Electoral Area E/West Boundary Five-year Financial Plan 2025– 2029

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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

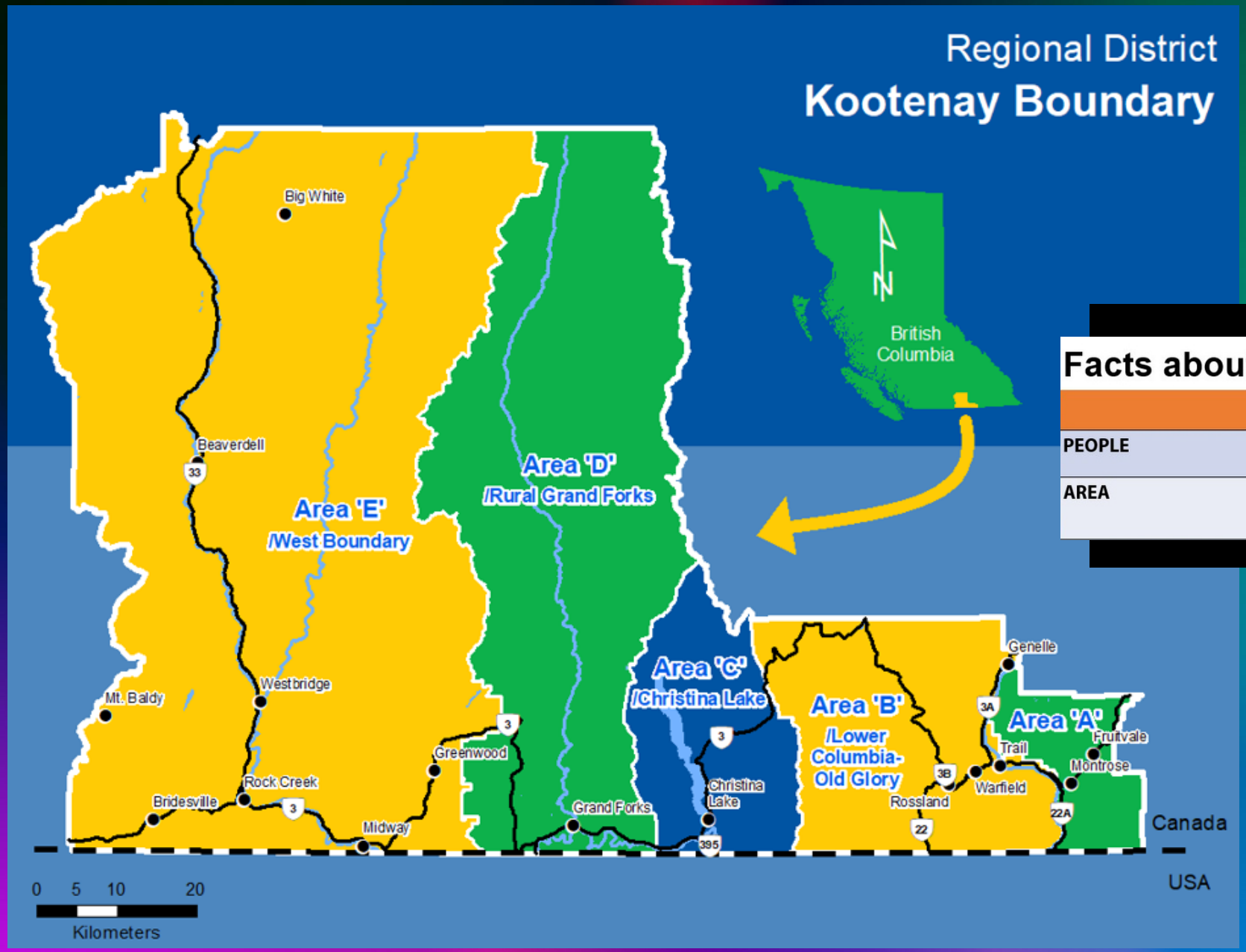
WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE



Tonight's Program & List of Presenters

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- **Housekeeping –** Anitra Winje, Corporate Officer
- **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement** – Director Gibbs
- **Staff introductions** – James Chandler, GM of Operations/Deputy CAO
- **RDKB 2025-2029 Financial Plan** –Farhad Hossain, Chief Financial Officer
- **Invasive Plant Management** – Janine Dougall, GM, Environmental Services
- **Regional Waste Management** – Janine Dougall, GM, Environmental Services
- **HomeSmart** – James Chandler, GM of Operations/Deputy CAO
- **Emergency Management/FireSmart**– Carlene Pires, Emergency Program Coordinator
- **Fire Protection** – James Chandler, GM of Operations/Deputy CAO
- **Volunteer Appreciation** – Director Gibbs
- **Questions and Answers –** Staff and Director Gibbs
- **Thanks, door prize and goodnight** – Director Gibbs



