



2026 - 2030 Financial Plan Public Meeting Castlegar and Areas I & J

March 10, 2026

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This presentation contains DRAFT budget numbers subject to change and is for discussion purposes only



Agenda



Regional Districts & Services Model Overview



Property Assessments & Budget Impact



2026 Overall Outlook



Service by Service Discussion



Estimated Taxation by Area



Preamble – DRAFT Budget

- The current financial plan document is considered a “Draft” and is subject to change until the March 19, 2026 Board meeting
 - 2025 fiscal year-end adjustments remain that can affect the 2026 plan, including prior year surplus amounts.
 - Staff, Committee, Commission, Director and Board level reviews are continuing
 - Public Information sessions remain
 - This presentation is based on the February 26th draft



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Budget Planning & Review Process

Board	Commissions and Committees	Local Service Committees	Directors/Participants
Oct/25 to Jan/26	As Scheduled	Creston A, B, C & SLO/SIL/NDE H & Kaslo, D	As Scheduled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Services (GA, RA, Building, GIS, Planning) • 911 Communications • Emergency Planning • Asset Management • Regional Fire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks • Recreation • Riondel Services • Utilities (Some CAC) • Resource Recovery (Subregional & Joint) • West Transit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library, Museum, Airport • FR/Search & Rescue • Recreation & Parks • Economic Development • Creston Valley Transit • Other Contribution Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire • Animal Control • Library, Cemetery, other contribution services. • Economic Development

**** Public budget review meetings are to be held between February and mid March to allow for a final draft of the budget to be ready for adoption by the board on March 19 for submission to the ministry by March 31st.**



<https://engage.rdck.ca/projects/2026-budget-planning/>

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2026 Budget Planning



- Overview
- 2026 Budget Information Session Schedule
- Documents

Welcome to the RDCK's 2026-2030 Financial Planning public engagement site. The goal of this page is to provide context and transparency as the RDCK goes through the budget process. The RDCK is in the process of preparing the draft (provisional) 2026 budget. The intent is to update this page on a regular basis as more information becomes available.

Who's listening

RDCK Finance Team

Key Dates

-  **RDCK Special Budget Board Meeting**
Friday, January 23, 2026
-  **Kaslo and Electoral Area D Budget Information Session**
Monday, February 23 - 6:00 pm PST, Kaslo Chambers
Kaslo and Electoral Area D Public Information Session



Regional District of Central Kootenay

- One of 27 Regional Districts in BC
- 11 Rural Electoral Areas (A to K)
- 9 Member Municipalities
- Providing 186 Services including:
 - Parks & Rec Facilities
 - Rural Fire Protection & Emerg. Mgmt
 - Resource Recovery & Waste
 - Building Inspection, Planning, GIS, Bylaw
 - Transit
 - Water Utilities
- Each service stands on its own

Statistics

298 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees
280 Volunteer Firefighters
62,500 residents (2021 Census)
22,000 square kilometres





BC Provincial Regulations Impacting the RDCK

Local Government Act

Community Charter

Accessible BC Act

Building Act

Climate Change Accountability Act

Declaration Act

Diking Authority Act

Drinking Water Protection Act

Election Act

Emergency and Disaster Management Act

Employment Standards Act

Environment and Land Use Act

Environmental Assessment Act

Environmental Management Act (Waste)

Financial Information Act

Fire Department Act

Fire Services Act

First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Act

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Homeowner Protection Act

Hospital District Act

Housing Supply Act

Human Rights Code

Integrated Pest Management Act

Land Act

Land Survey Act

Land Title Act

Limitation Act

Local Elections Campaign Financing Act

Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act, 2014

Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act

Manufactured Home Act

Negligence Act

Ombudsperson Act

Personal Information Protection Act

Privacy Act

Property Law Act

Safety Authority Act

Safety Standards Act

Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act

Taxation (Rural Area) Act

Transportation Act

Wildfire Act

Workers Compensation Act



How are annual property taxes for RDCK services calculated?

Tax requisition amounts required to fund each service are determined through the RDCK budget process

Property assessment values are determined by BC Assessment

Tax rate \$/1000 for each Service

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Assessed value of each individual property

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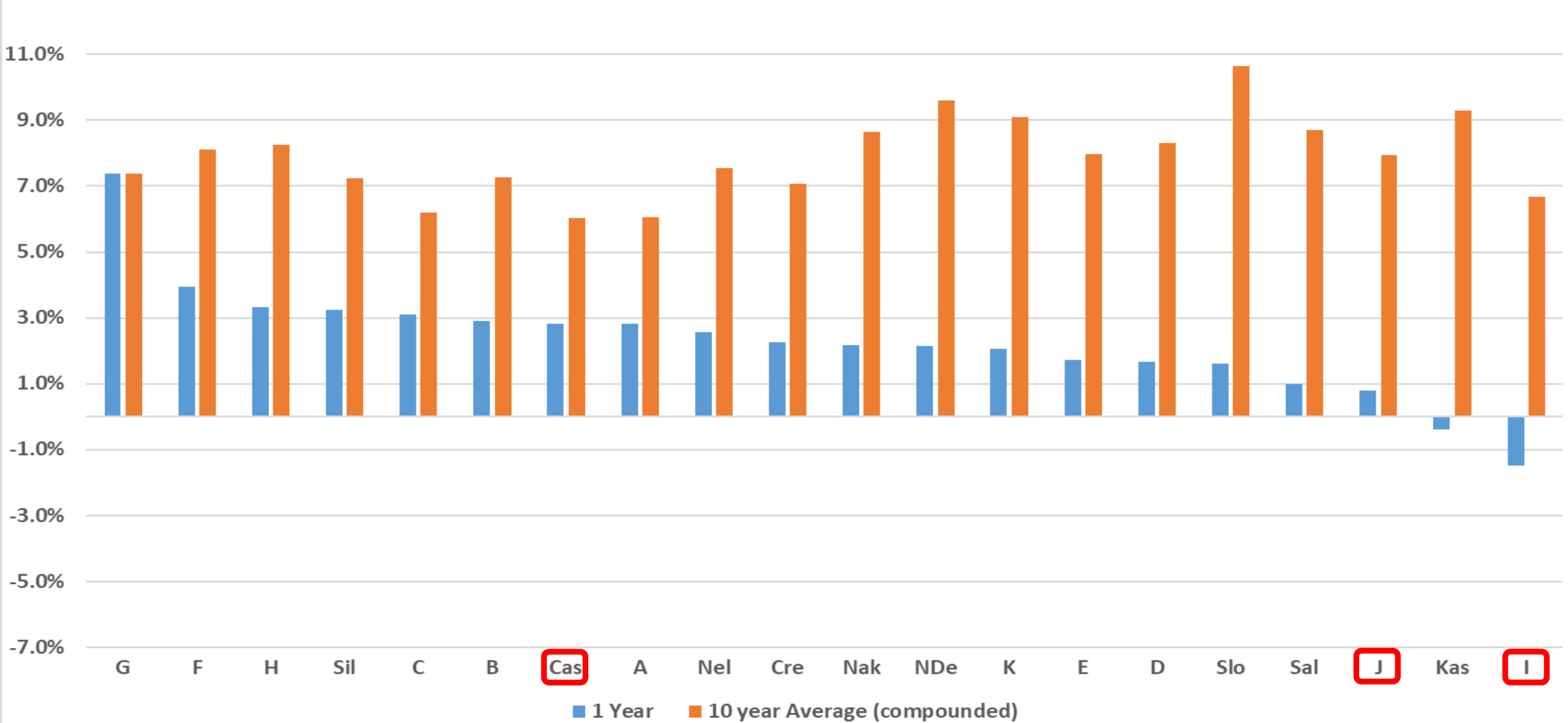
Property tax for each individual property for each Service

*** parcel taxes are separate

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Annual Assessment Change: 1 Year vs 10 Year Average

Annual Assessment Change - % - to 2026





Financial Plan Components

Latest Draft of the Financial Plan is available on the RDCK website

Electoral Area A Creston Rural	2025			2024			2023		
	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000
5100 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	123,241,031	111,582	0.090	121,922,855	107,604	0.088	115,523,982	120,999	0.105
5261 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	123,241,031	25,000	0.020	121,922,855	25,000	0.021	115,523,982	25,000	0.022
5101 RURAL ADMINISTRATION	123,241,031	174,047	0.141	121,922,855	144,869	0.119	115,523,982	153,560	0.133
5102 GIS SERVICE	123,241,031	20,834	0.017	121,922,855	20,775	0.017	115,523,982	21,010	0.018
5103 BUILDING INSPECTION	123,241,031	96,523	0.078	121,922,855	79,577	0.065	115,523,982	65,770	0.057
5104 PLANNING AND LAND USE	123,241,031	106,187	0.086	121,922,855	93,367	0.077	115,523,982	90,734	0.079
5105 COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY	123,241,031	18,671	0.015	121,922,855	20,800	0.017	115,523,982	20,580	0.018
5106 FEASIBILITY STUDY SERVICE	123,241,031	-	-	121,922,855	-	-	115,523,982	-	-
5107 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - AREA A	123,241,031	48,860	0.040	121,922,855	40,000	0.033	115,523,982	40,500	0.035
5117 ADVISORY PLANNING-AREA A	123,241,031	-	-	121,922,855	856	0.001	115,523,982	856	0.001
5152 JAWS OF LIFE SERVICE CRES ABC	123,241,031	29,275	0.024	121,922,855	30,040	0.025	115,523,982	29,707	0.026
5156 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS #11	123,241,031	54,149	0.044	121,922,855	43,988	0.036	115,523,982	40,106	0.035
5157 EMERGENCY PLANNING-CRESTON AREA	123,241,031	95,027	0.077	121,922,855	96,725	0.079	115,523,982	72,084	0.062
5174 CEMETERY-CRESTON, AREAS A & B	123,241,031	30,369	0.025	121,922,855	26,746	0.022	115,523,982	25,785	0.022
5186 REFUSE DISPOSAL-EAST SUBREGION	123,241,031	396,166	0.321	121,922,855	376,516	0.309	115,523,982	342,492	0.296
5193 LIBRARY-CRESTON, AREAS A & B	123,241,031	173,620	0.141	121,922,855	154,916	0.127	115,523,982	146,532	0.127
5205 REGIONAL PARK - AREA A	123,241,031	231,991	0.188	121,922,855	239,676	0.197	115,523,982	218,777	0.189
5292 LOCAL CONSERVATION SERVICE	123,241,031	-	-	121,922,855	-	-	115,523,982	-	-
Regional Requisition		\$ 1,608,912		\$ 1,601,458			\$ 1,413,993		
Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment			1.306			1.231			1.224
Surveyor of Taxes - Collection Fee			0.069			0.065			0.064
Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment			1.374			1.296			1.288
Difference (\$) from prior year			107,457			87,462			167,901
Percentage Change from prior year			7.16%			6.19%			13.47%

	Assessments		Change 2025 vs. 2024 (A-B)/B = C	2025 Taxation Subtotal D	Defined Area Taxation E	Total Taxation 2025 D + E = F	Total Taxation 2024 G	Gross Change (F-G)/G = H	Non Market Change I	Net Change H - I = J
	2025 Completed A	2024 Revised B								
	ELECTORAL AREA 'A'	173,241,031	121,922,855	1.08%	1,608,912	1,116,633	2,725,545	2,596,033	5.0%	2.4%
ELECTORAL AREA 'B'	153,713,877	147,154,884	4.46%	3,841,929	962,948	4,804,877	4,549,383	5.6%	3.8%	1.9%
ELECTORAL AREA 'C'	62,439,315	59,379,270	5.15%	1,548,739	420,221	1,968,960	1,841,482	6.9%	2.7%	4.3%
ELECTORAL AREA 'D'	17,539,044	67,783,996	5.57%	945,923	527,582	1,473,505	1,246,891	18.2%	4.1%	14.0%
ELECTORAL AREA 'E'	176,893,654	169,907,112	4.79%	2,207,002	1,654,450	3,861,451	3,626,325	12.4%	2.3%	10.1%
ELECTORAL AREA 'F'	161,686,330	155,827,374	3.76%	3,187,578	896,206	4,083,784	3,667,574	11.3%	1.0%	10.4%
ELECTORAL AREA 'G'	65,257,332	63,967,135	2.02%	1,124,311	454,318	1,578,629	1,476,147	6.9%	0.1%	6.8%
ELECTORAL AREA 'H'	159,695,711	146,343,544	8.42%	1,284,862	2,049,652	3,334,604	3,023,473	10.3%	1.4%	8.9%
ELECTORAL AREA 'I'	74,226,441	71,516,454	3.78%	1,025,653	602,768	1,628,421	1,671,991	8.4%	0.8%	7.6%
ELECTORAL AREA 'J'	113,514,473	109,069,426	4.08%	1,915,154	831,334	2,746,488	2,574,530	6.7%	1.2%	5.5%
ELECTORAL AREA 'K'	82,249,256	74,415,199	10.53%	587,471	474,946	1,062,417	946,245	12.3%	2.5%	9.7%
CITY OF CASTLEGAR	300,401,196	287,108,170	7.76%	3,903,391	-	3,903,391	3,777,493	3.3%	1.0%	2.3%
TOWN OF CRESTON	149,792,146	143,035,477	4.72%	3,331,316	-	3,331,316	3,147,811	5.8%	0.8%	5.0%
VILLAGE OF KASLO	37,673,417	36,573,032	3.03%	734,549	-	734,549	693,867	10.6%	2.1%	8.5%
VILLAGE OF NAKLUSP	48,769,696	45,348,145	7.54%	696,165	-	696,165	645,219	8.5%	1.3%	6.9%
CITY OF NELSON	450,173,645	429,453,930	4.82%	5,780,154	-	5,780,154	5,293,743	9.2%	1.3%	7.9%
VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER	19,732,124	18,540,406	4.18%	173,563	-	173,563	157,694	10.1%	1.7%	8.4%
VILLAGE OF SALMO	25,095,694	23,510,519	6.70%	297,432	-	297,432	292,515	9.6%	2.3%	7.4%
VILLAGE OF SILVERTON	9,115,000	8,573,269	6.32%	86,825	-	86,825	76,375	13.7%	0.3%	13.4%
VILLAGE OF SLOCAN	10,519,932	11,192,988	-6.01%	207,111	-	207,111	209,846	-1.3%	0.5%	-1.8%
Total	2,303,699,114	2,189,903,105	5.20%			44,881,188	41,452,699	8.3%	1.8%	6.5%

