Municipal Report



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Municipality of the County of Annapolis Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Municipal Profile and Financial Condition Indicators Results

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Introduction

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing compiles municipal indicators on behalf of the Nova Scotia Government and Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia (AMANS) that focus on three areas:

- financial matters;
- administration of the municipality; and
- characteristics of the community.

This report creates a snapshot from those financial and demographic statistics to help community members and decision makers better understand:

- the municipality in which they live;
- the municipality's key characteristics; and
- the municipality's financial risks.

The snapshot makes it easy to:

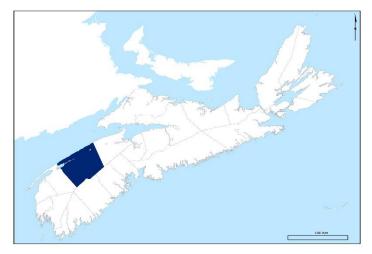
- compare the Three-Year Change in Tax Base indicator to understand the municipality's revenue growth in comparison to cost of living; and
- use the change in population to indicate whether a community's population is growing or declining and its potential impact on municipal revenues and expenses.

Chapter 1 - Highlights

Municipal Highlights

About the Municipality

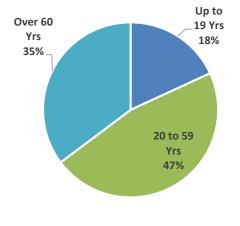
Name:	County of Annapolis
County:	Annapolis County
Approximate size:	3,180 km ²
Number of dwellings:	10,693





Population Highlights

Population 2016:	18,255
Population 5-year trend:	-1.5%
County 5-year trend:	-0.9%
Demographic trend:	Aging
Up to 19 Yrs.	18%
20 to 59 Yrs.	47%
Over 60 Yrs.	35%





Financial Highlights

Revenue

Total consolidated revenue:	\$17.9 million
Revenue generated from own revenue1:	83%
Total operating revenue:	\$14.9 million
Largest operating revenue:	83% Property taxes and payments in lieu of Taxes

Expenses

Total consolidated expenses:	\$15.8 million
Total operating fund expenses:	\$13.5 million
Largest operating fund expense:	28%
	Protective services: police and fire

Annual Surplus

Annual consolidated surplus(deficit):	\$2.2 million
Consolidated accumulated surplus (deficit):	\$37.3 million
Annual operating surplus (deficit):	\$396 K

Debt

Total consolidated long-term debt:	\$3.3 million
Total general fund long-term debt:	\$1.9 million
Operating fund bank indebtedness:	\$830.9 K

¹ Consolidated revenue excluding government transfers

Financial Condition Indicators Highlights

Overall Assessment Green (low risk)

The overall Financial Conditions Index assessment for the County of Annapolis is green (low risk). This means that, although the Municipality has a few challenges, it is considered low risk for fiscal instability.

As shown in the House model below, Annapolis's FCIs are comprised of:

Low risk (green):	10 indicators
Moderate risk <mark>(yellow</mark>):	1 indicator
High risk <mark>(red):</mark>	2 indicators

Details on the individual FCI assessments and the Municipality's specific challenges are provided below. For more in-depth information, refer to Chapter 4.



Two-Year Comparison of Financial Condition Indicators

BASE	2019	2018	+/-
3-year Change in Tax Base	7.0%	11.6%	-4.5%
Reliance on a Single Business or Institution	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%
Residential Tax Effort	2.4%	2.4%	0.1%
STRUCTURE			
Uncollected Taxes	5.9%	5.6%	0.3%
5 Year Budget Accuracy	5/5	4/5	1
Operating Reserves	9.9%	0 12.6%	-2.6%
Debt Service	1.9%	4.1%	-2.3%
Outstanding Operating Debt	6.0%	0.7%	-14.7%
Undepreciated Assets	55.5%	55.2%	0.3%
ROOF			
Deficits in the Last 5 Years	1/5	• 1/5	0
Liquidity	01.3	1.2	0.1
Reliance on Government Transfers	5.6%	5.9%	-0.3%
Combined Reserve	44.4%	48.7%	-4.2%



Chapter 2 - Municipal Profile

Municipalities are diverse and operate within unique demographic and economic characteristics. These characteristics have a significant impact on municipal performance and subsequent strategies required to ensure a sustainable environment. This chapter outlines the unique demographic and economic characteristics of the Municipality, specifically its composition, population trends, demographics, median household income levels, employment rates, and educational attainment. The municipal profile trends could have impacts on the current and potential future tax base for a municipality.

