

2026-2030 Financial Plan

Message from the Mayor

On behalf of Council, I am pleased to present the 2026–2030 Financial Plan Budget Highlights for the District of Oak Bay.

This year’s budget reflects Council’s commitment to maintaining the services our community depends on, investing in aging infrastructure and planning responsibly for the future. We know that any tax increase affects residents, and Council has worked to keep the increase as manageable as possible while addressing the real pressures facing the District.

This document provides a clear overview of where your tax dollars go and why these investments matter. I encourage you to review it and to reach out if you have questions.

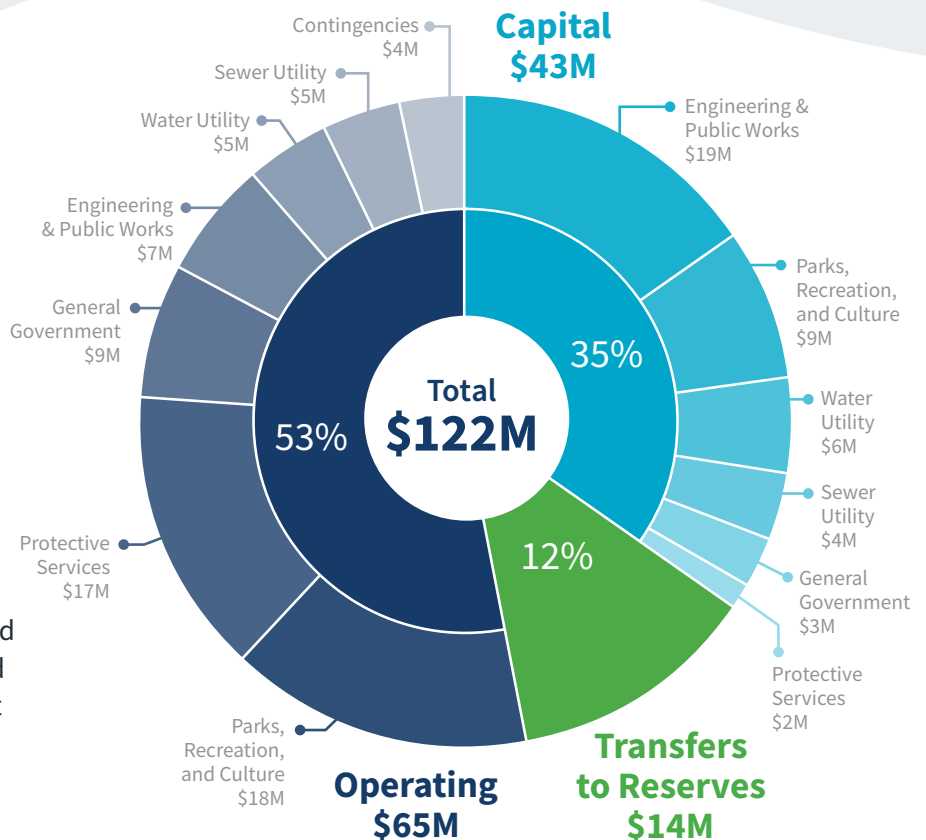


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Mayor, District of Oak Bay

2026 Budget Highlights

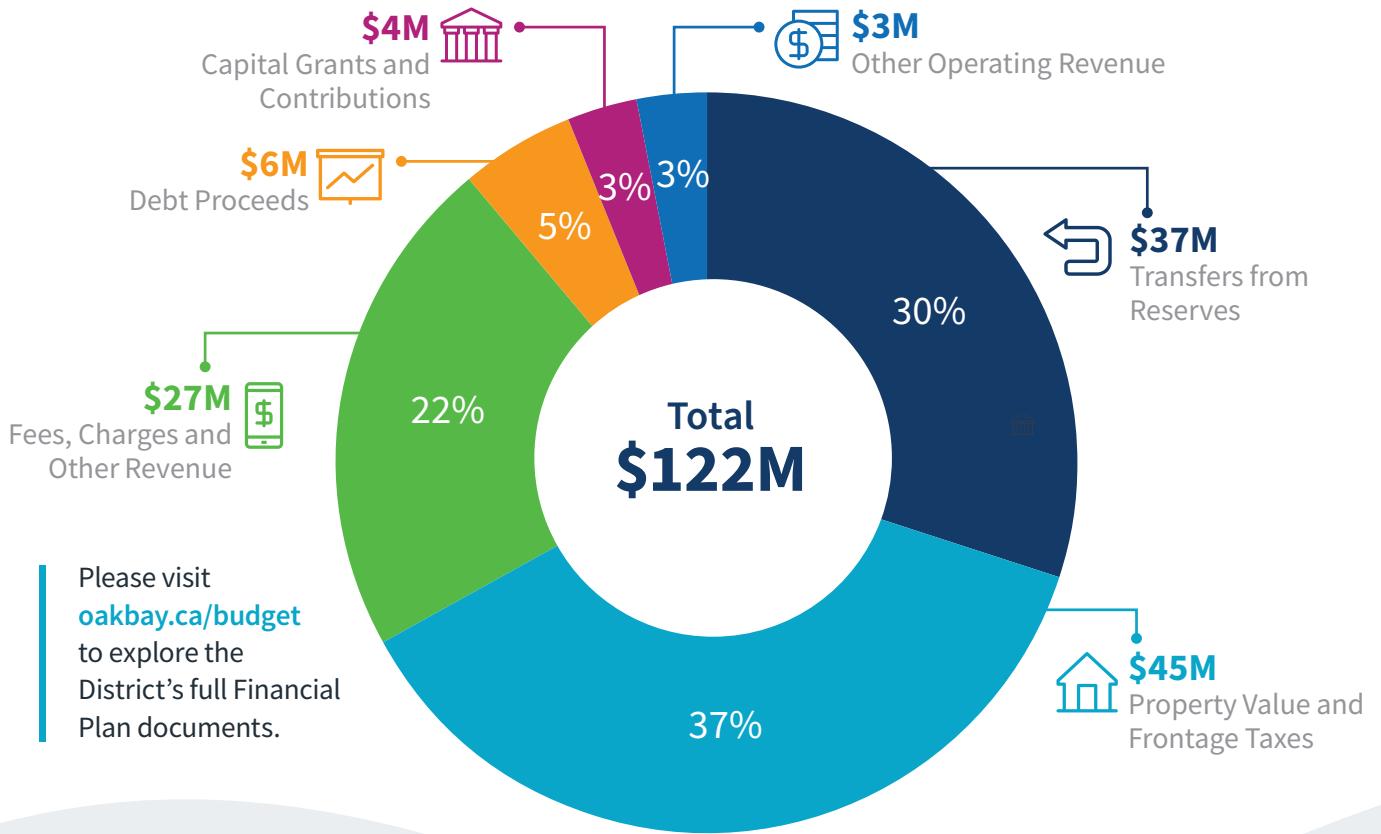
Total Financial Plan

The first year of the District’s 2026–2030 Financial Plan totals \$122 million and is made up of the **Operating Plan (\$65 million)** to fund the daily operations and maintenance of the District, the **Capital Plan (\$43 million)** to fund the renewal and replacement of critical infrastructure, and **Transfers to Reserves (\$14 million)** to set aside funds for future capital needs and financial contingencies.



Funding

The District receives funding from a variety of sources. Property taxes represent approximately 37% of total funding. The remainder comes from user fees, reserves, grants, debt proceeds and other operating revenue.



Budget Increases

The financial impact of the 2026 budget is an increase of **\$422 per year** for the median Oak Bay household (median assessed value of \$1,574,000). The table below illustrates how this increase is allocated across services.

