
Village of Halkirk Viability Review Update

Public Information Session
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Objectives



Why we are here



What is the process for the update and vote?



What are the next steps?



2022 Viability Review Report Recommendations

Why we are here

March 2022 - Completion of viability review report and vote of electors

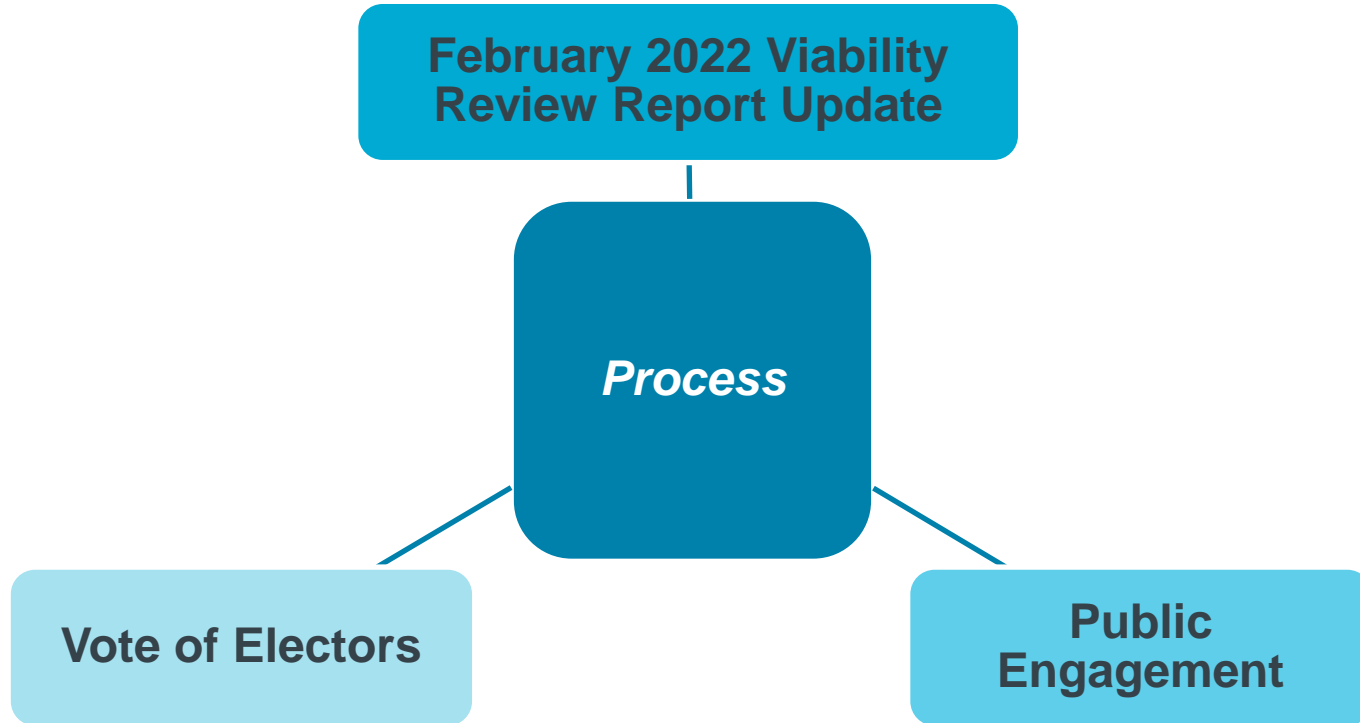
Result of vote: remain a village, and directives issued

New council and departure of CAO

Council request to the minister for an additional vote

June 18 - Minister approves viability review report update and vote

What is the process for the update and vote?



