



**2025-26 Budget
Public Information Session**

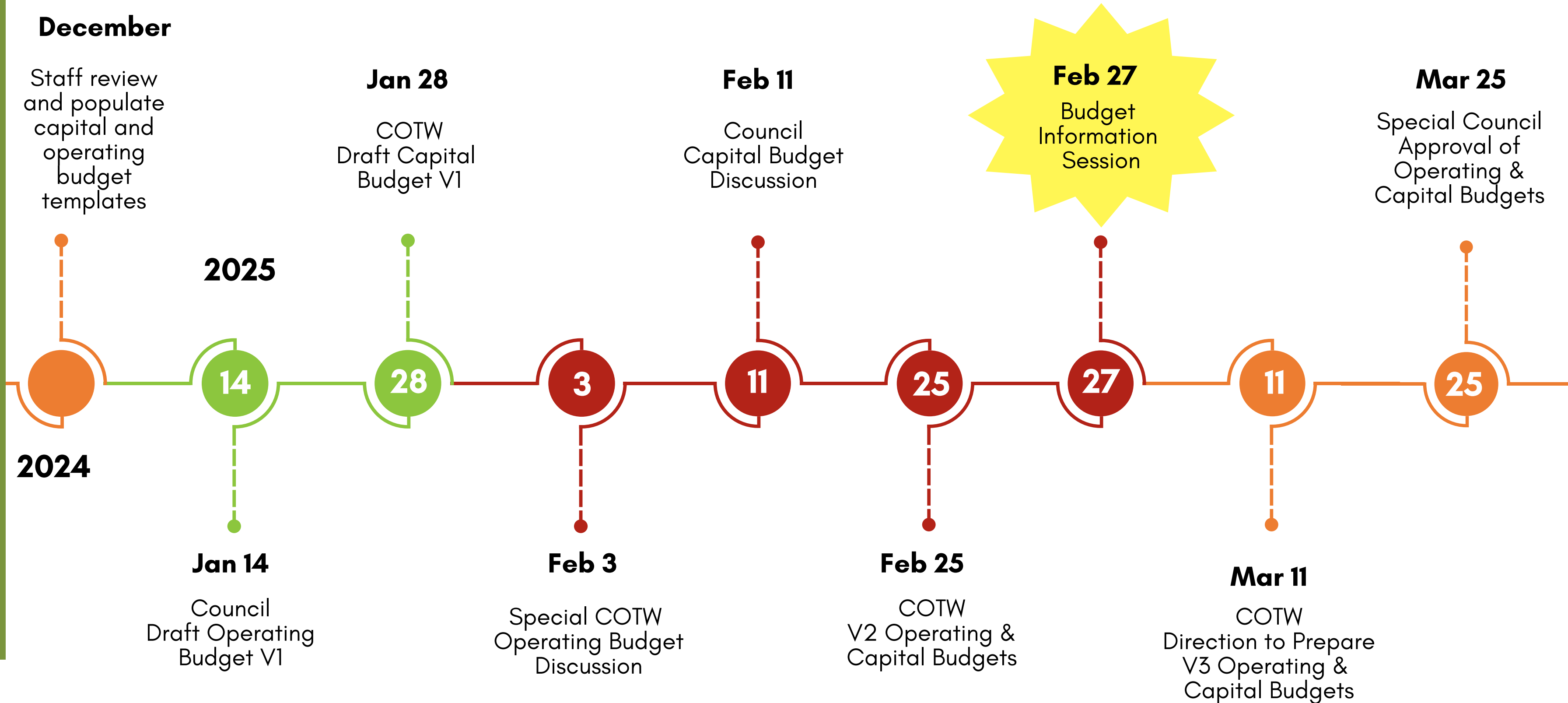
27 February 2025

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Purpose
- Format
- Introductions