Municipal Composition

Name:	County of Annapolis
County:	Annapolis County
Government:	11 elected councillors (including the Warden)
Geographic area:	3,180 km ²
Number of dwellings:	10,693

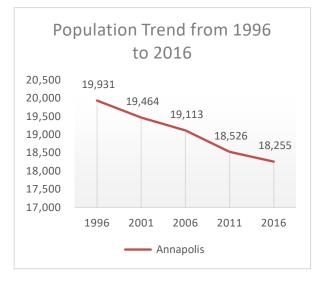
Population Trends

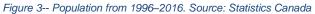
Population:	18,255
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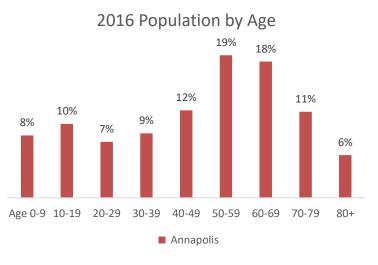
Provincial population: 2%

20-year trend:	Declining [supported by Figure 3 below)
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Age trend: Majority between 40-69 years of age [supported by Figure 4 below)









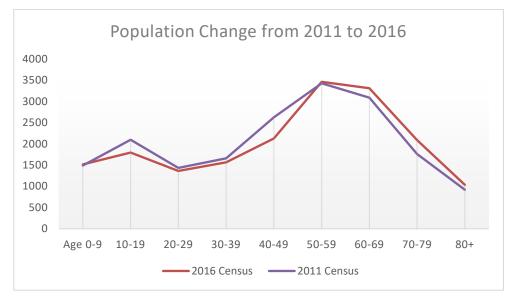
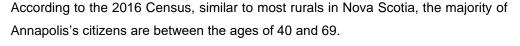


Figure 5- Population Age Change from 2011 to 2016. Source: Statistics Canada



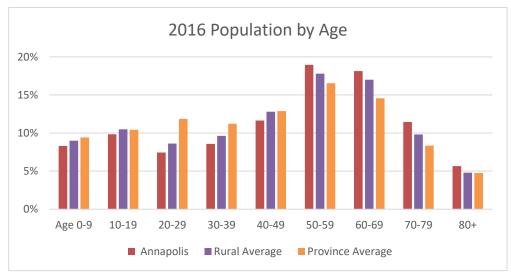


Figure 6 - Comparison of Population by Age for 2011 and 2016. Source: Statistics Canada

Economic Indicators

Along with population trends, employment rates and median household income are important economic indicators. Education levels can also play a crucial role in economic and social progress and can help improve income distribution. These factors provide an indication of the wellbeing of the economy and labour force.

	2016 Census	2011 Census	+/-	Rural Average
Median Household Income	\$49,589	\$43,522	\$6,067	\$57, 294
Employment Rate	46.5%	46.1%	0.4%	50.1%
Education Beyond High School	50.4%	47.5%	2.9%	49.4%

Source: 2011 and 2016 Statistics Canada

Median household income:	Annapolis's median household income is lower than the Provincial rural average, although it has increased since 2011.
Employment rate:	In a healthy economy, the employment rate is between 97% and 95%. The County of Annapolis's employment rate is below the Provincial rural average, although it has increased.
Education level:	Annapolis's education level is higher than the Provincial rural average and has increased since 2011.

Chapter 3 - Financial Information

General Overview:

Audited financial statements are presented on a consolidated basis. These consolidated financial statements present all municipal entities as one single reporting entity:

- all the individual funds managed by the Municipality
- organizations or enterprises that the Municipality owns or controls, such as:
 - Water Utility
 - Annapolis County Municipal Housing Corporation

The Municipality's non-consolidated financial statements[.] present only the individual funds managed by the Municipality, such as the General Operating Fund, General Capital Fund, Water Operating Fund, Water Capital Fund, Non-operating Reserve Fund, and the Operating Reserve Fund. Non-consolidated financial statements are reconciled but not audited.²

Financial Reporting Compliance:

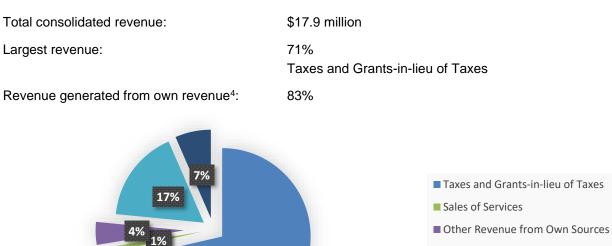
Audited financial statements and financial information return submitted:	yes
Submission of financial information:	After deadline ³
Financial statements include:	
Remuneration and Expenses for Elected Officials and CAO/Clerk Note:	yes
Unqualified Opinion:	yes
Quarterly Expenditure report posted online:	yes
Summary Expenditure Report submitted:	yes
Statement of Estimates and assessment information submitted:	yes

² Please be advised that, although the Department reconciles, at a high level, a municipality's non-consolidated financial statements to the consolidated financial statements, the non-consolidated financial statements are usually not audited nor presented in full accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

³ Annually, municipalities are required to submit their financial information by Sept 30th.