Assessment and Taxation Summary

- Comparison by Area / Municipality

S121 Advisory Planning-Area E

Account	Description	2024 DRAFT	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
41010	Requisitions	775	775	0	0	0	0	0
41020	Grants in lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49100	Prior Year Surplus	10,622	10,622	11,091	10,313	9,532	8,748	7,960
Total Income		11,397	11,397	11,091	10,313	9,532	8,748	7,960

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 DRAFT	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
52010	Travel	0	219	213	207	200	194	0
53020	Admin. Office Supplies & Postage	0	150	150	150	150	150	150
53040	Advertising	0	100	100	100	100	100	100
59100	Accumulated Operating Surplus	0	10,622	10,313	9,532	8,748	7,960	7,355
59510	Transfer to Other Service - General Admin. Fee	306	306	315	324	334	344	355
Total Expenses		306	11,397	11,091	10,313	9,532	8,748	7,960

Total Service		11,091	0	0	(0)	(0)	(0)	0
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Detailed Service Statements

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Taxation Details by Area / Municipality

- Shows Taxation changes over a 3-year period for each service

Electoral Area I Rural

		2026			2025			2024		
		Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000
S100	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	73,123,684	78,676	0.108	74,185,834	67,207	0.091	71,516,454	63,117	0.088
S269	DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	73,123,684	11,402	0.016	74,185,834	11,586	0.016	71,516,454	10,086	0.014
S101	RURAL ADMINISTRATION	73,123,684	77,764	0.106	74,185,834	104,336	0.141	71,516,454	84,976	0.119
S102	GIS SERVICE	73,123,684	14,982	0.020	74,185,834	12,438	0.017	71,516,454	12,186	0.017
S103	BUILDING INSPECTION	73,123,684	45,234	0.062	74,185,834	56,382	0.076	71,516,454	46,677	0.065
S104	PLANNING AND LAND USE	73,123,684	62,071	0.085	74,185,834	63,036	0.085	71,516,454	54,766	0.077
S105	COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY	73,123,684	14,375	0.020	74,185,834	10,992	0.015	71,516,454	12,200	0.017
S106	FEASIBILITY STUDY SERVICE	73,123,684	0	0.000	74,185,834	-2,871	-0.004	71,516,454	-	-
S115	EDC- AREAS I AND J	73,123,684	22,754	0.031	74,185,834	19,401	0.026	71,516,454	7,920	0.011
S125	ADVISORY PLANNING-AREA I	73,123,684	-	-	74,185,834	-	-	71,516,454	-	-
S149	JAWS OF LIFE AREA I&J	73,123,684	10,549	0.014	74,185,834	10,584	0.014	71,516,454	10,009	0.014
S155	SEARCH & RESCUE - CASTLEGAR	73,123,684	3,109	0.004	74,185,834	3,161	0.004	71,516,454	3,233	0.005
S156	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911	73,123,684	32,842	0.045	74,185,834	32,366	0.044	71,516,454	25,802	0.036
S163	EMERGENCY PLANNING-AREAS I&J	73,123,684	56,920	0.078	74,185,834	58,657	0.079	71,516,454	50,971	0.071
S188	REFUSE-WESTERN SUBREGION	73,123,684	67,595	0.092	74,185,834	65,746	0.089	71,516,454	62,470	0.087
S190	SEPTAGE DISPOSAL-WEST RURAL	73,123,684	-	-	74,185,834	-	-	71,516,454	-	-
S198	LIBRARY-AREA I	73,123,684	75,874	0.104	74,185,834	74,113	0.100	71,516,454	73,286	0.102
S216	CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT YOUTH PROGRAMS	73,123,684	-	-	74,185,834	-	-	71,516,454	-	-
S222	ARENA-CAST I J-CAST COMPLEX/REGIONAL PARKS	73,123,684	488,822	0.668	74,185,834	422,493	0.570	71,516,454	479,874	0.671
S239	KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	73,123,684	19,001	0.026	74,185,834	12,465	0.017	71,516,454	9,234	0.013
S137	FIRE PROT-DEF AREA I	74,188,433	650,167	0.876	75,291,060	619,317	0.823	72,573,798	510,570	0.704

Regional Requisition		\$ 1,732,137			\$ 1,641,409			\$ 1,517,378		
Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment				2.356			2.200			2.111
Surveyor of Taxes - Collection Fee				0.124			0.116			0.111
Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment				2.480			2.316			2.222
Difference (\$) from prior year			90,728			124,031			104,242	
Percentage Change from prior year			5.53%			8.17%			7.38%	

S142	SLOCAN VALLEY FIRE	100,000	1,098	1.098	108,600	1,150	1.059	102,500	1,109	1.082
S169	STREET LIGHTING-DEF I BRILLIANT	4,809,960	11,300	0.235	4,975,874	9,900	0.199	4,659,467	8,200	0.176
S172	STREET LIGHTING-DEF I VOYKIN-P TAX	3,078,305	-	-	3,078,745	-	-	3,061,485	-	-
S180	ANIMAL CONTROL-DEF I BRILLIANT	5,122,187	2,297	0.045	5,297,050	2,271	0.043	4,957,114	2,241	0.045
S227	AQUATIC CENTRE-CAST,J, DEF I	42,784,825	122,080	0.285	43,774,861	141,006	0.322	41,845,017	114,918	0.275
S237	CON TRANSIT-CAS, DEF I, DEF J	96,669,870	30,902	0.032	95,736,077	28,987	0.030	92,584,444	27,245	0.029

Electoral Area J Rural

2026

2025

2024

		Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000
S100	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	114,400,612	123,087	0.108	113,393,800	102,726	0.091	109,069,426	96,260	0.088
S270	DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	114,400,612	12,409	0.011	113,393,800	12,498	0.011	109,069,426	12,578	0.012
S101	RURAL ADMINISTRATION	114,400,612	121,660	0.106	113,393,800	159,479	0.141	109,069,426	129,596	0.119
S102	GIS SERVICE	114,400,612	23,440	0.020	113,393,800	19,011	0.017	109,069,426	18,585	0.017
S103	BUILDING INSPECTION	114,400,612	70,768	0.062	113,393,800	86,181	0.076	109,069,426	71,187	0.065
S104	PLANNING AND LAND USE	114,400,612	97,108	0.085	113,393,800	96,351	0.085	109,069,426	83,524	0.077
S105	COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY	114,400,612	22,489	0.020	113,393,800	16,802	0.015	109,069,426	18,607	0.017
S106	FEASIBILITY STUDY SERVICE	114,400,612	0	0.000	113,393,800	-4,389	-0.004	109,069,426	-	-
S115	EDC- AREAS I AND J	114,400,612	35,599	0.031	113,393,800	29,655	0.026	109,069,426	12,080	0.011
S126	ADVISORY PLANNING-AREA J	114,400,612	276	0.000	113,393,800	271	0.000	109,069,426	1,268	0.001
S149	JAWS OF LIFE AREA I&J	114,400,612	16,503	0.014	113,393,800	16,177	0.014	109,069,426	15,264	0.014
S155	SEARCH & RESCUE - CASTLEGAR	114,400,612	4,864	0.004	113,393,800	4,832	0.004	109,069,426	4,931	0.005
S156	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911	114,400,612	51,381	0.045	113,393,800	49,472	0.044	109,069,426	39,351	0.036
S163	EMERGENCY PLANNING-AREAS I&J	114,400,612	89,050	0.078	113,393,800	89,658	0.079	109,069,426	77,735	0.071
S188	REFUSE-WESTERN SUBREGION	114,400,612	125,210	0.109	113,393,800	118,497	0.105	109,069,426	110,784	0.102
S190	SEPTAGE DISPOSAL-WEST RURAL	114,400,612	-	-	113,393,800	-	-	109,069,426	-	0.000
S197	LIBRARY-AREA J	114,400,612	90,501	0.079	113,393,800	87,563	0.077	109,069,426	86,172	0.079
S222	ARENA-CAST I J-CAST COMPLEX/REGIONAL PARKS	114,400,612	764,753	0.668	113,393,800	645,784	0.570	109,069,426	731,854	0.671
S227	AQUATIC CENTRE-CAST,J, DEF I	114,400,612	326,425	0.285	113,393,800	365,260	0.322	109,069,426	299,534	0.275
S239	KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	114,400,612	25,652	0.022	113,393,800	16,980	0.015	109,069,426	12,578	0.012

Regional Requisition

\$ 2,001,175

\$ 1,912,808

\$ 1,821,887

Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment

1.749

1.687

1.670

Surveyor of Taxes - Collection Fee

0.092

0.089

0.088

Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment

1.841

1.775

1.758

Difference (\$) from prior year

88,367

90,921

186,213

Percentage Change from prior year

4.62%

4.99%

11.38%

S138	FIRE PROT-DEF J ROBSON/RASBERRY	38,086,693	413,335	1.085	38,198,993	409,127	1.071	36,257,791	379,497	1.047
S145	FIRE PROT-DEF J-OOTISCHENIA	56,930,268	319,750	0.562	56,017,218	323,211	0.577	54,935,815	274,602	0.500
S146	FIRE PROT-DEF G, J -HUDU VALLEY	1,116,433	8,611	0.771	1,010,398	7,467	0.739	946,963	7,307	0.772
S147	FIRE PROT-FAIRVIEW CONTRACT	5,467,974	26,568	0.486	5,273,141	25,806	0.489	5,199,543	25,029	0.481
S170	STREET LIGHTING-DEF J ROBSON	2,710,365	4,000	0.148	2,654,405	3,400	0.128	2,512,500	3,400	0.135
S181	ANIMAL CONTROL-DEF J	88,273,830	17,485	0.020	87,737,321	13,411	0.015	84,910,174	17,250	0.020
S216	CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT YOUTH PROGRAMS	104,299,647	-	-	103,430,349	-	-	100,153,675	-	-
S237	CON TRANSIT-CAS, DEF I, DEF J	64,886,600	51,673	0.080	65,996,165	48,771	0.074	63,572,692	45,558	0.072
S247	WATER UTILITY-DEF J LUCAS ROAD	578,335	-	-	557,715	-	-	596,405	-	-
S256	WATER UTILITY-DEF J-WEST ROBSON	4,115,249	-	-	4,059,905	-	-	3,905,343	-	-

Taxation Details Example – City of Castlegar

City of Castlegar

		2026			2025			2024		
		Assessment	Rate/\$1,000		Assessment	Rate/\$1,000		Assessment	Rate/\$1,000	
S100	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	318,158,980	342,316	0.108	309,284,444	280,187	0.091	287,108,170	253,389	0.088
S155	SEARCH & RESCUE - CASTLEGAR	318,158,980	13,527	0.004	309,284,444	13,180	0.004	287,108,170	12,980	0.005
S188	REFUSE-WESTERN SUBREGION	318,158,980	296,845	0.093	309,284,444	280,928	0.091	287,108,170	262,644	0.091
S222	ARENA-CAST I J-CAST COMPLEX/REGIONAL PARKS	318,158,980	2,126,850	0.668	309,284,444	1,761,393	0.570	287,108,170	1,926,490	0.671
S227	AQUATIC CENTRE-CAST,J, DEF I	318,158,980	907,820	0.285	309,284,444	996,256	0.322	287,108,170	788,476	0.275
S237	CON TRANSIT-CAS, DEF I, DEF J	318,158,980	424,022	0.133	309,284,444	397,921	0.129	287,108,170	373,844	0.130
S239	KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	318,158,980	75,055	0.024	309,284,444	57,610	0.019	287,108,170	42,674	0.015
S298	CITY OF CASTLEGAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE	318,158,980	117,050	0.037	309,284,444	117,025	0.038	287,108,170	116,995	0.041
Regional Requisition			<u>4,303,484</u>			<u>3,904,501</u>			<u>3,777,493</u>	
Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment			<u>1.353</u>			<u>1.262</u>			<u>1.316</u>	
Difference (\$) from prior year			398,983			127,008			618,749	
Percentage Change from prior year			10.22%			3.36%			22.23%	



Rural Property Tax Bill – Example from Area F

The BC government is providing property tax relief during COVID-19.
 Visit gov.bc.ca/annualpropertytax for more information.
 See insert for information about potential penalties for late payment.
 Postmarks are not accepted as date of payment.

