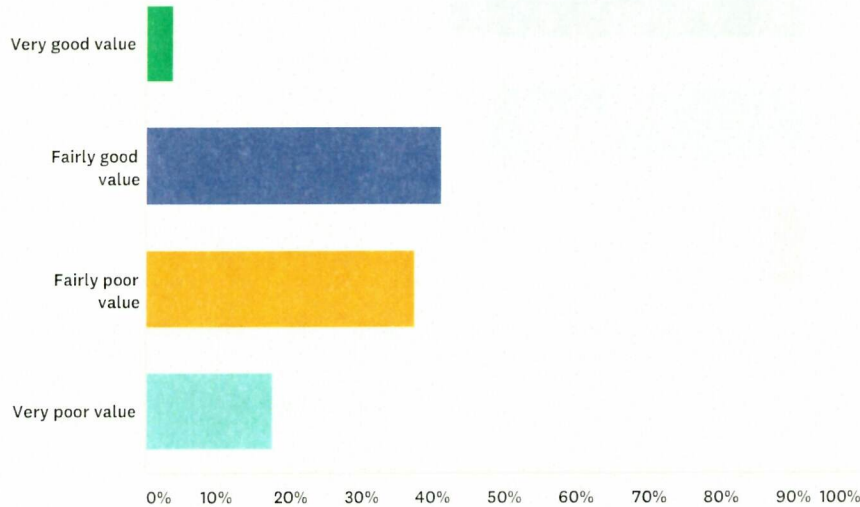


Q26 Thinking about all the programs and services you receive from the City of Victoria, would you say that overall you get good value or poor value for your tax dollars?

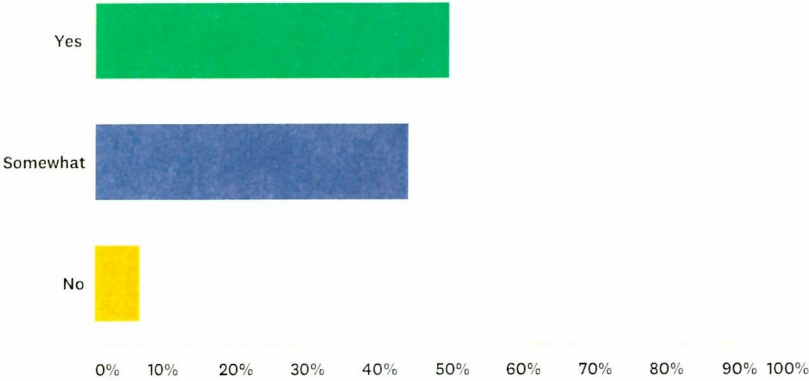
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very good value	3.78%	143
Fairly good value	41.25%	1,562
Fairly poor value	37.36%	1,415
Very poor value	17.61%	667
TOTAL		3,787

Q27 Do you feel you have a good understanding of City services and service levels?

Answered: 3,812 Skipped: 1,298



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.58%	1,890
Somewhat	43.94%	1,675
No	6.48%	247
TOTAL		3,812

Q28 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed operating budget?

Answered: 876 Skipped: 4 234

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I believe that discretionary expenses of our Mayor, Council, and other higher level employees at City Hall: such as travel, parking and catering could be and should be decreased considerably.	11/25/2019 6:29 AM
2	Council should not receive any raise in pay. It's part time and they are doing a horrible job	11/25/2019 6:25 AM
3	I should have run for mayor?	11/25/2019 6:22 AM
4	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
5	This increase to councilors pay is insane! I work hard to get raises and I put in extra hours to move up, not for you to benefit from my work and increased income! LEAVE MY POCKETS ALONE! Manage your budget like I have to, with the money you have not the money you wish you had!	11/25/2019 5:20 AM
6	I believe many marked crosswalks are unsafe. They should have blinking lights which pedestrian can switch on, when crossing the street	11/25/2019 5:09 AM
7	It is very important to support the libraries and how they help citizens keep up, including those without computers. Librarian services are very important as well as resources of information.	11/25/2019 4:47 AM
8	Please use an equity approach when funding projects.	11/25/2019 3:47 AM
9	No money has been put into road improvement just bike improvements. Line ups for travel to and from downtown are appalling and extremely slow! Many people can not ride bikes and do not want to spend all day on buses.	11/25/2019 1:03 AM
10	do not increase councilor salaries	11/25/2019 1:02 AM
11	do not increase councilor salaries they are too high already	11/25/2019 12:59 AM
12	Citizen engagement is key to taking ownership of our City and helping to shape a healthy, creative place to live, work and play.	11/25/2019 12:46 AM
13	Costs are too high. We must start slashing costs and services as the taxpayer is cannot afford any more increases.	11/25/2019 12:41 AM
14	I know the equity lens is a new thing, but take a look at the budget from an equity perspective. Are you spending more money on the communities who need it the most? I would suggest not. Break the budget down into what communities are getting what dollar amount and what the median income of those communities is. It's a two column table. Should be easy and revealing.	11/25/2019 12:27 AM
15	Hard NO to proposed salary increase for council members. If they are 'working too much' then they should learn to work more efficiently and be more choosy about how much they involve themselves in every little decision. Set strategic direction and let senior staff do their jobs.	11/24/2019 11:33 PM
16	You folks make very bad and embarrassing decisions. We are the laughing stock of the CRD	11/24/2019 11:05 PM
17	Deprioritize motorists, prioritize pedestrians. Get the pedestrian death rate down, make school zones safer, make Victoria TRULY walkable. It's not right now, and engineering staff don't care or are unaware of problems, same with police. Did you know that in order to get police to take a look at a problem intersection, every violation of the motor vehicle act must be reported online? And that police will only take action after a certain amount of data is collected? This is an onerous, impossible task to do. I just want my kid to be safe on the walk to school, without motorists turning on a red and plowing through a crosswalk in a school zone. You do not take this threat seriously, and you need to.	11/24/2019 10:43 PM
18	I think any increase in councillors salaries should only be effective after the next election. I also think council should stick to the issues over which they have jurisdiction. I would like Councillor Isett to stop raising issues like horse drawn carriages, holiday lighting, police services for Remembrance Day, using up council time that should be used for more important issues.	11/24/2019 10:18 PM
19	Walkers are forgotten about in this city. There needs to be more benches along the corridors from Fort down to the beacon hill park on Vancouver the benches on Fort should face the businesses not the road. Why do they face the road? Makes no sense.	11/24/2019 10:02 PM

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20	The mayor and her council need to understand the wants of the citizens of this city, they have to stop operating on their own agenda and listen to the people that have voted them in. When they signed up for these positions they were not meant to be a fulltime job but with everything they try to pull it has somehow become far to many hours debating and arguing over things that should not be on the agenda. New crystal pool is an issue that should just get done but they spend so much time discussing it and worrying about a small group of people getting upset over where it will be put that it has taken to long amd they have wasted far to much money and time discussing it just do it before it gets to costly to get it done. Ben Issett seems to think that he is saving the city money by taking away services like remembrance day and the cost to police it, but as I said he needs to listen to the people and stop trying to run his own agendas like increase money to feed council and to raise pay for council by 55%. That is criminal nobody should be trying to get an increase of 55% and if he thinks he works to hard and does not get enough pay for it then be like every other person in the world and leave the job.quit trying to get rich of the tax payers of Victoria for a position that past mayors and councils had no problem doing. Remember all of them can be voted out for not being good for Victoria and if this last couple of years is any sort of indication, and it has, the mayor and council has angered a great portion of the population of Victoria and asking for a pay increase will push people over the edge and the queen and her court will fall flat on their faces. Wake up city hall and see that the time is short for anyone that continues on this path that they are on.	11/24/2019 9:19 PM
21	Get your heads out of the clouds and come back to earth. You were hired and your salary was known anything except a cost of living increase is simple GREED at the taxpayers expense. Shame on you all for suggesting that ridiculous increase while citizens are homeless because the cost of renting/owning is out of control like your demand for a absurd pay increase.	11/24/2019 9:17 PM
22	Being leaders in sustainability is great, but make sure it is not at the expense of core services and addressing the infrastructure deficit. Don't neglect the underserved areas like hillside quadra and North park, that desperately need more community services and support.	11/24/2019 8:38 PM
23	I do not believe the current or future councilors deserve a 50% wage increase. If the working conditions have changed then an HR review should be competed and justification of the workload should be completed just like in any other organization. This should be done by an independent body.	11/24/2019 8:03 PM
24	The proposal to increase the salaries of city counsellors is reprehensible, especially since that same body is reluctant to properly fund its own police force.	11/24/2019 6:56 PM
25	City council needs to focus on the business of running the city, NOT on projects that fall under federal jurisdiction. City councillors seem to get off track for personal interests and spend time / effort on projects outside of the mandated city business. I do NOT support an increase in council remuneration. No one in private or public business would expect to see such a dramatic increase in salary; need to stick with guidelines reflected in the annual cost of living increase	11/24/2019 6:01 PM
26	I think it is absolutely OUTRAGEOUS that the councillors are asking for a giant pay hike. If you've served enough as a civic volunteer then move on. We all know the base pay does not even include pay received for being on appointments to committees such as the CRD. Private sector has to Volunteer their time without pay to get involved in many things. Appalling.	11/24/2019 5:06 PM
27	Flaggers!! The site of so many flagging companies that have popped up in the city with all the city construction is immense! Cash cow for these companies. These companies bill the city so much but pay peanuts to flaggers too!	11/24/2019 4:52 PM
28	Councillor salary increases should only be modest ones.	11/24/2019 4:42 PM
29	there should be no increase for council wages.	11/24/2019 4:10 PM
30	Don't give in to the police budget they want.	11/24/2019 8:18 AM
31	the rate of property tax increase is not sustainable. Should be no higher than inflation rate.	11/24/2019 6:12 AM
32	Probably not the best time to increase salaries when there are people choosing between medicine and food on their tables.	11/24/2019 5:35 AM
33	"two new sweepers" to be funded in 2020? ONE, not two. Councillors frequently emphasize 'housing affordability' yet suggest property tax increases above average CPI increases year after year? such increases are NOT affordable for average city dwellers. do the math!!!	11/24/2019 5:24 AM
34	Taxes are out of control	11/24/2019 3:27 AM
35	I do not agree with a 55% increase in wages for city counselors and mayor.Shame on all if you! Give us back our free Sunday parking instead of this...	11/24/2019 3:19 AM
36	stop wasting money on things most people don't want or need, like excessive bike lanes everywhere	11/24/2019 3:13 AM
37	Why are Victoria home owners stuck paying for these curbed Bike lanes, when we are Not allowed to Vote for or against them?	11/24/2019 2:49 AM
38	The budget should be such that it doesn't need to increase every year and place the burden of funding onto businesses and homeowners in Victoria	11/24/2019 2:38 AM
39	Again. We need more funding for mental health and community well being.	11/24/2019 2:37 AM
40	The pay raise for councillors is totally out of line. Ben just wants to grab money.	11/24/2019 1:17 AM

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41	Act as though your entire city budget was about to be cut by 50%. That way you'll be in the right mindset to determine what is needed to keep the city going and what is waste.	11/23/2019 11:59 PM
42	I'd like to see a shift in the outward communications more newspaper communication and notices similar to UVic's "EDGE" partnership with the Times Colonist, which could include a bi annual report. I'd also like increased downtown core public meeting notices via email to interested parties, not just those that live in immediate area. I didn't find the bicycle initiative, but I think it should be slowed down and constructed over next 10 years.	11/23/2019 10:55 PM
43	With all the changes made in traffic patterns, pedestrians are left vulnerable. For example, recent changes were made at Oak bay junction which causes the traffic to back up around 5:00 all the way to St. Charles. Vehicles turning left from Fort on to St. Charles do not yield to pedestrians who are walking along that stretch of road	11/23/2019 10:23 PM
44	Based on an approximate 3% increase in property taxes, I believe there needs to be more accountability relating to miscellaneous expenses (like removing statues); and salary increases for council members. The proposal for council member salary increase is fiscally irresponsible. Perhaps there needs to be a checklist provided in next year's budget showing what council promised during election and prior year budget, and what the actual results were. In addition, perhaps there needs to be a checklist of how each council member has followed through on their election commitments or not, plus how much value each council member provided to each council meeting. In other words, how can council members be held accountable to their constituents annually versus only at election time.	11/23/2019 10:07 PM
45	I do not support increased taxation in order to increase Council's wages.	11/23/2019 9:22 PM
46	Council salary should remain the same as last year or perhaps a small increase tied to rate of inflation can be given. In their values statement, they emphasize public service, hence they should show that this why they ran for council.	11/23/2019 9:22 PM
47	Since the storm water street cleaning has been separate I have seen increases inconsistent with my lower water usage. My permeable space has not changed. Feeling overtaxed with reduction of services.	11/23/2019 9:00 PM
48	I think competence of city planners, governance are the issues. Need smarter people in these positions. Victoria roads and transportation is only one example of poor planning, execution and governance	11/23/2019 8:25 PM
49	Elected officials spend too much time and too much of City resources on areas that are outside their mandate.	11/23/2019 8:14 PM
50	No raise for councilors!	11/23/2019 7:02 PM
51	Council needs to be more fiscally responsible. It needs to be reminded that there is only one taxpayer and we are being bled dry by three levels of government. Stop spending our hard earned tax dollars on ridiculous projects like ping pong tables.	11/23/2019 6:36 PM
52	Most of my dealings with the city have been positive ,however some departments are very uncooperative and vague and condescending .	11/23/2019 6:10 PM
53	regular, budgeted funding for restorative justice victoria is an important investment in maintaining a safe community. please consider.	11/23/2019 5:54 PM
54	I saw the North Park is proposing a part time community development person! That would be wonderful! Please approve this!	11/23/2019 5:48 PM
55	I disagree with wage increase of city councils especially more money are needed for policing. More people coming to Victoria and city is getting overly populated. We need more police presence. If there is any additional money to spend, city should spend money to ensure safety and security. Also, homeless people leave needles and garbage everywhere even in the private properties. Why discarding those garbage on the private property should be each individual property owner responsibilities and pay for discarding those biohazard garbage? The garbage was brought by homeless people.... City should expand their services to clean those garbages in the city and make sure families and children are safe to go to school or take bus or accessing social services.	11/23/2019 5:14 PM
56	Item #17 in "strategic Objective Four" (p.22) is too high given economic realities. Property tax increases should consistently be held to no more than cost of living increases. ie. CPI + 0%. Anything greater, and the city will become progressively unaffordable over time. (Isn't 'affordability' a prime concern?). This comment applies to both capital and operating budgets.	11/23/2019 2:13 PM
57	It is outrageous that the Council is seeking a major increase in salary. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, voter turnout was low for the last election. The fact that the Mayor and Council were re elected was more a reflection of poor turnout, than a result of voter confidence. Every person who I know, is disappointed in the way that this Mayor and Council are carrying out their jobs. It is the height of arrogance, for the Council to vote a massive increase in salary. Resign, if you do not like the pay! Bloated salaries are sure to lead to corruption and people overstaying their term on the job. Council should do a better job of staying focused on the appropriate roles and responsibilities of their jobs. Unfortunately, I don't think that the current Council is capable of doing so. The city is going to pay a hefty price, for having not voted in the last election.	11/23/2019 11:15 AM
58	Police must have their budget met. I am appalled that the safety of this City and it's Citizens and Visitors has taken a back seat to pet projects like the bike lanes. You've done a poor job.Why don't you open more shelters and spend money on the drug and mental health crisis.	11/23/2019 10:14 AM