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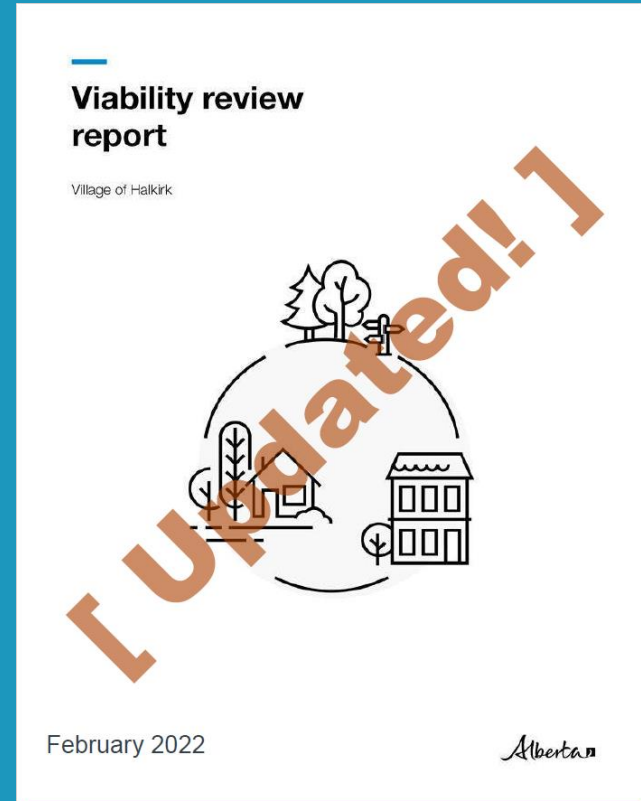
Review 2022 report

- Identify areas requiring updates

2022 report focused on five different areas:

- Sustainable Governance
- Administration & Operations
- Finances, Assessment, and Taxation
- Infrastructure
- Services