Revenue:

\$17.9 M 2019 Consolidated Revenue



- Government Transfers
- Water Fund Revenues

Figure 7- Consolidated Revenue Source: 2019 Financial Information Return (FIR)

The graph above and table below show the Municipality's revenue divided into five categories on a consolidated basis.

71%

	Consolidated Revenue
Taxes and Grants-in-lieu of taxes:	\$12.7 million
Services provided to other governments:	n/a
Sales of services:	0.2 million
Other revenue from own sources:	0.7 million
Government Transfers:	3.0 million
Net Income from government business enterprises:	n/a
Water Fund revenues:	1.2 million
Electric Fund revenues:	n/a

⁴ Consolidated revenue excluding government transfers

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\$14.9 M 2019 General Operating Revenue

Total operating revenue:	\$14.9 million
Largest revenue:	83% Property taxes and payments in lieu of taxes
Uncollected Taxes:	5.9%
Reliance on Government transfers	5.6%

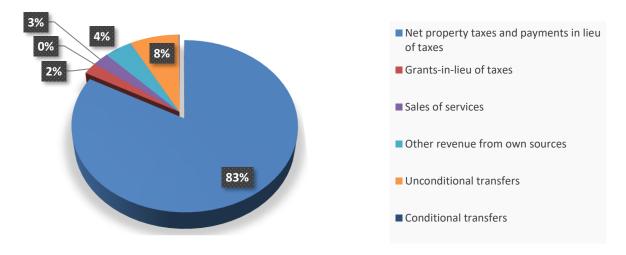


Figure 8 – General Operating Revenue Source: 2019 Financial Information Return (FIR)

The graph above and table below show the Municipality's operating fund revenue divided into 7 categories.

Net property taxes and payments in lieu of taxes:	12.4 million
Grants-in-lieu of taxes:	0.3 million
Services provided to other governments:	0.0 million
Sales of services:	0.4 million
Other revenue from own sources:	0.6 million
Unconditional transfers from other governments:	1.1 million
Conditional transfers from other governments:	15 .7 thousand

Property Assessment Information

Since property taxes are a primary source of revenue for most municipalities, special emphasis has been placed on reviewing assessment trends.

Three-year change in uniform assessment:5	7.0%
	growth keeps pace with the cost of living
Highest reliance on a single business or institution: Residential Tax Effort:	1.3% not dependent (low risk) 2.4% has some flexibility (low risk)

The line graphs below show the five-year trend for the residential and commercial portion of the municipality's uniform assessment.

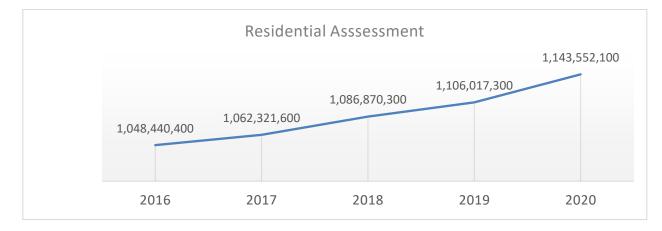


Figure 9- Residential assessment value over the last five years. Source: 2015-2019 Statement of Estimates Assessment

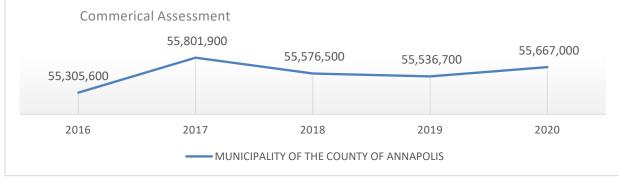


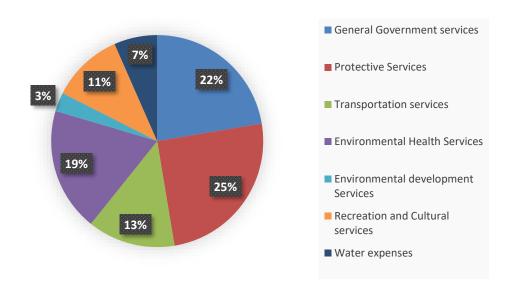
Figure 10- Commercial assessment value over the last five years. Source: 2015-2019 Statement of Estimates Assessment

⁵ Uniform assessment is the value of a municipality's taxable property assessment plus the capitalized value of payments made in lieu of taxes.

