

**ATTACHMENT B – TOPIC ANALYSIS TABLE**

| TOPIC  | # PEOPLE MENTIONED | % SUPPORT | % OPPOSED | DETAILS/RE-OCCURRING COMMENTS  |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| <b>Police Budget Increase</b>  | <b>81</b>          | 17%       | 83%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in Police budget doesn't target the root cause of crime</li> <li>• VicPD has a higher rate of officers per residents (2.2 per 1,000) in comparison to other Canadian Cities (1.8 per 1,000)</li> <li>• Funding should go to community services/social services instead</li> <li>• Support: Need to prioritize public safety</li> </ul> |
| <b>Increase in Property Taxes</b>  | <b>76</b>          | 8%        | 92%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to trim budget where possible to support affordability</li> <li>• Not sustainable if there is additional tax increase from Crystal Pool project</li> <li>• Support: We need to fund the programs residents rely on</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Community Well-Being Services</b><br><br>(i.e., health and mental health, harm reduction, support for people who use drugs) | <b>61</b>          | 90%       | 10%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More funding for these services in comparison to police funding</li> <li>• For those opposed: Leave the responsibility to the province</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Housing Initiatives</b>   | <b>49</b>          | 96%       | 4%        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to fund more affordable housing projects</li> <li>• Housing is a human right</li> <li>• For those opposed: leave the housing projects to the provincial and federal governments</li> </ul>   |

| TOPIC   | # PEOPLE MENTIONED | % SUPPORT | % OPPOSED | DETAILS/RE-OCCURRING COMMENTS  |
|---|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| “Beautification Projects”   | 46                 | 2%        | 98%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pause the Centennial Square project as it's not necessary right now - funding should go to other initiatives that benefit residents</li> <li>• Government Street updates are more beneficial for tourists than residents</li> <li>• Stop vanity/frill projects</li> </ul> |
| <b>Increase/maintain Grant Funding for Community Initiatives</b><br><br>(i.e., community gardens, arts, venue spaces, etc.) | 46                 | 87%       | 13%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Double the Community Garden Volunteer Coordinator Grant</li> <li>• Need to continue funding for our struggling arts scene</li> <li>• Additional funding for at-risk youth during winter and extreme weather events</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Increase in Infrastructure budget</b><br><br>(i.e., construction, sidewalks, roads, etc.)                                | 38                 | 87%       | 13%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for increasing the width of sidewalks</li> <li>• More public washrooms</li> <li>• Spend less money on infrastructure upgrades and focus on teaching people how to walk and ride safely</li> <li>• Increase funding for physical accessibility projects</li> </ul> |
| <b>Increase funding for Arts, Culture and Events</b>  | 37                 | 89%       | 11%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for arts; benefits our community well-being</li> <li>• The small investment in arts make a major impact on the liveability of the city</li> <li>• Received correspondence from 11 local arts organizations</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Increase in bike lanes budget</b>  | 29                 | 48%       | 52%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support: Keep building bike lanes- makes it safer for bikers and encourages residents not to drive</li> <li>• Oppose: Too many bike lanes already - makes traffic worse</li> <li>• Not every resident is able to bike</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Increase in Parks budget</b>   | 22                 | 86%       | 14%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritize multi-purpose flexibles spaces</li> </ul>  |

| TOPIC  | # PEOPLE MENTIONED | % SUPPORT | % OPPOSED | DETAILS/RE-OCCURRING COMMENTS   |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---|
|  |                    |           |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More vehicle access to Clover Point</li> <li>• Idea: Propose naming rights for parks to help offset costs</li> </ul>   |
| Increase in Library budget   | 22                 | 100%      | 0%        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library offers free and much-needed resource for residents</li> <li>• Push to open library on Sundays</li> </ul>   |
| Increase in funding for Climate Action initiatives                               | 18                 | 83%       | 17%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swift and drastic climate action is required for the safety of our community</li> <li>• We are in a climate crisis</li> <li>• Opposed: less EV chargers</li> </ul> |
| Increase in Recreation budget  | 17                 | 82%       | 18%       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents rely on these activities; cutting the budget for this hurts the most vulnerable community members</li> </ul>   |
| Staff layoffs and program cuts   | 15                 | 100%      | 0%        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise positions to help minimize tax increase</li> <li>• Eliminate vacant positions</li> </ul>  |
| Increase for Reconciliation  | 9                  | 56%       | 44%       | No common themes  |
| Increase in funding for Bylaw Services   | 9                  | 0%        | 100%      | No common themes  |
| Increase for funding for downtown revitalization<br><br>(i.e., OUR DWTN program) | 5                  | 60%       | 40%       | No common themes  |