

Town of Pincher Creek

Community Information Evening Information Handout March 28, 2019



Back: Councillor Wayne Elliott, Councillor Brian McGillivray, Councillor Lorne Jackson, Councillor Scott Korbett

Front: Councillor Mark Barber, Mayor Don Anderberg, Councillor Sussanne O'Rourke



Town of Pincher Creek Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022



We have checked off the areas which have been accomplished:

- ✓ 4 year Collective Agreement with CUPE
- ✓ Improved relations with Municipal District #9
- ✓ Implemented requires changes from the new MGA
- ✓ New structured emergency response organization with its own DEM
- ✓ Regional airport initiative
- ✓ Grant writer in place – million requested and \$176,000 in hand
- ✓ Working collaboratively with the Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ Transportation project running
- ✓ Wayfinding signage project complete awaiting spring weather for install
- ✓ New Summer Games Co-ordinator in place
- ✓ Two freestanding world class daycares in progress
- ✓ Affordable housing project awaiting federal/provincial funding

ALBERTA SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ALLIANCE

Mandate: Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance Ltd. (AlbertaSW) is a Regional Economic Development Alliance (REDA) of 16 communities working together to help each other succeed.

Member(s): Scott Korbett

Councillor Korbett Update:

Further to local Economic Development, this committee is a regional group made up of members from Nanton to Waterton Park and Crowsnest Pass to Fort Macleod. We are a dynamic group led by our own Bev Thornton. She has been recognized internationally as a leader in Economic Development on a regional level. This year, it was announced to install a network of Electric Vehicle Charging stations. Bev and our alliance led this charge and got buy in from the City of Calgary, City of Lethbridge, City of Medicine Hat and all of the communities in between. Pincher Creek has a charging station in the works and has the location approved. We meet once a month to share ideas throughout the region and collaborate on projects. Very valuable alliance – and a good bang for our buck!

CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

Staff Lead: Community Services Director and FCSS

Member(s): Sussanne O'Rourke, Brian McGillivray, Wayne Elliott

Update:

It has been a year since our last Open House and it has been a very busy one. The Day Care Committee has become the Pincher Creek Community Early Learning Centre Ltd. Board of Directors. This is a not-for-profit corporation with the Town being the sole Shareholder.

At present, the corporation has seven directors (four being elected officials and three being members-at-large). The corporation was established to carry on any and all such business activities as may directly or indirectly relate to the operation of childcare, before and after school care and early learning centre facilities in the Town of Pincher Creek. To that end, the corporation is operating the Early Learning Centre at St. Michael's School. We are happy to report that the facility at St. Michael's is operating wonderfully and so far it is in the black.

The corporation has proceeded with plans for new Early Learning Centre facilities at both St. Michael's and Canyon Schools.

Floor and site plans have been developed for both sites. Both School Boards (Holy Spirit and Livingstone Range) have approved the land transfer to facilitate the construction of the two new Early Learning Centres and last week, Council received confirmation that both the St. Mikes and Canyon land transfers have been approved by the Minister of Education. With the land acquisition confirmed, the normal geotechnical and environmental assessment and municipal subdivision and development processes will follow. (See concept drawings on display this evening).



We will continue to push forward to ensure that high quality, accessible and affordable child care is available for our Community. Many thanks go to the individuals who have worked very hard in helping the Board with their knowledge and expertise in the Early Learning World.

COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

Mandate: Established in 1972, Pincher Creek's Community Hall is an immaculately maintained multi-use facility that serves as the heart of this community.

Staff Lead: Economic Development, Marketing and Events Officer

Member(s): Lorne Jackson

Hall Update:

The Hall is currently looking for volunteers to join the board. A volunteer is asked to attend one meeting a month for approximately 1.5 hours.

COMMUNITY HOUSING COMMITTEE

Mandate: Study and provide advice regarding matters related to housing.

Staff Lead: FCSS Coordinator

Members: Don Anderberg, Sussanne O'Rourke and Brian McGillivray

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mandate: Study and provide advice regarding matters related to transportation.

