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Kootenay Boundary

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Electoral Area E/Big White

2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan



Regional District of
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IN THE SPIRIT OF RESPECT, TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, WE HONOUR AND THANK THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL AND UNCEDED LANDS WE OPERATE

Director Sharen Gibbs



WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE



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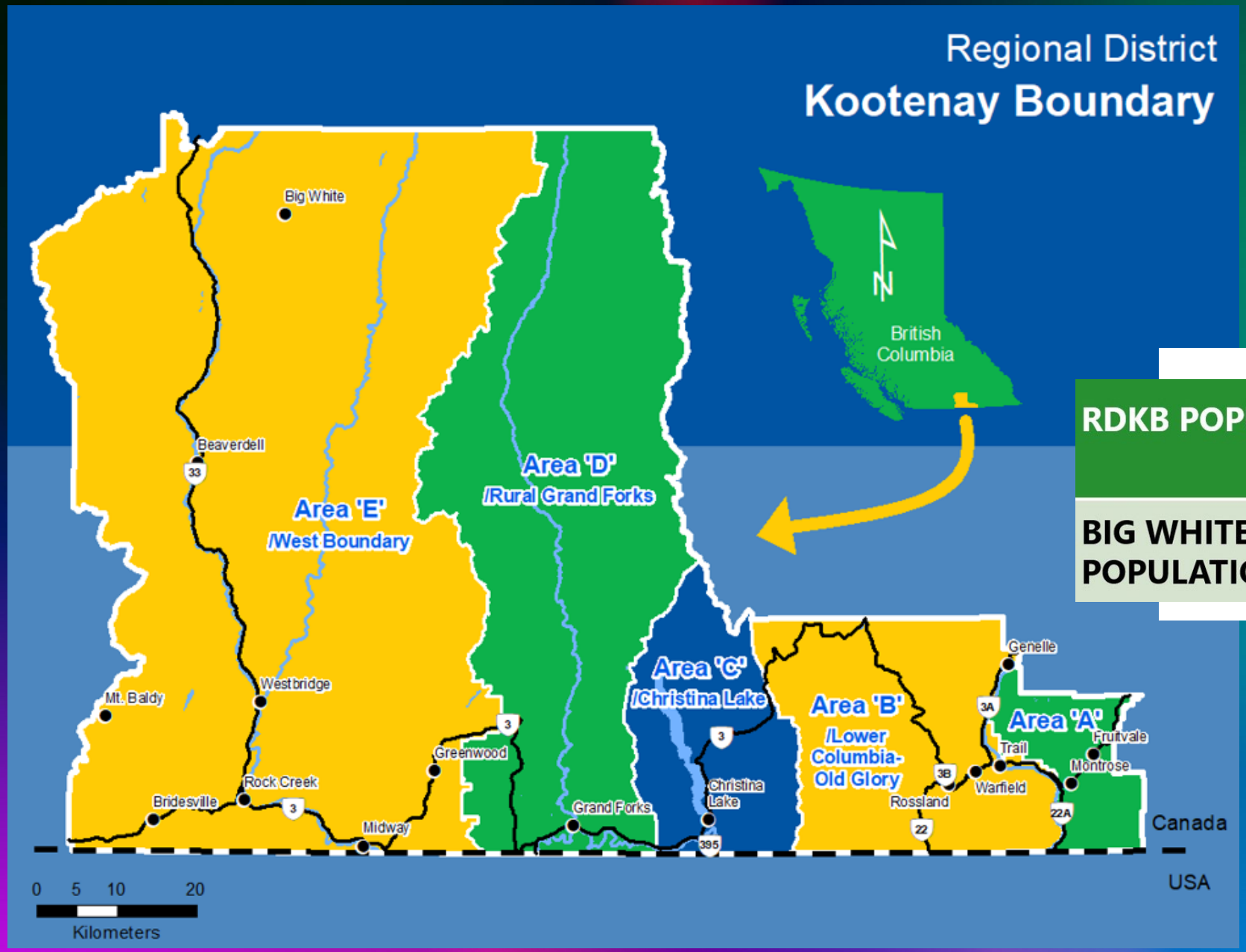
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RDKB POPULATION	**33,152 Residents**
BIG WHITE POPULATION	**991 Residents** 2.9% of RDKB total

How does the RDKB work?

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

- Established in 1966
- One of 27 regional districts
- Works as a federation
- Delivers services (74 in total)
  - Regional
  - Sub-regional
  - Specified area



Region-Wide Services

1	2	3	4	5
General Government	Regional Waste Management	Planning & Development	Feasibility Studies	Emergency Preparedness
		6 911 Emergency Communications		

All taxpayers in the RDKB contribute equally to the cost of the service & have similar access to the service. Taxpayers include all property owners in the Regional District, in both the electoral areas and the municipalities.

Sub-Regional Services

1

Regional Parks & Trails

2

House Numbering

3

Boundary Economic Development

4

Building & Plumbing Inspection

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Electoral Area Administration / Bylaw Enforcement

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Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid

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Boundary Integrated Watershed Service

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Noxious Weeds

Big White Only Services

1

Big White Fire Service

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Big White Noise Control

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Big White Refuse

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Recreation & Culture

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Big White Security

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Big White Street Lights

How are Services Created?

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Must be established by bylaw

- Generally, must have agreement of residents to be taxed, by referendum, alternative approval process, or petition

- Generally, service establishment bylaws must include:

  - The purpose of the service
  - The participants of the service
  - The service area boundaries
  - How costs will be shared and the requisition limit

How are Services Funded?

