

Q17 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Business and Community Relations operating budget?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	How can a business survive ???	11/25/2019 6:16 AM
2	no	11/25/2019 5:11 AM
3	I'm in high tech, so vibrancy and opportunities are hopping right now, and very pleasing, perhaps because of good work by the city? But given the enormity of other problems that threaten the city: the spreading nature of Pandora Street, the isolation of downtown for the rich these things are where to directly invest. I'm not interested in pushing out locals and no amount of cool incubator space initiatives can overcome a junkie overdosing at your door.	11/25/2019 12:36 AM
4	The arts and culture initiatives are very important to our City. Fesitivals (which are supported by the City of Victoria and the CRD Arts Services) help to create an exciting City to live in and to visit. I would love to see an architect designed downtown Library which is also a gathering place for the general public and with opportunitites for visual and performing artists to present their work.	11/25/2019 12:34 AM
5	Monies spent on community relations is spent on PR more than meaningful engagement. This is a waste of money that the taxpayer should not be supporting. The city doesn't seem to get the distinction. I would like better relations but more money spent is very much not the way to fix this. A different perspective is needed.	11/25/2019 12:27 AM
6	Only cater to their own beliefs and again to a small percentage of population of Victoria	11/24/2019 11:01 PM
7	On a fixed income, I can not afford to attend arts or cultural events	11/24/2019 9:47 PM
8	Paying artist with rent money is absurd!	11/24/2019 9:04 PM
9	Great job encouraging diverse business types	11/24/2019 8:33 PM
10	More money in economic development budget than the arts and culture budget	11/24/2019 6:32 PM
11	Electronic reports needed to comment	11/24/2019 5:03 PM
12	The current council does not seem to listen to businesses but in many cases goes against their knowledgeable suggestions.	11/24/2019 4:55 PM
13	Cut the red tape but follow an OCP	Obscenities 11/24/2019 4:40 PM
14	Quality music at these free festivals would be nice. Trendy music is bad for PTSD and fibromyalgia. I wish more money would be invested in Christmas and fairy lighting.	11/24/2019 5:19 AM
15	We need to abolish Canada Day celebrations and put that money towards indigenous peoples day.	11/24/2019 2:28 AM
16	Encourage and support a five year "most interesting Christmas/holiday business window" contest to encourage more downtown visits. This could also be a citizen opportunity to donate to a favourite charity or city homelessness project. Might be adopted by Downtown Business Assn.	11/23/2019 10:50 PM
17	Council must have a political tin ear to propose a large salary increase now. We're all angry with the torn up streets and of course that anger is largely directed at Council (rightly or wrongly).	11/23/2019 9:17 PM
18	More money to the arts please.	11/23/2019 9:11 PM
19	The city should sponsor more free, outdoor and indoor arts events. The multicultural festival in the Inner Harbour used to be the highlight of the summer. Now, it has disappeared.	11/23/2019 9:09 PM
20	I see no output or value in the positions Artist in Resident or Poet Laureate. In a tight fiscal time as we are in these should be eliminated. Also any future grant to 'artists' should not be implemented just subsidize a specific hobby of population.	11/23/2019 8:31 PM
21	I said just right, but I'd prefer some of the money from creating art were to be set aside for businesses specifically, there is very little parking on the edges of downtown (and almost none in downtown aside from the parkades). I work at a business that requires parking most of our customers are buying heavy or bulky products, and the existing street parking is insufficient and growing less.	11/23/2019 7:00 PM
22	Business relations and Community relations are not necessarily the same set of priorities. A breakdown on where the resources are placed would be informative.	11/23/2019 6:47 PM
23	There are too many people on the payroll who aren't adding value (resident artists, etc.). Events should be cost neutral through fees to vendors and fundraising among participants.	11/23/2019 5:35 AM
24	n/a	11/23/2019 4:35 AM
25	Not enough effort put into consulting with business and tourism in the City	11/23/2019 4:26 AM
26	I know contractors who refuse to build in Victoria because the planning department is not service oriented too much of a headach	11/23/2019 3:14 AM

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27	No comment	11/23/2019 1:55 AM
28	Why can't businesses who benefit from tourism be held responsible for the costs tourism creates for non commercial entities, such as communities?	11/22/2019 11:40 PM
29	The taxpayers are not a business welfare source for contractors.	11/22/2019 9:56 PM
30	The concerts and festivals are great!	11/22/2019 9:21 PM
31	We need to encourage more young skilled workers to move to Victoria. Working together with arts and culture and recreation will help to draw more talent to the island, and to increase our business presence. VIATEC does great work with this.	11/22/2019 7:36 PM
32	Where is the money other than the 220,000 dedicated to south island prosperity fund dedicated to actively recruiting businesses to Victoria. Are there any economic development plans aimed specifically at Victoria...as Langford seems to have a target on our back when it comes to pulling services from our downtown and relocating to Langford. Where is the money to explore partnerships with the university to have research hubs located downtown and in West Vic. We can't simply have all the brew pubs located downtown. why aren't we trying to get health sciences research/ high tech/ regional and national insurance companies located here etc	11/22/2019 6:12 PM
33	Again, we should address people's needs first. Then we can focus on funding the arts.	11/22/2019 4:53 PM
34	This is bloated budget that provides little or no value in half of its areas.	11/22/2019 3:29 PM
35	There should be more customer information for businesses	11/22/2019 7:30 AM
36	Please dedicate funds to implementing Create Victoria arts and culture master plan, and to public art programs in historically marginalized neighbourhoods like Hillside Quadra and North Park.	11/22/2019 6:25 AM
37	Love what the city is doing in the realm of arts and culture and business relations has noticeably changed for the better	11/22/2019 2:49 AM
38	Stop interfering with business plans, before you have a solution	11/21/2019 8:49 PM
39	This is a great group that does a lot of good work in the city	11/21/2019 7:55 PM
40	This represents the fruit of all our labours and enriches us all.	11/21/2019 7:22 PM
41	We seem to do well. Let's keep doing it.	11/21/2019 7:16 PM
42	Thriving local business and the tourism industry is what will keep our citizens employed and themselves thriving.	11/21/2019 6:00 PM
43	Whichever councillor it was who wanted Veterans to pay for Nov 11th events needs to apologize each year for the rest of his life for such a proposal and step down.	11/21/2019 5:57 PM
44	Same as previous comments	11/21/2019 5:20 PM
45	Visible support for literature, culture, and arts matters to me. As a solo entrepreneur, I feel the city could do more to engage me (so it's not simply the usual businesses in the core that are considered). How can you better support distributed and home based small businesses, helping them to thrive and return economic value to the city?	11/21/2019 4:40 PM
46	Look at all the empty downtown spaces. It's unhealthy and leads to a toilet like spiral. This city is discouraging for business, makes it very difficult, and the majority of this council has not stopped to recognize that small medium businesses are the largest employer by far. Jobs solve a lot of the problems you're apparently looking to solve lack of jobs hurts the tax intake. Communism doesn't work, Ben never has, anywhere.	11/21/2019 2:57 PM
47	This is a broad category. I would like to see more emphasis on economic development and health. I like the decrease in budget for artwork creation. I would like to see a decrease in budget towards Canada Day celebrations, Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate programs while maintaining many of the free events and programs. I believe these free events, programs and concerts add vitality and community. They allow people to experience culture and participate in their community without the barrier of cost	11/21/2019 9:47 AM
48	Free market	11/21/2019 7:59 AM
49	No	11/21/2019 7:29 AM
50	While these things are great, if money is tight, I would consider the festivals more of a luxury than a necessity	11/21/2019 5:03 AM
51	Does the city really need a Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate program? I don't think so.	11/21/2019 4:55 AM
52	n	11/21/2019 3:37 AM
53	I think we could do without the poets laureate	11/21/2019 2:48 AM
54	It is outrageous that the economic arm of our municipal government is so small, especially for a provincial city. Economic initiatives need to be fully integrated and supported by local government.	11/21/2019 1:17 AM
55	do Not support all aspects of budget such as poet laureate, youth poet laureate	11/21/2019 1:11 AM
56	I think you have made a mistake about the 2% of the proposed budget. My copy says 4%. If it is 2% I think it is just right. If it is 4%, I think that is too high.	11/21/2019 12:03 AM
57	No	11/20/2019 11:00 PM

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58	I personally think we put too much emphasis on neighbourhood development, especially if it requires half a million dollars annually to fund. My impression of neighbourhood groups (though my exposure is almost entirely from the Fairfield/Gonzales and Oak Bay groups) is that the groups advocate conservative development ideals in a city requiring serious changes to address affordability and homelessness. They advocate positive ideals as well (safety, aesthetics, etc), but those ideals are never going to be the controversial when they're put on planning desks progressive development strategies are controversial, unfortunately.	11/20/2019 10:04 PM
59	However, some of the items are unnecessary and could be replaced with better options.	11/20/2019 9:32 PM
60	Many storefronts in the DT area appear to be closing down recently, more effort should be made to encourage local business to prosper DT	11/20/2019 7:48 PM
61	I don't see how the Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate programs as a culture initiative project can actually provide anything to the broad group of citizens in Victoria. The focus is too small and does not affect a large segment of the population, unlike the events such as Canada Day celebrations. I think the target should be as many people as possible, rather than a small, seemingly targeted audience.	11/20/2019 7:14 PM
62	More employment services for those in need	11/20/2019 5:55 PM
63	no	11/20/2019 4:29 PM
64	Businesses should be encouraged in the core downtown, reducing parking, capping cruise ships, bike lanes, not helping businesses	11/20/2019 10:55 AM
65	Need business to thrive, stop attacking cruise ship industry.	11/20/2019 6:26 AM
66	Reallocate resources from serving large scale business to mid and smaller businesses.	11/20/2019 4:45 AM
67	No	11/20/2019 4:34 AM
68	This item could be reallocated/decreased to provide for essential services such as police.	11/20/2019 3:31 AM
69	i would really like to know how it is that foreign money is buying up many restaurants in the city as well as most of the franchises in malls, in shopping strips and in the city generally. moreover, i would really like to know how many of these are being bought with laundered money.	11/20/2019 2:58 AM
70	i hope what they do reduces obstacles to trade	11/20/2019 2:15 AM
71	You have no concept of community relations at all. The business are all leaving downtown to move to neighboring Saanich and Langford.	11/19/2019 11:03 PM
72	Please spin of the conference centre the city should not be in the conferences business	11/19/2019 10:25 PM
73	Obscenities , this is garbage. We live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. WE DONT NEED A SALES TEAM. This was such a crack pot idea to make it seem like the city cares its nothing more than lip service	11/19/2019 10:10 PM
74	Support for arts and culture is very important especially live performances and interactions with artists. Variety makes the city more vibrant and interesting.	11/19/2019 10:00 PM
75	Poet laureate, book prizes in such a small city is a luxury and might be reconsidered when police budgets and our safety a priority and too easily cut.	11/19/2019 9:38 PM
76	The city needs to support our business community building permits and inspections need to be pushed through. We need to have an open for business sign to generate more business to the area.	11/19/2019 8:39 PM
77	It's clear this council is extremely anti business. Without business, we are not a city and we have no money, income, jobs, houses. A person should not be allowed onto council without having owned a business for a long time.	11/19/2019 8:30 PM
78	do not have enough information to answer these questions	11/19/2019 8:18 PM
79	But please don't use any money for the empty store. Create a city where business can prosper. Not creating an illusion	11/19/2019 7:34 PM
80	we don't need to pander to capitalists, we should create opportunities for citizens to help each other directly!	11/19/2019 7:07 PM
81	You are in thrall to small special interests. And parachute capital/retirees.	11/19/2019 6:57 PM
82	Money is wasted on multiple poet laureate and artist in residence positions	11/19/2019 6:56 PM
83	More focus on Indigenous arts and music, working to integrate local Indigenous ways of knowing and living into these events	11/19/2019 6:41 PM
84	With such limited budgets I believe poet and youth laureate programs and public art programs are not as important as policing, affordable housing and improving city infrastructure.	11/19/2019 6:31 PM
85	Again, why is this so high?	11/19/2019 5:45 PM
86	I believe Business & Community Relations is important and this service should be increased, however with today's technology, the costs should be decreased. For a non technology approach, the local papers should be printing more important information sent to them by this City Department.	11/19/2019 5:44 PM
87	I don't think enough is done to support the communities and small businesses.	11/19/2019 5:10 PM

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88	There are already existing government organizations at the Provincial and Federal level that do this.	11/19/2019 4:57 PM
89	too much outside of scope; poel laureate, indigenous artist on staff	11/19/2019 3:46 PM
90	I don't agree with funding a business hub at City Hall it duplicates services provided by other groups.	11/19/2019 3:40 PM
91	Victoria needs to be better with business and supporting business and growth	11/19/2019 3:19 PM
92	I appreciate the increase in events in the last few years! It has really effected my quality of life here	11/19/2019 6:57 AM
93	None	11/19/2019 6:51 AM
94	Business generates revenues, which in turn support our city. Facilitating activities supports businesses and civic pride and involvement.	11/19/2019 6:34 AM
95	It is a mess and needs a review.	11/19/2019 3:27 AM
96	Support downtown business groups.	11/19/2019 3:19 AM
97	There are other areas that are a much higher priority. These areas are not being fully funded to their needs.	11/19/2019 2:41 AM
98	Helps. Poor management on all levels.	11/19/2019 1:15 AM
99	Do the best for reasonable cost.	11/19/2019 12:38 AM
100	Seems OK. However, not enough credit given to business owners.	11/19/2019 12:23 AM
101	As long as we keep making our city beautiful with things like Christmas lights people will want to come downtown which means they will spend money which builds revenue	11/18/2019 9:55 PM
102	support to the South Island Prosperity Project has paid dividends and should continue.	11/18/2019 9:39 PM
103	Lets do more to consider the need for spaces within reach of light industries, artists, and others who create good jobs and incubate business, if they can afford the rent.	11/18/2019 9:19 PM
104	No	11/18/2019 8:25 PM
105	I don't necessarily agree with the statement "work with business and community stakeholders to attract and retain business in the City". There are a number of vacant storefronts downtown, and I'm hearing a lot from other business owners about how they feel there is a lack of consultation or consideration given to owners on initiatives that affect their bottom line. This is especially concerning when business taxes contribute to those initiatives and projects.	11/18/2019 7:29 PM
106	Time after time the expressed interests of the business community and the neighbourhoods are overridden for ideological reasons. Not serving properly	11/18/2019 7:08 PM
107	NO Comment on this section at this time	11/18/2019 6:33 PM
108	The city should not be funding activities outside of civic holiday commemorations i.e. Remembrance Day, Canada Day, etc.. If communities and businesses find other areas important it will happen at that level.	11/18/2019 6:23 PM
109	n/a	11/18/2019 6:03 PM
110	More events to celebrate everything and everybody to bring us together is better for citizens of Victoria	11/18/2019 5:32 PM
111	Not enough being done to encourage new business develop in Victoria. Business investment is the life blood of the city. It creates good paying jobs and creates spin off economic activity. It feels that the City views the business community as the enemy, when it should be the collaborator.	11/18/2019 5:13 PM
112	The city is trying to do too many things everywhere all the time. We are a modest city and shouldn't try to be doing more than we are. We are part of the entire region and not the leaders and so therefore shouldn't continue to spend so much on every pet project of every councillor.	11/18/2019 4:51 PM
113	I think the budget for Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate are far too high. It should be a very small honorarium only. Public art is nice sometimes (who decides?) but the cost and maintenance is too high. The most important cultural aspect of Bus&Comm Relations is the Film Commission. Increase funding, it gives great economic payback.	11/18/2019 4:48 PM
114	This is a very low profile department or city function. I don't know what steps they take to make services available to newcomers for people with disabilities.	11/18/2019 4:42 PM
115	Does the city really need to hire a resident artist?	11/18/2019 4:39 PM
116	business is what generally brings people downtown to spend money. Whether you like capitalism or not, the reality is business drives a city and the city needs to do all it can to attract new businesses	11/18/2019 4:29 PM
117	The arts and culture available to citizens aids mental health and should be maintained.	11/18/2019 4:26 PM
118	NO	11/18/2019 4:12 PM
119	We need to provide better support to our downtown. More parking.	11/18/2019 4:07 PM
120	If we don't address public disorder, no one is going to come to enjoy these programs	11/18/2019 3:59 PM

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121	I feel that you don't listen at all to the local downtown business. There was a community meeting on the notification of bike lanes going in along Humboldt where you wanted feedback. Business owners all objected to closing the street and reducing parking and it was a useless exercise as you already had your plans made. As a business it is hard to survive in this city for my 2400 sqft office the taxes are 20k a year. Please help us so we can continue to employ existing residents of the community and new people coming to the city. We can't afford to keep raising the taxes on businesses and home owners.	11/18/2019 11:29 AM
122	Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:15 AM
123	Victoria spends too much on flowers and not enough in helping community flower. The city needs more free and open events.	11/18/2019 9:00 AM
124	Huh?	11/18/2019 7:35 AM
125	As a business owners I have not been made aware of any of these services.	11/18/2019 7:21 AM
126	needs better economic development, less red tape	11/18/2019 6:06 AM
127	Another one I can't comment on I got nothing on this.	11/18/2019 6:01 AM
128	Definitely a worthwhile investment	11/18/2019 5:47 AM
129	What is this?	11/18/2019 5:05 AM
130	Need more events and programs to encourage people to come to Victoria. So many people are fed up with the lack of access to the city via vehicles...it's simply to complicated to drive in downtown Victoria. Make it simple again for people to come to events downtown! We seem to have forgot Victoria and area consist of a lot of seniors and elderly who don't or can't ride bikes! We don't expect bikers to ride between cars so why do we expect seniors, elderly, children and others to walk between the bikers!?! Our population consists of more than just biker riders.	11/18/2019 5:01 AM
131	Go Lean	11/18/2019 4:49 AM
132	More free or low cost family entertainment...living in Victoria is extremely expensive and any free or affordable entertainment is valued for so many reasons	11/18/2019 4:27 AM
133	this area seems overly focused on considering the 2% of the budget. Start focusing on the needs of business	11/18/2019 4:21 AM
134	Too high! Just stop! Homeowners can't afford their property taxes but an artist in residence is a good idea? What about the musical handrail in the parkades? Enough is enough.	11/18/2019 4:21 AM
135	Canada Day good. Festival grants cut them. Concerts and programs cut them too. Public art no thanks.	11/18/2019 4:19 AM
136	N/A	11/18/2019 3:04 AM
137	There needs to be more business and community relations. The status quo is unsatisfactory.	11/18/2019 2:53 AM
138	The downtown core is slowly dying. Its no longer inviting.	11/18/2019 2:51 AM
139	See the answer to previous question.	11/18/2019 2:37 AM
140	No representation on counsel and not fiscally responsible	11/18/2019 2:29 AM
141	Get the business association involved and donate towards this.	11/18/2019 2:27 AM
142	I do not believe the city supports business in the city very well	11/18/2019 2:25 AM
143	Council is anti business, there needs to be increased funding available to enhance business development. Council also refuses to listen to community other than a couple of select groups, discriminatory action needs to stop and equitable endeavors promoted.	11/18/2019 2:21 AM
144	Too much money is given/spent on tourist attractions and wasted on downtown commerce. This money could be better spent elsewhere.	11/18/2019 1:14 AM
145	The City has no business creating jobs that have nothing to do with its operations and services, such as a "writer in residence"; this looks much like councilors using public money to fund their personal pet projects.	11/18/2019 12:40 AM
146	The City has no business creating jobs for persons having no connection to its operations, just because some council members like to fund their pet projects with other peoples' money.	11/18/2019 12:28 AM
147	If the bureaucracy were effective, the businesses and communities would need relationship management. It's time for a third party review of municipal procedures to make the administration operate effectively.	11/18/2019 12:21 AM
148	I do not support the last 5 items listed above.	11/18/2019 12:03 AM
149	not really sure what it does for the business community	11/17/2019 11:57 PM
150	Amalgamate to reduce costs.	11/17/2019 11:53 PM
151	Does this include libraries? I think we need an additional library branch	11/17/2019 10:36 PM
152	Is Ben Isitt going to have a snarky attitude again this Christmas? What would this city council know about community businesses and or community relations? They just do what they want.	11/17/2019 9:55 PM
153	Thanks for continuing to help make Victoria a great place to live, and visit.	11/17/2019 8:53 PM

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154	Reduce the funding to 1%	11/17/2019 8:47 PM
155	Help local arts groups grow the city culture scene. You get a lot of value from them when you support and nurture them. One off money drops don't have lasting value, but recurring events / activities do have value.. yet so many have been canceled..	11/17/2019 8:38 PM
156	Council should be listening to the Downtown Victoria Business Association and to the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce much much more than they are operating in their own soundproofed gilded chamber of confirmation bias.	11/17/2019 8:20 PM
157	"Artists" have excessive influence on council and are not a priority group for services over other people	11/17/2019 7:17 PM
158	No	11/17/2019 7:14 PM
159	Business interests in The City of Victoria (from my viewpoint) are mostly ignored.	11/17/2019 7:14 PM
160	Bring back the lights I on Government Street	11/17/2019 7:10 PM
161	It's been discouraging to see so many of the City's festivals discontinued in recent years. They contributed so much to building an inclusive community.	11/17/2019 6:06 PM
162	Spent too much, and ignoring business community input	11/17/2019 6:00 PM
163	Businesses are moving out because of this Council...just stop spending money on it and call it even.	11/17/2019 5:54 PM
164	The First Nations Artist Forum should be top of list.	11/17/2019 5:37 PM
165	Let business run themselves, they do a much better job than the city does when it comes to business and spending money.	11/17/2019 5:22 PM
166	A strong economic environment will bring jobs and prosperity. Focusing on the business community could help with these matters.	11/17/2019 4:17 PM
167	Try to include the business people on city decisions	11/17/2019 4:14 PM
168	There is a peculiar focus on literary events. Why not more diversity? A additional focus on First Nations is not representative of diversity.	11/17/2019 3:38 PM
169	Focus on basic tasks. Stop issuing grants. The best support for events is allowing use of public space. Attract/help business by not taxing them to death to pay for so many optional things.	11/17/2019 2:10 PM
170	Way less on canada day, at least until there is a massive shift in its focus. All the car fee and fake block parties are just malls in disguise.	11/17/2019 8:38 AM
171	I enjoy public events; don't enjoy large amounts of tax payer money being spent to scribble jigsaw pieces on crosswalks or defacing heritage buildings with plastic appliques. Fund events that people can enjoy and public art that is sustainable and long term. Why did you think it was okay to remove the tulips in Bastion Square and leave a desolate vista in its wake? Why can't you just leave things alone when they are working? If you wanted public art somewhere else, then the intelligent thing to do would be to pay for a new installation elsewhere, not drag off an existing installation that was much loved by the public. It was also incredibly disrespectful to the artist who created the piece in the first place.	11/17/2019 7:16 AM
172	Really appreciate the free music events and resent the walling off of public space for paid events.	11/17/2019 6:21 AM
173	No	11/17/2019 2:29 AM
174	more business support is needed	11/17/2019 2:23 AM
175	City has gone to the dogs. Little to nothing of interest for the millions of tourists that visit government street on a yearly basis	11/17/2019 1:02 AM
176	Stop ripping things out that draw people downtown and make downtown safe again, clean up the crime and safety hazards.	11/17/2019 12:20 AM
177	This is not a business friendly city	11/16/2019 11:29 PM
178	So many business are leaving the downtown core because it's too expensive	11/16/2019 11:00 PM
179	Keep promoting community events for all greater victoria. Put more emphasis on business needs for amenities	11/16/2019 10:55 PM
180	I haven't noticed receiving any such services, so more are required.	11/16/2019 10:50 PM
181	I don't attend public arts and culture events or programs and don't like spending public money on them. Also many non residents attend these events and programs at Victoria's expense. They should be financed by donation or ticket sales, not City taxes.	11/16/2019 10:49 PM
182	if it relates to a stat holiday fine but there is no need to put on a show for every artist or community out there	11/16/2019 10:43 PM

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183	While this area in this city is vibrant, Im not sure the start a business services are worth the time and money spent. Leave it to the entrepreneurs. Most of the others will fail anyways or start worthless businesses that nobody really needs, requiring debt and funding and a lot of paid peoples time and help, often for free!!! Being a destination for conferences, events etc. should be a bigger priority then what it is. More revenue and promotion can be generated in this area. Starving Victoria of tourists for some special cause without the proper planning, is shortsighted and lacking proper planning and strategizing. The city is a business, please run it like one instead of some activism center!!!!!!! The events seem okay. Please remember that big fireworks are terrible for the environment but people love seeing and watching the fancy lights and fire, it makes them happy and smile.	11/16/2019 10:33 PM
184	Why do we need poets and First Nations Artist Forums and other such things? We need infrastructure and housing for the homeless these are things that matter! I am involved in the arts but it is NOT the place of the city to be supporting poets, First Nation artists, etc.	11/16/2019 10:21 PM
185	Downtown businesses are being pushed aside in regards to lack of planning bike lanes that actually help the city operate functioning businesses. We can barely maintain regular customers flow due to lack of parking, confusing bike lanes and no incentives for the customers to come downtown	11/16/2019 9:48 PM
186	There should be an active and robust effort to bring business into the city.	11/16/2019 9:43 PM
187	They are useless. Unless you are an immigrant. Victoria is business unfriendly.	11/16/2019 9:27 PM
188	More funding for First Nations events, art.	11/16/2019 9:16 PM
189	What is Business and Community Relations?	11/16/2019 8:52 PM
190	these services do not pertain to me and my family	11/16/2019 8:38 PM
191	Your taxation is reaching a breaking point. When our lease comes up for renewal we will likely move to another municipality.	11/16/2019 8:14 PM
192	Too many socialist ideas are limiting small business from succeeding.	11/16/2019 7:35 PM
193	spending in this area should be limited to traditional, family oriented events and celebrations.	11/16/2019 7:13 PM
194	The council does not listen enough and gets in the way of planning. The cycle extremism on council is damaging to a healthy economy.	11/16/2019 7:11 PM
195	again, time to be realistic about what we can afford	11/16/2019 7:07 PM
196	Would love to see more murals around town instead of graffiti.	11/16/2019 6:57 PM
197	It's appalling so anything you do to improve relations would be an improvement	11/16/2019 6:19 PM
198	There is no retention of small businesses only focus on tech.	11/16/2019 5:09 PM
199	While arts and culture etc are extremely important in a community, they should not be funded ahead of policing and affordable housing.	11/16/2019 5:01 PM
200	Much of this is an absolute waste of taxpayer money.	11/16/2019 4:52 PM
201	Economic vitality should be one of the key drivers to help fund other initiatives . Downtown needs more vibrancy and events to draw locals and visitors. This creates jobs and feeds residents who work in these sectors . I don't believe that this City realizes that vibrancy = higher property values = sustainable priorities	11/16/2019 4:52 PM
202	I don't think the city should be providing financial help to businesses, except in the ways that are traditionally accepted.	11/16/2019 4:47 PM
203	I would suggest rearranging the funding for public art, from \$250+ down to \$100,000 per year. Many developers are creating public art as part of their developments and as more are working in the city and building it up more public art will become visible. I would suggest reallocating that \$150K towards enhanced public events (including towards additional safety/security resources) and also reallocate some of it to increase neighbourhood associations with their local activations through the neighbourhood centres.	11/16/2019 4:31 PM
204	25.91 too many positions	11/16/2019 4:29 PM
205	Thank you.	11/16/2019 3:44 PM
206	No	11/16/2019 3:34 PM
207	Actually pretty happy with this area the City does a good job...	11/16/2019 3:10 PM
208	businesses will come here based on their product or service, not if we have parades or a book prize	11/16/2019 3:07 PM
209	A strong Buisness friendly city keeps businesses thriving and attracts new enterprises	11/16/2019 2:01 PM
210	I am glad to see DTBA promote Xmas celebration light displat	11/16/2019 10:37 AM
211	Downtown business needs more support	11/16/2019 7:13 AM
212	We need to amalgamate all South Island municipalities	11/16/2019 6:47 AM
213	No more money for anyone.	11/16/2019 6:18 AM

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214	Need to be more connected with small business specially most owner do not leave downtown and don't have a say on what is happening in the city.	11/16/2019 5:58 AM
215	Compared to Oak Bay and Sidney, Victoria's funding of street art is pathetic. canada Day and New Year's Eve celebrations used yo be so much more interesting...	11/16/2019 5:51 AM
216	This department does a terrible job in making it easy to business in Victoria. I started my business nearly 5 years ago and it was literally hell working with the city. Other businesses finally told me "dont talk to the city...just do it". That should say it all.	11/16/2019 5:37 AM
217	Expenditures have been ridiculous over past several years...ping long, painted sidewalks....	11/16/2019 5:34 AM
218	Taxpayers shouldn't be burdened with paying for frivolities such as Poets, artists in residence and questionable public art such as the pile of rubble in front of the Memorial Arena.	11/16/2019 5:24 AM
219	You will have to do something to bring people and business back down town, the bike lanes have been a disaster!	11/16/2019 4:51 AM
220	City planning accounts for 7% of the budget and does an absolutely horrid job; yet Business and Community Relations is only 2%? Why not switch that. Many people come here because of the services they provide!	11/16/2019 4:15 AM
221	outrageous pricing for too many government related item such as tourism victoria or dockage fee from GVHA	11/16/2019 4:14 AM
222	Listen to the business community. Quit treating us like the enemy.	11/16/2019 4:03 AM
223	Who can start a business with commercial leases rising everyday at astronomical rates. Current council has done little to buck this trend instead they cave to the whims of both commercial/residential landlords & developers	11/16/2019 4:01 AM
224	Business relations seem to consist of the city trying to restrict access to business (parking) and then overtaxing them for the privilege.	11/16/2019 3:43 AM
225	How about reducing the amount of art that. after a while, gets discarded, moved somewhere else at a huge cost, or simply disappears, like the paintings that you did on Fort Street, for example? It would be wise to spend the taxpayers' money a bit more wisely, I think.	11/16/2019 3:42 AM
226	I like that the city supports the arts as well as local businesses. I would appreciate it if there was something the City could do to encourage more child care businesses in the City. Tax deduction? Free business guidance workshops? We are so hurting for childcare.	11/16/2019 3:14 AM
227	Oh my gosh, please quit trying to tell me how to run our business. Ok, so you want to ban plastic bags, if you must. But how dare you tell businesses how much they will charge for bags. Mind the city's business. Please.	11/16/2019 2:32 AM
228	Increase funding and forget giving more to council members. Please	11/16/2019 2:16 AM
229	No	11/16/2019 1:55 AM
230	quit trying to undermine celebrations/flowers throughout our city	11/16/2019 1:44 AM
231	Over the last 30 years I observed a huge change in this area.	11/16/2019 1:42 AM
232	What do they even do?	11/16/2019 1:21 AM
233	LEAVE AS IS.	11/16/2019 1:19 AM
234	This businesses build a community, not creating relationships makes groups feel ignored and under valued as a part of downtown and encourages business to close or move	11/16/2019 1:16 AM
235	No	11/16/2019 1:15 AM
236	I am concerned that the public is getting value for our money.	11/16/2019 12:55 AM
237	Keep the Christmas decorations and Canada Day celebrations going. Do NOT decrease funding for them!	11/16/2019 12:52 AM
238	Stop closing down cannabis dispensaries: our communities depend on them for life saving medicines	11/16/2019 12:38 AM
239	This is the core function of a civic government. Any funding is therefore spent in toward business/community relations and engagement. Your staff would be well served to be reminded of their role as public servants and of the SERVICES they are employed to provide.	11/16/2019 12:26 AM
240	We have so many bigger priorities. Homelessness, food and wealth insecurity etc.	11/16/2019 12:22 AM
241	More emphasis on working with business and less emphasis on groups without legal standing such as community associations. The latter groups 'tilt' opinion when they do not represent (and most times do not survey) community members.	11/16/2019 12:21 AM
242	The number one focus of Community Relations should be to encourage the growth of the nuclear family. Business regulations and red tape should be slacked to promote small business growth.	11/16/2019 12:04 AM
243	Scale back VCC, that is a ridiculous amount.	11/15/2019 11:53 PM
244	Re build the lost confidence in business development in Victoria. Stop destroying our downtown.	11/15/2019 11:49 PM
245	City is becoming the epitome of a cranky old geezer (male or female) rather than an enjoyable place to be.	11/15/2019 11:15 PM

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246	I agree it is important to support celebrations and events. But, it is hard to keep a business afloat with high cost rent and lease options. If a festival brings in more money than the Grant it is viable if not the Grant should cease and money applied to a better use like education or health care.	11/15/2019 11:11 PM
247	One again doing a terrible job	11/15/2019 11:10 PM
248	Some art is needed. Community services are mandatory. Until the disadvantaged is cared for, maybe we don't need "surf boards" at the bridge	11/15/2019 10:12 PM
249	We have an active Arts community and feel the Arts could be assisted within our Community Centres without the need for additional Poets, Artists etc.to be part of the City Staff	11/15/2019 9:56 PM
250	In order to maintain a vibrant city, there needs to be more events that bring communities together such as Canada Day festivities, concerts in Beacon Hill Park etc.	11/15/2019 9:19 PM
251	put bike lanes on hold, along with counsel increase in pay, and funding bus passes, stick to issues related to what can control in this city you are adversely affecting businesses and the tax payers	11/15/2019 9:10 PM
252	events events events .. the economic spin off of attracting and hosting events pays off. the art needs far more public input, though.	11/15/2019 9:09 PM
253	Forward looking economic development initiatives are critical! We must move to an economy more attuned to climate realities. Reduce cruise ships. If tourism is necessary, make it more eco & local food oriented.	11/15/2019 8:55 PM
254	Programs which support individuals rather than community (eg Laureate, public art, book prize) should be looked at critically who do these really benefit vs spending on other objectives?	11/15/2019 8:34 PM
255	Victoria is now a business unfriendly place.	11/15/2019 8:20 PM
256	Cut poet Laureate and Youth poet Laureate programs	11/15/2019 8:20 PM
257	The funding is too low but I doubt it would be spent wisely by the current council if it were increased. We would just have more mediocre events and people will still go to Seattle or Vancouver if they want to have fun.	11/15/2019 7:55 PM
258	Why lump business and community in the same category? These are often opposed categories. Explicitly include non profits.	11/15/2019 7:36 PM
259	I need for free bus passes	11/15/2019 7:35 PM
260	Take money from the police and put it into areas like this that actually support and empower a variety of people.	11/15/2019 7:21 PM
261	I do think that we need more representation on council in the business area.	11/15/2019 7:18 PM
262	not enough emphasis is put on supporting the businesses that actually employ people and pay taxes, instead it all goes to the homeless who do nothing but dirty the city and give us a bad name to tourists	11/15/2019 6:49 PM
263	I pay attention to public art a lot when I travel to different cities. I think Victoria could expand the public art sector, especially as we are a tourist heavy city.	11/15/2019 6:47 PM
264	Prioritize business. Without business, Victoria is dead.	11/15/2019 6:36 PM
265	We need to stimulate the occupancy of the downtown core. Lesson the vacancy rate through lower rent and better incentives.	11/15/2019 6:32 PM
266	no	11/15/2019 6:30 PM
267	Prefer more funds to be spent on higher priority needs like housing for low incime/fixed income population.	11/15/2019 6:14 PM
268	Need to do more to integrate business interests that serve the downtown and region. Losing place of work to outlying regions is not good. More focus by business and city to have workers live near their work, especially hospitality services.	11/15/2019 5:57 PM
269	no	11/15/2019 5:50 PM
270	council essential ignores the business community and fails to take into account their interests or goals	11/15/2019 5:20 PM
271	do we really need positions like a poet Laureate	11/15/2019 4:54 PM
272	Businesses can pay their own way.	11/15/2019 4:53 PM
273	All of these activities are "nice to haves" but should not be put ahead of homes.	11/15/2019 4:53 PM
274	Eliminate poet laureate funding and redirect to support community events.	11/15/2019 4:24 PM
275	Move the fountain (make smaller) up to Douglas St and create a real public square (as per europe), would improve user experience in square and probably increase attendance and scope of events that can take place. I know this is capital, but result would improve user experience from operating money events	11/15/2019 4:23 PM
276	Our celebrations such as Canada Day and Remembrance Day are essential to create a sense of community. Business need to be included and supported, again not loaded down with unreasonable obstacles.	11/15/2019 4:17 PM

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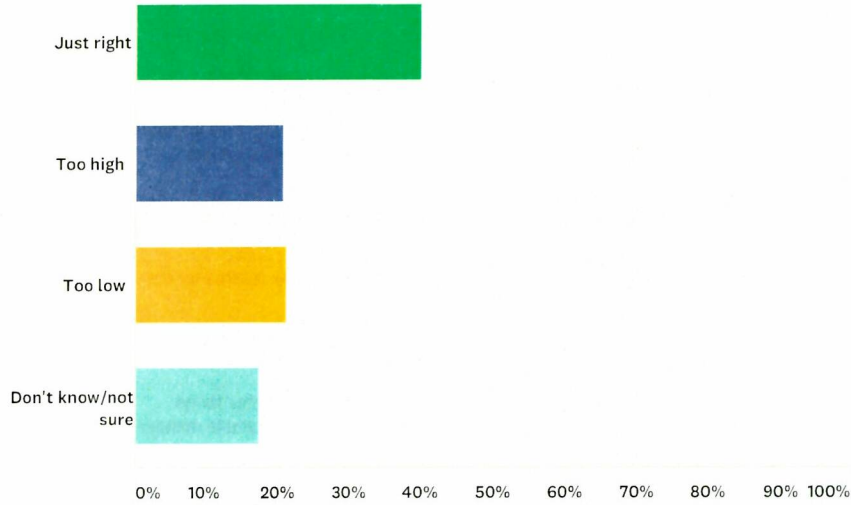
277	While the funding is fine, the type and quality of service is very poor.	11/15/2019 4:12 PM
278	I think it is critical that the city maintain the Christmas lights as it brightens up the downtown core and encourages more visits to town and the small independent businesses in one of the darkest times of the year.	11/15/2019 3:55 PM
279	We need to encourage large cultural events and steer money away from those that focus on individuals like artists and poets. Let's help the community be vibrant encouraging people to participate from all socioeconomic levels and not just honouring individuals. Money could go to more free community events, we need to encourage large cultural events and steer money away from those that honour individuals like artists and poets. Let's help the community be vibrant and people able to participate from all socioeconomic levels and not just honouring individuals. Money could go to more folk jazz blues and cultural events.	11/15/2019 3:51 PM
280	Outlying municipalities must find a way to contribute financially or start charging fee for non Victoria residents.	11/15/2019 3:47 PM
281	This department should be able to generate more of its own funds through events and external partnerships.	11/15/2019 3:36 PM
282	far too much money for an area that achieves NOTHING	11/15/2019 3:34 PM
283	Communications has grown into a propaganda empire	11/15/2019 3:34 PM
284	no	11/15/2019 3:23 PM
285	Get rid of the poet laureate funding, the public arts projects etc. Tax money should not go to these superfluous expenses.	11/15/2019 3:05 PM
286	NO	11/15/2019 2:31 PM
287	Please be inclusive of 'all cultures' that make up this great city not just native/indian art all over the place. Please be more inclusive and show support for redress of Japanese and Chinese cultures. We should also show support for promoting the British heritage of this city after all they did build and develop a great city.	11/15/2019 2:20 PM
288	No	11/15/2019 12:40 PM
289	If community relations includes the police, the police in Victoria are a very sad joke they discriminate against anyone they think may have mental health concerns.	11/14/2019 2:40 AM
290	What has been accomplished here in 5 years plus?	11/14/2019 12:51 AM
291	North Park needs funds to hire a professional to defend our neighbourhood livability. We have no community association building assets but we deserve to be funded equal to other communities that do, and this initiative would go a long way to creating a cohesive, well thought out and sustainable strategy to carry our neighbourhood into the next decade and beyond. \$30,000 for this position is a reasonable request and a necessity for our future well being in this neighbourhood	11/13/2019 8:34 PM
292	Doing a great job, here.	11/13/2019 7:24 PM
293	No	11/13/2019 2:29 PM
294	Communities used to raise funds to care for their own. By taking this responsibility away, people don't care about their own neighbors!	11/13/2019 11:57 AM
295	There is too great an inequity between funding of Neighbourhood Associations across the City. Those neighbourhoods with without community centres/facilities should receive the same annual funding or greater support from the City in lieu of funds to address the disparity.	11/13/2019 7:14 AM
296	What economy, businesses can't survive because of the bike lanes and it has alienated people who frequented the downtown core which has directed the economic dollars to the outskirts of Victoria. That's where I spend my dollars, outside of Victoria City limits.	11/13/2019 5:44 AM
297	If staffing at city hall wasn't so heavy maybe we could afford the "nice to haves"	11/13/2019 2:33 AM
298	When you have to license sandwich boards, that's not helping businesses. The cruise ship debacle is putting businesses at risk. Community relations must be at an all time low with the proliferation of homelessness and unwholesome activities taking place all around town.	11/13/2019 2:04 AM
299	More funding needs to be provided to enhance liaison services with the business community to address the various community based and social issues that need to be improved before businesses can thrive.	11/12/2019 8:10 PM
300	Business is leaving Victoria because of bad conditions, not enough police and too many panhandlers.	11/12/2019 4:16 PM
301	I don't think we need a business and community relations department. Just look at the vacant store fronts, that will tell you all you need to know., Victoria should not employ people simply to provide an income for some.	11/12/2019 4:49 AM
302	Some reallocation within this budget might be needed (more for public events, less for some other aspects) but the overall amount is fine.	11/12/2019 12:53 AM
303	No	11/12/2019 12:18 AM
304	More input from Downtown Business association needs to be integrated.	11/11/2019 10:41 PM

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305	Tourism is down for the second year, we focus on he cruise ships but they come at bad/ off hours and only spend money on lower Government. We also don't want people coming to this city that wants a 5\$ T shirt that has a beaver on it. we need to attract young workers that will spend money in the down town and bring viberance to this city, and stop focusing on the cruise ships.	11/11/2019 7:17 PM
306	No idea what this is. Why is there a City Budget for this category?	11/11/2019 6:55 PM
307	Do we still need this? When it was implemented we had a very high vacancy rate of commercial properties. Not anymore.	11/11/2019 6:48 PM
308	Hard to tell without more informarion.	11/11/2019 5:38 PM
309	Doesn't city hall drive away conferences?	11/11/2019 4:51 PM
310	Victoria needs to learn to celebrate. Winter carnivals, New Year's Eve celebrations.	11/11/2019 4:29 PM
311	Rent is too high for older buildings without mortgages and the new builds are being built for future strata conversion instead of affordable units with basic finishing (renters don't need granite countertops).	11/11/2019 4:17 PM
312	Downtown businesses need more support lower taxes, cleaner sidewalks and store fronts, more policing	11/11/2019 4:06 PM
313	Seems no one cares about this, despite business contributing the majority of tax income for the city...	11/11/2019 3:36 PM
314	If Business is critical to the city's viability, why is only 7% of the budget spent on Business development and 27% on Arts and Culture. Those should be more equal.	11/11/2019 3:20 PM
315	The city taxpayers should not be shouldering this burden for events that are available for no charge to people throughout the region. Find a way to recover costs in a more equitable manner.	11/11/2019 5:44 AM
316	Does your definition of 'Business' include Not For Profits, Charities etc?	11/11/2019 4:40 AM
317	Arts and culture gets good funding so far but the cities summer events in the square and Cameron bandshell. Events like eventide were awesome to see engagement from many groups.	11/11/2019 2:57 AM
318	Cut useless expenditures such as the Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate programs	11/11/2019 12:43 AM
319	Obscenities	11/11/2019 12:39 AM
320	If we can't fully fund our first responders, we can't afford arts & culture. Priorities are out of line. Safety first, then pretty things.	11/10/2019 7:10 PM
321	We need a department that does grants for those who don't know how to	11/9/2019 7:58 PM
322	Seems to be good at giving away "free" things but not so good at helping businesses e.g. new commercial loading zone fees	11/9/2019 1:11 AM
323	This funding is clearly not working, as evidenced by the number of shuttered businesses in downtown Victoria. This funding needs to be better planned and spent	11/8/2019 1:28 PM
324	I love all the free events the city puts on and would like to see even more if possible!	11/8/2019 2:43 AM
325	I think there is a lot that goes into this that helps Victoria shine. I can't imagine more is really needed, but to stay the course.	11/7/2019 8:51 PM
326	A recent visit to Boston allowed me to marvel at the City's great display of its historical past. It was an inspiring education and celebration of the City's beginnings and evolving culture over history. Our City is missing a great opportunity to celebrate our past and ongoing culture by keeping the statue of Sir John A MacDonald hidden and by allowing Ogden Point to be renamed. Our culture suffers as a result.	11/7/2019 8:41 PM
327	Would be curious to understand a more detailed breakdown of the community relations side, particularly efforts in bringing the indigenous/non indigenous community perspectives together, rather than siloed.	11/7/2019 7:50 PM
328	No	11/7/2019 7:14 AM
329	More commercial is needed	11/7/2019 1:10 AM
330	Good job on bringing business back downtown	11/6/2019 11:46 PM
331	We do not need poet laureates, artists in residence, etc when core service work is not being done. Make the mews by doing what you should be doing not by what you'd like to do	11/6/2019 11:07 PM
332	We don't need any more public art. Our city has enough and with all the flowers and architecture it is already so beautiful.	11/6/2019 10:06 PM
333	I am all for arts etc and perhaps they get more media attention than they should relative to their budget size. But I think that our priority should be on spending less on Artists in Residence etc etc etc and more on the issues facing residents and visitors (including workers from neighbouring municipalities) and arts etc came come later one our major problems are resolved (like drug addiction and homelessness).	11/6/2019 8:59 PM
334	Very competent program area does a lot of good	11/6/2019 8:40 PM

Q18 When thinking about the services you receive from Bylaw Services, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 2,996 Skipped: 2,114



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	40.15%	1,203
Too high	20.89%	626
Too low	21.33%	639
Don't know/not sure	17.62%	528
TOTAL		2,996

Q19 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Bylaw and Licensing Services operating budget?

