

Keeping The Lights On

Thank you for joining us today!
Your feedback is important to us as it shapes how we deliver our services and helps us to understand what you value most in our work.

The projects we are planning below support the delivery of important staple services you rely on daily, including:

- Offering faster processing times and a better customer experience in the Building Department, pending staff hiring and training;
- Providing more efficient Building Permit applications through an online submission system;
- Improving data security and records management with critical network maintenance and upgrades;

- Improvements to our Municipal Hall and the Public Safety Building to extend lifespan and add space for our RCMP members;
- Cost-effective asset management, due to new work-order software;
- Efficiency at the solid waste transfer station scale, which will be replaced, as it is aging.

“While some of the RMOW’s work at Municipal Hall isn’t highly visible, it’s highly valuable. Having the right tools, spaces and systems in place makes us more effective, resulting in better service delivery. We know there’s always room for improvement and we continue to look at ways to better serve our community in all facets of our work.”

— Virginia Cullen, Chief Administrative Officer





It's The Bear (& Climate) Necessities

Climate & Environment

Year after year, the Whistler community has shared its passion for climate action, and it is one of Council's four priorities for this term.

Our team's work is guided by the Climate Action Big Moves Strategy, which addresses transportation, buildings and waste, and helps us reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 2024 budget focuses on climate adaptation, mitigation and preservation of our natural environment with initiatives to:

- encourage electric vehicle use, with an additional eight Level 3 and ten Level 2 chargers
- develop a Priority Habitat Framework to identify our most sensitive habitats and what is needed for their long-term protection

"We are clearly seeing the effects of climate change with the increase in wildfires, heat domes, droughts, flooding and the change in wildlife behaviour. One example is that wildfires and droughts reduce natural habitat and food sources for grizzlies which will increase their number and presence in the valley. A changing climate means a necessary change in the way we all go about our daily lives."

– Luisa Burhenne, Manager of Climate and Environment

- increase water levels in the River of Golden Dreams by replacing log weirs for better fish habitat
- continue wildlife education and management through the BearSmart program
- care for our parks through a Geese Management Program
- continue environmental monitoring and reporting programs for streams, lakes and species at risk
- identify pathways for the RMOW to reach its 2030 climate targets in response to the Big Moves

Splish Splash

Water, Wastewater & Wastewater Treatment

Every day, we deliver safe, clean drinking water, and manage our community's wastewater. With a growing population, and the steady influx of visitors, we need to maintain our infrastructure and replace aging equipment.

"We have 195 kilometres of sewer main in the wastewater collections system, and 177 kilometres of water main in the water distribution system—and much of it was installed in the 1980s. Given the age of this infrastructure, a big part of our program for 2024 onwards is preventative maintenance work, replacement of equipment, and expanding capacity where necessary."

— Chris Wike, Manager of Utilities



- completing the South Whistler Water Supply project to:
 - increase pH to meet Vancouver Coastal Health's new water quality regulations and improving Whistler's water system
 - construct a utility building for the water treatment equipment
 - install a booster pump station, and electrical support, to pump more water north to Creekside and the Village for additional water supply, when needed*This project received \$4.5 million in funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Environmental Quality Program.
- replacing the Creekside community and Summer Lane sections of water main
- continuing maintenance for water and sewer infrastructure from the Village to Nicklaus North with a Valve and Fitting Replacement Program
- undertaking a sewer main and maintenance hole lining project from the Village to Spruce Grove
- upgrading the Whistler Wastewater Treatment Plant with:
 - a heating and ventilation efficiency analysis for the primary building
 - replacement of equipment in the primary sedimentation tanks
 - replacement of some electrical equipment
 - designing and implementing a treatment plant tertiary filtration system

Earth, Wind & Fire

Public Safety

Public safety is a shared responsibility between the municipality, the community and our resort guests. Our work is focused on staff training, supporting the community's preparedness, helping with mitigation, and delivering an efficient and quick response in an emergency.

"Climate change is increasing the wildfire risks across the province, including in the Whistler region. Whistler's risk is significant, because there is dense forest throughout the community and a high volume of visitors that frequent the area. Investing in the community wildfire project is a benefit to the community because it improves our ability to protect and mitigate the risk of a catastrophic wildfire."

– Fire Chief Thomas Doherty



In 2024, we propose:

- replacing critical firefighting equipment, including buying a fire rescue engine with improved communication, response and safety technology
- continuing the Community Wildfire Protection Project which includes:
 - assessing community water delivery systems
 - developing improved access routes
 - implementing a wildfire structural defense plan
 - enhancing public education for residents and resort visitors
 - expanding FireSmart support and education throughout the community
 - and staff cross-training
- reducing the risk of wildfire by continuing our fuel management work in forests near Emerald, Brio, and along Highway 99
- staff emergency management training and planning (we have a grant application pending)
- removing sediment deposits from Fitzsimmons Creek to maintain flood protection levels

Where The Rubber Meets The Road

Snow clearing,
roads and safety

Snow clearing, paving, flood protection and maintaining our storm sewers keep Whistler's seasonal crews busy. Road work planned for 2024 includes:

- pavement and sidewalk maintenance
- completing ongoing curb repairs, traffic calming, line painting and sign repair
- continuing with the Transportation Action Plan

