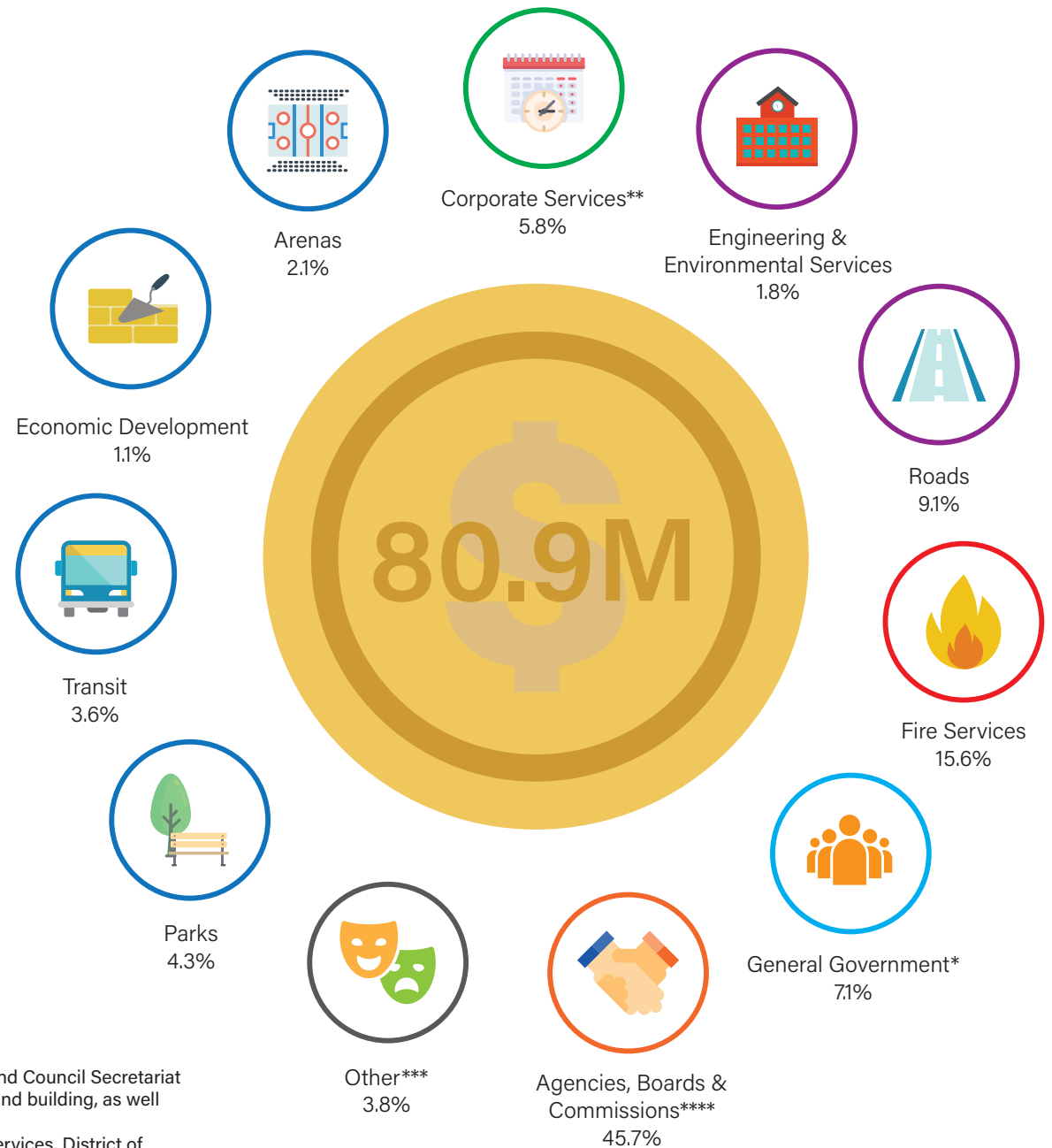


Ever wonder where your tax dollars go?

Every time you get a book from the library, drink clean water, or have your garbage and blue box picked up, you are using a City of North Bay service. City services touch every part of your life.

That's why the budget planning process is so important – it sets the annual priorities for the City, i.e. where your tax dollars will be spent to maintain or improve services.

So where do your tax dollars go? What are you paying for? To the right we've illustrated where and how your municipal tax dollars were allocated in 2016.



*Includes financial expenses, net general revenues, Office of CAO, Mayor & Council

**Includes Information Systems, Human Resources, Legal, Finance, Customer Service and Council Secretariat

***Includes other community services such as recreation, leisure and culture, planning and building, as well as storm sewers, fleet management, and works department administration

****Includes 10 different agencies, boards and commissions such as North Bay Police Services, District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board and Cassellholme



Understanding the City's Budget

What is the budget?

The City's budget is a financial plan that describes how much money the City will raise and spend within the year. It is the blueprint that aligns the City's priorities with the services we deliver to residents and guides decisions on what City infrastructure will be purchased, built and repaired.

Operating vs. Capital vs. Water and Wastewater Budget - what's the difference?

The City of North Bay has three annual expenditure budgets: the Operating budget, the Capital budget, and the Water/Wastewater budget.



OPERATING BUDGET

The City's operating budget covers day-to-day spending on services such as recreation, parks maintenance, landfill, city roads, garbage collection, transit, marina and fire services. Approximately 69% of the City's operating budget is funded through property taxes. The remainder comes from user fees, grants, internal transfers and other revenues.

CAPITAL BUDGET

The City's capital budget funds assets that support service delivery. It includes the cost of purchase, construction, repair and renewal of City assets such as roads, bridges, equipment, community centres, water and wastewater treatment plants, and other major infrastructure projects.



The capital budget is separated into two parts: General Capital Budget and Water and Wastewater Budget. Revenue sources include grants, debentures, capital levy in operating budget (i.e. property taxes or user fees) and reserve funds.

WATER AND WASTEWATER BUDGET

The water and wastewater budget ensures the City is able to provide sustainable water services, maintain current infrastructure, such as water pipes, and support the operation of the wastewater treatment plant and related infrastructure. The majority of the water and wastewater budget is funded through water and wastewater user fees.