Answered: 395 Skipped: 4,715

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This should be higher in order to better enforce parking bylaws downtown.	11/25/2019 6:18 AM
2	By law officers could make the city lots of money daily.....look around all the by laws being broken in the city.	11/25/2019 6:18 AM
3	I would like to see the proposed increase of wages of 50% for the council members go towards supporting Bylaw services and police services instead. Bylaws need to be enforced or they are pointless.	11/25/2019 5:19 AM
4	I would like to see once a community plan has been adopted not to continually be asked to amend that plan.	11/25/2019 2:13 AM
5	Stop all smoking including tobacco and marijuana!!! Many people are allergic!!!!!!	11/25/2019 12:56 AM
6	Seems to be working.	11/25/2019 12:36 AM
7	If you didn't concentrate all the social problems in a single place you would not be creating have and have not communities and would lessen the budget needed.	11/25/2019 12:27 AM
8	More effective bylaw enforcement required	11/24/2019 11:05 PM
9	Too much focus on higher parking prices. List the hole idea of a beautiful city.	11/24/2019 11:02 PM
10	Not enough resources to check neighbour hoods for illegal parking	11/24/2019 9:05 PM
11	To elevate the burden on our police force we should allow more bylaw officers and let them have more to govern over so the police can spend their time on protection	11/24/2019 8:50 PM
12	I wonder why under Misc 2019 Budget figure is 227,778 and 2020 budget figure is 27,778 \$200,000 difference. 87.8% change or is is a mistake and both 2019 and 2020 should have been \$27,778 Seems strange that 200,000 under Misc charges would not be specified	11/24/2019 6:42 PM
13	The city needs to respect their own bylaws and base any changes on consultation with both the and owners and adjacent land owners.	11/24/2019 5:49 PM
14	Include and enforce a light pollution bylaw. James bay is too bright in residential areas	11/24/2019 5:04 PM
15	Consider light pollution in the James Bay Community as a bylaw item and create an awareness around it! I never see a bylaw officer dealing with noise pollution either. Open pipe Motor bike noise in the residential neighbourhood is brutal	11/24/2019 4:44 PM
16	Rarely see bylaw enforcement officers and they are selective in enforcing within certain demographics.	11/24/2019 2:21 PM
17	It would be nice if government understood that pathogens and heavy metals vapours sprayed in the atmosphere from commercial jets were poisoning air, food and water (ie "pesticides"), and that this spraying is exasperating medical conditions and disabling people. Asthma, skin cancer, hair loss, eczema and psoriasis, autoimmune diseases, MS, ALS. And lest we forget how gov't is treating medical cannabis users. We need that to be clean, too, as well as affordable.	11/24/2019 5:23 AM
18	Every year, since the bike lanes have gone in, parking has gone up. Now we have no free Sunday parking and parking is going up again this year.	11/24/2019 2:43 AM
19	Divert funding from Bylaw Services to Social Services and Policing. Community enabled solutions will help address the housing crisis.	11/24/2019 2:07 AM
20	They allow neighbours to build right up to your property line and there's nothing that you can do about it	11/23/2019 10:12 PM
21	NO to Council giving itself a large pay rise!!!!!!	11/23/2019 9:18 PM
22	I have never seen a bylaw officer monitoring dogs running loose in areas where they should be on a leash, eg parks and walkways.	11/23/2019 9:11 PM
23	Seems on point. Parks patrols usually utilize police services which is quite redundant as police could perform the safety aspect and are empowered to enforce bylaws. Room for improvement here.	11/23/2019 8:36 PM
24	How the resources are applied is important. It seems graffiti is mostly the responsibility of businesses and the DVBA. It would appear that very little bylaw enforcement has actually been applied to this destructive vandalism.	11/23/2019 6:51 PM
25	Seem to get different and conflicting views as to interpretation of bylaws when I have a question or complaint about bylaw enforcement .	11/23/2019 5:51 PM

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26	A problem that I have noticed, is that the branches of the government that receive funding to work in this area, are more frequently, sources of frustration to the public, than they are useful, effective resources. They are highly bureaucratic. They cannot advocate or provide meaningful, useful services. They merely regurgitate the bylaws, and provide little else in terms of functional, impactful, useful, services.	11/23/2019 10:49 AM
27	I feel there is a need for more bylaw officers. For instances such as noise complaints from buskers, often times an officer isn't readily available to address the issue and people are either left to endure or call the non emergency line.	11/23/2019 5:48 AM
28	Enforcement is important, but bylaws need to be fair and clear, with the purpose of protecting neighbourhood values.	11/23/2019 5:36 AM
29	They never do anything anyway	11/23/2019 3:58 AM
30	Really need these people, directly serve the public. Where were they during the whole tent city fiasco? They need to be out there.	11/23/2019 3:23 AM
31	Unfortunately too many old cogers keep these poor guys running around on fools errands this is a waste of tax money!	11/23/2019 3:15 AM
32	Signage does little to modify people's behaviour if there's no enforcement. Smoking in public spaces (e.g. Beacon Hill Park) comes to mind.	11/23/2019 1:57 AM
33	Animal Control needs to have a higher presence and not patrol areas only during routine office hours. Abuse of parks is ridiculous on early mornings and weekends and holidays by many dog owners, since they aren't likely to be caught and fined.	11/22/2019 11:43 PM
34	Our parking has become an inaccessible mess. No one can access downtown in a meaningful way with out it being a huge, planned under tacking. Beyond that, the bylaw officers in this city outnumber the police. Ticketing vulnerable people trying to navigate the city through parking tickets is ridiculous.	11/22/2019 11:39 PM
35	Very ineffective personnel, unwilling to properly enforce existing bylaws. STILL waiting for bylaw officers to enforce removal of boats in Selkirk Waterway. Was told by the bylaw officer that he was UNWILLING to enforce the existing bylaw to remove the vagrant boats because the mayor had not told him to do so.... go figure!!	11/22/2019 11:36 PM
36	Needs stronger enforcement of prohibitions on street camping and public urination/defecation.	11/22/2019 10:41 PM
37	It never appears that Bylaw services or Parking Services are properly funded or managed.	11/22/2019 10:41 PM
38	get the dogs out of ross bay cemetery	11/22/2019 10:23 PM
39	Would like to see way more trees being planted and conserved. I do not like the city changing the city plan to provide more density without consulting with residents.	11/22/2019 9:24 PM
40	By law officers should be doing allot more to make our community safer. Where is the enforcement for people smoking where they are not allowed to? for people who ride bicycles and skateboards on sidewalks? for loud vehicles that are violating the noise bylaw?	11/22/2019 8:40 PM
41	more money is needed for enforcement. in the winter, side walks in my neighbourhood have snow on them. In the summer, residents are watering outside of their designated offices. People are smoking (various substances) close to offices or stores in the downtown area.	11/22/2019 8:28 PM
42	Lack of response to complaints.	11/22/2019 7:04 PM
43	Never see any bylaw enforcement other than our parking ambassadors handing out tickets	11/22/2019 6:13 PM
44	They need to crack down on beach fires at night	11/22/2019 6:05 PM
45	Bylaw Officers get paid very well, but yet they will not do their daily duties unless they have a police escort? Why pay police and Bylaw officers to do the same job. Get rid of Bylaw officers if the work they are hired to do is too dangerous. Leave it to the police.	11/22/2019 5:21 PM
46	many bylaws are not enforceable, reduce bureaucracy	11/22/2019 4:36 PM
47	More enforcement of vagrancy related laws	11/22/2019 3:47 PM
48	It is time for the city to actually start enforcing some of its bylaws on a more active basis.	11/22/2019 3:31 PM
49	Need more bylaw enforcement re dogs left tied up outside, bikes on sidewalks, etc	11/22/2019 7:51 AM
50	Bylaw does not enforce enough, constantly seeing things, I call and no actions.	11/22/2019 7:31 AM
51	The current complaint based system is unfair, since it allows neighbours to pick on one another by complaining to Bylaw Services and getting rules enforced that would not otherwise be enforced.	11/22/2019 6:26 AM
52	Many areas covered by bylaws are completely ignored when it comes to enforcement	11/22/2019 5:28 AM
53	Bylaw offenses seem to be complaint driven.I walk around my neighborhood and can see issues with buildings, shrubs and trees encroaching on sidewalks. Do officers drive with their eyes shut? Check out 737 Craigflower	11/22/2019 3:35 AM
54	I hope that the budget ensures that enforcement on vacation rentals can be proactively and aggressively enforced	11/22/2019 2:50 AM
55	should be another 50%	11/22/2019 2:22 AM

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56	Explore using fine/permit revenue to operate this dept.	11/21/2019 11:43 PM
57	We shouldn't have bylaws where resources for enforcement is an issue. Either increase resources or prioritize (or reduce ineffective) existing bylaws	11/21/2019 11:31 PM
58	Enforce the bylaws!!!...vagrants camping in our parks !!	11/21/2019 11:30 PM
59	It would be great to address issues around smoking in parks as people tend to ignore posted signs.	11/21/2019 10:23 PM
60	Provide more money to ensure people using parks observe the by laws	11/21/2019 8:41 PM
61	I have noticed that Bylaw officers are having to deal directly with people camping in parks. Since this is a growing problem, I think that the related operating budget should be increased to meet the demand on Bylaw Officers.	11/21/2019 7:46 PM
62	I wonder if we could use a few more officers to enforce the use of our downtown, parks, pesticides and construction. I suspect the bylaw officers are worked hard. If they're managed well and we had a few more of them, I would support an increase in budget.	11/21/2019 7:18 PM
63	increase true enforcement with fines and penalties that return revenue to Services. Pay for themselves if they enforce the law/bylaw	11/21/2019 7:08 PM
64	Graffiti and property conditions are not very noticeable or problematic compared to the amount of homeless people in the downtown core. Help get the poor and ill off the street and it will look 110% cleaner, even if it is covered in graffiti	11/21/2019 6:16 PM
65	I sure hope our bylaw officers look at Airbnb tax compliance because airBnB is responsible for why there is no affordable places to rent.	11/21/2019 6:01 PM
66	Need a bit more funding for weekend and evening enforcement during summer	11/21/2019 5:31 PM
67	It doesn't seem there is much enforcement of bylaws for the homeless.	11/21/2019 5:24 PM
68	I'm judging my rating above on evidence on the ground. There is a noticeably reduced bylaw presence, especially when it comes to animal control. I live near Dallas Road and used to see bylaw officers checking animals are kept under control, bikes and skateboards not on paths etc. in these areas but there is now a noticeable absence of officers, which bylaw violaters recognize. It's a free for all now where tensions often run high between park/path users. Some enforcement visibility from the city is desperately needed. Same goes for Ross Bay Cemetery where an increasing number of dogs are entering (many off leash), despite signs to the contrary. Love dogs, but also love rare, historic spaces. Dogs don't need to be here when they have many other parts of the city dedicated to them. Enforcement is needed to protect these special greenspaces.	11/21/2019 4:49 PM
69	Always dealing with smokers at bus stops. More enforcement of the non smoking by laws needs to happen.	11/21/2019 4:43 PM
70	Bylaw is now overwhelmed with park camping infractions due to budget fight with police.	11/21/2019 4:18 PM
71	Let's become a more welcome community by softening the impact of the (laughter here) parking ambassadors. Nice nomenclature.	11/21/2019 2:58 PM
72	increase in Bylaw staff is required to deal with the challenges of the downtown core.	11/21/2019 2:55 PM
73	Victoria is a growing city, and with that comes both opportunity and growing pains. We need more bylaw officers so that the city's residents feel heard and concerns are addressed quickly.	11/21/2019 1:51 PM
74	Stop sub contacting animal services	11/21/2019 7:59 AM
75	No	11/21/2019 7:29 AM
76	The officers don't even insist that every business posts its address on a property so that pedestrians and motorists are unable to identify a civic address.	11/21/2019 5:59 AM
77	Not enough bylaw fines being made and to many warnings before actual fines placed.	11/21/2019 3:50 AM
78	n	11/21/2019 3:37 AM
79	Hire more enforcement officers. If you're going to stiff the cops they're better than nothing for moving on vagrants in the parks.	11/21/2019 3:07 AM
80	I'd love to see more people getting busted for by law infractions.	11/21/2019 2:49 AM
81	Building department needs an increase to speed processing of applications.	11/21/2019 12:13 AM
82	Bylaw needs to continue to focus on removal of homeless "camps" that setup around the city (i.e. along the gorge in Victoria West). These detract from neighborhoods, leave garbage and needles and neighbors do not feel safe. All interactions with the Bylaw group have been excellent and very responsive keep up the good work.	11/21/2019 12:06 AM
83	Service on enforcement poor.	11/20/2019 10:43 PM
84	What good is having a bylaw if no one enforces it. I see infractions every single day on Douglas St. and no one is dealing with it or attending when we call.	11/20/2019 6:48 PM
85	With the amount of homeless peoples that are on the streets and parks, there needs to be more bylaw officers enforcing the bylaws. I am tired of being asked for money, for watching drug deals happening in our local park and not having children allowed to play in the park as there is a group of "homeless" people smoking and drinking in the park, not making it a welcome area for families.	11/20/2019 6:05 PM

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86	people are abusing the complaint process in my area re parking specifically.. and neighbors feuds that are a nuisance to your team.... can you do something about that to save money ?	11/20/2019 5:33 PM
87	They provide an excellent, responsive service	11/20/2019 4:40 PM
88	no	11/20/2019 4:30 PM
89	Bylaw seems like they don't do anything, and have no real power to solve the issues that they need to	11/20/2019 2:30 PM
90	Start enforcing laws.	11/20/2019 6:27 AM
91	Why do we have Bylaw Officers walking downtown wearing military style load bearing vests? I've seen teams of two of them walking along Government Street, and my first thought was "SWAT Team here?" until I noticed that instead of "POLICE" on the back, it said "BYLAW OFFICER".	11/20/2019 6:10 AM
92	Bylaw services are the nuts and bolts of the city's workings. It takes too long to get applications, etc., through the system; this budget item should be increased for hiring feet on the ground bylaw inspectors	11/20/2019 5:59 AM
93	There is zero enforcement of by laws in the city so we could just skip this department	11/20/2019 5:04 AM
94	No	11/20/2019 4:34 AM
95	There is a fundamental enforcement problem with bylaw services which operates on bankers hours. There are new tow away zones on key downtown streets but no way to get in touch with bylaw services after 4:30 (peak tow away time).	11/20/2019 3:32 AM
96	This is such a general question as to be totally meaningless.	11/20/2019 2:59 AM
97	The stunning lack of bylaw enforcement in Victoria is embarrassing. People smoking next to 'no smoking' signs is the lease of it. Dog leash laws are considered colourful suggestions, cyclists ride up and down sidewalks, sometimes right next to the bike lanes. It's disgraceful, and desperately needs seeing to.	11/20/2019 2:31 AM
98	pretty hard to understand Pandora by our place or johnson in the 800 block. Hard to understand high fences at intersections. there are a lot of bylaws	11/20/2019 2:18 AM
99	We need more bylaw officers to tackle the numerous issues downtown and in the parks.	11/20/2019 1:03 AM
100	good bylaws	11/19/2019 11:46 PM
101	Bylaw officers are wanna be cops in swat uniforms taking up the limited parking spaces in our city harassing businesses.	11/19/2019 11:04 PM
102	Charge more for infractions to allow more enforcement	11/19/2019 10:33 PM
103	Obscenities what a completely waste of money like lets waste a bit more time on the dog licences and a bit more time on actual problems going on	11/19/2019 10:25 PM
104	Why not give the bylaw officers some of the duties of the VPD members, so they can go do more frontline stuff?	11/19/2019 10:21 PM
105	Obscenities WAY to much time being spend on dogs and useless Exotic Pets go after big offenders and make it a tax revenue source instead of pandering Obscenities	11/19/2019 10:11 PM
106	Keep up the good work on tackling graffiti.	11/19/2019 10:02 PM
107	There are lots of areas where bylaw is unable to address. They need more resources.	11/19/2019 9:02 PM
108	Enforce the short term vacation rental bylaw properly and bring 600 1000 rental units onto the market. Stop rationalizing the lack of enforcement	11/19/2019 8:46 PM
109	do not have enough information to answer these questions	11/19/2019 8:19 PM
110	More enforcement would bring in more revenue.	11/19/2019 8:15 PM
111	There should be bylaw enforcement with financial consequences to bring the open drug, alcohol, panhandling going on in the streets. It is discrimination to only target pet owners and parking infractions.	11/19/2019 7:38 PM
112	higher budget means more pressure to make that money back through issuing excessive fines	11/19/2019 7:22 PM
113	Way too low. It's almost like the Bylaw Services are non existent	11/19/2019 7:08 PM
114	Bylaws need to concern themselves a little more with residents and keep the developers and construction companies in line. Excessive noise and light pollution, as well as increased garbage and insect population near construction sites, needs to be better kept under check.	11/19/2019 7:00 PM
115	Start enforcing downtown Bylaws. You can just look out your window and see the UTTER DISGRACE this city is now, look at Centennial Square.	11/19/2019 6:58 PM
116	We obviously need way more bylaw officers to deal with the ongoing problem on Pandora Street. Why are we allowing people to sleep in doorways when there is space in the shelters? Why are we allowing panhandling on medians? It isn't safe and it is an eyesore.	11/19/2019 6:51 PM
117	Bylaw officers have an expanding role due to reduced city police funding. Homeless camping in Beacon Hill Park and other parks is a major concern.	11/19/2019 6:34 PM
118	The parks are often unusable in the morning	11/19/2019 6:24 PM

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119	By laws have to be enforced with everyone... not just some. I don't know if they don't get enforced because we don't have enough bylaw staff, or because the city chooses not to enforce bylaws with some groups of people.	11/19/2019 6:20 PM
120	Stop making Obscenit bylaws when you refuse in some cases to enforce the ones currently on the books.	11/19/2019 6:16 PM
121	The nanny state is (again) beyond your jurisdiction and a waste of rate payer funds.	11/19/2019 6:13 PM
122	Bylaw enforcement needs to be more aggressive. Landlords are getting away with all kinds of bylaw violations and the city needs more bylaw officers and resources to catch this.	11/19/2019 5:46 PM
123	Bylaw infractions detract from our joy of living here. Larger fines could pay for an increased staffing & enforcement.	11/19/2019 5:46 PM
124	Bylaw enforcement could always be improved.	11/19/2019 5:40 PM
125	Spend a little money to make bylaws more transparent by having them online not just the most popular ones and make them up to date.	11/19/2019 5:11 PM
126	Downtown is a real problem and scaring away visitors	11/19/2019 4:44 PM
127	Please add more officers to monitor and do something about the misuse of parks for camping. I regularly see people set up tents way too early and take down way too late in Irving Park but there are no consequences and it continues.	11/19/2019 4:43 PM
128	Keep the parks clean. No tents, etc should be allowed.	11/19/2019 4:39 PM
129	confusing; short term rentals and expenses is the same number no 'profit centre' unhelpful expect bylaw services to be at least budget neutral as fines cover costs; but can't find that out here	11/19/2019 3:50 PM
130	No by law enforcement ever shows up leaving staff and tax payers to deal with numerous growing street issues.	11/19/2019 3:23 PM
131	By law staff should be used to enforce biking and skateboard infractions. incidents have reached an unacceptable level in the downtown core	11/19/2019 3:22 PM
132	This city is desperate for an increase in enforcement from Bylaw and Police. There is a clear lack of presence of officers on the street and the city centre square, where the whales are, is a disgusting mess with people hanging out there smoking, doing drugs and having there dogs off leash. It is a terrifying place to walk thru.	11/19/2019 2:00 PM
133	Useless	11/19/2019 6:51 AM
134	Adding a fee to parking on the weekend (and subsequent staff to enforce parking on the weekend) does not make sense unless the revenue stream is meaningful. This whole area needs to be addressed from a P&L perspective.	11/19/2019 6:22 AM
135	Too high for the job they're doing very poor	11/19/2019 5:55 AM
136	Bylaw needs to focus on homeless issues which are being policed by VicPD at an increased cost.	11/19/2019 4:56 AM
137	doing a good job	11/19/2019 3:41 AM
138	If more Bylaw officers would move the homeless along, that would be positive.	11/19/2019 3:34 AM
139	I find bylaw services would function better with sensible bylaws, that don't overstep the municipality's powers into other levels government authorities.	11/19/2019 3:32 AM
140	More money to apprehend & prosecute graffiti vandals, & offending cyclists.	11/19/2019 3:22 AM
141	Due to the homeless and Development in Victoria the bylaw officers are under a lot of extra complaints	11/19/2019 3:03 AM
142	Do the best for reasonable cost.	11/19/2019 12:38 AM
143	Too many changes made to bylaws to please requests from developers. Start saying "NO" and send it back to the drawing board rather than making up a new bylaw to fit all comers.	11/19/2019 12:27 AM
144	By increasing by law officers there could be less strain on police	11/19/2019 12:14 AM
145	There are too many people who ignore bylaws in my community. Smoking downtown (Cigarettes and Pot) are the most egregious. More presence from bylaw would be helpful Perhaps longer hours, and more responsive crew.	11/18/2019 10:46 PM
146	Never see them	11/18/2019 10:15 PM
147	They have a huge responsibility and 1% does not seem much	11/18/2019 10:04 PM
148	Our bylaw services are an embarrassment. They don't deal with panhandling or vagrancy. And you never see them doing anything. Either staff it properly and purposefully or don't have bylaw officers	11/18/2019 9:56 PM
149	Increase fines and enforcement of nonparking bylaws as a revenue stream. Eg: snow clearance, invasive species, sidewalk adjacent tree/shrub trimming, etc.	11/18/2019 8:46 PM
150	There are way too many bylaw issues that aren't being followed up on. We logged 22 requests and the problems are still existing. People are setting up vending tables in front of our centre doing business and no one from bylaw enforcement even noticed or showed up or commented. Clearly no one is doing this work.	11/18/2019 8:36 PM

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151	continually monitor public feedback through the department ... additional feedback can be asked for via Television of newspaper	11/18/2019 8:32 PM
152	No	11/18/2019 8:25 PM
153	enforce bylaws without without having to have complaints	11/18/2019 7:24 PM
154	There should be more control of speeders in James Bay. Dallas Road should not be used as a racetrack! Noisy cars should be controlled particularly at night.	11/18/2019 6:46 PM
155	Not sure on this piece	11/18/2019 6:34 PM
156	Routine enforcement of offleash areas should be implemented. Laws are disregarded almost completely. Daily on my walks I would suggest close to 100% non compliance along beaches and park areas where there are leash laws. I go to these areas to get away from off leash dogs, yet my rights are not respected by the dog owners or the city who should be protecting my enjoyment of nature. I am routinely accosted and jumped on by these dogs and frequently see them chasing herons, etc. Quit with the "education" non enforcement stance. It creates a lot of issues. How about you go after dog owners with the same vigor as parking violations. Any animal enforcement officer could easily hand out \$1,000/day in tickets along Dallas Road. Why are you not enforcing the leash laws on the sidewalks along Dallas. Why are only dog owners able to enjoy this area? It is a SHARED USE SPACE.	11/18/2019 6:29 PM
157	n/a	11/18/2019 6:03 PM
158	Too many bylaw related calls are downloaded to police	11/18/2019 5:43 PM
159	Police are doing way too many bylaw jobs. More bylaw officers need to be available to deal with these issues instead of downloading them to police	11/18/2019 5:35 PM
160	I do not support any budget where the total exceeds CPI. Rather, I would prefer a zero based budget that caps total budget increase at no more than 2019+CPI.	11/18/2019 5:13 PM
161	Too much funding for a service that does very little	11/18/2019 4:58 PM
162	I have had the pleasure of dealing with the bylaw folk and have found them to lack knowledge of the bylaws. They measured a shed and said it was too big. We modified it and a week later they remeasured, the same guy, and he asked why we changed it, it was fine. At a cost of almost \$400 to \$500 to change, it left a sour taste in my mouth. And yes, it was the same guy who measured twice. I spoke to his boss who was apologetic and said a review would be in place. Just saying, it was not very impressive.	11/18/2019 4:54 PM
163	They must not receive enough funding because they do no proactive enforcement bylaws relating to the safety of people with disabilities. They don't need to increase the fines if there is no reasonable likelihood of anyone ever getting caught in find. They need to increase the likelihood of getting caught for noncompliant sandwich boards and sidewalk cafes	11/18/2019 4:43 PM
164	Costs what it costs!	11/18/2019 4:42 PM
165	They do a good job.	11/18/2019 4:34 PM
166	Larger neighbourhoods mean more potential conflict so more compliance monitoring and execution is a must	11/18/2019 4:28 PM
167	NO	11/18/2019 4:12 PM
168	More tree replacement	11/18/2019 4:08 PM
169	We need to invest far more in this area to combat public disorder in the downtown	11/18/2019 3:59 PM
170	They need to be available more often for bylaw complaints. Public nuisance bylaws generally occur at night	11/18/2019 2:05 PM
171	Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:15 AM
172	Our Bylaw officers need to have more officers. Increase the Bylaw budget and hire 5 10 more officers.	11/18/2019 10:34 AM
173	The permit system has worked well for me! Inspectors/inspections have been helpful and timely.	11/18/2019 10:06 AM
174	More work needs to be done in protecting trees	11/18/2019 7:12 AM
175	clean up the city. it's becoming a mess!	11/18/2019 6:06 AM
176	I don't know I feel like this is more of a business owner question.	11/18/2019 6:04 AM
177	more enforcement of bylaws, voluntary compliance doesn't always work	11/18/2019 5:09 AM
178	But clearing sidewalks is a priority and it is not being done adequately. It seems to be done only by complaints from residents.	11/18/2019 5:06 AM
179	Start enforcing the laws for bikers! They also should be following the laws (eg. speed, stop signs, right of ways, helmets etc). For the record I also enjoy riding my bike but see far too many nit following the laws of being considerate of others (walking or vehicles).	11/18/2019 5:05 AM
180	They aren't particularly effective or responsive. If you're not going to be helpful or enforce nuisance bylaws why even have the division?	11/18/2019 4:57 AM
181	Need more Bylaw officers	11/18/2019 4:54 AM

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182	Go Lean	11/18/2019 4:49 AM
183	Get rid of Obscenities at left turn lights. Get rid of the mess on Pandora, quit allowing more and more bums to stay here	11/18/2019 4:37 AM
184	Need to increase but actually do the work. Not sit around	11/18/2019 4:32 AM
185	Bylaw needs to be made available 24/7	11/18/2019 4:01 AM
186	Increase the police funding first	11/18/2019 3:36 AM
187	With the plan of increased density and more suites, more bylaw is needed but bylaw then also needs to enforce the bylaws when complaints are made that are deemed valid. 5 yrs if a problem on a neighbouring property and still issues.	11/18/2019 3:16 AM
188	If you are going to allow more suites etc they you are going to have to increase your bylaw services and ENFORCE your bylaws. We have had serious issues with a neighbouring property that is not in compliance and the city seems not interested in supporting their own bylaws.	11/18/2019 3:05 AM
189	N/A	11/18/2019 3:04 AM
190	Please enforce the bylaws consistently.	11/18/2019 2:53 AM
191	Not fiscally responsible	11/18/2019 2:30 AM
192	Bylaw officers have far too much time available to harass folks yet far too little time to enforce meaningful bylaws. Funding needs to be cut back till they learn the laws and enforce all the bylaws.	11/18/2019 2:22 AM
193	Add more budget to the police force so that they could properly serve the public and do their job properly.	11/18/2019 2:20 AM
194	Cut back on pointless bylaws, like restricting whether my neighbour can build a trellis if he likes, and you can cut back on worthless enforcement.	11/18/2019 1:35 AM
195	Hours of operation seem to restrictive as campers on Dallas have entrenched and organized.	11/18/2019 1:17 AM
196	Does this include all the cash grab for parking?	11/18/2019 1:14 AM
197	They seem random. The number of infractions divided by the number of officers speaks to a small workload. I have seen too many businesses get skewered on bylaws, then the bylaw officers turn a blind eye to massive contraventions of the bylaws. When challenged on the inconsistencies, bylaw officers and councilors will say, "what are we supposed to do?" My answer: enforce all of the bylaws.	11/18/2019 12:22 AM
198	Amalgamate to reduce costs.	11/17/2019 11:53 PM
199	Need to start enforcing bylaws associated with public drinking, public marijuana smoking, public loitering (including on road medias VERY DANGEROUS!), doorway smoking, dangerous cycling, dangerous jaywalking.	11/17/2019 11:09 PM
200	Probably OK	11/17/2019 10:36 PM
201	I am a responsible dog owner, always keep my pet leashed in public spaces and pick up my pets feces. I am constantly encountering off leash dogs out of control, and countless piles of feces that are not picked up. We need more bylaw enforcement for dogs. We need more bylaw enforcement on illegal camping. Ive never seen any bylaw officers, anywhere, ever in this city.	11/17/2019 10:25 PM
202	Bylaw Services needs to be more responsive to the public, through some combination of better management and additional funding. At present, bylaw enforcement is insufficient.	11/17/2019 10:01 PM
203	Need more enforcement refer NYC "broken windows"	11/17/2019 9:43 PM
204	bylaw officers should not be confiscating personal belongings of the homeless community	11/17/2019 9:38 PM
205	Parking in the city is atrociously low. Ticketing drivers isn't the answer. We need a new parking parkade.	11/17/2019 9:02 PM
206	Council should focus on enforcing short term rental bylaws (along with Saanich) instead of using Airbnb as a scapegoat for housing shortages	11/17/2019 8:47 PM
207	Fight the growing rat problems. get more home owners and business to take it seriously ..	11/17/2019 8:41 PM
208	I never ever see a bylaw enforcement officer come by the Oswald Dog Park unless Animal Control called first. What about smoking of cannabis in city parks? The no smoking signs obviously don't deter these people.	11/17/2019 8:22 PM
209	No	11/17/2019 7:14 PM
210	This is an area that seems to be complaint driven and could certainly use more staff.	11/17/2019 6:08 PM
211	More needs to be done, a lot more, to protect and restore the city's tree canopy.	11/17/2019 6:07 PM
212	Bylaw officers are so partial to who they know and what they personally prefer. Thats my personal experience over the past 10 years Ive lived here.	11/17/2019 5:24 PM
213	Homeless people are being allowed to live in tents in established neighbourhoods, bringing down the value of property. Homeowners are being ignored in this city.	11/17/2019 5:10 PM
214	not enough officers to ticket infractions	11/17/2019 4:33 PM

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215	A necessary item on the budget although I disagreed with the city's efforts to attack legal vacation rentals through inappropriate bylaw legislation, the work done to ensure its laws are followed are important for the city's communities.	11/17/2019 4:19 PM
216	Management of homeless and campers is not adequately managed. I routinely see 8 14 overnighting RVs and vans at the foot of Cook and Dallas. I assume this is a budget driven insufficiency of staff to enforce bylaws.	11/17/2019 3:45 PM
217	This is one of the most core city services. Ease up on the tree bylaws. Allow trees to be pruned without an arbourist. Allow trees to be removed to build bigger houses or at the very least where density will be increased. Not building an apartment building to save a Garry Oak directly and immediately reduces the housing stock. By reducing supply you also increase prices. This is basic stuff. Accept money to remove trees and use that money to put trees elsewhere. Make it a high ish number. Just add some certainty so it is easier to invest in developments.	11/17/2019 2:16 PM
218	The police are too busy being social workers and the bylaw officers pick up the slack. Please fund them appropriately because there are nowhere near enough of them.	11/17/2019 7:17 AM
219	The noise levels of the beeping dairy vehicles needs to be reconsidered. Dogs do not need to be voiding all over the city and doggy day care is allowing hundreds of dogs a day walking down my street by the arena. Disgusting. They need to be in a selective area. Too many noisy motorcycles and hotrods. Need more licensed pot shops and leave the others alone.	11/17/2019 6:26 AM
220	My experience is that Bylaw services do no enforcement but rely on the taxpaying citizens to do their work for them	11/17/2019 5:24 AM
221	Dog catchers patrolling the streets is a complete waste of money.	11/17/2019 2:32 AM
222	Funding may be the reason why some neighbours are able to flaunt the by laws and do and build whatever they choose, contrary to existing by laws.	11/17/2019 2:26 AM
223	Downtown has significant issues regarding Bylaw infractions. Help the people sleeping on the sidewalk. Not pleasant to walk downtown.	11/17/2019 2:19 AM
224	Bylaws are useless without enforcement. A lot of people now think that they can get away with anything as nothing will happen to them if they don't follow the bylaws. It seems a lot of people feel that the bylaws "don't apply to them".	11/17/2019 2:06 AM
225	Prioritize what they do	11/17/2019 1:42 AM
226	Bylaw officers are one of the key services of value in city hall. Too many people break bylaws and we need more officers to enforce them. Put more money into bylaw enforcement than pet projects of Mayor and councilors Isitt and Loveday.	11/17/2019 1:13 AM
227	This is the office that makes the most impact on residents, ensuring people follow the rules. They deserve more money than other pet projects by mayor and council.	11/17/2019 12:28 AM
228	Dog feces and dogs off leash on private property, on streets and in parks are a chronic annoyance and hazard, severely degrading the peaceful enjoyment of these places for everyone except the scoff laws. Just take a couple of toddlers to Beacon Hill Park to see what I mean, or out into my backyard without first checking for stray dog or cat feces. Domestic cats are running loose everywhere leaving their urine and feces and decimating our wild bird life. Air quality and noise bylaws go uninforced too, e.g. heatpumps, construction, landscaping, car and boat repairs, etc. We should greatly increase enforcement budget and finance it with fines. These scoff laws are stealing the peaceful enjoyment of our homes, our City streets and parks, and our quality of life.	11/16/2019 11:09 PM
229	Be fair on licensing business and what they contribute. Stop being selective on bylaws enforced	11/16/2019 10:57 PM
230	Not enough enforcement.	11/16/2019 10:51 PM
231	They are probably under funded however I wouldn't and don't agree with the allocation of funds or everything that is being done nor would I recommended a larger budget for a council to disperse. I want to see the city run a better business and make different revenues beyond taxation!!!!!! But the city runs okay, sort of, at least for now. but isn't prepared for the future while making big claims for 100% clean, lean and green. You need to make the whole city including its citizens and businesses clean and green instead of just taking businesses and citizens money so you can buy the electric fleet and make the big show of being so clean and righteous!!! It really needs to be a full top down approach, not just a show for the city to parade around snubbing the lesser folks for being so dirty and poor!!!!	11/16/2019 10:37 PM
232	These guys need help they deal with a lot.	11/16/2019 10:31 PM
233	It would be "just right" IF Bylaw Services actually did something, but they don't. For example, there is a group that gathers most days (weather permitting but even in the winter) on the beach at Dallas Road. They smoke so much pot the smell is strong and they openly drink alcohol on the beach yet I have never seen anyone there to address this.	11/16/2019 10:23 PM
234	please enforce bylaws on camping in parks no semi permanent camping.	11/16/2019 10:13 PM
235	There must be more effort on bylaw enforcement, for example, against persons to dump their unwanted junk on the curb.	11/16/2019 9:44 PM
236	Bylaw services are useless when you need them after hours.	11/16/2019 9:33 PM

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237	Obviously bylaw enforcement is important but there is too much of a NIMBY / citizen based approach to management. Be less reactionary to subjective neighbour complaints, more emphasis on actual / material breaches of safety, security, or environmental issues. If this requires more budget it should be considered.	11/16/2019 9:30 PM
238	They are rude. Provide poor service. Needs overhaul	11/16/2019 9:28 PM
239	Bylaw needs staffing to accommodate the demand for outside of 9 to 5 hours	11/16/2019 9:17 PM
240	Getting ahold of a bylaw officer after hours is impossible. We need more bylaw officers to deal with the growing downtown community	11/16/2019 9:12 PM
241	Bylaw officers need to take it down a lv or two and stop bullying people and check the attitudes	11/16/2019 9:10 PM
242	Two bilaw officers is not enough	11/16/2019 8:57 PM
243	By law is a waste of time. Hire more cops	11/16/2019 8:43 PM
244	Bylaw officers are under utilized	11/16/2019 8:39 PM
245	Enforcement of camping restrictions in ecologically sensitive areas, such as the Gorge Waterway, needs to be stepped up. I have personally seen people using tree pruners to clear out undergrowth in habitat restoration areas.	11/16/2019 8:18 PM
246	Are you kidding me. We are licensed to death.	11/16/2019 8:15 PM
247	I have never seen any evidence of bylaw enforcement. I have had narrow escapes several times with cyclists riding on footpaths. (Dallas Road and Beacon Hill Park.)	11/16/2019 7:51 PM
248	bylaw enforcement should be funded by license fees	11/16/2019 7:14 PM
249	Too much interference in everything except vagrancy. Too many by laws has an impact on cost of housing.	11/16/2019 7:12 PM
250	More bylaw, more proactive conversations with those who may be committing an infraction in the style of the friendly parking ambassadors.	11/16/2019 6:58 PM
251	need more parking ticket people & ticket cyclists as well	11/16/2019 6:19 PM
252	Stop contracting security/by law enforcement out, bring workers in payroll and pay them all a decent wage. Paying private companies does not benefit the workers of Victoria.	11/16/2019 5:58 PM
253	Start informing bylaws. Especially the use of sidewalks by cyclists. There's bike lanes all over the city and STILL they ride on sidewalks. In force rules of the road for cyclists.	11/16/2019 5:49 PM
254	Too many bylaw exemptions. It's harming businesses and residential neighbourhoods	11/16/2019 5:14 PM
255	I don't believe bylaw officers should be picking up garbage on Pandora.	11/16/2019 5:10 PM
256	This area is ineffective and prioritize nuisance areas instead of substantive areas	11/16/2019 5:05 PM
257	Graffiti is a big problem in my neighbourhood.	11/16/2019 5:02 PM
258	It looks like many bylaws are ignored (Airbnb for example). Maybe we need more staff.	11/16/2019 5:00 PM
259	The same department that let illegal Marijuana stores to be open??	11/16/2019 4:50 PM
260	Since By Law services run on a complaint basis, the funding should reflect this. An education component to advise people of common by law infractions and how to avoid them would be a welcome addition to this department.	11/16/2019 4:48 PM
261	Need more Officers out doing their job	11/16/2019 4:21 PM
262	except for parking patrols lots of those dog licence's too expensive	11/16/2019 3:54 PM
263	You don't enforce the by laws.	11/16/2019 3:48 PM
264	Thank you for emphasizing voluntary compliance and mutual problem solving over enforcement.	11/16/2019 3:45 PM
265	No	11/16/2019 3:34 PM
266	Good staff doing a difficult job....	11/16/2019 3:11 PM
267	You do not enforce the by laws you make why ?	11/16/2019 10:38 AM
268	It's fighting the minutia. We have real issues to address.	11/16/2019 6:54 AM
269	We need to amalgamate all South Island municipalities	11/16/2019 6:48 AM
270	Hire more bylaw officers	11/16/2019 6:42 AM
271	Too many useless bylaw that can't be unforced.	11/16/2019 5:59 AM
272	Have bylaw enforcement officers	11/16/2019 5:30 AM
273	Graffiti is a growing problem that costs businesses a lot of money to remove, the City should be more aggressive in removing it.	11/16/2019 5:27 AM
274	Bylaw enforcement is a critical public service. Without it what is the purpose to have bylaws. Air B and B's are growing in residential areas and need to be shut down in a proactive way by Bylaw Enforcement. Don't wait around for a complaint or the erosion of rental units will continue.	11/16/2019 4:58 AM

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275	There isn't enough staff to deal with non smoking by law in the parks and the dogs not being leased and running wild.	11/16/2019 4:54 AM
276	Keep up the good work	11/16/2019 4:41 AM
277	not rolling out enough tickets	11/16/2019 4:15 AM
278	It would be nice if the "Tree protection" section was taken a bit more seriously, as I have seen way too many good trees taken down in the past year.	11/16/2019 3:43 AM
279	More support is needed. Staffing.	11/16/2019 3:39 AM
280	Bylaw services have been responsive when I've had a concern.	11/16/2019 3:29 AM
281	Bylaw needs are not being enforced due to lack of officers.	11/16/2019 3:29 AM
282	I wonder if the proposed Minimum Standards of Maintenance bylaw for rental properties might require additional bylaw enforcement resources depending on how cooperative local landlords are.	11/16/2019 3:15 AM
283	more enforcement is needed for residential area parking issues. More enforcement for improper suites in homes. More enforcement for camping in parks where children play.	11/16/2019 2:38 AM
284	All I know is that a lot is invested in parking fairies which patrol downtown.	11/16/2019 2:33 AM
285	Bylaw services are essential to the community. Nothing good comes of people taking matters into their own hands because they can't get help from bylaw because they are too busy, or are short on personnel.	11/16/2019 2:18 AM
286	No	11/16/2019 2:17 AM
287	Greedy	11/16/2019 2:01 AM
288	The short term rental program really is a bit of a bust that, in enforcement, is probably hurting renters the most who want to occasionally airbnb their units when travelling.	11/16/2019 1:58 AM
289	No	11/16/2019 1:56 AM
290	Please enforce them on Pandora. Laws only apply to the middle class	11/16/2019 1:22 AM
291	THIS AREA GOES OVERBOARD ON SERVICES.	11/16/2019 1:20 AM
292	scheduled enforcement (i.e. no need to call parking enforcement and complain to get non resident's ticketed) of the residential parking zones in proximity to the core will generate more than enough revenue to off set the higher costs	11/16/2019 1:19 AM
293	No	11/16/2019 1:15 AM
294	If the proposed budget will only allow for the same service experienced now, then more funding is required for parking, persons in public places, etc. We are told to call them but there is never anyone there.	11/16/2019 1:12 AM
295	Are we getting value for the in excess of one million dollars spent on this? Why is an increase in spending merited? Is this function being provided efficiently?	11/16/2019 12:58 AM
296	No	11/16/2019 12:54 AM
297	We have a legal right to our life saving medicines. Stop shutting down cannabis dispensaries	11/16/2019 12:40 AM
298	Put these positions to a public tender. If the private sector can provide a similar/better alternative please pursue this.	11/16/2019 12:27 AM
299	Bylaw enforcement particularly related to parking is virtually non existent.	11/16/2019 12:21 AM
300	Bylaw enforcement is not as present/visible as it should be for that amount. Besides "Parking Ambassadors", of course.	11/15/2019 11:59 PM
301	Our experience with bylaw staff has been negative overall. Threatening tickets without even investigating the other side of a second or third hand story. If you put any money here, let it be in client relations and collaborative problem solving.	11/15/2019 11:52 PM
302	What good are bylaws when no one is out and about to enforce them which seems to be the case these days.	11/15/2019 11:28 PM
303	I would really like to see traffic laws better enforced I understand that vehicles don't really fall under bylaw jurisdiction, but 'human powered vehicles' such as bikes do. I bike every day and see bicyclists of all ages ignoring road laws. I would also like to see road laws enforced for vehicles too.	11/15/2019 11:12 PM
304	Don't have first hand knowledge regarding the subject	11/15/2019 10:59 PM
305	In a city of this size, bylaw officers should be available 24 hours a day to deal with concerns of citizens; beach fires, camping, and parking infractions.	11/15/2019 10:56 PM
306	Had a visit from two bylaw officers. Very polite and courteous.	11/15/2019 10:13 PM
307	Pole painting and Graffiti control has become an eyesore again. My understanding is that the painting is causing problems to the poles, nothing being done. The street cleanup program downtown has also declined	11/15/2019 10:01 PM
308	enforce no camping in vehicles along dallas rd.	11/15/2019 9:49 PM

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309	Bylaw needs to be more proactive in ticketing homeless campers on City boulevards, sidewalks, as well as panhandlers that clog City sidewalks and create an inaccessible and hostile environment.	11/15/2019 9:43 PM
310	keep passing bylaws and no one to enforce them does not make sense	11/15/2019 9:11 PM
311	Victoria is the most by law happy, overly officious loving place I have ever lived.	11/15/2019 9:11 PM
312	too many regulations/rules to enforce?	11/15/2019 8:55 PM
313	What good is bylaw if they don't have enough staff to respond to complaints in a timely manner?	11/15/2019 8:41 PM
314	We need to have more funding for bylaw services, specifically for bylaw enforcement in parks during the summer. I'm tired of having to move elsewhere in a park or on a beach because people are smoking cannabis illegally in a public place with no consequences.	11/15/2019 8:29 PM
315	way too low!!! Cant do their jobs because not enough Bylaw people	11/15/2019 8:07 PM
316	The bylaw officers are useless and it's easier to settle disputes yourself than calling those cowards.	11/15/2019 7:56 PM
317	Bylaw seems to be getting better at responding to calls in the last year.	11/15/2019 7:32 PM
318	Construction and development needs more policing by bylaw to improve safety and livability as the city grows more dense.	11/15/2019 7:22 PM
319	Huge problem right now with graffiti, drug use in kids parks and needles, drunk and homeless people downtown causing damage to property	11/15/2019 6:57 PM
320	more bylaw officers needed to deviate some of the work directed at police (ex: parking complaints, nuisance neighbors, homeless people sleeping in doorways and needing to be woken up by the police every bloody morning)	11/15/2019 6:50 PM
321	Bylaw enforcement is non existant. Many people frequently ignore bylaws, all over the city. Smoking wherever they want, dogs running free in 'leash only' areas, campfires on the beach, riding bikes on walking paths and sidewalks. The bylaws are pretty much worthless.	11/15/2019 6:45 PM
322	Our city has too much graffiti and not enough is being done to stop it or clean it up. When you call in and tell them of graffiti they don't clean it up. When you call also it takes too long for someone to come. And not enough education is being done to teach people about respecting their neighbors and want is against the bylaw.	11/15/2019 6:44 PM
323	no	11/15/2019 6:30 PM
324	The funding is fine, it's the bylaws them selves and how they're selectively enforced that I have issues with, but that's not a budget issue.	11/15/2019 6:23 PM
325	Bring back free Sunday parking. It stops me from going downtown	11/15/2019 6:22 PM
326	I appreciate the fast response form bylaw. However, I also feel the dog bylaw officer are a little heavy handed. I've seen them jump out like a swat team for a quietly walking dog next to its owner because of no attached leash. Seems a little unnecessary.	11/15/2019 6:13 PM
327	chattel goods leaving this on public or private property is a bylaw offence, let the officers do something, not just write up parking tickets on the few stalls left in DT.	11/15/2019 6:11 PM
328	Bylaw as peace officers needs to have more to do with managing psnhandlers and street people to keep perception of Victoria downtown as safe, historically unique, and walkable.	11/15/2019 5:59 PM
329	no	11/15/2019 5:50 PM
330	We called regard bikes being on pedestrian pathways and have never seen a bylaw officer I think bikes should pay a licensing fee exception kids and students	11/15/2019 5:21 PM
331	Need for more work along Dallas waterfront with respect to dog owners not using a lease for their dogs on the footpath there. I suspect this will get much worse now that some of the land for dog running has been taken up by the new bike path. Also need to deal with cyclists riding on the sidewalks. This may be a police matter...I'm not sure.	11/15/2019 5:16 PM
332	Greater enforcement of parking would be helpful. Ideally, bylaw officers would be equipped with naloxone	11/15/2019 5:00 PM
333	We don't enforce the bylaws we have such as panhandling	11/15/2019 4:55 PM
334	On the one hand I get ticketed for parking slightly away from the curb. On the other bylaw enforcement for smoking in public and preventing bike theft is virtually nonexistent. So either more funds or needed or there needs to be a refocus of resources to adequately polic more than just ridiculously minor parking infractions.	11/15/2019 4:53 PM
335	Increased bylaw officers could help make communities safer, particularly since the police department is no longer able to be "eyes on the street" due to lack of officers.	11/15/2019 4:53 PM
336	stop trying to control the world, bylaws have substantially increased housing costs compared to 50s and 60s when housing was more affordable.	11/15/2019 4:26 PM
337	Make sidewalks handicap accessible by requiring owners to trim bushes and trees.	11/15/2019 4:15 PM
338	Not a service I have used much if any.	11/15/2019 4:13 PM

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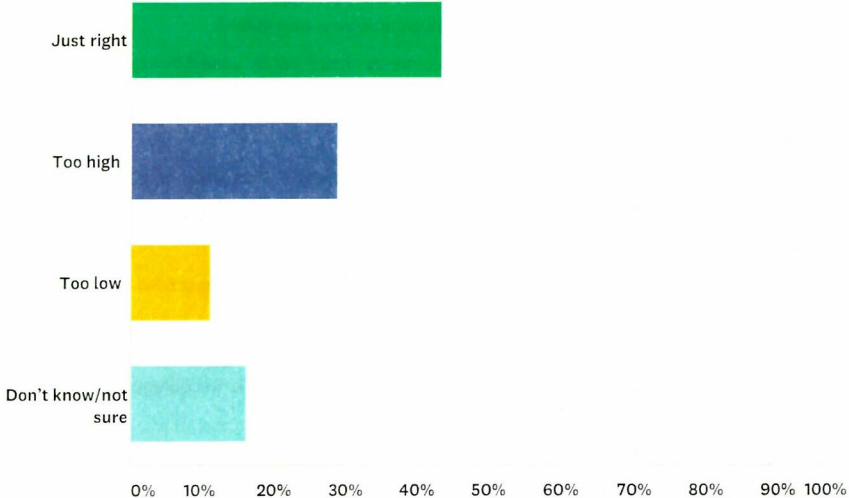
339	Research shows that when graffiti is removed immediately, the vandalism decreases. This is one of the terrible eyesores in Victoria that sends a very bad message. To visitors it says we do not care about our community, to youth it says we are OK that you can damage personal property. Even the fact that it does not get called vandalism but graffiti diminishes the illegal aspects of it	11/15/2019 3:54 PM
340	I witnessed 2 bylaw officers responding to a call involving a homeless camper taking up part of a public sidewalk and all they did was take pictures. How do I apply for a job that pays a union wage with benefits to take pictures ?	11/15/2019 3:49 PM
341	Burnside Gorge is filled with graffiti, noise at all hours, people living in parka etc. This group just can't keep up.	11/15/2019 3:43 PM
342	we dont see real problems getting addressed	11/15/2019 3:35 PM
343	Never enough officers to enforce bylaws.	11/15/2019 3:24 PM
344	There are constant issues which have arisen in my neighbourhood, from parking infractions, to noise bylaw infractions from commercial contractors. Too often, there are no bylaw officers who are able to respond or even working on sundays. more funding should be considered.	11/15/2019 3:24 PM
345	This is a service that is completley ineffective in dealing with violations that occur between 3 pm and 8 am! Make improvements!	11/15/2019 3:07 PM
346	More bylaw enforcement would make the city more liveable. Especially smoking downtown.	11/15/2019 2:37 PM
347	NO	11/15/2019 2:31 PM
348	Please hire more bylaw officers needed to patrol downtown re noise and also Dallas road and off leash dog issues.....	11/15/2019 2:22 PM
349	No	11/15/2019 12:40 PM
350	We don't need animal control policing handing out tickets. I'm sure a few more signs would suffice.	11/14/2019 3:25 AM
351	the bylaw officer that came to this street took a bribe so that a zoning change would not be told to neighbours	11/14/2019 2:41 AM
352	Deal with Bylaw Issues throughout the community. Work with VicPD and have the work with Bylaw to have a Victoria	11/14/2019 12:52 AM
353	Tree protection requires more attention to stop the destruction of mature trees in a time of climate emergency. Bylaws need teeth in the nature of strict enforcement to be effective	11/13/2019 8:35 PM
354	Mo	11/13/2019 2:29 PM
355	We need more staff to deal with the homeless and drug dependent.	11/13/2019 11:57 AM
356	The funding must be too high since one of the functions is "regulating the short term rental market". There are typically +300 STVRs in Downtown Harris Green and that number has never declined despite the City's strategy to manage them. Where is the information online regarding business licences for this use? Why are there no requirements for licenced operators to post their business licence on their online ad? I don't see a problem with other aspects of Bylaw deliverables apart from the failure to deliver on STVRs.	11/13/2019 7:14 AM
357	Bylaws only suit the needs of the city continuously being adjusted and alter to profit the city or developer. Start creating bylaws around bike lanes and those who ride on sidewalks rather than use your dangerous bike lanes.	11/13/2019 5:47 AM
358	Spend more on hiring/more shifts for extra bylaw officers. Too many people taking advantage of lax enforcement making usage of parks unenjoyable. (The bad: Dogs off leash and uncontrolled, campers in parks all day, dog poop everywhere and not picked up, smokers near play grounds, bikes on pathways, people picking large amounts of flowers and driftwood for personal use.)	11/13/2019 3:20 AM
359	Slow response, or none at all we live in residential area and overrun by paddlers no parking at our own homes for hours (rather minor I know and very happy people taking canoes/kayaks to work)	11/13/2019 2:36 AM
360	It takes way to long to get a response or anything done. Hire more people	11/12/2019 9:01 PM
361	Start enforcing lights and helmets foe cyclists. Bicycle registration.	11/12/2019 4:17 PM
362	Really, does the Bylaw section really need special uniforms and vehicles with 10" lettering stating "BYLAW ENFORCEMENT". Yes we have bylaws, but these folks are "public servants" and should not come across as the foe of the public.	11/12/2019 4:51 AM
363	There's too many nit picky bylaws.	11/12/2019 12:54 AM
364	No	11/12/2019 12:18 AM
365	How about enforcing bylaws other than parking, get off the back of business and go after violations that impact society.	11/11/2019 10:43 PM
366	Next to impossible to have bylaws enforced due to inadequate staffing	11/11/2019 8:04 PM
367	I work and live downtown. There are people peeing and using drugs openly. It is not uncommon to see people shooting up or smoking crack in allies, and in parking lots. how is this ok?	11/11/2019 7:21 PM

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368	Animal enforcement too restrictive and overly vigilant for dog owners. That said: 99 chickens on one property is allowed to continue.	11/11/2019 6:56 PM
369	need more officers to enforce downtown bylaw infractions	11/11/2019 5:51 PM
370	More staffing needed	11/11/2019 5:45 PM
371	Since when did bylaw officers have to wear stab proof vests? They have no back up from police and no actual authority. I feel bad for them. They are sent to clean up after the city makes absurd decisions	11/11/2019 5:41 PM
372	Bylaw enforcement is a literal joke! Your officers can't it won't enforce your own bylaws	11/11/2019 4:33 PM
373	It seems that many bylaws are not enforced, but that seems to be by choice not by underfunding.	11/11/2019 4:03 PM
374	Let's start enforcing bylaws promptly.	11/11/2019 4:02 PM
375	streamline it, make it easier	11/11/2019 3:45 PM
376	Bylaw enforcement is a joke! They can't it won't even enforce their own bylaws! This area needs investigating by some higher up officials ASAP	11/11/2019 3:42 PM
377	Too many bylaws on the books that can't be enforced given the number of staff.	11/11/2019 3:25 PM
378	You going to need to write way more tickets to pay for your socialist agenda. Need at least 6 full time guys writing those tickets	11/11/2019 2:21 PM
379	No enforcement of smoking or pot smoking Or no helmets on bikes	11/11/2019 12:49 PM
380	Enforce the bylaws downtown. Including people sitting and sleeping on the sidewalk. Encourage folks to use the shelters where they can get the help they need.	11/11/2019 6:58 AM
381	I am not sure what value I receive from this part of the budget.	11/11/2019 12:44 AM
382	Another DO NOTHING group. Sidewalks are littered with illegal signs.	11/11/2019 12:40 AM
383	Bylaw only operates during business hours. Dont rely on police to pick up the slack outside of these hours.	11/10/2019 7:11 PM
384	Landlords must be made to allow pets, and senior homes made to as well.	11/9/2019 7:58 PM
385	The by law services in Victoria are border line Criminal. 1) We cant even park in front of our residence out of fear of getting fined . Where as the surrounding areas have designated public residential parking . 2) once upon at time on Yates I was ticketed ; I was done the street purchasing my ticket . Is this laziness on behalf of Officers or City Leadership laying down the status quo?	11/9/2019 11:36 AM
386	City bylaws seem to not even be enforced in many cases, which seems to be a political decision rather than a bylaw officer decision (camping in parks, homelessness issues, etc. While I would like to see their budget increased, that is with the proviso that the increased funding actually translates to actual enforcement of bylaws. If you go on a walk anywhere in the city, you will see idling cars and trucks (drivers sitting inside enjoying some takeaway, or just on their phones, or just enjoying the view, or even City workers on a break and sitting in their City of Victoria trucks (idling for 20 minutes!) no enforcement. How can a citizen even get a bylaw like that enforced? If you contact the City, the process is so onerous that the infraction will be over. It's not serious enough to involve the police, who are overstretched as it is. Or the 'smoking in parks' bylaw: my local park has a bench close to a playground that is heavily used; that bench is a magnet for several smokers. They throw their butts on the ground (there are several hundred butts there at any given time), and the bench is right next to the sign that says 'no smoking in public parks' and the relevant bylaw. Again, it's just 'feel good' legislation, but it doesn't mean anything practically speaking. Hence my comment re: yes, increased budget, but only if it translates to some actually enforcement.	11/8/2019 4:55 PM
387	I like that short term rentals appear to be a priority.	11/7/2019 8:53 PM
388	I see a dire need for enforcement on the streets, from bicyclists breaking every rule, drug use, damage to public property with overnight campers in entryways, etc.	11/7/2019 7:52 PM
389	No	11/7/2019 7:14 AM
390	More bylaw enforcement	11/7/2019 4:00 AM
391	Should probably hire more Bylaw Officers, as problems downtown seem to be increasing and we need solutions other than policing first.	11/6/2019 11:47 PM
392	Get them out of their trucks and walk some Neighbourhoods. Junk on boulevards, illegal dumping could be curbed by patrolling especially at months end	11/6/2019 11:07 PM
393	Bylaw should be higher than Arts etc given the workload on policing currently.	11/6/2019 8:59 PM
394	Bylaw enforcement is essential as when infractions aren't dealt with violations start to snowball and they are very difficult to reign in. Example: short term rentals. Way too soft on that horrid AirBnB!!	11/6/2019 8:43 PM
395	Bylaw are a vital component of keeping our streets safe and orderly. They need more resources.	11/6/2019 7:02 PM

Q20 When thinking about the services you receive from Parking Services, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 2,944 Skipped: 2,166



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	43.38%	1,277
Too high	28.87%	850
Too low	11.35%	334
Don't know/not sure	16.41%	483
TOTAL		2,944

Q21 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Parking Services operating budget?

