



Town of Creston 2026 Municipal Budget



Land Acknowledgment

We are grateful to live on the unceded traditional territory of the yaqan nukiy, within the Ktunaxa Nations.

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Scan the QR code to visit Let's Talk Creston, our public engagement website. There, you can ask questions, share your feedback, and leave comments about the proposed 2026 Municipal Budget. Your input helps shape the decisions that impact our community.



Your Mayor and Council

The Town of Creston Council is the local elected body responsible for governing our town and promoting its economic, social and environmental well-being.

Town Council is made up of the Mayor and six Councillors who are elected to serve a four-year term. The Mayor is the Chair of Town Council.

The primary function of Council is to consider the interests and well-being of the public and the Town and to use its powers for the benefit and protection of its residents.

Council does this through the establishment of policies, the adoption of bylaws and the collection of property taxes and user fees.

The day-to-day administration and operation of the Town is delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer and Town Staff.

You can contact Mayor and Council directly at info@creston.ca.



2026 Budget Process

The Town follows a multi-step process to develop the Budget. **The public is always welcome to attend any of the Council meetings regarding the budget.** Below are some of the key steps and dates in the budget cycle.



Public Engagement

In December 2025, the Town of Creston mailed 3,457 budget surveys directly to Creston residents' mailboxes to encourage broad community input on municipal priorities and spending. While we often hear strong opinions and questions about the budget, only 140 completed surveys were returned.

Community feedback plays an important role in helping Council understand what matters most to residents, and survey responses are one of the most effective ways for voices to be heard in a meaningful and constructive way. We appreciate everyone who took the time to participate and encourage continued engagement in future opportunities to help shape the Town's financial decisions.

Council's Strategic Plan

2022 - 2026

Council's Strategic Plan and the Municipal Budget are closely connected and work hand-in-hand. The Strategic Plan sets Council's priorities and long-term goals for the community—what they want to achieve and where they want to focus their efforts—while the Municipal Budget is the tool that makes those goals possible. All budget decisions are guided by the Strategic Plan, helping ensure that taxpayer dollars are directed toward projects, services and initiatives that align with Council's approved priorities. In short, the Strategic Plan outlines the "what" and "why," and the Municipal Budget delivers the "how."



Community Safety & Security

Council recognizes that a community's strength is in its safety and will focus on ensuring residents feel safe in the Town's region.

AREAS OF FOCUS

Public Safety

Support the key services that make all our residents feel safe.

Emergency Management

Continue to take a leadership role regionally to prepare, protect and plan for the impact of emergency events.

Housing

Continue to find innovative solutions to support the dignity of our residents by encouraging diverse housing options.

Transportation

Advocate for highway and transportation improvements to make travel within the region safer and affordable.



Service Excellence

The Town is disciplined in its own service delivery and fiscally responsible in its management of assets and regional relationships.

AREAS OF FOCUS

Community Engagement

Facilitate proactive and transparent communication with community members.

Participate Regionally

Continue to engage regionally to enhance the economic, social and environmental health of the region.

Management of Assets

Proactively plan for the financial impact of sustainably managing our assets.

Governance

Focus on systems and communication that ensures we are supportive and strong leaders in our roles.



Economic Health

We support and enhance economic health as being critically linked to quality of life in our community.

AREAS OF FOCUS

Business Friendly

Provide an environment where new and existing businesses can thrive.

Vibrant Downtown

Recognize the importance of a vibrant downtown with community pride, livability and economic prosperity.

Proactive Community Growth

Create infrastructure policies and programs so residents can thrive.



Livability

The Town is an inclusive, connected place for residents to play, celebrate the arts and connect with nature.

AREAS OF FOCUS

Connectivity

Develop sustainable, active, safe, and efficient transportation.

Vibrant Arts and Culture

Celebrate the artistry and diversity of our community based on individual lived experience.

Volunteer Support

Enable and encourage volunteers and community organizations addressing social and environmental issues.

Recreation

Maintain and enhance opportunities for our residents to connect in community spaces and live healthy lives.

2026 Budget Overview

Plan Purpose

The Town has a well-established financial plan process that focuses on strong financial management, sustainability and transparency to the public. The Town strives to be resourceful and innovative to meet community needs.

As part of the financial planning process, Council carefully deliberates on community services provided, the level of service, goals, and overall allocation of resources, including capital projects for the coming year. This process involves weighing the needs and requests of the community and ensuring these service levels can be met within the annual budget.

Operating and Capital Summary

This section contains a summary of services provided by the Town of Creston and accompanying budget. We provide a high level summary of all operating and capital activity upfront so that readers can understand the big picture quickly and effectively.

Divisions & Departments

This section is organized by divisions. This allows residents to see how the priorities align with various aspects of the organization and the budgets associated with specific programs and services.

Detailed schedules for each operating fund are included, providing insight into the Town's operating budget. Each schedule shows revenues and expenses by function insuring transparency across all departments.

Who is this Report For?

This report is for all residents of Creston. It is designed to clearly explain how the Town operates and how public funds are used. By the end of this report, you should feel confident as a reader that you understand:

- What the change in municipal tax rates are, why the change happened and where that money is used.
- Where the Town's revenues come from and where the expenses go.
- The cost of running each department and the services those departments provide.

Community at a Glance

POPULATION 5,600



AGE CATEGORIES

0-19.....	16%
20 TO 39.....	17%
40 TO 59.....	21%
60 TO 79.....	34%
80+.....	12%

HOUSEHOLDS

Owned.....	76%
Rented.....	24%



EDUCATION

High School Diploma.....	27%
Post Secondary.....	41%
No Certificate, Diploma, Degree.....	16%

*data per 2021 census

Why inflation feels different for residents than for municipalities

While CPI tracks household expenses (like food, rent and transportation), municipal costs are mainly driven by labour, equipment and operating facilities. That's why public inflation and municipal inflation don't always look or feel the same.



