

# 2025 BUDGET

Public Consultation



the City of  
*Dawson Creek*  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
"the Capital of the Peace"

## COUNCIL'S ROLE & COMMITMENTS

Council is the stewards of the public's assets and resources, and it is their role to balance their existing responsibilities and obligations with the pursuit of a long-term vision for the community.

## Council's Commitments

Council will strive to:

- Be transparent in their decision making
- Create an environment for respectful and honest communication
- Honour and respect the distinct roles of governance and administration
- Take ownership and accountability for their decisions and actions

# GOVERNMENT SERVICES

## WHO DOES WHAT?

### MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

City of Dawson Creek

- Building & Development
- Bylaw & Business Licensing
- Cemeteries
- Community Events & Programming
- Community Planning
- City Hall
- Emergency Support Services (ESS)
- Fire Department & RCMP
- Municipal Property Taxes
- Parks & Trails
- Recreation Facilities
- Roads, Public Works & Transportation
- Solid Waste Collection
- Water & Sewer Management

### REGIONAL DISTRICT

Peace River

- Environmental Services
- Fire Protection
- Invasive Plants
- Regional Building & Development
- Regional Emergency Services
- Regional Hospital
- Regional Parks & Recreation
- Regional Property Taxes
- Rural Area Planning & Development
- Rural Water & Sewer Management
- Seniors Aging in Place
- Solid Waste

### PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

British Columbia

- Health Care
- Highway Maintenance
- Justice
- Post Secondary Education
- Environmental Management
- Provincial Income Tax
- Provincial Property Tax
- Public Safety
- Schools
- Social Services
- Support for Employees & Employers

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Canada

- Banking
- Canadian Pension Plan
- Child Benefit
- Criminal Law
- Employment Insurance
- Foreign Affairs
- Income Tax
- International Travel
- Military
- Old Age Security
- Student Loans



# BUDGET TIMELINE



# PROPERTY TAXES

## What is the difference between Tax Rate and Tax Bill?

**ASSESSED  
VALUE**

**X**

**PROPERTY  
TAX RATE**

**=**

**PROPERTY  
TAX  
BILL**

BC Assessment evaluates the value of your home or business based on the current market value and any improvements.

Council determines the tax rate each year for the 7 different property classes, this must be done by May 15th.

Your property tax bill is the **ASSESSED** value times the tax **RATE**.



## WHAT DOES THE 2025 BUDGET MEAN FOR ME?

If approved, this year's budget would result in a **6.5% tax increase** for all classes.

