

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
PROPOSED AGENDA**



Date: October 22, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Municipality of North Perth Council Chambers

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1. SPECIAL 2020 BUDGET MEETING

1.1 Call to Order - Mayor, Todd Kasenberg, Chair

1.2 Approve or amend the Agenda

1.3 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. CONSENT AGENDA

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATION

4. REPORTS

4.1 Public Engagement Survey for the 2020 Budget – Jessica Johnson,
Executive Coordinator and Policy Assistant

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4.2 Thematic Opportunities - Mayor Kasenberg

4.3 2020 Budget - Council Visioning Session

Councillor Comments:

- Councillor Matt Duncan
- Councillor Julie Behrns
- Councillor Neil Anstett

- Councillor Lee Anne Andriessen
- Councillor Terry Seiler
- Councillor Allan Rothwell
- Councillor Matt Richardson
- Councillor Dave Johnston
- Deputy Mayor Doug Kellum
- Mayor Todd Kasenberg

Council Summation and Direction - Mayor Todd Kasenberg

5. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

5.1 By-law No. 112-2019 Confirmatory By-law

6. ADJOURNMENT



COUNCIL REPORT

From: Jessica Johnson, Executive Coordinator and Policy Assistant
Date: Tuesday, October-22-19
Subject: 2020 Budget Survey Results

Background:

To prepare for the beginning of the 2020 North Perth Budget process, North Perth citizens were invited to provide their input on their priorities and preferences for the annual budget through a Budget Survey available on the Municipality's online engagement platform Your Say North Perth. Questions relating to the services provided by the County of Perth were included in the survey to support public engagement in the County's budget process.

The public consultation was advertised through social media, the Municipality's website and local media. Paper copies of the survey were available at the North Perth Public Library branches and distributed by staff to citizens visiting the Municipal Office.

The survey was live from September 13th to October 11th.

Comments:

Ninety-three completed surveys were received, including 77 online submissions and 16 paper copies. This is a significant increase from the 43 budget surveys that were completed as part of last year's budget process.

Quantitative Highlights:

- Variety of age groups represented in survey responses, with 71% being between the ages of 31-64 years old.
- Municipal website, Facebook page and local newspaper or radio are the top ways respondents receive information on the budget.
- Just over 60% of respondents reported being minimally or not familiar with the municipal budget process.
- The majority of respondents (75%) have urban residential property and 16% have rural residential property.
- The majority of respondents said they would maintain service levels for most Municipal/County service areas.

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- Just over 40% of respondents rated the value received for their tax dollars as Fair. Thirty-nine percent rated the value as Good and Very Good.
- Just over 60% of respondents are familiar with the Municipal and County services and programs funded through tax dollars, with just under 20% reporting they are not familiar.
- Almost 40% of respondents' would support an increase in user fees to deal with increased costs and balance the budget. Twenty-five percent would support a combination of increase in property taxes and user fees.
- Sixty-three percent of respondents reported that the option they would support the least to deal with increased costs and balance the budget would be an increase in property taxes.
- Ninety-three percent of respondents reported that it is somewhat important or important that funding be set aside to replace infrastructure to ensure existing levels of service can be provided in future years.

Qualitative Highlights:

Two open-ended questions were asked in the survey:

- What is the most important issue facing your community that you feel should receive the greatest attention from Council?
- Do you have any additional comments you would like to be considered?

Both questions received similar answers from respondents. Themes and common answers (i.e., mentioned by more than one respondent) are listed below.

Planning and Growth:

- Affordable and multi-residential housing
- Managed growth
- Business and labour force attraction
- Long-term planning

Roads:

- Traffic congestion
- Truck by-pass
- Road maintenance
- Road safety
- Parking By-law
- Pedestrian safety

Services/Amenities:

- Childcare spaces
- Dog Park
- New pool
- Public transportation
- Rural wards
- Listowel Memorial Arena decision

Green Initiatives:

- Greenspace protection
- Green Bin Program

- Climate change

Community Well-being/Safety:

- Homelessness/poverty
- Drugs
- Theft
- Mental health and addiction supports

Municipal Operations:

- Shared services and collaboration
- No tax increase
- Public engagement
- Wages
- Succession planning

Although the survey results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of the North Perth community as a whole, they provide valuable information for Council to consider during the 2020 budget process.