Updated report will also explore Halkirk's community spirit

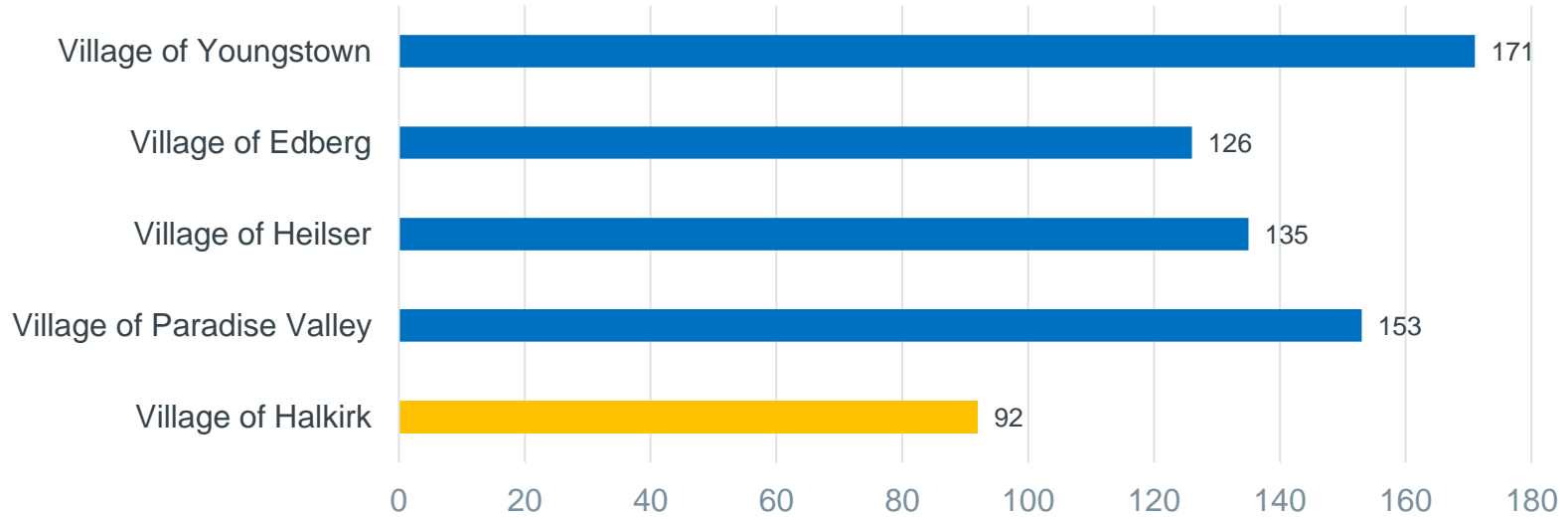


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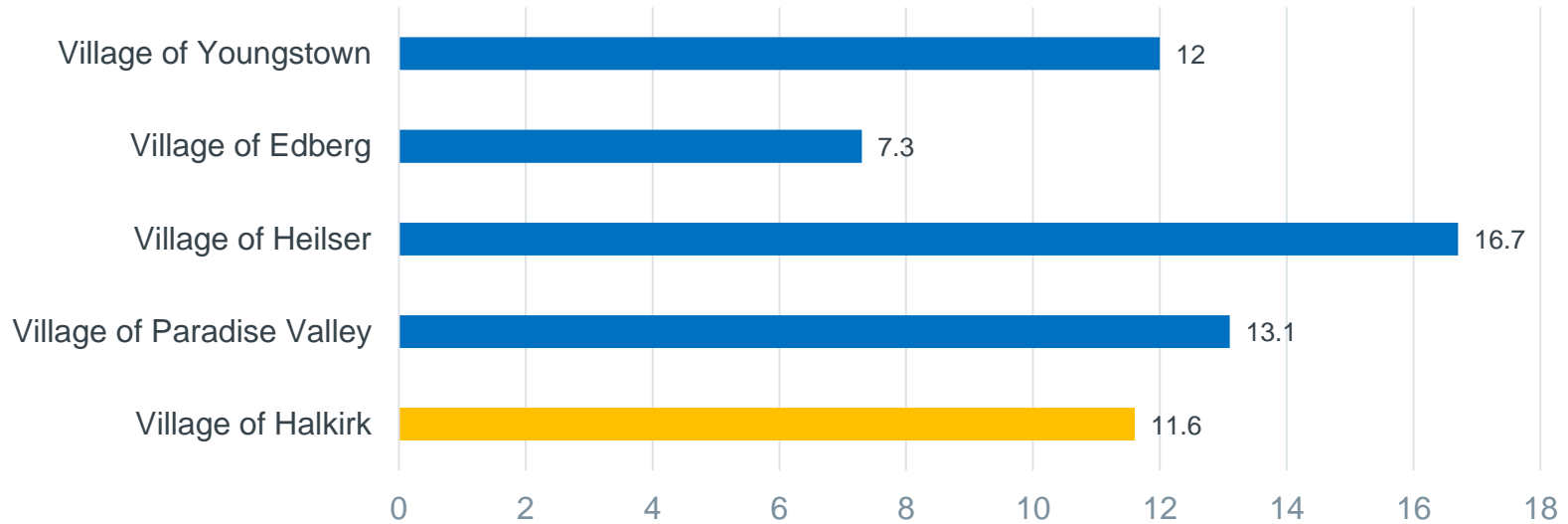
Comparing population with like municipalities

