

2025 – 2029 FINANCIAL PLAN



Agenda

1. Who Does What?
2. Legislative Framework
3. The City's Infrastructure Story
4. Public consultation about 2025 budget priorities
5. The 2025 financial overview and plan
 1. Capital Expenditure Plan
 2. Operating Budget



WHO DOES WHAT?

Municipal Government



- Road maintenance
- Snow removal
- Water supply
- Sewer/storm water management
- Solid waste collection
- Parks, trails and playgrounds
- Cemetery
- Recreation facilities (e.g., CN Centre)
- Bylaws
- Municipal RCMP
- Fire Rescue
- Business licenses
- Community planning and development
- City Hall
- Municipal property tax

Regional District



- Solid waste management (landfill, recycling depot and transfer stations)
- Residential services outside City boundaries
- Regional parks and recreation
- Rural area planning and development
- 911 operation
- Fire dispatch
- Heritage conservation

Provincial Government



- Housing
- Schools
- Provincial parks
- Crown land resource extraction
- Health care
- Social services
- WorkSafe
- ICBC
- Justice
- Post-secondary education
- Highway maintenance (including highways within City boundaries)
- Provincial income tax
- Provincial property tax
- Sales tax

Federal Government



- Income tax
- Employment insurance
- Child tax benefits
- Student loans
- Military
- National parks
- International travel
- Banking
- Criminal law
- Foreign affairs

Legislative Framework

1. Community Charter requires that municipalities adopt five year operating and capital financial plans
2. Council's Strategic Plan guides the development of the City's financial plan
3. The financial planning process must include public consultation; the type of consultation is left to the discretion of each municipality
4. Financial plans must be balanced; there can not be a deficit
5. Financial Plan Bylaw and Tax Rate Bylaw must be adopted before May 15th of each year



Infrastructure story



Decades of rapid growth

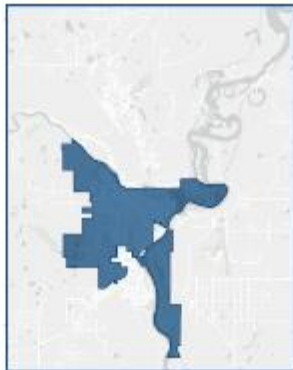
- Our population increased rapidly after World War II. 4,000 people in 1947 to 60,000 in less than 30 years.
- From the 1940s to the 1980s, the population doubled every decade.
- Between 1952 and 1975, the City boundary grew exponentially.

1915



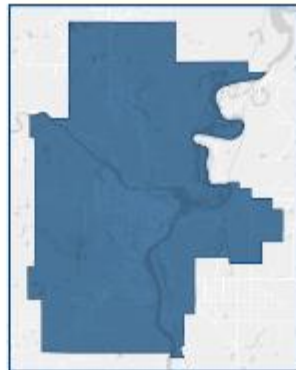
1915 to 1952 - the initial size of the municipality of Prince George was 5.1 square kilometres.

1974



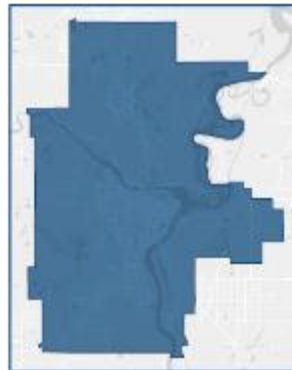
1953 to 1974 - Over the course of just 20 years, the City boundary expanded 11 times and grew to be 61 square kilometres.

1975



1975 - Prince George grew to be roughly five times larger in just one year

2023



The present day - The total size is 329 square kilometres.

Infrastructure story



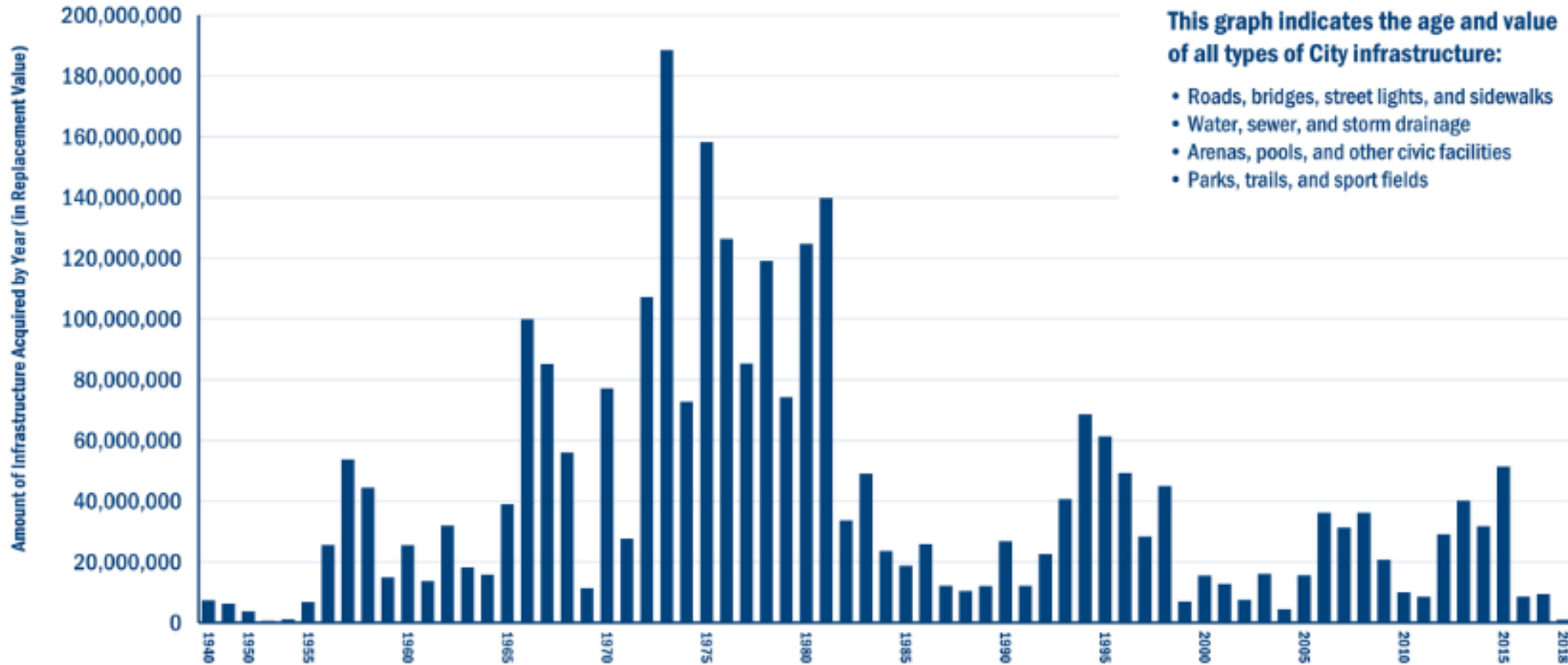
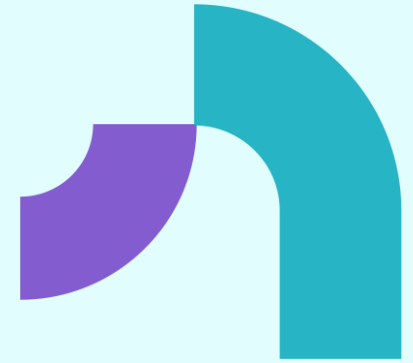
Infrastructure over-investment

Prince George's first official community plan (1979) forecast a population of 185,000 by 2012. But growth began to slow in the 80s.

In 1981, Prince George had a larger population than Kelowna, Kamloops, and Nanaimo. Today, all of those cities have more people.