The survey results will be posted to the 2020 Budget Project Page on Your Say North Perth and linked to the Municipal website's budget section for public viewing. Both online locations will be updated throughout the 2020 budget process.

Financial Implications: *(Include amounts and funding source)*

None

Recommendation:

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of North Perth receive the results of the 2020 Budget Survey as information.

Reference Material Attached:

Budget Survey Presentation

Corporate Strategic Plan:

The information and responses provided in this report are consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's approved Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan.

Report Prepared by: Jessica Johnson, Executive Coordinator and Policy Assistant

Reviewed by: Kriss Snell, CAO

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Jessica Johnson, Executive Coordinator and Policy Assistant

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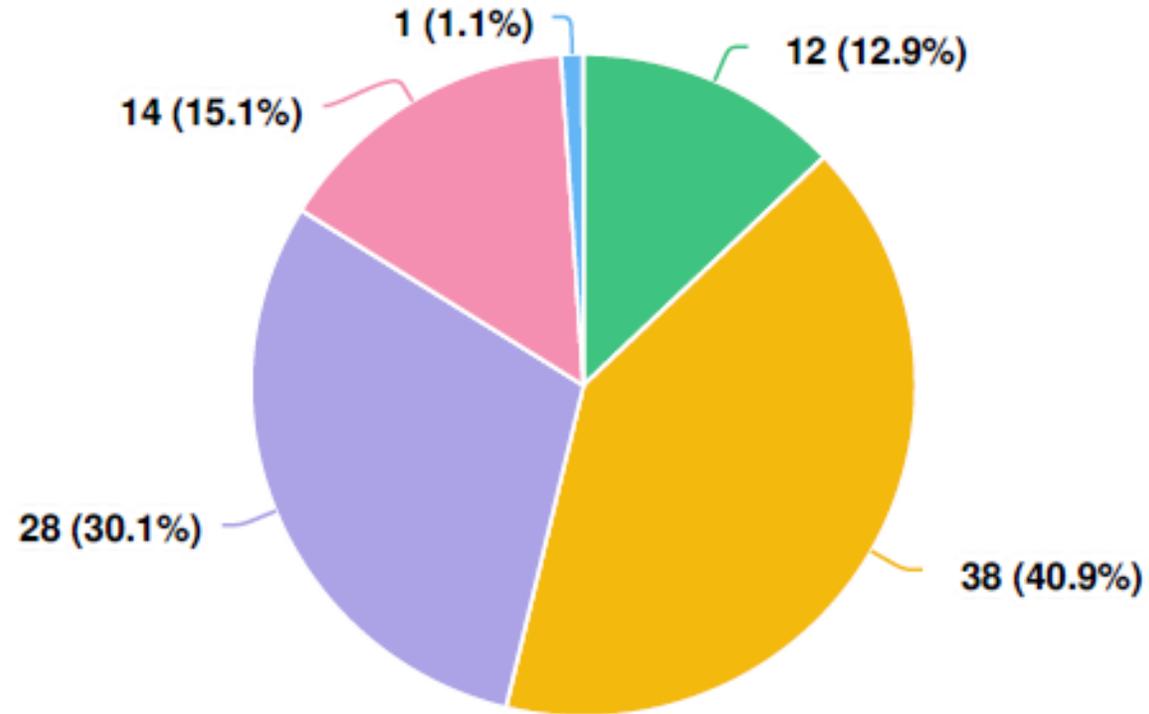
2020 Budget Survey Results



Highlights

- Shared engagement activity with Perth County
- Online survey through Your Say North Perth, paper copies available at library branches and Municipal Office reception
- 93 surveys completed (77 online and 16 paper)

