



# 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan Public Meeting

## East Shore and Area A North

March 3, 2026

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# 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>• Core Services (GA, RA, Building, GIS, Planning)</li> <li>• 911 Communications</li> <li>• Emergency Planning</li> <li>• Asset Management</li> <li>• Regional Fire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks</li> <li>• Recreation</li> <li>• Riondel Services</li> <li>• Utilities (Some CAC)</li> <li>• Resource Recovery (Subregional &amp; Joint)</li> <li>• West Transit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library, Museum, Airport</li> <li>• FR/Search &amp; Rescue</li> <li>• Recreation &amp; Parks</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> <li>• Creston Valley Transit</li> <li>• Other Contribution Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire</li> <li>• Animal Control</li> <li>• Library, Cemetery, other contribution services.</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> </ul>

**\*\* 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 31<sup>st</sup>.**



<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

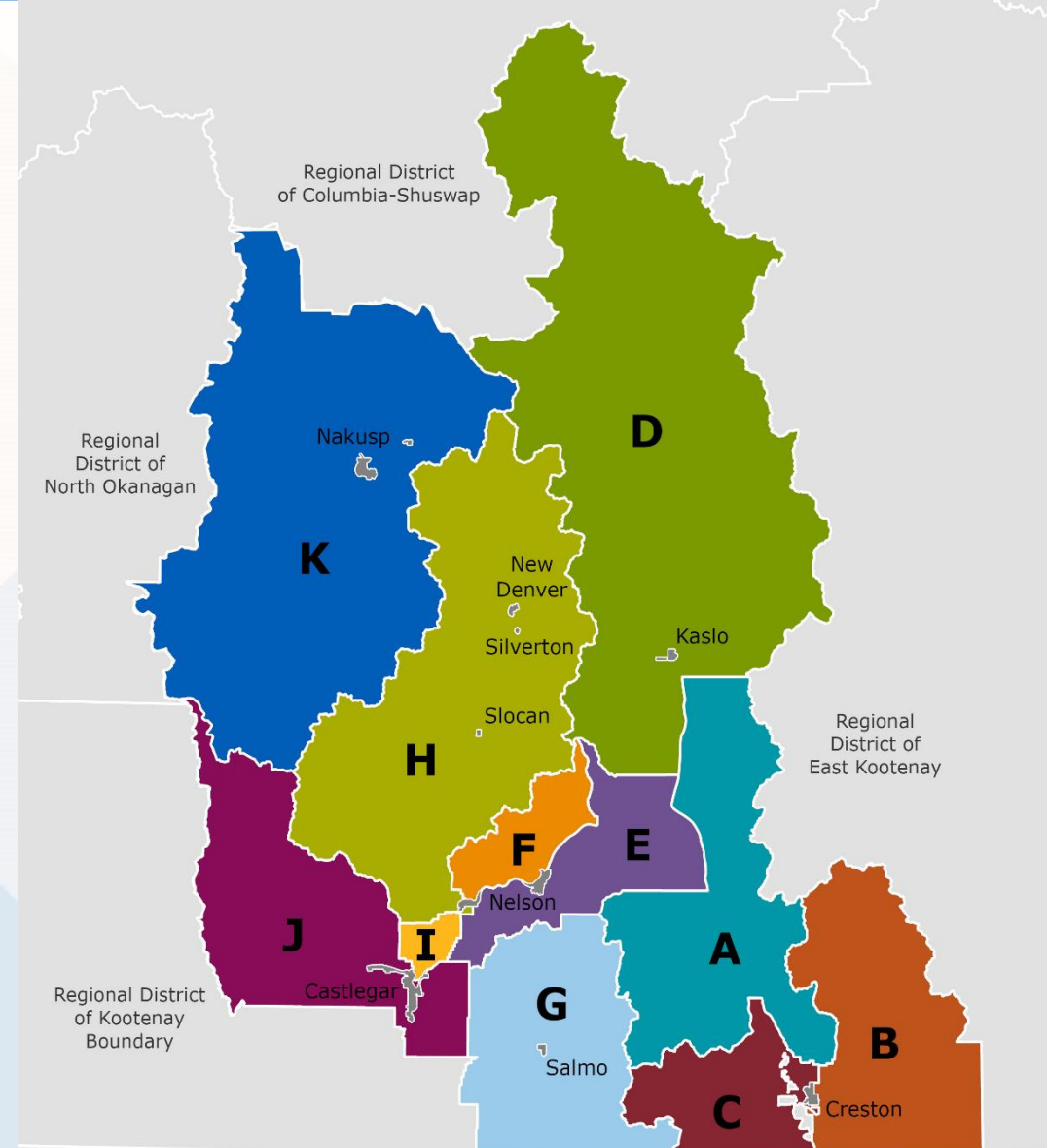


## Regional District of Central Kootenay

- 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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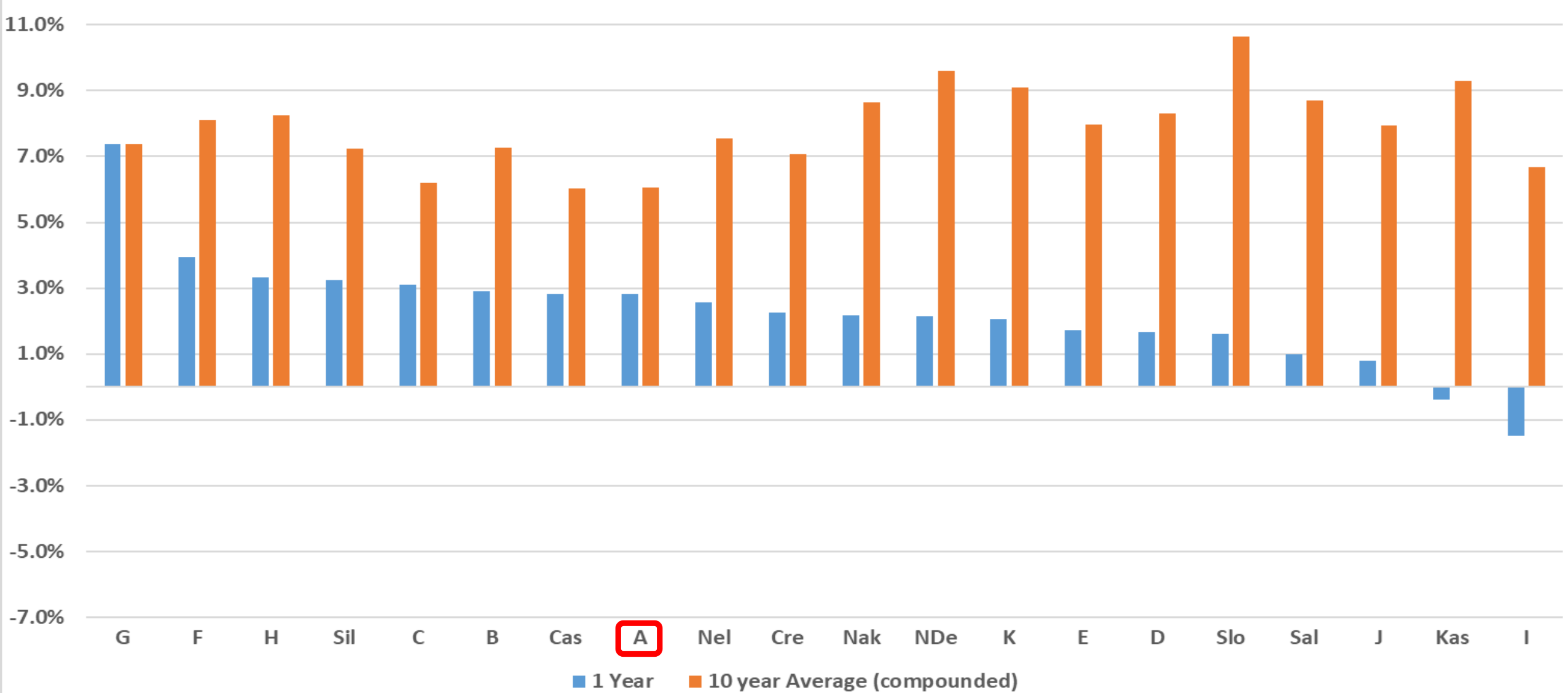
Property tax for each individual property for each Service

