



2026 - 2030 Financial Plan Public Meeting

City of Nelson, Area E, & Area F

March 11, 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






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/>

 Last updated: February 26, 2026

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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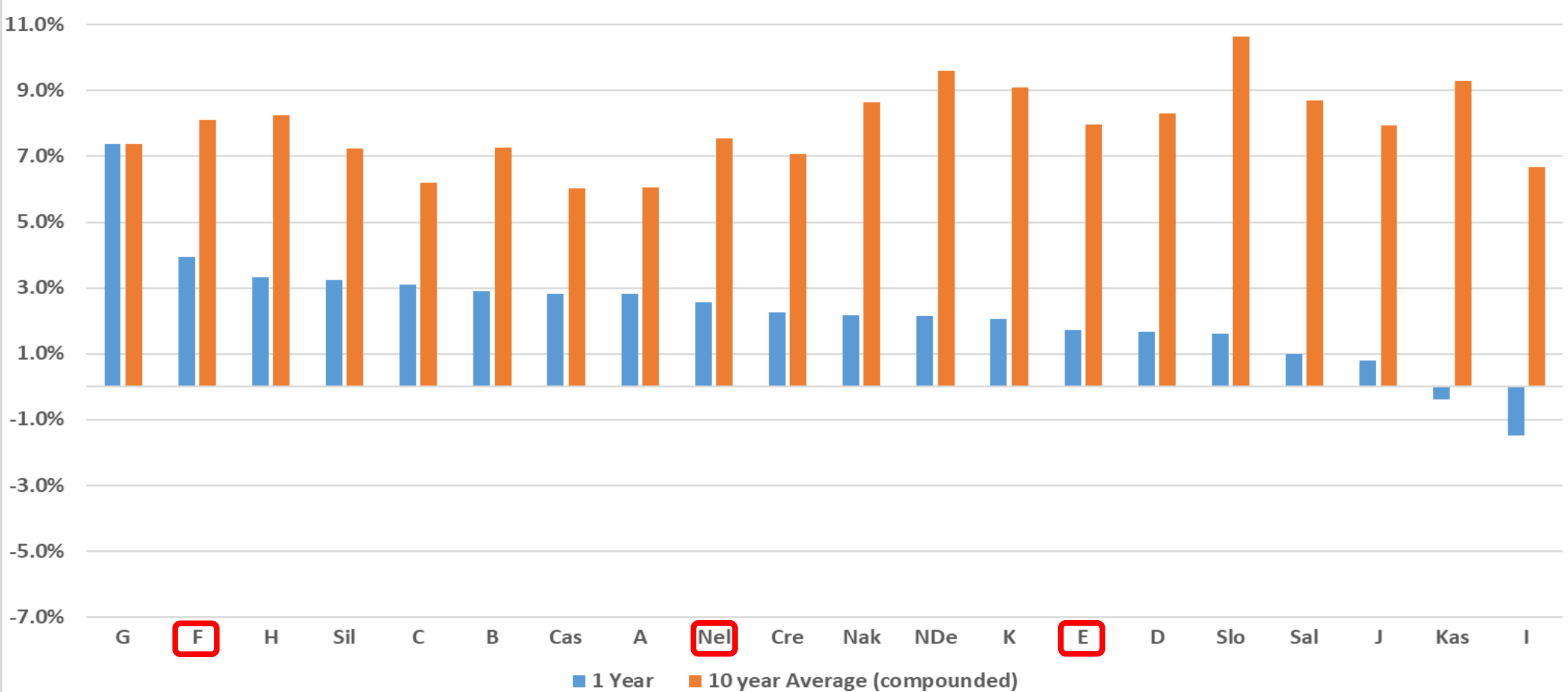
Property tax for each individual property for each Service

*** 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	111,382	0.090	121,922,855	107,604	0.088	115,523,982	100,999	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 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	-	-
Regional Requisition		\$ 1,608,912		\$ 1,501,458			\$ 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	2,728,546	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'	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%	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%
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

Taxation Details by Area / Municipality
 • Shows Taxation changes over a 3-year period for each service

S121 Advisory Planning-Area E								
INCOME								
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

Detailed Service Statements

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Electoral Area E Rural

		2026			2025			2024		
		Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000
S100	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	179,958,741	193,623	0.108	176,789,320	160,157	0.091	168,807,112	148,982	0.088
S265	DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	179,958,741	8,188	0.005	176,789,320	8,208	0.005	168,807,112	8,219	0.005
S101	RURAL ADMINISTRATION	179,958,741	191,379	0.106	176,789,320	248,639	0.141	168,807,112	200,576	0.119
S102	GIS SERVICE	179,958,741	36,872	0.020	176,789,320	29,640	0.017	168,807,112	28,764	0.017
S103	BUILDING INSPECTION	179,958,741	111,322	0.062	176,789,320	134,362	0.076	168,807,112	110,177	0.065
S104	PLANNING AND LAND USE	179,958,741	152,757	0.085	176,789,320	150,218	0.085	168,807,112	129,270	0.077
S105	COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY	179,958,741	35,376	0.020	176,789,320	26,195	0.015	168,807,112	28,798	0.017
S106	FEASIBILITY STUDY SERVICE	179,958,741	0	0.000	176,789,320	-8,843	-0.004	168,807,112	-	-
S111	EDC-NELSON AREAS E AND F	179,958,741	0	0.000	176,789,320	338	0.000	168,807,112	335	0.000
S121	ADVISORY PLANNING-AREA E	179,958,741	-	-	176,789,320	-	0.000	168,807,112	744	0.000
S154	SEARCH & RESCUE - NELSON SALMO EFG	179,958,741	7,491	0.004	176,789,320	7,400	0.004	168,807,112	7,356	0.004
S156	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911	179,958,741	80,825	0.045	176,789,320	77,131	0.044	168,807,112	60,904	0.036
S160	EMERGENCY PLANNING - E AND F	179,958,741	124,927	0.069	176,789,320	124,901	0.071	168,807,112	120,311	0.071
S176	CEMETERY-AREAS E AND F	179,958,741	10,241	0.006	176,789,320	10,338	0.006	168,807,112	10,265	0.006
S183	ANIMAL CONTROL - AREAS E F	179,958,741	16,997	0.009	176,789,320	21,184	0.012	168,807,112	15,912	0.009
S187	REFUSE DISPOSAL-CENTRAL SUBREGION	179,958,741	734,847	0.408	176,789,320	695,957	0.394	168,807,112	666,885	0.395
S202	REG PARKS-NELSON SALMO E,F,G	179,958,741	240,791	0.134	176,789,320	236,404	0.134	168,807,112	229,852	0.136
S207	RECREATION LANDS AND PARK - AREAS E AND F	179,958,741	-	-	176,789,320	-	-	168,807,112	-	-
S238	CON TRANSIT-AREAS E AND F	179,958,741	238,410	0.132	176,789,320	287,986	0.163	168,807,112	246,159	0.146
S239	KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	179,958,741	98,806	0.055	176,789,320	52,961	0.030	168,807,112	39,230	0.023
S292	LOCAL CONSERVATION SERVICE	179,958,741	-	-	176,789,320	-	-	168,807,112	-	-
Regional Requisition			\$ 2,282,852			\$ 2,265,175			\$ 2,052,738	
Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment				1.269			1.281			1.216
Surveyor of Taxes - Collection Fee				0.067			0.067			0.064
Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment				1.335			1.349			1.280
Difference (\$) from prior year			17,677			212,437			140,223	
Percentage Change from prior year			0.78%			10.35%			7.33%	

S133	FIRE PROT-DEF E BLEWETT	43,638,837	359,400	0.824	42,350,158	317,840	0.751	38,993,734	237,227	0.608
S141	FIRE PROT-DEF E-BALFOUR/HARROP	110,334,488	700,924	0.635	109,388,980	681,401	0.623	106,540,336	638,101	0.599
S144	FIRE PROT-DEF E,DEF F-BEASLEY/BLEWETT	26,914,258	237,265	0.882	25,712,479	224,979	0.875	24,664,328	221,980	0.900
S226	NELSON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES	77,766,408	446,587	0.574	75,047,962	429,042	0.572	69,801,736	374,280	0.536
S255	WATER UTILITY-DEF E-BALFOUR	19,100,453	-	-	18,547,566	-	-	18,412,473	-	-
S258	WATER UTILITY-DEF E-GRANDVIEW	4,995,300	-	-	4,575,990	-	-	4,474,110	-	-
S279	RECREATION COMMISSION # 10 - AREA E	102,037,154	1,000	0.001	101,591,502	1,000	0.001	98,868,877	1,000	0.001