A CLOSER LOOK

The Path to 2026

Summary of 2026 Budget Challenges



High Inflation Rates



High Costs of Asset Management



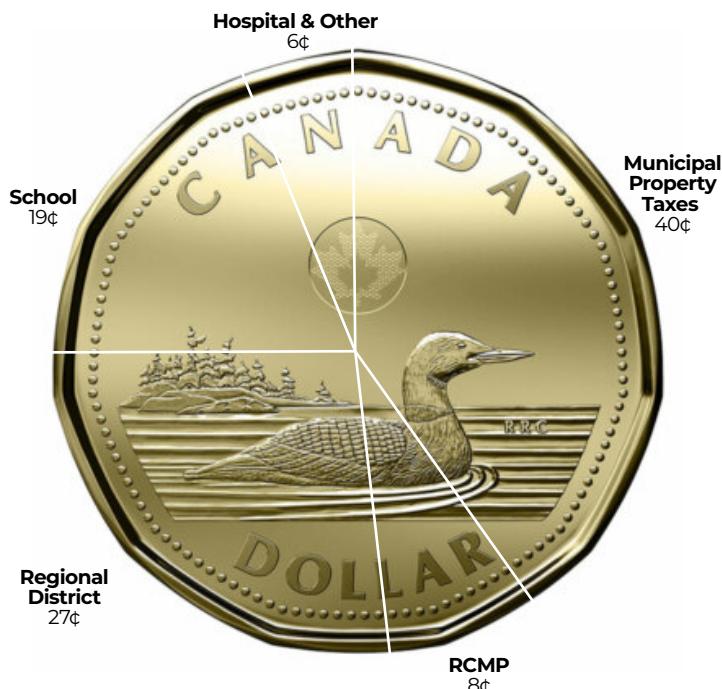
Public Demand for Increased Community Safety

Entering into budget deliberations for the 2026 budget, inflationary pressures were once again high, with wide ranging implications to the operating budget. The budget was pressured by increased labour costs, costs of supplies and utilities. The cost for products and services that the average resident may not even notice, such as water pipes, salt, sand, and diesel, have all increased over the last few years.

There were increased community demands for the Town on emergency management, providing assistance to the unhoused and facilitating affordable housing and childcare.

Dollars & Sense

Where does one municipal tax dollar go?



Town's Financial Plan

- The Town is required by provincial legislation to not run a deficit, and using reserves to balance is not a sustainable model.
- Similar to running a household, if monthly expenses exceed monthly revenues and savings are used to make up the difference, eventually the savings will run out.
- The Town needs to continually build savings to offset the cost of replacing aged infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, equipment) to limit or lower borrowing to fund the replacement.

2025 TAXATION

Municipal.....2.97%
Purposes

Policing.....2.32%

Asset.....0.53%
Replacement

ENDING 2025 TAX INCREASE

5.8%

2026 Budget in Brief

Below is a summary of the Town's operating and capital budgets. Refer to the "Closer Look" section for more detail.

	Core Operations	2025	2026
	Operational Budget	\$13.6M	\$12.7M
	Capital	\$20.4M	\$14.1M
	Wastewater Fund	2025	2026
	Operational Budget	\$5.5M	\$4.5M
	Capital	\$4.8M	\$3.2M
	Water Fund	2025	2026
	Operational Budget	\$2.0M	\$2.1M
	Capital	\$0.3M	\$0.3M
	Solid Waste Fund	2025	2026
	Operational Budget	\$0.5M	\$0.5M
	Capital	\$0M	\$0M

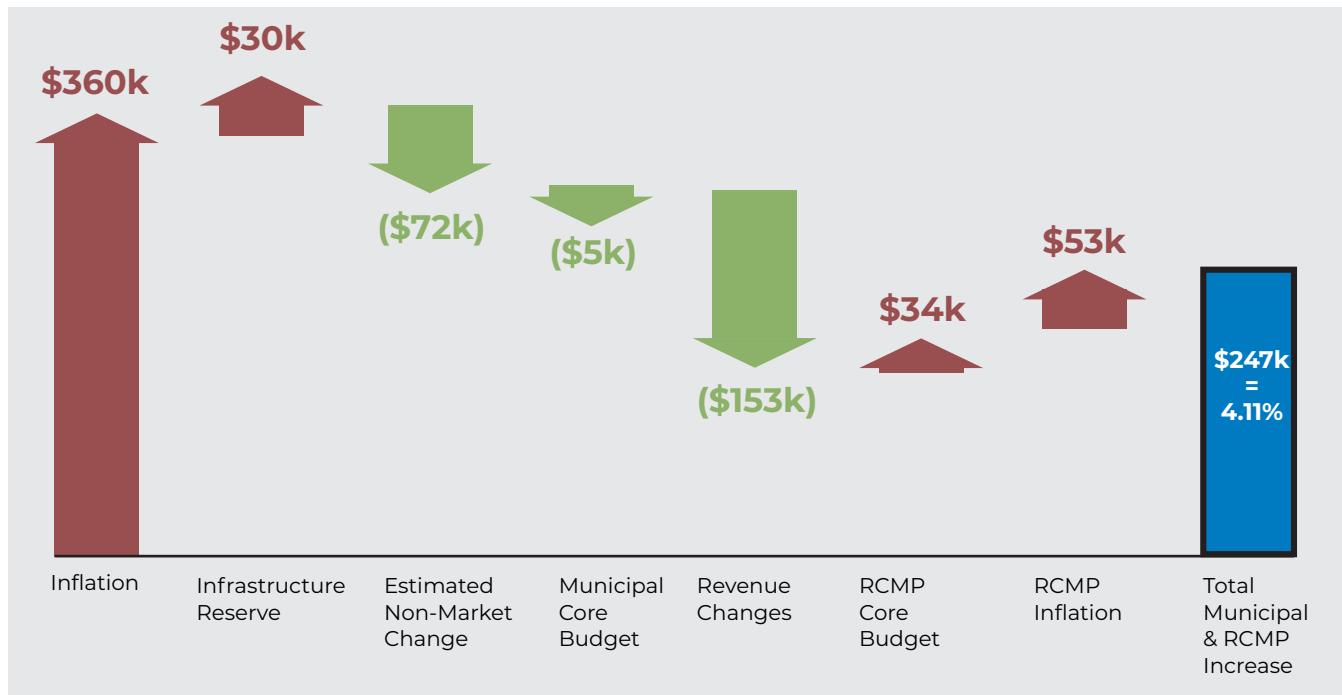
2026 Municipal & RCMP Budget Increase

A waterfall chart is like a money staircase that shows how you get from a starting amount to a final total by adding "ups" and "downs" in between. Each floating step represents:

 **Increase in costs/decrease in revenue**

 **Decrease in costs/increase in revenue**

The final bar at the end acts as the "landing pad" that shows the proposed tax increase for 2026: **4.11%**.