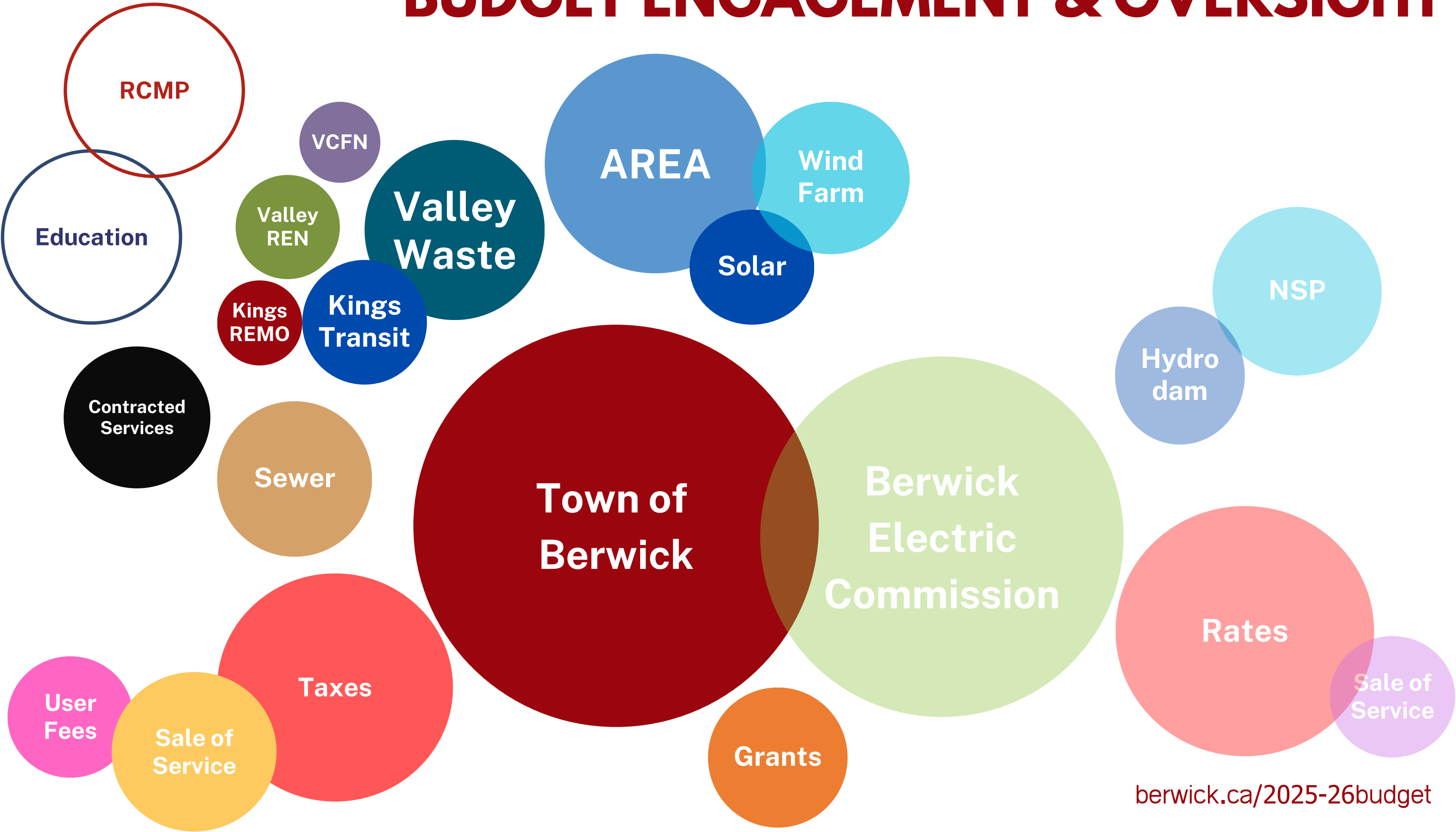
PROPOSED BUDGET PROCESS & TIMELINE

2025-26 BUDGET

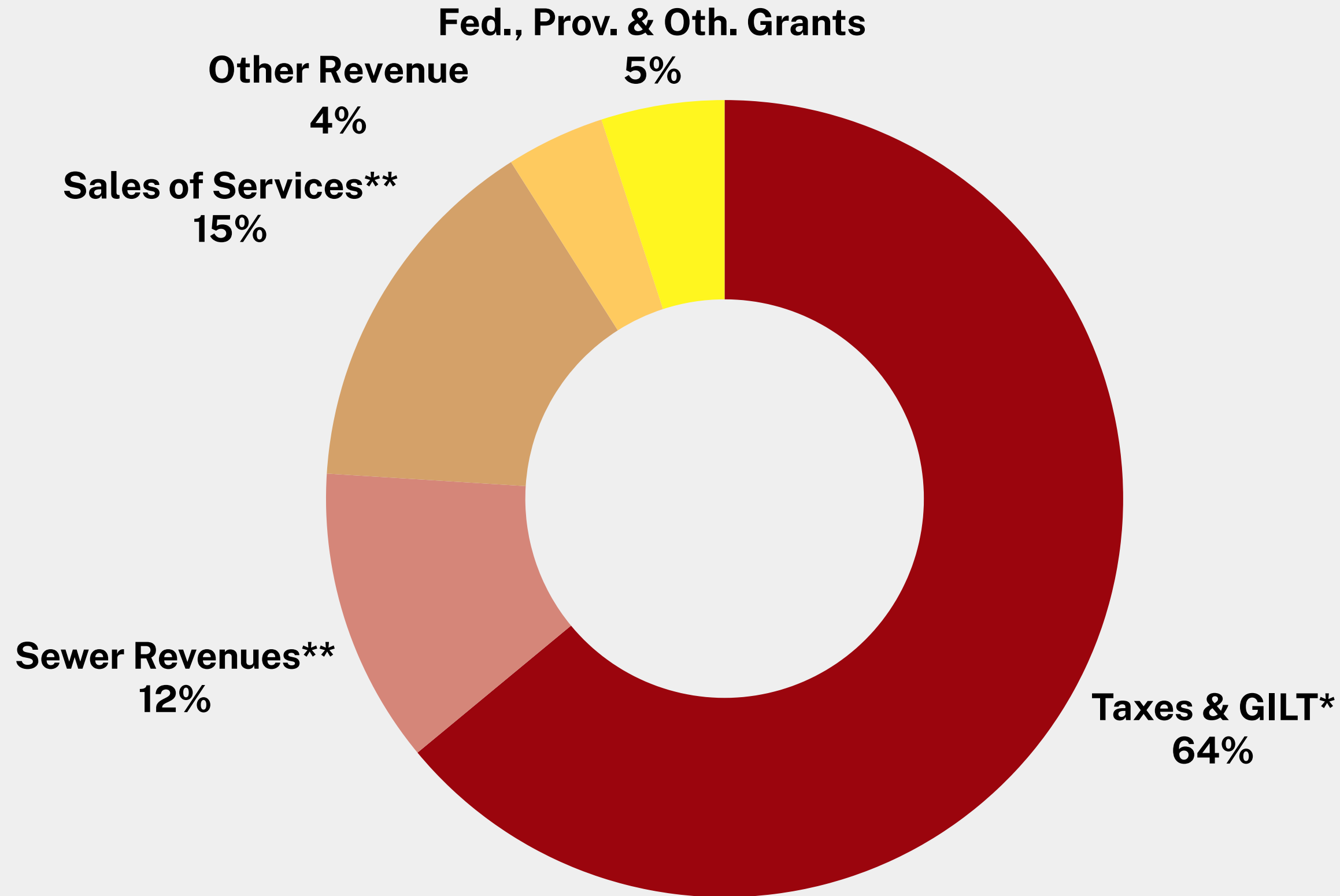


BUDGET ENGAGEMENT & OVERSIGHT

2025-26 BUDGET



WHERE DOES OUR REVENUE COME FROM?



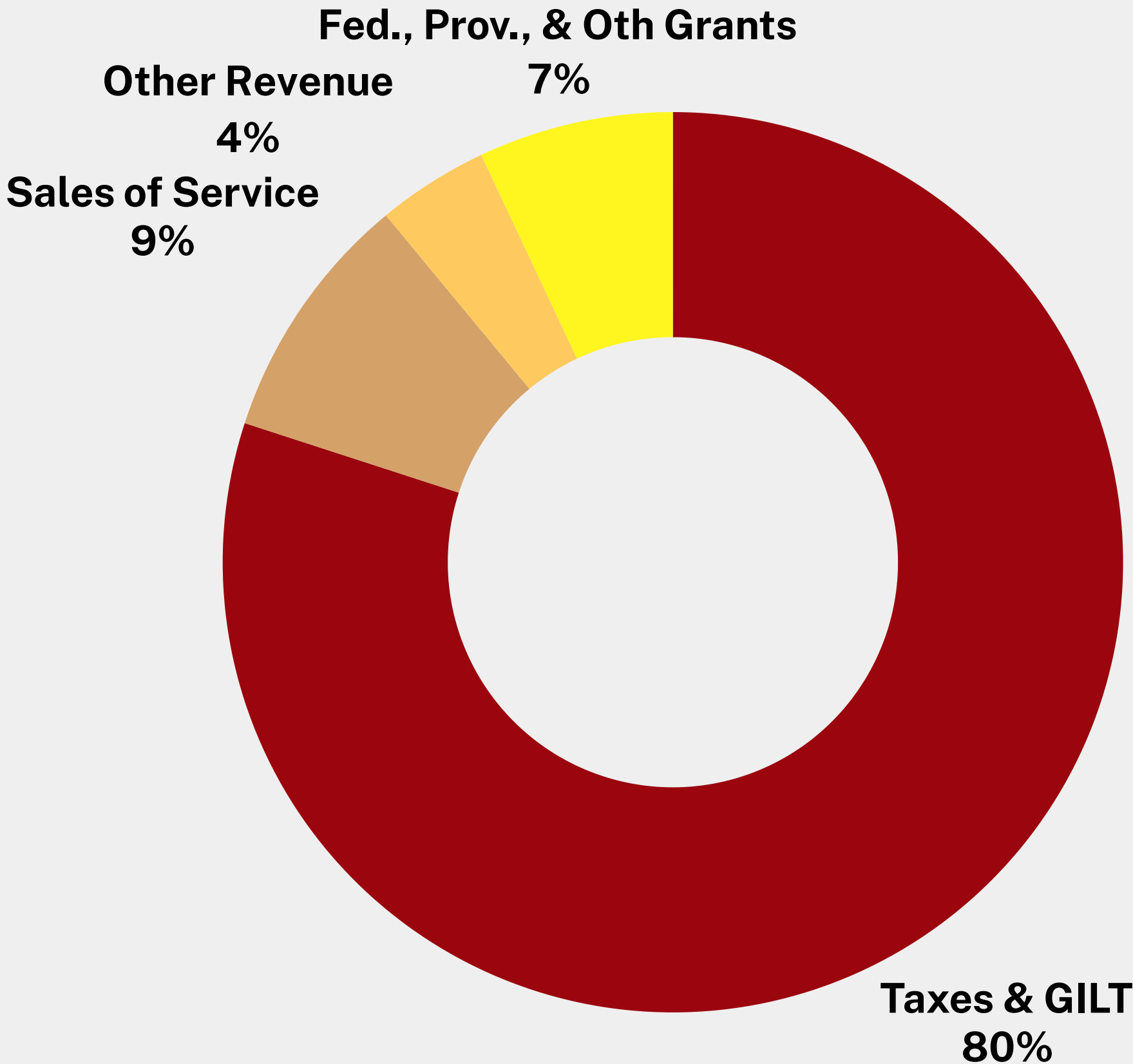
*GILT means Grant in Lieu of Taxes

7% of **Sale of Service is energy sold from the Solar Garden to Berwick Electric. This revenue directly offsets the expenses necessary to operate the solar garden.

****Sewer Revenues** also directly offset the expenses necessary to operate the sewer collection and treatment system.



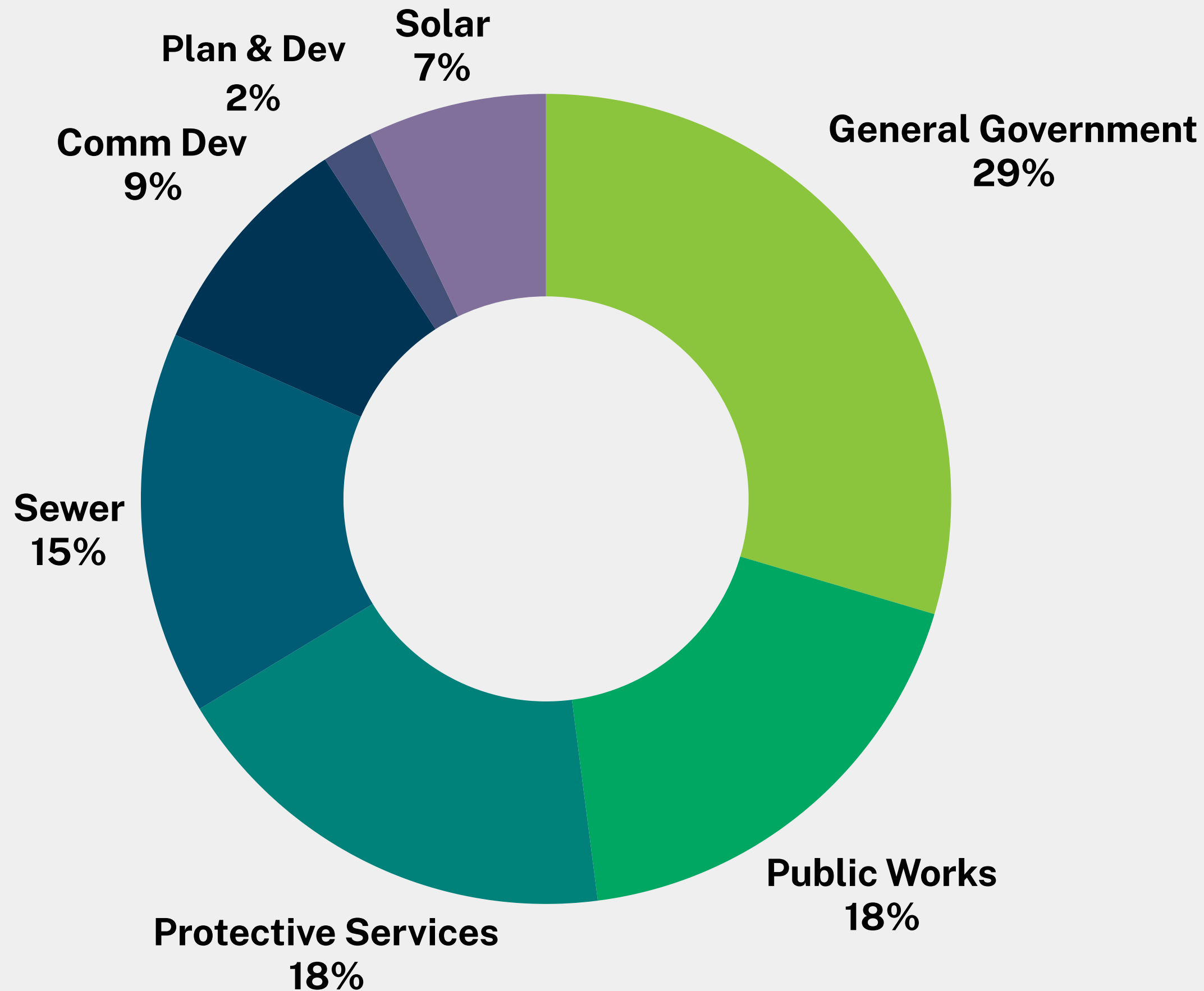
WHERE DOES OUR REVENUE COME FROM?