The *Rural Property Tax Notice* for the period ending December 31, 2020 has been sent to all property owners. The easiest way to pay your taxes and claim your home owner grant is online using eTaxBC at gov.bc.ca/ruralpropertytax. Find all payment options on the reverse.

	Class	Land Value	Improvements	Rate	No Grant A	Reg Grant B	Add'l Grant C
Provincial Services							
School	01	169,000	321,000	2.06570	1,012.19	1,012.19	1,012.19
Less: Home Owner Grant					0.00	(770.00)	(1,012.19)
Net School					1,012.19	242.19	0.00
Provincial Rural Tax	01	169,000	321,000	0.47000	230.30	230.30	230.30
Police Tax	01	169,000	321,000	0.13330	65.32	65.32	65.32
Local Services							
BEAS/BLEW FIRE - AREA F	01	169,000	321,000	0.66466	325.68	325.68	325.68
F CENTRAL KOOTENAY	01	169,000	321,000	2.13276	1,045.05	1,045.05	1,045.05
W KOOT-BOUNDARY HOSP	01	169,000	321,000	0.24875	121.89	121.89	121.89
BC ASSESSMENT	01	169,000	321,000	0.04260	20.87	20.87	20.87
MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY	01	169,000	321,000	0.00020	0.10	0.10	0.10
Residual Home Owner Grant					0.00	0.00	(32.81)
TOTAL 2020 PROPERTY TAXES					2,821.40	2,051.40	1,776.40
BALANCE					2,821.40	2,051.40	1,776.40

Assessment and Taxation Summary by Area / Municipality

	Assessments		Change	2026 Taxation	Defined Area	Total Taxation	Total Taxation	Gross	Non	Net
	2026 Completed	2025 Revised	2026 vs. 2025	Subtotal	Taxation	2026	2025	Change	Market	Change
	A	B	(A-B)/B = C	D	E	D + E = F	G	(F-G)/G = H	I	H - I = J
ELECTORAL AREA 'A'	126,706,898	123,155,171	2.88%	1,630,286	1,211,141	2,841,427	2,705,736	5.0%	0.8%	4.2%
ELECTORAL AREA 'B'	158,182,167	153,355,750	3.15%	3,981,016	1,026,293	5,007,308	4,775,443	4.9%	1.5%	3.4%
ELECTORAL AREA 'C'	64,379,582	62,384,034	3.20%	1,633,360	422,606	2,055,966	1,959,171	4.9%	0.9%	4.0%
ELECTORAL AREA 'D'	72,730,119	71,389,272	1.88%	982,750	524,054	1,506,804	1,433,323	5.1%	1.0%	4.2%
ELECTORAL AREA 'E'	179,958,741	176,789,320	1.79%	2,282,852	1,745,177	4,028,029	3,919,437	2.8%	1.0%	1.8%
ELECTORAL AREA 'F'	168,053,287	161,517,715	4.05%	3,325,142	935,011	4,260,152	4,044,529	5.3%	0.7%	4.6%
ELECTORAL AREA 'G'	70,069,641	65,220,642	7.43%	1,221,388	493,084	1,714,472	1,561,986	9.8%	1.1%	8.6%
ELECTORAL AREA 'H'	163,936,340	158,281,436	3.57%	1,300,322	2,347,276	3,647,597	3,319,776	9.9%	0.8%	9.0%
ELECTORAL AREA 'I'	73,123,684	74,185,834	-1.43%	1,082,101	817,845	1,899,946	1,824,723	4.1%	0.7%	3.5%
ELECTORAL AREA 'J'	114,400,612	113,393,800	0.89%	2,001,175	841,422	2,842,597	2,744,000	3.6%	1.4%	2.2%
ELECTORAL AREA 'K'	83,951,724	82,014,864	2.36%	573,663	487,623	1,061,286	1,053,882	0.7%	0.4%	0.3%
CITY OF CASTLEGAR	318,158,980	309,284,444	2.87%	4,303,484	-	4,303,484	3,904,501	10.2%	1.1%	9.1%
TOWN OF CRESTON	153,162,018	149,542,681	2.42%	3,520,530	-	3,520,530	3,318,341	6.1%	1.1%	5.0%
VILLAGE OF KASLO	37,535,923	37,679,417	-0.38%	778,532	-	778,532	715,212	8.9%	0.7%	8.2%
VILLAGE OF NAKUSP	49,823,359	48,765,116	2.17%	728,363	-	728,363	697,521	4.4%	0.0%	4.4%
CITY OF NELSON	461,741,524	449,902,585	2.63%	6,087,758	-	6,087,758	5,713,548	6.5%	0.5%	6.0%
VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER	20,157,190	19,724,224	2.20%	184,700	-	184,700	173,146	6.7%	0.8%	5.9%
VILLAGE OF SALMO	25,330,953	24,636,604	2.82%	430,528	-	430,528	388,694	10.8%	0.6%	10.2%
VILLAGE OF SILVERTON	9,410,185	9,115,000	3.24%	96,700	-	96,700	86,626	11.6%	0.2%	11.4%
VILLAGE OF SLOCAN	10,689,385	10,506,972	1.74%	209,454	-	209,454	207,025	1.2%	0.8%	0.3%
TOTALS	2,361,502,312	2,300,844,881	2.64%			47,205,636	44,546,620	6.0%	0.9%	5.1%
INCLUDING OLD E,F,H, I & J						48,184,649	45,466,658	6.0%		



2026 Overall Outlook

- Projected average tax increase of 5.1% for the RDCK in the February 26th draft budget.
- \$48.2M in total tax requisitions for 2026 in the current draft plan are \$1.6M lower than the \$49.8M in total tax requisitions forecasted for 2026 in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan.
- CPI Increase on staff salaries and Director stipends – 2.5%.
 - Effectively using a two-year CPI average to smooth annual increases and decreases
 - Union positions have a 3.4% wage increase in 2026 as per the collective agreement
- Decreasing Interest rates are reducing interest charges on short term loans
 - But also reducing investment income.
- New Provincial Budget will have an impact on costs including the addition of PST on some services such as accounting and architecture

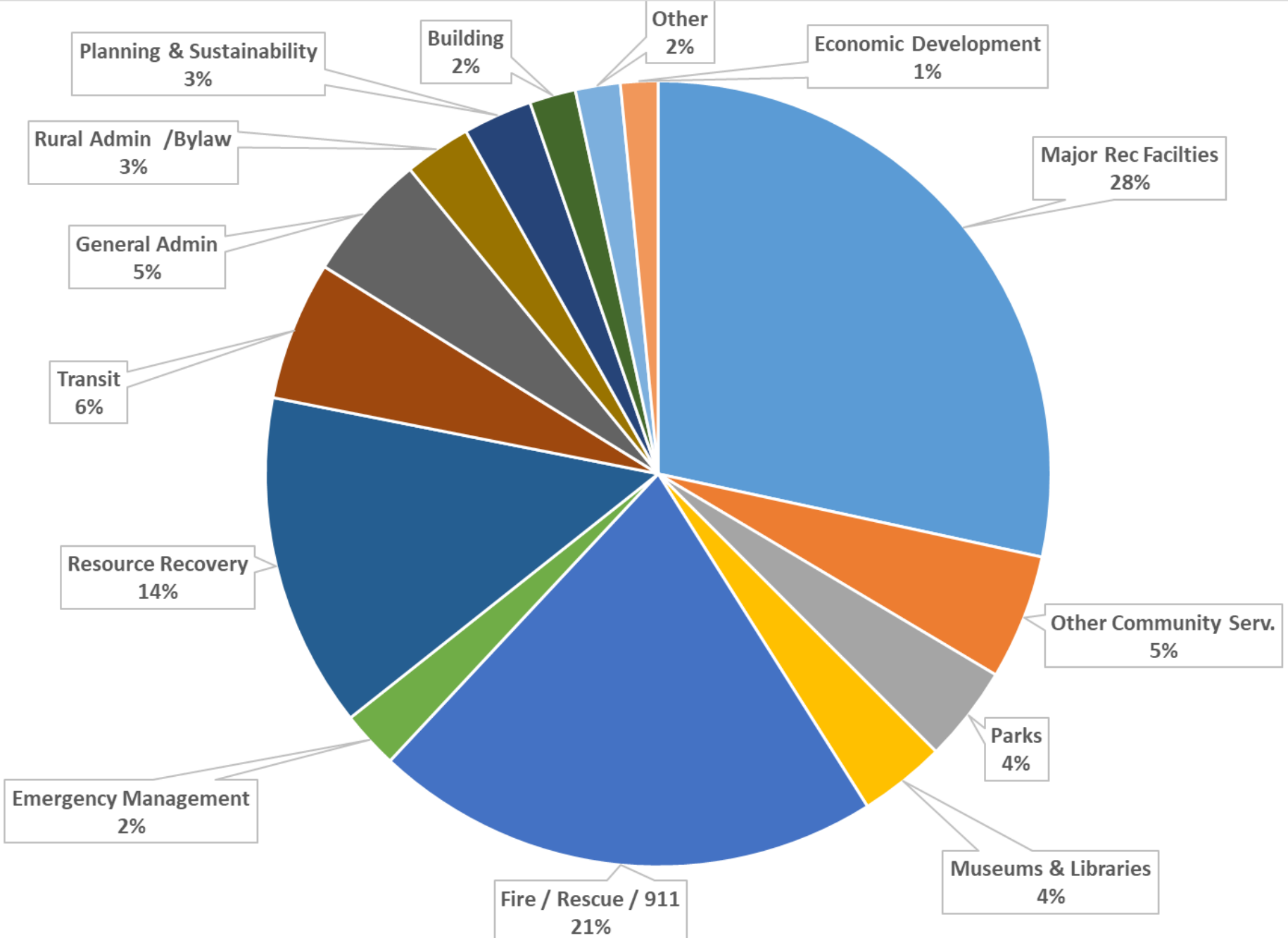


2026 Challenges and Opportunities

- Political Climate / Conflicts / Foreign Trade including Tariffs & Counter Tariffs
 - Increased procurement costs and/or supply chain issues
 - Potentially slowing economic activity or an even wider downturn: lower building permit, waste disposal and recreation fee revenue
- Fluctuating Canadian Dollar
 - Could lead to increased inflation and procurement costs for the RDCK
- Artificial Intelligence
 - Technology is evolving quickly
 - Use at the RDCK has increased, although still fairly limited
 - Need to be mindful of accuracy and privacy concerns