Staff Lead: Director of Operations

Membership: Lorne Jackson and Brian McGillivray

Councillor Jackson Update:

Your Pincher Creek Town Councils have been engaged with the citizens of our community for a number of years now. One of the issues that brought people to council was the expansion of the boundary for in town bussing that essentially disqualified a large group of students from riding to school on School Division buses. The effect of that necessitated many parents in transporting their children to school via private vehicles, thereby adding to traffic congestion, most especially at our K to 6 institutions. At the urging of parents, Council entered into conversations with the schools and Division representatives to find solutions to the safety of students, and perhaps to find a way to reinstitute in town School Division bussing. While the busses operate on a Province wide mandate and could not be one-offed for our community, a survey of parents showed a favorable number being interested in paying a weekly or monthly fee to get their kids to and from school on Town provided transportation of some fashion.

Armed with that knowledge, Council directed our administration to make application for grants in the bussing and transportation realm. through their efforts, we were successful in securing Provincial Green Trip funding, as well as Federal Public Transportation Infrastructure Funding totaling \$450,000, and were chosen to investigate the feasibility of public transportation in a small community. With that funding,



Council enlisted the services of a consultant with many years of experience in public transportation, to help navigate the nuances of planning and start up of a town transportation service, and the purchase of a 14-passenger bus.

Now that the bus has been on the road for three and a half months, the ridership has so far been disappointing, and the Transportation Committee has been busy working on ideas to help increase the number of those who may use the service. We have tailored the route, and hours of service, and are now planning to go out to our seniors facilities to offer a primer on the bus to show them just where they can go, and how long it takes to get there and back. A most perplexing issue, is that we are not seeing the school children on the bus that we had expected. out of speculation, something that may have contributed to that are the bus lanes that we instituted at the schools as an interim safety measure to help ease the traffic congestion before and after school.

Also, in the infancy of the transportation committee, Pincher Creek was chosen as a pilot community for the Medically At Risk Drivers Program. This was in partnership with the University of Alberta, to investigate the demand in our region for transportation requirements of those who for age, or physical reasons might not be able to drive their own vehicles to access basic, and social needs. As a result of that study, the Town has partnered with the Handy Bus Society to replace their aged out vehicle with a new unit. We are also looking into how a scheduling software program might assist not only the town bus, but also the Handy Bus, and perhaps groups like Care Bears, to help take the pressure off of individuals who now feel overwhelmed with that task in some cases. If a scheduled bus service just does not fly, we do now have the flexibility to use that vehicle in other capacities, such as intermunicipal, or regional transportation for a number of reasons.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mandate: To advise Town Council on various economic development issues.
Staff Lead: Economic Development Officer
Member(s): Scott Korbett

Councillor Korbett Update:

I joined the EDC during our first organizational meeting with the hopes of finding impactful things that will help move our community in a prosperous direction. The truth is, Economic Development happens in every aspect of our duties as councillors. Often, a new business or idea cannot be spoken about publicly until it is ready to be released. I feel this committee is a think tank for new ideas and I look forward to developing strategies to move our community into the future.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION

Mandate: To manage fire and ambulance services.
Staff Lead: Fire Chief
Member(s): Don Anderberg and Scott Korbett
Alternate:



Councillor Korbett Update:

As I left the MDSA, I asked to serve on this commission. When I moved to Pincher Creek in 1995, I quickly found an opportunity to become a volunteer firefighter here. I advanced into my EMR designation and later my EMT with the Town of Pincher Creek leading the education and training. I was able to serve for 5 years before my professional life had to take precedence. Serving on this commission now with our Mayor, the Reeve of the MD and Councillor Stevik from the MD is proving to be a very rewarding way to serve. We have a very valuable EMS/Fire/Rescue service with very dedicated staff and volunteers. We are blessed and grateful to have the level of service we do – thanks to our fore fathers who saw the benefit of keeping this service local. We provide a great service to our communities and as being recently named the chair of this commission, I intend to maintain our level of service to the community while keeping our staff and volunteers safe and sound. I'm very excited to once again be a part of this organization.

FACILITIES PLANNING STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE

Mandate: To study and provide advice to the Town of Pincher Creek regarding the future development, renovation or expansion of facilities including sport, recreational, community and other Town owned facilities.

Staff Lead: Director of Community Services

Member(s): Mark Barber and Wayne Elliott

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Mandate: Agreement between Her Majesty in Right of Alberta and Town of Pincher Creek to provide for the establishment, administration, and operation of a Family and Community Support Services Program in accordance with the Family and Community Support Services Act and Regulation

Staff Lead: FCSS Coordinator

Member(s): Sussanne O'Rourke

HIGHWAY #3 ASSOCIATION

Mandate: Members to this committee must be approved by the Association Board.