Removing revenue that is generated to directly offset an expense, it shows that 80% of the Town’s revenue comes from Taxes or Grants in Lieu of Taxes.

	Year over Year Change
Taxes & GILT	+201,331
Sale of Services	(56,745)
Other Revenue	(26,895)
Fed., Prov., & Oth Grants	(9,042)
Other Transfers	(264,596)
Total Revenue	(155,947)
Net Revenue Increase excluding Operating Reserves	108,649

WHERE DO YOUR TAXES GO?

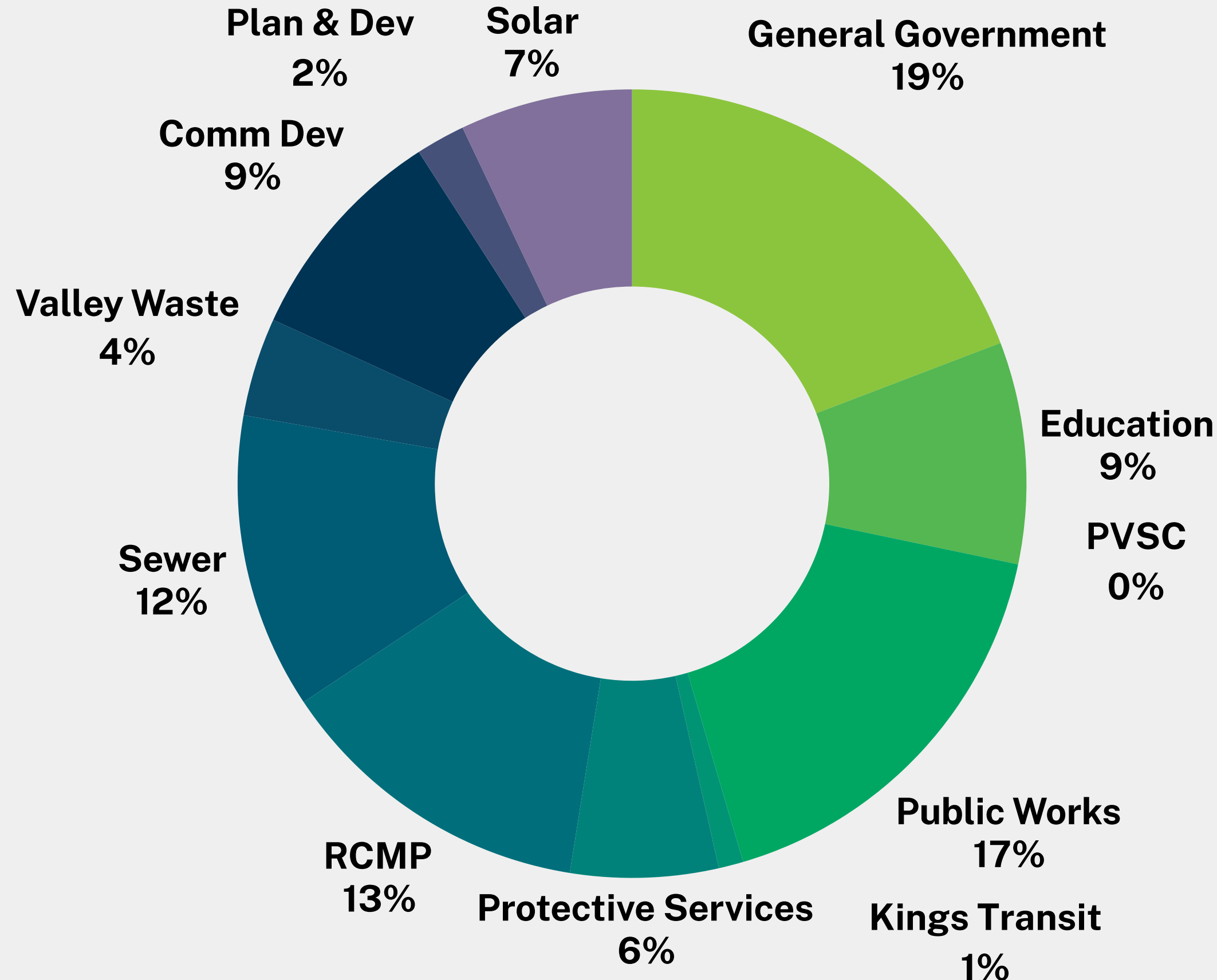


Breakdown based on financial reporting standards.

These departments include a number of mandatory contributions.

Mandatory contributions are expenditures that the Town is legislated to pay. They can be required through provincial legislation or Inter-Municipal Services Agreements.

WHERE DO YOUR TAXES GO?



GENERAL GOVERNMENT, 29%

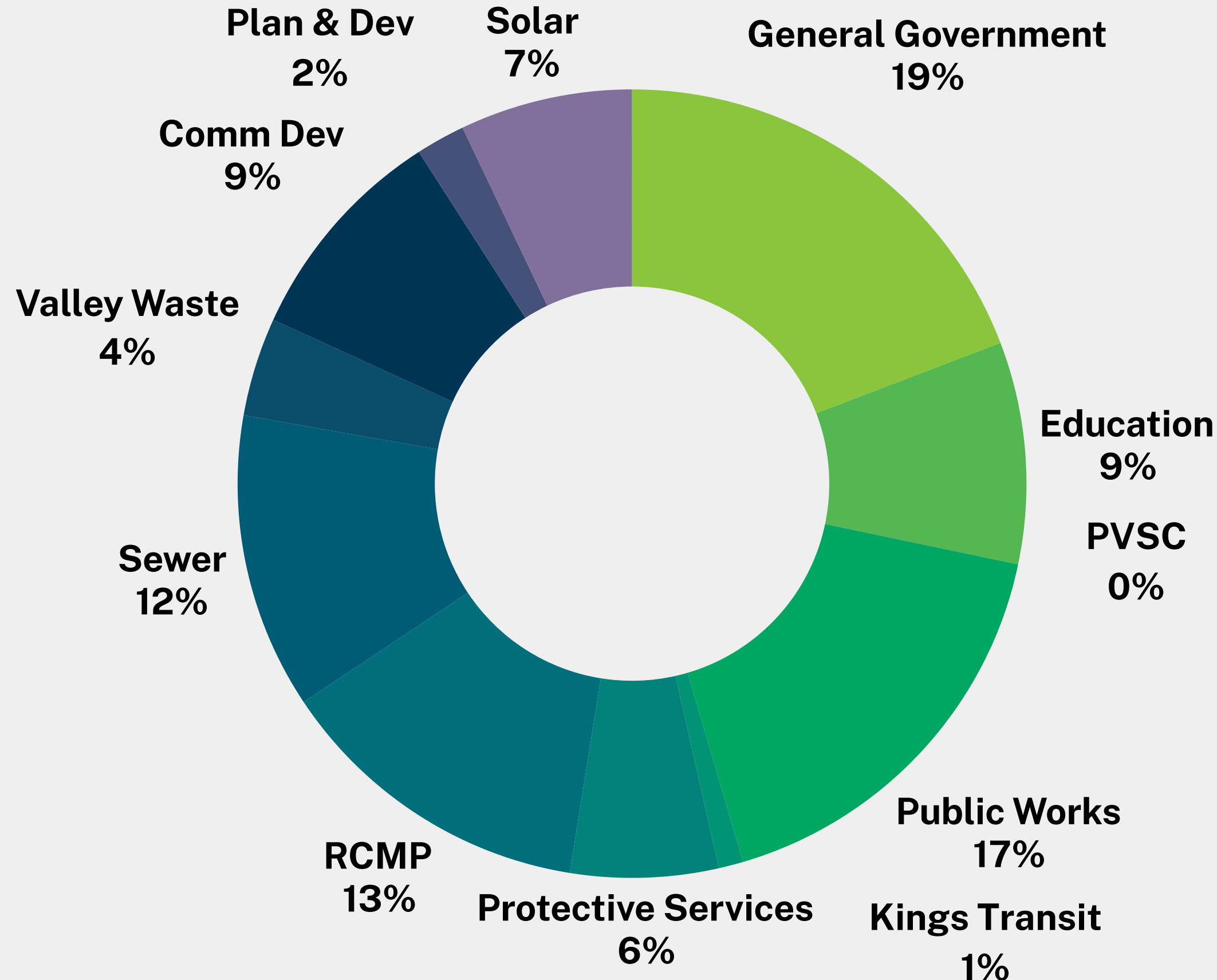
General Government includes 2 mandatory contributions:

- **Education (AVRCE)** - 9% of overall expenditures.
- **PVSC (Property Valuation Services Corporation)** - 0.48% of overall expenditures.

General Government Operations includes 6 full-time administrative and finance staff.

It also includes Council operations, and grants to organizations.

WHERE DO YOUR TAXES GO?



