



Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District 2027 Budget

2027 budget at a glance

A balanced plan focused on service excellence and long-term value for you.

\$6.34M

Tax revenue requirement

\$5.33M

Operating expenses

\$1.01M

Capital contributions

4.9%

Taxation increase

2027 Budget Executive Summary

The **2027 operating and capital budget totals \$6.34 million in tax revenue**, representing a **4.9% increase** over the 2026 approved budget.

The largest cost pressures are in **wages and benefits**, which increase to **\$4.27 million**, reflecting higher management wages, negotiated and projected compensation increases, pension costs, and employee benefit expenses. Operating costs also increase to **\$665,000**, driven primarily by higher vehicle operating costs, fuel, utilities, protective clothing, and facility-related expenses.

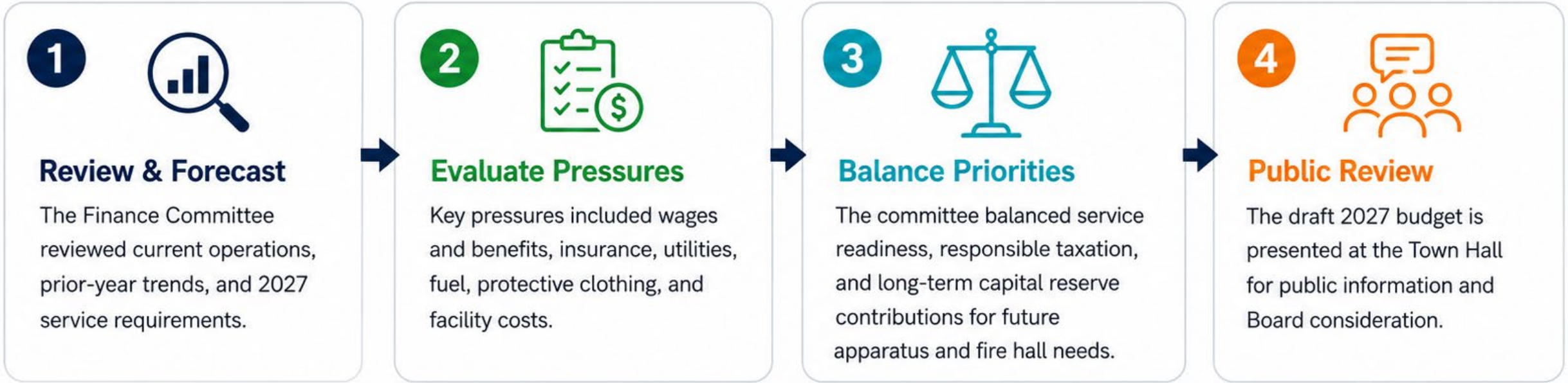
Administration, overhead, and trustee expenses total **\$313,500**, an increase of **\$46,500**, largely due to higher insurance costs and anticipated Trustee meeting and election expenses.

The budget also provides **\$1.01 million in capital reserve contributions**, primarily for future apparatus replacement and fire hall requirements. These contributions continue the District's strategy of building reserves to address major future capital needs while reducing reliance on future borrowing.

Overall, the 2027 budget reflects continued investment in staffing, service delivery, capital reserves, and long-term infrastructure while maintaining the projected annual tax revenue increase at **4.9%**.

2027 Draft Budget Process

Finance Chair overview for the Town Hall Meeting – September 14, 2026



The Finance Committee worked hard over several meetings to develop a balanced 2027 budget that supports current service levels and long-term sustainability.



