



GENERAL MEETING

Ohiari:ha/June 29th, 2023

Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center/Zoom Video Conference

6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - A. Council Attendance
 - B. Moment of silence
2. **COUNCIL AGENDA ACCEPTANCE**
3. **RULES OF ORDER**
4. **FOLLOW UP** | Onerahtohko:wa/May 25th, 2023 General Meeting Action Items
5. **PRESENTATION** | Mohawk Council of Akwesasne 2021-2022 Audit
6. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**
7. **RESOLUTION**
 - A. General Meeting Minutes dated Onerahtokha/May 25th, 2023
 - B. Acceptance of Petition Results
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Summer General Meetings
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

General Meeting Cancellation Protocol:

MCR 2015/2016 - #260 In the unfortunate circumstance where a community member passes in one of the three districts, the meeting will occur as regularly scheduled in the other two districts where the member did not reside. A moment of silence will also be taken in their memory.



General Meeting Rules of Order

Prologue:

General Meetings are to occur the last Thursday of each month and will occur in each district on a rotating basis in Kawehno:ke, Kana:takon, and Tsi Snaihne.

The exception to this is with the General Meeting Cancellation Protocol: MCR 2015/2016 - #260 *In the unfortunate circumstance where a community member passes in one of the three districts, the meeting will occur as regularly scheduled in the other two districts where the member did not reside. A moment of silence will also be taken in their memory.*

The General Meetings are an opportunity for Community Members to hear information from Council and assist Council with issues that affect the community.

The following General Meeting Rules were originally developed at a community General Meeting in July of 2006. The principles for 'General Meeting Rules' is based on respect for each other, and all attendees are expected to behave respectfully and professionally at all times.

General Meeting Rules:

1. Meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. and proceed to a maximum of 8:00 p.m. at which point the community will be asked if they choose to continue past 8:00 p.m.
2. Personal issues will not be dealt with in a public forum/General Meetings. Personal items can be dealt with on an individual basis with Council Members (or by appointment through the Mohawk Government Office).
3. If you have questions or comments during the meeting – raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will keep note of the order that community members indicate to be acknowledged.
4. Please keep the questions and comments relevant to the point of order within the agenda and be considerate of the time used.
5. A list will be made of issues you wish to address to Council and if the answer cannot be provided at the current meeting, the issue will be taken back to Council table for further discussion and follow-up.

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***Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
2021-2022 Akwesasne Community Presentation
June 29, 2023***



Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **Welch LLP – who we are and what we do?**
- **What is the purpose of an Audit?**
- **Council and Administration's role?**
- **Our role as auditors?**
- **Results**
- **Financial Results**
- **Questions?**

About Welch LLP

- **Around since 1918**
- **14th largest firm in Canada**
 - **12 offices, 300+ staff overall**
- **We provide audit, advisory and tax services**
- **BKR International**
 - **135 firms/60 countries/300 cities**
- **The MCA's audit is handled from our Cornwall office**

Purpose of an Audit

- Independent and objective of MCA
- Independently review management's estimates
- To assess whether the financial information is fairly stated according to Canadian Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB)
- Obtain a strong understanding of MCA's controls
- Allows users to have a level of confidence in the information provided

Council's Role

Overall oversight

- Political role for the benefit of the community
- Oversight and planning - direction of MCA
- Ensuring that Administration is operating efficiently with the resources they require
- Making all information and staff available to us to perform the audit
- Safeguarding assets



Administration's Role

That the information is properly presented

- Transactions and records are properly kept
- Financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP” in accordance with PSAB)
- Ensuring that MCA is following all applicable accounting rules and agreement terms
- Safeguarding assets



Our Role

To perform an audit according to generally accepted auditing standards (“GAAS”)

- We must be independent and objective
- Report any significant changes that should be made
- Report any internal control weaknesses
- Issue our opinion based on testing
- Assist the Finance Committee to discharge their oversight responsibilities



Our reputation speaks through our clients' satisfaction

Results

- Unqualified Opinion on main audit of MCA
- Unqualified Opinion on Multiple smaller audits re: monies / programs administered by MCA
- Approximately 110-130 reports are issued annually

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Ken Fraser, CPA, CA,
Partners

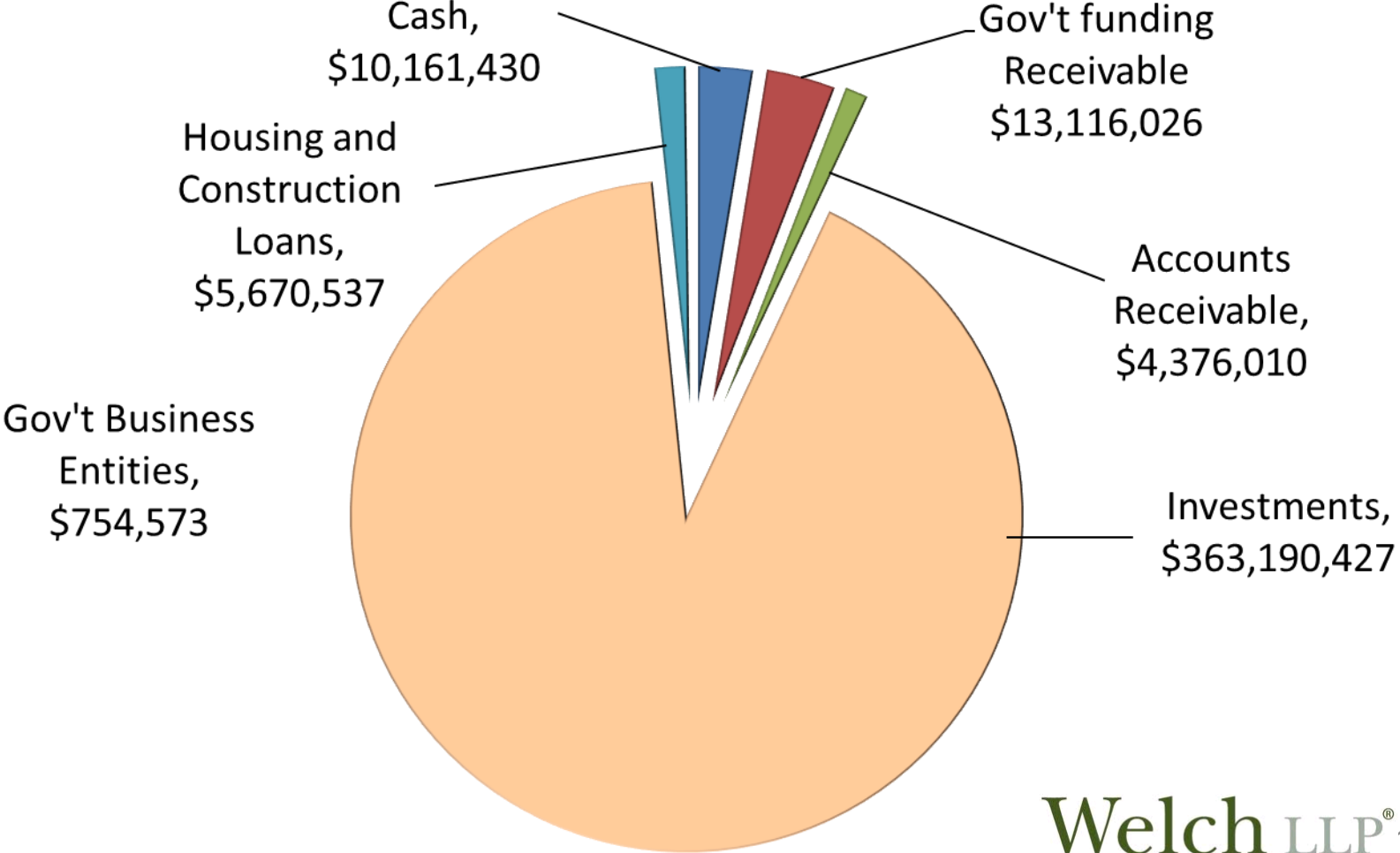
Financial Results

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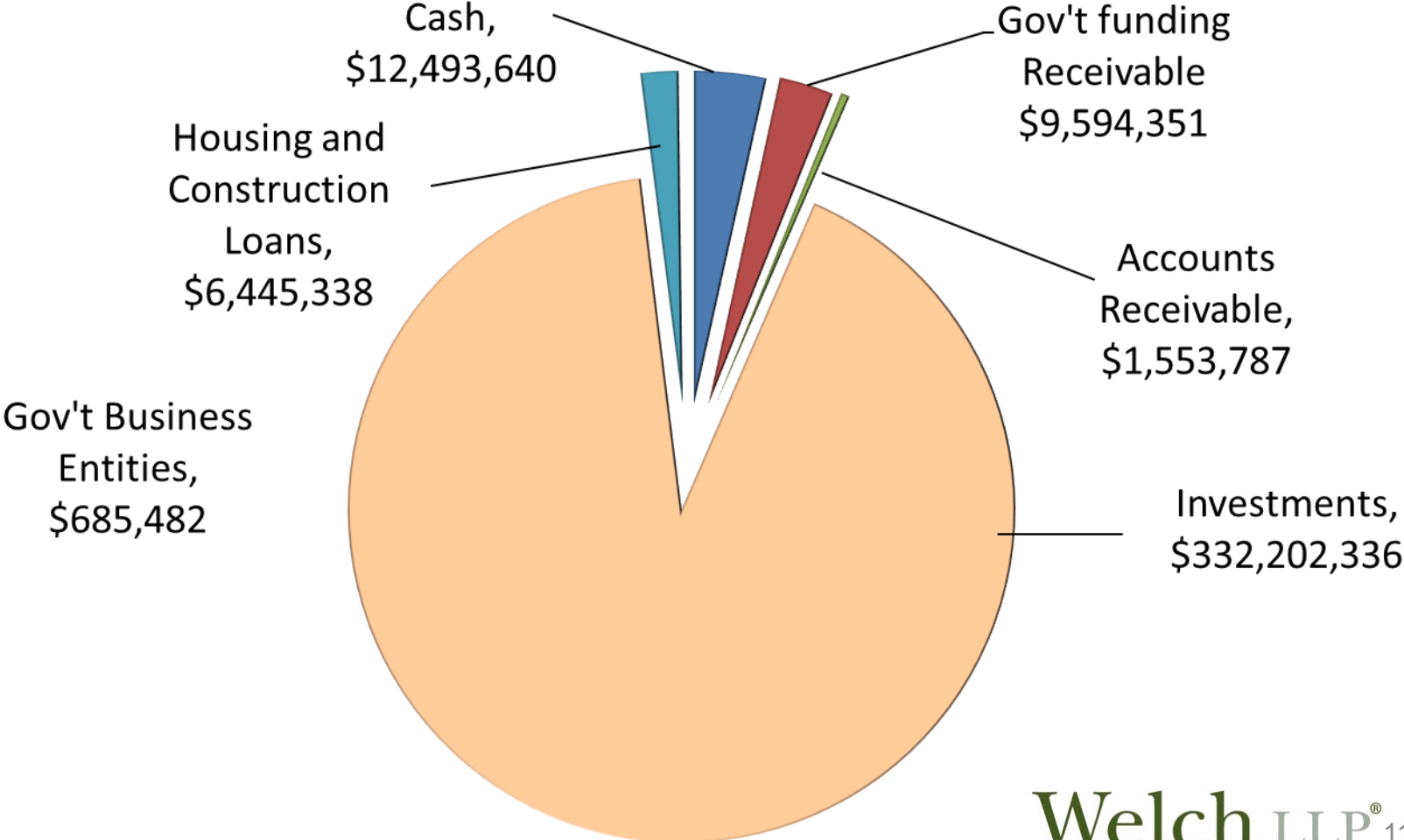
Financial Assets - \$397,269,003

March 31, 2022



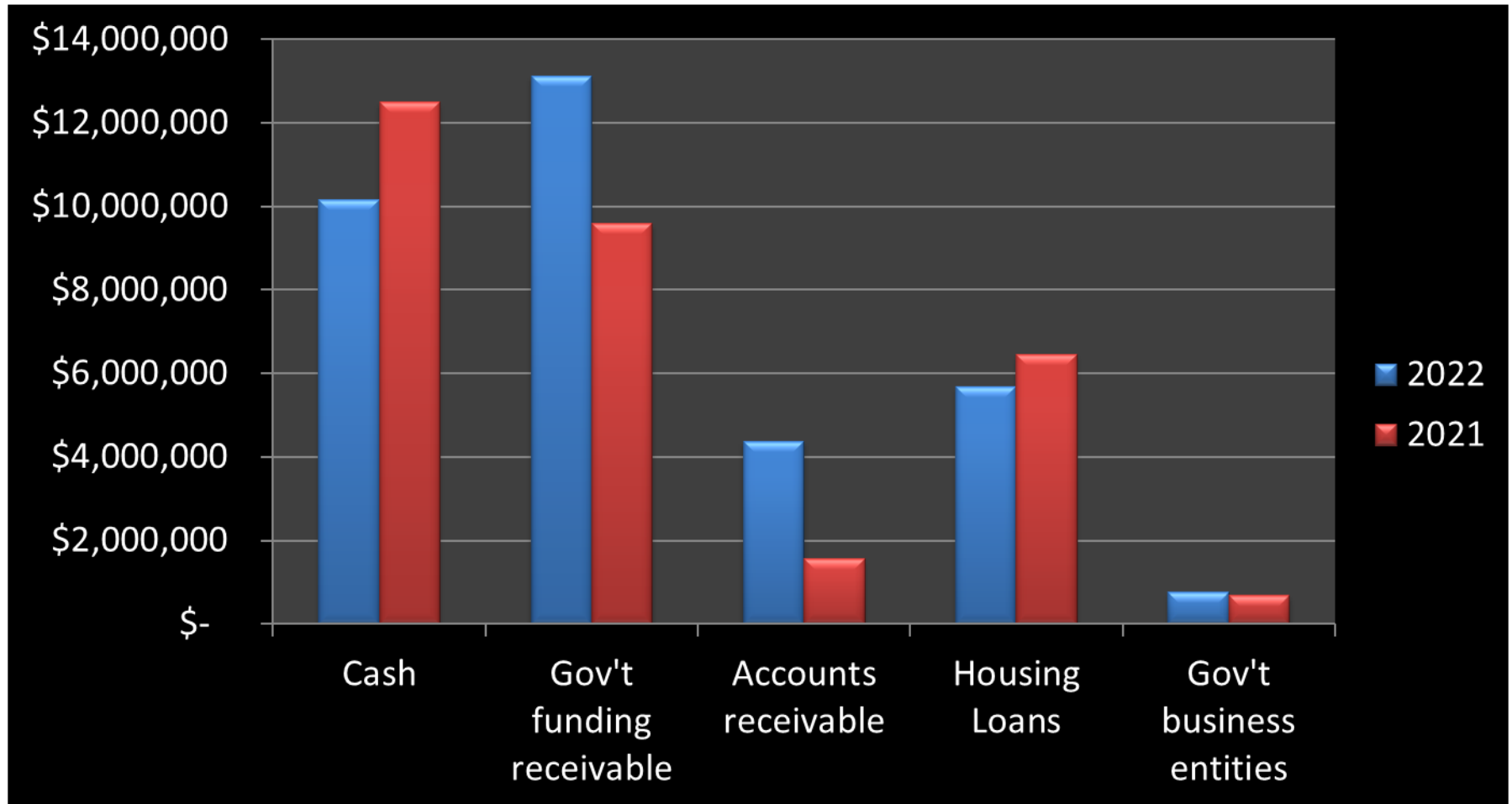
Financial Assets - \$362,974,934

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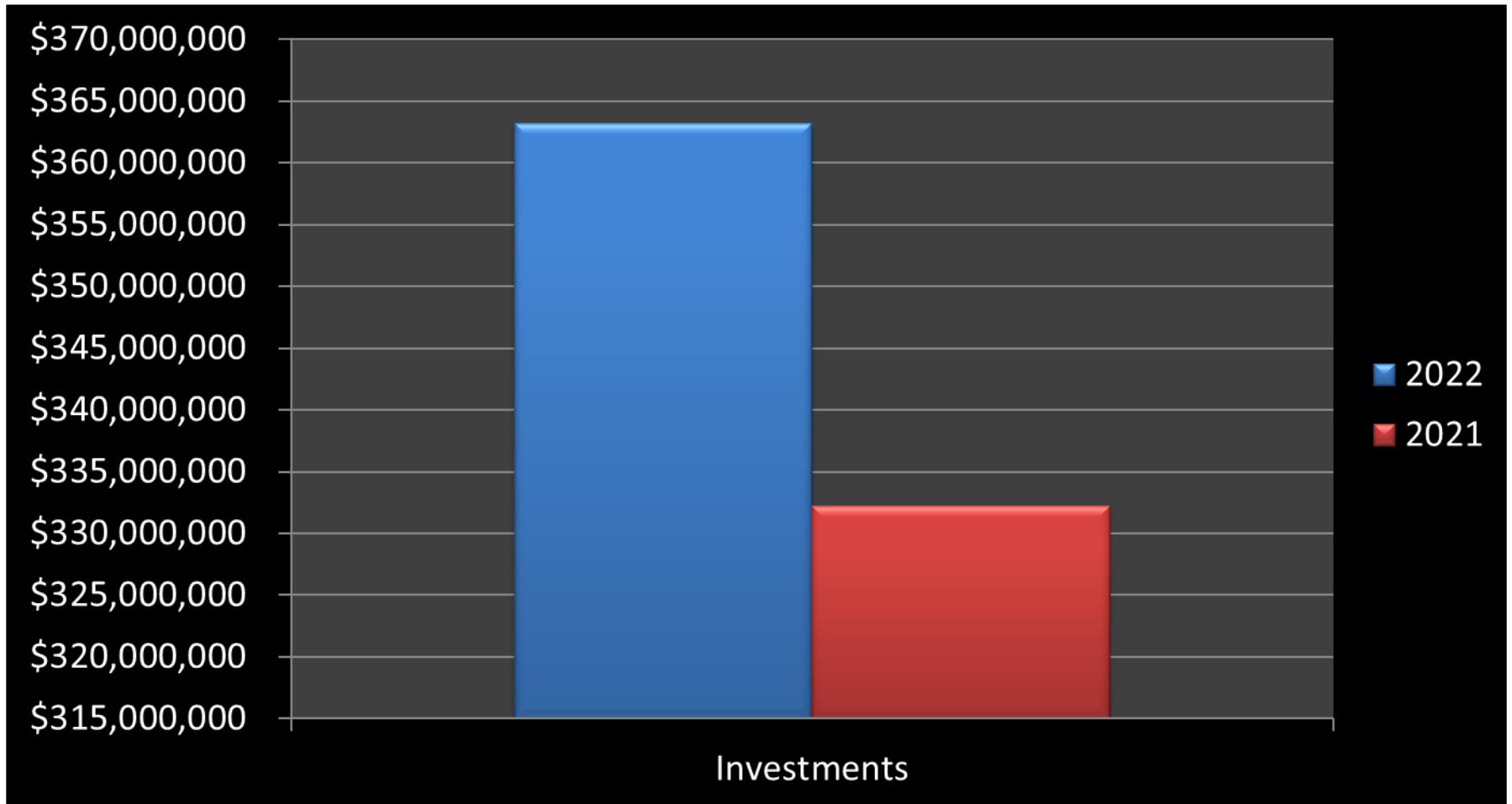


Financial Assets – Annual Comparative

*(Excluding Investments)

