



Community Dialogue

2026 Budget Priorities



2026 Budget Process

- Development/update of departmental work plans**
- Community Engagement Session**
- Budget meetings:**
 - Water & Sewer Utility Updates
 - Water & Sewer Operating & Capital Budgets
 - General Municipal Operating & Capital Budgets
 - Tax Burden Review / Tax Rate Setting
- Final direction from Council / Final Budget Presentation**
- Financial Plan & Annual Tax Rate Bylaws adopted by May 15**



2025 TOWN HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATING BUDGET: \$14,518,000

The base operating cost required to provide services to the community. This includes:



CAPITAL BUDGET: \$13,471,000

Funding for major infrastructure projects. For 2025, a few of these projects include:



TAX IMPLICATIONS:



8% Overall Tax Increase:

The owner of a typical residential property valued at \$963,000 paid an additional \$112 for municipal taxes.



9% Garbage and Organics Fee Increase

Combined service users paid an additional \$25.



10% Water Rate Increase (for capital)

With water meters, users pay for what they use. A typical single-family residential property paid an additional \$54.



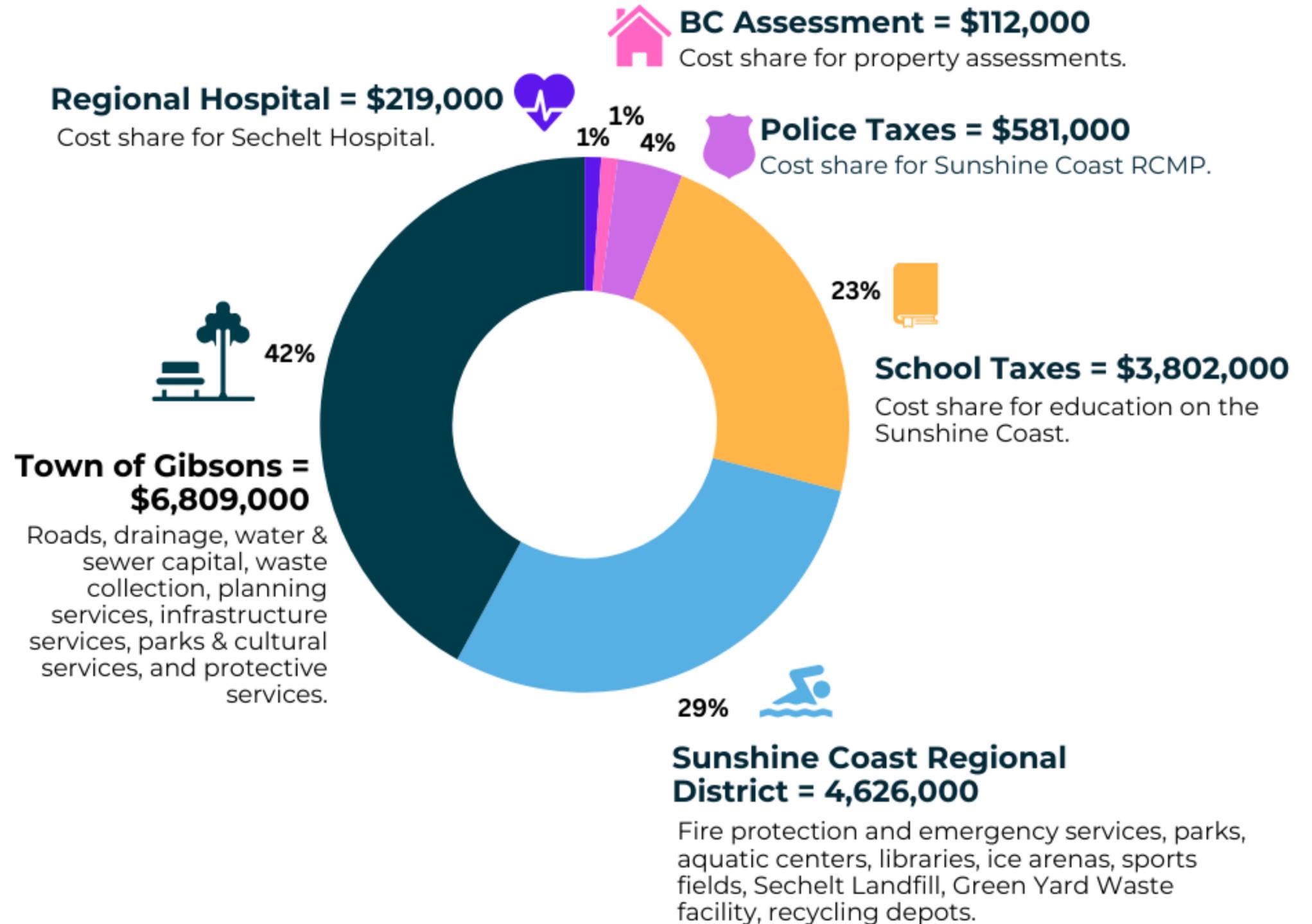
10% Sewer Rate Increase (for capital)