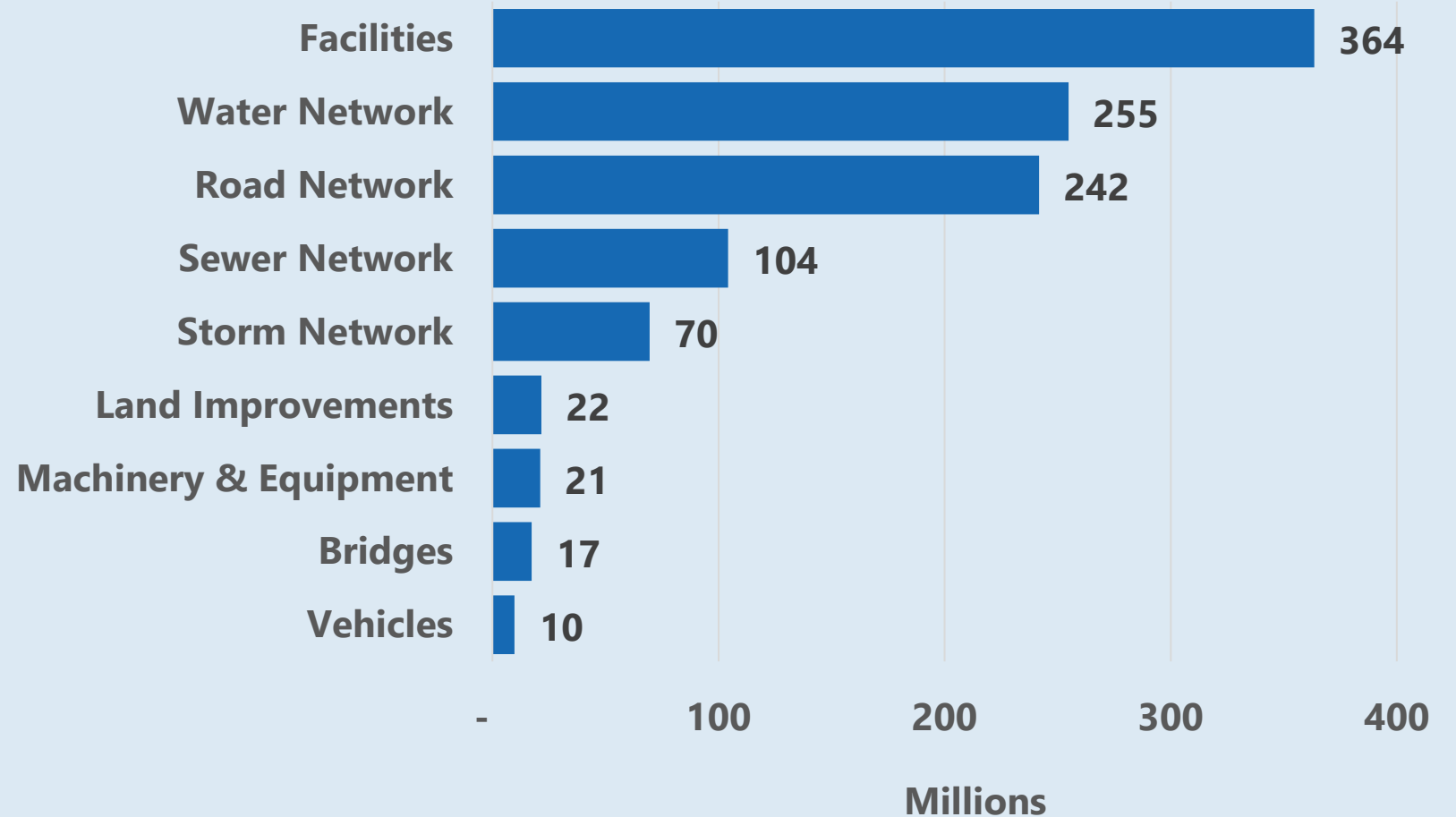


**For the average home in Dawson Creek assessed at \$277,412\* the 6.5% increase equates to an additional \$122.81 per year for the municipal portion of the tax bill.**



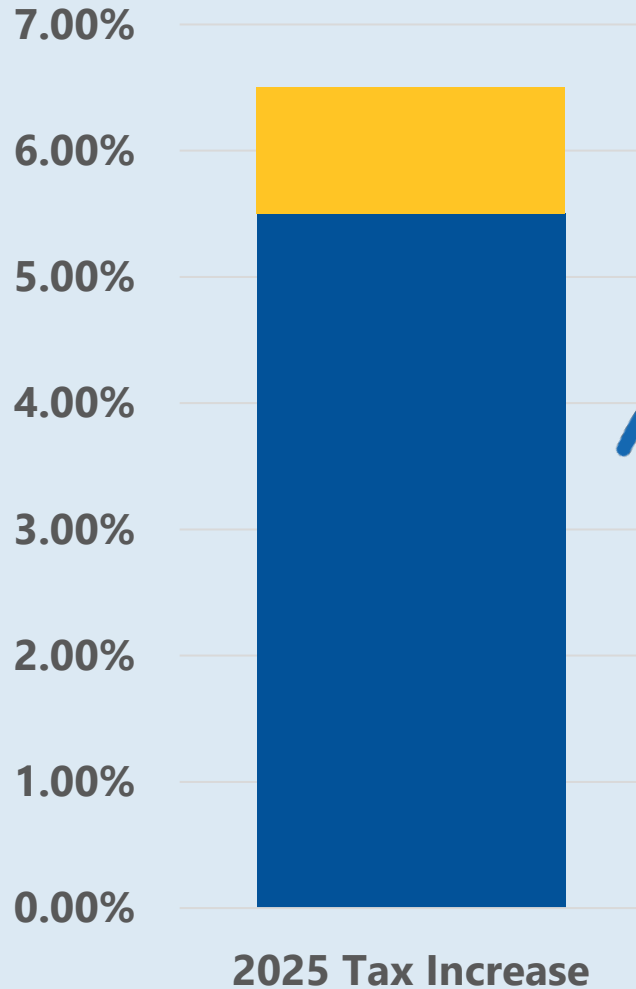
## Asset Management Plan

The completed Asset Management Plan determined that the total replacement cost of the City's assets is \$1.1 Billion. This includes buildings, roads, bridges, vehicles and machinery and utility infrastructure for the water, sewer and storm system.





## Additional 1% Tax Increase



Eventually assets need to be replaced. To stay current with those needs, \$21.7 Million is required each year within the general capital budget. Funding in the 2025 general capital is \$12.4 Million.

To help close the infrastructure funding deficit, Council approved an additional 1% tax increase beyond the planned 5.5% tax increase. The additional \$210,360 in municipal property tax revenue is allocated directly to capital reserves to save for the future replacement of the City's assets.





The mill rate is a tax rate, it represents the amount of tax payable per thousand dollars of assessed property value.

Classes	2025 Municipal Mill Rates(*)	2024 Municipal Mill Rates*	% Increase
1 - Residential	7.2542	6.8115	6.50%
2 - Utilities	54.7083	51.3695	6.50%
4 - Major Industry	37.3313	35.0529	6.50%
5 - Light Industry	22.1093	20.7599	6.50%
6 - Commercial	21.8833	20.5477	6.50%
8 - Rec/Non Profit	8.2135	7.7122	6.50%
9 - Farm	21.8385	20.5056	6.50%

**ASSESSED  
VALUE**

**X**

**PROPERTY  
TAX RATE**

**=**

**ANNUAL MUNICIPAL  
PROPERTY TAX BILL**

**\$277,412/1,000**

**X**

**7.2542**

**=**

**\$2,012 (\$168 monthly)**

\*Inclusive of 1.5% Paving Levy

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

City taxes make up 64% of your property taxes. The City of Dawson Creek also collects taxes on behalf of other public authorities including the Peace River Regional District and the provincial portion for School Tax.

