

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

RDOS Budget Fact Sheet | December 2018

RDOS Overview

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is comprised of nineteen elected municipal and electoral area directors. There are ten municipal directors and nine electoral area directors on the RDOS board.

RDOS Mission

The RDOS mission is to initiate and implement policies which preserve and enhance the quality of life and serve the broader public interest in an effective, equitable, environmental and fiscally responsible manner.

Budget Structure

A regional district creates separate budgets for each of the approximately 150 services we operate. Separate budgets ensure only those who participate in the service pay for the service.

RDOS Services

Regional: The majority of electoral areas and municipalities participate, and all properties contribute. Regional services, of which there are 17 include 911 emergency call system, emergency planning and regional trails. The RDOS also operates a number of sub-regional services.

Rural: Services where the majority of electoral areas participate (no municipalities,) and all properties in the electoral area contribute. Rural services include building inspection, planning and electoral area administration.

Local: Services where only a defined group of properties within the electoral area participate, and only those properties within the defined service area contribute. Services include water, trails and transit.

Budget Procedure

RDOS staff begin building the budget for each service in September/October. Budgets and change requests are discussed with the board during budget workshops throughout November/December. Staff typically, upon invitation from a council, will visit a municipality to discuss and explain the budget during a regular open council meeting, and will, at the request of an electoral area visit that area to review budgets in a town hall type forum. A draft budget is distributed for public consultation throughout January. Feedback is brought to the RDOS board with the budget bylaw final reading and adoption in mid-February or early March. By legislation, the budget must be adopted by March 31.

Important Notes

Some services are funded from user fees, not taxes. Some of these services include recycling and water. Funds requisitioned for a specific service must stay with that service. There is no ability for the RDOS to move those funds to different services. BC Assessment sends assessment notices to each property owner in January. The amount is used to calculate your tax bill. For every service, the amount of tax needed to support the service is calculated as a “mill rate” – an amount applied to every \$1,000 of assessed value.

