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Southwold

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35663 Fingal Line



2025 Budget



Tax Levy

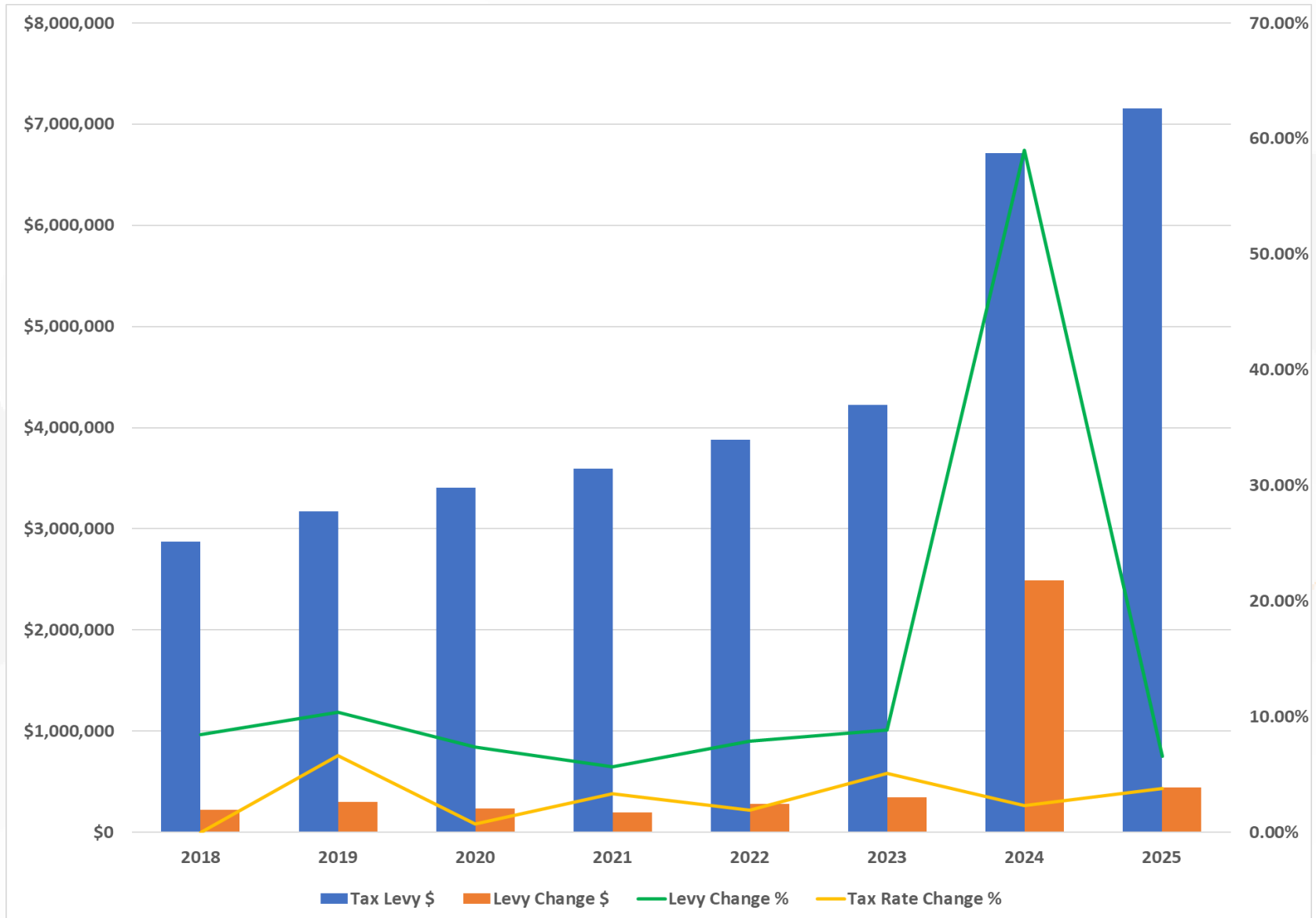


2024 Levy	\$6,711,999
2025 Levy	\$7,153,451
Levy \$ Increase	\$441,452
Levy % Increase	6.58%
Growth Adjusted Levy \$ Increase	\$259,480
Growth Adjusted Levy % Increase	3.87%
Tax Rate Change	3.76%