Expenses:

\$15.8 M 2019 Consolidated Expenses

Total consolidated expenses:\$15.8 millionLargest expense:25%Protective services: police and fire

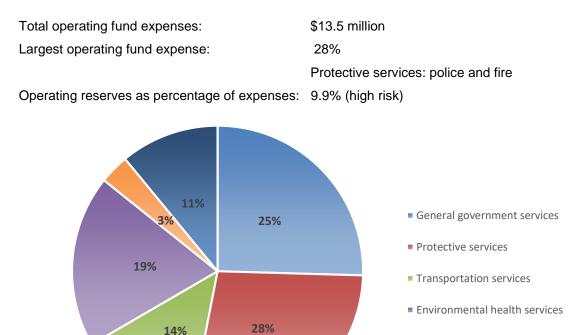




The graph above and table below show the Municipality's consolidated expenses divided into seven functions.

General government:	Consolidated Expenses \$3.5 million
Protective services:	3.9 million
Transportations:	2.1 million
Environmental health services:	3.0 million
Public Health services:	n/a
Environmental development services:	0.5 million
Recreation and Cultural:	1.7 million
Extraordinary or special items:	n/a
Water expenses:	1.0 million

\$13.5 M 2019 General Expenses



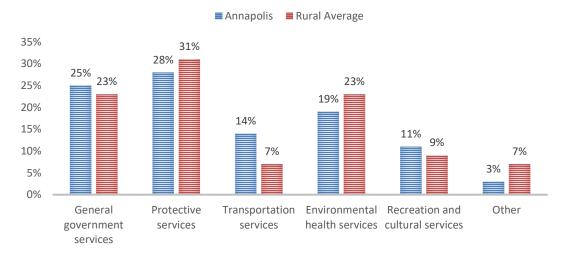
- Environmental development services
- Recreation and cultural services



As shown in the pie chart above, expenses for Annapolis are comprised of:

General Government services:	3.4 million
Protective services:	3.7 million
Transportation services:	1.8 million
Environmental Health services:	2.6 million
Public Health services:	n/a
Environmental Development services:	0.4 million
Recreation and Cultural services:	1.5 million

• 18 The graph below shows the expenses by function for the municipal operations or General Operating Fund expenses compared to the provincial rural average.



GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE COMPARISON

Figure 13 – Comparison of General Fund Expenses to Provincial Rural Average. Source: 2019 Financial Information Return

Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)

Annual Surplus: Revenue - expenses Note: This amount is added to the accumulated surplus (deficit).

Total annual consolidated surplus(deficit):	\$2.2 million
Total consolidated accumulated surplus (deficit):	\$37.3 million
Total annual operating surplus (deficit):	\$396 K
Number of operating deficits in the last 5 years:	1
	Deficit of \$142.4K in 2017-2018

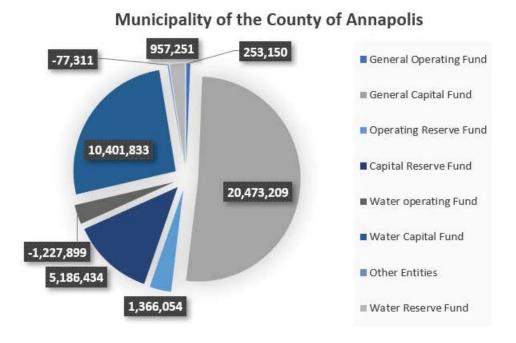


Figure 14- Consolidated Accumulated Surplus by Fund. Source: 2019 Financial Information Return

Debt

Total consolidated long-term debt:	\$3.3 million
Total general operating fund long-term debt:	\$1.9 million
Debt Service Ratio:	1.9%
Operating fund bank indebtedness:	0.8 million
Outstanding operating debt as percentage of: Net Property Taxes/Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Grants in Lieu of Taxes, and Government Transfers	6.0%

Chapter 4 - Financial Condition Indicators: House Model

The Financial Condition Indicators (FCIs)⁶ condense multiple sources of information into a single visual g "House Model" graph. The House Model gives a quick visual of a municipality's strengths and possible areas where a municipality may want to focus its attention.

The Model:

The Model consists of 13 indicators organized into base, structure and roof, focusing on:

- roof: 4 key performance indicators;
- structure: 6 financial indicators that concern management and debt; and
- base: 3 indicators relating to internal and external factors that could impact the municipality's revenue stream.

Risk thresholds:

Each indicator is assessed against a risk threshold:

- low risk (green);
- moderate risk (yellow); and
- high risk (red).

Overall assessment:

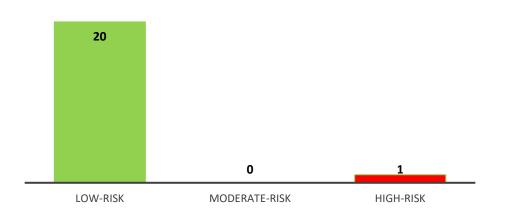
The Department calculates an overall assessment for fiscal instability:

- low risk (green): 10–13 FCIs meets low risk threshold;
- Moderate risk (yellow): 8–9 FCIs meets low risk threshold; and
- High risk (red): 7 or less FCIs meets low risk threshold.