An average single family residential property paid an additional \$63.

2025 TAX NOTICE

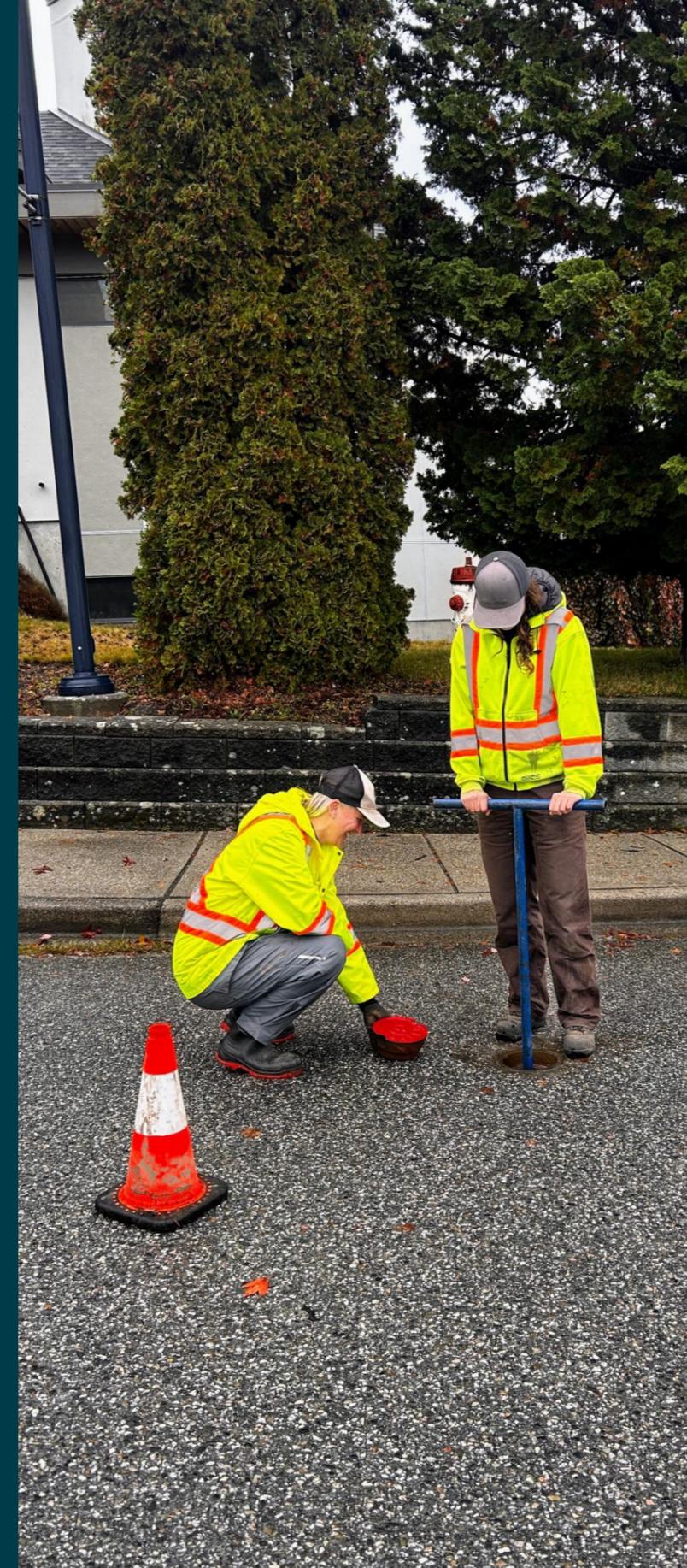
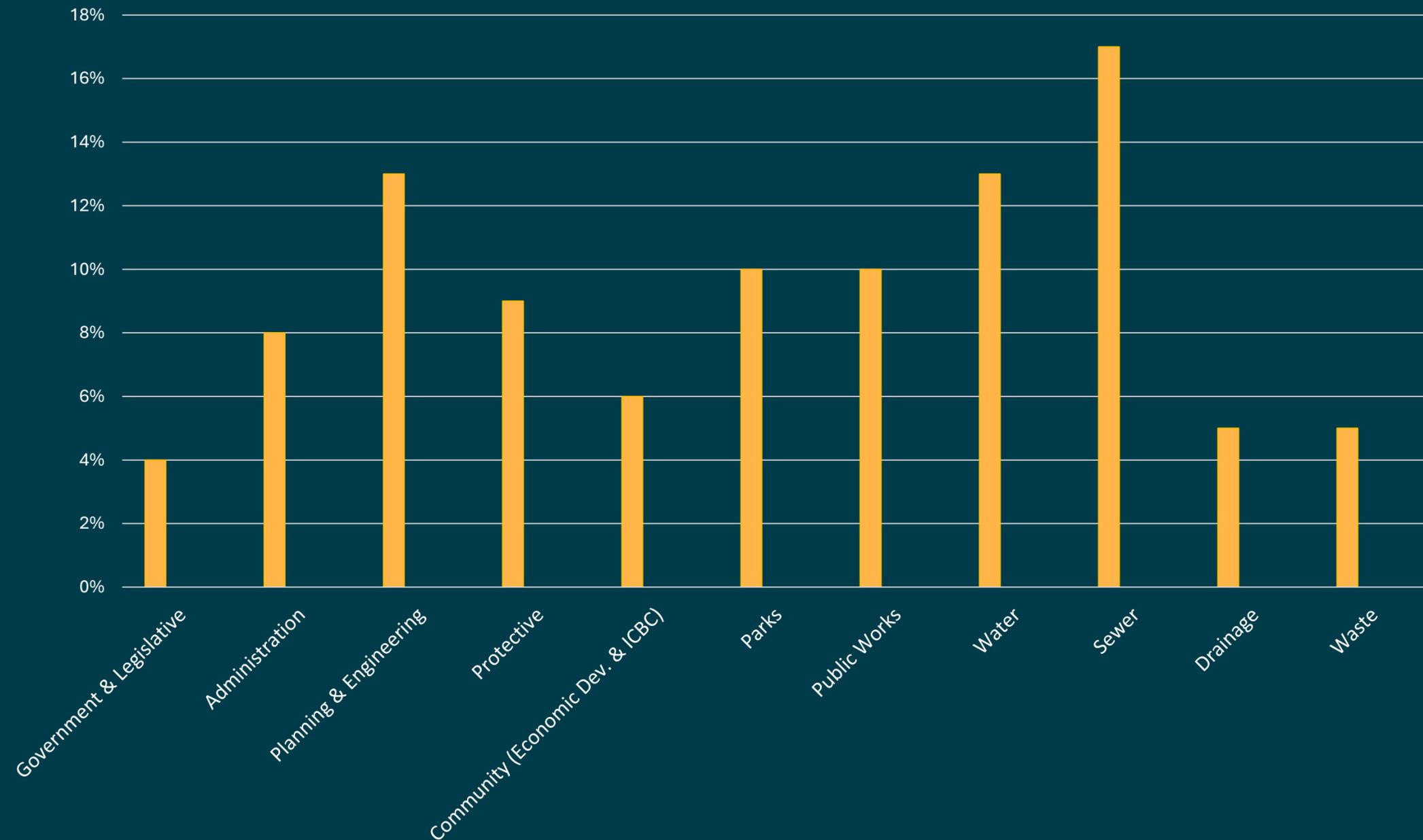
Where do my taxes go?