Historical Tax Levies



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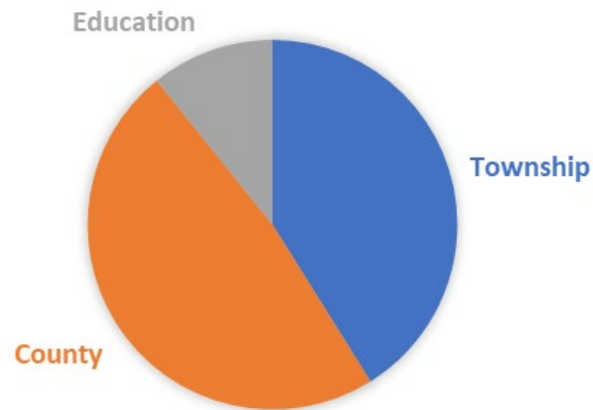


Township Median Residential Property		
Year	Assessment	Taxes
2024	\$260,000.00	\$1,464.57
2025	\$260,000.00	\$1,519.69
\$ Change Annual	\$0.00	\$55.12
\$ Change / Month	\$0.00	\$4.59
% Change	0.00%	3.76%

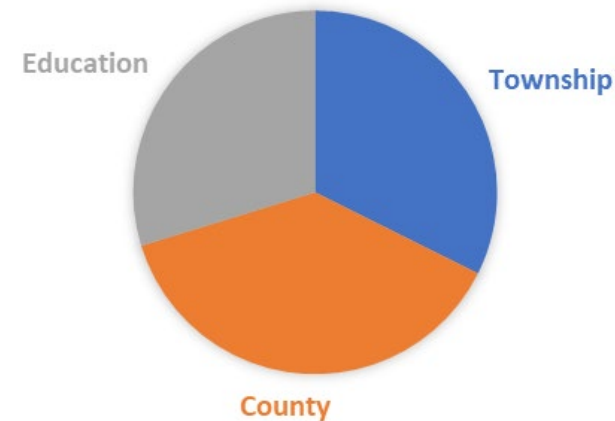
Property Tax Allocation



PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION - RESIDENTIAL