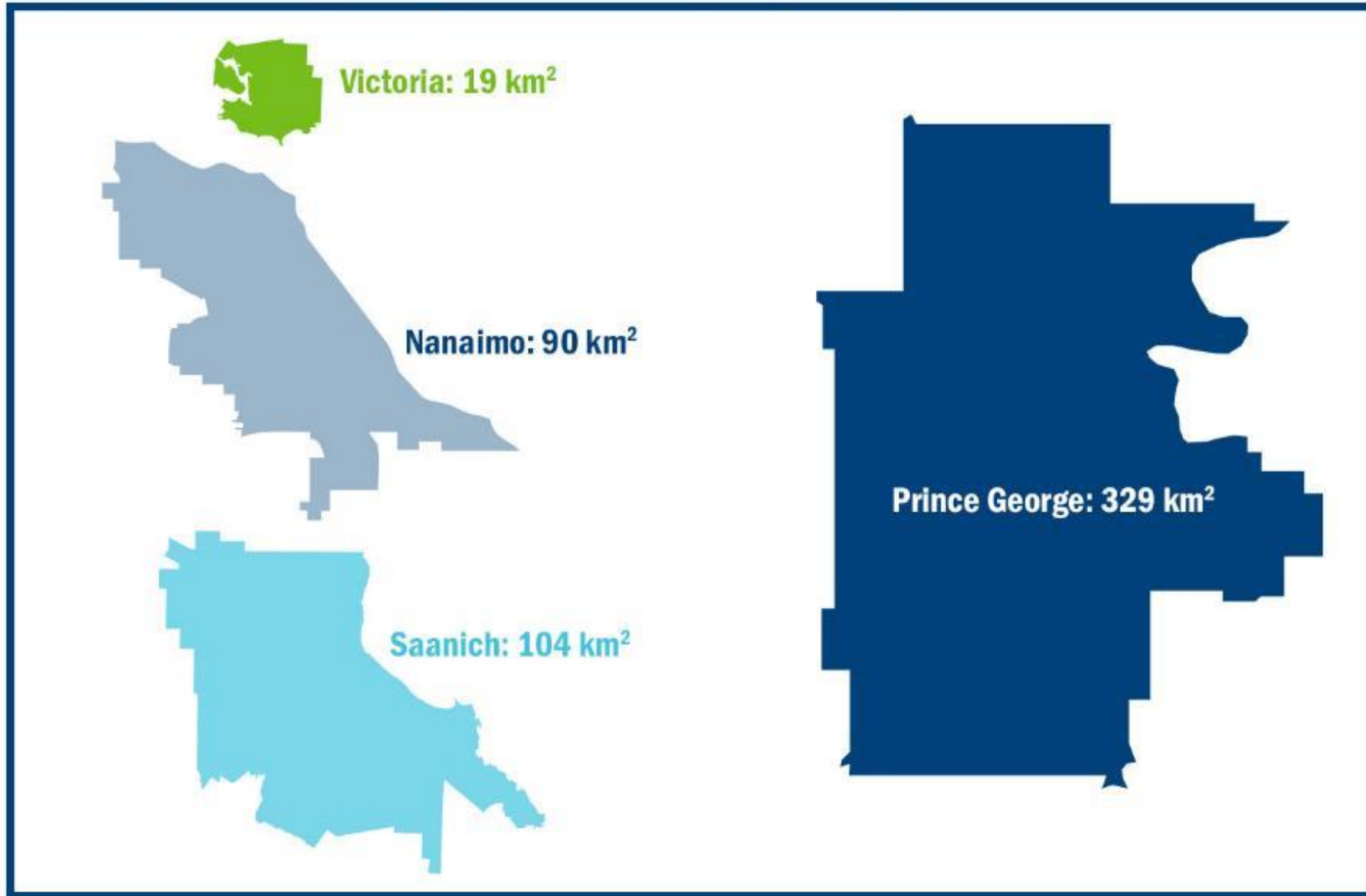
Most of our infrastructure was built during our rapid growth years and now this aging infrastructure must serve a small and spread-out population.

What it means for infrastructure





Municipal Area in Square Kilometres (2021)



... and our population is really spread out.

Each figure represents 100 people per square kilometre



Population density (2021)

This means that, per taxpayer, there are a LOT of roads, pipes, and other infrastructure to maintain.



\$4.3 billion approximate replacement value of civic infrastructure

\$90 million approximate value of civic infrastructure currently assessed as needing replacement

52 City-owned buildings totalling 158,000m²

103 parks

48 playgrounds

106km trails

Streetlights
4,728

Underground infrastructure

Water pipes
815km

Sanitary sewer pipes
701km

Stormwater pipes
433km

**Downtown Renewable
Energy System**

6km

connected to

11 buildings

- Canfor Leisure Pool
- City Hall
- Conference and Civic Centre
- George Street Parkade
- Kopar Memorial Arena
- Law courts
- Plaza 400
- Prince George Public Library
- RCMP Detachment
- Two Rivers Art Gallery
- Wood Innovation and Design Centre



ROADS

ROAD REHABILITATION



Road lane kilometres

1,561

1,302 lane kms paved
244 lane kms gravel

4,728
streetlights

PARKS: 103 totaling 11 km²

TRAILS: 106 km

SIDEWALKS: 198 km

CYCLING ROUTES: 562 km (including bike lanes and trails)

2024 Representative Home Values and Property Taxes



Municipality	2021 Census	Taxable Land Area (ha)	2024 Rep. Home Value	Municipal Taxes	Other Authorities	Total Residential Taxes
Chilliwack	93,203	20,078	895,653	2,335	1,483	3,818
Kamloops	97,902	21,979	694,167	2,895	1,441	4,336
Kelowna	144,576	21,506	1,067,078	2,807	1,725	4,532
Township of Langley	132,603	27,158	1,502,344	2,685	2,092	4,777
Maple Ridge	90,990	14,748	1,279,121	3,146	1,856	5,002
Nanaimo	99,863	4,351	783,808	2,966	2,062	5,028
Prince George	76,708	29,762	453,777	2,718	1,409	4,127
Saanich	117,735	6,481	1,288,053	3,688	2,170	5,858
Victoria	91,867	1,148	1,228,984	3,757	2,071	5,828

Budget consultation

Focus:

1. Five satisfaction surveys
 - 941 responses
2. The annual Citizen Budget survey
 - 930 responses
3. Gathering comments on social media
4. Public Open House

Promoted through:

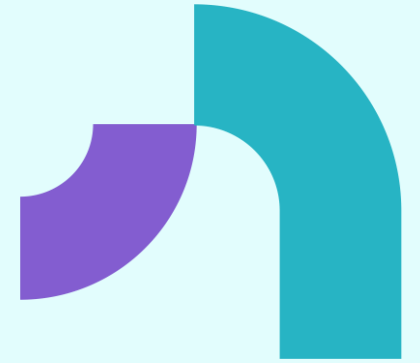
- City's website
- 3 News releases
- 31 Social media posts
- 3 Newsletters
- Advertising – radio, print, digital, TV, You Tube
- Omnivex screens in civic buildings
- Posters in the community



Citizen Budget Survey results

Service areas:

- Infrastructure Management was the only service area to receive support for a 5% increase (77% approval), while Corporate Services was the only area for which participants preferred a 5% decrease (69% approval).



Citizen Budget Survey results



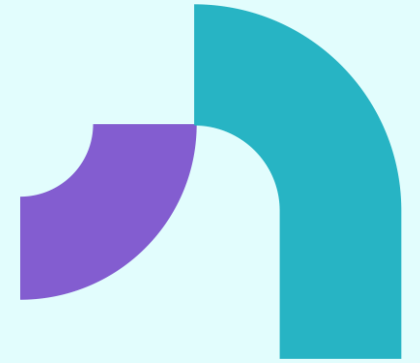
Importance:

- Snow and Ice Control (**9.7%**) was identified as the most important service level
- Protective Services (**9.6%**)
- Police Services (**9.5%**)
- Roads and Sidewalks (**8.9%**)
- Infrastructure Management (**8.3%**)

Citizen Budget Survey results

Satisfaction:

Services such as Fire Protection, Parks, Trails, and Beautification, and Police Services consistently received higher satisfaction ratings, with significant proportions of respondents awarding scores in the upper range.



Tax Levy Increases 2021 to 2024 Compared to CPI



Year	Final Approved Tax Levy	Consumer Price Index (CPI) from October to October
2021	0.00%	4.70%
2022	3.00%	6.90%
2023	7.58%	3.10%
2024	6.78%	2.00%
TOTAL (product of all years)	18.32%	17.70%

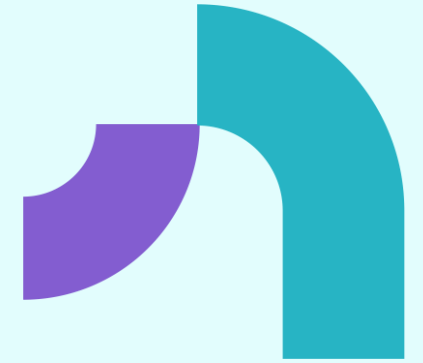
Comparative Municipalities Tax Levy Increases 2021 to 2024



Municipality	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL INCREASE (product of all years)	2024 Representative Home Tax
Saanich	5.76%	6.67%	7.19%	7.93%	30.51%	\$3,688
Nanaimo	3.00%	6.00%	7.20%	7.70%	26.05%	\$2,966
Kamloops	0.97%	4.92%	6.80%	9.55%	23.95%	\$2,895
Coquitlam	2.94%	3.43%	5.48%	8.92%	22.32%	\$3,467
Maple Ridge	3.60%	4.40%	5.65%	6.50%	21.70%	\$3,146
Victoria	2.03%	3.89%	6.15%	7.93%	21.44%	\$3,757
Chilliwack	2.99%	2.99%	4.48%	7.32%	18.93%	\$2,335
Prince George	0.00%	3.00%	7.58%	6.78%	18.32%	\$2,718
Kelowna	4.04%	3.94%	3.78%	4.72%	17.52%	\$2,807

Financial overview

Financial Overview



The total tax levy is made up of four individual levies:

1. General (operating) – provides the operating funding for all City service categories with the exceptions of Off-Street Parking, Snow, Solid Waste, Sewer, Water and District Energy.
2. Snow Control (operating and capital) – funds the full scope of costs associated with providing the City’s snow control service.
3. Road Rehabilitation (capital) – created in 2004 and funds the reinvestment needs of our transportation network.
4. General Infrastructure Reinvestment Fund (capital) – created in 2013 to start closing the gap between the reinvestment required and the funding available to maintain our existing Civic Facilities.