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59	No pay increase for council,above and beyond the existing cost of living increase already in place.....no way.....get real.	11/23/2019 8:20 AM
60	Our taxes keep going up, but city infrastructure keeps deteriorating. Rather than focusing on basic public service, council has been pursuing their pet projects (bike lanes) to the detriment of a smoothly operating city. Put your ideological BS back on the shelf and get back to the business of representing taxpayer interests.	11/23/2019 5:40 AM
61	No raises for City Council. That is outrageous. You need to reign in spending. If you think the job is too much, don't run.	11/23/2019 5:22 AM
62	Please accommodate the Police Board's request for four more officers we need them!	11/23/2019 5:03 AM
63	There should be no wage increase for city council	11/23/2019 4:53 AM
64	I am strongly opposed to the proposed 50% increase in pay for Victoria councillors. This is a part time job. The councillors knew this when they ran for office. It is very unseemly and clearly a conflict of interest to have them vote themselves a pay increase. If they feel overworked, then they should stick to core issues, and not over extend themselves debating Christmas lights for downtown, horse drawn carriages, bicycle lanes, etc.	11/23/2019 4:12 AM
65	Focus on core services, and things that support our tourist industry and businesses, then cut out the crazy spending and global initiatives.	11/23/2019 3:32 AM
66	Is it true council has elected to double their pay? If so does that mean they will have to quit their day jobs elsewhere?	11/23/2019 3:19 AM
67	Yep. However I know I won't be listened to regardless so why bother.	11/23/2019 2:28 AM
68	No 55% wage increase	11/23/2019 2:08 AM
69	No comment	11/23/2019 2:00 AM
70	As in any "institution," it's not the % attributed to funding that is the problem, but the waste that happens, perhaps inevitably.	11/23/2019 1:39 AM
71	Police services should be high priority. Not 50 % increase in wages for council. Give your head a shake.	11/23/2019 1:28 AM
72	Very disappointed that a few highly vocal, special interest groups have been able to hijack the local agenda.	11/22/2019 11:43 PM
73	Again, access and inclusion are after thoughts rather than priorities.	11/22/2019 11:40 PM
74	Not now.	11/22/2019 11:13 PM
75	City Council spends too much time on issues outside their jurisdiction and authority. Councillors use meetings for self aggrandizing ego promotion. Mayor Helps is unsuccessful in keeping Councillors on track to manage City priorities. Council is DEFINITELY NOT justified in seeking stipend increases.	11/22/2019 10:45 PM
76	the citizens of Victoria hope that Council is capable of putting a budget forward for all Victorians.Let's put the emphasis on the City and not global affairs.	11/22/2019 10:43 PM
77	I undertook this survey in order to comment on the discussion of significantly raising the remuneration offered to City Councillors, with which I strongly disagree. As elected officials who serve at the pleasure of the electorate for a four year term, they are not a conventional "employee" nor should they be compensated on that basis. The position is intended to be part time and could be fulfilled very responsibly on that basis since the elected officials are to be decision makers. The day to day operations are most capably fulfilled by the properly hired city employees. The staff recommendation to Council in concert with the input from citizens, businesses, special interest groups and all others need to be considered carefully by the elected officials as decision makers. One wonders for those Councillors who choose to pursue their elected roles full time whether that time is effectively used to advance the quality of their municipal decision making versus preparing for their next election (whether at the municipal, provincial or federal level).	11/22/2019 10:40 PM
78	The city is guilty of overspending and wasting taxpayers money of personal projects like Bill 61 in Quebec , horse and carriage , objections to veteran events and Christmas lights . We do receive these services we pay for these services.	11/22/2019 10:09 PM
79	There appears to be a lot of wasted money by council. Like most politicians, they seem to treat public money recklessly. I'd like to see more accountability and economic oversight cut out waste!	11/22/2019 9:31 PM
80	Put money into police not councillors pay	11/22/2019 9:10 PM
81	The proposed 50% increase for councillors is excessive. Increase may be warranted but should be limited to 10% increase.	11/22/2019 8:47 PM
82	People are hired for their knowledge in the department they manage and their suggestions should be taken seriously.	11/22/2019 8:20 PM

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83	As a young couple who bought our house in early 2018, our taxes are incredibly high compared to our neighbours. I understand the logic of taxes being based on property value, but for us buying a house in victoria has consumed the majority of our income, and will for the next 25 years. It's already incredibly difficult to purchase a 3/4 of a million dollar house, especially without owning already. There should be a balance struck with consideration for those who are working very hard to establish their lives in victoria, while still having available income to benefit the local economy. The more we spend on taxes, the less we can spend locally.	11/22/2019 7:51 PM
84	Too much time is spent on revisiting old issues because either public consultation wasn't done early enough in the process or council is second guessing the recommendations of its senior administrators or is asking staff to investigate or deal with issues that do not fall within the mandate of city hall.	11/22/2019 6:39 PM
85	none	11/22/2019 5:44 PM
86	The increase of salary for the councillors. I disagree with this increase this position is suppose to be a part time job and I feel that the councillors make the job harder then it needs to be. The staff should be able to do some of what the councillors are voting on, the main problem I see is that the community wants more councillors input because the staff isn't on the same page as the councillors. If you work to coordinate common ground in this area then I don't see having to increase the councillors wage. This job isn't meant to be a full time job its meant to encourage turn over and new faces on the councillor. Secondly Laurel Collins is no longer a councillor at City Hall so her photo should be removed from the budget brochure. I am really disappointed with how she treated her 6month stint at City of Victoria as just a quick stepping stone and that she should actually be paying back what she was paid during her time there. She wasn't there half the time to contribute because she was working on her platform.	11/22/2019 5:44 PM
87	I would like to see more of the budget going back to the hard working individuals of the city. No more homeless shelters.	11/22/2019 5:23 PM
88	When I look at the size of the budget, and then think about this being replicated across all the other municipalities, the only thing I think about is the duplication and waste. I read references to creating committees so that there can be intra municipal coordination of some things. So the real need here is to amalgamate the councils into one, with proportional regional representation. This is the only way to make things affordable across our communities.	11/22/2019 5:11 PM
89	Trying to obtain a raise of 55% at the beginning of a four year term, when we have a recession on the horizon is pretty rich. City counselors should be required to disclose their other compensation. I'm tired of our city being in the national news. The wasteful spending award for the bridge (which is the size of a river bridge), getting Olympic athletes to kayak Greta around, suing Alberta, and insulting veterans, I don't feel like I am getting value for my money at the current rates. I'd like the city to stay in its lane, sometimes less is more.	11/22/2019 5:06 PM
90	Not so much the budget, but the fact that there are too many regional councils duplicating services and costing taxpayers. Also the CRD is a waste of time, money, resources.	11/22/2019 4:59 PM
91	In the past I have ignored city politics on the whole, that ends now because this council has totally gone out of control. Not only should there not be a pay increase it is time to rein in the councils spending including all the stupid trips you are making for conferences that you should be attending in the first place. Even this survey is manipulative starting with the first question, I should at least have to rate your priorities not in order but to rate them as to whether they should even be a priority. At least 6 of your 8 priorities should not even be a priority at all, You are forcing me to say something is a fourth or fifth priority when it is a zero on the priority scale for me.	11/22/2019 3:53 PM
92	No	11/22/2019 8:23 AM
93	Lisa helps isn't helping ANYONE except herself. It is the right if every citizen to have a right to determine where our tax dollars go, she has made way too many "executive" decisions. It is your role as public servants to serve not dictate.	11/22/2019 6:36 AM
94	Please consider increasing funding for the Quadra Village Community Centre. There is a huge need in that community! Thank you!!	11/22/2019 6:32 AM
95	Council is not transparent and not in the best interest of the taxpayers. Need to consult with the public before moving forward with decisions	11/22/2019 5:13 AM
96	We're tired of subsidizing programs and services that we don't even use. Renters have access to all the same services tax free. Every time the city has a shortfall due to mismanagement of funds on their part they raise our taxes again. Just because we are homeowners doesn't mean we are bottomless pits of money the well is running dry! Time you start being more fiscally responsible with our hard earned money.	11/22/2019 4:07 AM
97	Mayor and council need to stop their spending spree. and use the taxpayers' dollars more wisely and carefully.	11/22/2019 4:03 AM
98	What could have been done with the 10 years of differed taxes on a luxury condo development?!	11/22/2019 3:53 AM
99	We are a city of under 90,000 people. Very small city with big city sights. I understand we have close to 1000 employees. That is 1 in 90. Start looking at essential services	11/22/2019 3:39 AM
100	This council squandered taxes	11/22/2019 3:05 AM

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101	Thank you for your hard work I know these are not easy decisions. Related to that: City Councillors clearly work more than full time to do their job well. Their pay should reflect that and I don't think they need to wait a term to implement this change.	11/22/2019 3:04 AM
102	VCC really needs to get back to the basics of running a city effectively and efficiently, and focusing their attention and responsibilities on standard functions of a municipal government. They are not doing that job well are distracted with items outside of their mandate.	11/22/2019 3:03 AM
103	I was not in agreement with the bus passes for youth.	11/22/2019 2:51 AM
104	Councillors should stick to their traditional roles. Those who wish to engage in political advocacy should do this on their own time with their own dime.	11/22/2019 2:28 AM
105	You need to make more low income housing, boarding houses, studio suites for the working poor, not all these condos people can't afford to buy or rent.	11/22/2019 1:51 AM
106	I feel less and less heard as a tax payer in Victoria and actually am beginning to dislike being in the downtown. Parking is difficult and expensive, streets are congested due to bike lane design, cyclists on those bike lanes are hazardous to pedestrians, marijauna smoking makes it unpleasant on the sidewalks, sidewalks are not maintained and tripping hazards abound, not to mention the people begging making it unpleasant to be downtown. Side streets in Victoria are in deplorable condition. I had to spend \$1800 to try and stop the inadequate stormwater system from backing up into my house, and even though we now pay extra stormwater utility tax evidence of where that money is spent is lacking. The City doesn't even keep the street drains cleared of weeds. So please City of Victoria stay in your lane and focus on maintaining infrastructure and stop introducing more infrastructure that is just sucking up more of our taxpayer money.	11/22/2019 1:33 AM
107	maintain funding for summer events and beautification	11/22/2019 1:25 AM
108	Would like to see comparison of budget performance and tax increase over time with other municipalities for contextual metric comparison	11/22/2019 1:07 AM
109	I am outraged to hear of requested pay raises for city council. Stop handing out free bus passes while denying police the support they need. Stop asking for more for yourselves. You need to act like other public service groups. If you're working too many hours maybe you need to look at the work you're doing and stick to what you're hired to do. Stop suing this and that corporation and writing letters to provinces on topics that you love. This is not municipal work. The mayor does not need to travel to New York, charging taxpayers for her trip INCLUDING a carbon tax, and then come home with ideas of another lawsuit and planting some trees. If this was a household you'd bankrupt yourselves. So Disappointing!	11/22/2019 12:08 AM
110	I feel strongly that their have been decisions that do not reflect the entire population and have been focused on continuing to get votes.	11/21/2019 11:24 PM
111	Anyone in town council who thinks they deserve a pay increase should be taking a drug test, clearly they have been dipping into ROB FORDS stash	11/21/2019 10:50 PM
112	Majority of things are well handled,	11/21/2019 9:19 PM
113	Too much money spent on bike related agenda, at the cost of business owners and drivers who pay insurance and gas taxes to support the roads everyone uses.	11/21/2019 8:55 PM
114	I think the notion that council should receive a 50% increase in pay is ridiculous. Comparable cities do not have the same pay as what is proposed. I am deeply disappointed that question does not allow for comment. In June on the 75th anniversary of D Day, Mr. Isitt complained that \$150,000 for events such as Canada Day, Remembrance Day and the like was too expensive and that vets should pay for us honouring their great sacrifice. He stated in response to backlash, quote, "I don't know if I'm sorry for standing up for the taxpayer." That same day he voted to give himself and his fellow councillors \$10,000 worth of catered lunch on the taxpayer and now he is asking to get roughly the same \$150,000 for council wages, I see where the real motive lies in lining his own pockets. I think council needs to think about where they stand on these issues, the average median yearly income for Victorians is roughly \$48,000, with rent skyrocketing and demand outstripping supply, they need to get working for Victorians. I think affordability in this city needs to be addressed before council gets a raise. It is disingenuous to ask working people in the city to foot this bill when we are facing rental insecurity and many may be forced to leave in order to get ahead in life. I say shame on Mr. Isitt and those who think staff should be wasting their valuable time even considering this request, when we need affordable housing.	11/21/2019 8:06 PM
115	Council is not using tax dollars for strictly municipal issues.	11/21/2019 7:46 PM
116	Note: the City has taken over funding for Restorative Justice Victoria. It's a good thing, rather than a police department funding something so crucial. The City has shown good faith in doing so and, really, this should be a provincial cost, not a municipality's cost. Thanks for doing so, but please put pressure on the province!	11/21/2019 7:28 PM
117	Services should be contracted out as much as possible . You are far too much at the dictates at your union which yields many inefficiencies and financial obligations . The staffing level is far too high for starters .	11/21/2019 7:24 PM
118	services provide a tangible result of your taxes, so very important for residents to see their taxes used for them and NOT for city staff and council primarily, e.g. benefits, salary, etc	11/21/2019 7:14 PM
119	Will I be asked about the proposed pay rise for councillors now or later? IMHO completely out of order.	11/21/2019 7:12 PM