*Actions will be decided in late 2023/early 2024 with help from municipal committees and working groups



“Our roads crew love their job. There is nothing more satisfying than completing a newly paved and lined street or clearing a street after a two-foot dump of snow and getting you where you need to go. Speaking of snow clearing... one small favour? Please ensure your car is off the road when we are doing our rounds,”

– Tim Brooksbank, Roads Supervisor



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Whistler Walk'n'Roll

Active Transportation & Transit

Changing the way we travel is one of the most impactful ways to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. We plan to support sustainable ways to get around:

- by expanding secure bike parking in Whistler Village
- updating transit shelters and developing a shelter replacement program
- improving drainage on the Valley Trail to reduce seasonal flooding
- finalizing designs for a new section of Valley Trail along the north shore of Alpha Lake, between Alpha Lake Park and Alta Lake Road
- doing Valley Trail maintenance and winter plowing
- investing in the Route 10 Valley Express and Route 21 Spring Creek year-round routes, and adding buses where demand requires *Pending provincial funding
- continuing with the Transportation Action Plan *Decisions on priorities in late 2023/early 2024, with help from Council committees/work groups
- investing Day Lot revenues in the Whistler Transit system *1.8M of the Transit budget will come from Day Lot funds in 2024



Photo: Tourism Whistler/Justa Jaskova

“As a transit rider and cyclist, I continually observe rider behaviour and assess how we can improve the overall system so sustainable modes of transportation become the most convenient choice to move throughout Whistler.”

– Emma DalSanto, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator

A Walk In The Park

Parks Planning & Projects

Our parks are important community hubs where residents and visitors connect with each other and the natural environment.

“I’m excited for the completion of the Rainbow Park project, and equally excited to start replacement of the splash park and playground at Meadow Park. I’m a bit of a policy geek and I’m also looking forward to completing several policy and strategy projects to inform how we plan, design and operate our parks and Valley Trail systems.”

— Martin Pardoe, Manager of Resort Parks Planning

In 2024, we plan to:

- complete building rejuvenations throughout the park network
- finish the feasibility study for the potential rejuvenation of the Lost Lake Disc Golf course
- start the first Phase of the Meadow Park enhancements, revitalizing the splash park and playground
- complete Rainbow Park rejuvenation
- develop a Parks and Valley Trail Strategy
- install baseball diamond light replacements at Spruce Grove

*Climate Action: The new fixtures will see a 90 per cent reduction in energy



Life In Technicolour

Festivals, Events & Animation,
Public Art, Banners



Photo: Tourism Whistler/Justa Jaskova

We love delivering year-round magic!
We are fortunate and thankful to
receive funding from the Province of
B.C., through the Resort Municipality
Initiative (RMI) and Municipal (MRDT)
and Regional District Tax program to
assist.

This year will be:

- commissioning and installing summer and winter lamp post banners
- staging large-scale lighting features to complement the festive lighting program
- handling maintenance and repairs to the Village Stroll, with a keen eye to accessibility and safety improvements, new site furniture, and pedestrian wayfinding components
- curating and delivering a diverse offering of high-quality summer concerts and holiday programming, primarily with Canadian talent

Everyone loves some colour!

Each year, the Resort Operations team delivers the Festive Lights Program, a fan-favourite of our residents and guests. It takes approximately six weeks to install all the lights. We use LED lights to give that brilliant colour punch, and more importantly to conserve energy. We're often asked how many individual lights there are in our display, but frankly, there's too many to count!

"The Village Animation and Events Department continues to invest in new and vibrant experiences, while maintaining our world-class venues and facilities. These projects ensure we're doing our part to remain a thriving, year-round tourism economy."

*- Christa Vandeberg, Festivals,
Events and Animation Supervisor*





Swim, Gym, Spin, Ski

Recreation, Programming & Facilities

“The 2024 theme for recreation is reinvesting in our infrastructure for sound asset management. As of 2024, MPSC is 30 years old, and this work is critical to extending the lifespan of this facility, so we can play on!”

*- Roger Weetman,
Meadow Park Sports Centre Manager*

We are proud of the recreation programs and activities we provide for residents and visitors. Ensuring our equipment and buildings are accessible, safe and fun is always top of mind. This year, we'll be working on:

- replacing aging equipment
- building back pool hours by hiring new lifeguards
- improving the Meadow Park Sports Centre building to keep it operational for many more years
- Upgrading and maintaining cross-country ski and snowshoe trails

*This includes culvert and ditch installation and repairs, and upgrades to the Patrol Hut



CommUNITY

Community building, engagement, & the Whistler Public Library

“With the evolution of digital tools, our welcoming community spaces, and Council’s support for testing innovative practices, we are connecting with our residents and visitors every day. Using new approaches and learning from citizen feedback will allow us to connect and engage with our citizens over time and inform our Council’s decisions now, and for the future.”

