

Town of St. George Annual Budget

Fiscal Year 2015



2015 Budget Report

The goal of most communities is to pursue long-term economic and environmental sustainability and resiliency and this would typically be through integrating the consideration of multiple elements including society, ecology, economics, agriculture/aquaculture, transportation, recreation, food and drinking water safety, and climate change. St. George has all of these elements within or in the surrounding region and as such the Town provides a key focal point to local and regional development.

The Vision Statement for the Town of St. George

The Town of St. George is striving to increase its population through proactively pursuing additional housing, employment and retail development opportunities while capitalizing on the small-town feel, character and natural beauty of the Town.

Economic Snapshot

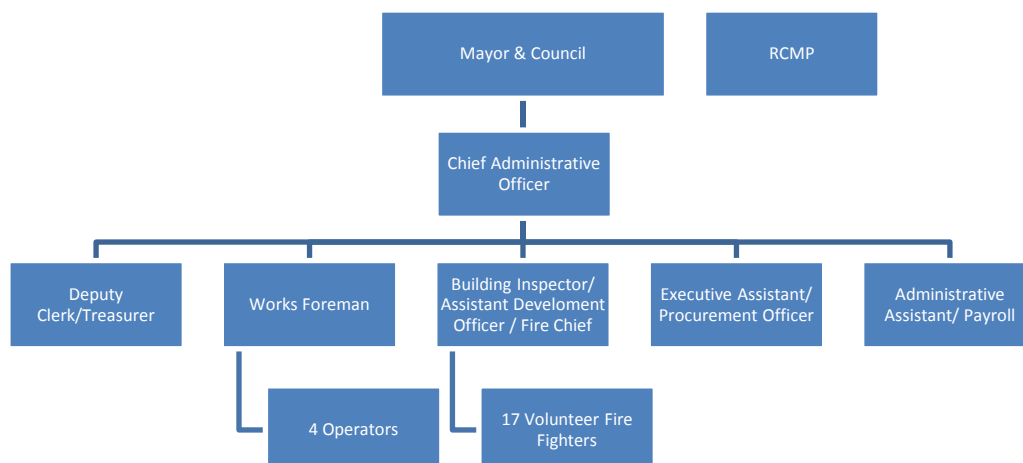
- Has a varied history of successful large scale businesses
- Several businesses active in the Town
- Active business park
- Prime location - proximity to transportation and a variety of markets

Stable Population

- Total population has shown a slight increase 2006 = 1512 and 2011 = 1543
- Net loss does appear in the 15-25 age group
- Core Working Age – 25-54 = 42%
- Older Workers – 55-64 = 12.5 %

The Budget

The Town has 10 full time employees that take care of the administration and operation of Town functions. There are occasions where casual and summer staff are added to the roster to assist with getting the job done. The Fire Department has a roster of 17 volunteers, plus one chief and one deputy chief. Policing for the Town is contracted through the RCMP.



The Budget is broken down into a General Operating Fund and A Utility Fund. The categories of the budget are further broken down and a brief summary of each is as follows:

- **General Government Services Include:**

Town Council, General and Financial Administration, Advertising and Civic Relations, Audit and Legal

- **Protective Services Include:**

Policing, Fire, Emergency Measures, Building Inspection, Animal Control and other protective measures

- **Transportation Services Include:**

Roads and Streets, Street Lighting, Parking and other transportation related functions

- **Environmental Services Include:**

Garbage Collection and Disposal Services

- **Environmental Development Services Include:**

General Land Assembly, Beautification, Community Development, Tourism and Visitor Information Center, Web Site, Christmas Lighting, and Business Development Parks and Playgrounds.

- **Recreation and Culture:**

Community Building, Heritage, Regional Library, Any Community Service and Walking Trails

- **Water and Sewer Systems:**

Maintenance and operation of underground networks, treatment plants, water towers, wells and lagoons.

- **Fiscal Services Include:**

Debt Interest and Principal Payment, Bank Charges and Reserve Funds

Changes in two typical areas of Revenue

These are challenging times for all levels of government. St. George is a small community with limited resources. Maintaining the same level of services is becoming increasingly difficult with declining revenues from various levels of government.