Increases
+\$669
 13 Items

Net Median Tax Increase
\$422
 8.42% Property Tax Increase

Offsets
-\$241
 3 Items

Increase Drivers

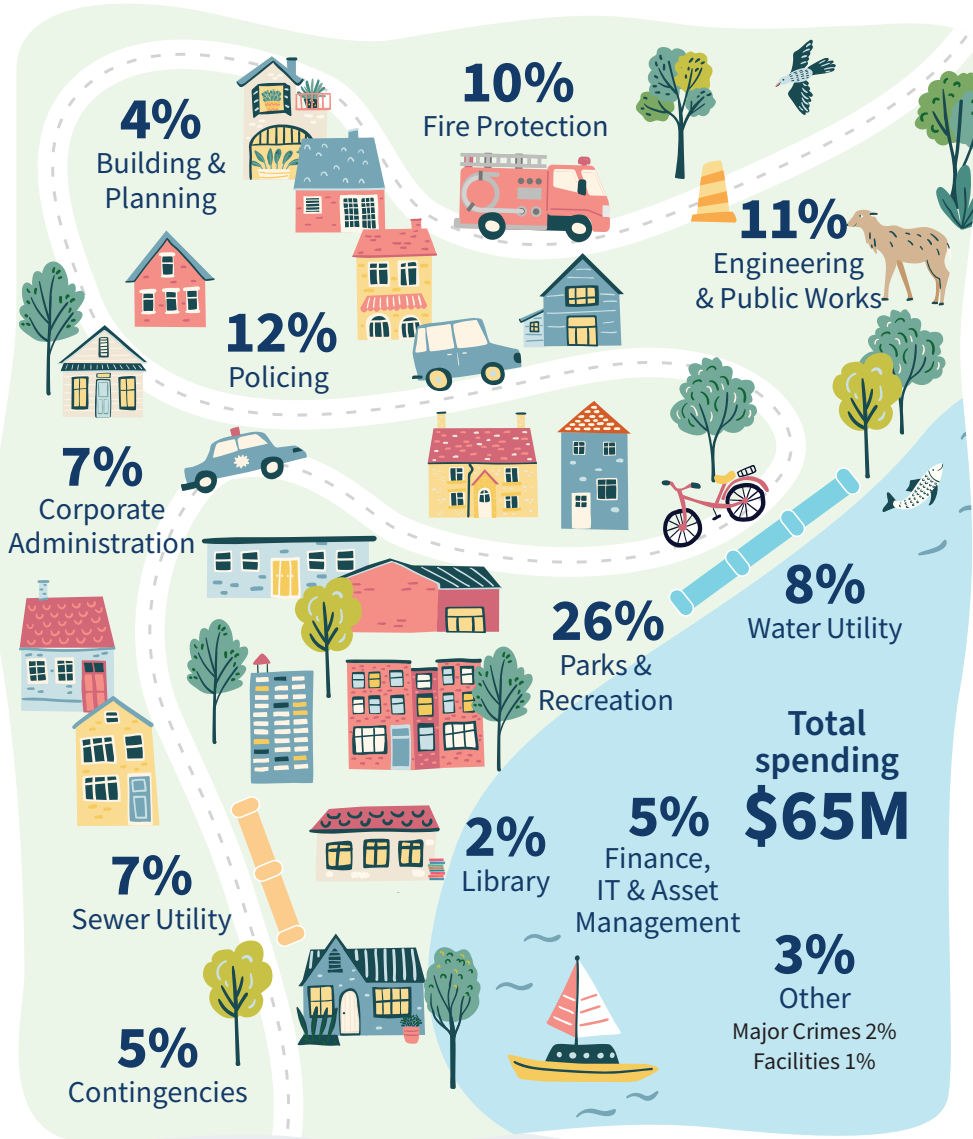
Police Board approved	\$146	Technology strategy and roadmap	\$19
Labour and benefit obligations	\$188	Active transportation fund	\$16
Sustainable infrastructure fund	\$100	Transfer to municipal asset reserve	\$15
PRC Subsidy	\$56	Election (net of recovery)	\$12
Contract obligations (est.)	\$45	Deer management	\$11
Fire master staffing plan	\$28	Sidewalk repair concrete labourer	\$7
New staffing	\$25		

Revenue Offsets

Fee and other revenue changes	\$(104)
Various one-time revenue offsets	\$(95)
New growth revenue	\$(50)

Spending in Community Services

This graphic illustrates how your property taxes and fees are allocated across the services and programs that keep Oak Bay safe, livable and well-maintained.



What's New in 2026

Policing

New inspector and civilian support staff, new equipment

Fire Protection

Addresses minimum staffing levels, overtime reliance, and growing demand including medical calls, technical rescue, and wildfire readiness

Sustainable Infrastructure

4th of 6 planned annual levy increases, funding replacement of community assets per the District's long-term infrastructure plan

Active Transportation

3rd of 5 planned levy increases, funding a defined series of active transportation projects across the District

Parks & Recreation

COVID restart grant funding nearly exhausted; fee recovery at 61% and trending toward the historical target