Facts about Area E (*2021 Census*)

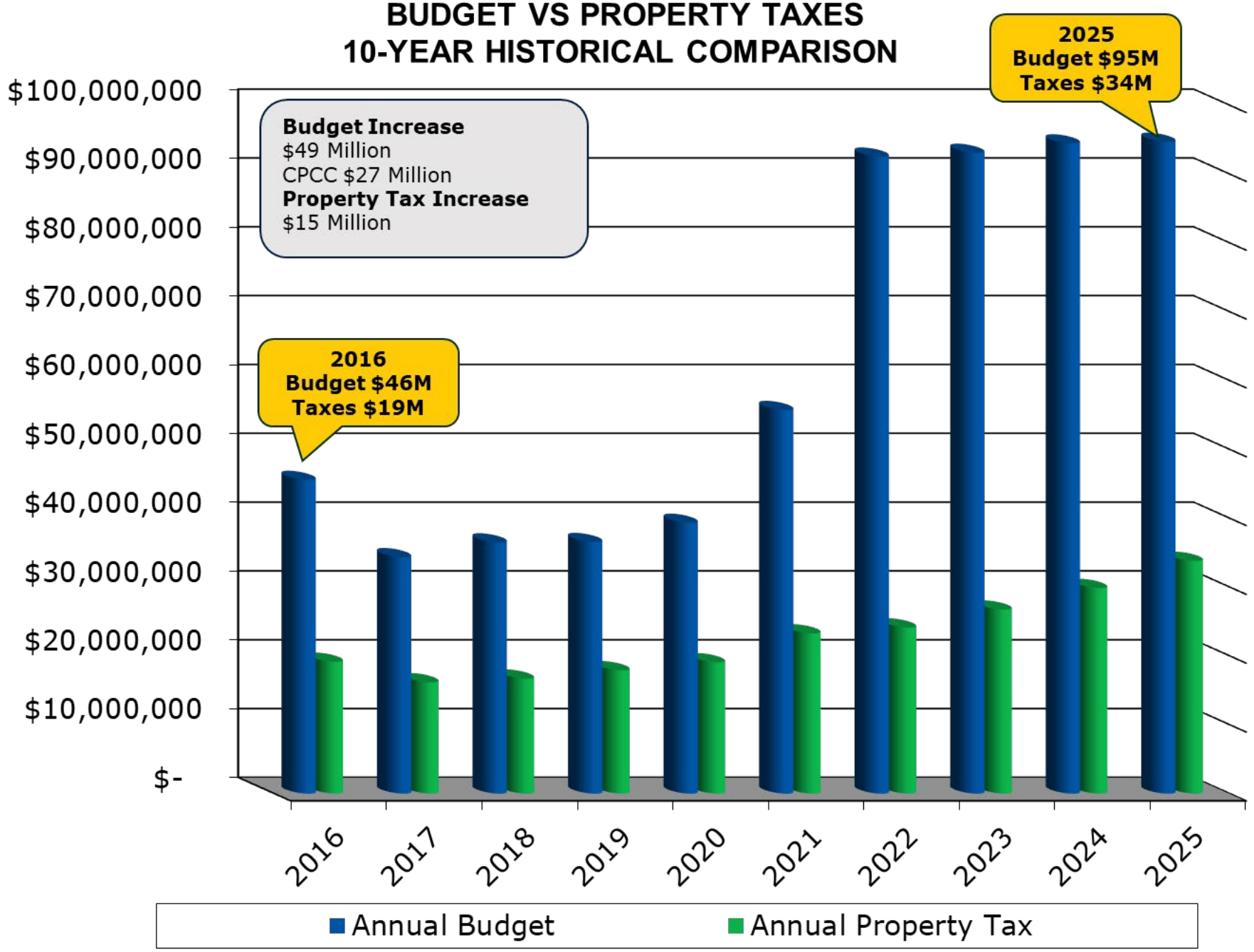
	AREA E	RDKB TOTAL
PEOPLE	3,004 Residents	9% (of 33,152)
AREA	4,295 sq.kms.	53% (of RDKB total)

LET'S TALK BUDGET

2025

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BUDGET VS PROPERTY TAXES
10-YEAR HISTORICAL COMPARISON



2025 ELECTORAL AREA ‘E’ REQUISITION (PROPOSED)

(EXCLUDES BIG WHITE)

