



# 2025 - 2029 Financial Plan Public Meeting

## Slocan and Area H South

March 3, 2025

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This presentation contains DRAFT budget numbers subject to change and is for discussion purposes only



# Agenda



Regional Districts & Services Model Overview



Property Assessments & Budget Impact



2025 Overall Outlook



Service by Service Discussion



Estimated Taxation by Defined Area



## Preamble – DRAFT Budget

- The current financial plan document is considered a “Draft” and is subject to change until the March 20, 2025 board meeting
  - 2024 fiscal year-end adjustments remain that can affect the 2025 plan, including prior year surplus amounts.
  - Staff, Committee, Commission, Director and Board level reviews are continuing
  - Public Information sessions are in process
  - This presentation is based on the Feb 25 2025 draft

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# Budget Review Process

Board	Commissions and Committees	Local Service Committees	Directors/Participants
February 21	As Scheduled	Creston A, B, C and Kaslo, D	As Scheduled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core Services (GA, RA, Building, GIS, Planning)</li> <li>• 911 Communications</li> <li>• Emergency Planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks</li> <li>• Recreation</li> <li>• Riondel Services</li> <li>• Utilities (Some CAC)</li> <li>• Resource Recovery (Subregional &amp; Joint)</li> <li>• West Transit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library, Museum, Airport</li> <li>• FR/Search &amp; Rescue</li> <li>• Creston and District Recreation</li> <li>• Kaslo/D Recreation</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire</li> <li>• Animal Control</li> <li>• Library, Cemetery, other contribution services.</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> </ul>

**\*\* Public budget review meetings are to be held between February and mid March to allow for a final draft of the budget to be ready for adoption by the entire Board on March 20 for submission to the ministry by March 31<sup>st</sup>.**



## Regional District of Central Kootenay

- One of 27 Regional Districts in BC
- 11 Rural Electoral Areas (A to K)
- 10 Member Municipalities
- Providing 186 Services including:
  - Parks & Rec Facilities
  - Rural Fire Protection & Emerg. Mgmt
  - Resource Recovery & Waste
  - Building Inspection, Planning, GIS, Bylaw
  - Transit
- Each service stands on its own

### Statistics

298 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees  
280 Volunteer Firefighters  
62,500 residents (2021 Census)  
22,000 square kilometres





## BC Provincial Regulations Impacting the RDCK

### Local Government Act

### Community Charter

Accessible BC Act

Building Act

Climate Change Accountability Act

Declaration Act

Diking Authority Act

Drinking Water Protection Act

Election Act

Emergency and Disaster Management Act

Employment Standards Act

Environment and Land Use Act

Environmental Assessment Act

Environmental Management Act (Waste)

Financial Information Act

Fire Department Act

Fire Services Act

First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Act

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Homeowner Protection Act

Hospital District Act

Housing Supply Act

Human Rights Code

Integrated Pest Management Act

Land Act

Land Survey Act

Land Title Act

Limitation Act

Local Elections Campaign Financing Act

Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act, 2014

Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act

Manufactured Home Act

Negligence Act

Ombudsperson Act

Personal Information Protection Act

Privacy Act

Property Law Act

Safety Authority Act

Safety Standards Act

Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act

Taxation (Rural Area) Act

Transportation Act

Wildfire Act

Workers Compensation Act



# How are annual property taxes for RDCK services calculated?

Tax requisition amounts required to fund each service are determined through the RDCK budget process



Property assessment values are determined by BC Assessment



Tax rate \$/1000 for each Service

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Assessed value of each individual property

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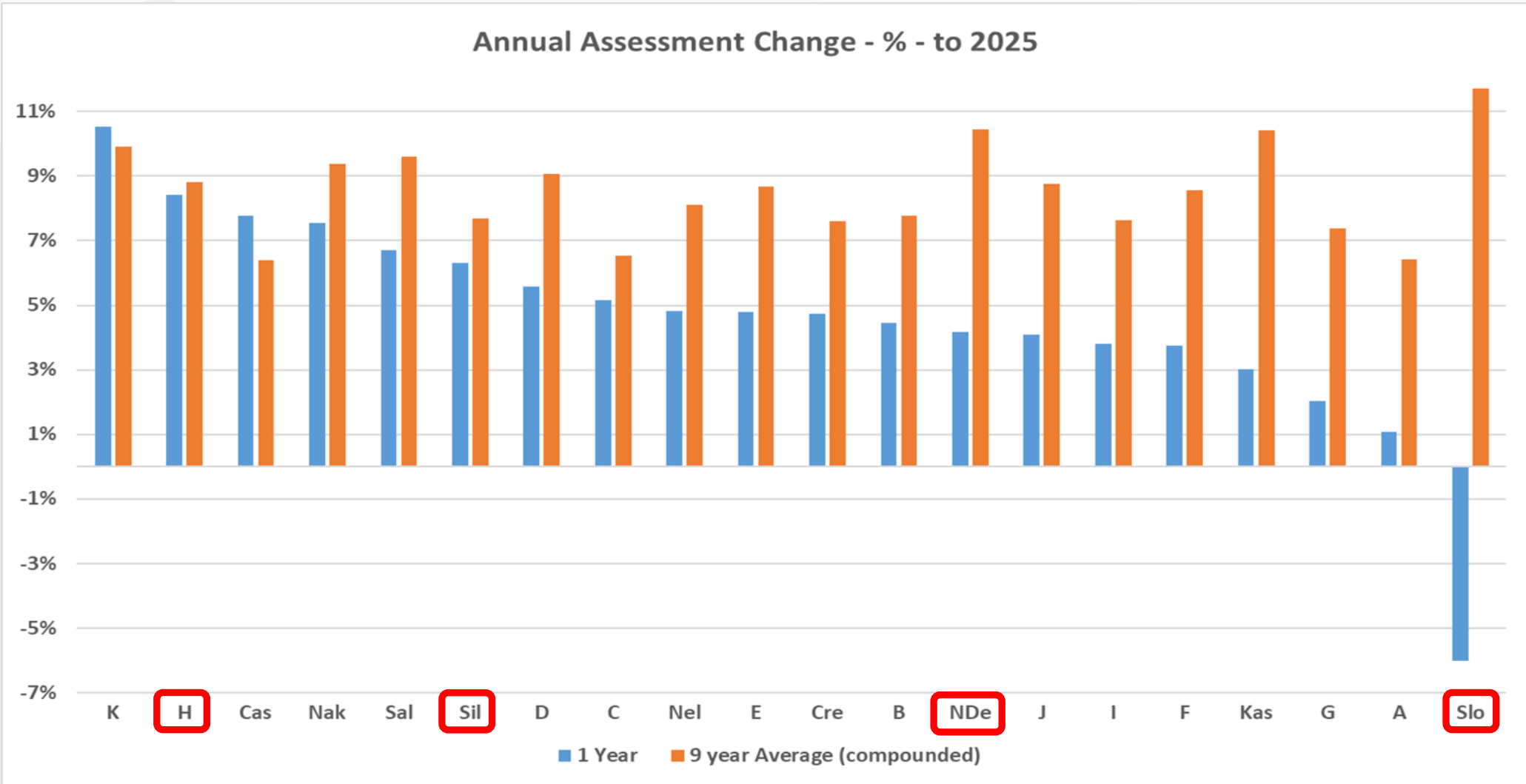
Property tax for each individual property for each Service