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120	The suggested 55% increase to the council's salary is wildly inappropriate, and puts the wage above what councillors receive in much larger cities in BC. It also places the salary significantly above the average wage in Victoria. I would be supportive of a more reasonable increase (5-10% maximum)	11/21/2019 7:05 PM
121	Please let me be clear: I strongly oppose the proposal to increase councillors salaries by 55%. This is an elected position, rather than a merit based position, and completely out of line with other councillors in the region. I would support a modest increase for councillors IF the municipalities were amalgamated.	11/21/2019 7:04 PM
122	This is a pokey little town which is way over managed.	11/21/2019 6:44 PM
123	The math doesn't add up. What percent cover the proposed raises for city council? This is a ridiculous idea! Even more so than a \$6000 ping pong table! Help your citizens before lining your own greedy pockets! Are you guys starting to emulate Donald Trump)	11/21/2019 6:29 PM
124	Consolidate the CRD municipalities to generate cost efficiencies. The cost of governance is unreasonably high for the results it is generating.	11/21/2019 6:06 PM
125	I do not agree with councilors getting paid full time for what should be a part time job.	11/21/2019 6:03 PM
126	A 50% pay increase for City elected officials is absolutely ridiculous! No one gets a 50% pay increase. You were not willing to increase the budget for Vic PD, which is a far better way to spend this money.	11/21/2019 5:53 PM
127	Spending a 1/2 million on streets is a waste when your agenda is to get rid of cars and parking and then just build bike lanes. I have had it with your agenda. You need to recenter the pendulum Next, leave the cruise ships alone; encourage and support them to get green with tax incentives for shore power etc. And, if Iskitt wants a pay increase tell him to quit and get a higher paying job. Better still increase funding for Remembrance Day ceremonies and Christmas lighting! Fund the Police as they need.	11/21/2019 5:40 PM
128	When considering what new projects or services to provide, please remember we live in an expensive city and we can't afford to pay property taxes that rise above the rate of inflation. My wages certainly haven't.	11/21/2019 5:28 PM
129	The City of Victoria is growing and is no longer a small town. Property taxes have risen to the rates that are equal and above larger cities therefore we should also receive the same standard for services. We can't do this by collecting more taxes and paying higher salaries for Councillors. There are duplication of services, inequality in service delivery, and inefficiencies that need to be addressed. The city should look at amalgamation.	11/21/2019 5:24 PM
130	I would love to see the continued improvement of cycling infrastructure around Victoria	11/21/2019 5:23 PM
131	Affordable housing is top of the list for city attention. Without it, all other priorities are meaningless. Also, the voices of renters (and not just homeowners) need to be taken into account. Tx.	11/21/2019 4:55 PM
132	Pay attention to issues outside of the downtown core ie no more bike lanes! Make other areas of the city accessible for transportation needs ie light rail.	11/21/2019 4:48 PM
133	Fund the police department.	11/21/2019 4:35 PM
134	We need more coming to the community for all the density that is being gifted away.	11/21/2019 4:28 PM
135	NO, big NO, to the council raise. Disgusted at the mere suggestion. Total hypocrisy from Together Victoria crew.	11/21/2019 3:02 PM
136	Concentrate on local issues not you're personal issues	11/21/2019 2:45 PM
137	no to huge salary increased for councillors	11/21/2019 2:03 PM
138	I would support higher taxes.	11/21/2019 1:56 PM
139	Though I agree with indigenous reparations. That should be the provincial and federal govt responsibility. Fund projects that reduce cost of living for everyone instead of giving yourself raises while hard working people cannot find adequate housing. Impose rental restriction based on square footage, age and quality of the rental property.	11/21/2019 11:02 AM
140	Bring online 911 medical services for mental health and addictions. Police shouldn't be arresting the sick	11/21/2019 8:01 AM
141	No	11/21/2019 7:31 AM
142	Forget all the 140 fancy folderols and give us a clean, safe, pothole free city where tourists can visit and enjoy without being accosted by people with mental issues and addictions.	11/21/2019 6:06 AM
143	City Council should not be getting a 50% raise	11/21/2019 6:05 AM
144	In comparison with other major Canadian cities property tax rates vs services provided	11/21/2019 6:03 AM

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145	The property taxes and municipal utilities continue to increase every year. As property values have soared why are there % increases to taxes every year? Isn't the tax base significantly more do to the rise in assessed property values? Yet every year the City raises taxes. City needs to contain scope of activities and manage internal costs no more property tax increases should be an objective working class homeowners are bearing the brunt of fiscal and project mis management and distractions from councillors using up valuable city time and resources to push forward pet projects. The proposed 50% salary increase of council is offensive. No transparency as to the total income including benefits, being on other committees or regional bodies like CRD. Hard to understand denying VPD additional staff yet no problem asking for a 50% raise? Also tying it to the average city staff (non police / fire)? If councillors want a full time city job go apply for one then.	11/21/2019 5:17 AM
146	A lot of time spent on developing community plans, then even more time debating and approving exemptions to them.	11/21/2019 4:59 AM
147	I think that the mayor and certain councillors have forgotten who they work for if it was ever a consideration to begin with. We tax payers have a limit to keep on paying more tax every year. It must be fun for them to spend other people's money!	11/21/2019 4:45 AM
148	More money for the Police in all areas! Need help with dealing with the homeless, drug related issues, and traffic control More money for roadways (repair the side streets/roadways, keep the street lights working) Stop creating new ways to tax me!	11/21/2019 4:38 AM
149	DO NOT GIVE THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS A RAISE. MIGHT ENCOURAGE THEM TO STAY. LIMIT TERMS TO 1.	11/21/2019 4:25 AM
150	Stop wasting money on everything bikes. No more lanes, no more lights, sure as hell dont take down a tree for a bike rack. Pull your head out of your ass and listen to the public. Not Ben Asshat. Too much traffic, way too expensive, way too many idiot's on bikes. Downtown victoria is very poorly funded in all the necessary areas but heavily over funded in mayor moonbeams Hope's and dreams.	11/21/2019 3:54 AM
151	n	11/21/2019 3:38 AM
152	No 50% pay hike for councillors	11/21/2019 3:26 AM
153	Not sure where this will pop up in the survey, but I am opposed to the discussion of raising Council's individual salaries, at least for the next budget year. If the Council would like to propose a raise for the next Council's compensation, that would be best. Or raise the budget for Council salaries in an election year. Plan for the future if you want to have a professional, full time Council, go ahead but decide that in advance and put in effect after the next election.	11/21/2019 3:26 AM
154	Yeah. Where did you hide the survey about the council's idea that they deserve a raise?	11/21/2019 3:15 AM
155	At the rate the city is going, I soon won't be able to afford to live within the city itself. I can't afford the continual increases and am serious considering moving up island where things are much more affordable.	11/21/2019 2:51 AM
156	No	11/21/2019 2:29 AM
157	Interesting that you do not allow for any comments on the wage increases for councillors...no doubt why, this is right up there with the obnoxious cost of bike lanes ...I hope there is a whole new council if this ridiculous increase is successful.... maybe they can house and feed a few homeless with their pockets full of tax payers funds. WHY would anyone want to live in Victoria... the priorities certainly aren't about everybody's quality of life, just those who can afford to keep the councillors in a lifestyle they think they are entitled to.	11/21/2019 1:30 AM
158	Fund the police. Fund economic development.	11/21/2019 1:21 AM
159	If you need to balance competing service delivery levels, I don't think funding youth bus passes, taking on issues beyond your mandate, or revenue received from federal gas tax fund should have been spent of a better transportation infrastructure then bike lanes.	11/21/2019 1:12 AM
160	The proposed increase for a 50% pay hike for councillors is appalling. Perhaps if you didn't stick your nose into issues that shouldn't you wouldn't have to work so many hours.	11/21/2019 1:02 AM
161	The homeless persons problem needs to be tackled, along with their mental health issues, as it is clearly getting worse, not better.	11/21/2019 12:36 AM
162	Downtown sidewalks have started to look uncared for and dirty which is concerning, especially for areas that have high tourism traffic. It seems to me that this is a relatively new problem & something fairly easily remedied.	11/21/2019 12:23 AM
163	Ditch the idea of giving counsellors a raise that they definitely don't need considering they make more than most people in the city and surrounding municipalities. And perhaps instead allocate money to help alleviate the homeless problem that is affecting businesses and tourism.	11/20/2019 11:33 PM
164	Police presence, parking availability and cost, vehicle traffic flow, personal safety, city cleanliness are all deteriorating	11/20/2019 11:28 PM
165	In favour of a much smaller pay increase for council members more commensurate with annual cost of living increase.	11/20/2019 11:20 PM
166	Taxed for too heavily. Property taxes aren't meant to be a fail safe piggy bank for lack of revenue due to poor management.	11/20/2019 11:05 PM
167	No	11/20/2019 11:02 PM