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- Each service is operated like it is the only service (like stand-alone businesses)

- Costs are generally shared based on the property value assessments within the service area



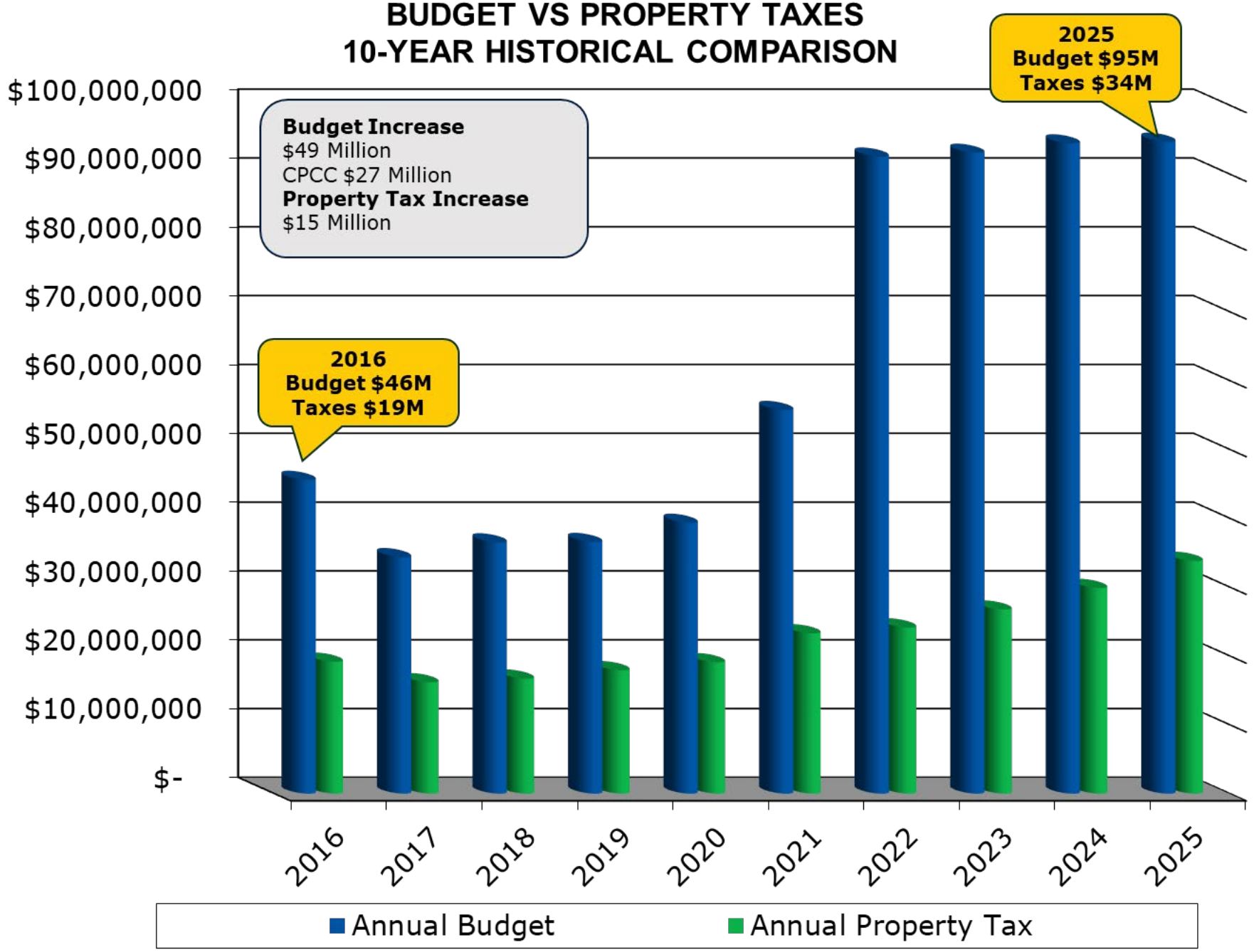
- All costs are identified, including contributions to Administration

LET'S TALK BUDGET

2025

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BUDGET VS PROPERTY TAXES
10-YEAR HISTORICAL COMPARISON



2025 BIG WHITE REQUISITION (PROPOSED)

	2024 (Approved) Tax Requisition	2025 (Proposed) Tax Requisition	Change ($)	Change (%)
Electoral Area - E Services	1,480,827	1,596,269	115,442	8%
Specified Big White Services	2,540,560	2,600,065	59,505	2%
Total	**4,021,387**	**4,196,335**	**174,947**	**4%**

2025 BIG WHITE
Property Tax / $100,000

	2024 (Approved)	2025 (Proposed)	Change ($)	Change (%)
Assessed Values	$ 163,186,753	$ 175,305,596	$ 12,118,843	7.43%
Property Tax	$ 4,021,387	$ 4,196,335	$ 174,947	4.35%
Cost Per $100K Residential (Estimate)	$ 246.43	$ 239.37	-$ 7.06	-2.86%

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SERVICE CATEGORIES



Environmental

- Waste & Organics
- Water & Sewer

Development

- Planning & Development
- Economic Development

Protective

- Fire & Rescue & Emergency Mgt
- Building & Plumbing Inspection
- Invasive Plants & Pest Mgt



Recreation & Culture

- Recreation Facilities & Grants
- Parks & Trails
- Library & other recreation fees



