

2024 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 2024 BUDGET MEAN FOR ME?

If approved, this year's budget would result in a **4.5% tax increase** for all classes.



For the average home in Dawson Creek assessed at \$284,030* the 4.5% increase equates to an additional \$83.31 per year for the municipal portion of the tax bill.



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

Classes	2024 Municipal Mill Rates*	2023 Municipal Mill Rates*	% Increase
1 - Residential	6.8115	6.5182	4.50%
2 - Utilities	51.3695	49.1574	4.50%
4 - Major Industry	35.0529	33.5434	4.50%
5 - Light Industry	20.7599	19.8659	4.50%
6 - Commercial	20.5477	19.6629	4.50%
8 - Rec/Non Profit	7.7122	7.3801	4.50%
9 - Farm	20.5056	19.6226	4.50%

**ASSESSED
VALUE**

X

**PROPERTY
TAX RATE**

=

**ANNUAL MUNICIPAL
PROPERTY TAX BILL**

\$284,030/1,000

X

6.8115

=

\$1,935 (\$161 monthly)

*Inclusive of 1.5% Paving Levy

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

City taxes make up 65% 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.

2024 BUDGET: Where do my tax dollars go?

Average Dawson Creek Home in 2024

Average house value*: \$284,030

Annual property taxes: \$2,960

Monthly property taxes: \$247

\$247

Monthly Property Tax Breakdown

\$21 Peace River Regional District*

\$64 Provincial School Tax*

\$1 BCAA & MFA*

\$161 Municipal Portion



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

OPERATING BUDGET

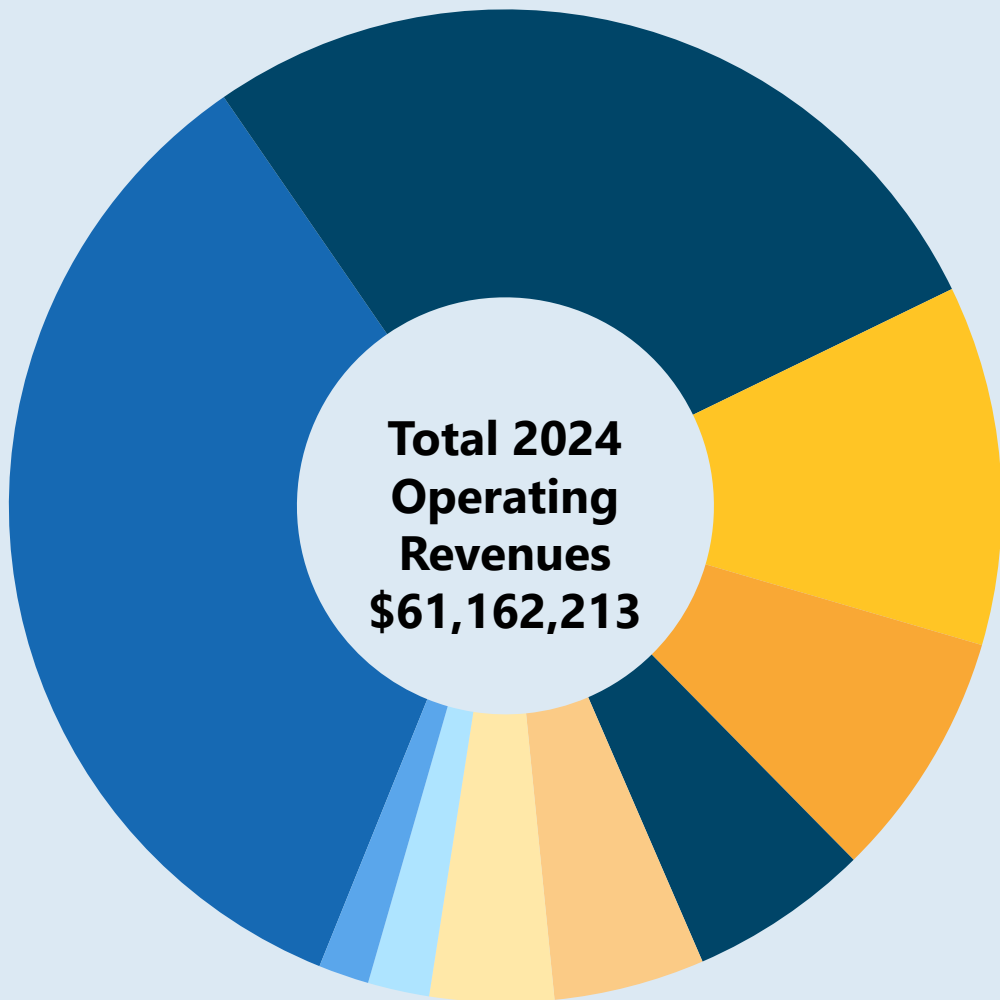
Pays for the day-to-day expenses such as snow removal, recreation programs, fire & police services and daily maintenance of public facilities.