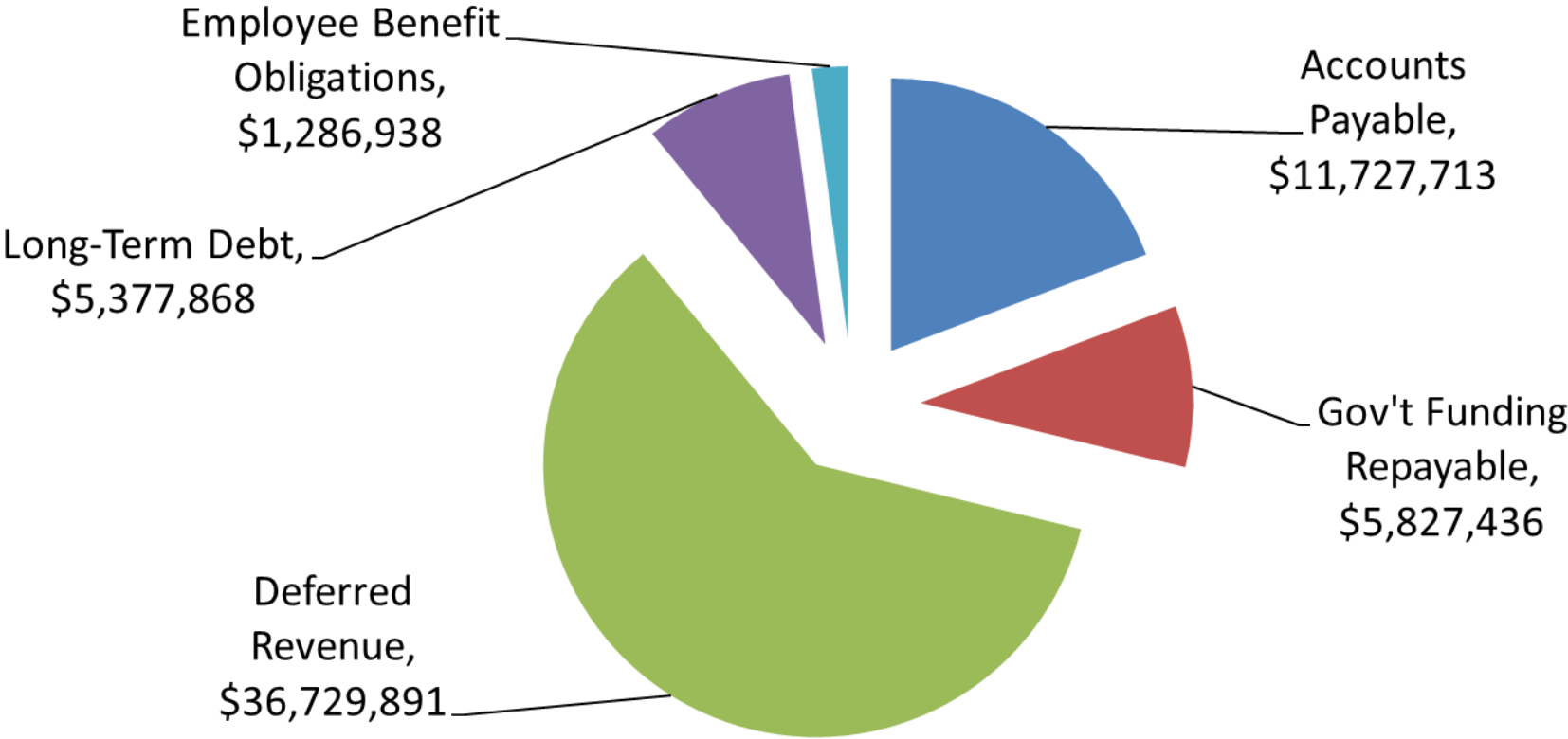


Financial Assets – Annual Comparative Investments



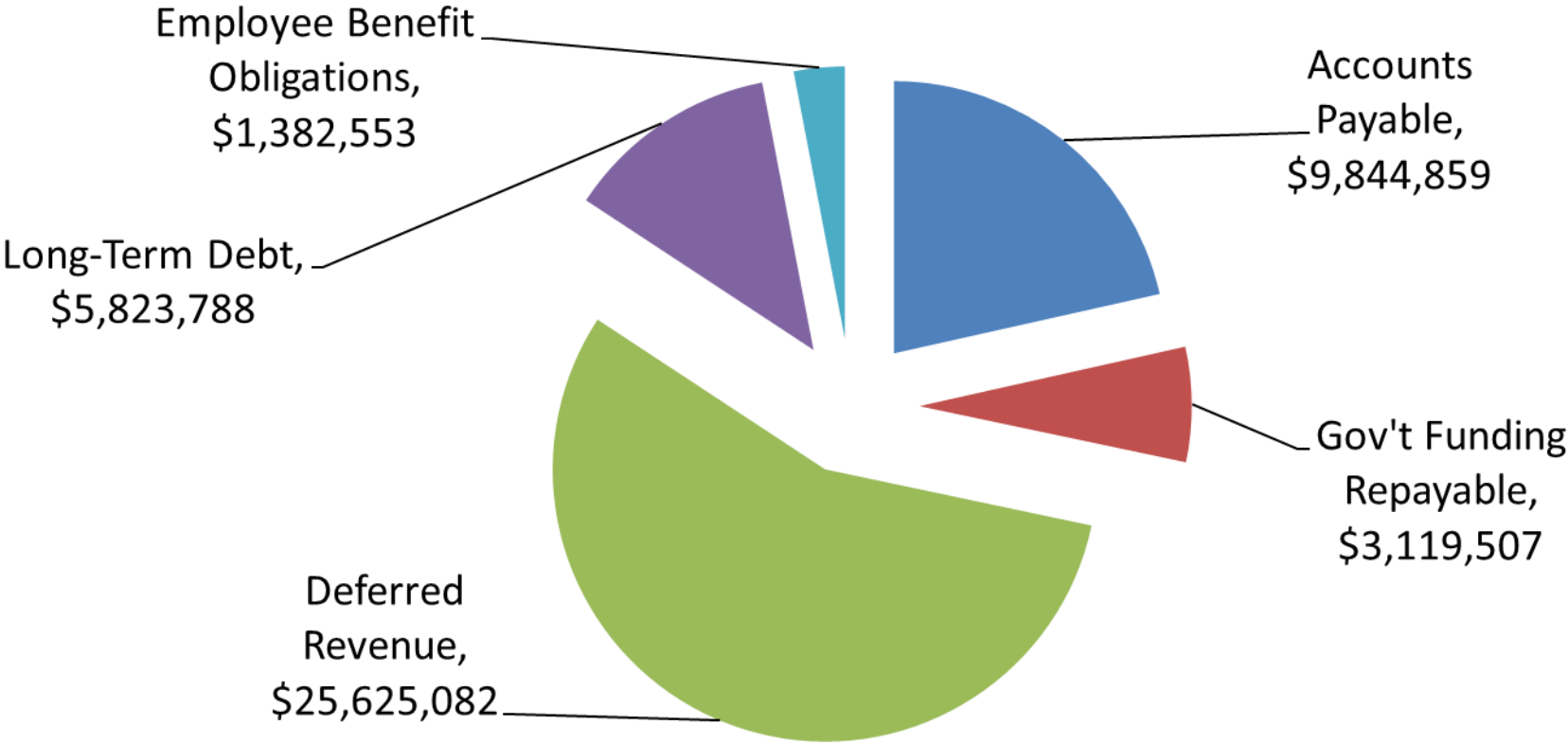
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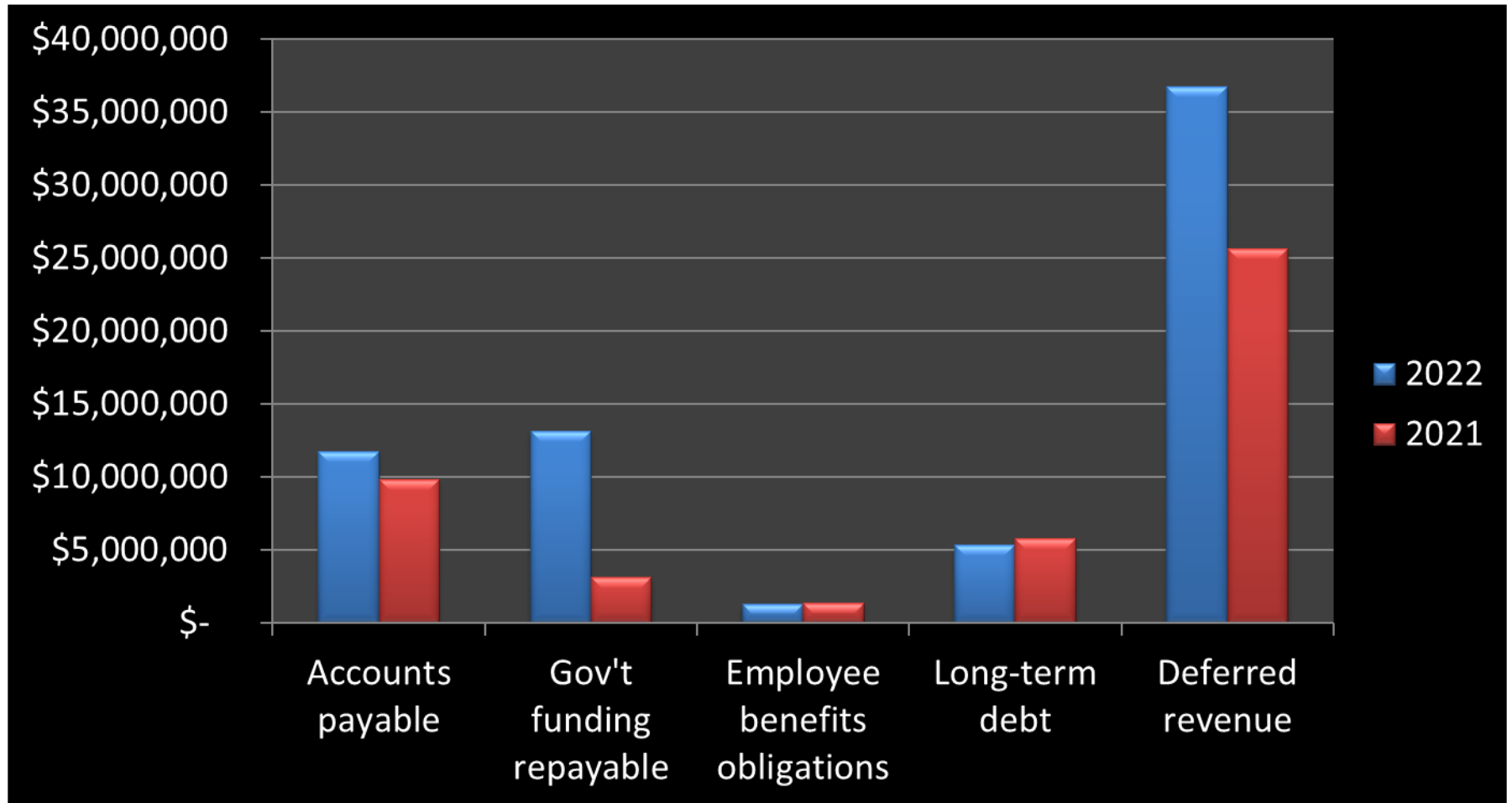


Financial Liabilities - \$45,795,789

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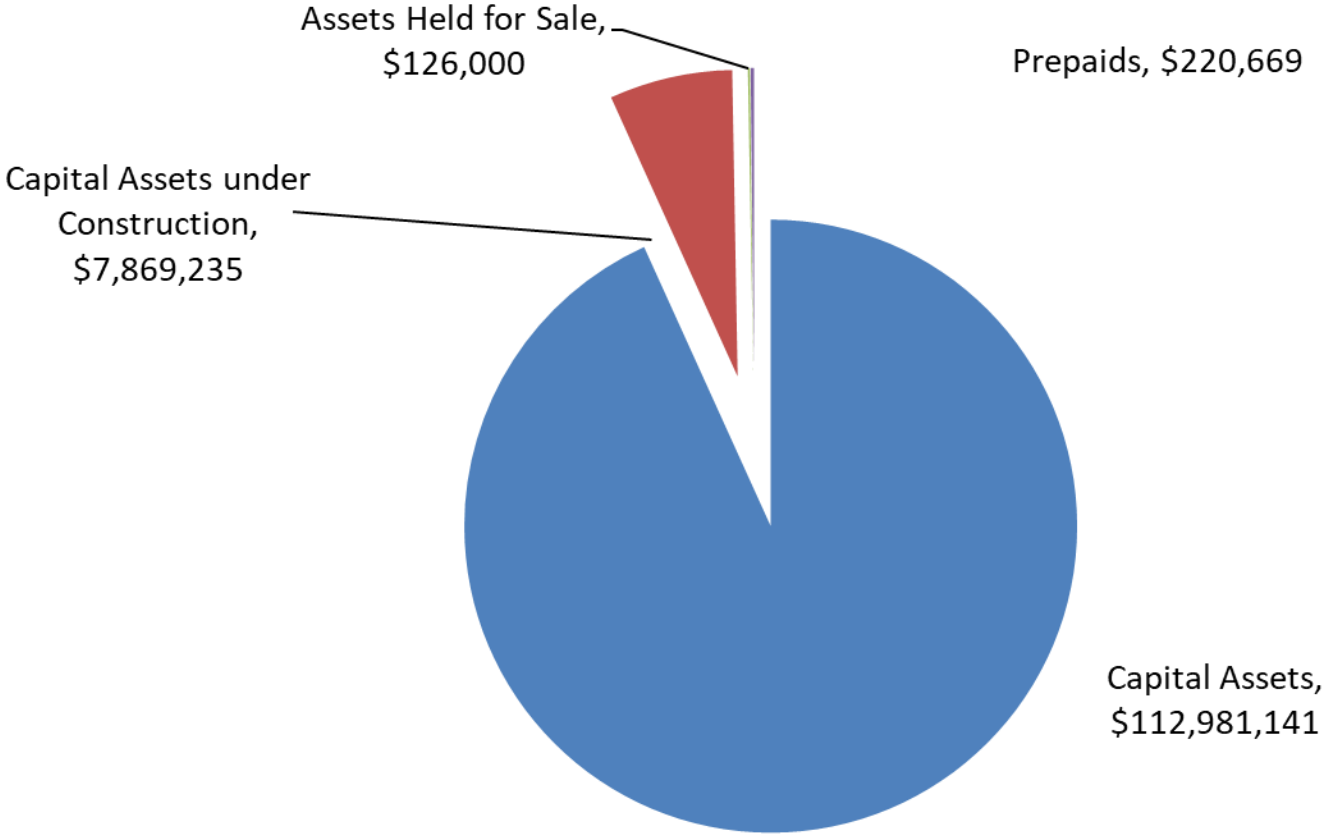