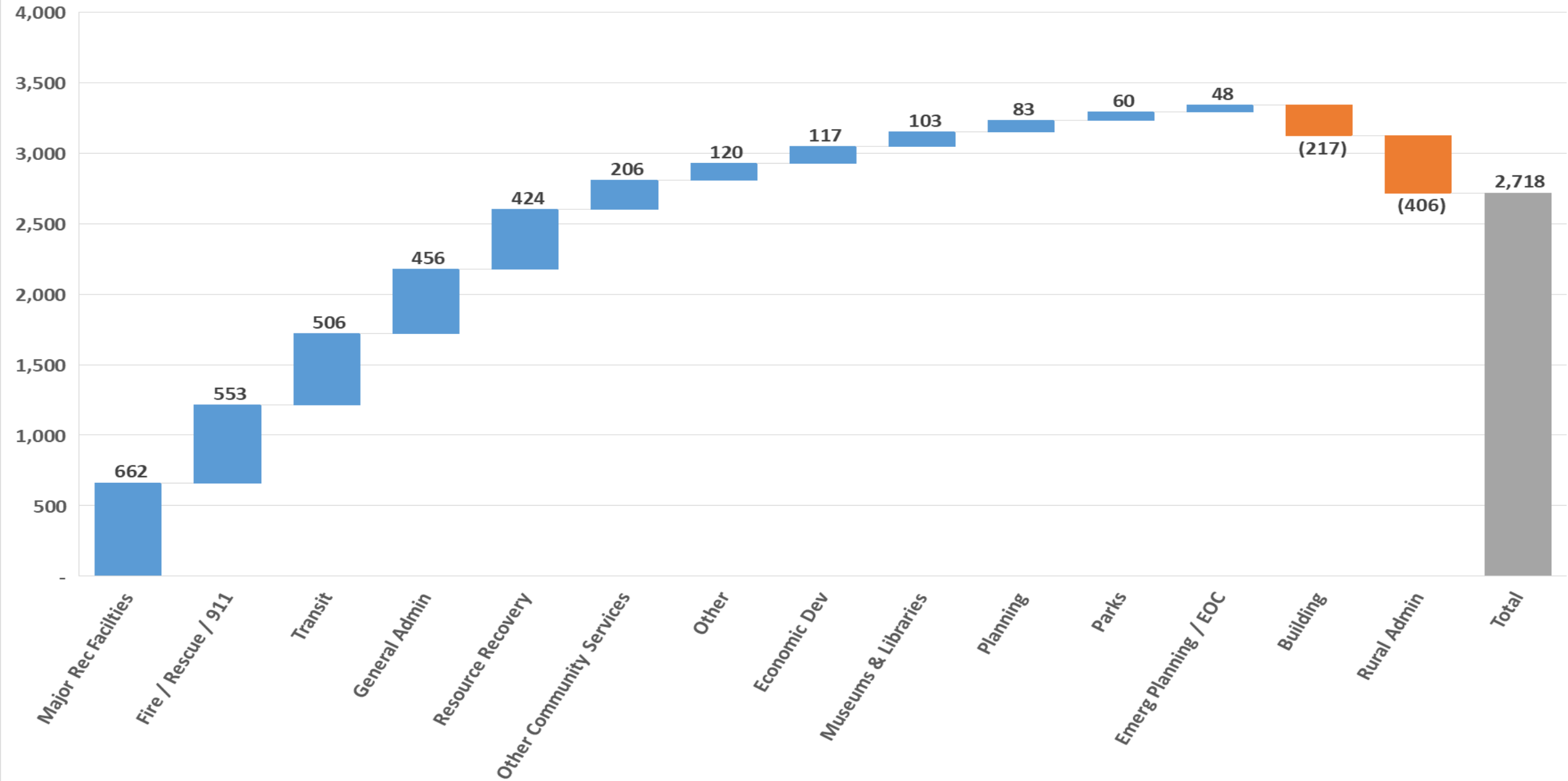


2026 Tax Requisition Share by Segment



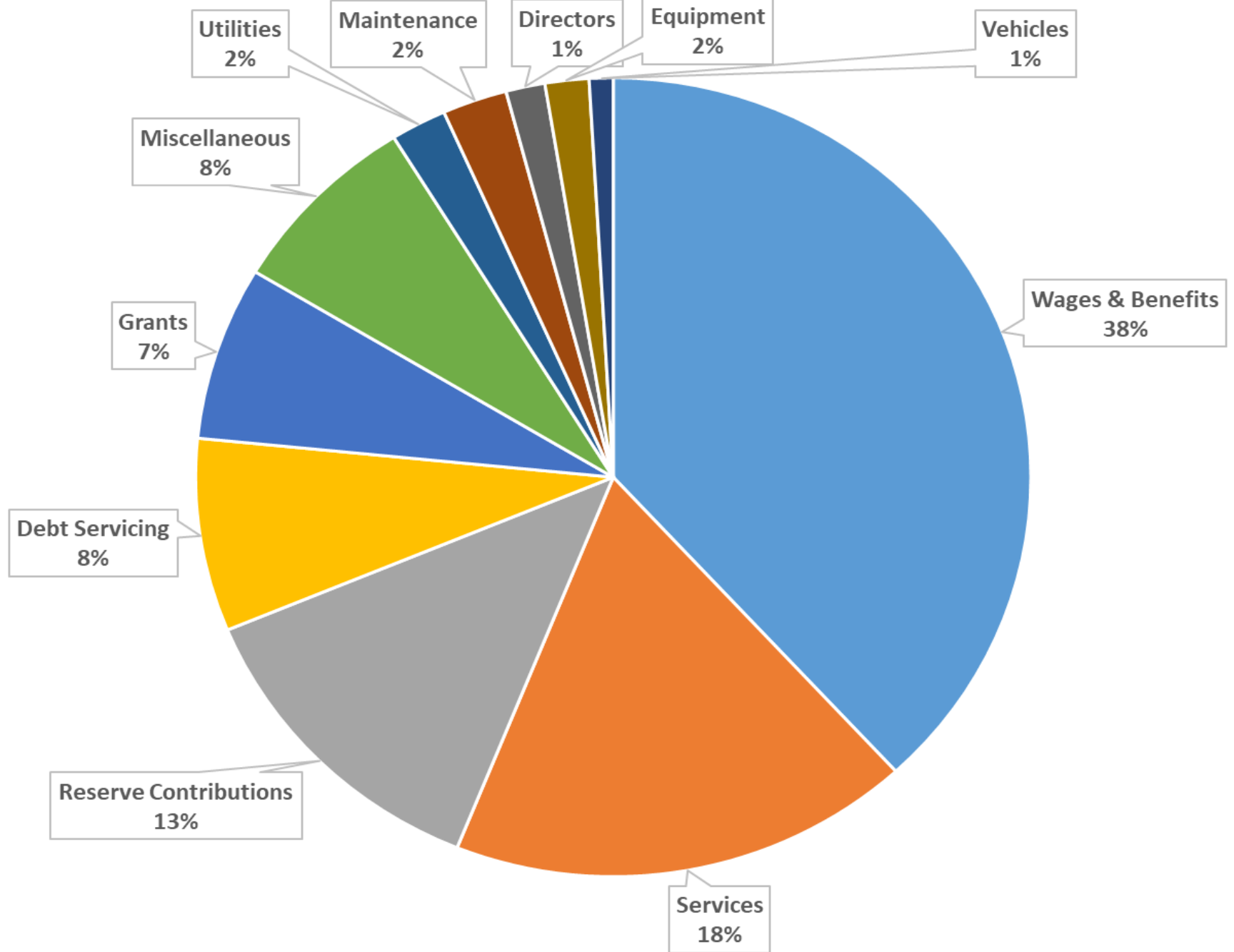
Property Tax Requisition Change 2025 to 2026 (\$000)

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total



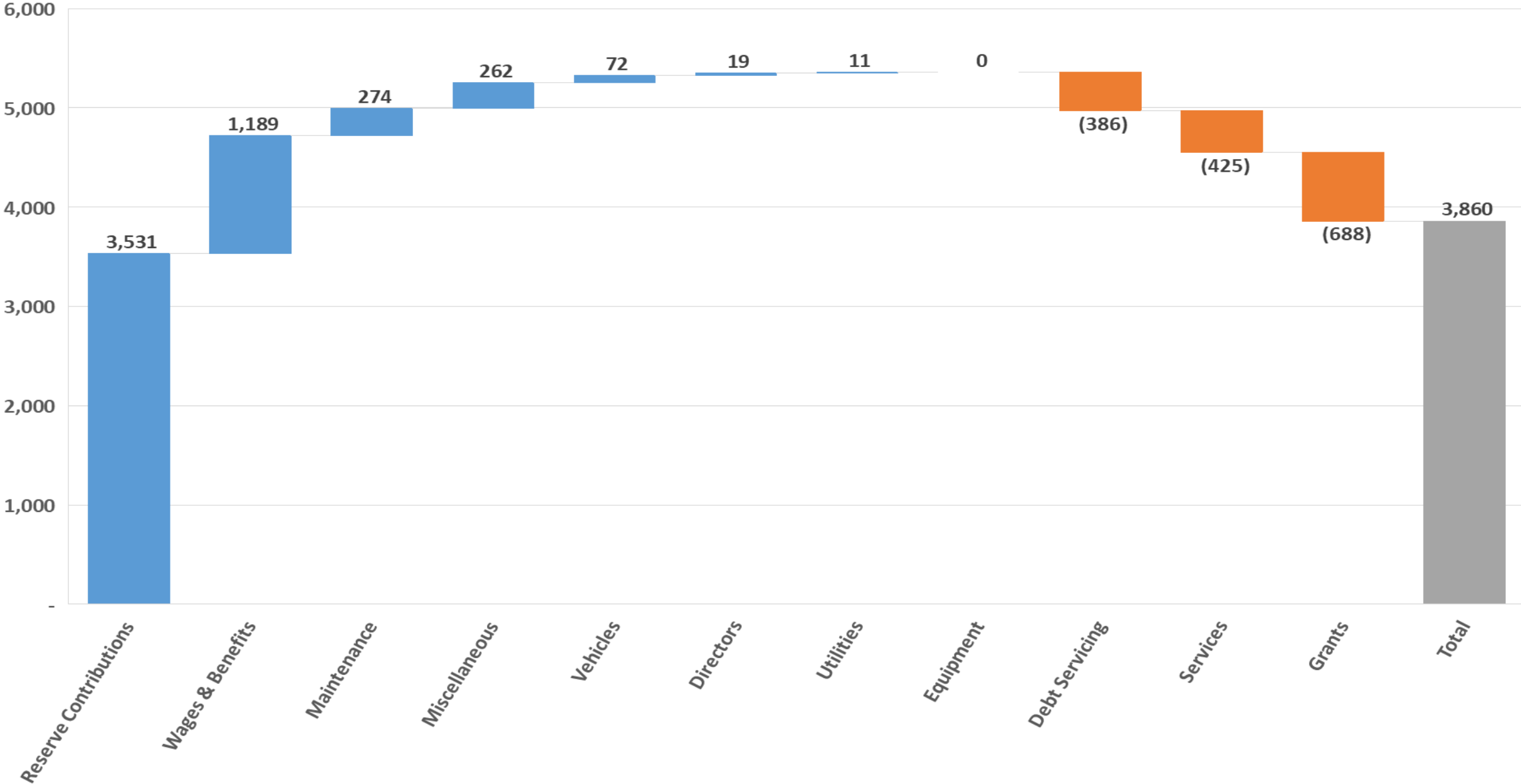


2026 Non-Capital Expenses - share by Expense Type



Non-Capital Expense Change 2025 to 2026 (\$000)

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total





Castlegar I/J

General Administration

Service S100

General Administration

- Includes Corporate Administration, Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, CAO & Municipal Directors

General Administration - S100

- 22% Taxation Increase in 2026
- \$263K less prior year surplus carried forward
- \$70K increase in annual fees for accounting software
- \$60K to migrate accounting software to the “cloud”
- Housing availability and high expectations for wages and compensation continue to impede recruitment efforts
- Migration to SharePoint for records management
- Continued migration to Microsoft 365 environment
- Continuing to build Cyber Security system resiliency





Areas I & J

Rural Administration

Service S101

Rural Admin. - S101

- 22% Taxation Decrease in 2026

Bylaw Enforcement

- Includes Noise, Animal Control, Unsightly & Nuisance Properties, Zoning and Soil Removal/Deposit Bylaw Enforcement
- Bylaws vary by electoral area
- Bylaw and Building Manager is shared between S101 and S103
- Legal review of Noise, Nuisance and Unsightly Bylaw in 2026
- New Dog Control Service for Areas A,B,C and H

