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2025 Municipal Budget Survey
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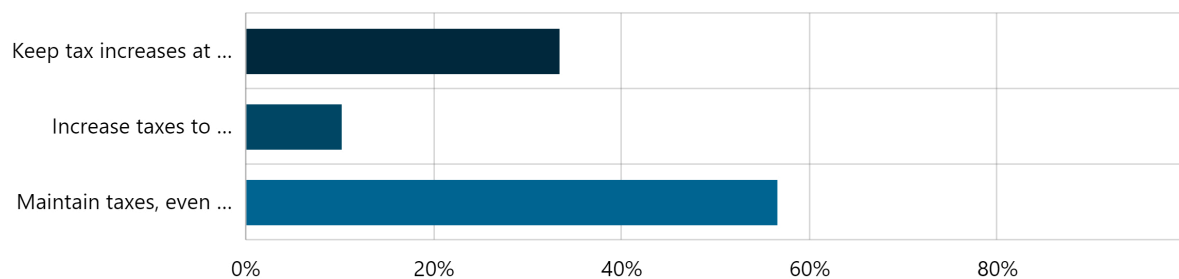
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Contribution Summary

1. Due to the increased cost of maintaining service levels and supporting infrastructure, the Township must balance property tax rates with increasing demand for services. The Township has a number of options when balancing the budget. Please indicate which of the following statements comes closest to capturing your point of view. Required

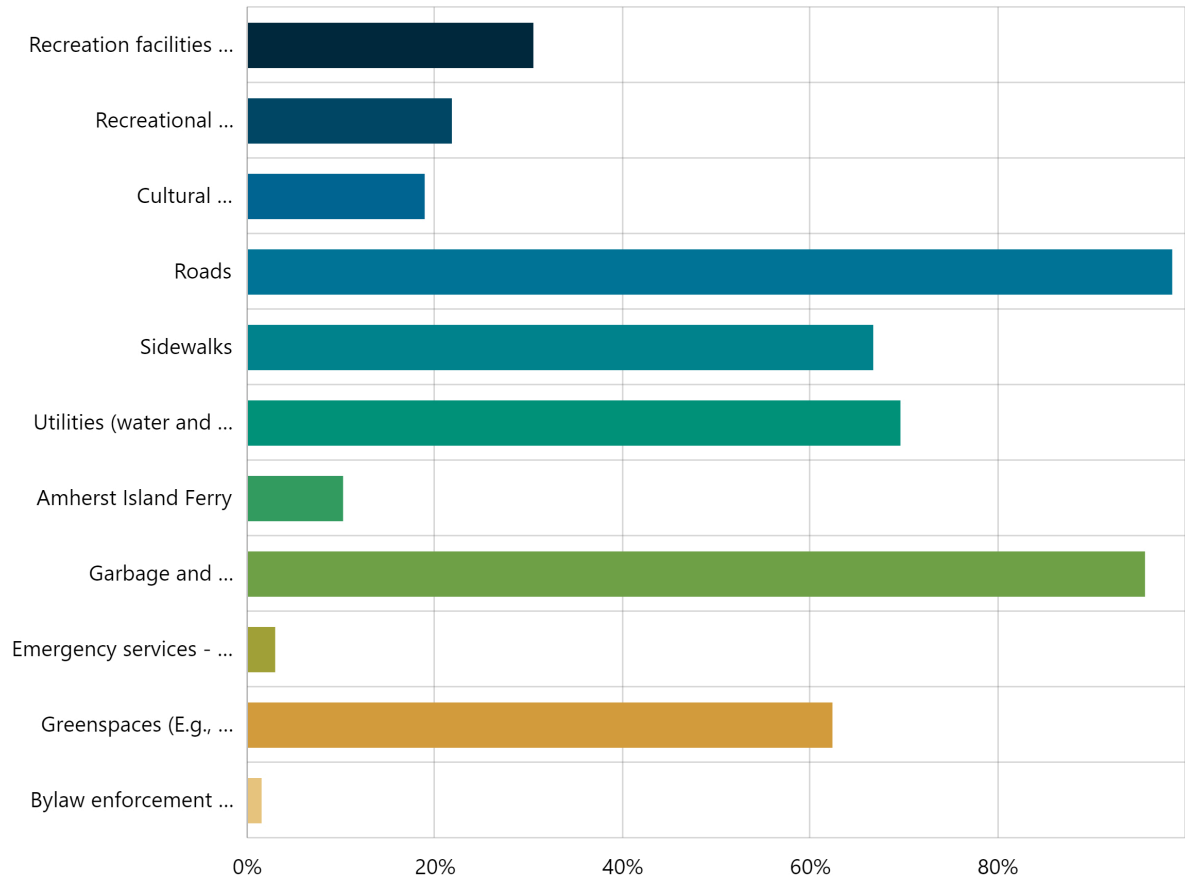
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Keep tax increases at an inflationary level in order to maintain services	33.33%	23
Increase taxes to expand and enhance services	10.14%	7
Maintain taxes, even if it means reducing some Township services in order to maintain others at the current level	56.52%	39
Total	100.00%	69

2. Which Township services have you used during the last month? Select all that apply. Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 69 (100%)