Answered: 552 Skipped: 4,558

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Stop building bike lanes. People still need accessible parking. Not everyone can bike to and from places.	11/25/2019 7:27 AM
2	Need more parking downtown to bring in more people. Less bike paths	11/25/2019 6:19 AM
3	Parking is a joke right?	11/25/2019 6:18 AM
4	This money generated is not for a raise of counsels wages. They were asking for votes knowing full well what the wages were.	11/25/2019 6:07 AM
5	The percentage has not been given, therefore impossible to comment on funding. I do not think the city should be paying for electric vehicle charging.	11/25/2019 4:58 AM
6	Stop the one hour free parking	11/25/2019 4:44 AM
7	What services	11/25/2019 3:29 AM
8	Automate services	11/25/2019 12:55 AM
9	Good work. Good balance.	11/25/2019 12:38 AM
10	I can not afford to park a vehicle, nor purchase an electric car or a bicycle I have mobility issues	11/24/2019 9:50 PM
11	Unless the city is putting in more parking and making it easier for the public to park then add more money but if you only want to cash in on parking tickets then you chase away people from the downtown core	11/24/2019 8:53 PM
12	Charge more for parking	11/24/2019 8:33 PM
13	Downtown is not attractive to most people due to the lack of parking and cost. This impacts retailers and commercial business ventures.	11/24/2019 7:57 PM
14	Money has been taken from revenues to pay for student bus passes, which is provincial Should the Mayor and council continue to veer out of their scope we will have trouble justifying some city departments. Free Sunday parking in parkades brings people downtown to shop, eat drink in businesses that pay people to work, the city benefits. Where is benefit to city when we take money out of our budget, to supply what the province is responsible for .. Also why on pg 360 diagram is Admin cost in expenditures 53% so high in Parking Svc Admin	11/24/2019 7:18 PM
15	Youth bus passes were a good call	11/24/2019 6:10 PM
16	I appreciate the parking options and support the current fee schedules in the parkades and street parking. I appreciate the 'first' free hour. thank you	11/24/2019 5:50 PM
17	Keep forcing/encouraging people to use transit, car share and bikes. Make it easier to access all areas in the CRD. Rural areas as well	11/24/2019 5:06 PM
18	Keep focusing on butts in buses or other forms of multiuse transportation like sky trains!!!	11/24/2019 4:46 PM
19	parkades are better, not enough 1 2 hr free parking on street, it is all disappearing to raise income at the expense of drivers again	11/24/2019 4:32 PM
20	Bikes should pay for parking in parkades. No free electric vehicle charging in city parkades. Plus penalty for staying more than an hour in EV spot. Must move vehicle to regular spot after that.	11/24/2019 2:24 PM
21	I don't think rich people care that Victoria is unaffordable for impoverished people. I think rich people making decisions is a problem. Rich, privileged people don't have pererspective. Keep all the free parking that currently exists.	11/24/2019 5:25 AM
22	Bring back the commissionaires for parking enforcement. The mayor said the ambassadors would have a more friendly approach. No change. Tickets are issued with the same enthusiasm.	11/24/2019 5:15 AM
23	punnishing drivers for others benefit is unfair would you put your 99yr old mother on the back of your bike? how about your 5 month old grandchild who can't sit?	11/24/2019 4:12 AM
24	Stop raising parking rates, to pay for the bike lanes!	11/24/2019 2:45 AM
25	Make all parking free.	11/24/2019 2:09 AM
26	I don't believe in subsidizing kids to go downtown to "mall crawl". Why not subsidize seniors (who actually have an income) by giving them a bus pass.	11/23/2019 10:16 PM
27	Less ticketing and monitoring please. Stop digging into our wallets. We already pass taxes.	11/23/2019 9:14 PM
28	Parking downtown has become so hard to find I and many of my friends avoid going there at all. It is almost impossible to find a spot in the parkades after 10 am on any given weekday.	11/23/2019 9:14 PM

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29	If any new parking structure is built it should utilize technology that keeps people from parking their own cars and keeps people out of the parkade. In use already in Japan.	11/23/2019 8:44 PM
30	From what I can see, you're focused so much on downtown that other parts of the city aren't being properly served. The free timed parking spots just outside of downtown are being replaced by paid spots; some of these areas, like the part of Government currently being converted, are the only parking available to customers of many businesses. There already wasn't adequate parking in that region parkades on the edges of downtown are needed but now customers will likely chose to go to other stores that are not in or near the downtown area.	11/23/2019 7:13 PM
31	Full marks for the improvements to the existing parkades. The loss of previous parking lots to development has had a huge negative impact though. Efficiently moving workers in and out of the city is going to require significant improvements to public transportation.	11/23/2019 6:58 PM
32	Residential parking enforcement is sporadic at best .Weekend enforcement is very time consuming having to listen to a recorded message then leave a message ,often after several hours I have to call again then maybe an ambassador will come by .The city has put the onus on residents to do their job and seem uncaring that often residents cannot even park on their own street and if we park on an adjacent street we get a parking ticket .There needs to be more consistent enforcement of the bylaws .	11/23/2019 6:02 PM
33	I think city of Victoria should let people park their cars weekends for free like it used to. People don't or can't afford to go to downtown for shopping. Bike lane is good for summer but as soon as rain starts nobody bike. You can see the street is congested and full of car to go to work.	11/23/2019 5:05 PM
34	As much as I don't like pay parking on sundays, I appreciate the convenience and flexibility of using the parking app.	11/23/2019 3:09 PM
35	Parking has become very expensive and this negatively impacts businesses. If City Council would stop treating their positions as green lights to embark on all manner of pet projects, AND if they were not attempting to extort a 55% increase in their salaries, then perhaps they wouldn't have to hike the cost of parking, to pay for their exorbitant demands. This is a very damaging undertaking on the part of this City Council!! I feel sad, knowing the burden that this particular, Mayor and Council are placing on the backs of the good business owners of Victoria! You are damaging the economy, amongst other things.	11/23/2019 10:56 AM
36	We need more parking and the proposed changes to commercial parking zones is a tax grap and an attack on working people who drive commercial vehicles.completely unacceptable.	11/23/2019 8:12 AM
37	People are avoiding downtown due to the lack of parking, and the congestion created by poorly designed bike lanes. We need adequate parking to encourage shoppers to return to the downtown core. Otherwise, you are tacitly subsidizing malls in outlying areas by discouraging shoppers.	11/23/2019 5:37 AM
38	I receive NO services from parking services. I do not own a car. I walk or take public transit.	11/23/2019 4:02 AM
39	But stop getting rid of parking spots.	11/23/2019 3:24 AM
40	good job	11/23/2019 3:15 AM
41	Improving transit should be the priority. Not eliminating parking.	11/23/2019 2:12 AM
42	No comment	11/23/2019 1:58 AM
43	You don't give the % of the budget for this item?	11/23/2019 1:34 AM
44	Given the removal of on street parking to enable overly expensive bike lanes, and council's neglect of the downtown core, fewer shoppers are using the downtown area increasing the cost of downtown parking only serves to further hasten the areas demise.	11/22/2019 11:40 PM
45	Our parking has become an inaccessible mess. No one can access downtown in a meaningful way with out it being a huge, planned under tacking. Beyond that, the bylaw officers in this city out number the police. Ticketing vulnerable people trying to navigate the city through parking tickets is ridiculous.	11/22/2019 11:39 PM
46	I was interested at one point in becoming a Parking Ambassador to earn some extra income. Seeing they got paid a shameful \$18.09 per hour shut down those thoughts. I operate a business downtown and I see the abuse these poor fellows take. Speaking with them, I believe I have heard they are the lowest paid city employed parking enforcers in Canada. That is so shameful, especially with council wanting to give themselves such a hefty raise.	11/22/2019 10:43 PM
47	Do not agree with the use of parking revenues to fund universal youth transit passes	11/22/2019 10:27 PM
48	We need more parking downtown the loss of parking to bike lanes was a senseless and wasteful use of taxpayer dollars and could have been better thought out by those in council and planning that made "Biketoria" their personal agenda.	11/22/2019 10:02 PM
49	I see a need for much more bike parking. I often can find nothing or full spots in the area I'd like to shop downtown.	11/22/2019 9:25 PM
50	The issue here is not funding, the problem is policy and management. In the era of a climate emergency, there should be no free on street parking during the day, and that includes holidays. Also, there are many downtown streets where parking is free for a 1 or 2 hour period. This should be changed to paid parking, the same as most streets. We need to discourage the use of the private automobile, not encourage is by promoting free parking.	11/22/2019 8:44 PM

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51	Parking services should include bicycle parking. There are far too many bikes being stolen making it difficult to use bicycles to access shopping or other activities that would require you to lock your bike outdoors. The city should consider secure bicycle storage so that people can feel safer leaving the bikes while they are elsewhere	11/22/2019 7:39 PM
52	I do not agree with removing the free street parking on Sundays.	11/22/2019 6:51 PM
53	How much will one be paying for parking now that you have gone to 15 minute increments? With parking hard to find and raising in costs don't make it so unattractive that people no longer come downtown. At what point do you start charging for bike parking and where is the line item in the parking budget indicating how much revenue is going toward bus passes	11/22/2019 6:29 PM
54	I do not agree with punishing consumers with parking tickets if they take too long shopping downtown. They are helping the economy, why treat them like scum for not paying for a parking spot?	11/22/2019 5:21 PM
55	They changed the parking on my street without consultation. I called the person in charge prior to the change, and they didn't even bother to call me back.	11/22/2019 4:55 PM
56	invest in sidewalk improvements instead of parking	11/22/2019 4:37 PM
57	Get rid of the stupid bus pass program and restore free street parking on Sunday. We used to go shopping downtown on Sunday and now we are just going to either oak bay or Saanicch for everything.	11/22/2019 3:34 PM
58	Way too few public parking spaces in Greater Victoria and pricing is now regulated fairly.	11/22/2019 2:09 PM
59	I would like more secure bike parking downtown. I would go downtown more often if this was available (I do not trust the current bike parking in the parkades)	11/22/2019 7:51 AM
60	its unfortunate that parking revenue was miscalculated for youth bus passes	11/22/2019 7:37 AM
61	Additional funds should be allocated to bike parking distributed across downtown, in addition to residential and recreational destinations (people on bikes don't only travel to and from downtown). We should make it more costly and less convenient to park downtown to incentivize using active and/or public transportation.	11/22/2019 6:29 AM
62	Don't charge for Sunday parking	11/22/2019 5:49 AM
63	Paying for bus passes for youth is a waste of money	11/22/2019 5:06 AM
64	I live and walk downtown, but friends further out don't shop downtown because they can't find parking	11/22/2019 3:49 AM
65	Please quick spending money on putting infrastructure in beautiful and nature parks just to quiet a few noisy people.	11/22/2019 3:01 AM
66	At my home my only parking option is on the street, and I do think that I, along with all other residents parking in the street, should have to pay for it. Imagine the bus passes and bike lanes we could find with that!	11/22/2019 2:54 AM
67	Stop reducing street parking spaces. Restore free street parking on Sundays.	11/22/2019 2:23 AM
68	You need to offer free parking on the weekends. Most businesses are closed. Why pay? You need to encourage people to come downtown. Free parking for electrical cars at meters and parking lots. If you get rid of the parking ambassadors you won't have to collect money from the meters to pay them. Raise property taxes for the student bus pass. Don't tax people for shopping downtown otherwise businesses will leave.	11/22/2019 1:43 AM
69	the very wide spread Residents only parking is an issue. I think every street should have one or two "open" spots to accommodate visitors, share cars etc.	11/21/2019 9:16 PM
70	Reduce staffing to provide more revenue in other areas	11/21/2019 8:42 PM
71	While I recognize that parking fees are an important source of revenue, I also think that strict enforcement of parking meter violations deters people from enjoying the downtown core.	11/21/2019 7:47 PM
72	Not enough parking spaces provided. Parking should still be free on Sundays. Stop eliminating parking spaces for ordinary people in the City.	11/21/2019 7:42 PM
73	Appears to be a money grab	11/21/2019 7:24 PM
74	While I understand the need for parking fees, I'd like to see them lowered. For some, walking or biking to access services downtown is simply not possible, or not possible all the time. The high parking fees are a disincentive to access the local businesses downtown.	11/21/2019 7:00 PM
75	If the City of Victoria does not want cars and their parking issues, why not make mandatory that new condo projects contain a percentage of public parking spaces. I live in area of multiple suite rental houses and the renters all own cars. You also might like to think about charging monthly for street parking everywhere.	11/21/2019 6:31 PM
76	The cost of parking should be lower, property taxes should be higher if landlords are allowed to charge as much as they do for rentals. Working class can't afford parking downtown as cost of living is too high. They also don't have a disposable income after basic living expenses to spend downtown which is killing small businesses that fuel tourists to come here. As someone who is chronically ill I rely on my vehicle for transportation. It doesn't matter how many bike lanes there are or even if the bus is free, it won't change the fact that I would rather drive. This being the case, I just avoid downtown altogether now	11/21/2019 6:22 PM

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77	making parking easier.....?? do not see that at all.	11/21/2019 5:58 PM
78	why bother when you just use for funding bus passes for kids when the money could go to seniors housing for example	11/21/2019 5:32 PM
79	Always sad and often not needed to pay for parking	11/21/2019 5:19 PM
80	Currently parking in downtown is a joke. The reduction of spaces and the high cost means I try and avoid downtown at all costs. I will go to uptown or even Langford before entering downtown.	11/21/2019 4:44 PM
81	Really happy with the clean up a couple years ago with the parkades. Think there should be a further shift to shorter term spaces in Parkades. My general stay is 2 hours or less on the occasions I drive.	11/21/2019 4:21 PM
82	Very disappointed when the Sunday free parking was discontinued.	11/21/2019 3:55 PM
83	Build more / cheaper parking	11/21/2019 3:01 PM
84	Just soften the approach. Scaring off business from the few parking spots left, there's been no allowance for growth.	11/21/2019 2:59 PM
85	I think this is perfect. I love the introduction of the Safewalk service as a young female downtown I often do not go out in the dark or evening without company. If I do, I'm often afraid	11/21/2019 9:49 AM
86	No	11/21/2019 7:30 AM
87	From what I understand, a lot of the revenue from parking was going to free bus pass program for youth in Victoria? I would rather see the money going to essential services such as policing as the youth bus passes are already cheap enough	11/21/2019 5:07 AM
88	We need more parking available in the downtown core.	11/21/2019 4:18 AM
89	Stop stealing our free parking for you [redacted] bike lanes. And stop outsourcing the only free/hourly parking to Robins.	11/21/2019 3:48 AM
90	n	11/21/2019 3:37 AM
91	The delivery of these services has improved amazingly over the last five years.	11/21/2019 1:18 AM
92	Take issue with you saying there is 2000 street parking spaces when many are not functional because of construction zones. Also take issue with using Sunday parking revenue for youth bus passes. Revenue should have gone to city instead to offset expenses.	11/21/2019 1:11 AM
93	Need more parking downtown	11/21/2019 1:06 AM
94	There needs to be more public parking, if that means building a new parkade or upgrading the existing ones, it should be part of the future plans	11/21/2019 12:35 AM
95	Additional parking is needed for the commuters that are needed to operate downtown businesses	11/21/2019 12:06 AM
96	Continue to systematically raise the rate for monthly parkers at city parkades.	11/21/2019 12:04 AM
97	If we're paying for parking, perhaps there should be more of it?	11/20/2019 11:05 PM
98	Given the increase in parking costs, particularly for the downtown core, budget should be cut.	11/20/2019 11:02 PM
99	No	11/20/2019 11:01 PM
100	Metered parking needs to be longer than 90 minutes, suggest 120.	11/20/2019 10:47 PM
101	Victoria needs far more parking options: on street, in garages, and in lots. The elimination of parking spaces to build other things is not working. The lack of parking keeps people from coming downtown to do business, especially as bus service is appalling. Parking should also be made more affordable.	11/20/2019 9:36 PM
102	Do not raise the prices	11/20/2019 9:20 PM
103	I have really appreciated the recent changes in the parking policies. The incentives to get people to use the parkade should be seen as a success. The phone app is great. Additionally moving staff in house was a great idea.	11/20/2019 7:13 PM
104	The implementation of paid Sunday parking and plans to remove 2 3 1/2 street parking is unnecessary and will negatively impact street parking for visitors in the surrounding condominiums. I was opposed to the selling of annual parking passes.	11/20/2019 6:14 PM
105	If you keep eliminating parking spots downtown you wont have to worry about revenue!	11/20/2019 6:10 PM
106	We need more parking downtown	11/20/2019 5 55 PM
107	increase cost of parking for increased revenue	11/20/2019 5:32 PM
108	no	11/20/2019 4:30 PM
109	Don't sell anymore structure/places to Robbins or any other private company.	11/20/2019 4:17 PM
110	There is no parking downtown	11/20/2019 2:30 PM
111	Always a headache to find parking	11/20/2019 10:56 AM

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112	Residents should be able to control the on street parking spaces in front of their properties. An app could be used to allow residents/property owners to allocate on street parking, i.e., charging (or not) as the market is willing to pay. This could open up on street parking to others close to downtown.	11/20/2019 8:25 AM
113	Parking has become increasingly difficult in this city and each year makes it harder to live and work here.	11/20/2019 6:59 AM
114	Downtown needs parking to survive	11/20/2019 6:27 AM
115	The city has managed to mess up parking worse and worse continually in the 35 years I've been parking here. These days, there is way less street parking downtown, and fewer lots, despite having more and more people crammed into this geographic area, all of which need transportation, and not all can use bikes, or would find bikes/buses convenient.	11/20/2019 6:13 AM
116	There is no longer any parking in and around downtown. The addition of bike lanes has increased time in traffic (traffic light times are shorter so it takes longer to get anywhere, there are more lights now and a plethora of signs and cement curbs everywhere).	11/20/2019 6:05 AM
117	Charge at least a nominal fee for e car charging!	11/20/2019 6:00 AM
118	Less Robin's parking and more city parking	11/20/2019 5:16 AM
119	No	11/20/2019 4:34 AM
120	We need a smart parking solution so we know where the vacant parking spaces are in downtown.	11/20/2019 3:33 AM
121	Charge for parking 24/7.	11/20/2019 3:01 AM
122	I'm sure they will all be turned into bicycle lanes pretty soon so am wondering how much it really matters and who is listening as council tries to ensure themselves a legacy rather than conducting city business.	11/20/2019 3:00 AM
123	its political not staff.	11/20/2019 2:58 AM
124	We don't need more parking services, we need more parking. I don't even own a car and I know we need more parking.	11/20/2019 2:33 AM
125	Bring back free parking on Sundays. We never go downtown anymore.	11/20/2019 2:22 AM
126	Parking was better a year ago now we are right back to the same old ways	11/20/2019 2:13 AM
127	Parking is too expensive and there isn't nearly enough spots downtown!	11/20/2019 1:42 AM
128	Lets generate more money from parking that can be used to help the community.	11/20/2019 12:18 AM
129	streets are becoming more and more congested as pop density increases; developers should not be let off hook for parking in the name of "fewer cars"	11/19/2019 11:47 PM
130	I disagree with the parking on Sunday not being free. Many, myself included, no longer go downtown at all because of the parking and crazy bike lane situation.	11/19/2019 11:31 PM
131	Awful, awful, awful job on parking in this town.	11/19/2019 11:05 PM
132	██████ your union paid parking cronies another garbage move by lisa helps	11/19/2019 10:26 PM
133	██████ off with the parking I dont even drive and its bull ████████	11/19/2019 10:11 PM
134	more EV chargers are required.	11/19/2019 9:44 PM
135	We need more parking ambassadors to cover wider areas	11/19/2019 9:43 PM
136	Clearly council has a war against motor vehicles. This is ludicrous as their war isn't helping the planet, nor ever will but is hurting the businesses and the people of this city.	11/19/2019 8:31 PM
137	increased parking fees are driving businesses to Mayfair and other malls.	11/19/2019 8:20 PM
138	Parking has become a big problem in Fairfield. Developers park on the boulevards, more enforcement is needed with camper vans, etc.	11/19/2019 8:16 PM
139	Use of revenue for re instigating paying for parking on Sundays to fund bus passes for youth was poorly implemented	11/19/2019 7:36 PM
140	Bring back free Sunday parking	11/19/2019 7:35 PM
141	Free street parking on Sundays was so beneficial to workers (especially overnight staff), students, and businesses.	11/19/2019 7:27 PM
142	Parking vultures only encourage me to go anywhere but downtown. The parkades are always full, and parking is too expensive on street. Bike lanes are NOT HELPING.	11/19/2019 6:59 PM
143	Get rid of Sunday parking.	11/19/2019 6:52 PM
144	Don't agree with free bus passes to students and funding now generated by Sunday downtown parking fees.	11/19/2019 6:37 PM
145	Bring back free Sunday parking. Revenue shouldn't be used to pay for a bunch of free bus passes that got sold on Craigslist.	11/19/2019 6:22 PM

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146	Go back to way it was. You morons are scaring people away from the core. Buses and bikes are fine. But many cannot ride a bike and catch a bus. The vehicle is their gateway. You people making it more difficult to park on a weekend for a short duration without payment chases many from the core.	11/19/2019 6:19 PM
147	What service?	11/19/2019 6:13 PM
148	Eliminating free parking on Sunday was a foolish move.	11/19/2019 5:49 PM
149	Victoria could charge more for parking and issue more parking tickets, and I'm saying this as a driver.	11/19/2019 5:41 PM
150	what parking services ??Not much of that in Downtown Victoria	11/19/2019 5:40 PM
151	Loss of free Sunday parking is huge. Do you want to encourage people to come downtown? Then what are you doing?	11/19/2019 5:12 PM
152	Ensure the parking spaces availability is maintained to meet demand	11/19/2019 4:45 PM
153	Should be free Sunday parking.	11/19/2019 4:40 PM
154	can't figure out why 525k\$ increase in revenue and expenses this year. Why include 'mileage/parking' as a line item? Do employees get mileage to go to work? or is it part of travel ? Also do they get free parking as part of a wage negotiation? this line doesn't seem controllable	11/19/2019 3:56 PM
155	Really great move to ambassadors from the paramilitary guys	11/19/2019 2:49 PM
156	Re introduce free downtown Sunday & Holiday parking	11/19/2019 1:50 PM
157	I love the convenience of downtown parking, and the cheap parkades but I would rather have free buses for everyone than free parking for people who can access vehicles.	11/19/2019 7:22 AM
158	Money gathering system	11/19/2019 6:51 AM
159	Dept is doing a fine job	11/19/2019 5:55 AM
160	Parking will always be an issue. So is tourism and having a decent downtown. There is ZERO reason to have to pay for parking in the downtown core.	11/19/2019 5:29 AM
161	Stop allowing people to store cars on street under covers (tarps etc)	11/19/2019 5:06 AM
162	Although paid parking provides \$ for city coffers it detracts from people wanting to come to town and spend money.	11/19/2019 4:58 AM
163	Find it a strange coincidence that the increase in revenue for Parking Services exactly equals the increased forecast costs for Parking Services.	11/19/2019 4:32 AM
164	Too expensive to park downtown so I rarely shop downtown any longer.	11/19/2019 4:04 AM
165	Council blames those from other municipalities for driving up policing costs. Parking costs is successfully keeping them away, especially on Sundays. Not helping the downtown economy. Be careful what you wish for.	11/19/2019 3:38 AM
166	You need to look at how goods and service can function in a city' where their vehicles are ticketed when they are on the job.	11/19/2019 3:36 AM
167	This is more of a comment about the use of the parking revenue. Though it's admirable to provide free bus passes to students, it's very discouraging to see ads come up to sell the passes. It would have been better to provide a discount to families so they have a reason to use the bus and leave their cars at home. They would probably have a better chance to encourage/influence their children to use the bus, opposed to the other way around.	11/19/2019 3:17 AM
168	There should be significant income from Sunday parking now that no one can come downtown for a drink on a Saturday night and leave their car.	11/19/2019 2:48 AM
169	All appears fine.	11/19/2019 2:41 AM
170	Need more down town parking it is way to hard to find space close to shopping	11/19/2019 1:39 AM
171	Too many parking spaces taken away from the downtown areas making it difficult to find parking. When you do the rates are too high.	11/19/2019 1:25 AM
172	The city should not be providing more parking. This will not be needed as we shift to walking, cycling and transit	11/19/2019 12:46 AM
173	Going in the right direction with more bike & bus lanes.	11/19/2019 12:39 AM
174	Totally opposed to charging for Sunday parking. Get transportation people to get fares down to \$1.00 and \$2.00 fares for everywhere and get more ridership.	11/19/2019 12:32 AM
175	Fewer single occupancy cars in our downtown core is something I strongly support. I wonder if utilizing parking income to support transportation initiatives is viable.	11/18/2019 11:30 PM
176	Victoria does a great job with parking even with dwindling parking space. User experience is superior to Vancouver, where I spend a ton of time driving, and pretty affordable.	11/18/2019 11:11 PM
177	There are too many areas of the City where parking is a problem especially when developments are approved that require less than one stall per unit. The stalls should be rented or sold and if not required turned into rentable storage for the units.	11/18/2019 10:55 PM

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178	No more paid parking needed	11/18/2019 10:12 PM
179	We need more parking!!!! And I'm not talking about parking for bicycles or smart cars. Actual vehicles like the ones 80% of people use every day to get around. Parking is so terrible people don't want to come downtown. And if they don't come downtown it means they spend their. Knew in Langford where there is parking everywhere. Build another parade please	11/18/2019 9:59 PM
180	Has improved over the years	11/18/2019 9:40 PM
181	I'm happy to pay on the weekends so kids can get bus passes. I'm not happy to have funds generated by parking used to over police the city's homeless population	11/18/2019 9:32 PM
182	Right now we continue to allow the free use of a significant amount of public land in on street parking, often by people who are well housed. We could explore a residential parking permit system similar to what is used in other cities, to both manage on street parking demand and generate revenue for the taxpayer, which could be used for sustainability, walkability and transit initiatives.	11/18/2019 9:19 PM
183	always room for improvement	11/18/2019 8:32 PM
184	No	11/18/2019 8:26 PM
185	Parking is a bit of a nightmare due to several factors, but the bike lanes and Sunday pay parking do make me think twice before going downtown.	11/18/2019 8:26 PM
186	Continue operating parkades within the downtown core to encourage visitors.	11/18/2019 8:21 PM
187	With the high profile taxpayer subsidized bus passes for youth, you would think you would be able to identify the expenses for the passes & staffing to administer. Somewhere else in the budget?	11/18/2019 8:08 PM
188	You have turned downtown into somewhere lots of us don't want to go anymore.	11/18/2019 7:43 PM
189	Parkades with no elevator month after month, massive reductions in parking available, the service is way down why does the budget not reflect that	11/18/2019 7:09 PM
190	Charging for parking in downtown is ridiculous! You worry about business leaving downtown, then put in a detrimental ruling such as this.	11/18/2019 6:48 PM
191	I don;t know much about this area other than there isn't enough parking now and I wonder were the revenue goes to, back into the Dept?	11/18/2019 6:36 PM
192	I use to go downtown most Sundays, spend a few dollars. I haven't been down once since you started the parking fees. It's the principle. A hand full of counsellors desire to take away every last little enjoyable or ease of movement associated with driving is not appreciated.	11/18/2019 6:31 PM
193	I think the bus passes should have been more thought out before implementing	11/18/2019 6:28 PM
194	n/a	11/18/2019 6:03 PM
195	Parking is becoming a real issue, less bike lanes and return parking spots to the inner city.	11/18/2019 5:39 PM
196	Too many meter maids running around and now employees, not contractors.	11/18/2019 5:36 PM
197	Need more parking or more buses to incentivize people out if there cars ☐ and on their bikes ☐ Sunday pay parking I agree with.	11/18/2019 5:34 PM
198	I do not support any budget where the total exceeds CPI. Rather, I would prefer a zero based budget that caps total budget increase at no more than 2019+CPI.	11/18/2019 5:14 PM
199	It's all about availability. People say they don't come downtown anymore because of a) no parking b) bike lanes	11/18/2019 5:01 PM
200	Sunday parking should still be free. Entice people to spend more time in town shopping.	11/18/2019 4:56 PM
201	Not enough downtown parking, won't do business downtown any more.	11/18/2019 4:53 PM
202	I did not agree with cancellation of free Sunday parking. That affected workers as well as customers.	11/18/2019 4:52 PM
203	not enough downtown parking because there are too many bike lanes	11/18/2019 4:47 PM
204	The free parking on Sundays should be reintroduced. It's absurd that the money from this is going towards free bus passes. There are more than just teenagers living in Victoria!!	11/18/2019 4:45 PM
205	They certainly have enough people on the street to catch you for a tiny in fraction, but they don't seem to have enough staff to address the assessable parking standards and increase quantity of accessible spaces, that are truly accessible in terms of dimension	11/18/2019 4:44 PM
206	Providing training to parking ambassadors to use good judgement about ticketing out of town visitors	11/18/2019 4:43 PM
207	Densify Victoria so people don't need to drive to work, and then focus on parking.	11/18/2019 4:42 PM
208	Ambassador program appears to be working well.	11/18/2019 4:34 PM
209	would be interested in a cost benefit analysis on free street parking downtown.	11/18/2019 4:32 PM
210	Sunday parking charges downtown will deter people using the downtown area so is counter productive.	11/18/2019 4:29 PM

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211	Need more parking towers.	11/18/2019 4:21 PM
212	NO	11/18/2019 4:15 PM
213	I rarely even try to shop or attend events downtown. Lack of parking, my limited ability to walk far means I am missing out.	11/18/2019 4:11 PM
214	I think we do a good job in this area	11/18/2019 4:08 PM
215	Not working with business owners and delivery drivers. Out of touch	11/18/2019 3:36 PM
216	Bikes lanes have caused great congestion allowing thousands of cars daily to idle at traffic lights held up getting through, waste workers time and ADD to the very problem they hoped to improve.	11/18/2019 3:07 PM
217	Residential parking does not have adequate space in majority of the city, and when called with complaints they rarely show up	11/18/2019 12:33 PM
218	Why you take away free Sunday parking? Driving down town is a nightmare, try to avoid it at all costs. Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:16 AM
219	Parking is too expensive especially now that weekends are no longer free.	11/18/2019 10:47 AM
220	More parking fines to violators would help increase revenue.	11/18/2019 10:35 AM
221	Please raise parking fees.	11/18/2019 9:01 AM
222	Let us recharge our parking cards with Visa debit	11/18/2019 7:18 AM
223	Need more parking spaces.	11/18/2019 7:17 AM
224	It is becoming more difficult to park downtown in the daytime.	11/18/2019 6:15 AM
225	parking is too expensive and dissuades people from shopping downtown	11/18/2019 6:07 AM
226	Do you know how long it takes to find parking downtown? Thanks whoever that I can walk because dear lord... Also does any places have underground parking I feel like that would be a good idea or any electrical parking spots if you want to drive your eco friendly even though I'll probably complain that they are taking my parking spaces but I'll probably find something to complain about when it comes to anything car related downtown	11/18/2019 6:07 AM
227	YES! There is an abysmal amount of on street handicap parking. Maybe you should look at how many permits are issued compared to number of drivers in city. It is people with handicaps who need to be closer to businesses. In addition to ensuring more handicapped parking, there needs to be more education on having a handicap. They are not all visible. Chronic asthma or COPD, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, many chronic illnesses limit a persons ability to walk very far. These people should not be getting dirty looks and rude comments for using accessible parking.	11/18/2019 5:59 AM
228	Theres no parking downtown. People no longer come downtown to support the businesses because of the traffic congestion and lack of parking.	11/18/2019 5:31 AM
229	we need more parking until there are other options available	11/18/2019 5:11 AM
230	Lack of vehicle parking downtown is severely impacting downtown businesses, safety of the public and increasing carbon gasses by having vehicles driving around and idling in traffic.	11/18/2019 5:09 AM
231	I do know that there is not much parking to be had in the downtown area when there is a big event going on now that there is so much residential parking in the downtown area.	11/18/2019 5:08 AM
232	Free Sunday parking is needed	11/18/2019 4:55 AM
233	Go Lean	11/18/2019 4:49 AM
234	Obscenities and youre stupid Sunday parking fees	11/18/2019 4:38 AM
235	More strategically place parking on Dallas rd..this is a huge attraction in the city and would benefit from more parking in the areas that don't interfere with the view but most importantly i work with Seniors on Dallas rd and their friends have a hard time visiting because there is no parking close by.	11/18/2019 4:32 AM
236	You didn't implement free evening parking. You raised parking rates and took away Sunday parking. Parking downtown is at a crisis. By removing parking you are removing access to downtown.	11/18/2019 4:24 AM
237	stop taking parking out of the downtown area. Not everyone can ride a bike.	11/18/2019 4:22 AM
238	Please cut free electric vehicle charging.	11/18/2019 4:21 AM
239	Make parking free on weekends	11/18/2019 3:37 AM
240	We need my re parking not less we keep losing parked no to bike lanes we need to build another parking biulding	11/18/2019 3:31 AM
241	I avoid parkades smelly (urine), cars get broken into, needles....	11/18/2019 3:17 AM
242	I don't think removing parking spots especially from downtown/Cook street areas to add bicycle lanes are helping the vitality of Victoria city. While technology for parking has improved, the availability of parking spots for worse.	11/18/2019 3:08 AM
243	Don't think parking rates should go higher, otherwise it'll deter people from coming downtown.	11/18/2019 2:48 AM

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244	I do think we need to find a way to make parking free again on Sundays... It was a draw for those that don't normally come to town	11/18/2019 2:34 AM
245	Bus passes for youth dumb idea. Reducing parking downtown another bad idea and paying for Sunday enforcement parking enforcement is counter productive to getting people downtown	11/18/2019 2:32 AM
246	Create more parking spaces	11/18/2019 2:22 AM
247	costs of parking in downtown are excessive. plus, you could save on staffing costs if Sunday parking was returned to free	11/18/2019 2:17 AM
248	Parking is a nightmare and you keep encouraging more tourists, cruise ships, horse carriages, tour buses, etc.	11/18/2019 1:15 AM
249	Getting harder and harder to find parking spots on the street and in the parkades. Too much time spent on traffic, circling to find a spot.	11/18/2019 12:59 AM
250	The City should not increase parking charges to fund free bus passes for all youth, most of whom don't need it or won't use it; a black market in these passes started up before they were even available. Another example of poor planning by Council.	11/18/2019 12:45 AM
251	We need more parking downtown	11/18/2019 12:42 AM
252	providing free bus passes for youth funded by imposing parking charges on Sunday is foolish. The City is only creating a black market for passes at public expense, and at the expense of downtown businesses.	11/18/2019 12:25 AM
253	The net effect of the parking services and legislation connected to in building parking is hostile to drivers. Drivers are voting with their wallets. They are shopping in malls and outside of the downtown core. The only reasons to come downtown: buy drugs; buy coffee; pay parking tickets.	11/18/2019 12:24 AM
254	Paying for Sunday parking which revenue goes to buy bus passes for youth in Victoria, many of whom have parents with \$1M homes and which are then traded on line is ridiculous.	11/18/2019 12:21 AM
255	never seems to be enough parking, time to make another parkade	11/17/2019 11:57 PM
256	suggest that the City go to the private for pay parking lots and measure all spaces. They are too small based on bylaws regarding size. FINE the owners. It would make them sit up and take notice stop trying to squeeze so many cars into spots that are too small.	11/17/2019 11:25 PM
257	I presume that if the budget were higher there would be better possibility of finding a parking space downtown. Inability to drive around the construction obstacles is doubtless a factor in the parking difficulties.	11/17/2019 10:37 PM
258	Case in point, taking away free Sunday parking. Just bloody brilliant! Anyone ask the local business community how they felt about that?	11/17/2019 9:56 PM
259	See comment under Bylaw Services	11/17/2019 9:44 PM
260	We do not have enough parkades downtown! Developers should have to provide much more parking than they currently do.	11/17/2019 9:34 PM
261	More parkades, bring back free Sunday street parking. We need to attract people to the downtown.	11/17/2019 9:24 PM
262	Parkades are not in good or secure condition, often with poor lighting or elevators out of service. Users are paying a premium for poor service. Lack of adequate on street parking prevents access to downtown for those with disabilities. The size of many parkade spots made so small as to barely fit a "smart car" and impossible to open your door without dinging the car beside you. The size of one street parking so tight that you must block traffic flow of 2 lanes in order to park.	11/17/2019 8:55 PM
263	Not sure I understand why Parking Services are increasing when actual parking is decreasing. Why does it cost more to do less?	11/17/2019 8:53 PM
264	Too many parking spaces have been removed due to new developments and bike lanes.	11/17/2019 8:48 PM
265	Ambassadors? Seriously? Too much enforcement downtown and not enough in outlying areas. With demographic changes to the average Victoria street vis a vis home ownership (un)affordability, almost all owners now rent out (illegal) suites, or operate Air BnB's. On street parking is now a mess. Add to that the illegal parking on Stroud Rd, the vehicle owners of which are dog walkers. So much for "Residential Parking Only" signs.	11/17/2019 8:26 PM
266	More parking spots needed. Bring back free Sunday parking. Parking rates are to high for a lot of low income people/ seniors.	11/17/2019 8:08 PM
267	Council is continuing to erode livability of neighborhoods and acces to downtown in its drive to add meters and Sunday charges as new revenue sources	11/17/2019 7:19 PM
268	No	11/17/2019 7:15 PM
269	Parking enforcement is next to non existent!	11/17/2019 7:15 PM
270	See no reason our parking should pay for bus passes for kids of which we have none	11/17/2019 6:55 PM
271	We have too much parking set aside to residential only parking. This hurts our small local business by making it harder for potential customers to find a place to park	11/17/2019 6:37 PM
272	We need more Parking officers to stop people parking in 'residential only' areas while they are going to work.	11/17/2019 6:09 PM

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273	Worse decision is removing Sunday free parking, and the parking rates just keep going up. Makes downtown unattractive	11/17/2019 6:01 PM
274	Creating a department with staff for parking was not the best choice as it means salaries and benefits for more people for no reason at all the City is eliminating parking spaces, but wants to spend more on parking????	11/17/2019 5:55 PM
275	Less cocommissioners	11/17/2019 5:42 PM
276	Cheaper parking and free weekends make business grow.	11/17/2019 5:41 PM
277	I park downtown as little as possible due to the mentally disturbed homeless folks, but when I do I rarely have a problem finding a spot either paid or free.	11/17/2019 5:25 PM
278	We no longer go downtown as we rarely can find a parking spot since many of the spots have been eliminated due to bike lanes. As a vehicle driver we do not feel welcome in this city.	11/17/2019 5:11 PM
279	How will parking keeping funding programs when Council is reducing the amount of parking spots and actively telling people to take bus and ride bikes. At some point the either programs will need to be cut, or revenue will need to come from other sources, which unfortunately sounds like a tax increase.	11/17/2019 4:58 PM
280	Thanks to all the BIKE Lanes we have less and less parking, thanks a lot	11/17/2019 4:34 PM
281	Never see parking services ticketing in Vic West neighborhood	11/17/2019 4:29 PM
282	I am not sure what services provided. I know that parking is INSANELY expensive for a city of this size. As I mostly walk, I am not directly affected by this issue, but I think it has a negative impact on downtown's economic outlook.	11/17/2019 4:21 PM
283	The city definitely needs more parking for businesses to survive	11/17/2019 4:15 PM
284	Don't appear to be enough staff to enforce parking issues in neighbourhoods. Our short dead end street (1200 block of Oscar Street) is routinely jammed with non residents leaving limited space for legitimate residents, service vehicles and visitors. This potential budget pressure could be mitigated through better coordination with departments approving and managing secondary suites: we have multiple 'illegal' tertiary suites on this street that add to parking issues.	11/17/2019 3:49 PM
285	Paying Sunday parking and providing free bus passes for school kids. We have a school bus system. Let the kids use it. If you want people to come downtown to shop, then bring back free parking on Sunday.	11/17/2019 3:45 PM
286	You charge on Sundays to provide children with bus passes. I don't have children but suffer this burden. Can those without children apply for exemption?	11/17/2019 3:40 PM
287	Parking costs too much everywhere. In bc we pay through the roof for insurance, gas and everything else that goes on with a vehicle.	11/17/2019 2:46 PM
288	Bring back free Sunday. Make more parking downtown. Stop eliminating parking for bike lanes. Fix broken parking machines or buy different ones preferably machines that accept tap. So few of these machines work. How are they breaking? Are they really that fragile from everyday use or are shady people messing with them? Also, instead of spending \$5 million on a building for 75 homeless people, make a parkade for people who contribute in this city.	11/17/2019 2:21 PM
289	Some people need parking not everyone rides bikes or can take the bus	11/17/2019 7:18 AM
290	Need more secure bike parking as a bike is stolen if taken downtown so not an option.	11/17/2019 6:29 AM
291	Lack of parking in downtown area is a growing concern.	11/17/2019 5:59 AM
292	We need more One hour free parking spots in Downtown	11/17/2019 5:55 AM
293	Need to start towing repeat offenders with put of province plates...see UHaul....	11/17/2019 3:19 AM
294	No. Do a good job.	11/17/2019 2:33 AM
295	continue first hour free in the parkades. In certain areas of town, we need 90 minute free parking rather than 60 minutes. Many people have 1 hour appts.	11/17/2019 2:32 AM
296	Parking costs too much so I will not go downtown!	11/17/2019 2:29 AM
297	I walk everywhere. The Sunday parking fees are a tax grab to almost fund youth bus passes. Check in 6 months on the usage rates of the buses. If people must pay for Sunday parking are the bus passes the best use of the revenue? I think not.	11/17/2019 2:22 AM
298	There is not enough parking in this city, if we are to attract visitors we need more parking	11/17/2019 2:12 AM
299	There needs to be more parking downtown. With the removal of so many spots myself and many others I know rarely come downtown to shop anymore which is not a good situation for the shop owners.	11/17/2019 2:08 AM
300	\$10 million to manage 2000 street parking sites? \$5300 per parking spot? There's got to be a better way.	11/17/2019 1:30 AM
301	Victoria parking availability is excellent and exactly where it should be.	11/17/2019 1:23 AM
302	Too many labeled parking stalls.	11/17/2019 1:18 AM
303	Way too many meter maids in Victoria. Would like to see more police walking the streets.	11/17/2019 1:15 AM

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304	We need more public parking	11/17/2019 1:07 AM
305	Have many friends who live outside of the city and avoid coming downtown as much as possible due to poor transportation and parking.	11/17/2019 1:03 AM
306	we need more parkades or at least more parking lots for CRD residents	11/17/2019 12:38 AM
307	Victoria is way too aggressive in monitoring parking. Put more money into bylaw enforcement than parking enforcement.	11/17/2019 12:32 AM
308	Stop taking away parking, plus pre selling (monthly passes) without guaranteed spots is wrong you need to set aside space for monthly parking.	11/17/2019 12:22 AM
309	Downtown has limited parking, the parkades are so expensive and ridiculous, no more free parking on Sunday. I hardly come downtown because of this	11/16/2019 11:01 PM
310	Create better parking availability for those who commute with park and rides. Give less parking passes to 'people of importance'	11/16/2019 10:58 PM
311	Parking services in Victoria have become a joke.	11/16/2019 10:53 PM
312	The city has a major parking crisis and needs a new parkade in the downtown core, not out by RAP.	11/16/2019 10:52 PM
313	pump the brakes on all the bike lanes and we could still park downtown	11/16/2019 10:45 PM
314	This is actually a bright spot for the city, minus needing a bit more TLC in the actual structures themselves. This however cannot come at the expense of 1 hour free parking in the parkades. Without 1 hour free parking it will just put further strain on downtown businesses and make it less inviting for citizens to head out and get stuff done, which lowers consumer spending and can push more people to online purchases, thus taking more cash out of our system and sending it to foreign corporations.	11/16/2019 10:38 PM
315	I don't agree with free parking at night time only:customers who shop during store hours (9to 5)don't appreciate the high cost, and lack of spaces to actually make a trip into the downtown to shop. Retailers are suffering because of this lack of the realization that stores pay taxes etc to operate businesses. We get no help encouraging people to come downtown during the day	11/16/2019 9:52 PM
316	I walk to most locations. I have not found any problem parking my car. I agree that car use should be discouraged and that the city reap the benefits of paid parking.	11/16/2019 9:45 PM
317	Residents should never be responsible or encouraged to manage parking on their street. This creates ill will and neighbourhood animosity. Raise the budget to properly manage residential parking restrictions if parking restrictions truly required. (In many cases in this city they are not).	11/16/2019 9:33 PM
318	Sunday charges are ridiculous. Downtown needs encouragement. Get a trolley to run Empress down Govt to Chinatown and back up Wharf. Spread the parking out	11/16/2019 9:29 PM
319	What parking? People avoid downtown because parking is such a hassle/expense.	11/16/2019 9:28 PM
320	We should look at implementing more technology such as a parking app to find street parking and doing away with free parking. Implement demand based parking and get rid of FREE PARKING.	11/16/2019 9:18 PM
321	Money grab service. Should be discontinued	11/16/2019 8:43 PM
322	there is no parking services; parking has been removed which makes visiting/shopping downtown a nightmare!!	11/16/2019 8:40 PM
323	Not enough downtown parking or free parking spots. Paying for Sunday parking just encourages people to shop in other areas of the city and avoid downtown.	11/16/2019 8:29 PM
324	Not enough space and your over zealous parking people will put multiple tickets for the same violation. Do you honestly believe that when a person comes downtown and leaves their car in the same spot for four hours they did it on purpose??? Have you ever had to console a client who has lost a loved one and cancelled other meetings to make sure that person is alright?? How would that person feel if that right in the middle of a conversation, you said "hold that thought while I go move my car" ? Your ticket people are despicable with zero conscious. I actually had one block my ability to leave so they could give me a ticket	11/16/2019 8:20 PM
325	Parking in Victoria is too inexpensive, and free parking at any time is a bad idea.	11/16/2019 8:20 PM
326	Parking in downtown Victoria is a nightmare!	11/16/2019 7:51 PM
327	Council needs to understand that not everyone travels or wants to travel by bike, and public transit, though I like and encourage it, can be too inconvenient and/or time consuming. There are times when we simply have to use cars, and we need somewhere to park them. Trying to find parking in the James Bay/harbourfront area is often next to impossible. How about a parkade in that area? Also, the decision to charge for Sunday parking, other than at parkades, is a bit of a step backwards. Why free bus tickets for all kids? I wouldn't object to a needs based program, but if you're going to offer a universal program based purely on age, how about free passes for seniors? They're far less likely to have a transportation alternative, like parents to drive them to their destination.	11/16/2019 7:45 PM
328	should have free street parking on Sundays.	11/16/2019 7:15 PM
329	Funding fiasco with the free student passes is a classic example of incompetence ruling common sense.	11/16/2019 7:13 PM

