
Residential Extension	$75.00
Accessory Building Permit	$55.00
Accessory Building Extension	$35.00
Home Business Signage	$50.00
Fence Permit	$35.00
Home Base Business Occupancy Permit	$100.00
Deck/Patio/Extension	$35.00

Commercial Permits - anyone within the planning zone	**Rates**
Extension Permit	0.5% of Cost of Extension with Minimum of $500
Renovations Permit	0.5% of Cost of Renovation
New Commercial Permit	0.5% of Cost of Extension with Minimum of $1000
Vendor Permit	$400.00 Annual
Signage	$100.00
Fence Permit	$50.00
Deck/Patio/Extension	$75.00
Quarry Permit	$1,200.00
All Commercial Permits Maximum	$10,000.00

Residential	**Rates**
Residential – Water & Sewer Installation Permit	$2,500.00 Per Unit
Residential – Water Only Installation Permit	$1,500.00 Per Unit
Residential – Sewer Only Installation Permit	$1,500.00 Per Unit

TAX STRUCTURE JANUARY - DECEMBER 2026

Commercial & Residential	**Rates**
Commercial / 4 Lane Road / Highway Water & Sewer	$3,500.00 Plus Recovery
Inspection Fee for Water / Sewer Hookup- -Multi Complex Units & / or Subdivision	$5,000.00
Compliance Letters	$100.00
Tax Certificates	$100.00
Tolerance Letter	$1,000.00
Commercial Occupancy Permit - (if business moves within one year; must apply but fee is waived)	$250.00
Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter Replacement	Cost
Water Turn On (No Charge if Taxes Paid)	$50.00
Water Turn Off (No Charge if Taxes Paid)	$50.00
Weekends and after hours except emergencies	$50.00 Plus Call Out Cost

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT

A 5% discount will be applied to the 2026 Residential taxes (not commercial) if paid in full by **due date of MARCH 31, 2026,** and provided that all previous taxes have been paid. The discount date will not be extended.

SENIORS DISCOUNT

Seniors (65+) will receive an additional discount of 5% if taxes are paid in full by **due date of MARCH 31, 2026**. Age verification will be required to receive this discount. Senior Receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement under the Old Age Security Act may apply to the Town for an extension of the combined discount.

PAYMENT DUE

All property; business; water and sewer taxes are due on or before **MARCH 31, 2026**.

TAX STRUCTURE JANUARY - DECEMBER 2026

INTEREST

Interest shall be charged monthly on all outstanding tax balances at a simple interest rate of 0.5%. This includes prior-year arrears as well as current-year taxes that remain unpaid after the March 31 deadline. Interest will continue to accrue each month until the outstanding balance is paid in full, unless an approved payment arrangement is in place for the current tax year.

Fee for NSF $45.00

Third Party Cheques are NOT accepted - i.e. Government Cheques/ Payroll Cheques

Requests for Additional Copies of Invoices or Receipts

Businesses requesting additional copies of invoices or receipts for accounting purposes will be charged a fee of $25 per business property, plus applicable postage costs.

Businesses operating within the Town of Bay Roberts without a physical storefront are required to register with the Town and pay the applicable Business Tax fee.

All accessory buildings associated with commercial properties; when used for warehousing or inventory storage; are subject to Business Tax in accordance with MAA assessment classifications. The applicable Business Tax shall be levied based on the assessed use of these structures

Department Of Recreation
2026 Rates & Fees

Bay Arena - Ice Rentals

BAMHA and CBNSC (including all AAA groups) - Weekdays/Weekends	
Monday-Friday (before 8am)	$147.83 + taxes
Statutory Holidays	$197.83 + taxes
All Other Times	$178.26 + taxes
Statutory Holidays	$228.26 + taxes
Public Rates (including Junior & Senior Hockey) - Weekdays	
Prime Time (3pm to 11pm)	$204.35 + taxes
Statutory Holidays	$254.35 + taxes
11pm to 8am	$147.83 + taxes
Statutory Holidays	$197.83 + taxes
8am to 3pm	$147.83 + taxes
Statutory Holidays	$228.26 + taxes
Public Rates (including Junior & Senior Hockey) - Weekends	
8am to 11pm	$204.35 + taxes
Statutory Holidays	$254.35 + taxes
11pm to 8am	$147.83 + taxes
Statutory Holidays	$197.83 + taxes
School Skating/High School Hockey	
Practices + School Programming	$147.83 + taxes
Tournaments/Games	$178.26 + taxes

Please note: extra staffing charges may apply if required for tournaments.
Applicable holiday rates above will apply.

Public Skating	
Adult Skating	$4.35 + taxes
Family Skating	$4.35 + taxes
Tot Skating	$4.35 + taxes

One parent is free when accompanying a tot.