Electoral Area F Rural

		2026			2025			2024		
		Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000
S100	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	168,053,287	180,813	0.108	161,517,715	146,322	0.091	155,827,374	137,526	0.088
S266	DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	168,053,287	41,542	0.025	161,517,715	25,244	0.016	155,827,374	25,444	0.016
S101	RURAL ADMINISTRATION	168,053,287	178,718	0.106	161,517,715	227,161	0.141	155,827,374	185,154	0.119
S102	GIS SERVICE	168,053,287	34,433	0.020	161,517,715	27,079	0.017	155,827,374	26,552	0.017
S103	BUILDING INSPECTION	168,053,287	103,957	0.062	161,517,715	122,755	0.076	155,827,374	101,705	0.065
S104	PLANNING AND LAND USE	168,053,287	142,651	0.085	161,517,715	137,242	0.085	155,827,374	119,330	0.077
S105	COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY	168,053,287	33,036	0.020	161,517,715	23,932	0.015	155,827,374	26,584	0.017
S106	FEASIBILITY STUDY SERVICE	168,053,287	0	0.000	161,517,715	-8,252	-0.004	155,827,374	-	-
S111	EDC-NELSON AREAS E AND F	168,053,287	21,040	0.013	161,517,715	20,338	0.013	155,827,374	20,335	0.013
S122	ADVISORY PLANNING-AREA F	168,053,287	-	-	161,517,715	-	-	155,827,374	260	0.000
S154	SEARCH & RESCUE - NELSON SALMO EFG	168,053,287	6,996	0.004	161,517,715	6,760	0.004	155,827,374	6,790	0.004
S156	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911	168,053,287	75,478	0.045	161,517,715	70,468	0.044	155,827,374	56,221	0.036
S160	EMERGENCY PLANNING - E AND F	168,053,287	116,663	0.069	161,517,715	114,112	0.071	155,827,374	111,060	0.071
S176	CEMETERY-AREAS E AND F	168,053,287	9,563	0.006	161,517,715	9,445	0.006	155,827,374	9,475	0.006
S183	ANIMAL CONTROL - AREAS E F	168,053,287	15,873	0.009	161,517,715	19,355	0.012	155,827,374	14,888	0.009
S187	REFUSE DISPOSAL-CENTRAL SUBREGION	168,053,287	686,232	0.408	161,517,715	635,838	0.394	155,827,374	615,608	0.395
S199	LIBRARY - AREA F	168,053,287	110,553	0.066	161,517,715	107,325	0.066	155,827,374	101,250	0.065
S202	REG PARKS-NELSON SALMO E,F,G	168,053,287	224,861	0.134	161,517,715	215,983	0.134	155,827,374	212,179	0.136
S207	RECREATION LANDS AND PARK - AREAS E AND F	168,053,287	-	-	161,517,715	-	-	155,827,374	-	-
S226	NELSON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES	168,053,287	965,076	0.574	161,517,715	923,381	0.572	155,827,374	835,553	0.536
S233	PARA-NEL SAL SLOC EFG DEF H	168,053,287	-	-	161,517,715	-	-	155,827,374	-	-
S238	CON TRANSIT-AREAS E AND F	168,053,287	313,054	0.186	161,517,715	271,760	0.168	155,827,374	237,412	0.152
S239	KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	168,053,287	64,604	0.038	161,517,715	50,063	0.031	155,827,374	37,084	0.024
S292	LOCAL CONSERVATION SERVICE	168,053,287	-	-	161,517,715	-	-	155,827,374	-	-

Regional Requisition		\$ 3,325,142			\$ 3,148,314			\$ 2,880,209		
Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment				1.979			1.949			1.848
Surveyor of Taxes - Collection Fee				0.104			0.102			0.097
Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment				2.083			2.052			1.945
Difference (\$) from prior year			176,828			268,104		98,103		
Percentage Change from prior year			5.62%			9.31%		3.53%		

S134	FIRE PROT-DEF F N SHORE	108,930,836	610,850	0.561	106,663,913	599,359	0.562	103,596,604	499,482	0.482
S144	FIRE PROT-DEF E,DEF F-BEASLEY/BLEWETT	45,964,081	324,161	0.705	42,409,037	296,856	0.700	39,983,515	287,882	0.720
S211	RECREATION FAC-DEF F-N SHORE HALL	25,206,689	-	-	25,010,374	-	-	24,100,479	-	-
S248	WATER UTILITY-DEF F-DUHAMEL CR	10,827,115	-	-	10,631,220	-	-	10,219,945	-	-
S257	WATER UTILITY-DEF F-WOODLAND HEIGHTS	1,978,520	-	-	1,835,020	-	-	1,762,280	-	-

Taxation Details Example – City of Nelson

		2026			2025			2024		
City of Nelson		Assessment	Rate/\$1,000		Assessment	Rate/\$1,000		Assessment	Rate/\$1,000	
S100	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	461,741,524	496,801	0.108	449,902,585	407,576	0.091	429,453,930	379,017	0.088
S102	GIS SERVICE	461,741,524	94,807	0.020	449,902,585	75,428	0.017	429,453,930	73,177	0.017
S111	EDC-NELSON AREAS E AND F	461,741,524	114,000	0.025	449,902,585	114,339	0.025	429,453,930	114,335	0.027
S154	SEARCH & RESCUE - NELSON SALMO EFG	461,741,524	19,221	0.004	449,902,585	18,831	0.004	429,453,930	18,713	0.004
S160	EMERGENCY PLANNING - E AND F	461,741,524	15,328	0.003	449,902,585	16,831	0.004	429,453,930	23,835	0.006
S187	REFUSE DISPOSAL-CENTRAL SUBREGION	461,741,524	1,885,483	0.408	449,902,585	1,771,107	0.394	429,453,930	1,696,590	0.395
S202	REG PARKS-NELSON SALMO E,F,G	461,741,524	617,825	0.134	449,902,585	601,614	0.134	429,453,930	584,755	0.136
S226	NELSON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES	461,741,524	2,651,633	0.574	449,902,585	2,572,050	0.572	429,453,930	2,302,750	0.536
S239	KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	461,741,524	192,862	0.042	449,902,585	135,771	0.030	429,453,930	100,571	0.023
Regional Requisition			<u>6,087,758</u>			<u>5,713,548</u>			<u>5,293,743</u>	
Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment				<u>1.318</u>			<u>1.270</u>			<u>1.233</u>
Difference (\$) from prior year			374,210			326,579			320,104	
Percentage Change from prior year			6.55%			6.57%			6.89%	



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%
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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%
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.
 - The increase has been reduced to 4.8% in the March 11 draft ** New **
- \$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