2027 Tax Revenue:
\$6.34M



Annual Increase:
4.9%

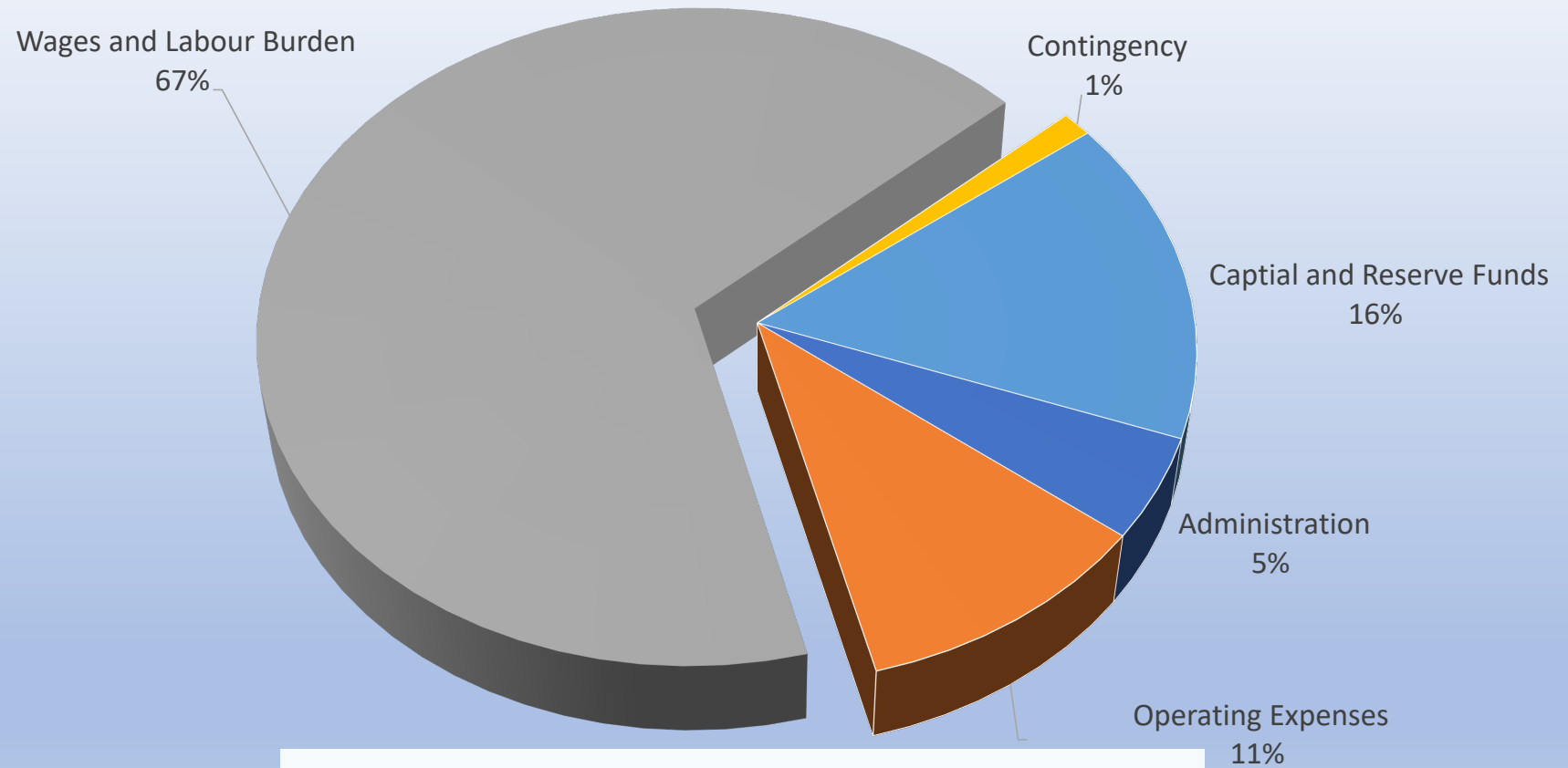


Wages & Benefits:
\$4.27M



Capital Reserves:
\$1.01M

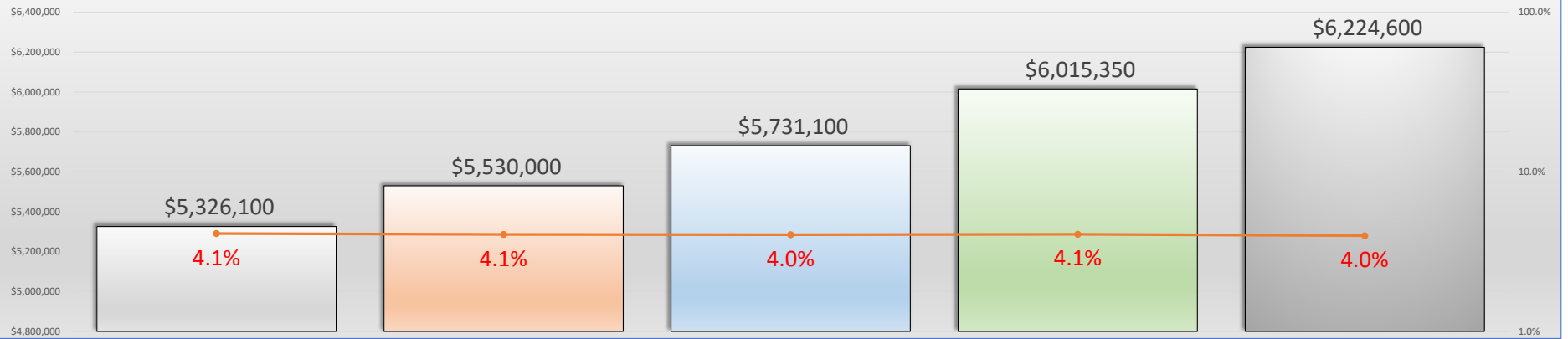




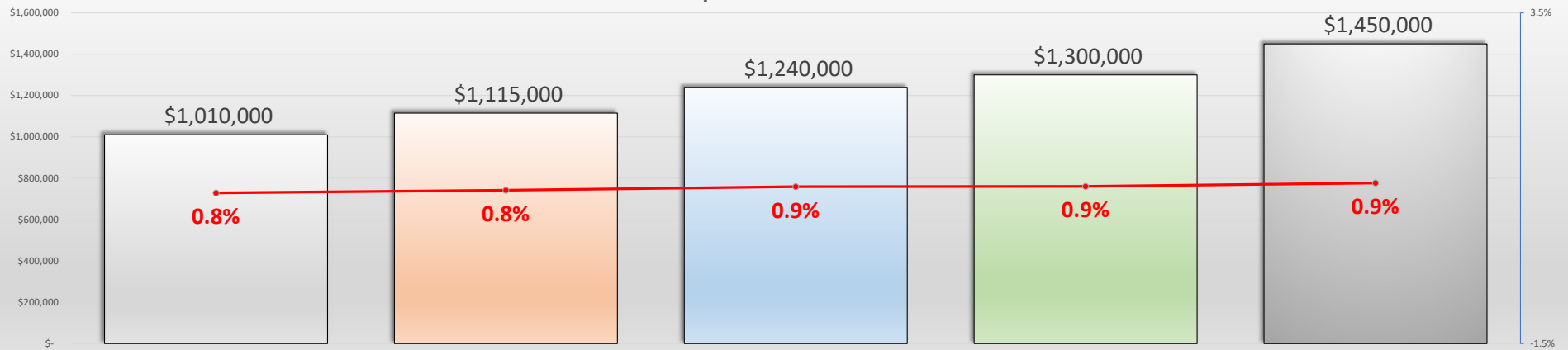
Where the money goes

People and readiness make up the majority of planned spending.

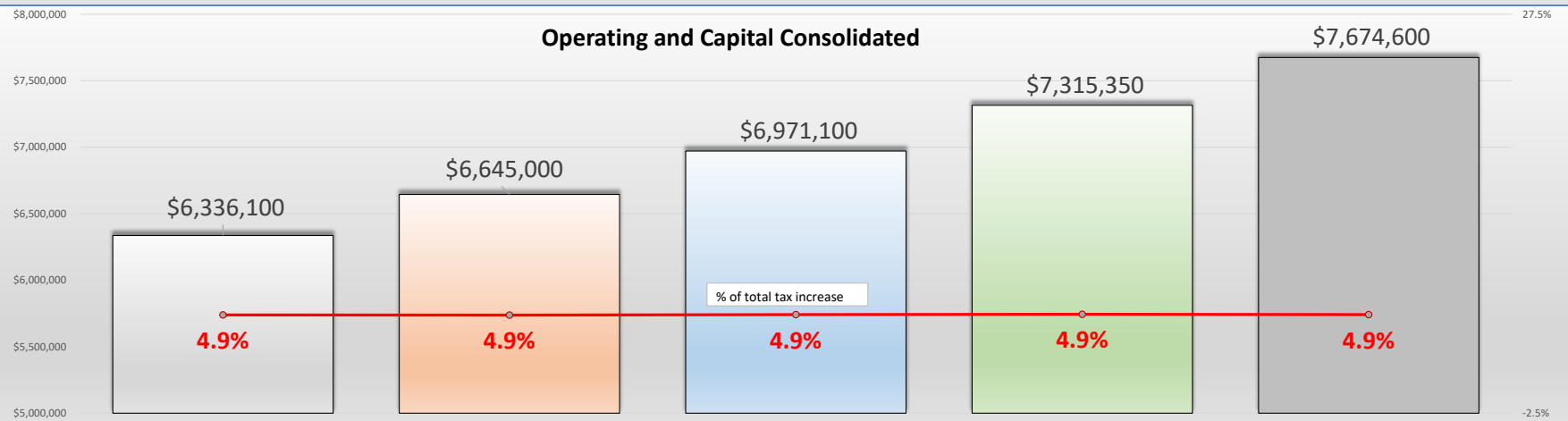
Operating



Capital Investment



Operating and Capital Consolidated



2027

2028

2029

2030

2031

2027 BUDGET SUMMARY

Responsible today. Prepared for tomorrow.



SALT SPRING ISLAND
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TOTAL TAX REVENUE

\$6.34M

2026: \$6.04M



2027 TAX INCREASE

4.9%

\$295,100 increase

FOCUS



Funding today's services while planning for tomorrow.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

2027 Proposed Budget vs. 2026 Approved

	2026 APPROVED	2027 PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Wages & Benefits	\$3,823,000	\$4,269,600	+\$446,600	+11.7%
Operating Expenses	\$601,000	\$665,000	+\$64,000	+10.6%
Administration	\$267,000	\$313,500	+\$46,500	+17.4%
Contingency	\$60,000	\$78,000	+\$18,000	+30.0%
Capital & Reserve Contributions	\$1,290,000	\$1,010,000	-\$280,000	-21.7%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$6,041,000	\$6,336,100	+\$295,100	+4.9%

DRIVERS OF THE 2027 INCREASE



WAGES & BENEFITS

Increase due to the addition of a management position, along with negotiated and projected compensation, pension and benefit costs.