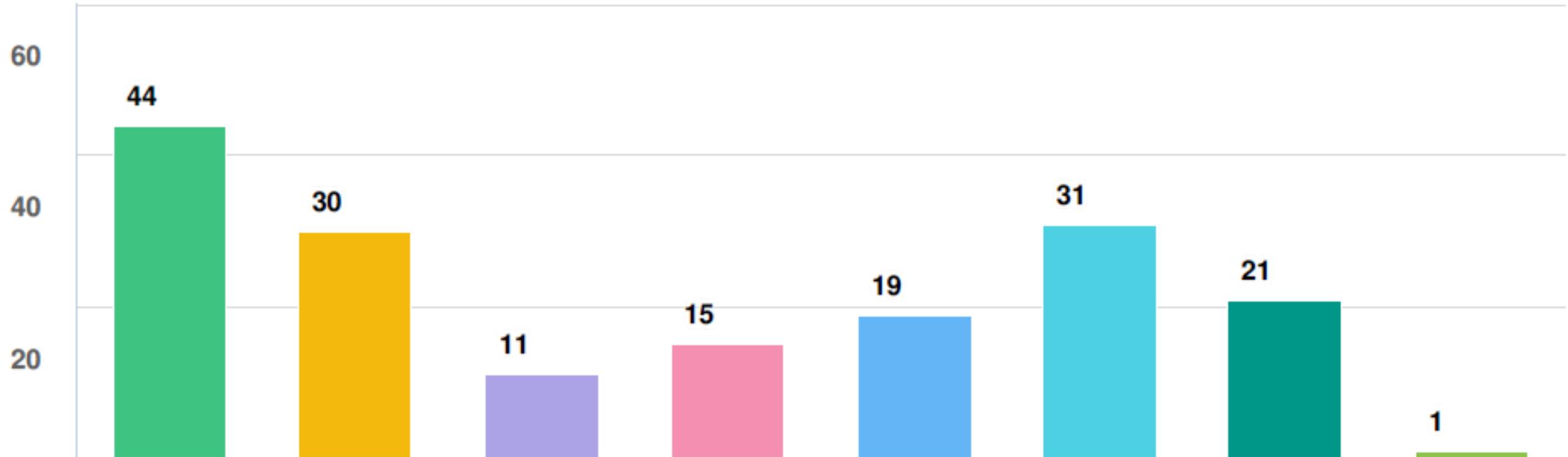
Age Group



Question options

- 30 and under
- 31-50 years
- 51-64 years
- 65 and above
- Prefer not to share

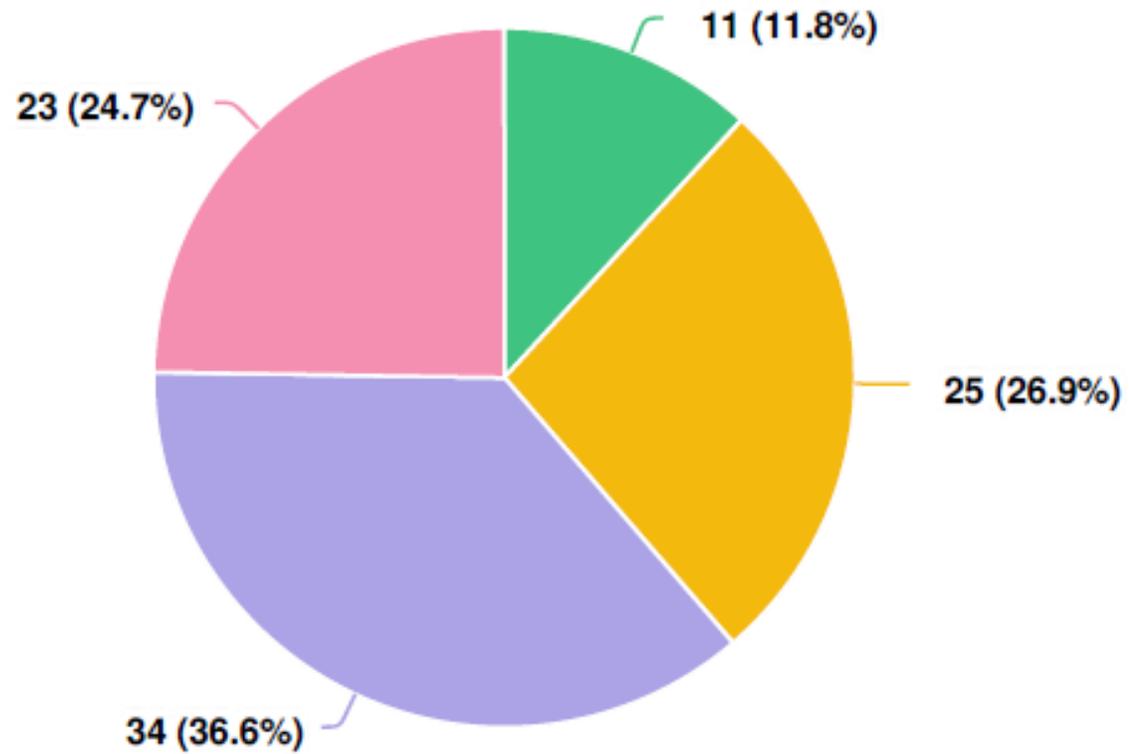
Where do you go to receive information about the Municipality's budget?