\*\*\* parcel taxes are separate

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# Annual Assessment Change: 1 Year vs 9 Year Average





# Financial Plan Components

Latest Draft of the Financial Plan is available on the RDCK website

Electoral Area H Slokan Rural	2025		2024		2023		
	Assessment	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Rate/\$1,000	
S100 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	158,665,711	143.368	146,343,544	129.156	140,433,312	147,088	0.105
S288 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	158,665,711	9.293	146,343,544	8.830	140,433,312	8,849	0.006
S101 RURAL ADMINISTRATION	158,665,711	224.076	146,343,544	173.855	140,433,312	186,070	0.133
S102 BLDG SERVICE	158,665,711	28.565	146,343,544	24.936	140,433,312	25,540	0.018
S103 SUIRING INSPECTION	158,665,711	124.268	146,343,544	95.516	140,433,312	79,951	0.057
S104 PLANNING AND LAND USE	158,665,711	136.722	146,343,544	112.088	140,433,312	110,299	0.079
S105 COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY	158,665,711	24.028	146,343,544	24.966	140,433,312	25,018	0.018
S106 FEASIBILITY STUDY SERVICE	158,665,711	-	146,343,544	-	140,433,312	-	-
S114 EDC-NEW DENNIS/VERTON/SLOKAN, H	158,665,711	7.789	146,343,544	9.322	140,433,312	10,163	0.007
S124 ADVISORY PLANNING AREA-H	158,665,711	293	146,343,544	442	140,433,312	-	-
S156 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911	158,665,711	69.714	146,343,544	52.799	140,433,312	48,754	0.035
S181 EMERGENCY PLANNING - H	158,665,711	111.919	146,343,544	104.301	140,433,312	89,078	0.063
S188 REFUSE-WESTERN SUBREGION	158,665,711	154.708	146,343,544	144.084	140,433,312	139,465	0.099
S190 SEPTAGE DISPOSAL-WEST RURAL	158,665,711	-	146,343,544	-	140,433,312	-	-
S203 REG PARKS-N DEN, SILV, SLOC, H	158,665,711	200.961	146,343,544	191.356	140,433,312	185,847	0.132
S239 KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	158,665,711	51.209	146,343,544	37.832	140,433,312	40,656	0.029
S292 LOCAL CONSERVATION SERVICE	158,665,711	-	146,343,544	-	140,433,312	-	0.000
<b>Regional Requisition</b>	<b>\$ 1,284,892</b>		<b>\$ 1,116,194</b>		<b>\$ 1,097,378</b>		
<b>Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment</b>		0.810		0.759		0.781	
<b>Surveyor of Taxes - Collection Fee</b>		0.043		0.040		0.041	
<b>Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment</b>		<b>0.853</b>		<b>0.799</b>		<b>0.822</b>	
<b>Difference (\$)</b> from prior year		174,738		12,815		155,446	
<b>Percentage Change</b> from prior year		15.74%		1.17%		18.80%	

Regional District of Central Kootenay Assessment & Taxation Summary - 2025 & 2024 Comparative Electoral Areas and Municipalities	Assessments		Change (A-B)/C = %	2025 Taxation Subtotal D	Defined Area Taxation E	Total Taxation 2025 D + E = F	Total Taxation 2024 G	Gross Change (F-G)/G = H	Non Market Change I	Net Change H - I = J
	2025 Completed A	2024 Revised B								
ELECTORAL AREA 'A'	173,241,031	121,922,855	1.08%	1,608,912	1,116,633	2,725,545	2,596,033	5.0%	2.4%	2.6%
ELECTORAL AREA 'B'	153,713,877	147,154,884	4.46%	3,841,929	962,948	4,804,877	4,549,383	5.6%	3.8%	1.9%
ELECTORAL AREA 'C'	62,439,315	59,379,270	5.15%	1,548,739	420,221	1,968,960	1,841,482	6.9%	2.7%	4.3%
ELECTORAL AREA 'D'	71,536,044	67,783,996	5.57%	945,923	527,582	1,473,505	1,246,891	18.2%	4.1%	14.0%
ELECTORAL AREA 'E'	176,893,654	168,807,112	4.79%	2,307,002	1,654,450	3,961,451	3,526,325	12.4%	2.3%	10.1%
ELECTORAL AREA 'F'	161,686,330	155,827,374	3.76%	3,187,578	896,206	4,083,784	3,667,574	11.3%	1.0%	10.4%
ELECTORAL AREA 'G'	65,257,332	63,907,135	2.02%	1,124,311	454,318	1,578,629	1,476,147	6.9%	0.1%	6.8%
ELECTORAL AREA 'H'	159,695,711	146,343,544	8.42%	1,284,892	2,049,652	3,334,544	3,023,473	10.3%	1.4%	8.9%
ELECTORAL AREA 'I'	74,228,441	71,516,454	3.78%	1,025,653	802,768	1,828,421	1,671,991	8.4%	0.8%	7.6%
ELECTORAL AREA 'J'	113,514,473	109,069,426	4.08%	1,915,154	831,334	2,746,488	2,574,530	6.7%	1.2%	5.5%
ELECTORAL AREA 'K'	82,249,256	74,415,199	10.53%	587,471	474,946	1,062,417	946,245	12.3%	2.5%	9.7%
<b>CITY OF CASTLEGAR</b>	<b>309,401,196</b>	<b>287,108,170</b>	<b>7.76%</b>	<b>3,903,391</b>	<b>3,903,391</b>	<b>3,777,493</b>	<b>3,777,493</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>TOWN OF CRESTON</b>	<b>149,792,146</b>	<b>143,035,477</b>	<b>4.72%</b>	<b>3,331,316</b>	<b>3,331,316</b>	<b>3,147,811</b>	<b>3,147,811</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>VILLAGE OF KASLO</b>	<b>37,673,417</b>	<b>36,373,032</b>	<b>3.03%</b>	<b>734,549</b>	<b>734,549</b>	<b>693,897</b>	<b>693,897</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>VILLAGE OF NAKUPUS</b>	<b>48,769,696</b>	<b>45,348,145</b>	<b>7.54%</b>	<b>696,165</b>	<b>696,165</b>	<b>645,919</b>	<b>645,919</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
<b>CITY OF NELSON</b>	<b>450,173,645</b>	<b>429,453,930</b>	<b>4.82%</b>	<b>5,780,154</b>	<b>5,780,154</b>	<b>5,293,743</b>	<b>5,293,743</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
<b>VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER</b>	<b>19,132,124</b>	<b>18,540,406</b>	<b>4.18%</b>	<b>173,563</b>	<b>173,563</b>	<b>157,694</b>	<b>157,694</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
<b>VILLAGE OF SALMO</b>	<b>25,095,694</b>	<b>23,510,519</b>	<b>6.70%</b>	<b>397,432</b>	<b>397,432</b>	<b>362,515</b>	<b>362,515</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
<b>VILLAGE OF SILVERTON</b>	<b>9,115,000</b>	<b>8,573,269</b>	<b>6.32%</b>	<b>86,825</b>	<b>86,825</b>	<b>76,375</b>	<b>76,375</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>
<b>VILLAGE OF SLOKAN</b>	<b>10,519,932</b>	<b>11,192,988</b>	<b>-6.01%</b>	<b>207,111</b>	<b>207,111</b>	<b>209,846</b>	<b>209,846</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>
	<b>2,303,699,114</b>	<b>2,189,903,105</b>	<b>5.20%</b>			<b>44,881,188</b>	<b>41,452,699</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