– Karen Elliott, General Manager of Community Engagement and Cultural Services

Through our facilities and engagement work, we hope to enhance our connection with one another, and with those on whose land we reside. Our budget includes:

- expanding the library collection and unusual items to borrow; replacing lost and damaged items still in demand; and adding extra copies to reduce wait times
 - expanding library hours to ensure we are meeting community need
 - updating our website, whistler.ca, by asking the community what would make it as useful as possible with easy navigation and clear information, that is fully accessible
 - connecting the community with municipal projects and Council through enhanced digital tools, new engagement practices and in-person events.
- *Highlights for 2024 include continued discussion about Whistler’s future using the Whistler Sessions, the Community Life Survey and increased in-person opportunities to interact with Council
- continuing cultural awareness training for staff and finding meaningful ways to learn about, and connect our work with, the Skwxwú7mesh and Lílwat7úl



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Council Priorities

How they influence
decision-making

In February 2023, Council identified four priority areas as part of the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Ultimately, this means at least one of the four priority areas will be a consideration in Council decision-making related to policies, projects and services.

“These are the areas we know are vital to our community and this plan takes a thoughtful, simple approach to isolating what’s really important. It reflects the work we did as Council and staff in our strategic planning sessions well, and will ensure this term has impact, today and for many years to come,”
- Mayor Jack Crompton



HOUSING

Expedite the delivery of, and longer-term planning for, employee housing



CLIMATE ACTION

Mobilize municipal resources toward the implementation of the Big Moves Climate Action Plan



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Strive to connect locals to each other and to the RMOW



SMART TOURISM

Preserve and protect Whistler’s unique culture, natural assets and infrastructure