	2024 (Approved) Tax Requisition	2025 (Proposed) Tax Requisition	Change ($)	Change (%)
Electoral Area - E Services	924,459	972,153	47,694	5%
Specified Area - E Services	387,630	446,088	58,458	15%
Total	**1,312,089**	**1,418,241**	**106,152**	**8%**

2025 ELECTORAL AREA ‘E’
Property Tax / $100,000
(EXCLUDES BIG WHITE)

	2024 (Approved)	2025 (Proposed)	Change ($)	Change (%)
Assessed Values	$ 101,836,609	$ 106,763,830	$ 4,927,221	4.84%
Property Tax	$ 924,459	$ 972,153	$ 47,694	5.16%
Cost Per $100K Residential (Estimate)	$ 90.78	$ 91.06	$ 0.28	0.31%

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



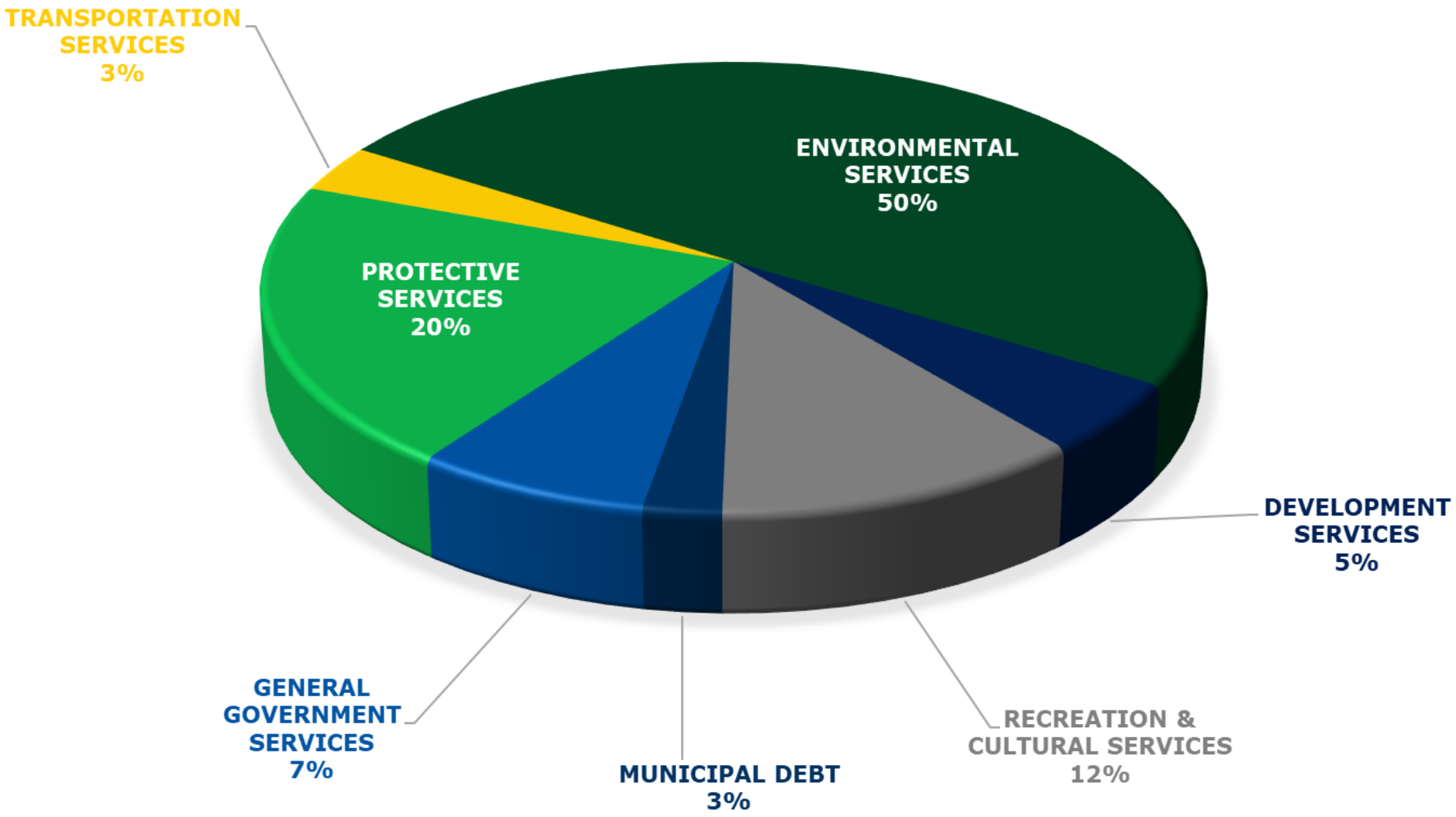
General Government

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

Transportation

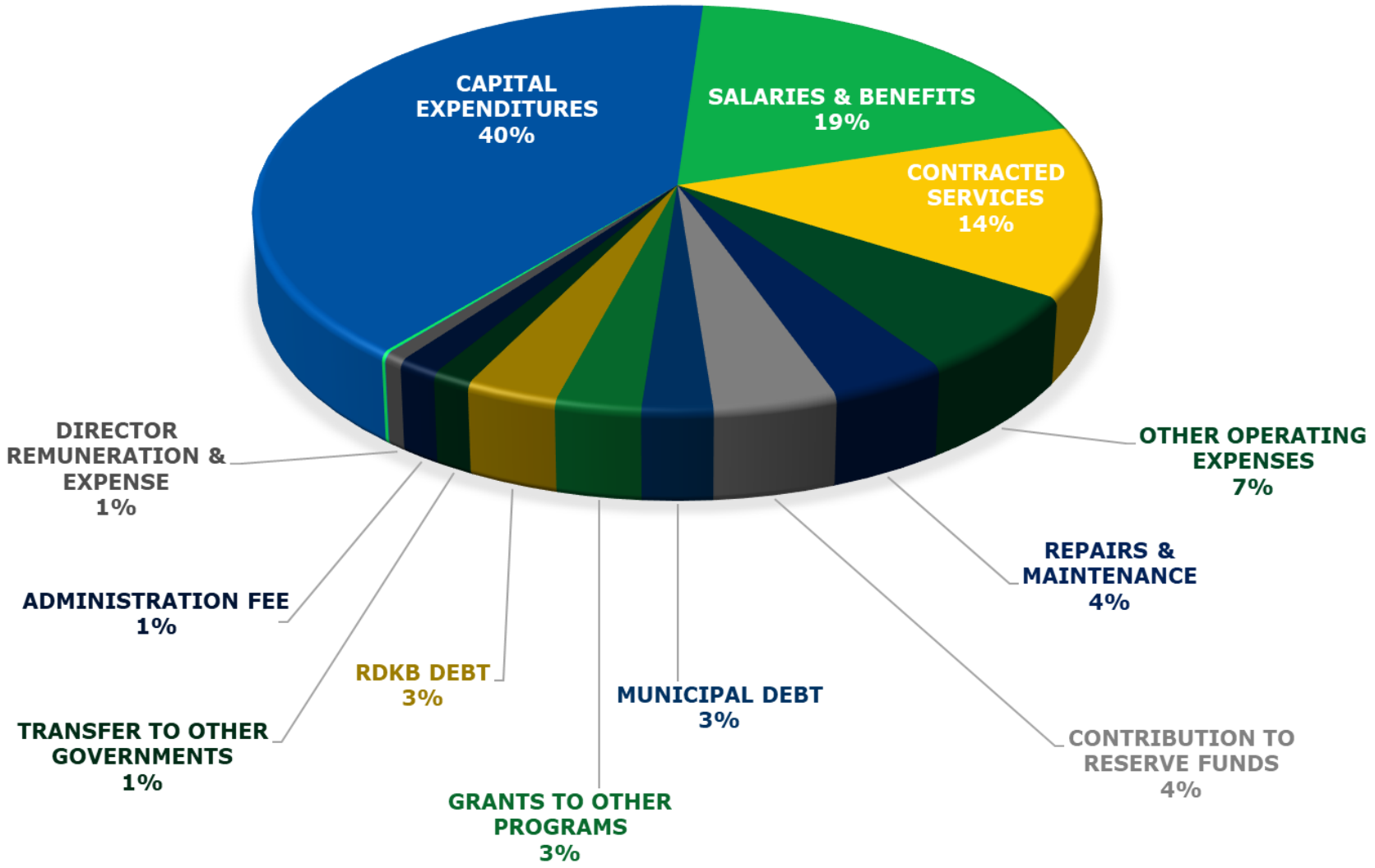
- Streetlights
- Transit
- No Road Maintenance/Snow Clearing