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330	driving is a privilege and should be treated as such get more revenue from parking, electric vehicle stations could be metered	11/16/2019 7:13 PM
331	Get more revenue from the parking in town, install metered e.v stations downtown to provide additional revenue for the city, which go to more infrastructure based around the electric car.	11/16/2019 7:13 PM
332	The City of victoria parking app is truly terrible and needs a revamp.	11/16/2019 6:59 PM
333	More parking enforcement req'd	11/16/2019 6:58 PM
334	A parking lot cashier employment add salary equivalent to \$70k for a HS grad is unsustainable	11/16/2019 6:42 PM
335	Making people pay more for parking and now having to pay during Sundays is driving people out of the downtown core	11/16/2019 6:41 PM
336	Parking Ambassadors should receive a better wage, they are out in all kinds of weather but get paid less than the parkcade attendants who sit in a warm booth.	11/16/2019 6:32 PM
337	No where to park down town. How do the small businesses make a living?	11/16/2019 6:25 PM
338	Victoria doesn't do enough to ensure adequate parking is available downtown. The idea of the Victoria youth bus pass seems to be off track. I would be okay with bus passes for youth that can't afford it but giving passes to the masses and taking away free parking on Sundays to fund that?	11/16/2019 6:17 PM
339	Not enough available parking. Live 7 minutes away by car and Victoria is a parking nightmare. Yes I could choose alternatives but that is not always an option depending on the reason for going downtown.	11/16/2019 6:15 PM
340	Not enough places to park downtown. I hate going there now.	11/16/2019 6:07 PM
341	Why don't low income seniors get free bus passes (like in the UK)? If you're going to make it tough to drive downtown, I think you should welcome ALL ages, not just the younger members of society.	11/16/2019 6:00 PM
342	I do not mind paying parking to support the city as long as Victoria pays decent wages and does not cut Jobs.	11/16/2019 6:00 PM
343	We need parking downtown... nobody wants to go there anymore	11/16/2019 5:47 PM
344	Not enough available parking downtown. Due the low availability I rarely go downtown even though I only live 7 minutes by car (yes, I could use alternative methods of transportation but there are times that I cannot) so I am not happy about that.	11/16/2019 5:39 PM
345	Parking enforcement should not be a source of big spending. Scrap parking tickets and let people access the local economy.	11/16/2019 5:21 PM
346	You have removed parking options but have not increased bus services.	11/16/2019 5:12 PM
347	Full time employees with benefits is expensive. Why do we keep increasing the budget on parking when the City's direction is bike lanes and sustainable transportation? From what I see there are less parking spaces to police so why is the budget increasing?	11/16/2019 5:12 PM
348	I avoid downtown because parking for people with disabilities is too hard to find and I cannot ride a bus.	11/16/2019 5:04 PM
349	I don't drive. Bus service is really bad but that's not what this question is about.	11/16/2019 5:01 PM
350	lack of parking downtown is the reason I never go there anymore. I no longer shop, dine, or use virtually any service other than one (and I'm hoping they will relocate).	11/16/2019 4:57 PM
351	Despite the political leanings of some members of council, there must be parking for shoppers in Victoria. Increasingly we hear the refrain "we don't go to Victoria any more" because of the lack of parking and the bike lanes.	11/16/2019 4:54 PM
352	Need more parking! Obviously or people will not shop downtown	11/16/2019 4:51 PM
353	Parking in neighbourhoods is bcoming more difficult with the influx of workers parking and then riding a bike or walking into the downtown core. This is affecting neighbourhoods current resident parking. Anger and "road rage" are increasing.	11/16/2019 4:50 PM
354	I think you have overestimated the revenue increases in the 5 year plan, unless you are planning a substantial increase in the metered rate either in parkades or on the street. How are you planning on covering the actual cost of the school age bus passes in the event of a revenue shortfall? What is the financial mitigation strategy. The school age bus pass program is a good idea. Just make sure it is funded properly.	11/16/2019 4:41 PM
355	I would love to see more affordable parking options for apartment blocks in the city. Many have rates so high that tenants park on the street and apt. lots are almost empty.	11/16/2019 4:37 PM
356	I don't think public money should be expected to pay for storage of private property such as cars without giving equal attention to safe storage of other types of transport such as bikes.	11/16/2019 4:22 PM
357	Charging should not be free for EVs	11/16/2019 4:21 PM
358	If the goal of Victoria Parking Services is to capture revenue, more bodies checking meters would be appropriate as would be reviewing the city parking layout.	11/16/2019 4:00 PM
359	this city council could care less about parking issues	11/16/2019 3:55 PM

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360	Bring back free parking on Sundays. I no longer go downtown because parking is so hard to find and now too expensive	11/16/2019 3:52 PM
361	Thank you.	11/16/2019 3:46 PM
362	food for fines	11/16/2019 3:42 PM
363	Need to re establish the parking spaces lost to bike lanes	11/16/2019 3:38 PM
364	No	11/16/2019 3:36 PM
365	Parking downtown is a joke...	11/16/2019 3:13 PM
366	We aren't Amsterdam like Helps wants it to be. Stop the bike lanes. I'm elderly and can't find a close spot to park for appts. and shopping anymore, changed doctors and won't shop anymore there	11/16/2019 3:10 PM
367	Doing a great job!	11/16/2019 2:46 PM
368	Keep Sunday morning free	11/16/2019 1:48 PM
369	Do not take more downtown park spots away	11/16/2019 10:40 AM
370	Bring back free Sunday parking	11/16/2019 9:55 AM
371	We want free Sunday parking back	11/16/2019 9:29 AM
372	Bring back free Sunday parking	11/16/2019 9:23 AM
373	no	11/16/2019 8:21 AM
374	Keep free 2 hr parking designated spots. Keep free Sunday parking. Extend street pay parking to 2 hrs. 90 min not adequate.	11/16/2019 7:12 AM
375	Make parking easier??? Too few on street parking spots and many people no longer go downtown. Not everybody can take the bus or ride a bike and parkades are often full. Pay parking during the day on Sunday is wrong!!!!	11/16/2019 6:51 AM
376	Need more easily available down town parking	11/16/2019 6:34 AM
377	Bring back free Sunday parking. Victoria will have its lunch eaten by Langford with its current agenda in place.	11/16/2019 6:22 AM
378	What parking? Lisa who is not helpful is slowly taking them away.	11/16/2019 6:20 AM
379	Pity that so much street parking has been taken out. Fewer non downtown Greater Victoria residents come onto tiwn to shop and go to restaurants.	11/16/2019 5:52 AM
380	If we ate going to pay a fortune for monthly parking in the city parkade, there should be more dollars and effort spent on .aking them secure. My vehicle has been broken I to twice and vandalized once. My staff have also had their vehicles broken into.	11/16/2019 5:39 AM
381	The city should be charging on a user pay basis for electric charging stations.	11/16/2019 5:28 AM
382	Aren't there LESS parking spaces in Victoria now than there were 10 years ago?	11/16/2019 5:22 AM
383	I hardly ever use my car downtown.	11/16/2019 5:22 AM
384	Don't come downtown unless I have an appointment as there is no where to park with the bike lanes and the parking spots are so small my truck does not fit in them. My husband being handicapped causes great problems. You should take into consideration handicapped people when you want everyone to ride a bike or walk. They can't..	11/16/2019 5:04 AM
385	Please bring back free parking on Sundays.	11/16/2019 4:33 AM
386	parking should be free. we already pay ICBC and Provincial taxes, gas taxes etc.	11/16/2019 4:16 AM
387	Seems to be fine; though once again because of the city planning fewer people like going downtown so it should be okay for awhile.	11/16/2019 4:16 AM
388	With the inclusions of apps, parking has become much easier downtown. However, there are not enough long term parking spots. It makes it undesirable to go downtown when parking is consistently an issue. It would be encouraging to provide up to 2 5 hours parking on the streets. I would come downtown more often.	11/16/2019 4:13 AM
389	You are taking away parking spaces but fail to enforce residential parking. Then you wonder why we hate your bike lane expansion.	11/16/2019 4:05 AM
390	What used to be a welcoming benefit of free street parking during weekends has driven away many customers from the downtown core. Sad.	11/16/2019 4:03 AM
391	The newly proposed increase and changes as outlined on the news for Commercial Parking in the downtown core is counter productive to the image the city wants to project as being small business friendly. This change can reflect massive capital costs for downtown biz especially cartage fees which will be passed along. Instead consider pushing back on the Provincial government to stop downloading expenses onto municipalities	11/16/2019 3:56 AM
392	The continuing reduction in available parking does not warrant any budget. When you start providing more at a reasonable rate, then you should have a budget.	11/16/2019 3:49 AM

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393	There's a difference between services and cost. Parkades are dirty, unsafe and fees are too high	11/16/2019 3:40 AM
394	More parking, not condos.	11/16/2019 3:30 AM
395	Love the parking app	11/16/2019 3:16 AM
396	Victoria still has very inexpensive parking, don't listen to the complainers :)	11/16/2019 3:16 AM
397	What parking services?	11/16/2019 3:09 AM
398	Get rid of sunday parking fees or make it a minimal day fee to encourage shopping downtown	11/16/2019 2:44 AM
399	Pay parking on Sunday is a cash grab... stop it!	11/16/2019 2:41 AM
400	You have increased parking fees faster than my compensation increases. And, while convenient, your parking app rips me off every time I use it. When I start the app, it takes time off from the moment I log in, so I lose about 30 seconds per transaction and if I need to top up my account it is on my parking time. If we treated our customers that way we'd be out of business.	11/16/2019 2:37 AM
401	I no longer plan trips downtown due to the lack of parking.	11/16/2019 2:27 AM
402	I can't even park on my own street outside my rental building. My parents who visit have to run outside every 2 hours to move their car to a different street and it is the most stupid inconvenience ever. Your meter maids are all too happy to leave a ticket on the window and it's infuriating when I live right there. This is my street, Vancouver street and I live on it. I want to be able to park on my street without worry or have family visit without worry	11/16/2019 2:24 AM
403	No	11/16/2019 2:17 AM
404	Not enough parking at all you have taken away too many parking spaces.	11/16/2019 2:04 AM
405	Not sufficient parking downtown.	11/16/2019 1:56 AM
406	Stop taking away parking spaces create more of them	11/16/2019 1:55 AM
407	zone and see to it that more parkades are built	11/16/2019 1:48 AM
408	The new proposal of pay street parking and free bus passes to under 18 does not appear to be cost effective. I see more empty spaces of parking on the street and less people going downtown because of it on the weekends. I don't see the costs of the bus passes being covered by this implementation.	11/16/2019 1:46 AM
409	I think you need to improve this area. Very difficult to use parking in Victoria and even if you are walking for 15-20 min. the service needs improvements.	11/16/2019 1:45 AM
410	Parking is a nightmare	11/16/2019 1:22 AM
411	LEAVE AS IS.	11/16/2019 1:21 AM
412	Support the parking app and the added security in the city parkades.	11/16/2019 1:19 AM
413	scheduled enforcement (i.e. no need to call parking enforcement and complain to get non resident's ticketed) of the residential parking zones in proximity to the core will generate more than enough revenue to off set the higher costs	11/16/2019 1:19 AM
414	No	11/16/2019 1:15 AM
415	The City should not be relying on parking to solve their budget issues.	11/16/2019 1:13 AM
416	I see no mention of a drive to improved automation of services that could help drive costs lower. There just seems to be a multi year projection for higher costs. I believe you need to try running this more like a business than a bureaucracy.	11/16/2019 1:04 AM
417	The downtown core really needs more parking!	11/16/2019 12:55 AM
418	Please investigate contracting this to a private company.	11/16/2019 12:27 AM
419	The cost of parking downtown and lack of availability is ridiculous given the current budget.	11/16/2019 12:22 AM
420	Well under funded. There is a 'hodge podge' of signage for parking and parking restrictions. Not a wonder that they can't enforce bylaws.	11/16/2019 12:22 AM
421	Bring back free parking on Sundays.	11/16/2019 12:04 AM
422	Revenue could be increased by lengthening paid hours in parkades to e.g. 9pm. This would match many other larger cities in Canada, and would be commensurate with convenience and convention in this service area. It would also fall in line with council's propensity to encourage alternative transportation.	11/16/2019 12:01 AM
423	we are running out of parking down town if they want to people to go down town they need places to park if they want to shop	11/15/2019 11:58 PM
424	Giving free electricity to charge an automobile battery is an insult to everyone that can not or barely afford household electricity. It would make more sense to collect money for the automobile electric charge to generate money to pay for the infrastructure and excess to general revenue.	11/15/2019 11:23 PM
425	If you keep taking street parking you need to build new parking structures or people will not come down town I myself have limited my speeding down town because it is so difficult to park. So I go to malls	11/15/2019 11:13 PM

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426	Bikes should be licensed and does the electric vehicle pay for their charging	11/15/2019 11:02 PM
427	Get rid of parking services!	11/15/2019 10:26 PM
428	It is nice to have handicapped parking. Unfortunately some people can't walk a block or two. Nice to have reduced rates in parkades. Some people can't use them because they are not close enough to the business they want to use. But you do have bicycle lanes that some people can't use. Not a problem. There are malls, strip malls and online shopping.	11/15/2019 10:20 PM
429	What parking services?	11/15/2019 10:09 PM
430	The ill planned and never overly thought out Sunday parking becomes transit brainwashing proposal.. Yikes. I don't drive, so I don't much care . If the businesses downtown were in favour of paid parking, and it IS a tiny downtown core, needs movement..not clowns from the 'burbs parking all day and monopolizing business fronts..hey, no big deal. The sales of youth passes already show the flaws, so I won't point them out.	11/15/2019 9:15 PM
431	Focus on turnover in car parking spots is right on! Daily car parking cost in Victoria is very low compared to other attractive cities. Bicycle commuters need more secure bike parking, and are willing to pay for it! Should look at car & bike parking more holistically count spots for both, and shift to more bike spots over time.	11/15/2019 9:03 PM
432	Free parking on Sundays was eliminated to provide bus passes for youth pity the poor church attendee who has to pay to park now	11/15/2019 8:46 PM
433	Parking is reduced and there are more cars. Someone can't do math at the City of Victoria.	11/15/2019 8:21 PM
434	I am happy to pay for parking on Sunday if it funds universal transit or similar initiatives!!	11/15/2019 8:15 PM
435	The staff in parking do a great job. We need more of what they are doing be it parkade staff or parking enforcement.	11/15/2019 8:14 PM
436	We need more creative solutions to keep the city functioning.	11/15/2019 8:04 PM
437	We need more parking downtown so that our downtown core can start to thrive again	11/15/2019 8:03 PM
438	The funding for this is too low but the real issue stems from Victoria asking nothing from developers. North Vancouver got about half a billion with the same amount of development. Victoria next to nothing in comparison. Victoria council is either in the pocket of the developers or too stupid to ask for anything in return like any other city does.	11/15/2019 7:58 PM
439	parking services in the City are excellent	11/15/2019 7:55 PM
440	More efforts to build parkades to ease parking congestion in the core	11/15/2019 7:44 PM
441	Getting ride of the commissionaires was the best thing you have ever done.	11/15/2019 7:38 PM
442	Parking needs to be a priority. Get your heads out of the clouds we live in a very large region and business relies heavily north Saanich Langford people to use the core.	11/15/2019 7:36 PM
443	Current parking facilities are inadequate for demand, and expensive for downtown workers.	11/15/2019 7:35 PM
444	The wording of this question is very confusing. Parking in Victoria should cost an absolute fortune. Get these cars out of downtown! There should never be "free" parking including in the evenings, as this encourages car culture and prevents this common space from being used for parks, homes, or anything useful.	11/15/2019 7:24 PM
445	Residential parking needs be looked at. Especially around the city core.	11/15/2019 7:21 PM
446	Taking away free Sunday parking is just going to thrust people into the free parking complexes or stay out of downtown. I don't think Translink can feasibly keep up with the proposed transit passes for youth. I think this change needs to come from the parents encouraging their kids to get their own way to school because that is what's good for them.	11/15/2019 7:09 PM
447	Updating current parkades as some are needing revitalization might be a future thing to think about though.	11/15/2019 6:58 PM
448	Go back to free parking on Sundays.	11/15/2019 6:49 PM
449	Parking services are fine. A lack of parking is not.	11/15/2019 6:46 PM
450	There is no where to park downtown anymore. A parade is badly needed.	11/15/2019 6:40 PM
451	We could use another parkade. It's great to include the small percentage of the population that operated Zero emission transports but if you want to grow the city you will need infrastructure that includes the automotive operating segment.... If I may point out is larger than the biking segment .	11/15/2019 6:36 PM
452	no	11/15/2019 6:30 PM
453	Bring back free parking on Sunday	11/15/2019 6:30 PM
454	Stop all subsidization of private vehicle parking other than disabled parking spots. Build housing for customers and workers within walking/transit distance instead and ignore the wailing and moaning from other municipalities that refuse to invest in and build around transit.	11/15/2019 6:24 PM
455	Make parking free on weekends	11/15/2019 6:22 PM

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456	Take it from a lifelong cyclist resident with many other lifelong cyclist resident friends: we don't want to bike in town. The bike lanes are a slightly more efficient way of getting through town, although they are on the wrong streets, but we really don't want to take bikes downtown.	11/15/2019 6:17 PM
457	more parkades required, not everyone has the luxury to walk/bike and the bus system is an unreliable joke	11/15/2019 6:13 PM
458	There are hardly any parking spaces in downtown core to justify any expenses in operating this service	11/15/2019 6:11 PM
459	Dont use parking services	11/15/2019 6:03 PM
460	Need to do more to address people movement into and out of the downtown. this includes more vehicle parking but other innovation including re activating the rail service from western communities and up Island	11/15/2019 6:01 PM
461	no	11/15/2019 5:51 PM
462	Parking is terrible in downtown Victoria. People in other area's don't want to come to downtown Victoria.	11/15/2019 5:05 PM
463	The bike lanes give me anxiety	11/15/2019 5:02 PM
464	Free parking is outrageous climate policy	11/15/2019 5:01 PM
465	think about alternating parking on our streets. 1 to 15th of each month on one side and the remainder of the month on the other side. To assist in road cleaning and to ensure vehicles are not derelict or abandoned. Prohibit people from living in their RVs in the city unless in an RV Park.	11/15/2019 5:01 PM
466	I no longer care to visit downtown so parking is not an issue. Should I need to go downtown I will walk or bus.	11/15/2019 4:58 PM
467	We all know the parking ambassadors were a net cost to the city vs the commissionaires and at this point there is no visible benefit to the switch.	11/15/2019 4:57 PM
468	What downtown parking? Throwing money at it now won't bring back parking spaces that no longer exist. The downtown is now a no go zone for those of us with disabilities can't ride a bike, can't take a bus. can't walk. Leaves two options: avoid downtown or take a cab to medical appointments in the core.	11/15/2019 4:53 PM
469	The lack of parking available has diminished to allow for too many bike lanes.....	11/15/2019 4:21 PM
470	Parking should not be restrictive, or more parking made available. Stop selling land to Robbins and screwing the city	11/15/2019 4:19 PM
471	Online services are excellent and should be maintained.	11/15/2019 4:18 PM
472	Another parkade downtown would be quite nice and/or modernizing the parkades to show where the spots are available with red/green lights above/below each spot. goes red when someone in spot and green when spot available (like in Hamilton New Zealand).	11/15/2019 3:58 PM
473	I am still miffed that bike lanes are replacing parking that is necessary for seniors, those with mobility challenges, and families who do not have the luxury or the age of children to have everybody on bicycles.	11/15/2019 3:55 PM
474	Phrasing that question as "funding for Parking Services" is unclear, but parking is too expensive.	11/15/2019 3:50 PM
475	Too many parking space removed!	11/15/2019 3:31 PM
476	Rates go up every year, whether the public hears about it or not, so why add even more money to this budget?	11/15/2019 3:31 PM
477	no	11/15/2019 3:24 PM
478	This is a good service.	11/15/2019 3:08 PM
479	Costs way too much to park downtown now.	11/15/2019 3:07 PM
480	Dropping the commissionaires was a costly mistake! Simply to reward the unions, shame on you!	11/15/2019 3:01 PM
481	Not in favor of Sunday fees for youth transit. Not a reasonable action.	11/15/2019 2:45 PM
482	Charging on Sundays have been a disaster that honestly makes the city less welcoming.	11/15/2019 2:39 PM
483	Not enough parking downtown	11/15/2019 2:36 PM
484	NO	11/15/2019 2:32 PM
485	Because the mayor no longer allows free Sunday parking we no longer can afford to park downtown and therefore do not shop there anymore sad. Giving bus passes to youth only supports criminal behaviour as they are selling them and not using them could you not see this happening? Seriously?	11/15/2019 2:24 PM
486	Stop charging for parking on Sundays.	11/15/2019 12:40 PM
487	How about affordable parking. How about new buildings having adequate parking for residents and guests. How about trying to keep the city clean. They used to vacuum the sidewalks in Victoria, but Helps and Co. are too busy world travelling to see what's really happening through their rose coloured glasses.	11/15/2019 5:44 AM

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488	more space for moped/scooter parking	11/14/2019 11:34 PM
489	Build more parking garages within walking distance to downtown.	11/14/2019 11:31 PM
490	Parking is fairly tight during peak business hours causing traffic lineups. We need major transit upgrades. More park and rides from westshore	11/14/2019 10:11 AM
491	Why was free parking. On sunday discontinued	11/14/2019 3:26 AM
492	Victoria gives out more parking tickets than anywhere else nough said	11/14/2019 2:42 AM
493	Too much revenue from this service!!! Paying for bus passes for students, I smell a challenge to the Local Government Act wherein City's should not be generating profit from services.	11/14/2019 12:53 AM
494	Current funding for parking services does not serve to adequately police parking practices	11/13/2019 8:14 PM
495	The app is good. The rest of parking has become worse	11/13/2019 3:55 PM
496	Should charge more for parking. Yes I do drive and do park downtown	11/13/2019 2:30 PM
497	The Parking Services Administration expense represents almost 50% of total costs. How can this be so disproportionately high? Street parking revenue should be directed to the improvement of the streets from which paid street parking is generated, not redirected elsewhere.	11/13/2019 7:14 AM
498	Maybe you shouldn't be paying for bus passes and then it'd be just right.	11/13/2019 5:49 AM
499	We need more city run parkades to replace all the lost parking lots which have been developed. Without adequate parking I will go to the malls in Saanich	11/13/2019 4:35 AM
500	Parkades work for us one of the few Victoria initiatives that does! I like reduced speed (husband doesn't), hanging baskets, Johnson bridge when I can get the horrendous cost out of my mind, walkability of most areas	11/13/2019 2:40 AM
501	Build another parkade. Or three.	11/13/2019 2:04 AM
502	Parka does need more security and cleaning. On street parking is expensive., which I'm ok with if it lowers taxes	11/12/2019 9:03 PM
503	Help and lssssit don't want cars in Victoria. They have created the most dangerous bike lane in Canada on Wharf St.	11/12/2019 4:18 PM
504	Need more electric vehicle charging stations	11/12/2019 2:38 AM
505	More electric vehicle charge points	11/12/2019 2:37 AM
506	Need two more high capacity parkades. one near the Royal BC Museum and another near the Arena. Electric vehicle chargers should be brought to as many parking spots as possible. Parking should not be seen as a revenue source!	11/12/2019 12:56 AM
507	O	11/12/2019 12:18 AM
508	Instead of pumping the parking dollars into 'free' bus passes create a work for program for youth interested in attaining such a benefit.	11/11/2019 10:44 PM
509	Children do not need free bus passes.	11/11/2019 8:30 PM
510	They seem to be doing a fine job, but it's 2019 almost 202 why can't we digitize it? Lots of other cities have a single car that can do the job of all the downtown parking service staff?	11/11/2019 7:23 PM
511	Less "Residential Only" parking.	11/11/2019 6:57 PM
512	No parking downtown. Too much private (ie Robbins) parking.	11/11/2019 5:56 PM
513	Credit card outages in the parkades are common	11/11/2019 5:56 PM
514	There is no parking. It takes an hour to pay a ticket at city Hall and the city should go back to free Sunday parking. Also this should not be a source of cash for other projects	11/11/2019 5:43 PM
515	What are we paying for? There is nowhere to park. I will be moving from Victoria to somewhere more affordable. Not somewhere who cares more about tourists over the working class citizens	11/11/2019 5:04 PM
516	The Sunday parking fees have made finding parking much easier.	11/11/2019 4:27 PM
517	Too many parking lots being built on reducing available parking in downtown. On street parking should be free on Sunday. The free bus pass program is ridiculous. We have more important things to concentrate on.	11/11/2019 4:20 PM
518	What parking? How many more spots are you eliminating?!	11/11/2019 4:07 PM
519	Parking is now a challenge for a senior...dont go downtown. Too expensive to park and public transit or a bicycle is not an option for me.	11/11/2019 4:03 PM
520	The changes to Sunday parking rules may not be clear to our many out of town visitors. Signs seemingly haven't been updated or else it is unclear whether on street non pay parking continue to have time limits enforced on Sundays.	11/11/2019 4:00 PM
521	if not, charge for electricity those cars all ready don't pay any road tax. same for bikes	11/11/2019 3:48 PM
522	More parking and free parking is needed if you want a lot of people livening in the out skirts of town to vist and shop in the downtown core. Have not gone past Bay Street in 6 months	11/11/2019 3:30 PM

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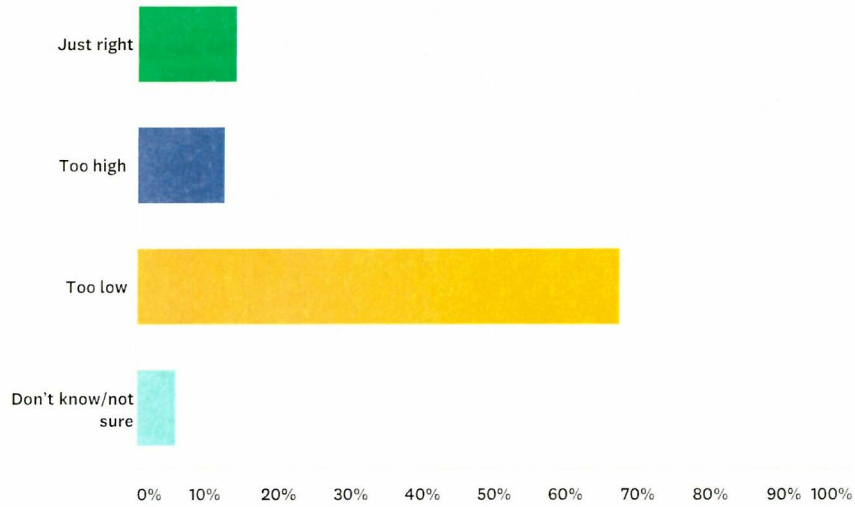
523	The impression the city leaves is that Parking's budget should decrease because available parking spaces are decreasing every year.	11/11/2019 3:28 PM
524	Need more parking. People aren't coming downtown	11/11/2019 3:12 PM
525	Street parking should be free on Sundays!!	11/11/2019 2:50 PM
526	More parades! We actually need somewhere to park since you put those bike lanes in	11/11/2019 2:35 PM
527	Hahahaha Obscenities downtown	11/11/2019 2:22 PM
528	Earn more from parking fees. Charge differently according to the number of non handicapped adults in each passenger vehicle. This might rely on honesty, but with high fines for cheating. And more spaces for tiny vehicles, should be much lower cost than for the large vehicles.	11/11/2019 4:43 AM
529	Sunday parking is ridiculous. I no longer go downtown, go to the malls instead.	11/11/2019 2:41 AM
530	one of the only departments that pays for itself.	11/11/2019 1:41 AM
531	all money generated from parking should go into developing more parking for cars and secure parking for bikes. This should be a self sustaining entity.	11/11/2019 1:25 AM
532	If parking revenues are going to be funneled to unneeded services such as "free" youth bus passes, then the program is not functioning in the best interest of all residents of the city.	11/11/2019 12:46 AM
533	Increase number of handicapped on street parking spots downtown, or make them all handicapped, and free, so seniors and people with challenges can enjoy our downtown. And, no, I don't have a disability	11/11/2019 12:23 AM
534	Your city hates cars	11/10/2019 7:48 PM
535	Parking seems to be well handled. The recent changes to weekend pay street parking are great and have improved parking availability downtown.	11/10/2019 7:12 PM
536	Parking ticket people need to be more lenient. Ive had tickets given to me within a few minutes of parking expiring, being a person with high anxiety, this makes me want to shop downtown less	11/10/2019 3:44 PM
537	Sunday parking should be free	11/9/2019 11:06 PM
538	Should not have to pay for parking downtown. I don't own a car, but this seems counterproductive.	11/9/2019 7:59 PM
539	"The City is committed to improving customer service, making parking easier, and supporting the vitality of downtown Victoria." No, you are not. You charge expensive parking rates, have eliminated free Sunday parking, shortened time allowed at free parking spots near downtown.	11/9/2019 2:35 AM
540	Your parking fees are helping to kill downtown businesses. As a female, I won't use downtown parkades.	11/9/2019 1:13 AM
541	Don't make car parking cheap for people. There should be a price to pay for that mode of transportation, and it is choking our cities. Get rid of every surface parking lot in the city. Approve no new development that includes ground level parking (except for disabled parking). More thought needs to be given for commercial/delivery needs. When they don't find an appropriate place to park, they often double park or just take up the roadway (sometimes with the wheels on one side of the truck up on the sidewalk) when making their deliveries. More bike parking is needed. At the same time, though, as a pedestrian I don't like losing sidewalk space, so don't like them jutting into the sidewalk. I like the idea of gaining bike parking in some areas of the new protected bike lanes (on the dividers). I don't have a very valuable bike, but I have heard from people who have more expensive ones that they would pay for more secure bike lock up if it was available. Again, it should be user pay and not subsidized by the taxpayer. For your parking ticket department: when wishing to request enforcement of Residential Parking rules, why not have a system that doesn't require such manpower. You have to phone in, talk to a real person on the line, just to simply give an address and a license plate. Surely there could be more efficient ways to do this with an app or just going online at the COV website. Your staff (a reduced number of them, hopefully!) would simply have to relay the info to your ticketing officers.	11/8/2019 5:08 PM
542	Increase free parking times. This will encourage more people to visit downtown and spend	11/8/2019 1:29 PM
543	I would rather see money spent on transit and getting people downtown that way, then worry about where they can park their cars	11/8/2019 2:44 AM
544	Need Safe places to lock bikes	11/7/2019 10:38 PM
545	Having moved here from Vancouver, I appreciate the reasonable parking in Victoria.	11/7/2019 8:55 PM
546	Annoyed with the removal of free parking on Sundays	11/7/2019 7:14 AM
547	Focus on active transportation, improved bike parking, wider sidewalks and more trees. Less parking. Make it difficult to park and easy to use active transportation, but ensure people with mobility issues have superb service.	11/7/2019 4:50 AM
548	Get them a better uniform	11/6/2019 11:47 PM
549	You are giving dollars away for a problem which never existed. I speak of his passes. Once again a program with insufficient funding, no long term measurement to determine success and poor implementation What efforts are being made to bring in revenue from scofflaws with outstanding parking tickets ?.	11/6/2019 11:07 PM

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550	Need more secure bike parking.If this already exists it needs to be better communicated. I don't take my bike to shop downtown for fear it will get stolen so I drive from James Bay!	11/6/2019 10:10 PM
551	There is a significant lack of parking downtown so much so that people are not coming to town to meet for lunch etc, instead they are going to neighbouring municipalities. Until we build up the bus services / capacity at prices that encourage people to ride and until we transform our neighbourhoods into more self sustaining hubs we MUST provide sufficient parking in some form / price that meets the needs of residents and visitors (including workers from neighbouring municipalities). We should have bylaws that require condos to include minimum amounts of parking etc. Electric vehicles will still need to park in the future also!	11/6/2019 9:02 PM
552	I am not pleased that I cannot get Parking Services to respond to my queries. This is the only area in the City of Victoria that treats me poorly and feels that I have no right to seek better parking regulation on my street because I live in a condo building. A big shake up and lots of citizen centred service delivery training is needed in that department.	11/6/2019 8:45 PM

Q22 When thinking about the services you receive from VicPD, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 2,980 Skipped: 2,130



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	14.30%	426
Too high	12.65%	377
Too low	67.48%	2,011
Don't know/not sure	5.57%	166
TOTAL		2,980

Q23 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed VicPD operating budget?

Answered: 1 053 Skipped: 4 057

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Vancouver's problems are moving here.	11/25/2019 8:03 AM
2	Because of the homeless issues that this government has made it worse we need more police. This is the most beautiful place in Canada and its embarrassing how we have this issue it no longer feels save in Victoria	11/25/2019 6:22 AM
3	It is taking police a long time to respond to dangerous situations due to the opioid crisis	11/25/2019 6:20 AM
4	Police are paid for the job they do...enough said.	11/25/2019 6:20 AM
5	If the police have to go outside and ask for more money the mayor and counsel must not be listening. Priorities Mayor ! We need more cops !!	11/25/2019 6:09 AM
6	I would like to see the proposed increase of wages of 50% for the council members go towards supporting Bylaw services and police services instead. Bylaws need to be enforced or they are pointless.	11/25/2019 5:20 AM
7	If you keep setting up shelters you need to give Vic pd the ressources to deal with the situation you are choosing to create. Residents don't feel safe anymore in your city	11/25/2019 5:18 AM
8	The city needs more policemen!	11/25/2019 5:08 AM
9	With increased population in Victoria which usually means more safety concerns and higher crime rates, I believe we should have more police officers monitoring streets, parks and squares = increase that budget to 28 % which would go to salaries of extra cops.	11/25/2019 3:34 AM
10	Given that the force is running below what they are supposed to have, but cannot hire, due to budget limits they definitely need more allotment	11/25/2019 2:45 AM
11	Police need better outreach (including appropriate recruitment) to gain the public trust, not more expensive cars.	11/25/2019 12:59 AM
12	People need to be stopped from not wearing helmets and should have to wear safety vests and lights at all times. No black and gray clothing.	11/25/2019 12:59 AM
13	The additional 2 officers which will interact with the mentally ill and homeless are needed.	11/25/2019 12:56 AM
14	I can't say enough about the compassion and skill of the police in our neighbourhood. I think this is money well spent. Unless there is waste that is not obvious, I don't think we can spend less.	11/25/2019 12:40 AM
15	It is very important that our Police Force receive training that assists them make the decisions that lead to a healthy, creative, dynamic city.	11/25/2019 12:36 AM
16	amalgamate	11/24/2019 11:40 PM
17	Increased funding for VicPD should be a priority. Policing is one of the core services residents expect of their local government. This should be a priority of increased funding for (e.g.) tree management plans.	11/24/2019 11:30 PM
18	We need more police presence down town to manage aggressive/unpredictable homeless, addicted and/or mentally ill people so the inner city is safe and welcome for everyone. As an older woman, I avoid downtown as much as possible. I see it as rundown, dirty and intimidating.	11/24/2019 11:17 PM
19	Pay them what they want! Your decisions have caused the city to fall apart. It's ridiculous and an embarrassment about what you are doing to them.	11/24/2019 11:04 PM
20	City council needs to stop playing games with and micromanaging VicPD. VicPD is one of the best police forces in North America. Time to stop treating them like the enemy and give them the resources they need.	11/24/2019 10:40 PM
21	I believe the police should have more funding to deal effectively, using a community based approach, with the needs of the vulnerable homeless and mentally ill people. Especially in the downtown.	11/24/2019 10:12 PM
22	Too much theft and violence on the streets	11/24/2019 9:52 PM
23	The need for more police is obvious. Take the 55% increase you were going to give yourselves, for doing exactly what except destroy the downtown, and hire more police.	11/24/2019 9:13 PM
24	The back log calls for non emergency is crazy! The addicts have taken away our policemen to ensure they answer these addicts OD calls which puts officers on the spot to make medical decisions that they are held accountable for!	11/24/2019 9:10 PM

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25	We need better protection from the criminal element and more officers are needed with special training to deal with mental health issues, at the moment you can not be sure that the police can or will respond in a timely fashion because they are spread too thin. 911 has issues now and if you want to call the non emergency number you can be on hold for over an hour before you speak to a person. We as a city are burning out of police force and officers are leaving the force because they are worked too hard and don't get the help they need	11/24/2019 8:58 PM
26	We need to come down harder on the petty crime in the city while offering supports for the disadvantaged. Property crime is out of control	11/24/2019 8:35 PM
27	Give the police more money so they can actually have the staff to crack down on the skyrocketing crime happening in this city.	11/24/2019 8:08 PM
28	Due to the increase in homelessness and crime activities in the downtown core, the police should reasonably receive what they need to create a safe downtown. Unfortunately, Pandora street is a very sad place and I admire the police for the work they do there and in other parts of the downtown core.	11/24/2019 7:59 PM
29	It would be great if they actually stopped some crime and didn't waste so much time driving drug users out to the hospital for dinner.	11/24/2019 7:53 PM
30	Mayor and council fail to recognize that the volume of traffic coming into the city is from outlying areas These areas should be paying to support the police budget. Also the wing nut idea to tie part time council members salaries to median city staff wage rates is self serving. Focus on the betterment for the city as a whole, which is police man power not council self interests	11/24/2019 7:21 PM
31	Victoria/Esquimalt taxpayers are strained paying for policing issues that are regional in nature (Mental Health & Substance abuse, homelessness, etc.) What strategies are being developed to address this so that resources are appropriately provided for this important function?	11/24/2019 7:13 PM
32	There needs to be a regional police force (especially Saanich and Oak Bay) so Victoria doesn't have to pay the entire cost for policing regional issues and events.	11/24/2019 7:02 PM
33	Our local police need to be fully funded so they can properly deal with the myriad of issues they face, especially those related to Victoria's growing homeless population.	11/24/2019 6:53 PM
34	Victoria's police dept. needs to have the funding necessary to deal with a fast growing city with all the related problems of a significant homeless population.	11/24/2019 6:46 PM
35	VicPD is an important part of keeping our communities safe and healthy.	11/24/2019 6:23 PM
36	VicPD is also an area I'd like to see further development. If we want school liaison officers we need to properly fund our emergency response offices	11/24/2019 6:11 PM
37	Schools and students highly benefit from police liaison; this relationship is paramount in developing trust and understanding. Our city benefits from the business generated here by surrounding communities and needs to shoulder more active police presence. Surrounding communities should be invited to contribute in this police presence with greater effort to 'cross' municipal boundaries	11/24/2019 5:54 PM
38	I think there should be some form of regional funding on top of what the city funds.	11/24/2019 5:51 PM
39	Regional Police Force!!! Im tired of paying for greater victoria and tourism utilizing the entertainment/services of Victoria and not paying their fair share.	11/24/2019 5:07 PM
40	There should be more officers as public safety is what makes our city livable.	11/24/2019 5:03 PM
41	Currently the police force does not have the resources to look into some crimes that I have had occur such as car break ins and pellet guns fired into my property causing damages in both cases. Their budget should be increased.	11/24/2019 5:02 PM
42	Regional Police Department!!! Also, seek Federal Funding as Victoria is a climate friendly place for mental health/hard to house.	11/24/2019 4:49 PM
43	There needs to be training on trauma informed practice. I and others I know have heard of/witnessed distressing situations where an officer is not acting in a trauma safe manner. If the budget is going to stay as high as it is for Vic PD, they need to know and do better, align with provincial mandates to sensitively address reconciliation and opioid crisis related issues, and trauma informed practice. That VicPD occupies nearly a quarter of the municipal operations budget and cannot guarantee consistent trauma and cultural competency that is responsive to the populations they serve is ludicrous.	11/24/2019 4:41 PM
44	not enough police to cover city needs properly	11/24/2019 4:40 PM
45	need more police	11/24/2019 4:32 PM
46	I have needed VicPD in an emergency, and they responded quickly, but they are unable to be contacted via the non emergency lines without excessive waits. Property crime has increased substantially, and the city feels less safe than previous years. Homelessness and addictions, although social issues, spill into crime, intimidation and aggression towards law abiding taxpayers. It's not okay, and trying to give yourselves a 54% pay raise while denying additional officers for safety is self serving and unacceptable.	11/24/2019 4:17 PM

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47	New non traditional police roles taking up a lot of the budget. Need to be more aggressive in getting funding from senior levels of govt that have neglected their duties, this downloading costs to the city.	11/24/2019 2:26 PM
48	Get rid of drugs and homeless people	11/24/2019 9:45 AM
49	Sending police in to shut down all the dispensaries serving the medical community was a dick move. Grouping cannabis users in with vapers and cigarette smokers is an error in judgment. If cannabis is toxic, we can thank the government for that. Current models support kingpin black market dealers who don't care about medical users or long term health. Government is currently complicit to short term profit gain at the expense of safety and affordability. The fentanyl crisis is directly related to the housing and affordability crises.	11/24/2019 5:31 AM
50	did anyone bother to review the VicPD budget proposal? some sections are wildly off the rails. in some cases 'contingency funds' and 'miscellaneous' expenditures (?) are way too high large jumps approved in 2020 in some cases (without explanation), then inflated in future years not all "police" expenditures are in VicPD section; city also shows other allowances for vehicles, computers / eqpt etc. why not in VicPD budget? there is NO WAY this budget should be approved as is. .City councillors too obsequious?.	11/24/2019 5:18 AM
51	Not enough police. The homeless population are starting to rule the downtown core. Some panhandling is becoming intimidating and doorways are still being used at outhouses.	11/24/2019 5:16 AM
52	we need more members	11/24/2019 4:10 AM
53	I support the VicPd request for 4 additional officers. I further support having officers attached to schools in SD 61.	11/24/2019 3:19 AM
54	No money in Budget for our Police force? Now city council thinks they deserve this 55% Raise???? NO!	11/24/2019 2:46 AM
55	WAY TOO HIGH. INVEST IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES AND MENTAL HEALTH AND LESS POLICING WILL BE REQUIRED. I hear countless terrible stories of police using brutal force and treating people terribly/unfairly/being racist. If any extra money is going towards police it should be for sensitivity and mental health training such as Mental Health First Aid or ASIST.	11/24/2019 2:31 AM
56	Create more community policing alternatives that operate on inclusive models and anti oppression.	11/24/2019 2:10 AM
57	I'd like to see the school support team revived in an integrated manner shared on a rotating basis with municipalities throughout SD 61. I also support amalgamation of services and would like to see \$\$ set aside to purse the amalgamation initiative	11/23/2019 10:51 PM
58	I think that VicPD services are undervalued and an increase in their budget is needed	11/23/2019 10:17 PM
59	Hire more police officers and work with provincial Gov't to provide more mental health and drug and alcohol services.	11/23/2019 9:19 PM
60	The Victoria Police should be granted the additional officers Chief Del Manak has requested. The police have an unduly heavy burden in policing downtown which attracts a lot of people from the neighbouring municipalities.	11/23/2019 9:17 PM
61	We need more working officers on streets. Fund the police to ensure city is safe for residents and visitors.	11/23/2019 8:52 PM
62	The police probably require this level of funding and perhaps more but as a percentage of the budget it seems too much. The need to police more people than actually pay taxes in this municipality along with the burden of health care and social services hidden in this cost needs to be addressed. The province needs to step up for their responsibilities and lessen this burden.	11/23/2019 7:02 PM
63	Vic PD should stick to their mandate , enforce all the laws not cherry pick what parts they want to do and ignore the rest.	11/23/2019 6:05 PM
64	Enforcement is only one area of community safety (education, prevention, intervention) that lead to overall sense of community safety. We will not be able to enforce our way to what we desire. Spread the \$ into the other strategies for a community and culture change.	11/23/2019 5:47 PM
65	The decreasing level of policing resources in the city is disgusting and of major concern. I drive down Pandora every morning and always 5 or 6 police officers dealing with the homeless. This should not be a police task in the majority cases as not a policing responsibility. Community Police should be established for this type of work and to provide assistance and free up police officers.	11/23/2019 5:25 PM
66	Need more funding for policing and peace keeping. Too many homeless people and they are using drugs all over the town and I feel not safe working around.	11/23/2019 5:06 PM
67	Police should be walking the streets, not driving around in large cars. This creates a huge disconnect from the community and uses fossil fuels that aren't necessary. It would also increase overall health of the officers and make officers more relatable	11/23/2019 4:11 PM

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68	I appreciate this is a difficult situation and I think you should keep lobbying the province to intervene and help look for solutions (I.e. amalgamating forces). That being said, you can't let the force languish in the meantime. These poor officers are being used as ploys in this larger chess match and I can't imagine the physical and mental toll this must take. They have incredibly difficult jobs and need to feel that they are respected and valued. Adequate funding plays a key role in this. I am very worried about the number of officers on leave and the toll this is taking. We need these people to be at their best and brightest. Please prioritize a funding increase in this area.	11/23/2019 3:12 PM
69	The police services are far more important than the various pet projects of this Mayor and Council. The police have incredibly stressful jobs. This Mayor and Council have been undercutting the needs of the police, while you have the incredible gall to think that you deserve a 55% hike in salary!!! I have a relative who has the misfortune of living with a mental illness. When they were undergoing a breakdown, it was the police, and not the hospital staff, who exhibited the most compassion, kindness, understanding, and support!! This is a truthful account. I was surprised to discover that the police showed infinitely more compassion and understanding than the RJH staff! I will never forget what I witnessed on more than one occasion. The police department should be a top priority of the budget. For the record, we are a minority family "of colour".	11/23/2019 11:04 AM
70	VicPD should have been given a budget to meet their manpower requests. We need the Police, we do not "need" bike lanes.	11/23/2019 10:10 AM
71	Police board needs to drive cost efficiencies at Vic PD.the police chief should be executing the city's budget decisions and not resisting them.this is not appropriate conduct for the chief.	11/23/2019 8:15 AM
72	Increase their budget so we can have less rampant drug use on our streets!	11/23/2019 7:49 AM
73	Police are critical to the safe operation of the city. I would vastly prefer to pay for additional police officers than to give any of our city councillors another nickel!	11/23/2019 5:38 AM
74	We need more police officers.	11/23/2019 5:06 AM
75	Please increase funding.	11/23/2019 4:33 AM
76	For the second straight year, the Victoria Police Board is asking the Province to step in and approve hiring of additional officers, a proposal that was rejected by Victoria City Council. I completely support Council's position on this.	11/23/2019 4:05 AM
77	Council and the Police Board need to support our Police and the Chief financially and then keep out of their business.	11/23/2019 3:27 AM
78	These guys have wasted (used up money) on riot/swat vans (armored car) have skyrocketed their budget over the last decade yet are not service friendly to the people of Victoria.	11/23/2019 3:18 AM
79	Some people in the city seem to be holding grudges against the police force.	11/23/2019 2:13 AM
80	Follow through on the Chief's request for additional policing resources, rather than waiting to be told to do so.	11/23/2019 1:59 AM
81	There are more and more demands on the police as the population rises, the drug scene takes on so many resources, and people seem to be becoming more entitled and possibly less responsible!	11/23/2019 1:36 AM
82	I support the VicPd having the staff increases as requested to support programs like community and school liaison.	11/22/2019 11:57 PM
83	the funding for the police is way too low. Crime and mental health in this city is a raging problem.	11/22/2019 11:28 PM
84	Police focus too much of their time dealing with mental health issues. While misdemeanours are not as important as the more serious issues they must deal with, they need to be monitored and enforced as a discouragement. Misdemeanours are rampant and common occurrences in downtown Victoria. They have remained unchecked for several years.	11/22/2019 10:46 PM
85	Funding is necessary for increased officers.	11/22/2019 10:42 PM
86	The ongoing funding/staffing issues seem highly politicized and polemic; surely there would be a better way to move forward and address the very real issues of public confidence and safety.	11/22/2019 10:29 PM
87	listen to the Chief	11/22/2019 10:25 PM
88	I would rather have 6 new police officers than waste another dime on giving city councillors a raise.	11/22/2019 10:04 PM
89	According to VicPD, they are underfunded. I'd like to see this addressed adequately. If you insist on densification, police needs will naturally increase.	11/22/2019 9:27 PM
90	I struggle to figure out how in this day and age we have 7 different police forces in the CRD, with large operating budgets each. The amount of money and resources that could be re allocated if there was an amalgamation of the different police forces, let alone the improved services for residences, while helping shoulder what I imagine is a larger policing budget in Victoria due to the downtown core seems like a no brainer. I would love for this to be more a of a forefront issue for council.	11/22/2019 9:22 PM
91	Bottom line is that we need more police officers to keep our streets safe, and to counter the increasing perception that our streets are becoming less safe. We need more officers for the late night force, so that hours of operation can be extended and more areas of downtown where there are issues related to entertainment establishments can be covered.	11/22/2019 8:49 PM

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92	Demands on policing are growing, especially with mental health and addiction issues which are concentrated in Victoria, so more police are needed. Also, the city is proposing lower speed limits but there is virtually no speeding enforcement so what is the point of changing speed limits.	11/22/2019 8:46 PM
93	Provide funding for additional community officers requested by the department to prevent crime.	11/22/2019 8:23 PM
94	Please listen to the Chief of Police suggestions. Give him the funds he requires to keep the citizens of Victoria safe as well as his officers.	11/22/2019 8:10 PM
95	This is where amalgamation comes to mind. City of Victoria residents are paying to support downtown policing that is enjoyed by everyone from the CRD, yet are the only ones footing the bill. The VicPD is severely understaffed for what is expected of them and will prohibit our city from getting the best officers and to making our city more welcoming.	11/22/2019 7:41 PM
96	Way too many addicts and people with mental problems in downtown area. Aggressive panhandling makes it unsafe for seniors.	11/22/2019 7:05 PM
97	There doesn't appear to be a way of knowing exactly how lucrative the benefits are. My understanding is the city is looking at providing all city employees with bus passes. If this is to occur it must be on a basis of use it or lose it. Too many contracts allow payouts when one retires or leaves employment for things like sick days and bus passes. I think the police department needs an efficiency audit to determine whether the current shift configuration is the best use of many power, whether too many hands are handling evidence...in terms of change of command and how many officers are deployed to crime scenes. This can lead to a large number of officers racking up overtime and banking court time. Also is the pension based on best five years...base salary or salary and overtime.	11/22/2019 6:36 PM
98	VicPD are under extreme pressure from homelessness and drug addiction. It is shameful that you are not treating the problem for both the homeless/addicted and the police. The police are our first responders. Addiction may be a social problem, but it manifests in danger to businesses, homes and people. When someone high on meth is threatening shopworkers with axes or syringes filled with HIV blood, you don't call a social worker. Mayor and Council, you don't want to publicly acknowledge what's happening on our streets that police have to deal with every day because it would destroy the illusion you've created with your pretty pictures in the financial plan that Victoria is all gardens and puppies.	11/22/2019 6:09 PM
99	I think VicPD creates work to fill the space. I feel there is over policing. Also to add I've noticed that they have been testing the European siren and I much prefer it to the racket they usually have turned on.	11/22/2019 5:36 PM
100	The police officers are worked to the bone. They are expected to respond to police calls, bylaw call, Paramedic calls, yet they are paid so poorly that they cannot afford to live in this city.	11/22/2019 5:22 PM
101	Wait times seem to be too long for emergencies. You are OKing a significant rise in density and this will increase demands on the police. Pursue amalgamation of police services.	11/22/2019 5:09 PM
102	I am not anti policing. However, I don't understand why our police officers are so "busy". In many places the police enforce many laws that are commonly broken such as possession charges, prostitution, petty theft etc. However, here, they have a mandate not to involve themselves with possession, or prostitution, and if you contact them about petty theft they say it is not a priority. Given that we have a low murder rate, I'm not sure why the case load is so high. My scooter was recently stolen, and they told me I was lucky a friend found it, because they wouldn't even bother to have looked for it. We also have very low policing of traffic violations in this city. If they aren't dealing with traffic and petty crimes, and we don't have much in the way of serious crimes, or hardened criminals, I don't understand where the high expenses come from. Except for issues that could be associated with the housing crisis, many of these issues could be dealt with using lower cost workers such as social etc.	11/22/2019 5:01 PM
103	We need more of a visible presence downtown so need to hire more police. The area I work in never feels safe.	11/22/2019 4:30 PM
104	Your priorities are all wrong, you dont need an in house art person or in house poet and the mayor does not not need an assistant nor should we be paying for your lunch.	11/22/2019 3:43 PM
105	Instead of just hiring more cops, how about they hire social workers or support staff so the cops aren't bogged down with paperwork and being de facto support staff themselves?	11/22/2019 3:11 PM
106	Not enough police for the level of violence and drug use in this city. The national statistics on police funding speaks volumes; Victoria leadership does not care about providing appropriate funding to police services.	11/22/2019 2:10 PM
107	Absolutely need to increase budget for policing per Vic PD requests	11/22/2019 7:52 AM
108	amalgamate now	11/22/2019 7:37 AM
109	Way to low...shame on city council	11/22/2019 7:36 AM
110	It's been very disappointing to see the police being underfunded there are so many issues on our streets, until the city and province sorts out mental health, addiction, and the services that attract and concentrate vulnerable citizens in the downtown core, the city needs to step up to support the police and more solutions.	11/22/2019 6:39 AM
111	Please don't support militarizing the police force by adding funds to their budget. Let's return to a model of community policing.	11/22/2019 6:29 AM