Property Tax Assessment

2013 \$125,071,450.00
2014 \$129,747,350.00 - 1.37% increase
2015 \$131,577,700.00 - 1.41% increase

A minimal increase in the overall assessed values of properties is a result of capped assessments and an adjustment of several commercial properties.

Unconditional Grant

2013 – 98,445.00
2014 – 75,623.00 – 30% decrease
2015 – 63,654.00 – 19% decrease

Continued decreases in the unconditional grants will continue to cause strain on the sources of budget revenue.

Other areas of funding

The Town will be using funding from the Infrastructure Canada Gas Tax Fund along with increased revenues from a small tax rate increase and a hike in water and sewer rates to partially offset these investments. The Town has applied for funding through the Small Communities Fund program to offset the costs of the development of a new well. The Town will also need to borrow funds using Provincial Debentures to cover cost of other projects.

Upcoming Projects

There are several major infrastructure projects proposed for 2015. Two major water projects include water main repairs on L'Etete Road and a new well for the Town. Several proposed road projects will include South Street paving (Campbell Hill to Town Limit), Riverview Avenue (Main Street to Hillcrest), Brunswick Street (Wallace to South) and a replacement of the South Street guardrail.

The Town will look at replacing the 'granite' street lights which are showing significant signs of deterioration and posing a potential hazard. Not all poles will be replaced and any that can be retained as spares will be placed in storage.

The second "Welcome to St. George" highway sign will be placed on the highway at exit 56.

One of the fire trucks is 35 years old which is well beyond any further repairs and a new truck will be purchased as a much needed replacement. Other pieces of equipment will also be acquired for the works department to replace aging equipment.

Budget Changes

As a result of the significant costs associated with major infrastructure improvements, Council is **proposing** the following changes to the 2015 Budget:

Water rates

Current \$300.00 proposed change to \$315.00

Sewer Rates

Current \$125.00 proposed change to \$135.00

Tax Rate

Current rate per \$100.00 of assessment 1.3050 proposed change to 1.3250, (a 2 cent increase).

So for a home assessed at \$100,000.00 the impact will be an additional \$20.00.

The Bottom Line

The sum of **\$2,009,874.53** is the total Revenue and Expenses of the General Operating Budget of the Municipality

The sum of **\$762,293.00** is the total Revenue and Expenses of Utility Budget of the Municipality for the Water & Sewerage operations.

TOWN OF ST GEORGE
GENERAL OPERATING FUND BUDGET

	2014 Budget	2014 Projected	2015 Budget
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REVENUE

WARRANT-MUNICIPAL TAXES (Increase)	1,693,162.00	1,693,162.00	1,743,404.53
(Municipal Tax Base \$131,577,700)			
UNCONDITIONAL GRANT (Decrease)	75,623.00	75,623.00	63,654.00
SERVICES PROVIDED TO OTHER GOV	89,587.00	87,137.74	95,641.00
SALE OF SERVICES	2,000.00	3,725.20	2,000.00
SUB-TOTAL	11,500.00	13,548.34	13,200.00
REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCE	3,201.00	19,510.79	9,201.00
UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS OG	7,000.00	6,990.00	6,500.00
CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS	3,900.00	111,653.60	6,650.00
OTHER TRANSFERS	46,450.00	46,450.00	69,624.00
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUE	163,638.00	289,015.67	202,816.00
TOTAL: GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE	1,932,423.00	2,057,800.67	2,009,874.53

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE	187,000.00	184,279.37	208,000.00
MULTIPURPOSE(10%)(10,000)	10,000.00	11,269.81	12,384.00
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	8,000.00	7,650.00	8,700.00
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	20,000.00	15,100.00	17,100.00

	COMMON SERVICES	25,500.00	57,956.35		28,526.00
	OTHER GENERAL ADMIN SERVICES	4,900.00	3,922.58		11,900.00
	OTHER GEN GOV'T SERVICES	32,500.00	29,354.18		34,000.00
	GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS	9,000.00	9,750.00		9,250.00
TOTAL:	GENERAL GOV'T SERVICES	340,550.00	366,682.29		373,610.00