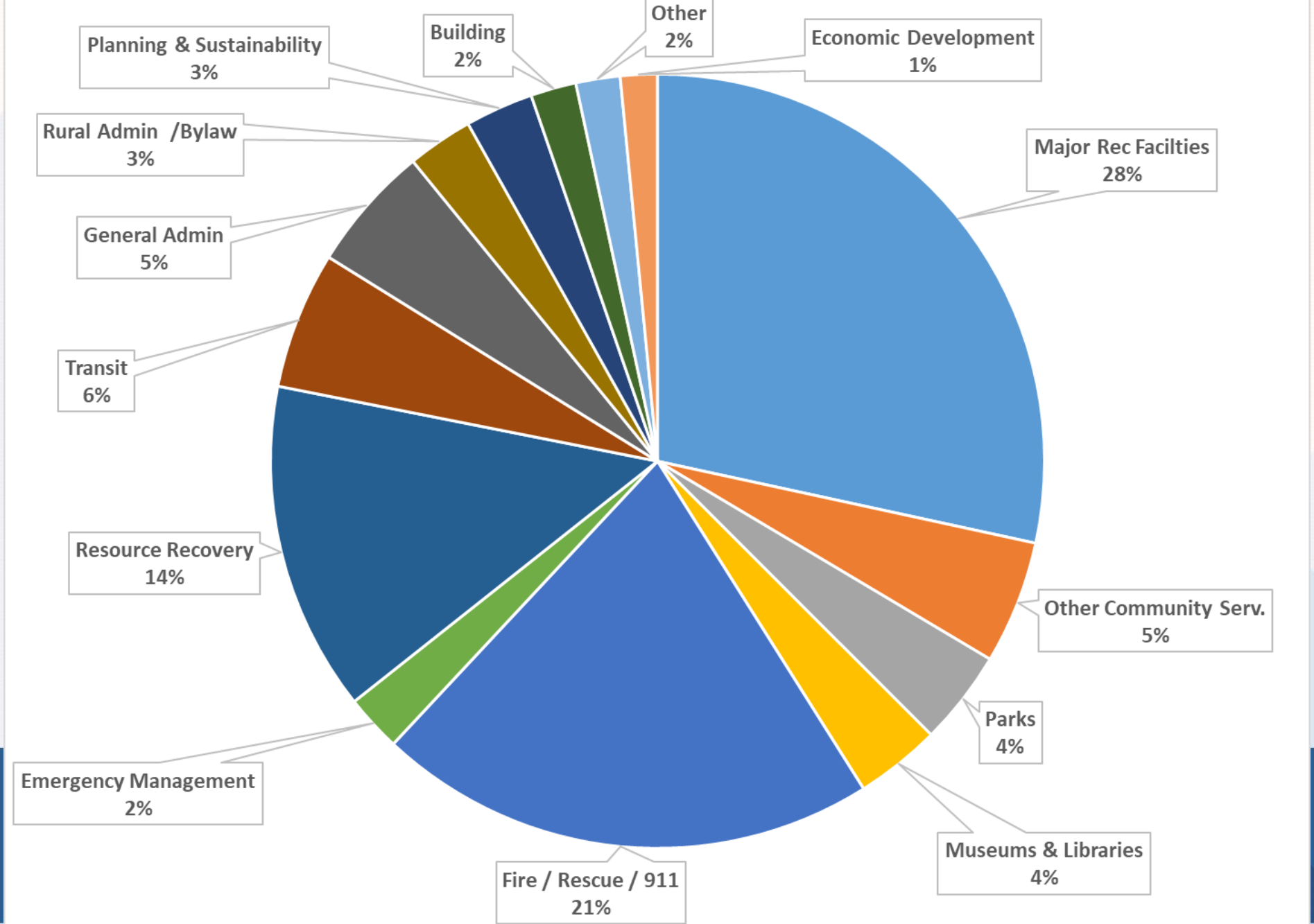


2026 Challenges and Opportunities

- 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

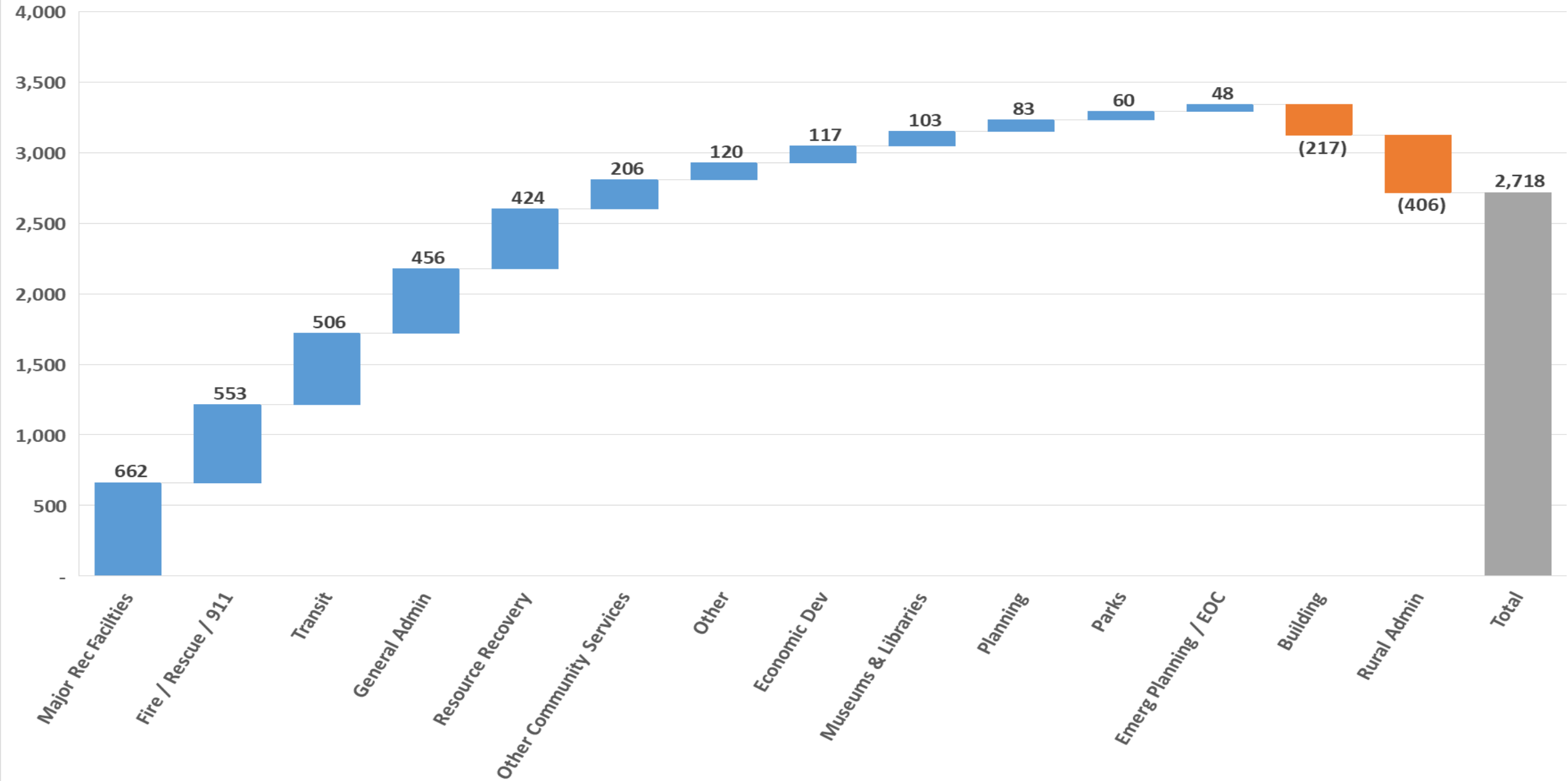


2026 Tax Requisition Share by Segment



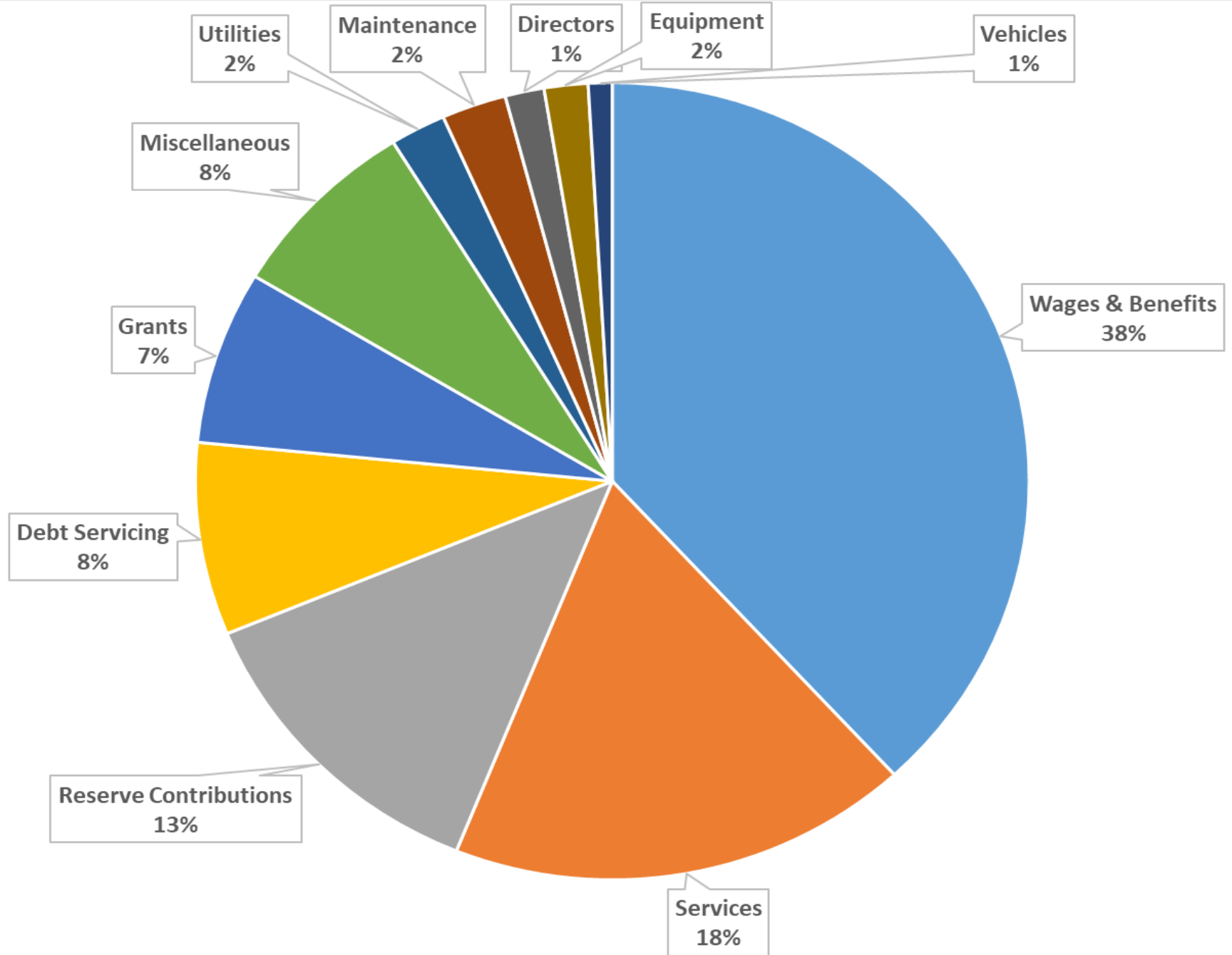
Property Tax Requisition Change 2025 to 2026 (\$000)