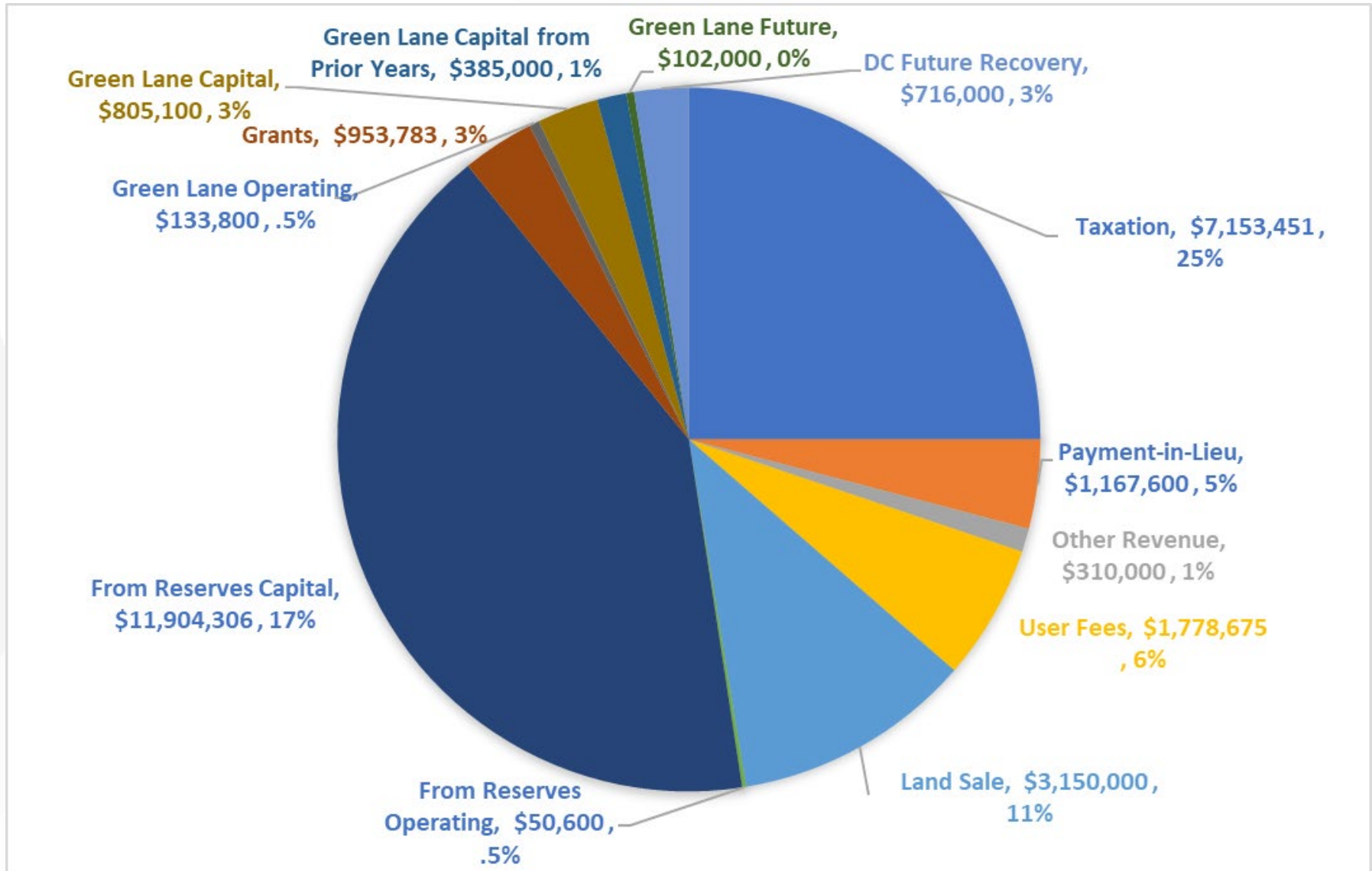
PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION - COMMERCIAL



Education Tax Rates are set by the Province.

Over time, the rates have been lowered to reflect increasing assessment; however, the decreases for Commercial/Industrial properties have not been as large or as often as the Residential/Farm rate decreases. This results in approximately 30% of the Commercial/Industrial tax bills being directed to education versus 11% for Residential/Farm.

