

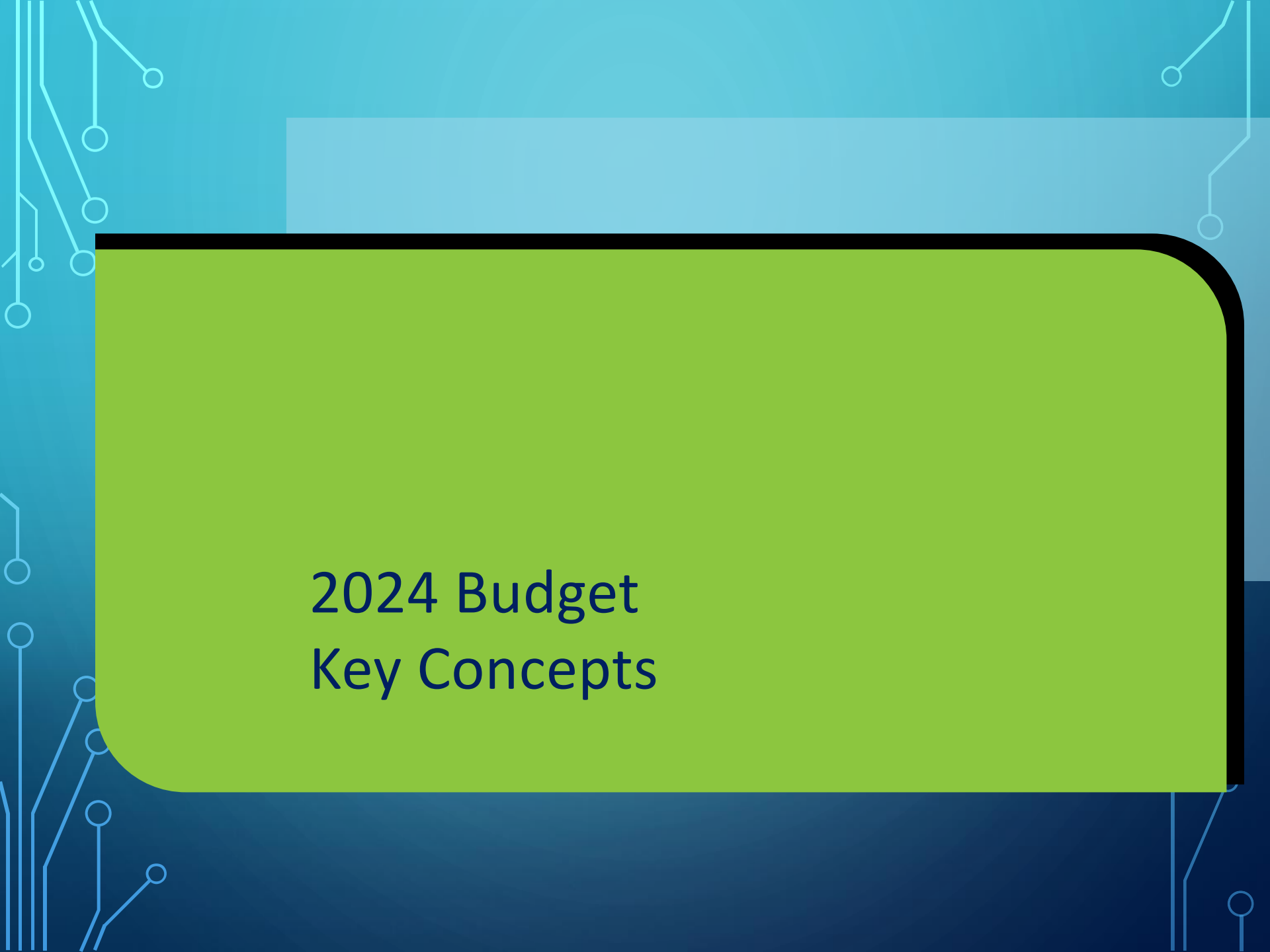


Key Budget Concepts

2024 Operating Budget

2024 Utility Budget (Norton Sub-Unit)

Next Steps



# 2024 Budget Key Concepts

# BUDGET SUB- UNITS



Valley Waters has 6 budget “sub-units”:  
(Norton (V), Springfield, Kars, Wickham,  
Norton (LD), portion of Upham LD



Each sub-unit has historically had its own  
property tax rate, and each continues to  
have a distinct rate for 2024.