Technology Strategy

One-time investment in a roadmap to guide future technology decisions

Deer Management

One-time immunocontraception program

Sidewalk Repairs

New concrete labourer position to build ongoing repair capacity

Top Three (3) Operating Expense Categories



Salaries, wages,
and benefits
\$29.1M



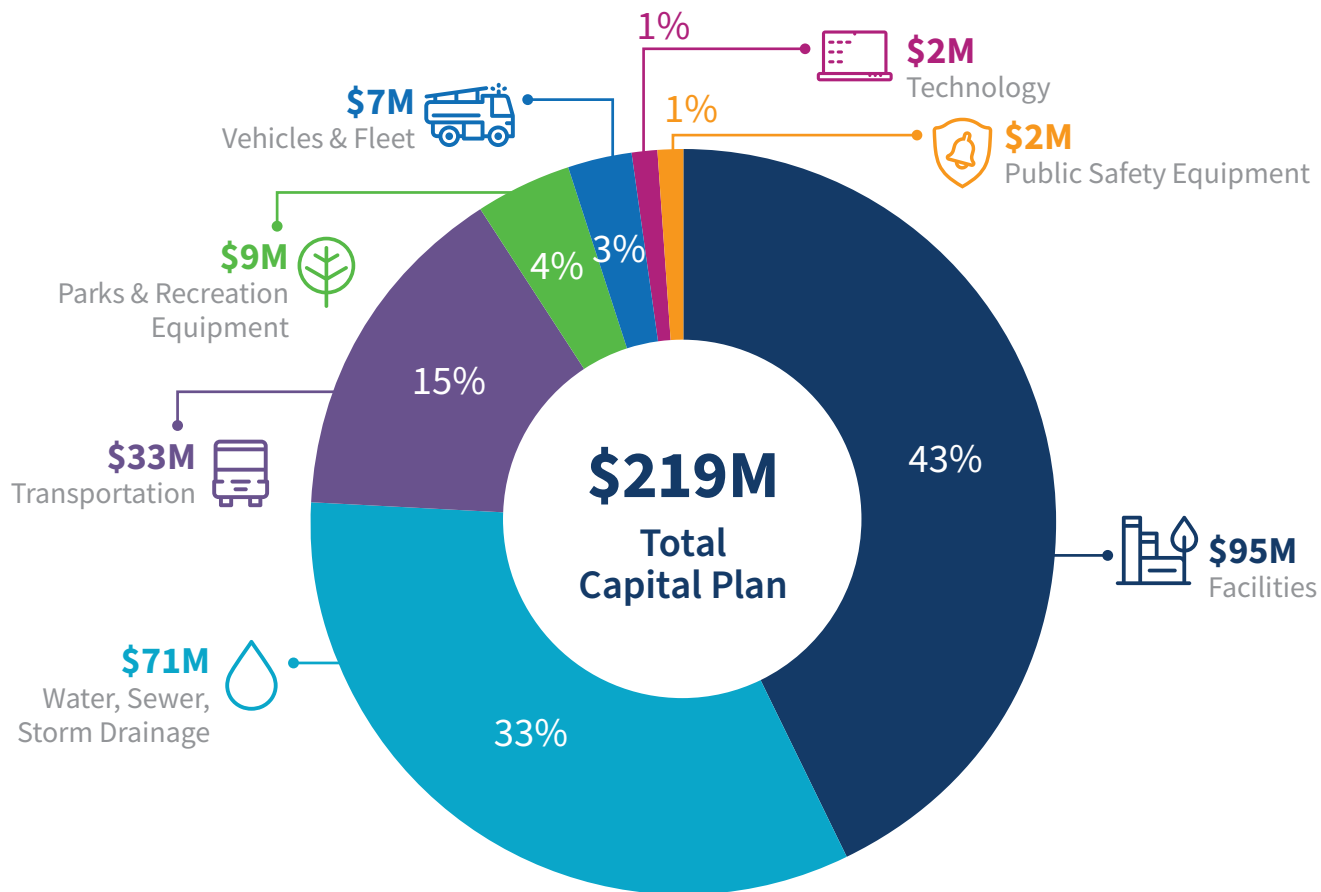
Contracted
services
\$8.1M



Repairs and
supplies
\$5.5M

2026 – 2030 Capital Plan

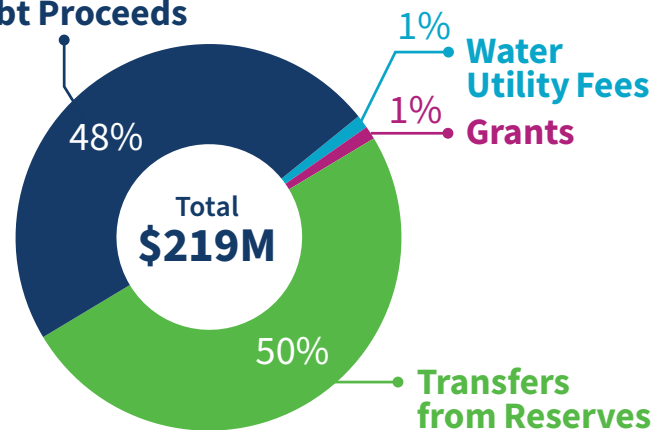
Over the next 5 years, the District will invest \$219M in capital infrastructure (\$43 million planned in the first year), broken down by category:



5 Year Source of Capital Funding

The 2026–2030 Financial Plan includes \$104.5 million in anticipated debt proceeds, with \$6.2 million scheduled in 2026 to support drainage and road rehabilitation projects. Borrowing allows the District to invest in infrastructure now while sharing the cost fairly between current and future residents. Principal and interest payments are not set to commence until 2027, at an estimated \$0.8 million or 1.9% increase to taxation.

Debt Proceeds



Questions? We're here to help!

Visit: oakbay.ca/budget for the full 2026 budget, financial plan, and supporting documents. Visit to learn more about the District's Debt Strategy and Long Term Investment Forecast – including our borrowing program and how we plan for the future