+\$446K
(7.4%)



OPERATING EXPENSES

Higher vehicle operating costs, utilities, protective clothing, and facility-related expenses.



+\$64K
(1.1%)



CAPITAL & RESERVE CONTRIBUTIONS

Reduced planned contributions to capital and reserve funds.



-\$280K
(-4.6%)



The overall tax increase is **4.9%** balancing today's needs with long-term sustainability.

HISTORICAL & PROJECTED TAX INCREASE



Stable, predictable tax increases help us plan responsibly and continue delivering essential services to our community.

2027 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY

Supporting governance and administration today. Planning responsibly for tomorrow.



**SALT SPRING ISLAND
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**



TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

\$313.5K

2026: \$267.0K



2027 INCREASE

17.4%

+\$46,500 increase



FOCUS

Governance, insurance, communications, and administrative support.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

2027 Proposed Budget vs. 2026 Approved

	2026 APPROVED	2027 PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Insurance	\$60,000	\$80,000	+\$20,000	+33.3%
Trustee Meetings & Elections	\$30,000	\$50,000	+\$20,000	+66.7%
Communications - Phone	\$20,000	\$25,000	+\$5,000	+25.0%
Audit & Related Fees	\$20,000	\$22,000	+\$2,000	+10.0%
Consulting Fees	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.0%
Labour Relations	\$24,000	\$25,000	+\$1,000	+4.2%
Other Administrative Costs	\$88,000	\$86,500	-\$1,500	-1.7%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$267,000	\$313,500	+\$46,500	+17.4%

DRIVERS OF THE 2027 INCREASE



INSURANCE

Higher insurance premiums.

↑ **+\$20K**



TRUSTEE MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

Increased costs for trustee meetings and election-related requirements.

↑ **+\$20K**



COMMUNICATIONS

Higher phone and general communications costs.

↑ **+\$6K**



OFFSETS

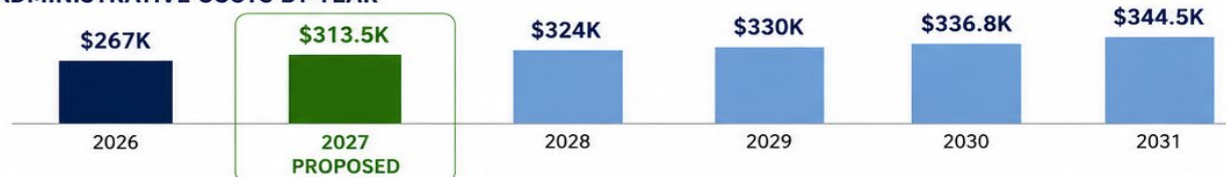
Elimination of licenses, leases & rentals helps offset some increases.

↓ **-\$9K**



The overall administrative budget increase is **17.4%**, largely driven by insurance and trustee meeting/election costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS BY YEAR



After the larger 2027 adjustment, annual growth moderates to roughly **2%–3%** through 2031.

2027 OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

Supporting frontline readiness today. Planning responsibly for tomorrow.



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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**



TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET

\$665K

2026: \$601K



2027 INCREASE

10.6%

+\$64,000 increase



FOCUS

Vehicles, utilities, training, facilities, and frontline operational readiness.

DRIVERS OF THE 2027 INCREASE



VEHICLE OPERATING

Higher fuel, maintenance, and apparatus operating costs.

+\$30K



FIRE STATION UTILITIES

Higher utility costs across facilities.

+\$19K



LANDSCAPING

Increased grounds and site maintenance requirements.

+\$8K



OTHER TARGETED INCREASES

Protective clothing, training, station maintenance, and SCBA.

+\$7K



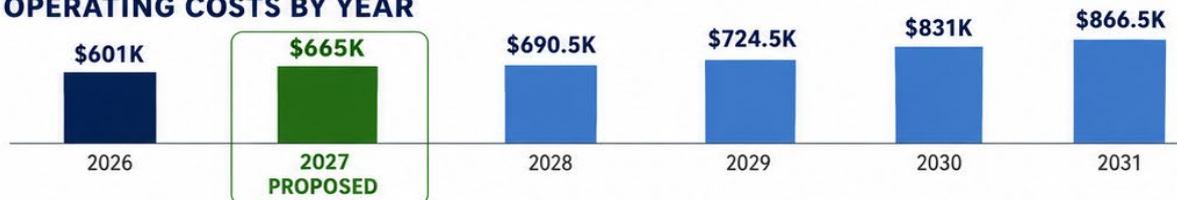
The overall operating budget increases **10.6%**, driven mainly by vehicle operating and utility costs.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

2027 Proposed Budget vs. 2026 Approved

	2026 APPROVED	2027 PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Vehicle Operating	\$110,000	\$140,000	+\$30,000	+27.3%
Training - Paid-on-call & Career	\$80,000	\$82,000	+\$2,000	+2.5%
Hydrant Install/Repair	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%
Clothing - Protective	\$61,000	\$63,000	+\$2,000	+3.3%
Fire Station Utilities	\$41,000	\$60,000	+\$19,000	+46.3%
Fire Station Repair & Maintenance	\$49,000	\$50,000	+\$1,000	+2.0%
Landscaping	\$8,000	\$16,000	+\$8,000	+100.0%
Other Operating Costs	\$177,000	\$179,000	+\$2,000	+1.1%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$601,000	\$665,000	+\$64,000	+10.6%

OPERATING COSTS BY YEAR



After 2027, annual operating cost growth is projected at **3.8%**, **4.9%**, **14.7%**, and **4.3%** through 2031.

2027 WAGES & BENEFITS SUMMARY

Supporting people and service readiness today. Planning responsibly for tomorrow.



**SALT SPRING ISLAND
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**



TOTAL WAGES & BENEFITS

\$4.27M

2026: \$3.82M



2027 INCREASE

11.7%

+\$446,600 increase



FOCUS

Staffing, management capacity, pensions, and employee benefits.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

2027 Proposed Budget vs. 2026 Approved

	2026 APPROVED	2027 PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Administration Wages	\$328,687	\$336,600	+\$7,913	+2.4%
Fire Rescue Service Management	\$376,000	\$587,000	+\$211,000	+56.1%
Career / Excluded / Casual Staff	\$1,871,313	\$1,936,000	+\$64,687	+3.5%
Paid-on-call Members	\$290,000	\$302,000	+\$12,000	+4.1%
Statutory & Group Benefits	\$957,000	\$1,108,000	+\$151,000	+15.8%
TOTAL WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,823,000	\$4,269,600	+\$446,600	+11.7%

DRIVERS OF THE 2027 INCREASE



MANAGEMENT WAGES

Addition of a management position.

+\$211K



BENEFITS

Higher pension, HUB health benefits, CPP, and WCB/group benefit costs.

+\$151K



CAREER / CASUAL WAGES

General wage growth for career, excluded, and casual staff.