Question options

- Municipal Website
- Facebook Page
- Twitter Account
- Your Say North Perth or Your Say Perth County
- Member of Council or staff
- Local newspaper or radio
- I haven't looked for information about the budget before
- Other

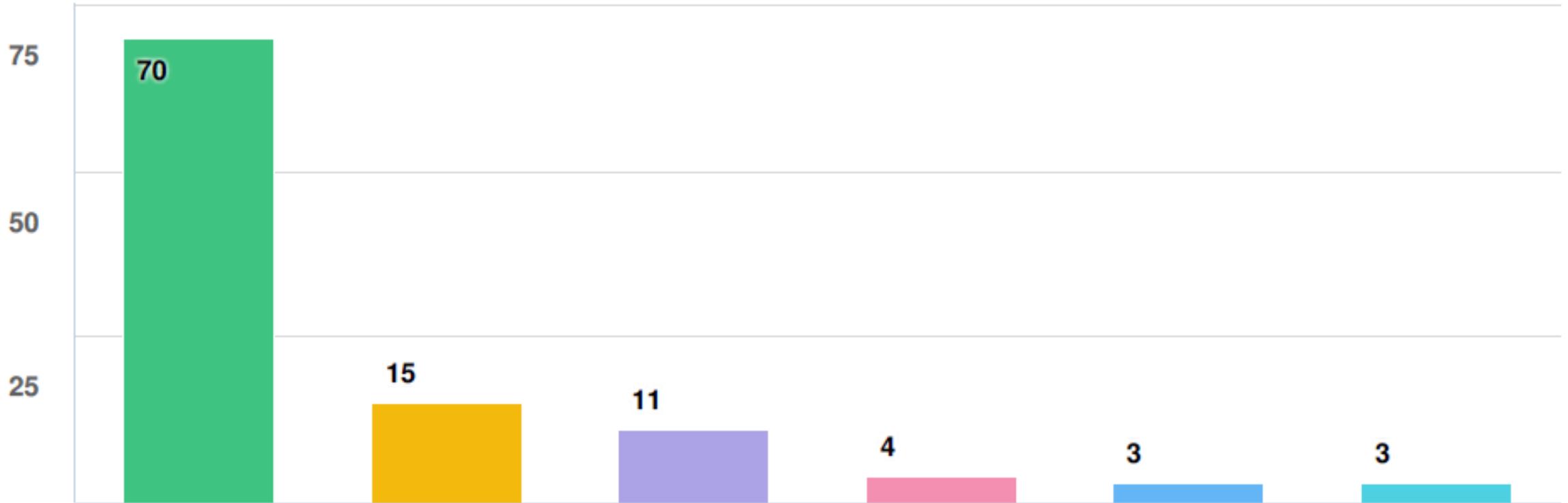
How familiar are you with the municipal budget process?



Question options

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Minimally familiar
- Not familiar

What type of property do you have in North Perth?