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



■ \$20,970,447	34.3%	Municipal Property Taxes
■ \$16,762,131	27.4%	PRA Agreement
■ \$7,167,609	11.7%	Water Utility Revenues
■ \$4,958,645	8.1%	Sewer Utility Revenues
■ \$3,591,524	5.9%	User Fees & Charges
■ \$3,008,871	4.9%	Grant in lieu & Other Taxes
■ \$2,470,699	4.0%	Other Government Transfers
■ \$1,225,037	2.0%	Other Revenues
■ \$1,007,250	1.6%	Interest Revenue

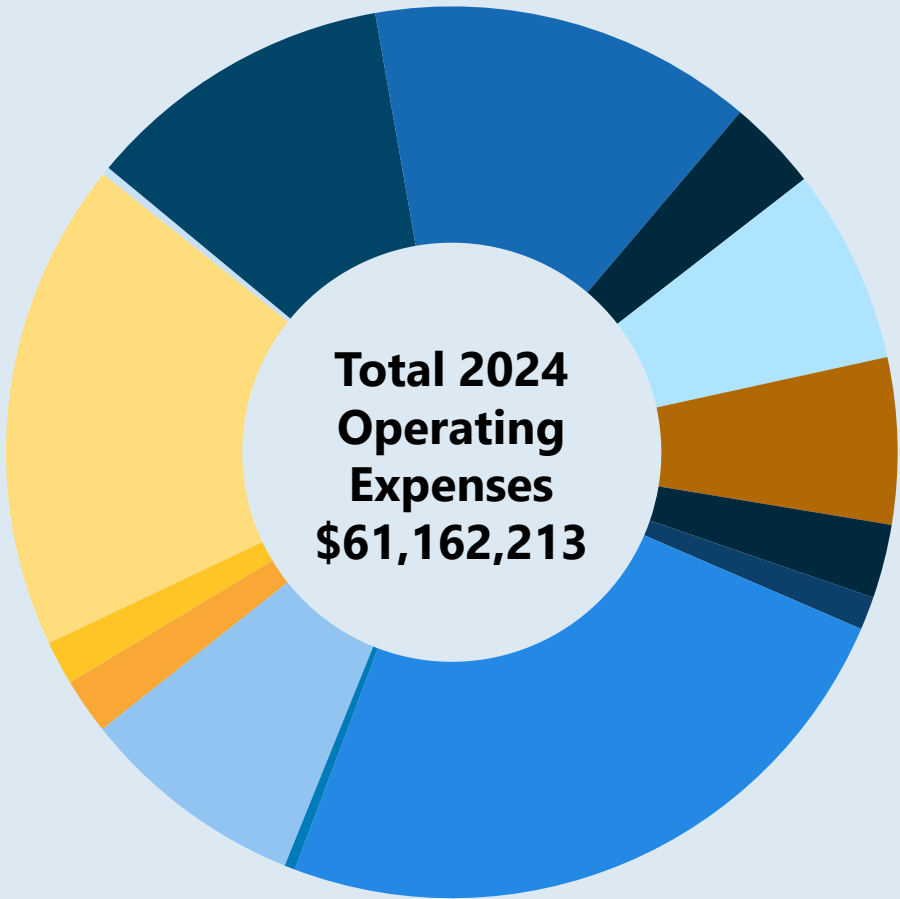


FEES & CHARGES

Department	2024
Environmental Waste Services	1,244,991
Community Services	1,128,439
Air Transportation	300,506
Police	245,000
Business Licenses	236,775
Building Inspection	105,060
Cemetery Fees	93,636
BC Transit	82,117
Fire Department	35,000
Tourism	120,000
Total	\$3,591,524

OPERATING
EXPENSES

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO



Total 2024
Operating
Expenses
\$61,162,213

<div></div>	\$5,034,137	8.23%	General Administrative
<div></div>	\$1,237,738	2.02%	Development Services
<div></div>	\$976,882	1.60%	Garbage & Recycling
<div></div>	\$10,862,009	17.76%	Protective Services
<div></div>	\$176,975	0.29%	Cemetery Maintenance
<div></div>	\$6,873,302	11.24%	Transportation Services
<div></div>	\$8,530,564	13.95%	Community Services
<div></div>	\$2,023,667	3.31%	Ovintiv Events Centre
<div></div>	\$4,323,427	7.07%	Debt Services (Interest & Principal)
<div></div>	\$3,689,726	6.03%	Water Utility Expenditures
<div></div>	\$1,637,189	2.68%	Sewer Utility Expenditures
<div></div>	\$735,000	1.20%	Transfer to Equipment Pool
<div></div>	\$14,830,255	24.25%	Transfer to Capital
<div></div>	\$231,342	0.38%	Transfer to Operating Reserves

ADMINISTRATION

	Expenses
Legislative	413,915