+\$64.7K



POC & ADMIN WAGES

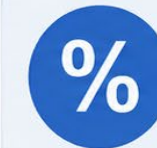
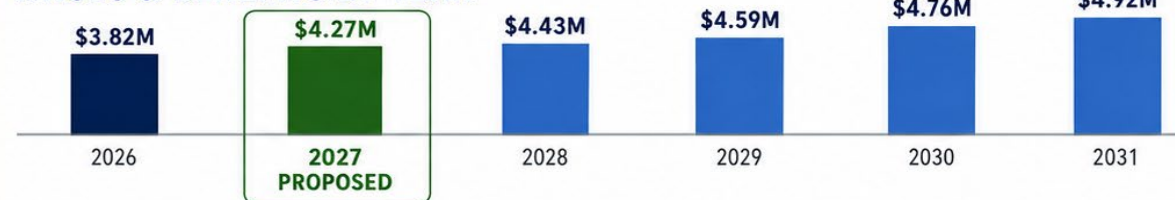
Increases in paid-on-call and administration wages.

+\$19.9K



The overall wages & benefits budget increases **11.7%**, driven mainly by the added management position and related benefit costs.

WAGES & BENEFITS BY YEAR



After 2027, annual growth is projected at **3.8%**, **3.5%**, **3.6%**, and **3.4%** through 2031.

2027 CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY

Investing today. Preparing for tomorrow.



SALT SPRING ISLAND
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

TOTAL CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$1.01M

2026: \$1.29M

2027 CHANGE

-21.7%

-\$280,000 change

FOCUS

Building reserves for apparatus, facilities, and equipment.

WHERE THE CAPITAL FUNDING GOES

2027 Proposed Contributions vs. 2026 Approved

	2026 APPROVED	2027 PROPOSED	\$ CHANGE
Apparatus Fund	\$440,000	\$500,000	+\$60,000
Satellite Hall #3	\$100,000	\$250,000	+\$150,000
Satellite Hall #2	\$0	\$125,000	+\$125,000
Equipment Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Payroll Liability Reserve	\$0	\$50,000	+\$50,000
Main Fire Hall #1 Fund	\$0	\$25,000	+\$25,000
Water Fund	\$50,000	\$10,000	-\$40,000
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$1,290,000	\$1,010,000	-\$280,000

KEY DRIVERS OF THE 2027 CAPITAL PLAN



APPARATUS REPLACEMENT

Continued reserve building for future major apparatus replacement.

+\$500K



FIRE HALL REQUIREMENTS

Funding for future hall needs, including Satellite Hall #2, Satellite Hall #3, and Main Fire Hall #1.

+\$400K



OTHER CAPITAL PRIORITIES

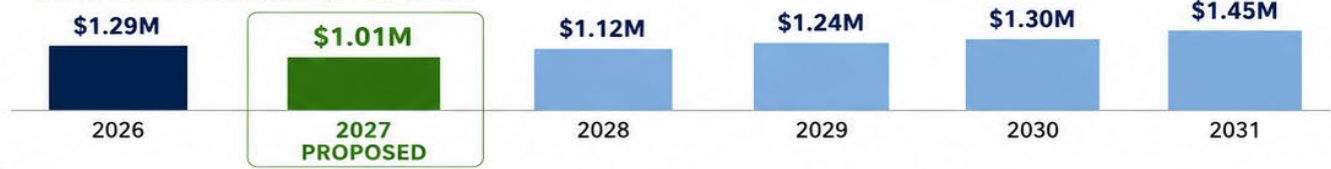
Equipment, payroll liability reserve, and water infrastructure funding.

+\$110K



End-of-year reserve balances are projected to grow to **\$2.39M** in 2027.

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY YEAR



The capital plan continues to build reserves for future apparatus replacement, facility needs, and long-term financial sustainability.

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District 5 Year Budget

New Line #		2026 Budget Approved	2027 Budget Projection	2028 Budget Projection	2029 Budget Projection	2030 Budget Projection	2031 Budget Projection
1		Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated
2	Income						
8	Tax Revenue	\$6,041,000	\$6,336,100	\$6,645,000	\$6,971,100	\$7,315,350	\$7,674,600
9	Total Income	\$6,041,000	\$6,336,100	\$6,645,000	\$6,971,100	\$7,315,350	\$7,674,600
10		6.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
11	Administration Expenses						
14	Advertising	\$6,000	\$ 8,500	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
15	Trustee Meetings and Elections	\$30,000	\$ 50,000	\$51,000	\$52,000	\$53,000	\$54,000
16	Annual Dinner	\$8,000	\$ 8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
17	Audit & Related Fees	\$20,000	\$ 22,000	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500
18	Bank Charges/Credit Card Fees/Telpay Fees/Finance Charges	\$2,000	\$ 2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
19	Communications - Phone	\$20,000	\$ 25,000	\$26,000	\$27,000	\$28,000	\$29,000
20	Communications & Miscellaneous	\$7,000	\$ 8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
21	Community Relations	\$2,000	\$ 2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
22	Conferences	\$5,000	\$ 7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
23	Consulting Fees	\$25,000	\$ 25,000	\$26,000	\$27,000	\$28,000	\$29,000
24	Dues & Subscriptions	\$5,000	\$ 5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,250	\$5,000
25	Fireworks	\$5,000	\$ 6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,500
26	Freight/Postage	\$5,000	\$ 5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
27	Insurance	\$60,000	\$ 80,000	\$82,000	\$84,000	\$86,000	\$88,000
28	Labour Relations	\$24,000	\$ 25,000	\$26,000	\$27,000	\$28,000	\$29,000
29	Legal	\$16,000	\$ 16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,500
30	Licenses, leases & Rentals	\$9,000					
31	Office Supplies & Equipment	\$16,000	\$ 16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$17,000
32	Professional Development - Excluded Staff	\$2,000	\$ 2,000	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
35	Total Adminstration, Overhead Costs and Trustee Expenses	\$267,000	\$313,500	\$324,000	\$330,000	\$336,750	\$344,500
36							
37	Amortization	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$230,000
38							
39	Operating Expenses						
40	Clothing - Career	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000
41	Clothing - Paid on Call	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,500	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$18,500
42	Clothing - Protective	\$61,000	\$63,000	\$65,000	\$68,000	\$71,000	\$75,000
43	Computer, Hardware, Software & Supplies	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$25,000	\$26,000
44	Employee/ POC Recognition	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000
45	Equipment - Repair & Maintenance	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$15,000
46	Equipment Purchase - Small Tools	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000
47	Fire Department Record System	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000