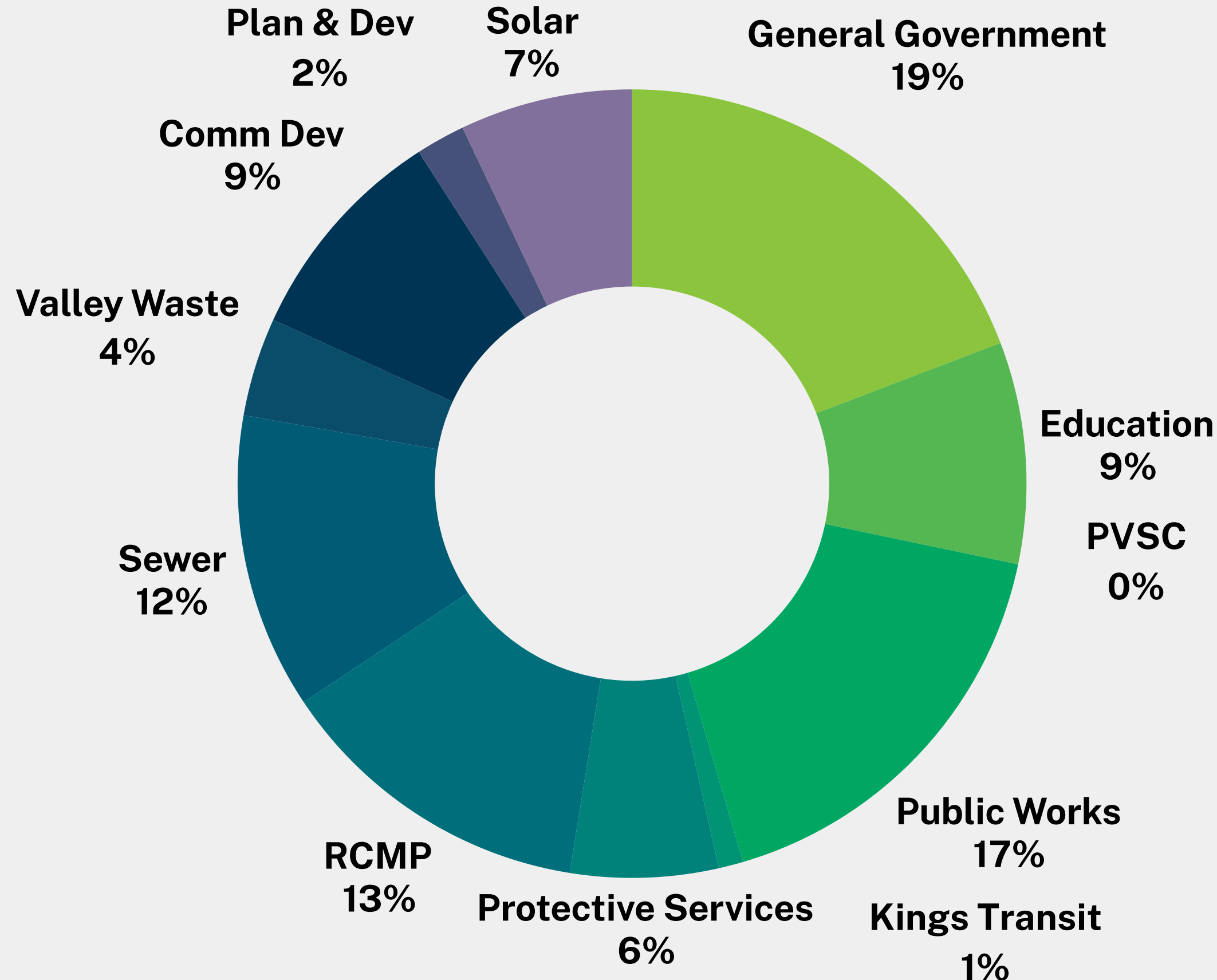
PROTECTIVE SERVICES, 18%

Protective Services includes 2 mandatory contributions:

- **RCMP** - 13% of overall expenditures.
- **Kings REMO** - 0.13% of overall expenditures.

Protective Services also includes the operating costs for the Berwick & District Volunteer Fire Department (6%)

WHERE DO YOUR TAXES GO?



PUBLIC WORKS, 18%

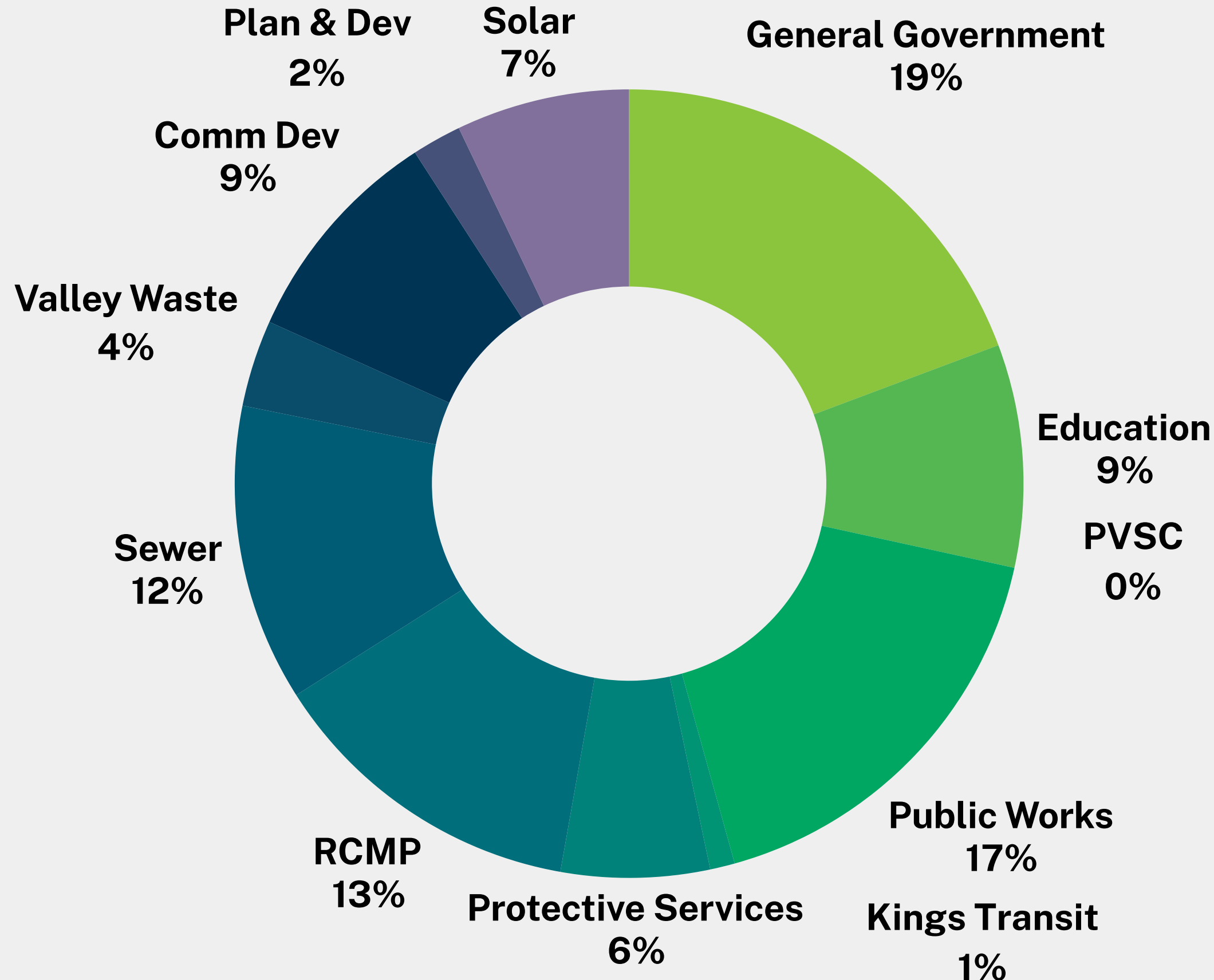
Public Works includes 1 mandatory contribution:

- **Kings Transit** - 1% of overall expenditures

Public Works operations includes 7.85 full-time equivalent staff plus casual and summer staff.



WHERE DO YOUR TAXES GO?



SEWER, 15%

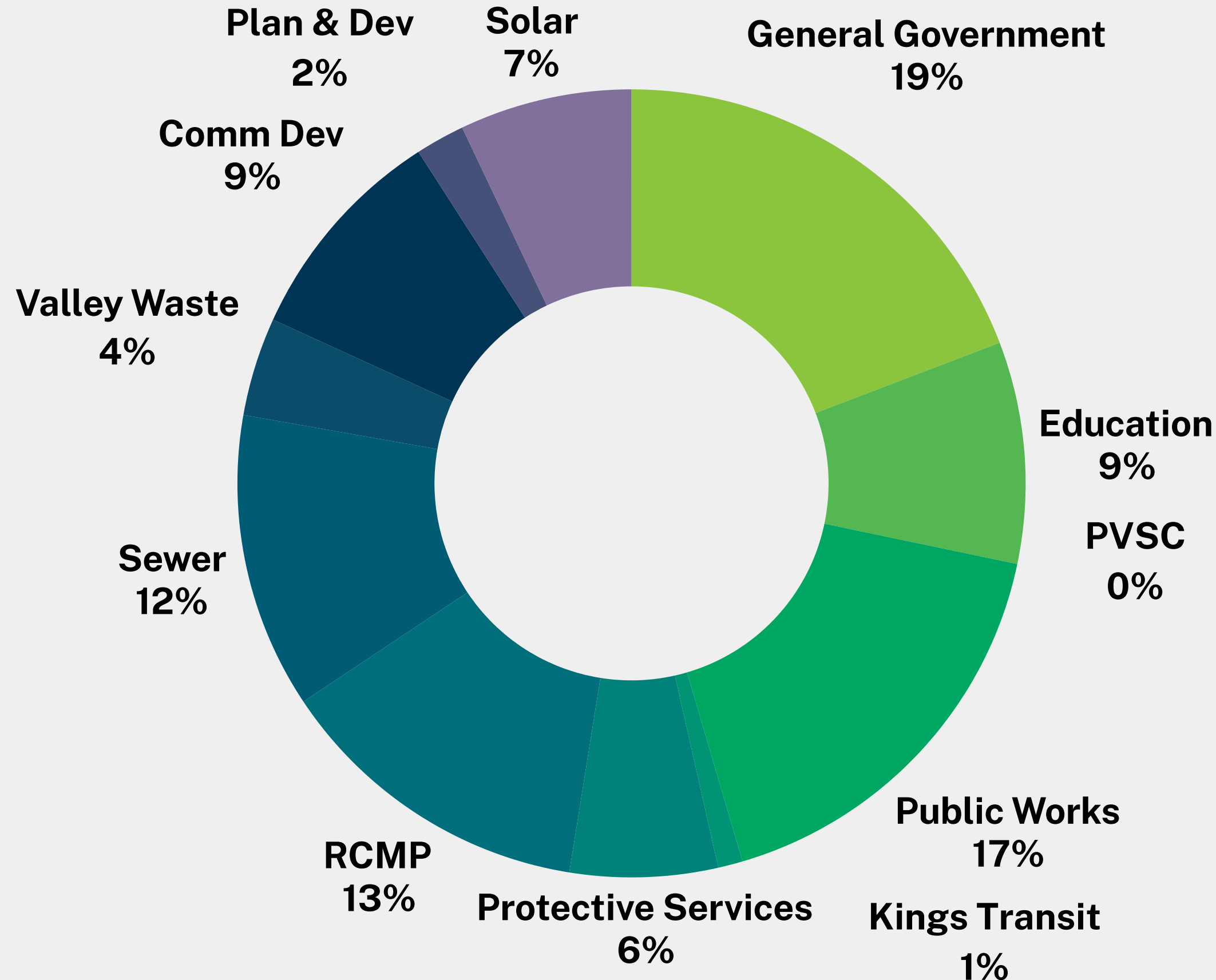
Sewer/Environmental Services includes 1 mandatory contribution:

- **Valley Waste Resource Management** - 3.5% of overall expenditures

The Sewer Rate does not pay for the valley waste contribution.

The sewer treatment and collection operations includes 1.25 full-time equivalent staff.

WHERE DO YOUR TAXES GO?



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 9%

Community Development includes 3 mandatory contributions:

- **Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)** - 0.24% of overall expenditures
- **Valley Regional Enterprise Network (REN)** - 0.19% of overall expenditures.
- **VCFN (Valley Community Fibre Network)** - 0.04% of overall expenditures.

Community Development operations includes 2.85 full-time equivalent staff plus casual and summer staff.

MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS

	Mandated Contributions	2025/26	2024/25	Change
9%	Annapolis Valley Reg Centre for Education	686,594	641,677	44,917
0.5%	Property Valuation Services Corp	34,625	32,360	2,265
13%	RCMP	911,260	858,369	52,891
0.1%	Kings REMO	9,270	8,388	1,332
1%	Kings Transit	102,142	103,437	(1,295)
4%	Valley Waste Resource Management	256,588	211,137	45,451
0.2%	Annapolis Valley Regional Library	17,400	17,400	0
0.2%	Valley REN	14,100	14,100	0
0%	VCFN	3,200	3,200	0
5%	Debt Repayment*	367,417	395,517	(28,100)
33%			Total	117,462

Net Revenue Increase excluding Operating Reserves	108,649
Net Change in Mandatory Contributions	117,462
Available Revenue After Mandatory Contributions	(8,813)



2025/26 Wastewater Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Estimated Total Project Cost	Net Project Cost to Town
WWTP Upgrades	Install of tertiary treatment system (filter) & drum screen replacement with auger screen	6,659,830	665,983
Morse Pond Pump Station	Replacement 15 HP 600V submersible pump (Morse Pond)	22,673	22,673
SCADA	Implement SCADA System (treatment plan and liftstations) to improve data monitoring	54,525	54,525
Flow Meter	Install a flowmeter at Ben Grove S/D PS to measure GVM flows	12,000	12,000
Carry Forward 24/25			-
WWTP Aeration, Blowers and Filter	Aeration of Lagoon 2; blowers; and pre-selection of filtration system.	2,518,000	-
Commercial St. Sewer	Wilson's Homestore Sewer Repair	100,000	100,000



2025/26 Public Works Projects

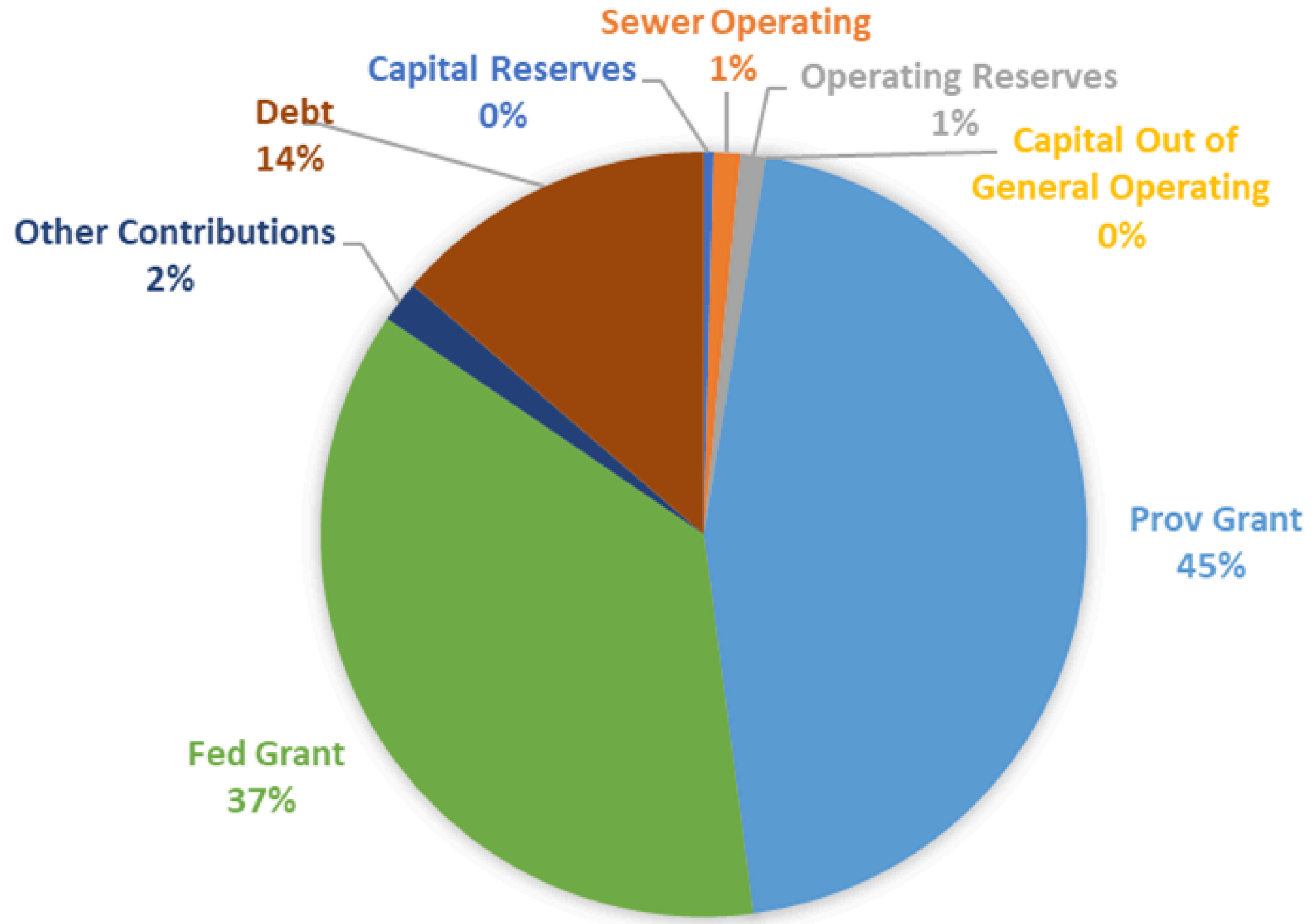
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Solar Garden	Addition of physical barriers to separate roadway from exposed cabling to comply with provincial electrical inspector opinion.	100,000	-
Asset Management	Brightly AM Software Implementation	23,483	-
Security Cameras	Phase 2: Public Works and Solar Garden	12,000	-
Flail Mower	Attachment for the excavator, for ditch, trails, and berm maintenance	12,000	6,000
Air Exchange	Install an Air Exchange for PW Shop Office	15,000	15,000
New Plow Truck	Replace 2008. Frame is rotted (2024), high risk of not passing safety inspection in 2026.	350,000	350,000
Comprehensive Transportation Plan	Identify the impact of development on traffic, improvements to transporting goods and people, crosswalks, one-ways streets and active transportation	100,000	50,000



