

# Staff Report



**To** Council  
**Department** Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation Department  
**Meeting Date** Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings - 11 Nov 2025  
**Subject** 2026 Budget - Public Engagement Update  
**Report Number** SR- 3043  
**Prepared by** Trevor Cornelius

## Recommendation

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1. That the report from the Communications Division, dated November 11, 2025, re: 2026 Budget - Public Engagement Update, be received.

## Executive Summary

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### Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with an update on the 2026 budget public engagement initiatives and provide the results of Phase 1: Public Consultation - Budget Survey.

### Report Highlights

- Phase 1: Budget Survey of the budget engagement strategy is complete.
- Attached with this report is the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget: Public Engagement Report Phase 1: Budget Survey.
- Communications Division will turn its focus to future phases of the engagement strategy for the 2026 budget.
- Culmination of the engagement strategy is Phase 4, with a report back to residents/ stakeholders on the adopted budget and associated workplans.

## Report Details

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### Background and Analysis

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with an update on the 2026 budget public engagement initiatives and provide the results of Phase 1: Public Consultation - Budget Survey.

The public engagement objectives for the Draft 2026 Operating and Capital Budget before the first budget meeting on November 18th is to:

- receive feedback from residents and business owners on the Draft 2026 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget;
- encourage taxpayers to engage and learn more about the municipal budget process; and
- attract residents to sign-up for the engagement platform.

The engagement strategy and approach for 2026 has been changed due to new legislation implemented on May 1, 2025, granting Strong Mayor Powers to Loyalist Township. The new process has broken down with the following timelines.

- Involving residents through a budget survey (August 12 - October 5, 2025)
- Propose and solicit public feedback on proposed 2026 budget and promote budget meetings (November 11, 2025 - December 2, 2025)
- Council Decision Period
- Final Budget - report back to residents/ stakeholders on adopted budget

With many residents now aware of the Engage Loyalist platform launched in 2024, in total, 205 responses to the survey were received compared to 69 total responses received in 2024.

The survey was also open for approximately 8 weeks as compared to 6 weeks in 2024, which could also have impacted the number of responses received. 84 of the survey respondents added that they would like to be informed of additional opportunities to offer input on the 2026 budget. These respondents will be encouraged to provide additional feedback on the proposed budget via a feedback form or by participating at upcoming meetings.

Phase 1 of the engagement strategy, Budget Survey, came to a close on October 5, 2025. Attached to this council report is 2026 Operating and Capital Budget: Public Engagement Report Phase 1: Budget Survey, as prepared by the Communications Division. The 2026 Budget Survey provided an opportunity for Loyalist residents to engage in the municipal financial planning process as a draft budget is prepared for the Mayor to present to Council for review and consideration.

The attached survey results summary report from the Engage Loyalist platform includes the following the survey results for consideration. The survey shows that a moderate 39.51% prefer to maintain current tax levels, even if it means reducing some services. Only 11.22% advocate for higher taxes to enhance services. Respondents also expressed support for increasing user fees for some services, like recreational facilities, to offset property taxes. Opinions on service priorities indicate that road maintenance, snow clearing, waste management and emergency services rank highly. Demographically, most respondents are somewhat familiar with the Township's budget process and are predominantly residents of Ward 3.

The survey results, with 205 respondents from a population of approximately 18,000, represent a small sample size of about 1.1% of the total population, an increase from 0.4% in 2024. To determine statistical significance, the sample size should ideally be larger, ensuring a representative and diverse cross-section of the population. A confidence level of 95% with a margin of error of 5% typically requires a sample size of around 377 for a population of 18,000. Given that the survey sample is smaller, the results may not be statistically significant and could be subject to sampling bias. Therefore, while the survey provides useful insights, it may not accurately reflect the views of the entire population and should be interpreted with caution. For more robust decision-making, the Township may consider additional outreach or increasing participation in future surveys.

With Phase 1's completion and attached report, the Communications Division will turn its focus to future phases of the engagement strategy for the 2026 budget.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications currently as this report is for information purposes only. The results of the survey can be considered by Council throughout the budget process.

### **Risks or Stakeholder Implications**

With the low response rate, the feedback does not present a statistically significant result which should be considered in reviewing the attached data. Council can consider the rate of response and could direct staff to undertake additional engagement activities.

### **Communication and Consultation Plan**

The budget survey was created in consultation with Finance staff and the budget engagement process follows the Community Engagement Framework.

### **Alternatives**

Council could direct staff to complete additional consultation or to add additional steps to the budget engagement process.

### **Attachments**

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[2025-10-07 Form-Results-Summary-ID-119 2026-Municipal-Budget-Survey](#)

[2025-10-31 Form-Comments About Your Ratings](#)

[2025-10-07 Form-Results-Comments, Priorities, Suggestions Redacted](#)

## Approved by

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### Approved by

Jenna Campbell, Director of Corporate Services

David Clazie, Director of Finance/Treasurer

Rebecca Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer

### Status:

Approved - 05 Nov 2025

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Engage Loyalist

## Form Results Summary

Aug 15, 2025 - Oct 04, 2025

**Project:** 2026 Budget Consultation

**Form:** 2026 Municipal Budget Survey

**Tool Type:** Form

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2026 Municipal Budget Survey  
2026 Budget Consultation

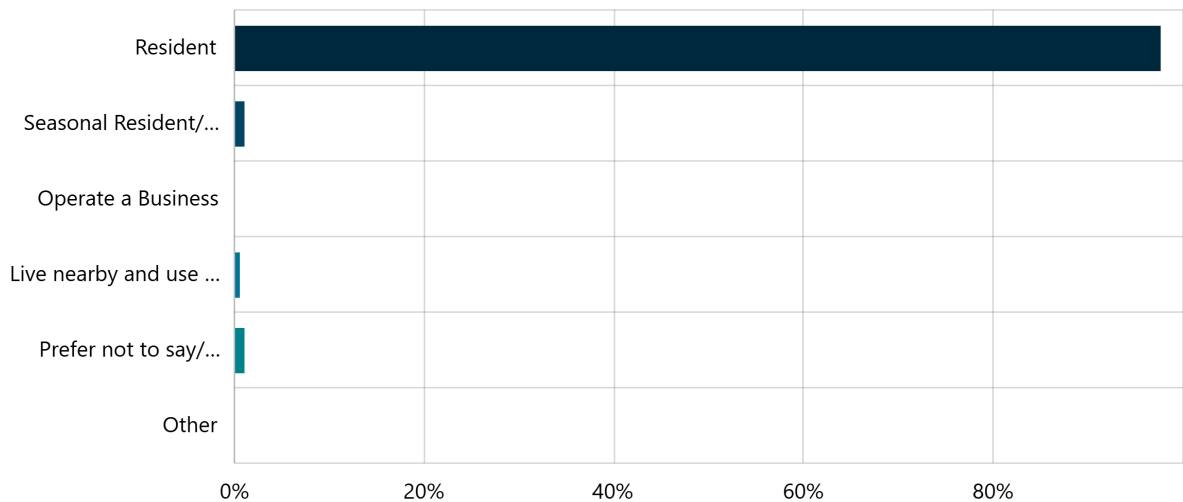
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## Contribution Summary

### 1. Which one of the following options best describes the connection you have to your Township? Required

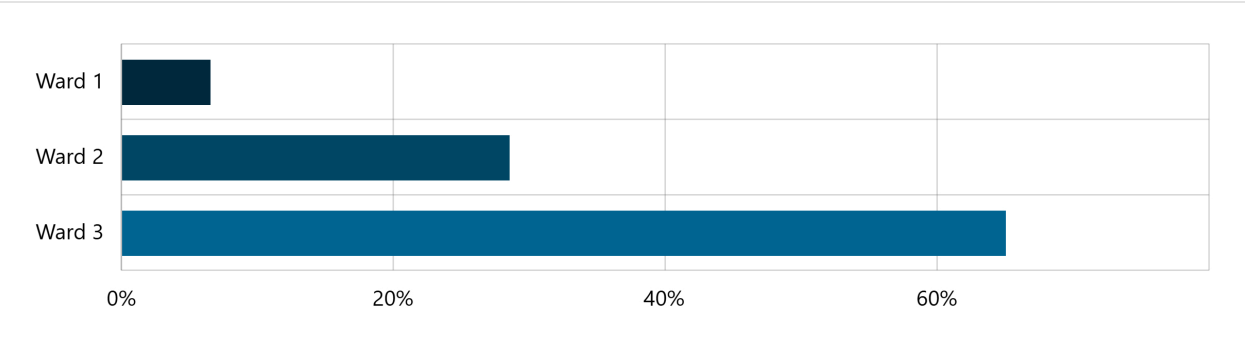
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| Answer choices                                                     | Percent        | Count      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Resident                                                           | 97.56%         | 200        |
| Seasonal Resident/Second Home                                      | 0.98%          | 2          |
| Operate a Business                                                 | 0%             | 0          |
| Live nearby and use municipal services (eg. recreation facilities) | 0.49%          | 1          |
| Prefer not to say/none of the above                                | 0.98%          | 2          |
| Other                                                              | 0%             | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>                                                       | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>205</b> |

2. Which ward do you live in?

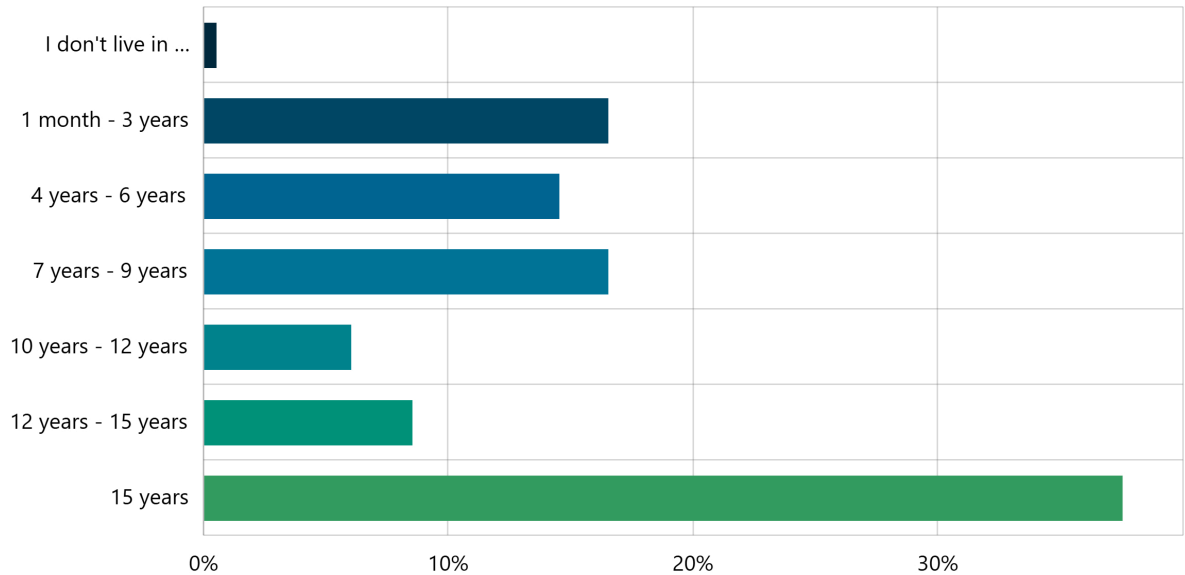
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| Answer choices | Percent | Count |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| Ward 1         | 6.50%   | 13    |
| Ward 2         | 28.50%  | 57    |
| Ward 3         | 65.00%  | 130   |
| Total          | 100.00% | 200   |