Summary of Budget Changes

The Town's Draft 2026 Budget is being shared publicly in February 2026. Included in the draft plan is a proposed tax increase of **4.11%** for existing rate payers. Over the following weeks, public consultation will be undertaken through on-line feedback and an advertised public Council meeting on March 3, 2026.

Inflation – This represents obligated and inflationary increases such as wages, utilities and the equipment servicing.

Infrastructure Reserve – Per council policy, the Town sets aside \$30k/year to help fund aging infrastructure replacement.

Estimated Non-Market Change – This is the estimated amount of new tax revenue from new properties.

Municipal Core Budget – For 2026, the Town is proposing a budget decrease, utilizing some of the Town's prior year surplus to help offset the increase to taxation.

Revenue Changes – This represents increases to budgeted revenue for services the Town provides, offsetting the increase to taxation.

RCMP Core Budget – This represents the 2026 tax increase relating to adding additional RCMP staff.

RCMP Inflation – This represents increases to overall policing cost for RCMP wages, prison costs and building expenses.

Total Municipal & RCMP Increase – This represents the tax increase proposed for 2026 to balance the budget.

Quick Question! Why are taxes going up if the budget is going down?

Our budget contains costs for one-time revenues and expenses designated to complete specific work, just as Master Plans for storm water. Once we have completed the work, there is no need to budget for these items again. The Town is continually undertaking, and completing, one-time projects, and our overall budget may still increase based on expenses for core operations (our day-to-day activities).

Summary of New Initiatives

The table below summarizes all of the new initiatives for the 2026 fiscal year and details how these initiatives will be funded. The total increase to taxation from these new initiatives is \$29k, which is made up of the two lines on the left: RCMP Core Budget increase of \$34k and Municipal Core Budget decrease of (\$5k). More detail is available in the department overview section of this book, and full details of each individual initiative can be found in Appendix B.

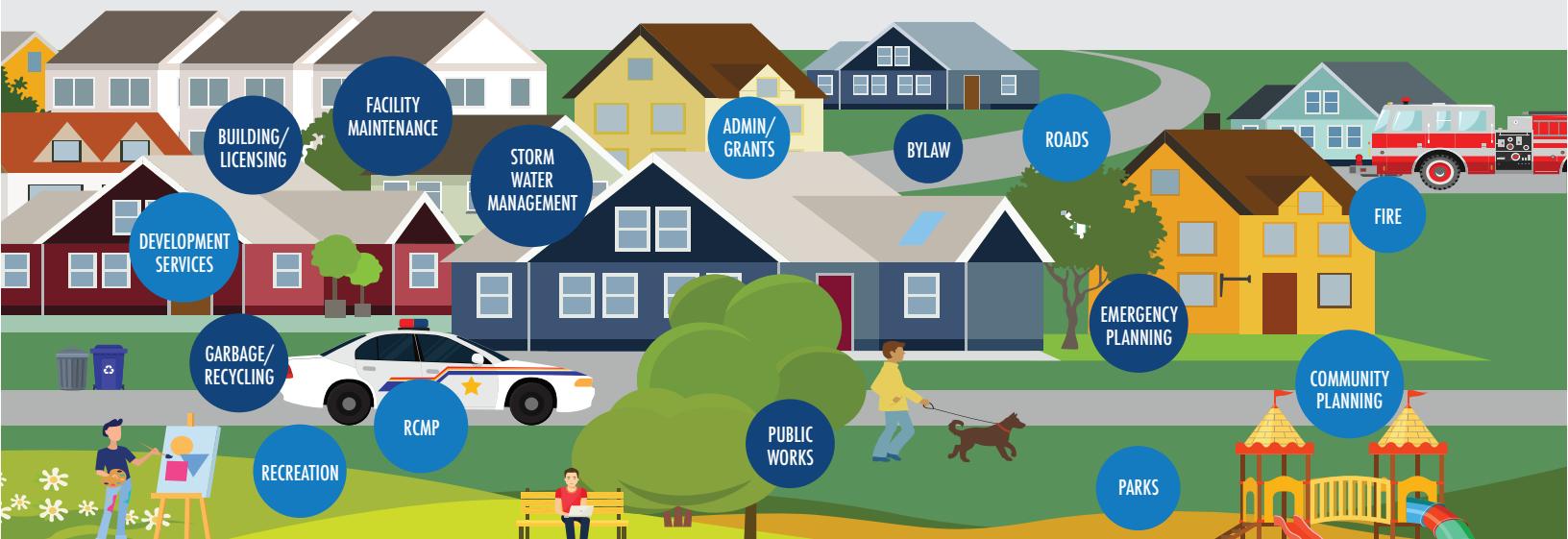
	Source of Funds		
	Increase to Taxation	Surplus & Reserves	Third-Party
Core Budget Operations	\$29,215	\$352,261	
One-Time Projects: Operational		\$709,224	\$1,012,221
One-Time Projects: Capital		\$1,751,600	\$15,858,617
Total	\$29,215	\$2,813,085	\$16,780,838

Budget Basics

Each year, the Town updates its Financial Plan and goes through a budget process to determine how much it will need to spend on an annual basis to:

- Maintain current levels of service (base operating budget)
- Incorporate service level enhancements or reductions
- Incorporate new operating initiatives
- Fund Capital projects

Services You Receive



Sources of Funding

The Town receives funding for these services and capital projects from the following sources:

- Taxation
- Provincial/Federal Grants
- Utility User Fees
- Sale of Service
- Donations/Other
- Development Cost Charges
- Investment Income

There are four parts to the Financial Plan and each part has at least one operating budget and capital budget.



In addition to services provided by the three utilities, residents also receive the following services through the Core Operations.

A Steady Approach to Taxation

As part of updating the Financial Plan, the Town considers what funds are required to maintain or enhance these services. This may result in increases to property taxes or utility rates. The Town plans for stable, ongoing tax rate increases to fund inflation, ensure sustainable services and plan for current and future community needs. This approach provides citizens and businesses the ability to anticipate future expenditures.

2026 Municipal Budget and You

The approved 2026 Financial and Corporate Business Plan includes a tax rate of **4.11%**. The following chart shows the estimated monthly increase for municipal property taxes. The estimates are based on the average residential or commercial property assessment.

ESTIMATED TOTAL MONTHLY INCREASES

Residents

\$6.02

Residents average annual increase of **4.11%** per year, based on average annual property assessment of **\$427,000**.