Financial Liabilities – Annual Comparative



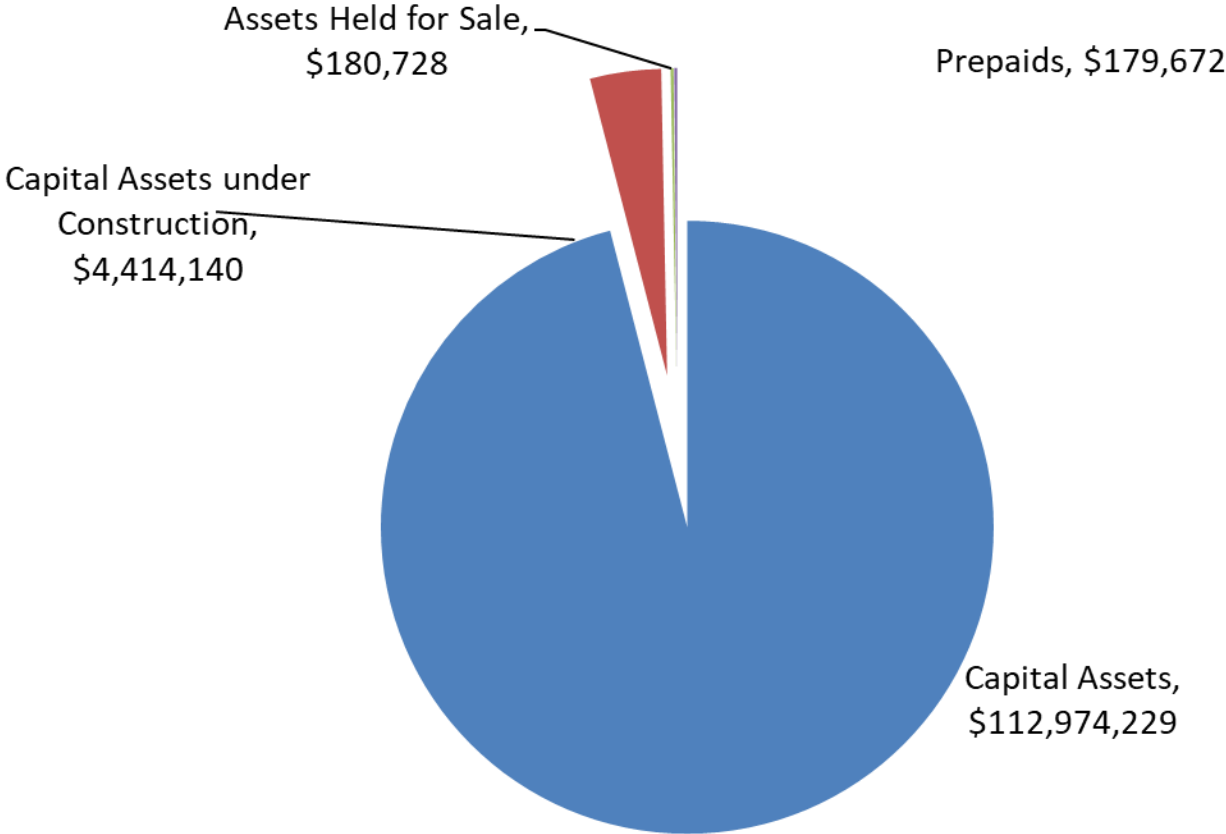
Non-Financial Assets - \$121,197,135

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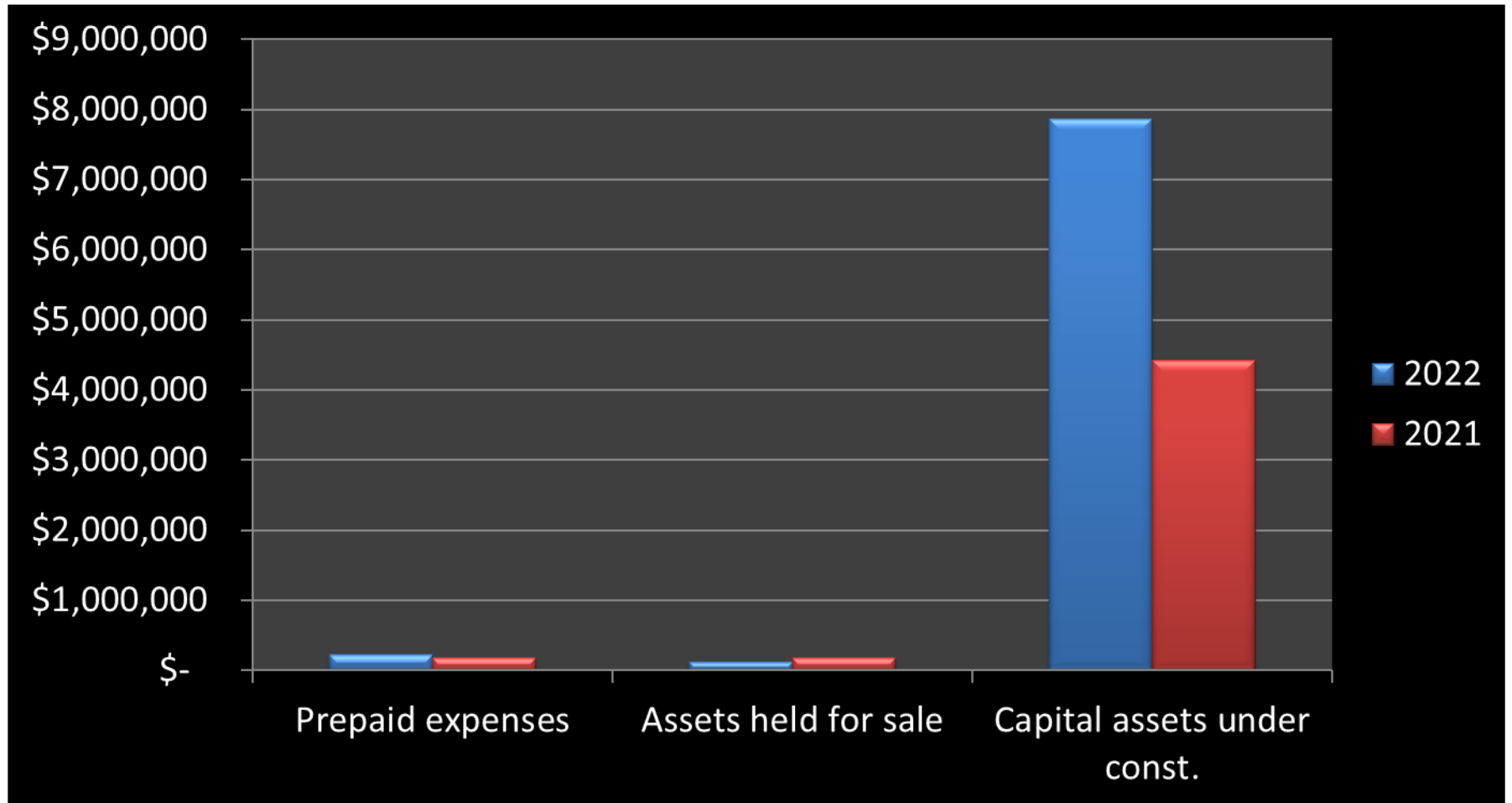
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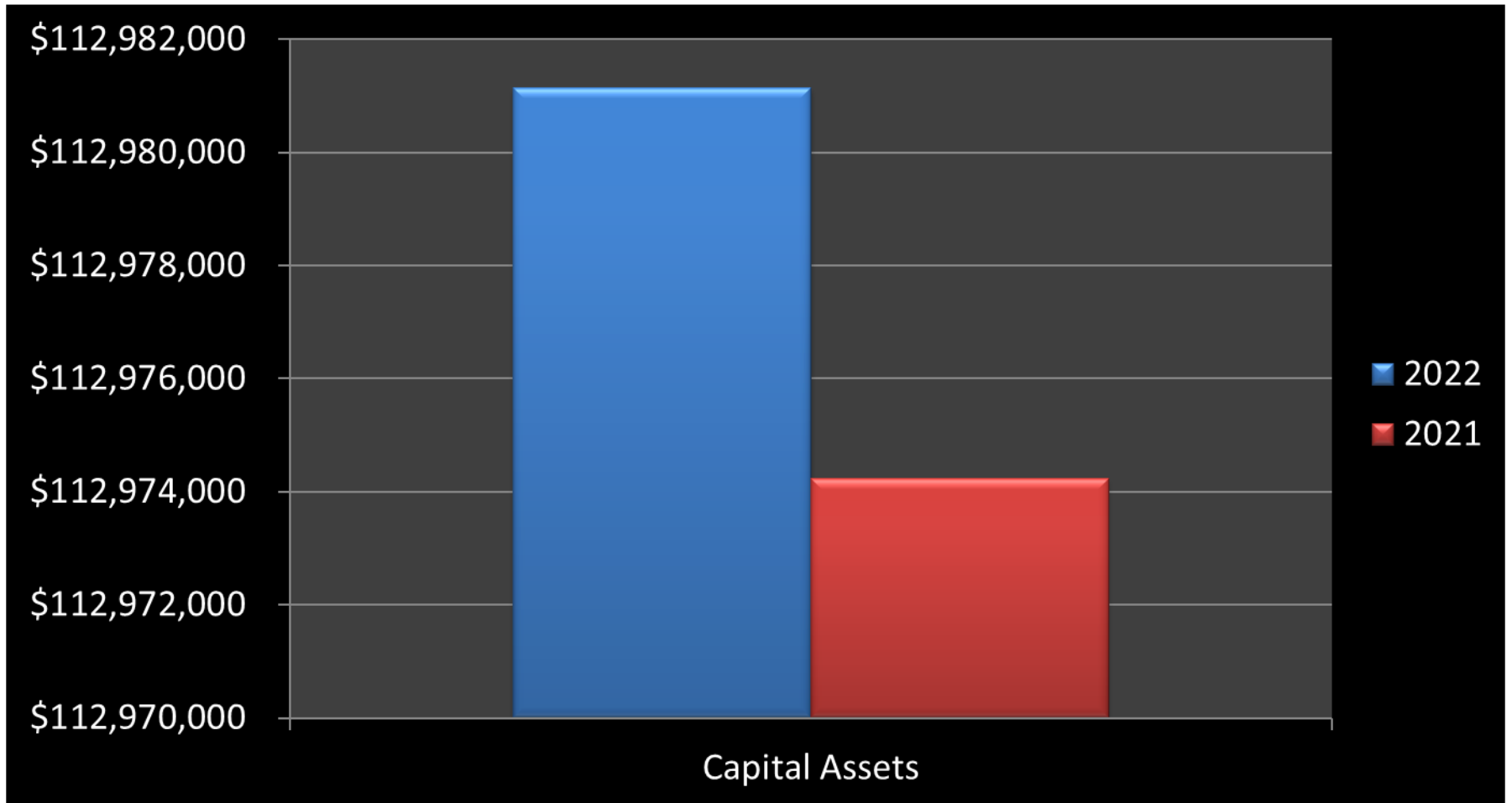
Non-Financial Assets – Annual Comparative

*Excluding Capital Assets



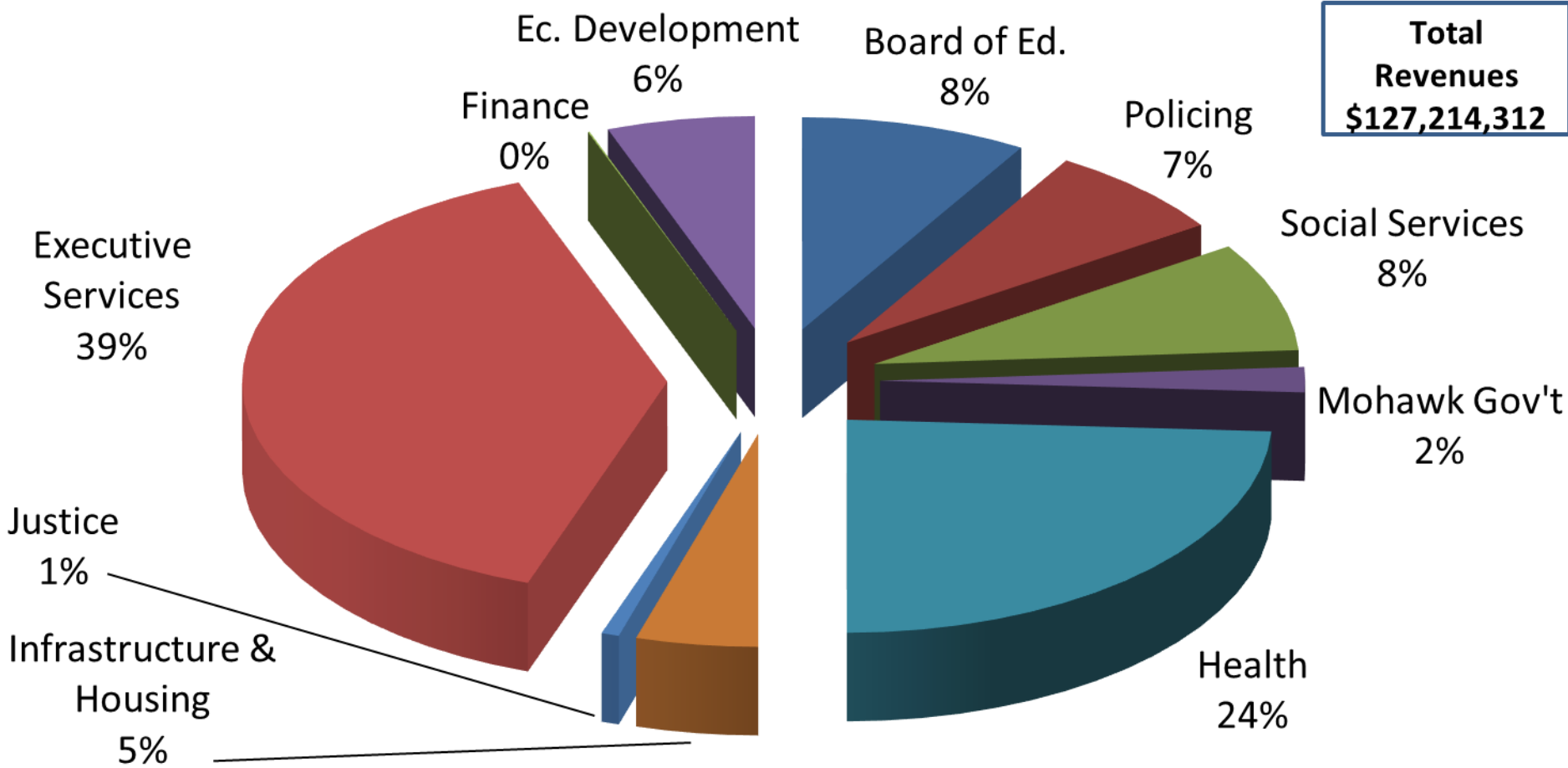
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Capital Assets



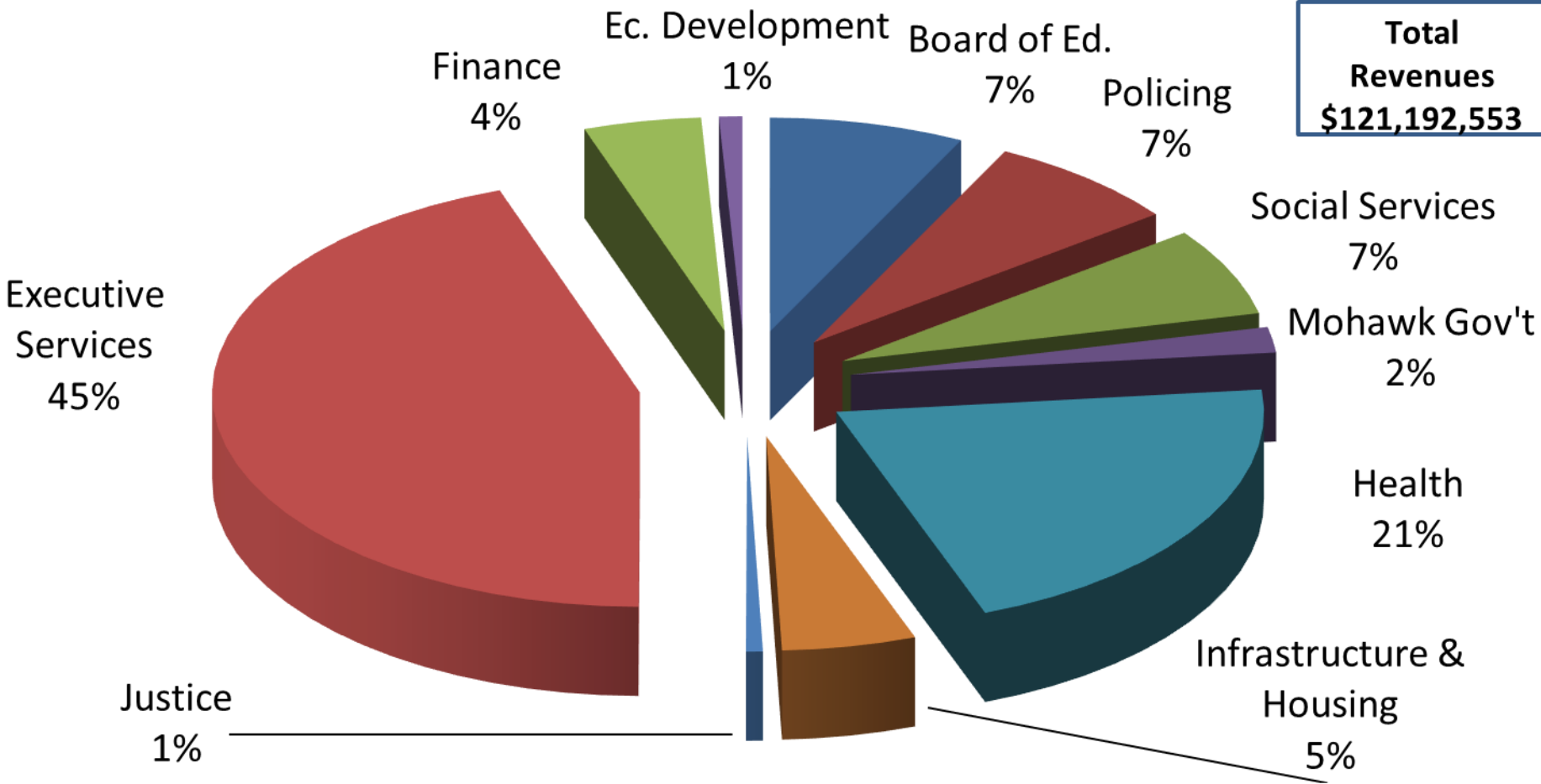
MCA – Revenues by Division

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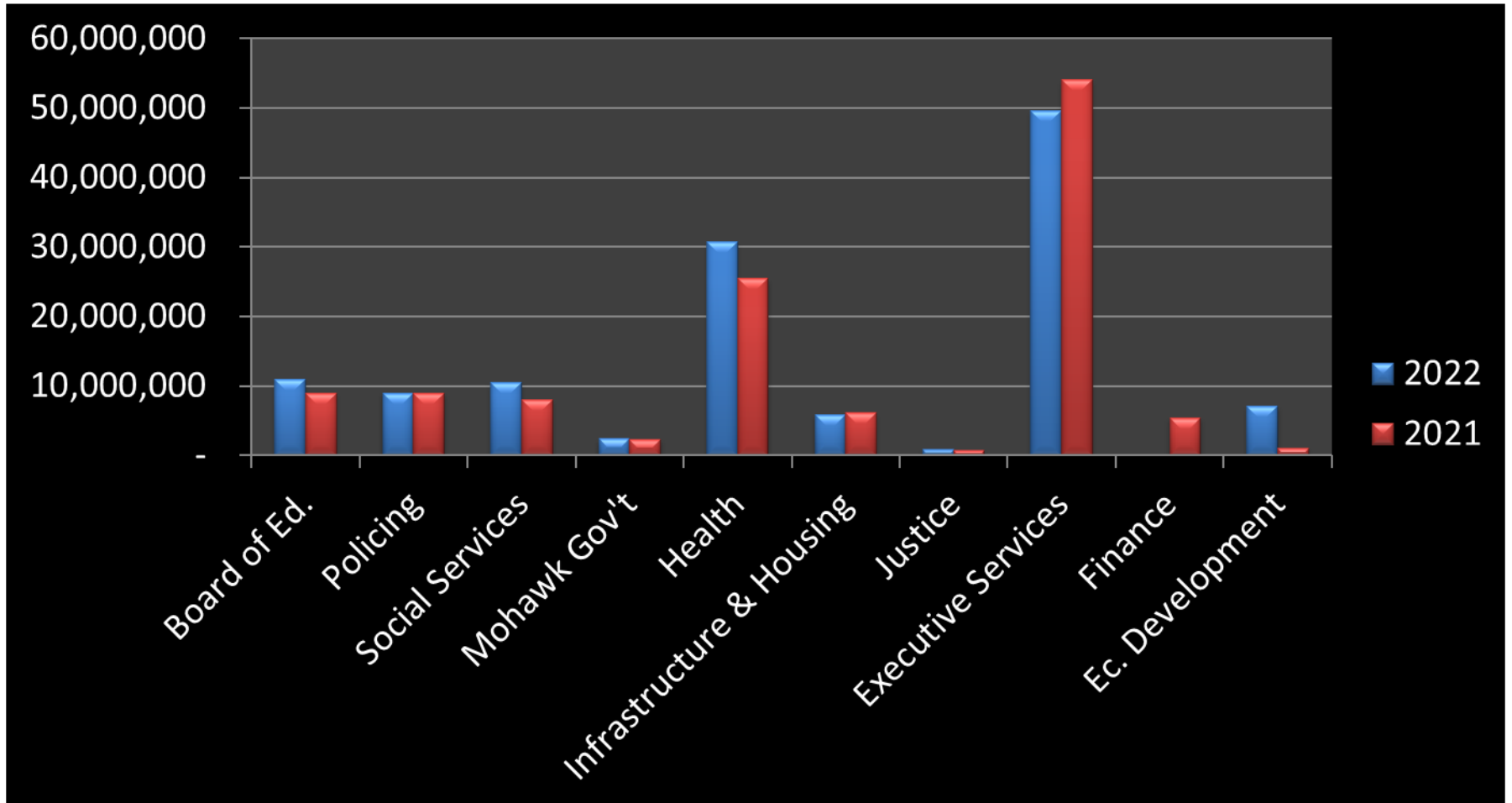
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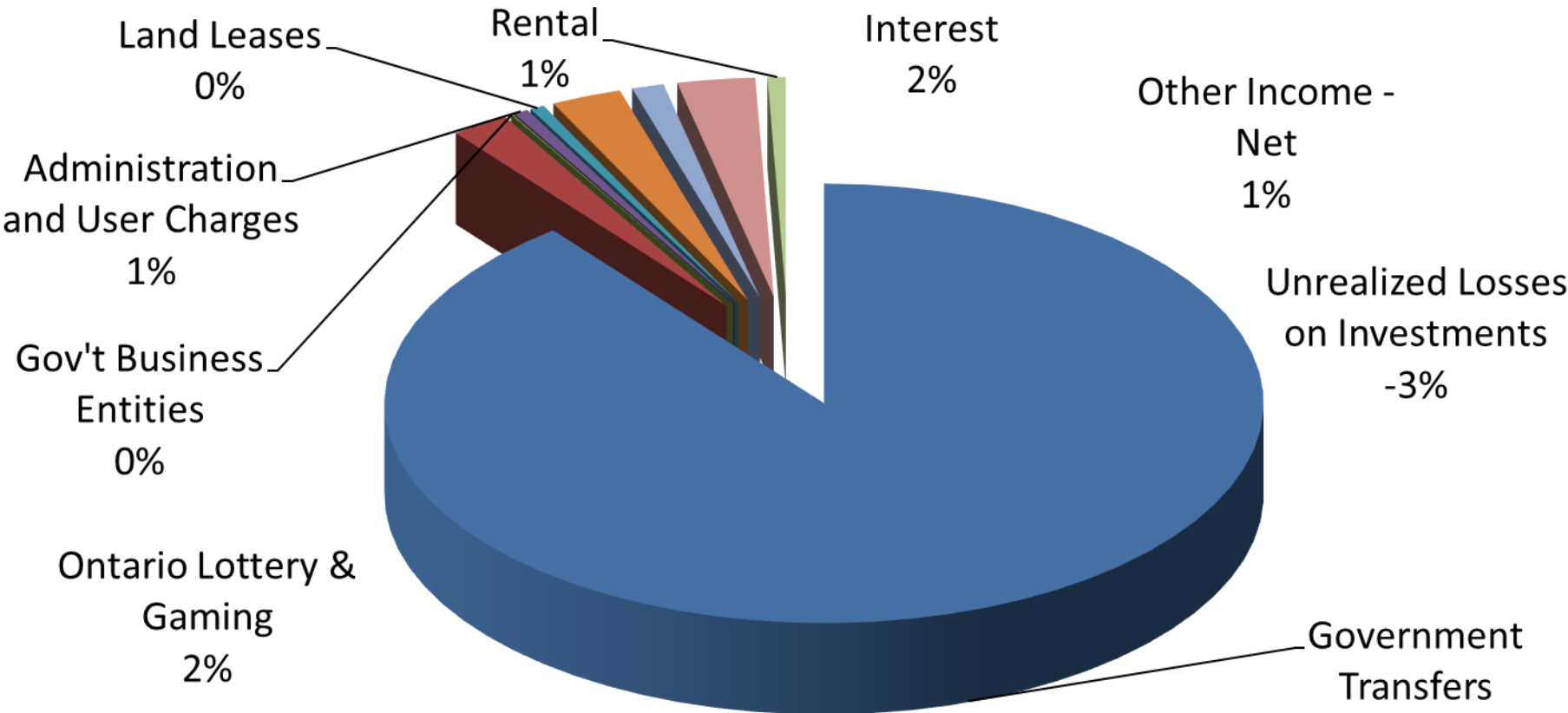
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Annual Comparative