## Assessment and Taxation Summary • Comparison by Area / Municipality

### S121 Advisory Planning-Area E

INCOME								
Account	Description	2024 DRAFT	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
41010	Requisitions	775	775	0	0	0	0	0
41020	Grants in lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49100	Prior Year Surplus	10,622	10,622	11,091	10,313	9,532	8,748	7,960
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>11,397</b>	<b>11,397</b>	<b>11,091</b>	<b>10,313</b>	<b>9,532</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>7,960</b>
EXPENSES								
Account	Description	2024 DRAFT	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
52010	Travel	0	219	213	207	200	194	0
53020	Admin. Office Supplies & Postage	0	150	150	150	150	150	150
53040	Advertising	0	100	100	100	100	100	100
59100	Accumulated Operating Surplus	0	10,622	10,313	9,532	8,748	7,960	7,355
59510	Transfer to Other Service - General Admin. Fee	306	306	315	324	334	344	355
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>306</b>	<b>11,397</b>	<b>11,091</b>	<b>10,313</b>	<b>9,532</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>7,960</b>
<b>Total Service</b>		<b>11,091</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0</b>

## Detailed Service Statements

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

# Taxation Details Example – Area H

## Electoral Area H Slocan Rural

		2025			2024			2023		
		Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Requisition	Rate/\$1,000
S100	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	158,665,711	143,398	0.090	146,343,544	129,156	0.088	140,433,312	147,088	0.105
S268	DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	158,665,711	9,293	0.006	146,343,544	8,830	0.006	140,433,312	8,849	0.006
S101	RURAL ADMINISTRATION	158,665,711	224,076	0.141	146,343,544	173,885	0.119	140,433,312	186,670	0.133
S102	GIS SERVICE	158,665,711	26,565	0.017	146,343,544	24,936	0.017	140,433,312	25,540	0.018
S103	BUILDING INSPECTION	158,665,711	124,268	0.078	146,343,544	95,516	0.065	140,433,312	79,951	0.057
S104	PLANNING AND LAND USE	158,665,711	136,722	0.086	146,343,544	112,068	0.077	140,433,312	110,299	0.079
S105	COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY	158,665,711	24,038	0.015	146,343,544	24,966	0.017	140,433,312	25,018	0.018
S106	FEASIBILITY STUDY SERVICE	158,665,711	-	-	146,343,544	-	-	140,433,312	-	-
S114	EDC-NEW DEN,SILVERTON,SLOCAN, H	158,665,711	7,789	0.005	146,343,544	9,322	0.006	140,433,312	10,163	0.007
S124	ADVISORY PLANNING-AREA H	158,665,711	293	0.000	146,343,544	442	0.00	140,433,312	-	-
S156	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911	158,665,711	69,714	0.044	146,343,544	52,799	0.036	140,433,312	48,754	0.035
S161	EMERGENCY PLANNING - H	158,665,711	111,919	0.071	146,343,544	104,301	0.071	140,433,312	89,078	0.063
S188	REFUSE-WESTERN SUBREGION	158,665,711	154,708	0.098	146,343,544	144,684	0.099	140,433,312	139,465	0.099
S190	SEPTAGE DISPOSAL-WEST RURAL	158,665,711	-	-	146,343,544	-	-	140,433,312	-	-
S203	REG PARKS-N DEN, SILV, SLOC, H	158,665,711	200,961	0.127	146,343,544	191,356	0.131	140,433,312	185,847	0.132
S239	KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	158,665,711	51,209	0.032	146,343,544	37,932	0.026	140,433,312	40,656	0.029
S292	LOCAL CONSERVATION SERVICE	158,665,711	-	-	146,343,544	-	0.000	140,433,312	-	0.000
<b>Regional Requisition</b>			<b>\$ 1,284,952</b>			<b>\$ 1,110,194</b>			<b>\$ 1,097,379</b>	
<b>Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment</b>				0.810			0.759			0.781
<b>Surveyor of Taxes - Collection Fee</b>				0.043			0.040			0.041
<b>Estimated Rate per \$1,000 of Assesment</b>				<b>0.852</b>			<b>0.798</b>			<b>0.822</b>
<b>Difference (\$) from prior year</b>			174,758			12,815			155,446	
<b>Percentage Change from prior year</b>			<b>15.74%</b>			<b>1.17%</b>			<b>16.50%</b>	
S140	FIRE PROT-DEF H NEW DENVER	15,330,846	78,881	0.515	14,151,528	76,625	0.541	13,139,914	76,435	0.582
S142	SLOCAN VALLEY FIRE	124,247,181	1,311,864	1.056	114,913,480	1,243,707	1.082	110,688,318	1,173,607	1.060
S168	STREET LIGHTING-DEF H (SOUTH SLOCAN)	2,869,316	3,600	0.125	2,745,457	3,500	0.127	2,590,008	3,400	0.131
S173	STREET LIGHTING-DEF H (MT. SENTINEL)	132,342,330	4,900	0.004	122,421,665	4,600	0.004	117,920,865	4,600	0.004
S178	CEMETERY-N DEN, SILV, DEF H	18,435,619	7,710	0.042	16,970,185	7,458	0.044	15,916,741	7,560	0.047
S200	LIBRARY - AREA H	132,437,245	76,850	0.058	122,510,925	72,500	0.059	118,007,275	71,172	0.060
S208	SKI HILL - SUMMIT LAKE	26,174,366	2,814	0.011	23,781,819	2,781	0.012	22,399,587	2,823	0.013
S214	RECREATION FAC-DEF H-S SLOCAN HALL	2,974,646	-	-	2,853,817	-	-	2,693,433	-	-
S219	TV SOCIETY-NEW DEN SILV, DEF H	17,656,832	9,231	0.052	16,202,685	9,266	0.057	15,101,350	9,320	0.062
S220	TV SOCIETY-SLOCAN,DEF AREA H	109,677,874	25,173	0.023	101,228,553	25,197	0.025	98,063,871	25,108	0.026
S229	REC COM-N DENV, SILV, DEF H	26,177,176	24,780	0.095	23,784,629	22,178	0.093	22,402,017	22,413	0.100
S231	REC COMMISSION-SLOCAN, DEF H	132,437,245	220,926	0.167	122,510,925	218,854	0.179	118,007,275	165,064	0.140
S238	TRANSIT-NORTH SHORE AND SLOCAN VALLEY	123,198,246	282,924	0.230	113,927,835	226,614	0.199	109,716,153	201,152	0.183
S245	WATER UTILITY-DEF H-S SLOCAN	2,974,646	-	-	2,853,817	-	-	2,693,433	-	-
S260	WATER UTILITY-DEF-H-ROSEBERRY	839,050	-	-	752,190	-	-	574,900	-	-