## 2025 BUDGET: Where do my tax dollars go?

### Average Dawson Creek Home in 2025

Average house value\*: \$277,412

Annual property taxes: \$3,143

**Monthly property taxes: \$262**

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### Monthly Property Tax Breakdown

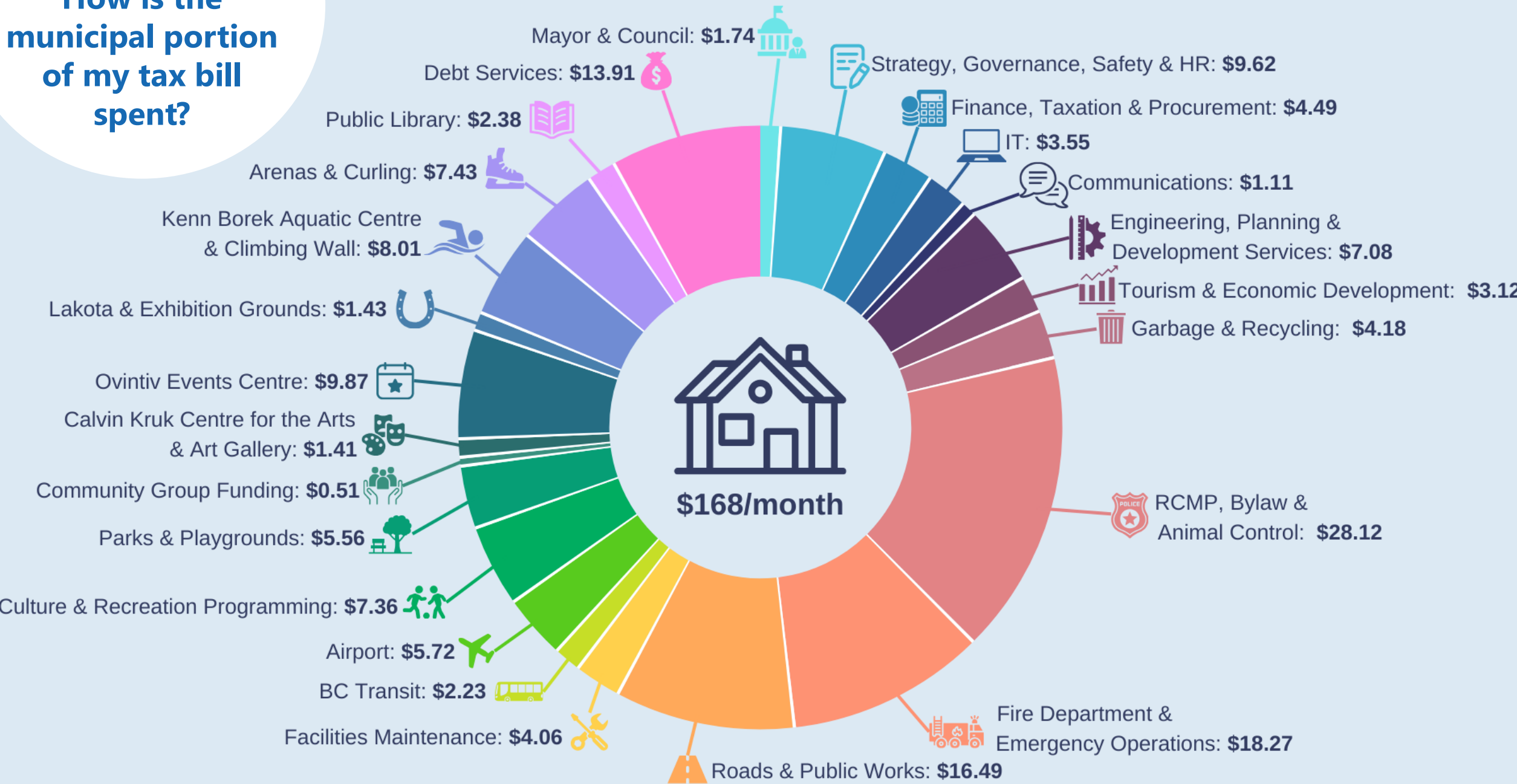
\$29 Peace River Regional District\*

\$64 Provincial School Tax\*

\$1 BCAA & MFA\*

**\$168 Municipal Portion**

How is the  
municipal portion  
of my tax bill  
spent?





The Annual Budget is made up of two expense groups: the Operating Budget and Capital Budget.

## **OPERATING BUDGET**

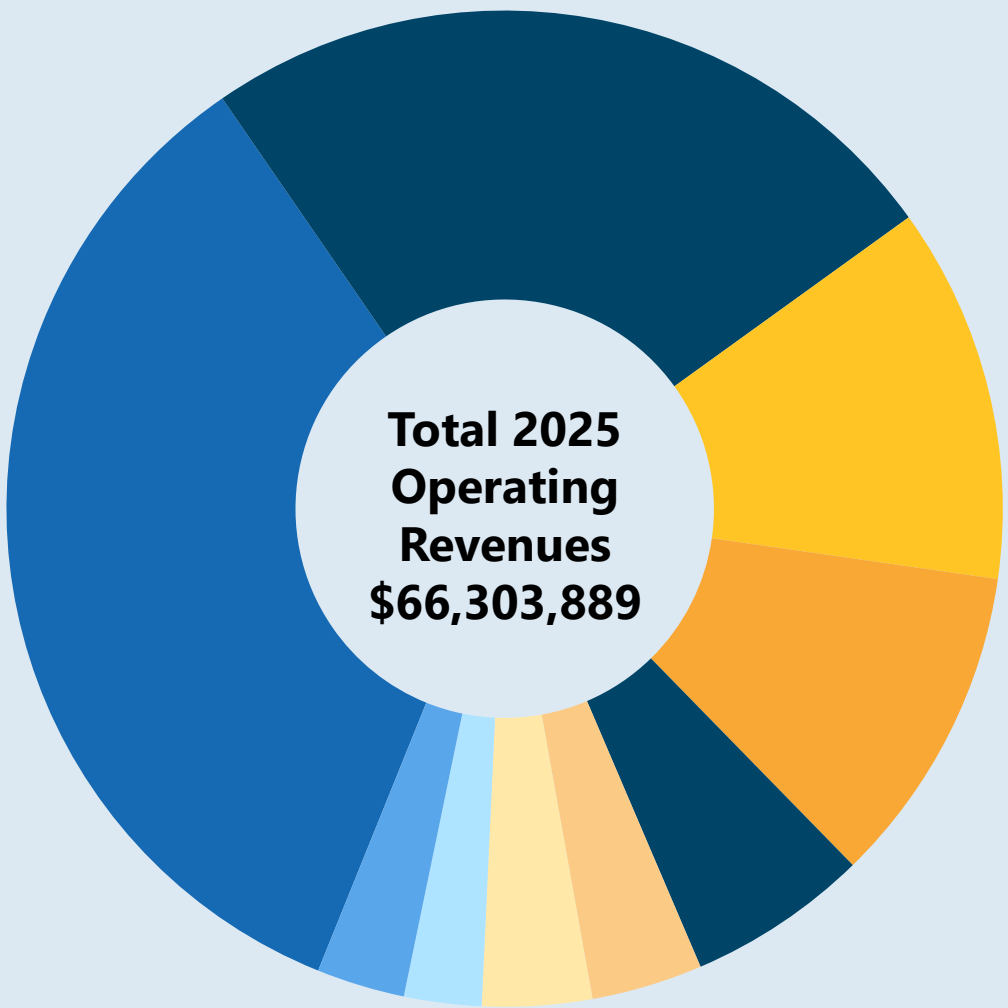
Pays for the day-to-day expenses such as snow removal, recreation programs, fire & police services and daily maintenance of public facilities.