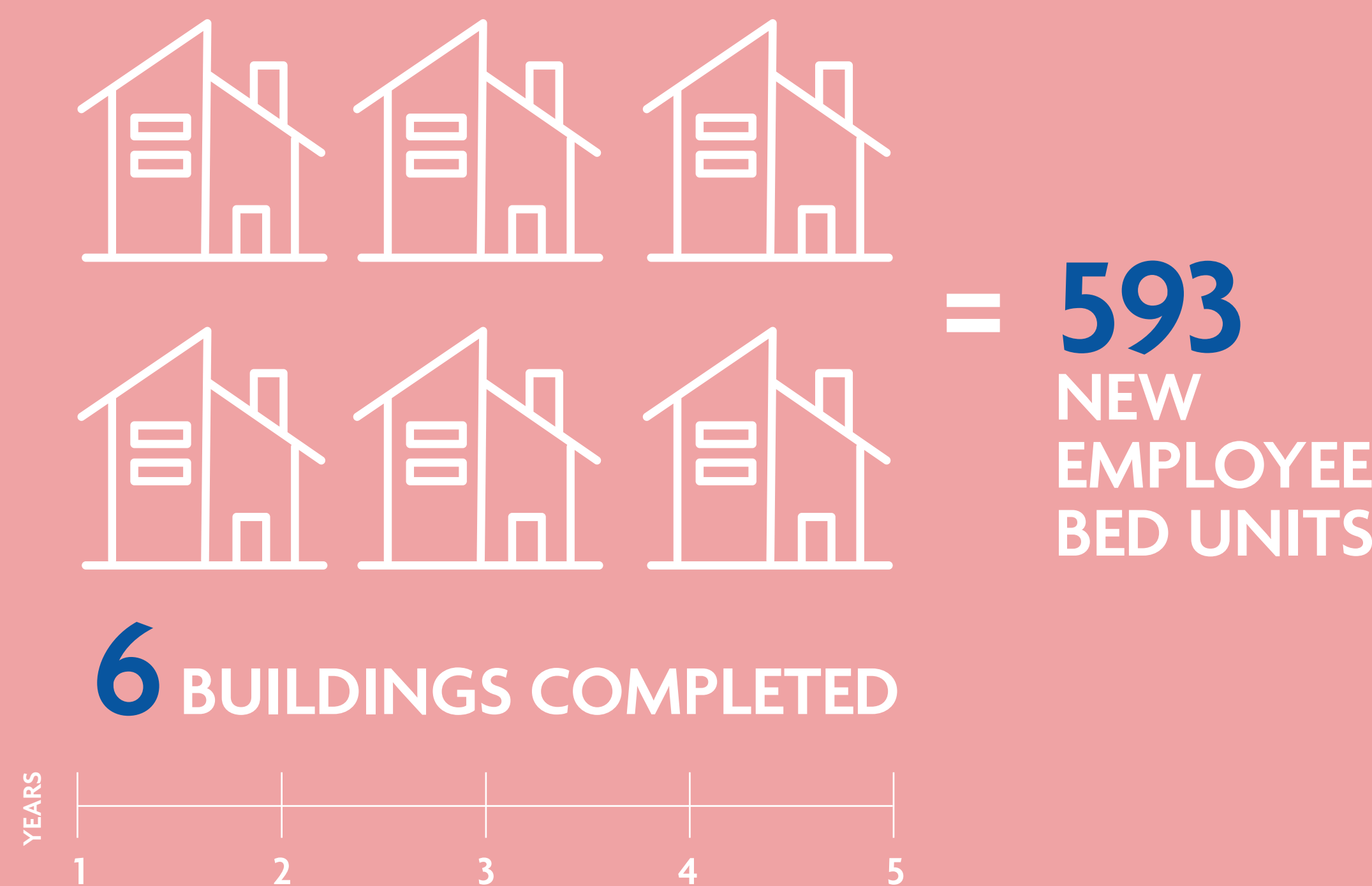
Housing Whistler's Workforce

Housing Advocacy & Employee Housing Development

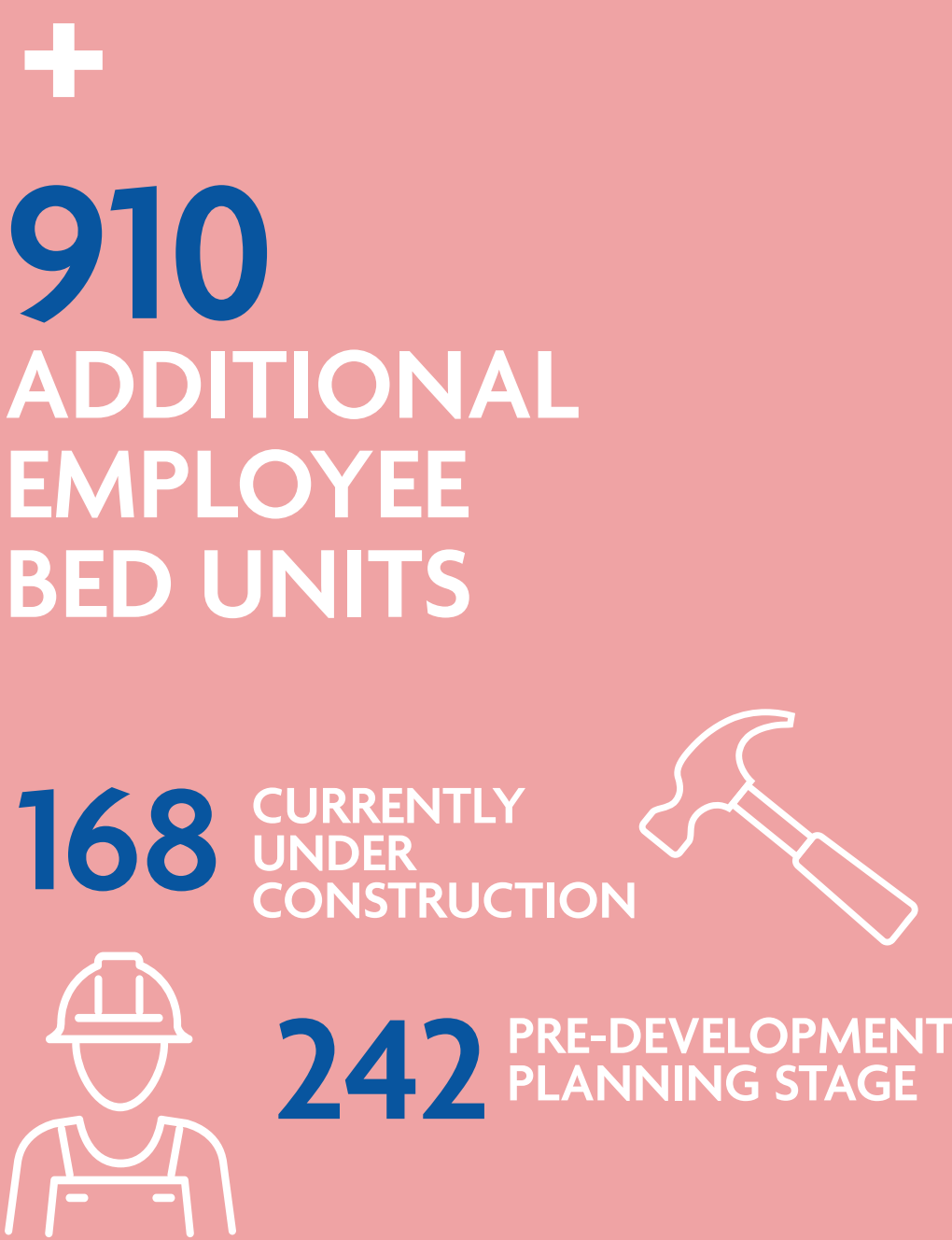
While you don't see specific line items for housing in the RMOW budget, the RMOW delivers and manages employee housing through two subsidiaries, the Whistler 2020 Development Corporation and Whistler Housing Authority.

EMPLOYEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CHEAKAMUS CROSSING

PHASE I



PHASE II



The RMOW is also supporting the advancement of **PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEE HOUSING** initiatives:



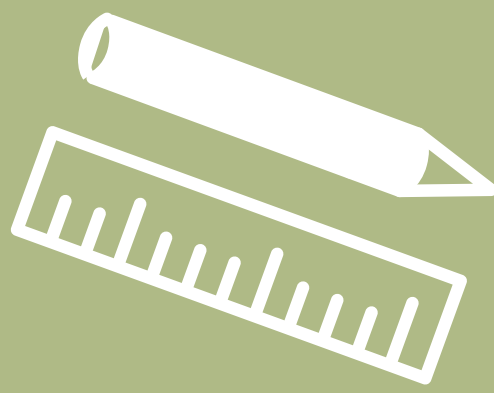
The RMOW will also be implementing the **short-term and long-term actions** within the Housing Action Plan. This includes creating a Long-Term Housing Strategy and Infill Housing Program.



Decision-Making For Budget & Timeline



JULY
AUG.
SEPT.