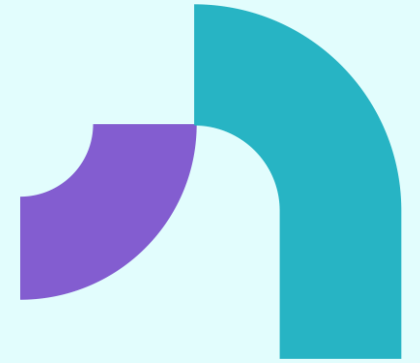
Snow Expenses vs. Snow Levy Actual 2021 to Proposed 2025



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Road rehabilitation levy

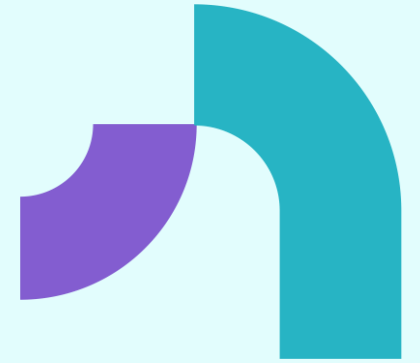
- Currently set at \$6,700,000
- 2025 budget has been prepared at \$7,000,000, or an increase of \$300,000, to keep pace with the rising costs of asphalt, labour and fleet expenses.
- Increase required to try and maintain the same number of lane kilometers of work per year (50 lane kilometers per year. The City has a total inventory of 1,561 lane kilometers)



Financial Overview

General Infrastructure Reinvestment Fund

- Some asset groups have dedicated funding sources. Sewer, Water, Solid Waste, District Energy and Off-Street Parking capital needs are funded by the user fees of those services. Roads has its own levy and Fleet needs are provided for through equipment financing
- All other capital asset groups' reinvestment needs are prioritized and compete for limited available funding
- Levy was created in 2013 to increase the available funding needed to maintain and replace new and aging infrastructure and grew to \$2,500,000 by 2016
- Had only grown to the 2023 budget of \$2,950,000 since 2016
- 2025 budget has been prepared at \$5,630,873 by adding 1% of the total tax levy to this fund as per Sustainable Finance Policy