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New Line #		2026 Budget Approved	2027 Budget Projection	2028 Budget Projection	2029 Budget Projection	2030 Budget Projection	2031 Budget Projection
48	Fire Prevention & Public Education	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$19,000
49	Fire Hall Repair & Maintenance	\$49,000	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$55,000	\$58,000	\$61,000
50	Fire Hall Utilities	\$41,000	\$60,000	\$62,000	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$79,000
51	First Responder	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$19,000
52	Foam	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
53	Health & Wellness	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
54	Hydrant Install/Repair	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$85,000	\$89,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
55	Landscaping	\$8,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$19,000
56	Major Incident	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
57	Miscellaneous	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
58	Paid-on-call recruitment & Retention	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
59	Radio Equipment Repair & Supplies	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
60	SCBA	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$22,000	\$23,000	\$25,000	\$26,000
61	Supplies & Sundries	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$14,000
62	Training - Paid-on-call & Career	\$80,000	\$82,000	\$84,000	\$88,000	\$125,000	\$131,000
63	Vehicle Operating	\$110,000	\$140,000	\$144,000	\$151,000	\$175,000	\$184,000
64	Total Operating Expenses	\$601,000	\$665,000	\$690,500	\$724,500	\$831,000	\$866,500
66							
67	Wage & Related Expenses						
68	Administration Wages	\$328,687	\$336,600	\$348,600	\$361,600	\$374,600	\$388,600
69	Fire Rescue Service Management Wages	\$376,000	\$587,000	\$611,000	\$635,000	\$660,000	\$687,000
70	Career/Excluded/Casual Staff Wages & Salaries	\$1,871,313	\$1,936,000	\$2,011,000	\$2,093,000	\$2,179,000	\$2,265,000
71	Paid-on-call Members Wages	\$290,000	\$302,000	\$314,000	\$327,000	\$341,000	\$355,000
72	Total Wages	\$2,866,000	\$3,161,600	\$3,284,600	\$3,416,600	\$3,554,600	\$3,695,600
73	Statutory & Group Benefits						
74	Employee Allowances	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
75	Employee Group Health, Dental Plans & LTD	\$161,000	\$165,000	\$173,000	\$178,000	\$183,000	\$188,000
76	Employer CPP Expense	\$81,000	\$100,000	\$102,000	\$101,000	\$102,000	\$102,000
77	Employer EI Expense	\$33,000	\$35,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
78	Employer Health Tax & BC Medical Services Plan	\$59,000	\$65,000	\$68,000	\$71,000	\$74,000	\$77,000
79	Employer Registered Pension Plan & Supp. Pension Benefit	\$354,000	\$420,000	\$437,000	\$454,000	\$472,000	\$483,000
80	Fire Fighter Employee Assistance Plan	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000
81	Group Life, AD&D & WCB	\$101,000	\$115,000	\$117,000	\$118,000	\$119,000	\$121,000
82	HUB Health Benefits (POC members)	\$100,000	\$140,000	\$148,000	\$148,000	\$148,000	\$148,000
83	Matching RRSP	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
84	Total Statutory & Group Benefits	\$957,000	\$1,108,000	\$1,149,000	\$1,174,000	\$1,202,000	\$1,223,000
85	Total Wages & Benefits	\$3,823,000	\$4,269,600	\$4,433,600	\$4,590,600	\$4,756,600	\$4,918,600
86							
87	Extraordinary Expense/ Contingency Reserve	\$60,000	\$78,000	\$81,900	\$86,000.00	\$91,000.00	\$95,000.00

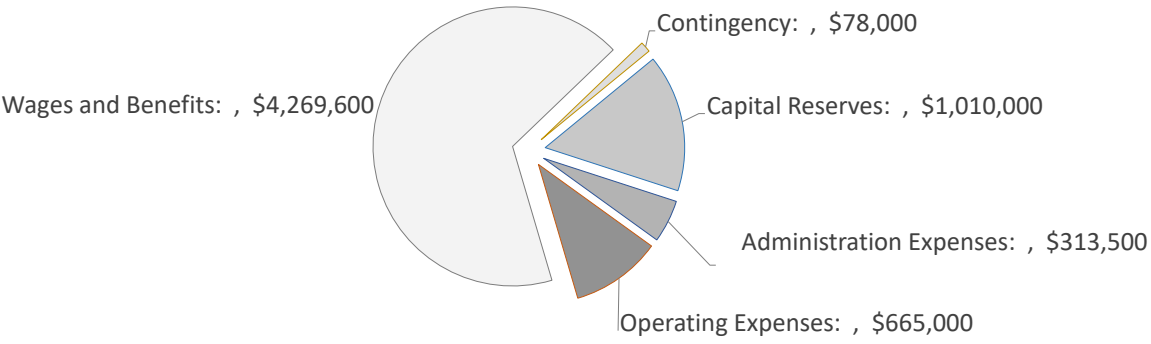
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89	Total Expenses	\$4,976,000	\$5,551,100	\$5,760,000	\$5,961,100	\$6,245,350	\$6,454,600
90	Bond Repayment Interest	\$263,095	\$410,349	\$400,378	\$389,967	\$379,099	\$367,752
91	Surplus Before Capital Expenses & Tranfers to Reserves	\$801,905	\$374,651	\$484,622	\$620,033	\$690,901	\$852,248
92							
93	Capital and Other Reserve Funds, Debt Repayment						
95	Apparatus Fund:	\$ 440,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 550,000	\$600,000	\$625,000	\$800,000
96	Main Fire Hall No. 1 Fund:		\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$125,000
97	Satellite Hall No. 2 Fund:	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$125,000
98	Satellite Hall No. 3 Fund:	\$ 100,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
99	Equipment Fund:	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
100	Water Fund:	\$ 50,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
104	Payroll Liability:	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
114	Bond Repayment Principle:	\$ 373,880	\$ 226,626	\$ 236,598	\$247,008	\$257,876	\$269,223
115	Total Capital Expenses & Transfers to/from Reserve Funds	\$1,013,880	\$1,236,626	\$1,351,598	\$1,487,008	\$1,557,876	\$1,719,223
117							
118	Change in Fund Balances After Capital Expenses & Principal Payments LTD	-\$ 211,975	-\$ 861,975	-\$ 866,976	-\$866,975	-\$866,975	-\$866,975
119	Non Cash Expense (Amortization)	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$230,000
120	Non Cash Expense (Bond) Repayment)	\$636,975	\$636,975	\$636,976	\$636,975	\$636,975	\$636,975
126	Change in Financial Position	\$650,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

APPROVED

Budget Summary

Description	2026 Budget Approved	2027 Budget Projection	2028 Budget Projection	2029 Budget Projection	2030 Budget Projection	2031 Budget Projection	2026 vs 2027 Change
Taxation Revenue:	\$ 4,751,000	\$ 5,326,100	\$ 5,530,000	\$ 5,731,100	\$ 6,015,350	\$ 6,224,600	\$ 575,100
Capital Investment Revenue:	\$ 1,290,000	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 1,240,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,450,000	-\$ 280,000
Total Revenue:	\$ 6,041,000	\$ 6,336,100	\$ 6,645,000	\$ 6,971,100	\$ 7,315,350	\$ 7,674,600	\$ 295,100
Administration Expenses:	\$ 267,000	\$ 313,500	\$ 324,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 336,750	\$ 344,500	\$ 46,500
Operating Expenses:	\$ 601,000	\$ 665,000	\$ 690,500	\$ 724,500	\$ 831,000	\$ 866,500	\$ 64,000
Wages and Benefits:	\$ 3,823,000	\$ 4,269,600	\$ 4,433,600	\$ 4,590,600	\$ 4,756,600	\$ 4,918,600	\$ 446,600
Contingency:	\$ 60,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 81,900	\$ 86,000	\$ 91,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 18,000
Capital Reserves:	\$ 1,290,000	\$ 1,010,000	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 1,240,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,450,000	-\$ 280,000
Total Expenditures:	\$ 6,041,000	\$ 6,336,100	\$ 6,645,000	\$ 6,971,100	\$ 7,315,350	\$ 7,674,600	\$ 295,100
Annual Increase		\$ 295,100	\$ 308,900	\$ 326,100	\$ 344,250	\$ 359,250	
Tax Increase	6.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	
Capital Investment		16%	17%	18%	18%	19%	



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Executive Summary – Capital and Reserve Fund Projections

The **2027 capital budget totals \$1.01 million**, supporting long-term reserves for apparatus, facilities, equipment, water infrastructure, and other future obligations.

