



2025 BUDGET AT A GLANCE



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The City's budget ensures that our residents are provided with the services and capital assets they expect now and well into the future.

Below are some key highlights proposed in the Draft 2025 Budget:

- Construction on Surerus Park will begin with new playground equipment, a pavillion & washrooms, and other upgrades.
- Replacement of the water reservoir on 106 Street will ensure the continued delivery of clean, safe drinking water throughout the community with additional capacity to handle future growth.
- 89 Avenue from 78a Street to 86 Street will be reconstructed with new underground utilities, streetlights, and sidewalks.
- With an expanded road overlay budget, we will continue to repave more roads each year to extend their life and provide a better driving surface.
- In 2025, over \$41.6 million will be collected in property taxes and grants in lieu of property taxes. This represents about 64% of the operating revenue.
- Protective services, such as the Fire Department and RCMP, cost \$2.26 per day per resident to ensure your safety 24/7/365.

MAJOR BUDGET FACTORS

The City of Fort St. John faces challenges due to changing responsibilities, additional expenses, and new or expanded service requirements.

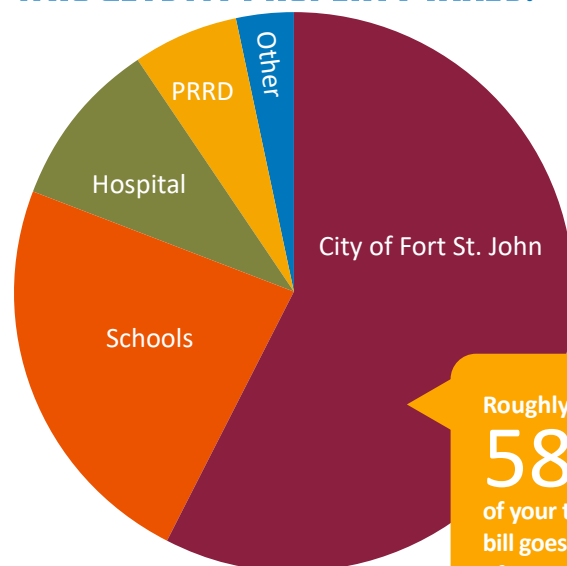
Revenue changes:

Tax revenues and grants in lieu increase	\$1,890,817
Sale of service increase	\$360,000
Return on investment increase	\$1,315,000
Government transfers increase	\$2,397,122

Expense changes:

Salaries, wages & benefits increase	\$2,052,461
Contracted and general services increase	\$2,097,000
Materials, goods & supplies decrease	\$575,200
Interest & bank charges increase	\$664,302

WHO GETS MY PROPERTY TAXES?



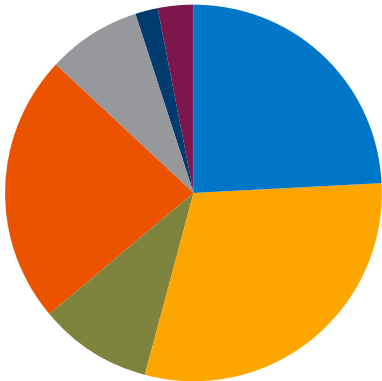
DID YOU KNOW?

In 2024, 78% of construction-based capital projects were awarded to local companies. This supported \$10.6 million in labour income and over 160 jobs.

Roughly only
58%
of your total tax
bill goes to the City
of Fort St. John.

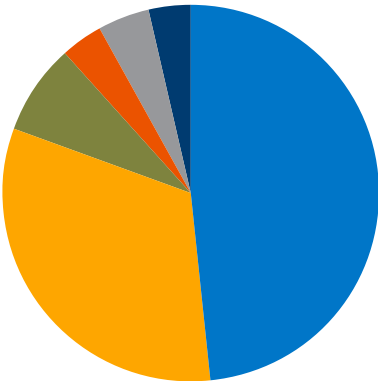
2025 BUDGET SUMMARY

Operating Budget - Revenue sources



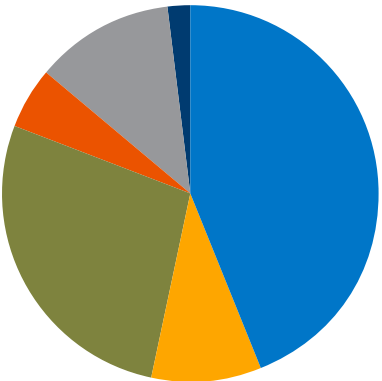
Residential Property Tax class	\$15,900,000	24%
Business Property Tax class	\$19,600,000	30%
Other Property Tax classes & grants in lieu	\$6,342,617	10%
Sale of services	\$15,037,190	23%
Revenue from own sources	\$5,230,330	8%
Services provided to other governments	\$1,307,581	2%
Government transfers	\$1,961,372	3%

