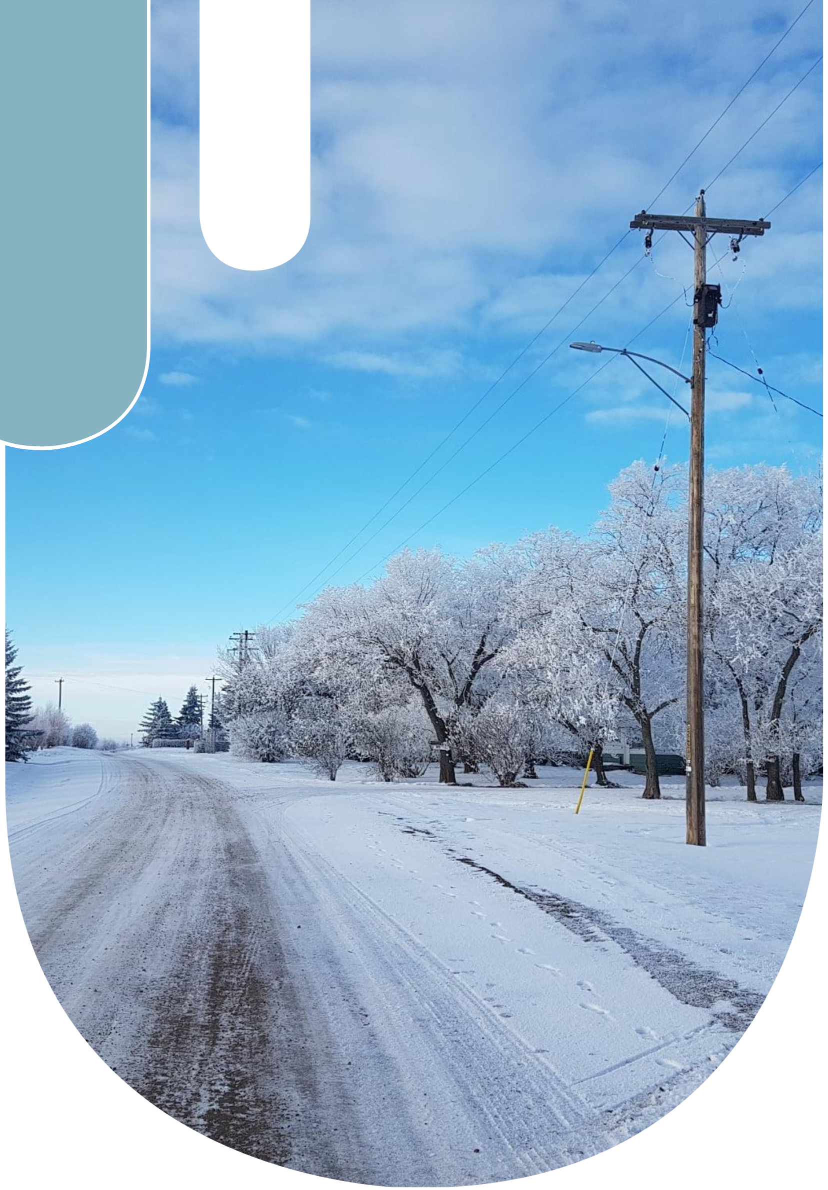
VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE

TOWN HALL MEETING

March 2026



Thank you for taking time out of your evening to be part of your community.

EVENING AGENDA

- Why Town Hall Meetings Matter
- How the Village actually works
- What Council can't do
- From Ideas to Action: Council ideas
- SWOT Analysis
- 2026 Operational Budget
- Capital projects
- Community Discussion & Questions

Why Town Hall Meetings Matter

To share what's happening in the Village
To hear your ideas, concerns, and priorities
To improve transparency and communication
To strengthen our community together

How the Village Actually Works

Council

Sets policy & direction

Approves budgets

Represents residents

Makes final decisions

Administration

Implements council direction

Manages daily operations

Ensures legislation is followed

Supports committees & boards

Committees & Volunteers

Run events

Maintain facilities

Fundraise

Bring ideas forward

Does anyone have any questions about these roles and responsibilities?