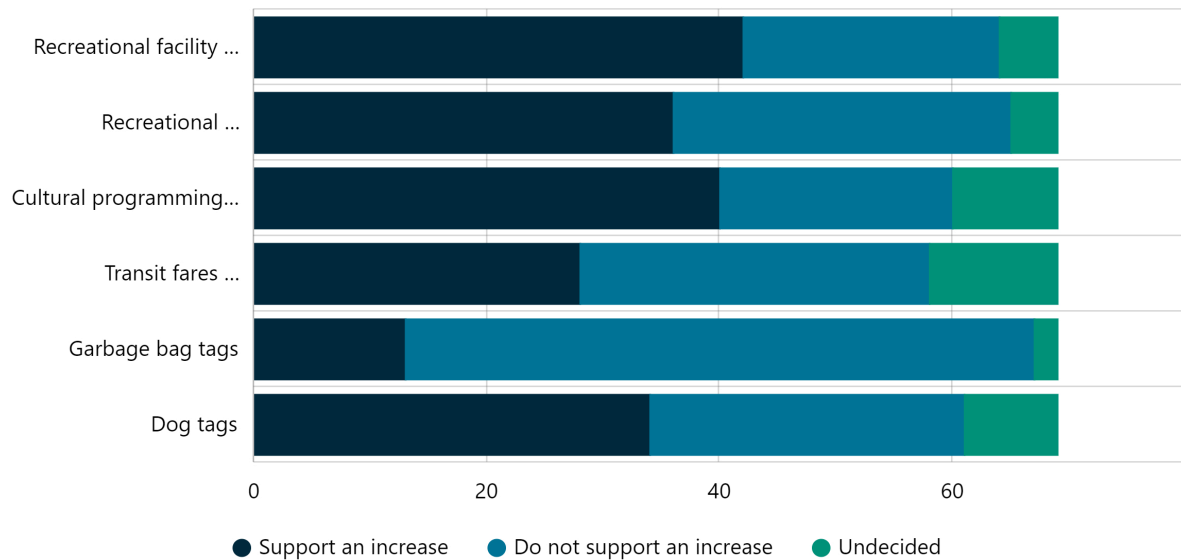


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Recreation facilities (arena, sports fields, etc.)	30.43%	21
Recreational programming (fitness, children's programming, camps, aquatics)	21.74%	15
Cultural programming (museums, summer concerts, movie nights, Bath Canada Day, etc.)	18.84%	13
Roads	98.55%	68
Sidewalks	66.67%	46
Utilities (water and sewer)	69.57%	48
Amherst Island Ferry	10.14%	7
Garbage and recycling services	95.65%	66
Emergency services - fire	2.90%	2

Greenspaces (E.g., parks, trails, and natural spaces)	62.32%	43
Bylaw enforcement (E.g., enforcement, investigation, municipal bylaw education)	1.45%	1

3. A user fee is a charge that an individual pays to access a specific service. Most services that have user fees associated with them, such as recreational programming, transit, waste collection, are also subsidized by tax revenues. The following services are supported by user fees. Please identify whether you would support an increase in user fees if this meant a reduction in property taxes. Required

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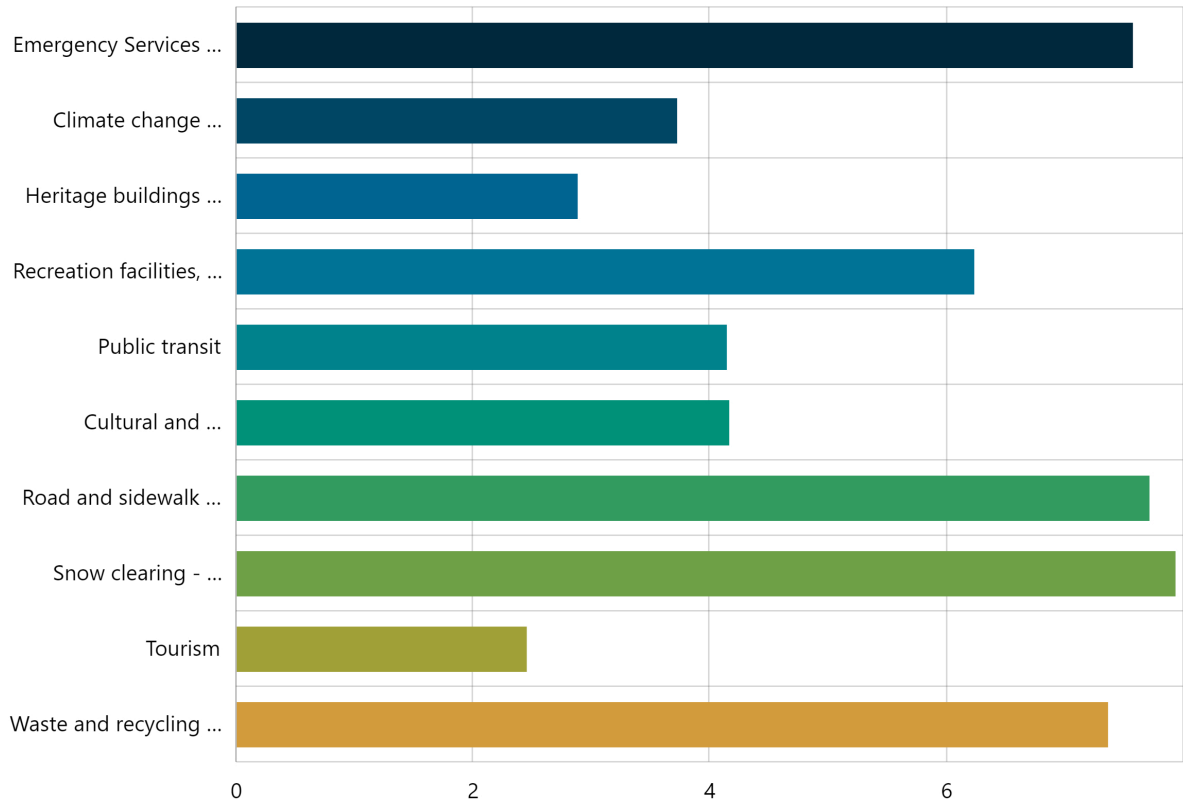