Businesses

\$12.03

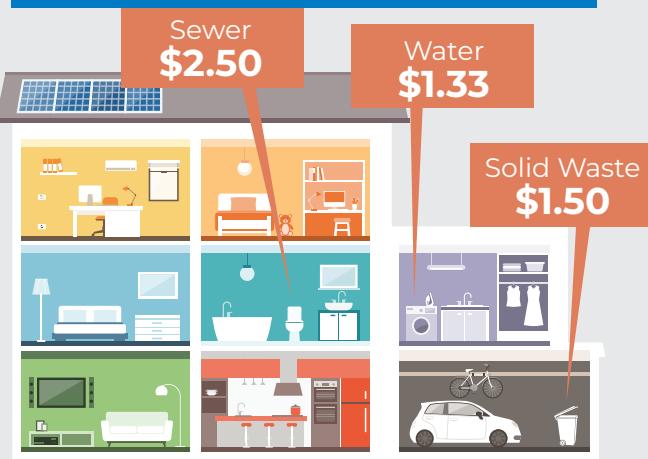
Businesses average annual increase of **4.11%** per year, based on annual average property assessment of **\$409,836**.

Increase in Monthly Residential Utility Rates

Sewer
\$2.50

Water
\$1.33

Solid Waste
\$1.50



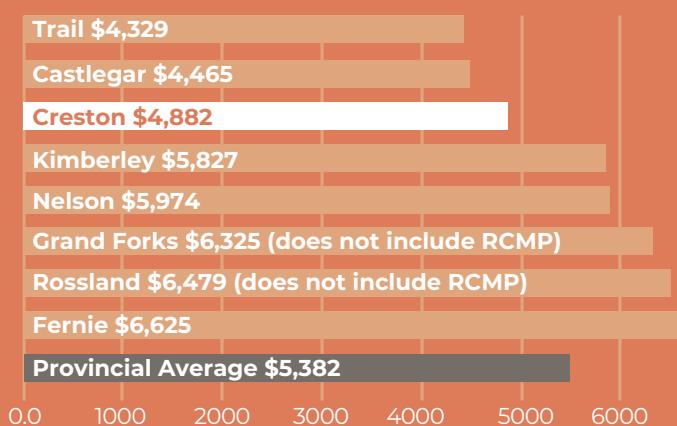
Residents

Average Residential Property will pay an estimated additional **\$64** annually.

Resident Taxes Competitiveness

Residential Tax - Completed Year 2025

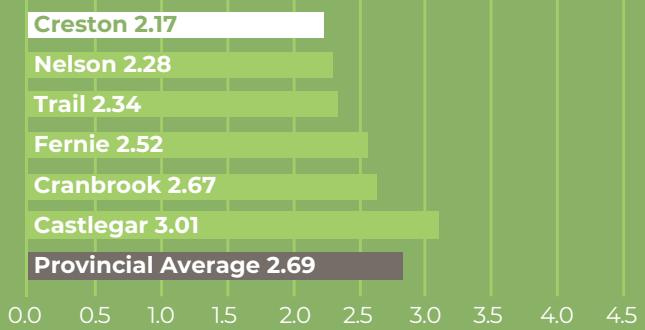
Creston continues to have one of the lowest total residential taxes and charges in the region.



Business Taxes Competitiveness

Business Tax Multiplier - Completed Year 2025

The business taxpayer pays more than the residential taxpayer recognizing their greater use of Town assets and infrastructure.



A CLOSER LOOK

2026 Operations

The operations includes revenue and expenses for all services, assets and amenities that are not associated with utilities and capital. The main source of funding for the General Fund is property taxes.

General Revenues **\$12.7 Million**

Municipal Taxes	\$6.7M
Grants and Transfers	\$2.6M
Fees, Misc & Sales of Service	\$1.6M
Protective Services	\$1.2M

Use of Reserves **\$0.6M**

General Expenses **\$12.7 Million**

General Government	\$3.6M
Protective Services	\$2.4M
Infrastructure	\$2.1M
Policing - RCMP	\$1.8M
Community Services	\$1.1M

Contributions to Reserves **\$1.8M**

GENERAL REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Tax increase considered by Council is 4.11% for the 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan.
- The Town has benefited from higher investment interest rates which have increased revenue received on invested funds. The amount of project grants decreased in 2026.

GENERAL EXPENSES HIGHLIGHTS

- Expense increase is attributed to wages, gas and electricity rates, equipment maintenance, and policing costs.

A CLOSER LOOK

2026 Utilities

The Town operates three utilities: Water, Sewer and Solid Waste. These utilities are funded through annual utility bills that are mailed out in early January of each calendar year. While the utility invoice does not have to be paid until December, there is a discount if paid before the end of January.

 WATER	
Supply	\$1.0M
Administration	\$336k
Distribution	\$313k
Treatment	\$19k
Contributions to Reserves \$439k	
 SEWER	
Treatment	\$1.2M
Administration	\$345k
Collection	\$300k
Debt Repayment	\$200k
Contributions to Reserves \$2.3M	
 SOLID WASTE	
Collection	\$500k
Organics	\$9k
Sanitation	\$4k
Yard Waste Pick-up	\$22k
Highlights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continued capital investments replacing aging mains and equipment mitigates risk of service failures and insures safe and healthy water for our residents.	
Highlights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Waste Water Treatment Plant operational and capital cost increases.Utilities Superintendent.	
Highlights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adopted increase of 9% for solid waste rates. Increases are due to increased collection contract and increased RDCK landfill rate.	