What Council can’t do

Understanding Our Limits

- We must follow provincial legislation
- We cannot spend money without budget approval
- Volunteers are not staff
- Some services are mandatory, others are optional

Knowing our limits helps us focus on what *is* possible.

From Idea to Action

How a Community Idea Becomes Reality

- Ideas are brought forward by residents or Council
- Discussed and reviewed by Council and Admin
- A committee or volunteer group is formed (if needed)
- Resources, budget, and logistics are considered
- The idea becomes an event or project

Have an idea? Action Proposal Forms are available at the Village Office.

Or fill out the "Share Your Voice" survey on our website

www.villageofalliance.ca/shareyourvoice/

Project 1
Outdoor Internet Access in the Library Area

Project Summary
Create an outdoor seating and internet access area near the **Alliance Library** so residents can use the library's Wi-Fi even when the building is closed. Benches and small tables would allow people to sit outside and connect to the internet, increasing access to digital resources for residents.

Key Idea
•Public seating area outside the library
•Access library Wi-Fi from outdoors
•Useful when library is closed

Expected Benefits
•Improves access to information and services
•Supports residents without home internet
•Encourages use of public spaces

Considerations
•Must ensure secure internet access
•Budget still unknown

Project 2
Main Street Beautification

Project Summary
Enhance the appearance of **Main Street** by using village beautification funds and seeking donations from local businesses and community groups to improve the visual appeal of public spaces.
Key Points
•Focus on improving first impressions of the village
•Partner with businesses and community groups
•Use beautification funds and donations

Expected Benefits
•Creates a more welcoming environment
•Encourages visitors and potential new residents
•Shows pride and care for the community

Budget / Resources
•Cost depends on available funding and donations
•Mostly volunteer-driven project
•Minimal staff involvement

Project 3
Building & Fencing Maintenance

Project Summary
Improve and maintain several Village-owned buildings and structures through repairs, painting, and fencing upgrades. Priority locations include the **Pie Booth, Ball Diamond fencing, Recreation Centre, Village Office, and Village Shop**.

Key Objectives
- Maintain and extend the life of municipal assets
- Improve safety and appearance of public facilities
- Identify repair and upgrade needs through site inspections

Expected Benefits
- Improved safety for residents and visitors
- Enhanced community appearance
- Longer lifespan of village infrastructure
- Increased community pride in public spaces

Budget & Resources
- Materials may include roofing, paint, fencing, and hardware
- Potential funding sources:
    - Capital budget
    - Grant funding
    - Sponsorships (ex. ball diamond fence sponsors)

Project 4
Water Treatment Plant – Long-Term Feasibility

Project Summary
Conduct an **engineering assessment of the Village water treatment plant** to evaluate the remaining service life of the facility and identify potential future upgrade needs. The goal is to understand when major investments may be required and determine if preventative actions can extend the life of the infrastructure.

Key Objectives
- Determine the **remaining lifespan** of the water treatment plant
- Identify **future upgrades or major repairs** that may be required
- Allow the Village to **plan infrastructure investments ahead of time**

Expected Benefits
- Allows the Village to **spread costs over time** rather than facing sudden large expenses
- Supports **long-term sustainability of essential infrastructure**
- Improves planning for major capital projects.

Budget & Resources
- Estimated **$10,000 – $12,000** for an initial engineering assessment
- Potential funding sources:
    - Capital budget
    - Possible additional infrastructure funding programs.

Project 5
Promote Multiplex & Sports Grounds

Project Summary
Develop marketing and promotional ideas to increase the use of the **Alliance Multiplex and sports grounds**. The goal is to attract more events, tournaments, and community activities and expand promotion beyond the immediate region.