## **CAPITAL BUDGET**

Pays for long-term investments such as park improvements, infrastructure upgrades, and new vehicles and equipment.

# OPERATING REVENUES

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM



**Total 2025  
Operating  
Revenues  
\$66,303,889**

■ \$22,738,042	34.3%	Municipal Property Taxes
■ \$16,344,719	24.7%	PRA Agreement
■ \$8,090,846	12.2%	Water Utility Revenues
■ \$6,913,932	10.4%	Sewer Utility Revenues
■ \$3,900,603	5.9%	User Fees & Charges
■ \$2,392,444	3.6%	Grant in lieu & Other Taxes
■ \$2,360,698	3.6%	Other Government Transfers
■ \$1,665,355	2.5%	Other Revenues
■ \$1,897,250	2.9%	Interest Revenue





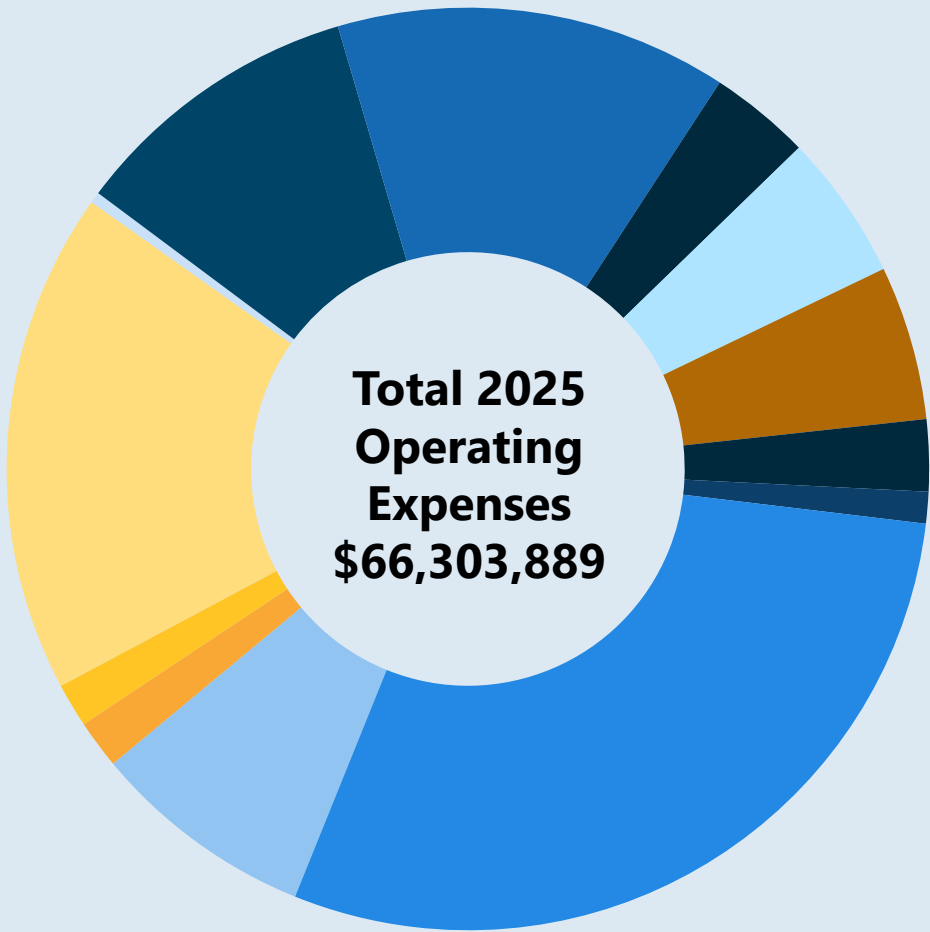
## FEES & CHARGES

Department	2025
Environmental Waste Services	1,352,758
Community Services	1,217,604
Air Transportation	350,806
Police	249,900
Business Licenses	241,311
Building Inspection	106,921
Cemetery Fees	95,509
SPCA Dog Licensing	27,611
BC Transit	93,183
Fire Department	35,000
Tourism	130,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,900,603</b>