Question options

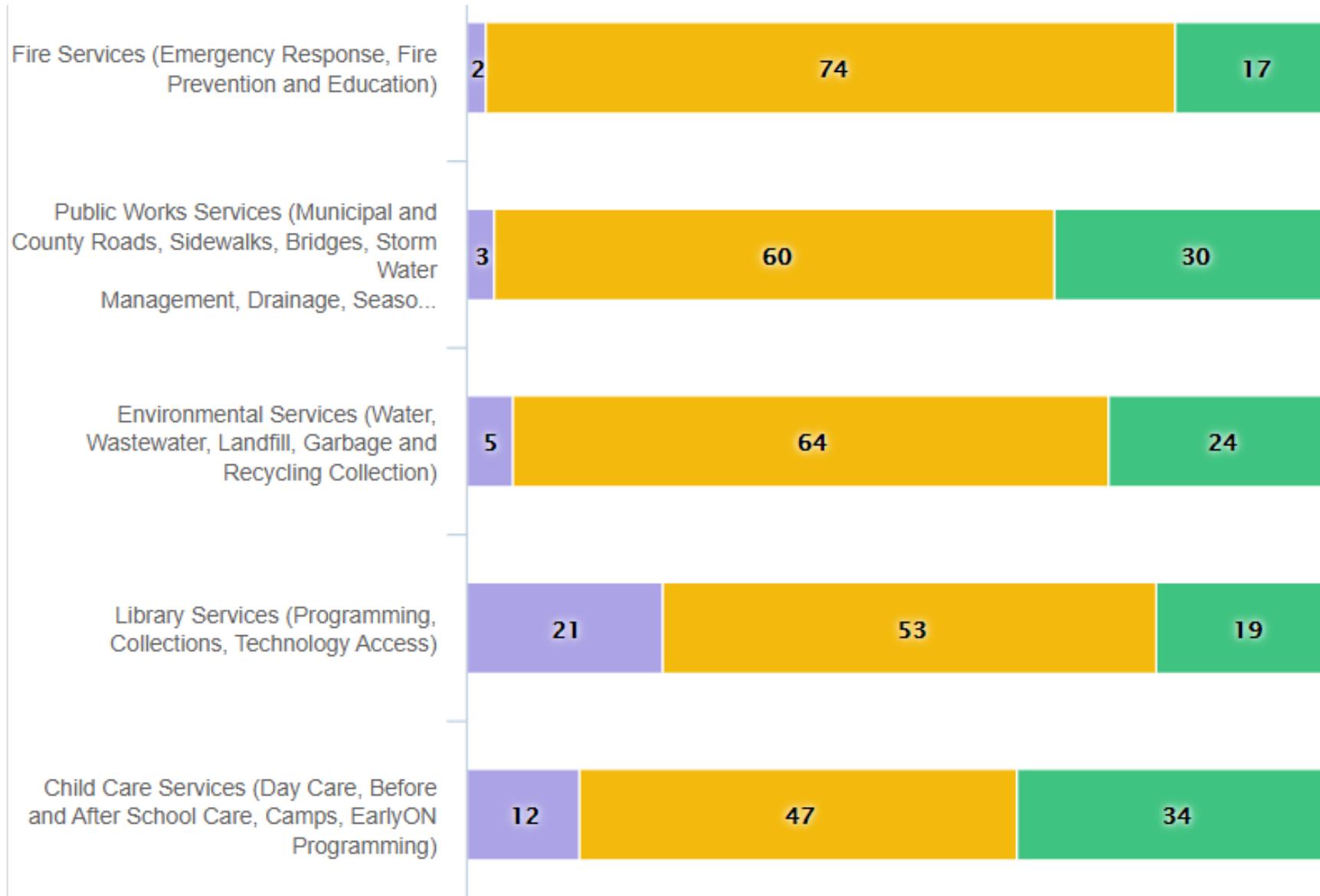
- Urban Residential
- Rural Residential
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Multi-Residential (Owner or tenant)

Thinking about the programs and services provided by the Municipality of North Perth and County of Perth, would you increase, maintain or decrease service levels?