The largest contribution is **\$500,000 to the Apparatus Fund**, followed by **\$250,000 for Satellite Hall No. 3** and **\$125,000 for Satellite Hall No. 2**.

Additional contributions include **\$50,000 to the Equipment Fund**, **\$50,000 to the Payroll Liability Reserve**, **\$25,000 for Main Fire Hall No. 1**, and **\$10,000 to the Water Fund**.

With only **\$30,000 in planned withdrawals** in 2027, total reserve balances are projected to increase from approximately **\$1.41 million at the end of 2026 to \$2.39 million at the end of 2027**.

Overall, the 2027 capital plan continues to build reserves in preparation for future apparatus replacement, facility needs, equipment purchases, and other significant

Capital Budget

Funds	2026 Capital Approved			2027 Capital Projection			2028 Budget Projection		
Apparatus Fund:	\$ 440,000			\$ 500,000			\$ 550,000		
Satellite Hall No. 1 Fund:				\$ 25,000			\$ 50,000		
Satellite Hall No. 2 Fund:				\$ 125,000			\$ 100,000		
Satellite Hall No. 3 Fund:	\$ 100,000			\$ 250,000			\$ 250,000		
Fire Hall No. 1 Mortgage Bond:	\$ 650,000			\$ -			\$ -		
Equipment Fund:	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000		
Water Fund:	\$ 50,000			\$ 10,000			\$ 15,000		
Payroll Liability Non-capital Reserve Fund:				\$ 50,000					\$ 100,000
	<u>\$ 1,290,000</u>			<u>\$ 1,010,000</u>			<u>\$ 1,115,000</u>		
Fund Balances	2026 Budget Additions	Planned Withdrawals	Fund Balance 2026	2027 Budget Additions	Planned Withdrawals	Fund Balance 2027	2028 Budget Additions	Planned Withdrawals	Fund Balance 2028
Apparatus Fund:	\$ 440,000	-\$ 650,000	\$ 654,994	\$ 500,000		\$ 1,154,994	\$ 550,000		\$ 1,704,994
Main Fire Hall No. 1 Fund:	\$ 650,000	\$ 34,694	\$ 650,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 675,000	\$ 50,000		\$ 725,000
Satellite Hall No. 2 Fund:			\$ -	\$ 125,000		\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000		\$ 225,000
Satellite Hall No. 3 Fund:	\$ 100,000	-\$ 375,930	\$ 47,761	\$ 250,000		\$ 297,761	\$ 250,000		\$ 547,761
Equipment Fund:	\$ 50,000	-\$ 152,074	\$ -	\$ 50,000	-\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 50,000	-\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000
Water Fund:	\$ 50,000	-\$ 197,053	\$ -	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 25,000
Unspecified Capital:		-\$ 75,000	\$ -			\$ -			\$ -
Payroll Liability Non-capital Reserve Fund:	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000		\$ 150,000
MPP Refund :			\$ 42,981			\$ 42,981			\$ 42,981
Health and Wellness:	\$ -		\$ 12,219			\$ 12,219			\$ 12,219
	\$ 1,290,000	-\$ 1,415,363	\$ 1,407,955	\$ 1,010,000	-\$ 30,000	\$ 2,387,955	\$ 1,115,000	-\$ 40,000	\$ 3,462,955

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Capital Budget

Funds	2029 Budget Projection			2030 Budget Projection			2031 Budget Projection		
Apparatus Fund:	\$ 600,000			\$ 625,000			\$ 800,000		
Satellite Hall No. 1 Fund:	\$ 75,000			\$ 100,000			\$ 125,000		
Satellite Hall No. 2 Fund:	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000			\$ 125,000		
Satellite Hall No. 3 Fund:	\$ 250,000			\$ 250,000			\$ 250,000		
Fire Hall No. 1 Mortgage Bond:									
Equipment Fund:	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000		
Water Fund:	\$ 15,000			\$ 25,000			\$ 25,000		
Payroll Liability Non-capital Reserve Fund:	\$ 150,000			\$ 150,000			\$ 75,000		
	\$ 1,240,000			\$ 1,300,000			\$ 1,450,000		
Fund Balances	2029 Budget Additions	Planned Withdrawals	Fund Balance 2029	2030 Budget Additions	Planned Withdrawals	Fund Balance 2030	2031 Budget Additions	Planned Withdrawals	Fund Balance 2031 (less purchases)
Apparatus Fund:	\$ 600,000		\$ 2,304,994	\$ 625,000	-\$ 2,800,000	\$ 129,994	\$ 800,000		\$ 929,994
Main Fire Hall No. 1 Fund:	\$ 75,000		\$ 800,000	\$ 100,000		\$ 900,000	\$ 125,000		\$ 1,025,000
Satellite Hall No. 2 Fund:	\$ 100,000		\$ 325,000	\$ 100,000		\$ 425,000	\$ 125,000		\$ 550,000
Satellite Hall No. 3 Fund:	\$ 250,000		\$ 797,761	\$ 250,000		\$ 1,047,761	\$ 250,000	-\$ 1,297,761	\$ -
Equipment Fund:	\$ 50,000		\$ 80,000	\$ 50,000	-\$ 50,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 50,000	-\$ 60,000	\$ 70,000
Water Fund:	\$ 15,000		\$ 40,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 65,000	\$ 25,000		\$ 90,000
Unspecified Capital:			\$ -			\$ -			\$ -
Payroll Liability Non-capital Reserve Fund:	\$ 150,000		\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000		\$ 450,000	\$ 75,000		\$ 525,000
MPP Refund :			\$ 42,981			\$ 42,981			\$ 42,981
Health and Wellness:		\$ -	\$ 112,219			\$ 212,219			\$ 212,219
	\$ 1,240,000	\$ -	\$ 4,802,955	\$ 1,300,000	-\$ 2,850,000	\$ 3,352,955	\$ 1,450,000	-\$ 1,357,761	\$ 3,445,194

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Executive Summary – Trustee and Administrative Expenses

The 2027 budget for **Trustee, Administrative and Overhead Expenses** is **\$313,500**, an increase of **\$46,500 (17.4%)** over the 2026 approved budget of \$267,000.