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total



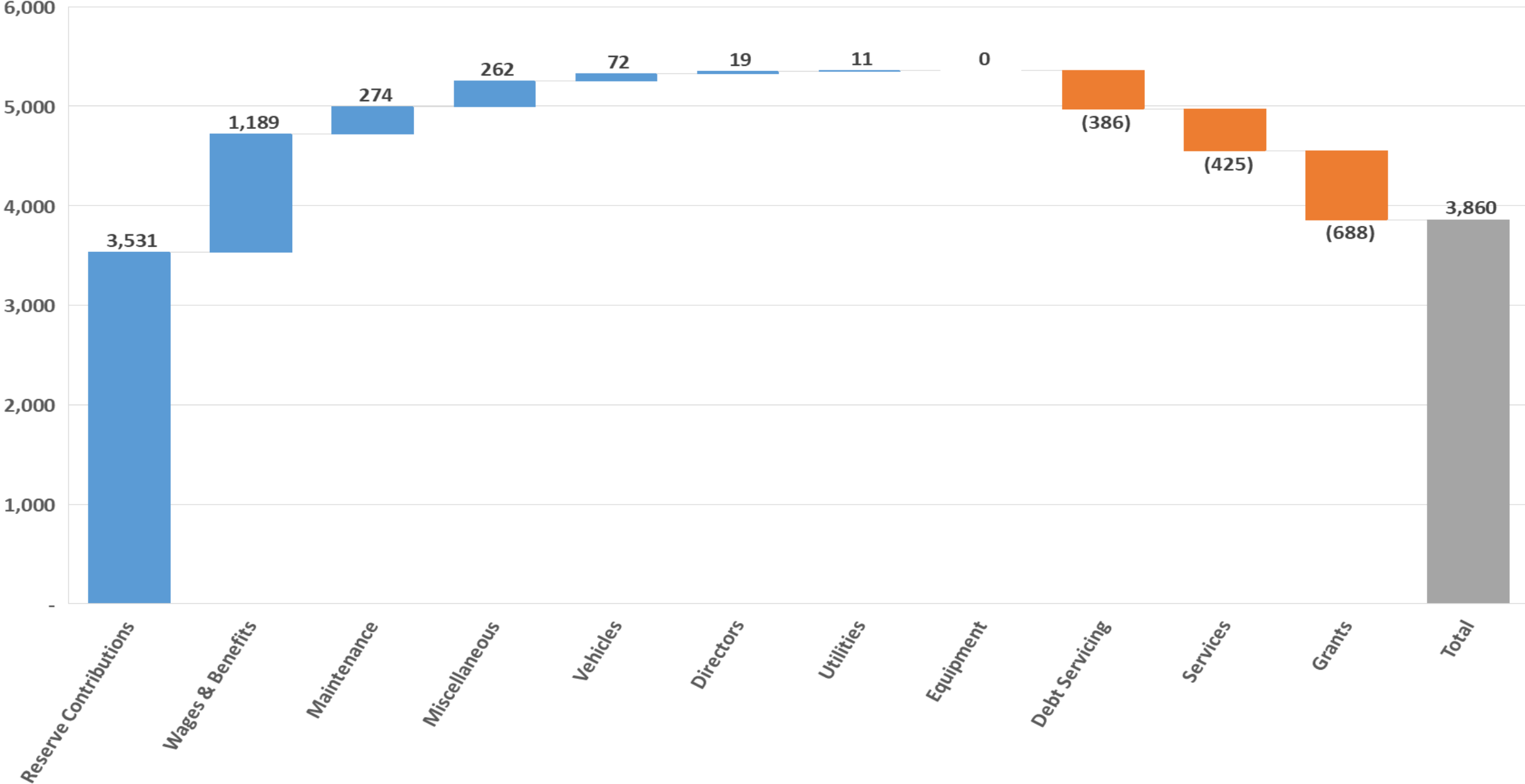


2026 Non-Capital Expenses - share by Expense Type



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

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total





Nelson E/F

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 E & F

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





Nelson E/F

GIS

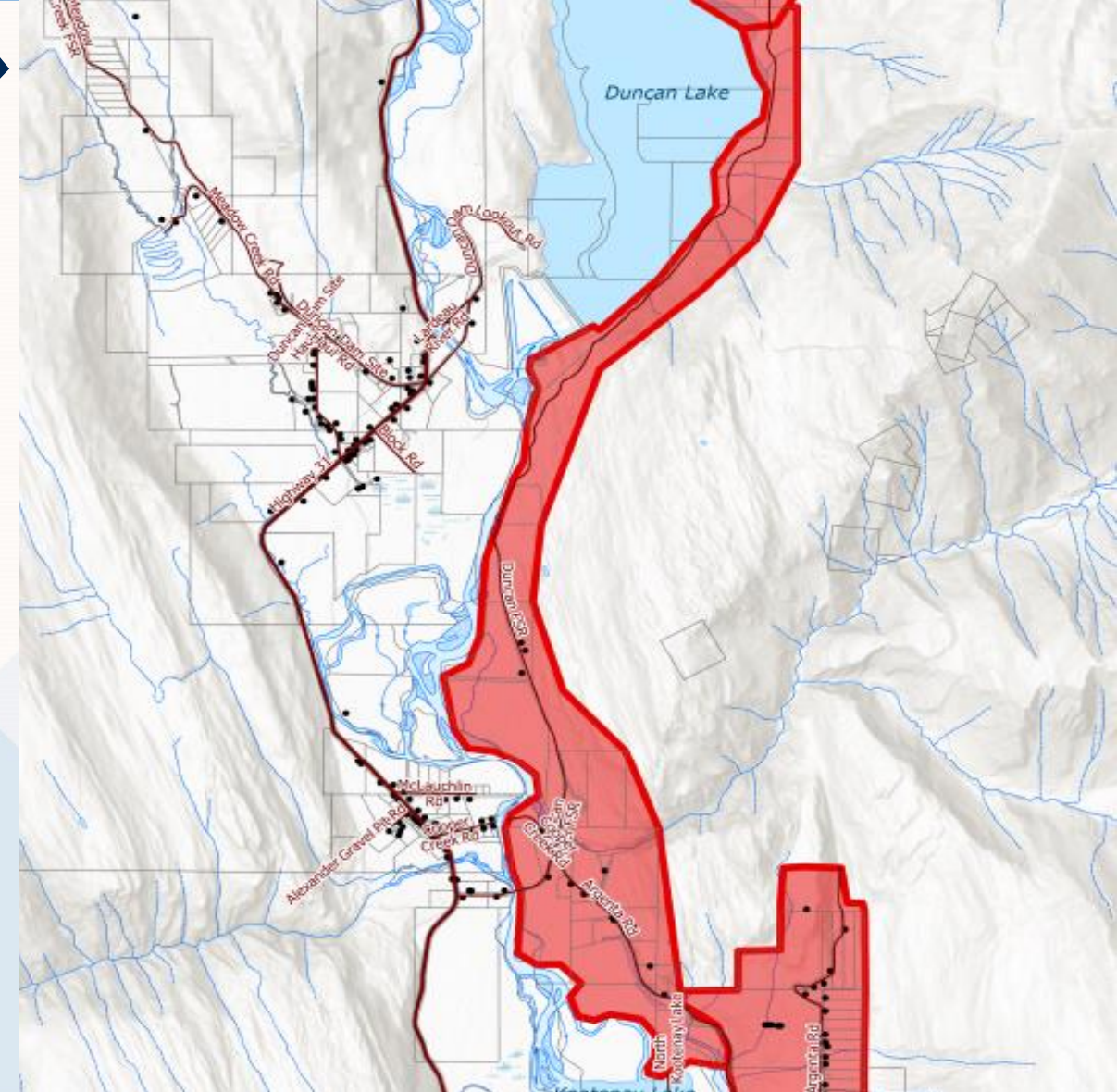
Service S102

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 E & F

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 E & F

Planning & Land Use

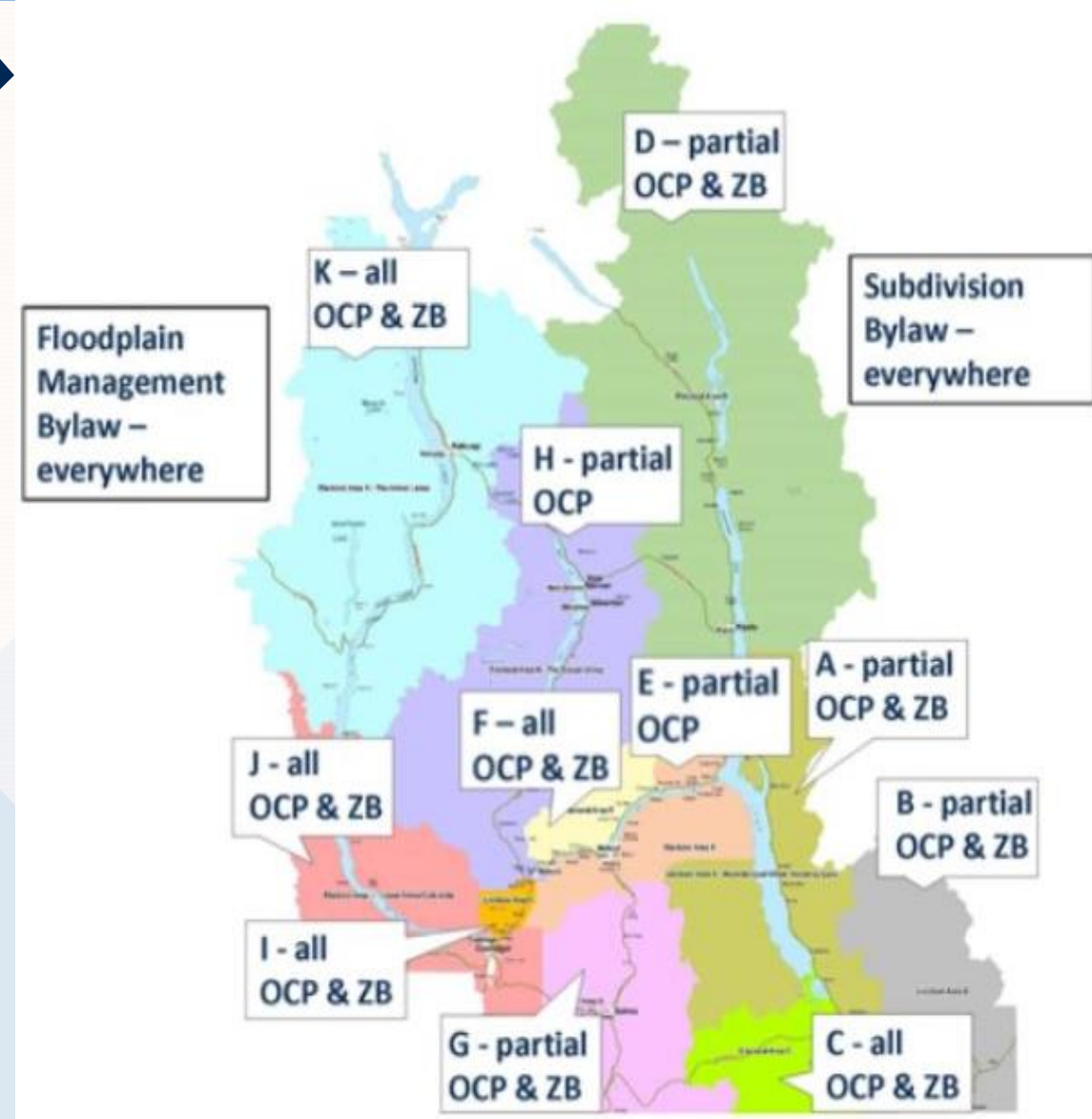
Service S104

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





Nelson E/F

Central Resource Recovery

Service S187

Central Resource Recovery (Nelson/E/F/G/Salmo/Kaslo/D)

- Includes transfer stations, recycling depots and organics composting facilities, as well as transportation of materials.

Central Resource Recovery – S187

- 3% Taxation and 6.4% tipping fee increases
- Purchase of compacting trailer, roll off truck and tractor truck in 2026
- Grohman Recycling Depot and hauling building under assessment & design with construction planned for 2027
- Reconstruction of Marblehead Transfer Station bin wall mid-2026
- Legacy Landfill (Balfour/Kaslo/Salmo/Marblehead/Nelson) closure plans
- Assessment and piloting of new septage management options
- Commercial organics regulation phase-in until October 2026
- Rural organics diversion initiatives beginning in 2026





Nelson / Area E / Area F

Regional Parks

Service 202: Shared with Salmo & Area G