Council can determine future sub-unit tax  
configuration (ie. maintain sub-units, merge  
some or all, etc.)



Province’s goal in future is to reduce the #  
sub-units and work toward one rate for each  
municipality.



Legislation caps tax increase for sub-units  
other than Norton (V) at max. 5 cent/\$100  
assessment, except for “new” services

# BUDGET= LOCAL COSTS + SHARED COSTS

**LOCAL = Services provided to a specific sub-unit only.**

Eg.: Norton roads / sewer system, Belleisle Community Centre, debts/surplus, local contracts (eg. solid waste collection)

2024 TOTAL: **\$3,238,054**

**SHARED = All other services**

Eg.: regional rec. facilities (Nutrien Ctr., Sussex Library), land planning, building inspect's, regional economic/tourism/community develop't, general govern't

2024 TOTAL: **\$998,885**

# COMMUNITY FUNDING GRANT (CFG): CORE FUNDING + EQUALIZATION

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It allows municipalities to provide comparable service at comparable tax rates (formula in Community Funding Act)

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Equalization component being reduced annually (started in 2023), phased out entirely after five years. Funds are re-directed to RSC for newly mandated services.

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2024 = \$21,434 Core Funding plus \$190,402 Equaliz'n  
= \$211,836 compared to \$232,087 in 2023.

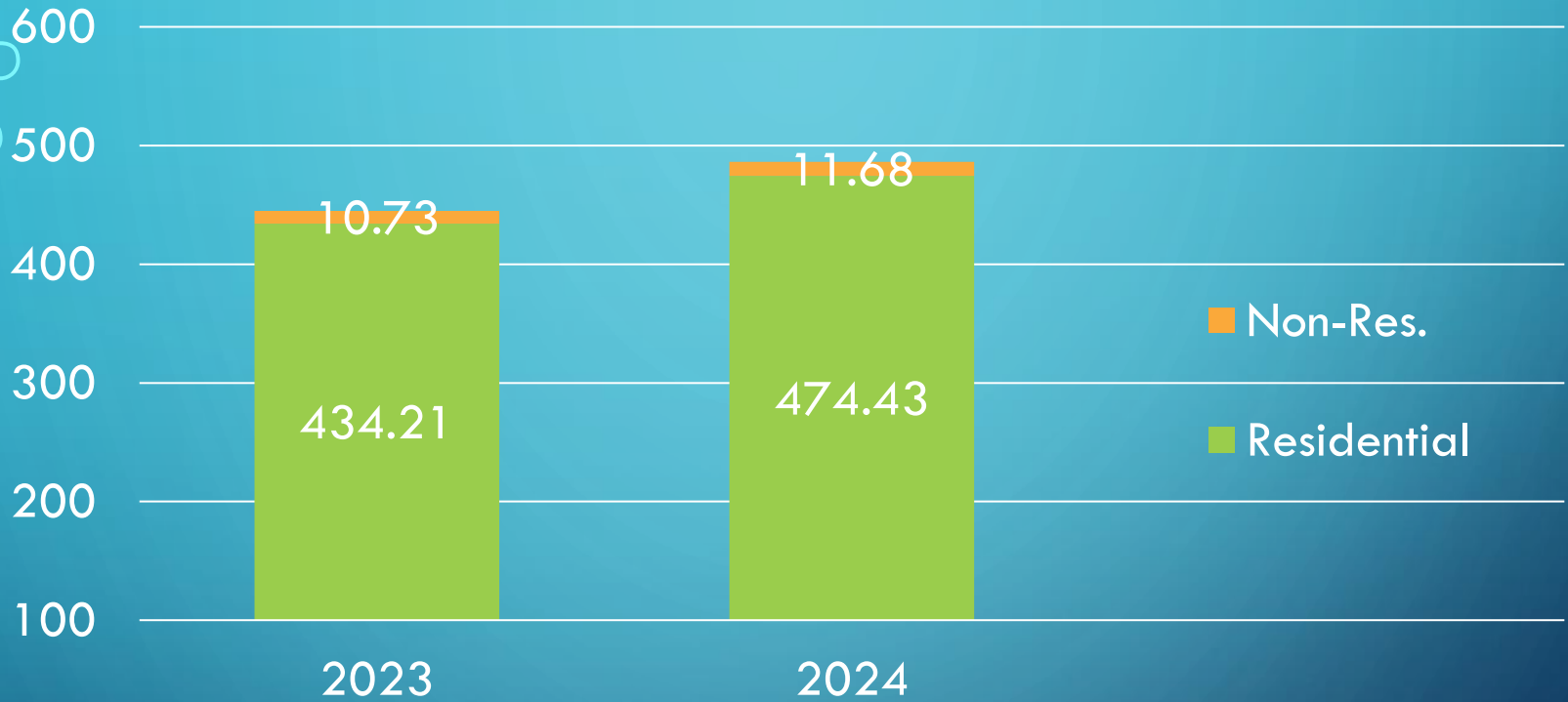
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The grant amount being re-directed to the  
RSC for 2024 = \$20,251  
(Compare to RSC costs of \$661,227)

# PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BASE

- # Properties: 4929  
Assessment Base: \$486.1 Million
- Residential properties: \$474.43 M  
Non-residential / Commercial: \$11.68 M
- # Building Permits issued: 17
- New Construction value: \$10.5 Million
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# ASSESSMENT BASE (\$ MILLIONS)



Growth for Valley Waters: **9.25%**  
(New construction **2.36%**, re-assessment **6.89%**)

Compare to Provincial assessment base growth: **10.6%**

# TAX BASE

Tax Base = Residential Assessments \$474.4 M  
+ Non-Residential Assessments x 1.7 \$19.8 M

Total Valley Waters Tax Base: \$ 494.2 M

	<b>Norton (V)</b>	<b>Springfield</b>	<b>Norton (LD)</b>	<b>Kars</b>	<b>Upham</b>	<b>Wickham</b>
Tax Base	103,494,960	192,576,390	46,042,680	76,380,440	15,903,250	59,887,600
% Total	20.94%	38.96%	9.32%	15.45%	3.22%	12.12%



# IMPACT OF ASSESSMENTS ON TAXES

SCENARIO	TAX RATE
No change in Assessment Base, Costs Increase	↑
No change in Assessment Base, Costs remain stable	=
Assessment Base Increases, Costs remain stable	↓
Assessment Base Decreases, Costs remain stable	↑

Summary – As costs increase, the Assessment Base needs to grow in order to keep taxes down.

# FACTORS AFFECTING COSTS

## INSIDE CONTROL

Operational Savings

## OUTSIDE CONTROL

Inflation\* (fuel, power, equipment, bank rates, etc.)

Weather (snow & ice control)  
Provincial RCMP contract  
Mandated costs



# REGIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION SERVICES

- New mandates mean additional costs for municipalities.
  - A portion of our Community Funding Grant is being re-directed to RSC's (\$20,251 for 2024). Compare this to our total RSC Costs: **\$661,277**. The difference must be funded through municipal taxes.

Planning Services	\$193,710	New formula
Solid Waste	\$263,949	
Tourism Promotion	\$ 31,617	New mandate
Economic Development	\$ 20,085	New mandate
Community Development	\$ 27,808	New mandate
Transportation Services	\$ 2,630	
Public Safety	\$ 1,974	New mandate
Recreation & Culture	\$ 119,504	Regional facilities
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$661,277</b>	

# VALLEY WATERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Strong & Vibrant Communities: health care, housing, seniors, childcare, public safety
- Recreation, Culture, Way of Life: Rec Opportunities, Cultural celebration, build a sense of community
- Economic Prosperity – tourism development, industrial area, support small business, retain youth
- Sustainable Infrastructure – asset management, recreation infrastructure, internet/cell service

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# Valley Waters

## 2024 Operating Budget

# VALLEY WATERS 2024 OPERATING BUDGET

Police Protection (RCMP)	\$1,219,078	28.8%
Roads / Transporta'n (97% is Norton Local Costs) DTI road levy paid to Province by former LSD's not incl.	\$630,557	14.9%
Fire Protection	\$557,991	13.2%
Solid Waste	\$504,549	11.9%
General Government & NB Assessment Svcs	\$487,357	11.5%
Recreation & Culture	\$304,801	7.2%
Fiscal Services (Borrowing, Leasing, Banking)	\$237,163	5.6%
Planning & Development Services	\$161,405	3.8%
EMO, Bldg. Insp'n & Animal Control	\$133,018	3.1%
Public Health	\$ 1,000	0.02%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$4,236,939</b>	<b>100%</b>