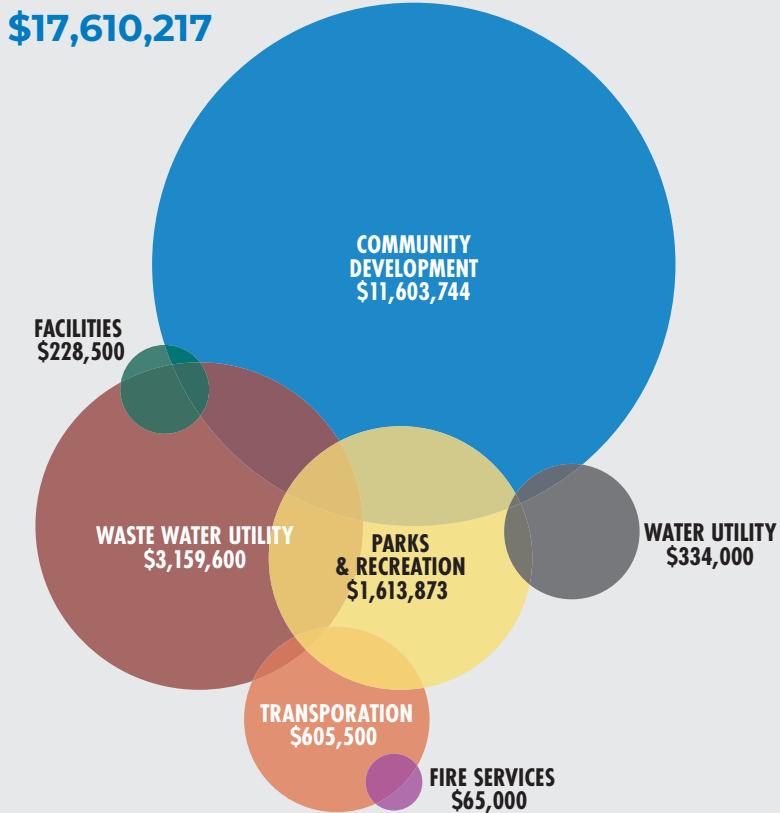
For 2026, the Town conducted a full review of utility rates to assess the necessary rates to fund operations, maintain infrastructure and build new projects while considering the effects on home owners. The 2026 Utility Rates for water, sewer and solid waste were adopted in December 2025. Utility rates will be reviewed annually.

To inform the new rates, the Town has updated Master Plans and renewed its Asset Management Plans for each area. This important information will help ensure that the proposed rates for future years will enable the Town to provide reliable and forward-focused services.

A CLOSER LOOK

Capital Projects

Capital spending refers to the funds used to acquire, build, maintain, or replace the Town's assets and amenities, such as land, buildings and equipment. Annually, the Town allocates surpluses to reserves to fund future capital projects, as well as actively pursuing capital grant and funding opportunities from various agencies.



Key Projects

WATER HIGHLIGHTS

Replacing aging water mains and fire hydrants. Remote control trench packer for safety and continue improvements to the SCADA system.

SEWER HIGHLIGHTS

Aging sewer main replacements, inflow and influent remediation and a new sewer pipe camera. At the Waste Water Treatment Plant, continuation of septage receiving station, grit removal systems, PH adjustment system, and overflow lift station.

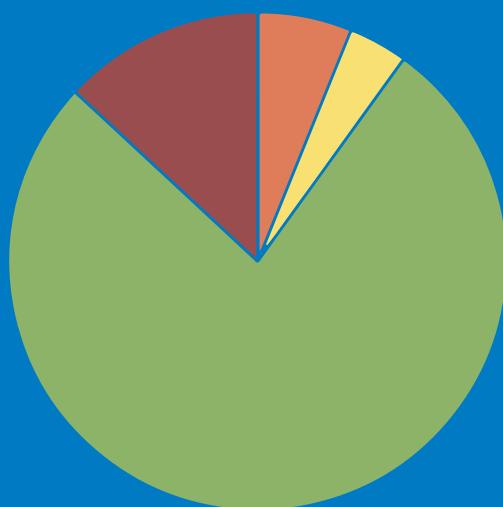
GENERAL OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- Provincial grant submission for new childcare facility (\$10.9M)
- Road rehabilitation program (\$450k)
- ?aku?ni development (\$1.2M)
- Downtown revitalization (\$725k)

Funding Our Capital Projects

Funding for our capital projects comes from multiple sources. The following chart shows the source of funding.

- Operating & Surplus \$1.1M
- Reserves \$0.7M
- Government Grants \$13.6M
- Third Party Sources \$2.3M



ASSET MANAGEMENT

Capital Borrowing

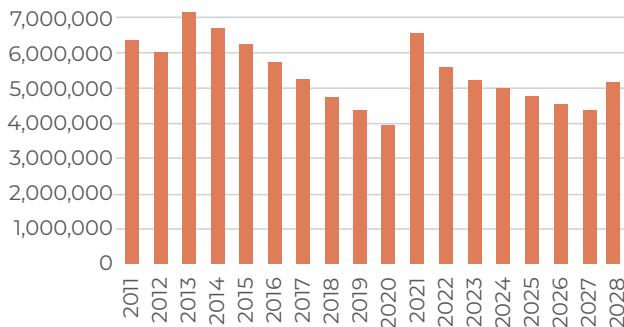
Planned Borrowing

Capital projects are primarily funded through the Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Gas Tax), reserves and utility user rates. Other capital funding sources include, but are not limited to, Development Cost Charges (DCCs), grants, third party contributions, and debt financing.

The Town has identified a potential \$40 million in major capital infrastructure projects, of which an estimated \$25 million is projected to be funded over the next decade. This is in addition to the Town's annual average capital spending.

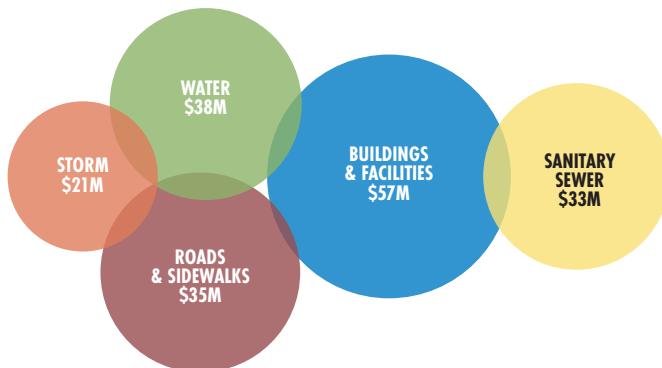
These projects will be funded partially through taxation, grants, developer contributions, reserves, and the remainder funded by debt financing. Debt financing is used strategically to maintain the Town's financial strength and stability. Debt financing will only be undertaken in compliance with the relevant sections of the Community Charter and related regulations.

Capital Borrowing Plan



Asset Replacement Values

Asset management plays a vital role in ensuring that the Town is fully optimizing its assets and amenities. The Town owns approx. \$192 million in infrastructure assets as detailed below.



How Do We Borrow:

The Town must borrow under the Municipal Finance Authority which enables the Town to access the best rates possible because of the MFA's AAA credit rating.