\*\*\* 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	65,710	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	40,000	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 C	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 C	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	-	-
<b>Regional Requisition</b>		<b>\$ 1,608,912</b>		<b>\$ 1,501,458</b>			<b>\$ 1,413,993</b>		
<b>Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment</b>			<b>1.306</b>			<b>1.231</b>			<b>1.224</b>
<b>Surveyor of Taxes - Collection Fee</b>			<b>0.069</b>			<b>0.065</b>			<b>0.064</b>
<b>Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment</b>			<b>1.374</b>			<b>1.296</b>			<b>1.288</b>
<b>Difference (\$) from prior year</b>			<b>107,457</b>			<b>87,462</b>			<b>167,901</b>
<b>Percentage Change from prior year</b>			<b>7.16%</b>			<b>6.19%</b>			<b>13.47%</b>

	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	2,728,546	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'	85,257,332	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%	8.6%
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	683,867	10.6%	2.1%	8.5%
VILLAGE OF NAKLUP	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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,303,699,114</b>	<b>2,189,903,105</b>	<b>5.20%</b>			<b>44,881,188</b>	<b>41,452,699</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

## 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
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>11,397</b>	<b>11,397</b>	<b>11,091</b>	<b>10,313</b>	<b>9,532</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>7,960</b>

### 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
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>306</b>	<b>11,397</b>	<b>11,091</b>	<b>10,313</b>	<b>9,532</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>7,960</b>

<b>Total Service</b>		<b>11,091</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0</b>
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## Detailed Service Statements

## Taxation Details by Area / Municipality

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

**Electoral Area A Rural**

		2026			2025			2024		
		Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000
S100	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	126,706,898	136,327	0.108	123,155,171	111,569	0.091	121,922,855	107,604	0.088
S281	DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	126,706,898	25,000	0.020	123,155,171	25,000	0.020	121,922,855	25,000	0.021
S101	RURAL ADMINISTRATION	126,706,898	134,748	0.106	123,155,171	173,207	0.141	121,922,855	144,869	0.119
S102	GIS SERVICE	126,706,898	25,961	0.020	123,155,171	20,648	0.017	121,922,855	20,775	0.017
S103	BUILDING INSPECTION	126,706,898	78,380	0.062	123,155,171	93,599	0.076	121,922,855	79,577	0.065
S104	PLANNING AND LAND USE	126,706,898	107,555	0.085	123,155,171	104,645	0.085	121,922,855	93,367	0.077
S105	COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY	126,706,898	24,908	0.020	123,155,171	18,248	0.015	121,922,855	20,800	0.017
S106	FEASIBILITY STUDY SERVICE	126,706,898	-	0.000	123,155,171	-4,767	-0.004	121,922,855	-	-
S107	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -AREA A	126,706,898	50,000	0.039	123,155,171	49,860	0.040	121,922,855	40,000	0.033
S117	ADVISORY PLANNING-AREA A	126,706,898	-	-	123,155,171	-	-	121,922,855	856	0.001
S152	JAWS OF LIFE SERVICE CRES ABC	126,706,898	29,617	0.023	123,155,171	24,054	0.020	121,922,855	30,040	0.025
S156	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911	126,706,898	56,908	0.045	123,155,171	53,731	0.044	121,922,855	43,988	0.036
S157	EMERGENCY PLANNING-CRESTON AREA	126,706,898	96,267	0.076	123,155,171	95,111	0.077	121,922,855	96,725	0.079
S174	CEMETERY-CRESTON, AREAS A B C	126,706,898	27,266	0.022	123,155,171	26,391	0.021	121,922,855	26,746	0.022
S186	REFUSE DISPOSAL-EAST SUBREGION	126,706,898	422,849	0.334	123,155,171	391,455	0.318	121,922,855	376,516	0.309
S193	LIBRARY-CRESTON, AREAS A B C	126,706,898	179,530	0.142	123,155,171	173,765	0.141	121,922,855	154,916	0.127
S205	REGIONAL PARK - AREA A	126,706,898	234,969	0.185	123,155,171	231,991	0.188	121,922,855	239,676	0.197
S292	LOCAL CONSERVATION SERVICE	126,706,898	-	-	123,155,171	-	-	121,922,855	-	-
<b>Regional Requisition</b>			<b>\$ 1,630,286</b>			<b>\$ 1,588,508</b>			<b>\$ 1,501,455</b>	
<b>Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment</b>				1.287			1.290			1.231
<b>Surveyor of Taxes - Collection Fee</b>				0.068			0.068			0.065
<b>Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment</b>				<b>1.354</b>			<b>1.358</b>			<b>1.296</b>
<b>Difference (\$) from prior year</b>			41,779			87,053			87,462	
<b>Percentage Change from prior year</b>			2.63%			5.80%			6.19%	
S128	FIRE PROTECTION-DEF A-RIONDEL	18,981,531	236,903	1.248	19,024,814	215,971	1.135	18,682,106	215,242	1.152
S129	FIRE PROT-DEF A,DEF C-WYNNDEL	23,868,505	161,195	0.675	23,110,823	152,643	0.660	22,455,412	145,663	0.649
S165	RIONDEL DRAINAGE	6,197,199	25,084	0.405	6,465,912	25,084	0.388	6,103,913	25,084	0.411
S166	STREET LIGHTING-DEF A RIONDEL	6,197,199	15,000	0.242	6,465,912	9,800	0.152	6,103,913	9,500	0.156
S189	RIONDEL REFUSE TRANSFER	11,502,266	14,638	0.127	11,805,476	15,927	0.135	11,492,515	8,310	0.072
S191	MUSEUM AND ARCH-CRES BC DEF A	29,387,890	12,374	0.042	28,736,097	9,725	0.034	28,290,740	9,503	0.034
S209	RECREATION FAC-DEF A-RIONDEL	11,502,266	205,100	1.783	11,805,476	200,079	1.695	11,492,515	200,000	1.740
S217	CRAWFORD BAY BEACH AND HALL	32,000,721	41,434	0.129	30,954,447	40,061	0.129	30,146,974	39,111	0.130
S224	RECREATION FAC-CRES,B,C,DEF A	29,387,890	354,218	1.205	28,736,097	347,428	1.209	28,290,740	345,260	1.220
S232	REC COMMISSION-DEFINED AREA A	97,291,289	77,723	0.080	94,392,613	46,217	0.049	93,607,196	45,573	0.049
S234	PARA-CRES DEF AREAS A, B, C	17,264,138	11,358	0.066	16,724,501	10,232	0.061	16,142,750	8,572	0.053
S239	KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	61,799,481	14,251	0.023	60,099,862	11,522	0.019	58,944,130	8,535	0.014
S240	AIRPORT - CRESTON, AREAS B,C	66,217,246	41,863	0.063	64,303,524	32,539	0.051	64,273,028	34,226	0.053
S241	WATER UTILITY-DEF A-RIONDEL	7,233,469	-	-	7,561,302	-	-	7,199,473	-	-
S242	WATER UTILITY-DEF A-SANCA PARK	2,760,355	-	-	2,652,720	-	-	2,666,195	-	-



