

2024 BUDGET COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

February 7, 2024



2023 Budget Highlights

TAXES AND FEES:



6.5% Overall tax increase

This includes:

- 5% for future policing costs (now 10% per year)
- 1.5% taxation funding to support capital projects



Effect of 6.5% Municipal Tax Increase:

The owner of an average residential property valued at \$920,917 would pay an additional \$63.38 in municipal taxes.



Water Rates Increase: 5%

With water meters, users pay for what they use. A sample single family residential property (160m³ over 6 month period) will pay an additional \$45.47.



Sewer Rates Increase: 5%

An average single family residential property will pay an additional \$35.30.



Garbage and Organics Fee Increase: \$12.00

Plus \$1.00 increase for extra container tickets.

BUDGET:

Operating Budget: \$13,196,221

Capital Budget: \$9,198,900



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

General

- Whitetower Park Pond (\$1.51M, 2022 carry-over)
- Pebbles Beach Access Restoration (\$231K)
- Official Community Plan (OCP) Update (\$110K)
- Natural Asset Management (\$235K)

Sewer Projects

- Emergency Diesel Pump (\$200K)
- Strategic Plan Update (\$135K, 2022 carry-over)
- Centrifuge Replacement (\$950K)

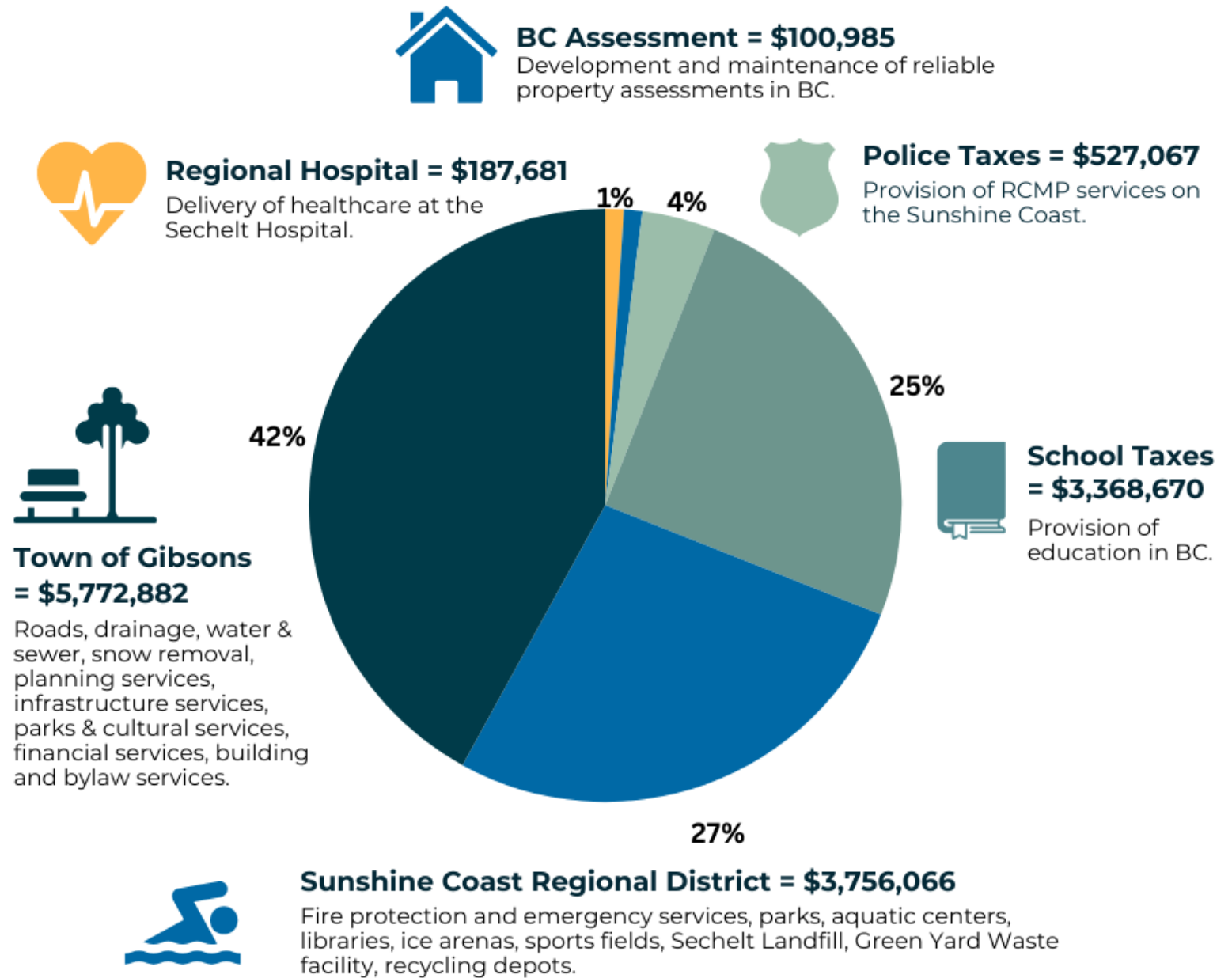
Water Projects

- Venture Way & Cascade Crescent Water Mains (\$472K)
- Well 6 Facility (\$964K, 2022 carry-over)
- School Road Reservoir Seismic Assessment (\$100K)



1% tax increase=
approximately \$39,000

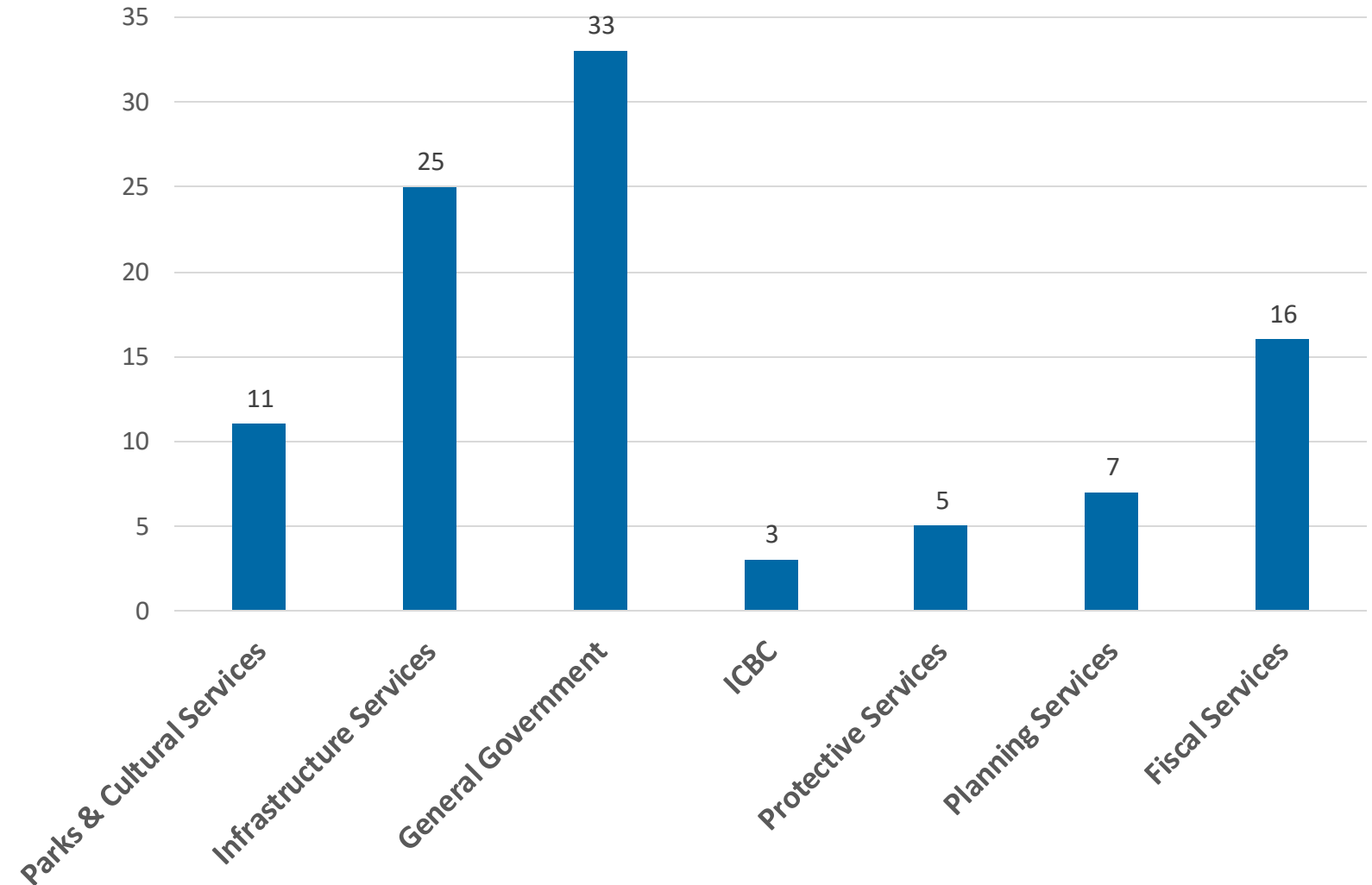
Where do my taxes go?