Staff Lead: CAO

Member(s): Don Anderberg

Alternate: Mark Barber



INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mandate: As per Bylaw No. 1526, Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Staff Lead: Manager of Legislative Services

Member(s): Scott Korbett and Lorne Jackson

LIBRARY BOARD and CHINOOK ARCH

Mandate: Pursuant to the Libraries Act of Alberta, the Pincher Creek & District Municipal Library will provide full and equal access to information, resources and ideas, and promote an atmosphere of life-long learning.

Staff Lead: Head Librarian

Member(s): Mark Barber

Councillor Barber Update:

Our community is blessed with an outstanding library in which we should all be proud. More importantly, our community benefits significantly from the very dedicated library staff and the many wonderful library volunteers. We also benefit from our participation with the “Chinook Arch regional Library System”

The participation of the above determines that we have access to an almost infinite amount of reading material. If the requested material is not available in our local library, our partnership with “Chinook Arch” will provide access to the materials, often within 24 hours. Chinook Arch has also provided numerous programming opportunities regarding technology.

Prior to my participation with the library I was certain that our library was more than adequate for our community. However, my involvement determines that the library is short of space. The last renovation at the library allowed the library to become more efficient. However, the footprint of the library did not expand. As such the library is initiating discussions to expand the building to the east. They may also incorporate a small performing arts centre with the expansion. A donation of significance has allowed these discussions to proceed.

MAYORS & REEVES OF SOUTHWEST ALBERTA

Mandate: Mayors & Reeves of Southwest Alberta.

Member(s): Don Anderberg or available Councillors

Mayor Anderberg Update:

Approximately forty mayors and reeves from southwest Alberta gather monthly in Lethbridge to discuss items of mutual concern. This group has been active for close to twenty years. In recent years the focus has changed from being just an information group to more of an active lobbying body for our region. This group represents a population of close to 200,000 people. Our regional members of parliament and



members of the legislative assembly are invited to attend and provide reports on a monthly basis. Some of the successes over the years include keeping 911 ambulance dispatch services in Lethbridge, successfully lobbying to keep the rural physicians action plan in our care and control and getting real results on highway 3 upgrades and twinning. An upcoming item will be coming from our community in relation to 911 emergency response and the need to coordinate ambulance, rescue, police and fire response through better channels of communication. The strength in numbers approach has been very successful when other avenues have not produced desired outcomes for individual municipalities.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY (MDSA)

Mandate: Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act and MDSA Bylaw #1543, to review applications for discretionary developments.

Staff Lead: Manager of Legislative Services

Member(s): Wayne Elliott, Brian McGillivray and Lorne Jackson

2018 Development Quick Facts:

34 Development Permits for an estimated aggregate total value of \$2 693 394.00

4 Demolition Permit Applications (1 application appealed)

5 Sign Permit Applications

6 Home-Based Occupation Permits

30 Compliance Certificates issued

28 MDSA Applications heard/decided

Councillor Korbett Update:

At the last organizational meeting in November, I asked to move from this committee which I have served on over the past year on council – and about 12 years prior. I have enjoyed this committee extensively and learned so much about the development of our community. Dealing with Land Use bylaw issues and helping find solutions when they could be found with development challenges has been a very rewarding way to serve the community. I have found that I was becoming more in conflict on this committee with my day job as a realtor, and it was time to serve in a different way. I have often spoken of this committee as “there is black and white in the bylaws – and we deal with the grey. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this valuable committee.



OLDMAN RIVER REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION (ORRSC)

Mandate: Concerns matters of subdivision, planning, etc.

Staff Lead: CAO

Member(s): Don Anderberg

Alternate:

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mandate: Study and provide advice regarding matters related to operational services.

Staff Lead: Director of Operations

Member(s): Brian McGillivray, Lorne Jackson, Wayne Elliott

Alternate:

Councillor Elliott Update:

The Operations Committee meets quarterly. The Committee reviews the quarter and discusses any citizen concerns. The main goal of the Committee is to take some of the concerns away from Council, if the Operations Committee can discuss and decide a location of for example a crosswalk this leaves time for other pressing issues open to Council. Your Operations Department consists of 11 full time staff; one Director of Operations, two Operations Coordinators, specializing in Parks & Open Spaces, Streets & Water/Wastewater Distribution and Solid Waste Collection & Fleet. Five Maintenance staff who clear your snow, repair your water and sewer lines, collect your garbage and maintain the streets, cemeteries and hydrants. Three full time position-specific roles include facilities maintenance, water and waste water treatment and administration. The department will hire 6-8 summer students to help with mowing and extra demands for the Summer months.