# Rural Property Tax Bill - Example

The BC government is providing property tax relief during COVID-19.  
 Visit [gov.bc.ca/annualpropertytax](http://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](http://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
<b>Provincial Services</b>							
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
<b>Local Services</b>							
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)
<b>TOTAL 2020 PROPERTY TAXES</b>					<b>2,821.40</b>	<b>2,051.40</b>	<b>1,776.40</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>					<b>2,821.40</b>	<b>2,051.40</b>	<b>1,776.40</b>

# Assessment and Taxation Summary by Area / Municipality

	Assessments		Change	2026 Taxation Subtotal	Defined Area Taxation	Total Taxation 2026	Total Taxation 2025	Gross Change	Non Market Change	Net Change
	2026 Completed	2025 Revised	2026 vs. 2025							
	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%
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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%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,361,502,312</b>	<b>2,300,844,881</b>	<b>2.64%</b>			<b>47,205,636</b>	<b>44,546,620</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
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

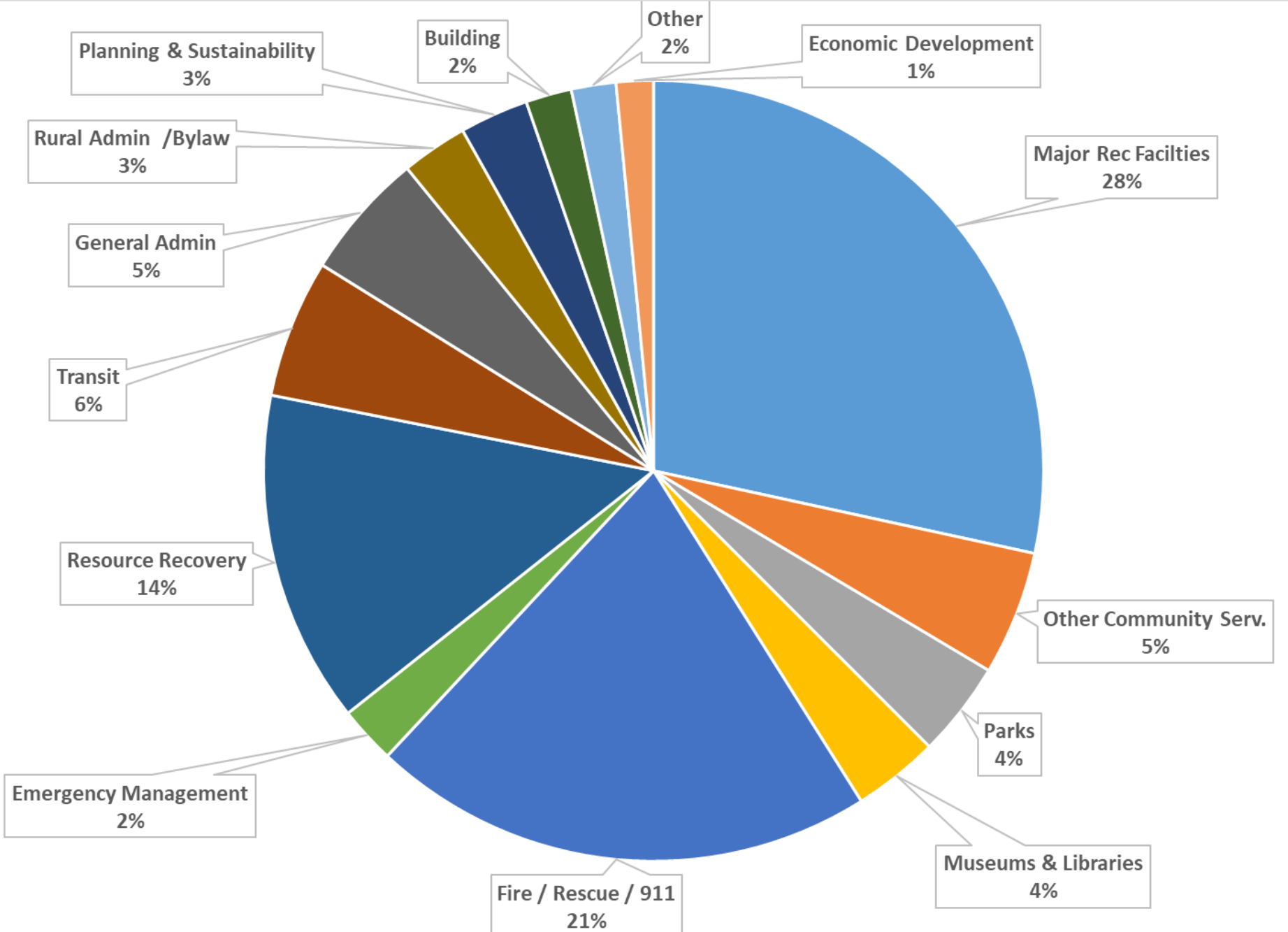


## 2026 Challenges and Opportunities

- Political Climate / Foreign Trade including Tariffs & Counter Tariffs
  - Increased procurement costs or supply chain issues
  - Potentially slowing economic activity: lower building permit, waste disposal and recreation fee revenue
  - A more severe economic downturn could have a wider effect
- 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