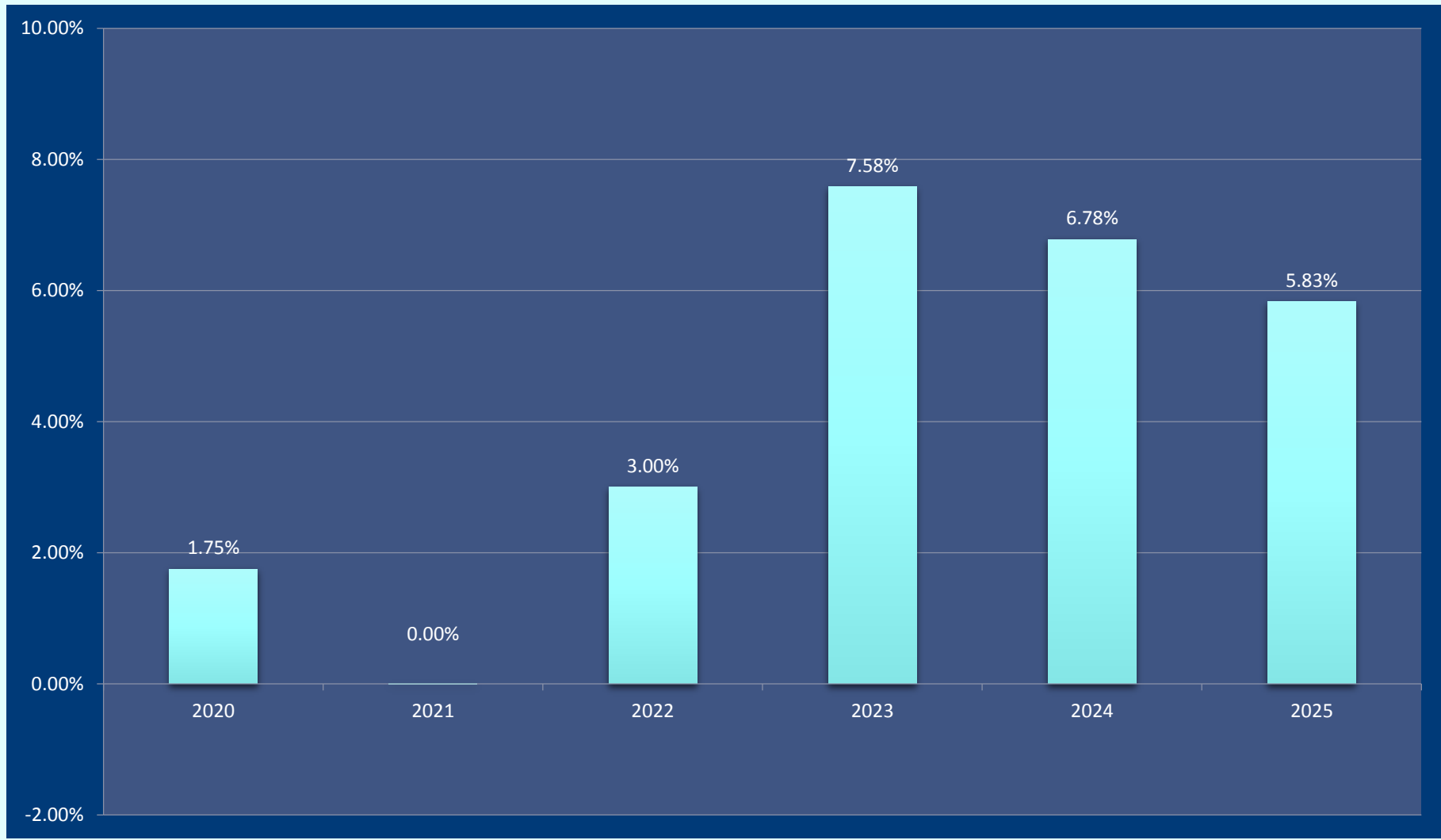
Tax Notice Line Items

Proposed 2025 Changes



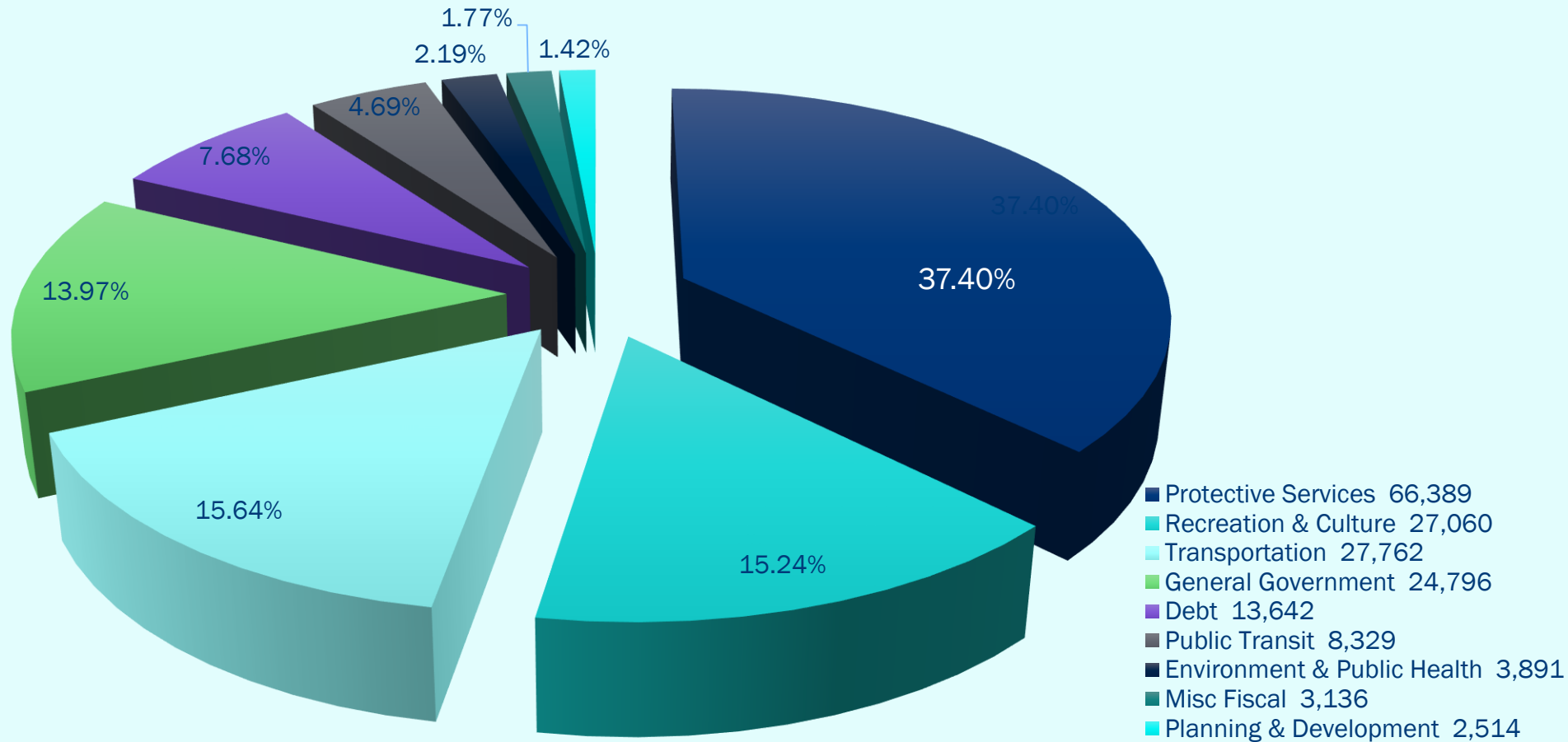
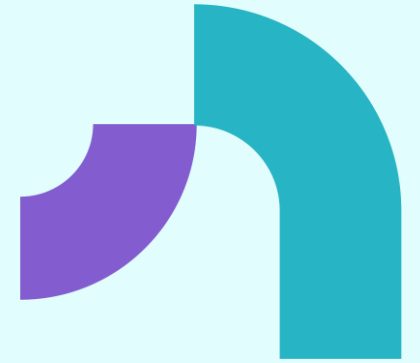
	2024 Levy	Proposed Increase	Increase as a % of total levies
General	\$117,596,571	\$5,703,155	4.11%
Snow Control	10,300,000	700,000	0.50%
Road Rehabilitation	6,700,000	300,000	0.22%
General Infrastructure Reinvestment Fund	4,242,482	1,388,391	1.00%
Total	\$138,839,053	\$8,091,546	5.83%

Tax Requisition Increases Actual 2020 to Proposed 2025



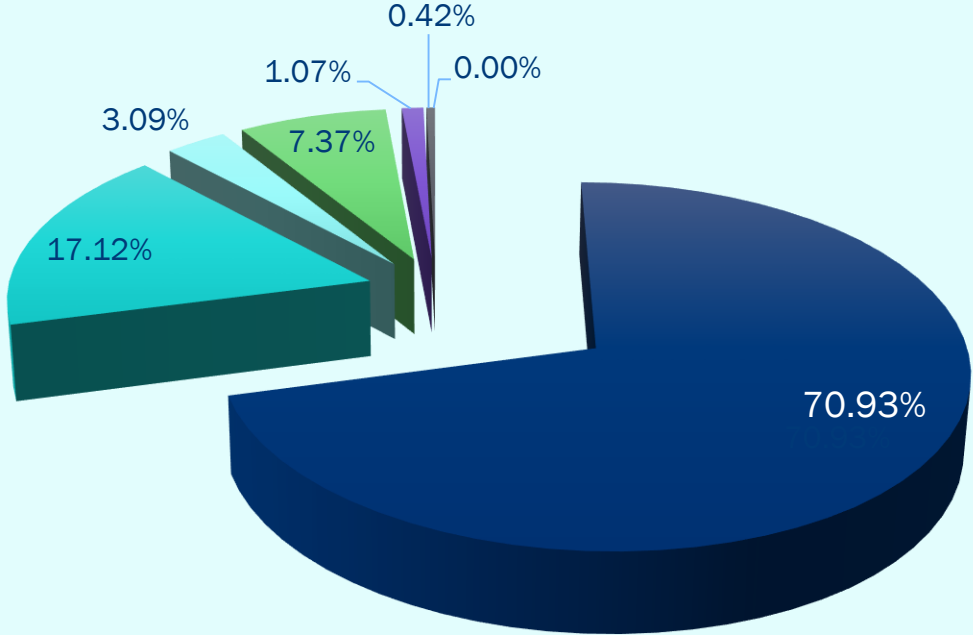
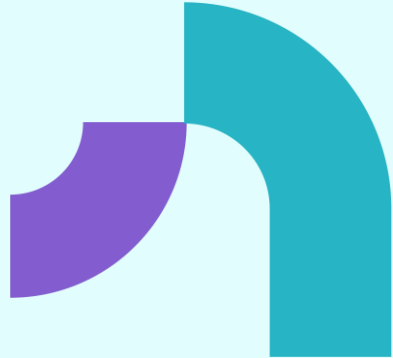
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2025 General Operating Expenses (in 000's)



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2025 Taxes Collected for City and Other Authorities

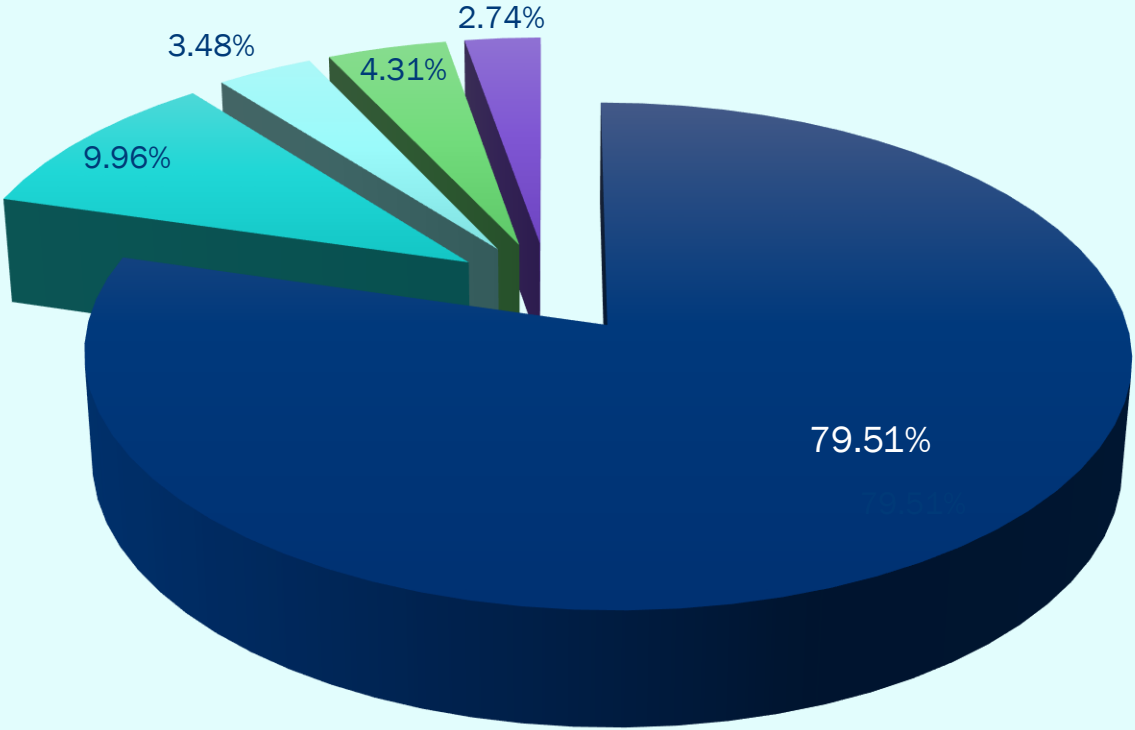
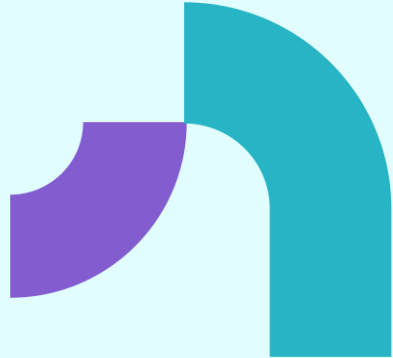


- City of Prince George \$149,153,273
- Provincial School Taxes \$36,000,000
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George \$6,500,000
- Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital \$15,500,000
- Regional District - 911 Service \$2,250,000
- BC Assessment \$880,000
- Municipal Finance Authority \$4,500