Proposed Taxation Increase: 3.1% (\$35,950)

Park Highlights

There are 11 parks in Service 202. The work mentioned below is only the major projects taking place in 2026. It does not detail general park maintenance.

COTTONWOOD LAKE

- Completion of accessible trail loop.

ROSEBUD LAKE

- Working with the Provincial Dam Safety Officer on maintenance and compliance.

TAGHUM BEACH

- Park upgrade design underway, to improve parking management and enhancing user experience.

PULPIT ROCK ACCESS

- Trail realignment underway to address encroachment onto neighbouring land.

GREAT NORTHERN TRAIL

- Development of the Great Northern Trail Management Plan.





Nelson / Area E / Area F

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.





Nelson / Area E / Area F

Recreation

Service 226: NDCC and Operation of Civic Arena

Proposed Taxation Increase: 3.5% \$138,822

2026 Capital Projects - NDCC

Refrigeration Plant
\$1,050,000

Dehumidifier
\$400,000

Major Pool Work
Lights, Valves and Piping
\$200,000

Parking Lot Paving
\$75,000





Nelson / Area E / Area F

Recreation

Service 226: NDCC and Operation of Civic Arena
Proposed Taxation Increase: 3.5% \$138,822

2026 Repairs & Maintenance - NDCC

Main Pool Air Handler
\$35,000

Fitness Equipment
\$20,000





Recreation Financial Access & Inclusion

Service 226: NDCC and Operation of Civic Arena

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.

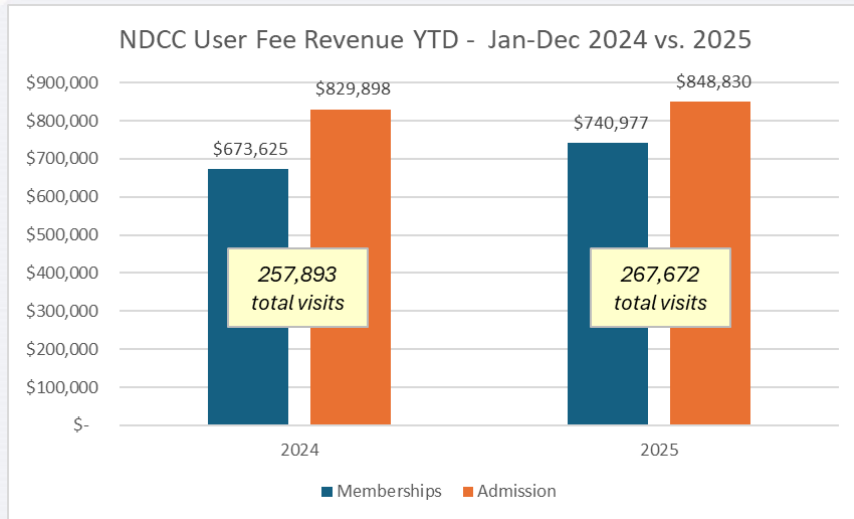


Recreation

Service 226: NDCC and Operation of Civic Arena

Nelson & District Community Complex

- The total number of visits to the NDCC in 2025 surpassed 2024 by close to 10,000.