Population in Comparable Municipalities

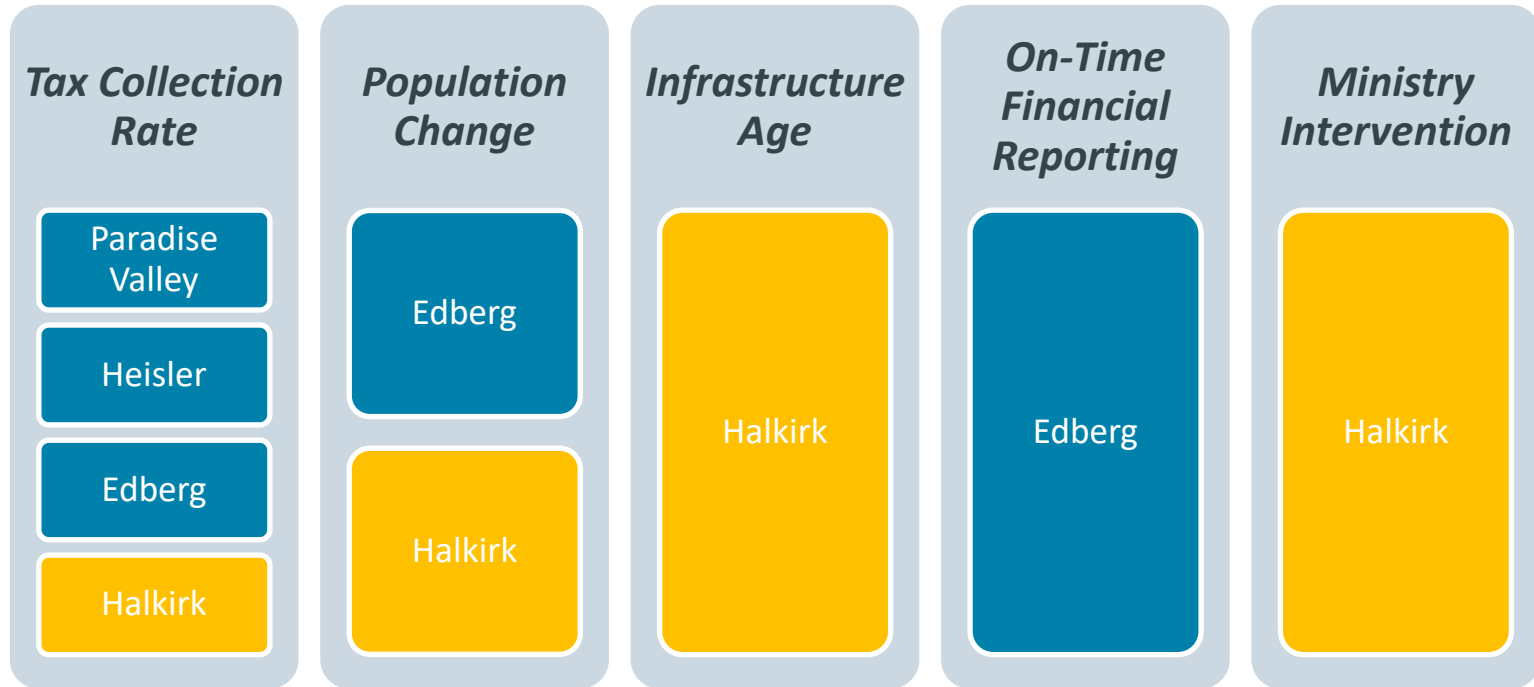


Comparing tax rates with like municipalities

Residential Tax Rates in Comparable Municipalities



Comparing indicators with like municipalities



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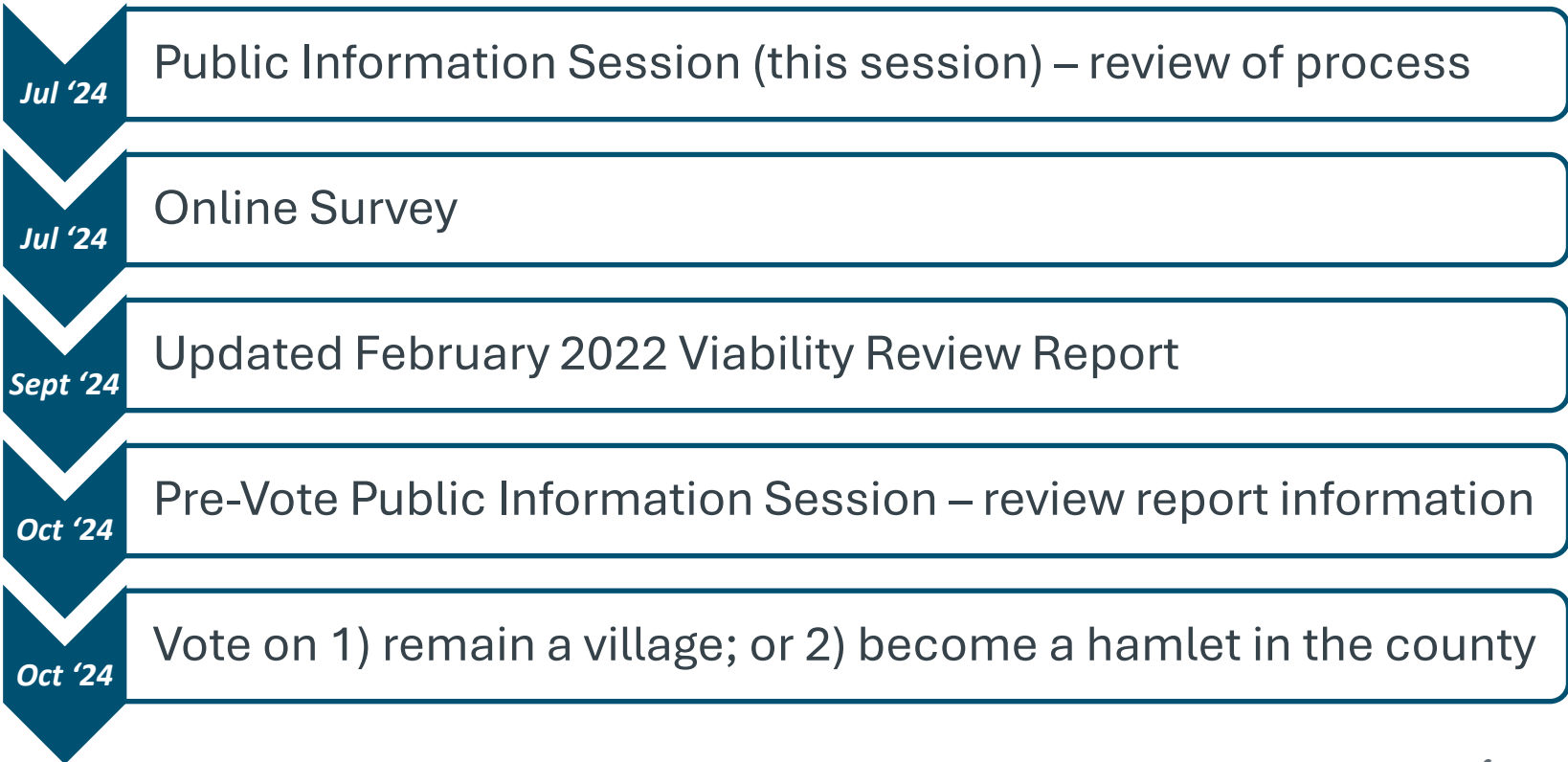
Finances