Administration	1,203,108
Human Resources	638,158
Finance	1,091,627
Information Technology	870,480
Communication	197,486
Other General	613,363
Election	6,000
Total Administration	\$5,034,137



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

	Expenses	Revenue	Subsidy
Planning & Development Services	571,029		571,029
Economic Development	174,424		174,424
Tourism	492,285	120,000	372,285
Total Development Services	\$1,237,738	\$120,000	\$1,117,738



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

	Expenses	Revenue	Subsidy
Police	5,813,408	245,000	5,568,408
Fire Department	4,113,581	35,000	4,078,581
Safety	187,415		187,415
Bylaw Enforcement	359,240		359,240
Animal Control	241,856		241,856
Building Inspection	146,509	105,060	41,449
Total Protective Service:	\$10,862,009	\$385,060	\$10,476,949



TRANSPORTATION

	Expenses	Revenue	Subsidy
Engineering	992,828		992,828
Roads & Streets	4,044,308		4,044,308
BC Transit	443,605	82,117	361,488
Air Transportation	1,392,561	300,506	1,092,055
Total Transportation	\$6,873,302	\$382,623	\$6,490,679

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	1,862,608	789,750	1,072,858
Culture & Recreation Administration	1,373,111		1,373,111
Parks & Playgrounds	1,118,105	33,445	1,084,660
Recreation Programs	666,851	114,228	552,623
Memorial & Kin Arena	1,707,376	924,926	782,450
Public Library	535,280	252,500	282,780
Community Services Amenities	350,957		350,957
CK Art Centre Building	264,640		264,640
Exhibition Grounds	161,591		161,591
Lakota Centre	158,451		158,451
Community Grants / Fee for Service	91,012		91,012
Climbing Wall	80,448	23,590	56,858
Multiplex	160,134		160,134
Total Community Services	\$8,530,564	\$2,138,439	\$6,392,125



