



torbay Talks

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Happy New Year Torbay

The Town of Torbay hopes you and those close to you had a safe and happy holiday season! 2026 is sure to be a great year in beautiful Torbay and we can't wait to experience it with you!

Be sure to check out 'Torbay Talks' monthly as a new issue comes out on the Town of Torbay website!

Budget 2026

On Monday, December 15, 2025, council passed the 2026 Budget and the 2026 Tax and Fee Structure. 2026 will see a total budget of \$12,274,147, allocating \$548,609 for capital expenditures and \$11,725,538 for operational costs.

The residential property tax mil rate will remain at 7.7 mils, and the commercial property tax rate will remain at 12.5 mils. There will be no increase in residential or commercial water tax. Council will continue to offer the 12-month interest free payment plan for taxes, in addition to the 25% tax reduction for those in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement and the 20% tax reduction for low-income individuals and families. The tax reductions will apply to the taxpayer's primary residence only.

The Town of Torbay will also now be accepting Visa and MasterCard payments for tax balances paid in full on or before March 31, 2026. A service charge of 2% will be applied to all Visa and MasterCard payments to offset bank processing fees. Residents are encouraged to contact the Town Hall for more information regarding the application process to determine and confirm your eligibility.

For additional information visit our [Town Budget page](#) on the Town of Torbay website.

The Town of Torbay also encourages residents to visit our [Property Tax and Assessment page](#) on the Town of Torbay website.



Torbay Festival of Trees 2025

The Town of Torbay and Torbay History House would like to thank our amazing participants and everyone who came out to support this year's Festival of Trees! This year's Festival of Trees raised \$1274 and numerous non-perishable food items; all proceeds will go to the Northeast Avalon Foodbank!

The Town of Torbay and Torbay History House would like to thank all staff and volunteers who helped coordinate and prepare this year's Festival of Trees. The Town of Torbay and Torbay History House would like to additionally thank NTV News and CBC News for their help in promoting and reporting on the Torbay Festival of Trees and Northeast Avalon Foodbank!

TORBAY HOUSING GRANTS

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TORBAY BUILDERS, DEVELOPERS, & RESIDENTS

Looking at building a secondary suite in your home or a multi-unit residential development? The Town of Torbay is offering \$10,000 per dwelling unit to go towards the construction costs! Applicants can also receive \$15,000 per unit for affordable housing developments! In addition, Torbay is waiving all application, processing and permit fees for Housing Accelerator applications.

These grants are issued subject to conditions, which can be found on the Housing Accelerator Fund webpage at www.torbay.ca or by contacting Jason Slade, Housing Accelerator Fund Project Manager by email at jslade@torbay.ca or by phone at (709) 437-6532 ext. 254.



ON - STREET PARKING IS PROHIBITED FROM DECEMBER 1ST, 2025 - MARCH 31ST, 2026 BETWEEN 1:00A.M. - 7:00A.M. AND DURING OR 24 HOURS AFTER A SNOWFALL EVENT.

FOR ALL INFORMATION FOR SNOW CLEARING AND WINTER REMINDERS PLEASE VISIT THE WINTER SNOW CLEARING PAGE ON THE TOWN OF TORBAY WEBSITE.

TORBAY ONLINE PERMITTING SYSTEM

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE TOWN OF TORBAY ONLINE PERMITTING SYSTEM!

The Department of Planning and Development is currently running preliminary trials, and residents and/or applicants may be receiving notifications as updates are made to their files. For any questions or concerns the Town encourages you to contact the Department directly.

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Upcoming Events in the Town

Some of our events encourage pre-registration through e-Services. Anyone who is unable to use e-Services can visit the front desk at the Torbay Common or contact our staff by phone at (709)-437-6555 or email at recreation@torbay.ca.

SONL HEALTH & FUN DAY

Saturday, January 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Torbay Common Gymnasium and Multipurpose Rooms

Open to Ages 12+

Free

Event contact can be reached at ahollahan@torbay.ca

AFTERNOON TOURNAMENT SERIES - CORNHOLE

Friday, January 30 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Torbay Common Gymnasium

Open to Ages 18+

\$4.35 +HST (Pre-registration Required)

Event Contact can be reached at ktapper@torbay.ca

SEAHAWKS VOLLEYBALL GAME – NATIONAL

GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

Friday, February 6 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

MUN Fieldhouse

Open to All Ages (Children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

\$5.00 (Pre-registration Recommended)

Event Contact can be reached at ktapper@torbay.ca

RETIREMENT & RRSP LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesday, January 28 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Torbay Common Multipurpose Rooms 1, 2 & 3

Open to Ages 18+

Free (Pre-registration Required)

Event Contact can be reached at ktapper@torbay.ca

FEMALE VOLLEYBALL OPEN HOUSE – NATIONAL GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

Wednesday, February 4 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Torbay Common Gymnasium & Multipurpose Room 3

Open to Ages 8+

Free (Pre-registration Required)

Event Contact can be reached at ktapper@torbay.ca

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Thursday, February 12 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Torbay Common Gymnasium

Open to Ages 18+

Free

Event Contact can be reached at ktapper@torbay.ca