The Operations department oversees the following:

Water / wastewater distribution: treating water from the Pincher creek / Castle river and distributing it to the homes and business. Maintaining and repairing water lines. Maintenance and repair of the wastewater lift station and lagoons.

Streets: Plowing and sanding in the winter. Street Sweeping, repair and maintenance of signs, benches, crosswalks. Repair of street surfaces.

Solid Waste and fleet services: maintenance all the municipality vehicles, ordering of new vehicles and parts, coordinating garbage pickup.

Facilities and open spaces: Maintenance and upkeep of all Town-owned facilities including trails, sport fields, playgrounds.

Cemetery: Both cemeteries are looked after by the Operations department (including grave preparation and completion and grass mowing)



PINCHER CREEK FOUNDATION BOARD

- Mandate: Manages the Housing Units in Pincher Creek. Requires two members.
 Staff Lead: Pincher Creek Foundation CAO
 Meetings: Third Wednesday monthly at 3:00 pm
 Member(s): Lorne Jackson and Sussanne O'Rourke

Councillor Jackson Update:

I am the chair of the Pincher Creek Foundation Board, which is the public housing authority for our greater community. The board oversees the operations of Crestview Lodge, as well as Canyon Manor, and Willow Court seniors self contained units, and twelve Family Social Housing units, as well as monitoring of the Provincial Direct Rent Supplement Program. Over the past three years, first as a board member, and now chair, I have had the pleasure of helping to see through the construction of the brand new Crestview Lodge, a project of great importance to our community. While the new lodge has seen some mechanical issues and requisite growing pains of a freshly constructed large project, most especially through the incredibly cold weather of February, the building is a shining example of what can be accomplished with the cooperation of not only our local partners in the M.D. and Cowley, Provincially and Federally as well.

The lodge replacement is the culmination of years of lobbying the mentioned upper levels of government, and seeing little traction there, the commitment of significant monetary resources from both the Town and the M.D. to in effect, make things happen. We can be very proud of the fact that we retained ownership of our new building because of that, which is something other communities cannot say.

The residents of Crestview are more than pleased with their new spacious rooms, dining, and common areas, and recreation room, as well as the unique rooftop gardens. That satisfaction is evidenced by the smiling faces that I see there on a regular basis, and if you haven't already, I urge everyone to visit our new lodge to see for yourself just how wonderful their new home is.

POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Mandate: formalize the process for receiving input from the community and the partnership between the community, the RCMP and local government.
 Staff Lead: FCSS Coordinator
 Member(s): Mark Barber
 Alternate: Wayne Elliott

Councillor Barber Update:

This committee meets four times a year. During these meetings we discuss policing concerns and possible solutions in our community.



One of the concerns that has been prevalent in our community for many years is the speed at which many motorists drive through our school zones. To this end we have made a request to town council to fund two additional speed sentries for placement at both Canyon School and St. Michaels School. The speed sentries provide motorists with their actual speed and our committee provides that motorists will slow down when presented with this information. We remain opposed to radar speed traps as we have determined that the receipt of a ticket one month after the speeding infraction will not influence a driver's speed at the time of the infraction. We are hopeful that the two units will be installed within the next two years.

We have also discussed how fortunate we are to have outstanding and responsible youth in our community. Very seldom do we witness our youth driving dangerously. Further, the amount of vandalism is very minimal in our community.

We are also aware of an increase in crime related to the challenged Alberta economy and the opioid crisis. The increase in these crimes is minimal and RCMP Sergeant Mark Harrison assures us that they are on top of the situation. Further, Mark Harrison provides that we are fortunate that we are located away from major urban centres where urban and rural property crime is rapidly accelerating.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Mandate: Reviews Recreation and Parks issues, makes recommendations and identifies issues.

Staff Lead: Director of Community Services

Member(s): Mark Barber

Councillor Barber Update:

The majority of our conversations during our recreation meetings have focussed on the upcoming Southern Alberta Summer Games in Pincher Creek. This year, Pincher Creek will host the 50th anniversary of the Summer Games. We also hosted the very first Southern Alberta Summer Games. Pincher Creek is recognized for doing an outstanding job with the games. I am certain that under John Verhagen's leadership that the 50th anniversary summer games will be an outstanding experience for the many athletes and volunteers.