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168	Get back to basics. We've been waiting for improvement drainage in the Cook/Richardson area for 40 years!	11/20/2019 10:27 PM
169	I know this is covered in the next question on counsellor salary, but my two cents: city counselling is currently compensated appropriately for low level office work, despite providing far more impact and requiring far more aptitude. Additionally while becoming a counsellor for altruistic purposes is all well and good the low salary prevents a huge portion of Victoria's population from ever considering the position. Raise that salary.	11/20/2019 10:13 PM
170	Stop wasting money on ridiculous things.	11/20/2019 9:38 PM
171	It is too high. The budget should be reduced sharply along with property taxes, which have increased every year as far back as I can remember. Victoria City Council seems to feel it needs to do more than it should and be far too involved in citizens' lives. I want less municipal government overall in my life and I want to pay less for it.	11/20/2019 9:13 PM
172	City councillors request to have a 50%+ raise is ridiculous! You guys wanted to cancel Remembrance Day ceremony and Christmas events for the city citing short of funds. Where are the money going? To a small groups pockets?	11/20/2019 9:07 PM
173	55% pay increase is outrageous. Nobody who is entrusted with spending taxpayer dollars wisely would entertain such an increase. Many people who live in this city are getting 1-2% pay increases and you are asking them to dig deep in their pockets to come up with the money for your 55% raise. The system is clearly broken and needs to be fixed. Whatever happened to amalgamation that we voted for?	11/20/2019 9:02 PM
174	DO NOT give a 55% raise to city councillors	11/20/2019 8:42 PM
175	The pay raise for the councillors is out of line with every other comparably sized city in Canada. This is unacceptable.	11/20/2019 8:25 PM
176	Axe the Youth bus passes that were not in the 2019 budget planning process. Build and invest in a new parkade in the down town core use Sunday parking revenue to pay for it.	11/20/2019 8:24 PM
177	There is no way that council should be voting itself a preposterous 55% raise. I take strong exception to Coun. Ben Isitt's recent comments and suggest that if he feels entitled to full time pay, he should feel free to leave council and find himself a real, full time job.	11/20/2019 8:24 PM
178	We seriously need more downtown walk in health clinics, I don't know what the city can do for this, but people are desperate and ed up. Also, what is up with the city not collecting glass bottles for recycling anymore?!? This is preposterous!!!	11/20/2019 8:00 PM
179	This whole plan is a messed up scam	11/20/2019 7:54 PM
180	I think Mayor and Council should focus on providing effective services at a fair cost to citizens. Over extending the reach of Mayor and Council into areas outside their jurisdiction does not benefit citizens and results in constant increases in budgetary and other resource demands.	11/20/2019 7:53 PM
181	As a small business owner, property tax is an enormous financial obligation.	11/20/2019 7:29 PM
182	As a young condo owner with a mid level income, I find this council has no understanding of their responsibilities as outlined in the Municipal Act. Very disappointing that this current council is ignoring the advise of staff. The Affordable Housing Mandate is a complete farce. I suppose as a property owner I should be pleased that this "mandate" will lead to my property going up even more in value. Also, the proposed salary increase for councillors makes me sick to my stomach. People who serve on council are making a sacrifice, but they should never think of this as a career. Perhaps if more councillors in Victoria had achieved something with their careers, they would not be proposing such an insulting salary increase. If they voter for a salary increase I will seriously consider selling my property and moving somewhere with better governance. People blinded by ideology make poor decisions based on their preconceived notions of reality and this council is as ideological as it gets.	11/20/2019 7:28 PM
183	I am strongly opposed to the large increase proposed for council members.	11/20/2019 6:20 PM
184	In short: No more bike lanes Increased funding to emergency services. 'Affordable housing' will not solve the homeless issue. It's a step, but the first step needs to be finding a secure place for the mentally ill and drug addicted where they can get help. Trying to coddle or ignore them or just treat them like they're normal people who are unlucky doesn't work, they're often unpredictable and dangerous. If you give them a roof and no more, they'll turn the building into a ruined mess inside a few years because they can't properly look after themselves. Care is needed first, then housing, then employment for those who can be employed.	11/20/2019 5:59 PM
185	I'm here mostly due to my outrage over councilors pay raise suggestions. You need to amalgamate then it could have my support, because it would be more in line with per capita pay rates of municipalities thought the country.	11/20/2019 5:40 PM
186	I vehemently disagree with councilors getting paid 55% more. IT is a provincially mandated part time job, and 45,000 is still more than number of full time jobs in Victoria. Furthermore, if you believe you are working full time hours, maybe stop doing that? Stop micro managing the workers that get paid to do the work.	11/20/2019 5:34 PM
187	I strongly disagree with the proposed pay rase for the council. None else in the city is able to get such a pay raise. I do not want my taxes going to give an unfair pay raise when the council has said there is no money for the police	11/20/2019 5:30 PM

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188	It's pathetic that council would suggest giving themselves such an extraordinarily large pay raise in a city where a) police services have said they are under funded and have been refused more money by this same council and b) there is a sad lack of affordable housing	11/20/2019 5:10 PM
189	I don't believe City Councillors should be earning nearly 3x the wage of someone making only \$17/hr.	11/20/2019 5:09 PM
190	There is alot of u known spending when lonely could be out to alot better use to help the community	11/20/2019 4:55 PM
191	no	11/20/2019 4:35 PM
192	Victoria City council has no business spending our tax dollars on a class action suit against the Oil company's regarding climate change. This is way beyond the scope of their Governance. This should be put to the tax payers for a vote.	11/20/2019 3:48 PM
193	The 55% raise for city councillors is too much. Can I get a %55 raise too?	11/20/2019 3:06 PM
194	I moved here a month and a half ago from Campbell River, and love the city so far. Very clean, very well maintained, lots of green spaces. Kudos.	11/20/2019 3:05 PM
195	There should be maximum 3 city councils and cities in Greater Victoria. Victoria (to include Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt, View Royal could include more municipalities), West Shore (Langford, Highlands, Metchosin, Colwood) and the Peninsula (Sidney, North Saanich & Central Sannich). There is NO REASON for 13. Insane.	11/20/2019 2:35 PM
196	Focus on local issues. Remove the tax free status of emergency shelters.	11/20/2019 1:52 PM
197	Bus passes free for youth is a great idea but not at the expense of tax payers \$ for the ones that have never even used the bus services. Also people taking advantage of that program by selling their passes. Those funds could be spent on people facing real problems of housing crisis, drug overdoses, etc	11/20/2019 11:00 AM
198	City councillors DO NOT GET TO GIVE THEMSELVES a 50% raise for a slated part time job.	11/20/2019 6:38 AM
199	Stop trying to solve the world's problems and start focusing on running the city and providing core services for taxpayers.	11/20/2019 6:28 AM
200	I long for the day when our municipal politicians stick to the business at hand (running the city for the people that live here), and didn't look to solve problems that are miles outside their realm of influence/areas of competency. Trips to the U.N. and the Alberta oil sands taken by a municipal mayor? Give me a break. Challenging the provincial government in court regarding plastic bags, using our tax dollars to fund the lawyers/bolster the mayor's ego? Come on. Building a network of bike lanes in the locations where they're guaranteed to ADD to air pollution/carbon footprint by forcing cars to idle at intersections where there used to be well tuned traffic flows? That's the last straw Wharf Street is going to be a joke next summer when the tourists hit town.	11/20/2019 6:23 AM
201	no	11/20/2019 6:05 AM
202	Tax dollars have never been higher yet the city is a mess. It's dirty, stinky, garbage everywhere downtown. In my neighbourhood the services are low. Yet tax dollars are at a high.	11/20/2019 5:56 AM
203	The practical capital portion of the budget is shrinking and the Human Resources portion is growing too fast. Last year the city hired 35 new people and this year its a 50% wage increase for Council..it's too much for the actual population. I suggest the City staff and council should examine their priorities and stay in your lane and stop foisting needless expenses on to the constituents. When we purchased commercial space for our company this year the only parameter to the realtor was "not in Victoria" because the taxes and delivery model of services is so far out of line. We hope to eventually purchase a home and our only parameter will be the same anywhere but Victoria.	11/20/2019 5:12 AM
204	More transparency and to make services available to more people by raising awareness of such programs. Its hard to know what programs or services are out there.	11/20/2019 4:55 AM
205	I object to the proposed salary increases for city councillors. Spend the money on the extra police officers	11/20/2019 4:37 AM
206	A 55% wage increase is outrageous	11/20/2019 4:34 AM
207	I think the city provides good core service but this current council is crazy. They are acting outside their mandate and I shouldn't have to pay for that as a tax payer.	11/20/2019 3:59 AM
208	If anything the day to day does not get the priority it deserves. Political leaders seem to always look for votes rather than focus on what they are mandated. Streets, sewer, water, policing, fire, traffic, infrastructure then Community , arts, New traffic initiatives like protected bike lanes Policing again, then social ills like homelessness for the most severe clients only. This is related mostly to their impact on an area like east end of Pandora or 840 Johnson. At teh municipal level I do not support taxpayer funding. Only developer funded projects or support. Planning and zoning can contribute. Council spends too much taxpayer funded monies on provincial responsibilities.	11/20/2019 3:46 AM

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209	Please consider examining where spending is already going before proposing additional tax increases. In any other municipality with curb side garbage service, for example, people are required to take their own cans down to the curb. And leaf collection is a luxury. There are definite savings available if only you look for them. Further, the controversy over councillors voting on their own raise could be mitigated by delaying implementation until after the next municipal election (i.e. you can vote on it now but today's individual councillors may or may not directly benefit).	11/20/2019 3:36 AM
210	Cut wages and don't give a 55 percent increase!!! That's ridiculous!!	11/20/2019 2:59 AM
211	Roads that are well maintained, police & emergency services, and libraries & recreational spaces are what a city is meant to provide. It is exactly what the City of Victoria has been falling short of providing since the current Mayor took office. The best art comes from communities, not professionals; the best economy comes from getting people moving in all different ways, not just the ones certain ideologies find acceptable; and safe communities come from access to police and emergency services that interact with and work within the communities they service. This budget does not reflect the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon a municipal government, nor the understanding thereto; it speaks of overreaching on matters that do not concern municipal governments, and ignoring crucial responsibilities that help grow and develop as sustainable communities for the future.	11/20/2019 2:48 AM
212	No	11/20/2019 2:40 AM
213	No raise for council! That money is better spend on police! No one else in any sector gets raises like that... ever	11/20/2019 1:44 AM
214	I strongly disagree with the proposed 50% increase in city councillors pay. If they quite micromanaging the lives of us ordinary people, they wouldn't have so much work to do.	11/20/2019 1:30 AM
215	The service from police through no fault of theirs is poor because they are not properly staffed, even the Province agrees. Get more staff, including support staff for the police department and they can help with the mental health/addiction crisis. The Community Resource Officers do an excellent job to help these people.	11/20/2019 1:17 AM
216	No council pay raise	11/20/2019 12:16 AM
217	Please keep the tax increases to absolute minimum. Below 2% or less. This should be possible with all the new construction in Victoria!	11/20/2019 12:00 AM
218	please stick to maintaining existing infrastructure and spend less money on monkeying with traffic experiments	11/19/2019 11:50 PM
219	I do not think councillor get a 50 percent increase Then all over seas trips with the mayor,? What is the purpose. The money spent could go towards the police department.	11/19/2019 11:30 PM
220	I have no idea.	11/19/2019 11:27 PM
221	You people are paid too much to do too little for the community you, for lack of a better word, serve.	11/19/2019 11:07 PM
222	Council should not increase their annual stipend. They are not City employees.	11/19/2019 11:00 PM
223	Please don't vote yourselves a 50% raise. Please spend you time doing more productive things for the Taxpayers of Victoria that you were actually elected to do, not suing oil companies and trying to give yourselves big raises. You folks took the job knowing the pay rate and then decided to take on so many more issues and tasks that are not in your mandate and are now saying youre putting in too many hours and want more money. If you want a raise, make it equivalent to what the city workers get per year maybe around 3%, not 50%. Thank You	11/19/2019 10:57 PM
224	Keep budget increases lower. Use more funds from new construction	11/19/2019 10:35 PM
225	This city is so Obscenities	11/19/2019 10:27 PM
226	I don't see homelessness in here. Affordable housing is not "homelessness" so I am confused why it is not a priority.	11/19/2019 10:20 PM
227	I have been so disappointed in our mayor and council its a circus being run by a bunch of clowns	11/19/2019 10:13 PM
228	This survey is pointless and doesn't answer the city's problems. Maybe ask if we are happy with current council and their decisions. Maybe ask if fiscal conservancy is important or keeping property taxes low maybe ask if we think council should stick to the job description the were voted to do and maybe ask if we support a pay raise no council? My answer to the pay raise is an emphatic NO raises for council. I'd be embarrassed to even suggest such a thing. Maybe take a page out of Stu Young's page and learn how to lead the city of Victoria.	11/19/2019 10:01 PM
229	The proposal to increase councillor salaries is absurd. I would suggest that they be rolled back to the median salary of all greater Vic councillors.	11/19/2019 9:42 PM
230	Affordable housing was addressed with not allowing b&b's in residential neighborhoods to free up long term rentals. The bylaw was passed but nothing is in place to enforce it. Once this is done we will see what we really need for housing. No to 50% increase in salaries. The salaries of city employees is higher than any other comparable city in the northern hemisphere. Amalgamation would be nice at least for fire, police etc. Your platform was based on it. No more money!!	11/19/2019 9:34 PM
231	NO TO 50% INCREASE FOR COUNCILLORS SALARIES	11/19/2019 8:45 PM