# 2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

• Non-tax Revenue:	\$ 329,600 (see note*)
• Total Expenses:	\$4,236,939
• NET Budget:	\$3,907,339
• less: Community Funding Grant:	<u>\$ 211,836</u>
• Tax Warrant Required:	\$3,695,503

**\* Non-tax revenue:**

- Sales of services to local government (Fire, Road Maintenance)
- Building Rentals, Building Permits

# KEY ASSUMPTIONS

- Projected 2024 Inflation Rate: 2.5% (source: Bank of Canada):  
purchased goods and services, RCMP increase 3%
- Increase community room rental rate
- Slight increase in # building permits
- Average winter weather
- RSC Budget Won't Change



# 2024 TAX RATES: LOCAL + SHARED

	<b>Norton</b>	<b>Springfield</b>	<b>Norton (LD)</b>	<b>KARS</b>	<b>Upham</b>	<b>Wickham</b>
<b>2024 Local + Shared Tax Rate</b>	\$1.1623	\$0.6398	\$0.5829	\$0.6031	\$0.7776	\$0.6809
<b>2024 DTI Road Levy</b>		\$0.4115	\$0.4115	\$0.4115	\$0.4115	\$0.4115
<b>2024 Tax Rate / \$100 Assessment</b>	\$1.1623	\$1.0513	\$0.9944	\$1.0146	\$1.1891	\$1.0924
<b>2023 Tax Rate</b>	\$1.1500	\$1.0441	\$0.9770	\$1.0001	\$1.1755	\$1.0772
<b>\$ Change from 2023</b>	\$0.0123	\$0.0072	\$0.0174	\$0.0145	\$0.0136	\$0.0152

Note: Regulations limit tax rate change to \$0.05 / \$100 Assessment

# IMPACT OF 1.5 CENT INCREASE

Value of Home	\$0.015 Tax Increase
\$150,000	\$22.50
\$200,000	\$30
\$300,000	\$45
\$500,000	\$75

IMPACT OF 1.5 CENTS ON VALLEY WATERS REVENUE BASE:  
\$74,000

# 2024 UTILITY BUDGET (WASTEWATER) NORTON SUB-UNIT

2024 Budget:	\$49,123
Plus: Recognize deficit from 2 yrs. ago:	<u>(\$1,127)</u>
Net Budget to be Raised from User: Charges:	\$50,250

201 Users @ User rate: \$250 = \$50,250

# CAPITAL FINANCING - SUMMARY

- Springfield: BVFD Firehall - Debenture approx. \$31,000/yr. to 2041
- Wickham FD – Lease on 2016 International, \$31,001/yr. to 2024
- Norton: Municipal Bldg.: Debenture payment \$28,692 /yr. to 2025

Norton: 2023 Firetruck, Debenture payment, approx. \$74,000/yr. to 2030

# 2024 BUDGET – NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Council Resolution Required to Approve 2024 General Operating and Utility Budgets
- ▶ Submission to Province
- ▶ Implement Business Plan and Strategic Plan within budget
- ▶ Continue to monitor, regular reports to Responsible Government Committee and Council



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION REQUIRED

BE IT RESOLVED that the sum of \$4,236,939 be the total operating budget of Valley Waters, that the sum of \$3,695,503 be the Warrant of the local government for 2024, and that the tax rates for the local government be as listed:

- Norton: \$1.1623
- Springfield: \$0.6398
- Norton (former LD): \$0.5829
- Kars: \$0.6031
- Upham: \$0.7776
- Wickham: \$0.6809

The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the local government of Valley Waters.

Adopted this 29th day of November, 2023 by the Council of the Village of Valley Waters.

## 2ND RESOLUTION – NORTON WASTEWATER

BE IT RESOLVED that the total budget of Valley Waters (Norton) Wastewater Utility for 2024 would consist of total revenues of \$50,250 and total expenditures of \$50,250.

Adopted this 29th day of November, 2023 by the Council of the Village of Valley Waters.