Our committee also promoted the installation of an off leash dog park at Juan Teran Park and formalized the off leash park to the west of the Ag grounds. The objective of this program was to move the dogs away from our sports fields and into a controlled area. We have almost successfully met this objective. However, a few irresponsible dog owners remain and animal waste is still prevalent on our sport fields. It is recognized that this waste can be harmful to the youth that utilize these fields. We remain hopeful that this problem will diminish and that we won't be required to take further steps to alleviate the challenging situation.

RECYCLE COMMITTEE

Mandate: Manages recycling with MD and Cowley.



Staff Lead: Director of Operations

Member(s): Scott Korbett

Alternate:

Councillor Korbett Update:

I joined the recycling committee during the first organizational meeting and discovered that there really isn't much need of this committee as it really manages our local recycling contractor's contract with the Town and MD. But we are currently working with the region, including the Crowsnest Pass, Town of Pincher Creek, MD of Pincher Creek and Cowley to develop a recycling strategy along with our Landfill Association. I recently brought forward a motion to eliminate single use shopping bags from our region. And we are looking at different ways to deal with waste as a region. Our local round up happens in June and we look forward to working with all our partners to succeed with a good recycling program.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Mandate: To act as an agent of the Council to carry out the Council's statutory powers and obligations as prescribed in the Emergency Management Bylaw.

Staff Lead: CAO

Member(s): Don Anderberg and Scott Korbett

Alternate: Lorne Jackson

Councillor Korbett Update:

I sit on this committee along with our Mayor as we felt keeping continuity between the EMS Commission and our REMO made sense. We partner with the MD on this committee and have recently hired Brett Wuth to be our Director of Emergency Management (DEM). As we have had a couple recent disasters locally, we realized as a partnership that neither of us could afford to use our operation managers to coordinate disaster relief. This new position will oversee training in disaster preparedness and help us to be ready for when the next one happens. I was here in 1995 for the flood, and I was here in 2017 during the Kenow Fire. Who knows what the next one will be, but we strive to be ready for it. Even the great snow storm of 2018 last February challenged all of our resources! These 2 committees show the collaboration between the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek working well to serve our communities. Proud to be a part of this collaboration.

REGIONAL LANDFILL – Town/MD/ Cowley/Crowsnest Pass

Mandate: Pursuant to landfill Authority bylaws

Staff Lead: Open



Member(s): Brian McGillivray

Alternate: Mark Barber

Councillor McGillivray Update:

Brief Overview: The CNCP Landfill occupies 16 acres of land located about 3 km southwest of the Village of Cowley. The Landfill services the needs of the Regional District of Crows Nest Pass, Town of Pincher Creek, Village of Cowley and Municipal District of Pincher Creek. CNCP Landfill is organized under the Alberta Society Act with each municipality a member of the society. Councillors from each member municipality are appointed to serve as the Board of Directors.

Recent Activities: Landfill revenues were about \$3,400,000 in the year 2018. And produced an operating profit of approximately \$60,000. This represents a profit improvement of around \$1,000,000 over the year previous. 52,500 metric tonnes of domestic and industrial waste were processed by the Landfill throughout 2018. One last comment is the incinerator project, of concern to many residents of the area, will not proceed at the present time. The landfill board passed a motion during it's November 2018 Board Meeting to this effect.

Other Committees Updates:

Intermunicipal Collaborative Framework (ICF)

Mayor Don Anderberg and Councillor Brian McGillivray Update

Brief Overview: The ICF has been mandated by the Alberta Provincial government as part of the revised Municipal Government Act. Its purpose is to provide a framework for planning, both integrated and strategic pertaining for the delivery and funding of intermunicipal services and further, to ensure municipalities contribute funding for services benefitting their residents. The process must be completed by April 30, 2020.

Recent Activities: A working committee has been created to deliver the mandate as required by the Province of Alberta and the Town of Pincher Creek was successful in securing a grant which will cover the expense associated with completing this project. The members of the ICF working committee include two members of Council and the CAO from both the Town of Pincher Creek and Municipal District of Pincher Creek. The committee has met and discussed its terms of reference and determined a neutral facilitator would expedite and likely simplify the ICF process. The selection and approval of the facilitator will be determined at the March Joint Council Meeting.