Financial Overview

2025 General Operating Source of Funds (in 000's)



■ Taxation 157,379

■ Sales of Service 19,711

■ Other - Licenses and Fees 6,894

■ Grants 8,539

■ Investments 5,416



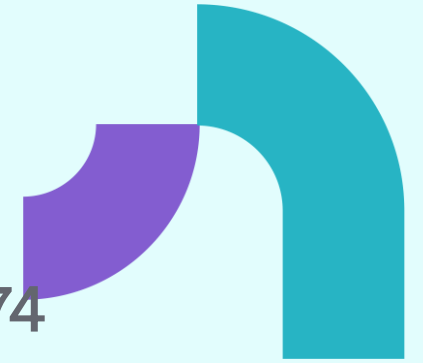
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Significant Budget Impacts

1. RCMP Contract – labour makes up the largest component of the cost per member that is provided by the Province (\$226.5k/member). The City is funding 139 positions
2. Transit increases as per the City’s Annual Operating Agreement (AOA) with BC Transit
3. Borrowing costs associated with participating in the 2024 Spring Issue
4. Roads - Increases to line painting contract as well as traffic control, concrete, asphalt and calcium for gravel roads
5. Grants – includes previously approved Council motion for the “Big Four” arts service providers and myPG grants program
6. Increase to contracts that the City has with service providers

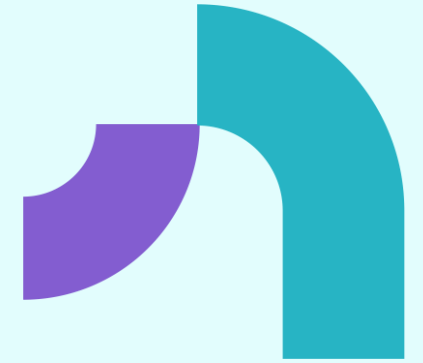
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Service Enhancements



1. Police Services Review – increase of four additional RCMP members and three additional municipal employees - \$1,235,058 (0.89%)
2. Fire Services Review – increase of five firefighters and promotion of four senior firefighters to lieutenants - \$732,122 (0.53%)
3. Bylaw Services – four new bylaw officers – \$395,672 (0.28%)
4. Comms – one engagement specialist - \$106,797 (0.08%)
5. Parks – two arborists - \$198,574 and capital fleet equipment of \$701,500 (effect wouldn't hit levy until 2026)
6. Parks – one rev event coordinator and events support - \$208,278 (0.15%)
7. Development Services – one parks planner - \$112,424 (0.08%)
8. If all are approved, tax levy increases from 5.83% to 7.84%

Financial overview



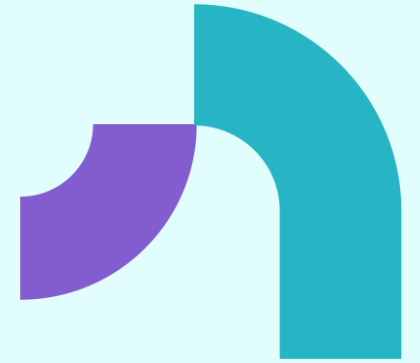
Tax Levy	Required Reduction
5.00%	1,149,593
4.00%	2,537,984
3.00%	3,926,375

2025 Capital Expenditure Plan

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The Capital Plan has been prioritized by the Capital Program Management Office with the functional areas, and subsequently the Senior Leadership Team considering the Sustainable Finance Policy, Asset Management Policy and Organizational Capital Project Management Policy and other inputs such as:

- Regulatory requirements, including health and safety
- Contractual and/or development obligations
- Council goals and corporate workplan
- Asset master plans/strategic plans and asset management plans, and assessments
- myPG framework (social, economic and environmental)
- Probability of asset failure, consequence of that failure and the acceptability of that risk
- Operational needs
- User need feedback (service requests, user group meetings, private development timing, etc.)
- All other forms of public consultation
- Operational capacity and industry considerations



2025 Capital Expenditure Plan

Provides for purchase, construction, re-investment, and upgrade of capital assets

Includes land and improvements, buildings, vehicles, machinery and equipment, infrastructure (roads, drainage, parks, sewer, water) and leasehold improvements

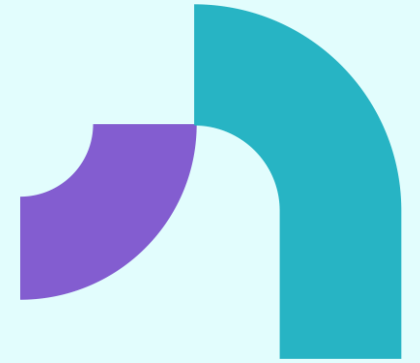
Ongoing Reliable Sources of Funding for General Capital