MCA – Revenue by Source of Funding

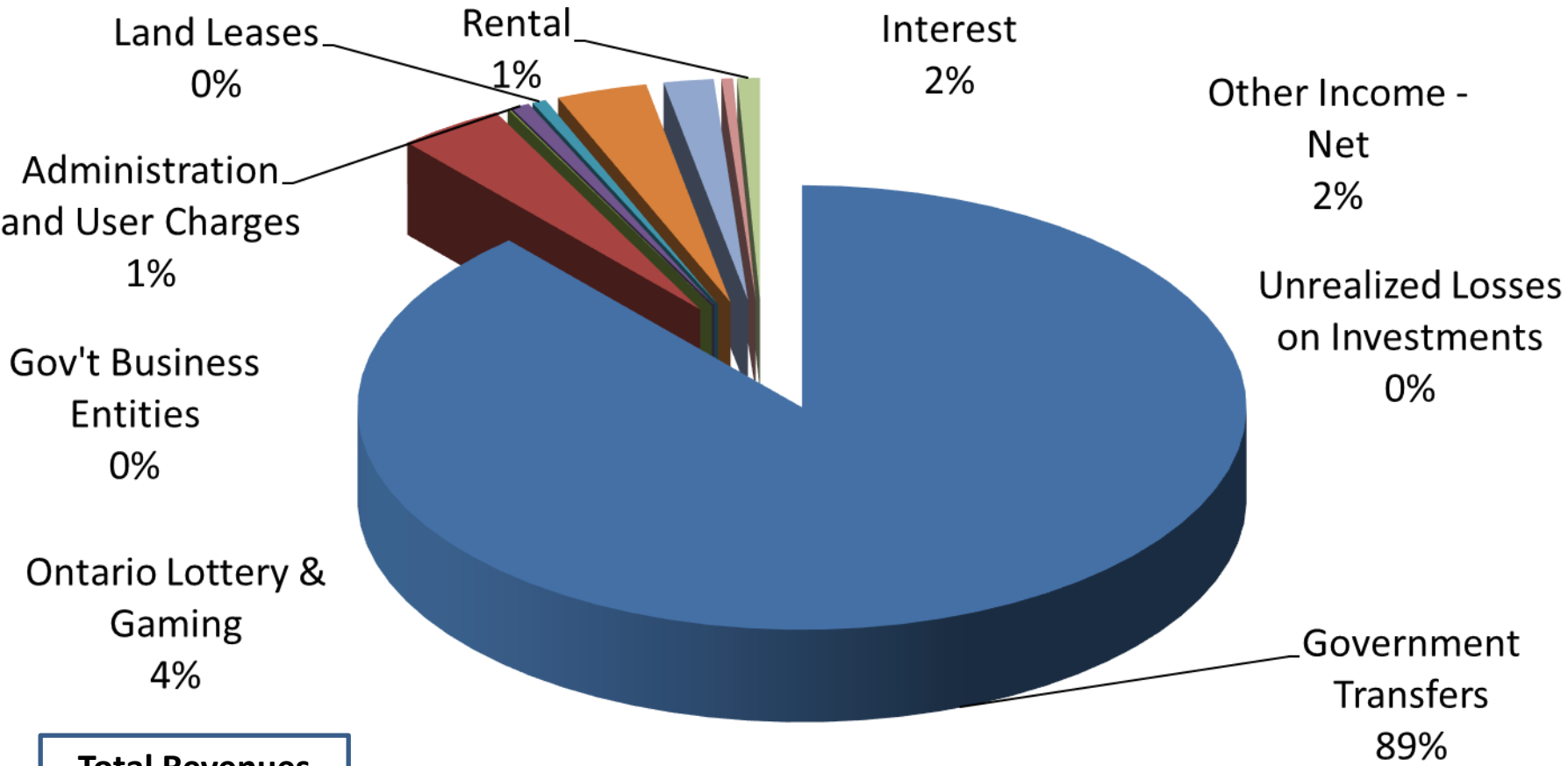
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Total Revenues
\$127,214,312

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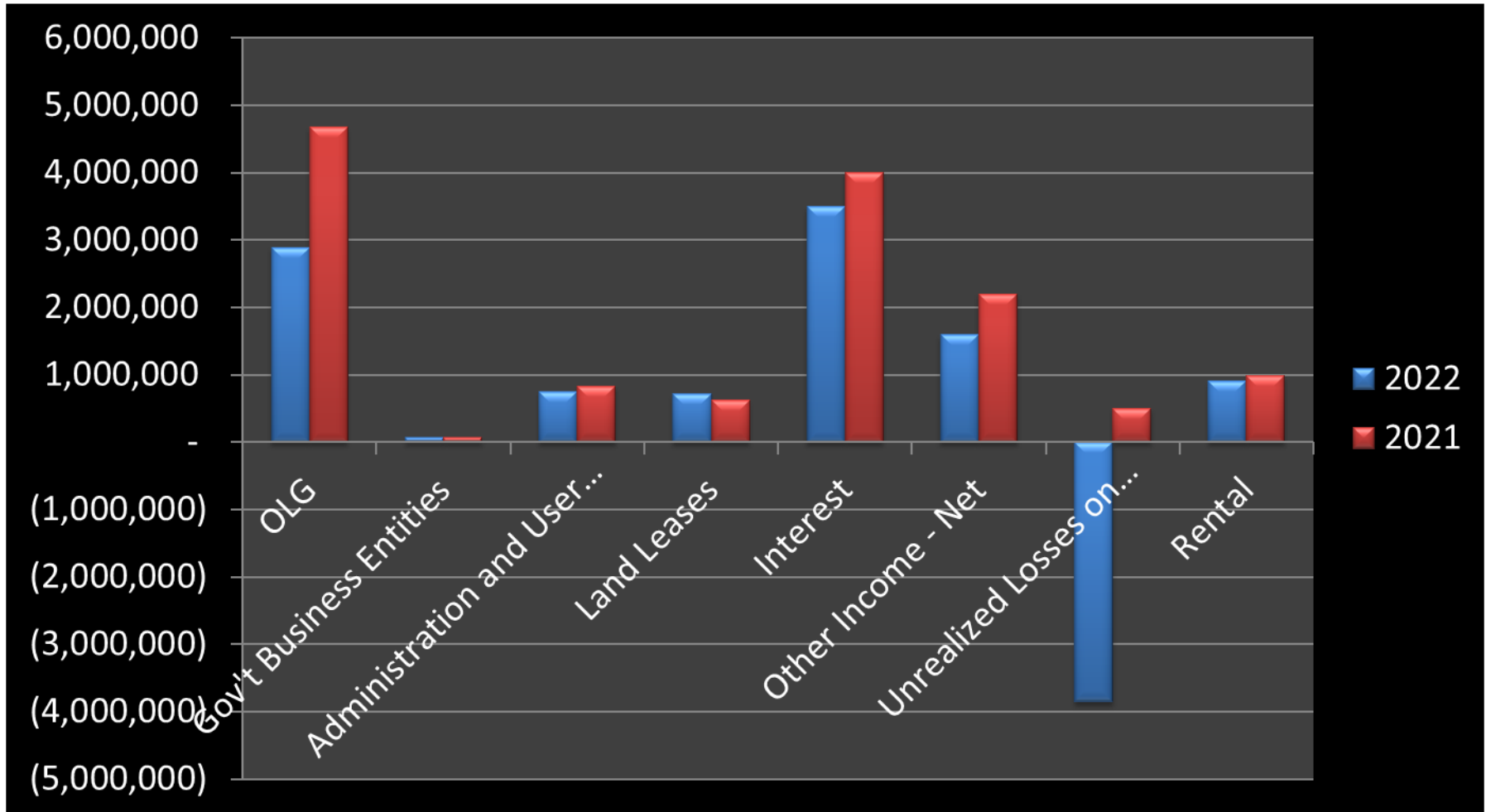
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Total Revenues
\$121,192,553

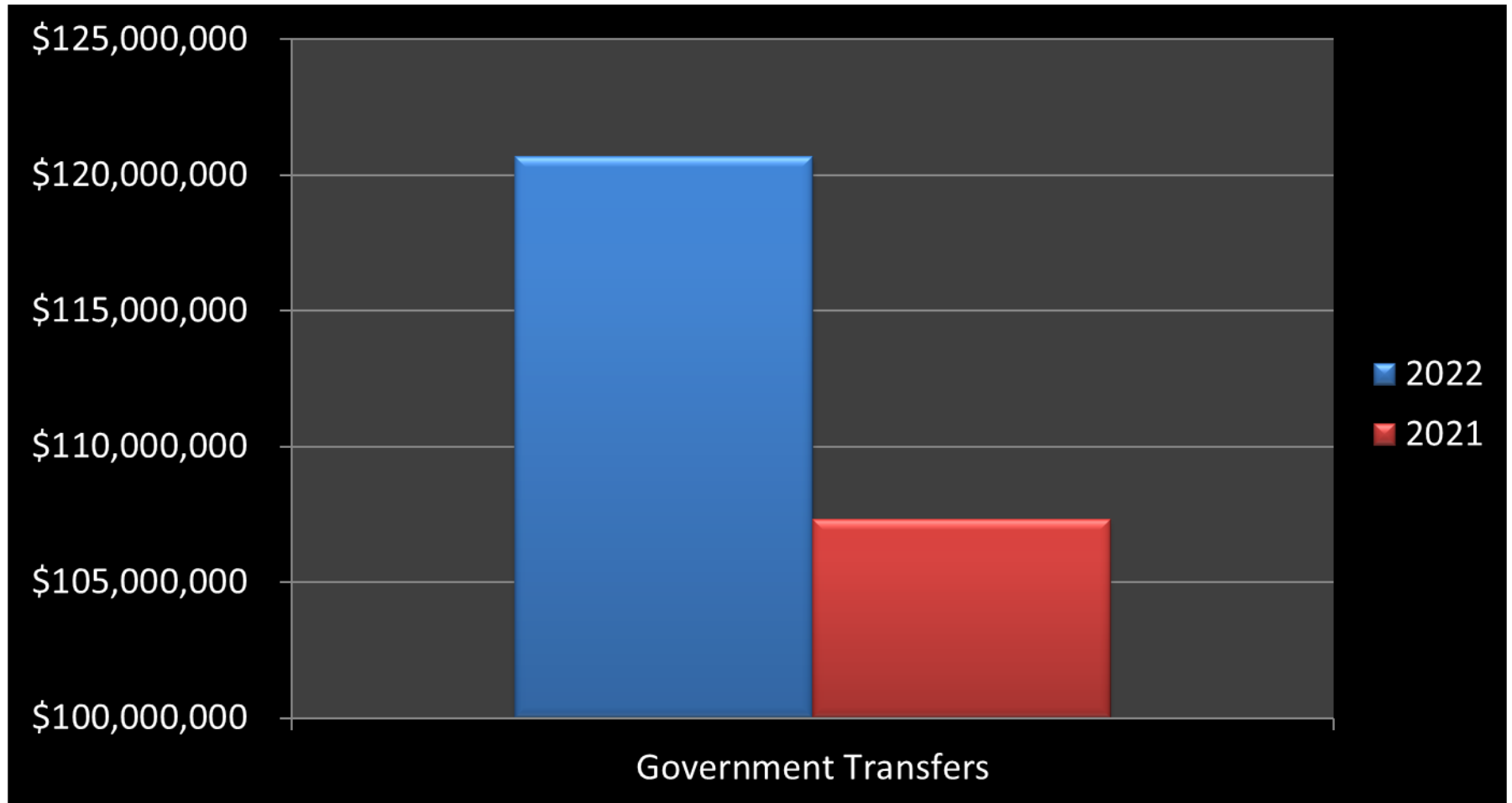
MCA – Revenue by Source of Funding

Annual Comparative (*Excluding Government Transfers)