OPERATION & CAPITAL
BUDGET PLANNING

EARLY INPUT BUDGET SURVEY
& BUDGET QUIZ



OCT.



COUNCIL REPORT: EARLY
ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

NOV.



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:
PROJECTS

BUDGET INFORMATION
MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9



DEC.



COUNCIL REVIEW OF
PROPOSED BUDGETS



COUNCIL ESTABLISHES
BUDGET GUIDELINES

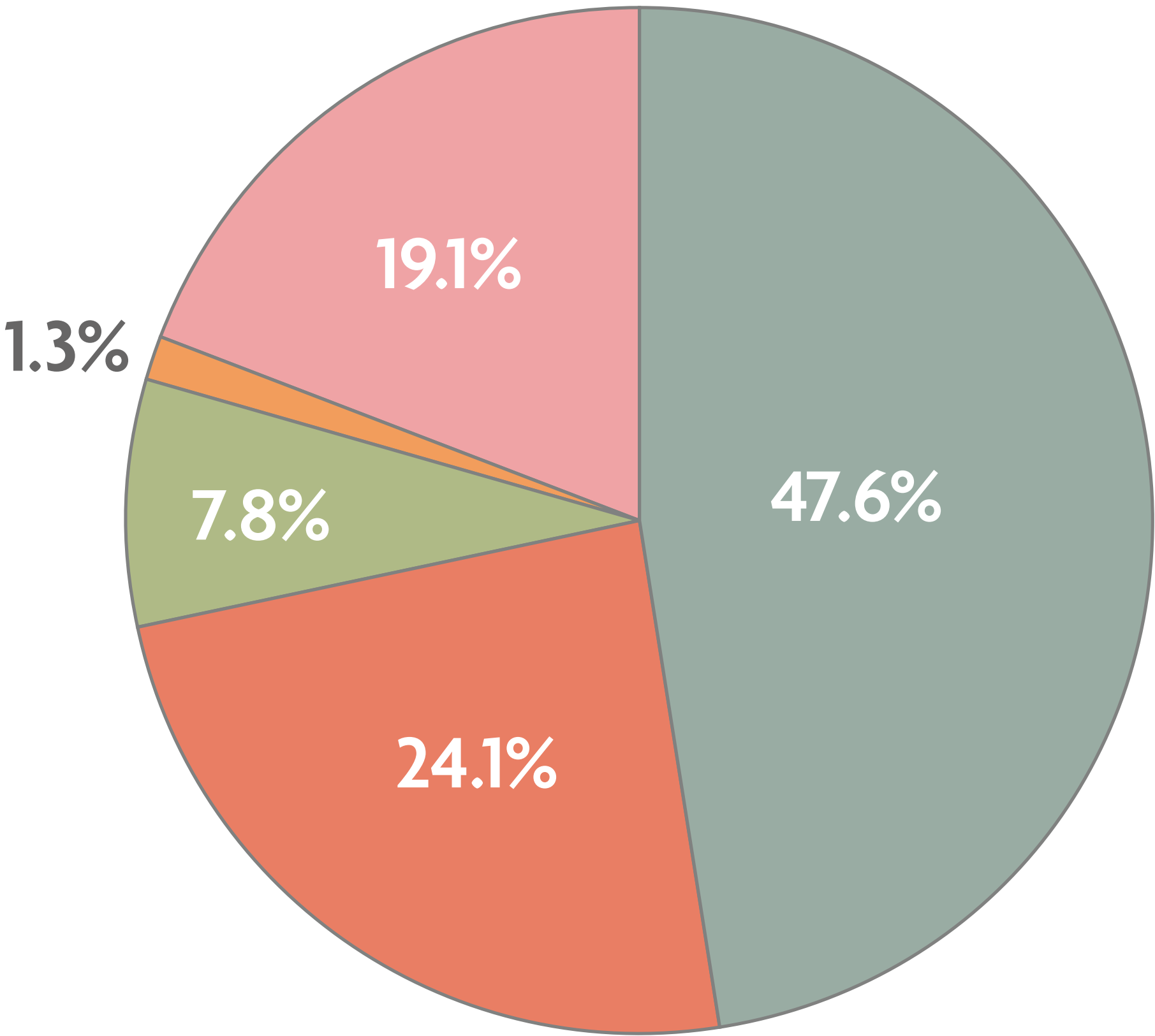