Annapolis's Overall Assessment

Overall Assessment for:	Annapolis
Financial Condition:	Low risk The overall Financial Conditions Index assessment for the County of Annapolis is green (low risk).
	This means that, although the Municipality has a few challenges, it is considered low risk for fiscal instability.
Comparison:	Most of rurals municipalities are at low risk (see chart below).

Rural's Overall Results 2018-2019



Annapolis's House Model

As shown in the House model below, Annapolis's FCIs are comprised of:

Low risk: 10 indicators

Moderate risk: 1 indicator

High risk: 2 indicators

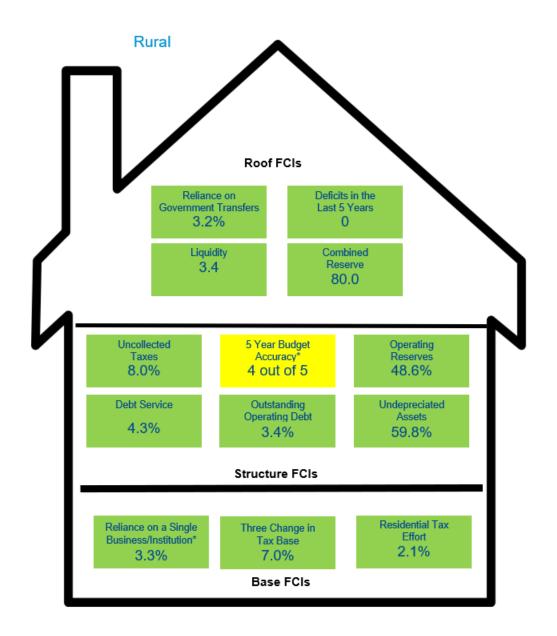
The House Model below provides details on the individual FCI assessments and the Municipality's specific challenges.



Please note FCIs are based on non-consolidated data.

Rurals's Average House Model

The model below shows that, in general Nova Scotia's rurals are experiencing a few challenges.

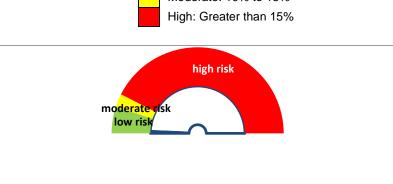


On average, the Rurals' challenges are concerning budget accuracy

The Base FCI Indicators

Reliance on a Single Business or Institution

2019 Results:	Low risk: 1.3%
	The largest single commercial or institutional account is only 1.3% of the Municipality's total Uniform Assessment.
What does it mean?	The Municipality is showing no vulnerability in this area.
	The Municipality's tax base is not dependent on one single business or institution.
Calculation:	<u>Taxable assessment value of the largest business or institution</u> = 1.3% Uniform Assessment
Risk Thresholds:	Low: Less than 10% Moderate: 10% to 15%



Annapolis's tachometer is at 1.3%.

5.0%

0.0%

2014

2015

Three-Year Change in Tax Base

2019 Results:	Low risk: 7.0% growth
What does it mean?	Growth is above the CPI % change of 5.2%. The municipality's tax base is strong to cover the cost of municipal services and programs.
Calculation:	<u>Current Uniform Assessment-Uniform Assessment 3 Years Prior</u> = 7.0% growth Uniform Assessment 3 Years Prior
Risk Thresholds:	Low: Equal or above CPI % Change Moderate: Below CPI % Change, but not negative growth High: Negative growth
Three-year 0	change in Tax Rate in comparison to three-year change in CPI for the last 6 years

Figure 15- Three-year change in tax base as a comparison to CPI for the last six years, Source: Statement of Estimates Assessment and Statistics Canada.

2016

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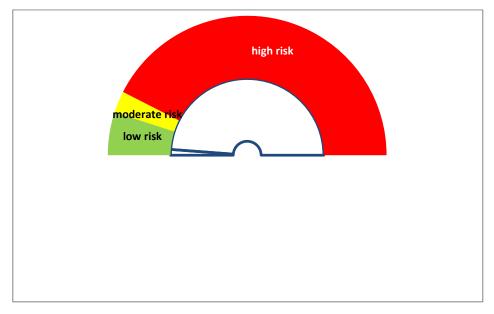
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2017

2018

Residential Tax Effort

2019 Results:	Low risk: 2.4% of median household income is required to pay the average tax bill.
What does it mean?	The Municipality has some flexibility to increase the taxes, if required. This indicator helps council assess the affordability of municipal taxes in relation to the current service levels.
Calculation:	<u>Total residential tax revenue per dwelling unit</u> = 2.4% Median Household Income
Risk Thresholds:	Low risk: less than 4% Moderate risk: 4–6% High risk: greater than 6%