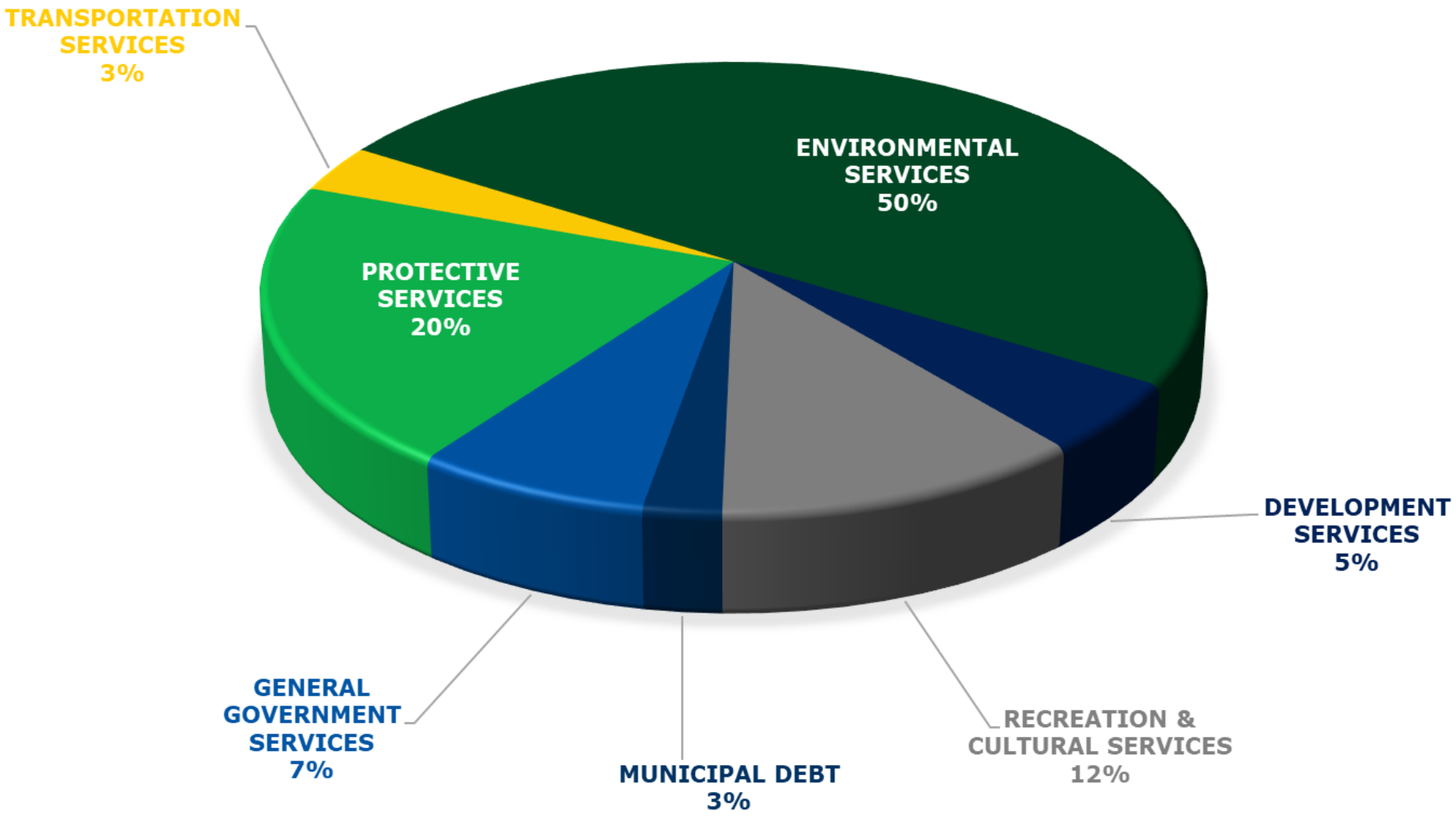
General Government

- Energy, Climate, & Sustainability
- Administration & Finance
- Bylaw Enforcement