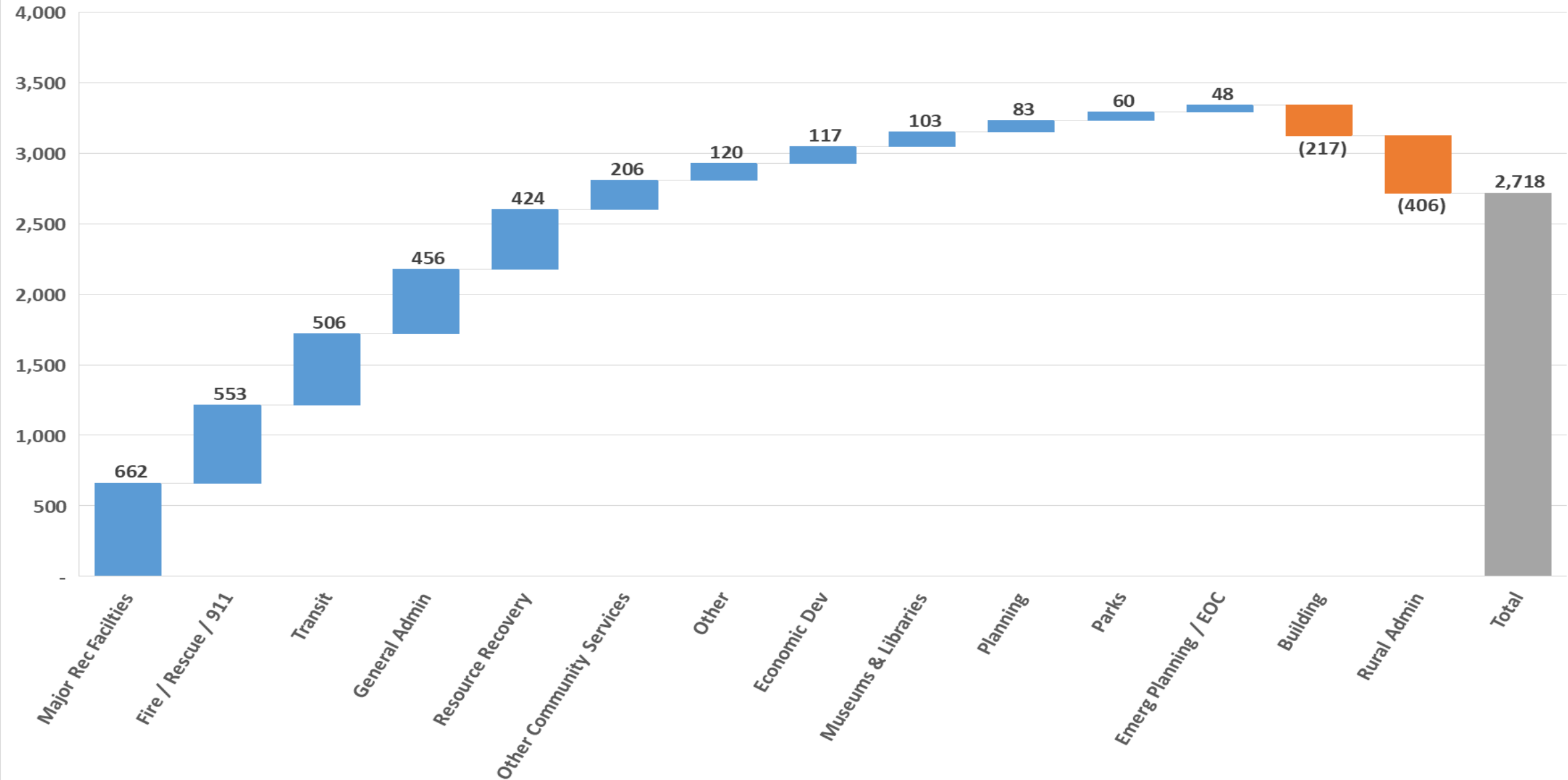


# 2026 Tax Requisition Share by Segment



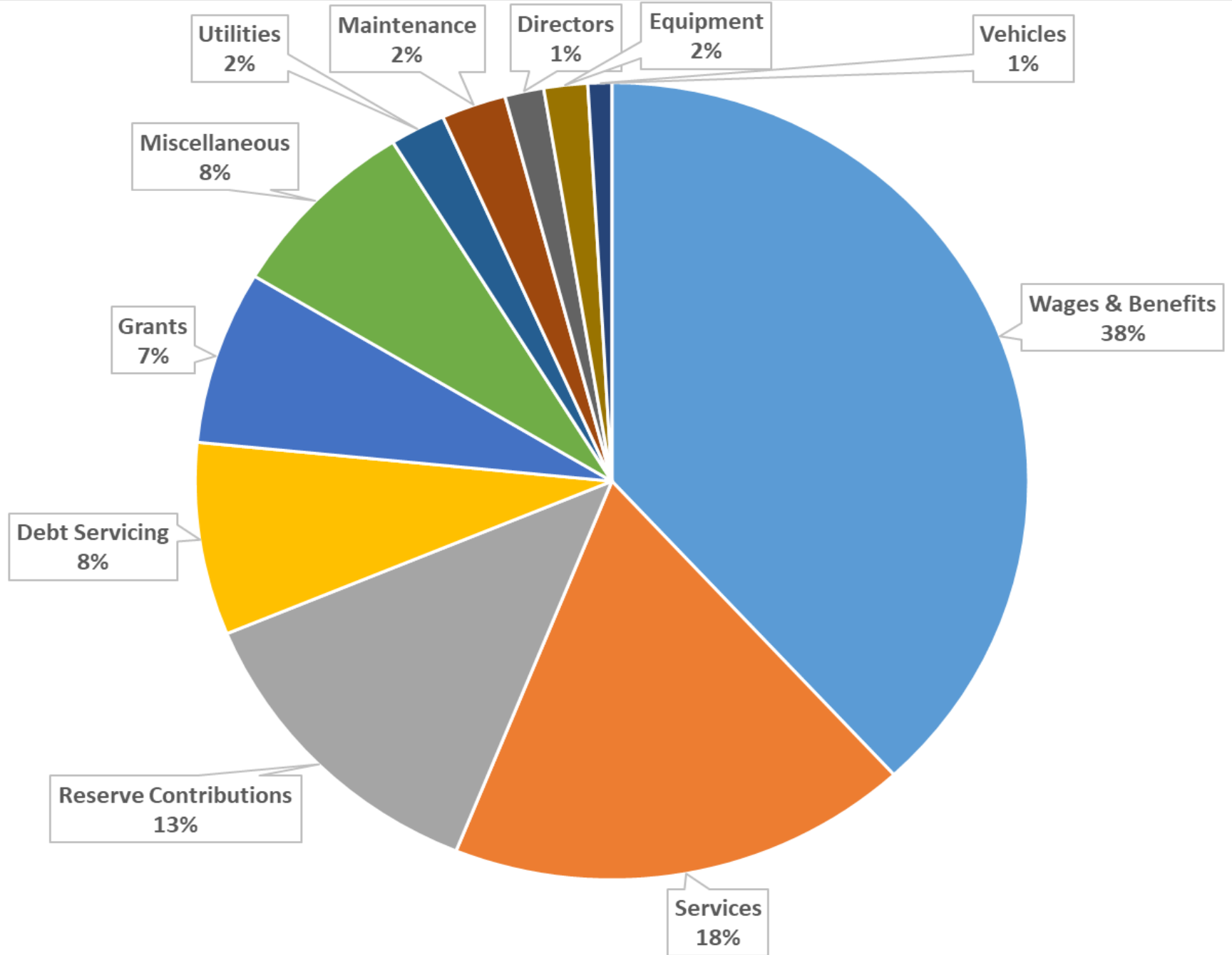
# Property Tax Requisition Change 2025 to 2026 (\$000)