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112	Increase budget	11/22/2019 5:49 AM
113	We need more police and less bike lanes. The city is not safe. Visitors are shocked by the number of street people and the mess they make.	11/22/2019 5:08 AM
114	This should be a PRIORITY.	11/22/2019 4:15 AM
115	It's clear that until the city addresses the homelessness issue and all the drug abuse issues related to it, that crime will continue to rise and the need for increased policing will also continue to rise. You have done nothing to solve the problem and have in fact made it worse by providing resources that enable them rather than rehabilitate them which is attracting even more of them to this city.	11/22/2019 3:58 AM
116	How much did your bungled investigation of the former chief cost?	11/22/2019 3:50 AM
117	I see them in coffee shops all the time for a lot longer than a 15 minute coffee break. We have the resources just not the ambition	11/22/2019 3:36 AM
118	Allow them to do they jobs as they now how and best. Stay out of policing!	11/22/2019 3:01 AM
119	23% of the operating budget. That's crazy. We have some of the highest levels of per capita spending on police. So much of the 'policing' should be service provision. It may not seem like the municipality's direct jurisdiction but actually it is crisis intervention, mental health supports etc. Are a crime prevention issue. The idea that the City's responsibility for community safety is limited to a reactionary policing approach is siloed and outdated.	11/22/2019 3:01 AM
120	neighbourhoods would feel safer if there were more funding for community police stations, bicycle police	11/22/2019 2:24 AM
121	We need more police to protect the citizens of Victoria. Our city safety is gone. Council needs to support the tax base	11/22/2019 2:23 AM
122	Provide the funding required by the police force to staff identified positions needed to ensure the safety of our citizens.	11/22/2019 2:23 AM
123	The Victoria Police department is understaffed, over worked and heavily involved with dealing mental health addiction calls. You need to get social workers and health care to deal with that. They are getting burned out. They need more money to investigate theft of stolen property, online sales of stolen property, to watch for trends and patterns.	11/22/2019 1:47 AM
124	Victoria's policies and community level enabling of addicts, alcoholics and those that choose to do nothing to help themselves has increased the need for the amazing work our Vic PD does. Stop the enabling and help increase treatment centres and recovery groups for those that want it. if this isnt the direction the city will take then give the PD everything they need to do their job. Give them the money so they are never on duty without a partner.	11/22/2019 1:14 AM
125	Include the employers benefit portion like other services have. Do not penalize the police.	11/22/2019 12:44 AM
126	could do a better job on traffic control like red light running cars trucks unfit for the road correcting bad driving habits	11/21/2019 11:30 PM
127	less bike lanes, more police service	11/21/2019 11:20 PM
128	I say too low only because our Police cannot adequately address cyber crimes. We will be waiting until 2022 even for the RCMP to address cyber crime. People skilled in IT get away with extortion and act with impunity.	11/21/2019 10:31 PM
129	It appears numbers of cases are being slowed, or skipped due to lack of officials to deal with cases on a timely basis. I am away6 of several charges being investigated taking months, with no feed back for police.	11/21/2019 9:18 PM
130	These are professionals, listen to their concerns	11/21/2019 8:52 PM
131	Provide some staff for collaboration with mental health, drug and alcohol to move people on to needed services instead of recycling through police cells	11/21/2019 8:44 PM
132	Fund the extra officers that have been requested stop allowing council to grandstand and attack the hardworking men and women who put their lives on the line every day to ensure that strong, livable neighbourhoods are a reality rather than a platitude. The police budget should be addressed before \$10,000 catered lunches to council and thoughts of 50% pay raises	11/21/2019 7:57 PM
133	WE NEED MORE POLICEMEN AND WOMEN. USE THE WAGES MONEY YOU WANT AND GIVE IT TO THE POLICE DEPT.	11/21/2019 7:53 PM
134	VicPD is on the front line of the opioid epidemic, the housing crisis, and the mental health emergency that is affecting the most vulnerable citizens. I believe that having an adequately funded police force is imperative for the city to manage the impacts of these issues on the people are both directly, and indirectly, affected.	11/21/2019 7:50 PM
135	Please give the police chief the exact amount that he requests and please continue to do that from now on. Rather than giving yourself a 50% raise, you should chop your wages to a quarter because you are doing a dreadful job. You have continually been going outside your lane and dealing with matters that a provincial or federal that you should not be dealing with. You should focus on dealing with strictly matters that are municipal issues.	11/21/2019 7:45 PM

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136	Big question...of course there's the topic of amalgamation of our municipalities. Definite benefits for policing there. Without discussing amalgamation, we have to invest in policing! City Council have held VicPD's feet to the fire and they've done a good job in streamlining their services and are effective managers. However, there are too many areas where we are not supporting VicPD. When they are asking for more officers to support community initiatives, outreach, schools, investigations and the City says "no", we as a community are losing out. Tourism will only continue if we can maintain a safe and clean downtown core. I'm an advocate of diversity, mix use and respectful spaces; and, we require highly skilled officers to police the area to assist those who are marginalized and are making poor choices for themselves.	11/21/2019 7:25 PM
137	They have demands that the current budget does not support	11/21/2019 7:25 PM
138	need to be able to do their job, like enforcement of the law; again, enforcement with fines pays for the budget in itself. Enforce the law and revenue pays for the work increase.	11/21/2019 7:10 PM
139	Traffic rules esp. downtown are not enforced. Every minute cars jump red lights, drivers turn without signalling or are on the cell phone. And the homeless community seems impervious to rules. Petty theft like stolen bikes or breaking into cars is worth reporting only if you need to make an insurance claim. Some parts downtown are now no go zones for ordinary people esp. at night. More and more places have/need private security... need I go on?	11/21/2019 7:09 PM
140	I cannot get my head around the Vic PD. The driving in this city has become stupid. Speeding everywhere, disregarding stop signs, aggressive behavior seems to be the norm. There is a lot of money to be made in driving fines and lower insurance costs as well. Our police chief wants additional police for cyber crimes...I mean really. The global investigators can't fix that one. Whenever I pass police headquarters there are numerous patrol cars parked and not in use. How about fewer cars and more beat patrols? Know your neighbourhood.	11/21/2019 6:43 PM
141	Give the police more money!!!!	11/21/2019 6:36 PM
142	VicPD have been treated poorly and does not get the funding to keep our city safe.	11/21/2019 6:15 PM
143	The Victoria City Council should be ashamed of themselves for telling the Police Department they are expected to do the same or more on less.	11/21/2019 5:59 PM
144	Enough Obscenities from Council. Given them what they need so they can do a better job.	11/21/2019 5:33 PM
145	Give the increasing levels of property crimes, more police officers would be welcome.	11/21/2019 5:25 PM
146	We need more policing and need to look at amalgamation	11/21/2019 5:21 PM
147	They are making difference. Merci to them	11/21/2019 5:20 PM
148	Fund the police department needs. They are definitely stretched to provide the services required.	11/21/2019 4:34 PM
149	Hire more officers to help deal with increasing crime. Don't raise your own (city workers') salaries.	11/21/2019 4:33 PM
150	This is a tough one. Many dollars are spent policing poverty. Alternative models using social workers etc usually fall under provincial money not municipal. However visible homelessness and open drug use have increased as the luxury towers rise downtown.	11/21/2019 4:24 PM
151	Very dissatisfied that the positions for police officers dedicated to the mental health team were not approved. If you haven't noticed these people desperately need help!	11/21/2019 3:57 PM
152	forget the Vancouver Street bike lane and give the police a larger budget to hire more officers	11/21/2019 3:38 PM
153	WAY TOO LOW You want a raise, councillors? You signed on for this at that rate! Dishonest request. FUND VIC PD, your actions have made our community unsafe. So much disrespect for our police from the Together Victoria cult.	11/21/2019 3:01 PM
154	no brainer, we need more officers to keep our city safe	11/21/2019 2:55 PM
155	Again, the city is growing and as it grows we need a vibrant police force.	11/21/2019 1:53 PM
156	It's extortion	11/21/2019 8:00 AM
157	It's incredible that you can't justify spending for an increase in community policing yet you are asking for a pay raise when in my opinion Victoria as a place to live has gone downhill with the current municipal government and actually as a result of your bike path plan my family had to close down their business of 20+ years due to the impact the construction had on revenue.	11/21/2019 7:38 AM
158	We need more policemen	11/21/2019 7:30 AM
159	The community NEEDS more police officers. A person shouldn't have to wait for assistance in an emergency which is the current situation.	11/21/2019 6:43 AM
160	Give them the money to allow a proper job to be done. Put more police on the beat in trouble prone areas.	11/21/2019 6:02 AM
161	Would like to see greater Vic area police dept.	11/21/2019 5:48 AM
162	It is absolutely too high. We need to find solutions to end homelessness not fancy things for vicpd that don't benefit people. They do not make this city feel safer. Ending homelessness does, food security does, support for immigrant families does, multi cultural events do	11/21/2019 5:36 AM
163	We need to increase funding for VicPD so they can do the job we need them to do. It is hard to sustain a business when police budgets are so low.	11/21/2019 5:15 AM

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164	In theory, 23% sounds like a sufficient percentage but given the coverage that is in the media, it doesn't seem like it's enough for them to properly do their jobs.	11/21/2019 5:09 AM
165	It should have been increased more this year to not stress out our officers and to continue providing a safe community.	11/21/2019 4:57 AM
166	Underfunded and overworked	11/21/2019 4:38 AM
167	We ABSOLUTELY must have more police officers in Victoria. Our City is losing the battle against crime and traffic control. The increase of shoplifters in our retail stores is totally out of control. The decision to open the former Tally Ho building on Douglas to low income individuals with many other mental health/drug related issues has had a major negative effect on the surrounding retail business. We at Mayfair Mall deal with the shoplifters on a daily basis, we are forced to pay more attention to dealing with these people who are boldly walking into our store and walking out with arm fulls of merchandise, knowing that the police will not respond to our calls or if we do have an "arrest" by our internal Loss Prevention associate will have to wait at least 2 hrs to have an officer come to our store to let us know they do not have the time or resources to pursue this is absolutely unacceptable and is having a terrible effect on our business. There is no traffic control I witness several times daily cars running yellow lights, and no increasingly cars running red lights it happens way too often. There are so many other traffic violations passive aggressive drivers are everywhere, no wonder because there is no repercussion!	11/21/2019 4:33 AM
168	Police need a raise and more officers than Isitt et al need a raise.	11/21/2019 4:24 AM
169	Way (emphasis on the way) to low. Council does not deserve a raise, rather more funding to make kids, adults and everyone a like to feel safe in their communities this means Obscenities council MORE POLICE OFFICERS.	11/21/2019 3:51 AM
170	n	11/21/2019 3:38 AM
171	Please provide more financial support for policing	11/21/2019 3:35 AM
172	It is clear that as the city grows in the past decade, we have not been willing to continue funding VicPD to handle the challenges of the downtown core.	11/21/2019 3:24 AM
173	Please please please provide adequate funding for policing, I am very disappointed at how council has not funded reasonable budget requests for policing, while they provide funding for other (in my opinion, less important) activities... and the audacity of some councilors to recommend a massive increase in their own remuneration.	11/21/2019 3:24 AM
174	Calls take too long, if they get response at all.	11/21/2019 3:12 AM
175	I'd like to see more truncheons in the equipment budget. Plus training in their compassionate use.	11/21/2019 3:09 AM
176	20 years ago , Victoria had neighbourhood "beat" cops there was almost no homelessness, local methadon clinics helped , dealing with these issues will cost less in the long run.	11/21/2019 3:08 AM
177	just fund what they need already.	11/21/2019 2:50 AM
178	Hire a few more police and dismiss the silly notion of the huge proposed raise for part time councillors.	11/21/2019 2:38 AM
179	The opioid crisis combined with the increased cost of living, including affordable housing making it extremely hard for those who live and work in the downtown core are all contributing to a social situation that requires an increase in policing, particularly officers trained in social outreach.	11/21/2019 2:38 AM
180	This funding is dangerously low given the challenges within our boundaries. The police provide an essential social service within our core, and the lack of support for them in the context of the concentration of social agencies in one zone has rendered the whole community at risk	11/21/2019 1:20 AM
181	The downtown core sees a higher number of visitors from other municipalities. The VicPD are expected to police more than it's share of incidents other municipalities should be contributing (if they are not already).	11/21/2019 1:16 AM
182	Priority should go funding police resources not youth bus passes or a lift in councillors compensation	11/21/2019 1:11 AM
183	Need contributions from other municipalities	11/21/2019 1:06 AM
184	The budget was too low last year. There needs to be more police presence downtown. I see that there is a fairly big increase so hopefully it is enough.	11/21/2019 12:55 AM
185	There are 6 officers you are required to hire from the 2018 budget and we need to hire more. If you continue with the strategic objective (1) #4 to push the province for regionalized police services, then include total amalgamation of all municipalities. Otherwise, increase the Victoria Police budget. Today's news release reporting Maclean's magazine annual ranking of Canada's Most Dangerous Places lists Victoria/Esquimalt as the 32nd most dangerous city in the country (out of 237 communities); Victoria & Esquimalt have significantly higher rates of sexual types of violent crimes than the rest of the country; the Victoria assault rate is more than double the national average and the Victoria sexual assault rate is above the Canadian average. Please do the right thing and support Vic PD with appropriate funds!	11/21/2019 12:20 AM
186	Downton is not the safe place it used to be. Officers are constantly dragged away for mental health issues and climate activist events.	11/21/2019 12:15 AM

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187	Response time to calls is well beyond what is considered reasonable for non emergencies. Far too many resources (time, money, officers) are wasted dealing with issues relating to homeless/drunks/drugs in the DT core. An action plan needs to be developed to deal with the continued increase in issues. VicPD is under funded and continued underfunding will begin to risk public safety. This is a non negotiable budget item!	11/21/2019 12:09 AM
188	Pay the Police before the politicians!	11/21/2019 12:06 AM
189	More officers are needed, especially on lower Johnson.	11/20/2019 11:47 PM
190	The draft budget, (proposed property tax breakdown) shows 0.20% Police 6 officers approved by province 2019 I believe this was to be a 2018 expense so those funds should have been held in trust until the dispute was settled. We need to add more police officers, over & above the 6, for the 2020 budget.	11/20/2019 11:41 PM
191	We need more policing to make our city safer. I have had numerous challenges with my business and the delayed police response has become a safety concern for my employees. I am considering moving my operations out of the downtown core.	11/20/2019 11:26 PM
192	They bought a tank...yes a tank. Why?	11/20/2019 11:17 PM
193	There are too many officers on paid leave for PTSD issues (50+ of them!) when we have a lack of violent crime in this city, there needs to be some way to include some sort of funding in the next budget to screen out officer candidates that are overly prone to PTSD for things that are routine in a police officers duties there is absolutely no reason to have that many officers off on paid leave, too many of them are milking the system to get free time off. Policing is known to be a difficult job, people who easily crack or have thin skins shouldn't be wearing a badge, their inability to deal with the stress of the job also puts the public at risk. Make the next police budget contingent on implementing a screening process and all the rest of the good officers wont be so overworked by shouldering the responsibilities of the bad ones.	11/20/2019 11:05 PM
194	We need more officer patrols downtown to restore public confidence in the area.	11/20/2019 11:03 PM
195	We may need more policing downtown.	11/20/2019 11:01 PM
196	Council has created a ridiculous situation of under funding and it is creating chaos on the streets!	11/20/2019 10:44 PM
197	There are not enough officers in our city. With the increased amount of open drug use the officers are now acting as paramedics administering Narcan and should be paid accordingly. The city of Victoria receives an increasing amount of calls as our population has grown significantly and we need more police. When my husband visits the city from Philadelphia he constantly is commenting on the lack of police presence.	11/20/2019 10:39 PM
198	I am disgusted that Council has refused to increase the VicPD operating budget. Our condo building has experienced the results of this, when someone was somehow getting in to our building and stole bikes, etc. plus entered and damaged cars. Also, when it is necessary to call 911, it would be reassuring to think that the necessary response would be as quick as possible. As a senior, I no longer drive but do lots of walking and ride the bus. I seldom see a police officer when I am in town and waiting for the bus.	11/20/2019 10:24 PM
199	There have attempted to do more than mandated. The area needs to be combined and the management needs to be silm down	11/20/2019 10:15 PM
200	Raise the police budget and remove all the homeless people from the city. It's such an eyesore and an embarrassment for the provincial capital. Send them to a labor camp in northern Alberta or wherever, just dont let them stay	11/20/2019 10:02 PM
201	Seems poorly resourced but unsure if that's due to funding or internal workings.	11/20/2019 9:55 PM
202	Living in the downtown core, there needs to be more VICPD support. I have no issues increasing their budget.	11/20/2019 9:21 PM
203	We have a serious problem in our neighbourhood of homelessness and drug use. So many occurrences that require police force to intervene, yet they are so short staffed. Everyone's safety is important, citizens and police force included. They need more funding	11/20/2019 9:05 PM
204	More affordable housing would allow for less policing required to kick people out of places they're trying to sleep and live	11/20/2019 8:24 PM
205	Given that we've pretty much forced our police to become front line mental health workers, combined with the preponderance of transient/homeless/addicted individuals drawn to Victoria by our mild climate, we need to ensure our police services have the resources they need to do the job properly.	11/20/2019 8:21 PM
206	Council's current approach thinking they can force the Province to support police costs in Victoria by under funding it is irresponsible.	11/20/2019 8:19 PM
207	Increase police budget to provide more service. Crime in this city is a huge issue.	11/20/2019 8:14 PM
208	We don't need more police. We need social and housing programs to address the homeless and addiction problems.	11/20/2019 7:52 PM
209	VicPD should receive the funding it requires to do its job properly without compromising service. Underfunding the PD at the expense of other less pressing issues (i.e. banning plastic bags or trying to regulate the Victoria Harbour authority) is detrimental to the citizens of the city	11/20/2019 7:51 PM

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210	Redirect funding from lower priority items toward core public services like public safety. We need more constables on the front line, especially in the downtown core, which feels unsafe particularly at Centennial Square!	11/20/2019 7:44 PM
211	I wish City Council would stop the overt interference in the VicPD budget. It seems that certain council members have an axe to grind against the department. The department has not been treated equitably (MSP premium tax) and it's clear that there is a political agenda against the department. While council may disagree with the policing arrangement in Greater Victoria, this should not be at the expense of the police department.	11/20/2019 7:19 PM
212	The police budget increases over the rate of inflation each year. This cuts into funding for other areas of the city. The constant negative media spin from the police is aggressive and unnecessary. Further restraints on the police budget growth is required.	11/20/2019 7:16 PM
213	It is an outrage in this day & age when police services are not adequately funded. Mental health services & police community services are mandatory in this age of anxiety & addictions & poverty.	11/20/2019 6:50 PM
214	Please provide the necessary funding to ensure life safety is number one in our community. Right now we are failing our guests and tax payers every single day and allowing citizens to put their safety at risk as we are not dealing with the street issues. Our theft is at a record high, along with vandalism.	11/20/2019 6:49 PM
215	Take the proposed large salary increase proposed for council and transfer funds to VicPD.	11/20/2019 6:44 PM
216	VIC PD has asked several times for increased funding. Please give them the funding they require to do their job PROPERLY. It's an essential service, end of story.	11/20/2019 6:41 PM
217	The FTE shortage in the VicPD and the growing population of those with MH&As needs a comprehensive review using a holistic approach for other providers and agencies that could be better integrated.	11/20/2019 6:17 PM
218	When I hear how many people are off on sick leave and other reasons I am appalled. This department seems to be run very poorly and with the population of the City proper, there is no reason why you need so many officers. Don't give me the excuse of the tourists and special events as Vancouver deals with this kind of issue and doesn't have the per capital rate.	11/20/2019 6:13 PM
219	School liason services are needed.	11/20/2019 6:03 PM
220	Our police officers are WOEFULLY underfunded and have repeatedly been turned down for more. We're need more police officers. Just yesterday I was harassed and physically threatened by a random homeless guy right outside my apartment and I had to cal the police. No one was available and this man wound up leaving on his own. When I got someone there was, of course, no one available to look for this man. This was not the first time this has happened. These people are poor unfortunates but they are running amok and no one is holding them accountable for their actions. We need more police protection and YOU won't provide it.	11/20/2019 5:55 PM
221	Hire the cops they need please. Look at heath care funding for some of that, as many cops are part of that system indirectly... especially when dealing with homeless issues...	11/20/2019 5:35 PM
222	amalgamate..	11/20/2019 5:32 PM
223	Law enforcement is CRITICAL in any city but particularly one with an ever growing population of homeless like Victoria! They need better support and more staff.	11/20/2019 5:06 PM
224	Providing a way for our police to not have to respond to drug use issues by having an appropriate team to address those issues	11/20/2019 4:56 PM
225	INCREASE THE BUDGET. It is far too low, and it is impacting our city and its citizen's safety	11/20/2019 4:53 PM
226	Need more policing. Business was broken into, it took police 30 minutes to get to the location. Safety of downtown needs to be increased, not Councillor wages!	11/20/2019 4:50 PM
227	Too much time expended on social service calls. Push those to the provincial govt	11/20/2019 4:40 PM
228	instead of increasing council members' salary, spending money on bike paths in the city (creating chaos with transit and pedestrians) the additional dollars should go to increase very much needed VicPD police officers.	11/20/2019 4:34 PM
229	There needs to be way more funding towards hiring and retaining police officers	11/20/2019 3:53 PM
230	Need more presence and support in clearing panhandlers and street camps in the downtown area.	11/20/2019 3:42 PM
231	It seems there are a number of issues with the police and staffing. I don't know if more money would fix the problem, however.	11/20/2019 3:39 PM
232	It is ludicrous to wage a personal battle against the police for your own political gain	11/20/2019 2:31 PM
233	FAR too low. The fact that the City Council wants a huge pay increase yet vote down VicPD increases is ridiculous. If we amalgamated and got rid of 80% of the 192 city councillors we have for a population of less than 400,000 people we could have decent salaries for a 15 member city council and have enough police officers. The amount of City Councillors in greater Victoria is nothing but greedy job creation that leads to incompetent, inefficient roles as there are just far too many cooks in the kitchen. It's insane, needless and completely fixable just amalgamate problems solved.	11/20/2019 2:29 PM
234	At least 25% or more will be needed to keep our city safe and welcoming	11/20/2019 2:04 PM

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235	Less crazy people on street. We want to feel safe.	11/20/2019 6:44 AM
236	Completely inefficient and ineffective. Downtown dirty, unsafe, saturated with junkies. Where is the visible presence?	11/20/2019 6:27 AM
237	1/4 of our budget going toward public safety seems like detachment. We deflect onto police what might be better severed through effective social planning and community development.	11/20/2019 6:19 AM
238	I'd support more funding in this area if the VicPD would actually do something about the drug related issues that we see every day people shooting up on the library steps, defecating in doorways, etc. This is not the Victoria I felt comfortable in as a child.	11/20/2019 6:16 AM
239	More officers and better enforcement.	11/20/2019 5:48 AM
240	Public Safety is in peril due to low a Budget to the PD	11/20/2019 5:11 AM
241	Please do not give the police any more money. I could name a million better ways to spend it. They do so much harm in my community and around Victoria, which is barely balanced by the good that they do. Do not give them more power (money) before they prove themselves worthy of yielding it.	11/20/2019 5:04 AM
242	Need to hire more police officers	11/20/2019 4:35 AM
243	Much too high, other community based programs will keep people safer. This 23% spending is egregious.	11/20/2019 4:23 AM
244	I think VicPD has a tough job... Policing the regions problems but this council is not recognizing that. I agree that we need a tight belt but lets at least keep up with the bare min and stop the need for the province to step in to approve new cops.	11/20/2019 3:56 AM
245	Stolen property prominently displayed by street people. Traffic violations and too many cars with defects. Not progressive policing but we have so many segments flaunting every rule that maybe some basic enforcement might make the idea that you cannot get away with anything sort of view. I get a sense there are too many seargents	11/20/2019 3:34 AM
246	Police are essential and need to be adequately funded in order to provide round the clock services.	11/20/2019 3:33 AM
247	Ben issit Personal info ay the police	11/20/2019 3:25 AM
248	I am appalled that councilors would vote themselves a 50 salary increase while the police department has to go to the provincial government and grovel for enough funds to even try to fulfill their mandate.	11/20/2019 3:02 AM
249	Increase the funding as per VicPD request	11/20/2019 2:53 AM
250	This incompetent council has all but defunded the VicPD. As a resident of Esquimalt, me and my town share this police service, and every blunder and short funding is felt by Esquimalt far more than by Victoria. Our officer allotment already spends most of its time policing VicWest, bringing Esquimalt up short, but it was Victoria's funding shortfall that forced the VicPD to scrap the Crime Reduction Unit, something very important to Esquimalt's communities specifically. Now the province is thinking of stepping in and forcing the funding issue for the second year in a row, and now like always Esquimalt is paying the price for Victoria's fiscal irresponsibility. Esquimalt pays its fair share, and we expect Victoria to do the same.	11/20/2019 2:39 AM
251	Support the police.	11/20/2019 2:21 AM
252	The removal of police school liaisons is a step backwards. They are necessary, not a luxury	11/20/2019 2:14 AM
253	Desperately need more funding! Victoria has become too dangerous and response times are much too long!	11/20/2019 1:43 AM
254	Council if they read the papers know the issues.	11/20/2019 1:30 AM
255	We need more police positions filled. Instead of paying city councillors more money to micromanage the lives of ordinary citizens, give us more police.	11/20/2019 1:27 AM
256	Call response is taking too long Officers are burnt out and need to be supplemented Asking for a %50 raise or hiring more city staff to deal with climate change is insane when you have violence and disorder going on downtown. The focus needs to be spent on supporting business and tourism as that is where a lot of your funding comes from. Money from that can be used to support mental health and addiction. We don't have a homeless crisis as described in the media, we have a mental health and addiction crisis. Once we tackle that then we can worry about housing. Please watch "Seattle is Dying" which describes perfectly what is happening here and elsewhere.	11/20/2019 1:13 AM
257	Tired of funding services to Esquimalt. They don't want to up the budget to hire more officers so they should be sent away to do their own thing. We also have to deal with people who come into Victoria from other municipalities and have to be policed.	11/20/2019 12:57 AM
258	crime is not decreasing in spite of what Councillor Potts says. Police should be supported in their very difficult, complex and dangerous jobs.	11/19/2019 11:48 PM
259	The Police budget should include the medical cost like the other departments last year if not included for 2020. The front line staff are down considerably we need more officer's. There should be adequate Police funding to cover for all the special events approved by City council.	11/19/2019 11:32 PM

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260	Its unacceptable that the municipal government wants to take more money for themselves but the VicPD is not getting proper funding. Absolutely disgusting and embarrassing.	11/19/2019 11:17 PM
261	You were mandated to hire 6 new cops last year. What happened to that? Still haven't hired more police officers.	11/19/2019 11:05 PM
262	I actually didn't make a non emergency call due to the expected delays, even though normally the incident would have warranted it. If you don't feel safe in a city, you won't ride your bike, and now I am actually afraid to walk in certain areas.	11/19/2019 10:58 PM
263	WAY TO HIGH	11/19/2019 10:34 PM
264		11/19/2019 10:26 PM
	Personal info	
265	Come on council! Quit going for your 50% raise and adequately fund VPD!!	11/19/2019 10:22 PM
266	Please Fund the police!!!! It's imperative!!!!	11/19/2019 10:15 PM
267	Obscenities PLEASE FUND OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT	11/19/2019 10:12 PM
268	Give them the force they need to keep us all safe.	11/19/2019 10:03 PM
269	police budgets increases can't exceed the rate of inflation year after year.	11/19/2019 9:44 PM
270	Chief of police seems reasonable in his request. A priority. They provide a very extensive service for our safety. Greater value for money than City Council 50%eage increases	11/19/2019 9:42 PM
271	Budget must include policing for all special events including Remembrance Day services!	11/19/2019 9:39 PM
272	As someone who works and walks the causeway and numerous other tourists areas the support I have received from the police in times of need has been terrible. At the end of the day it comes back to inadequate funding. I have lost a good deal of respect for our police force over the last couple years.	11/19/2019 9:32 PM
273	City Council needs to improves its relationship with VicPD. They keep us safe and need the funding to provide services they are dedicated to do. A priority.	11/19/2019 9:25 PM
274	Give the police the money they need to make this city safer. Giving council pay raises should be last on the list. A blind person can see that the Vic P.D. don't have enough money to make this city safe	11/19/2019 9:09 PM
275	VicPD is completely under resourced. They need more money to deal with the complex issues in the city.	11/19/2019 9:03 PM
276	as downtown has a high rate of policing needs provided by we the city taxpayers our needs are not always met . Too much police department resources are spent of handling social issues. Too intense a concentration of services for the disadvantaged in the downtown core. These would be better spread among all!!!! the municipalities.	11/19/2019 8:29 PM
277	It's far too low. Increase the funding for public safety! Our city is becoming a cesspool. You Councillors should be ashamed of asking for a salary increase when you've denied the police department adequate funding. Shame on you!	11/19/2019 8:26 PM
278	Need a local police substation on corner of Pandora and Quadra. and budget for more police	11/19/2019 8:21 PM
279	Far too high. Privatize some functions.	11/19/2019 8:17 PM
280	Give the police more funds to fight the crime Lisa and Ben have delivered via Bus from DTES	11/19/2019 8:09 PM
281	Policing is an essential service. We need to fund it properly. If they need more manpower the city needs to provide the funding for that. It's essential.	11/19/2019 7:45 PM
282	We should have community policing return to neighborhoods so there can be effective enforcement that brings security to all of our residents. Currently I feel unsafe in my neighborhood.	11/19/2019 7:41 PM
283	Pay for MSP like all the other city service, and stop cutting their budget.	11/19/2019 7:35 PM
284	we wouldn't need so much police intervention if we actually took care of our at risk citizens. If we had a stronger shelter system, we wouldn't have had to deal with multiple tent cities. Law enforcement doesn't improve problems, you're just throwing money down the drain. also, it's free to use gender neutral language (people) instead of men and women	11/19/2019 7:26 PM
285	I have been one of those waiting on hold to report a non emergency issue (theft from my vehicle) and after many calls and much time spent on hold I gave up. We need more police resources.	11/19/2019 7:11 PM
286	stop paying the community nuisance unit to harass people and businesses that provide medicine	11/19/2019 7:08 PM
287	Last year the Vic PD did not get an increase and it was a disaster. We notice the impacts of police cutbacks particularly in Harris Green where we have a huge concentration of vulnerable population, a school in the middle, and a high rate of crime and unsafe streets. Getting put on hold when phoning 911 is not ok. My ability as a resident to phone in and reach emergency services when someone is overdosing or having an abusive domestic fight on the street... I used to have somewhere to phone, something to do about it to make sure people stay safe out there. That's just one small facet. Victoria has it rough when it comes to the things our police have to deal with. The police cutbacks last year were palpable. VicPD has to deal with a heck of a lot more than neighbouring police departments and yet they are underfunded. We need this now more than ever.	11/19/2019 7:06 PM

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288	Salaries for cops are way too high. Also they shouldn't have to be dealing with Homeless problems. CRIME ONLY. And not Distracted Driving SWAT Teams either. Get the crazies off the streets.	11/19/2019 7:01 PM
289	Council needs to support the police budget requests. Additional resources are needed.	11/19/2019 6:57 PM
290	We need to hire more police officers to clean up the mess that this council has created by approving way too many low barrier facilities downtown and not holding them accountable. You expect the police to clean up your mess but won't give them the funding to do their job. It is disgraceful. Wait times for non emergency calls is over 30 minutes. That is crazy. You are making this city unsafe by not funding the police adequately.	11/19/2019 6:55 PM
291	Severely underfunded	11/19/2019 6:46 PM
292	Allocate more fundings to the mental health/ health service/ care work that Police end up attending due to poor allocation of emergency services and providers.	11/19/2019 6:44 PM
293	Expanding homeless issues, increased drug use, poverty, crime etc in our growing city requires increased police funding.	11/19/2019 6:39 PM
294	Under no circumstances would I approve any increase to council wages unless a substantial increase in the police budget occurs	11/19/2019 6:32 PM
295	Other sections of the City of Victoria operations have found ways to prioritize and reduce costs. The police budget has increased every single year. The police department would benefit from a review of its mandate with a focus on removing scope creep, streamlining, and ensuring it is not taking on the role of other government bodies; such as, mental health services. The taxpayers simply can't keep increasing their property tax payments to blindly cover ever growing costs. For example, a previous expenditure on an armoured vehicle, which is absolutely not needed in this city, could have been directed to an actual need such as another police constable.	11/19/2019 6:23 PM
296	More police!!	11/19/2019 6:22 PM
297	It's unacceptable that VicPD does not have time to respond to citizens' calls, with delays of several hours.	11/19/2019 6:22 PM
298	Yes stop being dorks. The police department needs far more funding than giving you a 50% raise. Obscenities	11/19/2019 6:20 PM
299	Too low	11/19/2019 5:51 PM
300	OMG is this seriously a question? City Council is being criminally negligent decreasing the police budget. We NEED more officers on patrol. We NEED to be able to access the reports desk in person 24/7. We need an adequately funded police department to deal with the issues of poverty that council is not addressing.	11/19/2019 5:51 PM
301	Proper policing is important for quality of life of residents, business, and even effects tourism visitors.	11/19/2019 5:49 PM
302	We need more police presence Down town Victoria is positively scary our streets are no longer safe	11/19/2019 5:43 PM
303	VicPD is complaining about lack of funding, and I think this is justified. The social and criminal issues in Victoria, and the downtown core in particular, are difficult, and will only worsen with lack of funding. VicPD has been doing an exemplary job with the resources they have, but needs more support.	11/19/2019 5:43 PM
304	I have had the misfortune of needing Police support many times over the years. The decline in the level of service that I have observed during the last four years in particular is shocking. The mayor and council should be ashamed.	11/19/2019 5:42 PM
305	We need policing of bad drivers!!! Those who run red lights, stop signs, speed through school and work zones!!! ICBC also needs to get on board and stop being so lax on issuing licences, especially to newcomers who face a huge language barrier.	11/19/2019 5:38 PM
306	Hire the officers that VicPD is asking for.	11/19/2019 5:33 PM
307	so much crime and homeless people / mental health are the main cause	11/19/2019 5:27 PM
308	Council needs to focus on the community and fund additional officers. Not feather their own nest with ridiculous pay increases.	11/19/2019 5:24 PM
309	I don't think the police get respect or proper support. And this tug of war with Esquimalt over it is disgraceful.	11/19/2019 5:13 PM
310	the rise in neighborhood thefts due to city policies necessitates the need for more police/policing	11/19/2019 5:11 PM
311	I know Victoria has a very high policing cost, and I think this should be a priority for Council to address. Nobody is happy with the police being short staffed, but neither can we afford to increase their budget. I hope to see the City work with other municipalities (not just Esquimalt) and the Province to establish a more fair system of policing the region.	11/19/2019 5:10 PM
312	We need to support our officers.	11/19/2019 4:58 PM
313	This is a critical area needing more funding. Downtown needs a serious increase in support	11/19/2019 4:47 PM

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314	These are Victoria's most visible and valuable employees. You have a Police Chief. LISTEN TO HIM. forget debating your raise, pay for services on Remembrance Day, quit suing Alberta!! Do what city councils are elected to do.	11/19/2019 4:43 PM
315	Need more officers to feel safe and combat crime	11/19/2019 4:35 PM
316	not enough funding	11/19/2019 4:28 PM
317	Alter the budget to accommodate the required increase for police services. Safety of our community and police timely response /management of issues is critical to our community.	11/19/2019 4:27 PM
318	Policing is necessary to assist with the increased number of mental health suffering persons on the street	11/19/2019 4:23 PM
319	The lack of funding for the police is absolutely absurd. They require more resources and officers immediately.	11/19/2019 4:18 PM
320	most important area. difficult to override police experts recommendation; and give funds to other much less important areas. Example. 881 page budget document; a marketing dept run amok....	11/19/2019 3:57 PM
321	I absolutely support funding VicPD to the level it requests. I had to call the police because of a break in at my home and it was shocking to me that they are unable to attend because they have insufficient resources.	11/19/2019 3:43 PM
322	Police are currently unable to provide a quality level of service to our community or be preventative or proactive due to resource issues, a very high call load and a significant increase in mandated protocols for certain call types. This causes officers to be tied up much longer for certain calls. On an average day over a hundred calls for service are now received that often require a significant response and follow up. It is not unusual to have over 20 calls holding, people waiting for service constantly. Officers already on calls must break away for a emergency calls and try and catch up later on their cases. Officers are burning out and quitting like we have never seen before. This is not just about the police this directly impacts the safety, health and welfare of all our citizens and our beautiful city as a whole. It also effects our economy how many people want to visit here or live here. The rules of law are changing a great deal and police must adapt constantly. The budget needs to follow	11/19/2019 3:40 PM
323	This budget needs to be increased in order to hire additional officers.	11/19/2019 3:30 PM
324	We need more police services to deal with the downtown growing street issues, theft, crime, tagging, stealing, etc. By law enforcement doesn't do their job leaving everything to police.	11/19/2019 3:24 PM
325	give the police the funding they have requested!!	11/19/2019 3:23 PM
326	We need a regional police force	11/19/2019 2:49 PM
327	Where are our police? Again, like bylaw, their presence is unseen. We need police officers walking the beat and practicing community policing. As of late, I have seen people so high on drugs they stand in the middle of the sidewalk bent over, I have seen a naked man running the streets, I have seen a women urinate on the stairs of a church on Blanshard, I have seen people shooting up, and the list goes on. There is seemingly no enforcement in this city and every day I worry for my safety. Please, invest in policing and work to get this community cleaned up, at least a little.	11/19/2019 2:05 PM
328	Increase the manpower and pay them their worth.	11/19/2019 9:12 AM
329	They require more funding to adequately provide service to our growing population.	11/19/2019 8:02 AM
330	I feel strongly that we are spending way too much money on policing. I would love to see the city pioneer a situation where housing, mental health services, and health care are available on demand and first responders are health care, mental health, and social workers are the first responders to the crises our community members face. Also, what's with the gas guzzling fleet? Finally, cops in schools is a horrifying program and I do not in any way support bringing it back. My kids don't need a cop at a bike rodeo!	11/19/2019 7:31 AM
331	There are many ways that other services could and should be covering the responsibilities of the police much more effectively like social workers and increased housing support. Police will be proactive to keep busy in ways that can be detrimental to the community	11/19/2019 6:59 AM
332	Much too low	11/19/2019 6:51 AM
333	This is the biggest crime how can you expect the police department Do what they're expected to do I miss a lot of money	11/19/2019 5:56 AM
334	VicPD needs more funding.	11/19/2019 5:19 AM
335	increased funding required, crime increasing such as customers and employees no longer feel safe in our neighbourhood.	11/19/2019 5:08 AM
336	Help them clean up your social mess downtown	11/19/2019 5:07 AM
337	Policing has changed significantly with greater demand, oversight and mental health injuries. They keep us safe and having a safe community should be a top priority as business and citizens depend on it.	11/19/2019 5:00 AM
338	Too many Provincial initiatives (School involvement, safe injection sites, support of social service personnel) are being accepted without accompanying funding. This is not a time for the Police Chief to attempt to expand his empire.	11/19/2019 4:42 AM

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339	increase budget for more man power	11/19/2019 4:29 AM
340	No enough Police officers for the amount of people now living in Victoria.	11/19/2019 4:05 AM
341	VicPD have their hands full in the North Park Neighbourhood, and we appreciate their work	11/19/2019 3:49 AM
342	We need more police!!	11/19/2019 3:49 AM
343	We are very under protected in this town . Take the money you think you deserve and give it to a public service that actually works for the city	11/19/2019 3:47 AM
344	need more preventative policing.not enough staff at present	11/19/2019 3:43 AM
345	Come on. The men and women of Vic PD are stretched beyond their limits and Council wants a 50% pay increase. More money for the PD, and the Council can reduce their hours by just doing the job they were elected to do. Keep it within the city, no more sung oil companies, leave that to the feds. Besides, I thought socialists hated money. Guess the exception is when they can funnel it their own way.	11/19/2019 3:41 AM
346	The city is going to the dogs, people don't want to go downtown for many reasons, chief among them is it's dirty and petty crime (as well as assaults) are to common.	11/19/2019 3:41 AM
347	Though it looks like the police department will receive the budget they are requesting this year, it seems like this is an ongoing dispute on giving them an adequate budget. It seems like some members on council may not be fully aware of all the work the police department does, as it goes beyond just patrolling the streets. It should be mandatory for all council members to go on at least one ride along a year to understand all the issues the department actually faces. To compare the percentage increase to that of Vancouver police is completely unfair. The 3.2% increase granted to Vancouver police this year is about a \$10 million increase to their budget, versus the same percentage increase to Victoria which was only about \$1.8 million. I do not work in emergency services nor am I affiliated with anyone that works for VicPD but I do commend these people for their hard work in our city and hope they can get the money they deserve to continue to service our community properly.	11/19/2019 3:38 AM
348	The City is suffering from your budget cuts to our police force one of the most irresponsible decisions you've made to date.	11/19/2019 3:34 AM
349	Approve the police budget as requested from force. Add to it to allow downtown "Beat Cops" to walk streets. pay to police remebersnce day services without quibbling.	11/19/2019 3:27 AM
350	There are affordable housing, homelessness, and opioid crises in Victoria. Before councillors give themselves out of line raises these issues should be addressed.	11/19/2019 2:49 AM
351	This item unfortunately requires more resources. I wish it didn't, but it does. Specifically due to increased development, traffic, people, crime etc... It should be one of our highest concerns, that we make the city feel safe.	11/19/2019 2:44 AM
352	How about get more manpower walking the streets. I pass at least 5 beggars a day on my half hour lunch walk. Get some beat cops like the old days move em along	11/19/2019 2:35 AM
353	Policing cost are out of control, and the police Chief's cherry picking of stats doesn't help the issue.	11/19/2019 2:07 AM
354	Fund and staff the police properly and be less concerned about pay raises for council !	11/19/2019 1:56 AM
355	Need to put more money in maybe cut city hall if needed	11/19/2019 1:40 AM
356	Give them what they ask.	11/19/2019 1:31 AM
357	The City of Victoria's refusal to fund the positions requested by Victoria Police is hugely disappointing. I hope the province will step in, AGAIN, to force the City to cover these positions.	11/19/2019 1:19 AM
358	We need a bigger police presence downtown. It is a literal Obscenities down there.	11/19/2019 1:17 AM
359	we need more police not less	11/19/2019 1:17 AM
360	Should double the size of the department.	11/19/2019 1:16 AM
361	Budget needs to be increased to allow VPD to hire more police to serve our growth. Our city is no longer safe and police services are stretched to the limit. This should be #1 priority.	11/19/2019 12:54 AM
362	Police consume too much of the budget, crowding out other priorities. Need to look at how this can be reduced. Suburban municipalities should also contribute	11/19/2019 12:48 AM
363	Do the best for reasonable cost. The capital city has many homeless that need to be housed and taken care of. A huge task!	11/19/2019 12:41 AM
364	Give them the people they(and we) need.	11/19/2019 12:33 AM
365	The police department is stretched way too thin. Everything is getting dumped to them and more officers are needed. Also the city council should support the police. Not be anti police	11/19/2019 12:17 AM
366	Again, I find it difficult to place an appropriate dollar amount on this service. Police are being asked to do more and more tacking social work on to their already demanding policing duties must be exhausting.	11/18/2019 11:31 PM
367	I think the police dept should receive some of the increase they have requested , though please continue to look at amalgamation	11/18/2019 11:30 PM

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368	If you want this city to be safe (which it isn't) you need to provide more funding for the VicPD	11/18/2019 11:14 PM
369	Need a stronger police presence downtown	11/18/2019 11:05 PM
370	We need more police to deal with the homeless and people that have made our parks unsafe!!!	11/18/2019 10:56 PM
371	Police Budget needs increased, opposed to Council's proposed wage increase they are considering for themselves.	11/18/2019 10:50 PM
372	Downtown suffers for a lot of reasons, and police are remarkably responsive when called. However, they are under resourced and ill equipped to do proactive work.	11/18/2019 10:47 PM
373	Police need more resources. VicPD provides service to all Municipalities when people are downtown. Higher expectations from Court and society in general means every investigation is scrutinized and time consuming.	11/18/2019 10:19 PM
374	Way to low, they need more boot6s on the ground	11/18/2019 10:16 PM
375	Oh my goodness. Did the city not pay attention to the efficiency study that we paid for that said we need like 40 more cops??? We hire professionals who tell us they are understaffed and then ignore the report we paid to have done???? No business owner would ignore professional advice they paid for to make their business better so why did the city? Let's take some of the money we waits by having 3 firehalls and hire more cops. I should have to wait 4 days to make a police report because there is no one available to come help me. I talked to a cop who said they were 4 below their minimum staffing level on a Friday night? That sounds crazy!!! Can you please give the cops the people they need. They keep us safe for crying out loud. Or at least they are trying despite councilor issitts attempt to make them seem like villains. Maybe go out on the streets one night and see what our city really looks like. Its embarrassing	11/18/2019 10:08 PM
376	Appears that even if Crime is low the Vicpd is being used for so many Social aspect in the city and makes them very busy as the are the only one out there 24 hours/7/ All the MHA issues/ bar issues /drugs /disturbance etc is a Regional problem yet again VicPD is the only one dealing with it from Victoria City Budget...That needs to change	11/18/2019 10:07 PM
377	Their job keeps increasing in intensity and frequency and need our support	11/18/2019 9:40 PM
378	Instead of increasing the pd budget, focus needs to be on getting folks the support they need. We don't need more cops with optional mental health training, we need the people actually specializing in mental health to be doing outreach. We need affordable housing so people can get off the street. We don't need more cops with reinforced cars looking like they've just stepped out of a military roleplaying game with the latest SWAT/seal knockoff gear	11/18/2019 9:37 PM
379	police need to be more visible in our communities. I hear this from my neighbours, both who live in homes and tents in the park.	11/18/2019 9:30 PM
380	Work for regional police amalgamation	11/18/2019 8:46 PM
381	Last years underfunding of the VicPD was a terrible mishandling by Victoria Council. The VicPD new BC employment tax should have been paid for by Victoria budget, just like the employment tax bill for all other city departments. VicPD needs more funding. As a property owner in downtown core I have concerns about lack of support shown to our police force by our current city council. More funding should be provided NOT less!	11/18/2019 8:44 PM
382	We need to fund more officers and programs to ensure we have life safety services in place. Right now police are unable to attend many of our situations leaving my private guards in danger. Please fund more officers so we can get our streets back.	11/18/2019 8:37 PM
383	give them what they need to operate in an efficient and safe manner for the department and the public.	11/18/2019 8:34 PM
384	without solid policing it would be hard to ensure tourist and new business to come to the city. One bad report can destroy the good view the world has of us.	11/18/2019 8:31 PM
385	More police needed. Less funding for Ben Isitt.	11/18/2019 8:26 PM
386	No	11/18/2019 8:26 PM
387	Budget needs to be increased. More officers hired. The jobs they are doing now encompass much more than in the past and the growth is not reflective of these additional challenges. Why is there so much resistance from the city? We are welcoming homeless from across the country here as the services are being rolled out but not looking after those who are dealing with the effects of that.	11/18/2019 8:26 PM
388	We should be giving more to support out police department. I rarely go downtown feel unsafe.	11/18/2019 8:23 PM
389	Please bring back school liaison officers. You need to support schools. This is very important. Please make this choice.	11/18/2019 8:23 PM
390	Listen to the Chief of Police regarding funding of new police officers required to maintain the level of service we presently enjoy.	11/18/2019 8:23 PM
391	I feel that VicPD is underfunded. Ironic that councilors want to give themselves a 50% raise but don't care about the safety of the city.	11/18/2019 8:13 PM
392	Council should fund the request for staffing. Crimes report.com show some a poor situation downtown.	11/18/2019 8:11 PM