Road Rehabilitation Levy - \$6.7M

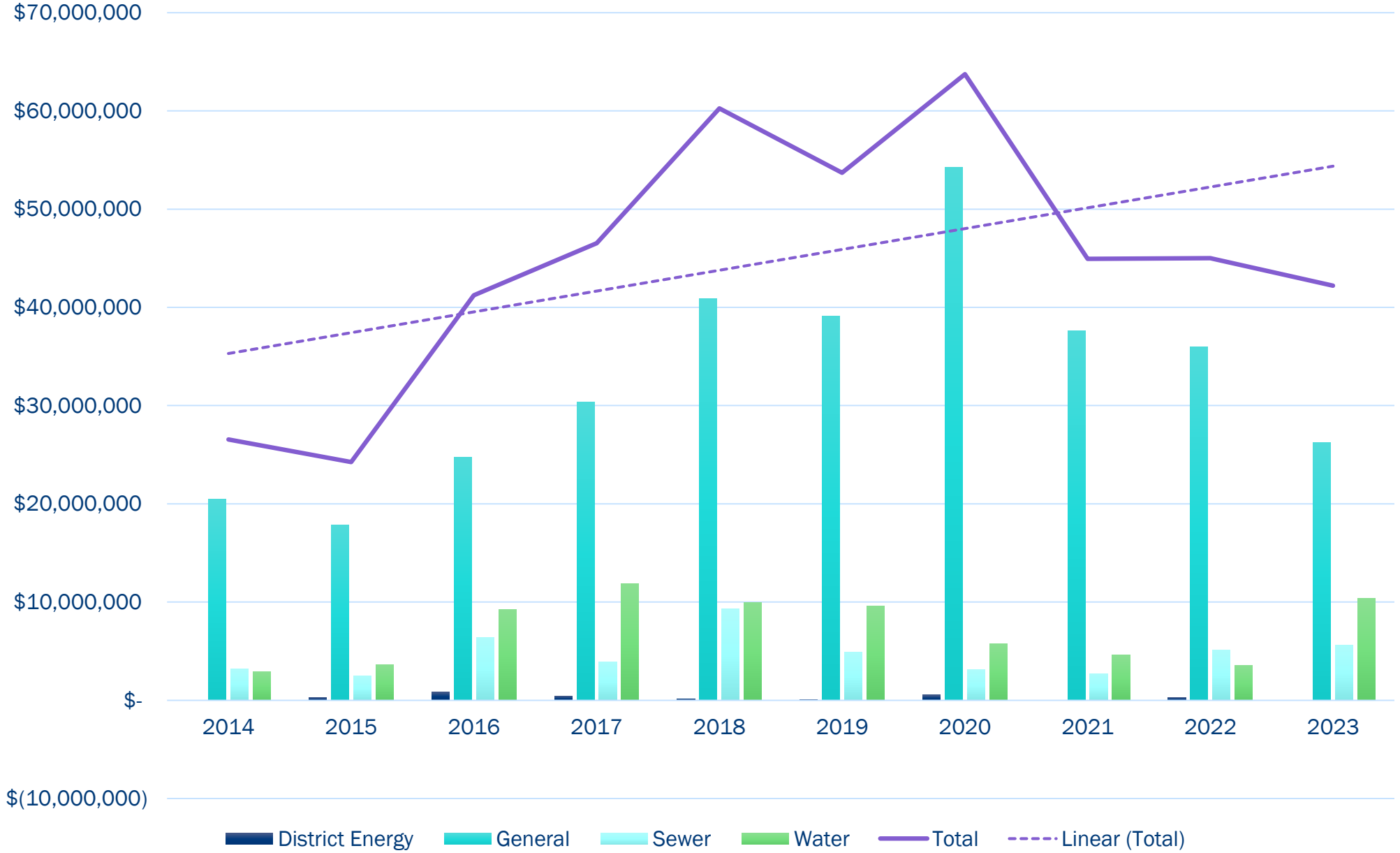
Community Works Funding - \$3.5M

General Infrastructure Reinvestment Fund - \$5.63M

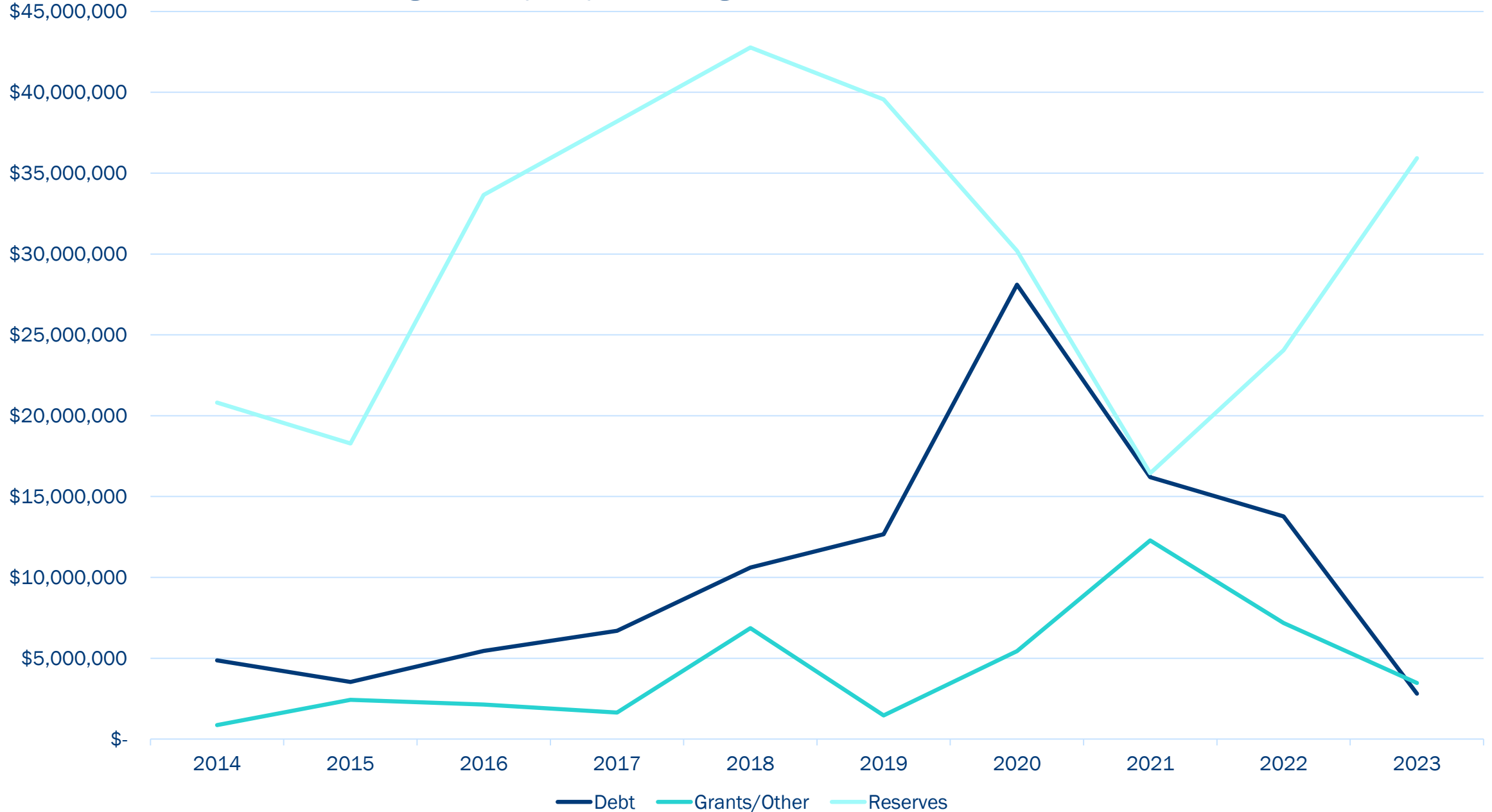
Gaming Revenue - \$2.7M



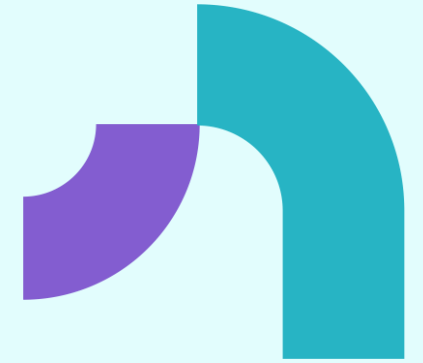
10 Year Capital Spending History - by Fund



10 Year Capital Spending History - by Funding Source



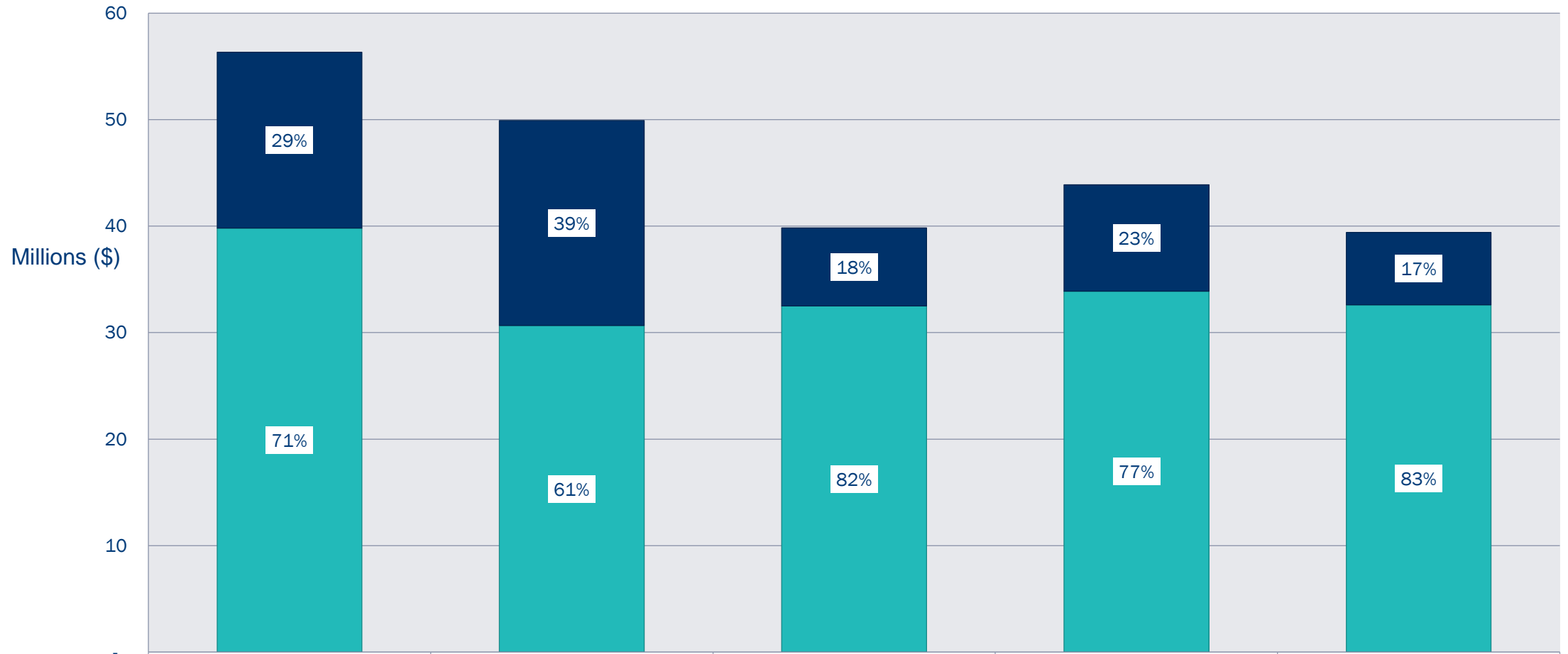
Liability Servicing Limit



A municipality has a regulated amount by the Province as to what we may borrow. It is mostly based on 25% of our controllable revenues.