Transportation

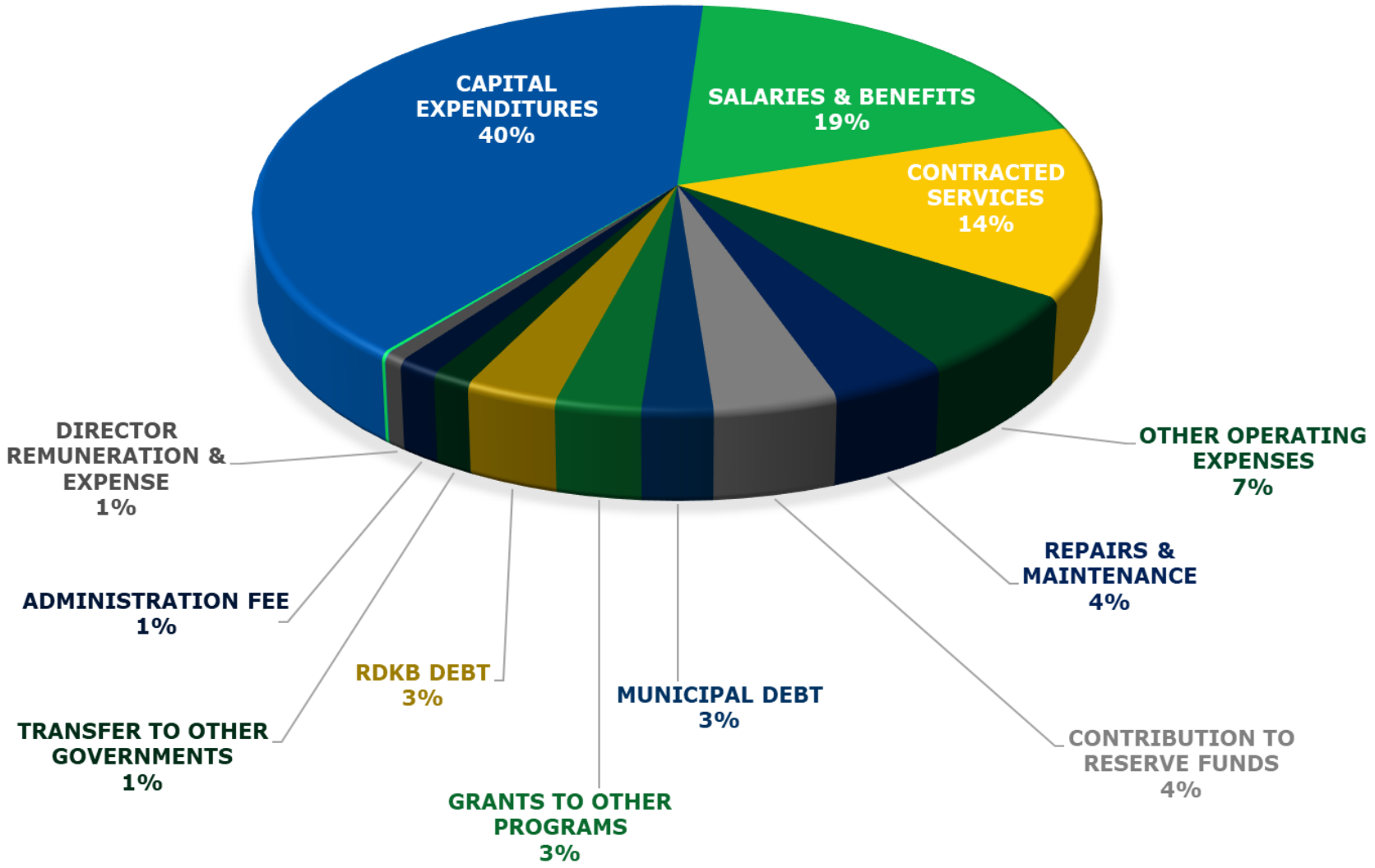
- Streetlights
- Transit
- No Road Maintenance/Snow Clearing