Revenue Breakdown \$28,610,315

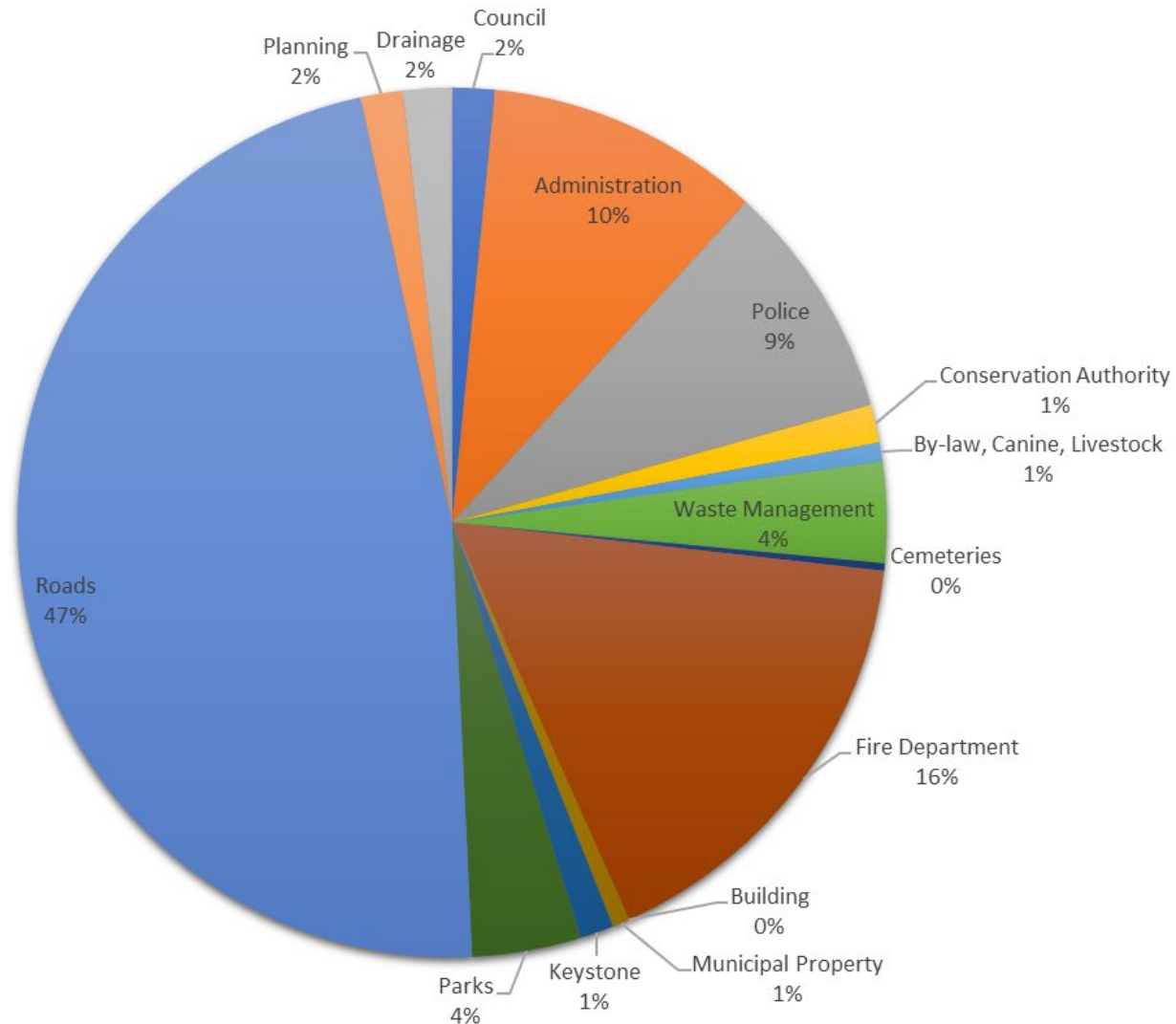


Allocation of \$7,153,451 Tax Levy