	Support an increase	Do not support an increase	Undecided	Count	Score
Recreational facility rental fees (arena, sports fields, etc.)	60.87% 42	31.88% 22	7.25% 5	69	1.46
Recreational programming fees (fitness programs, camps, aquatics)	52.17% 36	42.03% 29	5.80% 4	69	1.54
Cultural programming fees (special events, museums)	57.97% 40	28.99% 20	13.04% 9	69	1.55
Transit fares (Amherstview area-rated)	40.58% 28	43.48% 30	15.94% 11	69	1.75
Garbage bag tags	18.84% 13	78.26% 54	2.90% 2	69	1.84
Dog tags	49.28% 34	39.13% 27	11.59% 8	69	1.62

4. Please rank the following Township services in your personal order of most to least important in terms of budget allocation. Place the most important items at the top, and the least important services at the bottom.

Required

Ranking | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 69 (100%)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Emergency Services and by-law enforcement	27.54% 19	10.14% 7	14.49% 10	23.19% 16	11.59% 8	4.35% 3	2.90% 2	0% 0	2.90% 2	2.90% 2	69	7.57	3.43
Climate change initiatives	3.03% 2	1.52% 1	7.58% 5	4.55% 3	4.55% 3	12.12% 8	19.70% 13	13.64% 9	12.12% 8	21.21% 14	66	3.72	7.11
Heritage buildings	0% 0	1.52% 1	0% 0	3.03% 2	3.03% 2	7.58% 5	19.70% 13	18.18% 12	30.30% 20	16.67% 11	66	2.88	7.98