2025 BUDGET - $95 MILLION
EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

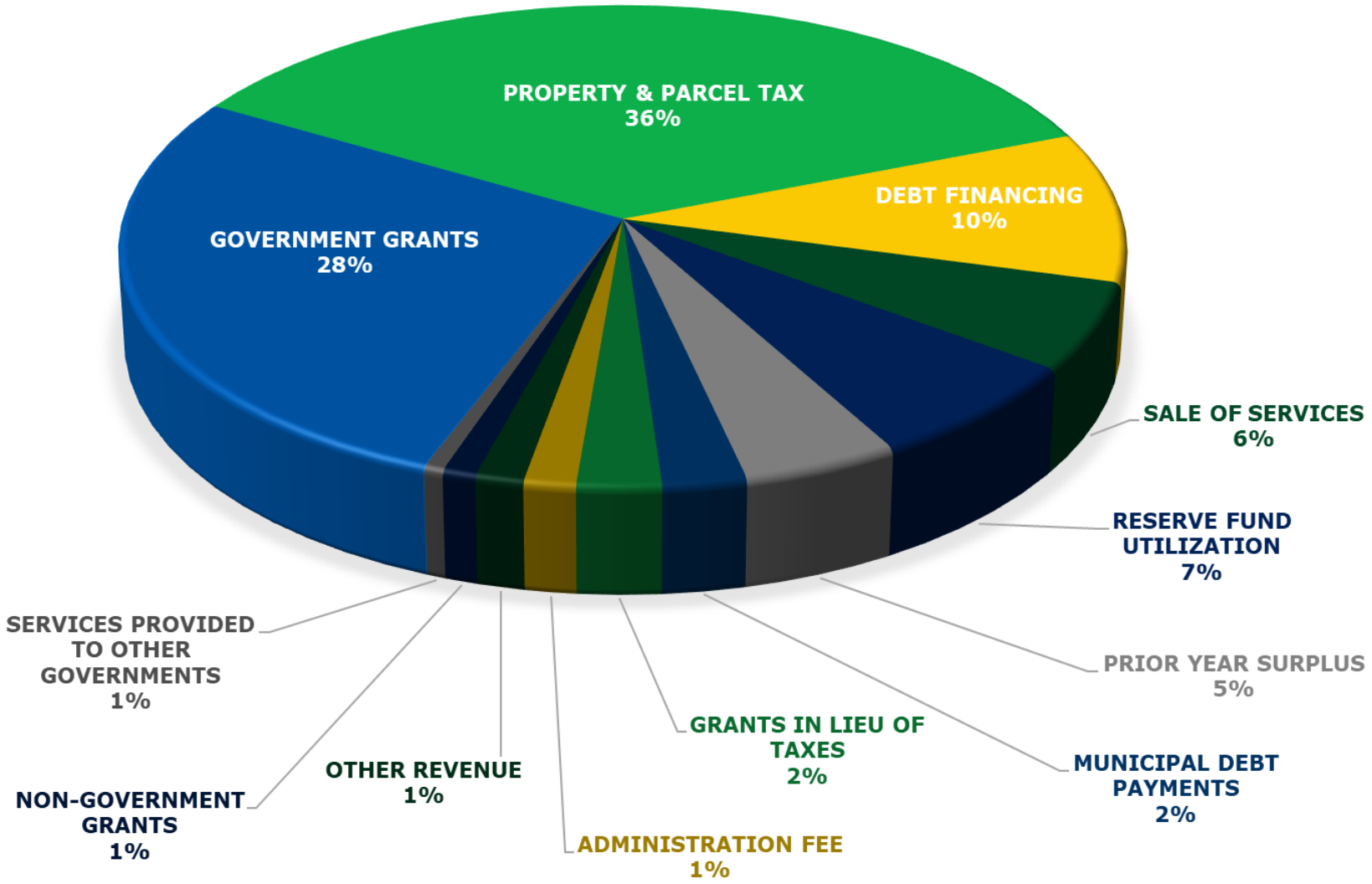


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EXPENDITURE BY TYPE

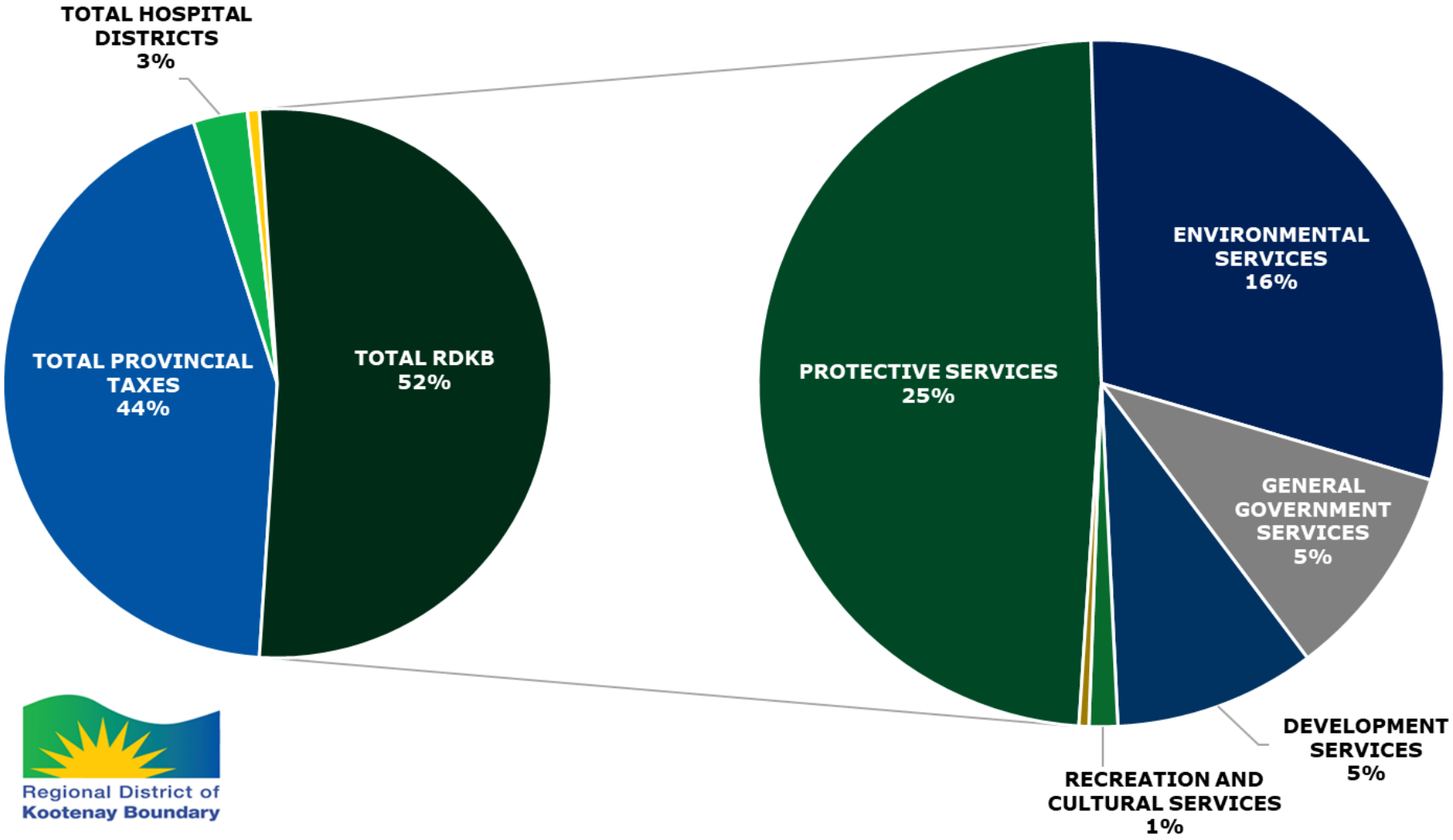
Capital - $38 Million of total
CPCC - $27 Million



2025 BUDGET - $95 MILLION
SOURCES OF REVENUE



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES BIG WHITE - 2024



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2024 Tax Rate Comparison

Class Name	Rate Description	Tax Rate
Residential	Area E Shared Services	0.9497
Residential	BIG WHITE FIRE	1.11955
Residential	BIG WHITE REC & CULT	0.06374
Residential	BIG WHITE REFUSE	0.27154
Residential	BIG WHITE ST LIGHT	0.01199
Residential	BIG WHITE SECURITY	0.16069