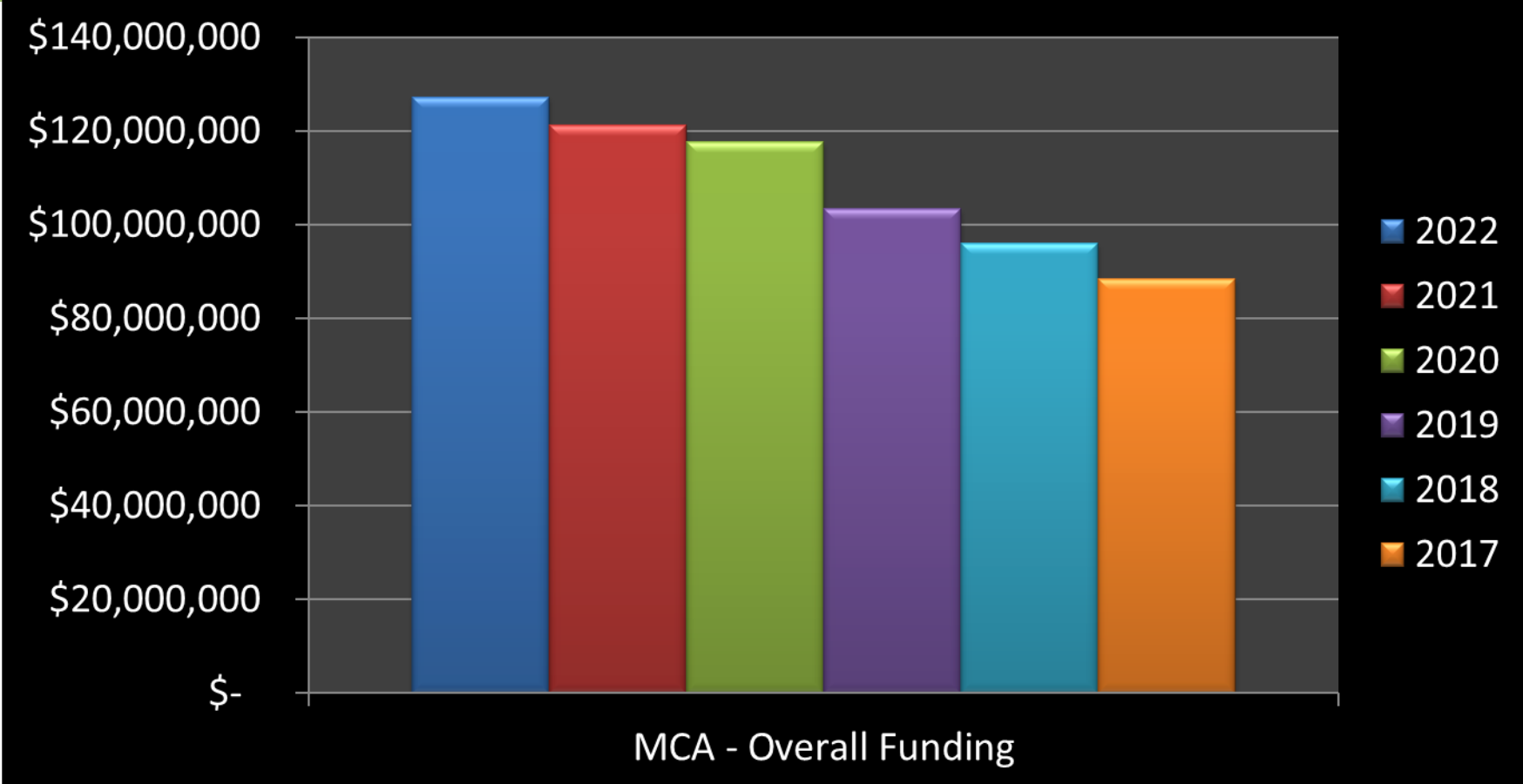


MCA – Revenue by Source of Funding

Annual Comparative – Government Transfers

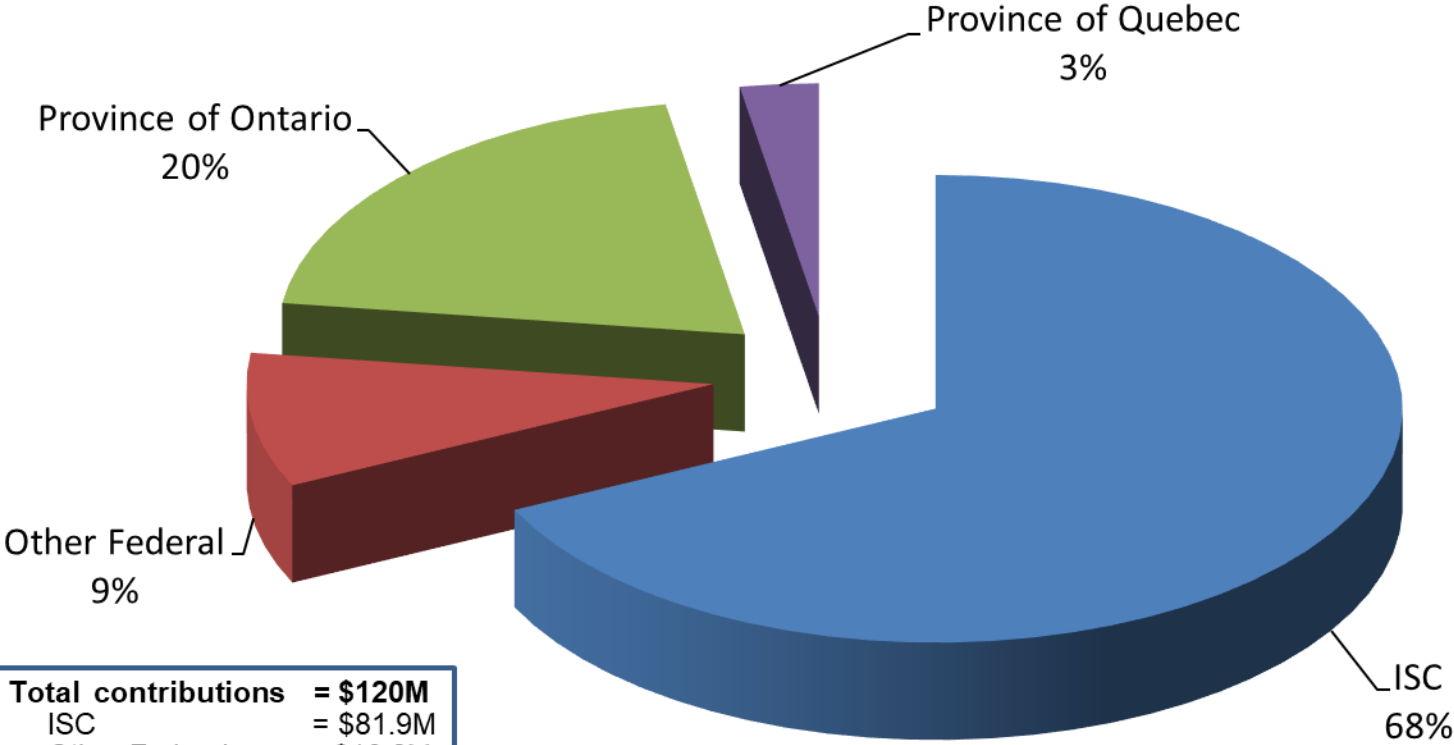


MCA – Revenue Trends - Overall



MCA – Gov't Contributions by Source

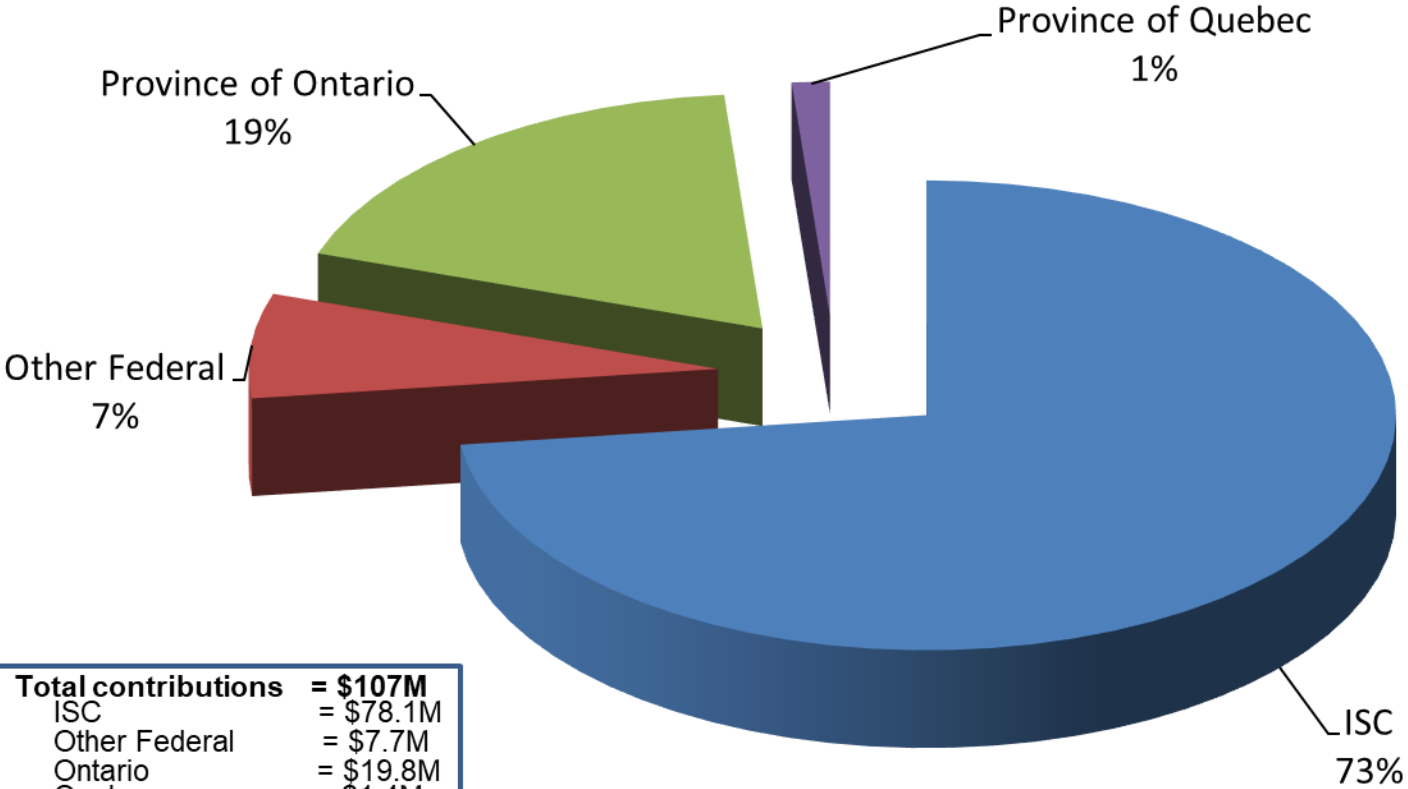
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Total contributions	= \$120M
ISC	= \$81.9M
Other Federal	= \$10.6M
Ontario	= \$24.3M
Quebec	= \$3.2M

MCA – Gov't Contributions by Source

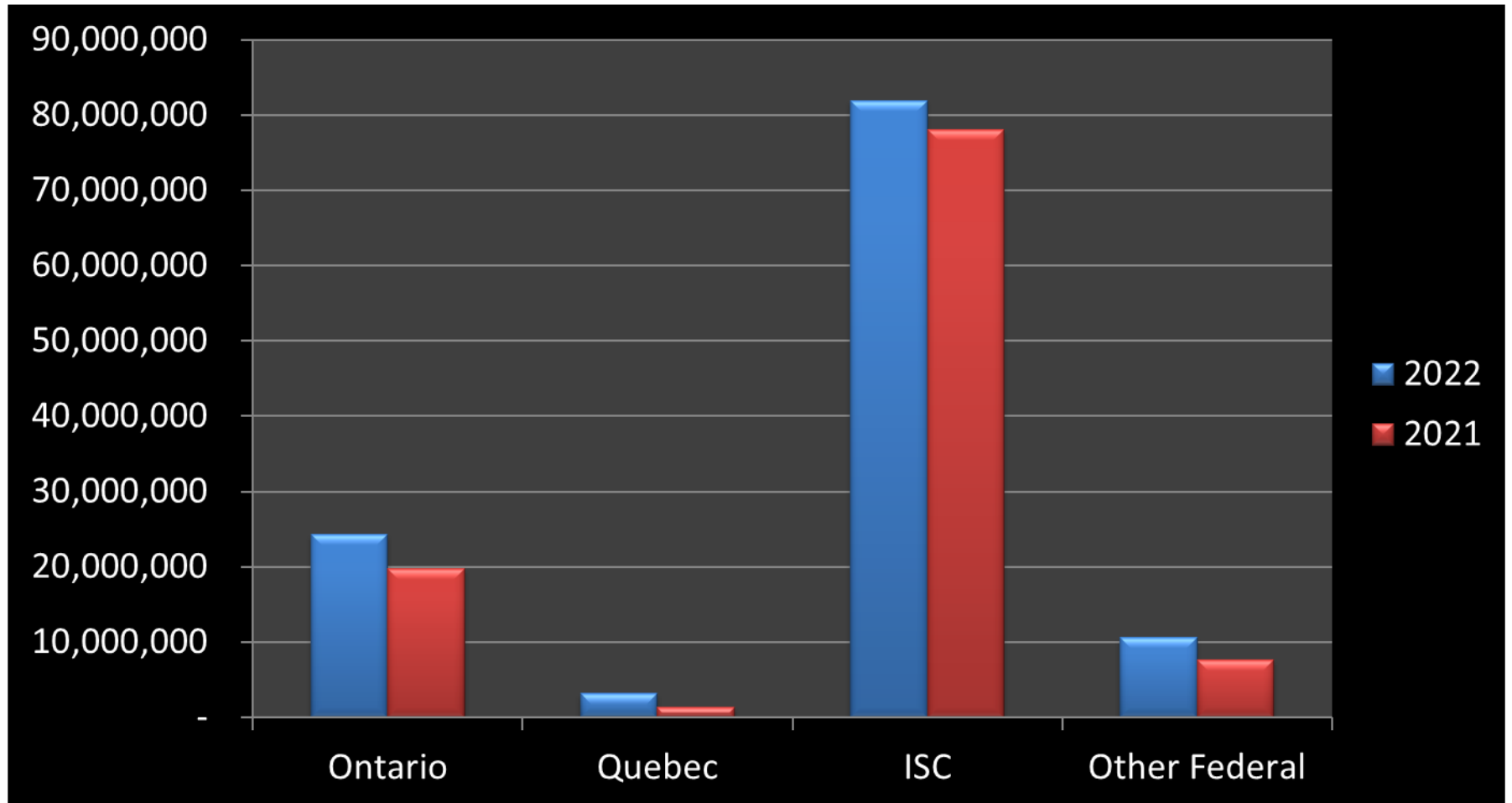
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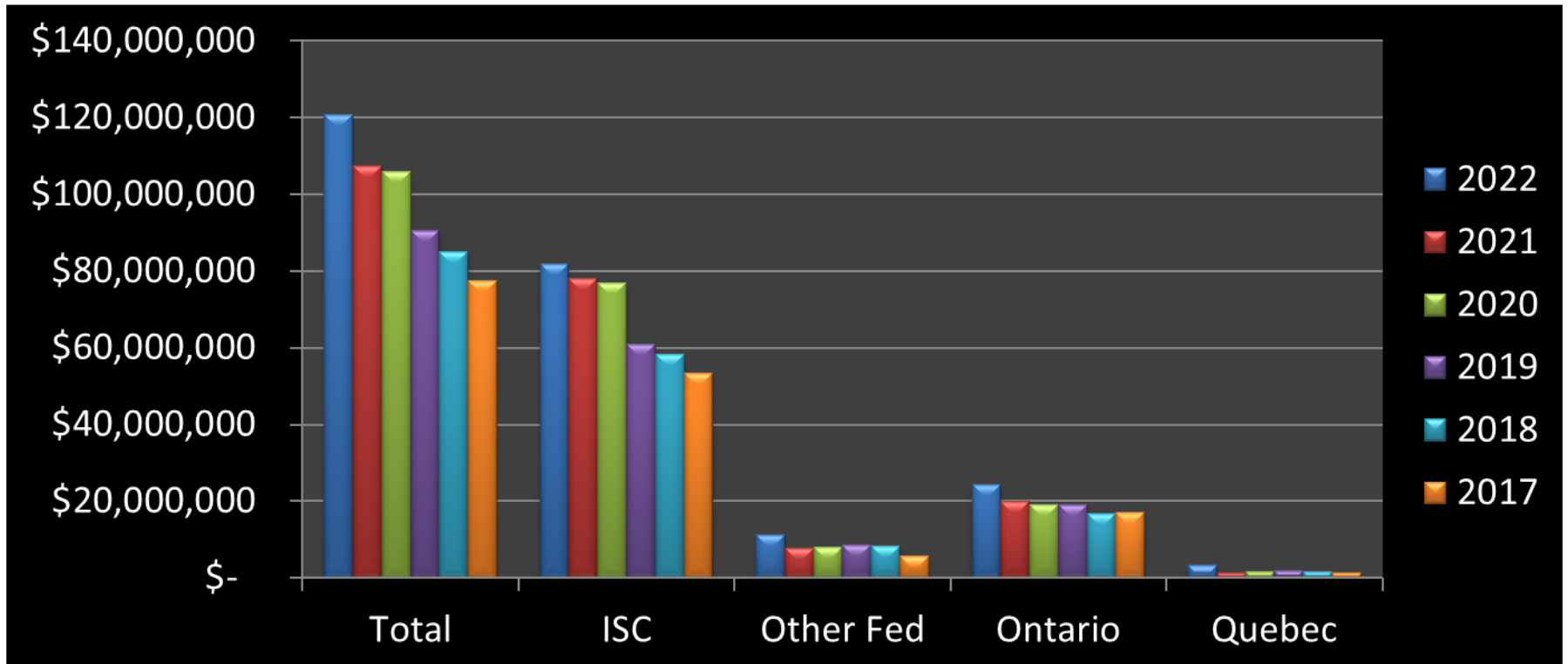
Total contributions	= \$107M
ISC	= \$78.1M
Other Federal	= \$7.7M
Ontario	= \$19.8M
Quebec	= \$1.4M

MCA – Gov't Contributions by Source

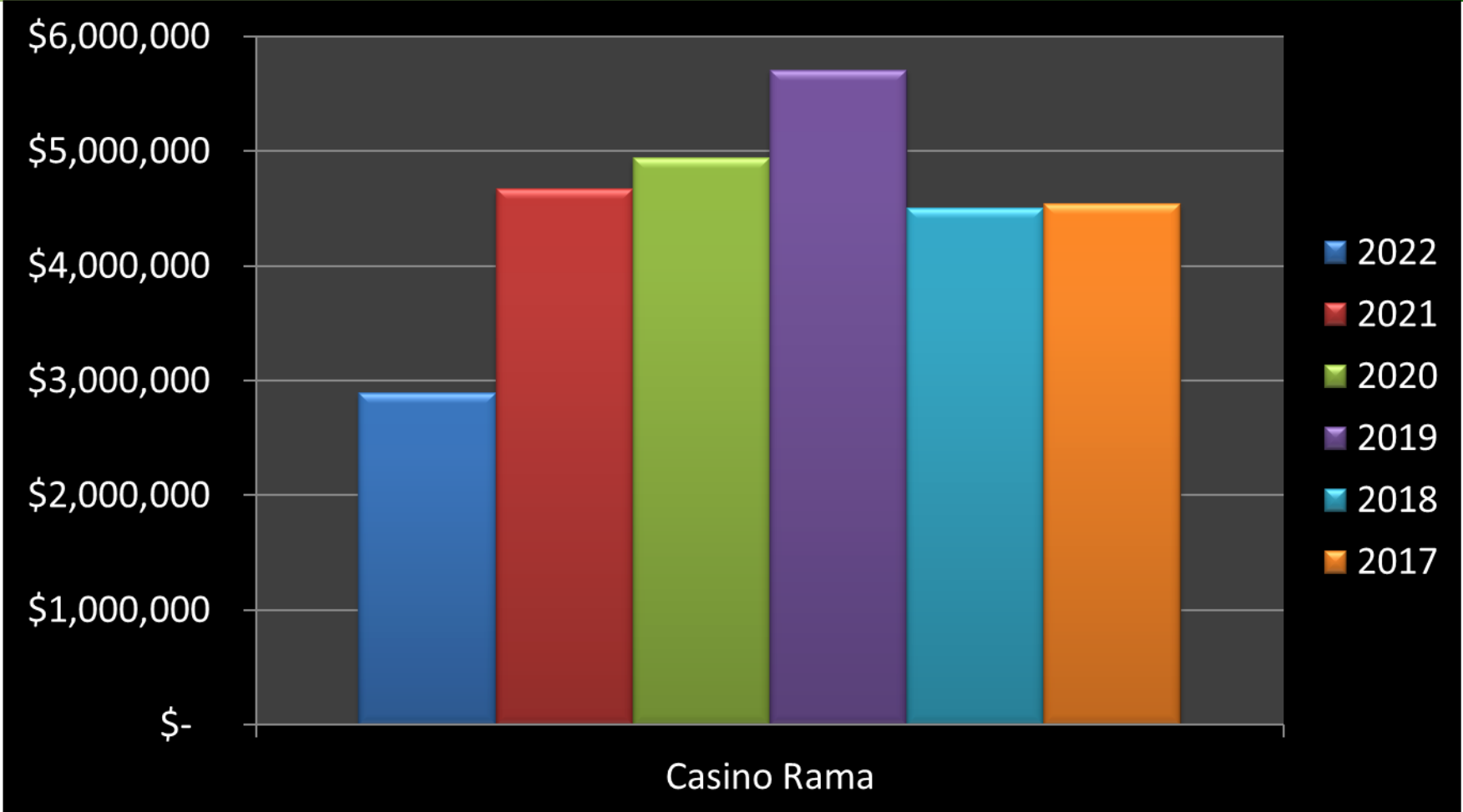
Annual Comparative



MCA – Revenue (Gov't Contrib'ns)

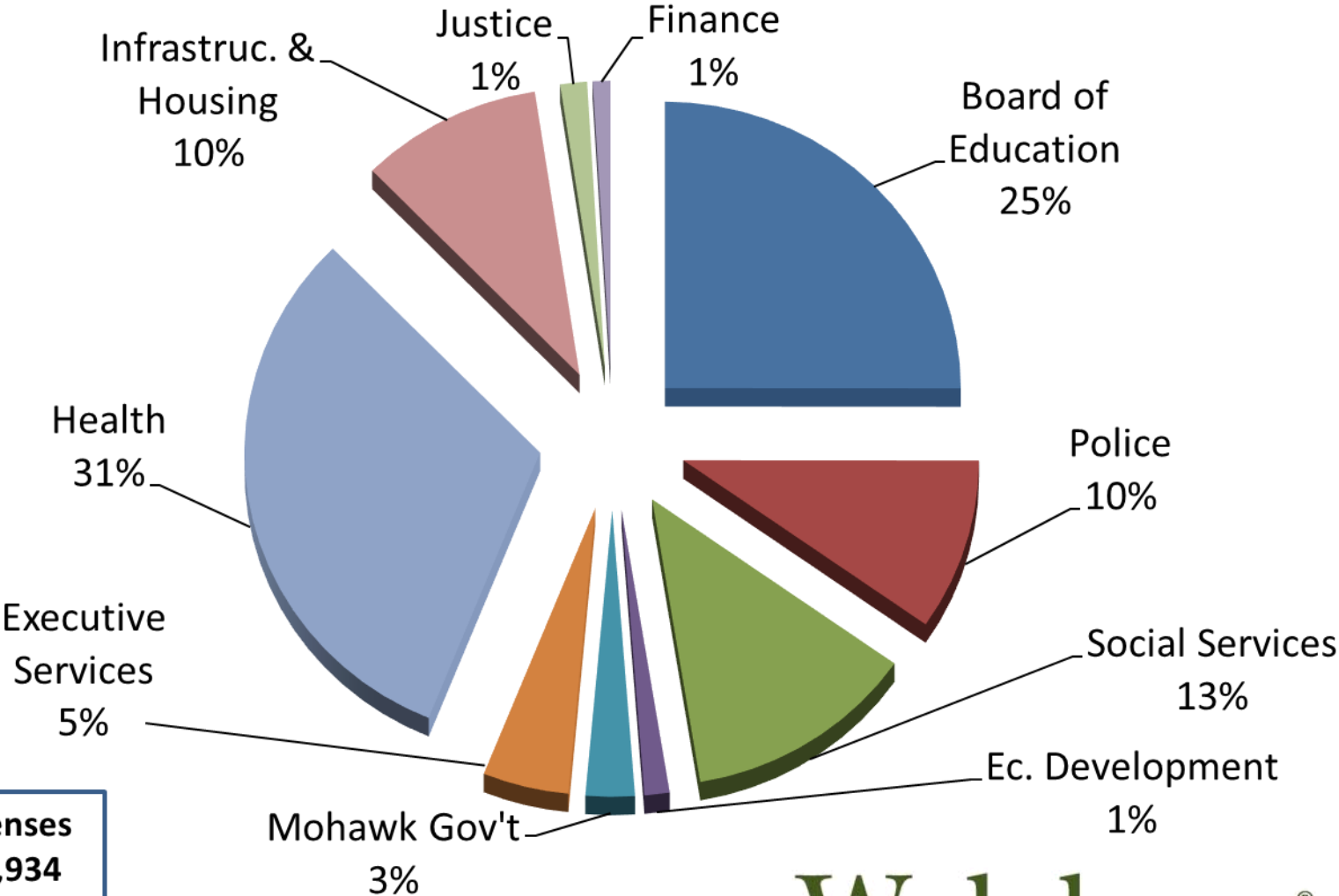


MCA – Ontario First Nation (2008) Limited Partnership (Casino Rama)



