

Budget 2025

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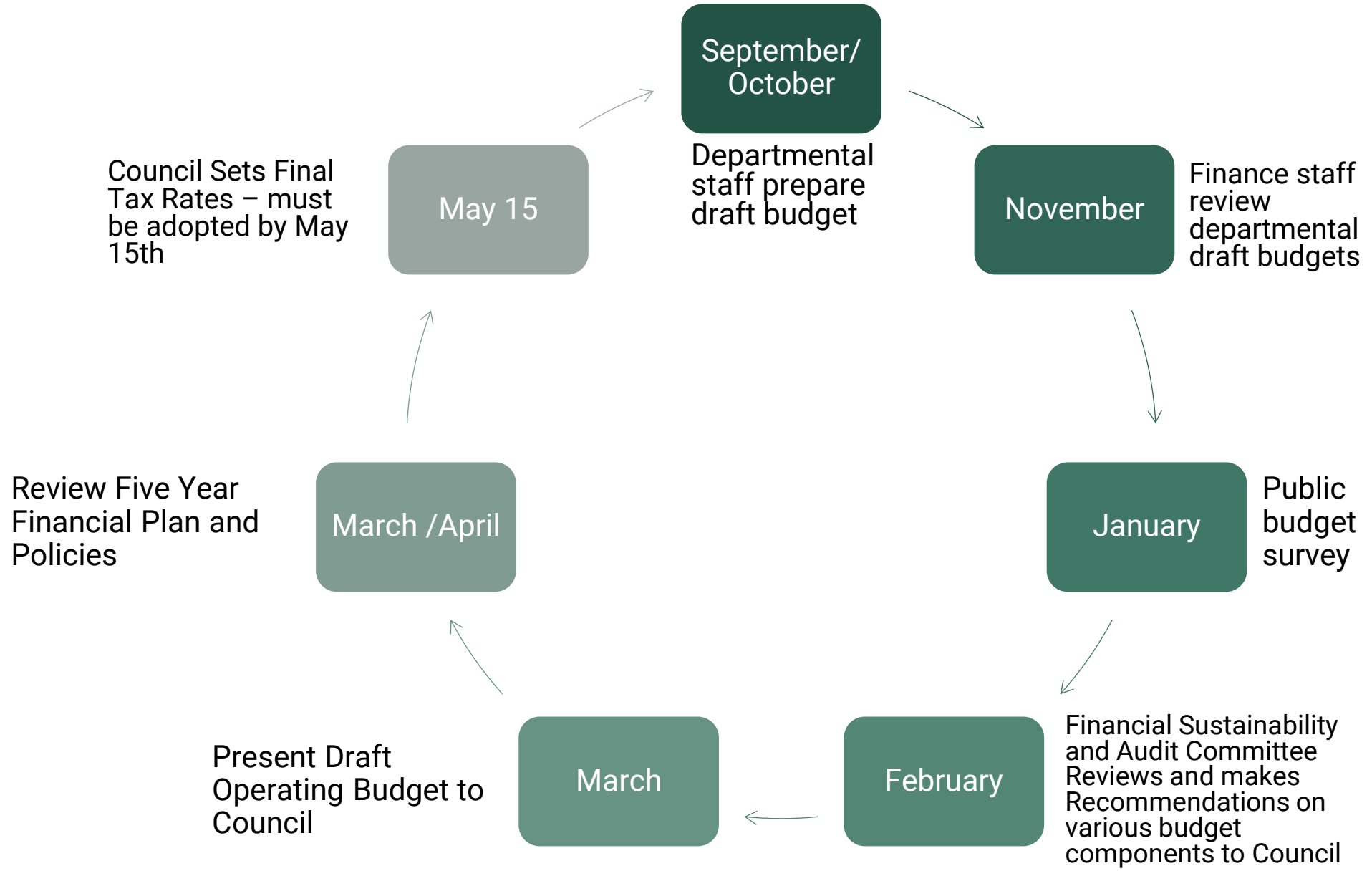
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Budget Process Overview