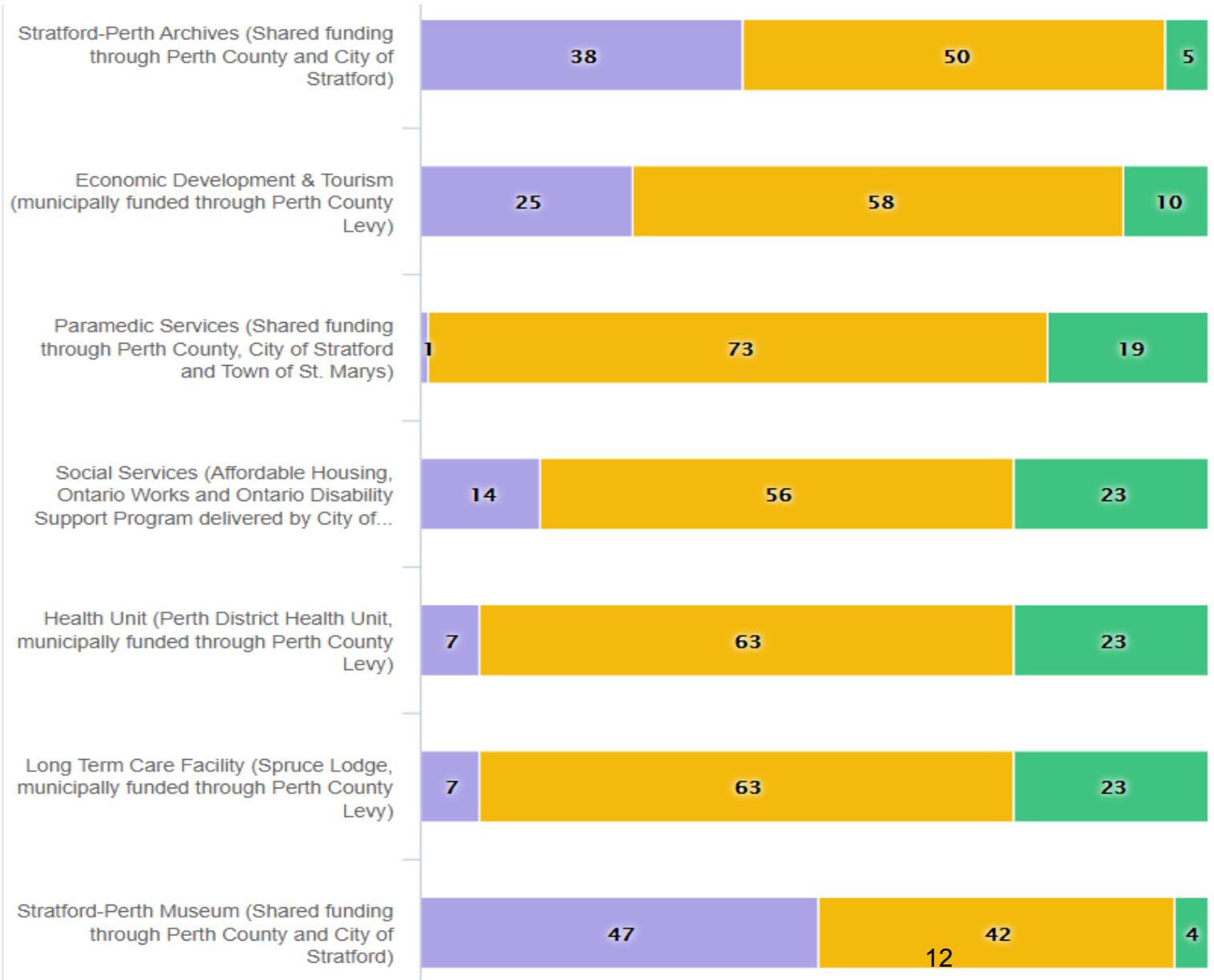
Question options

- Decrease service levels
- Maintain service levels
- Increase service levels



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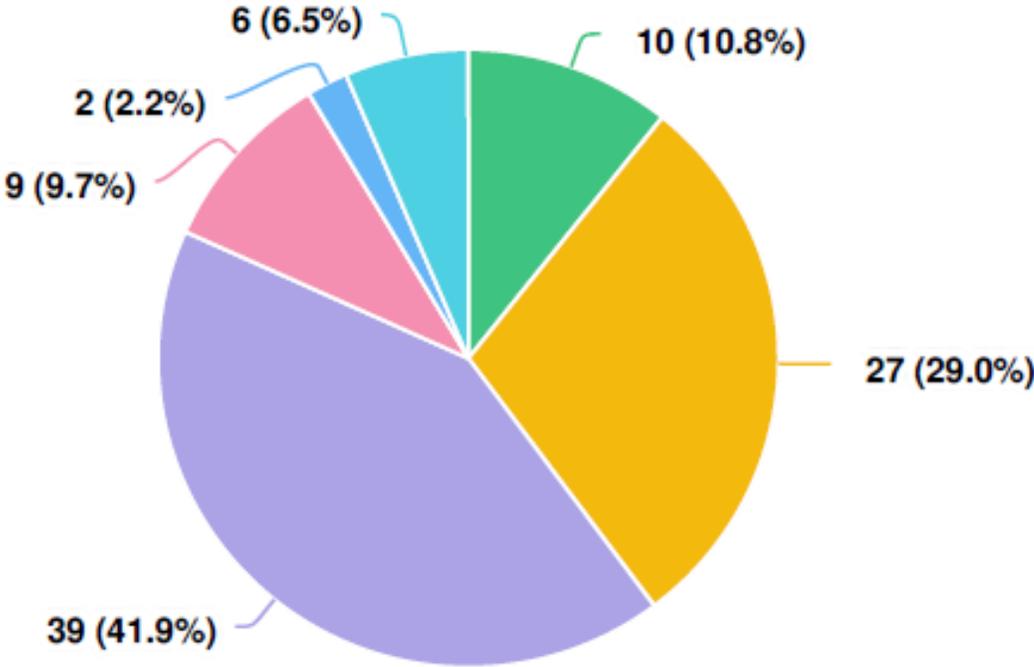
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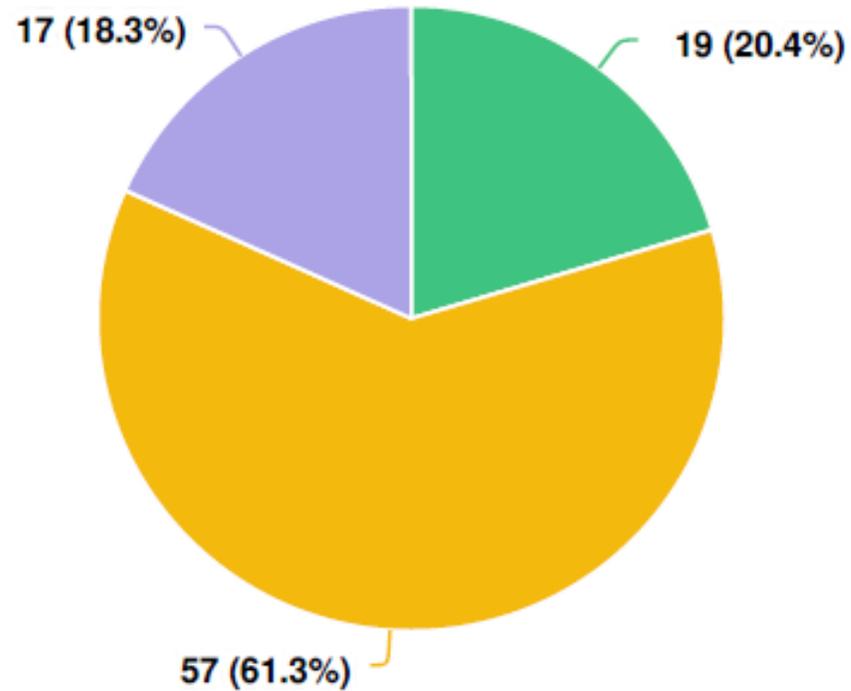
Thinking about all the programs and services provided by the Municipality and County, how would you rate the value you are receiving for your tax dollars?



Question options

- Unsure / don't know
- Very poor
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very good