Pass of 10	$34.78 + taxes
Wesley Gosse Room Rental	
1 hour rental	$30.43 + taxes
Birthday Party Rental (Ice + Wesley Gosse Room)	
Rental	$204.35 + $20.00 (room) + taxes

Bay Arena - Off Ice Rentals (For Profit)

Building Rental (1 Day)	$1,500 + taxes + incidentals
Building Rental (2 Days)	$2,500 + taxes + incidentals
Building Rental (3+ Days)	$1,000/day + taxes + incidentals
Incidentals	
One Time Cleaning Fee	$400 + taxes

This cleaning fee is subject to extend beyond one day if required

Stage	$25 per 4'x8' section + taxes
Chairs	$0.50 per chair + taxes
Tables	$1.00 per table + taxes
Drapes/curtains	$500 (full) + taxes
	$250 (half) + taxes

Extra staffing will be charged at the applicable staff rate + employer costs.

Man (scissor or fork) lift	$100 + taxes
Heat (if required)	$100/day + taxes

Bay Arena - Off Ice Rentals (Not For Profit)

Building Rental	$800/day + taxes + incidentals
Hourly Rate Sports Groups (Ball Hockey)	$100/hour + taxes
Incidentals	
One Time Cleaning Fee	$400 + taxes

This cleaning fee is subject to extend beyond one day if required

Stage	Free
Chairs	Free
Tables	Free
Drapes/curtains	Free

Extra staffing will be charged at the applicable staff rate + employer costs.

Man (scissor or fork) lift	Free
Heat (if required)	$50/day + taxes
Business Lease	Contract as per negotiation with lessee
Parking Lot Fee	$500/day + permits + insurance + taxes

Bay Arena - Advertising

Ice Logo	$410.20 + taxes
Ice Resurfacer	$1,650 (Half) + taxes
Rink Board (8'x4')	$270.60 + taxes
Wall Board (4'x4')	$69.30 + taxes
Wall Board (4'x8')	$137.50 + taxes
Wall Board (4'x12')	$205.70 + taxes
Wall Board (4'x24')	$406.56 + taxes

Fields & Parks

Recreation Softball/Soccer

Junior/Senior Group Rentals	$26.09/game (no lights) + taxes $39.13/game (with lights) + taxes
Junior/Senior Leagues	$217.39/night (one league night) + taxes $173.91/night (two plus nights) + taxes
Minor Sports	$4.35/participant + taxes per season

Billed to minor sports association

Tournaments (Fields)

Junior/Senior	$39.13/game + taxes $304.35 flat rate (Friday-Sunday PM) + taxes
Minor	Free (if ran by local organization paying $4.35/participant fee)
Schools	$100 flat rate + taxes

Clubhouse Sport Tournament Rentals

Minor/Schools	$43.48 + taxes + cleaning fee
Junior/Senior	$75.00 + taxes + cleaning feed

Social events will be individually reviewed by Management

Clubhouse Rentals

NO Public Rentals	N/A
Not-For-Profit/Sports Groups	$43.48 + taxes + cleaning fee

Summer Program

Weekly	$100/week/child + fees (5 day week)
Early/Late Dropoff Fee	$10/week/child + fees

Ball Hockey Program

Weekly	$10/child/week + fees

Light the Lamp Ball Hockey Tournament

Team Registration	$450 + fees
Vendor Fee	$525

Pickleball

Session	$5/session

Fit and Fun

Session	$5/session

Carved By The Sea Road Race

Early Bird Registration	$65 + fees
Late Registration	$75 + fees

Bay Roberts Swimming Pool

General Swim	$3.48 + taxes

Children under 5 free accompanied by adult paying above rate

Stroke Development (Drop-in)	$4.35 + taxes (50 min session) $34.78 + taxes (10 passes, 50 min session)

Swim for Life Program

Preschool/Parent and Tot	$39.13 + taxes & fees (8 sessions, 30 min class)
Swim Kids 1-3	$39.13 + taxes & fees (8 sessions, 30 min class)
Swim Kids 4-6	$52.17 + taxes & fees (8 sessions, 30 min class)
Private Lessons	$17.39 + taxes & fees (one 25 min session)
Swim Patrol	$56.52 + taxes & fees (8 sessions, 1 hour class)

Leadership Program

Bronze Medallion (book)	$217.39 + taxes
Bronze Cross	$217.39 + taxes
Bronze Star	$108.70 + taxes

Pool/Room Rentals

Public Rental	$73.91 + taxes (one 1 hour rental)
School Swims	$52.17 + taxes (one 1 hour rental)

Bay Roberts Sea Lions Swim Team

Rentals	$17.39/swimmer + taxes billed to association

For any questions regarding these rates and fees, please contact **Eddie Russell, Recreation Director at: eddierussell@bayroberts.com**

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