Rural Directors

- Includes a portion of Director Stipends & Travel

Regional Fire

- Has been moved to service A107





Areas I & J

GIS

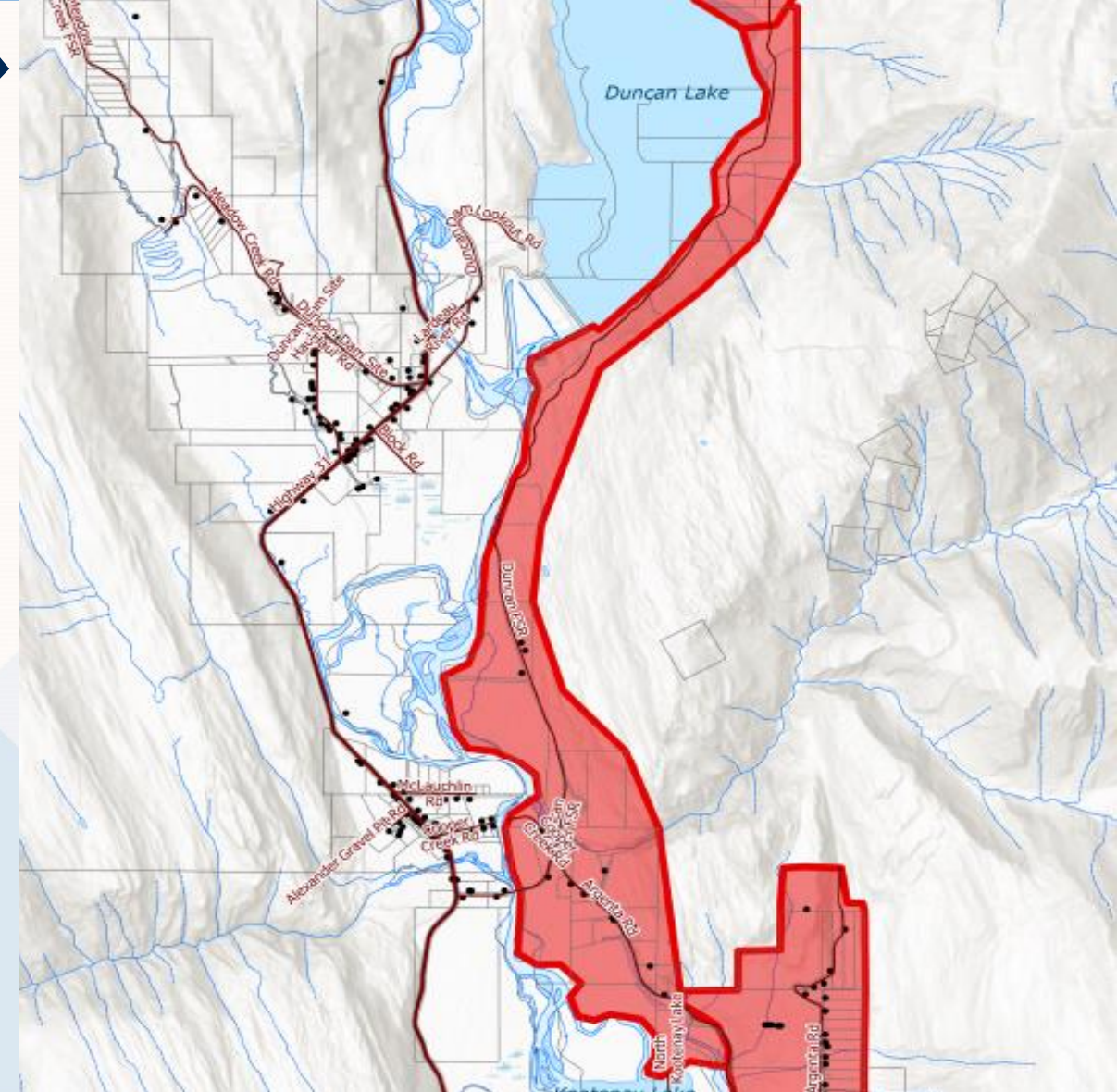
Service S102

Geospatial Information Systems (GIS)

- Provides regional efficiency, location intelligence, communication and transparency through internal and public web mapping tools.
- Services include but not limited to: landfill surveys, Addressing and 911 data, fire services, and emergency management support and evacuation mapping.

GIS - S102

- 25% Taxation Increase in 2026
- \$40K for required upgrades to ESRI GIS systems
- \$30K for Real Time Kinematics (RTK) GPS replacement
- Working on grant funded \$75K NG911 transition project
- \$32K increase in General Admin fees, correcting 2025 under-charge





Areas I & J

Building Inspection

Service S103

Building Inspection - S103

- 16% Taxation Decrease in 2026
- Permit revenue was stronger than expected in 2025
 - \$998K actual vs \$903K budget
- Review and drafting of new modernized building bylaw planned for 2026
- Digital archiving of paper files will continue in 2026
- New Bluebeam software license in 2026 will allow for more versatility for plan checkers
- Two Building Inspection vehicles slated for replacement in 2026 to be funded from reserves





Areas I & J

Planning & Land Use

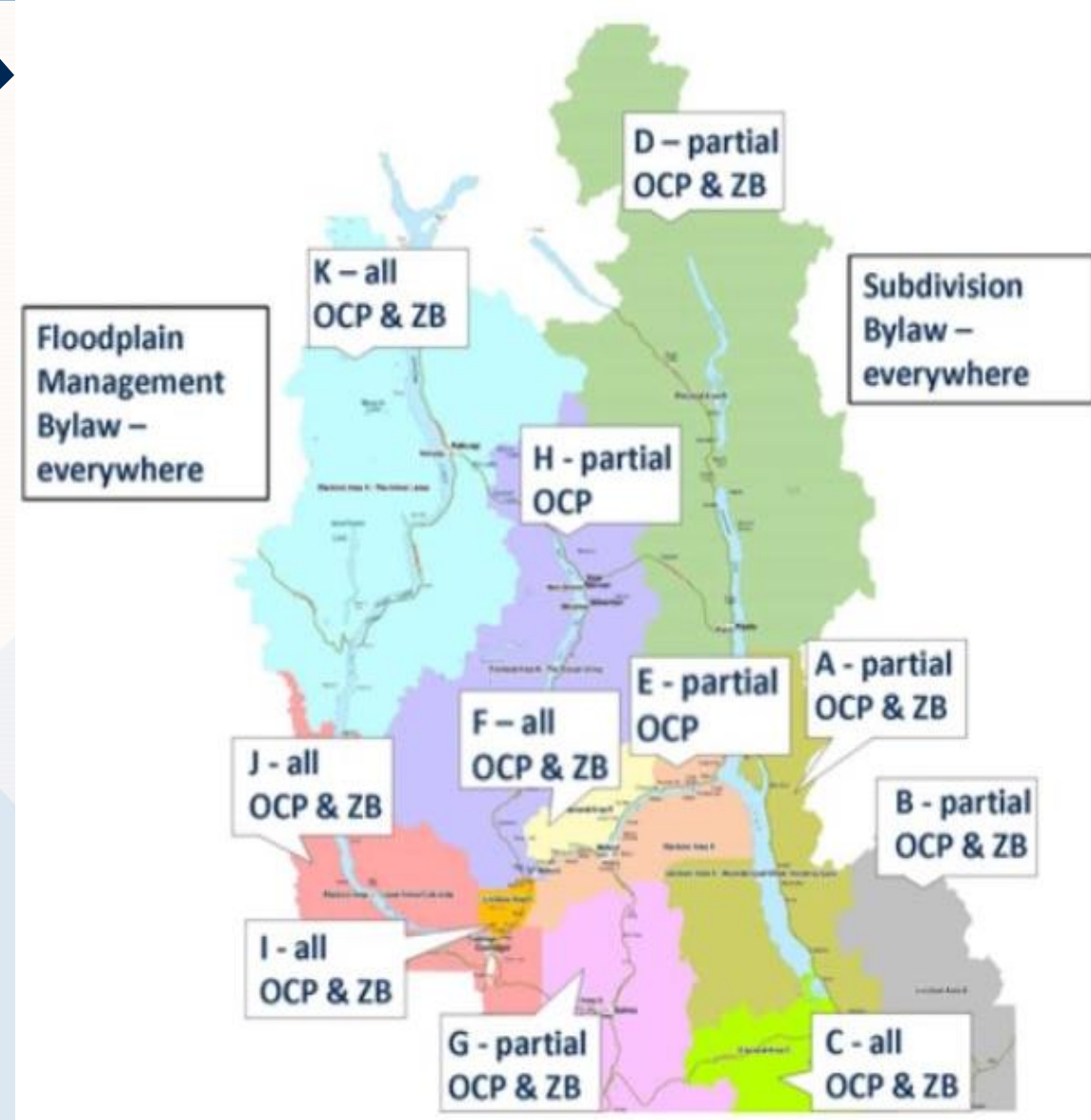
Service S104

Planning Department

- Responsible for administration of zoning, land use and development applications
- Development of long-term community plans
- Administers RDCK land use & zoning bylaws, standards and policies

Planning & Land Use - S104

- 3% Taxation Increase in 2026
- Ongoing use of Provincial Funding to address housing regulation and sub-regional planning
- Subdivision servicing bylaw
- Updating Flood hazard regulation
- Official Community Plan updates





Castlegar I/J

West Resource Recovery

Service S188

West Resource Recovery (Castlegar/H/I/J/K/Slocan/New Denver/Silverton/Nakusp)

- Includes transfer stations, recycling depots and landfills, as well as transportation of materials.

West Resource Recovery – S188

- 8% Taxation and 6.4% tipping fee increases
- Transition of Nakusp Landfill to transfer station at end of 2025 with landfill closure planning in 2026 and construction in 2027
- Construction/renovation waste pilot at Nakusp
- Legacy Landfill closure plans (Burton, Edgewood, Rosebery & Slocan)
- Commercial organics regulation phase-in until October 2026
- Rural organics diversion initiatives beginning in 2026
- Ootischenia second scale and new tipping area works and continued landfill development planning
- Request for interest for EcoDepots in Castlegar & Nakusp





Castlegar / Area I / Area J

Recreation

Service 222: Arena, Parks and Operational Costs
Proposed Taxation Increase: 19.4% (\$550,754)

Park Highlights

- There are 5 parks in Service 222. The work mentioned is only the major projects taking place in 2026. It does not detail general park maintenance.

GLADE

- Park improvements and upgrades currently in planning stage.

PASS CREEK

- New Campground Host in 2026.
- Ongoing maintenance and improvements

ROBSON BOAT RAMP

- Replacement of decking boards and signage





Castlegar / Area I / Area J

Parks

RDCK Regional Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy

- Strategy will define priorities, policies, and direction for regional and community parks services.
- Project began in early 2024; completion anticipated Spring 2026.
- Final report to be reviewed by the Board, followed by external review and public engagement.





Recreation

Service 222: Arena, Parks and Operational Costs
Proposed Taxation Increase: 19.4% (\$550,754)

Castlegar & District Community Complex - Arena

- City of Castlegar, Area J and all of Area I pay into Service 222

2026 Capital Projects

- Taxation increase is primarily due to increase in capital projects





Castlegar / Area I / Area J

Recreation

Service 227: Aquatics/Fitness

Proposed Taxation Decrease: 10% (-\$146,197)

Castlegar & District Community Complex – Aquatics/Fitness

- City of Castlegar, Area J and only a portion of Area I pay into Service 227

2026 Capital Projects

- Extended pool shutdown closure: August 1 to September 13

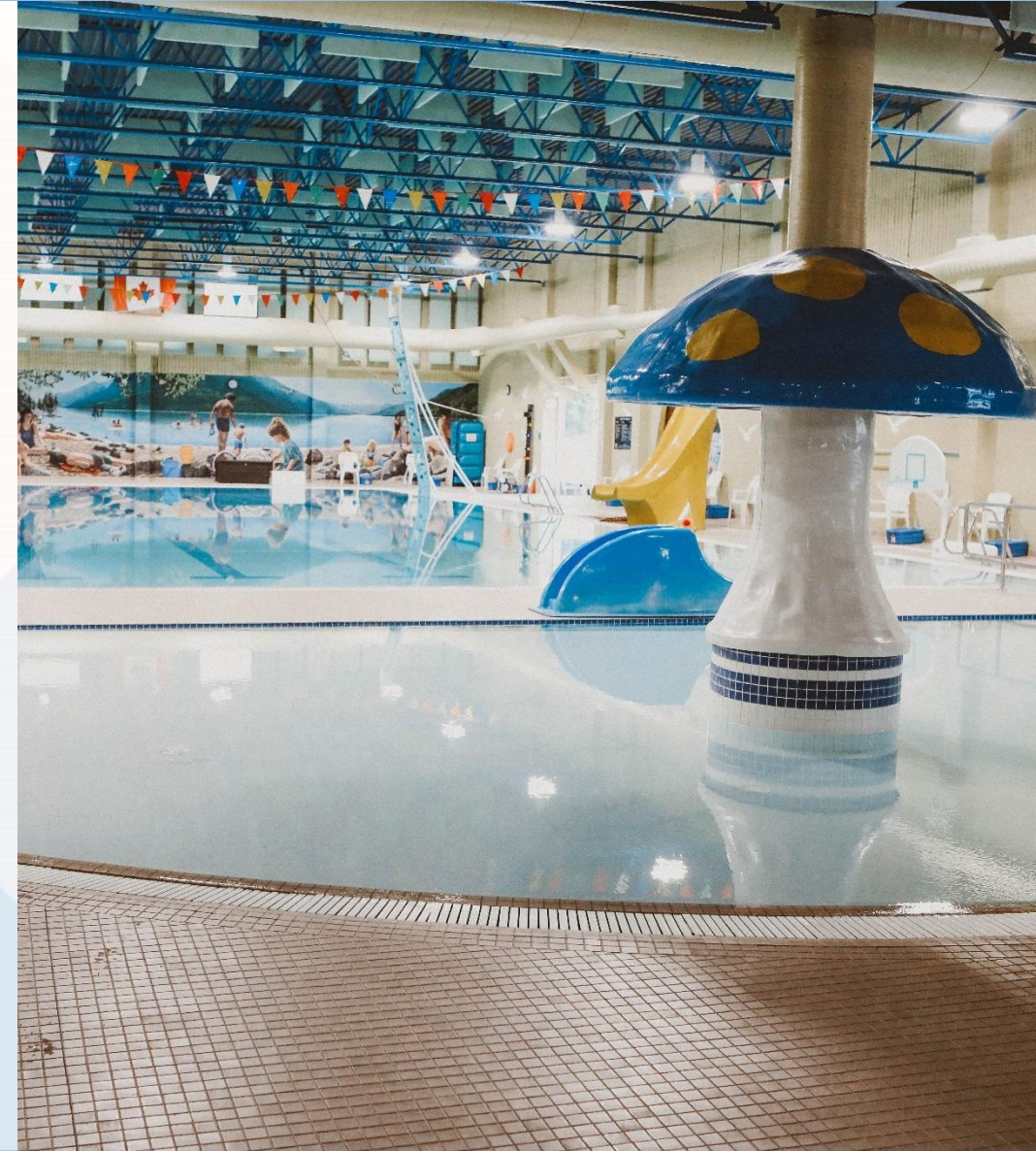
Pool Roof Repair

\$175,000

Pool Shutdown Work

\$100,000

- Services 222 and 227: \$60,000 allocated for facility condition assessments (combined total for both services).