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

POLICE PROTECTION

TOTAL:	R C M P CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT	345,000.00	345,000.00		349,264.00
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FIRE PROTECTION

	ADMINISTRATION: PERSONNEL	17,000.00	17,650.00		17,900.00
	FIREFIGHTING FORCE: PERSONNEL	45,000.00	52,500.00		55,100.00
	FIREFIGHTING FORCE: OTHER	12,500.00	11,266.14		16,625.00
	FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS	14,500.00	13,675.00		15,625.00
	INVESTIGATION & PREVENTION (SAME)	500.00	279.26		500.00
	WATER COSTS	30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00
	TRAINING /DEVELOPMENT: PERSONNEL	6,500.00	5,200.00		7,500.00
	MULTIPURPOSE (30%)(30,000)	30,000.00	30,059.43		31,450.00
	FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	44,000.00	37,816.99		47,100.00
	OTHER: FIRE HYDRANTS (MISC REPAIRS)	-	361.82		1,000.00
TOTAL:	FIRE PROPECTION (10% INCREASE)	200,000.00	198,808.64		222,800.00

OTHER PROTECTIVE SERVICES

	EMERGENCY MEASURES	10,000.00	12,500.00		12,525.00
	PROTECTIVE INSPECTION	20,500.00	18,030.00		24,525.00
TOTAL:	PROTECTIVE SERVICES	575,500.00	574,338.64		609,114.00

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

	ADMINISTRATION: PERSONNEL	190,000.00	224,500.00		236,500.00
	ADMINISTRATION: OTHER	3,250.00	3,100.00		3,100.00
	TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	2,500.00	672.04		5,000.00
	ENGINEERING SERVICES: OTHER	10,000.00	1,500.00		10,000.00
	GENERAL EQUIPMENT	79,000.00	72,570.42		68,350.00
	MULTIPURPOSE (30%)	30,000.00	30,059.44		34,200.00
	ROAD & STREETS	36,000.00	18,311.18		35,450.00
	MAINTENANCE REGIONAL LANE	0.00	6941.80		7,000.00
	CULVERTS/DRAINAGE DITCHES	10,000.00	7,000.00		10,000.00
	STREET CLEANING	3,500.00	3,102.86		3,500.00
	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL- OTHER	30,000.00	26,841.11		42,000.00
	SNOW & ICE REMOVEAL-PRIVATE	3,000.00	2,357.67		3,000.00
	STREET LIGHTING	52,500.00	52,600.00		55,000.00
	STREET SIGNS	2,000.00	2,100.00		2,000.00
	TRAFFIC LANEMARKING	4,500.00	3,900.00		5,000.00
TOTAL:	TRANSPORTATION SERV	456,250.00	455,556.52		520,100.00

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TOTAL:	Solid Waste Collection/Disposal	110,000.00	113,000.00		120,000.00
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ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

	PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE	50,000.00	45,514.98		50,500.00
	ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING/ZONING	50,000.00	46,322.37		52,610.00
	BEAUTIFICATION & LAND REHAB	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
	INDUSTRIAL PARKS	3,000.00	1,813.05		3,000.00
	TOURIST BUREAU	16,000.00	16,535.69		21,500.00
	PROMOTION OF TOURIST ATTRACTIONS	7,500.00	4,734.43		14,500.00
	OTHER TOURISM	12,075.00	22,518.73		15,500.00
	MARKETS	500.00	-		500.00
	DECORATIVE LIGHTING	-	612.82		750.00
	EASTER TEA	-	224.99		250.00
TOTAL	ENVIRONMENT DEV SERVICES	94,075.00	97,762.08		113,610.00

RECREATION AND CULTURE

	COMMUNITY CENTRES: OTHER	39,200.00	36,314.66		42,200.00
	OTHER RECREATION /CULTURAL SERV	43,100.00	48,997.94		44,800.00
TOTAL:	RECREATION	90,800.00	92,164.58		94,750.00