Residential	**Specified BW Total**	**1.62751**
Residential	**Consolidated BW**	**2.57721**

Class Name	Rate Description	Tax Rate	Specified Area	Total
Residential	RDKB Area B	2.28920		2.28920
Residential	Area E - Big White	0.94970	1.62751	2.57721
Residential	RDKB Area C	1.94125	0.67765	2.61890
Residential	RDKB Area D	2.23250	0.83759	3.07009
Residential	RDKB Area A	3.05855	0.92148	3.98003

Source: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/tax-notice/tax-rates

Area A & Area B Parcel Tax are not included in figures

BW

	Service	Attached	2024 (Last Year)				2025 (Proposed)				Change		
			Total Annual Budget	RDKB Tax Requisition	Tax Requisition Area 'E'	Tax Requisition Big White	Total Annual Budget	RDKB Tax Requisition	Tax Requisition Area 'E'	Tax Requisition Big White	Total Annual Budget	Total Tax Paid by Area 'E'	Total Tax Paid by Big White
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5 - 1	7 - 3	8 - 4
REGION WIDE SERVICES													
General Government & Administrative Services	001	1	5,503,547	1,348,386	268,080	**177,940**	6,147,017	1,825,170	367,171	**245,695**	643,469	99,091	**67,756**
Building Inspection (Net Requisition)	004	2	1,315,105	1,295,605	141,165	**93,699**	1,416,369	1,396,869	146,177	**97,816**	101,263	5,012	**4,116**
Planning & Development	005	3	1,363,718	1,093,816	377,631	**250,655**	1,220,232	1,135,494	398,410	**266,600**	(143,486)	20,779	**15,945**
Feasibility Studies	006	4	82,068	0	0	**0**	66,553	-	-	-	(15,515)	(0)	**(0)**
Regionalized Waste Management Services	010	5	8,824,163	2,308,154	468,754	**311,138**	8,471,163	2,352,759	473,306	**316,717**	(353,001)	4,552	**5,579**
Emergency Preparedness	012	6	1,542,964	521,116	105,831	**70,246**	2,831,961	587,007	118,089	**79,020**	1,288,997	12,257	**8,774**
9-1-1 Emergency Communications	015	7	611,047	413,736	84,024	**55,771**	609,441	422,891	85,073	**56,927**	(1,605)	1,049	**1,156**
Total Region Wide Services			19,242,613	6,980,814	1,445,486	**959,449**	20,762,735	7,720,190	1,588,226	**1,062,774**	1,520,122	142,741	**103,326**
ELECTORAL AREA 'E'													
Electoral Area Administration	002	8	908,755	536,224	213,310	**141,586**	958,282	548,239	221,730	**148,372**	49,527	8,419	**6,786**
Electoral Grant-in-Aid	003	9	491,152	491,152	180,736	**119,964**	591,405	506,957	187,875	**125,718**	100,253	7,139	**5,754**
Boundary Economic Development	008	10	1,421,442	186,983	77,615	**51,517**	1,513,205	191,419	81,074	**54,252**	91,763	3,459	**2,734**
Heritage Conservation - Area 'E'	048	11	10,802	-	-	-	1,150	-	-	-	(9,652)	-	-
Area 'E' Regional Parks & Trails	065	12	342,331	87,531	87,531	**58,099**	341,191	86,391	86,391	**57,809**	(1,140)	(1,140)	**(290)**
Area E Regional Economic Development	079	13	250,380	240,380	240,380	**159,553**	442,349	240,449	240,449	**160,898**	191,970	69	**1,345**
Noxious Weed Control - Area D & E	092	14	323,700	99,401	73,530	**48,806**	382,375	99,698	74,627	**49,937**	58,675	1,098	**1,132**
House Numbering - Area E	123	15	3,331	3,331	3,331	**2,211**	3,341	3,341	3,341	**2,236**	10	10	**25**
Boundary Integrated Watershed	170	16	1,037,289	200,000	83,018	**55,104**	979,252	200,000	84,709	**56,684**	(58,037)	1,691	**1,580**
Total Electoral Area 'E'			4,789,183	1,845,002	959,451	**636,841**	5,212,552	1,876,493	980,196	**655,906**	423,369	20,745	**19,065**
Specified Areas Within Electoral Area 'E'													
Recreation & Cultural Services - Big Whtie	029	17	196,250	99,500	99,500	**99,500**	198,472	99,500	99,500	**99,500**	2,222	0	**0**
Fire Protection - Big White	054	18	3,156,936	1,747,618	1,747,618	**1,747,618**	2,705,067	1,800,083	1,800,083	**1,800,083**	(451,869)	52,465	**52,465**
Refuse Disposal - Big White	064	19	470,601	423,879	423,879	**423,879**	577,870	430,300	430,300	**430,300**	107,268	6,420	**6,420**
Big White Security Services	074	20	362,374	250,840	250,840	**250,840**	368,558	250,840	250,840	**250,840**	6,183	(0)	**(0)**
Big White Noise Control Service	075	21	5,819	-	-	-	5,885	-	-	-	66	-	-
Big White Street Lighting	101	22	21,180	18,723	18,723	**18,723**	22,324	19,343	19,343	**19,343**	1,144	620	**620**
Total Specified Areas 'E'			4,213,161	2,540,560	2,540,560	**2,540,560**	3,878,176	2,600,065	2,600,065	**2,600,065**	(334,985)	59,505	**59,505**
Total			28,244,957	11,366,375	4,945,497	**4,136,850**	29,853,463	12,196,748	5,168,487	**4,318,745**	1,608,506	222,991	**181,896**