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Recreation facilities, parks fields and trails	10.61 % 7	15.15 % 10	9.09 % 6	15.15 % 10	15.15 % 10	15.15 % 10	10.61 % 7	4.55 % 3	3.03 % 2	1.52 % 1	66	6.23	4.48
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Public transit	5.97 % 4	1.49 % 1	5.97 % 4	4.48 % 3	5.97 % 4	17.91 % 12	16.42 % 11	14.93 % 10	11.94 % 8	14.93 % 10	67	4.14	6.73
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Cultural and recreation programs and events	1.52 % 1	3.03 % 2	0% 0	4.55 % 3	18.18 % 12	18.18 % 12	15.15 % 10	22.73 % 15	15.15 % 10	1.52 % 1	66	4.16	6.65
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Road and sidewalk maintenance and replacement	31.88 % 22	10.14 % 7	13.04 % 9	17.39 % 12	13.04 % 9	7.25 % 5	1.45 % 1	4.35 % 3	0% 0	1.45 % 1	69	7.71	3.29
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Snow clearing - roads and sidewalks	10.14 % 7	30.43 % 21	31.88 % 22	11.59 % 8	8.70 % 6	2.90 % 2	2.90 % 2	0% 0	1.45 % 1	0% 0	69	7.93	3.07
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Tourism	1.54 % 1	1.54 % 1	0% 0	0% 0	3.08 % 2	9.23 % 6	9.23 % 6	16.92 % 11	20.00 % 13	38.46 % 25	65	2.45	8.40
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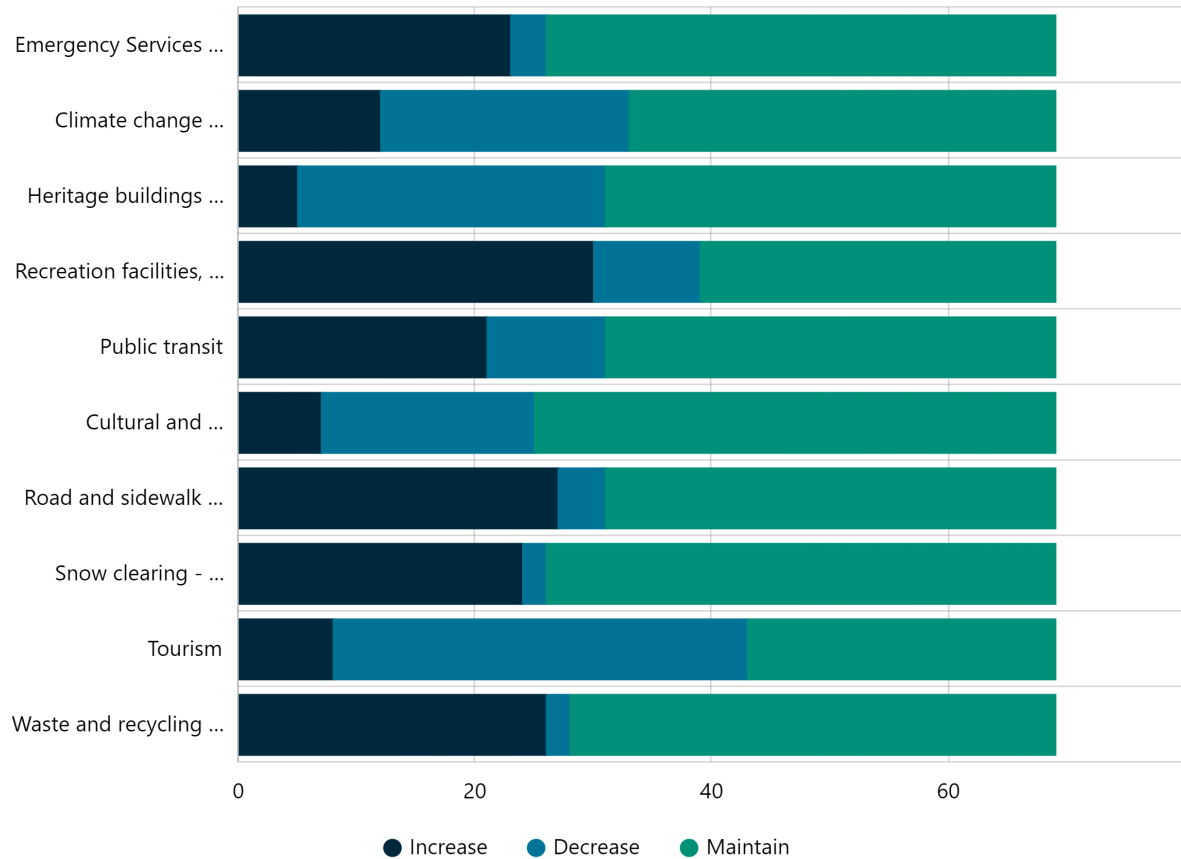
Waste and recycling collection	8.70 % 6	26.09 % 18	18.84 % 13	17.39 % 12	15.94 % 11	4.35 % 3	1.45 % 1	4.35 % 3	2.90 % 2	0% 0	69	7.36	3.64
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Score - Sum of the weight of each ranked position, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total contributions. Weights are inverse to ranked positions.

Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total 'Count' of the choice.

5. Thinking about the importance of the services and programs that are provided to you and to the community, please tell us if the Township should increase, decrease, or maintain its investment in the following programs and services: Required

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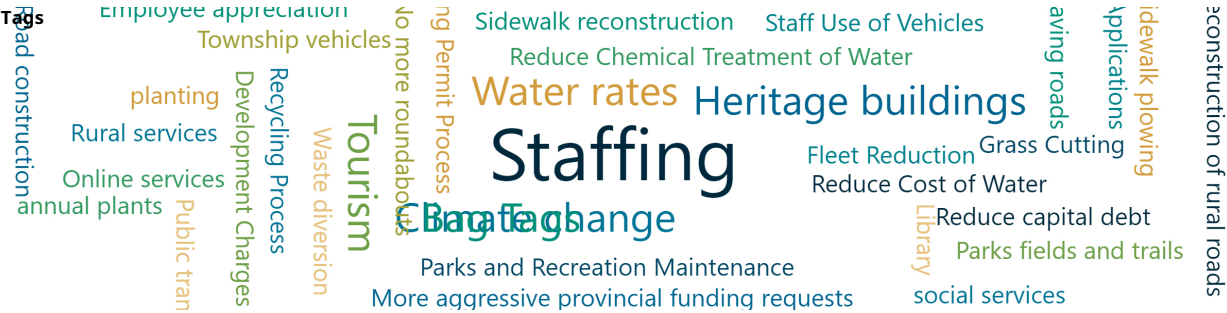
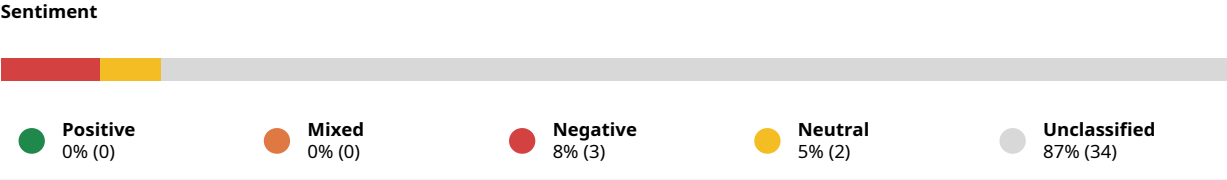