Recreation - Financial Access & Inclusion

Low Cost Recreation

- Programming geared toward offering recreation opportunities at no or a low cost to the public.

CHEER program offers

\$2

plus tax general admission once a month

Seeking out sponsorships to offer

FREE

events for the public

Leisure Access Program

- This program provides further subsidy on general admission, membership services, and registered programs.
- Changes were implemented to the program in January 2025 to increase access and opportunity for RDCK residents.

708

patrons currently enrolled in the Leisure Access Program across the RDCK

Total Allocated

\$82,122

Adult

Total Allocated

\$34,249

Youth

Total Utilized

\$54,310

Adult

Total Utilized

\$11,168

Youth

All above mentioned programs are offered under the Community Services Financial Access & Inclusion policy passed by the board in 2024. This policy aims to provide opportunities for RDCK residents, across the financial need spectrum, with opportunities to access recreation services.



Recreation

Service 222 and 227

Castlegar & District Community Complex

- There was a decrease in facility usage through memberships and general admissions in 2025.
- Private and user group rental hours increased slightly across most spaces.

2025 Programming By the Numbers

- Youth safe-at-home courses were reintroduced this fall with near maximum participation levels



Summer Camps
465
children registered

Swim Lessons
808
total registrants

Fitness Classes
3,239
total participants



Area J

Water Utility

Service S256

West Robson Water – S256

- 10% Parcel Tax Increase
- 10% User fee increase
- Increases are inflationary and to fund future projects
- Completed last year replacement of a section of water line at a cost of \$175,000
- 2026 completion of design for replacement of the rest of the line and replacement of road crossings prior to highway paving being completed (estimated cost of \$423,000)
- Repairs to reservoir and generator





Area J

Water Utility

Service S247

Lucas Road Water – S247

- No Parcel Tax Increase
- 3.5% Base charge increase
- 5% water metered consumption rate increase
- Increases are inflationary





Areas I & J

Emergency Planning

Service S163

Emergency Planning – S163

- 1.6% Taxation decrease to \$146K in 2026
- Continued implementation of the new Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA)
 - Emergency plans, risk assessments, business continuity plans
 - Multi-jurisdictional planning underway
 - Aligning bylaw, policy, procedures and templates
 - Expansion of the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program
- Indigenous Engagement Regional project as part of EDMA requirements
- Continuing to increase Emergency Support Services (ESS) regional capacity
- Emergency Operations Centre Microsoft 365 Modernization
- FireSmart programs including free Assessments, Rebates, Local FireSmart Collective Program (formerly Neighbourhood Recognition) and CWRP updates, funded through UBCM CRI FireSmart Program.





Areas I & J

911 Communications

Service S156

911 Communications - S156

- 5% Taxation increase in 2026 driven by rising costs and declining external revenue. This trend is expected to continue due to inflation and the ongoing reduction in landline use, which is the current source of 911 user fees (mobile 911 fees are not yet collected in BC).
- Gen Admin Fee has decreased to better align with actual usage.
- Expenditure increases are primarily due to:
 - Higher contracted service costs for ECOMM 911 dispatch and Fraser Fort George Fire Dispatch.
 - \$62K for GIS services to support ongoing integration of Next Generation 911. Staff are seeking direction to apply for the UBCM CEPF 911 grant to help offset this cost.
- 4 initial capital projects planned for 2026 to maintain regional dispatch infrastructure.





Areas I & J

Fire Protection

Services S137, S138, S146 and S147

Region Wide 2026 Initiatives

- Continuing multi-year replacement of Personal Protective Equipment to meet regulatory requirements
- Utilizing CBT Small Community Wildfire readiness grants and Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grants to support regional training.
- Continuing capital reserve contributions

Tarrys/Pass Creek – S137 (I)

- 6.7% Taxation Increase in 2026
- Focus on training to meet OFC & provincial requirements
- Increased debt servicing costs
- Down payment in 2026 for new Engine for Tarrys delivery in 2027
- New Wildland truck for Pass Creek in 2026





Areas I & J

Fire Protection – cont.

Services S137, S138, S146, S147

Robson – S138 (J)

- 1% Taxation Increase to \$413.3K in 2026
- New Rescue truck in 2026

Ootischenia – S145 (J)

- 0% Taxation Increase to \$428K in 2026 (offset by prior year surplus)
- Replacement Engine in 2026

Hudu Contract – S146 (J)

- 14% Taxation increase to \$28.3K in 2026

Fairview Contract – S147 (J)

- 3% Taxation Increase to \$26.6K in 2026





Castlegar I/J

Transit

Services S237 – Castlegar, Def I, Def J Transit

2026 Initiatives

- Service changes to mitigate safety audit concerns
- Increased service to south Castlegar
- Transit Maintenance Facility Development In Genelle
- UPASS engagement at Selkirk College
- Spring Fare Review
- System wide performance review

Kootenay Lake West – S237 (Castlegar, Def I, Def J)

- 6.5% Taxation Increase
- Operating cost increase from contract with BC Transit and service changes to address safety audit concerns





Castlegar I/J

Transit

Services S239 Kootenay Lake West

Region Wide 2026 Initiatives

- 5 Value based service level changes identified and implemented
- System wide service level review by BC Transit
- UPASS Engagement with Selkirk College
- BC Transit fare review

Kootenay Lake West – S239

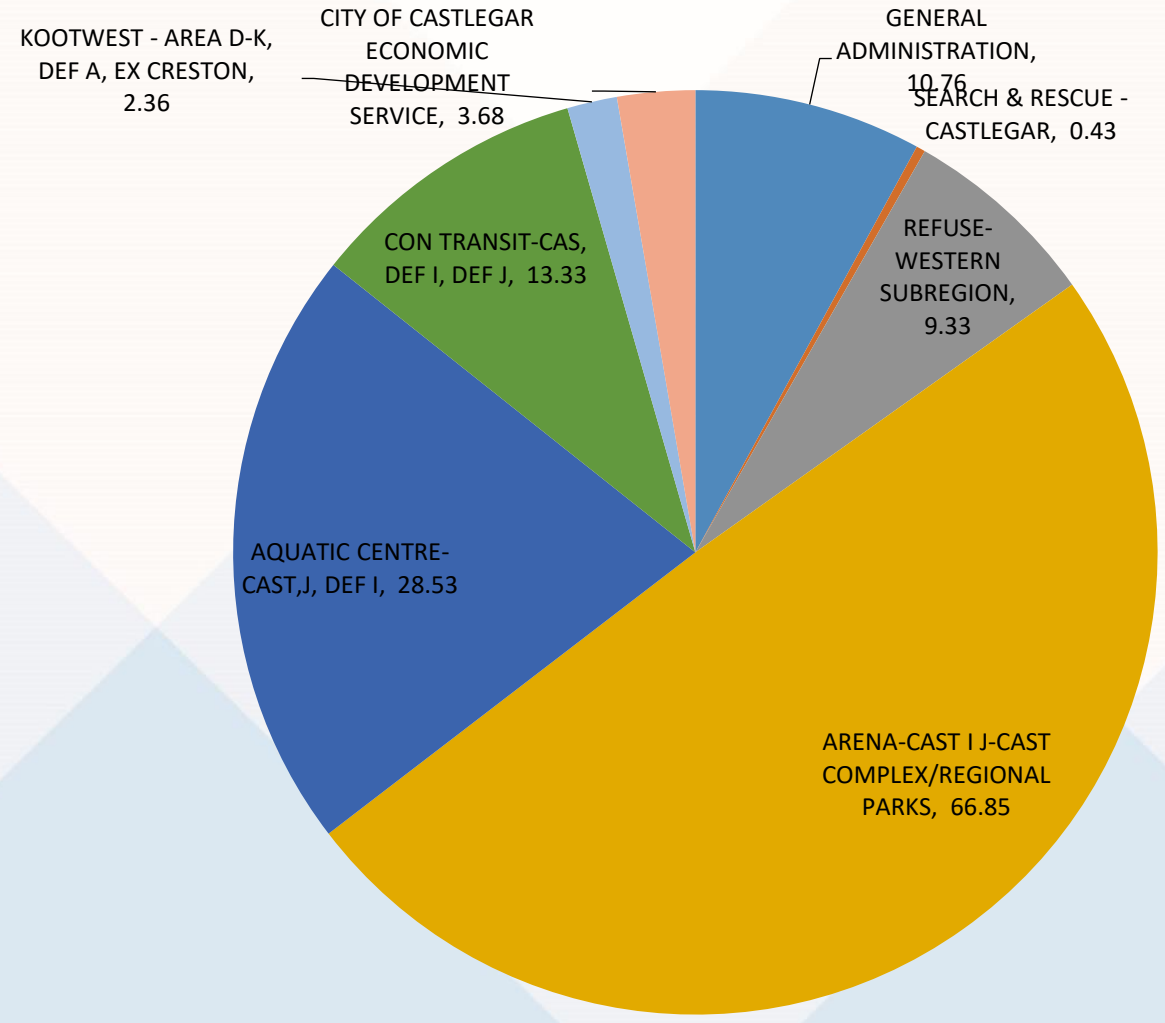
- 41% average increase in taxation in S239
 - 2025 Budget used \$186K in reserves to reduce taxation
 - Increased asset management & BC Transit costs
 - Reapportionment contributions to S238 (Slocan Valley)
- Area I & J increase – 52%
- Castlegar increase – 30% – due to reapportionment
- Health Connections Funding increase by 33% annually for 3 years





City of Castlegar – RDCK Tax Bill

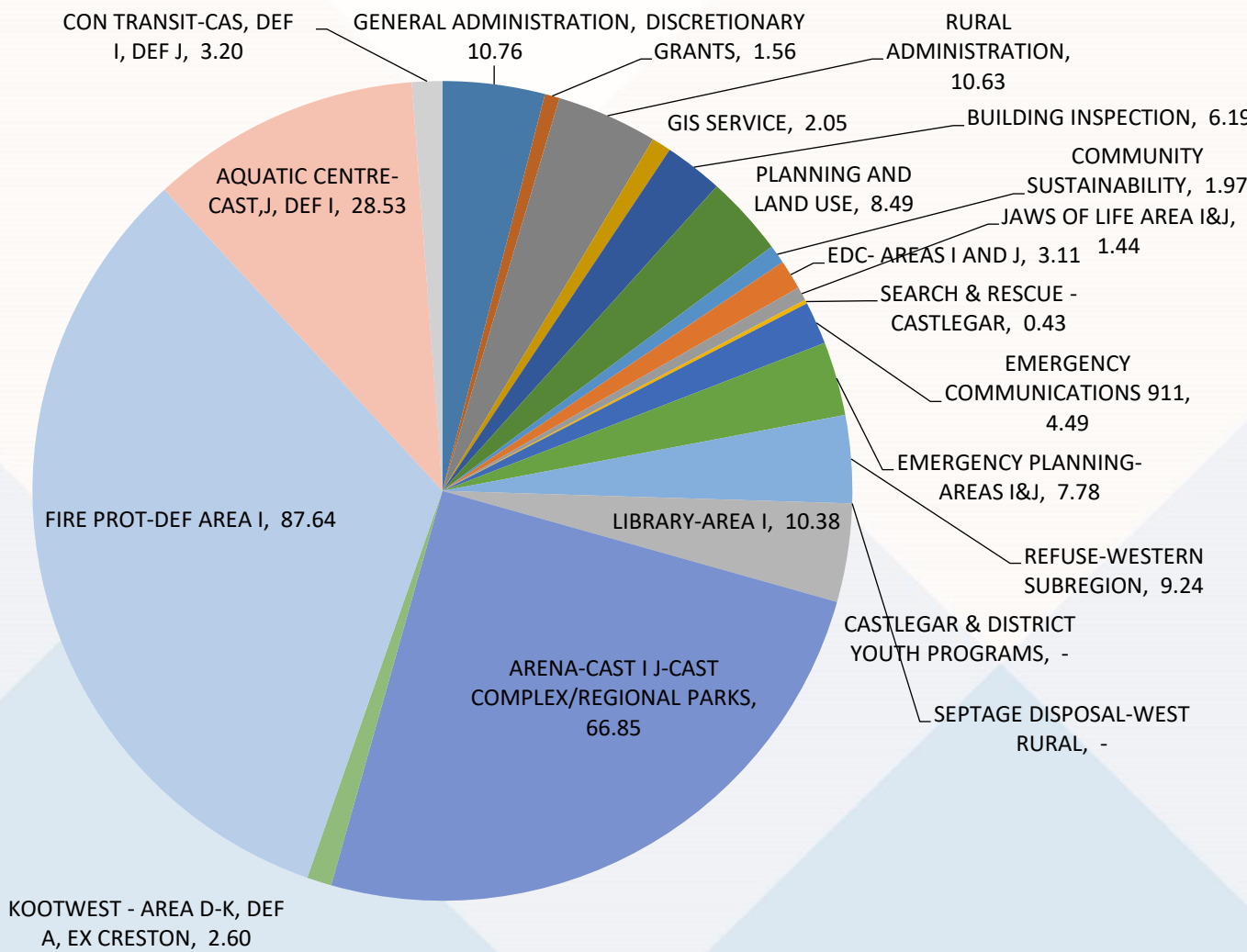
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
\$ 135 Tax Bill
\$ 126 - 2025