OVINTIV EVENTS CENTRE

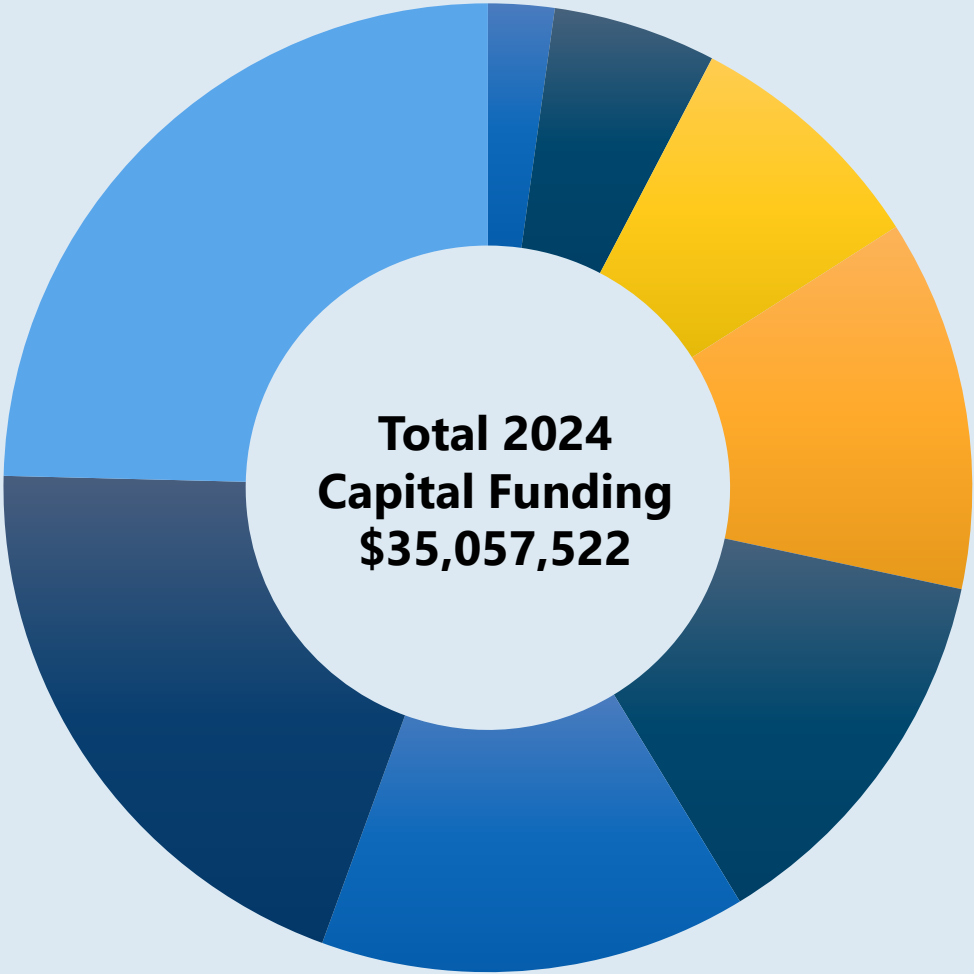
	Expenses
Operational Subsidy	1,650,000
Building Contracts	159,000
Building Insurance	214,667
Total Ovintiv Events Centre	\$2,023,667