	Increase	Decrease	Maintain	Count	Score
Emergency Services and by-law enforcement	33.33% 23	4.35% 3	62.32% 43	69	2.29
Climate change initiatives	17.39% 12	30.43% 21	52.17% 36	69	2.35
Heritage buildings and museums	7.25% 5	37.68% 26	55.07% 38	69	2.48
Recreation facilities, parks fields and trails	43.48% 30	13.04% 9	43.48% 30	69	2.00
Public transit	30.43% 21	14.49% 10	55.07% 38	69	2.25

Cultural and recreation programs and events	10.14% 7	26.09% 18	63.77% 44	69	2.54
Road and sidewalk maintenance and replacement	39.13% 27	5.80% 4	55.07% 38	69	2.16
Snow clearing - roads and sidewalks	34.78% 24	2.90% 2	62.32% 43	69	2.28
Tourism	11.59% 8	50.72% 35	37.68% 26	69	2.26
Waste and recycling collection	37.68% 26	2.90% 2	59.42% 41	69	2.22

6. Are there any services you receive from the Township that could be reduced to save on costs or changed to be more efficient?

Short Text | Skipped: 30 | Answered: 39 (56.5%)



Tag	Percent	Count
Staffing	10%	4
Climate change	5%	2
Bag Tags	5%	2
Water rates	5%	2
Heritage buildings	5%	2
Tourism	5%	2
Waste diversion	3%	1
Fleet Reduction	3%	1
No more roundabouts	3%	1
Parks and Recreation Maintenance	3%	1
Reduce Chemical Treatment of Water	3%	1
Reduce Cost of Water	3%	1
Recycling Process	3%	1
Sidewalk reconstruction	3%	1
Building Permit Process	3%	1
More aggressive provincial funding requests	3%	1

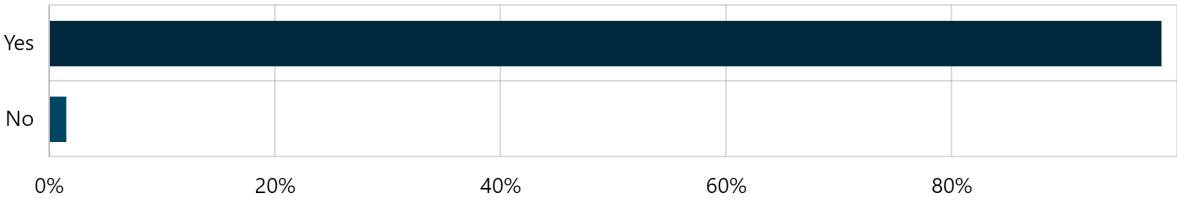
Development Charges	3%	1
Library	3%	1
Staff Use of Vehicles	3%	1
Township vehicles	3%	1
Grass Cutting	3%	1
Online services	3%	1
Reduce capital debt	3%	1
Rural services	3%	1
Paving roads	3%	1
planting	3%	1
Recreation facilities	3%	1
Parks fields and trails	3%	1
Public transit	3%	1
Culture and recreation programs	3%	1
Salaries	3%	1
grounds maintenance	3%	1
annual plants	3%	1
Reconstruction of rural roads	3%	1
social services	3%	1
Employee appreciation	3%	1
Sidewalk plowing	3%	1
Road construction	3%	1
Protect natural lands	3%	1
Combination of fire and ambulance building	3%	1
Applications	3%	1

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

7. Are you a Township resident, property owner or business owner? Required

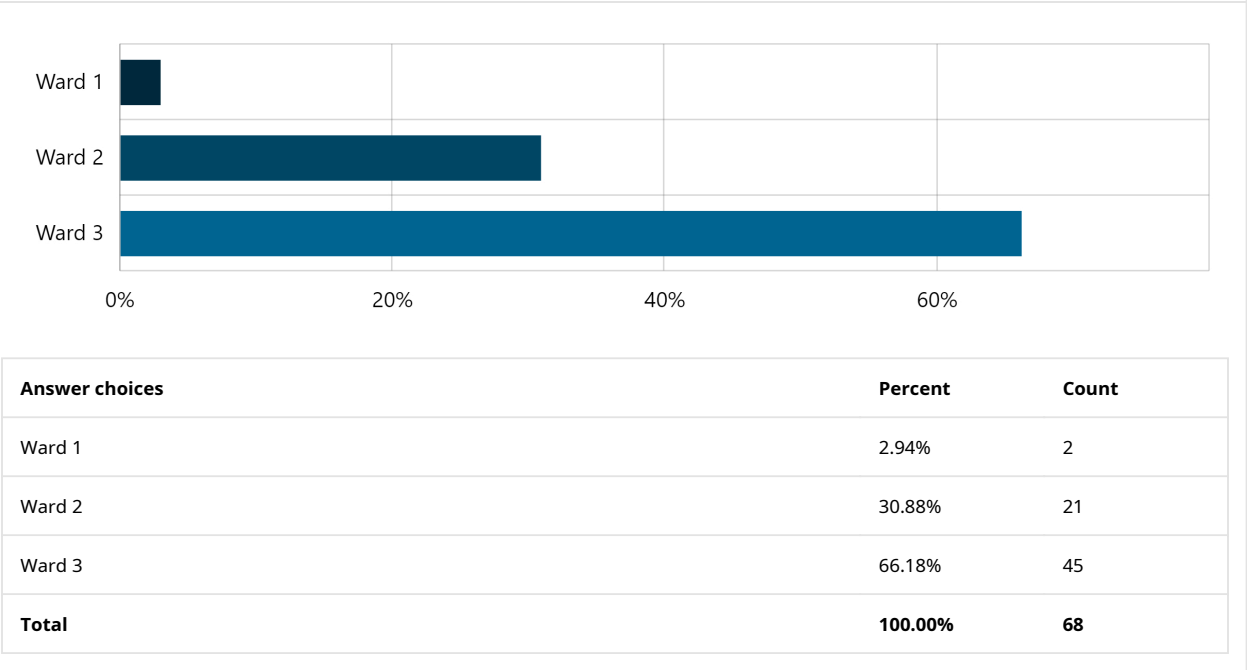
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 69 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	98.55%	68
No	1.45%	1
Total	100.00%	69