3. How many years have you lived in Loyalist Township? Required

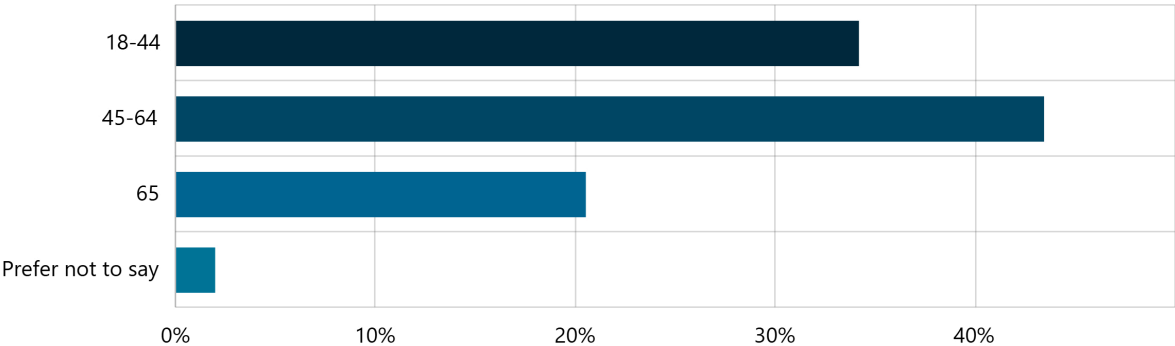
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| Answer choices                    | Percent | Count |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|
| I don't live in Loyalist township | 0.50%   | 1     |
| 1 month - 3 years                 | 16.50%  | 33    |
| 4 years - 6 years                 | 14.50%  | 29    |
| 7 years - 9 years                 | 16.50%  | 33    |
| 10 years - 12 years               | 6.00%   | 12    |
| 12 years - 15 years               | 8.50%   | 17    |
| 15 years                          | 37.50%  | 75    |
| Total                             | 100.00% | 200   |

4. What is your age Required

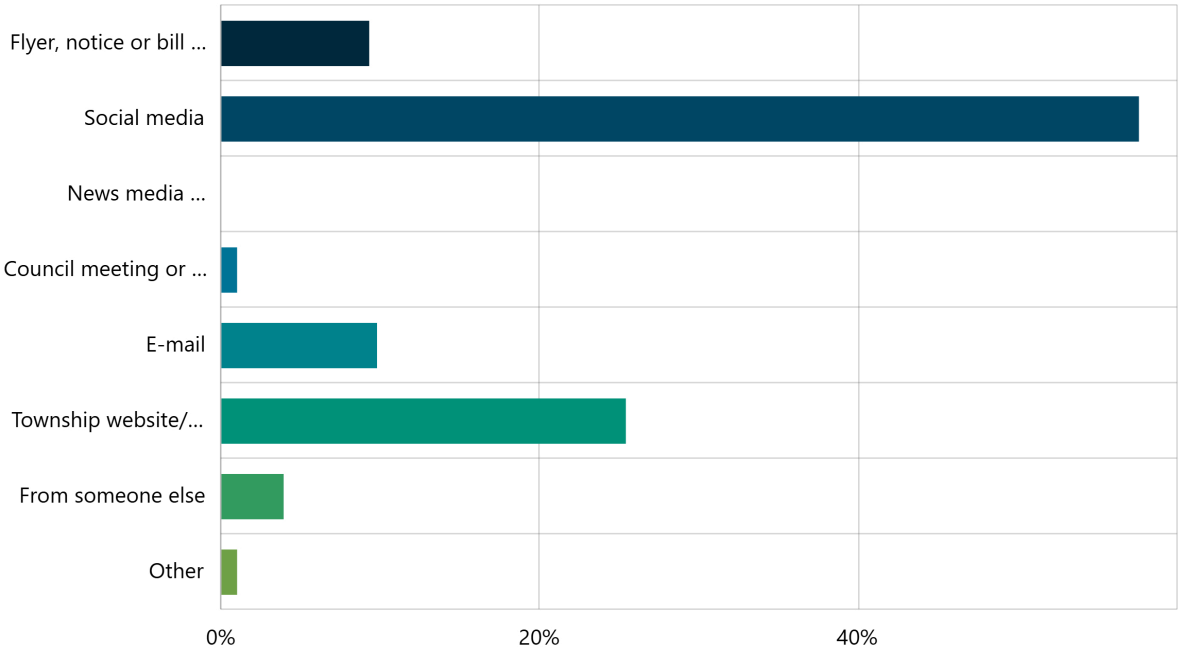
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| Answer choices    | Percent | Count |
|-------------------|---------|-------|
| 18-44             | 34.15%  | 70    |
| 45-64             | 43.41%  | 89    |
| 65                | 20.49%  | 42    |
| Prefer not to say | 1.95%   | 4     |
| Total             | 100.00% | 205   |

5. How did you hear about this survey? Check all that apply. Required

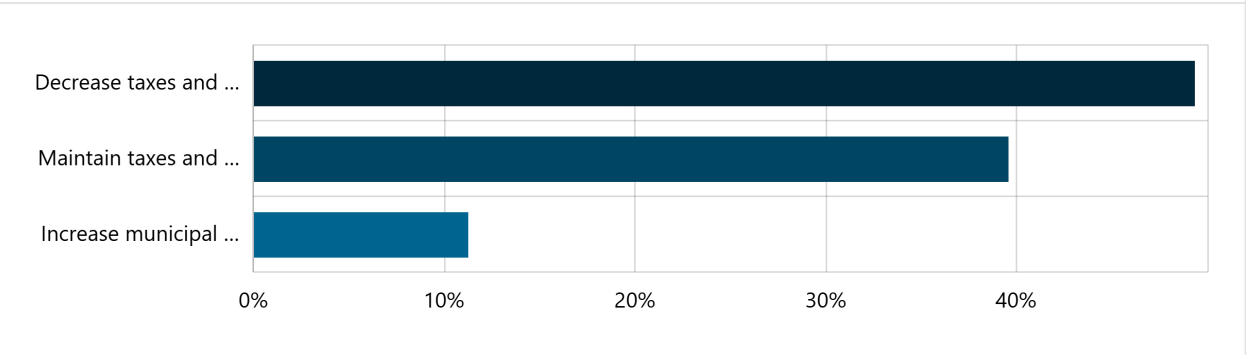
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| Answer choices                      | Percent | Count |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Flyer, notice or bill insert        | 9.27%   | 19    |
| Social media                        | 57.56%  | 118   |
| News media (newspaper, radio, etc.) | 0%      | 0     |
| Council meeting or updates          | 0.98%   | 2     |
| E-mail                              | 9.76%   | 20    |
| Township website/Engage Loyalist    | 25.37%  | 52    |
| From someone else                   | 3.90%   | 8     |
| Other                               | 0.98%   | 2     |

6. When thinking about the municipal budget and your tax dollars, which statement comes closest to your point of view? Required

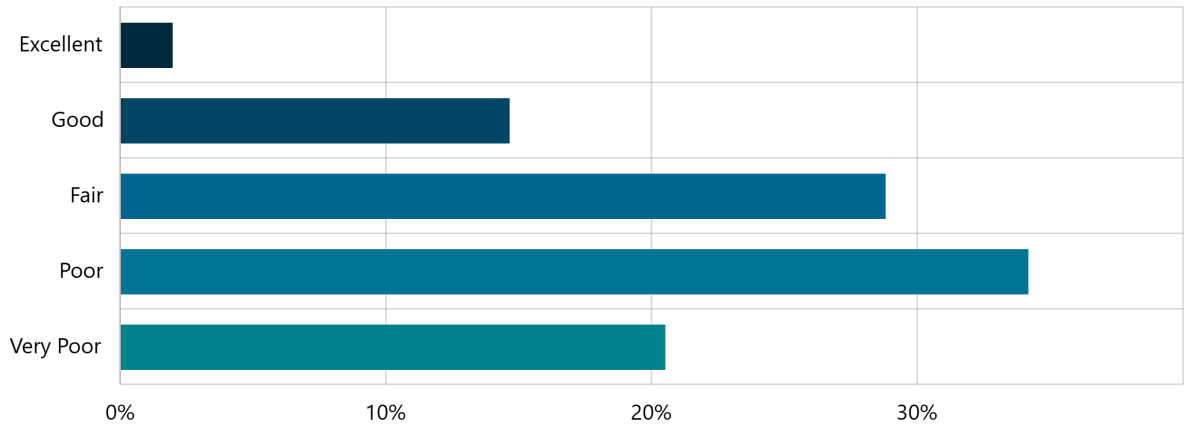
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| Answer choices                                                                                          | Percent | Count |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Decrease taxes and fees, even if services must decrease                                                 | 49.27%  | 101   |
| Maintain taxes and fees at the current rate, even if it means reducing some services to maintain others | 39.51%  | 81    |
| Increase municipal services, even if taxes and fees must increase                                       | 11.22%  | 23    |
| Total                                                                                                   | 100.00% | 205   |

7. Thinking about the part of your taxes that go to Loyalist Township, how would you rate the overall value you received for your tax dollars? Required