# Taxation Details Example – Village of Slocan

Village of Slocan		2025			2024			2023		
		Assessment	Rate/\$1,000		Assessment	Rate/\$1,000		Assessment	Rate/\$1,000	
S100	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	10,519,932	9,508	0.090	11,192,988	9,878	0.088	10,024,750	10,500	0.105
S277	DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	10,519,932	930	0.009	11,192,988	930	0.008	10,024,750	930	0.009
S102	GIS SERVICE	10,519,932	1,761	0.017	11,192,988	1,907	0.017	10,024,750	1,823	0.018
S103	BUILDING INSPECTION	10,519,932	8,239	0.078	11,192,988	7,305	0.065	10,024,750	5,707	0.057
S114	EDC-NEW DEN,SILVERTON,SLOCAN, H	10,519,932	516	0.005	11,192,988	713	0.006	10,024,750	726	0.007
S142	SLOCAN VALLEY FIRE	10,519,932	111,075	1.056	11,192,988	121,142	1.082	10,024,750	106,291	1.060
S156	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911	10,519,932	4,622	0.044	11,192,988	4,038	0.036	10,024,750	3,480	0.035
S161	EMERGENCY PLANNING - H	10,519,932	7,421	0.071	11,192,988	7,977	0.071	10,024,750	6,359	0.063
S188	REFUSE-WESTERN SUBREGION	10,519,932	12,769	0.121	11,192,988	11,938	0.107	10,024,750	11,479	0.115
S190	SEPTAGE DISPOSAL-WEST RURAL	10,519,932	-	-	11,192,988	-	-	10,024,750	-	-
S203	REG PARKS-N DEN, SILV, SLOC, H	10,519,932	13,324	0.127	11,192,988	14,636	0.131	10,024,750	13,267	0.132
S238	CON TRANSIT-AREAS E AND F - SV	10,519,932	33,980	0.323	11,192,988	27,184	0.243	10,024,750	25,054	0.250
S239	KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	10,519,932	2,965	0.028	11,192,988	2,196	0.020	10,024,750	2,354	0.023
<b>Regional Requisition</b>			<u>207,111</u>			<u>209,846</u>			<u>187,969</u>	
<b>Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment</b>				<u>1.969</u>			<u>1.875</u>			<u>1.875</u>
<b>Difference (\$) from prior year</b>			(2,735)			21,877			29,838	
<b>Percentage Change from prior year</b>			-1.30%			11.64%			18.87%	



# Rural Property Tax Bill - Example

The BC government is providing property tax relief during COVID-19.  
 Visit [gov.bc.ca/annualpropertytax](http://gov.bc.ca/annualpropertytax) for more information.  
 See insert for information about potential penalties for late payment.  
 Postmarks are not accepted as date of payment.

The *Rural Property Tax Notice* for the period ending December 31, 2020 has been sent to all property owners. The easiest way to pay your taxes and claim your home owner grant is online using eTaxBC at [gov.bc.ca/ruralpropertytax](http://gov.bc.ca/ruralpropertytax) Find all payment options on the reverse.

	Class	Land Value	Improvements	Rate	No Grant A	Reg Grant B	Add'l Grant C
<b>Provincial Services</b>							
School	01	169,000	321,000	2.06570	1,012.19	1,012.19	1,012.19
Less: Home Owner Grant					0.00	(770.00)	(1,012.19)
Net School					1,012.19	242.19	0.00
Provincial Rural Tax	01	169,000	321,000	0.47000	230.30	230.30	230.30
Police Tax	01	169,000	321,000	0.13330	65.32	65.32	65.32
<b>Local Services</b>							
BEAS/BLEW FIRE - AREA F	01	169,000	321,000	0.66466	325.68	325.68	325.68
F CENTRAL KOOTENAY	01	169,000	321,000	2.13276	1,045.05	1,045.05	1,045.05
W KOOT-BOUNDARY HOSP	01	169,000	321,000	0.24875	121.89	121.89	121.89
BC ASSESSMENT	01	169,000	321,000	0.04260	20.87	20.87	20.87
MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY	01	169,000	321,000	0.00020	0.10	0.10	0.10
Residual Home Owner Grant					0.00	0.00	(32.81)
<b>TOTAL 2020 PROPERTY TAXES</b>					<b>2,821.40</b>	<b>2,051.40</b>	<b>1,776.40</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>					<b>2,821.40</b>	<b>2,051.40</b>	<b>1,776.40</b>

# Assessment and Taxation Change by Area / Municipality

	Assessments		Change	Total Taxation	Total Taxation	Gross	Non	Net
	2025 Completed	2024 Revised	2025 vs. 2024	2025	2024	Change	Market	Change
	A	B	(A-B)/B = C	D + E = F	G	(F-G)/G = H	I	H - I = J
ELECTORAL AREA 'A'	123,241,031	121,922,855	1.08%	2,725,545	2,596,033	5.0%	2.4%	2.6%
ELECTORAL AREA 'B'	153,713,877	147,154,804	4.46%	4,804,877	4,549,383	5.6%	3.8%	1.9%
ELECTORAL AREA 'C'	62,439,315	59,379,270	5.15%	1,968,960	1,841,482	6.9%	2.7%	4.3%
ELECTORAL AREA 'D'	71,536,044	67,763,996	5.57%	1,473,505	1,246,891	18.2%	4.1%	14.0%
ELECTORAL AREA 'E'	176,898,554	168,807,112	4.79%	3,961,451	3,525,325	12.4%	2.3%	10.1%
ELECTORAL AREA 'F'	161,686,330	155,827,374	3.76%	4,083,784	3,667,574	11.3%	1.0%	10.4%
ELECTORAL AREA 'G'	65,257,332	63,967,135	2.02%	1,578,629	1,476,147	6.9%	0.1%	6.8%
ELECTORAL AREA 'H'	158,665,711	146,343,544	8.42%	3,334,604	3,023,473	10.3%	1.4%	8.9%
ELECTORAL AREA 'I'	74,228,441	71,516,454	3.79%	1,828,421	1,671,091	9.4%	0.8%	8.6%
ELECTORAL AREA 'J'	113,514,473	109,069,426	4.08%	2,746,488	2,574,530	6.7%	1.2%	5.5%
ELECTORAL AREA 'K'	82,249,256	74,415,199	10.53%	1,062,417	946,245	12.3%	2.5%	9.7%
CITY OF CASTLEGAR	309,401,196	287,108,170	7.76%	3,903,391	3,777,493	3.3%	1.0%	2.3%
TOWN OF CRESTON	149,792,146	143,035,477	4.72%	3,331,316	3,147,811	5.8%	0.8%	5.0%
VILLAGE OF KASLO	37,679,417	36,573,032	3.03%	734,549	663,867	10.6%	2.1%	8.6%
VILLAGE OF NAKUSP	48,769,606	45,348,145	7.54%	698,165	645,219	8.2%	1.3%	6.9%
CITY OF NELSON	450,173,645	429,453,930	4.82%	5,780,154	5,293,743	9.2%	1.3%	7.9%
VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER	19,732,124	18,940,406	4.18%	173,563	157,654	10.1%	1.7%	8.4%
VILLAGE OF SALMO	25,085,684	23,510,519	6.70%	397,432	362,515	9.6%	2.3%	7.4%
VILLAGE OF SILVERTON	9,115,000	8,573,269	6.32%	86,825	76,375	13.7%	0.3%	13.4%
VILLAGE OF SLOCAN	10,519,932	11,192,988	-6.01%	207,111	209,846	-1.3%	0.5%	-1.8%
	<b>2,303,699,114</b>	<b>2,189,903,105</b>	<b>5.20%</b>	<b>44,881,188</b>	<b>41,452,699</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>