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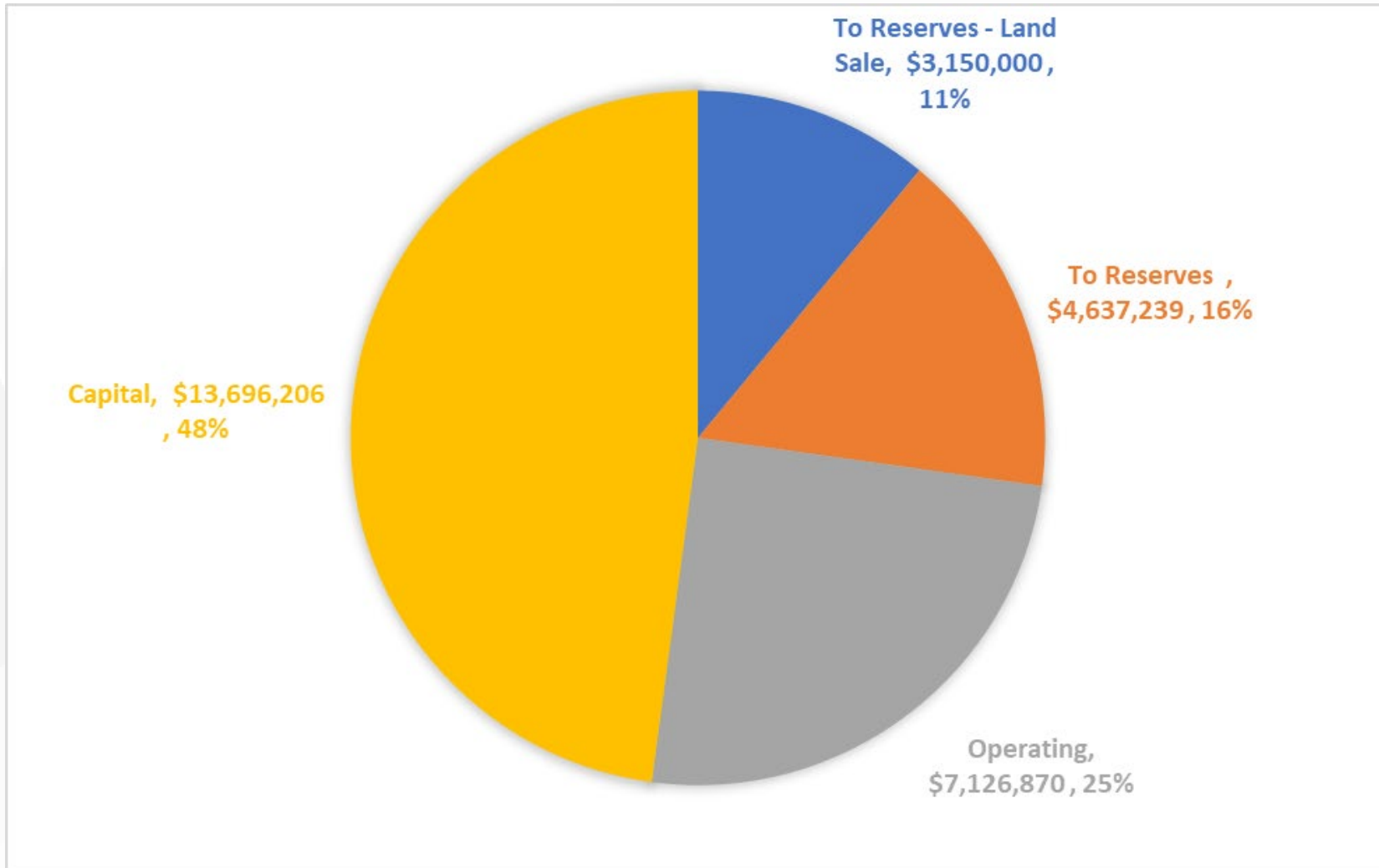