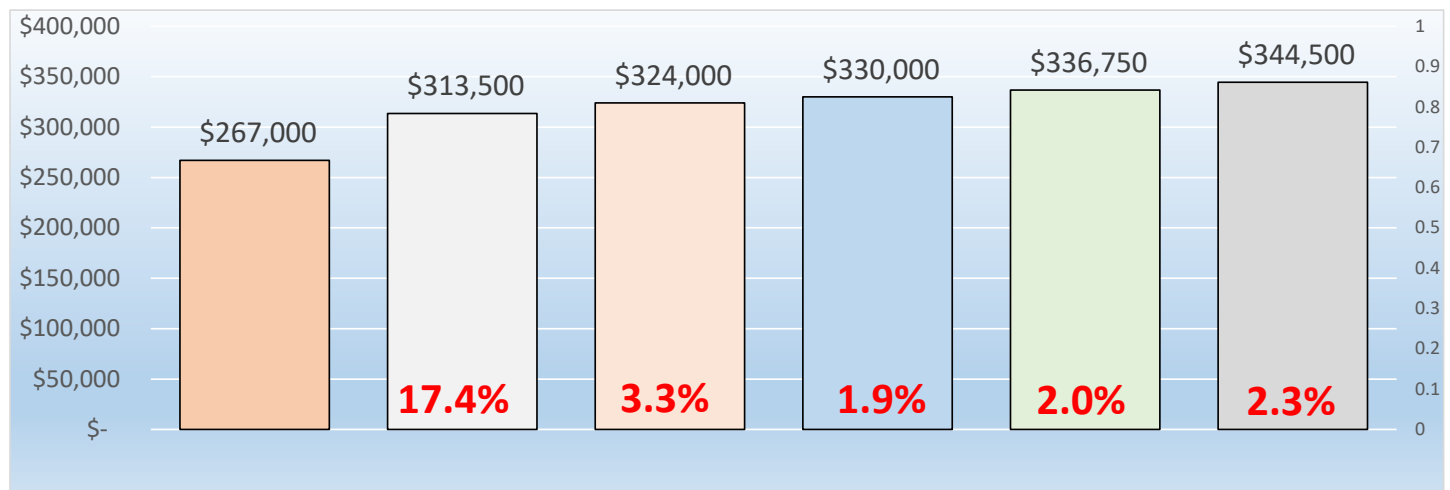
The increase is mainly driven by higher costs for **Trustee Meetings and Elections**, which rise by \$20,000, and **Insurance**, which also increases by \$20,000. Additional increases are included for communications, audit fees, conferences, advertising, labour relations, and other administrative costs. These increases are partially offset by the removal of **\$9,000 in Licenses, Leases and Rentals**.

Most other expense categories remain stable or increase only modestly. Following the larger adjustment in 2027, administrative spending is projected to return to more moderate annual growth of approximately **2% to 3%** through 2031.

Overall, the 2027 budget reflects targeted increases in key governance, insurance, and administrative costs while maintaining relatively stable funding across most other expenditure areas.

Trustee and Administrative Expenses

Description	2026 Budget Approved	2027 Budget Projection	2028 Budget Projection	2029 Budget Projection	2030 Budget Projection	2031 Budget Projection	2026 vs 2027
Advertising	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,500
Trustee Meetings and Elections	\$ 30,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 52,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 20,000
Annual Dinner for Fire Fighter Recognition	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -
Audit & Related Fees	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,500	\$ 2,000
Bank Charges/Finance Charges	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 500
Communications - Phone	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 5,000
Communications & Miscellaneous	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,000
Community Relations	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 500
Conferences	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,000
Consulting Fees	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 29,000	\$ -
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Fireworks	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 1,000
Freight/Postage	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 60,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 84,000	\$ 86,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 20,000
Labour Relations	\$ 24,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 1,000
Legal	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,500	\$ -
Licenses, leases & Rentals	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 9,000
Office Supplies & Equipment	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,000	\$ -
Professional Development - Excluded Staff	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Total Administration, Trustee and Overhead	\$ 267,000	\$ 313,500	\$ 324,000	\$ 330,000	\$ 336,750	\$ 344,500	\$ 46,500
Increase:		\$ 46,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,750	\$ 7,750	\$ 46,500
		17.4%	3.3%	1.9%	2.0%	2.3%	



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Executive Summary – Operating Expenses

The 2027 operating budget totals **\$665,000**, an increase of **\$64,000 or 10.6%** over the 2026 approved budget. The increase is concentrated in a small number of accounts, while most operating expense categories remain unchanged or increase only modestly.

The largest increase is **vehicle operating costs**, which rise by **\$30,000 to \$140,000**. This reflects increased fuel prices, maintenance requirements, insurance-related operating costs and the expense of maintaining a larger and more specialized emergency fleet.

Fire Hall utilities increase by **\$19,000 to \$60,000**, primarily reflecting the first full year of operating the new Main Fire Hall. The larger facility includes additional heating, ventilation, electrical, communications and building-system requirements.

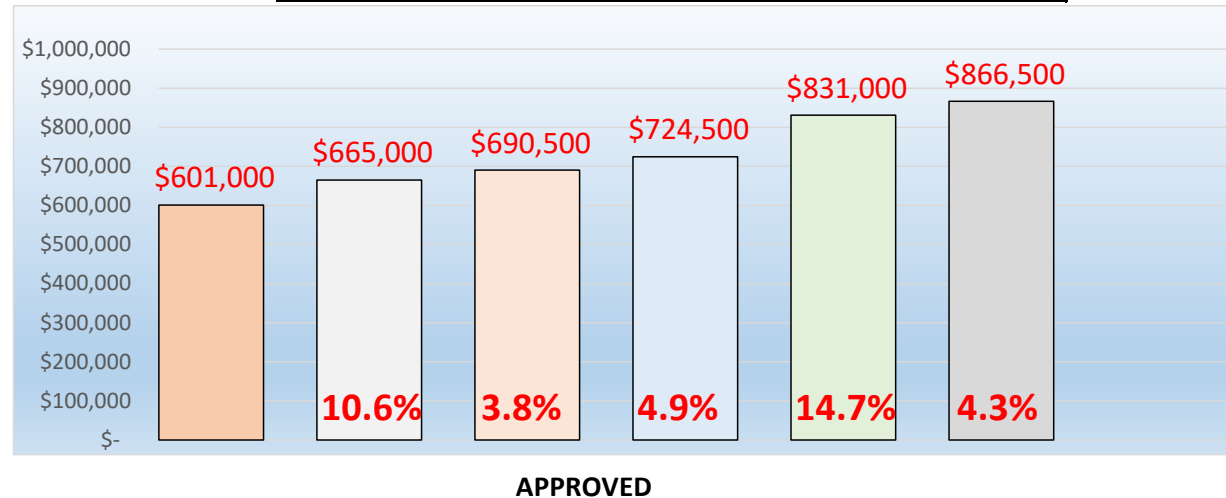
Landscaping costs increase by **\$8,000 to \$16,000** to support the new hall site and ongoing property maintenance. Smaller increases are included for protective clothing, career clothing, SCBA, training, and fire station repairs and maintenance.

The budget continues to provide significant annual funding for core operational priorities, including **\$82,000 for training, \$75,000 for hydrant installation and repair, \$63,000 for protective clothing, and \$50,000 for fire station repairs and maintenance.**

The Extraordinary Expense and Contingency Reserve increases from **\$60,000 to \$78,000**, an increase of **\$18,000 or 30%**. This strengthens the District's ability to respond to major incidents, inflationary pressures and unforeseen operating requirements.