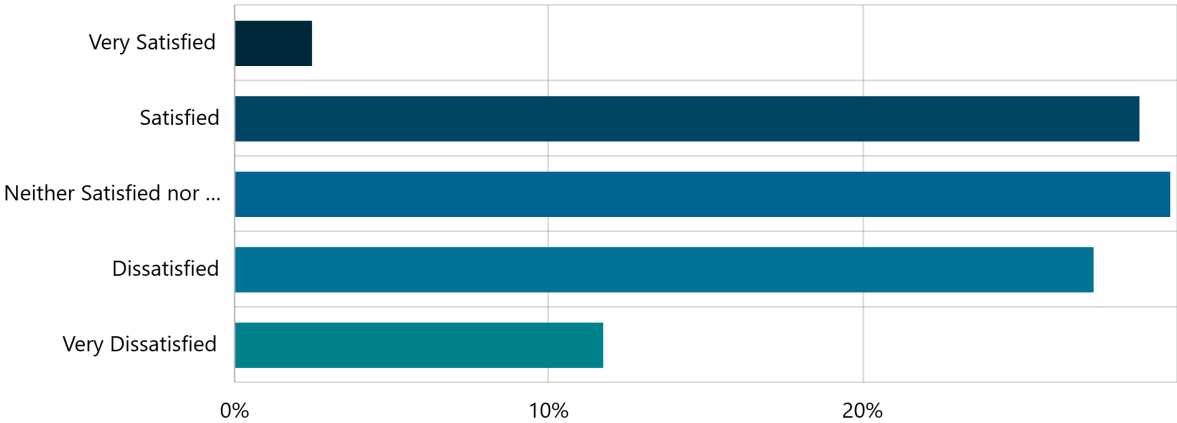
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| Answer choices | Percent | Count |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| Excellent      | 1.95%   | 4     |
| Good           | 14.63%  | 30    |
| Fair           | 28.78%  | 59    |
| Poor           | 34.15%  | 70    |
| Very Poor      | 20.49%  | 42    |
| Total          | 100.00% | 205   |

8. Overall, how satisfied are you with the delivery of all the services provided by Loyalist Township? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 205 (100%)

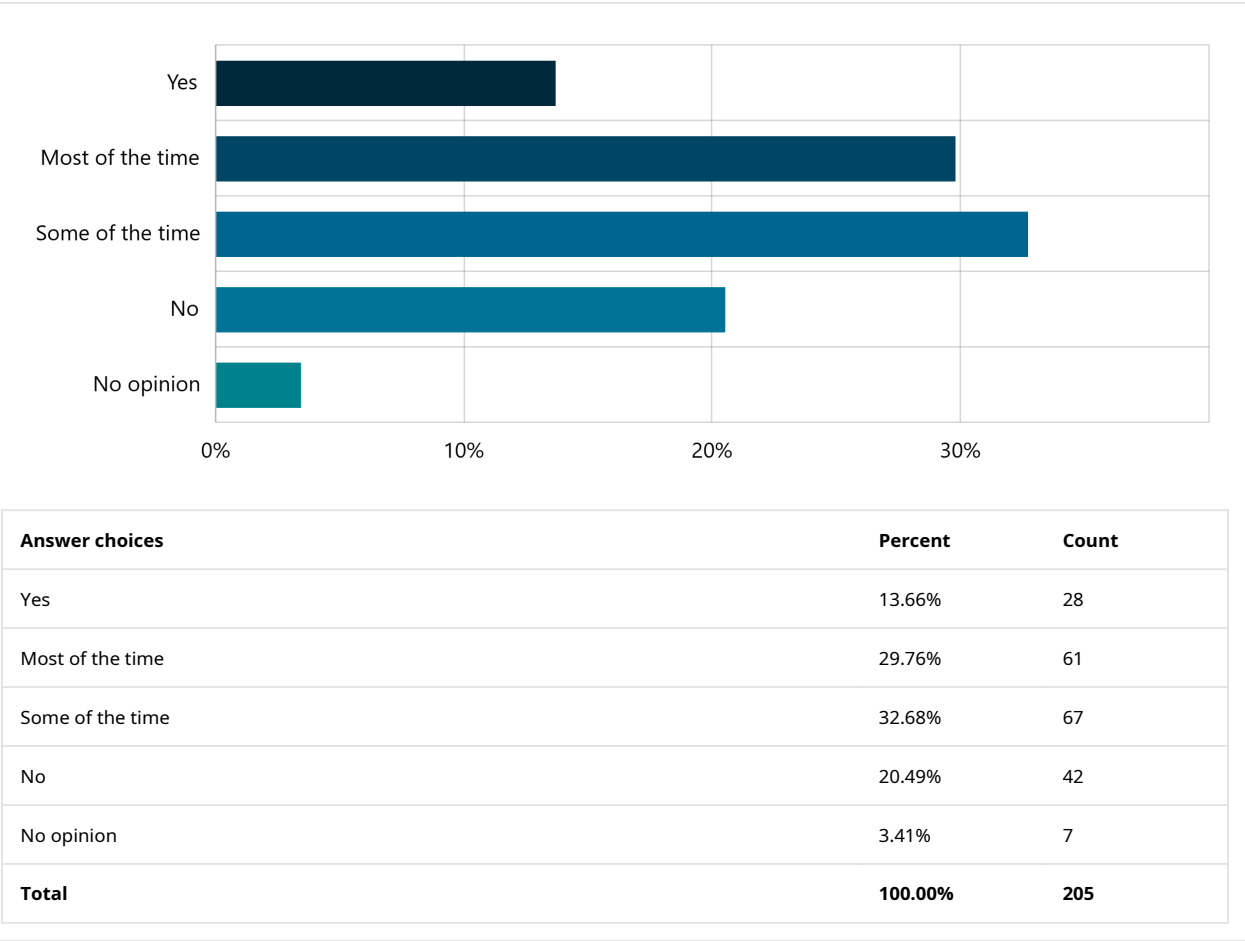


| Answer choices                     | Percent | Count |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Very Satisfied                     | 2.44%   | 5     |
| Satisfied                          | 28.78%  | 59    |
| Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied | 29.76%  | 61    |
| Dissatisfied                       | 27.32%  | 56    |
| Very Dissatisfied                  | 11.71%  | 24    |
| Total                              | 100.00% | 205   |

9. Overall, do you agree that the municipality is maintaining its infrastructure to an acceptable standard?

Required

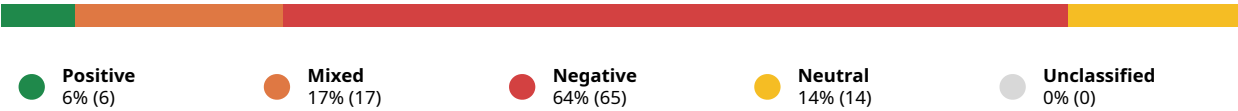
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10. Do you have any feedback or comments about your ratings?

Long Text | Skipped: 103 | Answered: 102 (49.8%)

Sentiment



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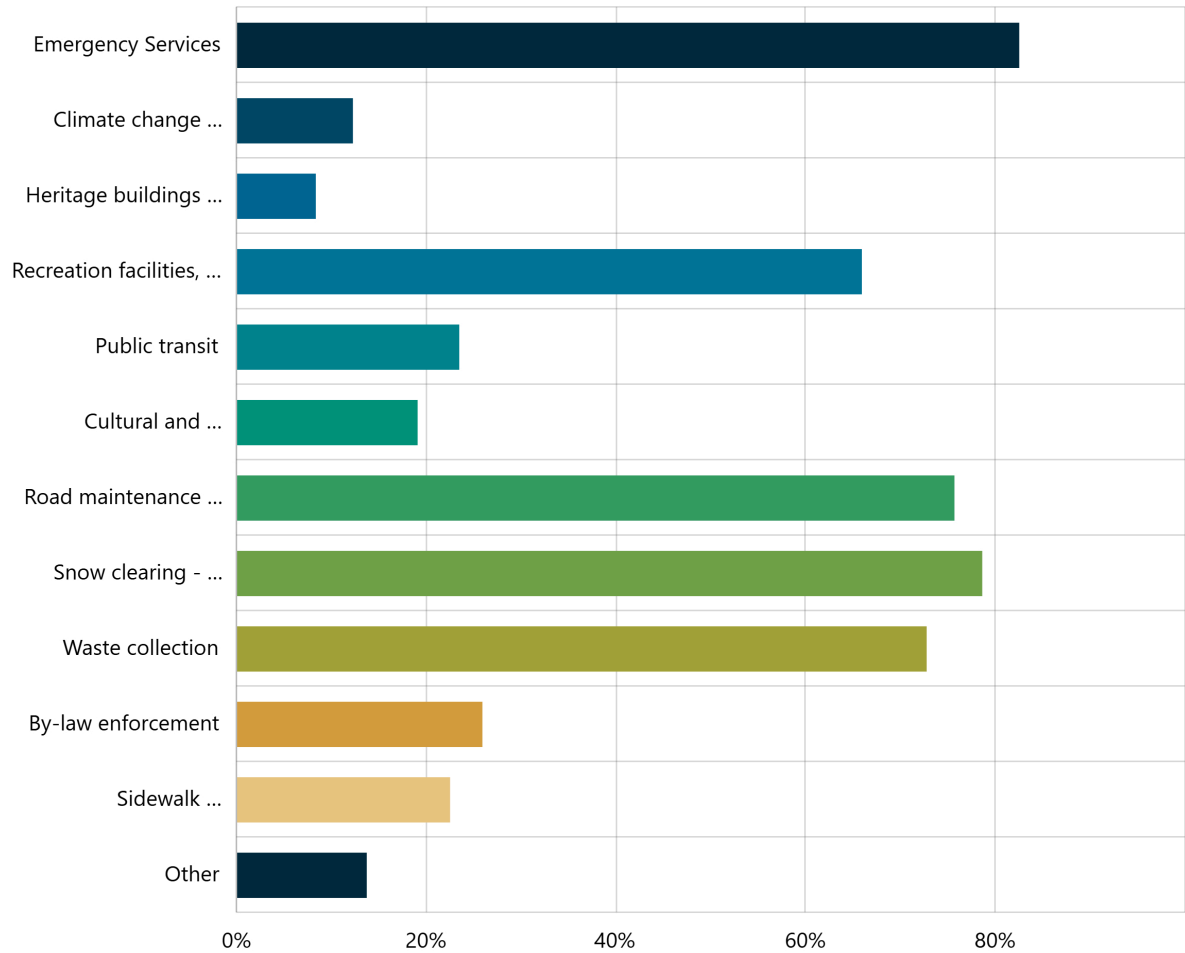
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### 11. What would you say are the Top 5 priorities for your community right now? Please select 5. Required