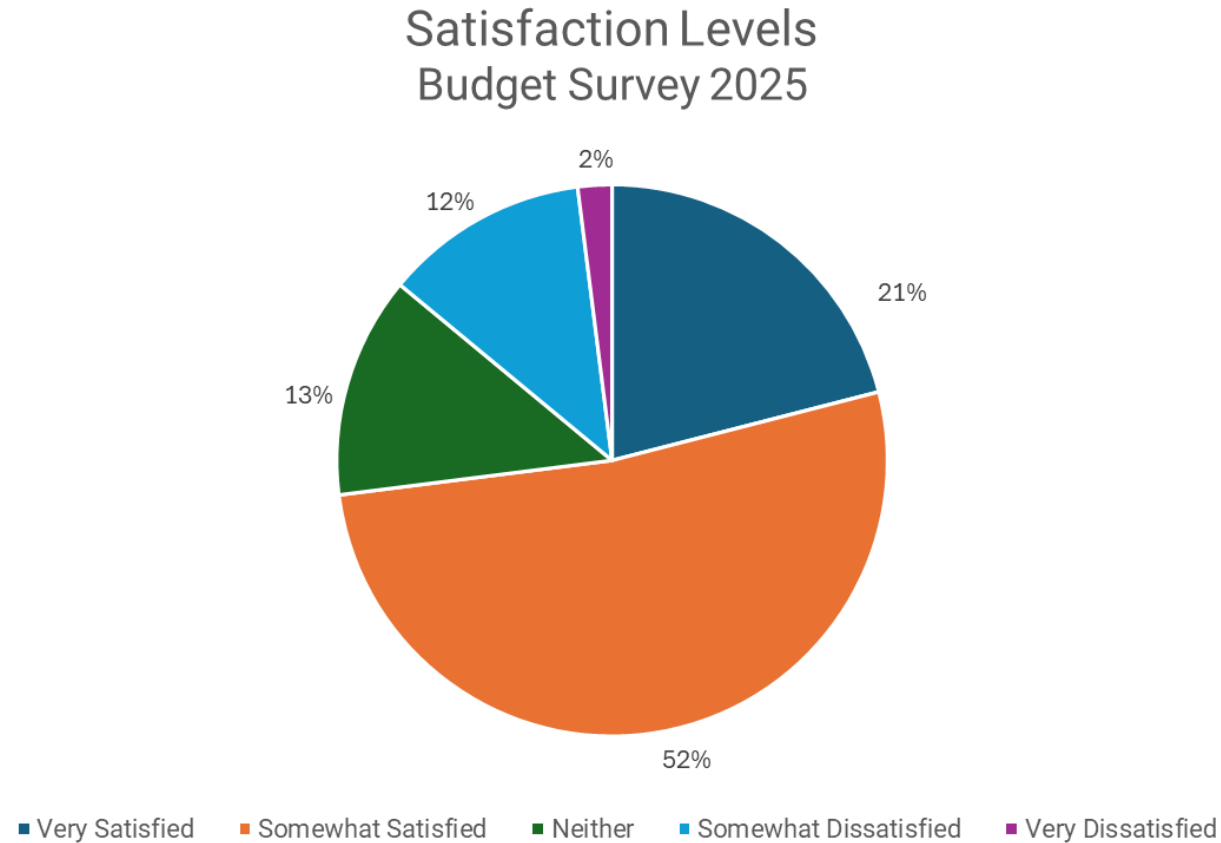


Legislation

Community Charter

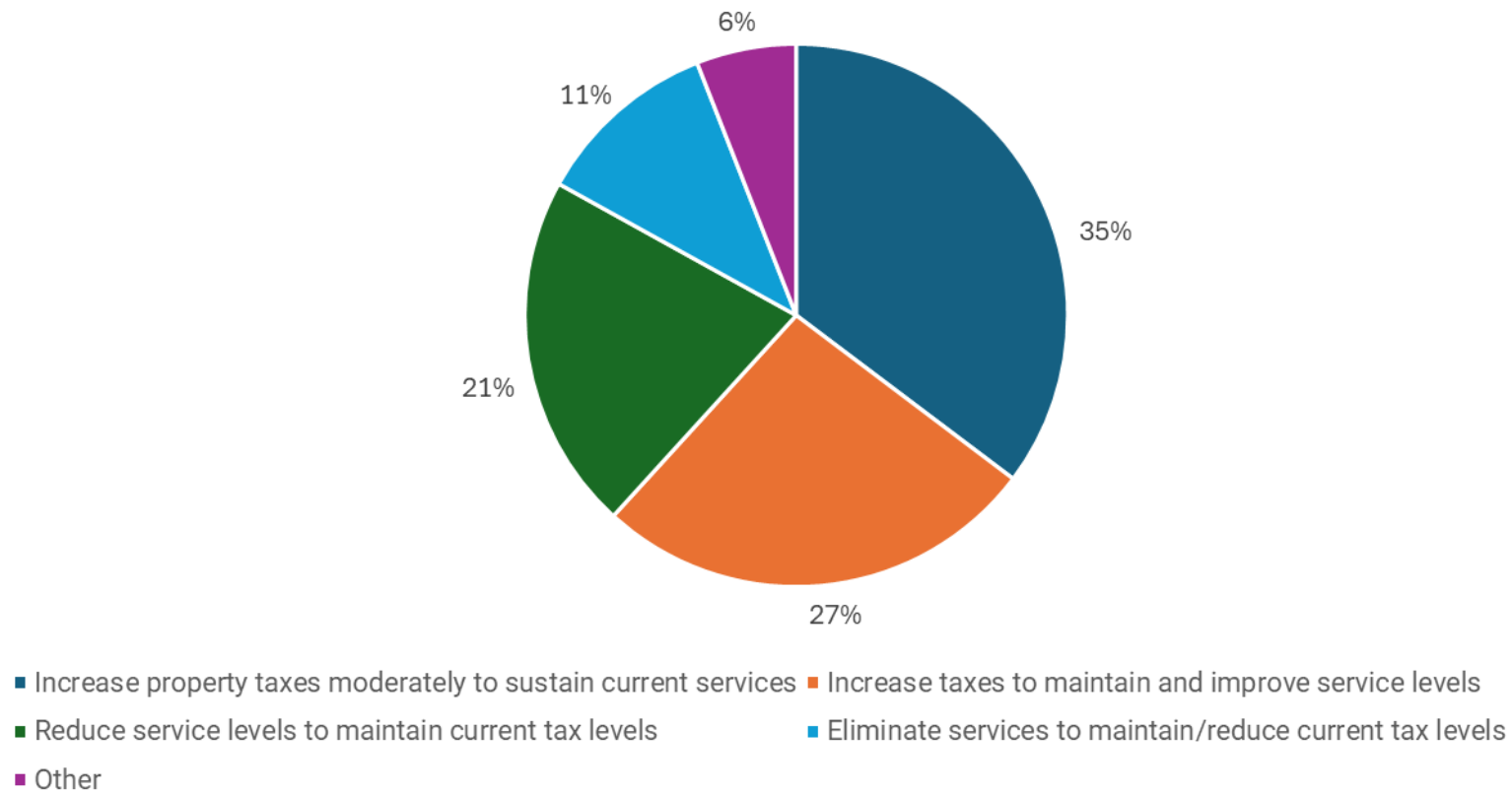
- **Section 165** - the City of Quesnel is required to adopt by bylaw a Five-Year Financial Plan. The Financial Plan must outline the proposed expenditures, revenues and transfers between funds for the next five years. The plan must be balanced each year. It must also outline the City's financial objectives and policies for the planning period.
- **Section 197** - requires Council to impose property taxes by bylaw before May 15th. The rates are set to raise the revenue outlined in the financial plan based on the assessments of the various property classes.

Budget Survey – What we are hearing



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Taxation Question
Budget Survey 2025



Limited Options

- Raise Taxes
- Cut Services
- Delay Capital Projects
- Grow the Tax Base (Long-term Strategy)
 - Attract Investment
 - Attract Residents