## 2025 Overall Outlook

- Projected average tax increase of 6.5% in the Feb 25 draft budget.
  - Lower than many other Regional District's and municipalities draft financial plans for 2025.
- \$45.8M total tax requisitions for 2025 in the current draft plan are \$700K lower than the \$46.5M total tax requisitions forecasted for 2025 in the 2024-2028 Financial Plan.
- CPI Increase on staff salaries and Director stipends – 3.3%.
  - Effectively using a two-year CPI average to smooth annual increases and decreases
- Decreasing Interest rates are reducing interest charges on short term loans
  - But also reducing investment income.
- Continued work on implementing a formal Asset Management Plan (AMP)
  - A growing requirement for external grant streams, particularly Community Works.
  - New Asset Management Specialist position planned for 2025



# 2025 Challenges and Opportunities

- Foreign Trade including Tariffs & Counter Tariffs
  - Increased procurement costs
  - Slowing economic activity: lower building permit, waste disposal and recreation fee revenue
  - A more severe economic downturn could have a wider effect
- Fluctuating Canadian Dollar
  - Could lead to increased inflation and procurement costs for the RDCK
- New Federal Government
  - Uncertain impact on the RDCK.
- Artificial Intelligence
  - Technology is evolving quickly
  - Currently seeing limited, although successful use at the RDCK
  - Need to be mindful of accuracy and privacy concerns
  - Working on an AI Strategy including staff training components



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# General Administration

Service S100

## General Administration

- Includes Corporate Administration, Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, CAO & Municipal Directors

### General Administration - S101

- 8% Taxation Increase
- \$138K roofing replacement on Lakeside office
- Housing availability and high expectations for wages and compensation are impeding recruitment efforts
- Begin migration to SharePoint for records management
- Continued migration to Microsoft 365 environment
- Continuing to build Cyber Security system resiliency
- New website launching soon
- Organizational Review process to commence in 2025





Area H

# Rural Administration

Service S101

Rural Admin. - S101  
• 25% Taxation Increase in 2025

## Regional Fire Services Overhead

- Oversight and coordination of 21 RDCK fire protection and 911 services including SPU and BCWS deployments and firefighter training.
- Most of the overhead costs are allocated out to the 21 fire protection services
- Expecting ~\$475K UBCM training grant in 2025
- \$75K from reserves to fund a command vehicle in 2025



## Bylaw Enforcement

- Includes Noise, Animal Control, Unsightly & Nuisance Properties, Zoning and Soil Removal/Deposit Bylaw Enforcement
- Bylaws vary by electoral area





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# GIS

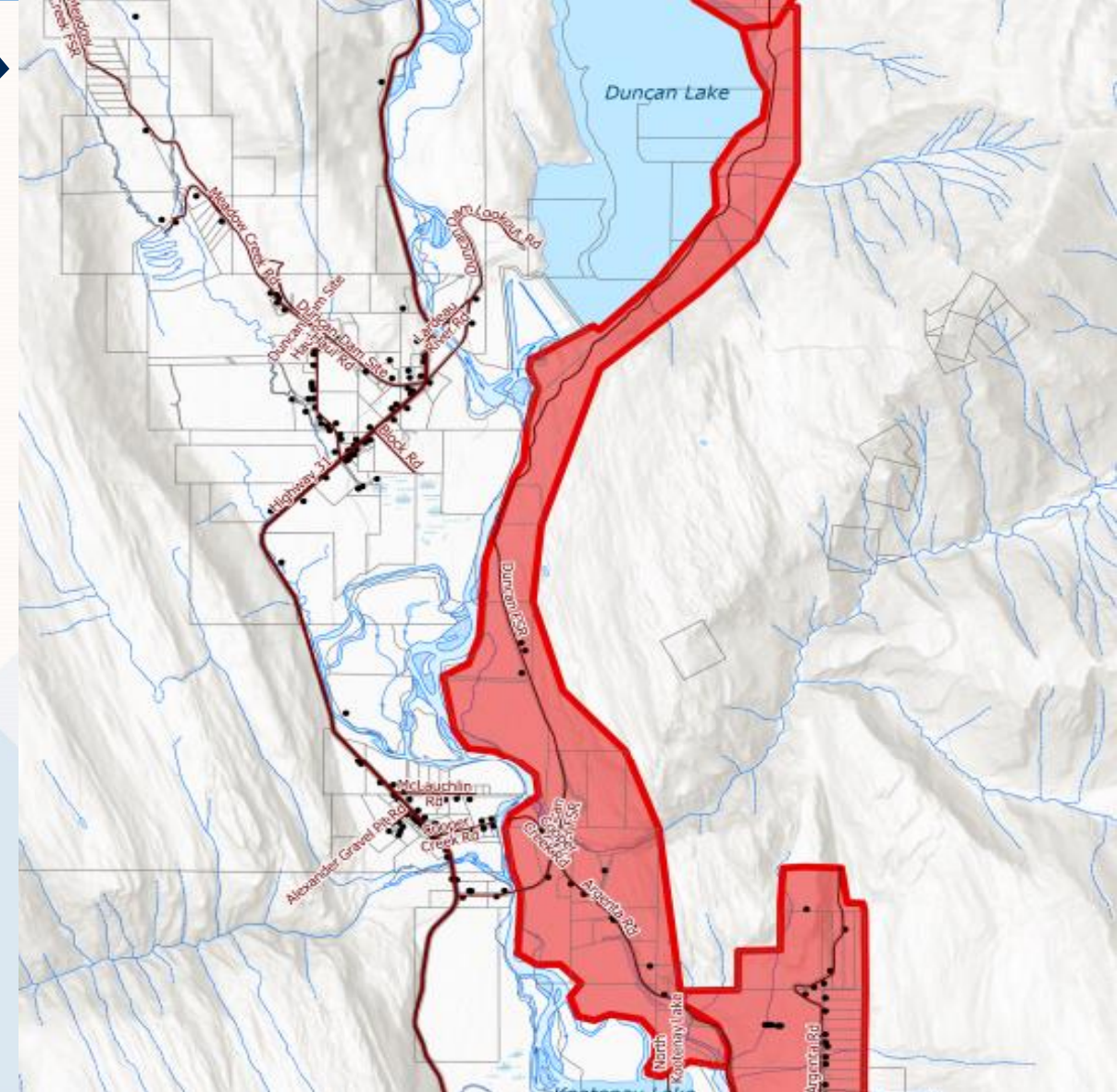
Service S102

## Geospatial Information Systems (GIS)

- Provides regional mapping services for internal and external uses, including public web map, landfill measurements and mapping for fire services and emergency services including mapping of evacuation alerts and orders.

