



# Legislative Reform Initiative: An Update

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# The Legislative Reform Initiative

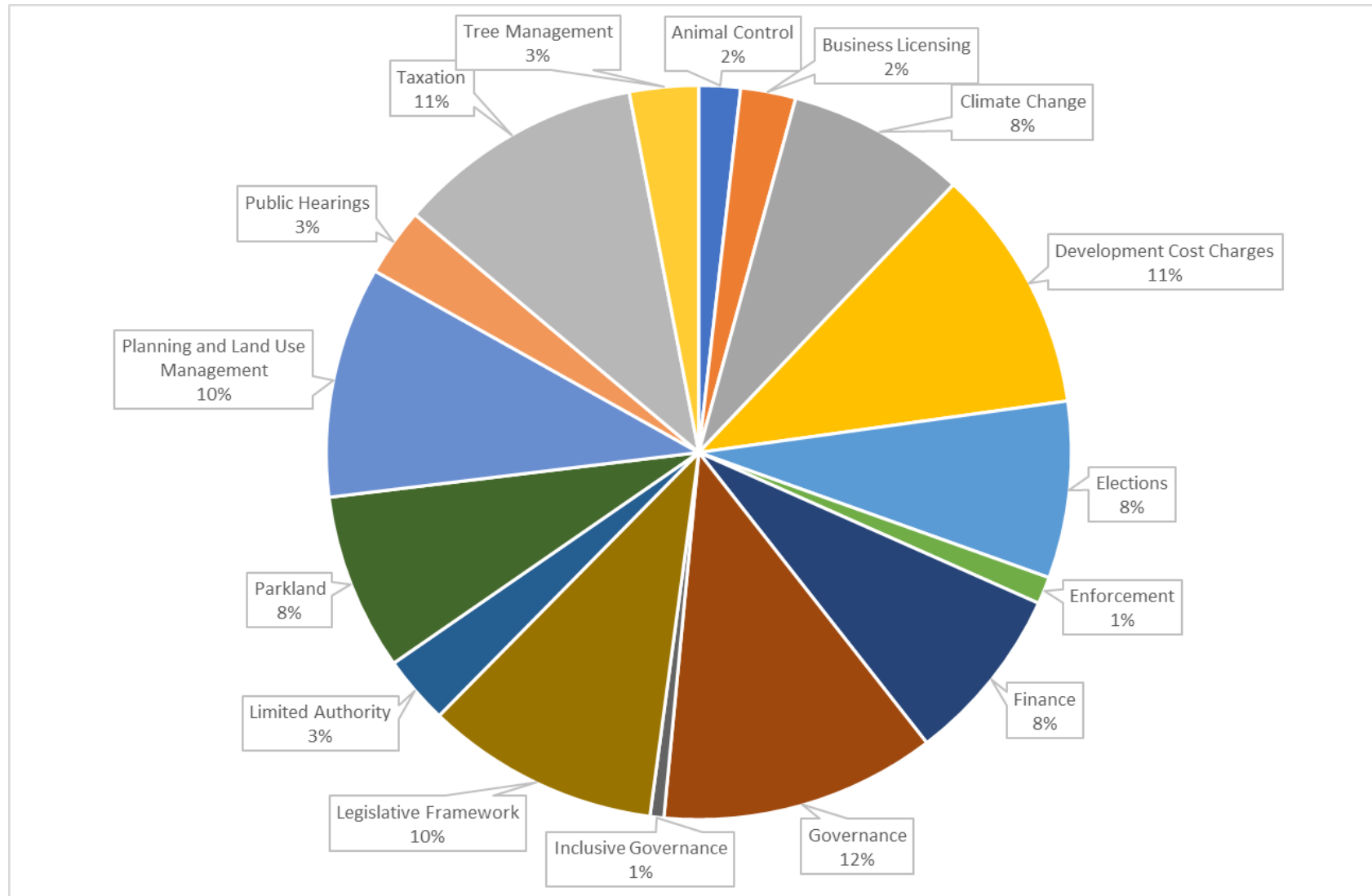
An initiative to update and modernize the *Local Government Act*:

- Address imbalance between powers of municipalities and regional districts
- Advance the potential for First Nations' participation in regional governance
- Reflect social, political, and economic changes

# Actions Taken

- From 2021 through 2024, 9 panel sessions or presentations held at AVICC, UBCM, Chair/CAO Forums about the Legislative Reform Initiative, including presentation at March 2024 Chair/CAO Forum.
- Since 2021, discussions held with 3 Ministers of Municipal Affairs.

# Resolutions At a Glance, 2003-2023



## Actions Taken, cont'd

- September 2023 UBCM panel session – support for asking UBCM to lead the initiative; establish working group to steer process.
  - Working group - reps from municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, UBCM, ministerial staff
  - Research and policy work on the framework/approach to reviewing and modernizing the LGA.
- Following Sept 2023 UBCM panel session, a “What We Heard” document was sent to UBCM members summarizing the session discussion and proposed next steps; letters of support requested.

# Current Status

- Letters of support for a UBCM working group on legislative reform are being gathered
- UBCM has held several discussions on the legislative reform initiative; discussions and information-gathering are ongoing
- UBCM Board has not yet decided about including the legislative reform initiative in their work plan.