Community Futures Alberta Southwest

Councillor Barber Update:

Late last year I was approached by Community Futures Alberta Southwest (CFASW) to participate with them as a board member. The board thought that my experience would be beneficial to them as I had worked with the Community Futures network for in excess of ten years. I accepted the appointment as I was concerned that CFASW had recently relocated their office to Fort Macleod from Pincher Creek. The office had been in Pincher Creek for almost 30 years and the relocation determined that our community



lost three very good full-time positions. I am hopeful that my participation on their board will determine that Pincher Creek and our region will continue to receive the same level of services that we have in the past.

50th Annual Southern Alberta Summer Games

Jill Lynch, Summer Games Coordinator Update

My name is Jill – I am the new Games Coordinator for the Southern Alberta Summer Games! This year is very exciting because it is our 50th anniversary of the Games!! Not only that but Pincher Creek actually hosted the very first summer games which makes this year that much more special!

This is going to be a fantastic opportunity for our community because there will be roughly 4000-5000 people coming into town so we can show them how great Pincher is and why they should come back even after the games! We are well on our way to getting organized but I did want to touch on a few things!

Registration is set to open on May 7th and run until June 14th

The majority of the rules have been updated online, however if you haven't seen them, mini soccer and soccer will be following the same ages as the Alberta Soccer Association so U7, U9, etc. instead of U8, U10, etc.

We will be hosting an alumni banquet on Friday, July 5th for alumni of past games. We will have dinner, some entertainment, etc. Keep an eye out for when tickets will go on sale! Social media is a great way to stay in touch if you are on it!

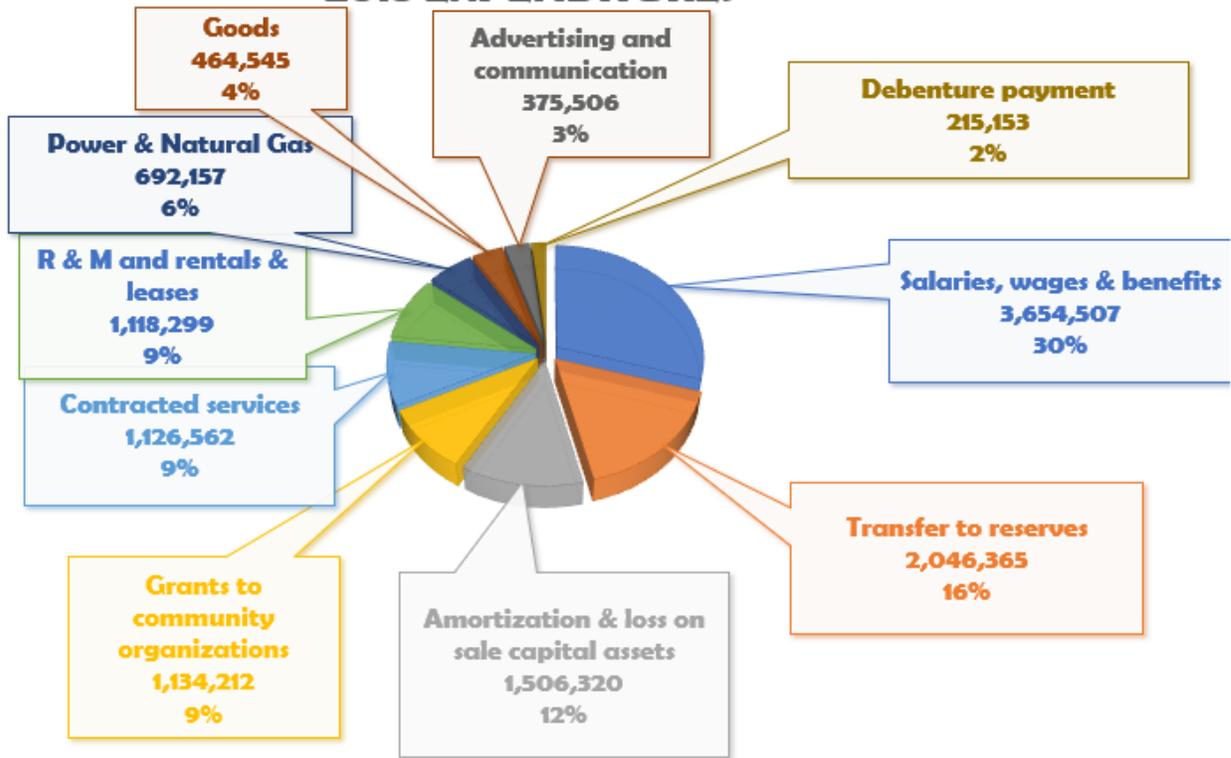
We will need volunteers for before, during and after the games so if you are interested in volunteering please come grab a form from me on your way out, or you can fill out a form on our website.