Green Lane Requests

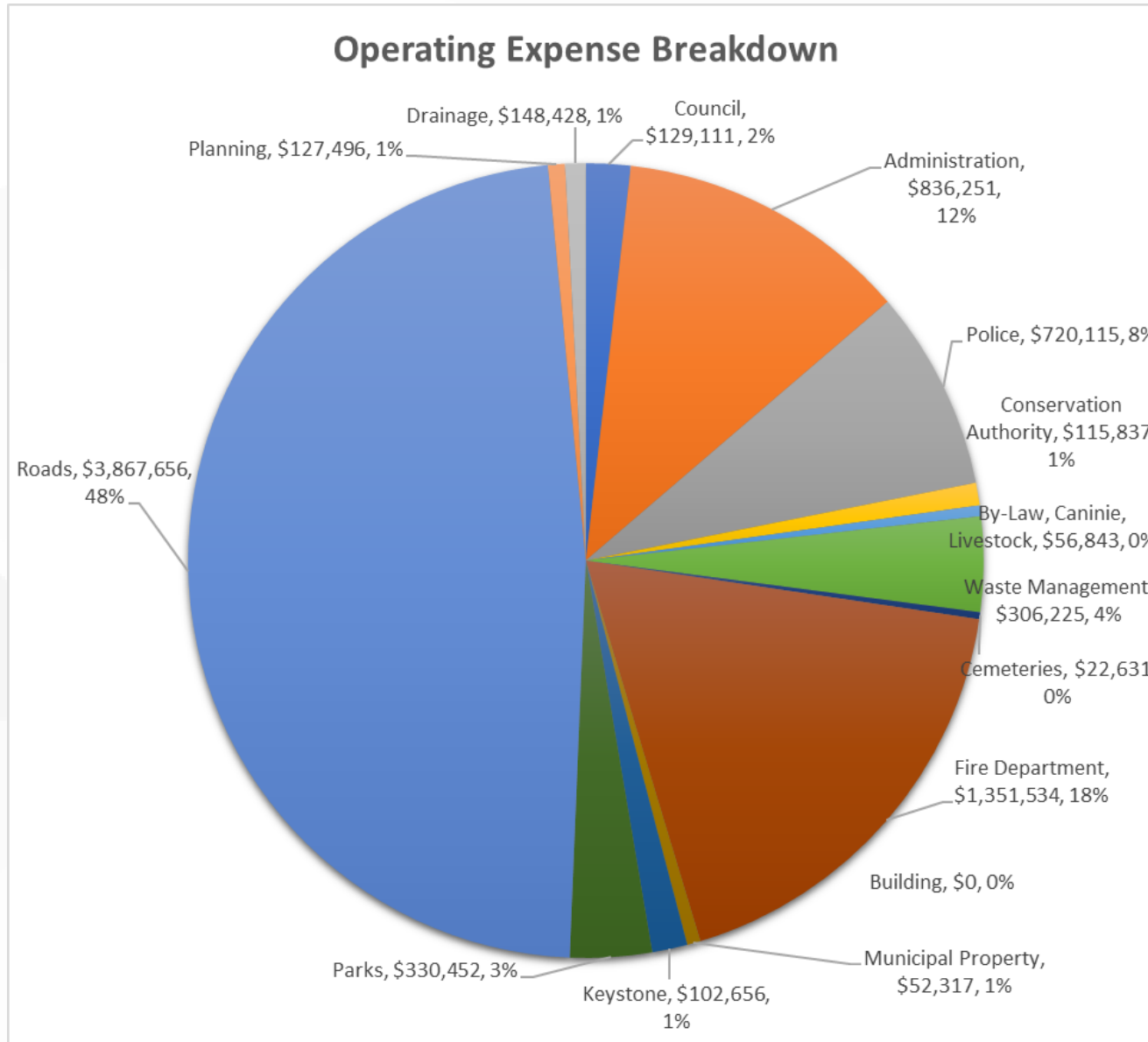


Description	2024 Budget	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast
Operating Budget				
St. Thomas Recycling Centre - Township Cost	\$18,140	\$18,500	\$19,000	\$19,500
Zero Waste Committee Initiatives	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500
Seniors' Committee	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Family Day	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Communities in Bloom	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
History Committee	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Greening Communities	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Parks - Turf Improvement/Overseeding	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
War Memorial Committee	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800	\$8,800
Southwold 175 Committee		\$85,000		
Total Operating	\$50,940	\$133,800	\$57,800	\$58,300
Capital Budget				
Talbotville Firehall	\$500,000	\$600,000	\$102,000	
Talbotville Park				
Talbotville Parks Parking Lot		\$0	\$75,000	
Talbotville Electronic Sign	\$35,000			
Shedden Firehall 4th Bay			\$50,000	
Fingal Ball Park Diamond Light Replacement	\$25,000			
Replace Roads 2011 Peterbilt 50%	\$175,000			
Replace Roads 2009 Freightliner 50%	\$175,000			
Parks and Trails Master Plan		\$47,600		
Flood Mapping Grant		\$67,500		
CSIR Grant		\$85,000		
North Shore Resilience		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Admin Facility Addition / Improvements			\$250,000	\$500,000
Total Capital	\$910,000	\$805,100	\$482,000	\$505,000
Total Green Lane Request	\$960,940	\$938,900	\$539,800	\$563,300