FISCAL SERVICES

	INTEREST SHORT TERM BORR	1,350.00	-		1,350.00
	INTEREST - South Street	3,894.00	3,674.82		3,894.00
	INTEREST-Fire Truck	2,108.00	2,110.00		2,108.00
	BL31-2014 PAVING & SIDEWALKS (I)		283.13		4,505.50
	CAPITAL LEASE INTEREST	-	2,000.00		2,000.00
		6,002.00	8,067.95		12,507.50
	PRINCIPAL - South Street	14,000.00	14,000.00		14,000.00
	PRINCIPAL-Fire Truck	24,000.00	24,000.00		24,000.00
	BL31-2014 PAVING & SIDEWALKS (P)				18,000.00
	2014 F450 FORD LEASE	-	13,000.00		12,000.00
	FORD F150	-	4,000.00		7,000.00
	2015 F250 EXTENDED CAB	-	6,756.70		8,200.00
		38,000.00	61,756.70		83,200.00
	COST NEW DEBENTURES	1,000.00	1,759.64		2,000.00
	BANKING SERVICE CHARGE	2,000.00	1,200.00		1,200.00
	HST INTEREST LATE PAYMENT	-	-		-
	CHASE PAYMENTECH	-	300.00	500.00	
		3,000.00	3,259.64		3,700.00
	GENERAL OPERATING RESERVE FUND	4,396.00	90,000.00		-
	RESERVE FUND - COMMUNITY CENTRE	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
	GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	-	70,000.00		-
	CIVIC CENTRE PAVING 2014	-	-		

	CAPITAL PROJECTS	-	-	14,933.03
	BIA CONTRIBUTION	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	L'ETETE RD SIDEWALK REPAIR	-	6,154.01	-
	MUSEUM/TOURIST BUREAU	-	105.26	-
	F250 FORD - ASSESSORIES	5,000.00	5,500.00	-
	HIGHWAY SIGNS	-	27,000.00	-
	BRUNSWICK ST - CURB & SIDEWALK	120,000.00	14,000.00	-
	FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT	25,000.00	22,600.23	-
		166,896.00	247,859.50	27,433.03
TOTAL:	FISCAL SERVICES	215,248.00	320,943.79	128,190.53
TOTAL:	EXPENDITURES	1,932,423.00	2,065,962.88	2,009,874.53
TOTAL:	GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE	1,932,423.00	2,057,800.67	2,009,874.53
	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		\$ (8,162.21)	\$0.00

**TOWN OF ST GEORGE
UTILITY FUND BUDGET**

		2014 Budget	2014 Projected	2015 Budget
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REVENUE

	<i>W & S USER CHARGES</i>	<i>627,500.00</i>	<i>705,900.00</i>	<i>725,300.00</i>
	<i>CONNECTION & SERVICE CHARGE</i>	<i>500.00</i>	<i>826.00</i>	<i>500.00</i>
	<i>OTHER REVENUE OWN SOURCE</i>	<i>30,000.00</i>	<i>59,221.25</i>	<i>30,000.00</i>
	<i>SURPLUS 2ND PREVIOUS YEAR</i>	<i>1,681.83</i>	<i>1,681.83</i>	<i>6,093.00</i>
	<i>OTHER REVENUE</i>	<i>318.17</i>	<i>500.00</i>	<i>400.00</i>
TOTAL:	UTILITY INCOME:	660,000.00	768,129.08	762,293.00

WATER DEPT EXPENSE

	<i>ADMINISTRATION</i>	<i>8,450.00</i>	<i>5,840.50</i>	<i>9,150.00</i>
	<i>ADMINISTRATION WATER WAGE</i>	<i>61,750.00</i>	<i>49,467.89</i>	<i>62,500.00</i>
	<i>TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION</i>	<i>35,100.00</i>	<i>36,270.00</i>	<i>41,650.00</i>
	<i>WATER T & D WAGES</i>	<i>71,000.00</i>	<i>49,692.62</i>	<i>62,000.00</i>
	<i>ENGINEERING SERVICES</i>	<i>12,000.00</i>	<i>20,000.00</i>	<i>20,000.00</i>
	<i>POWER & PUMPING</i>	<i>39,000.00</i>	<i>40,520.00</i>	<i>42,700.00</i>
	<i>MULTIPURPOSE</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>	<i>15,032.23</i>	<i>17,950.00</i>
	<i>PUMP REPAIRS</i>	<i>31,500.00</i>	<i>19,456.00</i>	<i>22,700.00</i>
	<i>AMORTIZATION EXPENSE</i>	<i>250.00</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>250.00</i>