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total



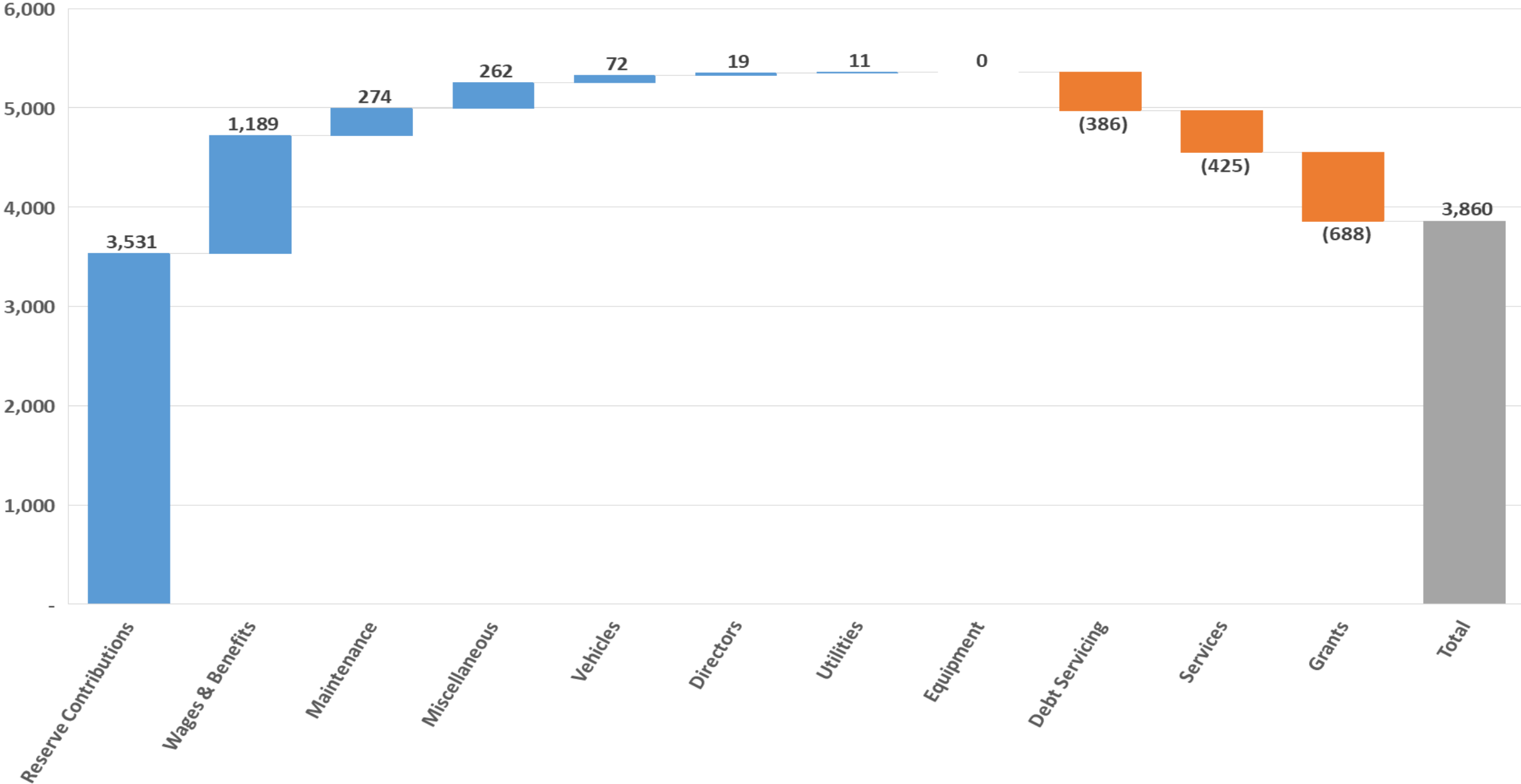


## 2026 Non-Capital Expenses - share by Expense Type



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

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total





Area A

# 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





## Area A

# 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





Area A

GIS

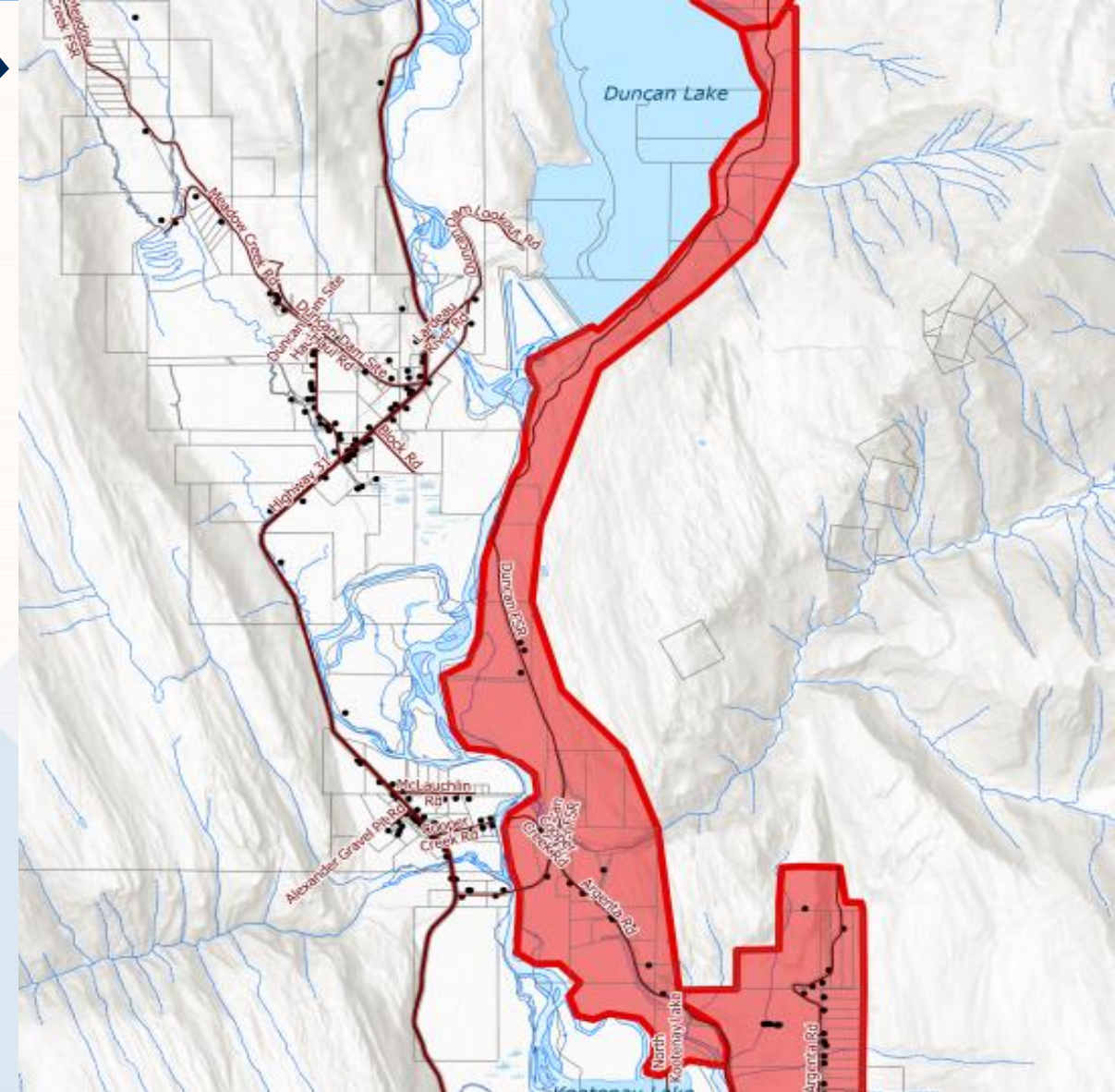
Service S102

## 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





Area A

# 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





Area A

# Planning & Land Use

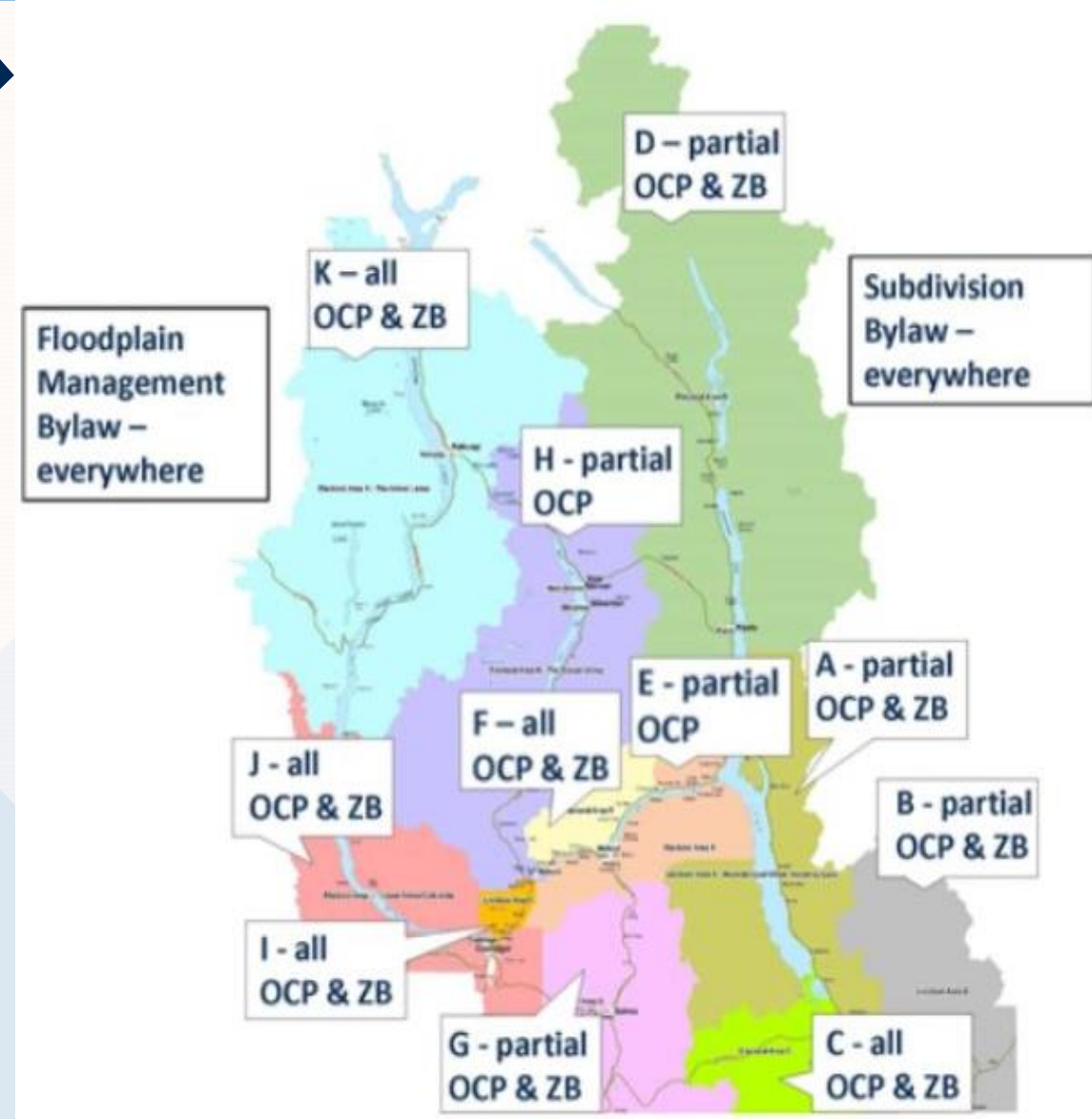
Service S104

## 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





Area A

# Economic Development

Service S107 – Area A

## Economic Development

- Primarily provides grant funding via applications to a commission for review and recommendation to the RDCK board

### Economic Development – S107

- Taxation steady at \$50K
  - Funds allocated to Commission grants (through application)
  - Funds set aside to continue support Economic Action Partnership (yet to be determined)
- Support for Imagine Kootenay (program is at zero cost for 2026 as it is being reviewed)
- Capital project to support connectivity on East Shore is complete (funded through Federal grants and Community works funding)





Area A

# East Resource Recovery

Service S186

## East Resource Recovery (Creston/A/B/C)

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

### East Resource Recovery – S186

- 8% Taxation and 10% tipping fee increases
- Change to contaminated wood waste management in May 2025
- Planning for potential Septage receiving station at Creston Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Purchase of LKB lands neighboring Creston landfill
- Phase 1 of Legacy Landfill assessments
- Commercial and rural organics diversion initiatives
- Planning for Creston Landfill phase !C/D and stabilizing berm project





## Area A North

# Parks

Service 205 – Regional Parks Area A