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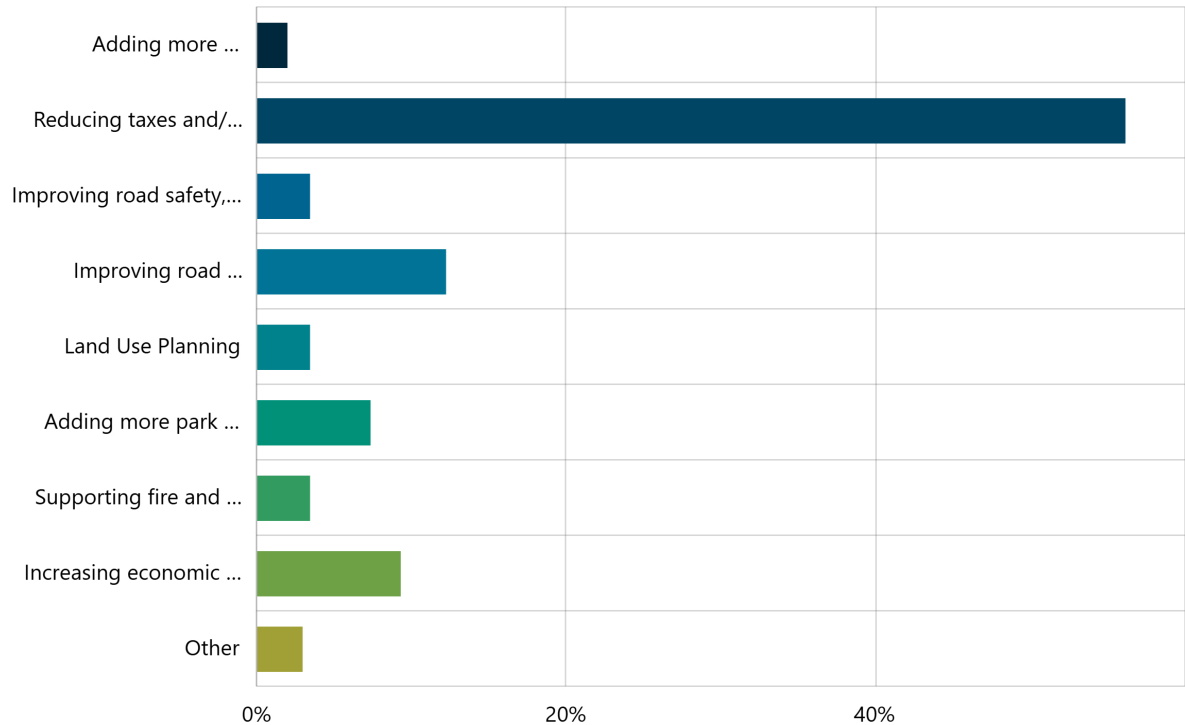


| Answer choices                                 | Percent | Count |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Emergency Services                             | 82.44%  | 169   |
| Climate change initiatives                     | 12.20%  | 25    |
| Heritage buildings and museums                 | 8.29%   | 17    |
| Recreation facilities, parks fields and trails | 65.85%  | 135   |
| Public transit                                 | 23.41%  | 48    |
| Cultural and recreation programs and events    | 19.02%  | 39    |
| Road maintenance and replacement               | 75.61%  | 155   |
| Snow clearing - roads and sidewalks            | 78.54%  | 161   |

|                                      |        |     |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| Waste collection                     | 72.68% | 149 |
| By-law enforcement                   | 25.85% | 53  |
| Sidewalk maintenance and replacement | 22.44% | 46  |
| Other                                | 13.66% | 28  |

**12. If there was one thing that you'd like the budget to address in 2026, what would it be?** Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 205 (100%)

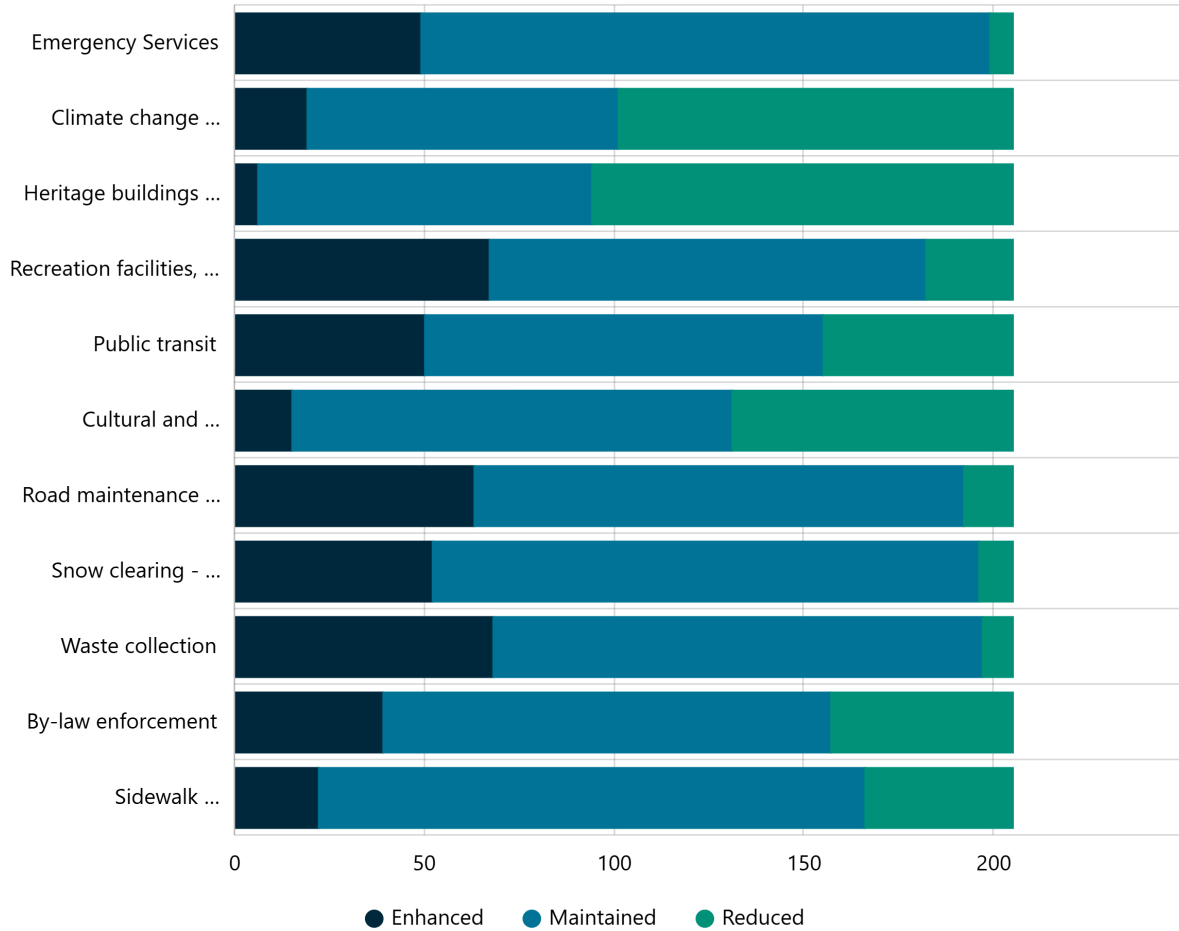


| Answer choices                                                         | Percent        | Count      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Adding more sidewalks, bike paths and trails                           | 1.95%          | 4          |
| Reducing taxes and/or water rates                                      | 56.10%         | 115        |
| Improving road safety, including traffic controls                      | 3.41%          | 7          |
| Improving road maintenance                                             | 12.20%         | 25         |
| Land Use Planning                                                      | 3.41%          | 7          |
| Adding more park and recreation amenities                              | 7.32%          | 15         |
| Supporting fire and emergency services                                 | 3.41%          | 7          |
| Increasing economic development (attracting and supporting businesses) | 9.27%          | 19         |
| Other                                                                  | 2.93%          | 6          |
| <b>Total</b>                                                           | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>205</b> |

### 13. In 2026, do you think that the following municipal services should be enhanced, maintained or reduced?

Required

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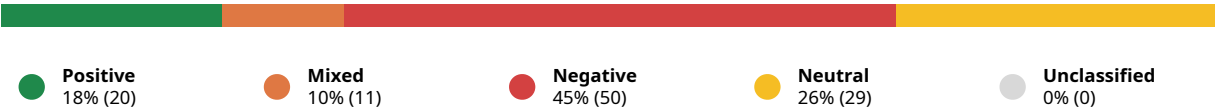


|                                                 | Enhanced     | Maintained    | Reduced       | Count | Score |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Emergency Services                              | 23.90%<br>49 | 73.17%<br>150 | 2.93%<br>6    | 205   | 1.79  |
| Climate change initiatives                      | 9.27%<br>19  | 40.00%<br>82  | 50.73%<br>104 | 205   | 2.41  |
| Heritage buildings and museums                  | 2.93%<br>6   | 42.93%<br>88  | 54.15%<br>111 | 205   | 2.51  |
| Recreation facilities, parks, fields and trails | 32.68%<br>67 | 56.10%<br>115 | 11.22%<br>23  | 205   | 1.79  |
| Public transit                                  | 24.39%<br>50 | 51.22%<br>105 | 24.39%<br>50  | 205   | 2.00  |

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----|------|
| Cultural and recreation programs and events | 7.32%<br>15  | 56.59%<br>116 | 36.10%<br>74 | 205 | 2.29 |
| Road maintenance and replacement            | 30.73%<br>63 | 62.93%<br>129 | 6.34%<br>13  | 205 | 1.76 |
| Snow clearing - roads and sidewalks         | 25.37%<br>52 | 70.24%<br>144 | 4.39%<br>9   | 205 | 1.79 |
| Waste collection                            | 33.17%<br>68 | 62.93%<br>129 | 3.90%<br>8   | 205 | 1.71 |
| By-law enforcement                          | 19.02%<br>39 | 57.56%<br>118 | 23.41%<br>48 | 205 | 2.04 |
| Sidewalk maintenance and replacement        | 10.73%<br>22 | 70.24%<br>144 | 19.02%<br>39 | 205 | 2.08 |

**14. Do you have any other comments, priorities, questions or suggestions you would like us to consider as we plan the 2026 Loyalist Township budget?**  
Long Text | Skipped: 95 | Answered: 110 (53.7%)

**Sentiment**



**Tags**

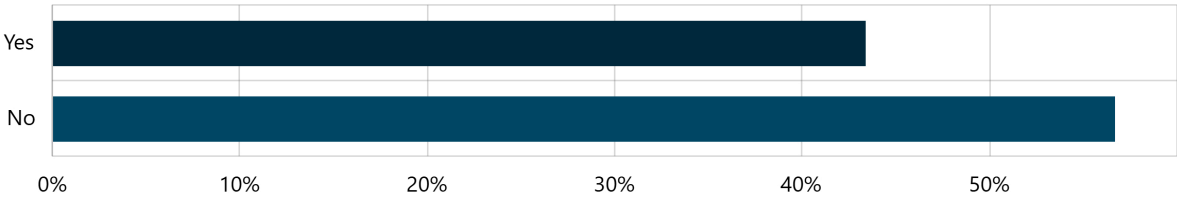
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**Featured Contributions**

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15. Would you like to stay informed of additional opportunities for input on the 2026 budget?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 203 (99%)



| Answer choices | Percent | Count |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| Yes            | 43.35%  | 88    |
| No             | 56.65%  | 115   |
| Total          | 100.00% | 203   |

2026 Municipal Budget Survey

Question:Do you have any feedback or comments about your ratings?