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232	Absolutely no to Issitt's proposal of an increase in council's salary. Council is not a full time job, should not be a full time job, and should not be paid as one. Council is far too involved in the day to day operations and should leave most everything to the experts and the public. There is far too much personality in politics and it should be removed completely. Increasing their salaries will encourage them to stay longer and keep pushing their narcissistic visions upon the unwanting people. No councillor should ever have more than one term in office. The expertise should be left up to the experts.	11/19/2019 8:36 PM
233	Ridiculous spending over \$100 K on the Mayor's new assistant.	11/19/2019 8:27 PM
234	10 years ago Pandora was a very nice street with a beautiful church and Conservatory. Now people are afraid to come due to all the street people, buggies, tents etc	11/19/2019 8:25 PM
235	Do not allow a 50% salary increase for part time councillors. Should be cost of living increase at the most.	11/19/2019 8:17 PM
236	If you raise your employee budget to a base rate of \$70,000 I will never vote for you again.	11/19/2019 8:07 PM
237	No to a 50% pay raise for city council.	11/19/2019 7:56 PM
238	Stop wasting time and money on issued that are not related to the city level.	11/19/2019 7:37 PM
239	You can't create infrastructure for a massive city if it's nearly impossible for many people to afford living in your city. we wasted millions on bike lanes. we have hundreds of individuals homeless or near homeless because one bedroom apartments cost ~1000/month. Stop pretending we are a utopia of clean progressive people and help the people who have little to no access to decent resources, ESPECIALLY AFFORDABLE CANNABIS. I've met at least 10 people who have returned to heroin because they can't afford legal cannabis, and I've seen countless more break down crying because they've lost their resources for their medicine. I PROMISE YOU keeping the VCBC open will do more to improve overall health and wellbeing in our city SO MUCH MORE than wasting it on law enforcement. Please stop listening to only the problems of the rich. Please understand the thousands of near broke individuals in this city feel completely ignored. Talk to us about cannabis and housing, put out a statement, anything. Just please, care more about those of us almost dying trying to afford life in this brutally expensive, constantly gentrifying city.	11/19/2019 7:37 PM
240	Vic PD needs more funding. We are becoming known as not a safe place to come to.	11/19/2019 7:36 PM
241	No raise for Issitt	11/19/2019 7:30 PM
242	Living in Harris Green I resent the burden on the neighbourhood combined with higher taxes. I don't mind higher taxes if they are being used well and overall the city provides pretty decent service and some areas are great. But our neighbourhood feels neglected and literally  on. Ever since the housing at 844 Johnson has been in place our neighbourhood has declined severely and it needs resources to support the well being of everyone. We need safe streets, clean streets, support services, more trees, and some public art on the 800+900 blocks of Johnson and Pandora, for starters.	11/19/2019 7:12 PM
243	Reduce! council's wages by 50%	11/19/2019 7:11 PM
244	No pay increase for councillors! No double/triple dipping.	11/19/2019 7:05 PM
245	Spend more time and money actually governing and running the infrastructure instead of engaging in touchy feely political machinations. If its a global issue that is FEDERAL. YOU ARE MUNICIPAL, RUN MY CITY PROPERLY.	11/19/2019 7:04 PM
246	No raise for yourself until the police and bylaws officers are better staffed.	11/19/2019 6:56 PM
247	I'm concerned about the money spent on buying new vehicles semi regularly for city operations.	11/19/2019 6:49 PM
248	Increased yearly taxes to pay for Operating budget need to be kept to a minimum and some programs need to be reviewed and budgets reduced or not increased.	11/19/2019 6:42 PM
249	Yes I do. I start with my request for the City to keep taxes & utilities increases at or below inflation. Your Strategic Objectives Actions Ongoing indicate a cap on 'Inflation plus 1%' This is too high and can be offset more by 'New Property Tax Revenues' on new development. "Keeping Victoria Affordable" should always start with low property tax & utilities increases. For 2019 there was an additional property tax increase related to changes in MSP Billings to the City. I would expect to see this reduced in the 2020 Budget. I would be pleased to work with City Staff on more detailed budget review issues. Personal info	11/19/2019 6:33 PM
250	I notice that there is no section to make any additional comments on question 29. Typical.	11/19/2019 6:27 PM
251	We have a beautiful city; the City of Victoria does a wonderful job of keeping it clean, green, easy to get around in, and supporting its businesses. I was ashamed to be from a city where the councillors were considering removing a paltry grant to our community's veterans, while a week or so later, voting to give themselves free lunches for the same amount as the grant. The outlook of the councillors needs some definite realignment.	11/19/2019 6:27 PM
252	Question 26 is just another question to bastardize the results of your own taxpayer funded survey to do exactly what the Obscenities	11/19/2019 6:23 PM
253	Increase police budget.	11/19/2019 6:22 PM
254	There is too much government by the elected city people.	11/19/2019 6:08 PM

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255	the city councillor for a wage increase up to \$70,000 is ludicrous, they should stop micr managing if their hours per week are too long, Example Ben Isitt's Xmas tree rant or reducing policing Canada Day. Focus on housing affordability, policing costs, and take a second sober look at the rampant construction downtown	11/19/2019 6:01 PM
256	The proposition that council should receive monstrous pay increases is indeed monstrous. Forget horse carriages, cruise ship limitations, free lunches for council, withdrawal of funding for certain public events and deal with things that matter to residents: halting the assault on neighbourhoods through densification, dealing with constipated traffic patterns and repairing street surfaces things that are really part of council's mandate.	11/19/2019 5:54 PM
257	We need to amalgamate for many reasons including policing which should not be operating with an inadequate budget.	11/19/2019 5:52 PM
258	It sucks. Stop spending more money on frivolous things and put more into the Fire, Police, and Bylaw departments. Fix the god damn roads. You know, basic stuff a city is meant to do.	11/19/2019 5:52 PM
259	I wish the city would focus on the basics first. There is announcement after announcement for sustainability initiatives while necessities like the police or basic road and sidewalk maintenance are languishing. Get your priorities straight! Climate change is real, but small time initiatives (that are taking money away from more pressing needs like the Police!) aren't going to save us.	11/19/2019 5:47 PM
260	Housing first. More bike lanes will not improve affordability, livability, social, economic, or even environmental issues in Victoria.	11/19/2019 5:46 PM
261	Now that the bike lanes are done downtown, can we have some road improvement? Particularly Broughton St?	11/19/2019 5:32 PM
262	The rate of property tax increases over the past decade is not sustainable	11/19/2019 5:31 PM
263	The city needs to seriously address the downtown homeless problem which is negatively impacting visitors to the area as well as residents. Downtown is looking more and more shabby, I especially feel badly for the retailers, Victoria is losing its shine as a destination.	11/19/2019 4:52 PM
264	The proposed increase for councillors is too high. They should be set in line with similar size cities.	11/19/2019 4:47 PM
265	City Council should not get a raise!	11/19/2019 4:43 PM
266	I do not support any increase to the city council these people knew the position us a part time position and the fundamental mission should be to serve their city	11/19/2019 4:38 PM
267	Marketing dept run amok with 881 page document Despite the size, not enough information to understand what is going on. Not enough specifics	11/19/2019 4:01 PM
268	As someone who lives directly across from neighbors in esquimalt. The lack of value compared to their tax and services is very disheartening.	11/19/2019 3:59 PM
269	I do not support the continued hiring of City staff to develop new programs and services that fall outside of the City's mandate. Focus on core responsibilities.	11/19/2019 3:44 PM
270	This city council needs to actually see what is happening in our communities. This is right back to 2002 with numerous street issues, theft, property damage and a disengaged council that has little to no idea how to run an actual business.	11/19/2019 3:26 PM
271	Council has spent too much time on issues that do not help the average city tax payer especially the business owners. Business owners are almost guaranteed to suffer bankruptcy due to the continual rising taxes. There should be a chart on the website that includes the growth of council wages and benefits CRD stipends, dental and health coverages against the average business and property owners tax increases. Saanich will vote No to any amalgamation plan as Victoria's appetite for tax increases never stops.	11/19/2019 3:11 PM
272	A proposed 50% increase in councillor wages is ridiculous. What worker receives such an increase?	11/19/2019 3:05 PM
273	No pay increases for council	11/19/2019 2:56 PM
274	You need to get your priorities in order	11/19/2019 2:44 PM
275	Less money should go towards bike lanes enough is enough already! Our roads need paving. It's like driving on the Oregon Trail, currently. Disgraceful!	11/19/2019 2:34 PM
276	A 50% pay increase is ludicrous.	11/19/2019 1:53 PM
277	None other than the proposed raise for city counsel	11/19/2019 6:53 AM
278	If we need a 800+ page financial plan, then there should be an easily accessible Executive Summary.	11/19/2019 6:40 AM
279	No	11/19/2019 5:57 AM
280	less for Council, more for the VPD	11/19/2019 5:56 AM
281	Do not increase city counsellor pay	11/19/2019 5:53 AM
282	Safety needs to be prioritized. Council needs to stay in their lane and provide the citizens with the services needed to make the City thrive and stop wasting tax payers money on ideology that is beyond the scope of their civic duties.	11/19/2019 5:05 AM

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283	There is inadequate explanation of the variances between the amounts this year and proposed for next year. Any line item varying by more than + 2% should be explained.	11/19/2019 4:47 AM
284	Increase budget to essential emergency services and aid for the homeless.	11/19/2019 4:46 AM
285	Wish to support the North Park neighbourhoods bid for part time community development coordinator. We see a lot of needs and challenges in this neighbourhood. (I work in that area) Thanks	11/19/2019 3:54 AM
286	roads are in poor condition no parks or green space took almost 5 years to have way making signs. Ships Point poor use of waterfront	11/19/2019 3:48 AM
287	Nope.	11/19/2019 3:42 AM
288	Our city is in a terrible state, thanks to our mayor's and council's poor decisions. As long as there are citizens living on the street, unable to receive adequate access to the help they desperately need, you are failing. Ping pong tables, catered lunches, and 50% raises are your apparent priorities, not addressing the urgent issues at hand. This is indefensible.	11/19/2019 3:41 AM
289	No one likes to have their property taxes increase, but I do understand this has to happen to maintain our current services.	11/19/2019 3:41 AM
290	Councillors do not deserve the proposed increase. Some receive additional CRD remuneration. Stop being activists, expanding the role, & focus on core services.	11/19/2019 3:31 AM
291	Wages increases for councillors does not have my household's support.	11/19/2019 2:50 AM
292	It is difficult for a home owner to keep absorbing a property tax increase year after year. More should be done to limit or minimize increases. A lot of people are on fixed incomes; receive minimal wage increases or have no means to continually raise more funds.	11/19/2019 2:47 AM
293	Mater of priorities. Would prefer one more police officer to to say another gardener or librarian.	11/19/2019 2:20 AM
294	More police foot patrols in Fernwood around the schools and parks. To many homeless doing drugs and drinking going on in this area. When calling the police you get put on hold for 45 mins while people are being attacked and using the school and park grounds as there washrooms	11/19/2019 2:11 AM
295	The other special projects, like the new bridge or proposed crystal pool replacement are too much for a community this size.	11/19/2019 2:09 AM
296	More for VP, less for councilman.	11/19/2019 1:20 AM
297	i honestly believe that the city council gets a good salary and should be greedy	11/19/2019 1:18 AM
298	I feel like the city needs to hire more police. The city doesn't feel safe. I also feel like the council shouldn't give themselves a 55% raise it should be more in line with the public sector so 2-3%.	11/19/2019 1:04 AM
299	Victoria is a beautiful city, please keep it affordable and don't raise Councillor pay by 50%. Keep nominal increases like other employees.	11/19/2019 12:44 AM
300	I don't know where Mayor and Councillors pay comes in but I am totally opposed to any increase.	11/19/2019 12:37 AM
301	Include support for the Victoria Waterways Loop http://vicwaterloop.ca	11/18/2019 11:32 PM
302	Reduce the scope of the city's services to those that are directly tied to municipal issues. Too often are city councilors getting involved in provincial & federal conversations that are not within their purview. It's not a surprise why councilors have turned their jobs into full time roles for a part time oversight position.	11/18/2019 11:16 PM
303	I firmly believe that Council is a service individuals provide to the community, not a paid position. In order to be paid more than the amount they receive now they should have degrees in planning or at least some work related experience.	11/18/2019 10:59 PM
304	A new City Council would hopefully provide an improved city budget.	11/18/2019 10:52 PM
305	stick to the necessities and stop spending money on councillor pet projects	11/18/2019 10:24 PM
306	I think that the streets need more care and asphalt surfacing must be improved Many streets are in poor state of repair Many side walks are uneven due to tree roots Needing attention	11/18/2019 10:19 PM
307	We need to stop building bike lanes and painting cross walks and put it to things that will make our city safer and generate actual revenue so business will stop leaving the city. We need parking and police... it's that simple	11/18/2019 10:12 PM
308	More public consultation on specific changes	11/18/2019 9:44 PM
309	Needs to be input from various city stakeholders for it to be a reasonable plan to follow.	11/18/2019 9:41 PM
310	I do not support any type of raise for the elected officials of the city. the proposed increase just shows how out of touch our council is with the people who elected them. they are not staff and should stop behaving as such and have created the problem of the hours they work by being involved in many issues they should not and not setting clear guidelines and policies and allowing staff to do the job they are paid to.	11/18/2019 9:33 PM
311	I hear we have lots of affordable housing applications that could come to fruition lets be sure our housing fund is robust enough to can help make these a reality, while senior governments are focussed on this as well. Would also like to see nicer incremental improvements to public spaces.	11/18/2019 9:19 PM