8. Which ward do you live in?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 68 (98.6%)



9. Postal Code Required

Short Text | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 69 (100%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags

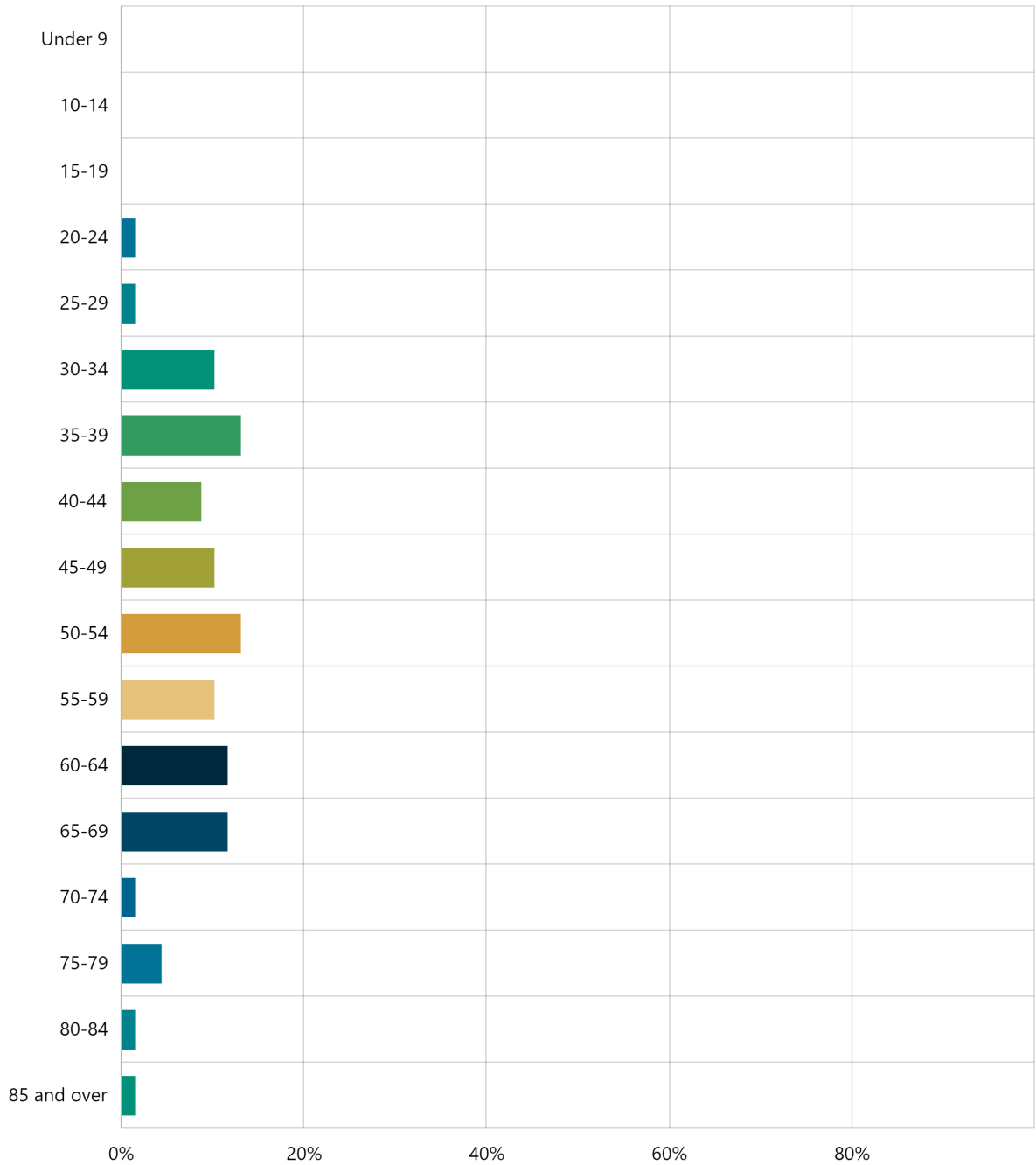
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Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