**Proposed Tax Increase: 5.1% (\$11,978)**

## Park Highlights

- There are 2 parks in Service S205 – Crawford Creek Regional Park and Riondel Regional Park. The work mentioned is only the major projects taking place in 2026. It does not detail general park maintenance.

### CRAWFORD CREEK

- Continue installing park amenities such as benches and picnic tables along the new trail.
- Monitor the new trail post-2025 installation and manage minor upgrades as needed.
- Continue with accessibility upgrades.

### RIONDEL

- Replacement of field backstop





RDCK

## 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.





Riondel

# Recreation

Service 209 – Recreation Facility - Riondel  
**Proposed Tax Increase: 2.5% (\$5,021)**

## Work Planned for 2026

- Community Kitchen Project
- Accessible Entrance Door
- Accessible Washroom
- Men's Shed Improvements
- Gymnasium Siding/Stucco

## Funding From A Combination of:





## Crawford Bay

# Recreation

Service 232 – Recreation Commission No. 9 – Area A

**Proposed Tax Increase: 68.1% (\$31,506)**

### New in 2026

- In July 2025, the RDCK became the operator of the Crawford Bay Fitness Centre, with the transition process ongoing.

- Types of expenses incurred to operate the fitness centre include:

Crawford Bay  
Fitness Centre

**\$18,000**

Anticipated Revenue

Community  
Grants

**\$42,656**



SD8 Rental/  
Janitorial



Wages



Supplies



Insurance



Creston/ Area A / Area B / Area C

# Recreation

Service 224

Proposed Taxation Increase: 2.5% (\$119,095)

## Budget Highlights

- Interest on long-term borrowing decreasing by ~\$8,000 compared to 2025 but major reduction from previous forecast for 2026 by ~\$70,000

## Repairs & Maintenance

- Ongoing sports field, park and skate park repairs
- Drainage for pickle ball courts



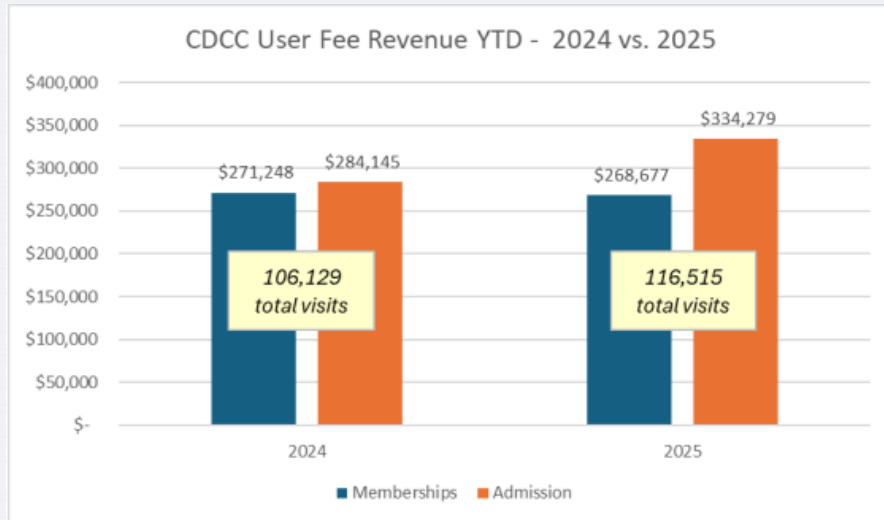


# Recreation

Service 224

## Creston & District Community Complex

- There was an overall increase in facility usage through memberships and general admissions in 2025 by about 10,300 .