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393	Police overburdened by street crime (bicycle thieves, b&e etc) to respond in a timely matter. Need more enforcement officers to provide for a safe community.	11/18/2019 7:36 PM
394	I'm concerned how the VicPD budget increases rejected by City Council will continue to affect the citizens of Victoria. They need adequate staffing in order to properly serve the citizens and do their work, as burnout from stress is very real.	11/18/2019 7:36 PM
395	Stop being judge and jury. Letting the guy off who climbed the bridge while it was lifting is irresponsible. Stop being so lazy when it comes to moving people along. why let people sleep in doorways downtown in the middle of the day. Also letting people panhandle in the middle of a 4 lane is irresponsible.	11/18/2019 7:35 PM
396	The police department has had to cut valuable programs due to budget shortfalls.	11/18/2019 7:17 PM
397	Victoria needs more police presence particularly in the downtown. Victoria is a tourist destination. The filthyness of the downtown is a real turnoff. We shouldn't have to feel unsafe walking around downtown, breathing in cannabis and trying to avoid aggressive panhandlers.	11/18/2019 6:53 PM
398	There is a desperate need to increase VicPD operating budget to provide for more front line officers in order to improve the safety of the downtown core and make it more attractive to visitors.	11/18/2019 6:41 PM
399	This is WAY to LOW. There have been more High risk Break in's to residential houses lately in Victoria and other municipalities. Downtown has more incidents at night on the weekends, thefts are up. I find there needs to be more police presence generally and for Victoria Events. I would support this Budget be increased to the suggestion of tax payers footing the bill to give Council a 50% pay hike. We need more Police for safety not more Council ideas that don;t suit the Elected area's needs.	11/18/2019 6:40 PM
400	Fund the police department. You've been told loud and clear by multiple factions. Be responsible.	11/18/2019 6:32 PM
401	Quit doing things that don't concern the council and keep the money what it helps the police	11/18/2019 6:30 PM
402	police are important. pay them accordingly.	11/18/2019 6:04 PM
403	Restore the police budget and please give some focus to what our chief says he needs	11/18/2019 6:02 PM
404	The police are underfunded and need more resources to ensure public safety	11/18/2019 5:43 PM
405	Victoria needs to sustain suitable policing levels. Stop denying their requests for budget increases when council hypocritically can't manage their own affairs and propose for themselves a 50% salary increase. That money would be way better spent on new police hires than wasted on councillors that dither endlessly on trivial or minority issues and claim they now need to work 40 60 hours a week.	11/18/2019 5:39 PM
406	Vicpd is underfunded. Imalgamation.	11/18/2019 5:38 PM
407	Lost our community officer which saved us time and calls to dispatch. Much slower service now.	11/18/2019 5:37 PM
408	I do not want a cop land or police state. However social services should be hired trained and work in conjunction with the police . on a more permanent bases such a peer support workers social workers etc Policing is more than just handcuffs these days .	11/18/2019 5:37 PM
409	Safety and security of citizens is or should be Council's highest priority. I was appalled that Council required VicPD and no other department of the City to internally fund the EHT increase, thus hobbling a department that is being asked to do so much more in the field of social services. It would have been far more appropriate for Council to direct ALL DEPARTMENTS to internally fund the EHT and keep the overall budget increase to 2018+CPI. A wholesale, core services review is long overdue.	11/18/2019 5:17 PM
410	Give the police the budget they need to operate. A safe city is a liveable city!	11/18/2019 5:07 PM
411	This is where the 50% wage increase councillors want should go. VicPd has asked for help and they need it.	11/18/2019 5:03 PM
412	More officers are needed the downtown core	11/18/2019 4:59 PM
413	They need more officers to cover those 35 off plus more for the growing issues.	11/18/2019 4:58 PM
414	Raise the police budget not your own inept council paycheques.	11/18/2019 4:56 PM
415	I was appalled and disappointed the CoV Councillors did not listen carefully to VicPD and Del Manak. Given the shameful state of Pandora Street and the shenanigans going on downtown, the downtown core doesn't feel safe and we refuse to go downtown at night for feelings of safety.	11/18/2019 4:56 PM
416	The police are an important part of keeping the city safe. so I'm not sure whats the budget should be, but it seems like a 1/4 is a good amount.	11/18/2019 4:55 PM
417	I completely support Del Manak's funding requests, and find it embarrassing and wrong headed that an appeal to the province would have to be made. On this issue I have lost confidence in Council.	11/18/2019 4:55 PM
418	We need police a lot more than overpaid politicians who want a huge pay increase while starving the police who protect us.	11/18/2019 4:54 PM
419	Safety and policing should be the number one priority with all the crime in the downtown core. The department is under staffed!	11/18/2019 4:48 PM

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420	Give an increase in policing. These men and women keep our streets safe. Here's a good idea...put what the counsel wants for a raise into policing.	11/18/2019 4:46 PM
421	The city asks a lot of police, with our homeless population. We are lucky and Victoria not to have the kind of scandals that other cities have. They seem well trained and well meaning and make me proud	11/18/2019 4:45 PM
422	Give Del what he says he needs. He is the most honest person at the table and this service is needed. It costs what it costs!	11/18/2019 4:44 PM
423	Victoria PD is understaffed and overworked. The city won't even cover their EHT costs. I would rather the cops be paid better than give City Council a raise.	11/18/2019 4:43 PM
424	We need to amalgamate police services with Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt	11/18/2019 4:40 PM
425	The Department is completely under resourced. Amalgamation is a good end game but falling short more integration of services with neighbours where efficiency can be demonstrated makes sense. The Department is significantly under staffed which the Chief has demonstrated even ways to Sunday.... Not sure how much more Council needs to hear or see on this. Hire the staff that is required and at the very least hire the 4 officers that were cut from the budget earlier this year. It also makes no sense for Council to reject hire much needed police officers yet seek a 40% pay increase from themselves. Shame on you....!!!	11/18/2019 4:38 PM
426	again, like fire depts, police will always ask for more money, more people. It is probably the hardest job of all with long term effects that cause early burn out and health problems (from shift work and trauma exposure)	11/18/2019 4:34 PM
427	We owe our police a great deal. We always expect them to be there so we should pay for that.	11/18/2019 4:30 PM
428	Stop opposing hiring more police officers!	11/18/2019 4:27 PM
429	\$ would be better spent on policing rather than increasing councillors wages.	11/18/2019 4:24 PM
430	Crime is dropping and police call outs should not include responding to minor call outs handled by ambulance services.	11/18/2019 4:22 PM
431	Given the homeless issues in this city it seems that police are expected to be the liaison between the public and the assistance they need. Whenever I go down Pandora and see empty or underused bike lanes I wonder if the funds could have been better used to help the police who are always in that area.	11/18/2019 4:20 PM
432	NO	11/18/2019 4:15 PM
433	VicPD does all the policing for community celebrations, doing more and more mental health work in the homeless community so I think the old calculations of x police per 100,000 persons should not apply.more money to them	11/18/2019 4:12 PM
434	I'm not sure why this council fails to understand the importance of adequate funds for policing but it repeatedly underfunds the VicPD.	11/18/2019 4:09 PM
435	Victoria is a tourist destination and as such a safe city is very important. Along with this the number of visitors increases the amount of people in the city.	11/18/2019 4:02 PM
436	This department is greatly underfunded. This is more important than a poet laureate.	11/18/2019 4:00 PM
437	I'd rather have more policemen than councilors getting a raise	11/18/2019 3:48 PM
438	Pay Police....need more officers. Would rather give police more budget than increase salaries of councillors.	11/18/2019 3:38 PM
439	They keep us safe. We have the best cops in Canada if not the world and you want to marginalize them and the work they do .	11/18/2019 3:37 PM
440	More policing services required.	11/18/2019 3:33 PM
441	No way should councillors wages be increased as they are systematically killing our downtown with no free parking on weekends, reducing street parking so we avoid going down there. It is ever greedy for ever more of our very hard earned money for things we pay for through our property taxes and road taxes. They pay no parking fees, they are exempt!! More and more cars come on road as they approve endless condo construction downtown with no regard road space.	11/18/2019 3:13 PM
442	More money put into this fund as we need much more service, which means more Staff.	11/18/2019 2:58 PM
443	Need to almagamate already	11/18/2019 2:46 PM
444	Consider more auxiliary constables for presence in downtown core and pandora. Less salary and capacity building for vicpd	11/18/2019 2:33 PM
445	WE NEED MORE POLICE	11/18/2019 2:21 PM
446	Love how you cut funding to the VicPD but want to raise your own wages. Shameful. Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:17 AM
447	Takes too long to get service when calling for police. Police aren't doing enough to clear obvious pockets of crime.	11/18/2019 10:48 AM
448	We need to have more police officers.	11/18/2019 10:36 AM

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449	Without proper policing the lunatics are running the asylum and it's getting worse every year. Mane if so many of the social services weren't jammed into a 4 block radius the 'ownership of the streets' mentality would diminish and the neighborhood wouldn't feel like such a circus. I have empathy for mental health and drug addiction and believe both to be medical dues and not criminal. Until we are able to deal with both with adequate treatment, we need enough police on the street to navigate the chaos that so many drug addicted humans can impose on an area; property theft/damage, garbage thrown about(everyday), agitated and angry people screaming, threatening, and just intimidating individuals walking in their neighbourhood. The long term palliative care. And free lunches aren't working...it's getting worse, until a long term community minded treatment plan that includes valuing and supporting the people who live and work amongst the chaos is implemented, we need to know if we call the police, they will come and they will care about our car being broken into for the third time in 6 months. Go to treatment or go to jail and then support them seamlessly once willing; have part of the recovery plan be to give back in their community; that's also inclusive.	11/18/2019 9:13 AM
450	Please cut city funding to the Victoria police department to bring it in line with median per capita funding for other municipal police departments. Currently the city has the highest per capita policing costs in the country. Also local police are uncooperative, rude and disinterested in enforcing traffic laws.	11/18/2019 9:04 AM
451	Nothing else downtown matters; beautification, bike lanes, business grants, if when you call 911 you are put on hold and there's no officers available. Property damage/theft, and lack of personal safety in my neighborhood, as well as feeling outnumbered without enough support for and by the police. The concentration of so many of the social services and hard to house housing in a 4 block radius has led to an 'ownership of the streets' type mentality that has gotten expediently more apparent in the 7 years I've lived in the north park area. I don't believe drug addiction is a criminal issue but until we are willing and able to do everything that's necessary to treat it as a medical issue; offer treatment today or jail and seamless service once willing. A treatment plan which involves giving back to the community while in supported housing as second or third stage recovery protocol; not just long term palliative care and free lunch....it's not working, the problem is getting worse. Citizens who are trying to make ends meet and continually are having to pay their insurance deductibles for car damage, theft of property etc need to feel the same inclusion in this city as the marginalized folks all the programming is concerned about. For many that means when you call the police, they care, they come, and they are able to help.	11/18/2019 8:57 AM
452	City Council needs to realize that policing is not cheap and that there is no other 24 hour service that accomplishes as much.	11/18/2019 8:52 AM
453	Seriously?? Have a chat with a person who listens to the scanners in Victoria... Or actually Lisa, you should have a seat next to the dispatcher at VicPD for a full shift and then make your decision! Not rocket science here.	11/18/2019 7:38 AM
454	Way too low! We need this service more than ever before. They need to fill the vacant positions now	11/18/2019 7:24 AM
455	Response time is very slow. They need more officers.	11/18/2019 7:23 AM
456	Again police run in when others run away. They need more funding for safety of the community	11/18/2019 7:19 AM
457	Clearly more personnel is needed to deal with the increased service use from addiction related issues.	11/18/2019 7:18 AM
458	The city is going down the tubes with an underfunded police department. Clean up the city, clean up the crackheads, clean up! Your citizens will be so happy. Open up a mental health facility and lock up the problem people. You let them come here and just be roaches on the road. Policing is way more important than bike lanes.	11/18/2019 7:18 AM
459	You are cutting the police budget and staffing requirements way too much. It is making the city very unsafe and is appalling.	11/18/2019 6:17 AM
460	I've read in the news that funding cuts were made making it impossible to attend up to 25 calls for instance in one day.	11/18/2019 6:16 AM
461	It is obviously too low. Not sure who actually determines budget, or if city council makes their own decision, or police board recommends, or CAO makes recommendations. But someone with knowledge and qualifications should be making this decision. We arent talking about how many hot dogs we think we need to stock the kitchen at the ballgame here. We are talking life and death and public safety. And there are many who do not feel either their person or their possessions are safe in many areas if this city. We need way more police funding. I am too angry to say more without being offensive.	11/18/2019 6:11 AM
462	I genuinely feel like our police have done a great job on keeping us clean and safe. Like 8ish years ago was so much worse with safety and drugs then now so good work.	11/18/2019 6:08 AM
463	Before Victoria City Councilors give themselves a raise, they have to restore VicPD funding.	11/18/2019 6:06 AM
464	the police need city support to keep our city safe. This is the second year that police have had their funding cut. We need way more police funding. Police services are a much better use for taxpayer funds than giving council 55% increase!!!!!!	11/18/2019 5:35 AM
465	This council has encouraged homelessness and crime in downtown Victoria. It's time to take our city back and make it safe again for all tax payers!	11/18/2019 5:12 AM

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466	I feel well served by our police force. Fortunately I have never had a reason to test whether they are underfunded.	11/18/2019 5:09 AM
467	If Victoria Police are providing evidence that they need greater financial support to do their job effectively and safely, their budget should be increased.	11/18/2019 5:05 AM
468	More officers on the street please.	11/18/2019 4:57 AM
469	Need more officers!	11/18/2019 4:55 AM
470	Definitely too low.	11/18/2019 4:54 AM
471	Don't like what I see. They should not be front line for the mentally sick	11/18/2019 4:51 AM
472	Crime is rising. Please fund more police	11/18/2019 4:40 AM
473	Get rid of bums	11/18/2019 4:38 AM
474	The police need financial support.	11/18/2019 4:34 AM
475	Need more presence and patrolling.stop making money on poor traffic violations.	11/18/2019 4:34 AM
476	With the crime element growing so much we need way more policing	11/18/2019 4:33 AM
477	Councils attitude towards VicPD is shameful. They are an essential service and should be funded. When I call 911 I want to know someone will be on the other end, I don't care about public art, I want safety.	11/18/2019 4:26 AM
478	Pay for more officers.	11/18/2019 4:24 AM
479	fund the police department. They are the community workers that aren't funded by social service agencies. We need more police on the streets	11/18/2019 4:23 AM
480	I support the police chief.	11/18/2019 4:22 AM
481	Stop cutting the VicPD budget! It's getting outrageous that city hall doesn't care about funding security for the city. I hate coming downtown now.	11/18/2019 4:21 AM
482	Increase police funding not councillors funding. Give your raise and 1/2 the mayor's wage to the police budget	11/18/2019 3:38 AM
483	Increase the Police Budget	11/18/2019 3:37 AM
484	We need more not cutting their budget	11/18/2019 3:32 AM
485	We need more police or better yet amalgamate policing across the municipalities.	11/18/2019 3:19 AM
486	The police are significantly underfunded and it is shocking that a capital city allowed that to happen. Very disheartening	11/18/2019 3:17 AM
487	There are too many bike thieves and mental health problem in city of Victoria. We need vicPD to keep the city feel safe to walk around especially near shelters. If the city isn't going to fund help homeless and people with mental health issues, VicPD needs more funding to cover what the city isn't doing to keep the city safe.	11/18/2019 3:11 AM
488	We need more police services or amalgamation if police forces. What we currently have is not sufficient or sustainable.	11/18/2019 3:06 AM
489	Ridiculously low, your failure to appropriately the police has allowed criminals to take root downtown and elsewhere in the city.	11/18/2019 2:58 AM
490	The drug situation downtown has escalated to the point that I regularly feel unsafe (I've lived downtown all my life). We need more police presence to make sure people feel safe (drug users included).	11/18/2019 2:55 AM
491	Crime is very apparent in this city. More proactive policing programs need to be in place and monitored. More support for mental health services and specialized trained officers.	11/18/2019 2:53 AM
492	They need an increase the most. There is no security knowing that they can't come to calls in a timely way. There is so much more crime than ever before, especially in residential neighbourhoods.	11/18/2019 2:49 AM
493	They need more of a street presence... If that takes more money I support it	11/18/2019 2:35 AM
494	Policing covers a greater area in Victoria with a higher number of police responses counter with a lower a budget. No longer responding to calls not deemed important so not getting the service tax payers expect	11/18/2019 2:34 AM
495	Very underfunded and overrun. Victoria has a lot of low income areas and more funding needs to be provided to support the issues.	11/18/2019 2:28 AM
496	We need more officers hired	11/18/2019 2:26 AM
497	Under serviced/under funded	11/18/2019 2:26 AM
498	They are a mess, till they can get themselves in line and actually enforce all laws without harassing innocent folks they do not need further resources.	11/18/2019 2:24 AM
499	Hire more officers	11/18/2019 2:22 AM

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500	The police forces in the CRD should be merged.	11/18/2019 2:22 AM
501	Give the added budget so that they could do their job properly. It's the police that keep us safe in our houses.	11/18/2019 2:21 AM
502	Further amalgamation required	11/18/2019 2:19 AM
503	We need a properly funded police department. Police liaison officers in schools are crucial! Our kids are the future of this beautiful city!	11/18/2019 2:18 AM
504	Need more officers	11/18/2019 2:17 AM
505	I'm disgusted with the way counsel has engaged with VicPD and funding. My neighbourhood is feeling far less safe as a result	11/18/2019 1:40 AM
506	The Victoria Police Department cannot effectively fulfill their mandate as long as their necessary budget increases are continuously refused by the city. If we want to have safe communities in Victoria thr city needs to finally recognize that good policing comes at a cost. This Council seems to think policing budgets should be maintained at historically low levels.	11/18/2019 1:35 AM
507	Too much police presence in Victoria harassing the homeless and idling their vehicles.	11/18/2019 1:16 AM
508	More policing required to deal with drug use happening right in the streets, aggressive homeless people, theft, etc. Would like to feel safe when walking alone downtown.	11/18/2019 1:01 AM
509	Police are expensive but necessary, particularly for Victoria being the core municipality. The solution is to increase their budget, not decrease it and complain about it (like some councilors do).	11/18/2019 12:46 AM
510	The police duties need to be reviewed. There are too many special projects that come at the expense of the core mandate.	11/18/2019 12:25 AM
511	My son lives in a downtown building and is constantly harassed by street people; his car is broken into several times a year. Of course, it is not simply the police that should deal with this issue, but due to the woefully inadequate mental health services, they are the front line and it is clear they do not have enough funds to operate to protect citizens properly.	11/18/2019 12:23 AM
512	Spend less on other things, like salary increases for councilors who can't find another job.	11/18/2019 12:23 AM
513	A lot of crime in downtown Victoria is revolving door crime caused by prolific offenders. That should be dealt with in a more cost effective manner.	11/18/2019 12:07 AM
514	need to fully support the PD and FD	11/17/2019 11:57 PM
515	Amalgamate to reduce costs. However, the police should be adequately funded. The budget should not reduced while council funds pet projects.	11/17/2019 11:56 PM
516	Amalgamation of all services; share the budget and save money. Not rocket science	11/17/2019 10:39 PM
517	It would be great to introduce the novel idea of enforcing transportation laws so generally ignored by drivers and cyclists.	11/17/2019 10:38 PM
518	Police departments always claim to be under funded, but I don't think this is the case.	11/17/2019 10:32 PM
519	Calling the police department nonemergency line entails being put on hold. This is unacceptable. Police Department service to the public needs to be improved through some combination of better management and additional funding.	11/17/2019 10:03 PM
520	Local police are being asked to do more than ever. With the current homeless population and overdose epidemic, these men and women and being pushed to the limit. But hey, feel free to give yourselves a raise. Jerks!	11/17/2019 9:58 PM
521	I do not believe that they need an increase in their budget dollars, they (police) create situations where they believe that they are an asset, don't believe that to be true. They suggest that they are should be part of the lheart team, I strongly disagree, they should not walk on that team. The team would be better served in recruiting a Wellness Dog, one that is able to work with people suffering from PTSD, not a police officers. This only adds to the burden of someone truly looking for supports. Let the police be police, let health care workers be health care works we don't need to blur the lines. I am a frontline worker and I believe my role in the community is guaranteeing the safety of my clients. PTSD dogs would be helpful, not police.	11/17/2019 9:46 PM
522	Crime is increasing in my neighborhood and we could use more officers on patrol. Put more dollars here please	11/17/2019 9:28 PM
523	We need more police officers. The city streets / vagrants/ homeless are a disgrace and police could help direct these disadvantaged people to appropriate places.	11/17/2019 9:03 PM
524	Safety is one of the paramount responsibilities of local government. Divert funding from silly thing like art projects and ping pong tables if you aren't able to fully fund a police force	11/17/2019 9:02 PM
525	We need more police presence downtown to ensure public safety. As someone who works downtown, it is no longer safe with increased homeless, drug use/sales and induced crime/violence on the streets and downtown neighbourhoods.	11/17/2019 8:59 PM
526	Thank you for keeping the peace, in an increasingly challenging and expanding role within the District.	11/17/2019 8:56 PM

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527	More police presence in the downtown core would be appreciated. A separate task force to deal with homeless campers/mental health/addiction issues should be created so that it frees up police resources.	11/17/2019 8:52 PM
528	We need more police! Raise the budget!	11/17/2019 8:43 PM
529	Again, council is operating in a vacuum of self interests and niche program areas and diverting funding away from needed policing fiscal requirements in order to achieve these navel gazing goals. Must we have the province telling our city that doing so is against the law? Give Chief Constable Manak the budget he requires to keep our liberty safely secured, and to be able to strategically plan for future requirements, such as a regional police force that includes serious crime investigation, and community relations.	11/17/2019 8:31 PM
530	The low budget provided to the VicPD when more is clearly needed is shameful.	11/17/2019 8:25 PM
531	Need more funding for Police given issue of homelessness, drug use, petty crime, all increasing.	11/17/2019 7:25 PM
532	Public safety is the first priority of local government. Failure to properly fund VPD while pursuing agendas outside city purview is a disgrace	11/17/2019 7:21 PM
533	Too much police time is spent on drug problems. Traffic enforcement in the City is close to non existent. Cars, trucks, bicycles & other 2 & 3 wheel vehicles break the traffic laws with impunity as a result of the non enforcement.	11/17/2019 7:17 PM
534	Police are underfunded	11/17/2019 7:16 PM
535	If police did not have to be mental health workers and social workers, perhaps their share of the budget could be reduced. Let the cops be cops and make someone else babysit the homeless and mindless.	11/17/2019 6:57 PM
536	Fully fund the police service!	11/17/2019 6:37 PM
537	We need more policemen and women.	11/17/2019 6:14 PM
538	The lack of funding for Police is nothing short of scandalous.	11/17/2019 6:09 PM
539	VicPD do a lot of good in this city, but seem to lack resources. That being said 23% of the budget is quite high	11/17/2019 6:08 PM
540	I think VIC PD needs an attitude adjustment, but I don't think the City respects their role and wants to flog it all off to neighbouring municipalities, who coincidentally have their own police force.	11/17/2019 5:56 PM
541	Increase to Police Chief's ask of the city.	11/17/2019 5:45 PM
542	We need better funded police.	11/17/2019 5:41 PM
543	More police are needed to catch up and keep pace with technological crime, mental health and addictions, property crime and sexual violence against women and children.	11/17/2019 5:29 PM
544	WAY TOO LOW. You are charged with CITY issues. NOTHING beyond the border of the city should be of ANY concern to you. That's what other govt levels are for!!!	11/17/2019 5:26 PM
545	Fighting against funding increases for police while trying to allocate more money to councillor salaries is ridiculous!	11/17/2019 5:01 PM
546	It seems some Council has an anti police stance I do not feel as safe in this City as I did when I moved here ten years ago.	11/17/2019 5:00 PM
547	Pay them what they need to provide the proper service for our city	11/17/2019 4:35 PM
548	Police never help clear problems at small business. Too much overtime and roadblocks	11/17/2019 4:30 PM
549	Acknowledge tha " living in the community " just does not work for some people.	11/17/2019 4:27 PM
550	The city has too many issues to continue to ignore. Special task forces to address rising issues will help direct the city to a more prosperous future.	11/17/2019 4:22 PM
551	This is a core service and should be first at the budget table. Victoria is the regional 'sink' for a myriad of social issues from homeless, to partying etc and with a high volume of events, tourists etc that require this core service. When the chief asks for 6 more staff they should have been provided. We don't need funds spend on poet's laureate and other 'nice to haves' when this clear need goes unfulfilled.	11/17/2019 3:51 PM
552	We need to hire more police officers and give them the resources that they need to provide their services to this city. Give them what they are asking.	11/17/2019 3:46 PM
553	The tasks the police face, such as managing our homeless community and those suffering with severe mental health concerns and addictions issues appear unmanageable. Funding for several multi disciplinary teams including social workers, nurses, even pastors might alleviate this burden.	11/17/2019 3:42 PM
554	This is a core service. Take your climate change lawsuit money and spend it here. Take off your "the police are the enemy" activist hats and and put on your "I'm responsible for governing a city" hat and stop messing this up. Give them more support staff so they can do police work. Enable them to be more efficient. Give them more money if the province is making them pay a 2% payroll tax. Or lobby the government to make provincial police force. I think this is too great of a responsibility for this council.	11/17/2019 2:26 PM
555	Police need more support financially and more appreciation from the counselors	11/17/2019 9:35 AM

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556	What is this for, considering its the biggest single budget item in its section: Miscellaneous 46,383 16,179 Also, stop policing homelessness,	11/17/2019 8:49 AM
557	You treat the VicPD like garbage. They are called upon to police an area that requires them to be mental health workers, social workers and police. They need to be funded properly and they are not. I work downtown and it terrifies me; I have been spat on, verbally abused, punched, kicked and chased. Tourists are horrified by the sights of downtown which are rivalled only by the Downtown Eastside and Hell. Enforce the vagrancy laws and clean it up; it is an embarrassment to everyone who lives here,.	11/17/2019 7:20 AM
558	Victoria is over run by crime and it's not even reported half the time anymore	11/17/2019 7:19 AM
559	I was recently put on hold for 56 seconds on a call to 9 1 1. Police response times are ridiculously slow due to being overworked/ understaffed	11/17/2019 6:48 AM
560	They spend too much on fancy motorcycles and vehicles. They do not make it safe to walk downtown after dark as a woman nor prevent the many vehicle breakins. They must get these theives off the streets.	11/17/2019 6:31 AM
561	We need more staff to respond to community members. The police should not have to neglect some to help others.	11/17/2019 5:40 AM
562	Given what VicPD does, they need to have an increase to their funding.	11/17/2019 5:25 AM
563	Additional officers needed	11/17/2019 5:04 AM
564	Lisa spend millions shoving bike lanes down our throats Instead of looking after the safety of the residents. SHAME ON YOU!!!	11/17/2019 4:30 AM
565	PD should be top priority for City Council. Funding is far to low.	11/17/2019 4:26 AM
566	need to get realistic funding	11/17/2019 3:37 AM
567	We have issues downtown with homeless, drug addicts, violence and break ins.	11/17/2019 3:37 AM
568	Council should never contact/summon Chief. The police board is the only ethical way of discussing issues with Chief	11/17/2019 3:20 AM
569	Yes. Police Department should get the funding needed as determined by the police, not by city bureaucrats.	11/17/2019 2:35 AM
570	Need more to have police provide services, outreach to communities as part of prevention of crime and involved at schools	11/17/2019 2:33 AM
571	Less overtime waste for officers showing up to court when cases are simply put to a later date.	11/17/2019 2:30 AM
572	needs to be properly supported as requested by the Police Chief	11/17/2019 2:24 AM
573	VicPD has a very difficult job, without Council support. They need more money to provide the services Victoria needs.	11/17/2019 2:24 AM
574	Fund the police properly	11/17/2019 2:12 AM
575	Police deserve to have a larger budget to maintain law & order in Victoria. Without their work their is an increase of problems as people know they can get away with doing whatever they want as there are far too few police to be effective in all areas. They need to have enough staff to get on top of the little things as well as the big ones. With more attention to the small things it may reduce the issue of the larger problems.	11/17/2019 2:11 AM
576	I have had friends from other parts of Canada remark on the heavy police presence downtown. Maybe if you addressed the root cause, you wouldn't have to manage the symptoms so oppressively and expensively.	11/17/2019 1:31 AM
577	I think that Vic PD has to spend a lot of their time and \$ on looking after problems with homelessness and drug related problems. This takes a lot of the services taken away from other areas. They need to have a budget to allow all of their mandate to be performed. Of course the laws need to be improved to allow the courts to properly prosecute offenders and not waste the police investigation time.	11/17/2019 1:28 AM
578	To maintain the current growing population & all the vandalism occurring I'm all for additional funding.	11/17/2019 1:27 AM
579	You have an excellent police department and officers, they should be given the resources that recent studies have shown they are lacking.	11/17/2019 1:24 AM
580	We need more police presence on the streets of Victoria. I lived in big US cities and I felt much safer there than I do in downtown Victoria (where I have been assaulted several times, including once when holding my baby). I rarely go downtown anymore (live in Victoria but go to downtown Sidney far more often). Difference from the other cities was positive police presence, with officers walking around downtown. They provided friendly smiles and advice, made people feel safe. Set up police booths (like they do in places like Boston) instead of ugly bike covered areas like on Yates.	11/17/2019 1:21 AM
581	Policing is important but we don't need to fund it as a militarized operation	11/17/2019 1:08 AM
582	They shoulder the burden of all the municipalities. Should be one force for all	11/17/2019 1:04 AM
583	do not ever cut police services	11/17/2019 12:38 AM

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584	I would like to see police get more funding instead of current council's pet projects like bikelanes. I have lived in huge US cities and I feel safer in downtowns of those cities than I do in downtown Victoria. The difference was those cities had police walking the beat (always friendly to ask advice). Added a nice feeling to city, not oppressive. Even as a fit male, I almost never go downtown because I do not feel safe. Have been assaulted verbally and physically by druggies too many times (once holding my baby).	11/17/2019 12:37 AM
585	Increase the budget, how dare you prioritize bike lines over police services. P.S your free green bike initiative was the largest infusion of transportation for crime increase the area of drug dealers are able to cover and deliver to.	11/17/2019 12:25 AM
586	I can't speak to this. If I lived in one of the impoverished areas, where they are over policed, I'm sure I would say too high. I rarely have seen police vehicles or officers in the 2 years I've been here	11/17/2019 12:18 AM
587	Pay more attn to traffic violations, ``broken window`issues, drug use and less enabling of issues deleterious to the city (eg, drug use)	11/17/2019 12:14 AM
588	Unchecked crime and drug use and consistent opposition to increasing police budget. It's a strange time to be talking about a raise.	11/17/2019 12:11 AM
589	need crackdown on drivers driving aggressively, e.g. tailgating, running red lights, turning left in unsafe circumstances. Need to invest in automation.	11/17/2019 12:08 AM
590	The fact that the budget for VicPD was not increased and there is a motion to increase annual salaries for Councillors is ridiculous.	11/17/2019 12:06 AM
591	Unfortunately we need a police service. Be better if we could have a region wide police service. It should not be subject to personal political agenda of some on council.	11/16/2019 11:56 PM
592	Why are the officers at VicPd among the highest paid officers in Canada, when the crime rate here is nothing compared to other major cities in Canada. All they do is whine for more and more money. Time to freeze their wages and the saved money can go towards more needed new recruits.	11/16/2019 11:33 PM
593	Our police are overwhelmed. More funding is needed for police.	11/16/2019 11:31 PM
594	Increasingly stretched too thin when other municipal departments such as fire are seriously over funded	11/16/2019 11:29 PM
595	Should use of auxillary and special constables to assist regular constables, as a way to greatly increase capacity at low cost. Fully trained and armed regular constables are not required for many enforcement areas and functions.	11/16/2019 11:21 PM
596	They're putting their safety above others	11/16/2019 11:01 PM
597	Amalgamation is the answer for city taxpayers	11/16/2019 10:54 PM
598	Private companies are forced to provide on street security due to lack of police presence/funding	11/16/2019 10:54 PM
599	Clearly to low. Things like stolen bike recovery, a huge problem, are being done side of desk.	11/16/2019 10:53 PM
600	there should be more funding for policing	11/16/2019 10:46 PM
601	Downloading costs to their budget reduced the essential services provided in favor of Councils pet projects. Need to get your priorities aligned with City residents.	11/16/2019 10:45 PM
602	Sadly its too low. We have one of if not the highest crime rate in the Province. Its the darn Capital. Yet these guys and girls are spending more time in parks kicking the homeless out of them and dealing with Our Place and the disastrous homeless addict scene. Then the calls for overdoses and fentanyl is out of control. All of this is way too much of a strain on public services, way too much, and a massive dump of money, time, resource and asset. Something needs to change, drastically, in this areas. These people need to be spending their time elsewhere. Create some different task force to deal with those problems. Use less expensive asset, use less resource, pay them less, and deal with that sad situation more effectively. The cops need to be peace officers again, not little nanny nurses helping hopeless addicts out. They need to be focused on more important stuff, else paid less for those calls!!!!!!	11/16/2019 10:42 PM
603	Increase manpower	11/16/2019 10:42 PM
604	The lack of funding is appalling.	11/16/2019 10:40 PM
605	We don't need more police. Their services are a band aid for the lack of services and funding in other departments.	11/16/2019 10:32 PM
606	They have been asking for more money but until they can show the community that they have their priorities straight in terms of where they focus their attention then I don't think they should get more funding.	11/16/2019 10:24 PM
607	downtown policing should be a shared cost item with other CRD municipalities. Homeless/drug issues should be dealt with by a dedicated CRD taskforce.	11/16/2019 10:14 PM
608	This should be a top priority	11/16/2019 9:57 PM

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609	The police dept is not getting enough funding, or enough help (positive services that deal with the huge addiction problems) people are afraid to come into town. And also see how scary the addiction problem is getting. Crime rates soar, vandalism, theft and creepy things happen downtown, 24 hrs	11/16/2019 9:55 PM
610	Victoria is no longer a safe city. I understand that police are not the only factor, but decreasing services is not what the city needs.	11/16/2019 9:52 PM
611	Policing is of utmost importance given the large number of homeless, mentally impaired and drug addled persons found on our downtown streets. Drug use leads to crime (petty and organized) and our police force should not have their budgets reduced.	11/16/2019 9:47 PM
612	I don't know what we need here. Many are angry that council did not improve an increase to the VicPD budget so that they could hire more police officers. That's a valid complaint.	11/16/2019 9:34 PM
613	Amalgamation may alleviate this burden...	11/16/2019 9:34 PM
614	They need more officers. They are excellent.	11/16/2019 9:29 PM
615	The increase you want to give yourselves could fund two more permanent police officers, which is more useful than this council.	11/16/2019 9:29 PM
616	More needs to be done to protect visitors and downtown workers from aggressive panhandlers.	11/16/2019 9:28 PM
617	Patrol budgets need to be increased, and we need to see the return of the non emergency police hotline being monitored 24/7. The open drug use and general lawlessness has increased in the downtown and Harris green neighborhoods over the last year, and these measures would help to address this.	11/16/2019 9:28 PM
618	we need more police cutting their budget does not make sense.	11/16/2019 9:22 PM
619	Almost a quarter of the budget is too much. I believe VicPD needs to modernize its services and rely more on speed cameras, and photo radar to reduce policing costs. I would also like to see a review study lunched of budget adjustment for VicPD	11/16/2019 9:21 PM
620	They need more funding	11/16/2019 9:17 PM
621	Drug epidemic homeless epidemic do something	11/16/2019 9:11 PM
622	The city is getting worse and worse with crime whether petty or not. The police force cannot handle what they are given on a day to day basis and are having to prioritize. Situations that are deemed low risk, go to the end but what if the low risk situations turn high? We had an altercation on our street between neighbours that could have gone very bad and it took the police 45 min to respond. Luckily the 2 parties involved walked away but it could have easily gone the other way. Also, I do not feel safe walking downtown alone or even with my husband for that fact. I am not a nervous person and would walk from our house to downtown and back in the dark no problem but now with all the stuff going on downtown, there is no chance. The police are not visible enough because they don't have enough people. How about you take the money proposed for your raises and give it to the police force	11/16/2019 9:02 PM
623	Victoria carries a greater burden of the social problems common in our region (i.e. mental health, addictions, homelessness etc.) than other local municipalities. This creates a greater burden on our police department and as such responding to the department's requests for additional funding is not unreasonable. The refusal of council to fund additional budget to cover the employer health tax imposed by the province last year was a mistake and seemed suspiciously politically motivated as opposed to good budget management.	11/16/2019 9:01 PM
624	Police are not on the street downtown enough. Just driving by and around problems	11/16/2019 8:58 PM
625	23% seems awfully high. But maybe necessary because we are not spending enough money on the social welfare and housing needs of our poorest?	11/16/2019 8:56 PM
626	Hire more cops Obscenities too many crack head degens in this city	11/16/2019 8:44 PM
627	We need more cops to deal with the many homeless drug addicts committing crimes in Victoria.	11/16/2019 8:42 PM
628	city of victoria police spend too much money on fancy equipment that could be better spent on direct services.	11/16/2019 8:41 PM
629	Take a walk downtown!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	11/16/2019 8:23 PM
630	Yes stop funding bike lanes and put more police on duty. We had an incident in our home last summer and it took the police 40 minutes to get there. Someone could have been seriously hurt.	11/16/2019 8:21 PM
631	Not enough cops in this town. Hire more	11/16/2019 8:19 PM
632	Need more officers, better training, proactive policing	11/16/2019 8:15 PM
633	Mustn't let the Police Chief succeed in his attempts to increase his budget.	11/16/2019 8:05 PM
634	I have nothing but praise for VicPD.	11/16/2019 7:53 PM
635	The strain on first responder services has increased dramatically. They need the budget to perform the services in a responsible, equitable & professional manner.	11/16/2019 7:52 PM
636	VicPD needs spend less on big cars and "police toys" and shift it to walking patrols.	11/16/2019 7:45 PM
637	I'd like to see funding to restore the positions that have been axed.	11/16/2019 7:45 PM

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638	Feel that VicPD is not managing expenses and expectations appropriately.	11/16/2019 7:40 PM
639	Listen to VicPD's Chief. This is his area of expertise. Elected councillors with no background in policing are unqualified to judge these requirements. Explore ways of recouping some downtown policing costs (especially in the bar district) from a) feeder municipalities and b) the bars. Also continue working with province on social services to lessen the impact of homeless persons on policing costs.	11/16/2019 7:37 PM
640	we need to pay the police a decent wage and have them enforce ALL laws, including clearing up the homeless sleeping on our streets. Services need to be provided to these people with mental illness and drug addiction. We don't want to be like cities in California.	11/16/2019 7:18 PM
641	One of the prime functions of all levels of governance should be safety and security. The myopic approach to housing fro drug impaired people instead of finding a true solution fo mentally ill people where they can be safe puts too much pressure on police to act as mental health medics.	11/16/2019 7:15 PM
642	police should not carry assault rifles	11/16/2019 7:15 PM
643	Why are they buying assault rifles. can we have examples in Victoria BC of the need for these kinds of weapons.	11/16/2019 7:15 PM
644	this department is grossly overpaid by any measure. their contract protections are an abomination of law	11/16/2019 7:08 PM
645	Increase the budget and hire more police before you run this city into the ground. Schools should have resource officers, downtown needs a heavier police presence. I know this city prioritizes those folks nodding off on Pandora St, but any amount of consideration for everyone else in the city would be swell.	11/16/2019 7:01 PM
646	bring Liason officers back to our schools! Especially Rockheights and Esq.High	11/16/2019 6:50 PM
647	Reduce size of council and use the savings to fund policing.	11/16/2019 6:43 PM
648	They need degrees in Social Work; too much is asked of them.	11/16/2019 6:26 PM
649	The Budget should not have been cut. VicPD polices not only Victoria residents but also the thousands of people who come into Victoria for work, shopping, nightclubbing etc. The proposed \$205,600 should go to the VicPD who risk their lives everyday to protect us.	11/16/2019 6:23 PM
650	We need more officers	11/16/2019 6:20 PM
651	Police are essential. (as is the fire department) We need to keep up with the growth in the city.	11/16/2019 6:17 PM
652	Again money saved could be put into preventative services.	11/16/2019 6:17 PM
653	Take a look at the report desk increase in calls, and the slow response time for officers to attend severely under resourced.	11/16/2019 6:02 PM
654	Given all they have to do, I think the PD deserves a larger operating budget. Tell Ben Isitt that that is where I think his pay increase should go.	11/16/2019 6:01 PM
655	We need more police funding, not less	11/16/2019 5:48 PM
656	I would like to see the police pair more effectively with case workers and mental health support workers to be more of a benefit and less of an authoritative, intimidating presence.	11/16/2019 5:46 PM
657	The city has cut police funding which I think is wrong. Police have to provide services not only to the residents of Victoria but to the thousands of residents of the CRD who Commute to Victoria for work and pleasure during the day, evening and weekends.	11/16/2019 5:39 PM
658	Where is the budget truly used will tax payers ever see an honest report of the budget	11/16/2019 5:29 PM
659	Policing has become much more complicated and requires a much greater expenditure than previously. Victoria is no longer a little town, it is a sophisticated city with all the crime and criminals that come with that growth.	11/16/2019 5:27 PM
660	Funding is always to low for police but their focus is also in the wrong place most of the time, agravating citizens instead of helping them	11/16/2019 5:24 PM
661	amalgamate!!	11/16/2019 5:20 PM
662	Is the budget Reflect what the police need to do their job properly	11/16/2019 5:17 PM
663	I think Vic PD needs an attitude adjustment but shame on the City for not enabling the police to carry out their expectations particularly for the Pandora mess (KOMO Seattle is Dying)	11/16/2019 5:14 PM
664	Shame on you for not providing enough funding.	11/16/2019 5:13 PM
665	With all the crime and issues with the street population the police are struggling. For public safety I feel the police should be getting additional funding, to do their job	11/16/2019 5:10 PM
666	Vic PD is absolutely useless. They're priorities are wasteful, and ineffective. This city is rampant with crime, there are homeless people chopping bikes and smoking crack in centennial square. I have been assaulted twice in the last four years by someone tweaking out on drugs. Honesty, what does Vic PD even do? I've never even seen an officer walking downtown and I have worked on Johnson for years. They need a complete overhaul of their department.	11/16/2019 5:09 PM
667	More uniformed officers and neighborhood patrols	11/16/2019 5:06 PM

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668	Way, way too low! Calling 911 and being put on hold for the police dispatcher? Ridiculous, yet it happened to me.	11/16/2019 5:05 PM
669	They seem to be pretty busy, so if anything, they could probably use more, but I don't know.	11/16/2019 5:03 PM
670	Many on the force seem to spend their time bullying homeless people, and getting paid leave when they behave unethically.	11/16/2019 5:02 PM
671	This is one area that the city has really failed the citizens on. Crime and the perception of crime from street disorder makes the city far less liveable. Policing is expensive and think the salaries of the police are way too high, but that is the market. More money and resources should be put into policing.	11/16/2019 4:57 PM
672	You need to properly fund the police. The downtown Victoria core is out of hand and the roads have become quite aggressive. Police are needed to maintain order, it would be nice to be able to feel safe on the streets and have aggressive drivers dealt with. The council comes across as very anti police and anti military, these people protect our way of life. Respect and fund police services.	11/16/2019 4:56 PM
673	VicPD is underfunded, and money is wasted on foolish pet projects of council like poets and ping pong tables.	11/16/2019 4:55 PM
674	Vic PD is Under funded to the detriment and safety of downtown. It is not safe downtown.	11/16/2019 4:53 PM
675	Police do not need all this riot gear and para military style costuming. Police are "peacekeepers" and should move away from military style. The image of a police force member is now one of fearfulness not of reassurance and trust.	11/16/2019 4:52 PM
676	This shouldn't even be an issue but under current city council it is.	11/16/2019 4:51 PM
677	I don't understand all the nuances of the Executive office, or the Board management, for example. Seems to me they are too high but I don't understand if Board members are being paid to attend, or if they are volunteer roles. Anyway, enough of that. I think the police budget is too low. I also think, as a homeowner, that I would be willing to accept a modest increase to my property taxes SPECIFICALLY TO FUND police (and for that matter, emergency services in general). For example, if there are 30,000 homes in Victoria, a \$10 increase on our property taxes is negligible (2 starbucks coffees, haha) but if that were allocated specifically for police, that's the equivalent of 3 more officers right? Communications to the public is key here. If a property tax increase is required for both commercial and private properties that rely on this important service, then that increase should be directly allocated to the police department. People can understand a direct correlation and would probably support it.	11/16/2019 4:51 PM
678	We need far more police, budget and officers on the street. Crime is an issue	11/16/2019 4:48 PM
679	Bring back school liaison officers. These individuals make a huge difference in the lives of vulnerable children and quite literally keep some of them out of prison by building these relationships. We either pay for the liaison officers now or pay more for prisons as these children age.	11/16/2019 4:48 PM
680	Victoria needs to figure out how to make this right. Cutting back on police services because of a lack of funding is unacceptable. How dare Council propose a 50% wage increase for themselves and cut the policing budget.	11/16/2019 4:48 PM
681	We should have a regional police force. Police services vary across greater Victoria and higher levels of service don't always correspond with higher need.	11/16/2019 4:40 PM
682	Police are not just policing these days they are also front line with the homeless population. I see them regularly in my neighbourhood and they do a great job.	11/16/2019 4:38 PM
683	VicPD is, to me, the most important city service. Homelessness and addiction are taking most of their time. Funding to keep us safe is highest priority	11/16/2019 4:32 PM
684	More police are required it the city to make it safe.	11/16/2019 4:28 PM
685	The cost of policing the issues related to homeless, addicted and mentally well people should not be borne only by Victoria taxpayers. The needy come here from across Canada. It should be a shared Federal responsibility. If that were so our budget would be adequate to serve all the citizens. As it is now, we are underserved.	11/16/2019 4:25 PM
686	Take the payroll tax for msp out of their budget and pay it out of the overall city budget like the rest of the city employees.	11/16/2019 4:22 PM
687	An embarrassment, considering the major crime coming into the CRD area, the population and a Council bent on catering to Homeless and Transient people, we need considerably more Police	11/16/2019 4:22 PM
688	Police should be amalgamated	11/16/2019 4:21 PM
689	More cooperation required with other municipalities	11/16/2019 4:15 PM
690	need I say more!! fund our police we have a gift in our police chief if we have funds to sue another country we can fund our police	11/16/2019 3:58 PM
691	We need more officers and enforcement.	11/16/2019 3:56 PM
692	Crime in our city is at an all time high. We need more police. People no longer feel safe in Victoria.	11/16/2019 3:55 PM
693	They are understaffed and over worked. Again, stop trying to save money on emergency services and let them be able to provide a proper service to the city.	11/16/2019 3:53 PM

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694	Amalgamation with Saanich, Oak Bay	11/16/2019 3:49 PM
695	I want more social workers available when police are not the best suited to respond.	11/16/2019 3:47 PM
696	More enforcement and patrols of downtown areas	11/16/2019 3:39 PM
697	The drug addicted downtown take up too much of their time. This is the number one issue for our city. Civic and provincial governments need to make this their first priority.	11/16/2019 3:38 PM
698	No	11/16/2019 3:38 PM
699	Victoria a world class destination with greatly under funded police. THE Core Area for City Council and is treated like the police are the enemy funding MUST be GREATLY expanded.	11/16/2019 3:17 PM
700	A disgraced police chief, a officer using cruiser for personal use, what else is going on that is hidden from tax payers view. A thorough review of this department is needed to begin to set budgetary conditions	11/16/2019 2:08 PM
701	Police have a hard job to do. They need the funds to do their job properly. Decrease in their budget only puts the public at risk. Vicpd is forced to cut sections from their department.	11/16/2019 12:24 PM
702	They must endure cuts like all departments	11/16/2019 10:42 AM
703	If you find money to give councillors a raise, then why not keep them at their current salaries and give the money to VicPD so they can have the extra officers that they require to keep the city safe.	11/16/2019 10:09 AM
704	The police have a very hard job to do and need more support from City Hall.	11/16/2019 8:21 AM
705	It is a well known fact. We need more police!	11/16/2019 7:14 AM
706	They need the money to be able to hire the resources to do the jobs they are hired to do. Stop cutting their budget.	11/16/2019 7:01 AM
707	We spend way too much on policing. It's absurd we don't have an amalgamated police force. No accountability has been seen in addressing the problems with management and leadership in VicPD. Then we can get into how much daily cost is spent of the city budget to be cops on duty in a city with extremely low crime. Almost a full quarter of our budget on the VicPD makes me question why in a safe city we fall victim to throwing money to keep the police happy.	11/16/2019 6:57 AM
708	The oldest department and the lowest number of officers. We need to amalgamate all South Island municipalities to better use all resources and diminish duplicity.	11/16/2019 6:54 AM
709	There should be more police on the streets keeping taxpayers safe.	11/16/2019 6:43 AM
710	Needs to be significant increase in control of dangerous driving which is getting much worse. Red lights, not stopping, tailgating, speeding etc	11/16/2019 6:37 AM
711	We need more officers; there is too much delay waiting for police assistance.	11/16/2019 6:31 AM
712	They dont need more money either. You shouldn't reward stupid.	11/16/2019 6:20 AM
713	More police crime is getting to high	11/16/2019 6:13 AM
714	They need way at least 10 more officers. If you think any different, you need to educate yourself.	11/16/2019 6:11 AM
715	Too many graded cops on they first year and corruption.	11/16/2019 6:00 AM
716	Police budget reductions this year were shocking. Police have a hard enough job without being treated with disdain.	11/16/2019 5:54 AM
717	Please implement a mental health plan. Police should not be doing mental health work	11/16/2019 5:38 AM
718	I feel the police need to be compensated but am not sure about the pay scale for upper level of police	11/16/2019 5:34 AM
719	The city and the police should be ensuring that radical groups such as the so called Extinction Rebellion not be allowed to block traffic and disrupt the lives of Law abiding citizens.	11/16/2019 5:31 AM
720	Way too low. This city is on a slippery slope with crime and violence. Petty crime is happening all the time because these people know they can get away with it because there is no enforcement. Further, they are having to prioritize where they go to help. I called for a potential assault on my street months ago, the police did not show up for 45 min after I made the call. Luckily the altercation simmered but what if it had gone the wrong way? I fear for my safety downtown Victoria, we don't walk around there anymore and absolutely not at night. The police have an increasing demand on them right now and you can see they are unable to keep up.	11/16/2019 5:27 AM
721	I don't see the VicPD wasting resources, and therefore cannot see why municipal council would question funding requests from a department that knows much better than it does what the priorities are in the City.	11/16/2019 5:24 AM
722	Way more funding needed!!	11/16/2019 5:23 AM
723	Victoria is not a safe city anymore. I don't walk at any hours of the day feeling safe in the city and I do believe that VicPD should receive proper funding in order to help keeping the peace and sense of security in Victoria. I love that you are so focused on environment, but I don't really enjoy the outdoor when I feel threaten by people living with mental illness without the proper support and all the criminal incidents in Victoria.	11/16/2019 5:14 AM

