



The 2025-2029 Amended RDN Financial Plan

Assessment

March 11th, 2025

Based on 2025-2029 Amended Financial Plan – Consolidated Financials

No Meaningful Change in RDN Planned Taxes 2025-2029

1) Minor Tax Reduction vs. Excessive 2025-2029 Plan Approved in December

The RDN Property Taxes for 2025-2029 have been reduced \$3.2 million over the 5 year period, but the 5 year Increase is still 65.9% down from 66.9%. This remains unsustainable and continues to tract at over 6 times the rate of inflation.

The 2025 Taxes were reduced from \$95,688,572 or +9.2% vs. 2024 to \$95,492,520 or +9.0% vs. 2024. A reduction of (\$196,052).

2) Significant Unplanned Surpluses are planned to be spent on Significant Capital Spending Increases despite a public call for a lower sustainable taxation rate.

2024 saw a \$15,044,207 Surplus, \$5,682,245 higher than the planned surplus of \$9,361,962 in the December 2025-2029 Budget. The majority of the additional surplus has been allocated to reserves and will fund even higher capital costs. \$595,698, less than 10%, will go to reducing the tax requisition. With other adjustments, the actual reduction is only \$192,052 or 3.5% of the surplus.

Shockingly, Even More Capital Added to the Plan Since December

- 3) \$45.6 Million in Additional Capital has been added in this amendment to the 2025-2029 Financial Plan submission in December.

The 5 year Capital Plan has not been reduced but instead increased \$45.6 Million to \$562.5 million.

- 4) Worse, the Capital Spending has been front loaded into 2025-2026
The two year Capital Spend has gone from \$296.2 to \$342.6 million or +15.7%. This is more than half the 5 year capital spent in the first two years.
- 5) Total Capital Spending Related ‘Financing Charges’ Increase 414% over the 5 Years of the Plan signaling a Massive Overspend!
In 2023 total capital financing charges were \$7.2 Million tracking slightly ahead of the average rate. By 2029 they will be \$29.9 Million, an increase of 414%.

No Meaningful Prioritization

6) The 'Tax-Pile-On' continues with no real RDN Prioritization of Major Spending

Taxpayers are on the hook for 40% of \$599.9 Million in Capital for the Hospital. The need for the improvements are clear. Yet, the province is downloading 40% of the capital cost for Universal Healthcare on the backs of RDN Property Tax Payers and not seeking a Universal Provincial Tax instead.

(Note this cost is on top of the RDN spending and taxes)

RDN Utilities Infrastructure Expansion and Renewal Capital Cost is \$295.8 Million from 2025-2029. This is also a priority.

So, everything else needs to be removed or moved out of the 2025-2029 Planning Window to allow the taxpayer to swallow this.

THE RDN Tax Base traditionally has carried 250-300Million in Capital Spending over a 5 year period. This is \$599.9 Million for the Hospital and \$562.5 Million for the RDN or \$1.2 BILLION. The Ravensong Pool, The Parks Land Acquisitions, The New Admin Building, The New Transit Centre and the like, need to wait.