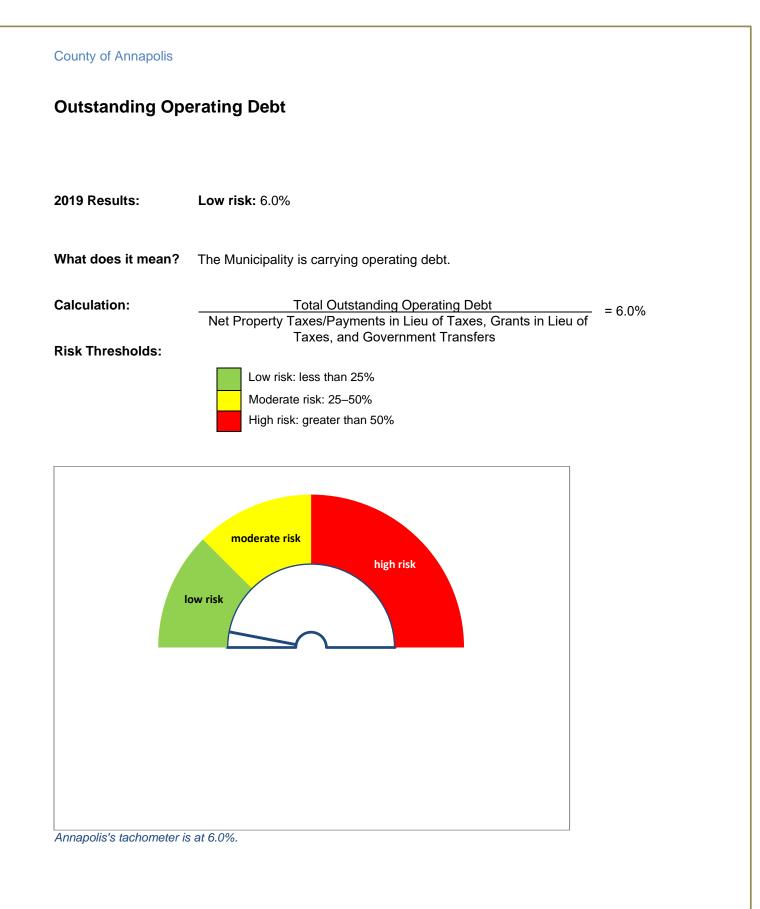
Annapolis's tachometer is at 2.4%.

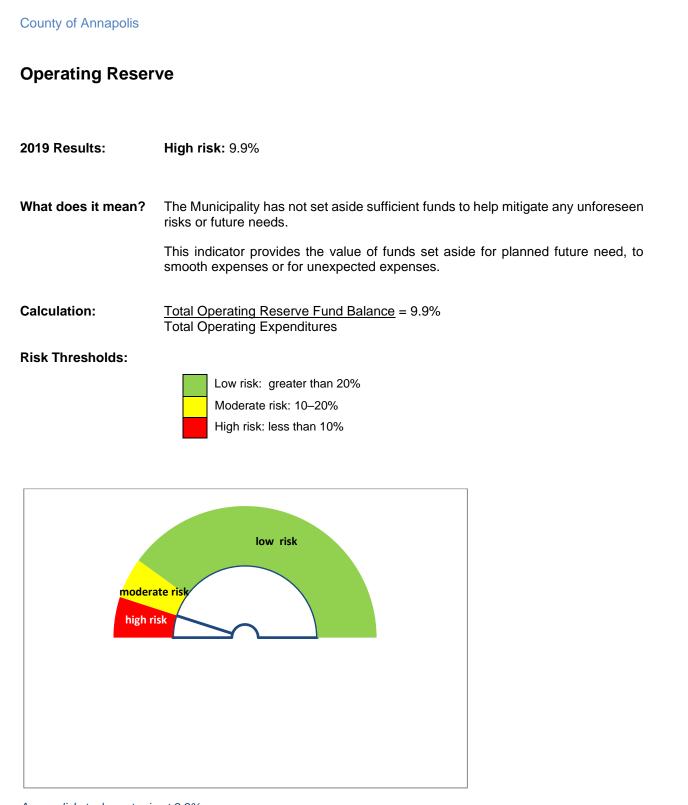
FCI Indicators – Structure (Management) Indicators