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312	Take care of the infrastructure of the city.	11/18/2019 9:10 PM
313	I own residential property in Victoria so pay residential taxes. I also own commercial office property in the downtown core so pay commercial property taxes. The commercial property taxes are astronomically high for which virtually no services are received. We don't even receive city garbage collection or boulevard grass maintenance for commercial property! What are we paying commercial taxes for?! A number of our Council members seem to be anti business with their lack of support for business and yet they are more than willing to charge us commercial property owners more than 6 times the tax rate versus residential owners. No value is provided to commercial property owners.	11/18/2019 8:58 PM
314	Increase poinsettia budget	11/18/2019 8:48 PM
315	no ... just need more done for housing	11/18/2019 8:34 PM
316	No	11/18/2019 8:28 PM
317	Bike lanes on Kimta not needed. Parking needed for vehicles	11/18/2019 8:27 PM
318	Please consider explicitly consider school capacity when deciding on the Fernwood Affordable housing issue.	11/18/2019 8:24 PM
319	Do not support the increase of wages for 2020 budget	11/18/2019 8:23 PM
320	Should compare to other cities of same size, taking into consideration Victoria's role in CRD, to see if we are getting value for \$\$ spent	11/18/2019 8:17 PM
321	Why do we need all those new social engineering hires when we underfund VicPD?	11/18/2019 8:14 PM
322	The city funds a number of programs and services that I don't use, and I am ok with that to a certain extent. However, there is an impression that the city is using property taxes to fund 'pet projects' on an increasing basis. If that is not the case, then there needs to be better transparency into the decision making process.	11/18/2019 8:05 PM
323	Victoria City Counselors are the worst I have ever seen, and should stay on Municipal matters.	11/18/2019 7:58 PM
324	STAY IN YOUR LANE!!!	11/18/2019 7:36 PM
325	I am appalled to hear that the city council is considering a 55% increase in wages. With the police department severely underfunded why do city council deserve such a drastic increase in wages? I feel you waste far too much money on hiring an artist and the various projects like the ping pong table. You need to focus on the duties of the city instead of going off whole hog on things that you have no jurisdiction on like plastic bag recycling. Just do your job that you are hired to. What happened to the John A. Macdonald statue??? It was supposed to be relocated but so far no sign of it????	11/18/2019 7:22 PM
326	There need to be more crosswalks proposed for Dallas Road to the waterfront. How are we going to walk across the proposed bicycle lanes?	11/18/2019 6:56 PM
327	I have lived in and rented in the Victoria area a lot when I was younger. I have seen some changes but generally it's not for the greater good. The buildings are still the same and don;t allow for new needs, like usable office spaces, parking is minimized, Crystal pool needed to be changes 8 10 years ago, the amount of high rentable places out weighs the needs for affordable housing, services for the vulnerable is down, store owners are not properly communicated with in a timely manner to the starting of the project. it feels like it's a free for All sometimes. It does not feel collaborative! As well then I would not support the %50 increase to council because if they were elected into a part time job and now they find it's full time well that's not the tax payers to support it:s the council to review their priorities, have better communication and present a reason of why they need it to be a full time job. Maybe we don;t need full time councillors but more workers hired to make the ideas and vision come to light. More project managers and workers to put back into the community.	11/18/2019 6:49 PM
328	City Council fails to support or reflect the values and prioriites of many Victorians and their ri pursuit of their own agenda is a gross disservice to the city.	11/18/2019 6:43 PM
329	Quit spending money on city counsels frivolous, ideology driven pet projects. Fund the Police, fix the roads, empty the garbage, protect the parks, enforcement ALL Bylaws equally.	11/18/2019 6:34 PM
330	n/a	11/18/2019 6:04 PM
331	Please give concentration to city needs at present...not just how we look to the international community and how we will appear 20 years hence....	11/18/2019 6:04 PM
332	How do we justify City employees getting every second Friday off, added to the significant holiday allocation, added to the lump of time off every 4 5 years? This policy adds significant operating cost. Where is the accountability for such cost when no comparison may be found in the Business world at large?	11/18/2019 5:52 PM
333	We've spent enough on haphazard bike lanes without doing sufficient consultation first on their impact. Now the city is less green than before due to cars backing up at bike crossings and idling. If you want Victoria to remain THE local business centre (Langford has already set up govt satellite offices) then the city needs to cater to commuters as well as those that live here. Stop removing parking lots for "affordable housing" as it just encourages those with little means to move here exacerbating the homeless problem.	11/18/2019 5:45 PM
334	Should be kept to inflation. Hiring staff should be the last resort.	11/18/2019 5:38 PM

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335	The councillors already receive approx. 10% more than the median income with annual inflation increases for what is considered a part time job. Charlayne's comments infer full time commitment may not be what councillors actually want. All jobs require some degree of unpaid time. Possibly the issue is better time management, plain but not always so simple.	11/18/2019 5:23 PM
336	Find that on the list of Strategic Objectives for 19 20 that strong liveable neighbourhoods was 8th on the list of 8th. Won't, strong liveable neighbourhoods be paramount for a viable city? They go hand in hand with affordable housing and transportation yet it is places 8th on the priority list. Good governance yes but a strong liveable city in my opinion, needs to be the 2nd priority on this list if this city is to remain viable in the future and for those of the present today.	11/18/2019 5:19 PM
337	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
338	There are far too many processes in place and not enough focus on providing the right services at the right time. There are certain programs and services in place that, while they don't amount to much, should either be removed or changed. Why does the City need a poet laureate or various other frills that do very little to enhance the cultural make up of the city. Even to review the proposed budget is a lesson in how the city is trying to do far too much and spread resources over a wide swath of services. There is far too much focus on trying to be innovative. Just manage the city well and not focus so much on the being the first or new and novel with everything.	11/18/2019 4:59 PM
339	When balancing services and taxation, I would think the recent suggestion/motion to increase Council salaries would need to be taken into consideration. I am 100% against pay raises for Council. Crazy!	11/18/2019 4:58 PM
340	Do something with the filthy activities in the downtown core	11/18/2019 4:57 PM
341	Property tax increases should be kept to the SAME level as legislated RENT increases! City council should learn to LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS and stop grandstanding on issues far beyond their purvey.	11/18/2019 4:55 PM
342	over spent on the the bridge, and bike lanes	11/18/2019 4:51 PM
343	This is an extremely badly designed survey. It requires a high level of knowledge of people to know what is included in each of the strategic priorities. Most people will be answering based on different constructs. Therefore, priority ranking results are meaningless. Also, the city is consulting at a point when the budget isn't finished. There are a number of referred motions that could change everything	11/18/2019 4:47 PM
344	I appreciate the informal oversight provided by taxpayers advocacy groups and CoC	11/18/2019 4:45 PM
345	The City of Victoria needs to actually look at good dollar for value measures. Additionally we need to spend less time regulating land use so we can actually build the housing that allows residents to stay in the city and not have to drive here.	11/18/2019 4:45 PM
346	No	11/18/2019 4:40 PM
347	WE NEED GARDEN WASTE PICK UP WITH FOOD WASTE PICK UP IN THE CITY OF "GARDENS"	11/18/2019 4:32 PM
348	Stop spending like drunken sailors. Most counsellors do not own residences and seem to forget who pays the bills. Do what a municipal government is suppose to concentrate on (policing, recreation, fire, traffic and bylaws). Council seems to go off on tangents that are not in the realm of what a city council is suppose to do.	11/18/2019 4:31 PM
349	Definitely do not agree with increasing councillors remuneration. Also, municipal are paid too highly for their requisite skills and responsibilities when compared to their provincial counterparts.	11/18/2019 4:29 PM
350	I am completely opposed to raising salaries for city council members. If the members feel they are working more than part time hours, perhaps that should be an impetus to amalgamate more services between the THIRTEEN municipalities.	11/18/2019 4:28 PM
351	Our taxes are very high when compared to other municipalities.	11/18/2019 4:18 PM
352	NO	11/18/2019 4:17 PM
353	No raise for councilors	11/18/2019 3:49 PM
354	Too many personal projects and very out of touch with home and business owners. Spend money on mental health issues and stop with traffic calming and bike lanes immediately	11/18/2019 3:38 PM
355	A balanced budget is the wisrst	11/18/2019 3:14 PM
356	Do not pay city councilors what they are asking	11/18/2019 2:46 PM
357	Your next question on salary should be reconsidered. Either yes or no. While I think an increase should be considered I think an almost 50% increase is too high	11/18/2019 2:35 PM
358	We need to do roadside pickup of low density plastic i.e. shopping bags, plastic film, packaging	11/18/2019 2:10 PM
359	No pay raises for council	11/18/2019 1:30 PM
360	We don't have enough money for your raises, you spent it all.	11/18/2019 1:20 PM
361	Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:18 AM
362	More money to Bylaws, Police and Fire please.	11/18/2019 10:37 AM

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363	Please prioritize investments in making the city more accessible and in making biking safer, and spend less money on police and criminalizing poverty.	11/18/2019 9:06 AM
364	Quit tearing up our city!! I've lived here for thirty years now and the time that you've had the seat Lisa, Obscenities We call YOUR Victoria, baby Yale Town now. It's disgusting. ITS NOT OUR VICTORIA ANYMORE. All these cheap condos, bike lanes that go two ways on one way streets, btw why did you have to tear up both Pandora AND Fort?? I never go downtown now. Good luck getting through there with a vehicle. Obsceniti Just stop. Please just stop ruining our city. There's been very little thought for the locals who have lived here for years!! All of your Obscenities planning is for these Vancouverites who are all relocating to Vic to live in those condos or buy a house in Fernwood or Fairfield and tourists. You've crammed way to much into our once, very charming city. With zero thought to us locals and how it all effects us! Small trades person here, with her own small business, trying to make a living. And Obscenitie construction and bike lanes and lowering speed limits, is SUPER NOT supportive of that. Tools can't be carried on a bike!!! Also, while I'm at it, rent is OUT OF CONTROL in this city!! People are leaving because they simply can't afford to live here. Those people do jobs that all you government workers don't want to do! So good luck getting your lawn mowed, or your house cleaned or your meal brought to you. Better yet, look forward to serving yourself at restaurants. Oh and those gross Vancouverites, their flying in here and buying up rental properties, taking away peoples homes that they've lived in for YEARS!! Leaving them on the street within three months of said property selling. Why? Oh because they want the whole house to themselves, even though the house has four suites in it. Sorry people, house sold, you've got to move. Ya, too bad you've lived here for eight years. Then they try to find another place and people are absolutely gauging tenants now because they can!! This is happening ALL THE TIME!!! It's disgusting. Yup, a lot of us locals have had enough. Lots have already moved. Lame. Lame. Lame.	11/18/2019 8:07 AM
365	The our buildings pay very high taxes with little in return. Would like to move operations out of the rock bay area given the chance. We own three buildings there. So many problems with vandalism, drug use on our properties, staff feeling unsafe..etc	11/18/2019 7:26 AM
366	Get the police budget up to clean up this town. It's gotten ridiculous.	11/18/2019 7:19 AM
367	No raise your all nuts if you think that's going through	11/18/2019 7:10 AM
368	The new bike lanes have slowed down moving through the city considerably, i.e Government St. by the Inner Harbour has one lane traffic each way. Another problem is that the red lights (such as on the corner of Fort and Quadra) prevent vehicles making turns even if there is no bicycle in sight. The the lights should be triggered by cyclists.	11/18/2019 7:03 AM
369	City council should not ask for a 50% pay increase. You are an elected official and this is not a job. If you want to make more money, get an actual job.	11/18/2019 6:31 AM
370	Stop wasting money on pay hikes for council and poorly built cycling lanes	11/18/2019 6:19 AM
371	A 50% raise for a part time job is ludicrous. It is councils own choice to spend hours on items where they have already got proper recommendations from qualified staff. Council is not there to second guess everything staff is paid to do. I doubt they even have the qualifications to do this. Council is there to represent the people and what they see as important in their city. Also why is council being double paid already. There job includes sitting on committees and being part if CRD board, etc etc. They are already paid for this as a councillor	11/18/2019 6:19 AM
372	Look where does our money go to cause I ain't seeing it. I am not against highish taxes as long as I see and feel where it goes to. Put the money into the streets so they are horrible on my spine, into local artist to make sculptures for tourists and locals (I thought having the colourful orcas everywhere and making them like a try to find them all for tourists was super great) maybe even a festival just make it clear it's going into something we can see. Because if people can see what you did it's harder for them say Obscenities Just like the Monty python sketch about the romans, what have the romans ever done for us... watch it and see where I'm going with this. As much as I disagree and didn't vote for you guys I still want to make my city our* city better because I care.	11/18/2019 6:17 AM
373	less bureaucracy, less managers, full work weeks, less days off, more people working throughout with mandate to speed up and get more done.	11/18/2019 6:09 AM
374	The proposed increase in wages for city councilman and councilwoman is ridiculously high! Our police services are far more important in providing us with a safe and inviting downtown that all citizens can enjoy.	11/18/2019 5:17 AM
375	I am trying hard to understand why I am being charged for sewer when I water my vegetable garden and trees which I have several of in my yard. I feel I am being punished for trying to keep my trees alive.	11/18/2019 5:11 AM
376	Need more Police officers	11/18/2019 4:56 AM
377	Stop paying the councillors so much money. Stop ruining the city with bike lanes and development. Stop overspending on projects like the bike lanes and bridges. Keep the historical nature of the city. Make it affordable to live, work, and enjoy the city. Bring back free evening and weekend parking.	11/18/2019 4:53 AM
378	Wage "parity" excuses has caused an inflated system with multiple layers of governance sucking up all the cash	11/18/2019 4:53 AM