10. Age Group

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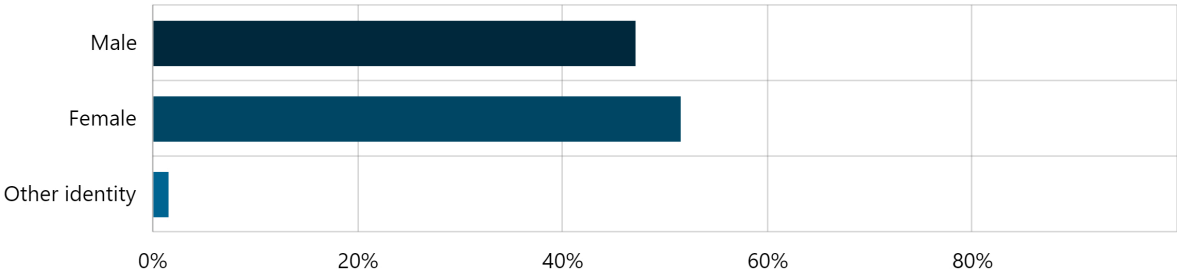


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Under 9	0%	0

10-14	0%	0
15-19	0%	0
20-24	1.45%	1
25-29	1.45%	1
30-34	10.14%	7
35-39	13.04%	9
40-44	8.70%	6
45-49	10.14%	7
50-54	13.04%	9
55-59	10.14%	7
60-64	11.59%	8
65-69	11.59%	8
70-74	1.45%	1
75-79	4.35%	3
80-84	1.45%	1
85 and over	1.45%	1
Total	100.00%	69

11. Gender

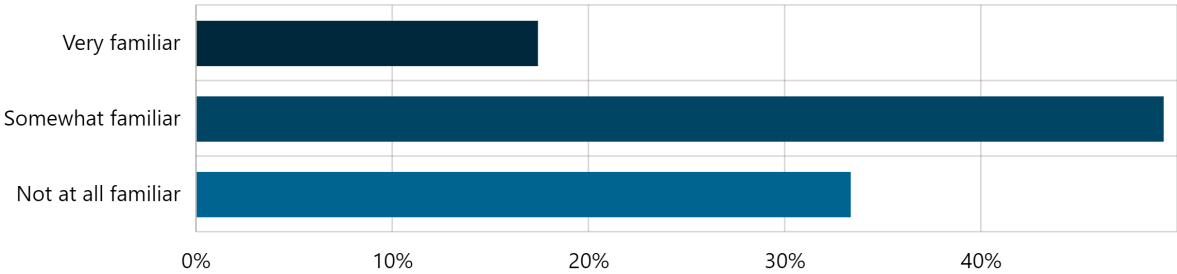
Select Box | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 68 (98.6%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Male	47.06%	32
Female	51.47%	35
Other identity	1.47%	1
Total	100.00%	68

12. How familiar are you with how the Township develops the annual budget? Required

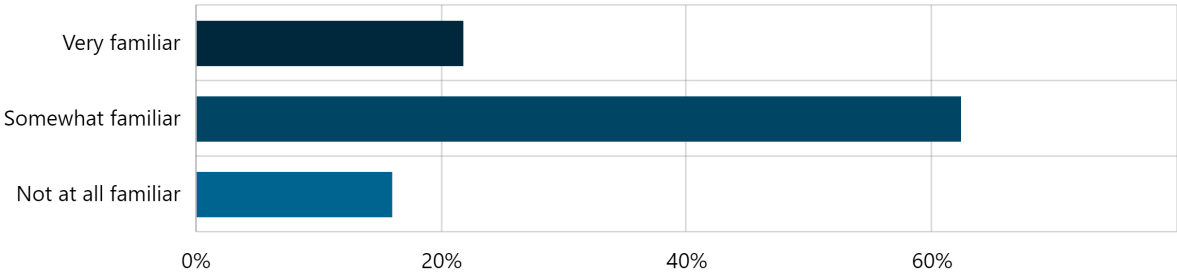
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very familiar	17.39%	12
Somewhat familiar	49.28%	34
Not at all familiar	33.33%	23
Total	100.00%	69

13. How familiar are you with the services and programs funded by the Township's annual budget? Required

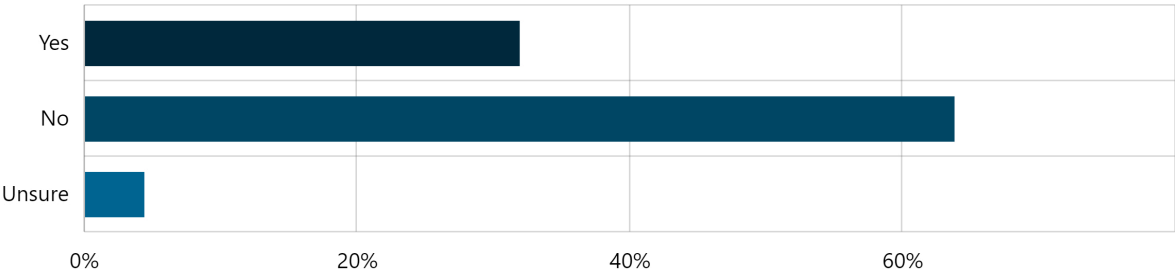
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 69 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very familiar	21.74%	15
Somewhat familiar	62.32%	43
Not at all familiar	15.94%	11
Total	100.00%	69