## Programming By the Numbers

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

Swim Lessons

**460**

total registrants

Fitness Classes

**4,386**

total participants

Summer Camps

**243**

children registered



## Area A

# Contribution Services

### Cemetery – S174 (Creston A/B/C)

- 3% Taxation Increase to \$108K in 2026

### Public Library – S193 (Creston A/B/C)

- 3% Taxation Increase to \$712K in 2026

### Crawford Bay Beach & Hall – S217

- 4% Taxation Increase to \$41K in 2026





Area A

# Water & Drainage Utilities

Services S165, S241 and S242

## Riondel Drainage – S165

- 0% Taxation Increase
- Ainsworth South Drain Line replacement works phase 1 completed.
- Proposed 75% increase to bylaw requisition limit in 2027 to fund future infrastructure requires elector approval.
- Significant Community impact from seepage/run-off throughout central part of Community.

## Riondel Water – S241

- 3% user fee Increase and 5% frontage tax increase in 2026
- \$61K in capital upgrades completed in 2026 (Ainsworth Ave).
- 2026 budget includes intake repairs, filter membrane replacement and treatment plant repairs for a combined total estimated cost of \$146,250.





Area A

# Water & Drainage Utilities

Service S242

## Sanca Water – S242 (Area A)

- 2% Water user fee increase and 0% parcel tax increase in 2026
- Working on removal of northernmost 2 parcels.





Area A

# Emergency Planning

Service S157

## Emergency Planning – S157

- 2% Taxation increase to \$363K 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.





Area A

# 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.





Area A

# Fire Protection

Service S128

## Riondel – S128

- 9.7% Taxation increase to \$237K in 2026
- Waiting for confirmation of CBT Wildfire grant to fund wildfire specific gear and equipment
- Replacement need for firefighter turnout gear, helmets, and other personal protective equipment
- Increased training for volunteer firefighters
- Service review underway as it pertains to road rescue and first responder services outside the fire protection area





Creston A/B/C

# Jaws of Life / Road Rescue

Service S152

## Jaws of Life – S152

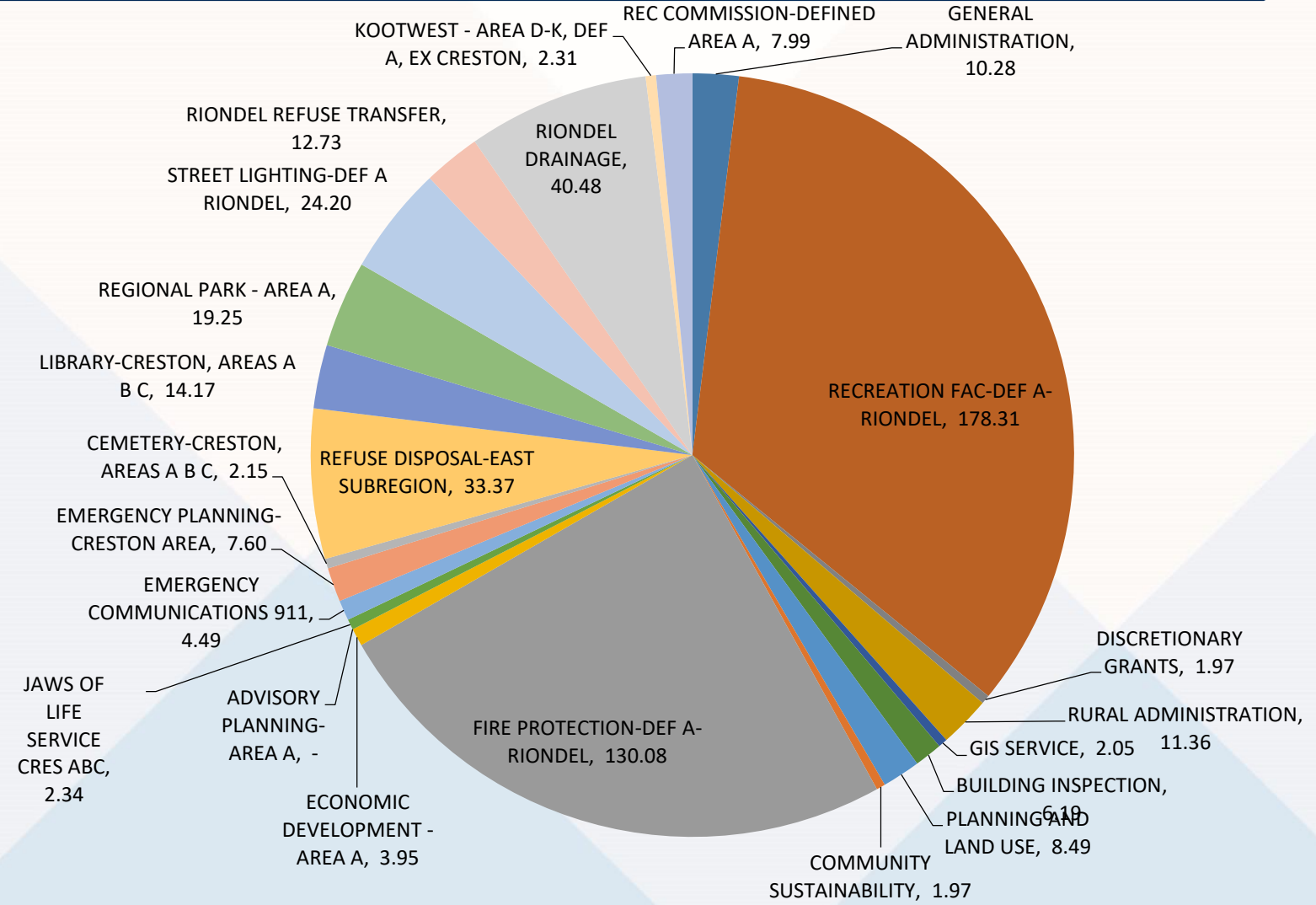
- 23% Taxation increase to \$117K in 2026
  - 2025 budget has a \$29K prior year surplus to reduce taxation
- Service review underway to ensure equitable taxation across service areas
- Service provided by Riondel, Town of Creston and Yahk Kingsgate fire departments