We are looking for sponsors for the Games – if you are interested, feel free to come chat with me!

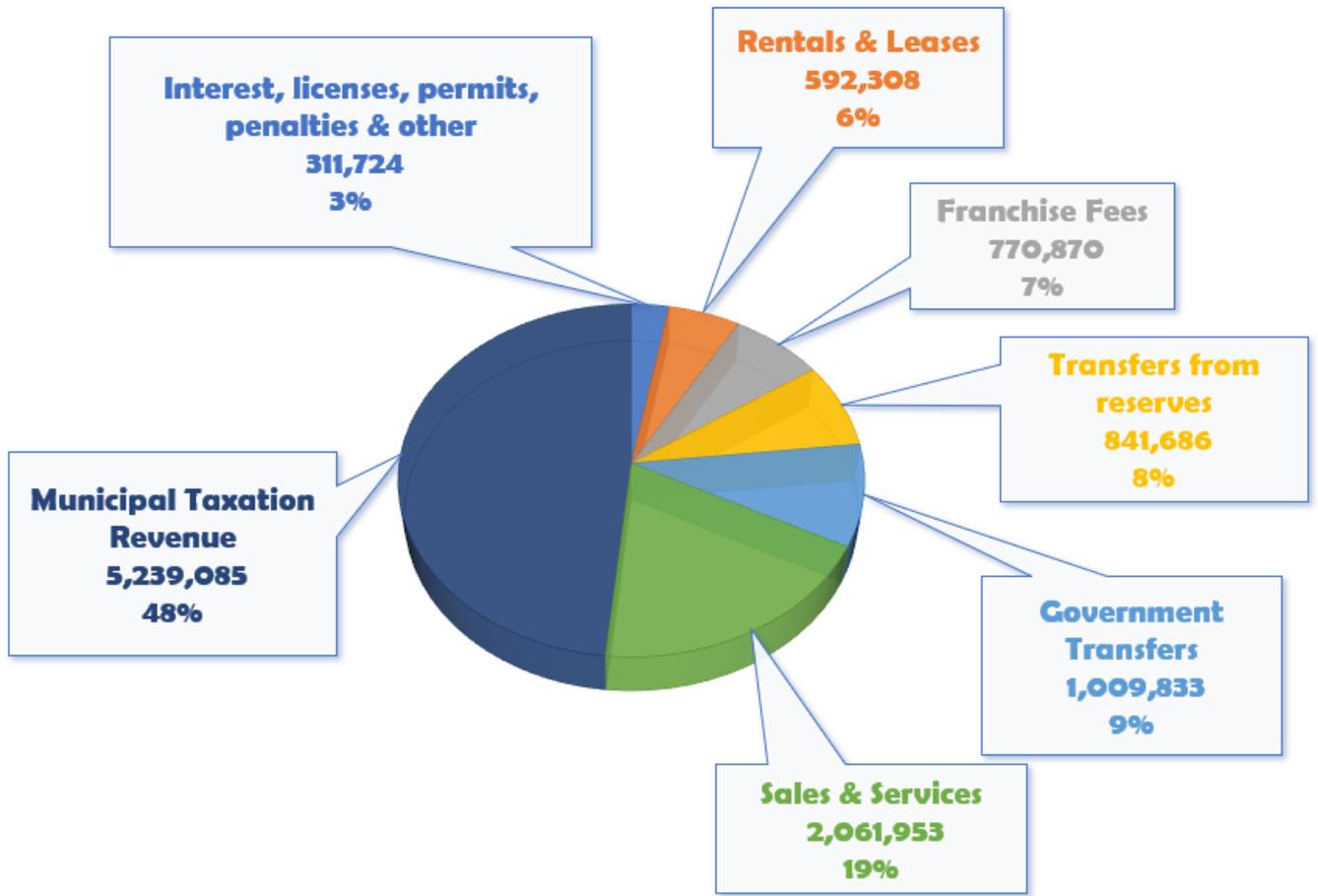
If you have any questions regarding the Games feel free to give me a call at the rec office or fire me off an email which can be found on the website.