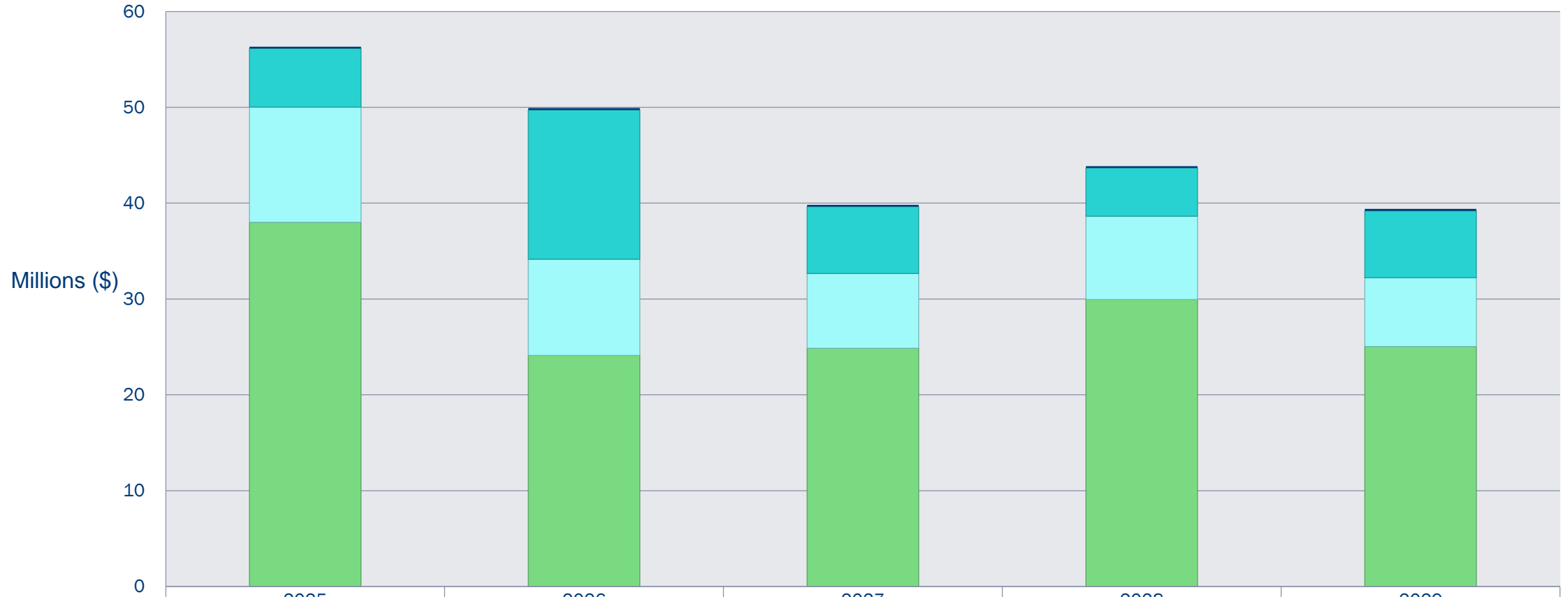
Year	Municipal Controllable Revenue	Liability Servicing Limit	Payment Capacity Available	Approximate Principal Borrowing Available
2019	\$177,512,689	\$44,378,172	\$23,982,421	\$266,471,344
2020	\$171,514,757	\$42,878,689	\$15,422,526	\$194,975,044
2021	\$178,208,247	\$44,552,062	\$24,965,473	\$289,622,657
2022	\$188,567,032	\$47,141,758	\$34,110,515	\$379,005,722
2023	\$209,889,114	\$52,472,279	\$38,327,316	\$425,859,067

2025-2029 Capital Plan by Type



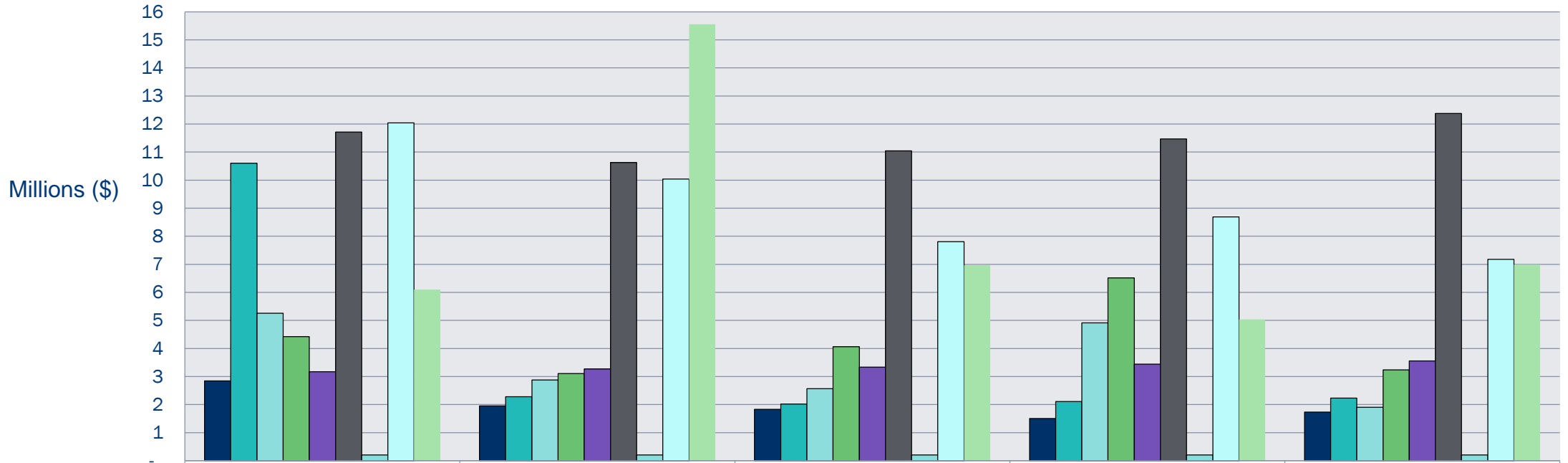
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
■ Upgrade/New	16,513,125	19,247,131	7,330,178	9,982,527	6,797,243
■ Reinvestment	39,820,875	30,673,648	32,495,868	33,889,194	32,602,945
Total	56,334,000	49,920,779	39,826,046	43,871,721	39,400,188

2025-2029 Capital Plan by Fund



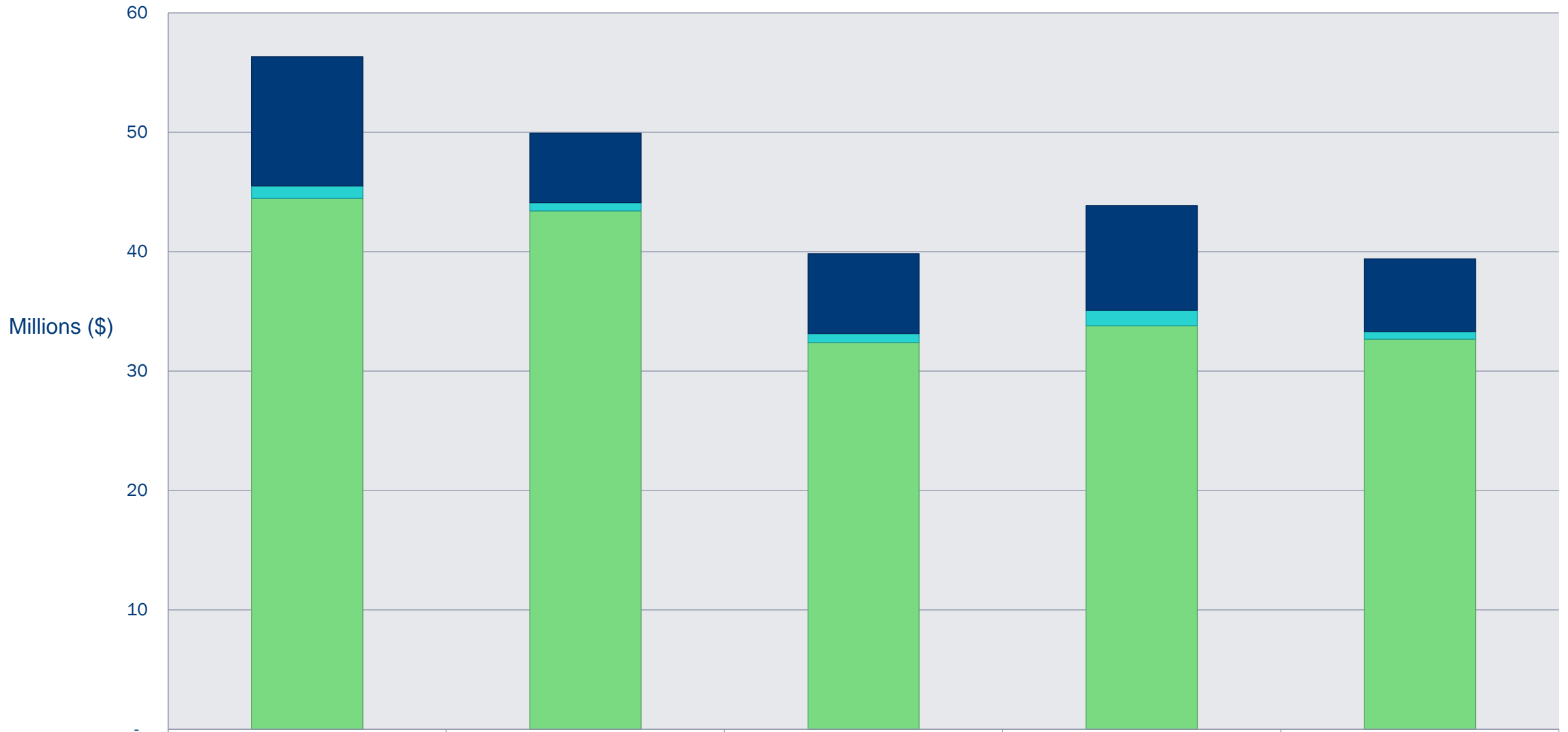
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
■ District Energy	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
■ Water	6,101,000	15,559,365	6,962,601	5,034,170	6,990,070
■ Sewer	12,037,000	10,041,015	7,803,264	8,687,691	7,173,990
■ General	37,996,000	24,120,399	24,860,181	29,949,860	25,036,128
Total	56,334,000	49,920,779	39,826,046	43,871,721	39,400,188