	PURIFICATION & TREATMENT	25,000.00	32,600.00	28,000.00
	BILLING & COLLECTION	1,000.00	31.63	1,000.00
TOTAL:	WATER DEPARTMENT	300,050.00	268,910.87	307,900.00

SEWER DEPARTMENT EXPENSE

	ADMINISTRATION	14,000.00	11,555.19	14,400.00
	ADMINISTRATION SEWER WAGES	61,750.00	50,162.13	62,500.00
	TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION	33,000.00	23,510.12	33,000.00
	SEWER T & D WAGES	66,500.00	46,550.00	55,000.00
	SEWERAGE LIFT PUMP REPAIRS	23,000.00	10,900.47	23,000.00
	SEWERAGE LIFT STATION POWER	25,500.00	24,875.00	26,000.00
	SEWERAGE TREATMENT & DISPOSAL	68,400.00	60,835.00	68,400.00
	SEWERAGE OTHER INCREASE	3,300.00	5,007.05	7,300.00
	MULTIPURPOSE	15,000.00	15,032.23	17,950.00
	BILLING & COLLECTION	-	-	1,000.00
TOTAL:	SEWERAGE DEPT	310,450.00	48,427.19	308,550.00

FISCAL SERVICES

	SLS #9	14,706.00	7,512.74	
	SLS # 7	-	7,120.89	
	2 REPLACEMENT PUMPS			15,000.00
	LIFT STATION	-		25,000.00
	CAPITAL 2014/15	14,706.00	14,633.63	40,000.00

	INTEREST TEMPORARY BORROW	500.00	-	4,000.00
	BL 322-2014(BRUNSWICK ST) (I)	-	-	1,130.50
	BL 322-2014 (BRUNSWICK ST) (P)	-	-	4,500.00
	OTHER WATER DEBT CHARGES	500.00	500.00	600.00
	DEBENTURE ISSUE CHARGE	-	879.82	2,000.00
		-	-	
	WATER SYSTEM FISCAL SERVICES	1,000.00	1,379.82	12,230.50
	INT-TEMPORARY BORROW	4,000.00	-	1,000.00
	INT-LONG TERM DEBT	-		2,261.00
	BJ29-2013 (LAGOON REFURBISHMENT) (I)	3,894.00	3,674.82	3,718.50
	BL32-2014 (BRUNSWICK STREET)(I)			1,130.50
	BJ29-2013 (LAGOON REFURBISHMENT) (P)	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
	BL32-2014 (BRUNSWICK STREET)			4,500.00
	OTHER SEWER DEBT CHARGES	500.00	500.00	600.00
	DEBENTURE ISSUE CHARGE	4,000.00	-	1,000.00
	SEWAGE SYSTEM FISCAL SERVICE	26,394.00	18,174.82	28,210.00
	RESERVE FUND CAPITAL WATER (BOOSTER STATION)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	RESERVE FUND CAPITAL SEWER (LAGOON)	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
	RESERVE FUND UTILITY CAPITAL		125,000.00	
	RESERVE FUND UTILITY OPERATING	-	29,000.00	
	RESERVE FUND	7,400.00	161,400.00	7,400.00
	WATER TOWER CAPITAL	-		
	RIVERVIEW AVE-WATER CAPITAL	-	4,000.00	-
	LAGOON REFURBISHMENT (OLD)	-	-	

	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT		19,000.00	58,002.50
	CAPITAL FUND WATER & SEWAGE	-	23,000.00	58,002.50
	DEFICIT 2ND PREVIOUS YEAR	-		-
TOTAL:	FISCAL SERVICES	49,500.00	18,588.27	145,843.00
TOTAL:	UTILITY INCOME	660,000.00	68,129.08	762,293.00
TOTAL:	UTILITY EXPENSE	660,000.00	735,926.33	762,293.00
	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		32,202.75	0.00