2025 BUDGET - $95 MILLION
EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

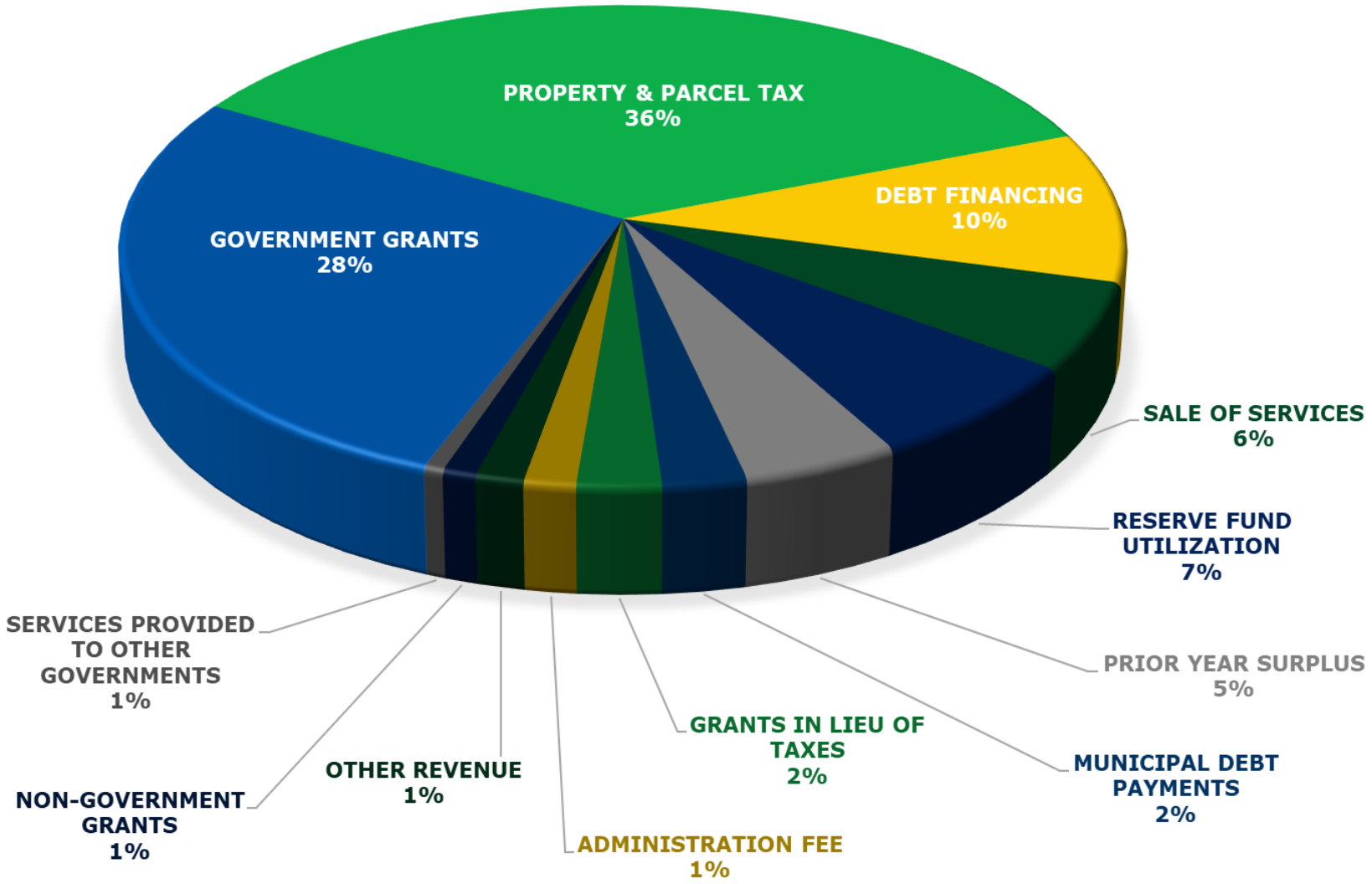


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EXPENDITURE BY TYPE

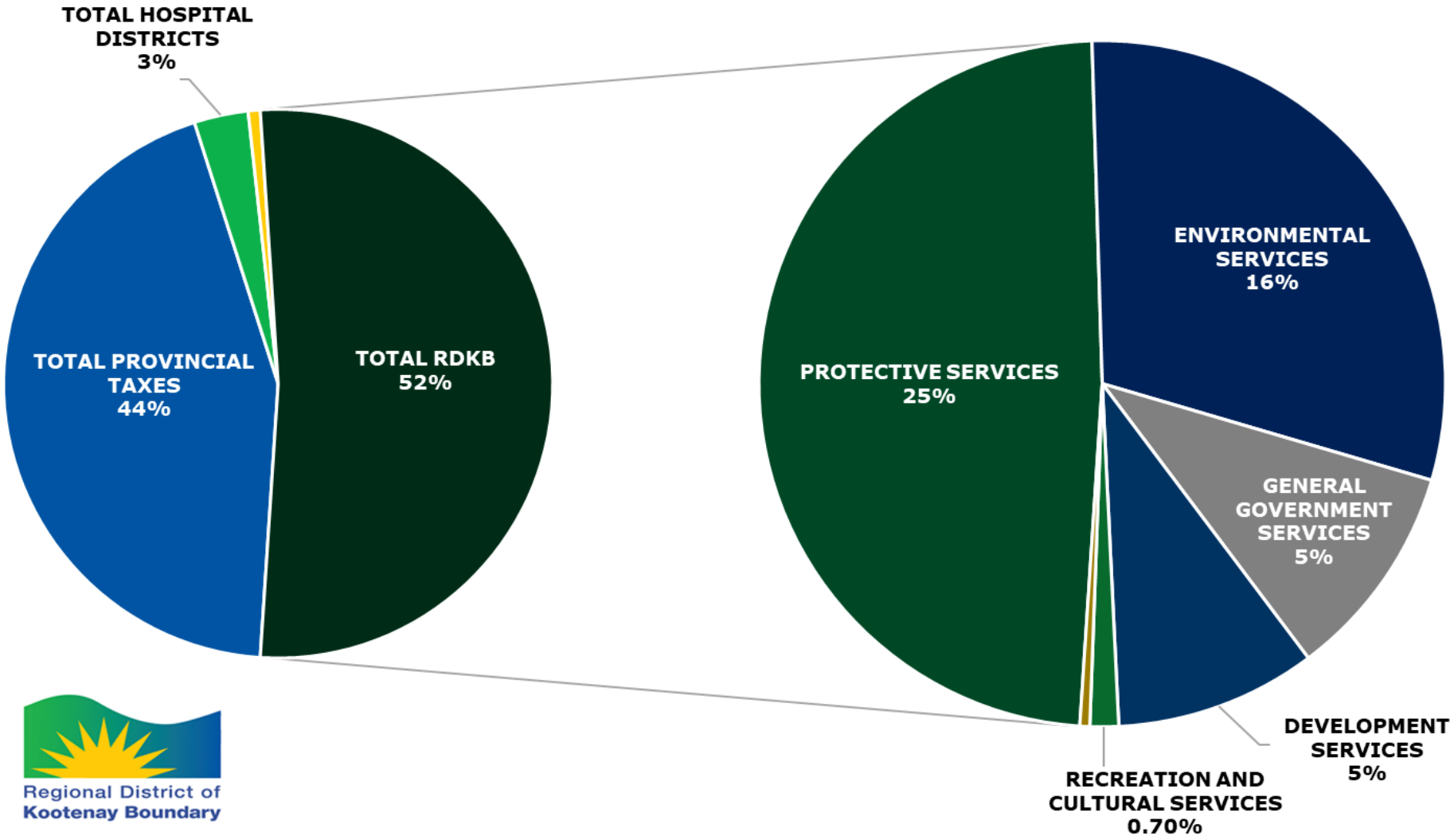
Capital - $38 Million of total
CPCC - $27 Million



2025 BUDGET - $95 MILLION
SOURCES OF REVENUE



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES BIG WHITE - 2024



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Invasive Plant Management

Areas D & E

- Long-standing service (Since 1976)
- Multiple stakeholders with varied jurisdictions
- Integrated Pest Management





















Invasive Plant Program

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- Service established for the purpose of controlling weeds. This includes noxious, invasive, alien and invasive aquatic.

- There are many invasive plants in the Boundary, however a few species detrimental to agriculture and ecology comprise the majority of the control activities.

- Early detection, rapid response is essential for new and emerging species.

Invasive Plants Highlights – What We Do!

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- Private Land Program
  - Public Education/Outreach
  - New Invaders
  - Cost Share
  - Equipment Loan Out
  - Funding provided to **Boundary Invasive Species Society** for management/oversite/coordination/biocontrol/public education and outreach

- Industrial /Public Lands
  - Completely separate from taxpayer funded private land program
  - RDKB has contract agreements with industry and provincial agencies
  - Work includes manual, biocontrol, herbicide application
  - RDKB contracts certified applicators for herbicide control

Highlights 2024

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- New invaders Program
  - Chemical treatment completed on 54 different properties for a total of 45 hectares of treatment over a total area of 258 hectares.
  - Mechanical treatment completed at 9 different properties for a total of 0.0405 hectares treated.
  - Invasive plants targeted included North Africa grass, Common bugloss, Common tansy, Field scabious, Hoary cress, Scotch thistle, Leafy spurge, and Knotweed.