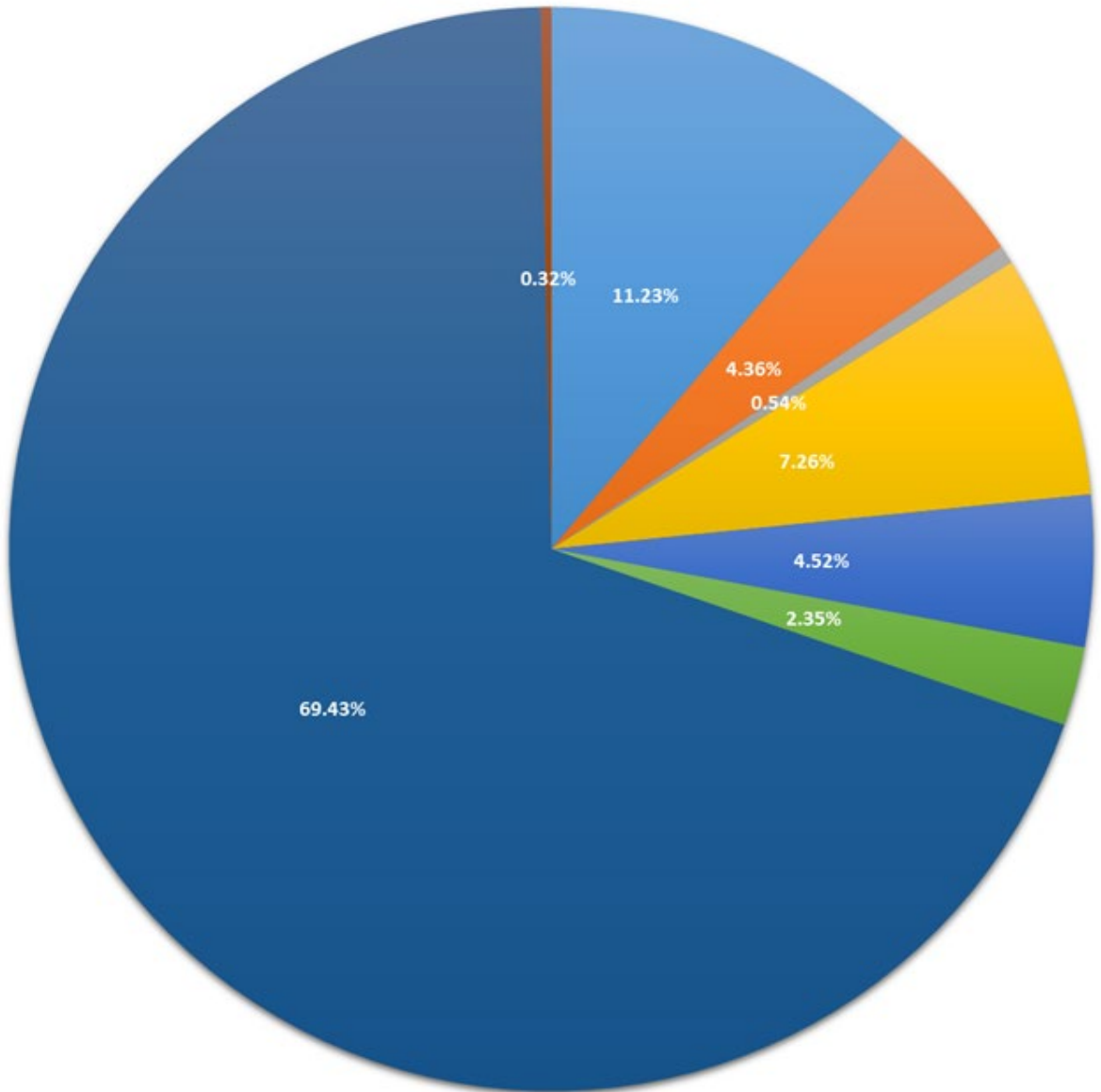
2018 RDOS Budget

RDOS Operating Expenses: \$31.3 million
Capital Expenditures: \$9.7 million
Total RDOS Budget: \$41.0 million

More Information

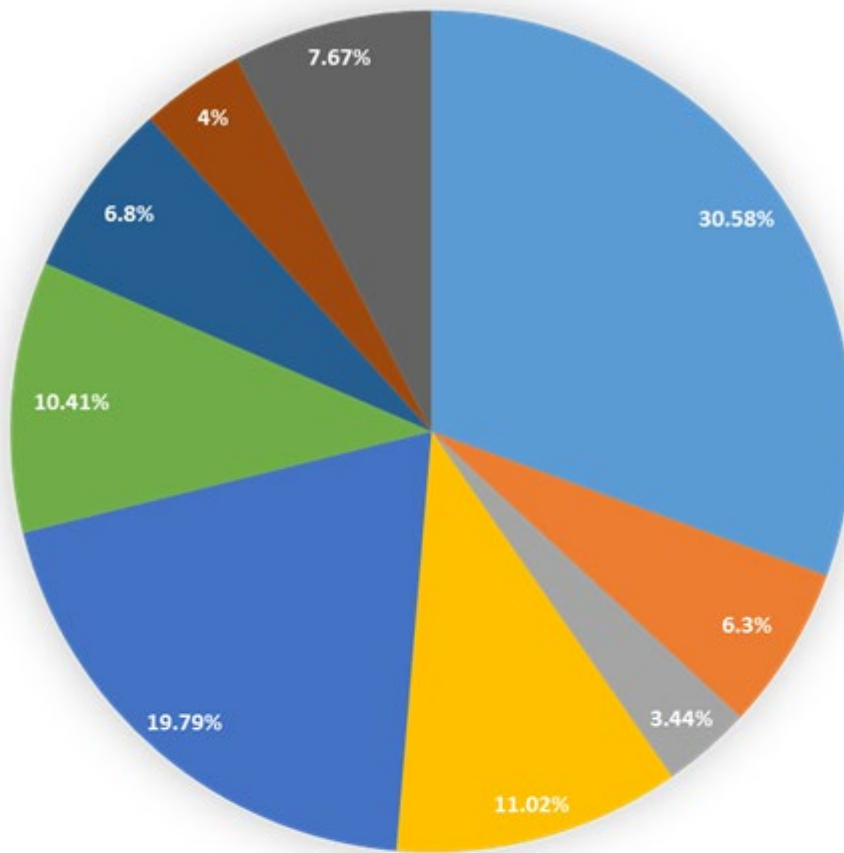
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2018 Municipal & PIB Breakdown of RDOS Budget



- Penticton 11.23%
- Summerland 4.36%
- Princeton 0.54%
- Oliver 7.26%
- Osoyoos 4.52%
- Keremeos 2.35%
- RDOS 69.43%
- PIB 0.32%

2018 Electoral Area Breakdown of RDOS Budget



- Municipalities & PIB 30.58%
- Area A - Rural Osoyoos 6.3%
- Area B - Cawston 3.44%
- Area C - Rural Oliver 11.02%
- Area D - Okanagan Falls 19.79%
- Area E - Naramata 10.41%
- Area F - West Bench/Ok Lake West 6.8%
- Area G - Rural Keremeos 4%
- Area H - Rural Princeton 7.67%