### GIS - S102

- 3% Taxation Increase
- \$40K GIS strategic assessment underway
- \$41K for required upgrades to ESRI GIS system
- \$30K for upgrades to Real Time Kinematics (RTK) unit
- Working on grant funded \$75K NG911 project





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# Building Inspection

Service S103

## Building Inspection - S103

- 26% Taxation Increase
- Permit revenue softened considerably in 2024
  - \$636K actual vs \$950K budget
- Two open building inspection positions have been removed from the budget while new permit activity remains low
- Staying current with revisions to BC Building Code, including Seismic Accessibility
- New accounting standards may impact permit fee revenue recognition going forward





Area H

# Planning & Land Use

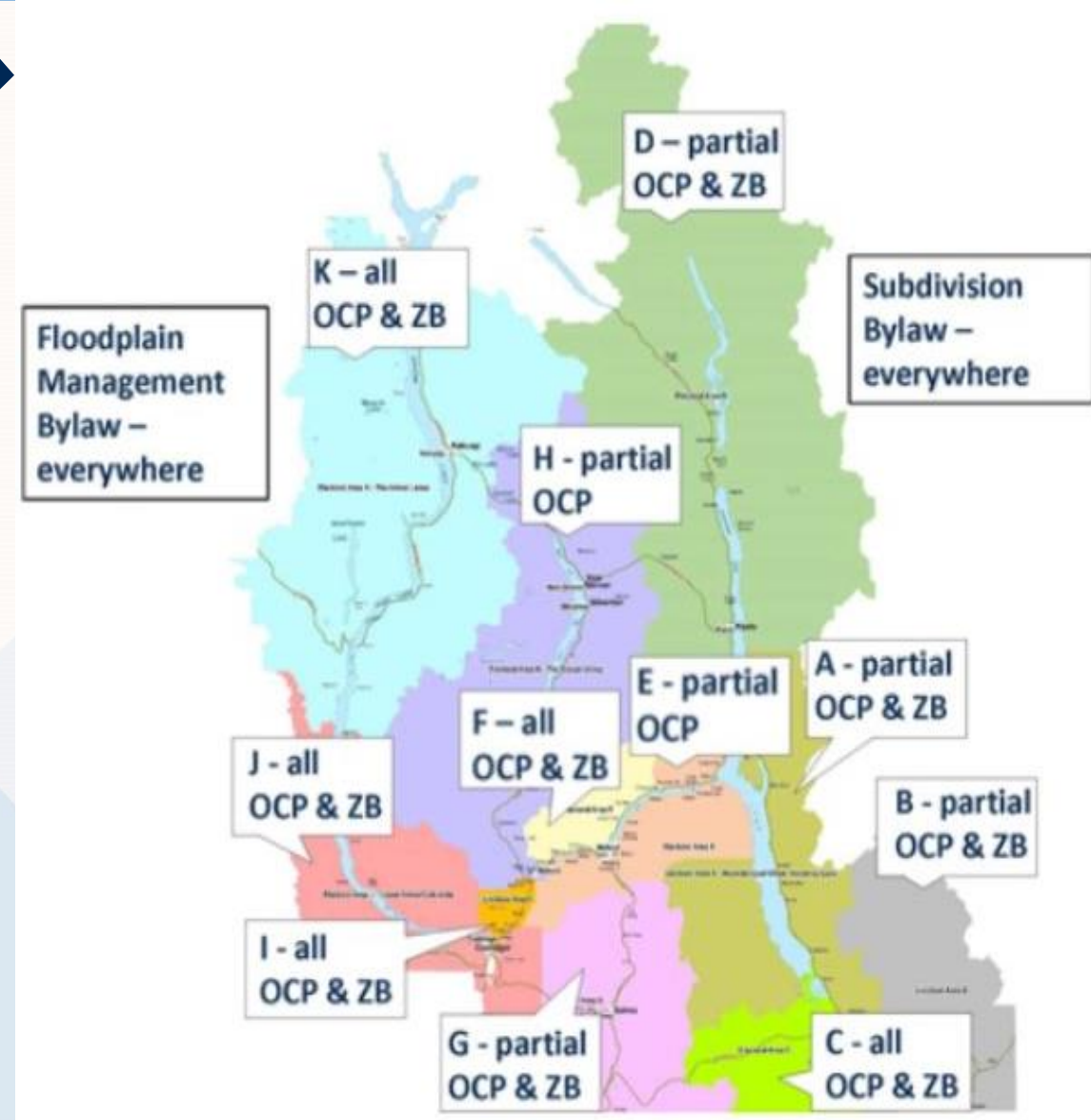
Service S104

## Planning Department

- Responsible for administration of zoning, land use and development applications
- Development of long-term community plans
- Administers RDCK land use & zoning bylaws, standards and policies

### Planning & Land Use - S104

- 18% Taxation Increase
- Receiving Provincial Funding to address housing regulation
- Subdivision servicing bylaw
- Revise Floodplain bylaw
- Regional and Local Community Needs Project





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# West Resource Recovery

Service S188

## West Resource Recovery (Castlegar/H/I/J/K/Slocan/New Denver/Silverton/Nakusp)

- Includes transfer stations, recycling depots and landfills, as well as transportation of materials.

### West Resource Recovery – S188

- 8% Taxation and 10% tipping fee increases
- Change to contaminated wood waste management in May 2025
- West transfer station upgrades nearly complete
- Nakusp Landfill closure planning underway
- Phase 1 of Legacy Landfill assessments
- Commercial and rural organics diversion initiatives
- Ootischenia landfill development planning
- Procurement process for EcoDepots in Castlegar & Nakusp





# Parks

Service S203

Proposed Taxation Increase: 3.7%

## Park Highlights

There are 5 parks in Service 203. The work mentioned below is only the major projects taking place in 2025. It does not detail general park maintenance.

### CRESCENT VALLEY BEACH

- An addition of an accessible trail down to the main park area and beach



### GALENA TRAIL

- Installation of 26m bridge over second trail slough



### ROSEBERY PARKLANDS

- Landscaping of area surrounding washroom and continued invasive work.
- Fuel mitigation of parklands and parts of the Galena Trail were completed in coordination with the Rosebery Community Association in 2024.