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379	No pay raise for the councillors! Put that money towards Vic PD! They need the money and it would be better spent by them! Council denied Vic PD's proposed budget, and yet they want to give themselves a 50% raise?!?!?! NO!!!!	11/18/2019 4:44 AM
380	No raises for counselors.	11/18/2019 4:41 AM
381	DO NOT WASTE ANY MORE MONEY ON BIKE LANES. i do not drive and walk or bus everywhere but i have lots of friends that bike and they don't even use them.. also please better your signage for the ones you have built...i have witnessed people getting hit or almost getting hit by bikers where pedestrians walk in the new crosswalk by the Tourist Bureau in the Inner Harbour..also because Fort street is a one way street most people do not look both ways for the bikes when crossing outside of the Starbucks entrance of the Bay Centre..i have seen many near misses there	11/18/2019 4:40 AM
382	Get rid of Lisa helps and get Obscenities Ben Isitt nothing but bad money wasting ideas from those 2	11/18/2019 4:39 AM
383	The bike lanes have been a disaster	11/18/2019 4:34 AM
384	Try to focus on sewage, roads, sidewalks, police and fire services. Climate change is a global phenomenon and should not be a city priority.	11/18/2019 4:27 AM
385	too much focus on arts and the business of the city is getting lost in the shuffle. Focus on what you were voted in to do and stop spending so much time on things that make Council feel good about themselves.	11/18/2019 4:24 AM
386	If council gives themselves a 50 percent raise increase next year, the expect the taxpayers to not stand for that.	11/18/2019 4:23 AM
387	absolutely horrendous roads, need way more EV plugins	11/18/2019 4:11 AM
388	The bike lanes were a terrible failure, waste of money, drain on the economy and aren't being used	11/18/2019 4:08 AM
389	I don't think city counsellors should be given a 50% pay raise. I think they should be given a raise the same as will be given their workers in bargaining with their unions.	11/18/2019 3:59 AM
390	if council want to make the job full time example they REPORT to the work place five days a week, give them the raise ,this must be the only job..	11/18/2019 3:50 AM
391	Listen to the citizens of Victoria	11/18/2019 3:39 AM
392	No way should they vote for a 50 % raise 2% is what they should get not a penny more	11/18/2019 3:34 AM
393	Actually fix the roads that need fixing!!!	11/18/2019 3:33 AM
394	I do not agree with an increase in salary to councillors and mayor.	11/18/2019 3:29 AM
395	VicPD needs to be adequately funded.	11/18/2019 3:27 AM
396	Am gobsmacked at the wasted money Crystal Pool is a great example, one of many Financial fiascos. So in my view it is a poor value due to waste	11/18/2019 3:21 AM
397	I don't agree with the increase in pay for the councils. Especially to the councils who decided not to fund police costs for Remembrance Day while they want more money to themselves? Definitely against the idea. The increase rate should be the same as other occupations. E.g. 2%.	11/18/2019 3:15 AM
398	no raises for counsel	11/18/2019 3:08 AM
399	Have huge concerns about money wasted e.g. Crystal Pool plans. When we have turn d to the city for help with bylaw, left out in the cold. So no, not happy with services.	11/18/2019 3:08 AM
400	City Council raises, it's no from me.	11/18/2019 3:00 AM
401	The system is too top heavy.	11/18/2019 2:51 AM
402	Scrap bike lanes, invest in mass transit system	11/18/2019 2:47 AM
403	I feel that things are happening in Victoria and that there is little or no input from the people who are affected. I don't feel listened to!	11/18/2019 2:42 AM
404	I feel if each department was told to reduce costs, expenses, salaries, there would be enough savings to help pay for additional police and much needed infrastructure upgrades, replacement.	11/18/2019 2:40 AM
405	Free buses for everyone in CRD and invest in charging stations and future economy	11/18/2019 2:38 AM
406	I think sometimes counsel does not understand what is important at the time funds are distributed	11/18/2019 2:36 AM
407	Need to be more accountable for taxpayers spending	11/18/2019 2:36 AM
408	Taxes are too high for services received with money wasted by council on pet projects The raise requested for council in outrageous !!	11/18/2019 2:29 AM
409	Asking for to much already from tax payers	11/18/2019 2:28 AM
410	The city of Victoria is extending into services it shouldn't. Social activism should not be a part of service provisions. Focus on roads, sidewalks, utilities and policing. With windfall revenue from property value increases, it is insane that taxes are being raised at the same time.	11/18/2019 2:27 AM

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411	Get rid of the whole council and start from scratch	11/18/2019 2:26 AM
412	Get rid of this left wing looney council Worst we ever had	11/18/2019 2:24 AM
413	Stop spending money on bike lanes	11/18/2019 2:23 AM
414	Council should focus on governance rather than playing at being senior managers	11/18/2019 2:22 AM
415	council doesn't need a raise. The positions are community service and the money given to elected officials is not meant to be wages. These could be volunteer positions and you would still have people stepping up for these roles.	11/18/2019 2:18 AM
416	Too much waste, all salary should cut in 50%	11/18/2019 2:18 AM
417	Cut bike stand 'alone renovations.	11/18/2019 2:18 AM
418	Yes, I would like to see more focus on regional issues. We have a huge problem with homeless people. We need deal with this so that everyone can feel safe both the homeless and those that are feeling uncertain about their safety in our beautiful city.	11/18/2019 2:14 AM
419	I am outraged at Councillor Isitt's motion to increase Council salaries by 50%! It is remarkably insensitive to the reality that many people with full time jobs don't make this much, and yet the Council job is part time! Saying "it will only apply to the next Council" is a political ploy, given the high re election rates on Council. If he or other councillors feel they work too hard, they should quit (and he shouldn't have run for re election.) When Council frequently fails in its role of oversight of capital projects like the bridge, and squanders taxpayer money on questionable initiatives (enhancing transit would benefit climate change far more than the millions being spent on specialized bike lanes, for example, or starting a climate change lawsuit against energy companies, when city money should be used for city initiatives).	11/18/2019 1:40 AM
420	Run a tighter ship, like Surrey does.	11/18/2019 1:38 AM
421	Too much of our property taxes go to making our city attractive to tourists while we have homeless people suffering on the streets. Take care of our local people before trying to attract more people to the city.	11/18/2019 1:17 AM
422	Generally, the budget could be reduced by avoiding unnecessary expenditures altogether until the necessary ones, like street maintenance and policing costs, have been met. The City has no need of writers in residence and replacement of statues, and expensive dedicated bicycle lanes (I have commuted by bicycle for 35 years and never found them necessary); increasing the salaries of councilors is just another example of this council feathering its own nest with money taken from the residents it is supposed to be serving..	11/18/2019 12:53 AM
423	City council needs to stop pursuing costly pet projects and trying to manipulate peoples' behavior. And don't spend another dime on bike lanes!	11/18/2019 12:41 AM
424	The trickle down of poor budgeting and poor spending choices is a region in jeopardy. The high taxes put on businesses puts their viability at risk. The high taxes are paid to the city instead of to staff who need a liveable wage. The high taxes affect leases. As part of the overall inventory of useable space, high median commercial leases make high residential rates less dramatic. The net effect is an upward median price for property. That, in large part, is because the City of Victoria cannot adjust its appetites and look for efficiencies in the departments.	11/18/2019 12:29 AM
425	I can see that streets are a mess; that inordinate amounts of money are spent on hampering traffic; that the police budget is insufficient to allow them to handle their problems and that taxes rise constantly while city council wishes to vote themselves a gigantic raise.	11/18/2019 12:25 AM
426	The City spends far too much on things that, while nice to have, are not needed or not urgent, while maintenance of the basic infrastructure is left wanting despite constant tax increases well in excess of inflation.	11/18/2019 12:21 AM
427	I suggest reducing the budget allocated for affordable housing and reconciliation and indigenous relations. Tax increases should be no higher than the Canadian consumer price index, which is about 2% currently.	11/18/2019 12:11 AM
428	dont understand why the council needs more money	11/17/2019 11:58 PM
429	Amalgamate to reduce costs.	11/17/2019 11:57 PM
430	Think about city economics as an ecosystem rather than individual and competing priorities. The raking at the start of this survey is evidence of reductionist and compartmentalized thinking.	11/17/2019 11:12 PM
431	I oppose the proposal to increase councilor salaries. If they adhered more closely to councilors' proper concerns they wouldn't be working such long hours nor would the staff. And I believe the target for tax rates should be no more than inflation at most. The additional 1% is not justifiable.	11/17/2019 10:42 PM
432	Stop wasting money on "feel good" issues and pay attention to the basics	11/17/2019 10:40 PM
433	No pay increase for council members , very poor job	11/17/2019 10:39 PM
434	Obscenities with your bike lanes and or talk of increased wage increase.	11/17/2019 10:00 PM
435	Spend within your means. Hold city salaries in line (as in no 50% increase for councillors). What is council thinking?? Support people who put their lives on the line for citizens of Victoria .. see feedback on underfunding the police force.	11/17/2019 9:33 PM

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436	Council spends too much time on projects and initiatives that are not the role of municipal government.	11/17/2019 9:25 PM
437	I am totally against the 50% increase in salary for councillors.	11/17/2019 9:04 PM
438	Work with all levels of government to deal with the homeless issues. This should be your number one priority. One the homeless issues are better managed, the city will be more inviting to businesses and consumers. This will in turn generate more revenue for the city and allow more funding for your pet bike projects.	11/17/2019 9:00 PM
439	Don't build a new pool on the green space, athletics courts (basketball or tennis) of Central Park.. combine the project with the school board or an athletics program that already exists .. don't make one of the busiest parks in the city smaller! It's not like we don't have the Commonwealth pool or others around greater victoria.	11/17/2019 8:53 PM
440	Would not like to see proposed \$25000 dollar salary increase for council members. At very most should be the rate of inflation.	11/17/2019 8:11 PM
441	Counsel members should have to punch a time clock , submit a time sheet, and bring their own lunches for each shift! Being paid hourly would show what they are really worth.	11/17/2019 8:05 PM
442	do not increase councilor salaries; they are wasteful of energy and money and have created an environment of work for work sake and not for a justifiable reasonable purpose; they should do less and require less time to do it.	11/17/2019 8:03 PM
443	N/A	11/17/2019 7:42 PM
444	This tax and spend council is endangering my ability to continue to live in Victoria once we start retirement	11/17/2019 7:22 PM
445	Mayor & Council politict instead of running the city. They are self serving, self important & most have no idea of how to manage/run a small city	11/17/2019 7:20 PM
446	I am aware that there is an effort to use an equity framework to budget the allocations for various neighbourhoods, and strongly support that idea. I think that it is very clear that certain neighbourhoods, especially those with community centers and part or full time staff, are able to support programs and services that are not available in other neighbourhoods.	11/17/2019 7:18 PM
447	Council does not respect the citizens opinions	11/17/2019 7:17 PM
448	The problem is not the amount of the budgets in each category, it is what it is spent on. For example, where are council's pet projects like bicycle paths, climate and plastics hysteria, etc. hidden?	11/17/2019 7:04 PM
449	No to council pay increase of such magnitude. Misuse of the public trust.	11/17/2019 6:27 PM
450	I notice that \$30,000 was spent removing a statue and housing it in a warehouse. The public did not support this action; the mayor did not run on a platform of statue removal.	11/17/2019 6:13 PM
451	I do not support the recommendation that City Council members receive a 50% salary increase. If this goes ahead, then it should be a requirement that the members resign from all other employment. If they feel they need a pay increase from the City because they're putting in full time hours, then that should mean that, if the increase goes ahead, they won't need other employment/income.	11/17/2019 6:10 PM
452	This is not a City for residents, it is a City that revolves around the mess on Pandora. It is not a safe City nor a nice City like it once was.	11/17/2019 5:57 PM
453	Bike lanes are rediculous ,should be putting more money into bringing in tourists more attractions like how Seattle has at there waterfront free shuttle service around downtown . You need to spend money to make more money think long term .	11/17/2019 5:33 PM
454	Your idea of a raise is a TOTAL INSULT to the tax payers of this great city. And wtf happened to the Mayor's PROMISE of looking SERIOUSLY at amalgamation???	11/17/2019 5:29 PM
455	I feel city council does things behind closed doors and does not let its voting public into decision making. I do not trust the council. Re: John A Macdonald statue, changing community plans when it suits the city's agenda (Fairfield Rd Rodo townhome plan), over development of Harris Green (where is the green?/buildings are too tall cutting out natural light/construction is lowering value of condo owners in this neighbourhood)	11/17/2019 5:15 PM
456	The amount of money spent on pet projects is getting crazy. Statues, bike lanes, councillor salaries, delays on crystal pool, etc., etc. Are consuming too much time and money for a community of our size.	11/17/2019 5:03 PM
457	Stick to what local government is supposed to do and stay out of the senior level government priorities. Be better administrators rather than ideologues and advocates.	11/17/2019 4:39 PM
458	I am not in favour of a pay raise. Our Councillors and Mayor use their positions to fund issues way beyond the scope of local government. Stop pushing private hobby horses and trying to solve the problems of the World. Focus on running the city. And, yes, I know climate change will affect us but I already pay taxes to other levels of government to solve those problems.	11/17/2019 4:37 PM
459	Less bike lanes	11/17/2019 4:36 PM