MCA – Expenses per Department

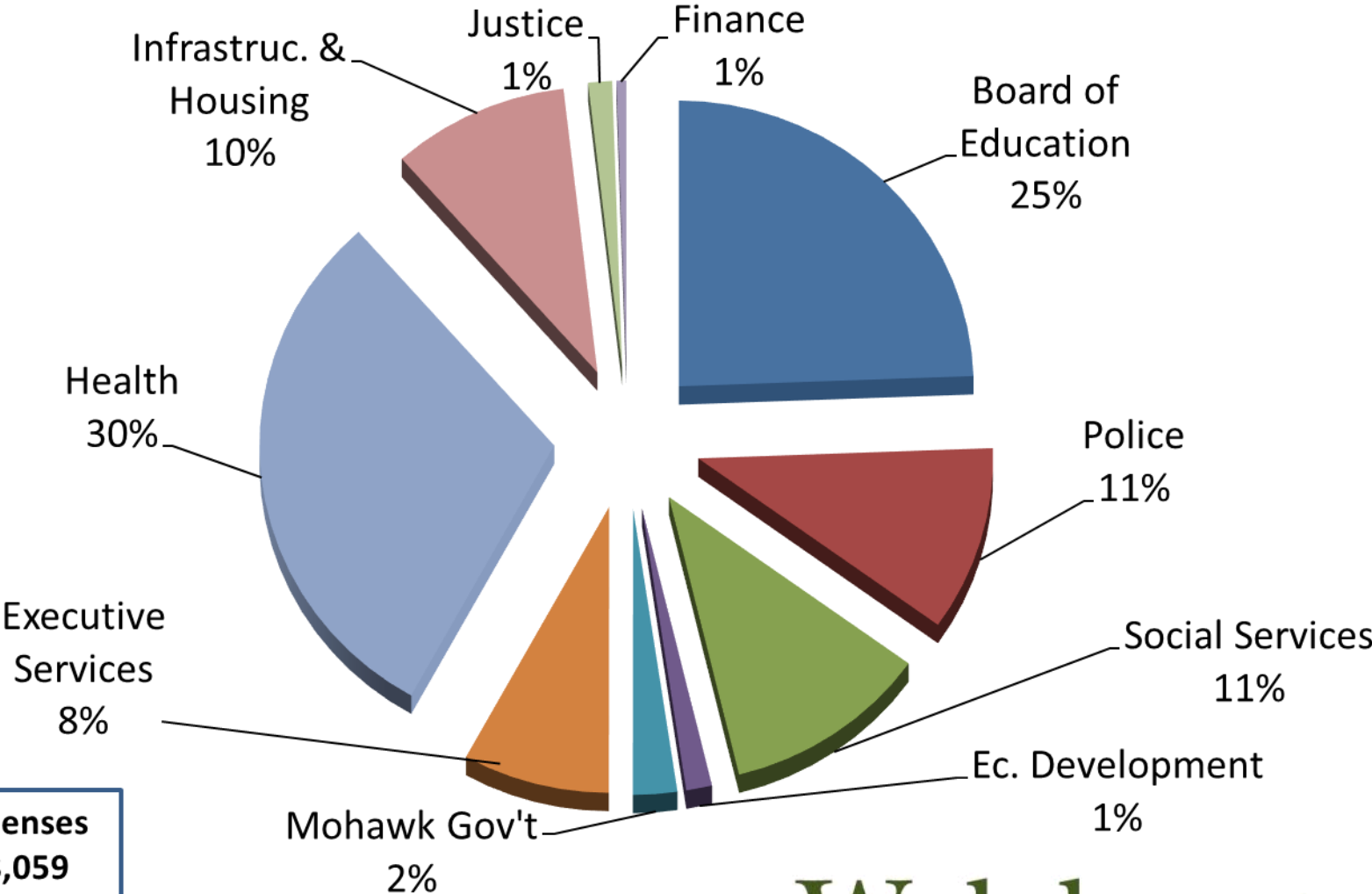
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Total Expenses
\$104,625,934

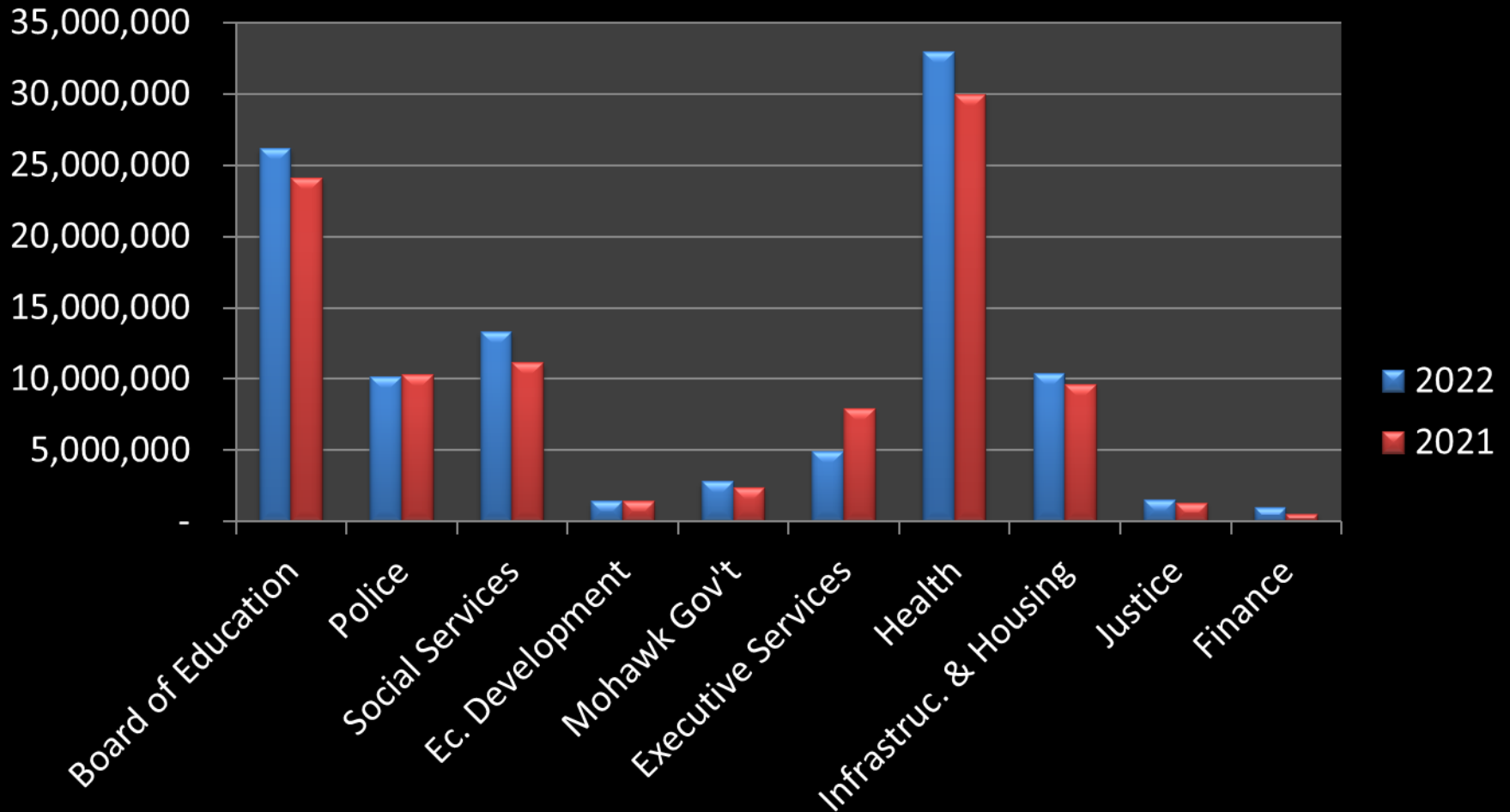
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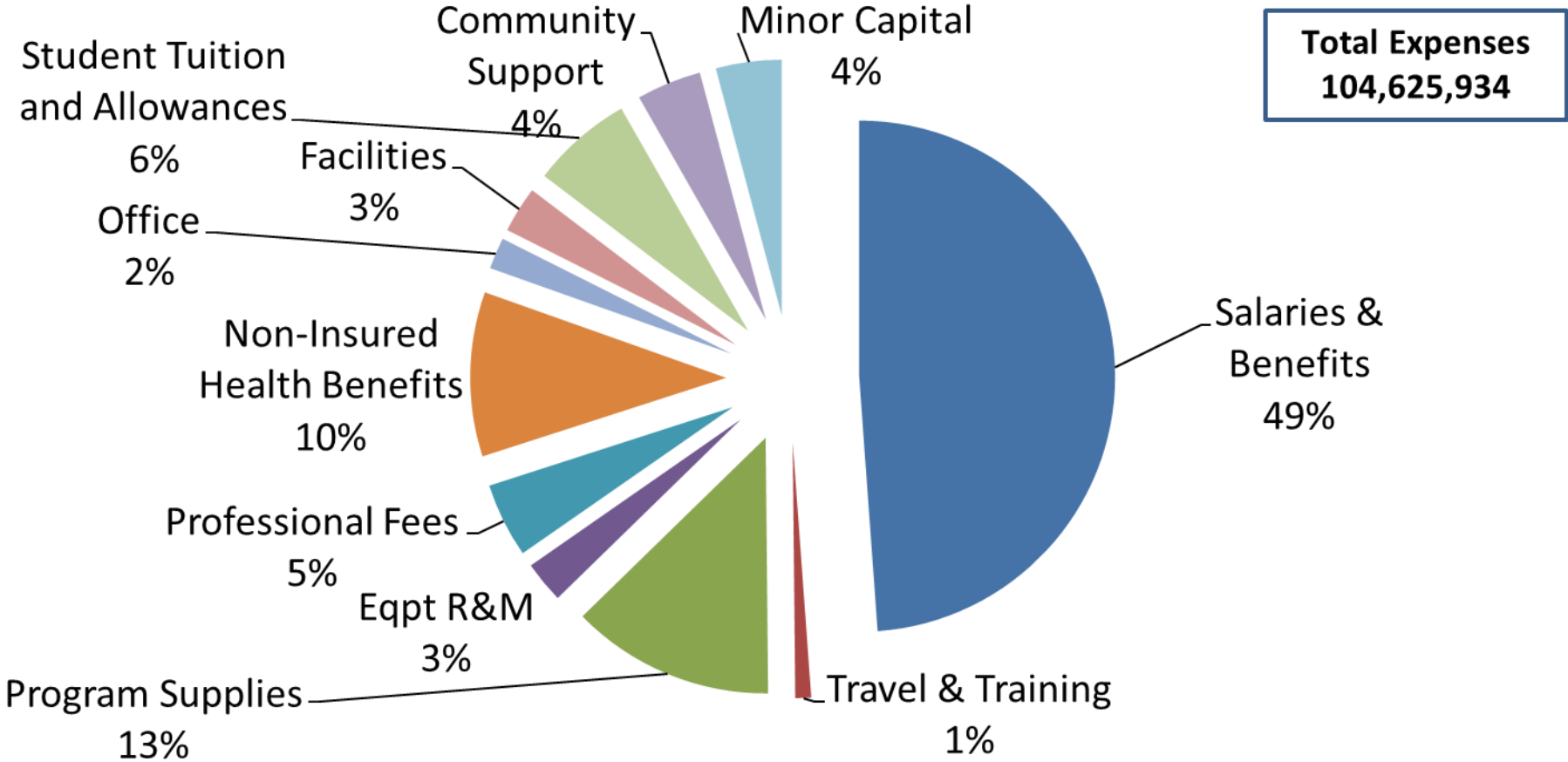
Total Expenses
\$98,688,059

MCA – Expenses per Department Annual Comparative



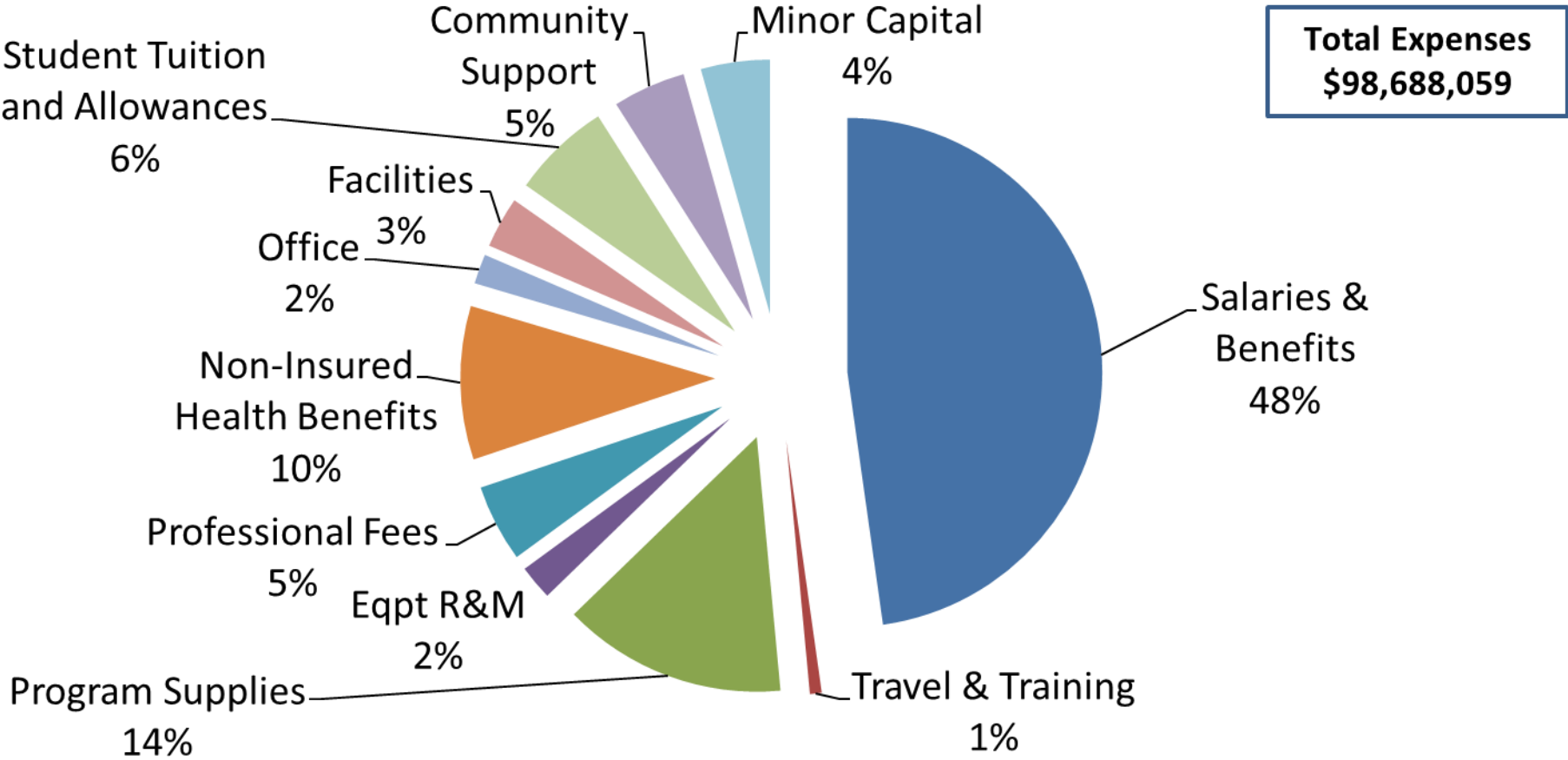
MCA – Expenses per Category

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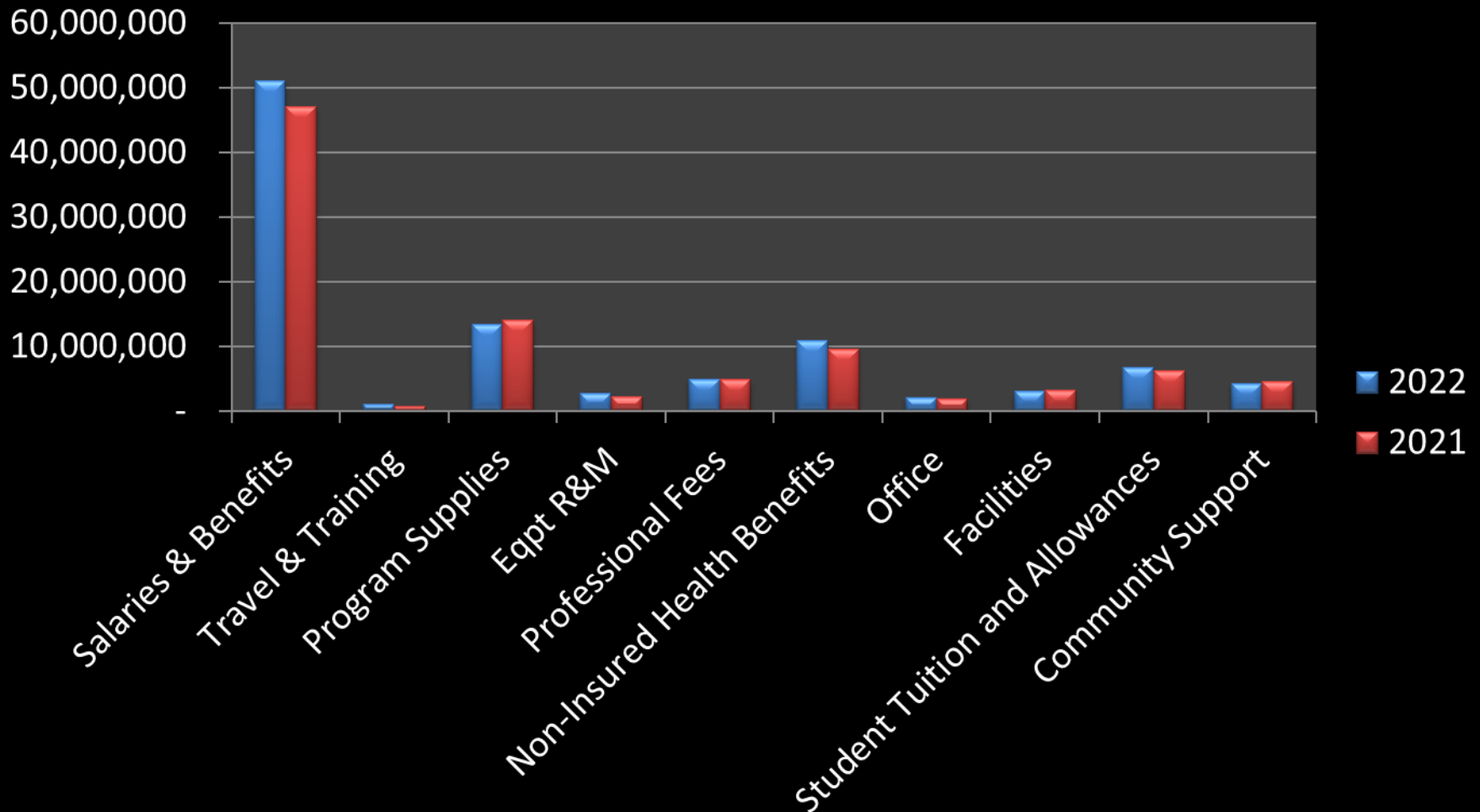
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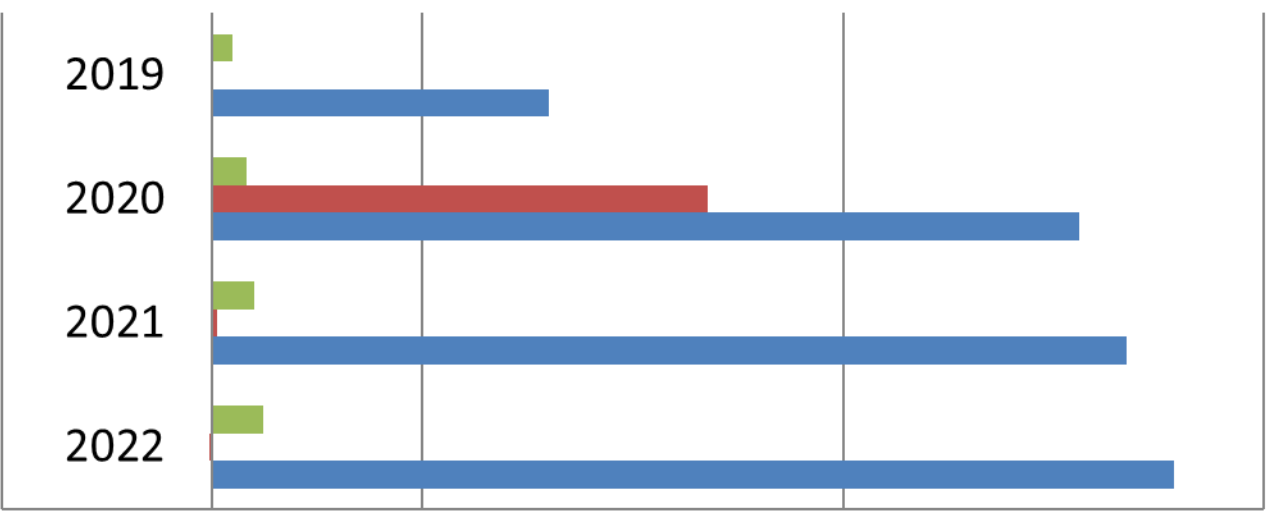


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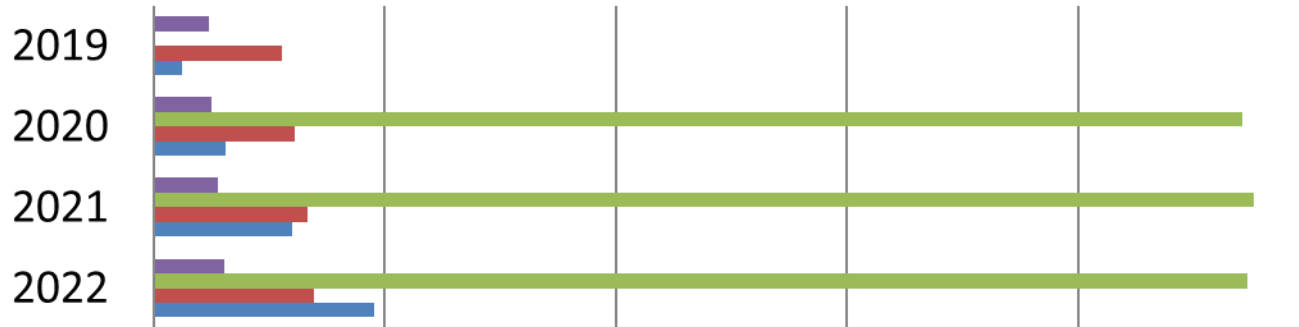
MCA – Results – Operating & Cumulative



\$ Millions -\$100 \$100 \$300 \$500

	2022	2021	2020	2019
■ In Year Operating	\$24,182,663	\$20,032,612	\$16,646,633	\$9,895,734
■ Dundee Impact	-\$1,594,295	\$2,471,882	\$235,536,152	\$0
■ Cumulative	\$457,516,292	\$434,927,914	\$412,423,420	\$160,240,635

MCA – Reserve Balances



\$ Millions

\$0 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250

	2022	2021	2020	2019
Other (OPG, etc...)	\$15,229,410	\$13,845,134	\$12,465,498	\$11,966,957
Dundee Land Claim	\$236,713,749	\$238,008,034	\$235,536,152	\$0
Casino Rama	\$34,803,278	\$33,228,140	\$30,656,014	\$27,853,705
ISC (INAC)	\$47,873,030	\$29,920,360	\$15,509,583	\$6,169,453

Questions

Thank you!