Contribution

I no longer feel I have value for money living in Amherstview. The amount of new construction that continues to go up should be offsetting property tax increases, especially when we have pretty much zero infrastructure outside of roads, which are not as well kept as they used to be. Plus the smell from the water-treatment plant continues to be a significant issue. I will likely be moving from the L&A if we see another 6% rise next year. Salaries have not increased inline with inflation and so increasing tax amounts way above inflation is not good fiscal management on households that are already strained. Plus the garbage-tag increase was an absolute fiasco and it was handled disgustingly. Making residents travel to Odessa to trade tags and not honouring those already purchased was unnecessarily cruel and cynical.

Please get more creative with money management vs constantly raising taxes.

Cost of living in loyalist is extremely high

We live in the Loyalist Golf and Country Club community. The building quality of the homes by the developer, Kaitlin Corp, leaves much to be desired. Numerous residents that we know have had issues with leaks, poor construction finish resulting in siding and stone being removed from the house (sometimes multiple times) before the problems are finally fixed, usually months after the initial reporting. One egregious incident involved a house that needed a year to fix (and was initially recommended that it be torn down and rebuilt). My point here is where were the Township building inspectors and why are they doing such a poor job. True, some of these issues are not visible when the house is finished. All the more reason, given Kaitlin's reputation, for much more frequent inspections during the building phase.

Secondly, the Township is allowing Kaitlin to develop multiple phases simultaneously when they should be insisting that each phase should be finished (or at least very close to finishing) before approval is given to start the next phase. Ideally, the extension of Country Club drive should be completed first to allow trucks to avoid most of the residential areas. Many residents have complained about the noise and debris.

Thirdly, the Township seems bound and determined to allow affordable homes next to the Bath Elementary school to be built but is shy about admitting that these are going to be subsidized rental accommodations. Who is going to pay for the subsidies? Ultimately it will be the taxpayer but the Township seems to be very reluctant to say this in a clear and concise manner. It would help if the Township were more open and honest about this.

I would recommend examining budget to determine efficiencies and value for money. I understand infrastructure is required for expansion but increased tax base and impost fees should cover it.

Garbage service should allow 1 garbagebag per 2 weeks. Oppose to paying per bag. This would reduce waste because people would be obligated to limit their waste production to 1 bag per 2 weeks. Any other bags must be paid for via tag. Im finding people illegally dump there garbage with the current system because they refuse to pay for any tags. I believe having an allowed 1 bag oer 2 weeks is an acceptable allowance. This policy should be implemented.

I also am finding a few occurrences where our recycling has not been picked up on thr schedualed day and our bins sit out an extra day or two awaiting pickup.

Thank you for your consideration in this request.

Taxes are excessively high in the rural communities of Loyalist. We do not have the same access to resources and do not receive all of the same benefits, yet we pay more than the more urban populated areas. On top of that Loyalist increased bag tags to \$3 per bag! No one free bag a week ... we pay over \$5500.00 a year for taxes alone add another \$300 minimum for garbage. Any time we've gone to the township with concerns, the issue was either pushed off as another business entity's fault or fallen on deaf ears. We've attended meetings for the community to speak up. Deaf ears.

The roads in villages could be better maintained as well as weeds cut back on streets.

I do appreciate the garbage and recycling services as well as the seasonal brush and yard waste pickup. Snow removal is generally very well done in a timely fashion. Recreation services are great. The parks are well maintained. It would be nice to have large park in Odessa with play structures, basketball court etc.

Im disgusted that the town has taken ice time away from LTMHA and let kingston and men's league have the ice time. We pay high taxes and our kids are suffering because of the township. Development hockey is a big part of loyalist and it's disgusting that this is happening.