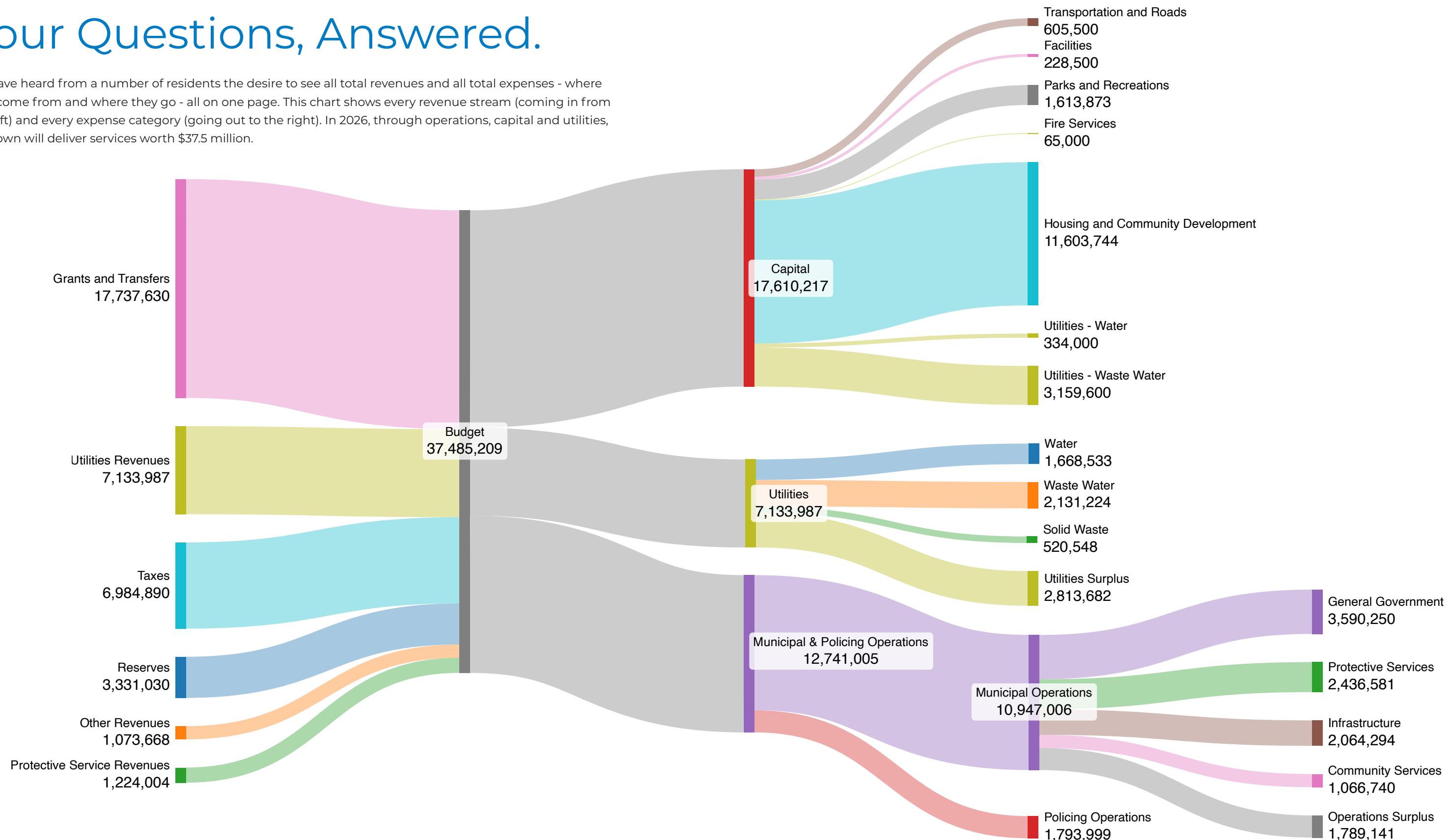
Under the Community Charter legislation, provincial regulations establish a limit based on the cost of servicing the aggregate liabilities of the municipality. The cost of servicing the liabilities cannot exceed 25% of the total revenues for the previous year (some exclusions apply). The Town's 2024 debt financing ratio was 5.5%. With the additional borrowing on the funded projects, the debt financing ratio will fluctuate over the next five years between 3.2% and 2.77%. In 2026, the Town remains in a healthy position to take on additional debt to finance its capital needs if required.

Projects to Be Funded With Debt

The Town has identified one major project that will require borrowing to fund over the next five years. The Highway Re-alignment Project of moving Highway 3 from Canyon Street to Cook Street will require a financial commitment to the Province.

Your Questions, Answered.

We have heard from a number of residents the desire to see all total revenues and all total expenses - where they come from and where they go - all on one page. This chart shows every revenue stream (coming in from the left) and every expense category (going out to the right). In 2026, through operations, capital and utilities, the Town will deliver services worth \$37.5 million.