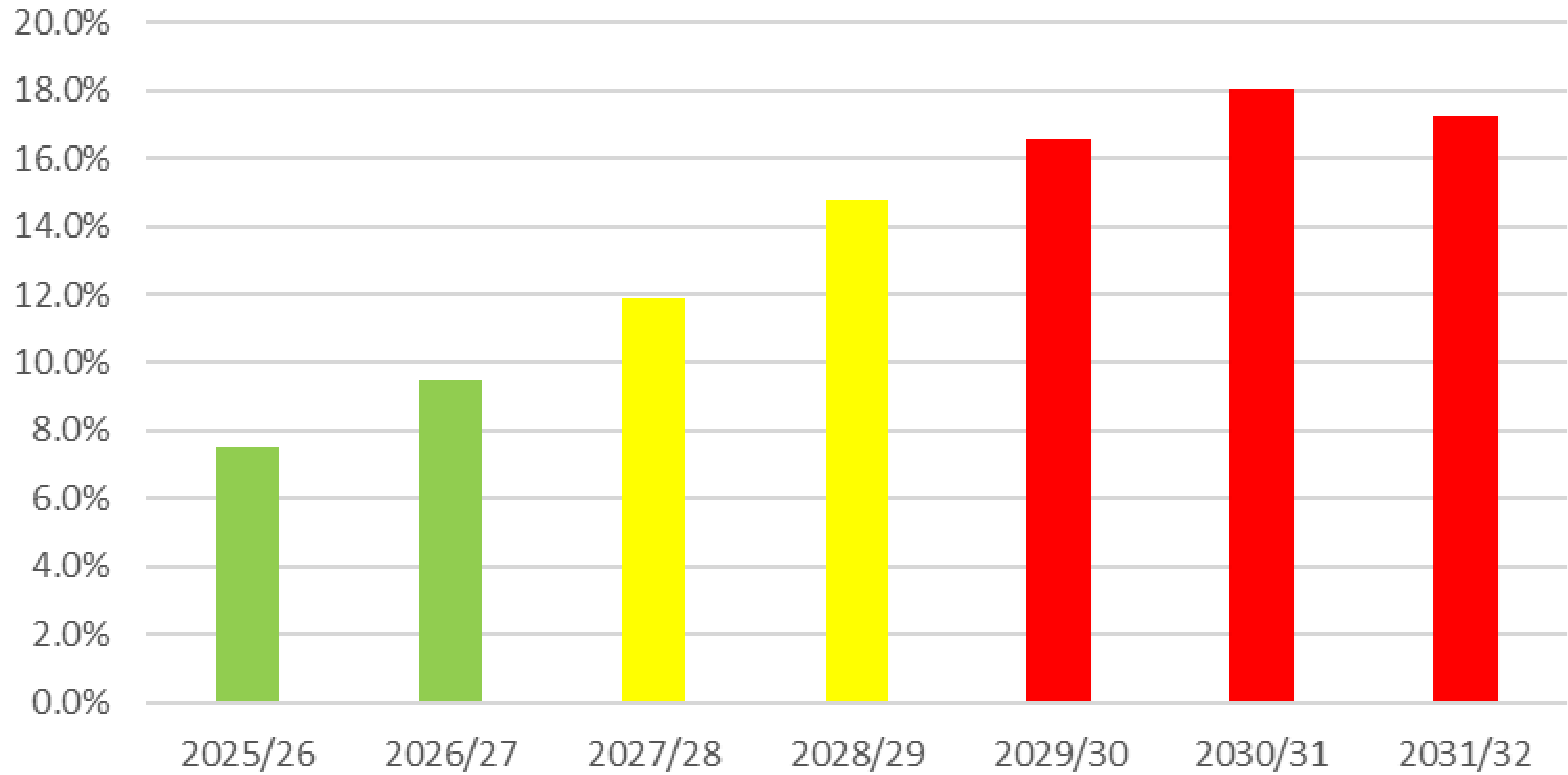
2025/26 Comm. Dev./Parks Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Estimated Total Project Cost	Net Project Cost to Town
Centennial/Rainforth Connection Trail	Accessible gravel trail to connect attractions and access points in both Centennial/Rainforth Parks (Per Centennial Park Plan Update)	12,500	3,750
BoxCar Finishes	Door upgrade and interior finish.	15,000	15,000
Ballfield Fencing - Rainforth Park	Purchase and installation of plastic piping on top of new ball fencing (Safety Considerations)	5,000	1,500
Town Gateway - Beautification	Town entry beautification upon the reinstatement of the existing bridge project (Power, Path, Lights etc.)	25,000	12,500

2025/26 YEAR 1 FUNDING SOURCES



Forecasted Debt Service Cost - FCI



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Low Risk (<10%)

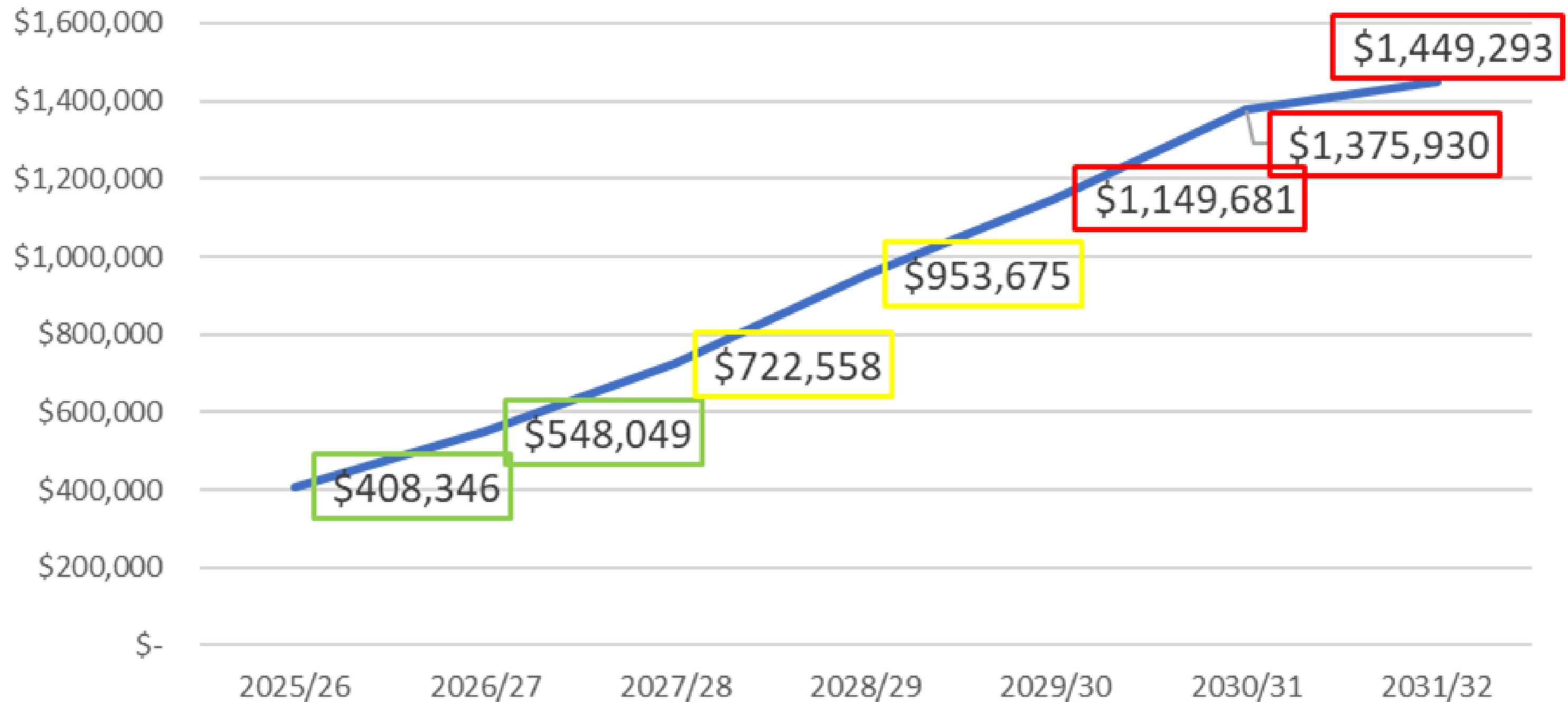


Moderate Risk (10% - 15%)



High Risk (>15%)

Forecasted Debt Repayments



Low Risk (<10%)



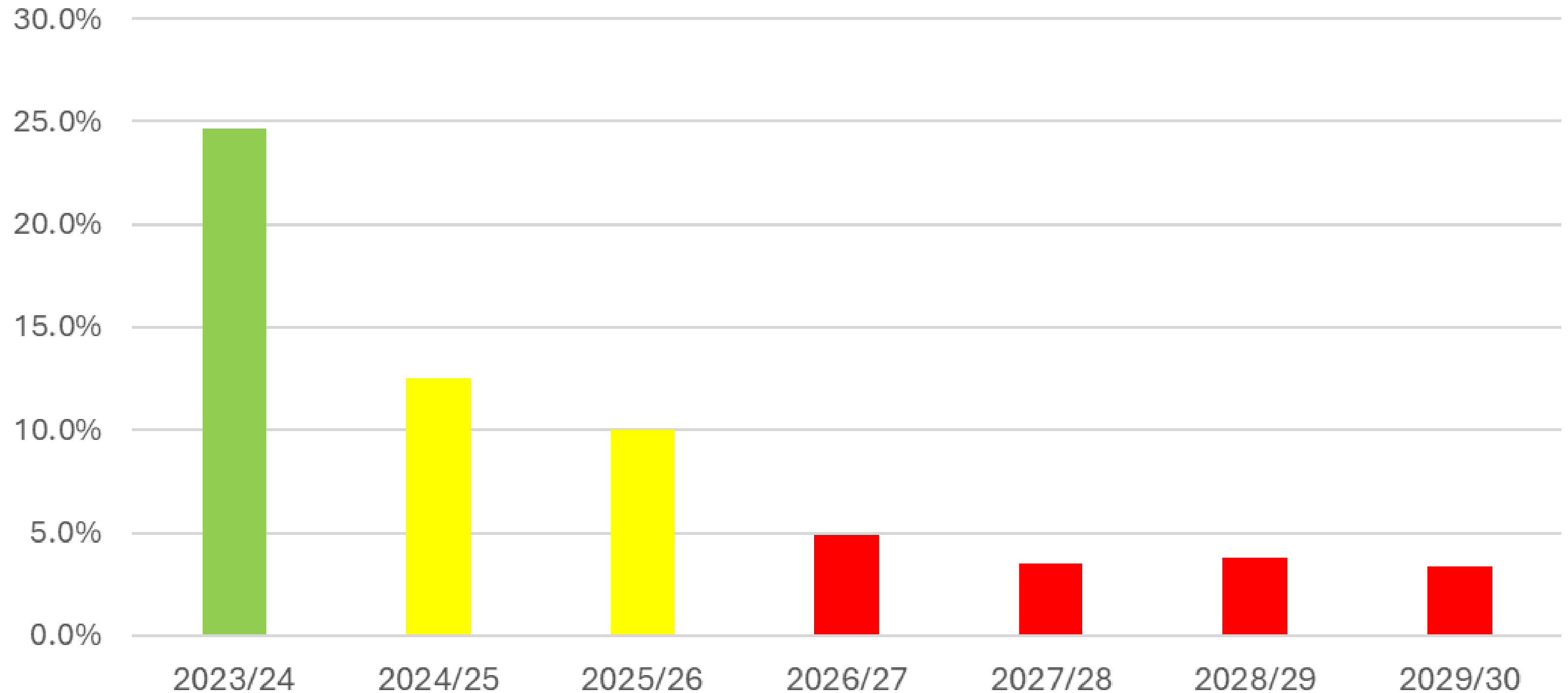
Moderate Risk (10% - 15%)