Risks To Budget

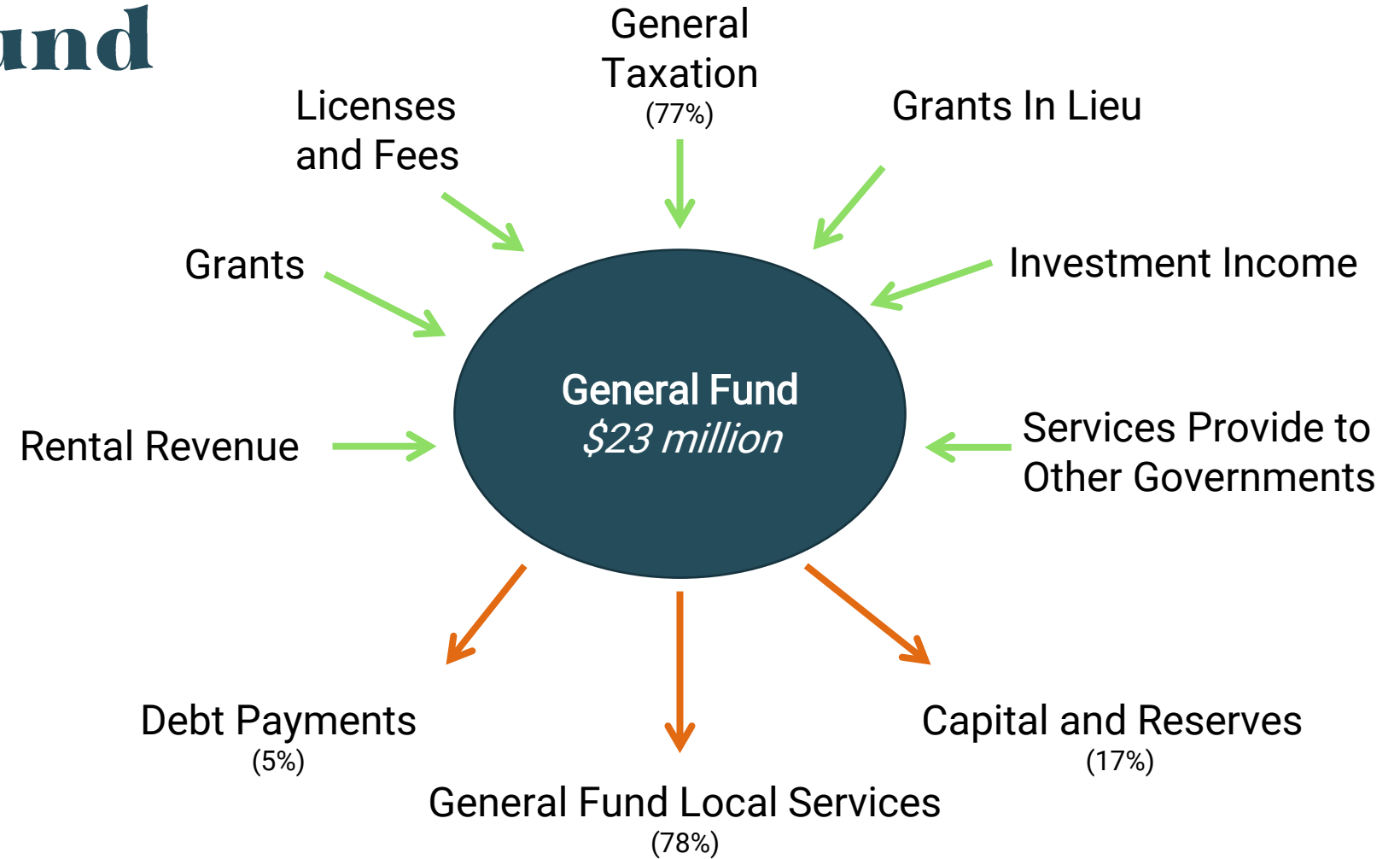
- Threat of tariffs and the possible effects on the City's major industry, supply chains and inflation.
- Contractor availability continues to be a challenge.
- Cost increases on external contracts
- Downloading from higher levels of government
- Based on Completed Assessment Roll at this point – Final roll comes in March
- Inflation higher than anticipated
- Infrastructure Needs