GRAND CHIEF MONTHLY REPORT

MAY / ONERAHTOHKO:WA

2023

MAY 1, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Representatives from Gowlings and Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) presented to Council the current work underway to develop a trust and upcoming engagement with the community.
- The Director of Education and Superintendents from the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) presented an update on AMBE structural readiness work happening along with community engagement.
- Representatives from Vires Partners presented to Council on who Vires Partners is and other community joint projects they have participated in.
- Council received a briefing on the current amendments being proposed for the BMO lease. Council agreed to consider a resolution approving the amendments.

- A request for a waterline hook-up was discussed. Council will request a report on outstanding waterline connections and issues.
- Council discussed the urgent need to receive an update from DIHE on the new fire station build. Council will receive an update next week.
- MCRs passed: Approval of signing authority for Executive Director; Approval of 2023 Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust list distribution; Approval of (4) land allotments; Approval of amendment to MCA donation policy and budget; Approval of contract renewal with Dr. Saylo

MAY 2, 2023, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' INTRODUCTION

As part of the onboarding of the newly recruited Executive Director I participated in several meet and greets with various department directors and the Executive Director between May 2 & 3, 2023. The meet and greets included facility tours and meeting department staff.

MAY 2, 2023, WILL TRANSFER GRAND OPENING



On the morning of May 2, 2023, I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of Wills Transfer's newly constructed warehouse in Ingleside. The invitation to this special event was extended to me by Terry Wills, the President of the company. The opening ceremony was presided over by Jordi Wills, the Vice-President of Wills Transfer, who expressed heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support received from the Ingleside community and its neighboring areas, enabling the company to establish a presence in Ingleside. Wills Transfer, a reputable trucking and

warehousing company headquartered in Smith Falls, operates multiple facilities across the region, including Brockville, Ottawa, Cornwall, and Perth. The addition of the Ingleside warehouse marks an exciting expansion for the company, strengthening its operations and furthering its commitment to serving the surrounding communities.

MAY 3, 2023, ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE BOARD

On May 3, 2023, I participated in three interviews with the Executive Committee for the St. Lawrence College Board and three potential board members. At the end of August 2023, two governor positions on the college board will expire creating two vacancies. The executive committee will recommend two successful candidates to the board for consideration at the upcoming June board meeting.

MAY 4, 2023, CANADA BORDER SERVICE AGENCY

On the morning of May 4, 2023, I met with the Director of the Indigenous Affairs Secretariat for the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA). The purpose of the meeting was to update and touch base on the Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) work, and the Akwesasne Border Collaborative Initiative (BCI) work we are doing jointly with CBSA. We discussed the upcoming changes at the secretariat and the need to establish another Ministers table meeting for the JTBA.

MAY 4, 2023, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On the morning of May 4, 2023, I participated in the monthly Mohawk Council of Akwesasne executive committee meeting. The committee discussed the on-boarding schedule with the Executive Director and established high-level priority areas for the Executive Director to focus on during the onboarding. The committee also discussed an ongoing Human Resource file and approved minutes from the previous meeting.

MAY 5, 2023, UMICORE

On the afternoon of May 4, 2023, I met with representatives from Umicore to learn more about their Kingston battery material manufacturing plant. The representatives provided me with an overview of Umicore and explained that they are a Belgium company now setting up a plant operation in Canada. They explained that their plant would only manufacture a component for electrical storage batteries. This manufacturing plant would be the distribution for North America. They explained that they would hire upwards of a 1000 people to support this facility and it was going to be in Kingston Ontario. The Umicore representatives offer to explore training and recruitment opportunities for Akwesasne members. Considering that the facility would be located in Tyendinaga Territory, I offered to facilitate a joint meeting between Chief Don Maracle and Umicore to discuss an option for Tyendinaga as well. The representatives extended an invitation to the companies open house in June 2023.

MAY 4, 2023, MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On the afternoon of May 5, 2023, I participated in the monthly Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Finance Committee meeting. The agenda included a discussion on proposed new positions at the Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (DIHE), new positions at the Department of Public Safety. The committee reviewed a request from the Akwesasne Freedom School for financial support for the new building and also reviewed a recent application from a community member to sit on the MCA Finance Committee. The committee requested additional information from the freedom school on the overall cost of the new build and agreed to continue the internal good standing policy check for a community applicant to be on the finance committee. The committee also discussed the request

from various departments for new positions and deferred the request to administration to follow the business case process for the creation of new positions. The committee also discussed the Ontario Lottery Gaming Corporation funding.

MAY 5, 2023, GREAT WOLF LODGE

On the afternoon of May 5, 2023, I hosted a call with representatives of the Great Wolf Lodge (GWL). The purpose of the call was for the representatives to introduce themselves to me and to explain the proposed Cornwall project. The representatives explained that they were seeking local support for their project and that they were advocating the Government of Ontario for financial support for the Cornwall project. The Cornwall Great Wolf Lodge would be Canada's first lodge and will cost around 300 million dollars. A Great Wolf Lodge exists in Niagara Falls Ontario but it operates under a franchise agreement and is not a full suite GWL. The representatives expressed the desire to ensure that the Mohawk territory in which the Cornwall site is located on and that its acknowledged within the facility. The GWL representatives committed to keeping me updated on the project's progress.

MAY 8, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- The Acting Director for Infrastructure, Housing, and Environment provided Council with an overview and update of the HAVFD Station 3 design and project submission for funding. Council agreed that the project submission and design will go to the community for consultation as part of the Indigenous Services requirements for funding.
- A community consultant presented the Ratiwe:ras Energy Resiliency Plan to Council and outlined the proposal and associated costs.

- Council debriefed from a recent meeting with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission and portfolio agreed to follow up on the action items from the meeting.
- A concern with a land dispute and the upcoming construction and road resurfacing was discussed; follow-up will take place.
- Council agreed that the Nation Building program will continue to take the lead on the renewal of the Akwesasne/Canada Political Protocol.
- A briefing was provided on the impacts of the expiry of the United States Title 42 and the potential impacts to the Massena/Rooseveltown Customs.
- Council requested an update on office renovation plans and timelines. The Executive Director will follow up.
- A request for three presentations to be made at the May 25, 2023 General Meeting was discussed, Council agreed to have Quebec Hydro present to the community. Council will further discuss the other two potential presentations.
- MCRs passed: Acceptance of Ministry of Health 21/22 audit for AIDS program; Acceptance of Ministry of Attorney General 21/22 audit for legal clinic program; Approval of Ministry of Health 21/22 audit for home care program; Approval of Ministry of Health 21/22 audit for health access center; Approval of regulations for temporary custody agreements; Approval of update to positions serving on the MCA Space Needs Committee; Approval of allotment of land to community member (loan paid off); Approval of allocation and contract to proceed with a Generator for Iakhihsohtha Lodge; Approval of allocation and contract for kitchen renovations for the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program.

MAY 9, 2023, CANADA BORDER SERVICE AGENCY

On the morning of May 9, 2023, I had a meeting with the Ontario Regional Director and the Ontario Regional Executive of the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) to discuss the latest updates regarding

the initiatives at the Cornwall Port of Entry. During the meeting, it was brought to my attention that the Cornwall Port of Entry is scheduled to receive 15 new Border Service Officers (BSOs) within the next two years, with 8 of them expected to be deployed by the fall of 2023. Over the past few months, I have been actively advocating and engaging with the CBSA and Public Safety Canada to address the staffing shortage at Cornwall Port of Entry, particularly with the aim of reducing wait times.

MAY 10, 2023, CHIEF OF ONTARIO, SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY

On May 10, 2023, I participated in a Chiefs of Ontario, Special Chiefs meeting to receive an update from the Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) on a recent workplace harassment complaint investigation against the National Chief at the Assembly of First Nations. The chiefs received a verbal report from the ORC and asked questions regarding the investigation. The chiefs asked for a summary report of the findings ahead of the upcoming Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Special Chiefs Meeting to discuss the investigation. The AFN Special Chief Assembly is scheduled to take place on June 28, 2023, virtually.

MAY 11, 2023, AKWESASNE CORNWALL HARBOR CO-OWNERS MEETING

On the afternoon of May 11, 2023, I attended the harbor co-owners meeting at the OPG Visiting Center in the City of Cornwall. The committee received a number of reports from the project manager with respect to the property. The committee accepted several policies for project management and agreed to an extension of a lease for the use of the property.

MAY 11, 2023, CORNWALL ELECTRIC

On May 11, 2023, I hosted a call with the Cornwall Electric General Manager to receive an update on the upcoming July 2023 electrical rate increase for Cornwall Electric customer. The manager explained to me how the rates are calculated and informed me that the rate would increase by 1.67% on July 1, 2023. The manager requested an in-person follow up meeting in the fall to discuss community electrical needs and community expansion so that Cornwall Electric can ensure they have the electricity needed as the community expands.

MAY 12, 2023, BLOCK ONE LAND

On the afternoon of May 12, 2023, I met with our internal Mohawk Council of Akwesasne block one working group to receive an update on the allocation process for the block one lands. We also discussed a proposed dispute resolution process for the block one lands and agreed that a presentation would be given to council on options to resolve disputes. A presentation to council will be scheduled in the near future.

MAY 15, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Council set the agenda for the upcoming May 25, 2023 General Meeting.
- A briefing was provided on an upcoming program move as a result of a change in the organizational chart. Additional information on program impacts was requested and will be reviewed in the coming weeks.
- Council discussed the protocol for Ministerial visits to the community.

- A briefing was provided on Quebec's proposed native languages law and Council agreed to not take a position until after legislation is drafted.
- Council agreed to reach out to the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs to request ongoing regular meetings with them.
- A briefing was provided on recent meetings with Falcon Structures; additional information will be shared as meetings progress.
- Council agreed that a full page advertisement will be purchased to express appreciation to all those who assisted during the recent power outages and further agreed to commission a special edition of Onkwe'ta:ke.
- A briefing was provided on a tentative meeting with the Minister of Public Safety.
- Council agreed that a priority listing and criteria will be developed along with an allocation of resources to support waterline connections to homes not currently connected to the waterline.
- Council discussed confidentiality and the importance of it being maintained.
- MCRs passed: Approval of contract with ACCESS for summer carpentry; Approval of contract with ACCESS for summer landscaping; Approval of allocation to support Admin 1 renovations; Approval of 21/22 audit Ministry of Health smoke free program; Approval of audit 2021 & 2022 Tsiionkwanonhso:te resident trust; Approval of allotment of land (loan paid off); Approval of application to Quebec AIF fund; Approval of 23/24 long term care accountability agreement; Approval of updated AMBE organization chart; Approval of (14) Council Meeting minutes.

MAY 15, 2023, SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE & MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

On the afternoon of May 15, 2023, we hosted the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Chiefs for our monthly council meeting. The agenda included a discussion on a communications protocol between the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police and the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service. We discussed the current ongoing New York claim negotiations and the recent presentation from a community group on their efforts to establish a community wide electrical company.

MAY 16, 2023, THE ART OF DEMPSEY MONTREAL MUSEUM



On the evening of May 16, 2023, I was invited by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts to attend the opening of an exhibit featuring Dempsey Bob from British Columbia. Dempsey Bob is a wood carver from the Tahltan and Tlingit nation and has been carving since the

early 1980's. A magnificent collection of over 40 carving is displayed at the museum. Giving the museum is on the traditional Mohawk territory, each of the Mohawk Chiefs were invited to attend a welcoming ceremony and early viewing of the exhibit.

MAY 18, 2023, SISCO FOOD

On May 18, 2023, I met with representatives from Sisco Foods. Previously I had met with a regional account manager from Ottawa, but at the meeting of May 18, 2023, was an opportunity for me to meet the Cornwall and areas sales representatives for Sisco Foods. Sisco offers a pantry program where they sell preassembled food boxes for community distribution. This is something we have been exploring with Sisco for Akwesasne.

MAY 19, 2023, CANADA LANDS COMPANY

On the morning of May 19, 2023, I participated in an introductory call with Stephan Dery the newly appointed President and CEO of the Canada Lands Company (CLC). Over the last few years, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has been meeting with Transport Canada regarding surplus federal lands within the City of Cornwall. Canada Lands Company has been part of the discussion as a possible development partner. On the call of May 19, 2023, the president provided background on himself and committed to advancing a relationship with Akwesasne.

MAY 19, 2023, CANADA BORDER SERVICE AGENCY, JAY TREATY BORDER ALLIANCE

On the morning of May 19, 2023, I participated in an update call with the Acting Director of the Indigenous Affairs Secretariat for the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA). The purpose of the call was to discuss the ongoing planning for a Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) high level table. Over the last several weeks, we have been attempting

to schedule an in-person meeting with the appropriate ministers as part of the JTBA work.

MAY 19, 2023, NEW YORK LAND CLAIM INTERNAL UPDATE

On May 19, 2023, I participated in an internal update call with Mohawk Council of Akwesasne legal counsel for our New York State claim. On the call of May 19, 2023, our counsel provided us with an update on the negotiations and explained the provision on the low-cost power, the access to the islands and the provisions on tuition for New York State Suny Community Colleges. Legal explained that negotiations were ongoing and that we would continue to receive updates as the negotiations progresses.

MAY 23, 2023, DR. RYAN YERMUS

On the morning of May 23, 2023, I met with Dr. Ryan Yermus a family doctor who specialized in addiction treatment. Dr. Ryan explained that his clinic was designed to work with clients with additions and replace the substance with a controlled medication. This was an information sharing meeting on the possibility of working with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Dr. Ryan. This meeting was hosted by Arrowhead Pharmacy.

MAY 24, 2023, CALL WITH MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE DIRECTORS

On the morning of May 24, 2023, I hosted a call with all the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Directors to inform them of the recent resignation of the MCA Executive Director.

MAY 24, 2023, CDW CANADA

Recently the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Received a grant from United Way to assist with the purchase of adaptive equipment to support meetings with the community in hybrid format. On May 24,

2023, I participated in a call with CDW Canada to discuss the purchase of equipment for the Mohawk Government Boardroom to support the Zoom platform. Once the boardroom is completed, we will look to purchase additional equipment to support meetings at the district recreation centers to enhance their Zoom capabilities.

MAY 25, 26, 2023, CANADA AKWESASNE SELF-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS

On the afternoon of May 25, and the morning of May 26, 2023, I participated in the Canada Akwesasne Self-government negotiations. On May 25, the parties discussed the divestment of federal property and access to Akwesasne lands. The parties also discussed the draft language on the registration of interests in Akwesasne lands. On the morning of May 26 representatives from the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) Indigenous Affairs Secretariat presented to the group the mandate of the secretariat and explained some of the initiatives they are supporting. Following the presentation from CBSA the group reviewed the chapter of the agreement on review of the final agreement and discussed proposed language for consideration. The next self-government negotiations will take place in July 2023.

MAY 25, 2023, MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA



On the morning of May 25, 2023, our Council welcomed the Minister of Public Safety Canada Marco Mendicino to Akwesasne. The morning began with breakfast with community elders at the Homemakers followed by a roundtable discussion on community safety priorities. Most recently we had written the Minister to express our

concern with the staff shortages at the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) Cornwall Port of Entry. I explained to the minister that recent staff shortages contribute to wait times and wait times increase the risk for negative interactions between the CBSA and an Akwesasne member and could create possibly other issues. The Minister announced that more positions are being created at the Cornwall Port of Entry and that we should see an increase of new officers over the next few months leading up to 15 new officers by the end of next year. We discussed with the Minister the challenges created by the location of the CBSA and asked the minister to support the continued dialogue on the long-term location of the Port of Entry. We also described to the minister the everyday implication the international border has on our community. Following the roundtable discussion, we traveled to the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) station where the minister announced over 12 million dollars in funding for AMPS. While we welcomed the announcement, approximately 10.5 million had already been committed through previous funding agreements.

The balance of funding was for two years of safer community programming and for the use of one-time purchases of equipment.

MAY 25, 2023, GENERAL MEETING

On the evening of May 25, 2023, our Council hosted our monthly General Meeting at the Kanata:kon Recreation in the hybrid format using zoom. The agenda included a presentation from representatives from Hydro Quebec, a presentation from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Community Watch initiatives, and an update on the Department of Health detox center. We also took business from the floor. The entire recording of the General Meeting can be found at: https://youtu.be/gSW7j52H_Cc. The next General Meeting will take place on June 29, 2023, at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center and online.

MAY 29, 2023, COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Representatives from High-Frequency Rail presented an update on the project development to Council and explained engagement opportunities for Council's consideration.
- An update was provided on the outstanding distribution of the sustainability checks.
- Council discussed the placement of community security cameras and speed pumps and requested an update for next week.
- A briefing was provided on the need for a committee to assist with the ongoing operation of the St. Lawrence Cemetery. Council agreed to support the creation of a committee.
- Council reviewed a request for financial support from the Akwesasne Freedom School to help with the construction of a new school. The request was referred to the Finance Committee for review.

- A request for Council to sell a parcel of land to a community member was discussed, and Council decided to decline the request.
- A briefing and update were provided on the recent resignation of the MCA Executive Director, and the next steps for recruitment were outlined for Council.
- Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell agreed to chair next week's meeting in the absence of the Grand Chief.
- Council received a briefing on the petition process under the Akwesasne Election Law.
- MCRs passed: Approval of design contract for the new Tsi Snaihne School; Approval of revisions to the annual reconciliation report for the Ministry of Health for Tsiionkwanonhso:te; Approval of the renewal of the contact with Christina Gray; Approval of the creation of the Akwesasne Trust Internal Technical Team; Approval of the allocation of DCSS surplus to support the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club; Approval to proceed with the Call for Referendum for Seaway Claim; Approval of the amendment to the Letter of Understanding with Parks Canada; Approval of the amendment to the Communications Strategy with Parks Canada and South Glengarry; Approval of (7) Council Meeting minutes; Approval of signing authority for the acting Executive Director.