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| We pay so much in taxes it's inexcusable to have such horrendous gravel roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Bike lanes in Odessa and pride crosswalk is a waste of tax dollars literally anything else would have been better. Especially in this dry summer the money could have gone to subsidizing water for well refills or helping farms with their crops. Working with Kingston to expand highway 2 for more lanes/ passing lanes, would be beneficial for commutes especially with highway 2 being a EDR.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Loyalist Township has one of the highest tax rates and minimal services. Attracting business, retail, restaurants, offices should be made a priority so we can increase that tax revenue, lower the taxes residents pay all while spending our money and working locally vs in Kingston and surrounding area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Taxes should include cost of garbage pick up. Composting should be considered to reduce household waste.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I do not see the value of our of our taxes paid. We pretty much the highest taxes. Then pay user fees for things like trash pick up higher than in Kingston. Our snow removal is subpar compared to preamalgamation. Our water rates astronomically high. Paying for improvements for water to accommodate new housing instead of making developers pay . They are are profitting not us.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Gravel road maintenance is pathetic. If loyalist can't make effective repairs to their gravel, you need to look into hard topping. Give the grader a break from constantly passing down all the gravel roads in loyalist and lay down some tar and chip. Maybe then the potholes will stay away for more than a day! Stop screwing over the tax payers in the country                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Lower property taxes. Simple. Lower water rates as well. It costs a small fortune to just live here in Amherstview.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Those township seems wasteful and unwise in its use of tax dollars on short term fixes or on areas that of minuscule importance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Taxes have no merit to their value! Township should not be purchasing "luxuries" with tax dollars! We don't need a new fleet of F150s every year, jobs that don't convey value of salary paid, stricter and stricter by-laws limiting what we can do on OUR land... just to name a few things                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The taxes are astronomical for what we receive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Used to be palatable when we at least had the swimming and residents were given 1 day presence in registration. The fact we haven't had this for years now due to not maintaining the old one. Having taxes raised by 5% annually with no added value of anything for residents is unjust. Our dump is rarely open on weekends when most people can attend. The work that has been done on rural roads where we live seems redundant, why did county road 6 need curbs ? The taxes we pay compared to south Frontenac, Stone Mills, Lennox and Addington are astronomically higher and for what ? |
| Lower water bill rates its like a second mortgage for people                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Primary concern is tax levels. Would accept some decrease to services for tax rate decrease.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Less red tape and fees, associated with new residential builds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| It's time for the Township spend within its means, to pay down the debt and cease annual tax increases. A community of 15,000 cannot be expected to offer urban services. Residential growth has far outstripped industrial/commercial and more emphasis needs to be placed on attracting industrial development.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Island roads are absolutely NOT maintained to an acceptable standard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Please decrease tax and water bill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Why does in town get garbage pickup but we have to pay for bags with bag tags..AND take to landfill site (which has little hours)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Also why isn't there a discounted rate for residents on the island to use the ferry? Anyone can pay the discounted rate books and pay the same rate as us residents that have to commute to work every day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Also could we not but a small food stand in the ferry terminals (like at areana's) that could serve simple food and drinks for longer waits during the summer. It would be a good summer job for a few students.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| The "failure" of Umacore could temporarily derail growth plans...taxes should not be raised to offset                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| It's time to fix the gravel roads, and the ditches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tax dollars are being misused. One of the highest property, taxes, water, sewage, bills, and on top of that increased cost of throwing garbage away very poor recycling program the repaving of some residential roads very poorly done                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Based on the increases in last year's budget, the current council is irresponsible and more concerned with their own image then spending responsibly. The township staff continues to increase with no equal increase in service levels. I have heard multiple instances of businesses that refuse to operate in this township because of the costs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Tax dollars are not being spent in an efficient way.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| Should have a least 1 free garbage bag pick up per week. Water and sewer service for the cost of water in and out in opinion is high. Residents who use less cubic meter of water should receive a lower rate for water in and out. That would give residence more incentive to try and save water.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Roads are terrible,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| There seems to be some overspending at times such as re-paving of roads that are still in very good condition and this money could be allocated differently to keep tax dollars used efficiently                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Loyalist taxes are far too high for the very few services we receive. The services we do receive are absolutely unacceptable and Loyalist township should be ashamed and embarrassed about the services they offer compared to neighbouring townships                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Why are my taxes and water bill so high and constantly going up? This way out of sync with the rates in other municipalities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| taxpayers are spending a lot of money for nothing in return in Odessa. Everything new and updated goes to Amherstview or Bath meanwhile we have insane property taxes and get no road maintenance on dirt roads that are more pothole than road, we have no services outside of town and we still have to pay for garbage. Not sure what exactly it is that our 8000-12000 a year per resident out here goes toward. Time to tar and chip our roads and make it make sense for us to keep paying what we pay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Taxes are outrageous. Services provided are minimal. If I hadn't made a home out of this township I would be leaving. Very dissatisfied with how high my property taxes are. (New subdivision at Taylor Kidd and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Loyalist needs to lower taxes and expenses, such as water bills and stop wasting tax dollars on stupid programs, such as the traffic reduction measures on Amherst Drive that don't work. Try measures that other communities are using that are effective and do not impede on traffic flow, i.e. speed bumps are very effective in slowing down traffic. For community safety make sure we have sidewalks the connect to sidewalk. There are gaps on Amherst Drive and Bath Rd. Another potential safety issue is on Bath Rd where the park is located. There should be at least a cross walk from one side of the road to the entrance of the park.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| With all the new builds. Where is all the building fees going? My understanding on avg the fee for a new build is \$25-40k per house.<br>As a rural resident I pay the same % of taxes but I do not get water or sewer. Or the same services that resident in man areas Odessa/Amherstview or bath get.<br>If these areas are more populated and getting more services they should pay more. And the idea that they are paying "more" becuae property value is higher due to market value or newer is terrible rational.<br>As a rural property on well and sceptor costs more and we still pay same rate. Maybe an annual rebate to offset this would be realistic. If well runs dry we need to pay for water or use the new public access at the tower that still costs money and needed to buy transportation system and wear and tear on truck. |
| Decrease the taxes and fee while maintaining the services to an acceptable standard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Garbage pick up should be included in the taxes. We should not need to buy expensive bag tags with the amount we have to pay in taxes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Get WJ Henderson open                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| we need green bins and our roads are crap.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Loyalist has done a good job of maintaining the balance of reasonable property taxes and service delivery however now might be the time to tighten our belts with rising costs across the board impacting families                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| I just wonder if the staff research and look at the task at hand from all angles. Using past history is 50% of solving the task. Yes we need a well educated decision but common sense has to be applied.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Recycling system is really bad. Most of the time it gets picked up in late afternoon/early evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Gravel roads around Odessa are absolute garbage - Lucas rd, Switzerville rd etc. We pay a ridiculous amount in property taxes for ZERO services, a very poorly maintained road that destroys our vehicles, still have to pay for garbage pick up, no composting options, no bus routes, no services, nothing worth paying 10k a year. Do better or reduce taxes!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| We pay crazy tax rates for the services we get, hardly anything for children, the playgrounds are a joke there's no splash pads, no free bags for garbage, nothing for family's to do, community around us have large parks and family oriented spaces as well as lower rates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Property taxes for older homes are too high being frozen on 2016 assessments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| We pay a lot and not a lot of services provided                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <p>An easy way to save some money would be to try and stretch out the lifespan of some of these roads a bit more.</p> <p>Also paying someone to drive around and water plants is a bit much.</p> <p>I’m also sure there are probably some other jobs that could be cut in order to decrease the township expenses.</p> <p>And that loyalist township bus that drives around is a waste. If you live in loyalist you should not expect public transit.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Gravel roads are an embarrassment. They can’t handle the change in weather of a Canadian climate. Totally financially unstable. Regravelling is the biggest waste I’ve ever seen. Endless potholes, dust, it’s like driving through uncured concrete when it’s wet. Our vehicles are taking a beating while our tax dollars get wasted on other dumb projects. Rural tax dollars never get seen in our own community. About time we got some tar &amp; chip put down like Napanee, stone mills, south frontenac. Stop catering to just Amherstview.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Invest more in Odessa, build a decent park or splash pad something, anything for kids to do.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Increase the builder taxes , they are driving red Ferrari. While we're struggling to feed our kids. Wait don't forget the \$4.00 garbage tag. Let's make a giant u turn in front of the high school great idea. Let's increase the taxes on the lower income family. Hi we're struggling to live out here, something is going to have to get cut, let's start with property tax.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Can we get one garbage bag as well wow, read the comments.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>I would like to have more information as to how the township is working to align the high tax rate with the provided services. Taxes are very high compared to surrounding municipalities. I don't foresee staying in Loyalist if I can purchase a similar home in Kingston or Brockville and receive the same services for a lower tax bill.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>As a long-time resident, I feel that new neighbourhoods and new residents benefit more from the taxes we pay than we old-timers do. I'd like to see property tax applied and collected more fairly. In my case, I am long-retired and living mostly on savings, Trillium Fund, OAS, CPP .... and my property tax went up by over \$300 for 2025 and by almost \$300 for 2024. At over \$6000 per year, I do not see how I receive any proportional amount of benefit from the taxes I pay.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>I fail to understand why Loyalist township has the highest taxes in the area. I live rural and our garbage and recycling is now contracted out.</p> <p>I pay over \$7000/ yr taxes .</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>Our taxes are one of the highest in the province. Unacceptable for a municipality with zero services. Some folks will have to leave the area because they can no longer afford to live here.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>I live on a rural road, and my services over the past 15 years have decreased in my opinion. Road maintenance, both summer and winter, has come to unacceptable levels and traffic due to more residences and businesses on my road has increased. We are lucky if the road gets plowed after a snowfall. Last winter I had to call the office 3 times as the road had become unsafe, no plowing and no sanding, it turned to ice as the traffic packed the snow down.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>Property taxes are higher than large city’s like Ottawa. Unlike Ottawa we don’t have daily bus service, we pay for garbage disposal, water is expensive paying for water drainage is expensive, hydro is expensive. Then seeing the township wants to spend money to make bike lanes which will result in more expenses and reason to increase taxes is sad. If there is not enough revenue to run the township, maybe start by cutting the councillors wages, the township staff.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>The best roads around in the winter always maintained to a high level, however this is maybe the o e service I receive. I am on sewage and well along with paying separately for my garbage pickup whice is sometimes also missed/left.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Property taxes are going up too much. Senior with limited income. Lived here since 1980. Need to be more frugal with how money is spent.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Infrastructure updates like repaving perfectly good roads in the summer time or doubling work by putting up crosswalk safety poles then having to take them down so work can be done only to put them back up again seems redundant and frustrating as a resident. Additionally, snowploughing of the sidewalk in the winter is not valuable to a lot of residents as it actually increases the work we need to do to clear our driveways when a moat is created in the bottom half and top half of our driveways, often making it extremely difficult to clear out while simultaneously destroying the edges of our lawns. It would also be nice if services like snow clearing of the roads, would include omitting the bottom of driveways OR scooping out the bottoms of driveways as is done in other municipalities. This would be so much more appreciated in helping residents compared to the sidewalk plough for example.</p> |
| <p>I find my taxes very high, and while I enjoy the recreational services provided, not much else. I pay for my own garbage, my water and sewer rates are astronomical.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| Taxes are too high. We need to find any way to lower taxes even if it means cutting programs/services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| The roads need to be paved properly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Taxes are extremely high considering what is available and offered in the township. Garbage is insane, water is the most expensive in Ontario.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| What we pay vs what we get is very much in favour of township bringing in more money                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| We need better police presence in Amherstview. Please review and enhance the existing contract. We should also have a full time by-law officer presence. Their salary would easily be paid through the tickets they could write for ongoing issues. Stop expecting people to complain about their neighbours. Just have by-law around and have them enforce the rules. The services we are receiving are fine but I really don't think I'm getting value for money. My taxes are around \$6,700 annually and I still have to pay for every bag of garbage I put out.                                                      |
| The taxes and increases are getting out of hand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Everyone pays for their weekly garbage and our taxes increase each year. Include the fee in our taxes for one bag of garbage each week. That will help your relationship with the community. Also make a safe way for us to access the park on the water. We risk our lives every time we try to walk to that park. It's not safe.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| There is a lot of online complaining and misinformation being spread about services or<br>Lack of services eg smells from lagoons, etc. I know you cannot deal with all keyboard warriors but being a part of online groups so accurate info can be given would be good.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Garbage rates are too high, water rates are too high, paying for traffic calming measures that we will constantly pay for with problems since the streets weren't built to include them rather than putting in a speed camera on the light poles like in Newmarket and use the revenue to decrease taxes. I could go on and on. Water filtration is good, water pressure in Amherstview anyway is good. We also need better businesses to come into the community like a hardware store rather than having to use the dollar store sheesh!                                                                                |
| Road work is frustrating. It seems disorganized and takes way too long to complete (e.g. Potter Drive) with no communications to affected residents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Amherstview has grown alot in the past few years due to the constant building of new homes. Because of this, taxes and fees keep rising. How about you start building up the commercial part of it to help lower the cost of taxes and fees. Bring in a major store like Giant Tiger or something. Once you get a major retailer here, others will follow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Bring back police presence into Amherstview.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fix the roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Do something about the speeding up and down Manitou!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Those of us who live in rural areas see very little for our tax increase                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Some of the highest tax rates in the province, yet we pay to dispose of all garbage and have no green waste collection. I have written by-law concerns 3 times and received 0 responses. Walking around my neighborhood many properties are completely neglected, including areas that the township should be responsible for. I purchased my first home here, but my property value is deeply impacted by the neglected properties in the area. Some streets feel like a slum, with garbage, old tires, derelict vehicles etc. I could go on and on. It's no wonder properties go up for sale and sit for months on end. |
| Property taxes are too high. Seniors use their federal pensions to pay taxes. More commercial needed. Water too high. Give seniors a break. Why do Bath properties have a lower property tax than amherstview.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Aware future projects addressing need for more public spaces for families. Current situation is neutral at best for play equipment options or older. Road resurfacing was very poor 1st pass when done recently. Garbage changes not ideal as recycling takes all day to pick up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Appreciate wealth of programs available for young families.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| I takes two employees making \$27/hr each plus benefits to paint the fire hydrants. Ridiculous. There's 1 way to cut the budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The safety measures for Speers Blvd are a complete waste of money. The bike lanes do thing if you can park and block them, the crosswalks are ignored and the corner guards at Kildare are ridiculous. I would like to see more done with the common park off Amherst Drive like a playground, pickleball courts, splashpad, fitness course etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The township should be prepared to take extreme measures to ensure property tax's do not increase, we already are one of the highest rates in the area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| The township spends in areas we do not need spending.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1. plowing the sidewalks - sidewalks are home owners responsibility. I can see the need where transit is but no where else.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2.Fairfield-Gutzeit House was/is a waste of money. Making the land a park and destination area would have been better spent money. The fact the dock is not being used to attract boats to come and visit the town, and spend money buying groceries, eating at restaurants is a terrible missed opportunity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Not sure that taxes are always used to benefit all sectors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Property taxes are excessive for what is received. Residents are being priced out. With new MCAP coming on 2026 ota going to hot residents even harder                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| More sidewalks on older streets and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| More traffic calming on mainotu and sherwood in amherstview                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Our road (switzerville) needs to be repaired constantly. Please come up with a better fix                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| The gravel roads are embarrassing. Switzerville road is a dusty ATV trail full of washboarded loose gravel during the summer. Then in the winter it's like driving through uncured concrete. Our vehicles are taking a beating and it looks like we all attended a mud bug competition whenever the weather gets slightly imperfect. The snow plows don't even come down the road every time they're needed because our gravel is too soft and mushy in these mild winters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Wake up and give us a simple layer of tar & chip. Look around at surrounding townships that charge less taxes on average. They're resurfacing roads every week in the summer. Rural residents are getting gouged by Loyalist and we're sick of it. We don't ask for much in Switzerville, but we're done with seeing our tax dollars get squandered in Amherstview.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| I live in a Condo on Lowry Place and do not understand why taxes are so high when our street is not maintained by the township. Snowplowing etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I don't see the value for money. Strong major powers have been a hit or miss so far in the province. I don't understand their use here as there hasn't been effective except for shaving a few days of processes. Use them, cut my taxes or provide better services, but having them (powers), yet only maintaining the status quo is waste.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| If you keep raising the taxes I will not be able to afford to live here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| The people moving into the community are saddled with higher mortgages than the original residents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| It's hard enough as it is, the prices creeping higher every year is putting too much on people.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Do something to attract businesses so they can help pay into it. People don't want to have to rely on the food bank to live.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| This survey is not very detailed. I suggest a review be done of the total workers and also what vehicles are being used. Far too many times I see several vehicles and several people at the same site. Water costs are prohibitive, if you are on a set income it can be daunting. Ways should be found to,significantly reduce this bill!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Bus route roads need to be better checked and maintained                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Need more businesses within L&A to contribute towards the tax base! Our property taxes are way to high for what we get!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| there are no houses in Loyalist that value \$262,000 this is a joke, use a realistic value                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Would like to see more parks including splash pads. Taxes are very high for services received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| We need to take Kingston Transit up with there offer, at least put on a second bus for peak hours Monday to Friday! Especially during the school year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| I feel that parks are not being maintained sufficiently ex. Dead trees not being removed at centennial park. Also play the play structure not being fixed at Willie Pratt playground. I would like any unnecessary services cancelled to stop out taxes from increasing any further. The amount of taxes we pay is ridiculous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Need to get the council in the communities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Too much kin folk & buddy stuff still happening?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I'm very concerned about the high increases in taxes in Loyalist, which exceed the inflation rate. I simply can't afford to live here if the taxes continue to rise at this rate. I also find that many of the services I moved here to enjoy are closed down such as the recreation centre or getting more expensive such as the garbage collection. I also find that my taxes are so much higher than the so-called 'average' that Loyalist continually quotes, even though I only have a three bedroom house in a suburban area. Every time there is an increase in the rate, I'm paying that much more because I'm already paying thousands of dollars more than the average. Since I moved here, my taxes have gone up by \$2,000 a year, a sum I am not able to earn to make up the difference. The pandemic hit a lot of people very hard, and some of us have not been able to recover. This is creating hardship, and for me, it's a serious problem, as I am at retirement age, but don't see any way that i can keep up with these increases in utilities and taxes. |

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| There should be more detailed questions on how we would like our tax dollars spent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| In comparison to other areas (Kingston, Stone Mills etc) we pay more for what appears to be less, or lesser quality. One area that I feel is an obvious one is garbage (Kingston allows one free bag before requiring tags, and offers the option of compost pickup). My neighborhood (area in/around McKeown crescent) is problematic for rodent infestation and so backyard composting is not feasible. Along the same lines, we often pay to put out a partially filled bag of garbage because we know leaving it out and waiting to put it out the next week when it finally full will also attract rodents. If our taxes were lower or on par with elsewhere, it wouldn't be as much of an area of dissatisfaction. |
| Garbage / recycling program is poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Raising taxes to pay for a recreation complex makes no sense-it should have been funded better and over a longer period of time. Road conditions in amherstview (and rural) are rough. And the garbage tag prices and lack of a green bin are really frustrating-we could save 50% of our garbage or close to it in a green bin plus the environmental aspects. You would have way less pushback on the tag prices if we had an option                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## 2026 Municipal Budget Survey

Question: Do you have any other comments, priorities, questions or suggestions you would like us to consider as we plan the 2026 Loyalist Township budget?