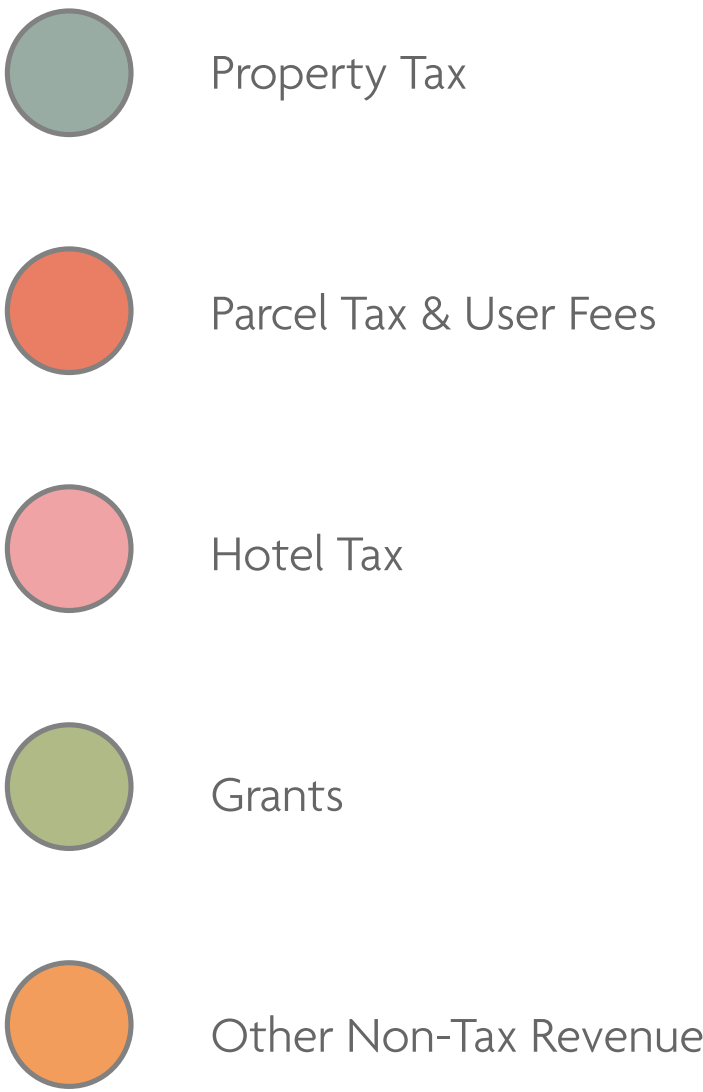
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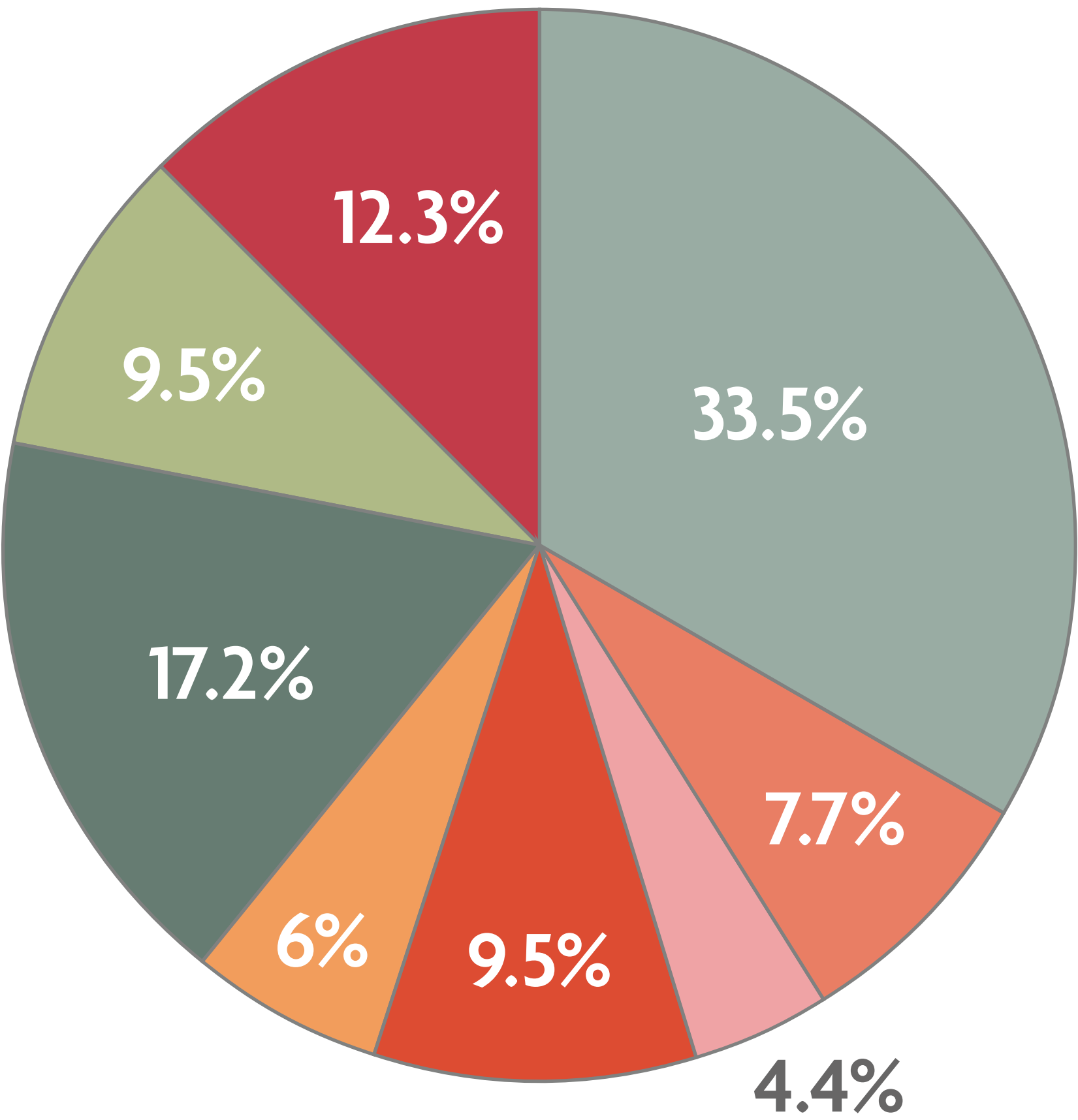
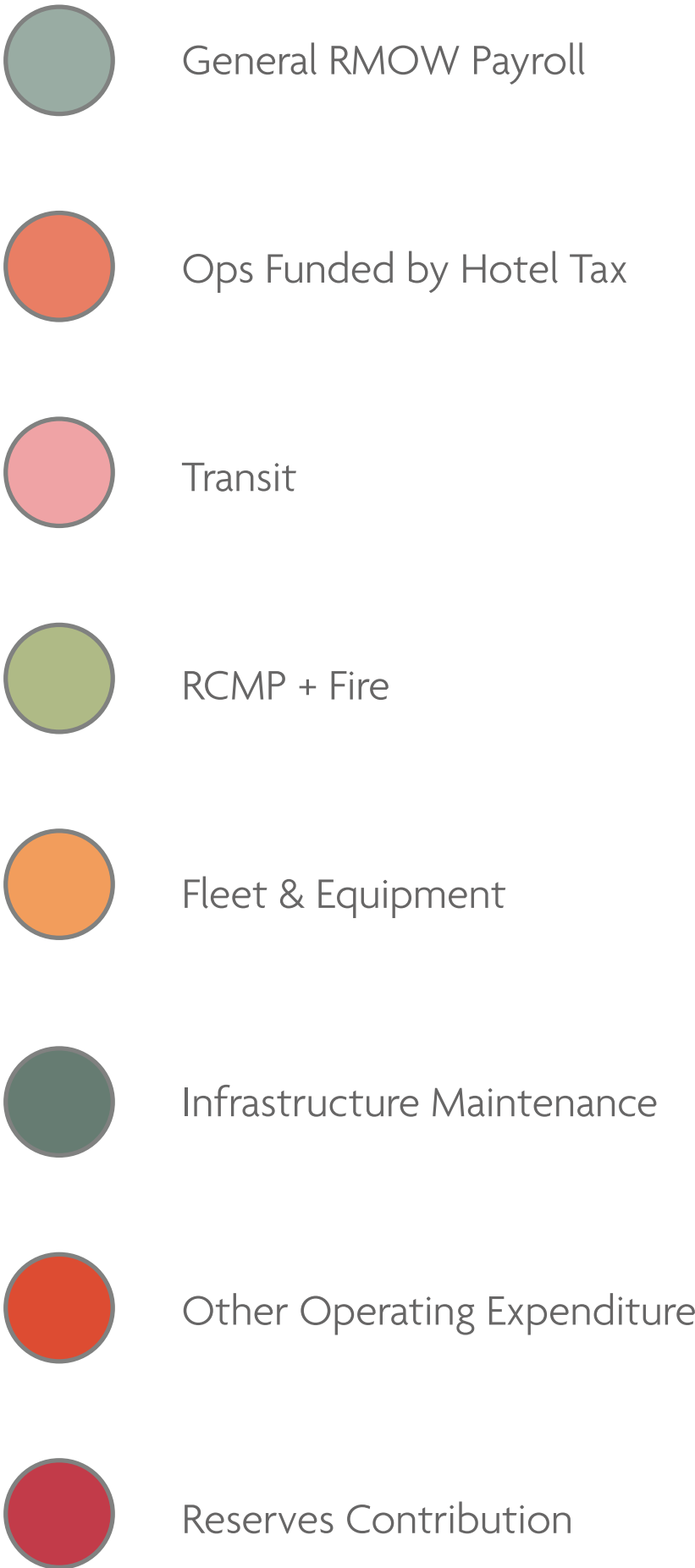
FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN
GOES TO COUNCIL