### BIGELOW BAY

- Washroom and Trail enhancement was also completed in 2024



### SPECIAL THANKS

- To Rosebery Community Association for their contribution to the fuel treatment at Rosebery Parklands



1 Seasonal Parks Maintenance position made into a Full Time Parks Position to support all RDCK parks maintenance.



## Area H

# Parks & Recreation

Service S231

Proposed Taxation Increase: 1%

## Park Highlights

### CAMPBELL FIELD

- Danger tree work and removal of old washrooms

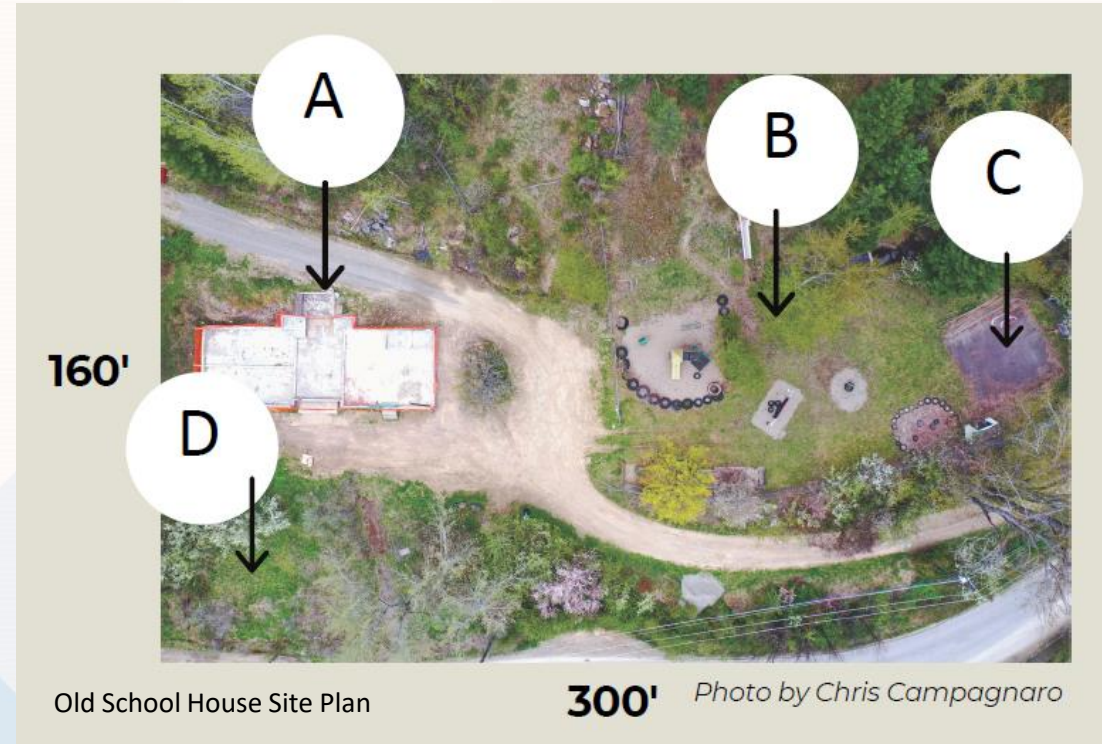
### KRESTOVA

- Entry and park boundary signage, gates and bollards for access control

### OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

- Supporting community planning and fundraising for new park at the old school house site
- Capital project to repair the foundation of the old school house to build a pavilion

1 Seasonal Parks Maintenance position made into a Full Time Parks Position to support all RDCK parks maintenance.



- A: Schoolhouse Foundation (pavilion will be built on this) - Phase 1
- B: Future Playground and Field -Phase 2
- C: Future Multi-use Sports Court -Phase 2
- D: Landscaped Hillside (pollinator garden) - Phase 2



# Recreation - 2025 Programming Highlights

Services S229 and S231



## FIRST AID COURSES

- First Aid Certification and Re-Certification courses to be offered in New Denver in late Spring



## SUMMER CAMPS

- Summer Camps were a success in 2024 and will be offered again in 2025



## SWIM TO SURVIVE

- Events will be offered in the Slocan Valley this summer.
- Swim to Survive is a tool to help prevent drowning
- 2024 events were cancelled due to wildfires



## INSTRUCTOR RECRUITMENT

- Instructor recruitment is a priority for 2025 to be able to offer additional programs and workshops in the community



## YOUTH SAFETY PROGRAMS

- Youth safety courses such as Home Alone, My Safe Life will be offered

## Additional Highlights

- Annual Holiday Tea Event
- Equipment Rentals
- New Denver Fitness Centre operations
- Community recreation grants – Service 229

**Proposed Taxation Increase for Service 229: 8.9% or \$4,253**



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# Parks

Services S229 and S231

## RDCK Regional Parks, Trails and Water Access Strategy

- The strategy will identify the strategic priorities that define the future direction, philosophy, policies, and actions for the provision of both regional and community parks services.
- Working Group Meetings
- Completion in Fall 2025





Area H

# Water Utility

Service S245

## South Slokan – S245

- 0% Parcel Tax Increase
- 7% User fee increase
- Engineering assessment of dam
- Upgrades to 154m of 1950's vintage water main





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# Emergency Planning

Service S161

## Emergency Planning - S161

- 6% Taxation Increase
- Continued implementation of the new Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA)
  - Emergency plans, risk assessments, business continuity plans
  - Multi-jurisdictional planning underway
  - Aligning bylaw, policy, procedures and templates
  - Expansion of the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program
- Increasing Emergency Support Services (ESS) capacity
- Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grants for EOC & ESS
- New \$230K CBT Community Readiness Partnership
- Implement recommendations from 2024 Wildfire Season Review
- FireSmart programs including Rebates, Neighbourhood Recognition and CWRP updates, funded through UBCM CRI FireSmart Program.





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# 911 Communications

Service S156

## 911 Communications - S156

- 28% Taxation Increase
- \$56K combined increase in contracted service costs for external 911 Dispatch (Kelowna) and Fire Dispatch (Prince George) services
- \$30K increase in services to continue migration to Next Generation 911 (NG911)
- \$100K in new radio infrastructure including repeaters to be funded from reserves





Area H / Slokan

# Fire Protection

Services S142

## Region Wide 2025 Initiatives

- Continuing multi-year replacement of Personal Protective and other equipment to meet regulatory requirements
- Continuing capital reserve contributions
- Utilizing CBT Small Community Wildfire readiness grants

### Slokan Valley – S142 (Slokan / H)

- 4% Taxation Increase
- Energy upgrades funded by Community Works grants
- Focus on training to meet OFC & Provincial Requirements
- Procurement of replacement fire apparatus in progress





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# Transit

Services S238 & S239

## Region Wide 2025 Initiatives

- Transit Values Study completed in 2024 will drive re-apportionment plan
- Service level review begins in 2025 to drive potential changes in 2026
- A fare review by BC Transit has been requested

### North Shore Slocan Valley – S238 (Slocan/H)

- 16% Taxation Increase
- Reserves were used up to reduce taxation in 2024
- Operating cost increase from contract with BC Transit