2025 Programming By the Numbers

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

Swim Lessons

824

total registrants

Fitness Classes

10,090

total participants

Summer Camps

546

children registered



Area E

Water Utilities

Service S255

Balfour – S255

- 5% Parcel Tax Increase
- 6% metered consumption and base rate charge increase
- Water line replacement project on Upper Balfour Road (\$300,000) completed
- Secondary water source development in 2026 estimated at \$121,000





Area E

Water Utilities

Service S258

Grandview – S258

- 0% Parcel Tax Increase
- 11% metered consumption and base rate charge increase
- Depletion of reserves and increased operations cost force increase in rates





Area F

Water Utilities

Service S248

Duhamel – S248

- 10% Parcel Tax Increase
- 5% User Fee Increase
- In 2025 completed well pump replacement, meter installation and some control upgrades (\$68,000)
- High level well assessment and secondary source feasibility study (\$7,000) completed





Area F

Water Utilities

Service S257

Woodland Heights – S257

- 0% Parcel Tax Increase
- 2% User Fee Increase
- High average water consumption pushes system sometimes to limits





Areas E & F

Emergency Planning

Service S160

Emergency Planning – S160

- 0.4% Taxation increase to \$248K 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 E & F

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 E / Area F

Fire Protection

Services S133, S134, S141, S144

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

Beasley/Blewett – S144 (E/F)

- 7.5% Taxation Increase in 2026
- Auto-extrication training/equip
- Further focus on fire officer development and training
- Chief stipend alignment and increase in new recruits

Balfour/Harrop – S141 (E)

- 3% Taxation Increase in 2026
- Procurement of replacement fire apparatus in progress
- Continuing training of Recruits from last year
- Largest roster of firefighters in the Region, & high call volume





Area E / Area F

Fire Protection – cont.

Services S133, S134, S141, S144

North Shore– S134 (F)

- 2% Taxation Increase in 2026
- Community Works Grant funding hall maintenance & upgrades
- Procurement of replacement fire apparatus in progress
- Purchased Wildland truck, funded from reserves and CBT grant

Nelson Contract – S133 (E)

- 13.1% Taxation Increase in 2026
- Previous funding formula had fallen far behind inflation..
- New formula is based on taxation equity with City of Nelson property owners, adjusted for service differences, and the new Nelson Fire Master Plan.





Area E / Area F

Transit

Service S238 North Shore

Region Wide 2026 Initiatives

- 5 Value based service level changes identified and implemented
- System wide service level review by BC Transit
- BC Transit fare review

North Shore Slocan Valley – S238 (E/F)

- Prior year expenditures were lower than anticipated
- 2026 taxation increase will be reduced from 21% to 12.3% in final Budget Draft
- Contribution from S239 to fund operation of the #10
- Operating cost increase from contract with BC Transit





Nelson E/F

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

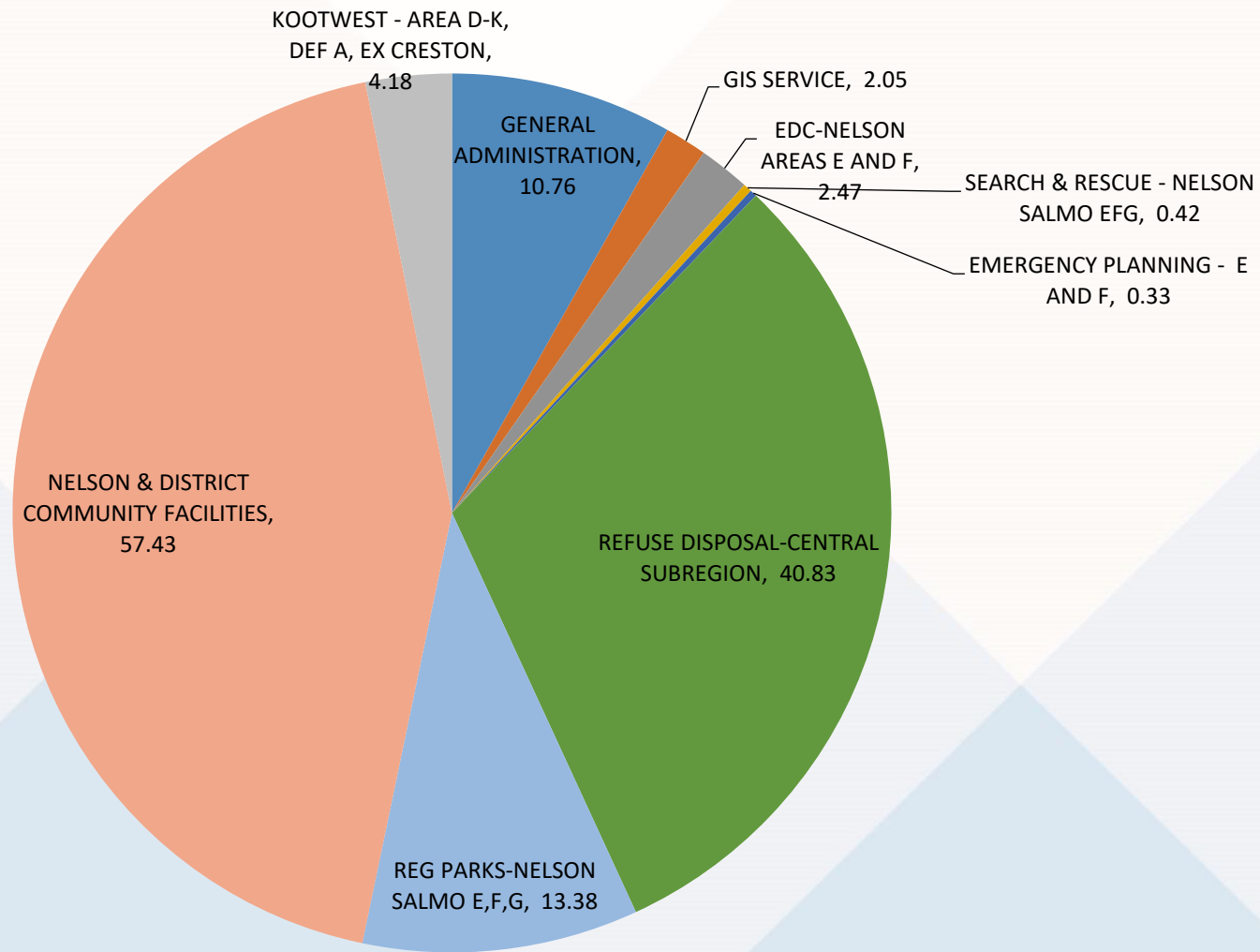
- 41% average increase in taxation in S239
 - 2025 Budget used \$186K in reserves to reduce taxation
 - Increased asset management & BC Transit costs
- Area E increase – 87% - due to reapportionment
- Area F increase – 29%
- Nelson increase – 42%
- Health Connections Funding increase by 33% annually for 3 years





City of Nelson – RDCK Tax Bill

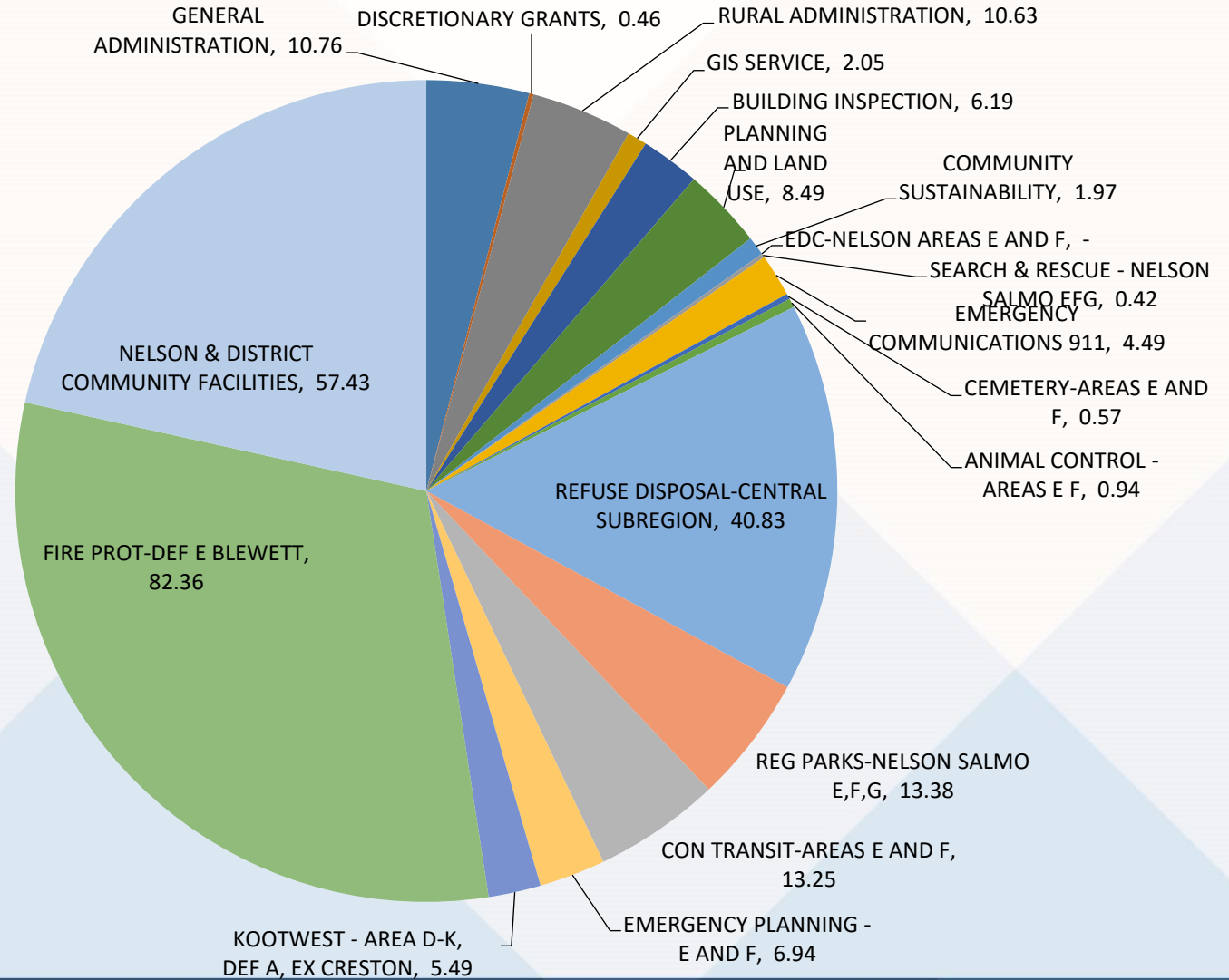
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
\$ 135 Tax Bill
\$ 127 - 2025