Operating Budget - Expenses by type



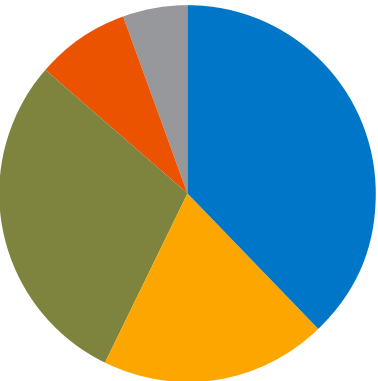
Wages and employee benefits	\$31,016,623	48%
Contracted and general services	\$20,655,025	32%
Materials, goods and supplies	\$4,885,750	8%
Utilities	\$2,419,150	4%
Other expenses	\$2,734,200	4%
Bank charges and interest	\$2,261,867	4%

Capital Budget - Funding sources



Peace River Agreement	\$27,401,000	44%
Federal & Provincial Grants	\$5,880,090	9%
Capital Reserves & Carryovers	\$17,101,910	28%
Sewer Reserve	\$3,270,000	5%
Water Reserve	\$7,355,000	12%
Canada Community-Building Fund	\$1,157,000	2%

Capital Budget - Investment by component



Roads and Related Infrastructure	\$23,580,000	38%
Facilities, Buildings, and Parks	\$11,997,000	19%
Water and Sewer	\$18,210,000	29%
Equipment, Vehicles, and Machinery	\$5,046,500	8%
Studies, Plans, and Special Projects	\$3,331,500	5%

2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS



PARKS & TRAILS

- Completion of Garrison Landing Trail Lighting
- Completion of Hospital Trail Lighting
- Northern Lights Drive Trail Lighting
- Completion of Kin Park Upgrades
- Kin Park Dirt BMX Track Upgrades
- Sururus Park Upgrades



ROADS

- 101 Avenue (96 - 98 streets)
- 89 Avenue (79a - 86 streets)
- 100 St Laneway (105 - 106 avenues)
- 102 Street (109 - 113 avenues)
- 103 Avenue (101 - 102 streets)
- Road Overlay Program
- Sidewalk Repair Program



WATER & SEWER

- 106 St Water Reservoir Replacement
- Reclaimed Water Facility Upgrades
- Sewer outfall improvements
- Sewer main installation near Mathews Park (85 - 87 avenues)
- Sewer main replacement on 112 Street (102 - 103 avenues)
- Sewer condition audit
- Watermain looping & hydrants on 103 Avenue (96 - 97 streets)



BUILDINGS

- City Hall Parking Lot
- Demolition of IT Building
- Search & Rescue Parking Lot
- North Peace Arena Plumbing, Lobby & Washroom Upgrades
- North Peace Arena Air Handling Units
- North Peace Cultural Centre Exterior
- Development Services Building Upgrades
- Pomeroy Sport Centre Oval Mats Replacement
- Pomeroy Sport Centre Lighting & Bleacher Upgrades
- Public Works Washroom & Alternate Power Unit
- North Peace Cultural Centre Upgrades



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Who does what?

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN	REGIONAL DISTRICT PEACE RIVER (PRRD)	PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT BRITISH COLUMBIA	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CANADA
- Water Supply & Waste Water Management - Solid Waste Collection - Road Maintenance & Transit - Recreation Centres - Fire Department - City Hall - Municipal Property Taxes - Parks & Playgrounds - Bylaw & Business Licensing - Municipal RCMP - Community Planning & Development - Cemeteries	- Solid Waste - Regional Parks & Recreation - Invasive Plants - Regional Hospital - Regional Property Taxes - Rural Area Planning & Development	- Schools - Health - Social Services - Support for Employees & Employers - Justice - Post Secondary - Highways - Provincial Income Tax - Provincial Property Tax	- Income Tax - Employment Insurance - Child Benefit - Student Loans - Military - International Travel - Foreign Affairs - Banking - Criminal Law

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2025, it costs about \$7.41 per resident per day to fund the local services you use daily.



FOR PERSPECTIVE, THAT IS
LESS THAN THE AVERAGE
COST OF A FAST FOOD MEAL