- Audited financial statements - 2021 to 2023
- Financial information will show current situation
- Report's financial update will reflect this data

Infrastructure

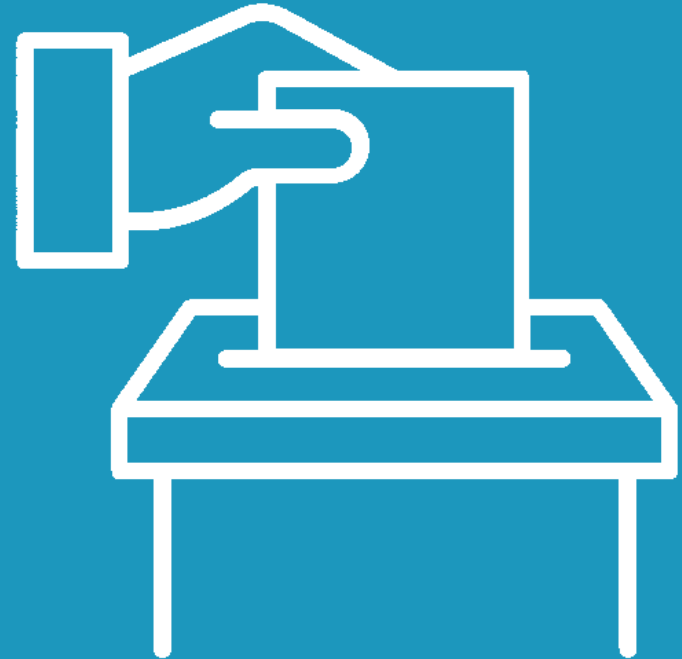
- Infrastructure audit - inventory of existing assets
- Includes 10-year capital plan
- Priority of essential and non-essential infrastructure

Public Engagement

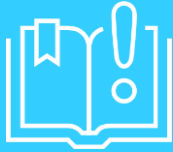


Vote of Electors

- *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)*
 - Same as previous vote
- Vote is held by Municipal Affairs
- Special ballot option
- Bill 20 – minimal effects anticipated
- Vote over 2 days
- Results posted on completion



Next steps



**Collect information from
the village and county**

**Review responses from
the community survey**



**Develop an updated
viability review report**

Online Survey

Open until July 19

Access by:

- https://your.alberta.ca/viability-reviews-2024/survey_tools/village-of-halkirk
- Government of Alberta “Viability reviews for municipalities” website



10 Minute Break

10 mins 9 mins 8 mins 7 mins 6 mins

5 mins 4 mins 3 mins 2 mins 1 min



2022 Viability Review Report Recommendations

- High-level description of the five areas in the report
- Review the report recommendations
- Brief discussion if needed