# Riondel – RDCK Tax Bill

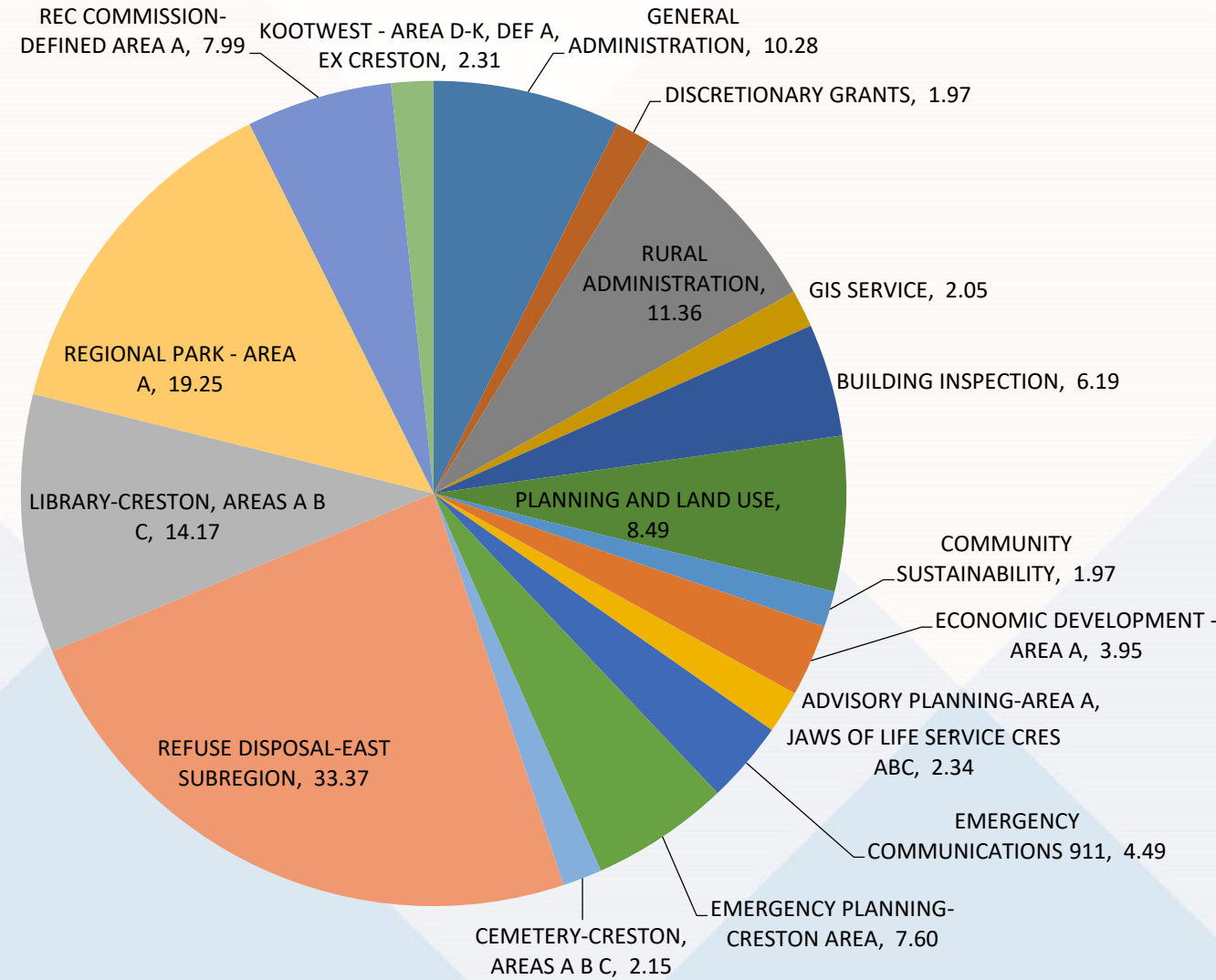
Per \$ 100,000 of Home Value  
 \$ 526 Tax Bill  
 \$ 487 - 2025





## Area A - North – RDCK Tax Bill

Per \$ 100,000 of  
Home Value  
\$ 140 Tax Bill  
\$ 136 - 2025

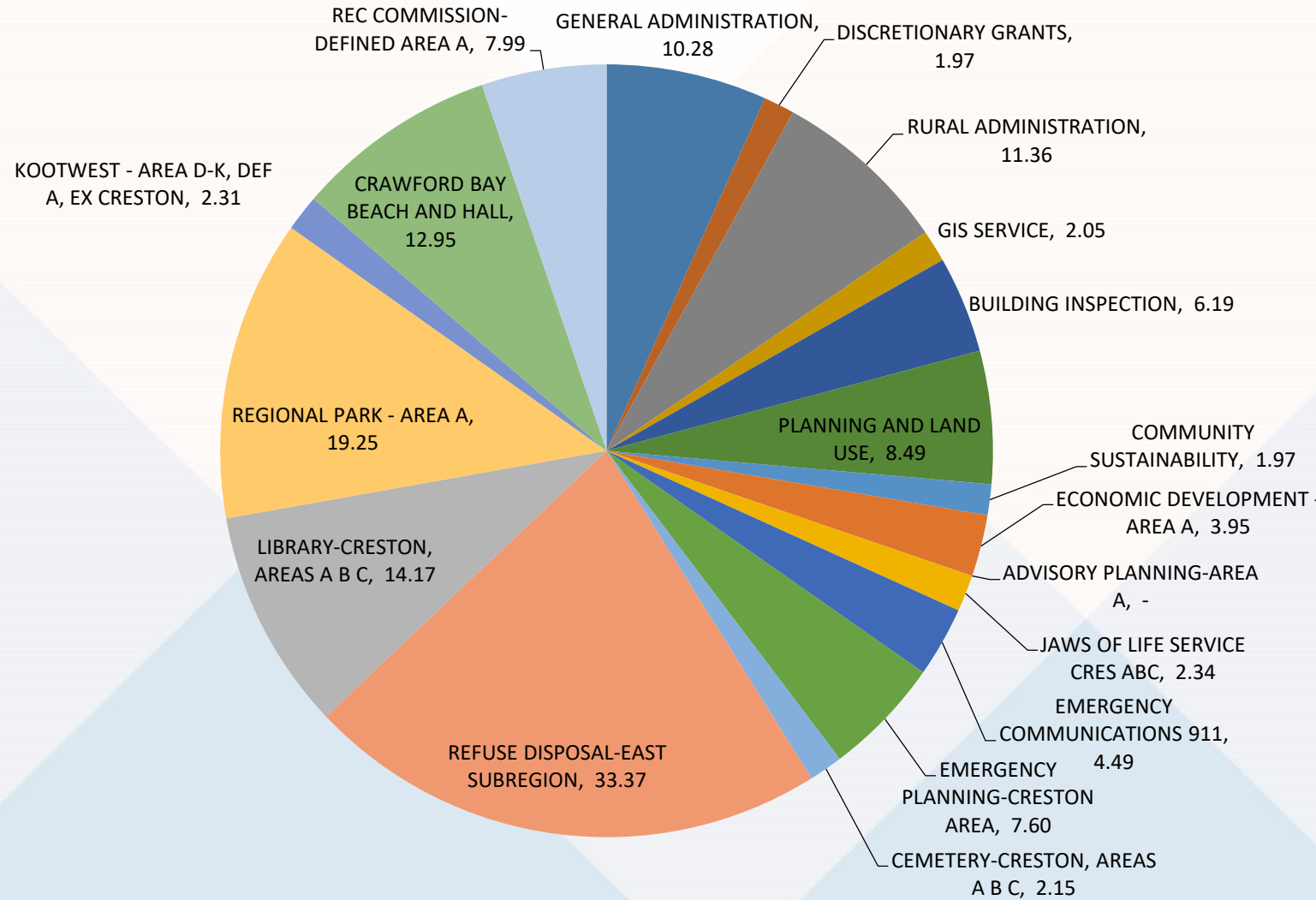


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# Area A – Crawford Bay – RDCK Tax Bill

Per \$ 100,000 of Home Value  
 \$ 153 Tax Bill  
 \$ 149 - 2025





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