



FIRE PROTECTION RATE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to establish the annual setting of a rate for Fire Protection as permitted under Section 80 of the Municipal Government Act.

Definitions:

Fire Protection Charge: The total charge by the Water Utility to Town General Operations, in any given fiscal year, and referred to by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board as “Public Fire Protection Rate”.

Policy Statement

1. The Town shall annually levy a rate by resolution per one hundred dollars of assessed value of all assessed properties within the Town of Antigonish served by the Water Utility to recover the Fire Protection Charge.
2. No property, except property of Her Majesty in right of the Province situated in the Town of Antigonish is exempt from the rate.
3. The rate is a first lien on real property and may be collected in the same manner as taxes.
4. The Town’s policy on interest charges on overdue taxes shall also apply to Fire Protection Rate bills
5. Monies generated from this Rate shall be set up in a reserve and utilized to fund a Council approved 25-year vehicle replacement plan. Monies from the reserve may be used to purchase the fire vehicles listed in the plan or to pay for debt servicing costs associated with the purchase of a fire vehicle.