Sustainable Governance

*Council defines the
policies and direction
that municipal
administration puts
into action*



Administration & Operations

Municipal administration implements the policy and directions of council



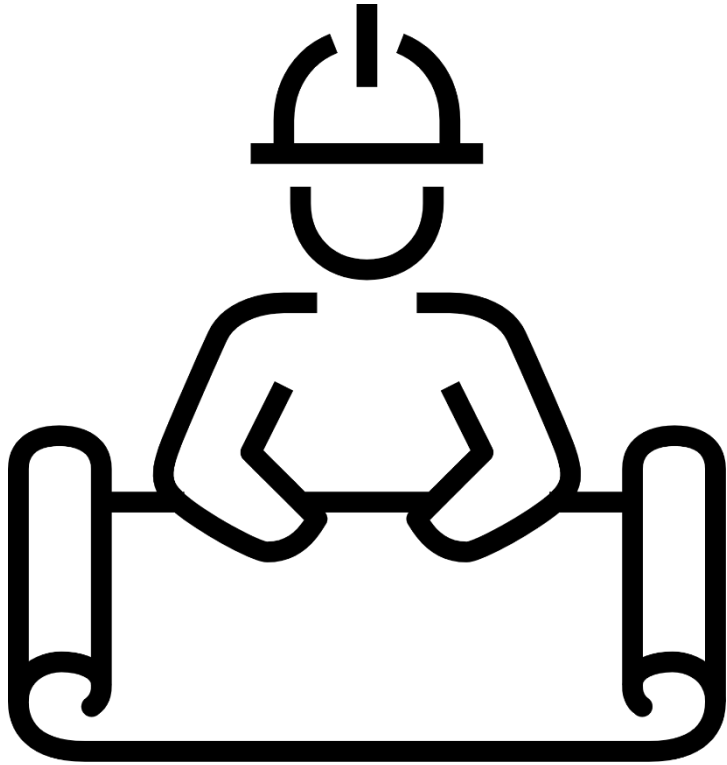
Finances, Assessment, and Taxation

- *Audited financial statements*
- *Financial plans and budgets*
- *Revenues and expenditures*
- *Borrowing and debt limits*



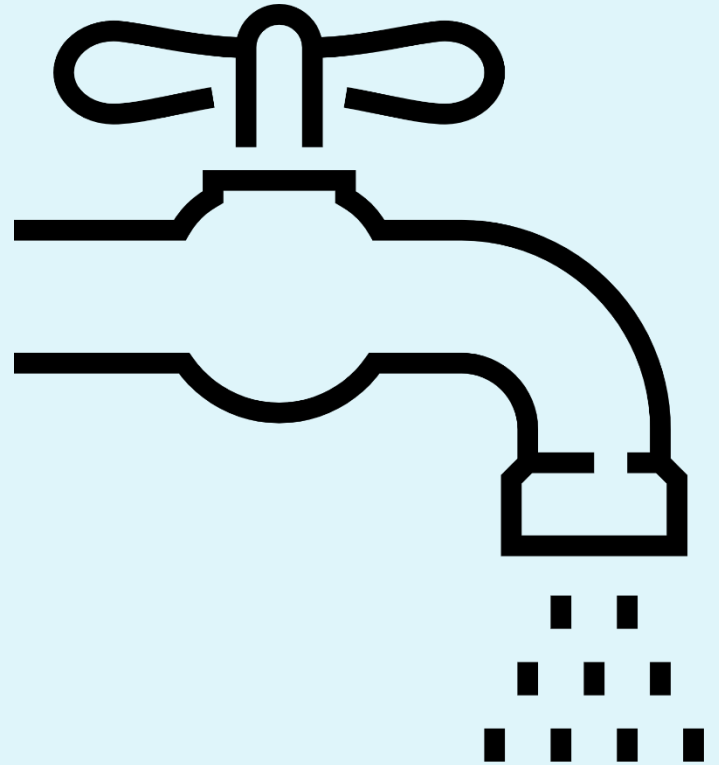
Infrastructure

A municipality's ability to provide infrastructure for core services expected by residents.



Services

Municipalities determine what services, such as water, sewer, or paved roads, to provide to residents.



Thank you for participating!

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