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724	Way too low. The police do not even have time to come out to thefts they just give you a number now or when they do come it is 3 or 4 hours later and everything has been fenced. We have been robbed at least 10 times in the last 10 years. They even stoled the hubcaps off my husband's truck and robbed our boat in the last few weeks. The city needs way more police. The city is a nightmare for thieves. They even steal our water. More police needed.	11/16/2019 5:10 AM
725	Have you phoned the non emergency number recently? Give it a try and you will agree that they need more funding so they can get to those calls sooner and prevent unnessary use of 911.	11/16/2019 5:02 AM
726	Public Safety is the City's most critical priority. Council handled this very badly in 2019, performance of some Council members was pathetic.	11/16/2019 5:01 AM
727	get a cheif that doesn't run to the media like a little girl when they don't get their way	11/16/2019 4:58 AM
728	They are the Police. They deserve the funding they request. I understand City officials just see it as numbers and budgets but these are real people dealing with actual problems, things city officials have no clue about. The police have complained about budget cuts and it is insane. The homeless and drug use is rampant and it is the cities fault, not police. Give them more money.	11/16/2019 4:18 AM
729	the police should be more on top of things and pro active like Montreal or Toronto police	11/16/2019 4:16 AM
730	Safety is a primary concern when coming into downtown Victoria. I have felt unsafe on many occasions. A more visible police service could remedy this.	11/16/2019 4:14 AM
731	These girls and boys put their lives on the line everyday when they suit up and go to work. They, NOT the City Council deserve a raise and help deal with the increasing opiod crisis and it's fallout, especially within the Harris Green neighbourhood. Sometimes Pandora Street between Vancouver & Quadra Streets does not feel safe to walk. Most times it is like walking the plank. Mini tent cities keep popping up in the green space across the from the new Save On. The police are stretched so thin with their resources, many calls are to the Police are unanswered. Older residents cannot afford to change location because rental prices have skyrocketed.	11/16/2019 4:12 AM
732	We can not afford to underfund our public safety sector while the downtown core continues to grapple with rampant homelessness and drug use	11/16/2019 4:10 AM
733	Proposed cuts as per Councillor Ben Isitt are just wrong.	11/16/2019 3:57 AM
734	It is probably too low, since VicPD has had to cut back on the school liaisons, to name just that. VicPD has a lot of work, especially downtown. It seems to me that they bear the brunt of the work in the Greater Victoria area.	11/16/2019 3:46 AM
735	Goodness. Vic PD is underrated. They need support. More resources!!!	11/16/2019 3:41 AM
736	Doesn't match the crime. We need more officers!	11/16/2019 3:31 AM
737	Vic pd keeps this city safe. They should be properly supported.	11/16/2019 3:17 AM
738	I am not really sure why we have the highest policing costs per capita compared to other cities, but almost 25% of the entire budget seems high. I feel that health workers and social workers should be taking on some of the work that our police do.	11/16/2019 3:17 AM
739	School liaison officers need to be re instated.	11/16/2019 3:16 AM
740	When you call the police and they don't come for 6 hours that's a problem	11/16/2019 3:10 AM
741	Increase the budget to hire more staff.	11/16/2019 3:04 AM
742	Increase budget	11/16/2019 2:50 AM
743	Need to merge services with other municipalities to reduce stress on Victoria ifficers	11/16/2019 2:45 AM
744	this is not an optional service! They need the money they need... you are not willing to fund them but you will fund a free lunch for council.... what a disgrace you are.	11/16/2019 2:43 AM
745	I don't know much about the budget but what I learned in the media about council underfunding police is disappointing and frightening.	11/16/2019 2:39 AM
746	My neighbourhood has been targeted by vandals and car thieves and no longer feels safe. There are a lot of problems downtown that can only be addressed by increased manpower and funding.	11/16/2019 2:29 AM
747	Victoria should adjust the police budget downward to not exceed the per capita cost of other comparable cities in BC.	11/16/2019 2:25 AM
748	We need to fund our police so they can do the work/job/services that are expected of them. To under fund VicPD is shameful. They risk their lives for all of us.	11/16/2019 2:20 AM
749	More policing is required in my opinion. As social issues get downloaded from the Province to the local cities and communities, police are required to help manage the results of those poor decisions unfortunately.	11/16/2019 2:19 AM
750	I don't know if more money is the answer but service levels are too low. Please do not give more money to council.	11/16/2019 2:19 AM
751	Far too low, especially with the homeless situation downtown. My condo has had several bike, planter bbq etc thieves not to mention tagging and trespassing and lottering. Its nerveracking for a single woman livibg on my own downtown. Victoria core is no longer safe any time of the day.	11/16/2019 2:14 AM
752	way too low, just give them the money already	11/16/2019 2:11 AM

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753	Police play an extremely important role. Rather than supply fee passes to kids that money should have gone to police support and protection of environment/green spaces.	11/16/2019 2:05 AM
754	more attention to helping the homeless rather than arresting them. especially help with crimes against the homeless	11/16/2019 2:04 AM
755	Give the police the resources they need	11/16/2019 2:01 AM
756	A 4.5% growth rate is unsustainably high and is completely inconsistent with increases in firefighting costs. The city needs to stop being strong armed here and ensure that annual increases in policing costs are in line with the rest of the budget and policing costs in comparator municipalities.	11/16/2019 2:01 AM
757	It needs to increase. The reluctance to fund the police is baffling!	11/16/2019 1:58 AM
758	Increase funding for city police service hire more officers	11/16/2019 1:56 AM
759	Downtown Victoria used to be a clean and safe place, even at night. Now the Pandora street homeless and drug attics have given our town core a bad image. not a place I would want someone I care about walking through at night.	11/16/2019 1:52 AM
760	You have huge problems in the Victoria areas. It is not safe to walk around or even going out in the evening. You get verbally abused and street people are around all over.....	11/16/2019 1:50 AM
761	Property crime is growing at alarmingly fast rate, there is no more denying this. This needs to change and VICPD needs more funding	11/16/2019 1:36 AM
762	They should be receiving the money you are proposing to give to councillors.	11/16/2019 1:33 AM
763	Give them money specific only to staffing. Not for an upgrade in vehicles	11/16/2019 1:27 AM
764	Not cost effective. Seem to be focused on drunks more than crime	11/16/2019 1:23 AM
765	WE HAVE TOO MANY PERSONNEL IN THIS DEPARTMENT FOR THE SIZE OF OUR CITY.	11/16/2019 1:22 AM
766	Homeless get service than residents...fund police	11/16/2019 1:17 AM
767	The police deserve more. This is not an easy city to police.	11/16/2019 1:17 AM
768	.More on street patrols	11/16/2019 1:16 AM
769	I do know that we've been told not to expect to have VicPD show up for anything that is not major. Not a comforting feeling for those tax payers who might need their services at any given time.	11/16/2019 1:15 AM
770	More police are needed	11/16/2019 1:13 AM
771	There seems to be a lack of policing for things like traffic law enforcement, speed enforcement and bicycle enforcement	11/16/2019 1:06 AM
772	I believe that there was much discussion about amalgamation of municipalities in recent years but no mention of proceeding with it, especially in this high cost part of our spending. How many police chiefs does the CRD need?	11/16/2019 1:06 AM
773	There is way too much crime in Victoria! This is unacceptable!	11/16/2019 1:00 AM
774	We have a Police Force that was performing well. We are going down a slippery slope. Or do you know something that I do not know about VicPD.	11/16/2019 12:54 AM
775	hire more police officers. downtown is a cesspool of street thugs and panhandlers.	11/16/2019 12:46 AM
776	need proper funding based in Policing needs. It is bad idea when the Police Chief says we need more officers and there is no money. I don't want to call 911 and be told that there is no officer coming because there was no money to hire someone.	11/16/2019 12:44 AM
777	The mental health crisis in the city is disturbing. We need to bring back institutions that can support the long term needs of those requiring, rather than relying on the local police force to manage.	11/16/2019 12:41 AM
778	Police costs need to be greatly reduced	11/16/2019 12:35 AM
779	Similar to my comment regarding firefighters: please review the compensation/benefits as there appears to be a glut of qualified candidates. Further, "me too" bargaining is unacceptable and ought to be ended. Our policing challenges and needs are different (and likely less risky) than police in surrey (RCMP) and Vancouver face. Pay appropriately for our community.	11/16/2019 12:30 AM
780	Way too low. We need more police presence on the streets in a friendly non confrontative way get them out of their vehicles. Unfortunately, we have some councilors who believe this is movement toward a 'police state'. That is not the case at all and many Victorians would welcome the increased presence for personal and property reasons. At present, the police are hamstrung by having to deal with many people who are incapable of fending for themselves due to homelessness, addiction, and other issues.	11/16/2019 12:22 AM
781	Our police department is shamefully understaffed and funded! Our at risk yourh is a massive problem and we need the liaison officers back in the schools instead of depending on the saanich officer Personal info need more officers in the road to deal with drug and mental health issues and property crime....it is completely out of hand!	11/16/2019 12:21 AM

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782	Where to start? Enforcement is practically invisible because the department is grossly underfunded. I forget the last time I went through a road safety checkpoint. What's more, I'm appalled at the driving habits and culture of my fellow Victorians, and I believe there is an untapped treasure trove of revenue available through traffic enforcement. I do not exaggerate when I say that on every one of my outings, whether in a car or on foot, bus or bike, I see multiple traffic infractions, and I simply do not see enough policing on our roads to ticket offenders. There must be a hard line drawn on road conduct: it starts with staffing our police force adequately, and continues with assigning more officers to traffic enforcement. Our roads are a death trap of ignorance and arrogance, and offenders face virtually no repercussions for their actions.	11/16/2019 12:14 AM
783	More police = need for mor money. This service is underfunded.	11/16/2019 12:13 AM
784	Increasing enthoreligious diversity in a city increases the amount of conflict in that city. This has a direct monetary cost in the needed increase of policing. Homogeneous societies are more peaceful and prosperous.	11/16/2019 12:06 AM
785	I can not see how council want to keep cutting budget of the police	11/15/2019 11:59 PM
786	This policing model is a relic from the old ages. For every uniformed, high priced cop riding a desk, you could hire two or three highly educated civilians. The only uniformed cops that should be riding desks are watch commanders and executive. The only other cops that should be occupying desk jobs are detectives and undercover police. Civilianize everything else. With the savings you'd have more staff in offices at less cost and you could roll those savings into more cops on the street. It's not rocket science.	11/15/2019 11:55 PM
787	More positive policing needed. Not cuts !! Hire civilians to do some of the day to day none emergency policing.	11/15/2019 11:51 PM
788	Need more police walking the streets downtown late at night.	11/15/2019 11:50 PM
789	not enough police officers for those outside the city core. Plus it would be great to bring back the school liaison officers.	11/15/2019 11:48 PM
790	Policing will continue to rise as the population increases. I feel for the VICPD when it comes to the burden of dealing with the homeless souls needs. I think it would be wise to increase budget for psychological services for the police, that deal directly with the wandering homeless.	11/15/2019 11:39 PM
791	I think amalgamating services across Saanich and Esquimalt would be incredibly valuable.	11/15/2019 11:35 PM
792	The Police Department should have their BC Medical costs covered just like all other Victoria Departments as well as more \$ to deal with the mental health and addiction problems that they have to deal with when citizens call 911 and ask them to respond.	11/15/2019 11:31 PM
793	Again, would rather have the people available to help, rather than wondering if help will be available due to budget cuts.	11/15/2019 11:16 PM
794	Council cuts there budget but want to increase their pay by 50% wow where do they get off	11/15/2019 11:15 PM
795	I would like to see more enforcement of driving laws. I rarely see officers enforcing driving laws downtown.	11/15/2019 11:15 PM
796	Time to amalgamate the municipalities, have Stew Young and council manage all 13, and contract policing to RCMP	11/15/2019 11:12 PM
797	VicPD is under a great amount of stress due to their high call volume, additional officers should be hired to mitigate OT. Officers should not be handcuffed and should have the ability to carry out their job of law enforcement to protect the tax paying citizens of Victoria.	11/15/2019 11:07 PM
798	Fact that Vic shoulders main responsibility for homeless problem has taken the police away from enforcement and more as glorified social workers. Hardly ever see anyone from the police unless it is on Pandora. Don't see homeless problems getting better and folks are afraid to come downtown. Street policing has been neglected and traffic enforcement almost nil due to being focussed on other areas.	11/15/2019 11:03 PM
799	I would like to see more police funding before any raises given to the councillors 0	11/15/2019 11:03 PM
800	I whole heartedly support any initiative that amalgamates policing in the municipality if by doing reducing administrative costs translates into better operating efficiencies and overall reduced policing cost.	11/15/2019 10:45 PM
801	Support the police and make the city safer. I will not go into town at night.	11/15/2019 10:34 PM
802	Took police 38 hours to respond to a break in. This is absolutely terrible. Lack so resources	11/15/2019 10:33 PM
803	VicPD needs to spend less on salaries. Too many cops eating donuts and not enough effort goes to solving genuine crime.	11/15/2019 10:27 PM
804	If I'm not safe what's the point. Frustrated officers don't always think their best. Figure the extra cost for special events, the size of other municipalities, then charge them a pro rated fee. Or have the municipality send one of their officers.	11/15/2019 10:24 PM
805	The bike thefts need to be controlled. It's absolutely insane. Clearly more officers are needed for this issue.	11/15/2019 10:21 PM

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806	Once again, first responders are being taxed to the absolute max. I understand that all people need to be treated with dignity and respect, but to allow people to stand in the middle of road on traffic island to pan handle not only looks bad for the City but when one of these people get struck by a car, the trauma that you have allowed will once again get the law changed.	11/15/2019 10:16 PM
807	We need more money into the Vic PD. More officers etc.	11/15/2019 10:09 PM
808	More funding is needed for VicPD. They keep us safe and they help our most vulnerable.	11/15/2019 10:05 PM
809	We need more officers	11/15/2019 10:03 PM
810	If the City is really listening you would not need to ask this question. Respect is needed !	11/15/2019 10:03 PM
811	restore school liason officers	11/15/2019 9:50 PM
812	Considering the important work, increasing demands on the VicPD to maintain safety in our communities, I would suggest that an increased budget would allow the Dept. to hire more officers, increase their presence in areas of the city which are most vulnerable.	11/15/2019 9:24 PM
813	If we offer them an added 2%, I like rounding up, will they leave the weed shops alone, until the slow as molasses in december applications are processed? I mean, seriously, that is just embarrassing.	11/15/2019 9:17 PM
814	We need more police officers in this city!	11/15/2019 9:11 PM
815	The downtown core and immediate surroundings need more officers to respond to active complaints and crimes. I've waited for ten minutes calling the emergency line and much longer on the non emergency line to try to talk to VicPD about crime in process and recent complaints, respectively. If I call 911, there is an "immediate" need to speak to someone. More resources (training, officers, I don't know) need to be dedicated to resolving this as property crimes seem to be increasing.	11/15/2019 9:09 PM
816	Focus needs to be more on prevention than reaction issues like homelessness & drugs are expensive to address via policing.	11/15/2019 9:06 PM
817	Juat fund them!!!	11/15/2019 8:57 PM
818	I'd like to see a more visible presence in our communities, not sure if there is a capacity or even the option for aux officers.	11/15/2019 8:57 PM
819	We need more to many homesless and druggies i used to not lock my car doors not anymore	11/15/2019 8:56 PM
820	It's ridiculous you are thinking of a 53% wage increase to council while you said there was no budget for policing.	11/15/2019 8:55 PM
821	Safety in the city is a priority as other municipalities come to town for all the entertainment provided.	11/15/2019 8:48 PM
822	There aren't enough officers to keep all areas of the city safe.	11/15/2019 8:42 PM
823	Police are doing what they can. Safety and security for residents and visitors are being compromised by the criminal element of homeless people. Neighbourhoods need more visible police presence. How can councillors consider vote higher salaries for themselves when we need improvements in this essential service?	11/15/2019 8:35 PM
824	These are the people who keep us safe. The police chief has made reasonable budget requests to provide the level of service we as citizens expect. We need to do a better job for our police force by providing them with the resources they need to keep us safe.	11/15/2019 8:32 PM
825	Need more police officers	11/15/2019 8:22 PM
826	They need more officers to do their job reliably	11/15/2019 8:21 PM
827	Police officers are paid too much and the police budget is misallocated. Council should get oversite over how funds are spent throughout the police department, because if the highest ranking officers are allowed to control the budget, they have always prioritized punitive anti poor law enforcement over a healthier rehabilitative approach.	11/15/2019 8:18 PM
828	We need much more policing on our streets. Progressive policies of council have the side effect of a lot of violence in downtown. We need more street cops to address that!	11/15/2019 8:15 PM
829	The lack of sufficient fundsforVicPD is disgraceful	11/15/2019 8:12 PM
830	WAY TOO LOW!!!! Called a few times and get a recorded message or they just dont show up	11/15/2019 8:08 PM
831	Amalgamate with Saanich PD to access more resources and allocate them to the most critical requirements	11/15/2019 8:05 PM
832	Need to give more money to Policing and Social Services.	11/15/2019 8:01 PM
833	VicPD are grossly overpaid and terrible at their job. I see them constantly just hanging out in nice parts of the city where next to no crime happens. Regular citizens are harassed for drinking a beer at the beach, but a homeless person can drink a beer on Douglas street no problem they just drive right past, but if it's a regular citizen they make a priority to mess with them. This double standard for the homeless is infuriating to say the least. I am sick of feeling unwelcome in this city for being a young male. But it's great if you are homeless, or a woman.	11/15/2019 8:00 PM
834	increasing population, tourism requires adequate policy presence and community outreach by the VicPD	11/15/2019 7:56 PM

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835	Please increase the operating budget for Vicpd	11/15/2019 7:52 PM
836	More needs to be done to fight property crime and drug use in the city and outlying areas. VicPD needs the political support and revenue to keep the city safe.	11/15/2019 7:46 PM
837	Fund the program that puts officers into the mental health and drug response teams. Just make this permanent it is a proven program. Do a survey of petty theft that doesnt get reported. The first time I reported theft from my car the police just snickered. The second and third time I didn't bother. There's no feeling that the cops care about the little stuff. 23% seems like too much of the budget. Way too much. And the recent scandals in the PD suggest it is not very professionally run.	11/15/2019 7:42 PM
838	VicPD needs more resources to ethically engage with people without homes that suffer from addictions or mental illness, including trained specialists that are capable of identifying instances when issues with those communities can be resolved without force or over policing. As first responders, it is imperative that police are able to identify when a mental health crisis is taking place and react accordingly and humanely.	11/15/2019 7:40 PM
839	I feel that more needs to be spent on police costs, and that they should continue to be involved with Island Health programming.	11/15/2019 7:33 PM
840	VicPD needs to be better funded and more constables need to be hired too many social issues for them to deal with on behalf of all residents	11/15/2019 7:27 PM
841	VicPD is a money pit that has no effect on safety in the city. There is almost no interaction that VicPD has with the public that couldn't be made better by taking VicPD out of the equation. Put money into free public housing, safe drug use, and important public services like parks, libraries, and free city wide wifi for all.	11/15/2019 7:27 PM
842	The Police need more support enough to adequately do their job which is not the case at the moment.	11/15/2019 7:22 PM
843	Absolutely! We need a strong police force to counter the drugs & mental health issues. Lowering their budget is short sighted.	11/15/2019 7:21 PM
844	way too high.	11/15/2019 7:13 PM
845	They have an enormous task of dealing with the burgeoning homeless population and need all the help they can get. It's not fair to have people taking advantage of public services and spaces that are funded by and for tax payers. Services to help homeless people should be spent in other ways.	11/15/2019 7:11 PM
846	More enforcement of the homeless / drug situation. Better street presence to deter the "petty" theft that often occurs.	11/15/2019 7:08 PM
847	Invest more in community mental health teams. No more policing poverty, substance use, and mental illness.	11/15/2019 7:05 PM
848	either too low or staff are paid too much or too many staff in the office. response times are tragic to anything other then someone dying (Ive waited over 1hr+ for police services regarding theft or break ins), police rarely follow up on stolen items or catch thefts, rampant illegal driving downtown on friday and saturday from taxis and police do nothing even if its right in front of them. constant near misses with traffic blowing stop signs near schools.	11/15/2019 7:03 PM
849	Vic pd needs to be paid more the any other area I my opinion. Do not give council a raise and take away budget for police officers	11/15/2019 6:59 PM
850	We need more police!!!	11/15/2019 6:59 PM
851	Victoria has a severe lack of police. Crime is far to high. Assaults are twice the national average; Sexual Assaults are three times! Robberies are 20% higher, and Break and Enters are 50% higher. There needs to be a serious look at how to solve this. The feel good Kumbaya type approach Victoria now has is, in and of itself, criminally negligent.	11/15/2019 6:55 PM
852	more officers needed to combat the homeless problem, a larger traffic section to actually be able to deal with traffic complaints, more officers walking the beat	11/15/2019 6:51 PM
853	Bring back community police on foot patrol.	11/15/2019 6:50 PM
854	More police funding should be switched to outreach work that can address root causes of addiction and poverty, rather than just react to the problem afterwards. This is more financially sound long term.	11/15/2019 6:49 PM
855	We need more police force on the streets as there is too much evil going on.	11/15/2019 6:45 PM
856	Bike theft ,Robbery, discharged firearms, drugs, sexual assaults , vagrancy panhandling ,ptsd, stress leave illness. Scandals. The Victoria police department is in need of an overhaul. Proper proportional funding is required, no , demanded by the citizens of this city. Bike theft is at epidemic levels . Even the mayors bike was targeted. This is by far the most important budget item in my opinion .	11/15/2019 6:42 PM
857	Restore the cuts to police before even thinking about "council raises" of nearly DOUBLE.	11/15/2019 6:40 PM
858	Way too low. My neighborhood is inundated with crime and mental health / addiction issues. Police are the front line in dealing with safety issues and they cannot be expected to take cuts to their budget in the midst of a public health crisis.	11/15/2019 6:40 PM
859	VicPD couldn't even respond when my neighbor threatened to kill my family.	11/15/2019 6:37 PM

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860	Health employer's tax should be on the city budget; regional policing needs to be further pushed.	11/15/2019 6:34 PM
861	no	11/15/2019 6:31 PM
862	You need more members to patrol the downtown core	11/15/2019 6:31 PM
863	Abolish the police as an institution and replace the whole thing with something new. Our police culture is so deeply rotten there is no room for reform.	11/15/2019 6:25 PM
864	VicPD is ridiculously underfunded and the idea of trying to force other municipalities to make up for the budget is ridiculous. The province was right to not agree to this. The city needs to prioritize policing for officer safety and the safety of those who live and work in Victoria.	11/15/2019 6:18 PM
865	The city needs police officers. Take the money you want to spend on raises for council, and give it to the cops.	11/15/2019 6:18 PM
866	Crime is growing rapidly in the city. We need more police resources!!	11/15/2019 6:17 PM
867	I feel the downtown core is not a safe place. More police presence would give me some assurance that it is safe to be there. Moreover it is a stressful job and police should have ample backup and support.	11/15/2019 6:17 PM
868	Increased crime means the police need more funding to keep communities safer.	11/15/2019 6:16 PM
869	I do not need to see open drug dealing in front of City Hall, I do not want to be stabbed, beaten, attacked or harrassed while going about my LAW ABIDING day Pull your heads out of your asses and pay for the police to fix the problem your idealistic policies have created	11/15/2019 6:15 PM
870	I have a difficult time seeing our officers without the funding they require. They have so much to deal with in the neighbourhoods and downtown. We must find a way to fund their needs.	11/15/2019 6:15 PM
871	Stop underfunding the Police Department. Since you the city do very little to solve or fix the homeless and mental health issues in the city, the police are the one who have to deal with it.	11/15/2019 6:14 PM
872	we need more offices downtown for protection	11/15/2019 6:09 PM
873	At the same time that city council is concentrating the services to the addicted, homeless, and frankly criminal elements downtown, they underfund the police department. That is crazy.	11/15/2019 5:56 PM
874	more precence needed	11/15/2019 5:51 PM
875	no	11/15/2019 5:51 PM
876	Allow for more contingency funds. Use Ben Isitt's quarter of a million dollars he found for councillor pay hikes.	11/15/2019 5:25 PM
877	council should be more supportive of the police department and the challenges they face they need more funding	11/15/2019 5:21 PM
878	Budget must be increased	11/15/2019 5:20 PM
879	They have to play a much bigger role than traditional policing, dealing with mental health issues. While they have the biggest budget I think they have been very poorly treated by council. Actually shame on you.	11/15/2019 5:18 PM
880	Council needs to support our police department. They cannot assist our city's needs under their current budget.	11/15/2019 5:11 PM
881	You need to pay the police what they need to operate adequately.	11/15/2019 5:05 PM
882	Over policed. The department receives/uses military style weapons. Would support looking into cost effective options like having officers with less dangerous duties who do not carry weapons	11/15/2019 5:03 PM
883	Pretty slimy that you take the employer health tax out of the police budget for 2019 and then want to give yourselves a massive raise	11/15/2019 5:02 PM
884	Council is seeking a 50 per cent increase in pay but won't give the police department adequate funds to properly police the city. Another reason to avoid downtown,	11/15/2019 5:01 PM
885	More work should be done for regional amalgamation	11/15/2019 4:56 PM
886	We need more police	11/15/2019 4:53 PM
887	We desperately need more police officers! Last time I called 911 I was put on hold for police dispatch and two ambulances arrived before police picked up the call. Disgusting service due to understaffing. Shame!	11/15/2019 4:53 PM
888	We don't bother phoning the police as we know they're too busy dealing with crises. It took them about 3 hours to respond to our call reporting drug sales and injection right beside a children's playground.	11/15/2019 4:49 PM
889	Never let them have to ask for money. Give them Ben Isitt's pay hike motion for their contingency. Obviously he has found an quarter of a million dollars annually. We need a solid, funded force!	11/15/2019 4:39 PM
890	Join with other munis and lobby province for more health care workers on the street and more facilities . Health (incl mental health) is a provincial responsibility but Victoria police are being turned into very expensive health care workers paid for by a small local tax base.	11/15/2019 4:39 PM
891	We probably need more police to deal with the increasing difficulties with "street people" and drugs users. It's hard to call for help and wait on hold and have to give up.	11/15/2019 4:38 PM

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892	I've had enough of the scare tactics from the Chief of Police regarding their budget. A serious review is necessary on police services in Victoria way too expensive, and much too little service for what taxpayers pay.	11/15/2019 4:30 PM
893	Go after Esquimalt, CRD and province to contribute additional funds to support more police, health and social services.	11/15/2019 4:30 PM
894	Just look at what is happening on city streets. Too many people with issues, bad drivers and bike riders who do not follow the rules making it dangerous for all concerned.	11/15/2019 4:29 PM
895	More money is needed in order to bring back school liaison officers.	11/15/2019 4:29 PM
896	The Victoria Police Department needs to have a budget increase.	11/15/2019 4:27 PM
897	It is not fair that the responsibility of downtown policing falls onto Vic PD when people from all over the region enjoy it. This needs to be a shared responsibility or amalgamate and save costs...	11/15/2019 4:23 PM
898	Our Police are ESSENTIAL and they should be given every bit of support, financial or otherwise, that they need. We can not afford to limit or reduce the Police Budget, who do the things the rest of us are not able or willing to do. They deserve our respect, not a nickel and dimeing approach to their budget.	11/15/2019 4:21 PM
899	There are too many municipalities in the Region which drives inefficiencies in local governments. Policing is hurt by the governance structure in this Region. Sadly, the Council in the City of Victoria is also not supportive of the Policing needs and is more focussed on spending funds in areas that have nothing do with running the City.	11/15/2019 4:21 PM
900	more police needed	11/15/2019 4:20 PM
901	VicPD has one of the most wasteful budgets possible. Stop wasting money going after dispensaries and put more money into getting them legal instead. This is the worst part of the entire budget	11/15/2019 4:20 PM
902	Fund the PD so they can do their job. I'm tired of speeders on my street, cars and bikes cruising through STOP signs, etc.. And, I'm sick of reading that it is always the victims fault when a theft occurs.	11/15/2019 4:17 PM
903	I would support more funding for the police, specifically bring back the school liaison program.	11/15/2019 4:12 PM
904	We can't be a growing municipality without a strong police presence.	11/15/2019 4:07 PM
905	VicPD needs a new Chief. VicPD complete mismanagement of their budget for years has cost the City a great deal. Crime is up, officers are on leave, administration costs are up and the Chief still complains they do not have enough money. It is time for a new Chief, and some fiscal management at VicPD.	11/15/2019 4:04 PM
906	We should support the VPD they know what they need to adequately police the downtown.	11/15/2019 3:59 PM
907	It is the parent visibly in through research that there is tremendous levels of mental health issues intersecting with those in the criminal justice system, or our first encountered by police. The budget should reflect that additional training and help needed to get the right supports to these people.	11/15/2019 3:56 PM
908	Our city needs more police to protect the city. Their budget has been slashed way too much	11/15/2019 3:54 PM
909	Victoria police officers seldom get out of their cars. When will we see police officers WALKING around our neighborhood. If new officers are asked for maybe we can hire them on commission so they can earn their wages by the amount of tickets handed out. Then maybe Victoria area drivers will learn to be more responsible & obey the LAW.	11/15/2019 3:52 PM
910	Response times are XXXX because you pay them XXXX Better to give VicPD more money than Ben Issit. I'd rather not fund his war in veterans and Christmas lights.	11/15/2019 3:44 PM
911	The City should be funding VicPD's MSP premium shortfall.	11/15/2019 3:43 PM
912	We live in the red zone, we want a lot of my tax dollars going in to protecting me & my family!!	11/15/2019 3:42 PM
913	Although a very complicated issue, this city no longer feels safe. Crime and theft is at an all time high, with much being unreported. Long term mental health and addiction plans are needed but in the short term we need more police help and lots of it.	11/15/2019 3:39 PM
914	Police have shown no ability to review their budget and reduce non critical services	11/15/2019 3:35 PM

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915	The calls for service incurred by VicPD has increased, including the demands of their services for other non criminal related calls. Despite empirical data to show the costs and burdens placed on this police force, Council has continually and unscrupulously, refused to increase their budget each year, need for more staff, both sworn and civilian, and has hampered and bamboozled their ability to do their jobs. It strikes me as odd that council can call for a 50% increase to their pay, accounting for minimal work, as well as increase to catered lunches, among other perks, when they will not increase a budget for our police force, that is struggling to provide services, while also cutting crucial components of their business model, in order to meet demand. Council cannot expect the City and its' inhabitants to support 50% wage increase, so they can sit around, ignore constituents, have meetings, while our men and women in blue, fight the good fight out in the public. This service is essential, and these people are doing a job many councilors would be utterly unfit to do, especially Counselor Isitt. When this Council starts making decisions, that the public has asked for, that benefit us, not just the members of this council, then you can ask for a 50% wage increase. We need police services, we need ACT teams, and specialized enforcement sections. We do not need this council.	11/15/2019 3:29 PM
916	More funding needs to be put towards the Police Budget. Our downtown is falling apart in front of our eyes, and the problem continues to get worse. Property crime is skyrocketing in the neighbouring communities(mine included) and there is no officers to be able to respond. If you do not increase funding to the police, these issues will balloon out of control to a point that we will not be able to return. Stop the ideological hatred towards the police from council please. The police are much too important for our city and the reputation from tourists to be meddled with due to a small group of ideologues who do not represent the Victoria voters.	11/15/2019 3:28 PM
917	The police are the pointy end of the stick in dealing with the street people they are not social workers and I think Council needs to recognize this fact. The police are suffering death through a thousand cuts. As a senior who walks from my residence to and through downtown two or three times a week I am feeling less and less secure. The number and aggressive nature is constantly increasing. I feel that if a homeless person is not from Victoria they should be given a one way bus ticket to their home city.	11/15/2019 3:27 PM
918	They need more \$ to effectively do their job	11/15/2019 3:25 PM
919	There is no police presence in our neighbourhood	11/15/2019 3:14 PM
920	Street violence is way too high and response times are too slow, if an officer responds at all. ECOMM's understaffing compounds this problem. We need more police resources, not less.	11/15/2019 3:14 PM
921	Allow more officers to be hired. They keep the city safe, and take care of the homeless population. Something the mayor and city councillors have forgotten about.	11/15/2019 3:08 PM
922	No more money for police services.	11/15/2019 3:08 PM
923	It is disgusting how Victoria Mayor and Council treat the police.	11/15/2019 3:01 PM
924	This is a difficult problem Amalgamation is the economic answer	11/15/2019 2:55 PM
925	They need money to prevent and investigate crimes.	11/15/2019 2:45 PM
926	Pay the police budget before you decide to give yourselves a raise, seriously, how hypocritical is it to not find police but feel there is enough money to give all of yourselves raises?	11/15/2019 2:40 PM
927	There is a serious crisis downtown with mental health and addictions.	11/15/2019 2:37 PM
928	We need our police. We need to give them the funds they require to perform their duties and keep the Greater Victoria area safe. Extremely important.	11/15/2019 2:34 PM
929	It is ridiculous to have to listen to reports in the news that the city mayor and council are at odds whether or not to support policing in an ever growing city population. Look around at all the building in this city this population is not decreasing. With larger cities comes larger crime rates.....	11/15/2019 2:26 PM
930	Ben Isitt is a former Activist and calls those who support police "Cop Lovers". He is anti police and the VicPD budget continues to suffer because of him. Increase the VicPD budget to help keep the city safe.	11/15/2019 12:43 PM
931	Additional officers are needed. Foot patrols along and around Harris Green. No public drug use to be tolerated.	11/15/2019 12:21 PM

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932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria is the second most policed area per capita in the country in 2018. • A \$2.6 million, 4.5% increase is not in keeping with council's previous direction to rein in police spending (inflation plus 1%). • The city should reject funding for the four new special constables, capital expenditures and retirement funding, and insist on a contraction of the existing police budget in other areas. • Council feedback in July 2019 on VicPD's budget included looking at "community driven alternative/complimentary policing models with a role for police but not police driven." VicPD's request for a large budget increase shows that the police board has not respected council's request. The proposed special constables will be another component of policing they are not an alternative to policing. • The proposed police budget also does not respect council's past decision to deny VicPD's requested 2019 budget increase. VicPD is requesting "to reinstate capital reserves funding in 2020 to the level originally requested in the 2019 budget" and then "gradually increase capital reserve contributions annually until annual contributions reach a level of \$1.5 million." Council should not have to reverse its previous position simply because VicPD has failed to adjust to new spending realities. • VicPD has continually demonstrated that it is not interested in following direction from council on spending or priorities, and its proposed multi million budget increase reflects that. • Council should request a severely curtailed budget from VicPD, if not a year over year reduction, and allocate funding to other areas such as housing. 	11/15/2019 6:33 AM
933	Way too low. Hire twice as many good officers. Right now they are run off their feet. They have hardly time for many big crimes, let alone other things like traffic infractions and other small crimes. Our city is losing it's appeal and pretty soon, more businesses will be closing in the downtown core. I'm surprised that many are still here. MEC will leave soon and go to where there is parking, so people can pick up their larger purchases more easily.	11/15/2019 5:48 AM
934	A smaller security force and more affordable programmes, community meals with speakers and support for families and individuals.	11/15/2019 2:53 AM
935	I love our police force and think they are doing the best they can with complex situations (e.g., mental health crises, homelessness).	11/15/2019 2:42 AM
936	Fund our police!!	11/15/2019 2:20 AM
937	It is a travesty that the current Council voted to reduce police services, especially in the downtown core. There is a culture of permissiveness when it comes to crime in the core.	11/14/2019 11:32 PM
938	Regionalize policing and freeze the budget	11/14/2019 9:27 PM
939	give them more funding so they can do there job which is protect	11/14/2019 7:26 PM
940	Traffic cops should be paid less than other police. 50k max.	11/14/2019 10:14 AM
941	The police are not being run properly. They are not understaffed, over worked or underfunded. There should be a privately funded overwatch program enstated to figure out a better way to organize the vic city police. Put more of them actually out on the street walking the beat and slowing speeders in residential neighborhoods. I called the police one night for a job that could have taken one officer. No danger. 6 cars showed up. We have been asking for a speed trap on our street for 5 years and still have yet to see one.	11/14/2019 3:40 AM
942	Victoria police are badly prejudiced against certain populations.	11/14/2019 2:44 AM
943	Manage staffing. Combine with other forces. Waste of money and officers should be at work not at home on mental health days	11/14/2019 12:54 AM
944	WAY TOO LOW! You guys hung VicPD out to dry for 2019. No help with the Employee tax, so the agency had to find that money somewhere else. Del had to cut services, leaving patrol short handed while those on patrol are inundated with calls for service. Absolutely brutal.	11/13/2019 10:37 PM
945	I would suggest more funding specifically for public interaction training. I've lived in multiple cities across Canada and I've never encountered a police force that is so unwilling to give out any information at all. Until just recently I lived off Gorge Rd and had multiple time where my street was shut down by police officers with weapons a drawn and when I've asked them what's going on I'm always told that they can't confirm what's going on. It's almost seems that they are affaid to speak to the general public because they might get in trouble back at the station for letting information slip. While I can understand this at times it has become the default answer I get from police officers anytime I ask them for information and I can tell you this doesn't build trust between the public and the police force.	11/13/2019 10:16 PM
946	Police services have received an increase and expectations must be tempered. More cooperation, perhaps amalgamation, must be explored to find cost efficiencies	11/13/2019 8:38 PM
947	Though I believe that traffic enforcement should use primarily technological tools, in lieu of provincial approval for enforcement cameras, more money should be allocated specifically to traffic enforcement.	11/13/2019 8:17 PM
948	I am beginning to hear more "non response" stories about police when someone is reporting a crime.	11/13/2019 7:48 PM
949	I sense that a union of forces could be beneficial.	11/13/2019 7:26 PM
950	Too low for the job they do. You also need to cover their medical benefits tax like you do for the other departments in the city.	11/13/2019 3:55 PM
951	Crime in victoria isn't going down, it's going UP. We need more officers on the streets.	11/13/2019 2:34 PM
952	No	11/13/2019 2:31 PM

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953	We need more help with ticketing bicyclists who violate the transportation acts. By continuing to ignore ticketing violators because of self interest less residents are using services in Victoria because transportation has become more dangerous each year!	11/13/2019 12:01 PM
954	Give the police more money and let them do their jobs.	11/13/2019 7:56 AM
955	Until the City deals with the persistent and increasing street issues (in partnership with senior governments), pay the police what they need to keep our streets safe and to re establish the perception that our streets are safe. I live downtown and see my community failing and falling into neglect and chronic disorder.	11/13/2019 7:14 AM
956	If they didn't beat my children sending them to hospital and leaving them both with long term emotional damages, then I say it's too low Obscenities	11/13/2019 5:51 AM
957	Give them more money to fund more officers on duty 24/7. The response time and service provided when you have an issue that requires police help is abysmal. Too much crime in this city now. It's gotten exponentially worse to be in the city in terms of petty crime, vandalism, open drug use, violence and traffic/driving violations since the previous two elections for municipal government. There is no interest for officers to help with issues that don't necessarily require a call to 911 (le car break ins, dangerous driving). We need more officers on duty or better, an amalgamated regional police force.	11/13/2019 3:29 AM
958	The core of Victoria is being over run by toxic people, and tourists and business people are turning away. A more visible police force could help that.	11/13/2019 3:23 AM
959	Love (not really) the way they can say unless we're not getting more money we're not doing such and such! Looking forward to trying this at work myself! If I have a party house next to me I want police to stop it! End of story.	11/13/2019 2:42 AM
960	Way too low. Our city is a mess	11/13/2019 2:25 AM
961	Police are asked to take on more and more responsibilities given our unique demographics.	11/13/2019 2:08 AM
962	Response times and case loads are not favorable to the effective policing of the downtown core. VicPD is the only department you've burdened with the cost of the employer health tax.	11/13/2019 2:07 AM
963	Thank you	11/12/2019 9:04 PM
964	With a growing homeless population, countless drug users, and many with mental health issues, policing and security has fallen on businesses to create a safe and welcoming environment for customers and employees. There are an insufficient amount of officers available to address sensitive issues in a timely manner. Furthermore, we need more patrols in suburban areas such as Burnside Gorge. A community policing station in Burnside Gorge would be an incredible improvement.	11/12/2019 8:13 PM
965	Seems like social workers are what are needed more for downtown not police officers	11/12/2019 5:41 PM
966	We need twice as many police as we have. Again Helps & Isssit are to blame.	11/12/2019 4:19 PM
967	Walk around downtown and ask me again	11/12/2019 4:08 PM
968	Too much funding. Regionalize.	11/12/2019 5:15 AM
969	Our Police Department is obviously saddled with policing a region that extends beyond our physical borders. Either fund them adequately or do more to move towards amalgamation	11/12/2019 4:52 AM
970	Instead of giving yourself raises, please hire more police officers.	11/12/2019 1:36 AM
971	No	11/12/2019 12:18 AM
972	My biggest disappointment has been the underfunding of Victoria police. Now that we FINALLY have a stable department after years of drama, we now have the best Chief we've ever had in Del Mamac. you need to give him ALL the necessary tool he needs to do the job we demand of him and his force. He should NOT have to steal from Peter to pay Paul when it comes to staffing.	11/11/2019 11:14 PM
973	Increase their budget NOW. The city is increasingly becoming violent and unsafe	11/11/2019 10:45 PM
974	We need more foot patrols downtown during the day. People are asleep in doorways at 1 pm.	11/11/2019 8:31 PM
975	Responsibilities beyond policing have been downloaded onto the department. If the city insists on continuing these demands on vicpd, the least they could do is adequately fund them for increased (current need) staffing and overtime and to fund them for the in school programs that have been cut do to budget constraints	11/11/2019 8:09 PM
976	Do not cut the Police department staff. If the people of this city do not feel safe and can not call 911 and get an operator 24 7 perhaps you need to trim your staff. DO NOT CUT THERE FUNDING.	11/11/2019 7:25 PM
977	Increased budget is needed for not only the downtown core (where police have to do the work of Mental Health professionals) but more neighborhood patrols	11/11/2019 6:59 PM
978	I've had to call the police three times in the past year. They're so busy they don't show up, they ask you to fill out a form online: what are we Detroit?	11/11/2019 6:51 PM
979	Funding for VicPD continues to be too high. Thank you for showing courage and leadership. I'm keen to see alternative first responders to mental health crises, and for more partners contributing to region wide event policing costs.	11/11/2019 6:50 PM

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980	VicPD seems to be doing a great job with a smaller budget, investigation over time has been resulting in high level drug arrests. Their budget should be increased to help with other aspects of the job. The non emergency line has long waits or isn't answered sometimes.	11/11/2019 5:59 PM
981	I don't feel safe in this city	11/11/2019 5:56 PM
982	I have lived on Yates st for ten years and have called the police multiple times. They have NEVER actually shown up. Not for vandalism not for assaults and not for car break ins. Called them last week after my wife's car was broken into IN our locked parkade. They took 8 hours to respond by phone and Refused to come look at the broken gate door or the vehicle. They wouldn't even accept a stolen passport I found at the crime scene. I would suggest maybe looking at amalgamation or getting the RCMP to take over or maybe hiring Saanich to manage victoria pd. Pretty awful that a city this size doesn't even keep the police station open 7 days a week 24 hrs a day	11/11/2019 5:49 PM
983	They need to make sure resources are better allocated	11/11/2019 5:46 PM
984	The VicPD is far from perfect. But when I call 911, I expect a police officer to show up, not to be told 'sorry no one can make it, we don't have anyone available'. Sorry for the language, but don't be idiots. Fund the police properly.	11/11/2019 5:37 PM
985	One of the main reasons citizens pay taxes in a municipality. City Hall policies have led to the decay of the city and it is unbelievable that the police budget isn't maintained	11/11/2019 4:54 PM
986	45 min wait times on non Emerg line is atrocious. Everyone knows it. I've called no less than 5 times and have waited min 30 mins each time since the change over in services. I just don't call anymore. Neighbours car getting broken into? Oh well they will be gone once I get through. Domestic violence in the house down the road? Police will be here in an hr. 100th Homeless person to take a dump openly in sunlight on my front path in a week? Good luck finding someone who cares.	11/11/2019 4:53 PM
987	Give them the money they need to hire more officers and stop trying to cut them off at the knees. The city core is in disarray due to a overwhelming lack of police services. They are stretched to the limit and need help.	11/11/2019 4:44 PM
988	this is an essential service. Victoria has changed in 10 years from being safe downtown to the public needing narcan kits. They have too many off on stress leave which insures costs, council needs to listen or you will lose good police men and women.	11/11/2019 4:36 PM
989	Police aren't available to respond to calls	11/11/2019 4:35 PM
990	Crime in this city is out of control and you can't get a 911 operator to save your life much less police attendance	11/11/2019 4:34 PM
991	People are suffering due to the inexplicable harsh treatment of VicPD by council.	11/11/2019 4:28 PM
992	Combine different areas for cost savings	11/11/2019 4:26 PM
993	I think it is crucial the city spends more money on the police department. The city is growing and evolving and the department need to keep up. The chief makes a great point when he says his is the only jurisdiction that has a large city centre. I don't believe you can achieve any goals of creating a welcome and vibrant city if the citizens and visitors don't have a sense of safety. I have lived here for over 25 years and have noticed and significant increase in the feeling of unease in the downtown core. I believe it is important to listen to the chief of police when he outlines his needs and insure they are met. Who else would be better suited to asses and decide the needs of the police force than the person who oversees the operation. I am in disbelief that the mayor's office denied increased funding for the department. I feel the council needs to focus on stabilizing fundamental needs of the city before building on that foundation. In my view the police play a major role in the foundation, along with other first responders. For example building a ping pong table on the seems like a decision that should be made after all of the core needs of a city are met. Decisions like that appear to aggravate the citizens because it appears to put the cart before the horse. I understand the cost of the table is minimal compared to to proposed police budget increase, but it becomes ammo for an already frustrated group of citizens. I understand the microscope councilors must work under, especially with social media allowing for the emergence of "armchair mayors". I appreciate all the hard work that goes on, thank you.	11/11/2019 4:24 PM
994	We need more officers. The number of officers required should be determined not just by population but by the number of people entering the City for work, entertainment, and visitors.	11/11/2019 4:24 PM
995	These people are wearing out with the amount of things they are expected to do. The chief has publically stated that they have had to cut back several positions and initiatives due to lack of staffing and resources! Shame on you!!!!!!	11/11/2019 4:09 PM
996	Our city is changing..growing up and along with that come more challenges of policing. I am so impressed with our officers and want to see Vic PD not have to fight for every nickel.	11/11/2019 4:05 PM
997	Invest in restorative justice by professionals not volunteers	11/11/2019 3:51 PM
998	more police, less councillors	11/11/2019 3:49 PM
999	Crime in my area if Fernwood is out of control and police don't even respond for hours some times days on end. This year my car was stolen my neighbour watched it happen and woke me we called police ASAP I heard back from them 3 days later. I have heard of home invasions where the police are too busy to come leaving it to the home owner to deal with. Fund them better we need to the police!	11/11/2019 3:45 PM

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1000	Far to much hate going towards Vic PD from current council members	11/11/2019 3:37 PM
1001	Police are swamped and victora has become disgusting with drug addiction mental health and violence since the tent city Fiasco attracted mentally ill homeless people from across the country. Use to have a certain few that you got to know. No it is unsafe	11/11/2019 3:33 PM
1002	They are not keeping up with Crime Prevention and protecting Life and Property (home and business). In my view reviving drug overdoses is an Island Health responsibility not a Police responsibility.	11/11/2019 3:32 PM
1003	It must raised to keep up with the times	11/11/2019 3:29 PM
1004	Need more funding. More police. Victoria isn't safe anymore	11/11/2019 3:13 PM
1005	We need additional officers as the opioid situation isn't getting any better. With overdoses and our rising crime rate, mire policing is required!!! School students should also have access to a police liaison!!	11/11/2019 3:08 PM
1006	Crime is rising and the opioid problem isn't getting any better! The police are over worked, just like the firefighters, with having to respond to overdose calls. Also, as drug addiction isn't being dealt with efficiently, the crime rate is rising... putting even more stress on officers. Increase spending for policing. And put the school liaisons back in the schools.	11/11/2019 2:57 PM
1007	Since the cuts the downtown is less safe	11/11/2019 2:53 PM
1008	More funding needs to be given to expand police services in the downtown core. The city is unsafe at any time of the day or night.	11/11/2019 2:45 PM
1009	The police in this city are too busy dealing with mental health and addiction to attend to actual policing issues.	11/11/2019 2:42 PM
1010	We need more police. Way more. I don't feel safe	11/11/2019 2:23 PM
1011	More visible police presence needed downtown.	11/11/2019 6:58 AM
1012	Public safety is job no.1 for city hall. We do not feel safe in our city any longer! Shame on the city council!	11/11/2019 5:46 AM
1013	They do an amazing job but we could have additional, possibly lower cost, "community cops" trained more in the simpler issues. Or maybe as a 2 year initiation period.	11/11/2019 4:45 AM
1014	Downtown is a disaster with all the bums and crackheads. Clean it up!	11/11/2019 2:14 AM
1015	More police less on new cars and accessories	11/11/2019 1:27 AM
1016	VicPD needs more funding	11/11/2019 1:26 AM
1017	The city is growing increasingly unsafe. If increasing the police budget will help counteract policies that are making the CoV less livable for ordinary citizens then I am fine with increasing the budget in this area.	11/11/2019 12:48 AM
1018	Add the amount for EHT	11/11/2019 12:40 AM
1019	Outrageous that VPD costs should be above 20% of budget without having the highest standards of accountability WRT indigenous empowerment and racial issues in police practice, the need for multiracial leadership in the VicPD, and fuller accountability for why this is such a ridiculously high expense. how can this city be safe, welcoming etc without resorting to large police budget, and the inevitable dependence on weapons and governance through various forms of coercion and violence that this budget allocation is enabling.	11/11/2019 12:29 AM
1020	While we are addressing the number of uniformed officers on the street, we need additional officers to address white collar crime, phone scams, etc.	11/11/2019 12:25 AM
1021	It was a horrible decision to not fund policing higher. Its turning into a nightmare downtown	11/11/2019 12:18 AM
1022	They have a lot of calls and too few police .	11/10/2019 7:26 PM
1023	Fully fund our first responders. Anything less is disgusting and insulting. What council did to VicPD last year was disgusting and needs to be made right. They put their lives on the line daily in jobs you dont have the fortitude to do, and you royally screwed them. Fix this.	11/10/2019 7:14 PM
1024	Vic PD need a specific program to help the homeless/ mentally ill, better than personal observation.	11/10/2019 3:46 PM
1025	why do police walk around in flak jackets? is Vic that dangerous?	11/9/2019 11:06 PM
1026	More police needed...visually	11/9/2019 6:53 PM
1027	This city is over policed. It's not a dangerous city, and not because it's over policed.	11/9/2019 5:03 PM
1028	Reduce the amount of police officers in this city. We have the highest amount of officers per capita, while our crime rate is low (and has decreased a lot in the last decade).	11/9/2019 2:39 AM
1029	Something has to be done about "petty crime". It's not so petty if your insurance rates go up and you have to pay for broken windows, doors, locks, stolen bikes, etc., in addition to not feeling safe in some areas or after dark.	11/9/2019 1:16 AM
1030	Victoria is starting to feel less safe and sketchy in areas that previously felt safe and secure.	11/9/2019 12:53 AM