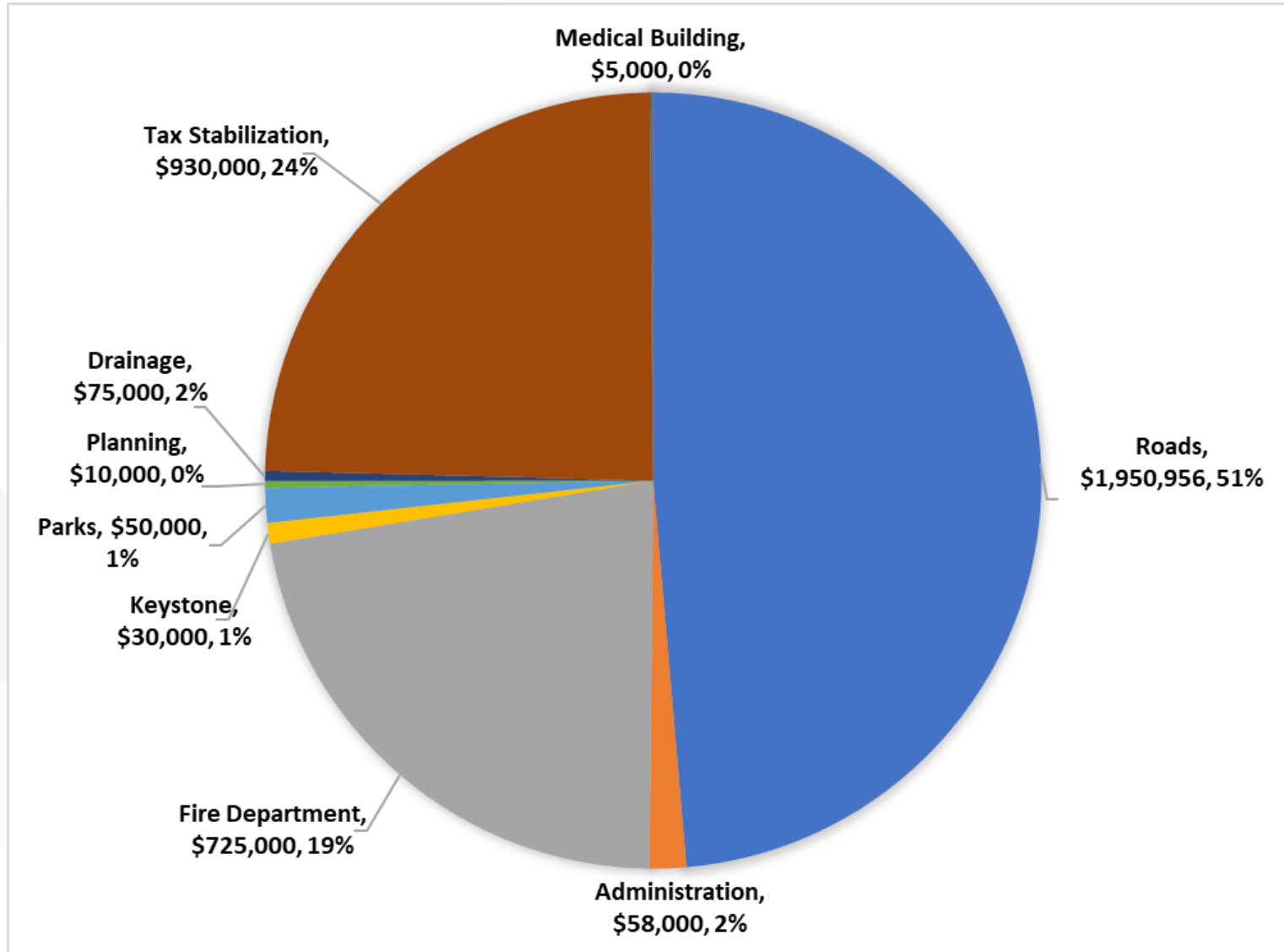
Expense Breakdown \$28,610,315



Operating Expense Breakdown



Reserve Transfer Breakdown





2025 Capital Program \$12,063,206

- Details included in Schedule "B" to By-law 2025-10

Admin	\$86,000
Fire	\$710,450
Building	\$117,000
Admin Facility	\$10,000
Keystone and Library	\$33,000
Medical Centre	\$20,000
Parks	\$1,175,000
Roads	\$5,587,442
Drainage	\$82,500
Bridges and Culverts	\$910,000
Road Facility	\$2,735,814
Road Equipment	\$596,000



Administration Projects

- Laserfiche Automation processes - \$20,000 – completion of project from 2024 funded from Efficiency Reserve
- Building Security Upgrades - \$30,000
- Council Chambers renewal
- Industrial Land Secondary Planning - \$50,000 – funded from Efficiency Reserve



Fire Department

- Talbotville Fire Station Construction Project – Completion in 2025 \$4,500,000
 - Ongoing from prior years
- Electronic Sign – \$35,000 – new Talbotville Station (2024 allocation)
- Ongoing equipment replacements – \$5,000
- PPE, Bunker Gear, SCBA replacements - \$47,200
- Portable Radios and pagers - \$4,000
- Auto Extrication Equipment - \$50,000



- Parks
 - Walking trail conversion to concrete - \$5,000
 - Lawnmower - \$30,000 – addition to equipment with reorganization of Parks Department
 - Parks and Trails Master Plan - \$47,600 – funded through Green Lane Community Trust Fund
 - Corsley Park sanitary connection - \$30,000



Roads and Infrastructure

- Gravel Road Improvements \$700,000