Area E - Blewett Fire – Nelson Contract – RDCK Tax Bill

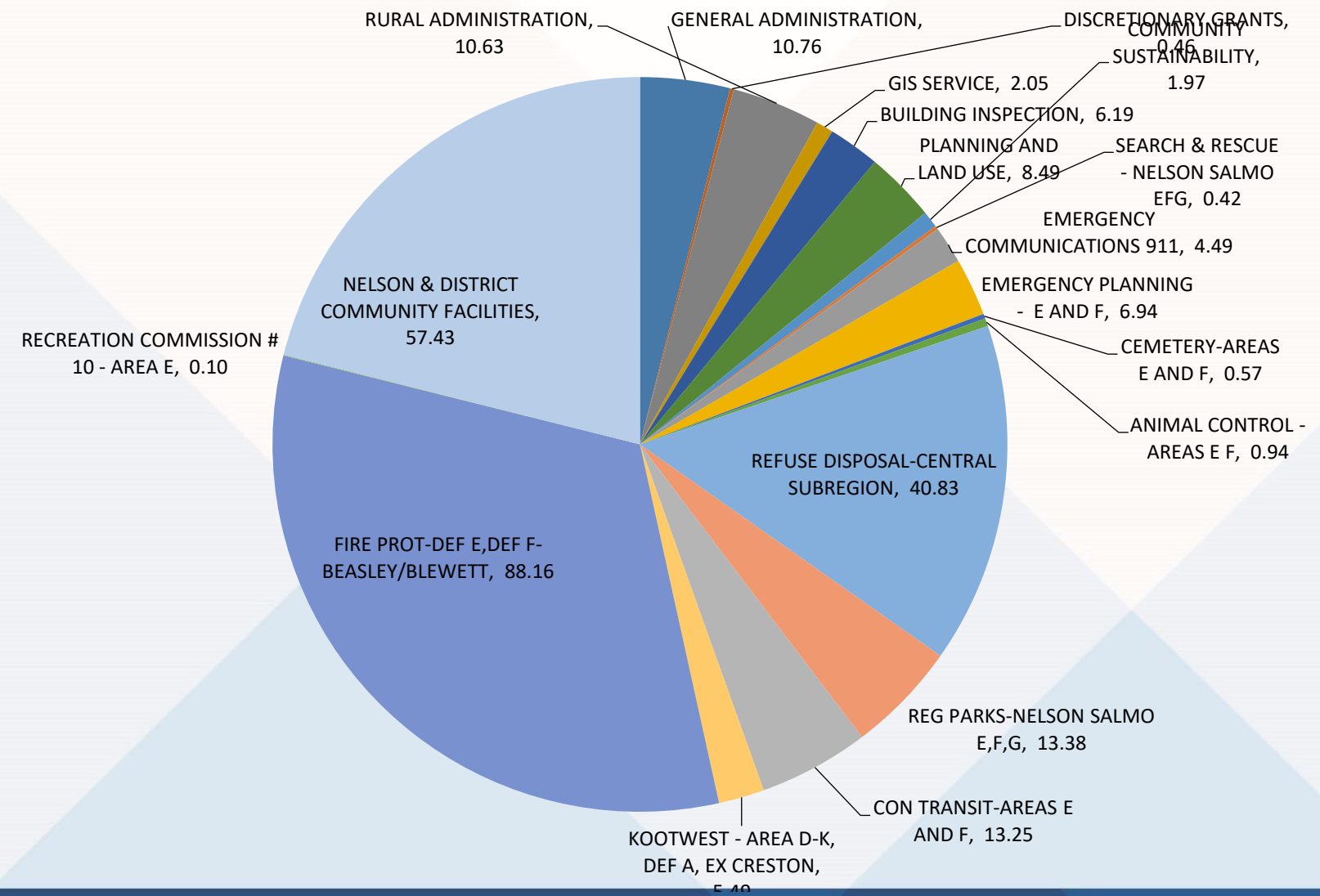
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
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Area E – Blewett Fire Protection – RDCK Tax Bill

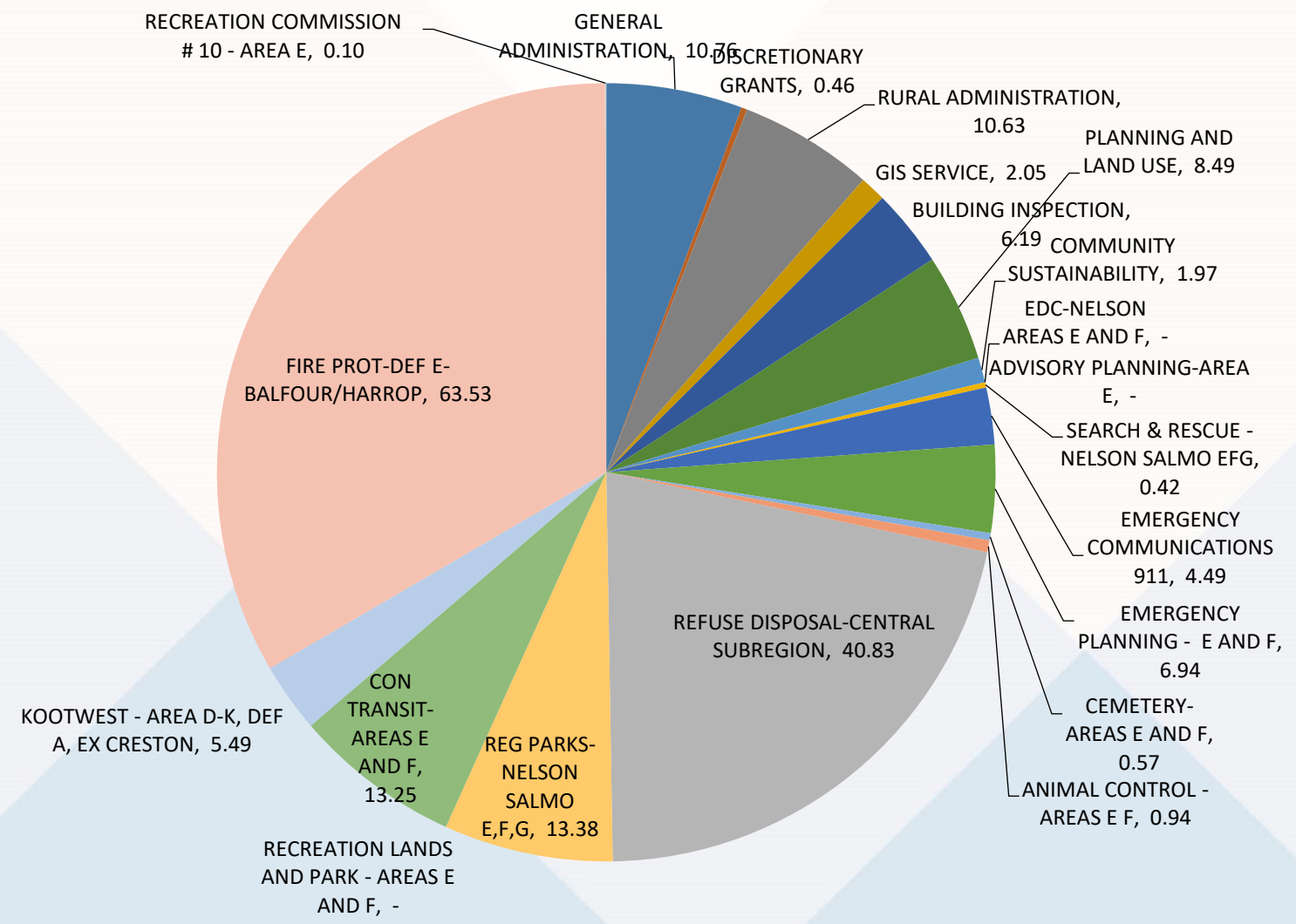
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Area E - Balfour – RDCK Tax Bill