# OPERATING EXPENSES

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO



<div></div>	\$5,209,178	7.86%	General Administrative
<div></div>	\$1,125,412	1.70%	Development Services
<div></div>	\$1,021,310	1.54%	Garbage & Recycling
<div></div>	\$11,677,003	17.61%	Protective Services
<div></div>	\$255,655	0.39%	Public Health & Welfare
<div></div>	\$6,796,667	10.25%	Transportation Services
<div></div>	\$9,109,990	13.74%	Community Services
<div></div>	\$2,351,503	3.55%	Ovintiv Events Centre
<div></div>	\$3,396,409	5.12%	Debt Services (Interest & Principal)
<div></div>	\$3,587,482	5.41%	Water Utility Expenditures
<div></div>	\$1,667,290	2.51%	Sewer Utility Expenditures
<div></div>	\$735,000	1.11%	Transfer to Equipment Pool
<div></div>	\$19,370,990	29.22%	Transfer to Capital & Reserves

# ADMINISTRATION

## Expenses

Legislative	417,859
Administration	1,302,526
Human Resources	640,481
Finance	1,006,442
Information Technology	867,124
Communication	249,455
Other General	719,291
Election	6,000
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$5,209,178</b>



# DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

	Expenses	Revenue	Subsidy
Planning & Development Services	411,789		411,789
Economic Development	98,176		98,176
Tourism	615,447	130,000	485,447
<b>Total Development Services</b>	<b>\$1,125,412</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$995,412</b>





# PROTECTIVE SERVICES

	Expenses	Revenue	Subsidy
Police	6,208,782	249,900	5,958,882
Fire Department	4,459,646	456,772	4,002,874
Safety	212,294		212,294
Bylaw Enforcement	371,315		371,315
Animal Control	285,500	27,611	257,889
Building Inspection	139,466	106,921	32,545
<b>Total Protective Services</b>	<b>\$11,677,003</b>	<b>\$841,204</b>	<b>\$10,835,799</b>



# TRANSPORTATION

	Expenses	Revenue	Subsidy
Engineering	1,034,984		1,034,984
Roads & Streets	3,819,948		3,819,948
BC Transit	544,814	93,183	451,631
Air Transportation	1,396,921	350,806	1,046,115
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>\$6,796,667</b>	<b>\$443,989</b>	<b>\$6,352,678</b>

Roads and Streets encompasses snowplowing and removal, sanding and gravel, sidewalk repair, drainage and steaming, street lighting and line painting.





# COMMUNITY SERVICES

	Expenses	Revenue	Subsidy
Kenn Borek Aquatic Centre	1,845,504	807,700	1,037,804
Culture & Recreation Administration	1,594,192		1,594,192
Parks & Playgrounds	1,175,561	25,000	1,150,561
Recreation Programs	926,395	102,557	823,838
Memorial & Kin Arena	1,710,284	1,023,130	687,154
Public Library	582,005	252,500	329,505
Community Services Amenities	340,868		340,868
CK Art Centre Building	291,215		291,215
Exhibition Grounds	162,501		162,501
Lakota Centre	156,765		156,765
Community Grants / Fee for Service	125,512		125,512
Climbing Wall	51,981	16,717	35,264
Multiplex	147,208		147,208
<b>Total Community Services</b>	<b>\$9,109,991</b>	<b>\$2,227,604</b>	<b>\$6,882,387</b>





# OVINTIV EVENTS CENTRE

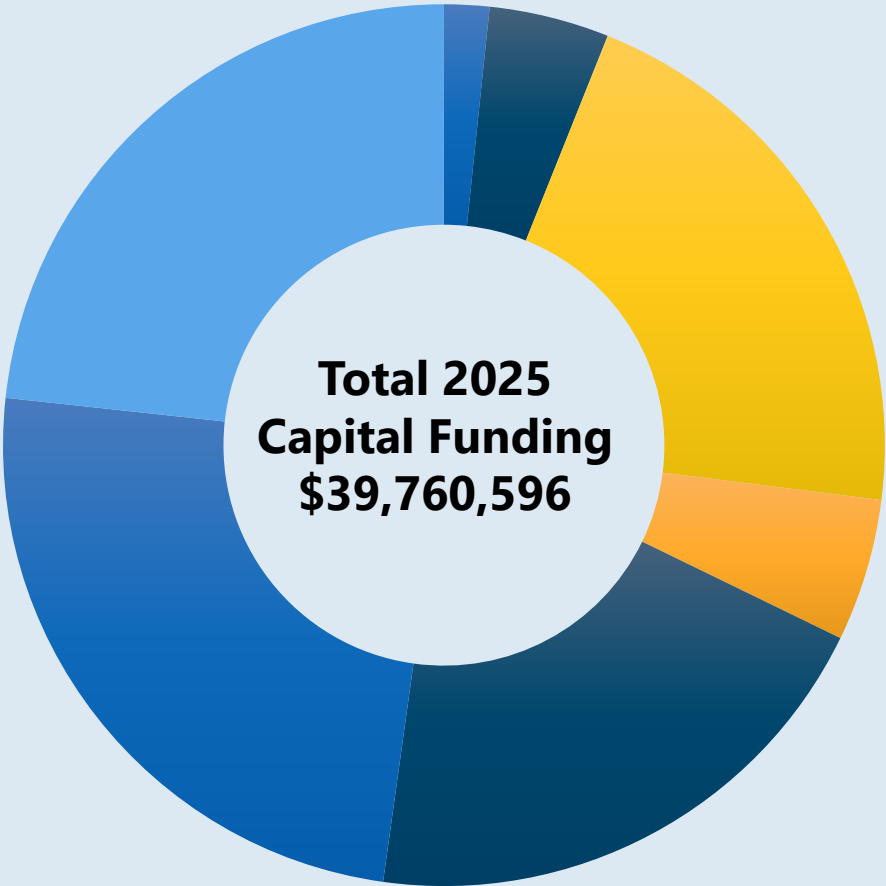
	Expenses
Operational Subsidy	1,850,000
Building Contracts	270,000
Building Insurance	231,503
<b>Total Ovintiv Events Centre</b>	<b>\$2,351,503</b>