Municipal Revenue and Expenditures

2024 REVENUE:



2024 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:



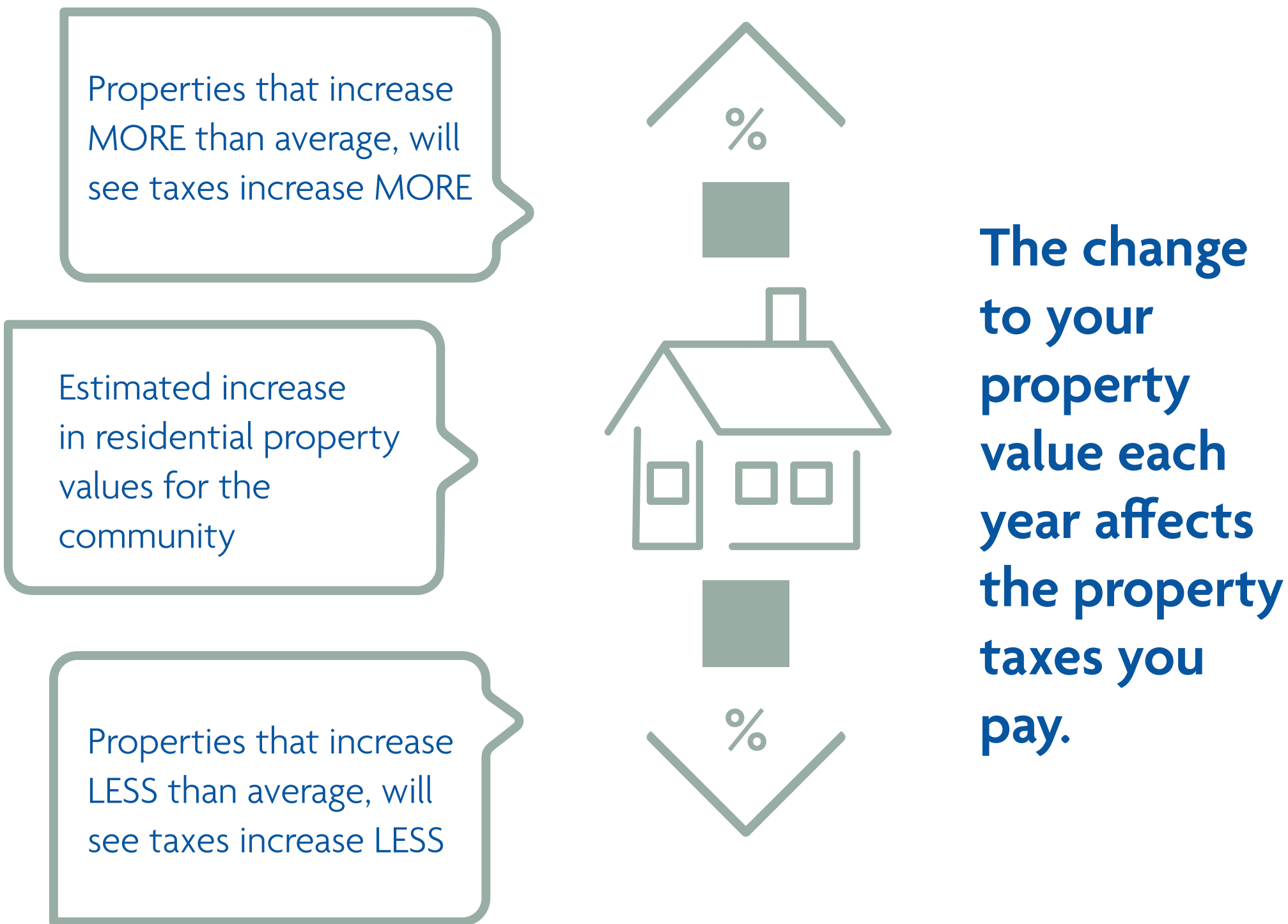
Budget 2024

Impact to property tax
& utility bills

The property tax table summarizes the impact of the proposed 8.18 per cent municipal property tax increase on residential and business properties.

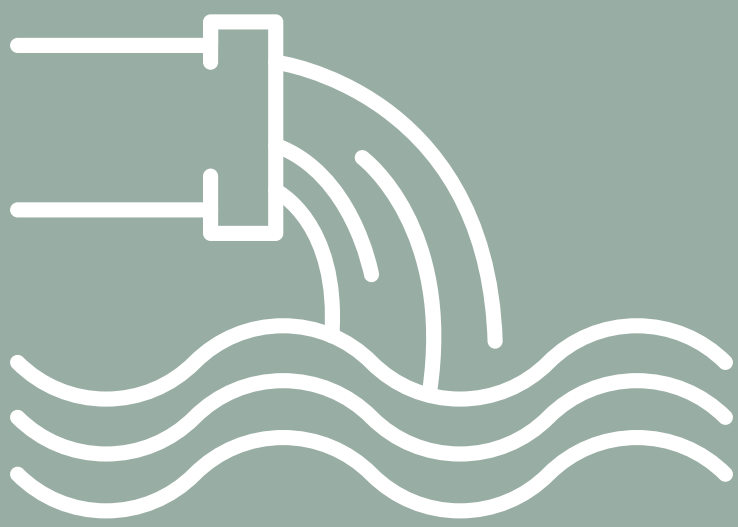


How changes in assessed value on individual properties affect changes in taxes due:



2024 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

TYPE OF PROPERTY & 2024 ASSESSED VALUE	APPROX. TAX INCREASE
RESIDENTIAL \$1,000,000	\$103**
RESIDENTIAL \$4,000,000	\$414**



2024 PROPOSED UTILITY TAX INCREASES

UTILITY	PROPOSED INCREASE	PROPOSED \$ INCREASE
WATER	4%	\$17.34
SOLID WASTE	5%	\$17.81
SEWER	7%	\$35.10

Figures assume the value of those properties rose at the average rate within each class and the allocation of the tax requisition among property classes remains the same.

**Amounts do not include property taxes levied by other taxing authorities as this information is not available as of yet. Council does not have control over the amounts collected by other taxing authorities.



Respectful Workplace

The Resort Municipality of Whistler would like to welcome you. Our promise is to listen to understand and ensure we treat you with respect, honesty and dignity. In return, we ask you to ask questions and provide feedback in a respectful way, so we can learn from each other. Personal attacks or discriminatory language will result in you being asked to move along.



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