The Town of Gibsons retains only 42% of property taxes.



2025 Operating Budget: \$14,518,000

The revenues collected by the Town are used to fund a full range of municipal services, including water, sewer, waste collection and infrastructure maintenance.



Community Dialogue 2025

“What we heard”

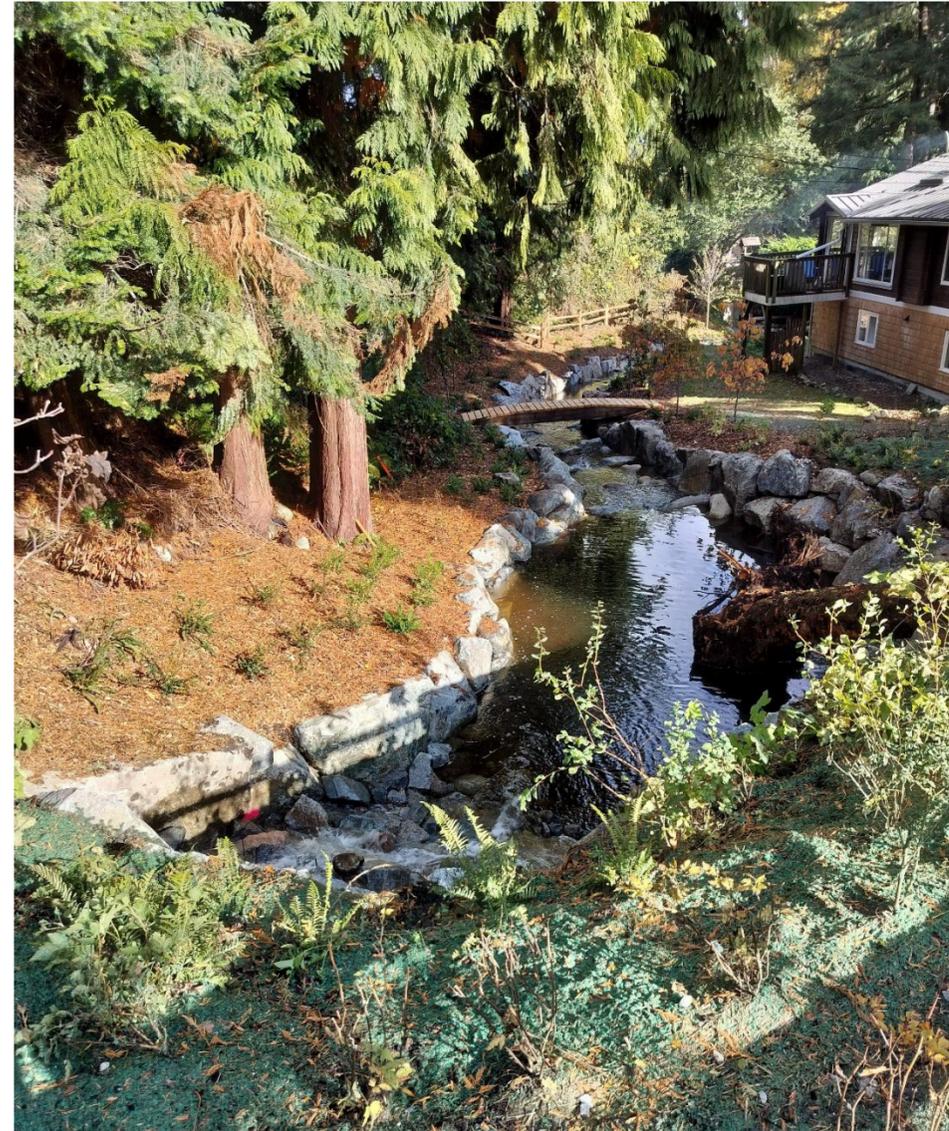
- Lower traffic speed limits
- More crosswalks
- Traffic calming measures needed
- Prioritize foreshore protection project (it's eroding now)
- Five-Corners washrooms are still needed
- Porta-potties need wraps
- Graffiti removal
- Service capacity gaps
- Invasive species control/removal urgent
- New dog park still needed
- Electrical service upgrades for two band stages