City Services – General Fund

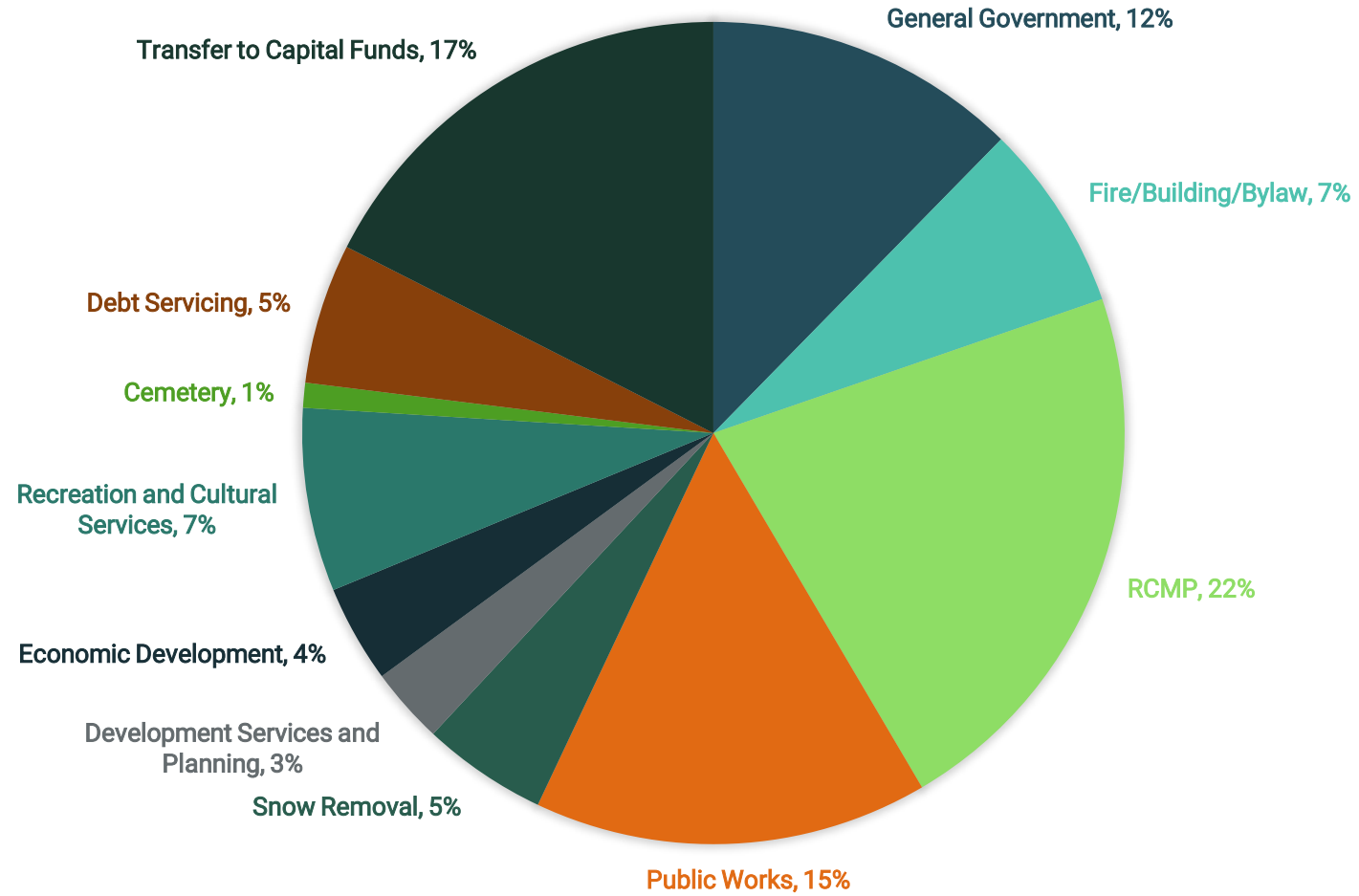
- Police, Community Policing, Victim Services
- Fire Department
- Bylaw Enforcement
- Roads Maintenance, Sidewalks, Traffic Management
- Snow Removal
- Greenways and Parks
- Animal Control – contract with SPCA
- Solid Waste Management
- Storm Drain Management
- Planning and Development
- Economic Development
- Parks and Cultural Services
- And more



General Fund



General Fund – Operating Expenses



Other Funds

Transit Fund

Supported by transit fares, taxation, contribution from Cariboo Regional District

Airport Fund

Supported by airport fees, taxation, contribution from the Cariboo Regional District

Solid Waste Fund

Supported by garbage and landfill fees, taxation, contribution from the Cariboo Regional District

Forestry Initiatives Fund

Supported by grants

Water/Sewer Funds

Supported by utility fees and frontage taxes.

Capital Funds

Supported by taxation, grants, development cost charges and utility fees.