Operating Expenses

Description	2026 Budget Approved	2027 Budget Projection	2028 Budget Projection	2029 Budget Projection	2030 Budget Projection	2031 Budget Projection	2026 vs 2027
Clothing - Career	\$ 18,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 1,000
Clothing - Paid on Call	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 17,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,500	\$ -
Clothing - Protective	\$ 61,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 68,000	\$ 71,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 2,000
Computer, Hardware, Software & Supplies	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,000	\$ -
Employee/ POC Recognition	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ -
Equipment - Repair & Maintenance	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Equipment Purchase - Small Tools	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -
Fire Department Record System	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
Fire Prevention & Public Education	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 19,000	\$ -
Fire Hall Repair & Maintenance	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 52,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 58,000	\$ 61,000	\$ 1,000
Fire Hall Utilities	\$ 41,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 79,000	\$ 19,000
First Responder	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 19,000	\$ -
Foam	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
Health & Wellness	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Hydrant Install/Repair	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 89,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Landscaping	\$ 8,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 8,000
Major Incident	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
Paid-on-call recruitment & Retention	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Radio Equipment Repair & Supplies	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
SCBA	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 1,000
Supplies & Sundries	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -
Training - Paid-on-call & Career	\$ 80,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 84,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 131,000	\$ 2,000
Vehicle Operating	\$ 110,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 144,000	\$ 151,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 184,000	\$ 30,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 601,000	\$ 665,000	\$ 690,500	\$ 724,500	\$ 831,000	\$ 866,500	\$ 64,000
Increase:		\$ 64,000	\$ 25,500	\$ 34,000	\$ 106,500	\$ 35,500	
		10.6%	3.8%	4.9%	14.7%	4.3%	
Extraordinary Expense/ Contingency Reserve	\$ 60,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 81,900	\$ 86,000	\$ 91,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 3,000
		\$ 18,000	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,100	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	



Executive Summary – Wage and Related Expenses

Total wages and benefits are projected at **\$4.27 million in 2027**, up from **\$3.82 million in 2026** — an increase of approximately **\$446,600 or 11.7%**.

Wages increase by \$295,600, from \$2.87 million to \$3.16 million.

The largest change is Fire Rescue Service Management wages, increasing by **\$211,000**, followed by Career/Excluded/Casual wages at **+\$64,687** and Paid-on-Call wages at **+\$12,000**.

Benefits increase by \$151,000, from \$957,000 to \$1.108 million. Key increases include:

Pension costs: +\$66,000

HUB health benefits: +\$40,000

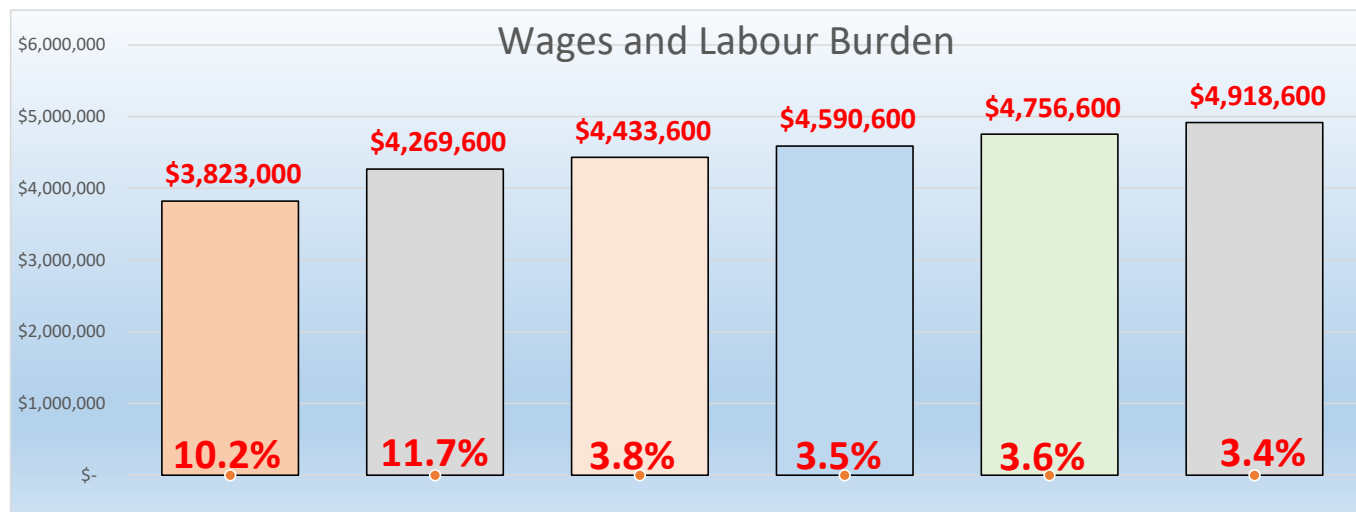
CPP: +\$19,000

Group Life, AD&D & WCB: +\$14,000

Employer Health Tax: +\$6,000

Wage & Related Expenses

Description	2026 Budget Approved	2027 Budget Projection	2028 Budget Projection	2029 Budget Projection	2030 Budget Projection	2031 Budget Projection	2026 vs 2027
Administration Wages	\$ 328,687	\$ 336,600	\$ 348,600	\$ 361,600	\$ 374,600	\$ 388,600	\$ 7,913
Fire Rescue Service Management Wages	\$ 376,000	\$ 587,000	\$ 611,000	\$ 635,000	\$ 660,000	\$ 687,000	\$ 211,000
Career/Excluded/Casual Staff Wages	\$ 1,871,313	\$ 1,936,000	\$ 2,011,000	\$ 2,093,000	\$ 2,179,000	\$ 2,265,000	\$ 64,687
Paid-on-call Members Wages	\$ 290,000	\$ 302,000	\$ 314,000	\$ 327,000	\$ 341,000	\$ 355,000	\$ 12,000
Total Wages	\$ 2,866,000	\$ 3,161,600	\$ 3,284,600	\$ 3,416,600	\$ 3,554,600	\$ 3,695,600	\$ 76,687
Increase:	\$ 297,283	\$ 295,600	\$ 123,000	\$ 132,000	\$ 138,000	\$ 141,000	
Statutory & Group Benefits							
Employee Allowances	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Employee Group Health, Dental Plans & LTD	\$ 161,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 173,000	\$ 178,000	\$ 183,000	\$ 188,000	\$ 4,000
Employer CPP Expense	\$ 81,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 102,000	\$ 101,000	\$ 102,000	\$ 102,000	\$ 19,000
Employer EI Expense	\$ 33,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 2,000
Employer Health Tax & BC Medical Services Plan	\$ 59,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 68,000	\$ 71,000	\$ 74,000	\$ 77,000	\$ 6,000
Employer Registered Pension Plan & Supp. Pension Benefit	\$ 354,000	\$ 420,000	\$ 437,000	\$ 454,000	\$ 472,000	\$ 483,000	\$ 66,000
Fire Fighter Employee Assistance Plan	\$ 51,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 51,000	\$ -
Group Life, AD&D & WCB	\$ 101,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 117,000	\$ 118,000	\$ 119,000	\$ 121,000	\$ 14,000
HUB Health Benefits	\$ 100,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 148,000	\$ 148,000	\$ 148,000	\$ 148,000	\$ 40,000
Matching RRSP	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Total Statutory & Group Benefits	\$ 957,000	\$ 1,108,000	\$ 1,149,000	\$ 1,174,000	\$ 1,202,000	\$ 1,223,000	\$ 151,000
Increase:	\$ 56,843	\$ 151,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 21,000	
Total Wages & Benefits							
	\$ 3,823,000	\$ 4,269,600	\$ 4,433,600	\$ 4,590,600	\$ 4,756,600	\$ 4,918,600	\$ 227,687
Increase:	\$ 354,127	\$ 446,600	\$ 164,000	\$ 157,000	\$ 166,000	\$ 162,000	
	10.2%	11.7%	3.8%	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%	



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