Recreation & Culture Service



- Rec program coordinator position contracted with Community Development Association (3-year term)
- Pickleball courts: Big White/RDKB partnership feasibility work underway
- Potential community dog park – investigation
- Trails mapping and signage

Official Community Plan Review

In progress, RDKB staff initiated the process

- **Continuing now with consultants**
- **Development Permit Guidelines Review – Contracted to WSP Canada Inc.**
- **Overall Official Community Plan Review – Contracted to MODUS Planning Design and Engagement**
- **Steering Committee members: Director Gibbs, Darcy Arnold, Nadia Berg, Ana Byrne, Mike Figurski, Trevor Hanna, Jordan Hetting, John Lebrun, Joyce Ricioppo, Gord Rowland, Josh Foster**

More Information can be found on the RDKB website:
https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/big-white-official-community-plan-review

SCAN ME

Advisory Planning Commission

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- **John Lebrun**
- **Paul Sulyma**
- **Anastasia Byrne**
- **Mike Figurski**
- **Carla Berrie**
- **Gordon Robertson**



Alternate Director

Grant Harfman

RDKB Climate Action Plan - Implementation

Freya Phillips
Senior Energy Specialist



RDKB HomeSmart

- Is helping over 200 residents.
- It simplifies the home retrofit process for residents by:
  - Offering FREE personalized service,
  - Connecting them with hiring professional contractors and energy advisors, and
  - Helping navigate rebates and loans
- Launched in January 2024, it has:
  - Built strong, positive relationships with participants,
  - Collaborated with many local programs,
  - Recently launched a first-of-its-kind guidance document.



Actions in 2024

- Launched **RDKB HomeSmart** on January 1, 2024
  - Over 210 participants
  - Developed RDKB HomeSmart guide
- Part of the Provincial **BC Home Energy Planner** pilot
- **Active Transport Plans**
  - Christina Lake
  - South Kootenay Green Link
- Worked with RDKB services on **energy efficiency and funding**.
  - Ongoing energy management and monitoring
  - Supporting energy efficiency projects at facilities
- RDKB **policies**
  - Updated **RDKB building policy** to include resiliency. Currently going through approval.



Actions for 2025

- Continue to grow **RDKB HomeSmart**
  - Funding for an additional 2 years
  - Ongoing collaborations with community organizations
- Commence the development of **GHG reduction and resiliency pathways** for key RDKB facilities.
  - Stage 1 funding applications
  - Stage 2 engage consultants
- Update **low carbon fleet management plan**
- Work with the services on **energy efficiency projects and funding**
- **RDKB policies**
  - Finalize new building policy and supporting documentation
  - Amend the Fleet Replacement Policy



Big White Fire Service

2024 Accomplishments:

- Purchase of New Rescue Truck (R-311)
- Purchase of New Engine (E-311)
- Installation of back-up power generator (fully funded through UBCM Grants)

2025 - 3% increase in tax requisition ($52,465)

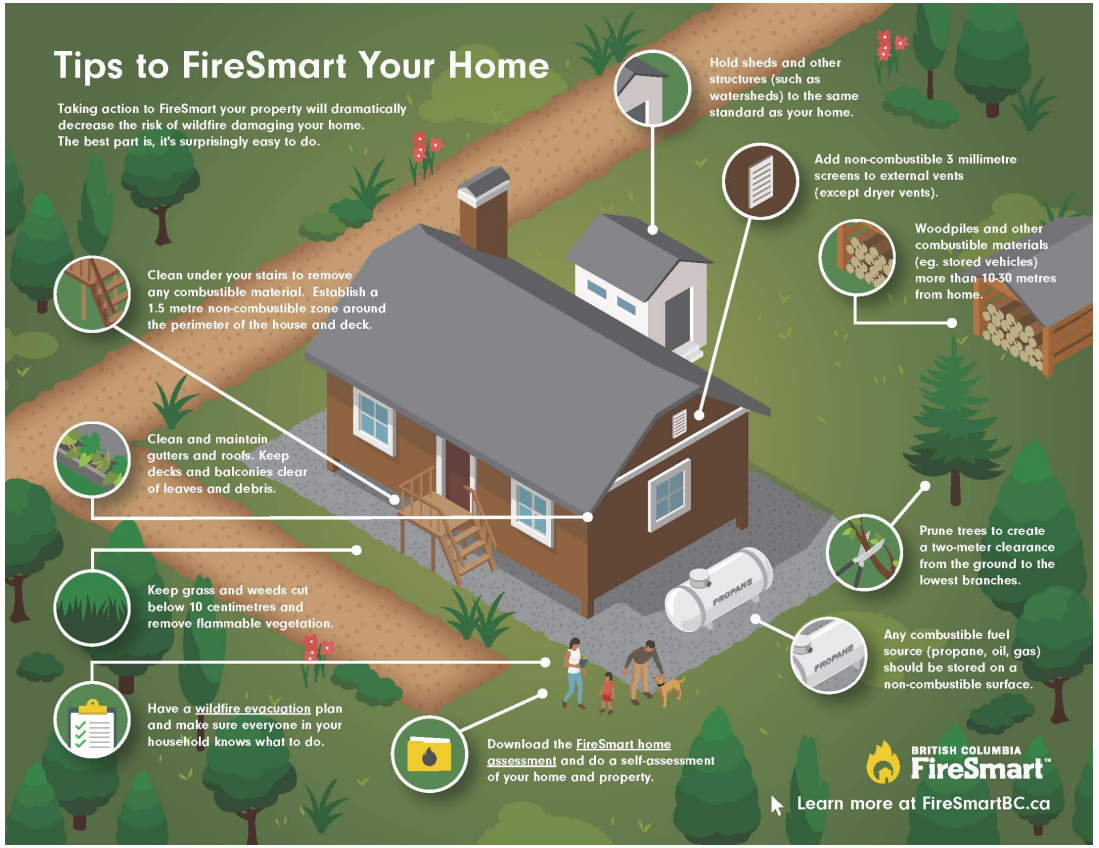
- Replacement of B-311
- -14.31% in overall budget
- Cost per $1000, -4%