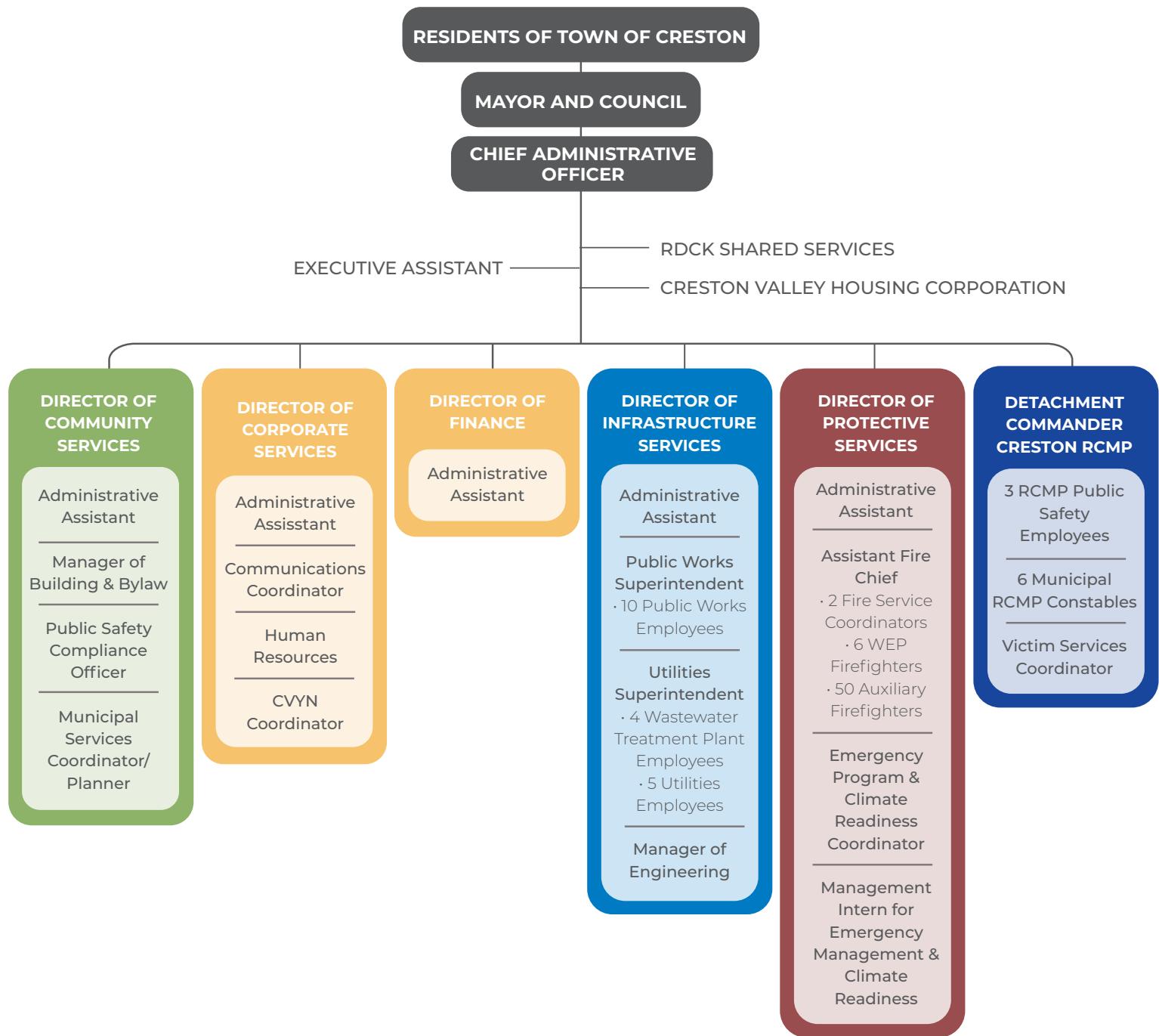


Town of Creston

Divisions & Departments

Organization Overview

In order to support Town Council and the needs of the community, the Town is led by the Chief Administrative Officer with support from the Town's divisional directors, managers and union and non-union staff. The majority of Town services are provided by four major divisions: General Government; Community Services; Infrastructure Services; and, Protective Services, each with a number of departments. Stand alone services include the contracted policing services through the RCMP. Arms-length services are offered through Kootenay Employment Services and the Regional District of Central Kootenay.



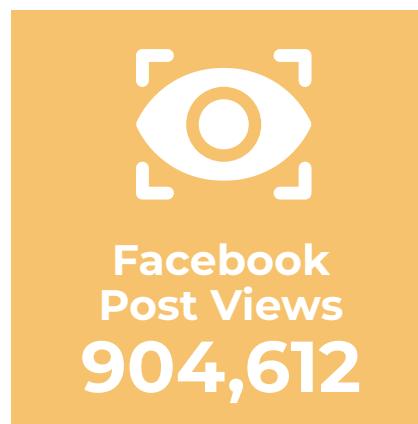


General Government

General government is the connection between residents, council and the Town services. Corporate administration provides the support to carry out council's strategic priorities. Corporate services oversees human resources, workplace safety and communications. In addition, corporate services ensures fair and effective elections, all the more important for 2026. Making sure staff are paid, financials are published and keeping the Town up to date of everything exciting all falls under general government.

Budget Overview & Key Budget Changes

	2025	2026
General Government	\$1.6M	\$1.7M
Facilities & IT	\$0.7M	\$1.2M
Council and Council Directed Activities	\$0.3M	\$0.4M
Finance and Debt	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Total	\$2.8M	\$3.5M



2026 General Government Initiatives

Source of Funds			
	Increase to Taxation	Surplus & Reserves	Third-Party Funding
Core Budget Operations			
Board of Variance		\$5,000	
Executive Assistant to Mayor and CAO	\$23,225	\$76,263	
Creston Valley Housing Corporation	(\$33,445)		
Deputy Director of Finance		\$90,955	\$27,652
Total	(\$10,220)	\$172,218	\$27,652
One-time Projects: Operational			
Physician Recruitment Program			\$87,550
Dash-4-Trash Event Grant		\$1,000	
Wildlife/Human Conflict Avoidance Program		\$4,000	
Economic Development Governance Workshop		\$6,500	
Management Intern - Corporate Services		\$46,737	
Creston Valley Youth Network			\$85,906
Summer Student - Corporate Services		\$12,900	
Electronic Records Management Transition		\$37,620	
Municipal Pre-Election Candidates Workshop		\$5,000	
Administrative Services - Situation Table			\$50,000
Municipal ERP Procurement Support		\$122,900	
Municipal ERP Software		\$150,000	
Total	\$386,657		\$223,456





Protective Services

Protective Services delivers fire protection, medical response, rescue services, and emergency management. Our Protective Services department ensures our Town is supported in the event of an accident or disaster and does their best to prevent an emergency before it even occurs.

Budget Overview & Key Budget Changes

	2025	2026
Fire Rescue Services	\$1.6M	\$1.7M
Emergency Management	\$0.6M	\$0.7M
Total	\$2.2M	\$2.4M

Fire & Rescue Services



Emergency Management



2026 Protective Services Initiatives

Source of Funds			
	Increase to Taxation	Surplus & Reserves	Third-Party Funding
Core Budget Operations			
Fire Services Support Supervisor Coverage	\$13,000		
Fire Services Support Supervisor	\$10,000		
Total	\$23,000		
One-time Projects: Operational			
Next Generation 911			\$45,000
CESB Heat Recovery Ventilator Repair		\$20,000	
Fire Training Ground Prop Development		\$20,000	
Fire Training Facility Surfacing		\$75,000	
Community Emergency Preparedness			\$78,700
FireSmart Program			\$200,000
Wildfire Fuels Mitigation Project			\$60,000
Emergency Mgmt. Indigenous Engagement			\$59,530
Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment			\$150,000
Local Gov. Climate Action Program			\$40,535
Total	\$115,000		\$633,765





Infrastructure Services

Infrastructure Services plans, builds, operates, and maintains the Town's core infrastructure, such as roads, water and sewer systems, drainage, parks, trails, and public facilities. This division also runs Public Works, manages capital projects and maintains the Town's fleet and buildings. Infrastructure Services makes sure our day-to-day runs smooth – if you took a shower today or stopped at a stop sign, you can thank Infrastructure Services!