Area I - Thrums/Pass Creek/Glade – RDCK Tax Bill

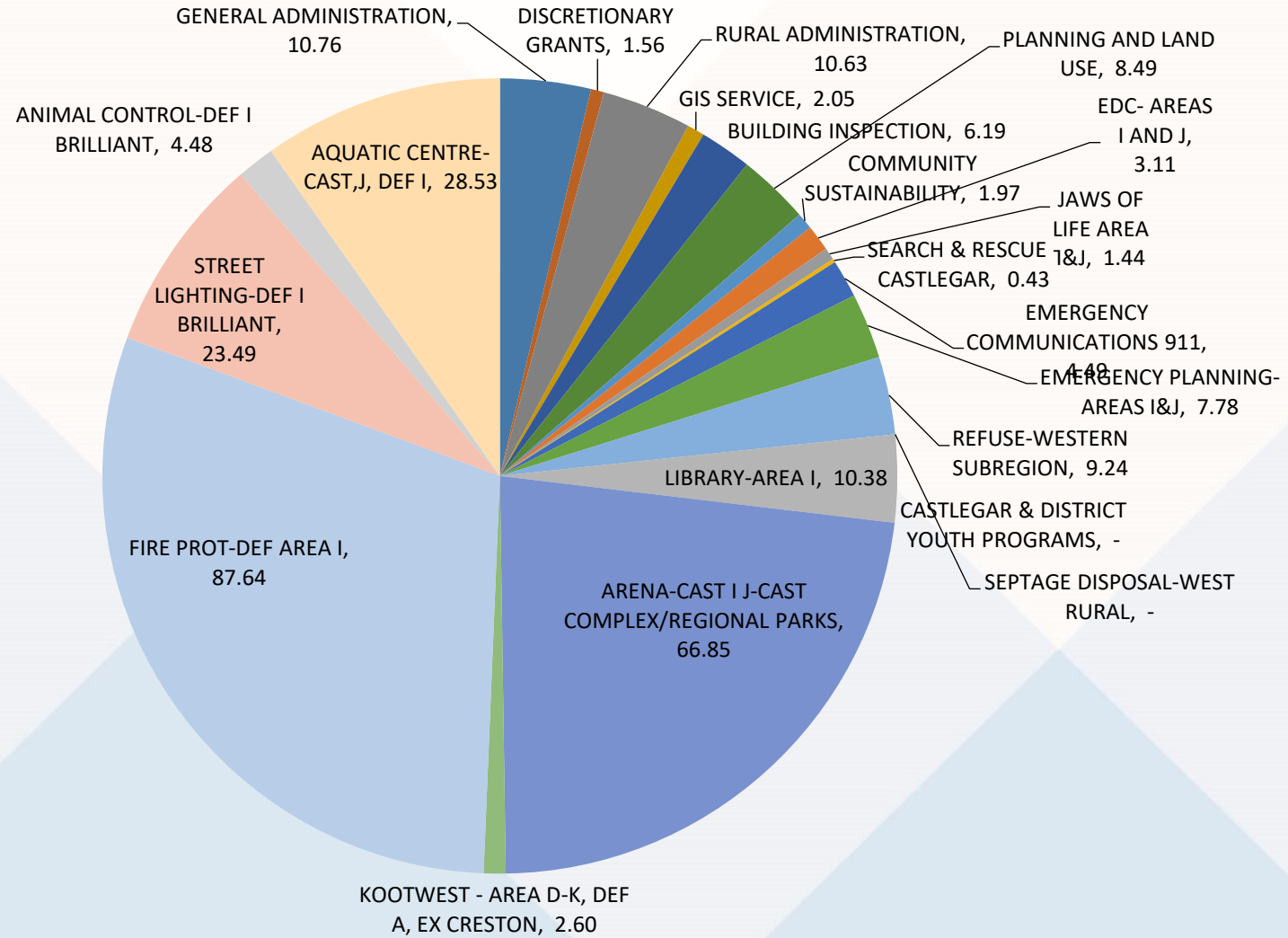
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
 \$ 267 Tax Bill
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Area I - Brilliant – RDCK Tax Bill

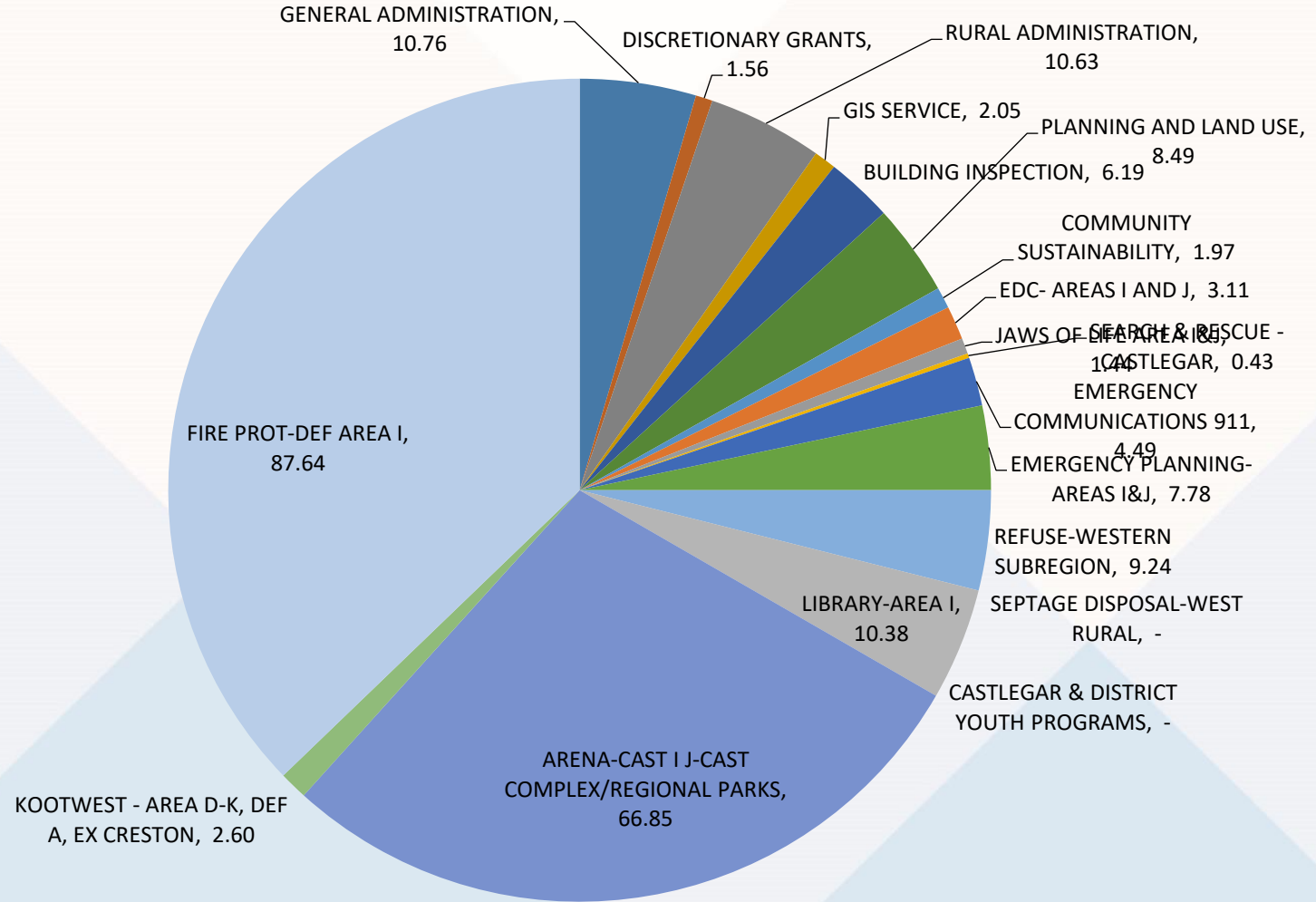
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
 \$ 292 Tax Bill
 \$ 277 - 2025





Area I - Shoreacres – RDCK Tax Bill

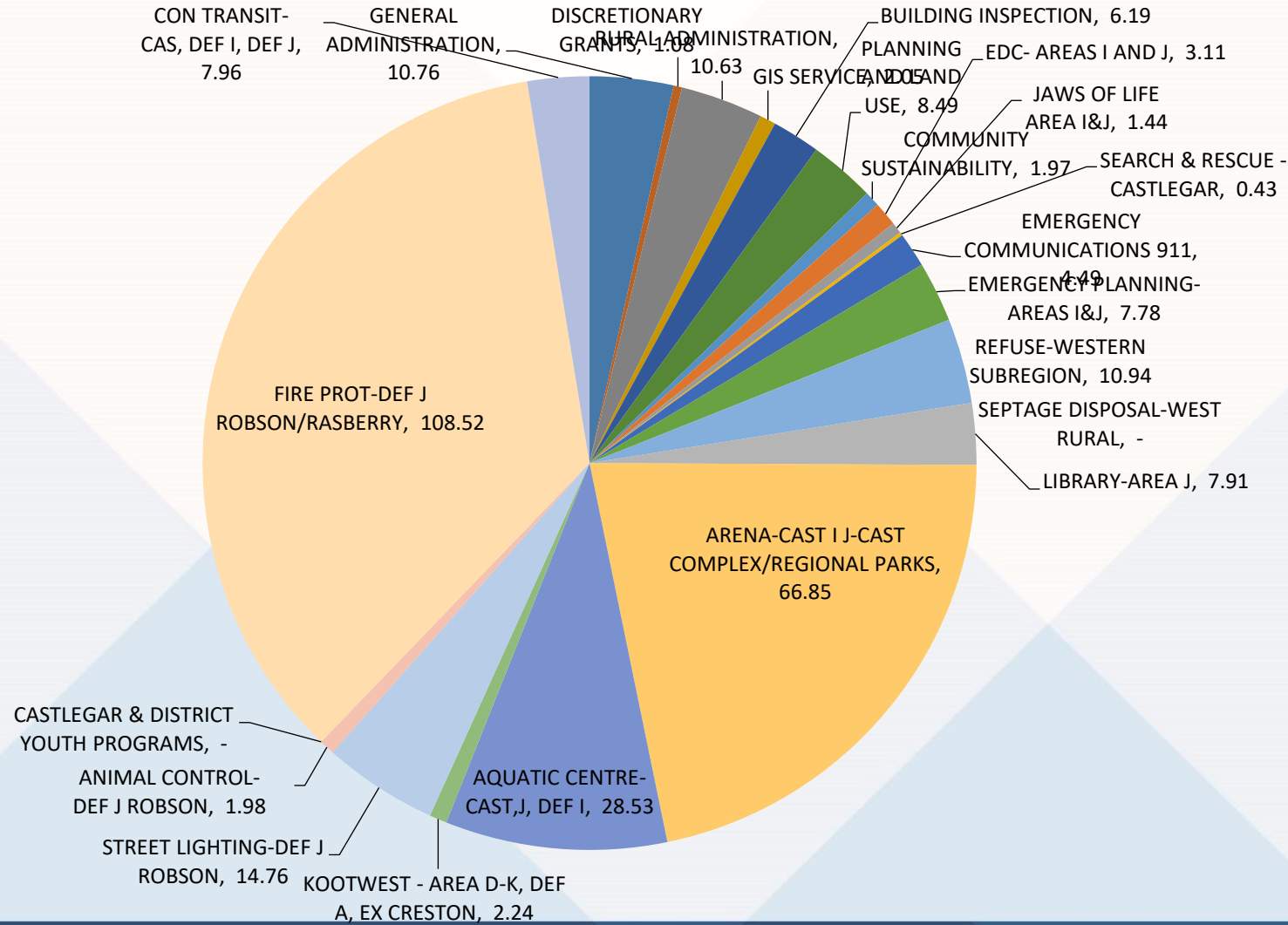
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
 \$ 236 Tax Bill
 \$ 220 - 2025