CAPITAL BUDGET

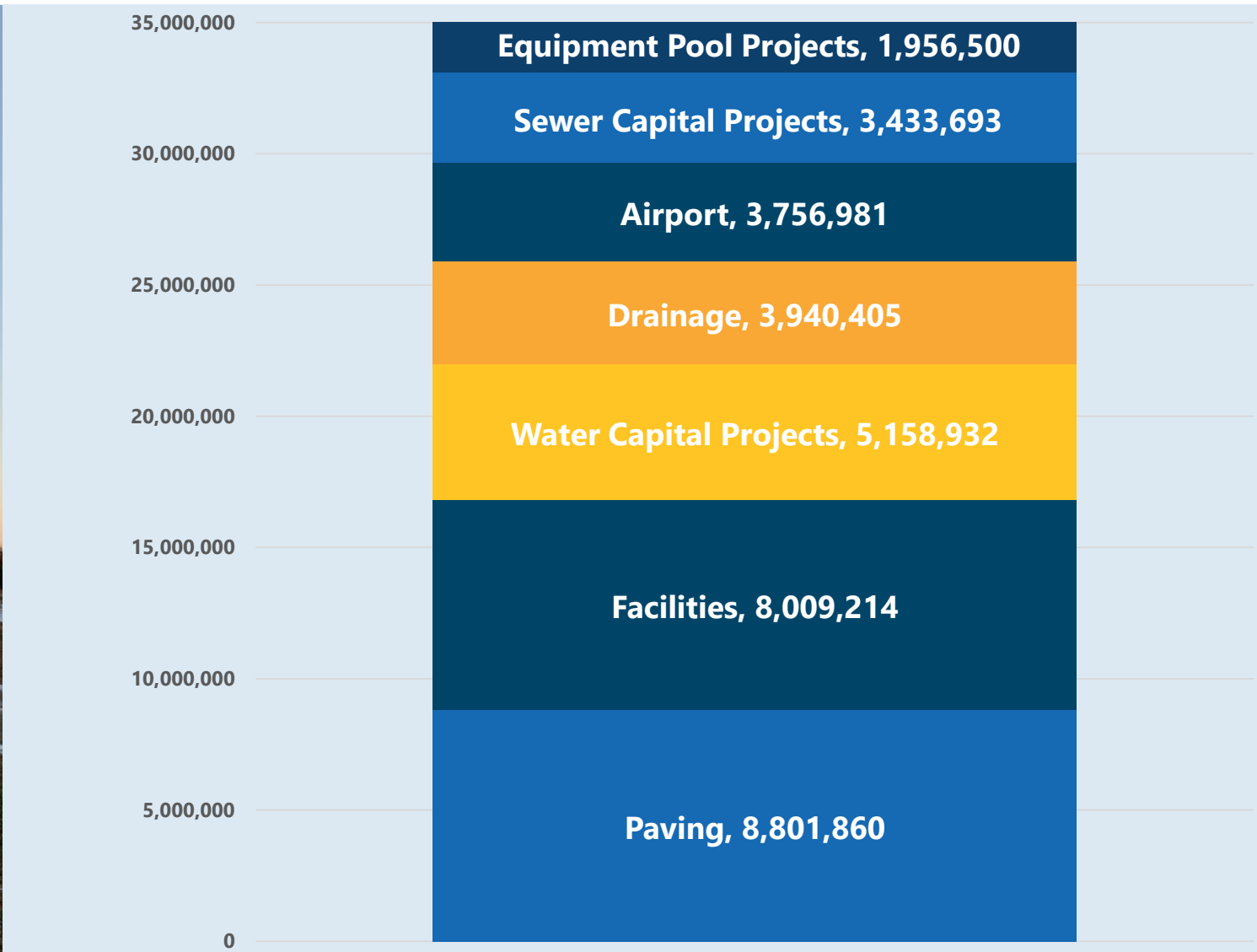
WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM

■ \$775,000	2.2%	Equipment Pool Reserve
■ \$1,910,000	5.4%	Grants
■ \$2,906,653	8.3%	Sewer Infrastructure
■ \$4,349,820	12.4%	Conditional Government Grants
■ 4,534,949	12.9%	Water Infrastructure
■ \$5,000,000	14.3%	General Capital Reserve
■ \$6,954,270	19.8%	Carryover Capital Reserve
■ \$8,626,830	24.6%	Peace River Agreement