Debt Service

2019 Results:	Low risk: 1.9%
What does it mean?	1.9% of owned source revenue is spent on principal and interest payments.With adequate cash flow, the Municipality has the potential for flexibility to increase borrowing levels to help finance future capital expenditures.
Calculation:	Principal and Interest Paid on Long-term Debt = 1.9% Total Own Source Operating Revenue
Risk Thresholds:	Low risk: less than 10% Moderate risk: 10–15% High risk: greater than 15%
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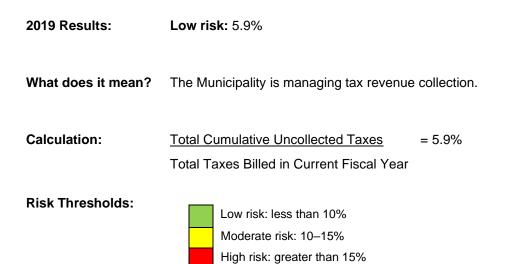
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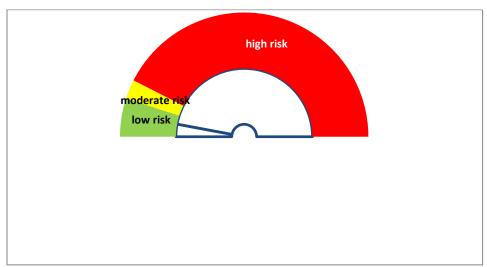




Annapolis's tachometer is at 9.9%.

Uncollected Taxes





Annapolis's tachometer is at 5.9%.

County of Annapolis	
Undepreciated A	Assets
2019 Results:	Low risk: 55.5%
What does it mean?	This indicator estimates that the Municipality's capital assets have 55.5% of useful life remaining.
	Municipalities across Canada are facing sufficient infrastructure challenges. This indicates that the Municipality is experiencing less of an infrastructure challenge than other municipalities.
Calculation:	<u>Total Net Book Value of Capital Assets</u> = 55.5% Gross Costs of Capital Assets
Risk Thresholds:	
	Low risk: greater than 50%
	Moderate risk: 35–50%
	High risk: less than 35%
	high risk low risk

Annapolis's tachometer is at 55.5%.

5-Year Budget Accuracy

2019 Results:	Low risk: 5 of the last 5 years, actual expenditures were within +/- 5% of budget.
What does it mean?	The Municipality did consistently maintain expenditure spending within budget limits.
	In 2017, actual expenses were 3.3% less than the budget.
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Calculation:	<u>Total budget expenditures - Total actual expenditures</u> = 4.1% Total budget expenditures

Risk Thresholds:

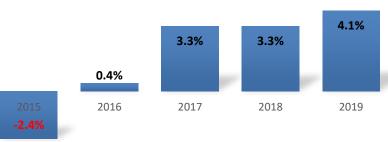


Low: 5 out of 5 years, expenditures were within +/- 5% or expenditure and revenue variances were within +/- 5% of each other

Moderate: 4 out of 5 years, expenditures were within +/- 5%

High: Less than 4 out of 5 years, expenditures were within +/- 5%

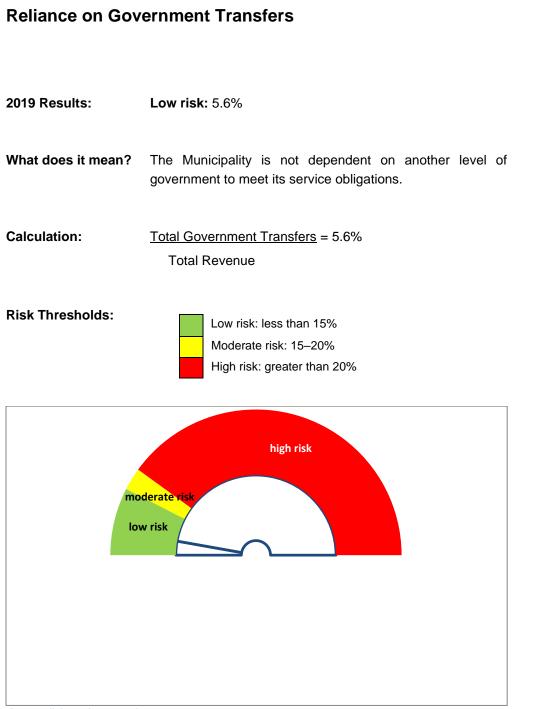
Figure 16- Operating budget variance over the last 5 years. Source: Financial Information Return and Statement of Estimates Budget.



Budget Accuracy

FCI- Key Performance Indicators -

the ability to meet current and future needs in a balanced and independent manner



Annapolis's tachometer is at 5.6%.

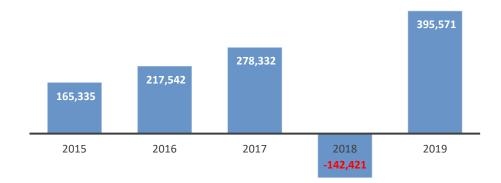
Number of Deficits in the Last 5 Years

2019 Results:	High risk: 1 operating deficits in the last five years
What does it mean?	Deficits are important indications of financial health.
Calculation:	The number of non-consolidated operating deficits in the last five years = 1.