Area J - Robson – RDCK Tax Bill

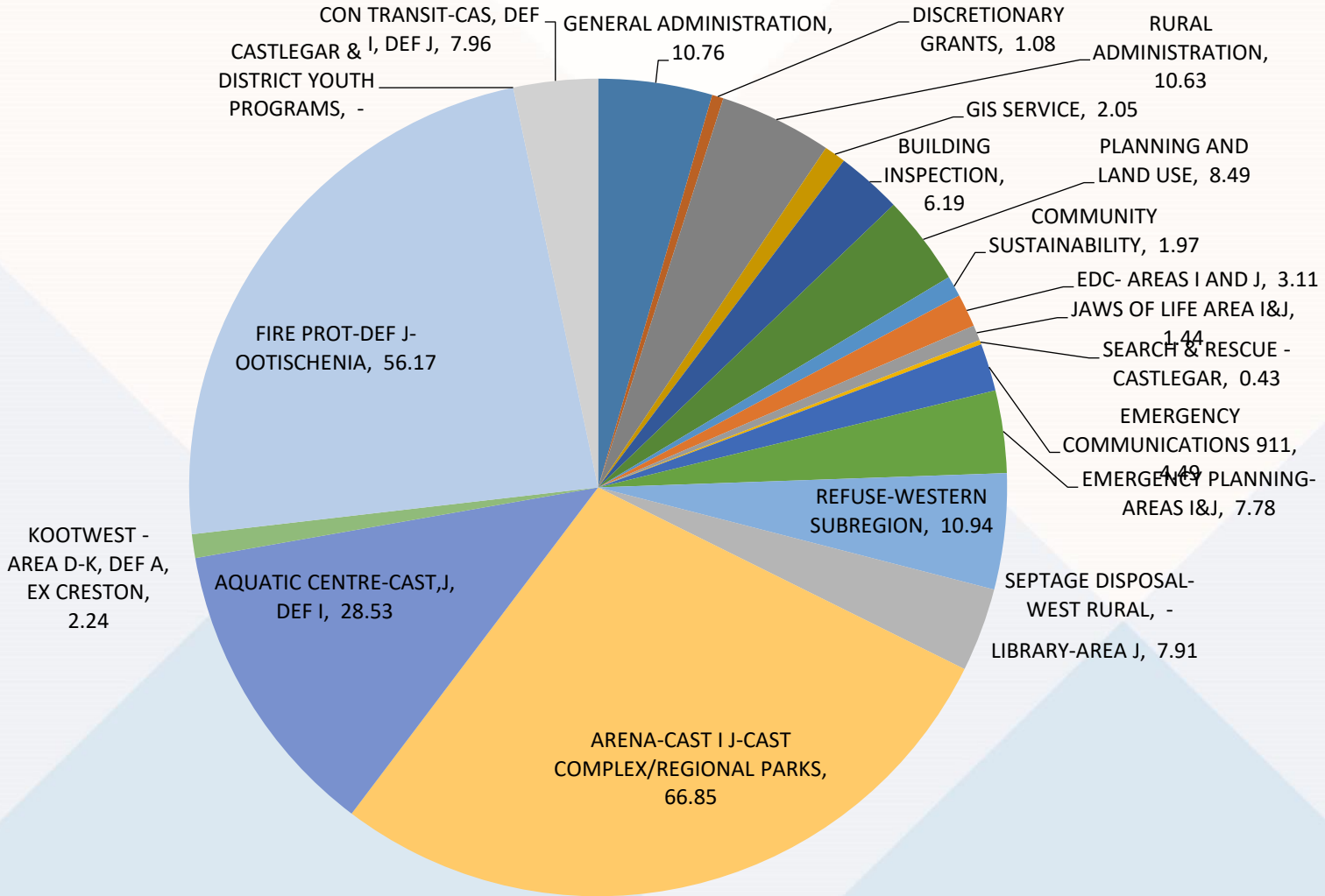
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
 \$ 308 Tax Bill
 \$ 298 - 2025





Area J - Ootischnia – RDCK Tax Bill

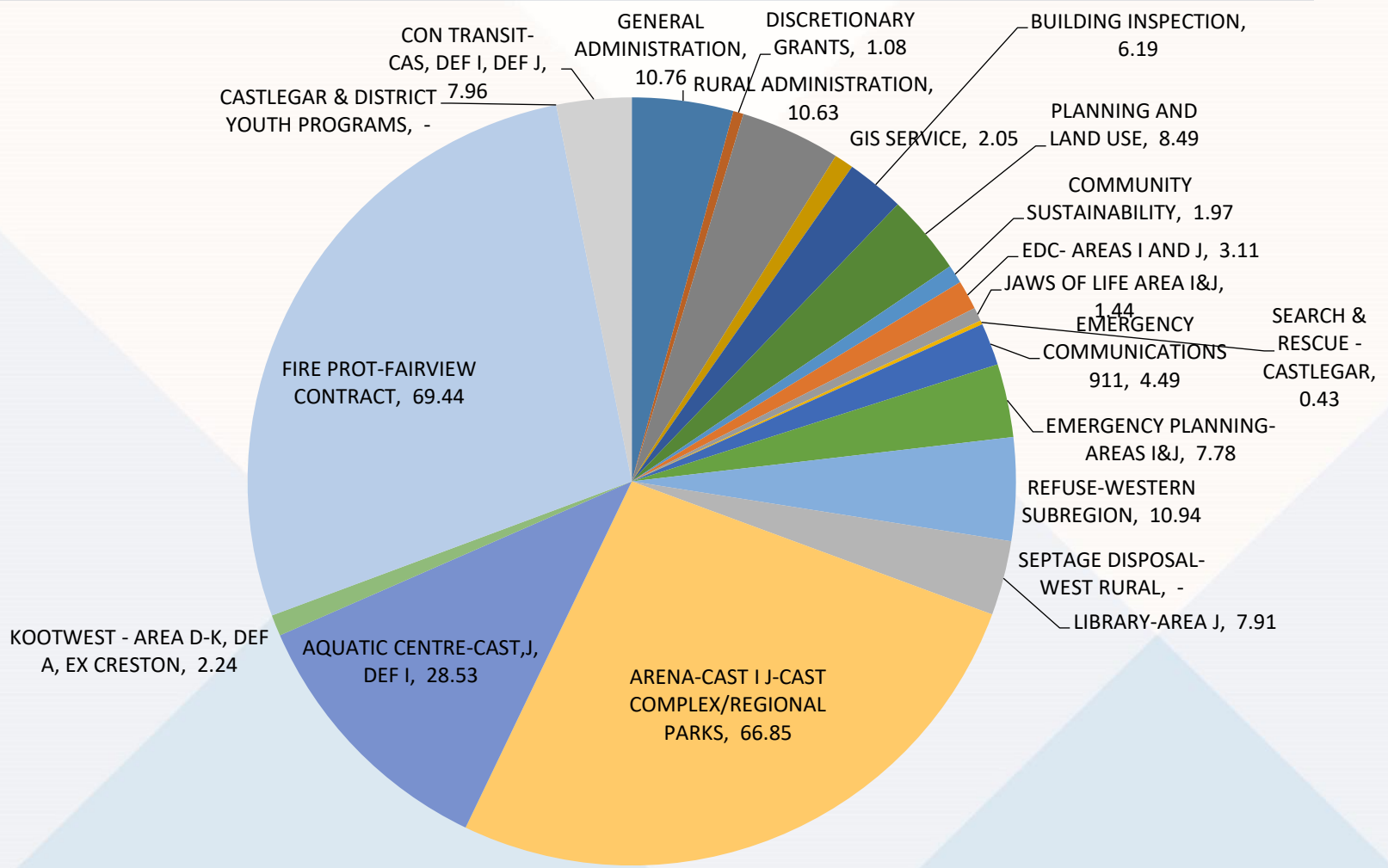
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
 \$ 239 Tax Bill
 \$ 234 - 2025





Area J - Fairview – RDCK Tax Bill

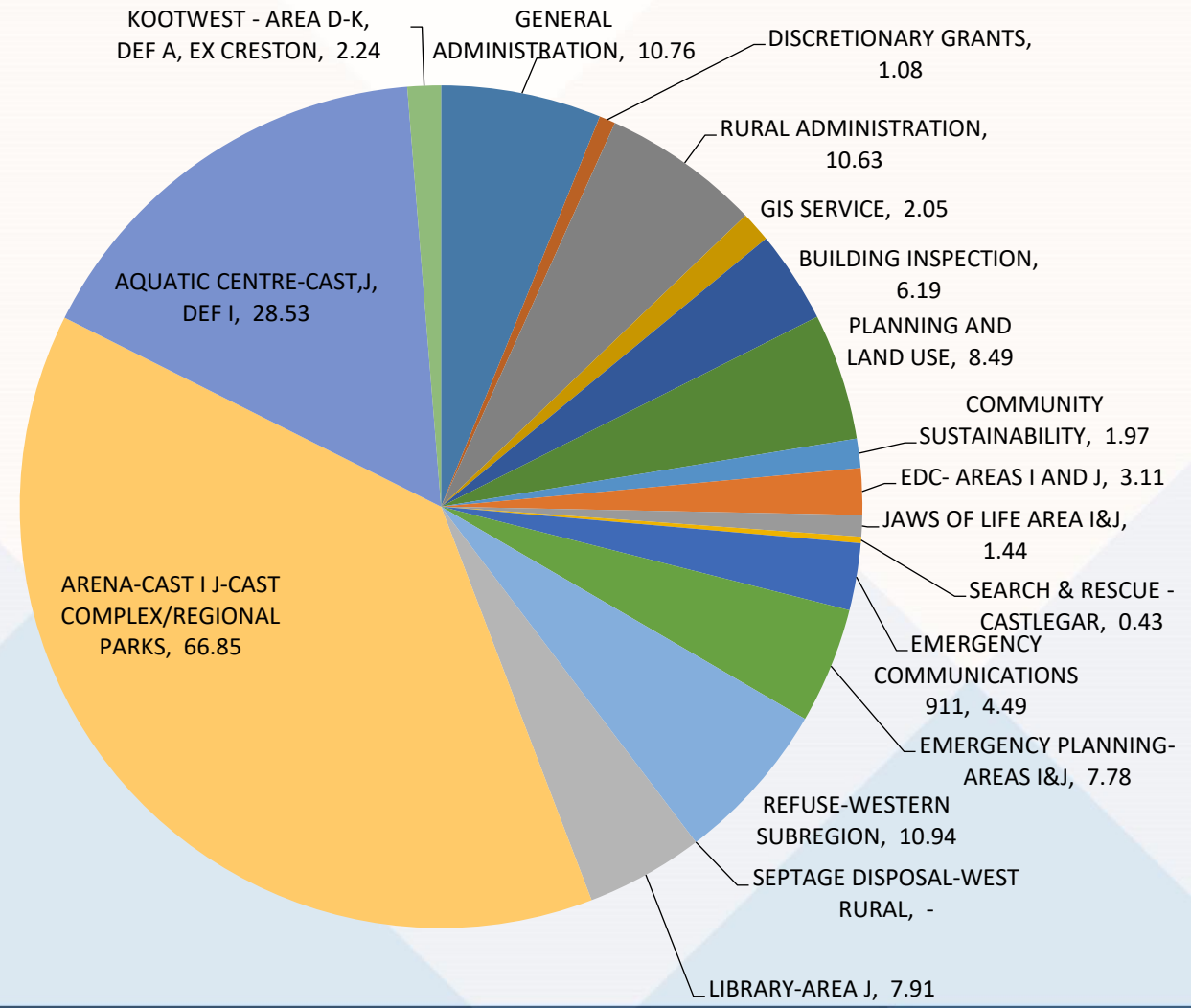
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
 \$ 252 Tax Bill
 \$ 248 - 2025





Area J - Deer Park / Renata – RDCK Tax Bill

Per \$100,000 of Home Value
 \$ 175 Tax Bill
 \$ 169 - 2025





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