2025-2029 Capital Plan by Service Type



	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
■ Administrative Support	2,847,000	1,957,000	1,830,000	1,505,000	1,736,000
■ Civic Facilities	10,598,000	2,281,500	2,021,626	2,105,507	2,227,280
■ Recreation and Culture	5,251,500	2,876,912	2,568,153	4,911,140	1,906,698
■ Solid Waste and Fleet	4,418,000	3,106,662	4,058,660	6,515,185	3,235,956
■ Storm Drainage	3,170,000	3,270,000	3,336,000	3,444,000	3,553,000
■ Transportation	11,711,500	10,628,325	11,045,742	11,469,028	12,377,194
■ District Energy	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
■ Sewer	12,037,000	10,041,015	7,803,264	8,687,691	7,173,990
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2025-2029 Capital Plan by Funding Source



	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Debt	10,828,000	5,809,422	6,675,036	8,774,985	6,101,148
DCC	1,036,500	701,788	755,902	1,306,285	626,629
Reserve	44,469,500	43,409,569	32,395,108	33,790,451	32,672,411
Total	56,334,000	49,920,779	39,826,046	43,871,721	39,400,188

2025 Operating Budget

2025 Operating Budget Citywide



Departments

- Service Agreements
- Corporate Management
- Administrative Services
- Civic Operations
- Civic Facilities and Events
- Planning and Development
- Finance and IT Services

FTE Comparison 2025-2024

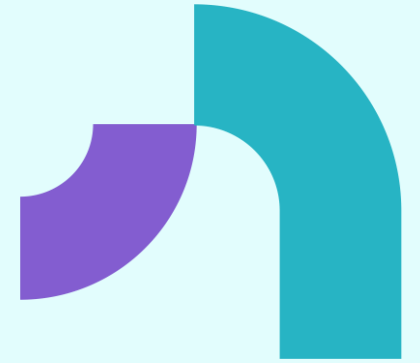


Department	2025	2024	2025 vs 2024
Corporate Management	34.2	34.2	0.0
Administrative Services	232.5	231.5	1.0
Civic Operations	258.7	257.2	1.6
Civic Facilities and Events	130.3	130.3	0.0
Planning and Development	28.8	28.8	0.0
Finance and IT Services	56.8	54.9	1.9
TOTAL	741.2	736.8	4.4

2025 Operating Budget Service Agreements

1. Service Categories

- Prince George Public Library
- Tourism Prince George





PRINCE GEORGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

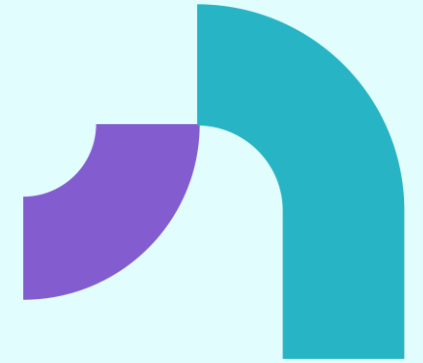


Tourism Prince George

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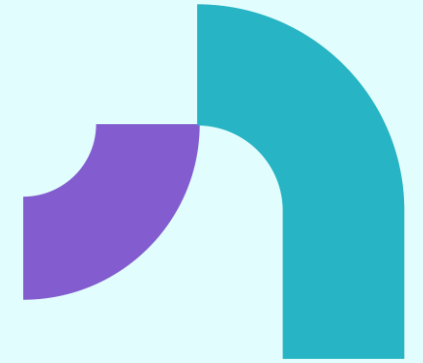
2025 Operating Budget

Corporate Management



Division	2025 FTE's	2024 FTE's	2025 vs 2024
Office of City Manager	2.0	3.0	(1.0)
Mayor & Council	9.0	9.0	0.0
Legislative Services	8.1	7.1	1.0
Human Resources	15.1	15.1	0.0
TOTAL	34.2	34.2	0.0

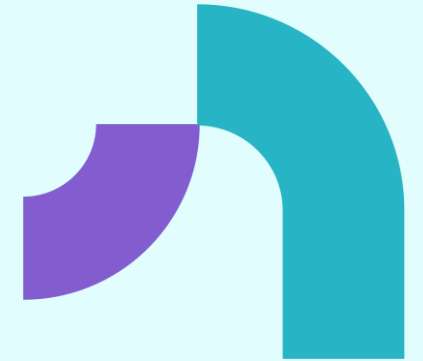
2025 Operating Budget Administrative Services



Division	2025 FTE's	2024 FTE's	2025 vs 2024
Police Protection	57.2	57.2	0.0
Fire and Rescue Services	136.4	136.4	0.0
Emergency Programs	2.0	2.0	0.0
Bylaw Services	25.8	25.9	(0.1)
Off-Street Parking	6.0	6.0	0.0
Communications	4.0	4.0	0.0
Intergovernmental Relations	1.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	232.4	231.5	0.9

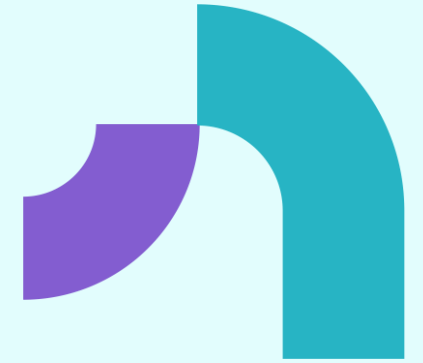
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Civic Operations



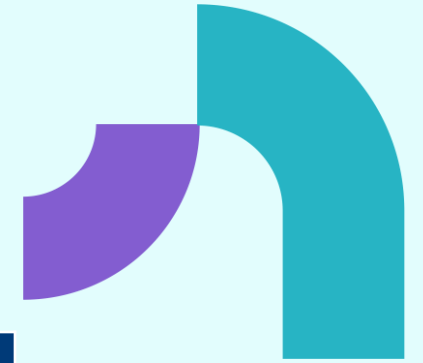
Division	2025 FTE's	2024 FTE's	2025 vs 2024
Snow Control	34.5	34.5	0.0
Roads	20.9	20.9	0.0
Storm Drainage	13.5	13.0	0.0
Fleet Services	30.0	30.1	(0.1)
Street Lighting	3.7	2.8	0.9
Civic Operations Admin	1.0	2.0	(1.0)
Solid Waste Services	12.0	12.0	0.0
Cemetery	5.1	5.1	0.0
Sewer Operations	42.8	42.6	0.2
Water Operations	42.7	42.8	(0.1)
Parks	44.5	44.5	0.0
District Energy	1.4	0.8	0.6
Transportation & Technical Services	7.1	6.1	1.0
TOTAL	258.7	257.2	1.5

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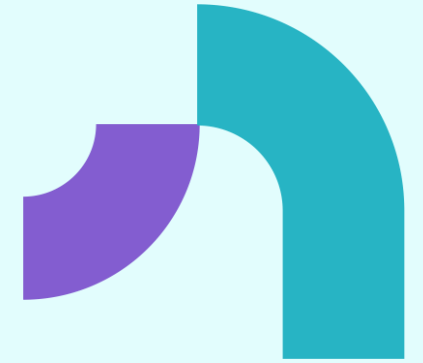
Division	2025 FTE's	2024 FTE's	2025 vs 2024
Aquatics	51.1	51.1	0.0
Civic Facilities and Events Admin	3.0	1.0	2.0
Civic Initiatives and Partnerships	0.0	2.0	(2.0)
Project Delivery	5.5	5.5	0.0
Facility Maintenance	15.2	15.2	0.0
Capital Program Management Office	4.0	4.0	0.0
Entertainment Services	4.2	5.3	(1.1)
Event Services	8.8	14.1	(5.3)
Event Operations	38.6	32.1	6.4
TOTAL	130.3	130.3	0.0

2025 Operating Budget Planning and Development



Division	2025 FTE's	2024 FTE's	2025 vs 2024
Dev Planning and Admin	22.8	22.8	0.0
Economic Development	3.0	3.0	0.0
Asset Management	3.0	3.0	0.0
TOTAL	28.8	28.8	0.0

2025 Operating Budget Finance and IT Services



Division	2025 FTE's	2024 FTE's	2025 vs 2024
Risk and Procurement	6.1	6.1	0.0
IT Services	23.4	21.4	2.0
Financial Services (inc. Service Centre)	27.3	27.4	(0.1)
Fiscal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	56.8	54.9	1.9

Questions?