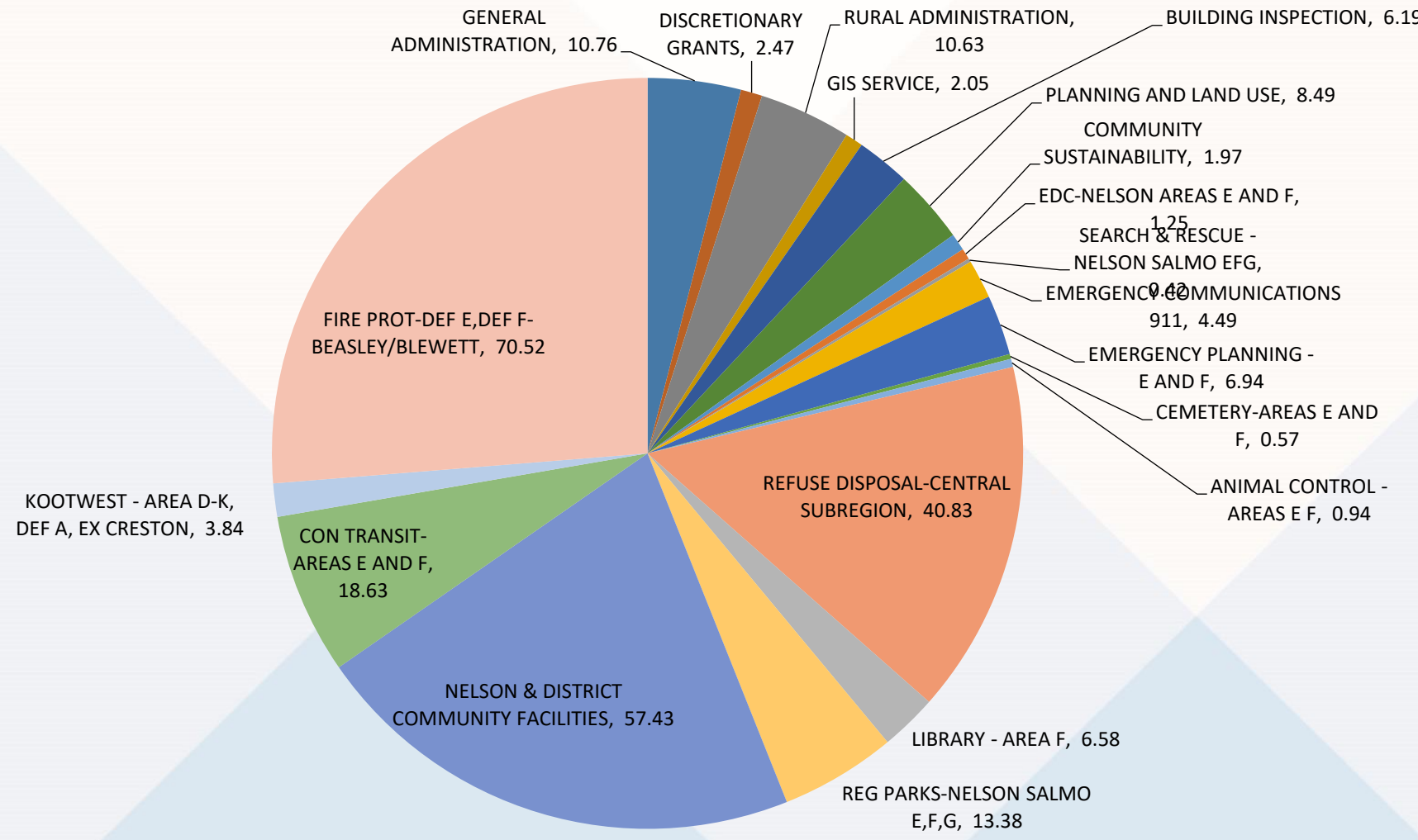
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
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 \$ 191 - 2025





Area F - Beasley Fire Protection – RDCK Tax Bill

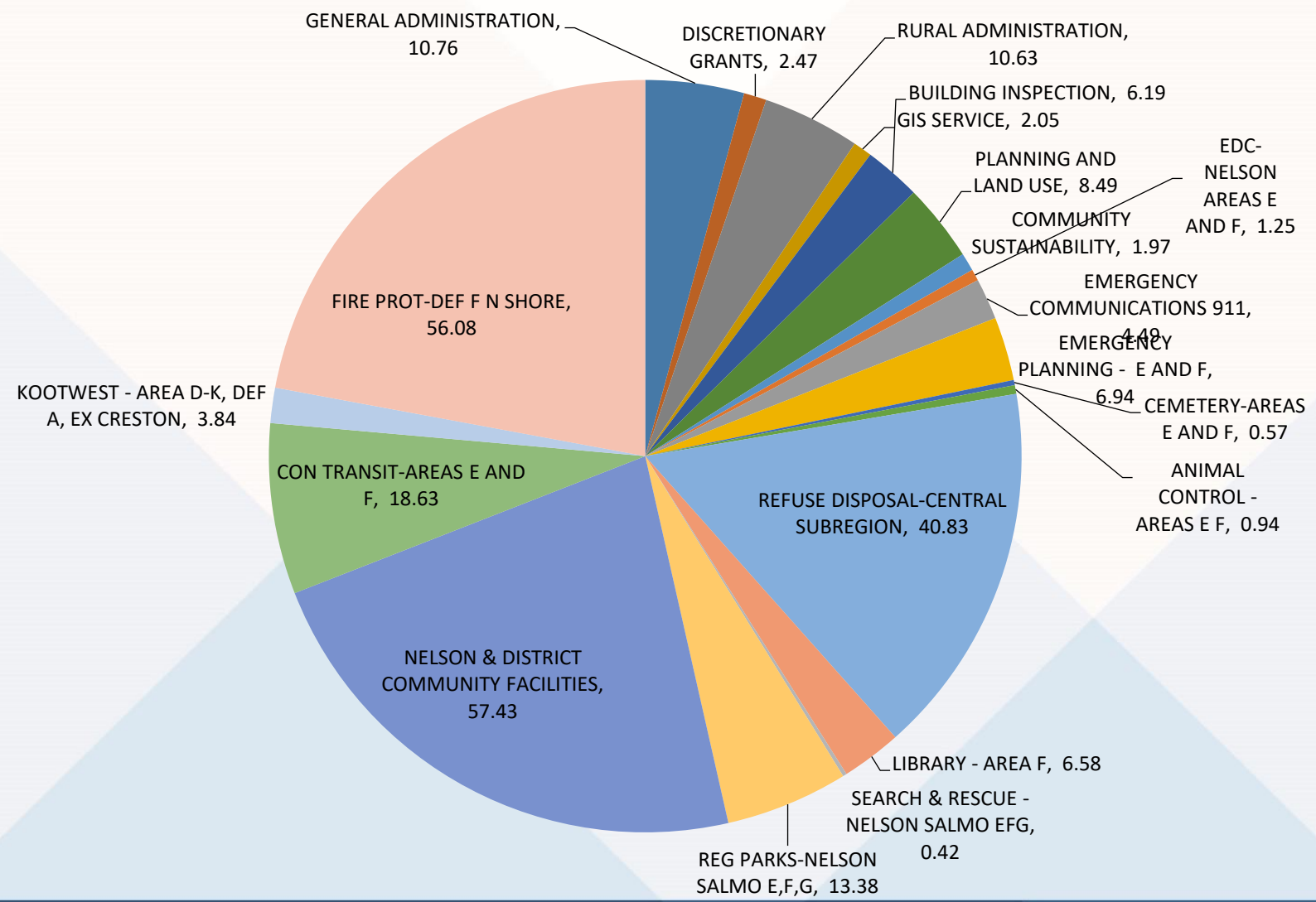
Per \$100,000 of Home Value
 \$ 268 Tax Bill
 \$ 265 - 2025





Area F – North Shore Fire Protection – RDCK Tax Bill

Per \$100,000 of Home Value
 \$ 254 Tax Bill
 \$ 252 - 2025



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