Key Objectives
•Promote the Multiplex and sports facilities
•Attract regional events and tournaments
•Encourage rentals for community and private events

Potential Uses
•Hockey tournaments
•Ball tournaments
•4-H events and livestock shows
•Family reunions and community gatherings
•Trade shows or sales events

Expected Benefits
•Increased tourism and visitors
•Greater use of existing facilities
•Economic activity for local businesses
•Stronger regional visibility for Alliance.

Budget & Resources
•Costs expected to remain **minimal**
•Possible funding sources:
  •Operating or capital budgets
  •Sponsorships from **local businesses, farms, or industry partners**.

Village of Alliance – Strengths

- Strong volunteer culture and residents willing to help with committees, events, and community projects
- Active community events such as farmers markets, July 1st celebrations, The Maze Daze, Santa Daze, museum events, the community garden and more.
- Good interaction between younger and older residents, fostering a connected community
- Well-maintained facilities despite aging infrastructure
- Strong “shop local” culture and pride in maintaining homes and properties
- Leadership that values transparency, cooperation, and working together
- Very few vacant homes in the community

Village of Alliance – Challenges & Opportunities

- Aging population and increasing demand for senior services
- Aging infrastructure and rising maintenance costs
- Shrinking tax base due to business closures (school, bar, gas station)
- Limited staff capacity while workloads continue to grow
- Need for stronger promotion and marketing of the community

Opportunities for Growth
- Apply for grants and funding programs to support projects
- Expand tourism through eco-tourism, agri-tourism, and heritage tourism
- Promote museum events and local cultural activities
- Improve internet access to attract remote workers and digital nomads
- Encourage more community volunteers and engagement

2026 OPERATING BUDGET

"Full details are available at the Village Office"

REVENUES

In general, a municipality can only generate revenue by the following means:

Category	Amount	%
Legislative & Administration (Taxes & General Revenue)	$368,453	63.2%
Fire & Emergency Services	$16,700	2.9%
Licenses	$890	0.15%
Roads, Streets, Walks & Lighting	$13,350	2.3%
Water	$73,740	12.6%
Sewer	$52,700	9.0%
Waste Management	$37,000	6.3%
Cemetery	$725	0.12%
Planning & Development	$200	0.03%
Parks & Recreation	$19,600	3.4%