### Contribution

Amherstview tennis courts, water park, better boat launch and better swimming places since we have such a beautiful Lake Ontario shoreline

Sidewalk snow clearing is done in our community using a machine whose blade is either exactly the width of the sidewalk or slightly larger. As a result, the grass on either side of the sidewalk is typically ripped up. In the spring, the Township spreads grass seed on the exposed soil (the home owner usually has to clean up the mess left by the snow clearing machine). By the end of the summer, the grass has finally grown only to be ripped up again a few months later. Why does the Township not have the blades altered so that the grass on either side has a better chance of remaining intact.

I mentioned by-law enforcement. I wanted to say that the building inspection department should be improved to allow more frequent inspections and to take firm action even if it means halting all construction until problems are fixed (see my previous comment for the reasons).

Garbage and recycling collection needs to be refined. A 1 bag per 2 week allowance. All extra bags must require tags. A new school to accommodate the growing population of new families in the area. A grocery store such as a great canadian superstore located on Taylor Kidd would be a great addition as well and would attract many customers to the new build homes. Thank you for your consideration in this request.

Perhaps some more emphasis placed on active listening to Loyalist citizens, not just the ones in the more urban areas. Tired of being brushed off. We (residents of our road) asked to have the speed on our road lowered because of increased traffic and large vehicles (school buses, recycling and garbage, delivery) driving fast on this road, can't slow down quickly for pets, wildlife, families walking. We received nothing in response, more than once. We just find that Loyalist has been largely unresponsive at responding to issues arising for residents on our road.

Each home should have 1 free waste bag weekly and bag tags for more than 1

No excuse for the way Loyalist has ignored hard topping their gravel roads. Transfer your portion of Switzerville road to Greater Napanee if you don't want to look after us.

I would like to see vastly improved urban planning. Simply having Amherstview and Odessa sprawl across more and more land with nothing but single family homes is terrible. This type of urban planning was abandoned by most of the province in the 1980s. Design for actual urban areas with higher residential density and with employment and services within walking distance of homes.

Stop wasting money on virtue signalling.

Amherstview has grown exponentially over the last few years yet the retail and services have either remained the same or decreased. Time to attract new business to build in the area. Grocery, Restaurants, Banks, Retail... they will all bring jobs for our youth, tax income to relieve the burden on residents and the opportunity for us to spend money locally.

Take a drive down the tar and chip roads that south Frontenac just put on this year. Nothing fancy but it's not even comparable to the trash we have to drive on in Loyalist, where taxes are through the roof

-waste (garbage) collection is done very well  
- the green bin program is very useful as less will be placed in the garbage bag

Your constituents are struggling, very badly. All of us.

The township should spend money on better traffic management so less money will need to be spent on emergency services for preventable accidents caused by poor traffic management.

The people in decision making positions should be tax payers within this township. There's many individuals in positions that make rules that don't apply to themselves.

Need to focus on commercial development so the residential tax payers stop getting hit so hard

We require more active police patrols through Amherstview. Calming measures are ignored

Lower Water Rates unreal

By law officers should be more present

To reiterate, in a time of economic struggles and historic inflation levels, I believe the Township's priority should be on maintaining essential services (snow clearing, emergency services, infrastructure maintenance) while additional programs that are non essential be reduced. These can be reintroduced when businesses enter Loyalist (commercial taxes) or we reach a point where they can be reintegrated without raising taxes for residents.

no tax hikes reduce water rate no increase in wages we all did not get a raise. Everything is toooooo high .

Fairer allocation of revenue generated from the. Amherst Island wind turbines, allocated to Amherst Island.

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| Do not lose sight of protecting and maintaining the current level of low crime and public safety that we enjoy in Loyalist Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Please stop adding new positions, use year end surpluses to pay down debt rather than using surpluses as found money, and offset the costs of operating the Henderson Centre by charging fees that reflect actual costs. Please tell staff that there will be a zero increase at the start of the budget process and if that can't be achieved in the first draft, the new target will be a 1% reduction. It won't be easy but this is the last year Council has to convince the community that it is fiscally responsible and accountable.               |
| Public transit needs to be addresses. There needs to be more than 1 bus per hour, especially in the winter. Many of us hospital workers would love to use transit but cannot due to the shortage of busses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Ditching on Amherst Island to reduce spring flooding is also a very important factor to consider.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Reduce water bill and property tax.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| We have so many new homes being built gaining so many more taxable properties. Increasing is criminal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| See previous comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Great place to live...don't try to grow-no need to expand industrial base!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I just noticed that the property tax assessment value is based on 2016 value. It is concerning as it is assessed higher than I paid for the home in 2017 AND the property taxes are were and are higher than my previous property in Kingston which was valued/assessed higher despite the fact that they have additional services such as compost collection.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| The municipality needs to do a better job and utilizing the astronomical amount of tax dollars they are collecting. Garbage and recycling need to be a strongly looked at the cost of throwing garbage away is way too high irresponsible and flat out a joke need to get to compost and one free bag per household per week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Identify inefficiencies and cut wasteful procedures before implementing a tax rate increase.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| We really think there should be a dog park at 4665 bath road. The neighbors told us this was proposed previously but opposed by people close to the park. Perhaps this should be voted on by the community and not decided by a few who may or may not be impacted by the creation of the park as there would be more who benefit from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Make Loyalist Township a place that people want to continue live in by giving us proper roads. You are going to drive people away from this community with high taxes and horrible services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| With many, many new residential homes being built and the increase in new property tax revenue. Why are property taxes increasing more than inflation? 5.05% in 2025. Lets have a look at the number of township staff and extraneous programs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Why are my taxes and water rates so high compared to other municipalities?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Do better with taxpayer money<br>Fix our roads, stop wasting money on repaving paved roads that are already totally fine<br>Stop dropping tons of money on making the middle of the roundabouts "pretty" because I can guarantee spelling LOYALIST 4 times in giant letters and fancy paving at cty rd 6 was a nice huge waste of money                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Amherstview desperately needs more businesses, especially restaurants, cafes, and art/culture spaces.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The arts and culture scene in Loyalist seems fragmented, and doesn't have a strong marketing presence. The Explore and Play sub-brand lacks a strong branding and could really focus in on the recreation & leisure vs. arts and culture sides. They seem melded into one channel which doesn't make a lot of sense.<br><u>A priority would be to have a stronger municipal presence in supporting local businesses and cultural organizations in Loyalist.</u>                                                                                           |
| A full on exercise center. Including a large versatile gymnasium floor with an indoor track, cardio room, weight room. Eg. Variety Village.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Loyalist Township should engage a third party auditor/financial reviewer to take a look at where the money goes and provide recommendations for a complete overhaul. There is no way we should be one of the highest tax paying municipalities in Ontario based on the services provided. Every year, it seems that our taxes increase substantially without any noticeable benefits/changes. It's actually a known joke in the area that we have the most red trucks per capita - this is what Loyalist Township has become. A joke. You need to fix it. |
| Township should be seeking out more partnerships and finding more commercial and industrial companies to settle in loyalist. Perhaps seek out distributions centres to open up here. The goal should be to reduce costs for residence to stay living here. There are quite a few unhappy residents considering relocating due to the high cost of living here. My Town home in Amherstview cost me 3 x the amount for water, sewer and taxes than my 1100 Sq ft single family home in Laurentian township in Renfrew County has.                          |