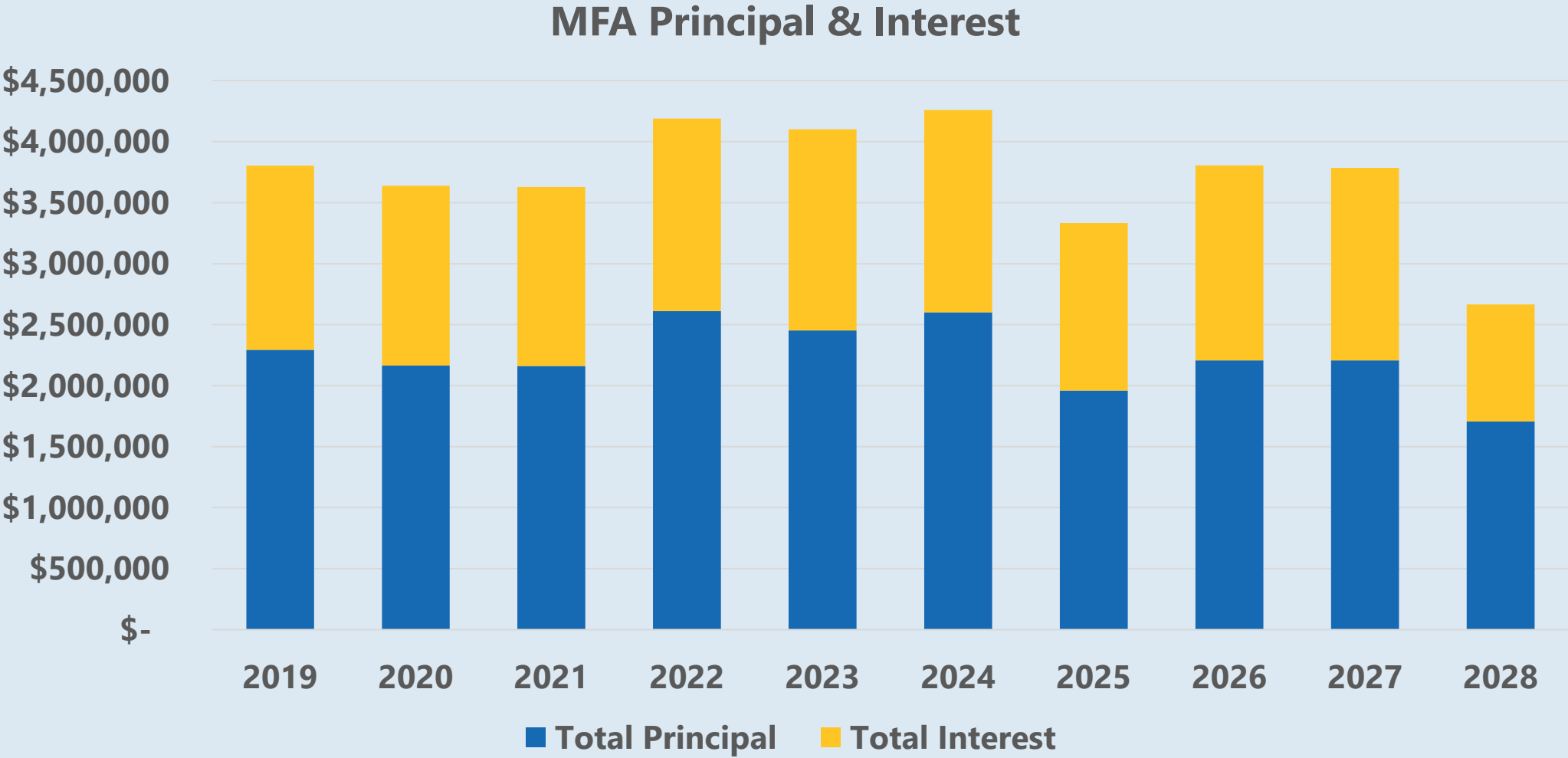


CAPITAL BUDGET

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO

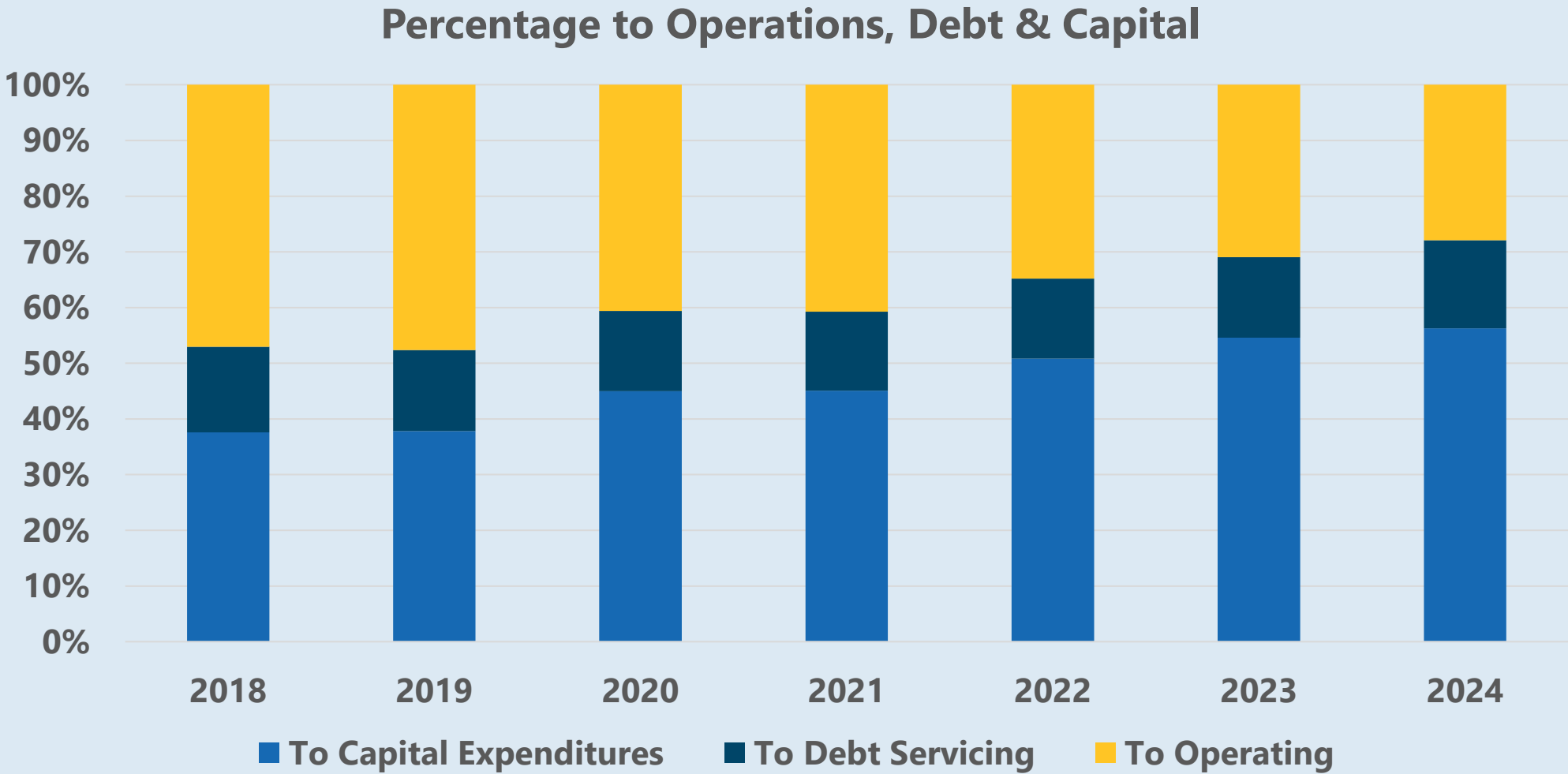


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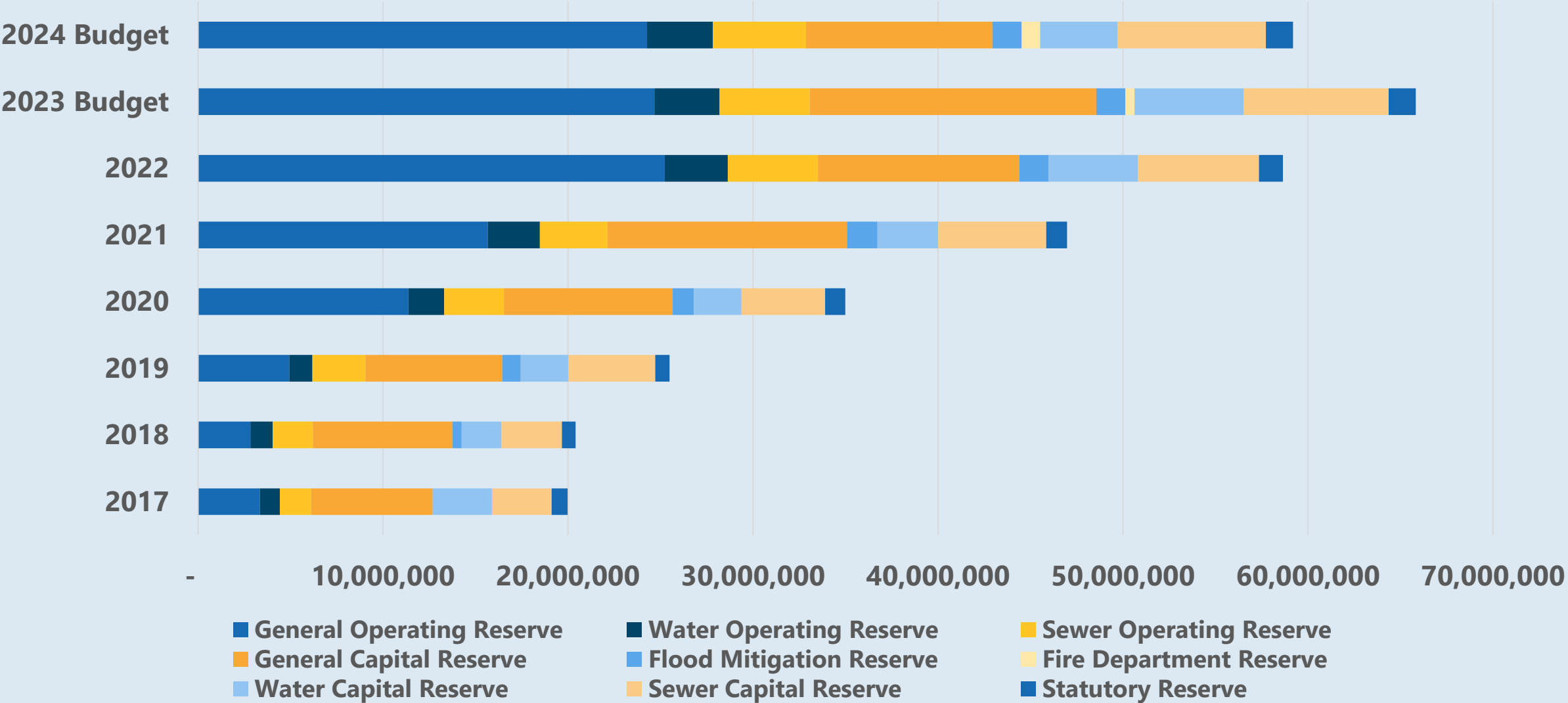
PEACE RIVER AGREEMENT

The 2024 Budget meets the goal of transferring 56% 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