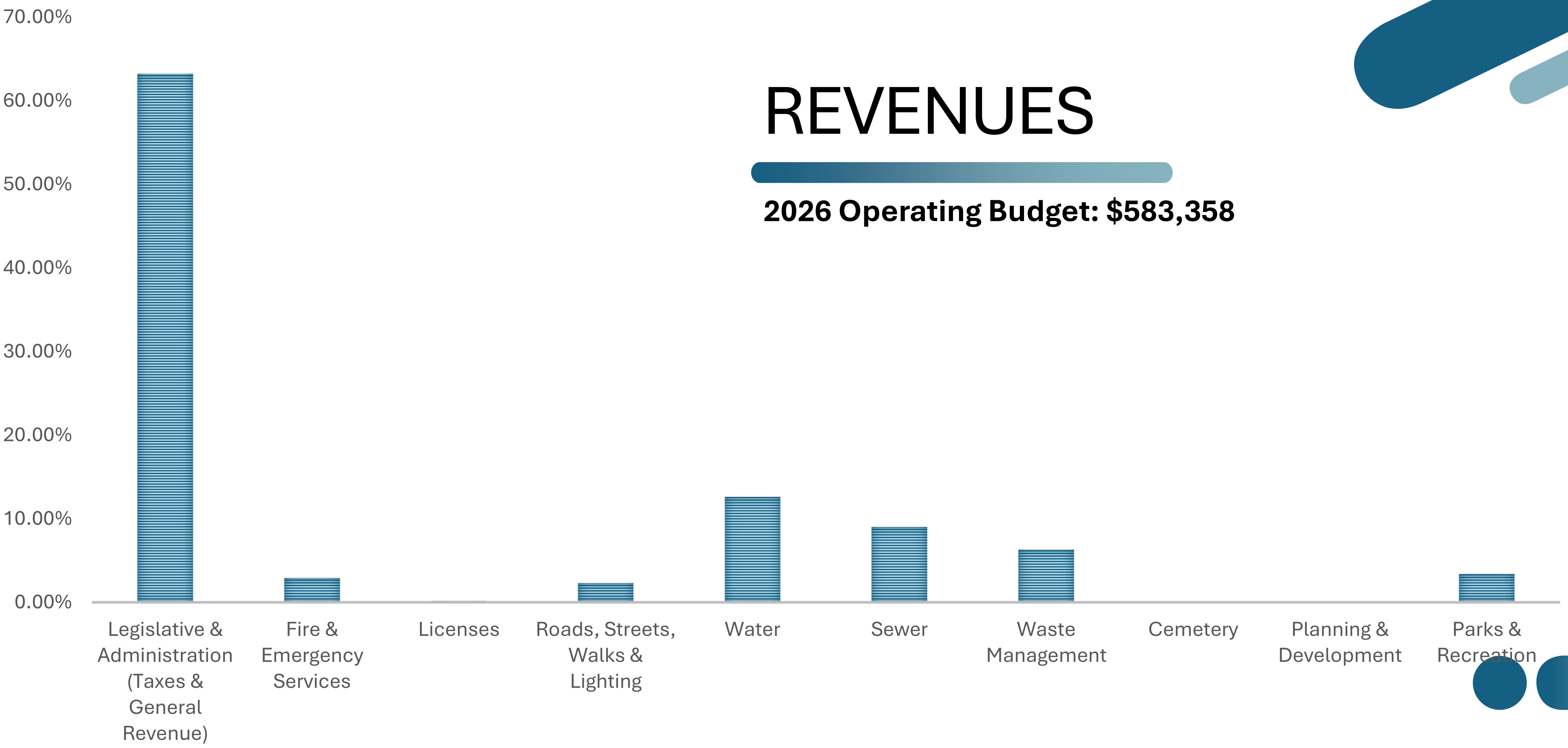
EXPENSES

Expenses are made of:

Category	Amount	%
Legislative & Administration	$189,920	32.6%
Fire & Emergency Services	$17,250	3.0%
Protective Services	$11,350	1.9%
Roads, Streets, Walks & Lighting	$161,899	27.7%
Water	$90,693	15.5%
Sewer	$16,450	2.8%
Reserves (ARO)	$15,050	2.6%
Waste Management	$32,000	5.5%
Cemetery	$825	0.14%
Planning & Development	$6,500	1.1%
Parks & Recreation	$29,940	5.1%
Public Health & Culture	$11,481	2.0%