High Risk (>15%)

Forecasted Ending Period Operating Reserve - FCI

Without Minimum Contributions to Stay in Yellow



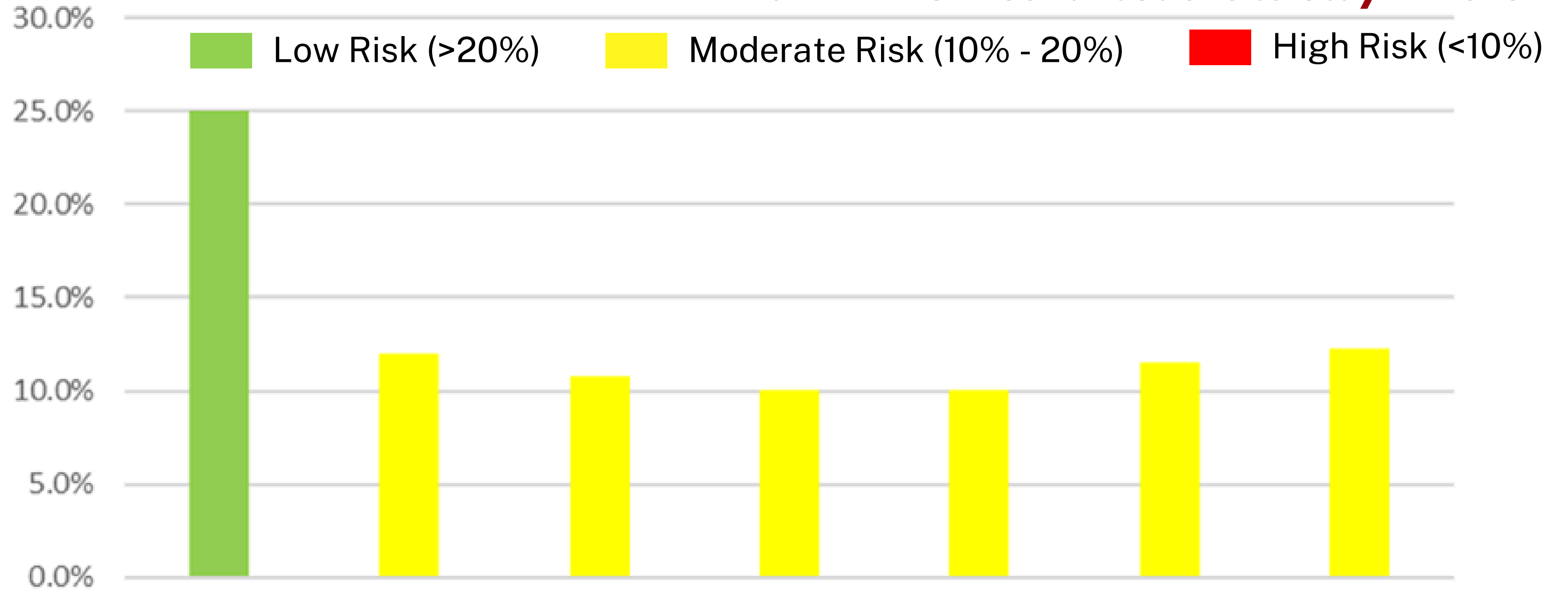
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 Low Risk (>20%)  Moderate Risk (10% - 20%)  High Risk (<10%)

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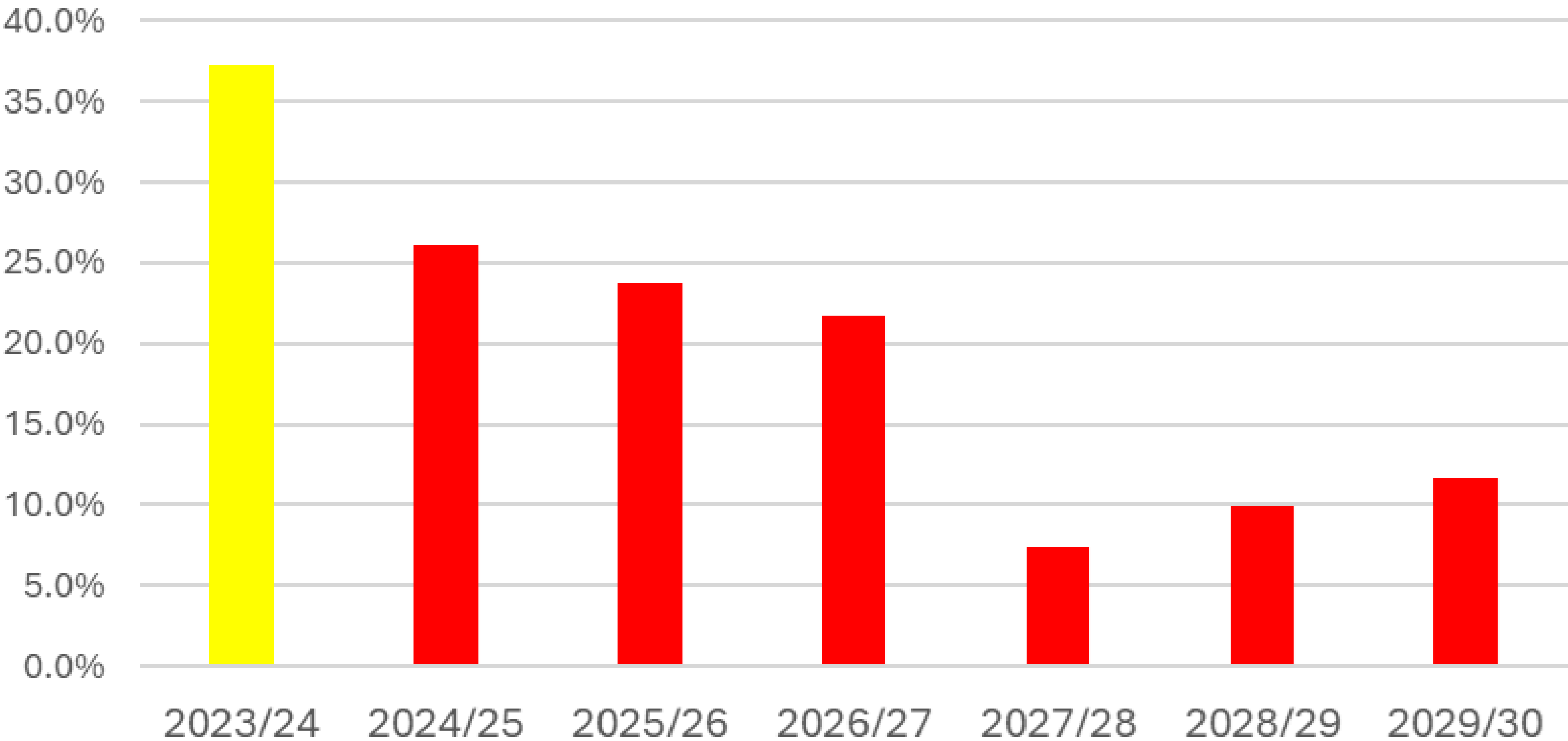
With Minimum Contributions to Stay in Yellow



	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Operating Sewer			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Operating Town			75,000	65,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Contribution			125,000	240,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