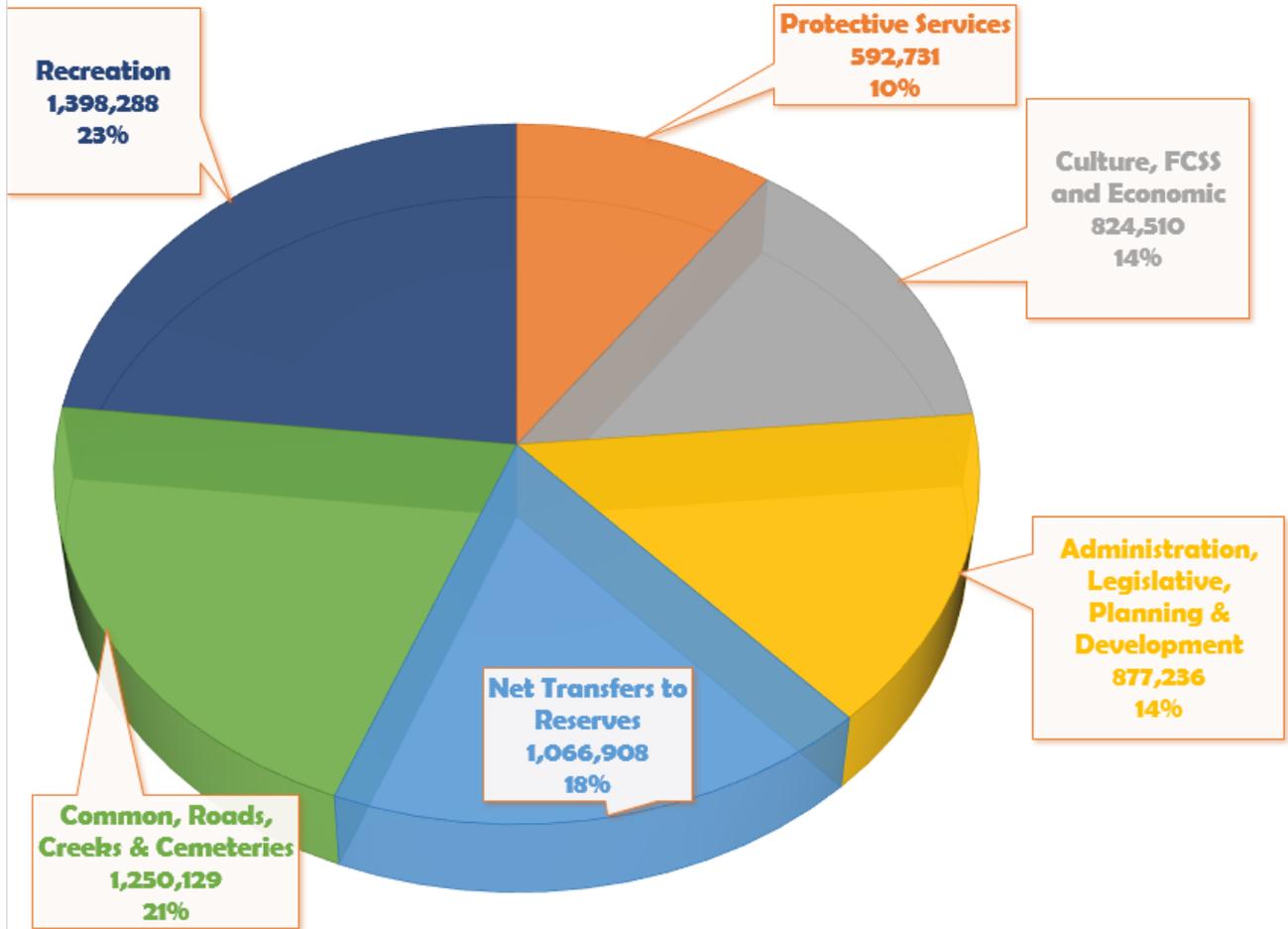
2018 EXPENDITURES



2018 FUNDING SOURCES



WHERE WERE MY 2018 TAX DOLLARS SPENT?



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