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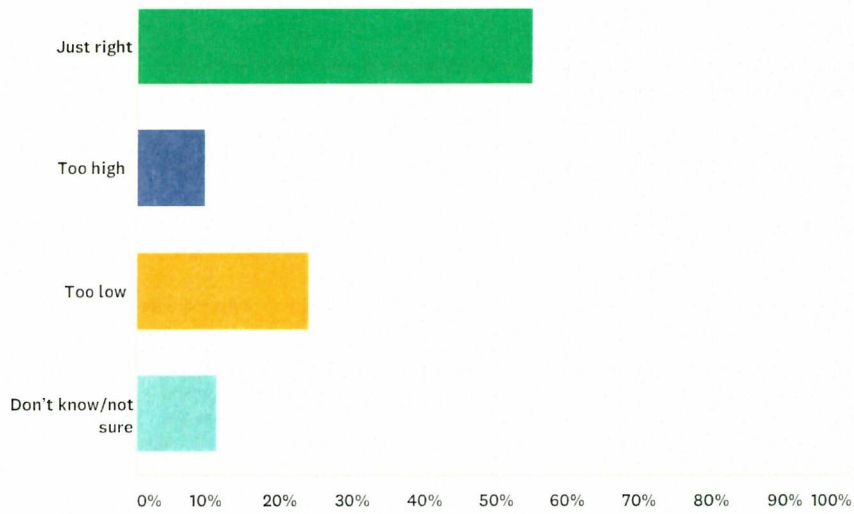
1031	Big topic. City councillors have actively welcomed and encouraged a lot of the homelessness, mental health and addiction issues that the City is facing. I am 100% in favour of the City's police department being better supported, not only financially but also in terms of whatever direction they are given by the Mayor on their 'direction'. I don't know why open drug use & dealing is so tolerated. There are open & known bike chop shops. It has DRASTICALLY deteriorated in the 25 years that I have lived in Victoria. I recently made 3 separate trips to the Save On supermarket on Pandora.....nice new store, but a bit of a war zone around it and down Pandora, Johnson, and the cross streets in that whole area. I won't be going back (I walk, not drive, so I was forced to walk past people that were, quite frankly, dangerous. One guy on the sidewalk who looked like he was 'high' was swishing an 8 ft long thick wooden dowel in the air in huge arcs all around him and using it like a mock rifle and aiming it at people, and that is only one example). I would never consider buying/living in any of the new condo developments around that area, or anywhere in Harris Green, as you see 'street issues' like that everywhere. I am not a frail elderly person afraid of the world I travel extensively throughout the world (including 3rd world countries) and what is allowed to fester here is very lame and unnecessary. Every single time I have ever had anything to do with VicPD, THEIR service has been stellar. Our family was involved with a crime that was investigated over several years, and their work, dedication, diligence and support is nothing short of amazing. They are professional and patient. I resent attempts by some members of the current council to question the role of the police in our city, as if the police are part of some right wing ideology, etc. I feel these stances are political posturing (playing to their base) and not based on reality. My observations watching the police deal with the homeless, drug addicted, mentally ill, etc is that they are infinitely patient perhaps even too much so.....talking, talking, talking, trying to convince, convince, convince, hoping that enforcement comes that way. I'm not sure many new recruits would want to join the police force knowing that such a huge percentage of the job seems to have become mental health/addictions management, with local municipalities ham stringing their ability to enforce the laws that are on the books. I have noticed that wait times on the non emergency phone line are dramatically different. A few years ago, the wait would be 1 2 minutes at the most. Now, you will be 'on hold' for usually 15 20 minutes. How has the Frank Elsner fiasco been (mis) handled, financially? Where is that in the budget? Has that come out of the operating budget for VicPD?	11/8/2019 5:30 PM
1032	Funding should not be taken from the police budget to find other areas. Waiting on hold when you call 9 11 is not acceptable and has happened to people I know. Victoria needs adequate police funding.	11/8/2019 3:49 PM
1033	We need more police services in the city of victoria as its growing. Watch the documentary "Seattle is dying". This is what the Victoria Council is letting happen to Victoria. I don't feel safe walking around down town where I work in the day anymore. PLEASE FUND THE POLICE PROPERLY!!!! I am born and raised in Victoria and it's appalling to see people in council like Ben Isitt implement their communist views into our city. He needs to be voted out. He's the worst thing that's ever happened to this city.	11/8/2019 2:53 PM
1034	Funding for VicPD is much too low. You need to prioritize funding for the department. I don't know why you pathetic leftist fools think that decreasing police funding and increasing funding for bike lanes is a good idea	11/8/2019 1:31 PM
1035	I called 911 last month when running from a man who chased me, threatened me, and exposed himself to me at 8 months pregnant. According to 911, the police were too busy to come and a passerby had to intervene to protect me. If the police don't attend dangerous sexual crimes that could result in violence, maybe they need more funding.	11/7/2019 10:14 PM
1036	Disappointed by understaffed police resources. Have been impacted by multiple property theft and vehicle break in last year with little response. Police operations need to think outside the box to recover costs from other municipalities for proportionate share of non Victoria CRD residents tying up police resources (or seriously look into amalgamation) and be more efficient by hiring lower cost officers that can deal with lower risk activities.	11/7/2019 8:41 PM
1037	Need more funding, or more attention to supporting downtown residents in feeling safe.	11/7/2019 7:52 PM
1038	Vic PD needs better support from the City. They have become front line social workers in the Downtown core, and the City needs to not only provide more funding for the police to manage this work against their other madates, but advocate to nearby municipalities and the province for support in managing the populations of folks, particularly Downtown, who access services in Victoria and are themselves in need of complex support.	11/7/2019 5:21 PM
1039	Police provide a crucial service, and deserve our respect and support but a ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.	11/7/2019 4:51 AM
1040	VicPD arent social workers and I think the dynamic we have is problematic. We need to minimize that and put resources to reduce those struggles. Like fostered youth transitioning into resources that will help them instead of make them feel hopeless.	11/7/2019 4:24 AM
1041	The contempt and disrespect that this council has shown our Vic City Police Department is shameful. Crime stats do not reflect the real job police do especially in the Harris Green neighborhood. Isitt's contempt is particularly disgraceful.	11/7/2019 2:55 AM
1042	Join the RCMP	11/7/2019 1:11 AM
1043	Esquimalt needs to pay their fair share + amalgamate the service with neighbouring municipalities.	11/6/2019 11:48 PM

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1044	The VicPD have consistently shown themselves to be massively overfunded, and unwilling to compromise with their unreasonable annual budget increase requests disproportionate to any other sector or public service in this city. This most recent budget is yet another example of their inability to respect public purse strings what is with the multiple \$1000 line items for "boot cleaning" for example? I am deeply concerned about the VicPDs creep into social services and outreach roles, and their positioning of themselves as mental health workers, which also serves as justification for their oppressive surveillance of our city's small street entrenched population. I also would like to point out that VicPDs co operation with CBSA and incarceration of individuals on immigration charges is in direct contradiction with the City's stated value under "Welcoming City" that the city will not fund any detention of persons for immigration status. Please, do not capitulate to those who says more police will keep us safe it's the opposite. Defund the police now.	11/6/2019 11:29 PM
1045	I am tired of the fight from Councillor Ben and his gang of puppets. No Ben we don't need social workers. We need police.	11/6/2019 11:07 PM
1046	Our police force is underfunded. Until the City does something about the transient population, panhandlers, homeless with mental health issues, etc. our streets will continue to be unsafe, and we will require a higher level of police presence.	11/6/2019 10:21 PM
1047	Need to hire more officers. They need to be more visible downtown. The homeless problem downtown is get increasingly worse. Bicycle thefts are out of control. We need to get on top of crime before it gets out of control.	11/6/2019 10:14 PM
1048	The downtown core is awful. I get lunged at or yelled at weekly. I cannot pass groups of people with any sense of safety. The no barrier housing on Johnson has created a no barrier zone in the surrounding area. I pass people over dosing and various other questionable happenings regularly and they have become so common place that we are not even reporting them to the police. Your stats are grossly under reported re: the workload on the police. You need to NOT cut the police budget but ensure that the bodies are in place in permanent positions and that the priorities of the community are being priorities and met. Your treatment of the police / police budget has been unacceptable. Downtown is horrible and getting worse. And we as a community are not making any progress in dealing with the growing drug and homelessness and mental health problems.	11/6/2019 9:04 PM
1049	I really appreciated how City of Victoria Council holding the budget line on VicPD resulted in VicPD looking for innovations and positive changes to live within their budget.	11/6/2019 8:46 PM
1050	Vic PD is severely underfunded.	11/6/2019 7:52 PM
1051	VicPD has requested additional officers to keep pace with the City's growth and the increase in the severity, amount and complexity of crime. Even if and when the Province provides for proper housing and mental health care legislative changes require more policing resources.	11/6/2019 7:07 PM
1052	I like to see the Police Department focus on policing and not social work issues. Victoria is not as safe anymore and police officers are dragged to deal with issues beyond their scope of expertise	11/6/2019 5:40 PM
1053	We need to increase spending on VicPD to ensure a safe, vibrant city.	11/6/2019 5:18 PM

Q24 When thinking about the services you receive from the Greater Victoria Public Library, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 2,959 Skipped: 2,151



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	55.09%	1,630
Too high	9.53%	282
Too low	23.99%	710
Don't know/not sure	11.39%	337
TOTAL		2,959

Q25 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Greater Victoria Public Library operating budget?

Answered: 354 Skipped: 4,756

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A couple of years ago we lost access to a vast library of audiobooks. I would like to see us put access to that resource back into the budget.	11/25/2019 8:07 AM
2	Please keep the library alive. Very important	11/25/2019 6:23 AM
3	Our main library is outdated. I was in Halifax recently and their new main library is beautiful. It would nice to have something like this.	11/25/2019 6:20 AM
4	Library is the most beautiful thing in the world.	11/25/2019 6:20 AM
5	It's something I'm very proud of as a citizen.	11/25/2019 5:27 AM
6	The city needs an enlarged and technologically up to date library. The population of the city has increased substantially in the past 40 years, the size of the library has not!	11/25/2019 5:08 AM
7	I am a regular user of the James Bay branch and I strongly suggest that you increase : a) the hours of operation of that branch : extend until 9 PM on other days (besides Wednesday) and please allow it to be OPEN on Sundays year round (not just October to April). b) Increase the selection of books and DVDs, especially in French and in Spanish. All this would require a higher budget : 5 % (instead of 2 %)	11/25/2019 3:39 AM
8	As I mentioned earlier, I would love to see a new downtown Library that is also a people gathering destination. See Library in Tromso, Norway https://librarybuildings.info/norway/public-library-and-archive-city-tromso	11/25/2019 12:45 AM
9	I would like a library in the Oaklands neighbourhood. The most convenient one is Oak Bay branch if you are trying to avoid downtown.	11/24/2019 11:21 PM
10	Not enough selection in books.	11/24/2019 10:40 PM
11	The Library is an important public service used by many who are economically disadvantaged. I would not support any decrease in its funding. And if the money was there, I would support an increase in the opening hours.	11/24/2019 10:14 PM
12	Library is getting out dated.	11/24/2019 8:58 PM
13	Give us a library at 950 Kings!	11/24/2019 8:35 PM
14	combine the library with and new recreational facilities	11/24/2019 8:00 PM
15	I had no idea the expenditures associated with Libraries !	11/24/2019 7:26 PM
16	Libraries are the heart of the community, facilities could be more accessible and shared space more readily available during 'off hours'	11/24/2019 5:55 PM
17	I hope that we will eventually see our central library rebuilt or renewed as other cities have done in Canada.	11/24/2019 5:55 AM
18	This is an important expenditure. It would be nice if we had free singing booths in the libraries like they do in Vancouver. Maybe then I could sing myself back to better health and out of poverty so that I, too, could be a wealthy person, untouched by poverty.	11/24/2019 5:33 AM
19	have to wait too long for books, especially if in a book club.	11/24/2019 4:12 AM
20	When will residents in the Hillside Quadra area have an accessible library?	11/24/2019 2:32 AM
21	Make the hours longer!	11/24/2019 2:10 AM
22	Libraries are a cultural value and they provide huge services to all citizens.	11/23/2019 10:51 PM
23	Information can be accessed from the internet	11/23/2019 10:18 PM
24	More money for digital and audio books.	11/23/2019 9:20 PM
25	Does library usage warrant such a large budget?	11/23/2019 9:18 PM
26	I don't use often as anytime I have the DT branch is busy with homeless passing time hogging internet and bathing in the bathroom sinks. I now use Uptown branch.	11/23/2019 8:56 PM
27	Libraries should always be expanded; the services they provide to the community are indispensable.	11/23/2019 7:16 PM
28	I'm not sure about the specifics of the funding for GVPL but I am always pleased with my experiences at any GVPL branch and feel they provide excellent service and community facilities. The value of a library as a community hub is very high. I think a new branch should be considered for the Quadra Village area.	11/23/2019 3:14 PM

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29	Libraries are living in an era that no longer exists. services. i.e. Books, should go from hard copy to online, bricks and mortar should be reduced, not expanded.....its 2019 for gods sake. someone should let the library board know about the Internet.	11/23/2019 8:19 AM
30	Our Library provides a huge number of services, providing literacy and education programs, as well as free internet and a safe space for homeless people to get warm. Our libraries are a critical social service that should be fully funded.	11/23/2019 5:39 AM
31	Additional branches smaller satellite branches would be ideal in neighborhoods that are too far away from existing branches.	11/23/2019 5:06 AM
32	no	11/23/2019 4:36 AM
33	I applaud the use of an indigenous name for the new James Bay branch.	11/23/2019 4:07 AM
34	Only because the James Bay branch was totally unnecessary so close to the Downtown branch.	11/23/2019 3:28 AM
35	No comment	11/23/2019 2:00 AM
36	This is one of the most wonderful services. I'm very happy it exists.	11/22/2019 10:46 PM
37	This is a highly valuable service that assists in achieving social equity and justice, better than cultural awards and other expenditures.	11/22/2019 10:30 PM
38	The life line of the library is long and reaches out with readership to all and harbor of hope to many.	11/22/2019 10:06 PM
39	I don't know if the libraries receive enough funding. They can better say but I'm grateful for the library services we have.	11/22/2019 9:29 PM
40	The libraries are vital spaces for a healthy community. They are also a space of refuge, justifiably so, for those who need a free, warm space to be. I would love to see the city consider adding Social Workers to their teams at the public library's to support folks who access these services in a trauma informed way, and help guide them to other services and resources as some forward thinking communities are starting to do https://www.allpurposeguru.com/2019/08/librarians-as-first-responders-and-social-workers-in-libraries/	11/22/2019 9:26 PM
41	Personally I think the library is an important tool for many residents and should continue to receive adequate funding to ensure longevity.	11/22/2019 7:45 PM
42	The library actually does a really good job.	11/22/2019 3:44 PM
43	I support opening a library in Hillside Quadra area there is no library near where I live & if there was I would use it. I currently do not use any library.	11/22/2019 7:52 AM
44	I think the libraries should take on some of their own fundraising projects it would create more community connection and awareness while also raising money	11/22/2019 6:41 AM
45	Please prioritize providing library services to the north end of the city. There is a huge dead zone where there isn't a library within walking/biking distance, and we really need one!	11/22/2019 6:31 AM
46	This is a valuable service of the city that caters to every demographic and could/should be expanded	11/22/2019 5:30 AM
47	Would like to see a library provided for the hillside community	11/22/2019 5:26 AM
48	Love the library! We need more small community branches, like in Fairfield or Oaklands area.	11/22/2019 4:58 AM
49	Grreat community service. Welcoming to all.	11/22/2019 3:51 AM
50	I seldom use the library	11/22/2019 3:37 AM
51	I like the libraries as broad service providers for the community.	11/22/2019 3:02 AM
52	a slight increase to 3% would help to expand hours	11/22/2019 2:25 AM
53	Explore the inclusion of MOBI format for kindle e readers	11/21/2019 11:35 PM
54	Would like to see increased services to the public	11/21/2019 8:45 PM
55	Libraries are the back bone of strong and educated community, while the services the library provides are great, I always feel we can put more towards programming aimed at literacy	11/21/2019 7:57 PM
56	The main branch of the library is an abomination. Dark, dusty, dim, and uninviting. Our libraries need to be a place where people feel welcomed to gather to discuss ideas and events. I also feel that an important opportunity for revenue generation is being missed in not having food and coffee services available. I encourage city council to look to cities such as Halifax and Montreal to see how libraries can be an important cultural and social hub.	11/21/2019 7:53 PM
57	Libraries should be well funded.	11/21/2019 7:45 PM
58	We access libraries often, and I support the provision of library services in the region. Compared with other regions, we seem to be well served with libraries.	11/21/2019 7:01 PM
59	GVPL is an excellent addition to the Victoria community and I am glad to see continued support for the libraries.	11/21/2019 6:58 PM
60	Terrific service.	11/21/2019 6:43 PM

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61	Downtown has a greater number of lower income patrons that use the library as a resource. Many people have to have internet access but having to cut costs and "luxuries" such a telephone/internet services to be able to afford rent and food	11/21/2019 6:26 PM
62	Libraries are the heart of our cities, and democracy. Funding should only be increased to ensure the viability of these essential resources that benefit all citizens.	11/21/2019 4:52 PM
63	This is a tiny portion of the budget leaving areas such as Hillside Quadra with no walkable library. Please increase.	11/21/2019 4:26 PM
64	Libraries are open and free to everyone regardless of income or social status. By their very design they are inclusive. We need to support and add to these services.	11/21/2019 1:55 PM
65	The GVPL is an amazing community resource. I think expanding classes and programs for children and senior would be important. Educating seniors, and other who need it, in basic computer skills not only increases independence and quality of life. Educate citizens makes a better, more efficient city. In my opinion	11/21/2019 9:54 AM
66	No	11/21/2019 7:31 AM
67	2% doesn't sound like a lot but as long as the libraries are able to continue functioning as they are, I am happy. I use the library on a very regular basis and think it's one of the best uses of tax payers dollars	11/21/2019 5:10 AM
68	waste of money	11/21/2019 3:38 AM
69	Way too high considering how, judging by what they stock, no one in James Bay reads non fiction and there's a wall of comic books. There's an argument that with greater funding they could figure out that "Adult Non Fiction" could actually be marked with signs like "History", "Art", "Science" and maybe "Philosophy". But then you'd have to fire a whole mindset that work there and that would probably cost a bit.	11/21/2019 3:14 AM
70	No	11/20/2019 11:01 PM
71	I use the library all the time and greatly value the services that it offers.	11/20/2019 10:25 PM
72	I love the library!	11/20/2019 9:55 PM
73	You can't have too many smart people	11/20/2019 8:56 PM
74	Let the GVPL pocket late fines instead of lining the coffers of the city with it.	11/20/2019 8:24 PM
75	The Library sucks. Can never find books worth reading, just the typical confirming crap and regurgitated false history. Not to mention it's turned into basically a homeless shelter/daycare.. smells so bad I just avoid it.	11/20/2019 7:57 PM
76	I would like to see an additional library in the hillside area.	11/20/2019 7:17 PM
77	Access to public libraries and learning is valuable and promotes literacy and learning.	11/20/2019 6:19 PM
78	I love our libraries, they do good work	11/20/2019 5:56 PM
79	no	11/20/2019 4:34 PM
80	Better hours on weekends would be a nice improvement.	11/20/2019 3:04 PM
81	People are dumb. Reading needs to be encouraged.	11/20/2019 6:27 AM
82	I would LOVE to have a new library building in the near future (much more than bike lanes and yes I am a bike rider). We use it a lot.	11/20/2019 6:09 AM
83	Our libraries are amazing please ensure you keep them that way.	11/20/2019 6:02 AM
84	I almost thought the internet was taking over. In truth libraries look to be holding their own	11/20/2019 3:37 AM
85	I think the library is doing a wonderful job no thanks to city council.	11/20/2019 3:03 AM
86	There can never be too much money allotted to the library system. Children and adults alike deserve unfettered access to literature and media as a means of education and cerebral growth. Libraries are probably in the top three most vital services a city can provide, and there will never be such a thing as too much money to throw at a public library network.	11/20/2019 2:41 AM
87	The Public Library is a bastion of democracy, providing priceless services to all, regardless of wealth.	11/20/2019 1:28 AM
88	libraries are great, we love them	11/19/2019 11:49 PM
89	The libraries are running fine. You must not have much hand in governance over that or it would be screwed up more.	11/19/2019 11:06 PM
90	make the library a non profit and funded on donations no point	11/19/2019 10:26 PM
91	our library was cool back in 1996 now its garbage spin it off and run it as a non profit and get this out of the city budget a s a p	11/19/2019 10:12 PM
92	Literacy is a cornerstone of a successful society. The GVPL champions literacy. Fund the GVPL.	11/19/2019 10:05 PM
93	Libraries have orders books and toys. Newer stuff would be nice.	11/19/2019 9:44 PM
94	Valuable service and excellent service providers	11/19/2019 9:43 PM

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95	Important service to our community	11/19/2019 9:25 PM
96	libraries are being replaced by online access to books. Should be able to reduce fees	11/19/2019 8:23 PM
97	So important and wonderful	11/19/2019 7:26 PM
98	no I just like the library :)	11/19/2019 7:10 PM
99	Modernize. Love the libraries.	11/19/2019 7:02 PM
100	Libraries should be open every day of the year except holidays. It should stay open on Sundays all through the year.	11/19/2019 6:55 PM
101	It's a modern, digital world, and paper is a waste, having huge properties to hold that paper is even more of a waste. I believe historical digital archives and kids reading support are the only key important components of tomorrow's libraries.	11/19/2019 6:48 PM
102	Add more Indigenous literatures.	11/19/2019 6:44 PM
103	Downtown library is poorly supplied with books	11/19/2019 6:36 PM
104	I thought this was a poll to decide if people were in favor of a raise for council. Nice deflection away from main topic with making people waste time on a poll that you can twist to your own ends. And you wonder why most politicians are considered unethical conniving douche bags.	11/19/2019 6:22 PM
105	Need expanded hours to support people who work. Need much expanded electronic portals / resources to support community.	11/19/2019 6:15 PM
106	At least you got this one right.	11/19/2019 5:51 PM
107	GVPL offers excellent service.	11/19/2019 5:43 PM
108	I had the privilege of living in Halifax recently which has one of the most well funded, well used and critically acclaimed public library systems in the country. Their central downtown branch is a work of art, it's truly "the city's living room" with a rooftop terrace overlooking the city and amazing programming for all ages. Their facility includes a public recording studio and instrument library, as well as a performance hall, to support and promote local musicians. It also includes an instructional kitchen, with lots of free programming (cooking classes) for the whole community, which connects people to their families and neighbours and local food networks, as well as supporting a more healthy, multicultural society and increasing life skills for all ages. They have cutting edge technology, including gaming PCs, 3D printers, VR booths, and more. They have amazing community meeting spaces, which are equipped with conferencing tech and used as boardrooms for start up businesses and nonprofits. And, I can't stress enough, the programming for children, youth, and adults is unreal. Computer programming, ESL, handicrafts, mental health and nutrition, meditation, film screenings (oh yeah, the library also has a movie theatre), parent and baby yoga, teen clubs, art classes, dance classes, language classes, cooking classes, writing classes, and public lectures. The municipality of Halifax invested millions of dollars (as well as funding from the federal government) to create one of the most well loved and well used public libraries in the country. In the first six weeks after the downtown branch opened, more than 275,000 people visited the library and checked out almost 170,000 items. Comparatively, Victoria's public library is just sad. A tiny, ill conceived and dark building with almost no programming. We can do so much better.	11/19/2019 5:38 PM
109	A library is very old fashioned does anyone actually use them anymore??	11/19/2019 5:28 PM
110	An excellent public service and James Bay branch has been value add to the community and well used.	11/19/2019 4:29 PM
111	Want to try to get a book out of the library, there is a 90 wait list. Seems more resources are needed in this area.	11/19/2019 2:06 PM
112	Libraries are the best but ours could be better and all they need is money.	11/19/2019 7:32 AM
113	The old Blanchard school site is in desperate need of a library. Just because Oakland's is more active and vocal about the issue doesn't mean they need it the most, or that it will benefit the whole community.	11/19/2019 7:01 AM
114	None	11/19/2019 6:52 AM
115	I use and support the library system but have grave concerns about how it is being run. I would consider a full program and financial audit in order for the city to get it back on track.	11/19/2019 6:38 AM
116	Great service	11/19/2019 5:56 AM
117	Find them to be well managed and providing an excellent level of service.	11/19/2019 4:45 AM
118	definitely need a new Central Library location to service all of CRD Why had James Bay received a new library when Central is a 10"walk.	11/19/2019 3:46 AM
119	One of the few things this Council hasn't messed up.	11/19/2019 3:41 AM
120	None.	11/19/2019 3:41 AM
121	I support the Library but favour upgrading the existing downtown site, ot replacig it.	11/19/2019 3:28 AM
122	Expand opening hours	11/19/2019 12:48 AM
123	Don't use it all that much.	11/19/2019 12:42 AM

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124	Good service and good locations.	11/19/2019 12:34 AM
125	Please make sure there is enough funding so the libraries can be open Sundays for families.	11/19/2019 12:24 AM
126	I'm really pleased with the Library and the services it provides.	11/19/2019 12:17 AM
127	Who in this day and age does not have access to a computer to find any information of books to read?	11/18/2019 10:56 PM
128	Brilliant service great staff It's just my hope that people continue to take advantage of the great library system we have in Victoria. Please do not look to lower funding as users drop off.	11/18/2019 10:48 PM
129	Service is great	11/18/2019 10:14 PM
130	It's sad that the written word is dying a slow death but it is. Can't remember the last time I had to use the library. It's sad but we are throwing money at a service that is dying/dead. It's not the library's fault bit it is what it is	11/18/2019 10:10 PM
131	Very good service	11/18/2019 10:07 PM
132	The library is an amazing resource. Fund this instead of the cops	11/18/2019 9:37 PM
133	Would love to see more robust, inviting and fun library facilities as we use these a lot as parents with young children and as readers.	11/18/2019 9:19 PM
134	Hillside quadra needs a public library. Consider colocalizing pool at Kings	11/18/2019 8:47 PM
135	No	11/18/2019 8:26 PM
136	Don't the buildings and system need to be upgraded soon? How about more innovative and creative ideas for our libraries!! Support this area so everyone can access it and it's sustainable!	11/18/2019 6:41 PM
137	Victoria urgently needs to improve Central Library.	11/18/2019 6:39 PM
138	n/a	11/18/2019 6:04 PM
139	A great service! They utilize technology well and are very progressive! Should be a poster child for other departments!	11/18/2019 5:49 PM
140	Libraries are becoming obsolete	11/18/2019 5:44 PM
141	He reads these days? Strictly online orders should suffice ..libraries these days are hangouts for vagrants and people whom have not bathed ... it's filthy at the downtown library no reason to go other than to pick up my order or drop of	11/18/2019 5:39 PM
142	I do not support any budget where the total exceeds CPI. Rather, I would prefer a zero based budget that caps total budget increase at no more than 2019+CPI.	11/18/2019 5:17 PM
143	Every time I search for a popular book, it isn't in the library collection. I've given up trying to use the library system.	11/18/2019 5:15 PM
144	Good move to create the James Bay Library. It is a well used facility and was much needed.	11/18/2019 5:08 PM
145	I completely support GVPL in their funding needs.	11/18/2019 4:56 PM
146	I think they provide a good service for the community but their services are not available to me. If they delivered books they would	11/18/2019 4:46 PM
147	GVPL has done great job of staying relevant. Keep funding them generously	11/18/2019 4:44 PM
148	no	11/18/2019 4:38 PM
149	NO	11/18/2019 4:16 PM
150	I love our libraries and think they do a wonderful job	11/18/2019 4:14 PM
151	Libraries are a vibrant part of community	11/18/2019 2:33 PM
152	Our libraries and public spaces are beautiful. Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:17 AM
153	Libraries are the heart of communities. Please raise funding for our libraries.	11/18/2019 9:05 AM
154	Na	11/18/2019 7:23 AM
155	The services provided are numerous and it benefits everyone but specially the homeless population and low income families. Would love to see higher funding for increased services.	11/18/2019 7:19 AM
156	It's 2019. A library is pretty much useless to a majority of the population.	11/18/2019 6:18 AM
157	I genuinely forget we have a library downtown. Not that I hate the place but maybe relocate it and make it something for a business. Not saying take it away completely just move it to a more student/ kid friendly place.	11/18/2019 6:10 AM
158	Don't use. Go digital, don't need	11/18/2019 4:51 AM
159	Love our libraries	11/18/2019 3:20 AM
160	N/A	11/18/2019 3:12 AM
161	I dont frequent the library	11/18/2019 2:54 AM
162	Fiscally responsible	11/18/2019 2:34 AM

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163	Stop closing and reducing the size of branches. Literacy is a fundamental need for any citizen or society. Key to literacy is access to books. Downsizing branches is anti literacy. Also, clean up the downtown branch. If you are going to encourage the site to be a homeless hangout, then build another branch downtown where folks can go for books.	11/18/2019 2:26 AM
164	Very important, excellent services	11/18/2019 2:19 AM
165	Amalgamate to reduce costs.	11/17/2019 11:57 PM
166	I am a reader and I love my library. I think they do a tremendous job given their rather limited budget and what they are expected to provide. Their staff is wonderful.	11/17/2019 11:26 PM
167	Would like to see the library modernize, though, in terms of services offered vs being a book storage warehouse. (community maker space, recording studio, print shop, ...)	11/17/2019 11:11 PM
168	We need another branch library	11/17/2019 10:39 PM
169	Libraries are a vital public resource and a much higher percentage of the city budget should go towards the GVPL.	11/17/2019 10:31 PM
170	Instead of using the libraries as drop in centers for the homeless, create/expand homeless drop in centers with internet access, washrooms, and social workers.	11/17/2019 10:07 PM
171	Fantastic library. Why you want to cut their services as well??	11/17/2019 9:59 PM
172	We have had our lives enriched each day, with the availability of so much information, facts, and fiction.	11/17/2019 8:58 PM
173	It's a library... Do we really need to spend so much money on service which only a small portion of the population uses? The internet makes libraries a lot less relevant today than it used to.	11/17/2019 8:55 PM
174	We need the service but ... we also need to teach people to make better use of it, to justify growing it.	11/17/2019 8:45 PM
175	No	11/17/2019 7:16 PM
176	This organization operates on a principle of "customer service" rather than the idea of library "patrons". I don't want restaurant hostesses greeting me I'd rather have qualified librarians at the helm.	11/17/2019 6:11 PM
177	The Library provides incredible services, especially to people who can't afford to buy books or movies, and provides wonderful programs as well.	11/17/2019 6:10 PM
178	The library could use more funding to create more education and outreach based programs based around the very technology that is decreasing usage of library services is just plain smart business.	11/17/2019 5:43 PM
179	These dinosaurs need to be cut back. Havent used one in 50 years.	11/17/2019 5:27 PM
180	Is the downtown branch used enough to warrant the space it takes up, and the cost of maintaining that space. Could moved to a more cost effective location?	11/17/2019 5:02 PM
181	We have very high usage of our libraries, including as a haven for many disadvantaged citizens. Most major cities have flagship main branches that reflect the architecture of our times and the services provided by a 21st century Library. (See Vancouver, Seattle, Halifax, Edmonton etc) we have a converted Office building.	11/17/2019 4:33 PM
182	We greatly appreciate the services provided by the libraries. They are never too busy, but not we are still able to get books videos, etc. in a reasonable amount of time.	11/17/2019 4:23 PM
183	I don't use the library. As I can get my information on line.	11/17/2019 3:47 PM
184	2%? Ridiculous. This Serbs drafted by someone who doesn't understand the role Public Libraries have in a community and does not give them enough funding to reach potential. Shame on you.	11/17/2019 3:44 PM
185	Keep homeless people out of the library. It is not a shelter. Make some fixed address or refundable fee a requirement to access the library. It's like an episode of the walking dead outside the downtown library when it is about to open. Just give them a specific book they request and don't let them in. Or build a main branch farther from where there are so many homeless.	11/17/2019 2:30 PM
186	James Bay library is a great addition, but hardly has any books? What is up with that? It's a library?????	11/17/2019 7:21 AM
187	I have not used a library in over twenty years but use the neighbourhood mini free libraries.	11/17/2019 6:33 AM
188	We need longer opening hours during weekdays and weekends, all year round. A schedule of 9 am to 9pm everyday, all year round would be nice.	11/17/2019 6:03 AM
189	Expanded hours benefit many marginalized in our community.	11/17/2019 5:41 AM
190	More books less garbage multimedia	11/17/2019 5:07 AM
191	Do a good job	11/17/2019 2:35 AM
192	More books!	11/17/2019 2:30 AM
193	I think the library is wonderful. Is there an opportunity for fund raising so that people appreciate the value of the library.	11/17/2019 2:25 AM
194	The libraries in town are fantastic.	11/17/2019 2:11 AM

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195	Libraries are great for the city.	11/17/2019 12:38 AM
196	I'm going to say too low. However, the library they built in James Bay is a symbol of classism. It is for the rich and hardly qualifies as a library or place for all community members	11/17/2019 12:20 AM
197	The libraries are very good, keep them that way!	11/17/2019 12:09 AM
198	providing they agree otherwise, too low	11/16/2019 10:54 PM
199	No	11/16/2019 10:53 PM
200	Fairly robust library system. Not much that can be done here.	11/16/2019 10:42 PM
201	Libraries are the future of cities.	11/16/2019 10:33 PM
202	Libraries are critical and need to be better stocked with materials (especially online materials) and should be open to the public on Sundays.	11/16/2019 10:24 PM
203	Budget projection is less than the rate of inflation. Your deliverables statement understates the importance of libraries in supporting equality and marginalized groups. You want community and reconciliation and civic literacy, put money in the libraries.	11/16/2019 10:01 PM
204	I am a library member and use the facilities about once per week. The library always seems busy.	11/16/2019 9:48 PM
205	Libraries should always get more money than they do they should function as the hub of a city a place everyone can go for many services from books etc., to workshops and other programmes. Give Libraries more money, give Council staff less money.	11/16/2019 9:35 PM
206	Do not lower this please! Important for the community.	11/16/2019 9:35 PM
207	Enough. It gets too much funding. A dilapidated building with antiquated services. It's like 1970.	11/16/2019 9:30 PM
208	Are you kidding me? 2%? What is literacy not a priority?	11/16/2019 9:21 PM
209	An amazing job is being done with limited resources.	11/16/2019 8:57 PM
210	The budget for the library grows 1.92 percent, but this is well under BC's 2.5 percent inflation growth for the twelve months ending in September, 2019.	11/16/2019 8:40 PM
211	My wife loves it	11/16/2019 8:22 PM
212	More hours, 24/7 access	11/16/2019 8:15 PM
213	A very important service to me personally. Sorry that the ebooks are so limited.	11/16/2019 8:06 PM
214	Even more library locations and longer hours please!	11/16/2019 7:45 PM
215	there should be a \$5 library card renewal charge which would be waived for seniors and the poor.	11/16/2019 7:20 PM
216	I would like to see a better world class library and archive system for the city.	11/16/2019 7:17 PM
217	Libraries are integral to healthy communities. I hope they continue to be well supported and flourish.	11/16/2019 7:02 PM
218	offer more for teenagers	11/16/2019 6:51 PM
219	It appears we spend a healthy percentage on GVPL. Possibly we could take advantage of more volunteers to help run the libraries?	11/16/2019 6:18 PM
220	Make sure that public libraries will always protect free speech. NEVER suppress unpopular views with my tax dollars.	11/16/2019 6:10 PM
221	Our libraries provide so many services to the community. They definitely deserve a solid operating budget.	11/16/2019 6:02 PM
222	Libraries are community hubs and gateways to learning. At present, we have an excellent Library system, but it requires constant updating. A new downtown Library would serve as a focal point and also signal Victoria's commitment to on going learning and inclusiveness.	11/16/2019 5:33 PM
223	These services are invaluable and priceless.	11/16/2019 5:14 PM
224	Love the library.	11/16/2019 5:03 PM
225	I don't use library services	11/16/2019 4:58 PM
226	Libraries have been important since the beginning of time. Libraries in Victoria also serve as meeting places for community groups and other service groups in town. They need our support.	11/16/2019 4:53 PM
227	Excellent services, well utilized	11/16/2019 4:32 PM
228	Pay for more ebooks and reduce branch square footage. Have car accessible drop offs	11/16/2019 4:23 PM
229	Consider new downtown library	11/16/2019 4:15 PM
230	GVPL provides terrific service. One of the best.	11/16/2019 3:57 PM
231	This should be improved and expanded. Performs valuable service.	11/16/2019 3:50 PM
232	We need a new downtown library that is destination. Our downtown library is not welcoming nor sufficient for our literary culture and heritage.	11/16/2019 3:40 PM
233	No	11/16/2019 3:38 PM

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234	Why close MjB library in Summer Sundays?	11/16/2019 10:42 AM
235	The library represents access to knowledge and services that many folks don't have on their own. It is an absolutely indispensable public resource that we need to be GROWING.	11/16/2019 9:57 AM
236	Instead of considering salary increases for councillors (which is NOT acceptable by the way), put more money in this fabulous community resource.	11/16/2019 6:56 AM
237	I think the libraries are fine.	11/16/2019 6:21 AM
238	Great service	11/16/2019 5:54 AM
239	Libraries can never have enough money. I think they do a great job of providing service with the budget they have but feel they are underfunded when it comes to being able to provide full service and profeamkng	11/16/2019 5:35 AM
240	Can anyone pronounce the name of the James Bay library?	11/16/2019 5:33 AM
241	Build an Oakland's library	11/16/2019 5:31 AM
242	Haven't used it in years.	11/16/2019 5:11 AM
243	A wonderful public service that provides a welcoming refuge for all residents including those who have housing insecurity.	11/16/2019 5:06 AM
244	One thing in the City that delivers up to expectations.	11/16/2019 5:01 AM
245	I had the privilege of living in Halifax recently, where their downtown public library was state of the art. Public theatre, auditorium, recording studio, instrument library, high level tech equipment, meeting spaces, instructional kitchen, and amazing programs for all ages. It was an amazing and inspiring community hub that every resident was proud of. I really wish Victoria could have a library like that, and I wish the city would prioritize it!	11/16/2019 4:59 AM
246	Is the James Bay Library actually a library. Kinda short on stock. Seems like funding went mainly into kickass architecture (it is beautiful). Has it yet to be stocked with books? Central Library to be relocated? Why?	11/16/2019 4:15 AM
247	Does anyone know how to pronounce the name of the James Bay Branch?	11/16/2019 4:06 AM
248	Increase funding to extend hours of operation at all branches, including Sunday openings.	11/16/2019 3:57 AM
249	Local library by hillside mall would be good	11/16/2019 3:52 AM
250	I absolutely love using the public library, and just hope they always get the best support from the City, as it is one of the most used library system in all of Canada. They deserve every penny they get.	11/16/2019 3:48 AM
251	Service is good enough but please don't underfund this vital community service.	11/16/2019 3:34 AM
252	Libraries are under used and don't provide a needed services as they once did.	11/16/2019 3:22 AM
253	Oaklands or Hillside Quadra need a library location	11/16/2019 3:08 AM
254	too much money being spent on a tiny section of the comunity	11/16/2019 2:45 AM
255	Love my library. Thanks	11/16/2019 2:39 AM
256	The library is a wonderful resource for everyone and well used.	11/16/2019 2:30 AM
257	Our libraries need to follow the model in most American cities. Access to 3D printing machines, BoardGames, sound studios etc. Our libraries are lacking in what they should be offering citizens of this city. Libraries should have more than just books and movies	11/16/2019 2:27 AM
258	No	11/16/2019 2:19 AM
259	No	11/16/2019 1:58 AM
260	WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY...A BIG ONE.	11/16/2019 1:23 AM
261	A literate public is a key to a healthy democracy	11/16/2019 1:19 AM
262	No	11/16/2019 1:16 AM
263	We have plenty of libraries. The new one in James Bay is literally about 6 blocks from the main branch. So not necessary.	11/16/2019 1:16 AM
264	I believe libraries are outdated because on the internet and should be scaled back considerably	11/16/2019 1:03 AM
265	Remove all the monetarily and spiritually costly degeneracy from the library.	11/16/2019 12:09 AM
266	Having a library is still a good thing even with the copious amount of online information.	11/15/2019 11:21 PM
267	I love the Victoria Public Library!	11/15/2019 11:16 PM
268	Love the libraries	11/15/2019 11:04 PM
269	A great resource	11/15/2019 10:34 PM
270	The James Bay Library is a name I can read and pronounce. The other name is not an official language. Good for you for "honouring" another culture. I can read and pronounce Esquimalt, Songhees, etc. The libraries are crucial for many citizens. Add to them, do not take anything away	11/15/2019 10:29 PM

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271	The monies spent for the little lending libraries dotting the City may look cute but the books found on the street and appearance is certainly going to cost money for upkeep. Reading is very important for society as a whole but how many school and public libraries should the City be funding !,	11/15/2019 10:09 PM
272	they could use more, and I could use giving them my business more often. libraries are pretty much sacred to any city.	11/15/2019 9:18 PM
273	put bike lanes on hold, along with counsel increase in pay, and funding bus passes, stick to issues related to what can control in this city and make it a better city	11/15/2019 9:12 PM
274	Improved access to foreign language media, esp. e books, should be considered.	11/15/2019 9:10 PM
275	This is not a service I use but feel the real estate allocated to the Library is too big a footprint.	11/15/2019 8:57 PM
276	They could use more funding to update the items in their catalog.	11/15/2019 8:43 PM
277	It would be great for the library to receive the funding required to be open seven days a week year round. They do so much good in our community.	11/15/2019 8:33 PM
278	Library services, particularly internet access for the poor and community space, needs higher priority.	11/15/2019 8:19 PM
279	Our libraries need improvement in terms of their content. More local focused content should be available than what currently exists.	11/15/2019 8:02 PM
280	More support for literacy programs is always good	11/15/2019 7:47 PM
281	Libraries could do so much more if funded effectively.	11/15/2019 7:43 PM
282	I think that the Central Branch could definitely use an upgrade, and it would be nice to look at having a branch in the Fernwood\Oaklands area	11/15/2019 7:37 PM
283	The GVPL plays a critical role in community building and providing a safe and welcoming space to people who otherwise have nowhere to go. GVPL should be about 10% of the city budget, and more services should be offered alongside regular library functions in these public spaces. As a society we have fewer and fewer spaces for people to gather, brush up against each other, learn, or exchange ideas. The GVPL is the "third space" between work and home for so many people that is otherwise missing in modern society.	11/15/2019 7:30 PM
284	I love the library and all the services it provides.	11/15/2019 7:22 PM
285	I don't know how the library staff are doing on the current budget, but I have to say that I love our library system and I hope they continue to flourish.	11/15/2019 7:11 PM
286	I love the programming offered for children/families and would love to see even more	11/15/2019 7:03 PM
287	As ebook subscriptions raise prices for libraries, we need to ensure that libraries can still keep up with acquisitions.	11/15/2019 6:50 PM
288	Libraries are very important to foster community, educate and provide wonderful free resources.	11/15/2019 6:46 PM
289	no	11/15/2019 6:31 PM
290	I don't use the library	11/15/2019 6:31 PM
291	The state of most libraries in this city is straight up embarrassing. The main branch is good, but most of the rest have been downsized to hell, with virtually no books left and many racks of movies for some reason. Being an avid reader with my own personal "library space" and having grown up in the city, I can say I virtually never go to the library anymore as they just don't have much.	11/15/2019 6:20 PM
292	The library should receive more funds as it is freely accessible to all and it helps people to learn. Monies wasted on rainbow sidewalks and confusing bike lanes could have gone to libraries.	11/15/2019 6:18 PM
293	kids need a safe space to go, funding to libraries helps provide programs to keep people out of trouble so they don't become a long term issue	11/15/2019 6:15 PM
294	Love our libraries	11/15/2019 6:15 PM
295	no	11/15/2019 5:51 PM
296	Needs more investmetn in online services ie audiobooks & videos.	11/15/2019 5:24 PM
297	The Library is an incredible service for people who can't afford to buy books or movies. They also have wonderful programs which need to be supported.	11/15/2019 4:50 PM
298	GVPL continues to be relevant,	11/15/2019 4:45 PM
299	New ways of accessing libraries changing the need for hands on libraries.	11/15/2019 4:29 PM
300	The collection is not nearly as complete as in other major cities. Many books outdated, they deserve more funding. A well educated, literate community affects every other area of this budget.	11/15/2019 4:22 PM
301	I would support more spending for GVPL and the important role that they serve in the community.	11/15/2019 4:13 PM
302	The satellite Library's such as in James Bay should be open daily year round, I am shocked at the limited hours at the James B. branch when there are so many seniors in those with mobility issues that would and can't access it much better than going downtown. Why during parts of the year is the library close when people are not working in general and could benefit from going.	11/15/2019 3:57 PM

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303	I cannot see how a 2% increase will allow GVPL to keep up with population growth and inflation.	11/15/2019 3:44 PM
304	I would love to see a library branch, even a small satellite one, in every neighborhood	11/15/2019 3:42 PM
305	Libraries are past their useful life	11/15/2019 3:35 PM
306	A sign of a great city is a great library. The main branch downtown is great and always very busy which is a good thing. If at all possible a new and bigger library would be great.	11/15/2019 3:29 PM
307	no	11/15/2019 3:28 PM
308	Great service here	11/15/2019 2:55 PM
309	NO	11/15/2019 2:34 PM
310	Library budget must be increased. Andrew Carnegie implemented building libraries to provide free education to citizens. As there is a growing number of poor citizens in this city, the need is great to support their information needs. Perhaps as being implemented in other growing/larger cities the hiring of a social worker would enhance library services. Also outreach services must be supported and funded. A library is the pillar of the community.	11/15/2019 2:30 PM
311	No	11/15/2019 12:43 PM
312	I am sad to see the comfortable chairs gone, it is a long walk to the bathrooms in downtown library. Love the scrabble club being there.	11/15/2019 2:56 AM
313	Library branches are quite small, even downtown location has minimal inventory and not a lot of programming.	11/15/2019 1:24 AM
314	for me this institution is a hub, critical to many of the areas of community development that the city espouses I'm sure members of the Library Board can advise on ways to promote and enhance these centres of education and enlightenment	11/14/2019 11:37 PM
315	Need a new library in Hillside Quadra	11/14/2019 9:27 PM
316	Have not used a library in 5 years.	11/14/2019 10:16 AM
317	Obsolete service except providing the homeless computers and washrooms.	11/14/2019 12:55 AM
318	Haven't been to the library in 20 years.	11/13/2019 10:38 PM
319	The downtown library is suffering and really needs an update. It would be lovely to see our library in a remarkable building with frontage that's visible.	11/13/2019 7:27 PM
320	Need better spaces (new central branch!), more staff, faster turnaround for holds, more modern services, better computers. Library is the one thing that is FREE for ALL and should be well funded since most of taxes go to services that many of us don't even use/have access to, unlike the library	11/13/2019 4:38 PM
321	No	11/13/2019 2:31 PM
322	There's never enough money put towards what's profitable for all.	11/13/2019 5:54 AM
323	Like libraries.	11/13/2019 2:44 AM
324	Love the services!	11/12/2019 5:41 PM
325	Please do not cut GVPL services	11/12/2019 4:08 PM
326	Need library in Oakland's fernwood	11/12/2019 12:24 PM
327	Willing to pay more.	11/12/2019 5:15 AM
328	No	11/12/2019 12:18 AM
329	Dont use this service.	11/11/2019 10:46 PM
330	love it, use it often and am very happy with it.	11/11/2019 7:25 PM
331	Do not use these services. However they are a vital service.	11/11/2019 6:59 PM
332	Libraries can do so much more to build inclusive, healthy communities. Give them more money!	11/11/2019 6:50 PM
333	Not much of a needed entity anymore thanks to the digital age.	11/11/2019 5:57 PM
334	Library is fantastic. Although often used as a homeless shelter it is a bastion of education and learningq	11/11/2019 5:50 PM
335	We need a library in hillside quadra!	11/11/2019 5:47 PM
336	The location should change to decrease costs and better access for the public. Also assess public use for value	11/11/2019 4:37 PM
337	We've gotten a lot of new facilities over the last few years.	11/11/2019 4:26 PM
338	I love and use the library all the time! Please don't cut it!	11/11/2019 4:10 PM
339	Not enough information to tell. As people move to e learning, you can't tell if any of this budget is going towards that approach rather than bricks and mortar buildings.	11/11/2019 3:35 PM
340	none	11/11/2019 12:48 AM
341	We don't use the library very often	11/11/2019 12:26 AM

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342	"Just right" if we are considering only the current library, but I would love to see funding for a brand new library downtown. And have the land sold from the Broughton Street location sold for redevelopment.	11/10/2019 7:20 PM
343	Fund the library. Make it better, not just status quo. Costs increase annually, provide funds to increase services.	11/10/2019 7:16 PM
344	The downtown library needs a total redo. But it must include a daytime lounge for the marginalized. And it needs better designed study rooms that are conducive to studying.	11/9/2019 8:01 PM
345	The library system always seems to be heavily used and is a great community resource and meeting place. The new James Bay branch is great. I don't know enough about how the COV's proportion of the cost is split with other municipalities, but I would suspect that more people who live 'outside' our municipality would use the COV's libraries (because it is more likely that people who live in the other munis come in to the COV for work), so would conceivably use our libraries (e.g. it is close to their workplace) that the other way around. I would hope that some of those factors are taken into account when other munis must pay into belonging to the overall system.	11/8/2019 5:34 PM
346	I know we don't have the population Vancouver has, but they have some really neat things going over there, like the recording studios and instrument sign outs. I love the library and the access it provides, and adding anything like that is great for those who wouldn't otherwise be able to get them.	11/8/2019 2:46 AM
347	The GVPL system is one of the most important civic institutions in Victoria.	11/7/2019 4:52 AM
348	It's always too low for these things, but is it a priority right now? Probably not	11/7/2019 4:25 AM
349	We need a new downtown library!! It's been far too long!!	11/6/2019 11:29 PM
350	Existing library is fine. Do not fund a new library UNLESS you partner with the private sector	11/6/2019 11:07 PM
351	I am a regular user of the library and think it is fantastic!	11/6/2019 9:05 PM
352	The Library is my most favourite destination in Victoria and my most treasured service. I appreciate it greatly and would always support more library as it is one service that is so faithful to providing equitable access. I love the library and the staff are very wonderful too. Please make sure they know how special they are, and what a wonderful difference they make in so many lives.	11/6/2019 8:48 PM
353	The James Bay branch is a phenomenal success in my neighbourhood. Libraries are more than book lenders they are community centres that build. I'd love to see all the City libraries brought up to the James Bay Branch standard.	11/6/2019 7:08 PM
354	New library in hillside/Quadra area long overdue	11/6/2019 5:48 PM