Budget Overview & Key Budget Changes

	2025	2026
Roads	\$0.8M	\$0.8M
Parks	\$0.4M	\$0.4M
Downtown	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Storm Management	\$0.3M	\$0.2M
Cemetery	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Administration	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Sidewalks & Trails	\$0.1M	\$0.1M
Total	\$2.2M	\$2.1M



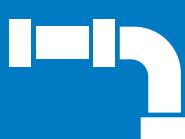
Water Repairs
Services & Mains

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**Metres of
Sewer Mains**
Inspected by Cameras

4,800



**Metres of
Sewer Main**
Replaced

395

2026 Infrastructure Initiatives

Source of Funds			
	Increase to Taxation	Surplus & Reserves	Third-Party Funding
Core Budget Operations			
Infrastructure Services Admin Assistant	(\$31,344)	\$10,000	
Total	(\$31,344)	\$10,000	
One-time Projects: Operational			
Structural Assessments for Solar Panels		\$6,400	
Stormwater Management Master Plan	\$30,000		
Total	\$30,000	\$6,400	





Community Services

Community Services guides the Town's growth by managing development, land-use policy, licensing, building safety, bylaw enforcement, and housing initiatives. This division also supports economic development efforts and provides programs that enhance livability, safety and long-term community planning.

Budget Overview & Key Budget Changes

	2025	2026
Creston Valley Regional Airport	\$-	\$0.2M
Planning	\$1.0M	\$0.2M
General Administration	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Public Safety & Compliance	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Building	\$0.1M	\$0.1M
Total	\$1.5M	\$1.1M



New Residential Units Created
14



Active Business Licences
569



Adoption of New Parks Master Plan

2026 Community Service Initiatives

Source of Funds			
	Increase to Taxation	Surplus & Reserves	Third-Party Funding
Core Budget Operations			
Accessibility Improvement Program		\$20,000	
Community Services Legal Services	\$9,000		
Public Art Program		\$11,000	
Indigenous Engagement		\$4,000	
Creston Valley Regional Airport	(\$12,786)		
Total	(\$3,786)	\$35,000	
One-time Projects: Operational			
ALR Exclusion/Inclusion Application		\$10,000	
Wood Stove Exchange Program		\$900	
Provincial Housing Capacity Funding			\$125,000
Summer Students - Safety & Compliance		\$26,000	
Human Resources - Admin Training		\$13,715	
Downtown Revitalization Plan Addendum		\$9,451	
Total		\$60,067	\$125,000





RCMP

Our mission at the Creston RCMP detachment is to serve and protect the community, and work in partnership with the Town to deliver a responsive and progressive police force. We promote respect for rights and freedoms, the law and democratic traditions and we treat all people equally and with respect in accordance with our core values.

Budget Overview & Key Budget Changes

	2025	2026
Policing	\$1.4M	\$1.6M
Building	\$0.1M	\$0.1M
Victim Services	\$0.1M	\$0.1M
Total	\$1.6M	\$1.8M



2026 RCMP Initiatives

Source of Funds		
Increase to Taxation	Surplus & Reserves	Third-Party Funding
Core Budget Operations		
Theft Deterrence Equipment		\$250
RCMP Operations Sergeant	\$53,316	\$33,663
Total	\$53,316	\$33,913



2026 One-time Projects: Capital

		Source of Funds		
		Increase to Taxation	Surplus & Reserves	Third-Party Funding
Capital				
Sidewalk Replacement Program			\$54,000	
Road Rehabilitation Program – Elm Street				\$450,000
30 km/h Safety Streets Initiative			\$71,500	
Active Transportation Amenities			\$7,000	\$23,000
Park Security Cameras - Downtown Green Space			\$22,000	
Park Security Cameras - Burns Park			\$22,000	
Creston Education Centre Window Upgrade Project			\$90,000	
RCMP Office Expansion & Modernization			\$25,000	\$25,000
RCMP Security Camera System – Carryover			\$4,465	\$5,035
Park Security Cameras - Centennial Park – Carryover			\$35,000	
?akutni Gateway Sign Installation				\$15,000
?akutni Phase 2 – Park Development			\$166,955	\$1,066,918
Tree Replacement Program, Downtown			\$30,000	
Centennial Park - Splash Park Surface Replacement			\$20,000	\$75,000
CEC – Playground Equipment Replacement			\$60,000	\$180,000
SCBA Compressor and Cylinder Fill Station			\$65,000	
Downtown Revitalization Land Acquisition				\$725,000
Childcare Facility				\$10,878,744
Total			\$672,920	\$13,443,697



2026 Utilities Initiatives

Source of Funds			
	Increase to Taxation	Surplus & Reserves	Third-Party Funding
Core			
Water - Infrastructure Services Admin Assistant	\$15,672		
Water - Utilities Superintendent	\$8,678		
Wastewater - Infrastructure Services Admin Assistant	\$15,672		
Wastewater - Utilities Superintendent	\$26,033		
One Time			
Water- Uni-Directional Hydrant Flushing Program		\$45,000	
Water - High Efficiency Toliet Rebate Program		\$4,000	
Water - Source Protection Planning for Groundwater Wells		\$32,500	
Wastewater - Statuory Rights of Way		\$37,800	
Wastewater - BVF Sludge Removal		\$92,000	
Capital			
Water - SCADA System Upgrades		\$50,000	
Water - Fire Hydrant Replacement Program		\$44,000	
Water - Distribution Pipe Replacement		\$240,000	
Wastewater - Collection Pipe Replacement		\$280,000	
Wastewater - WWTP Grit Removal Upgrade		\$148,680	\$87,320
Wastewater - BVF Grit Removal Upgrade		\$16,000	\$147,600
Wastewater - WWTP Lift Station		\$300,000	
Wastewater - WWTP Septage Receiving Station			\$1,980,000
Wastewater - Collis Street Lift Station			\$200,000
TOTAL	\$66,055	\$1,289,980	\$2,414,920



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