- Cost Share Program
  - Chemical treatment was completed on 6 different properties for a total of 3.7 hectares.

- Education Program
  - A total of 5 different articles were distributed to local print and online papers, and 77 social media posts.
  - A display was set up at 13 events including farmer's markets, community events, fall fairs.
  - 9 presentations were given to community groups and school classes.

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REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT















Why should we care:

- GHG emissions from Landfill – new regulations
- Save landfill airspace – finite amount without siting new facility
- Create beneficial end-product – compost

ORGANICS MATTER

We are here to help!

Visit: rdkb.com/greenbin

Residential Diversion Statistics for 2024 (Boundary):

- 341 metric tonnes of food waste diverted
- 337 tonnes of yard and garden (not including brush)
- Materials are being composted at the Grand Forks compost facility.

Commercial Food Waste Diversion – It Is Possible!

Liberty Foods (Fruitvale) and Kurtis' No Frills (Trail) are leading by example.

Contact: knowwaste@rdkb.com or 1-800-355-7352

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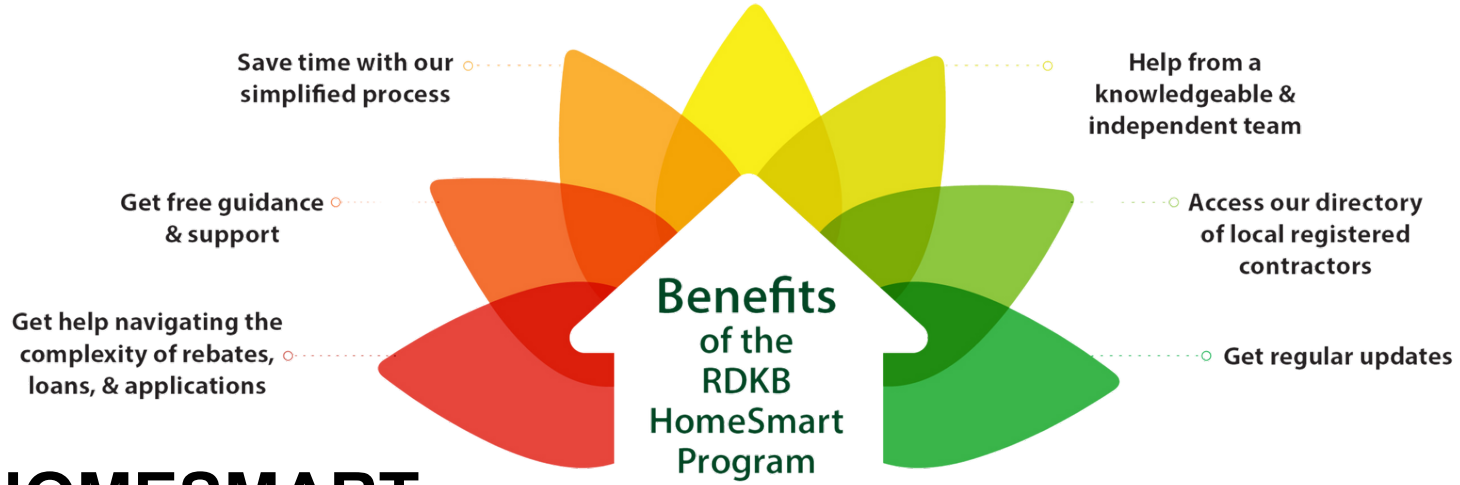
CONTINUING DOWN THE ZERO WASTE PATH

Solid Waste Management Plan Update 2025/2026

- Landfill Conformance Reviews
- Regulatory Changes
- Fleet Opportunities – Electrification / Hydrogen?
- Maximizing Diversion Programs – Reduce / Reuse / Recycle
- Education / Awareness / Material Bans / Enforcement
- Financial Analysis – Tipping Fee Review