14. Have you completed Township budget surveys in the past? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 69 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	31.88%	22
No	63.77%	44
Unsure	4.35%	3
Total	100.00%	69

Loyalist Township Budget Survey - Detailed Answers to Question 6

Are there any services you receive from the Township that could be reduced to

Contribution	Tags
All of them.	
As Loyalist Township already has the highest tax rates anywhere around, please reduce all of Tourism, Climate change initiatives, heritage buildings and museums, recreation facilities parks fields and trails, public transit, culture and rec programs.	Climate change; Tourism; Heritage buildings; Recreation facilities; Parks fields and trails; Public transit; Culture and recreation programs
avoiding replacement/reconstruction of new sidewalks, curbs and streets within a short time of their creation	Sidewalk reconstruction
Cost of water could be reduced	Reduce Cost of Water
Cut back on township vehicles being used on the road ie: send out crews for jobs, no township vehicles being driven home, always drive to work to pick up their vehicle for the day. Do not pay for allowance for personal vehicle uses. Cut back on supervisors	Staff Use of Vehicles; Staffing; Township vehicles
Eliminate grass cutting on road shoulders. Lease vehicles & equipment. Increase or create self sufficient hall boards. Fund st John's hall since it is the community hall that the town doesn't provide. Freeze hiring. Eliminate all empty fte positions &	Grass Cutting; Staffing
Full time firefighters are a waste of money based on the current call volume and unreasonable demands for more in the collective bargaining	
greater use of online platforms and/or applications for customer service activities at the township	Online services; Applications
I believe land, like Parrot's Bay, should be protected. I hope the Township will work with neighbors to protect natural lands and public access. For emergency services, I think a Fire and Ambulance building should be preferred instead of separate building	Protect natural lands; Combination of fire and ambulance building
I moved from a community that picked up ALL recycling weekly, I fail to understand the efficiency in the bi weekly rotation of types of recycling collection.	Recycling Process
I wish bag tags were similar to Kingston rules. First bag free and tag the extra bags.	Bag Tags
If Brandon Road were paved it would reduce maintenance costs; increased opportunities for waste diversion would reduce cost of maintaining landfills	Waste diversion; Paving roads
Library	Library
Loyalist must start living within its means and commit to a tough plan to reduce capital debt- no new hires, no cost overruns for the Henderson Centre, more aggressive provincial funding requests. The current strategy is positioned for failure	More aggressive provincial funding requests; Reduce capital debt; Staffing
My issue is that where I live (Lucas Road) I pay way too much property tax for the limited services I receive. I don't use water and sewer infra. The road is terrible and not paved. No public transport. No sidewalks. Last road to get plowed	Rural services
No	
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No	
No more spending of taxpayer money to turn perfectly fine four way stops into roundabouts	No more roundabouts
not sure	

Are there any services you receive from the Township that could be reduced to

Contribution	Tags
Parks & Rec maintenance. Reduce manpower engage the community to get out to take care of their communities.	Parks and Recreation Maintenance
Reduce the inflated salaries of politicians, fire service management and recreation supervisors. Overpaid, under perform, waste of tax payer dollars	Salaries
Reduce the operational fleet, more hybrids, incentivize walking and cycling, streamline the building permit process, adjust the Development Charges, Linear Parks, Bag Tag alignment	Fleet Reduction; Building Permit Process; Development Charges; Bag Tags
Reduce township employee appreciation day. Felt like a poor taste post to let is all know you soend our money for a pat on the back. Lots of important professions do not get days off for employee appreciation day.	Employee appreciation
Residential water rates are unreasonable, higher than anywhere I've lived in Canada. There has to be a better way	Water rates
Staffing levels. Seeing three trucks with 5 people, clearing a couple garden beds in the summer. Also, do road construction right the first time. The paving jobs now done in the township are done to such poor quality, that follow up projects are required.	Road construction; Staffing
Stop putting so many chemicals in our water. We smell like we always just came from the pool. And it's so bad for the people that are drinking it without a water filter.	Reduce Chemical Treatment of Water
Stop reconstructing Lucas Rd. Maybe a cheaper option like tar and chip? Just donâ€™t rip all of our trees down.	Reconstruction of rural roads
Stop using our property taxes towards community events.	
The township needs to focus on what they do best, provide infrastructure and facilities. Its is not the townships mandate to get themselves involved in issues outside of the township (climate change, social services) Focus on whatâ€™s important	Climate change; social services
The township seems to be spending a lot of money on heritage buildings that are hardly used. If we are not going to use them why do we have a whole department?	Heritage buildings
There is no need to plow sidewalks. That is the homeowner responsibility	Sidewalk plowing
Tourism	Tourism
Water Bills are at an atrocious level and need to be reduced.	Water rates
Would be helpful to have a central location to drop off yard brown bags during the season. Lappan's Lane is a long ways from	
Your grounds maintenance in the summer seems very wasteful. Planting large volumes of annual plants in township gardens guarantee theory has to be redone every ueat switching to wildflower perennial gardens would reduce time spent planting, weeding and wa	grounds maintenance; planting; annual plants