2023 General Fund Operations \$8,573,730

The operating revenue collected by the Town is used to fund a full range of municipal services including parks & cultural services, infrastructure maintenance, planning services (such as issuing building and development permits) and the staffing required to deliver these services.

Expenditure by Area in %





What We Heard in 2023

Prioritize OCP
update

Poor condition of
Dougal Road

Desire for traffic
calming on various
streets

Odour Control
needed
at WWTP

Gibsons needs a
dog park

Seawalk
enhancements &
lighting

Poor condition of
Skyline Drive

Foreshore
improvements &
deal with derelict
boats

Encourage rentals



What We Heard in 2023

Prioritize OCP update – Included in the 2023 budget and will begin in 2024.

Poor condition of Dougal Road - TBD

Desire for traffic calming on various streets – Included in the Active Transportation Network Plan and other projects.

Odour Control needed at WWTP – operational changes have lead to improvement in odour at the WWTP and odour control will be an integral part of the expansion of the plant in the future.

Gibsons needs a dog park - TBD

Seawalk enhancements & lighting – TBD

Poor condition of Skyline Drive – In the 2024 budget.

Foreshore improvements and deal with derelict boats – Town was awarded two million dollars to complete the project improvements to the foreshore between Armour's Beach and the Gibsons Wharf. Detail design phase has been initiated. Construction expected later in 2024. Provincial funding has been announced for boat removal

Encourage rentals – The incorporation of recent provincial policies are being considered by Council. Further items will be wrapped into the OCP / ZB update work.

2023 Capital Projects Highlights



**Pebbles Beach
Access Design**



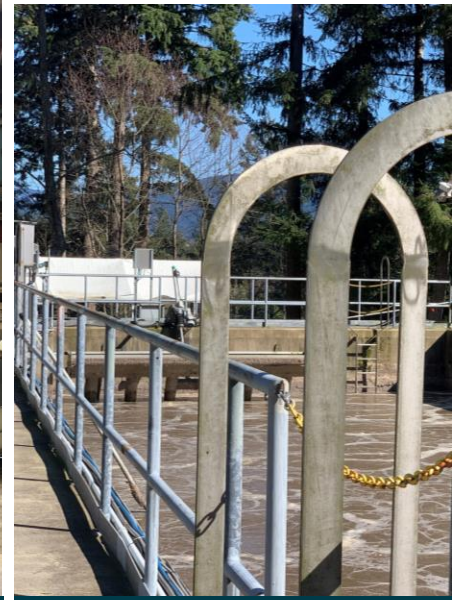
**Venture Way &
Cascade Cres Water
Main Construction**



**White Tower Park
Construction**



**Centrifuge
Replacement
Design**



**Sanitary Sewer
Strategic Plan**



2024 Priorities



**Active Transportation/
Pedestrian Safety**



Storm Water Management



Paving



Housing

2024 Sanitary Sewer & Water Capital Priorities



**Wastewater Treatment Plant
Expansion Preliminary Design**




**Skyline Drive Water Main
Replacement**



Well 3 Upgrades



What are your
priorities for
2024?



The public is encouraged to attend meetings and/or provide input to Council throughout the entire process. Please email mayorandcouncil@gibsons.ca with any further thoughts.

Information on the budget process and reports can be found on our website at gibsons.ca.