What We Did in 2025

Capital Project Highlights

- Charman Creek - Phase 1 Restoration and Upgrades Completed (*bottom left image*)
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Centrifuge Replacement Completed (*top image*)
- Sanitary Collection System Repairs Completed
- Shaw Road Affordable Housing - Phase 2 and Childcare Centre – Completion 2026
- The Bluff Watermains Replacement Project Initiated (*bottom right image*)
- Foreshore Restoration Planning and Pre-Construction Initiated



What's Planned For 2026

Sewer Capital Priorities

- Continued Sanitary Collection System Improvements
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades (*Preliminary Design*)
- Outfall Replacement (*Design*)
- Foreshore Collection Main Replacement (*Subject to grant application approval*)

Water Capital Priorities

- Complete Watermain Replacement on Skyline Drive, Shoal Lookout and Alison Way
- School Road Reservoir Seismic Upgrade
- Watermains Replacement Engineering Program

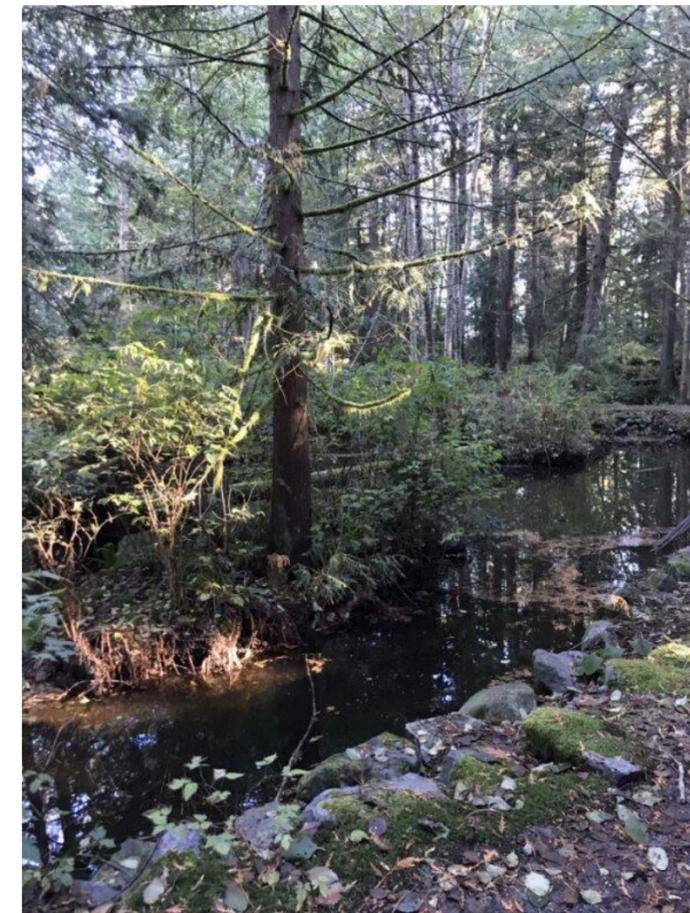
Drainage Capital Priorities

- Charman Creek Phase 2
- Establish Drainage Parcel Tax



2026 General Capital Priorities

- Five Corners Plaza Improvements (*including accessible washrooms and stairs*)
- Implementation of the Urban Forest Plan & Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan
- Foreshore Protection (*Armours Beach to the Wharf*)
- Transportation Master Plan Development
- Parks Master Plan Development





What Are Your Priorities For 2026?

Follow the annual budget process and provide feedback to Council throughout:

- Follow along at gibsons.ca/budget-2026
- Attend a Council/Committee Meeting
- Email Mayor and Council at mayorandcouncil@gibsons.ca

Please let us know how we can improve this event! Fill out this very short survey!