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| Reduce spending, don't need six summer student standing around making \$30 doing nothing half of their work week, and not caring the other half. I do regret moving to Amherstview even tho it has been always been at part of my life. Start at \$5000* a year in taxes now closer to \$7000* on a valued 285,000 home.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Additional to my earlier comments. Public transit only helps the residents in the main towns not rural.<br>Another reason to have urban / rural tax rates or rural rebates as we don't benefit from there services.<br>Also forgot about heating. We don't have access to gas lines so we have to pay for propane delivery or higher hydro rates for electric heating and or heat pumps. Give rebates to switch to heat pump from propane also helps with the climate change initiatives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Bringing down water/sewer and property tax increases must be a priority or local families will be priced out of loyalist; it is already happening. Continuing housing development without addressing infrastructure like law enforcement, schools, medical centres, shops, parking is leading to increased congestion on Bath rd and a rise in petty crime, which ultimately will cause friction in the community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| We're paying some of the highest property taxes, yet our township has no hospital, no grocery stores, and very few facilities for residents. On top of that, we're required to buy garbage bags separately. What makes it even worse is the water and sewer rates — as a single person, I'm paying over \$250 every two months, which is higher than I've seen anywhere else. If property taxes are going to stay this high, then water rates absolutely need to be reconsidered. Right now, residents are being overcharged without receiving the services we should reasonably expect. We need to reduce the property taxes and water rates to ease the financial burden, especially when everyone is going through such tough times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Please consider allowing residents at least 1 bag of garbage o be put out each week without the need of a bag tag. More than 1 than yes tag needed, like Kingston does.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I would love to see a green bin program in the future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1 free bag for garbage, get WJ Henderson open, reduce water rates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| introduce green buns. The price we pay for garbage is ridiculous. Would have compost bins but bears are in the area. When registering for programs we should be required to show if. know many people who just uses friends addresses but get into programs before township residents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Road safety needs to be prioritised with traffic calming in areas such as Bath Main St.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Lower taxes, stop wasting money on speed reducing measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Staff decision makers seem to not have their finger on the pulse as they should have. Probably a lack of experience.<br>:why put snow plows out in the times of hi volume traffic sb before<br>:why have garbage/recycling trucks on the our main roads during rush hour morning traffic, surely there is side roads/ streets that can be done during the morning rush hour plus it is a safety concern.<br>:explain water/sewer bill. Residents complain but don't understand or take the time to break down the bill.<br>:I think our council needs to ask more questions from staff instead of rubber stamping what staff suggested<br>:just because the newest trend is a hit at this time doesn't mean we should spend money towards the new trend...example bike path, Kingston spent big dollars on hwy 33 at Collins Bay with a bike path that has very little use. Imagine shutting down one lane of traffic going into your city for a bike path, considering that Kingston and Loyalist can only be approached from north,west,east<br>:when hiring contractors to do a project like water&sewer, some experience/knowledgeable person representing Loyalist has to be on the construction site 100%, not a newly graduated person with no field experience.We accept somewhat of the lowest price from contractors but their past history sb reviewed.<br>Look at the issues that the residents in the west end of Odessa faced for 2+ years with Mulroney Construction. I don't think there would have been as many issues with Corcoran, Taggart, Tomlinson, Morven. |
| The traffic safety thing on Amherst Dr is pretty useless. There are other ways to make this stretch of road safer (I.e. stop signs, and traffic lights)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Lower taxes for country living folks or make our roads safer to drive on. We pay for nothing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| We need have have more affordable taxes and water billing. Without this, we will lose interest in this community. Business development plans to help fund taxes rate increases would help.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Task to finding creative ways to reduce the large increases to taxes that directly impacts home owners                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Yard waste drop off point                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Inflation is putting us all in the poor house so anything you can do to reduce the tax burden would be appreciated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Also if the township has any debt we should take care of that. Interest on debt decreases the bang we get for our tax dollars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Cars and motorcycles that make alot of noise should be reduced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Start using common sense and realize our gravel roads are a disgrace. The criteria for hardtop conversion is so crooked in Loyalist. They say we need a certain traffic count for hardtop but yet there's deadend quiet roads that are paved. Ditch the ridiculous criteria and fix the broken roads. Take notes from surrounding townships that put loyalist to shame.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Mains st odessa traffic calming, especially at the bridge over the creek. Speeding cars and pedestrians walking to school right next to the road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Put more pressure on the builders Brookland etc . To pay more tax, they have millions of dollars. Stop asking money from the blue collars and elderly for money to pay your budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Way too much money is spent on snow removal on side streets. I have seen Loyalist employees removing small amounts of snow from the side of the street on a day where it clearly would have melted in a few hours and it wasn't even blocking traffic. Salt trucks are deployed way too often, when nature would have taken care of the problem by the end of the day with melting. Understand that intersections and hilly sections need to be taken care of, there is no reason to deploy that much salt on flat streets with little traffic and for which the sun will take care of the problem in a few hours. This is a huge waste of money, not to mention the toll it takes on roads and the environment. |
| Thanks for your dedication and hard work for our community and township.<br>When planning, try to remember that we residents are paying high amounts of tax already. Tax is the highest living expense. Goods and services are taxed. Gasoline and home fuel oil is about 50% tax. Even our food is 'taxed' (comes from farm to warehouse to grocery store by truck .... and the fuel is taxed .... and cost of diesel was raised in proportion to gasoline .... and this cost is added to the grocery price)<br>So for present and near future, please give us what is really needed, and delay what can be delayed. Thanks.                                                                                    |
| Do not raise our taxes this year! Tax increases are too high and too frequent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| I live in the older part of the village of Odessa, in the past few years a lot of work has been done in and around the new subdivision with the streets sidewalks and improve playground and in the older center part of the town these things have been in need of work. I would like to see some updates in this area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| LOWER THE TAXES. I HAVE ZERO - I repeat - ZERO services for what you charge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Tax increases should never be higher than the cost of living/inflation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Parking in front of Bath Public School to drop off children is an accident waiting to happen. Drop offs should be coordinated with the schoolbus schedule to drop off at the rear of the school.<br>Also, why is the outdoor rink built at roadside in front of the school and not at the rear away from the traffic and where there is a covered place to put skates on. Again, a much safer location.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Spend less, the next 5 years people are not going to have enough money to pay property taxes so prepare for the decrease in revenue from taxes. Prioritize garbage, parks and recreation for children(why not free sports for kids? Give parents an option to get them away from screens especially in winter). Road infrastructure is fine, other than potholes leave the roads for a while and save the money.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| If there was any say at all my big thing would be to bring in more businesses, more businesses mean more tax dollars brought in which mean less for the residents to pay. A everyday grocery store with reasonable prices wod be great.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Be more frugal when spending money. Lived here since 1980. I do want to leave but taxes abd water bills are steadily increasing. Discouraging.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Many residents are either young families or people who are retired/fixed income. It's extremely hard to budget sometimes when there are increases in taxes and service costs and it does not feel like we are receiving anything more. It's still extremely difficult to get into local affordable daycare, garbage tags would be fine for 2nd bag of garbage but not having even one bag included every week is tough. Compounding this is the fact that if we had a green bin program like surrounding areas, the volume of garbage would decrease substantially. These are some changes that would make a great impact in our day to day lives and expenses.                                                  |
| For the amount of taxes we pay we should get 1 free bag of garbage like Kingston. On a day to day basis I don't see any evidence of my tax dollars being spent in a useful way.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Please consider reducing water rates, it costs 5 times more than it does in napanee - loyalist water rates are outrageous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Improved garbage collection for large items and food waste/yard trimmings. Many places are adding a "Green Bin" initiative to their garbage collection which allows less food waste to go to landfills and allows residents to collect free fertilizer/soil from the dump spaces used for green waste for their municipal and home gardens. Core services like road, sidewalk, and park maintenance, snow removal, and emergency services in the township seem like they're in a good spot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| I've said enough.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| We need more family physicians. There are too many people who do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner in Loyalist Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| With all the housing increases in Amherstview, Bath and Odessa how can council justify tax increases.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| We need to put cigarette waste bins in parks as someone's cigarette lit the grass on fire near our house. Also many dogs try to eat the butts and end up really sick. It's a simple thing to do and not very costly. Maybe you can also make sure that the park garbages are emptied each week no matter how full they are as we live next to the park and we watch township employees drive right past the garbage bin or look and walk away.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Garbage collection could be done every two weeks rather than weekly to decrease costs. The mail only needs to be delivered 2 - 3 times each week rather than daily. Quit paving roads only to dig them up and repave again later on after subdivisions are built. There should be no increases in taxes with the new housing starts going on in Amherstview, Odessa, Bath etc. There should be more than enough tax dollars from those to keep the budget on par.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| No weird slow down measures around corners.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Consider a green bin program for food and yard waste                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Consider hiring more full time firefighters as we need to come closer in hitting the NFPA standard for response times and on scene times. A few more Full time firefighters would help this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Please please reduce property taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Understand the need for taxes maintaining services. But as voiced by others rates do seem to be increasing at alarming rates. Inflation plays some part but people's Income is not increasing enough to offset ever increasing taxes. Would like to see something implemented to limit rate hikes to a fixed manageable amount per year with a 1 year per 5 year out clause for a larger increase within reason perhaps                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Loyalist spends a lot of money on things very few residents actually prioritize, they need to take a long hard look at each departments budget and be prepared to make cuts to all unnecessary expenses especially with all the money being put into the new pool complex.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| We pay the highest municipal taxes in the province and get very little for it. There are plenty of new homes being built, so that should add money to the tax pot, lay off increasing taxes. The township doesn't need new vehicles every year, try using them for 5-8 years. Use our money wisely on things residents want like parks, rinks and proper maintenance to current infrastructure like roads                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Be frugal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Think of residents first, Loyalist is quickly becoming unaffordable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Would like to see public docks on Amherst Island. Ridiculous that there is no place to land for residents and having docks for visitors would be a big plus for many of the businesses in the village and on the Island.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Fix switzerville and vent road please                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Do better!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| I submitted a petition to council at a meeting this past January. It was full of everyone's signatures on Switzerville road because our road is a disgrace. Pull my petition out of the trash bin and take a good look at all the names of the people being ignored year after year. The dust is so bad that people have to clean their windows every week. People can't even bicycle down our road. Our vehicles get abused year round, and under some instances you need 4x4 to get down our road in the winter. It's an absolute joke that surrounding townships lay down tar & chip every week and Loyalist refuses because they think it's like the price of gold. It's pretty clear that Napanee and Stone Mills actually put care and effort into their roads. It's embarrassing when you cross the boundary into Loyalist on Switzerville road and Newburgh road, you see pretty quick how cheap and ignorant the township is towards our community. Wake up and remember there's more to Loyalist than just Bath and Amherstview. |
| You need to plan for expansion. Petawawa played catchup for a decade with the rapid expansion of popl'n in the mid 2000s. You need a planning office that will create a strategic plan for the growth in the next decade. Not just land use zoning, but all aspects. If its not Barr homes it will be something else, plan or be left behind.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Upgrading gravel roads to hard surface. Such as Lucas Road& Irish Road                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Recruit more businesses in Loyalist to contribute more than residential to the tax base!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| why do people who live in rural places have to pay the same as one on services, water, street lights, first plowed..... we get half the service and pay the same                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Where are the businesses? Where's a family restaurant?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Would like to see more commercial devopment to help lower taxes. Also a cut back on township employee vehicles. Constantly see 3 full size brand crew cab pickups with only 1 employee per truck at same job site. Waste of gas and money on having that many vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Attracting commercial business to help reduce residential load                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Stop constantly raising taxes and spending it foolishly!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| That Amherst calming project is a waste of taxpayers money                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| We can not afford the ridiculous property tax in loyalist township. We need to do anything possible to reduce the cost of property tax so that people can afford to live in this area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Identify ways to become more economically efficient, reduce the workforce.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Please consider a fair market value evaluation for calculating taxes on homes in this area. It's not fair that some homeowners are paying significantly less for taxes simply because they have been here longer. If properties were being taxed equally according to size and improvements, then everyone could reasonably afford to keep living here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Consider ways to cut costs through efficiency & good planning. Address needs before wants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

I hadn't even thought of emergency services in the previous free text box. Our community is feeling less and less safe and secure (increased theft, people driving at high speeds on small/medium streets) it would be nice to see an increase in patrolling, even if it is by a volunteer patrol/community patrol. Ideally the OPP, at the very least some eyes/ears on the ground would be great, especially given the long response time of OPP at the moment.

Again-green bin program. We have young kids and the parks/recreation are amazing here-our friends in other cities are always blown away by them. But the garbage setup is bad here, and the taxes are just so high.