



# The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

## REGULAR COUNCIL REPORT

For the Regular Council meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026

Re: 2026 Financial Plan Adoption

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. That the Central Saanich 2026-2030 Financial Plan as presented in the March 30<sup>th</sup> staff report and meetings March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> 2026.
2. That three-year Capital Plan approval for core replacement programs, as identified in the March 30<sup>th</sup> staff report.

### **PURPOSE:**

To adopt the Draft 2026 Financial Plan with amendments, and three-year approval of core capital replacement programs.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The District is required to balance its budget annually and approve a Five-Year Financial Plan and Property Taxation Bylaw by May 15. The plan covers operating budgets, capital programs, utilities, and strategic projects, with updates to reflect current priorities and asset management needs. The 2026 Financial Plan maintains service levels, supports infrastructure replacement, and funds water and sewer operations through utility fees. Targeted investments align with the District's Strategic Plan, with no new projects added for 2026. The transition of water supply for First Nation communities to the Capital Regional District may impact future rates and planning.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Draft 2026 Financial Plan was presented to Council on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>, and the budget has remained unchanged since then.

The table below are included as presented:

**Table 1: 2026 Average tax increase**

<b>Operations</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Municipal Services Operation</i>	3.68	103
<i>Police Operations</i>	1.63	45
<i>Library</i>	0.31	9
<b>Operations Sub-total</b>	5.62	157

**Table 2. 2026 Utilities average increase**

<b>Infrastructure Management Levy)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>(Asset %</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Infrastructure - Replacement</i>	1.25	34
<i>Infrastructure – New</i>	0.5	14
<b>Infrastructure Sub-total</b>	1.75	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.37</b>	<b>205</b>

<b>Operations and Infrastructure (Asset Management Levy)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>\$</b>
Water Utility Charge	7.79	39
Sewer Utility Charge	7.25	29

**Table 3. 2026 Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget (\$)</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Tax Impact</b>
<b>Early Approved Projects (Oct 2025)</b>	812,575	Reserves / Grants / DCCs	\$0
<b>Carry forward*</b>	592,925	Reserves / Grants / DCCs	\$0
<b>Total SIP (2026)</b>	<b>1,405,500</b>	Reserves / Grants / DCCs	<b>\$0</b>

**Three-year Capital Plan**

Detailed in the March 30<sup>th</sup> report (Table 4), staff included the three-year approval for core capital replacement programs to assist with both procurement and longer-term contracts and pricing for this ongoing work.

**Table 4. Three-year Capital Plan approval from Council for Core Replacement Programs (\$)**

<b>Infrastructure Renewal</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
Road Reconstruction	800,000	850,000	900,000
Active Transportation	2,425,000 (1)	5,250,000	-
Storm Water Drain Replacement	115,000	120,000	125,000
Fleet Replacements - General	1,803,000 (2)	1,815,000	60,000 (3)
Fleet Replacements - Water	350,000 (4)	-	-
Fleet Replacements - Sewer	850,000 (5)	-	250,000
Water Pipe Replacement	2,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Sewer Pipe Replacement	650,000	2,000,000	2,000,000

1. Includes \$215,000 of carry forward funding from prior year
2. Includes \$1,135,000 of carry forward funding from prior year
3. A 2026 planned vehicle purchase to deferred to 2028.
4. Includes \$120,000 of carry forward funding from prior year.
5. Includes \$850,000 of carry forward funding from prior year.

**New Civic Facility: 10-year Lifecycle Cost Overview**

<sup>1</sup> Infrastructure includes Municipal and Police Services

New Civic Facility: 10-year Lifecycle Cost Overview (Appendix C) provides a financial summary for the Municipal Complex from 2026 to 2035, comparing current (2026–2030) and future (2031–2035) costs. Operating expenses—including materials, insurance, utilities, contracts, and custodial services—are expected to rise from \$260,600 in 2026 to \$370,000 in 2035. The new facility will deliver energy savings but incur higher custodial costs due to its larger size. Debt servicing costs will increase from 2027, reaching \$2,235,000 annually from 2029, as the main long-term financial obligation.

**OPTIONS:**

Option 1

1. That the Central Saanich 2026-2030 Financial Plan as presented in the March 30<sup>th</sup> staff report and meetings March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
2. That 2026-2029 three-year Capital Plan approval for core replacement programs, as identified in of the March 30<sup>th</sup> staff report.

Option 2

That staff be provided alternate direction.

**CONCLUSION:**

The 2026 Financial Plan ensures that current service levels are sustained for both operational and capital initiatives. The plan incorporates annual tax increases of 1.25% dedicated to infrastructure renewal and 0.5% for new transportation improvements, supporting long-term community priorities.

Upon Council's adoption, tax bylaws will be enacted to implement these measures. The finalized plan will be made available online for public access and will also be submitted for budget award consideration, reflecting our ongoing commitment to transparent governance and fiscal responsibility.

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Concurrence by:	Christine Culham, Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Appendix A: 2026 Financial Plan, Dated April 8th, 2026

Appendix B: [March 30<sup>th</sup> Staff Report, 2026 Draft Financial Plan](#)

Appendix C: New Civic Facility: 10-year Lifecycle Cost Overview