# CAPITAL BUDGET

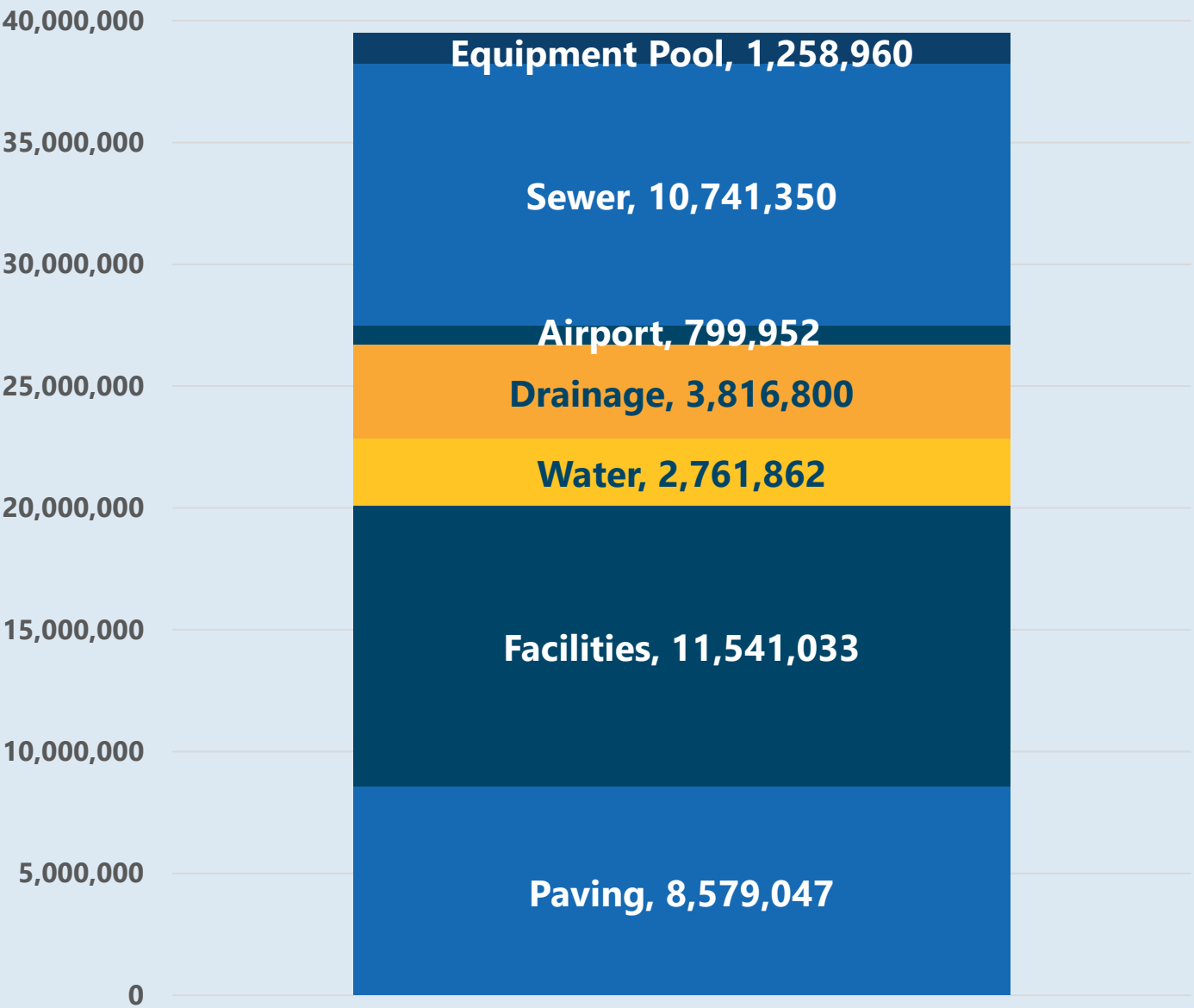
## WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM

■ \$658,960	1.7%	Equipment Pool Reserve
■ \$1,750,000	4.4%	Government Grants
■ \$8,321,000	20.9%	Sewer Infrastructure
■ \$2,076,500	5.2%	Water Infrastructure
■ \$7,950,456	20.0%	General Capital Reserve
■ \$9,744,926	24.5%	Carryover Capital Reserve
■ \$9,285,754	23.3%	Peace River Agreement