Corporate Overview

Employees	180 (includes North Cariboo Rec)
Approved RCMP FTE	24
Operating Budget	\$28.8 million
Five Year Capital Budget	\$48.1 million
Capital Assets (Dec 31, 2024)	\$225 million (historical cost)
Reserves and Surplus (Dec 31, 2024)	\$30 million
Long Term Debt (Dec 31, 2024)	\$12 million

Capital Budget

Major Projects – 2025 to 2029

- Johnston Bridge Renovation - \$11.25 million
 - Includes upgrades to sewer/water lines funded by utilities
 - \$6 million Strategic Priorities Fund Grant
- Major Road Projects - 2025 to 2029
 - Walkem Rd/Storm, Graham, Westland, Mclean St 700 Block, Lewis Drive, North Fraser Drive, Callanan, Feige
- Upgrade to WFTP Ball Fields
- Landfill Updates

Potential Capital Projects not currently built into budget

- RCMP Building Renovation (currently reviewing space requirements and options)
- Water Treatment

City Debt – Dec 31, 2024

Reason	Rate	Term	Debt	Annual Payments
Fire Truck	4.10%	Dec-29	\$ 337,906	\$ 68,148
City Hall - rate resets 2026	0.91%	Oct-30	1,958,214	236,081
Public Works - rate resets 2031	2.41%	Apr-51	7,881,967	406,294
Equipment Financing	4.05%	Five Years	1,830,664	613,922
			<u>\$ 12,008,752</u>	<u>\$ 1,324,446</u>

Taxation Overview

Assessment x Tax Rate = Property Taxes

(BC Assessment) (City + Tax authorities)

Here is what could happen to your property taxes:

	Your Property's Value Change	Property Tax Impact
1. 	LOWER than Average Change for Property Class	Taxes Likely DECREASE
2. 	SIMILAR to the Average Change for Property Class	Taxes Likely DO NOT CHANGE
3. 	HIGHER than Average Change for Property Class	Taxes Likely INCREASE

Tax Rates

City of Quesnel - 45%

- Municipal
- Airport
- Transit
- Capital Reinvestment Levy
- Snow Levy (when required)

Cariboo Regional District – 18%

- North Cariboo Recreation and Parks
- Regional District

Cariboo-Chilcotin Regional Hospital District – 9%

- Regional Hospital

Provincial Government – 28%

- School Rates – Home-Owner Grant reduces this
- BC Assessment Rates

Municipal Finance Corporation - < 1%

- MFA rate



Proposed Tax Increase - 2025

- The draft budget has a proposed increase of 7.5% to the total taxation collected before consideration of using surplus funds to reduce it.

TOTAL CHANGE TO TAXATION	
New Items	389,770
Inflation and other cost Increases	1,149,411
Cost Review/Cuts	(277,304)
Reduced Vehicle Reserve Allocations	
Reduced Community Consultation Budgets	
Minor Reductions to Line Painting/Road Marking/Dust Suppressant	
Minor reductions in other areas	
Funding from Transit Surplus/Tax Stabilization Reserve	
Covid and surplus funds used last year	274,777
TOTAL TAXATION INCREASE REQUIRED	1,536,654

Proposed Tax Increase - 2025

- This would result in a municipal tax increase of 6.8% to the average taxpayer after assessment growth is taken into consideration.
 - \$88.97 for the average house (\$24.92 per \$100,000)
 - \$127.20 per \$100,000 of commercial assessment
- Note this is just the municipal portion. The City receives the tax rates for the other taxing authorities in April.

Average Single Family Residence

AVERAGE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE						
	2024		2024 - DRAFT		Increase \$'s	
Average Assessment	\$ 351,097		\$ 357,024		1.7%	
Taxes	Tax Rate	\$'s		\$'s		
General	3.1619	1,110.12	3.3199	1,185.30	75.18	
Snow Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	
Airport	0.0864	30.34	0.0970	34.62	4.29	
Transit	0.0949	33.31	0.1047	37.38	4.07	
Capital Reinvestment	0.3907	137.19	0.3995	142.62	5.43	
Total Municipal	3.7339	1,310.96	3.9211	1,399.93	88.97	6.8%

Comparison to Other Municipalities

Taxes and Charges on a Representative House - 2024

City	Municipal Taxes	Other Variable Taxes	Parcel Taxes and User Fees	Total Property Tax and User Fees
Quesnel	1,311	1,589	837	3,737
Williams Lake	2,004	1,585	681	4,270
Prince George	2,718	1,409	1,401	5,528
Smithers	1,916	1,784	987	4,687
100 Mile	943	1,516	1,050	3,509

Source: 704 - Taxes and Charges on a Representative House – 2024

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/facts-framework/statistics/tax-rates-tax-burden>