

Council Budget Questions and Requests for Information
2019-20 Council Retreat
Question #2

QUESTION: Can we have a more in-depth conversation about the political and financial consequences of a rating downgrade?

RESPONDENT: Maurice Jones, Town Manager
Amy Oland, Business Management Director

RESPONSE: In addition to the financial costs associated with a ratings downgrade (see attached information from Davenport & Company), the Town's reputation for managing our finances would take a significant hit. A Triple A bond rating indicates a locality has managed taxpayers money wisely and according to best practices. A downgrade may leave folks with the impression that we are no longer committed to that philosophy.