Forecasted Ending Period Combined Reserves - FCI

Without Minimum Contributions to Stay in Yellow

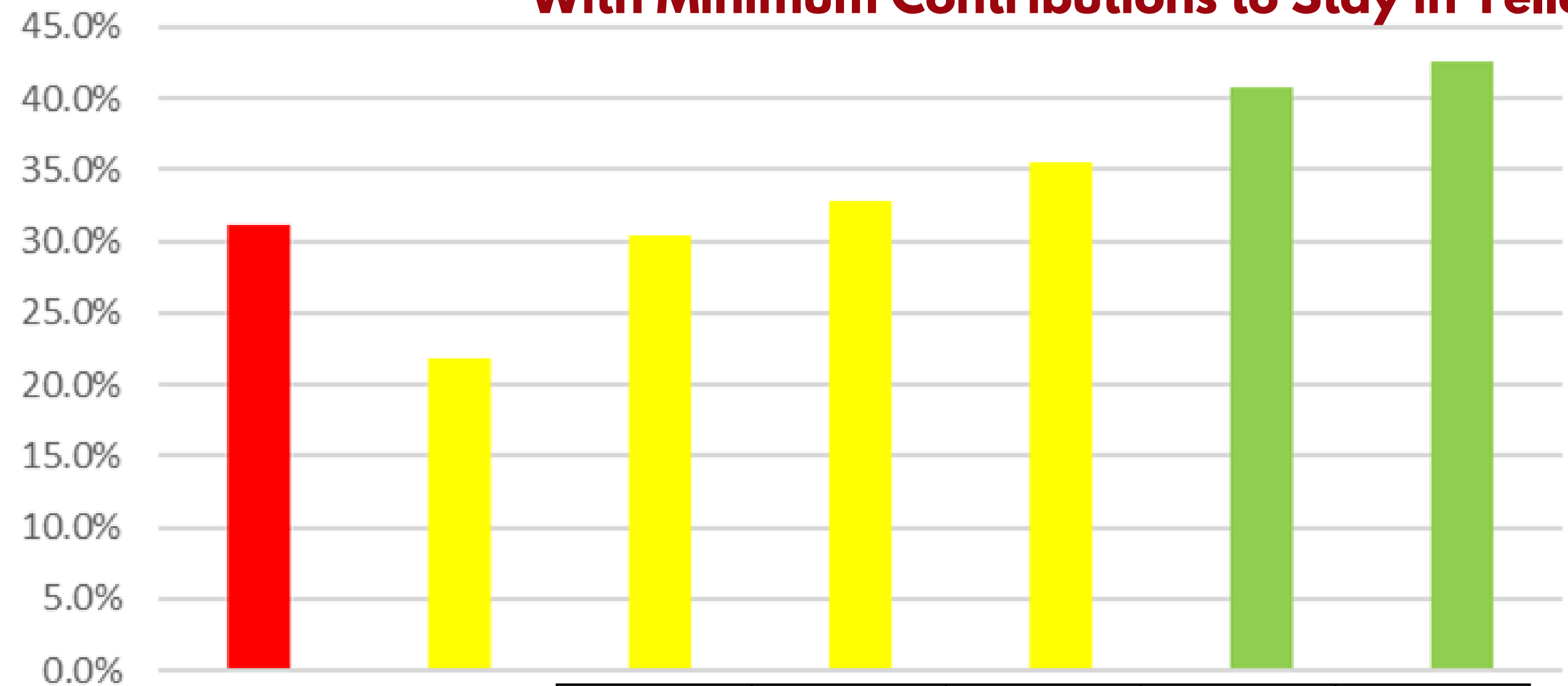
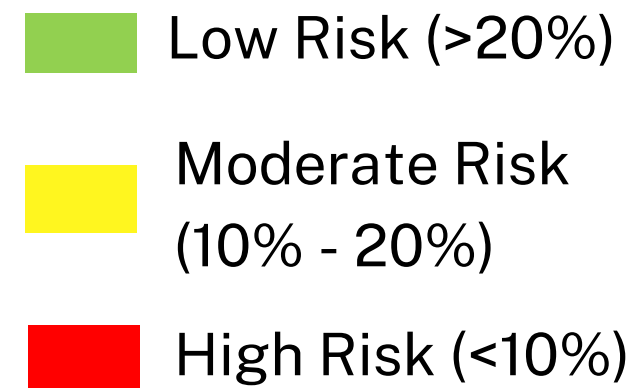


Low Risk (>40%) Moderate Risk (30% - 40%) High Risk (<30%)

Forecasted Ending Period Combined Reserve - FCI

With Minimum Contributions to Stay in Yellow

2025-26 BUDGET



	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Operating Sewer			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Operating Town			25,000	65,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Capital Sewer			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Capital Town			650,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Contribution			775,000	215,000	200,000	200,000	200,000

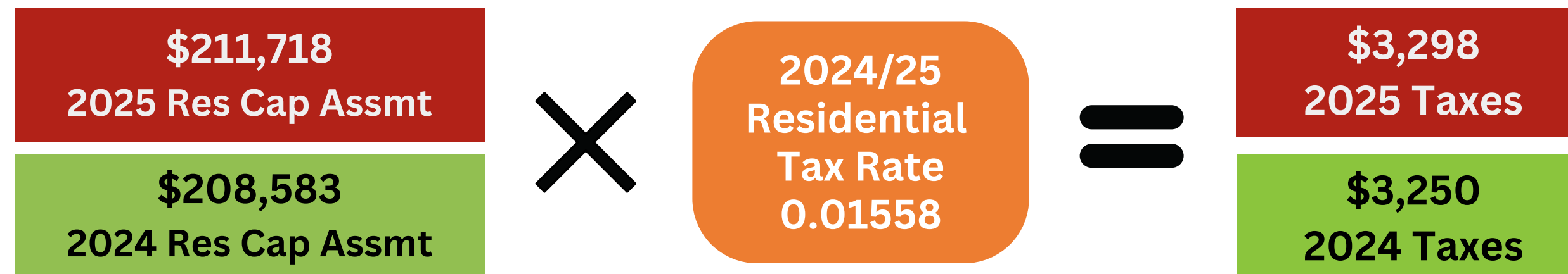
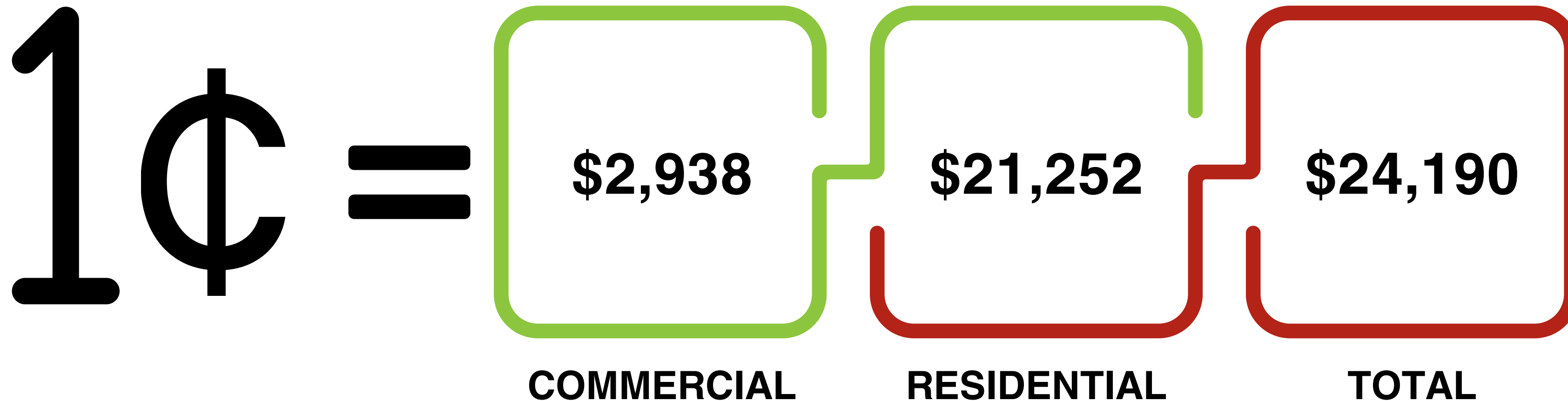


Forecasted and Draft FCI's

Indicator Name	Forecasted 2025-26	Forecasted 2024-25	Draft 2023-24	Draft 2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Residential Tax Effort	4%	4%	4.3%	3.9%	3.6%	4.3%
Operating Reserve	8.9%	12.0%	25.0%	23.7%	27.5%	19.1%
Debt Service Cost	9.5%	7.5%	7.3%	8.8%	9.6%	9.5%
Combined Operating & Capital Reserves	19.6%	21.9%	31.2%	33.0%	39.5%	30.5%

- Assumes no reserve transfers in 2025-26
- Please consider the forecasted debt associated with WWTP upgrades and Foster Street refurbishment
- CPI has been applied to the median income used from the census in 2021

TAXATION



**Draft Tax Impact
Based on Assessment
Growth**

\$ 48
Increase
over 2024

Change in Tax Rate

**Average
Residential
Capped
Assessment
2025-26**

\$211,718

Change in Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Full Year	Change Year over Year	Total Change Year over Year	Interim Bill	Change on Interim Bill	Additional Tax Revenue
(0.04)	1.518	3,214	21	(36)	1,607	(18)	(96,760)
(0.03)	1.528	3,235	21	(15)	1,618	(8)	(72,570)
(0.02)	1.538	3,256	21	6	1,628	3	(48,380)
(0.01)	1.548	3,277	21	27	1,639	13	(24,190)
-	1.558	3,299	48	48	1,649	24	-
0.01	1.568	3,320	21	69	1,660	35	24,190
0.02	1.578	3,341	21	90	1,670	45	48,380
0.03	1.588	3,362	21	112	1,681	56	72,570
0.04	1.598	3,383	21	133	1,692	66	96,760
0.05	1.608	3,404	21	154	1,702	77	120,950
0.06	1.618	3,426	21	175	1,713	88	145,140
0.07	1.628	3,447	21	196	1,723	98	169,330
0.08	1.638	3,468	21	217	1,734	109	193,520



Change in Tax Rate

Average
Residential
Capped
Assessment
2025-26
\$350,000

Change in Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Full Year	Change Year over Year	Total Change Year over Year	Interim Bill	Change on Interim Bill	Additional Tax Revenue
(0.02)	1.538	5,383	21	(8)	2,692	(4)	(48,380)
(0.01)	1.548	5,418	35	13	2,709	7	(24,190)
-	1.558	5,453	48	48	2,727	24	
0.01	1.568	5,488	35	283	2,744	42	24,190
0.02	1.578	5,523	35	118	2,762	59	48,380
0.03	1.588	5,558	35	153	2,779	77	72,570
0.04	1.598	5,593	35	188	2,797	94	96,760

Average
Residential
Capped
Assessment
2025-26
\$500,000

(0.02)	1.538	7,690	21	(23)	3,845	(12)	(48,380)
(0.01)	1.548	7,740	50	(2)	3,870	(1)	(24,190)
-	1.558	7,790	48	48	3,895	24	-
0.01	1.568	7,840	50	98	3,920	49	24,190
0.02	1.578	7,890	50	148	3,945	74	48,380
0.03	1.588	7,940	50	198	3,970	99	72,570
0.04	1.598	7,990	50	248	3,995	124	96,760



WRAP UP & NEXT STEPS

- Summarize information from tonight and survey for Council
- March 11, 2025 - Council to provide direction to staff for preparation of Version 3 of the Operating & Capital Budgets
- March 25, 2025 - Proposed Special Council meeting with the goal of approving the budget
- April 2025 Strategic Planning