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RDKB HOMESMART



Is helping over 200 residents

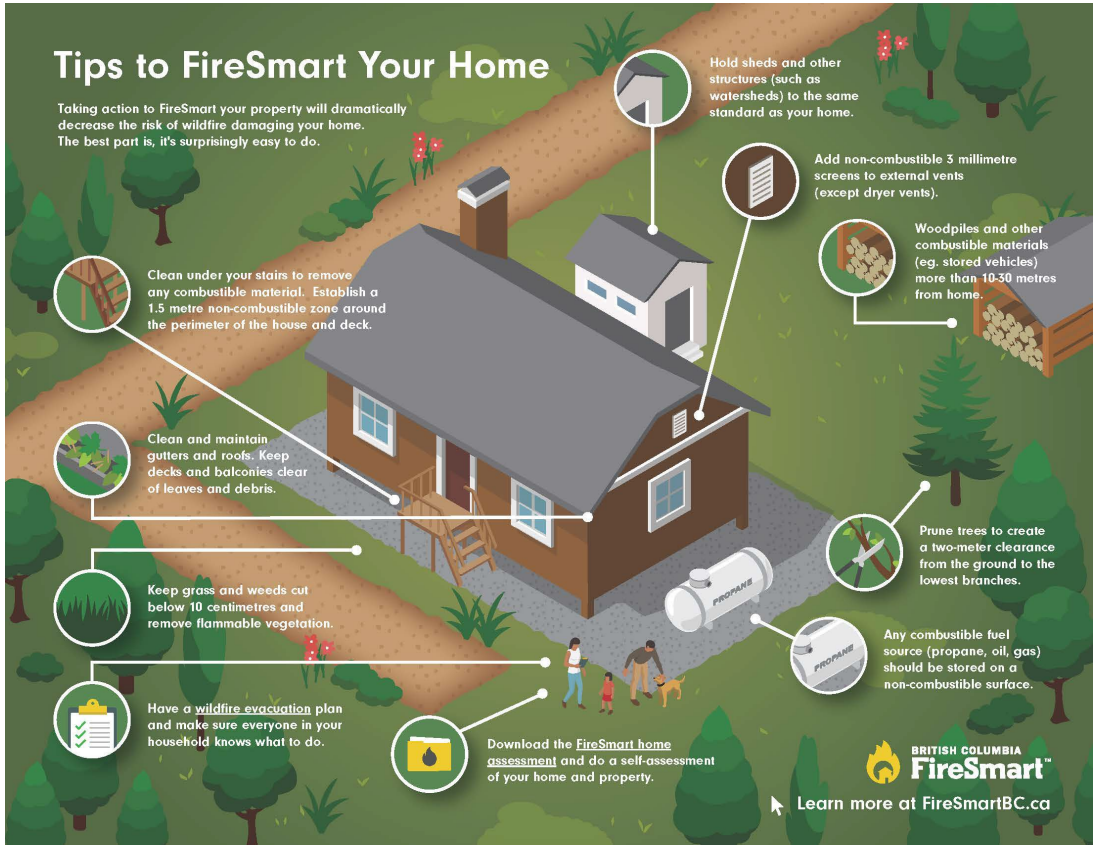
It simplifies the home retrofit process for residents by:

- Offering FREE personalized service,
- Connecting them with hiring professional contractors and energy advisors,
- Helping navigate rebates and loans.

Launched in January 2024, it has:

- Built strong, positive relationships with participants,
- Collaborated with many local programs,
- Recently introduced a first-of-its-kind guidance document.

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.

Fire Protection

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Beaverdell Fire Department

- New investment for training officer and firefighter recruitment
- Pursuing new medical responder vehicle acquisition

Kettle Valley Rural Fire Service

- Renewal of new contract for 5 years with Village of Midway
- Support for permanent full-time Fire Chief position



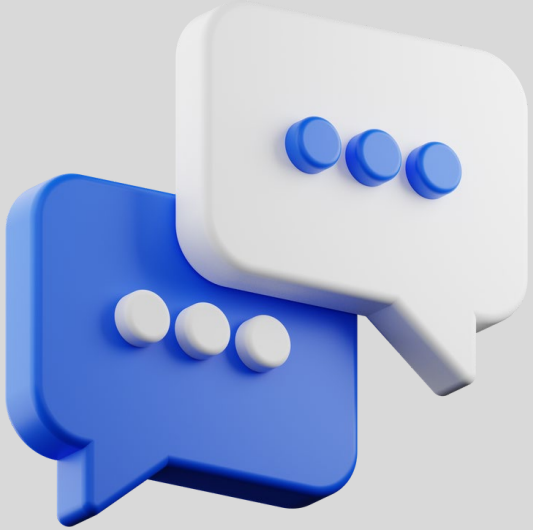
Advisory Planning Commission

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- Jamie Haynes
- Florence Hewer
- Stewart Dobson
- Rod MacLeod
- Ulrich Klumpp
- Reid Hedlund
- Grant Harfman, Alt. Director



Q&A



CHAT WITH YOUR DIRECTOR



ASK THE STAFF

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