Big White Fire Dept. - Stats

BIG WHITE FIRE DEPARTMENT 911 CALLS FOR SERVICE								
INCIDENT TYPE	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
First Responder / Emergency Medical Incidents	108	77	65	38	102	103	108	46
Alarm	63	78	88	62	111	82	75	16
Fire	3	3	1	5	10	4	11	1
Motor Vehicle Incidents	37	31	40	31	38	33	29	2
Public Assist	28	28	28	13	23	28	12	6
Other	22	22	15	28	21	34	19	2
Totals	**261**	**239**	**237**	**177**	**305**	**284**	**254**	**73**

RDKB FireSmart Program



- The RDKB FireSmart services all 5 electoral areas and 7/8 municipalities in the RDKB
- 100% grant-funded by the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program.
- Engage residents in voluntary wildfire mitigation activities by offering a professional home assessment with property-specific recommendations.
- WMS work from May – October to provide residential assessments, attend community events, schools, and educate our residents on how our communities can be less impacted by wildfire
- Residential Rebate program up to $5000, new Contractors program, enhancing inter-agency cooperation, emergency planning, and wildfire readiness training for our fire service personnel.

Protective Services: Emergency Management

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Involvement of our Emergency Management services has increased dramatically over the years

- fires, floods, heat wave, landslides, pandemic

We have an experienced team that works well together and with Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR)

Staff continue assessing the changes made in the new Emergency and Disaster Management Act. Further regulations will be released later this year.

Our Big White Emergency Support Services team are looking for new members.

Big White Solid Waste Management

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How It Works…

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- Big White pays taxes to both 010 (Regional Solid Waste) and 064 (Big White Refuse) Services

- Regional Solid Waste Service – Recycling, Infrastructure Costs

- Big White Refuse Service – Garbage collection and hauling to Kelowna, transfer station operation and maintenance, tipping fees for garbage disposal at Glenmore Landfill (Kelowna).

How It Works…

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- Garbage/Recycling Services (bins) provided to commercial and multi-family (10 units or greater – waste room)

- Transfer Station– Garbage/Recycling
  - For use by those not provided bin services
  - Garbage ultimately disposed at Glenmore Landfill (Kelowna)
  - Encorp Express and Go – Beverage Containers

- Various contracts associated with service provision:
  - Transfer Station Maintenance
  - Garbage/Recycling Bin Provision and Hauling
  - Compactor Bin Rental – inside the Transfer Station
  - Recycling Processing (Cascades – Kelowna)

2024 Transition to Attended Facility

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Winter Hours of Operation:

- November 1st - April 30th
- Open: Monday-Sunday
- 7 days per week – including Stat holidays
- 9:30am-5:30pm

Summer Hours of Operation:

- May 1st - October 31st
- Open: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
- 5 days per week – including Stat Holidays
- 9:30am-5:30pm
- Closed: Tuesday, Thursday





What is going well?

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- Clean and tidy facility. No incidents of vandalism in 2024.
- On-site attendant able to provide information
  - Recycling / Locations of where to take items for proper disposal
- Disposal outside of gates – happening, but minimal
  - Utilizing camera footage to determine when occurring
- Less tipping fees paid for waste disposal at Glenmore Landfill (Kelowna)
- No current plans to change hours of operation

2024 Waste Generation Statistics

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- Commercial/Multi-family Buildings (Bin Service)
  - 457 tonnes of garbage (80%)
  - 116 tonnes of recycling (20%)

- Transfer Station
  - 159 tonnes of garbage (78%)
  - 46 tonnes of recycling (22%)

Future Considerations

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- Extended Producer Responsibility Programs and increased recycling opportunities – Currently working with RecycleBC in establishing a depot drop off at the Big White Transfer Station
    - Would increase diversion opportunities for residentially generated Styrofoam, flexible plastics and glass containers
- Bulky Item Pick-Up Event – Tied to Community Clean-Up Event (June 21st)
    - Large Appliances and Electronics being considered for 2025
- Commercial and Multi-Family Bin Collection Services – Review and Adjust
- Solid Waste Management Plan Update 2025/2026

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Big White Street Lights



Goran Denkovski

Manager of Infrastructure and Sustainablity

Big White Street Lights

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- 3.3 % increase in taxes this year.
- Interest from public in lighting connected to new trails in future.
- Will develop plan as part of Big White OCP (Official Community Plan).
- Approximately $68,000 in reserves to end of 2024.
- Working with Fortis on a strategy to replace outdated lighting standards.

Big White Street Lights

- Reporting street light outages, depends on who owns the light:
  - Strata
  - Big White Resort
  - Publicly Owned (RDKB)
- If you don't know who owns the light, contact

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Big White Q&A



CHAT WITH YOUR DIRECTOR



ASK THE STAFF

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Thank you!

We Appreciate Your Feedback

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