- Shady Lane sidewalk - \$15,000
- Edge Repairs – various locations - \$50,000
- Rehabilitation John Wise Line – Talbot to Longhurst - \$480,000
- Rehabilitation Longhurst Line – Mill to John Wise - \$420,000
- Resurface Scotch Line – Boxall to Coon - \$175,000
- Surface Treatment – Begg Road - \$30,000
- Thomas Road Reconstruction – at time of subdivision construction - \$2,000,000
- Rehabilitation Bush Line – Munro to Ashmore - \$150,000
- Reconstruction Elizabeth and John Street - \$600,000
- Fingal Streetscape contribution - \$300,000
- Guardrails and Edge Repairs - \$185,000



Roads and Infrastructure

- Annual Ditching Program - \$20,000
- Bridges
 - Lyle Bridge rehabilitation - \$200,000
 - Scotch Line Culvert Replacement- \$450,000
 - Thomas Road Culvert at Union Road - \$60,000 – replace at time of reconstruction
 - Restoration at Burwell Bridge/Guiderail - \$50,000
- Public Works Facility (Fingal Line)
 - 2025 construction/completion - \$4,750,000



Roads and Infrastructure

- Road Equipment

- Replace 2016 Dodge Crew Cab - \$70,000 – delayed from 2024
- Trackless rebuild - \$160,000
- Push Broom for intersection sweeping - \$16,000

- Drainage

- Jones Drain (Scotch Line crossing) - \$22,000
- Best Drain - \$500
- Edison Drain - \$30,000
- Bowlby Futcher Drain - \$30,000



Based on the 2024 comparison, Southwold taxes continue to be about \$700 lower than the Elgin County Average and \$700 - \$1,000 lower than our immediate neighbours.