REVENUES

2026 Operating Budget: $583,358



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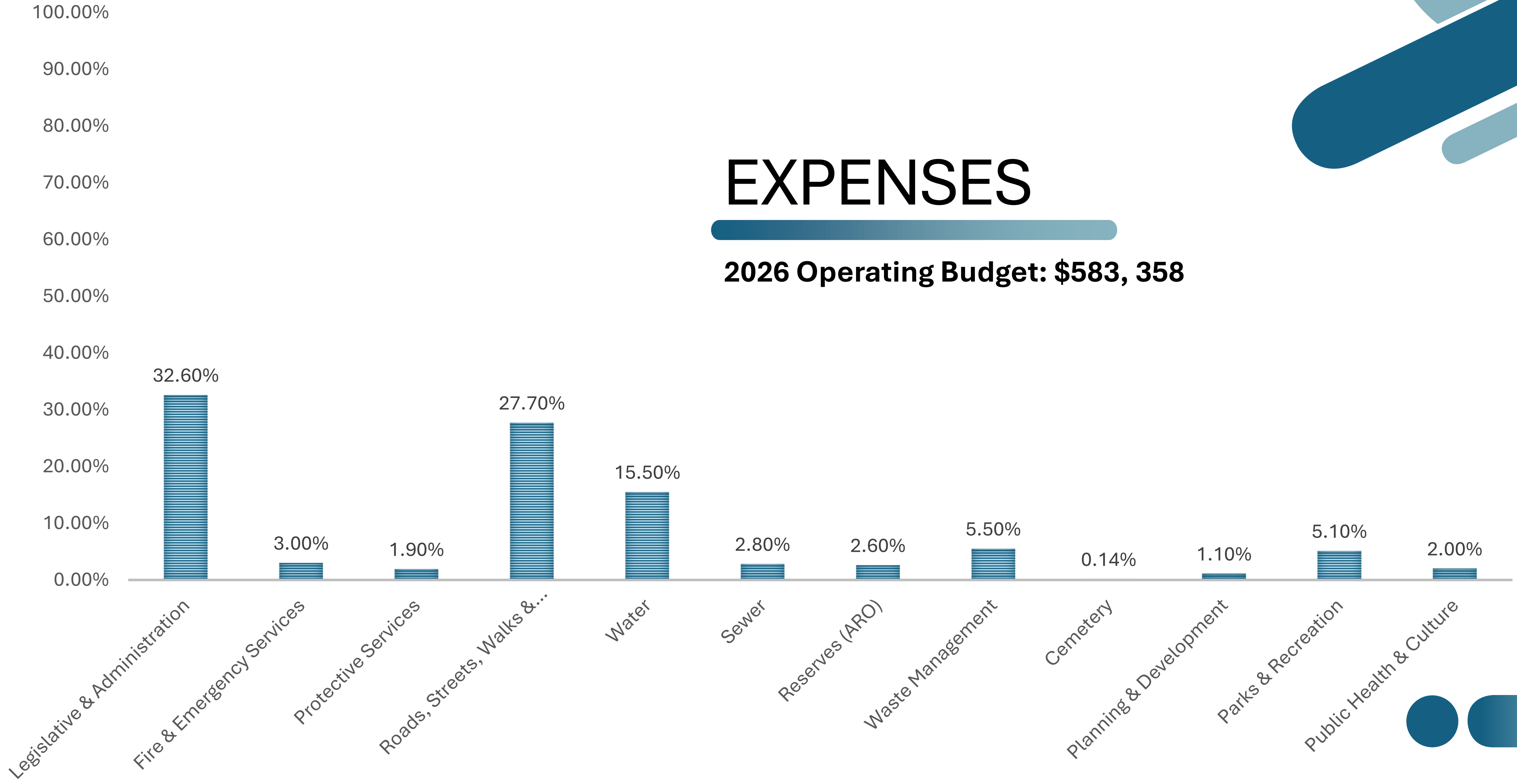

Capital projects

These projects focus on maintaining essential services and planning for the future of Alliance.

2025

Library Furnace $3,500

Recycled Oil Road Rehab $21,000

Water Dam Remediation-Initial Assessment $12,000 - ongoing

Village Website redesign and upgrade $1,500

2026

- Main water line extensions: $60,000
- Asphalt maintenance: $20,000
- Sidewalks repair's: $15,000
- Stormwater drainage ditch south end: &15,000
- Walking trail: $5,000
- Paint Interior of Water Plant $15,000 - ongoing
- Fence PW Yard $20,000
- Stormwater Drainage Ditch $31,000
- Main Water Line Extensions $85,000
- Install Transfer switch at Well 6 $4,000
- Water Dam Remediation-Initial Assessment $12,000 - ongoing

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Community Discussion & Questions

- What events would you like to see return?
- What's missing in Alliance?
- What could we do better?
- Where would you be willing to help?

- Other questions:
    - We will begin with pre-submitted questions.
    - Open Q&A

Thank You for Your Time and Participation

Together we continue working to build a strong and vibrant community.

Have a wonderful evening.