MAY 29, 2023, PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT

On the morning of May 29, 2023, I participated in a zoom call with Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public Safety Canada Pam Madoff regarding Bill C-20. Bill C-20 is an act establishing the Public Complaints and Review Commission for the Canada Border Service Agency and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. On the call of May 29, 2023, I discussed Bill C-20 with Pam and explained that we would be

supporting the bill at an upcoming standing committee hearing scheduled for the following week.

MAY 30, 2023, INDEPENDENT FIRST NATIONS

On May 30-31, 2023, I attended the Independent First Nations (IFN) Quarterly Meeting in Toronto, Ontario. The meeting agenda included an update from each independent community, an update from the IFN health director, and the IFN director of intergovernmental affairs. The leadership received a presentation from Aboriginal Insurance on their services and opportunities to work with communities on land claim settlements. The leadership also received a presentation from representatives from the Ontario Indigenous Affairs on programs and initiatives offered at the Indigenous Affairs unit. The IFN Executive Committee provided an update to the Chiefs on the current ongoing work, including the efforts underway to work with communities to meet their reporting requirements. The leadership also received a presentation from representatives from Cumberland Strategies on services offered by Cumberland and how lobbying the Federal Government works, as well as how Cumberland can support community leadership.

MAY 30, 2023, FIRST NATIONS DATA CHAMPION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 30, 2023, I participated in an update call with the Chiefs of Ontario First Nations Data Champion Advisory Committee. The committee received an update from the Director of Research and Data Management on the current funding and upcoming submissions. The committee discussed a proposed research and data conference scheduled for October 2023. The committee received a presentation on the Regional Action Plan and discussed possible options for the Ontario approach for the data center development.



Monthly Report

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Monthly Report for May 2023

**Portfolio: DCSS, Government Secretariat, Justice, Economic Development, &
Entewatatha:wi –Nation Building**

**Committees: Finance, Akwekskowa, Port Divestiture, Governance, Special Needs, Hydro
Quebec.**

Monthly Notables:

- Attend Council & General Meetings, District meetings and scheduled portfolios and committees where scheduling permits.
- Attend AMBE Youth Pow Wow, thank you what a beautiful experience seeing all these little ones enjoying our culture. Nia:wen for the delicious meal you provided my mom it was greatly appreciated.
- Submitted complaint to Compliance regarding illegal dumping in Kanatakon near the shoreline of 3rd Street.
- District Meeting held on May 15at St. Regis Rec, attendance was good, discussion was around the recent increase in crime and drug activities that are occurring around our neighborhood, stop sign on 3rd street requested. Community members want action, not words, suggested areas of Cameras, speed bumps, neighborhood watch program, Nia:wen for Sgt. Kariwate Mitchell for attending to meet and answer questions.
- Breakfast Meeting with Public Safety Minister M. Mendocino @ Snye Homemakers on May 25/23.
- The Akwesasne Soaring Eagles Volleyball Club invited Council Members to attend an event with the RCMP as they present grant funding and deliver new volleyball nets that will be placed at the schools. Attended with Chiefs Sarah & Jackie
- Council Chambers are in the process of moving to the main floor of the Admin 1 Building, designated office space for all Chiefs is currently being worked on and should be ready for all by late July.

May 1/23: Council Meeting: 9am – 1:30pm – Council Chamber

May 2- 7/23: out of office due to Covid.

May 8/23 - All Council Meeting: Kawehnoke Recreation 9am- 1pm

May 9, 23 -Government Secretariat: - cancelled due to unavailability of members

Falcon Structure Housing Meeting Kylee Tarbell – Director Ec Dev. -Arena 10am

- Met with on housing opportunity with housing construction for community with Falcon Structure and company, they have a location that built pre-fab homes.
- Extended an invitation to the upcoming Economic Expo in Ottawa.

OPG/MCA POMS Meeting – 1:30pm Cancelled

May 10/23 Entewatathawi – Negotiations Prep Sessions – Rachel Lazare, PM

- Legal Technical Review Undertakings: Review ESGA Sections:
- Main Table Undertakings: a. Review Tax Exemption under the Income Tax Act, May calendar, upcoming meetings: a. May 17, 2023 – Negotiation Prep 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. b. May 25, 2023 - Main Table 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. c. May 26, 2023 – Main Table 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

May 11/23

Co-Owners Port Committee Meeting – Saunders Visitor Centre 3pm

- Acknowledgment, Approval of the agenda, Consent items, Approval of the minutes of the last meeting on February 9th, 2023
- Report: Social Media Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Health & Safety Complaint Policy, Confidentiality Policy,
- Report on Harbor Master Services Agreement, Fence Removal & Clean-Up RFQ, Lawn Mowing Service RFQ, Letter of Interest to Transport Canada, Risk Consideration Letter
- Project Manager Update Project Management Action Items Progress Chart, Travel Policy, Code of Conduct Policy, Trillium Lease Extension, Signage, Committee Updates

ACCRL WTG Meeting: Connie Lazore, Justice Coordinator @4pm

- Unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts update provided on progress of Child Rights Law.

May 12/23 - Book of Recognition Committee- Council Chambers 9am

- Discussion on the issue of trying to gather the girl's hockey team to deliver the certificates and ribbon skirts to 3 native hockey players will be scheduled at the Benson Centre at a later date.

May 15 /23– All Council Meeting: 9am –12noon

MCA/SRMT Meeting @Snye Homemakers @ 2pm

- Discussion on Ratiweras Power Presentation from Jim Ransom
- Land Claim discussion
- “See something say something” communication regarding drug issues within community and the effects being encountered with services on both side of the border

Kanatakon District Meeting: St. Regis Recreation 6pm - 9pm

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May 16 /23 – In Council Chambers for the day.

May 17 - Economic Development Portfolio - Kylee Tarbell /Director@ Arena 10am

- Presentation by Sawatis & Co. Wholesale Cannabis distribution
- Areas included transportation, insurance & liability, safety of boating, security of location, social contribution fee, product safety and opportunities.
- Discussion on Project Planning with Portfolio.

Kanatakon Beach Project Update with Leslie Papineau/Director of DIHE 1PM VIA zoom

- Attended Discussion with L. Thompson, St. Regis Rec, on the Beach Project with Plan that have been made by DIHI & Consultants
- Area of concern that may come up and movement to present to the community for consultation process.

Entewatathawi Negotiations Prep Session @1:30 – Rachel Lazare/ PM

- Maintable discussions with Nation Building team.

May 18 & 19/23 – no scheduled meetings, in office and to sign checks for the morning

May 22 – MCA Holiday – No meeting scheduled

May 23- In office today, attend the AMBE Pow Wow for ages 3 up to grade at Arena.

Emergency Council Meeting @ 11:30pm

Pre-Clearance Meeting with CBSA: 1:30PM via zoom from Council Chambers

- Discussion on pre-clearance and what it means to both of the parties
- Look at framework from other areas and look to draft a common goal of what we all would agree on. Next steps

May 24/23

Border Collaboration Dundee Port Meeting @ MCA & CBSA Dundee

- Looking forward to finalizing the matrix, the discussions are off to a good start.
- Community interested in knowing the progress of the Dundee discussion circle.
- MCA Chiefs will brief the community on developments.

May 25/23 - Public Safety Minister Mendocino's Visit to Akwesasne – Snye Homemakers 8am – All Council & invited Elders

- Public Safety discussion and funding that is being allocated to the community to AMPS.
- Discussion on border crossing issues that are ongoing.
- The minister was scheduled to take a tour of the community.

May 25/23 - Akwesasne – Canada Maintable Negotiations: 10am – 4pm @ Arena - A'nowara'ko:wa Arena

- Record of Decisions for March 30 & 31, 2023, Discussion on Tax Exemptions, Income tax Act, Confidentiality Clause, Cultural Property Export and Import Act and GST Refunds under Excise Tax Act., Finance Canada Representatives Presentation, Analyst/Economist, Akwesasne's Divestment, Review Undertakings

GENERAL MEETING - May 25th, 2023 - Kanatakon Recreation Center 6:00 pm

- April 27th, 2023 General Meeting Action Items
- PRESENTATION | Hydro Quebec & Community Watch & Department of Health (DOH) Detox Center
- BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR- Presentation of Petition from Community Member.
- MCR'S General Meeting Minutes April 27th, 2023
- Next June General Meeting dated for June 29/23 at Tsi Snaihne Rec. @ 6pm.

May 26, 2023 Akwesasne – Canada Maintable Negotiations: A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Cont. 10am – 4pm .

- International Border Matters Canada Border Services Agency Representatives: Cynthia Pye, A/Director, Loretta Landmesser, Director
- Chapter 24: Review of Agreement, Akwesasne's response dated, May 17, 2023

- Next ESGA Main Table Meeting a) July 13 & 14, 2023.

May 30/23 - Work on issues for community members with Bell Services. Seems as though there is a reluctance for Bell to send any representatives to community to deal with the no Service issue. Expect to received call from Supervisor as requested.

Meeting with Elders/community members @ 10am Sweetgrass Manor regarding Petition to Remove Chief Larry King that was presented at last General meeting:

- A request from Elders from Sweetgrass.
- Elders/Chief Larry's family are angry of the process that was put forth, it was discussed that there needs to be a change to the Law, processes were explained to them in detail, as it pertains to the Election Law, Council does not have any input to the Law and that there is a working task group currently making amendments to the Law. Discussed that there was community consultation for this law and it received very low attendance.

May 31/23– Domestic Lane Working Circle: 10am via Zoom

- Trilingual signage VMS sign for domestic lane.
- Reporting relief for some MCA staff in MCA vehicles on duty
- Formally making the lane permanent discussion
- Discussion on moving the Circle to main table.

Akwesasne Drug Law & Banishment Law Review: Cactus Cook Sunday A/Director of Justice: 1:30pm

- Discussion on the status of these 2 laws has been requested by the community.
- Community members are looking for immediate action to be taken for the current drug issues within the community. How does the process work?
- Who is responsible for enforcing the law, AMPS/Compliance.
- Set up further discussion with Chief of Police, Membership to get input on the enforcement aspect of these laws.



Chief Dwayne Thomas

May 2023 Monthly Report



Portfolios: Health, Economic Development and Governance

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This monthly report is provided as part of the Council's aim towards providing a transparent and efficient governing system, which will also provide information to members of the community on updates of Mohawk Government, Portfolios, and Monthly Activities. Every Monday Council Meetings 9 a.m. Every month meeting with SRMT (Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe), Executive Directors, and Both Councils.

Monthly Notables:

1. June 2 – Meeting with Queens University, David Taylor
2. June 8 – Finance Committee
3. June 9 – Mental Health Roundtable
4. June 13 – Government Secretariat Meeting
5. June 14 – Youth Elders Culture Language Committee meeting
6. June 15 – Finance Committee Meeting
7. June 15 – Co-owners meeting
8. June 22- Information Meeting Medicated Assisted Treatment
9. June 28 – Meeting Snye Chiefs and Snye Firehall Members
10. June 29 – General Meeting

Works in Progress:

1. Ongoing work with Clarkson University
2. Quebec Hydro Grants and Sponsorships
3. OPG (ONTARIO POWER GENERATION) Corporate Social Responsibility
4. Eastern Ontario Agricultural Committee
5. Wellness for Staff and Community with Indigenize LLC.
6. Funding with First Nations Inuit Health Board
7. Ongoing work with Queens University

Collaborative Opportunities:

- Clarkson University- Co-create opportunities for programming in Akwesasne
- OPG- Create partnerships, sponsorships, job opportunities and job creation in Akwesasne and at OPG.
- Quebec Hydro- Sponsorships and Grants for organizations, entrepreneurs, and social endeavors.
- Queens University- Potential partnerships with Department of Health for Grant and Policy Writers, Doctors, Nurses, and Research
- First Nations Inuit Health Board- Funding opportunities for Health and Mental Wellness, Land Based Learning and Healing
- Procurement Assistance Canada- Opportunities for Akwesasne Business community to secure government contracts.
- VIA Rail Canada-Employment and Procurement opportunities

Scheduled day in office Friday.

Travel update: While at the Mental Health and Anti-Racism Summit in Kenora Brandon David and I had an opportunity to discuss Mental Health and Addictions and potential funding opportunities with Minister Tibello. He is the Ontario Mental Health and Addictions Minister. We talked about what was happening here in Akwesasne, in Ontario and if there were funding opportunities available. We invited Minister Tibello here for a tour of Akwesasne and meeting with Council and the Health Director and Staff. We have a meeting with a proposed date for August 4th, 2023.



Onerahtokowa/May 2023

Monthly Report

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Committees: OVS (Office of Vital Statistics), YECL (Youth, Elders, Culture, Language), Hydro QC Residency Law Amendments, COO Women Chiefs (Chiefs of Ontario), POM (Partnership with OPG and MCA),

Monthly Notables:

- Tsi Snaihne District Meeting;
12 community members in attendance.
Updates, concerns:
Fibre to the Home, Election law, voters from the district to vote for Chiefs in their district, CPIC should be amended. temporary Speed bumps in Whoville, Cameras and street lights, Bus Stop signs,
- General Meeting: Kanatakon Recreation.
22 community residents attended.
Hydro Quebec Staff were here to give an update on the power outages.
Community Watch Update by Norman King
Detox Centre update by Bonnie Bradley
Business from the Floor: dogs in the village should be tied up, Code of Ethics on Chiefs making remarks on Social Media, Speeding, Elevator at Arena, Election Law, Petition was read and handed in to Council on a Chief.
Meeting was adjourned.
- May 9-11 attended a National Surveyors Conference in Mont Tremblanc, Quebec. Returned on Thursday as the last day was not pertaining to any of our portfolios.
- Emergency Meeting with Grand Chief and Council on the resignation of Tim Mills who had just started as our new Executive Director. Approximately two weeks into the position.

Committees/Working Groups

This section will provide the community with other activities, projects and initiatives that are still under development or in progress. It will also serve as an informative update on where items are and what is being advanced for the community.

MCA Chiefs and Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission.

The Chiefs met with members of the Police Commission to discuss the Drug Strategy and Overdose Opioid Update. Also working on a community safety plan. The Commission reported that they have had meeting with the Tribal Police Commission.

Housing Authority Meeting

Regular monthly housing meetings were held. Some updates on Renovation loans, housing loans, Innovation Fund Grant, Evictions, and MCA owned apartment buildings.

DIHE Monthly Meetings

Hilltop Construction Updates were held May 4 and May 18.

Also had a meeting at Hamilton Island on the Bridge. This bridge is going to be replaced with a two lane traffic way.

Residency Law

On going residency law amendments, once finished, a final look and then to the community.

Nation Building - Entewatatawi

Nation Building meetings were on May 3 for May Negotiations; May 17 Entewatatawi Preparation Meeting, May 25&26 Negotiations with Canada/Akwesasne were held.

Environment Portfolio Meeting

OVS Monthly Meeting

Monthly updates from OVS: Some items are MRS intake, Lands & Estate Officer, Training on the Indian ACT, Hamilton Island, Other Business ex. Personal land issues.

OPG Meeting: (Ontario Power Generation)

Monthly updates from OPG. Reviewed outstanding items.

AKW/OPG community updates: They had helped with Kids for Fishing, Seed Giveaway, NNATC Friendship Day, Visitors from AMBE, AFS, ABGC. Also have two interns from Akwesasne at the OPG station.

Community Meetings:

Council Meetings for the Month.

Council Meeting are held each Monday to go through MCR's and accept them. Presentations were given by various groups.

We have been working from home unless we are required to go in or to sign checks. Our offices are now being worked on so hopefully July we should be in the office. I have been working with various community residents when they need help or ask questions.

May-June 2023



Chief Vince Thompson



Portfolio: Department of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment, OVS, Economic Development

Selected Committees: Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure, Iroquois Caucus Harvest Working Task Group, Property Acquisition Team (PAT), the Youth and Elders Cultural Committee

- Environment Portfolio and Project update meeting
 - 1000 Tree Give Away.
 - Hamilton Island bridge impact study.
 - Roger's tower environmental assessment field work completed.
 - Aquatic update plan, water testing at swimming areas to be examined throughout the summer.
 - Re-establishing monthly meetings with the SRMT.
 - Environmental Dept. is looking to purchase an underwater drone for waterbed studies.
 - Fish consumption safe testing studies (multiagency).
- OVS Committee Meeting
 - Agenda items discussed:
 - Business on Hamilton Island request.
 - Update on the MRZ status card intake session.
 - Land purchase Request.
 - Announcement of a new hire – Lands and Estate Officer.
 - Lot #17 Block Hamilton Island - ongoing.
 - Land transfer.
- Attended a Preclearance CBSA/MCA initiative Working Group Meeting.
 - Items discussed:
 - Preclearance.
 - Challenges.
 - Locations.

- Definition from CBSA's perspective and MCA's perspective.
 - Preclearance is already occurring by water and air; this would be the first by land.
- Attended a follow up meeting with CBSA's Border Collaboration Initiative Dundee P.O.E Working Circle.
 - Continued discussion on previous items
 - Establishing a term of reference and prioritization of the matrix chart.
- Entewatatha:wi Negotiation CAN/MCA
 - Items discussed:
 - Tax remission order review.
 - Technical review.
 - Main Table undertaking.
 - International Border matters.
- Attended the May General Meeting held in Kanatakon
 - Presentation from Hydro Quebec representatives to the reoccurring power outages in Akwesasnes Quebec districts.
 - Business from the floor lead to discussions on:
 - Loose dog issue in Kanatakon.
 - Speeding concerns in the districts.
 - Elevator at the arena – usage and maintenance.
 - Comments made on social media raise concerns for community members.
 - Petition presented to council.
- Attended a Domestic Lane Working Group Table Meeting.
 - Items discussed:
 - MCA staff – reporting relief at CBSA.
 - Implemented in 2009 2for first responders from Akwesasne.
 - Relief file to be transferred to the Cornwall Working Table.
 - Questioning at the Domestic Lane.
 - Formal document to be developed for finalizing the Domestic Lane and dissolving the Domestic Working Table.
 - The Leadership Circle Meeting is being held soon.
 - The Preclearance Treaty was implemented in 2015.
- Attended a trade show in Ottawa with Ec-Dev and Portfolio chiefs, to explore possible manufacturing opportunities for Akwesasne.
- Attended a Preclearance Working Circle follow up meeting.
- Attended a DIHE Capital Planning Session on future Housing Development.
- Attended a Meet and Greet with the Upper Nicola Band Council and Community members from British Columbia.
 - The Upper Nicola Band was here to learn about Akwesasne's Nation building self-government, and our justice department.
- Attended a Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure Meeting.
 - Topics:

- Ontario's provincial premier, Doug Ford. Ford has a commitment for Housing for First Nations on First Nations territories.
- Water advisory is still ongoing for First Nation people.
- Jeff Loucks presentation on NICHI involvement in delivering funding for the URN strategy and First Nation living off reserve.
- A First Nations Market Housing presentation was presented by Travis Seymour, CEO and Chair Mike Rice, who are based in Akwesasne.
- Attended a YECL Committee Meeting for strategic plan,
 - Prioritizing and setting of timelines.
 - Create a list of existing programming already in Akwesasne.
 - Ex. Schools, daytime, after hour and language nest.
- Attended OVS Committee Meeting.
 - Updates were provided to Committee Chiefs
 - Concerning staffing new position.
 - Leases.
 - Land transfers.
 - Upcoming MCR's to be sponsored by Chiefs for Council discussions and approvals.

This is all I have to report on at this time. If I forgot or left out any details, perhaps my chiefs can provide additional information.

Nia:wen.