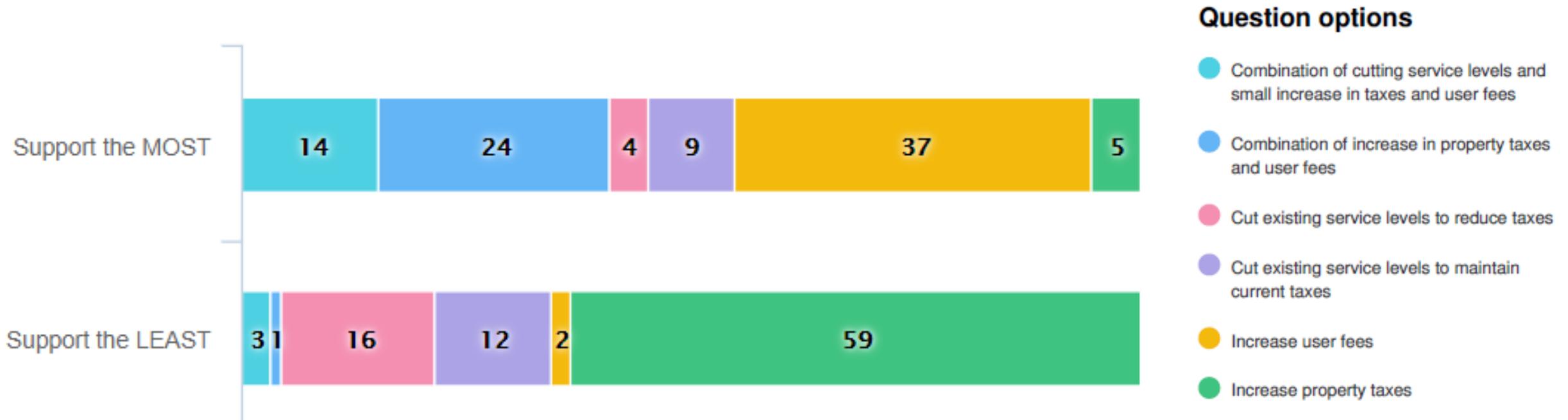
How familiar are you with the Municipal and County services and programs that you pay for through your tax dollars?



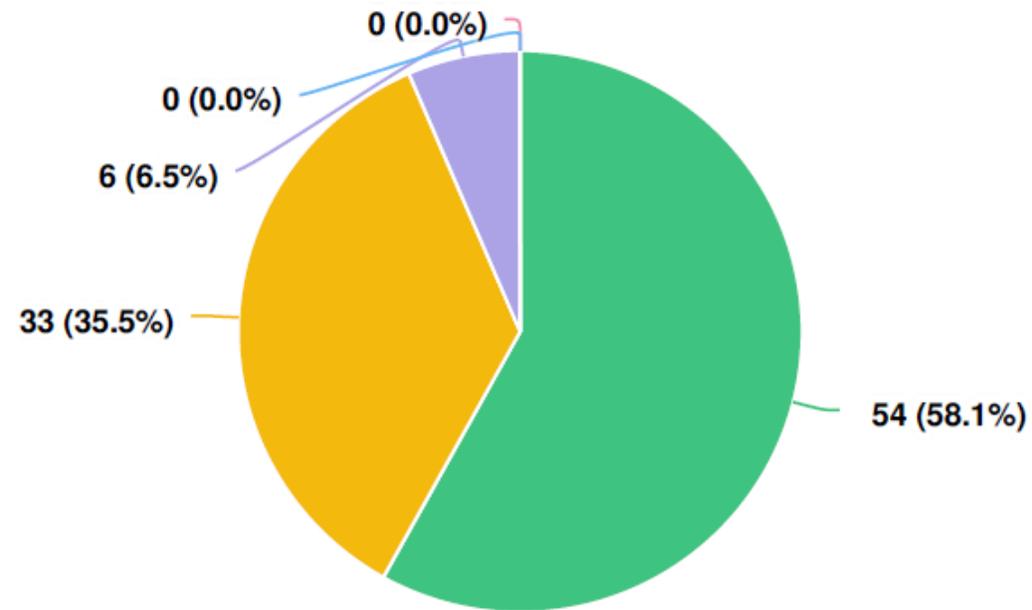
Question options

- Not at all familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Very familiar

There are only a few ways to deal with increased costs to pay for Municipal and County services. Please select which option you would support the MOST and LEAST to balance the budget.



How important is it to you that funding is set aside to replace infrastructure such as roads, bridges and buildings to ensure existing levels of service can be provided in future years?



Question options

- Unsure / don't know
- Unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Somewhat important
- Important

Most important issue facing your community & additional comments:

Planning and Growth	Roads	Services/ Amenities	Green Initiatives	Community Well-being /Safety	Municipal Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable & Multi-residential housing • Managed growth • Business & labour force attraction • Long-term plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic congestion • Truck by-pass • Maintenance • Road safety • Parking By-law • Pedestrian safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare spaces • Dog Park • New pool • Public transportation • Rural wards • Listowel Memorial Arena decision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenspace protection • Green bin program • Climate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homelessness/ poverty • Drugs • Theft • Mental health/addiction supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared services & collaboration • No tax increase • Public engagement • Wages • Succession planning