Risk Thresholds:

Low risk: 0 in the last 5 years Moderate 1 or more in the last 5 years High risk: 1 or more in the last 2 years with one material deficit (0.5% of operating expenses)

Surplus(deficit)



Figure

17- Annual operating fund (deficits) for the

surplus last 5 years Source: Financial Information Return

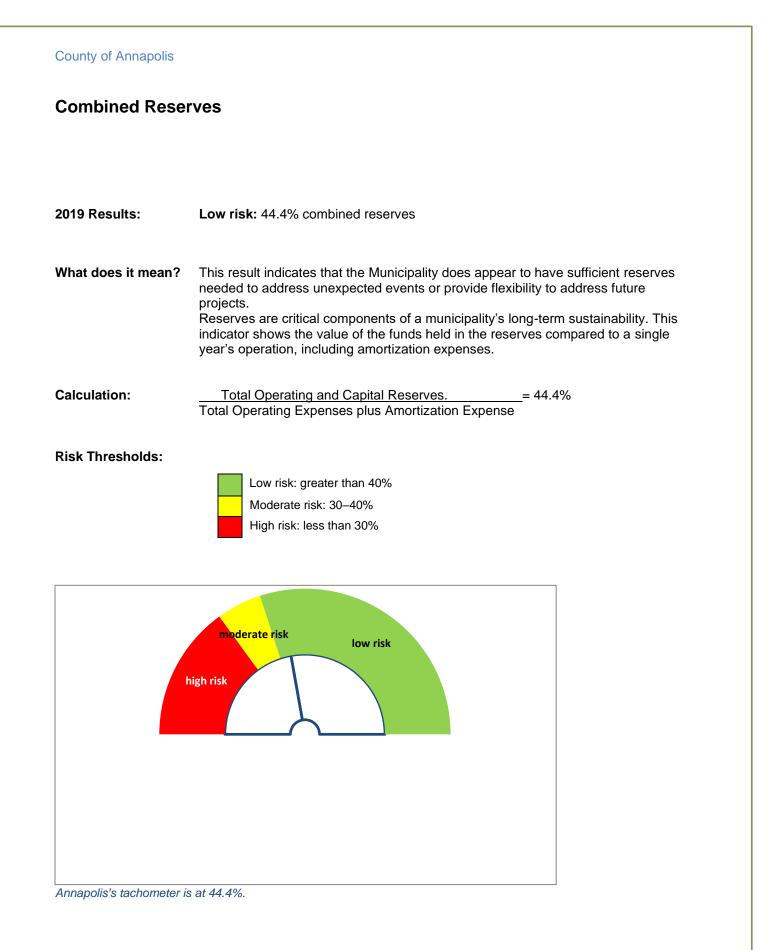
Liquidity

2019 Results:	Moderate risk: 1.3
What does it mean?	Liquidity is key to financial performance. The result indicates that the Municipality may have a cash flow problem and is able to meet its service obligations.
Calculation:	<u>Total Current Financial Assets</u> = 1.3 Total Current Liabilities
Risk Thresholds:	Low risk: greater than 1.5 Moderate risk: 1 to 1.5 High risk: less than 1
Lic	quidity Chart
	low risk

Annapolis

moderate risk

high risk



Appendix I – Additional Resources

Nova Scotia Government's Open Data Portal (data.novascotia.ca)

This portal provides access to various government data in a free, accessible, machine-readable format.

Financial datasets currently published through the Nova Scotia Government's Open Data Portal:

- 911 Municipal Grants
- Consolidated Revenues and Expenses by Municipality
- Municipal Affairs Funding Programs
- Emergency Services Provider Fund
- Farm Land Grant
- Financial Condition Indicators by Municipality
- Municipal Contributions to Roads
- Municipal Financial Capacity Grant (formally equalization program)
- Municipal Operating Fund- Summary of Revenue and Expenses by Municipality
- Municipal Operating Expenses by Function -10 Year Summary
- Municipal Operating Revenue by Source -10 Year Summary
- Municipal Property Tax Rates
- Nova Scotia Power Grant-in-Lieu
- Uniform Assessment

Municipal website

Annapoliscounty.ca

A municipality's website can be a helpful resource to access various financial information. Currently, most municipal websites provide:

- O audited Financial Statements
- O approved Operating Budget
- O quarterly municipal Expense Report
- O quarterly municipal Hospitality Expense Report

Contact Municipal Affairs and Housing

For more information, for support in action plan development, or to obtain a guide on action plan development:

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