# CAPITAL BUDGET

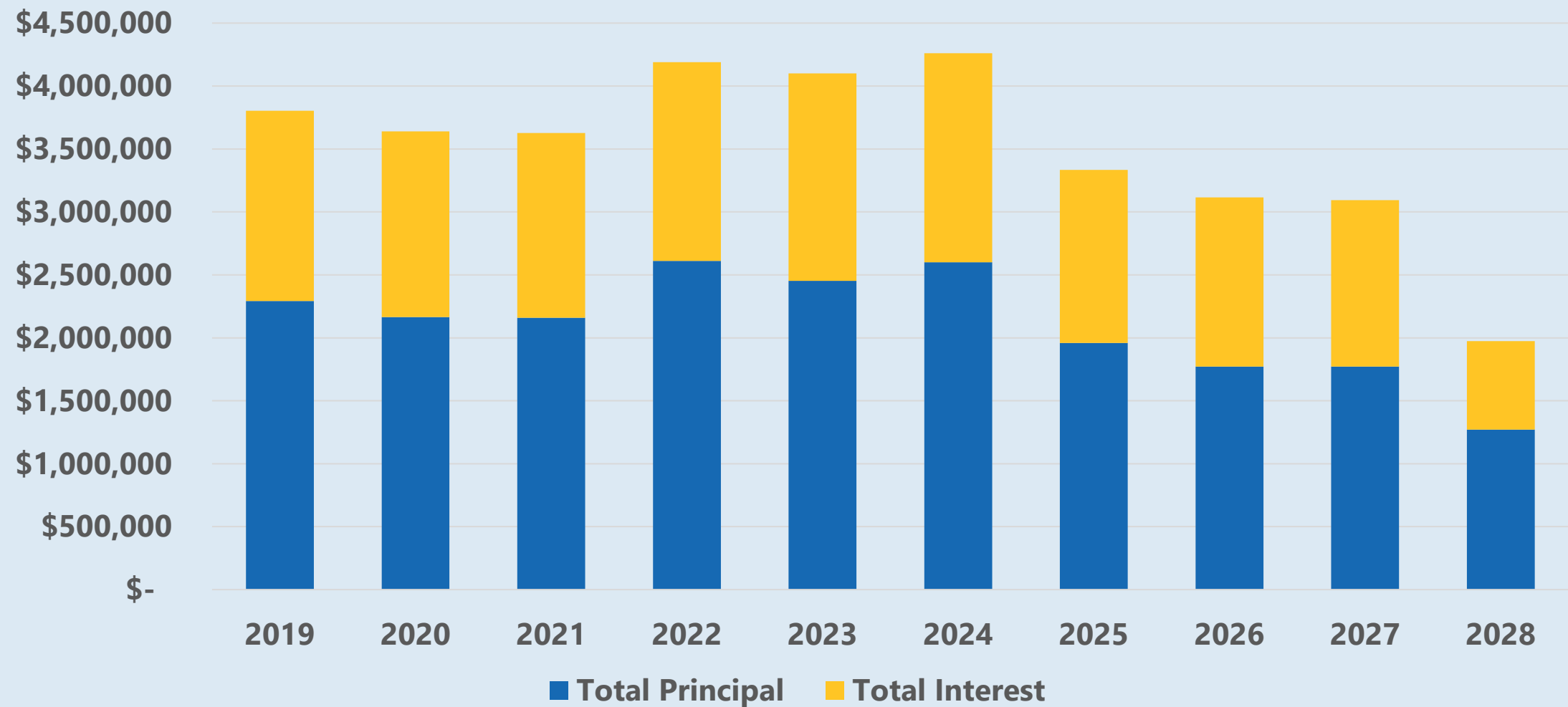
## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO





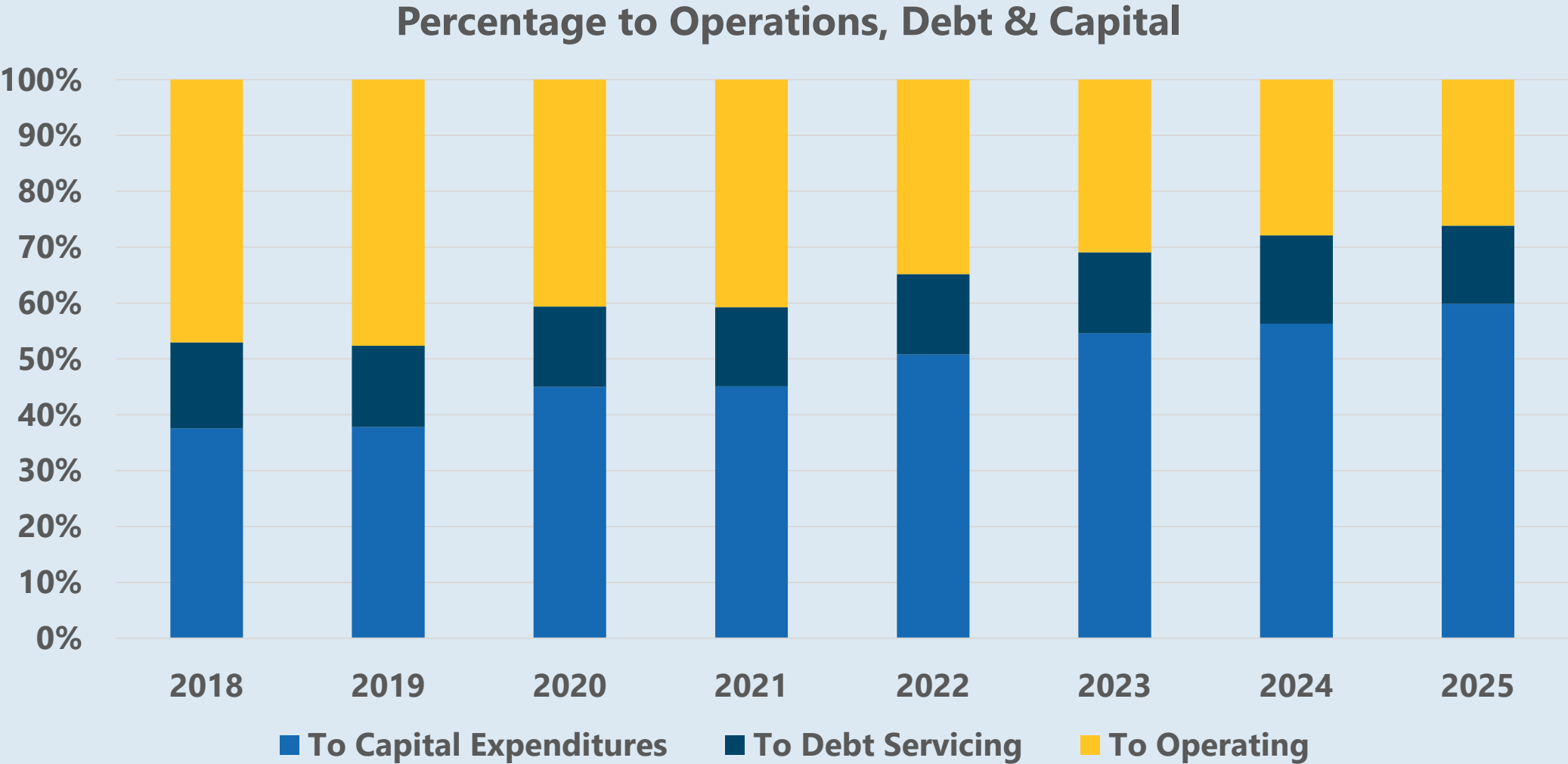
# DEBT SERVICING

MFA Principal & Interest



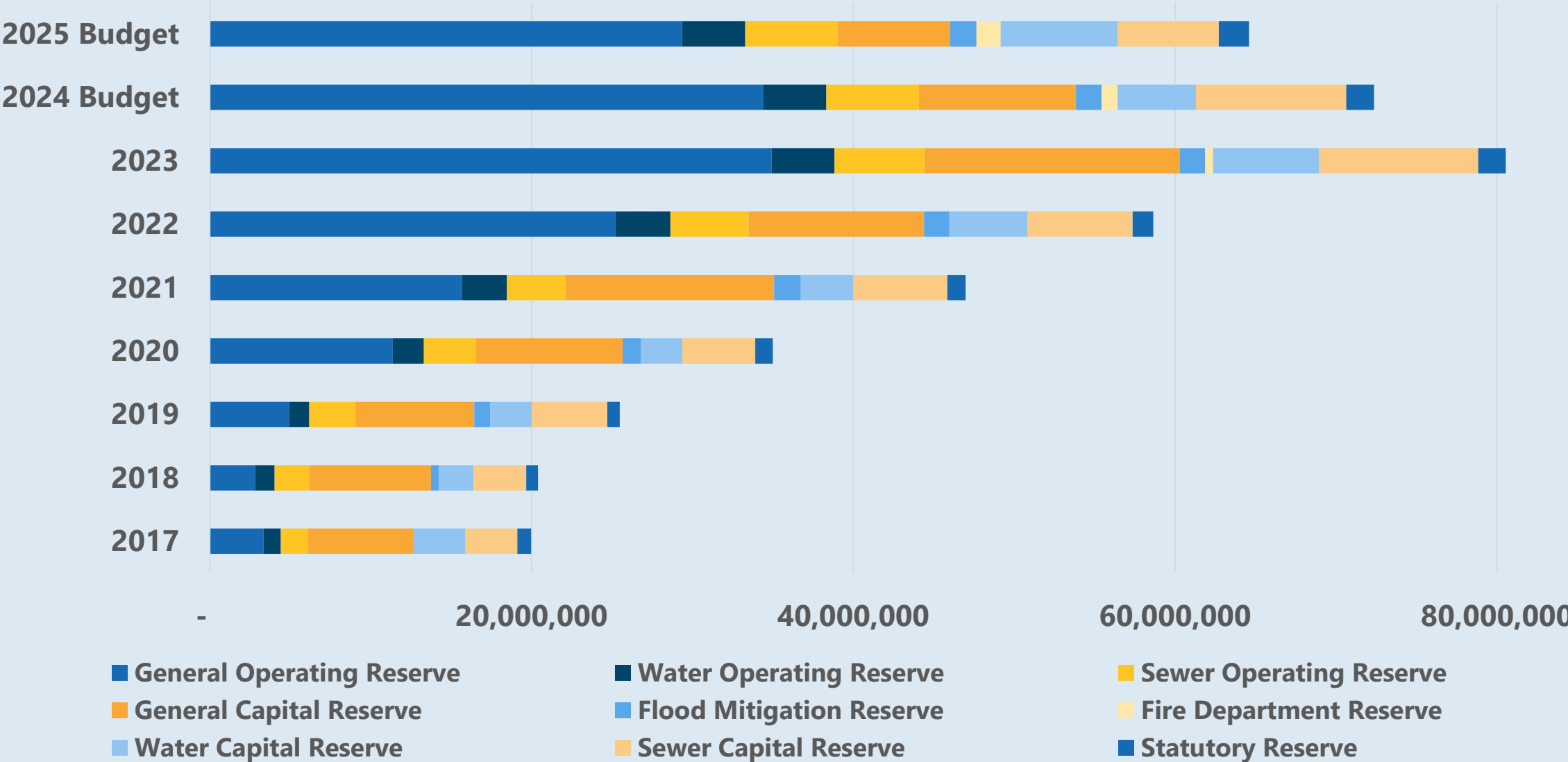
# PEACE RIVER AGREEMENT

The 2025 Budget meets the goal of transferring 60% of the Peace River Agreement funding to General Capital.



# RESERVES

Reserves are essential for the City to sustain operations during the initial six months of the year before property tax collection and capital reserves are necessary for the replacement of aging infrastructure.







**QUESTIONS?**

THANK YOU