### Kootenay Lake West – S239 (Slocan/New Denver/Silverton/H)

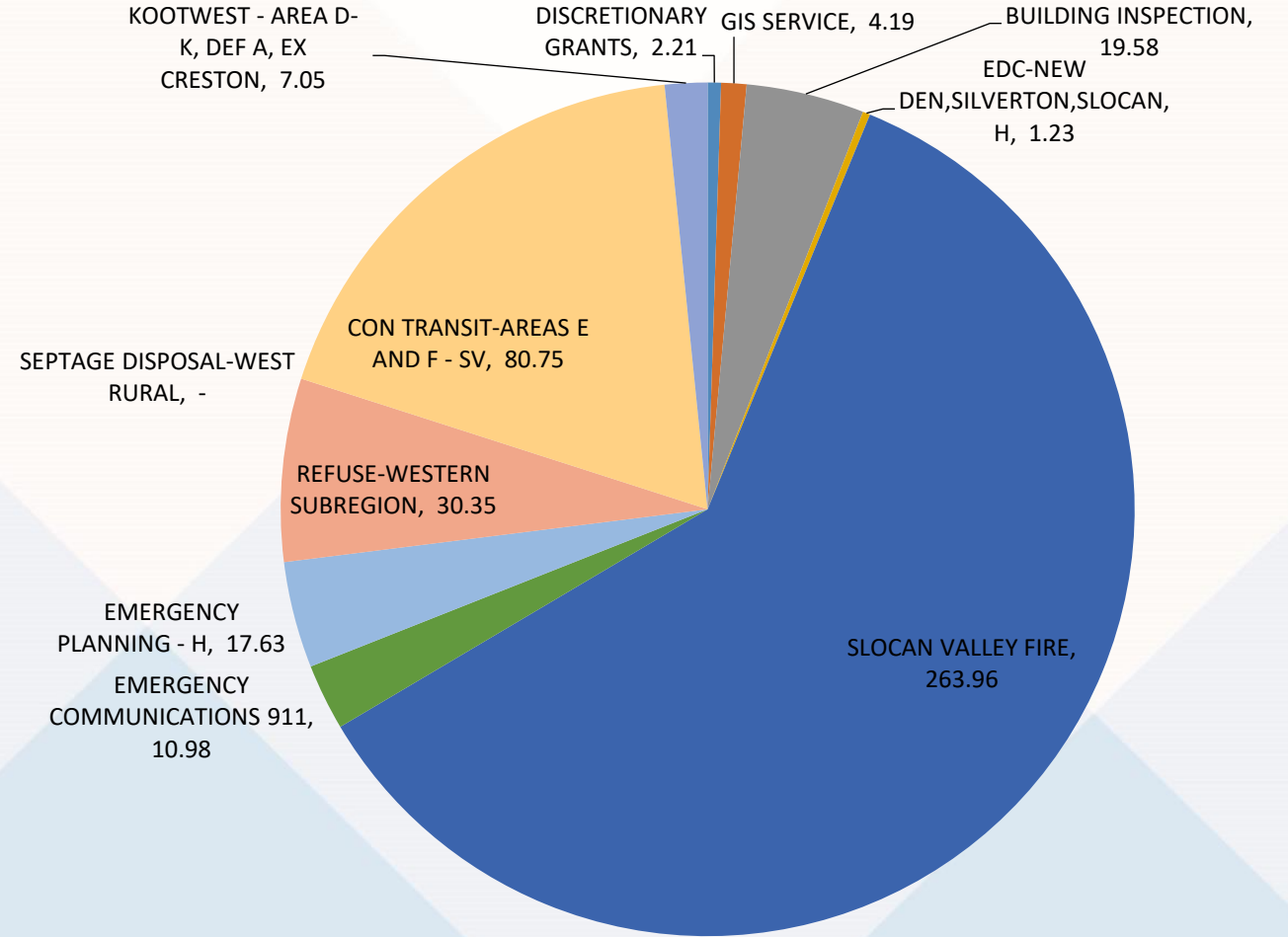
- 35% Taxation Increase
- Reserves were used up to reduce taxation in 2024
- Operating cost increase from contract with BC Transit





## Village of Slocan – RDCK Tax Bill

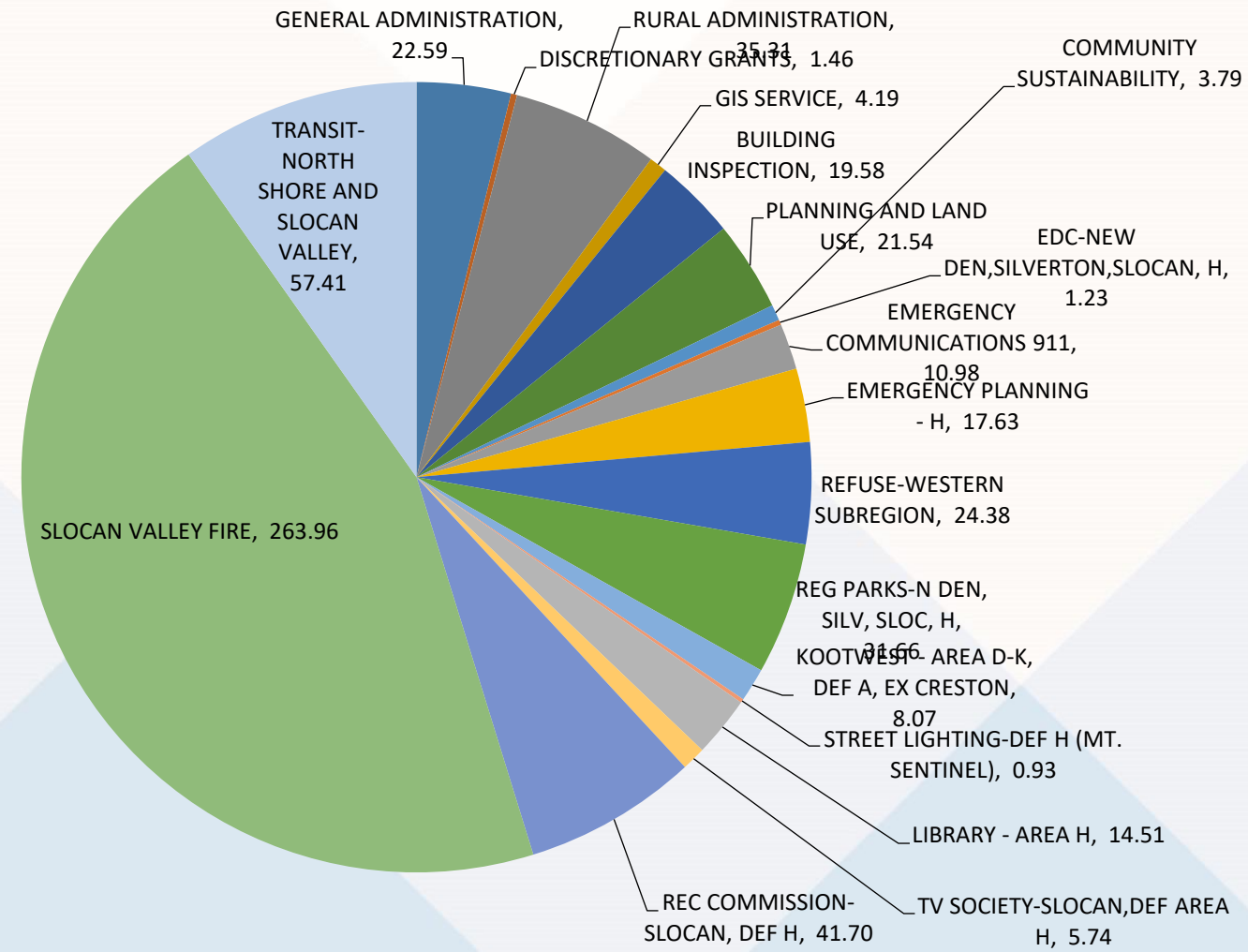
Per \$250,000 of  
Home Value  
\$ 438 Tax Bill  
\$ 414 - 2024





# Area H South – RDCK Tax Bill

Per \$250,000 of Home Value  
 \$ 587 Tax Bill  
 \$ 577 - 2024





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