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460	There is too much inefficiencies and council does not think are a regional level. They are a council of a small city and act/talk/behave like we are a major city on the world scene. They need to re focus on what they were hired to do ... run THIS city, not the world.	11/17/2019 4:24 PM
461	Obscenities are you guys thinking of giving yourselves a 50 to 60% wage increase. You knew what your salary would be when you ran for office, but now since you hold the purse strings that you can do whatever you want. Obscenities Also tell me. Do you receive a full pension after serving a few years in office like our federal government officials? I wish my salary would go up that much. Your salary should only go up as the rate of inflation. I would like to see better accountability for the city's money. I would like to see my taxes decrease and services improved. Stop spending money for bike lanes.	11/17/2019 3:55 PM
462	I appreciate the city is a complex business to run with many competing priorities. I urge policy makers to stick to core business and not be distracted by areas that consume staff time outside of municipal mandate.	11/17/2019 3:53 PM
463	The citizens of this City are not consulted for major changes, such as bike lanes. Major thoroughfares have been permanently carved up for this pet project, front door access to local businesses removed, and safe effective movement through this City halted. We need change at the top.	11/17/2019 3:46 PM
464	Yes, please fund essential services such as policing.	11/17/2019 3:09 PM
465	Get back to a basic core mandate. Climate change is not a municipal issue. Please stop wasting my money to fund your activism. Seriously. My life doesn't change if you spend a lot or a little so please stop spending a lot.	11/17/2019 2:34 PM
466	No council raises	11/17/2019 8:39 AM
467	City Council should not be given a pay raise. They should focus on court issues rather than working on millions of different things that are not cord to their responsibilities. Take work off your plate. Do not increase your pay	11/17/2019 8:08 AM
468	Appalling amounts of waste and undertaking issues that do not concern you. Focus on maintaining the City.	11/17/2019 7:22 AM
469	No raises for council	11/17/2019 7:21 AM
470	With the huge capital gains of realestate owners they can afford to pay more taxes and city staff should not be paid more than the average household income imo	11/17/2019 6:36 AM
471	I still don't understand why you have to spend money to pump sewage up. A waste of money. Put some rules in place to discourage councillors to just quit their posts to run in federal elections. It just shows lack of commitment.	11/17/2019 6:10 AM
472	Should have weekly garbage collection, street gutters should be cleaned more frequently. Improvment to street lane line painting.	11/17/2019 6:06 AM
473	Victoria city counsel has not done enough to earn a raise!!! The answer to a raise is no!	11/17/2019 5:31 AM
474	Do not give city councilors a raise. The idea of this is ridiculous.	11/17/2019 5:17 AM
475	Millions and millions of dollars wasted by an incompetent mayor and council with the exception of Geoff Young who seems to be the only sane person in the building.	11/17/2019 4:33 AM
476	no raise for council members. they took on the job under present compensations and there should be a referendum included with the next civic election.	11/17/2019 3:29 AM
477	Needs to keep up with inflation but never exceed it. The ideological whims such as venturing into climate issues is a waste of time.	11/17/2019 3:22 AM
478	I strongly oppose raising salaries for council beyond the rate of inflation. Council roles are part time and should remain this way. Let city staff do their work!	11/17/2019 3:18 AM
479	I support an increase in compensation for City Councillors and Mayor. Well deserved for being climate leaders!	11/17/2019 3:00 AM
480	Yes. City management should focus on important city management not on frivolous matters such as city hall statues and too much focus on climate change. Money spent on bicycle lanes is excessive in my opinion. Manage the city fiscally and spend less effort on "touchy feels" esoteric subjects. Proposed council members increase is outrageous. Should be no more than average civil servant increases. Stop wasting taxpayers money.	11/17/2019 2:49 AM
481	Increase salaries/budgets within inflation rates Council's remuneration is not a full time job but a public service and should be paid as a part time job or within reason compared to other council boards in the area. Focus on what can be reasonably managed and within the mandate of the city rather than trying to achieve something that should be within the BC or Federal budget or jurisdiction.	11/17/2019 2:39 AM
482	Property taxes keep going up each year much faster than inflation, yet infrastructure expenditure is too low. Money wasted on silly projects.	11/17/2019 2:32 AM
483	City councillors do not deserve a raise. In fact they should all be removed for even suggesting something so preposterous.	11/17/2019 2:29 AM

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484	Again, road maintenance and sidewalk maintenance is lacking, particularly for those using wheelchairs and wheelchair transport, walkers and mobility scooters.	11/17/2019 2:28 AM
485	Our Council focuses on world issues over which they have no control (e.g. Myanmar or oil companies in Venezuela) and disregard issues at home.	11/17/2019 2:27 AM
486	As elected officials, get on with your mandated job and quit looking to "go down in history". You have been arrogant with some of your policies.	11/17/2019 2:26 AM
487	It's poor value if council votes itself a 50% increase. Totally out of touch with reality and beyond hypocritical.	11/17/2019 2:24 AM
488	The city needs to focus on its prime mandate of operations and maintaining basic services. City council needs to live within its means and focus solely on the basic objectives of its mandate and not waste scarce tax dollars trying solve issues that are federal and provincial mandates. City complains rents are too high. How many increases to taxes from the city occurred in the past three years? What percentage have gone up in that period? Councillors wonder why rents go up annually. Land lords are not charities. The highest cost in operating the home I own is taxes and they keep going up. Rent increases are now limited two 2%+ a 3.3% increase exceeds the amount a landlord can compensate the bottom line for this loss. City spending habits will reduce housing availability not increase it. The budget should be flat and take priority spending from within. Live like the home owner who has a fixed income. The tax payer is not you piggy bank	11/17/2019 2:10 AM
489	Absolutely do not give council a raise. Just because they choose to do more work does not mean they should be paid as employees. They can volunteer. I spend 40 hours a week downtown working... does that mean I am entitled to a free parking spot?	11/17/2019 1:34 AM
490	City staff are excellent and provide very good value for money. Unfortunately city council is another story...very poor value for money. Way too high residential taxes. Mayor Helps and councillors Isitt and Loveday think taxpayers are ATMS to fund their pet projects. Makes me seriously want to leave Victoria for another municipality. Is completely unacceptable for councillors to be paid like city workers. It is an elected position done for the greater good, not a full time career position. Proposing such a raise shows how out of touch many members of this council are from taxpayers. It is very evident that Councillor Isitt has a serious case of "influenza" to propose such an out of touch raise.	11/17/2019 1:31 AM
491	Elected officials do not require increased pay levels.	11/17/2019 1:29 AM
492	Enough bike lanes already	11/17/2019 1:05 AM
493	No 50% increase to councillor salary	11/17/2019 1:00 AM
494	The city staff are great. Excellent value for money. The mayor and many councillors are another story...very poor value for money and they spend a lot of it! Way too high taxes! Mayor Helps and councillors Isitt and Loveday think taxpayers are their ATMs for their personal projects...because of them I would like to move out of Victoria to another nearby municipality so my tax dollars are better spent. I am completely outraged that Isitt is proposing a huge raise to councillors. City politicians should do this work for good of people and city, not a salary that is given to staff. Appears that Isitt has a serious case of "influenza".	11/17/2019 12:50 AM
495	The Mayor and council have no business voting themselves raises when they claimed there was not enough in the budget for policing. It is disgusting that they feel so entitled and listen so little, ignoring the public to push through their own pet projects. Quite frankly they are failing miserably and murdering the downtown core last time I checked you didn't get a raise for horrible job, you got fired!	11/17/2019 12:29 AM
496	Fight the temptation to grow the staffing levels.	11/17/2019 12:14 AM
497	The city must focus on its essential services, even though Councillors might feel strongly about something, they should stick to city affairs, not overlap with provincial or federal jurisdictions. e.g. spending money on removal of Sir John A.'s statue was ethically, if not legally, wrong.	11/17/2019 12:13 AM
498	NO RAISE FOR COUNCIL, It should be a part time or volunteer job. Stick to municipal services, the grand social engineering leave to the feds.	11/16/2019 11:43 PM
499	Stop and reverse the scope creep of City Government. Stick to the basic services and programs of the municipal level such as utilities, parks, streets, etc. Stop provincial and federal governments from down loading their responsibilities and costs onto municipalities. Stop taking on issues and problems that are not municipal government business. This is much of why the Victoria City Government is growing and out of control.	11/16/2019 11:36 PM
500	No more bike lanes No increases for mayor and councillors	11/16/2019 11:34 PM
501	I worked as a civil servant for years and did not receive annual raises that my taxes are going up each year.	11/16/2019 11:33 PM
502	City Council should NOT receive a raise	11/16/2019 11:25 PM
503	Councillors should not get the ridiculously proposed pay raise.	11/16/2019 11:05 PM
504	More needs to be done to benefit all citizens, not just those special interest groups that make the most noise.	11/16/2019 10:55 PM

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505	pump the brakes on all the bike lanes and no way to wage increases for councilors. start collecting license fees for bike owners to pay for bike lanes. seniors and student can be exempt. we pay for dogs in the city to pay for poo bags and a dog catcher... bikers can start to pay a bit.	11/16/2019 10:49 PM
506	Less taxes please. Make some different revenues please. Future proof cities. Build better infrastructure. Don't waste time and money doing constant patch work that is just going to require the same thing at a higher expense all to shut down the city, at a near time in the future. Victoria is supposed to be a Tech hot spot, one of the best Tech places in Canada, yet we don't seem to be embracing it besides small time navy, military government projects for aspiring techpreneurs to get the G hands in some early startups!!!!!! We will lose, Victoria will lose, it will want to stay too old school, it wont want to improve its efficiency, it wont want to compete in the present or future, and that I suppose is okay, but that should be done through less taxation and more revenue generation that isnt taxation.	11/16/2019 10:46 PM
507	We're spending way too much money on bike lanes and bus passes. Flat benefits of a bus pass to all kids (even rich kids) doesn't make financial sense.	11/16/2019 10:42 PM
508	Please do not provide raises to council. It isn't meant to be a full time job. They are not supposed to be equivalent to employees. This is meant to be public service.	11/16/2019 10:41 PM
509	Haven't read it. I don't believe the councillors should be increasing their pay substantially. Council positions should be part time in a city of 80,000. They have turned them into full time jobs/identities which is unnecessary and only benefits them through personal goals and reputation.	11/16/2019 10:39 PM
510	There is NO WAY that the Mayor and Councils should get any salary increase. They have shown themselves to have poor levels of performance and have not been successful in creating a meaningful strategy. Instead, they focus on their pet projects such as bike lanes. As I have stated several times in this survey, the budget needs to address what matters: infrastructure and homelessness. Not poets, First Nation artists, mayor and council salaries, etc. IF Victoria amalgamates with the other municipalities in our region then it would make sense to have higher salaries for the Mayor and Council.	11/16/2019 10:31 PM
511	indigenous reconciliation is a federal and provincial responsibility. Victoria has no authority and therefore no role in these matters and should defer to higher levels of government.	11/16/2019 10:16 PM
512	Still furious that we've been spending money on tennis tables and bike counters. Focus on the basics.	11/16/2019 10:03 PM
513	Council should stick to its knitting: good governance, maintenance of city works, security and administration. It exists to manage the city and should not expend council time or taxpayers dollars on unrelated activities such as reconciliation with indigenous peoples. I am not saying that it should not be done, I am saying that the city council should not endlessly expend time and effort on this matter. That is a federal and provincial responsibility.	11/16/2019 9:55 PM
514	There should be more tax on housing speculators, part time residents.	11/16/2019 9:38 PM
515	The City generally does a good job balancing interests given myriad demands. Continue to explore cross jurisdiction efficiencies.	11/16/2019 9:37 PM
516	Why is there so many new staff positions? Victoria is a small city.	11/16/2019 9:34 PM
517	First responders need more, the downtown core is disgusting.	11/16/2019 9:30 PM
518	Ben Isit's proposal to double his salary is way out of line. This should not be allowed	11/16/2019 9:30 PM
519	Police budget needs to be studied, services need to be modernized	11/16/2019 9:22 PM
520	No massive pay increases you know what the job was when you signed up.	11/16/2019 9:13 PM
521	No pay increases for council	11/16/2019 8:59 PM
522	Don't pay city council any more money.	11/16/2019 8:45 PM
523	I am offended that City Council want a 50% raise when the City police are struggling with their budget. Shameful.	11/16/2019 8:44 PM
524	this Council appears to like any new initiative that they can think of to spend money on including discussions on astronomical wage increases and that property owners can absorb any and all pet project ideas	11/16/2019 8:44 PM
525	I appreciate the city's commitment to completing the AAA bicycle network. I'd like to see OCP and zoning reform to eliminate exclusionary, single family, zoning and greatly reduce the need for zoning exceptions. Council spends way too much time looking at zoning variances.	11/16/2019 8:42 PM
526	There is an overemphasis on climate activism to the detriment of the overall budget. Victoria's contribution to the global climate is immeasurably small. The prosperity of individuals and businesses is of far greater significance.	11/16/2019 8:35 PM
527	Stop spending money on unless projects like lowering speed limits, rainbows on sidewalks and 10000 ping pong tables on a f ing bike lane. Oh and what did it cost to pull down and store the sir John a MacDonald sign??? What a waste of taxpayer money	11/16/2019 8:30 PM
528	Once a year water bill vary annoying, feels like a tax grab.	11/16/2019 8:30 PM
529	It is time to amalgamate. And for God's sake do not give counselors a raise. Their actions are destroying the city	11/16/2019 8:23 PM

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530	Pay councilors less	11/16/2019 8:17 PM
531	Focus on taxpayers first realizing that their is little opportunity for tax increases.	11/16/2019 8:11 PM
532	Budget should be available in newspaper as well as on line.	11/16/2019 8:11 PM
533	I agree with Catherine Holt that the councillors need to remember they are charges with only a small area in the total city. An increase in their salaries is not justified.	11/16/2019 8:08 PM
534	No to 50% increase in city councillor salaries! Who else gets to vote themselves a 50% raise? This is outrageous.	11/16/2019 8:07 PM
535	I feel council's transportation strategy is ill balanced. There's a heavy focus (and heavy spending) on making the city bike friendly but no particular attention paid to the needs of older or less abled people. Lots of residents are never going to get on a bike, and many don't have a car. We need a better and less expensive public transit system, and we need something beyond just buses. Where's the plan for rapid transit? What about something similar to Vancouver's SeaBus? If you want to reduce car traffic, there have to be good alternatives.	11/16/2019 7:52 PM
536	The proposed City Council pay increase is ridiculous and the people shouldn't be footing the bill for it.	11/16/2019 7:44 PM
537	i think the city is poorly run and needs to go back to its roots by preserving its culture and heritage... clean, safe and family oriented. i don't want the city to be a gay vacation destination or a target of real estate speculators and money launderers.	11/16/2019 7:24 PM
538	Do a better job at educating the public.	11/16/2019 7:18 PM
539	DO NOT RAISE THE PAY OF COUNCILLORS THEY CREATE ENOUGH MAYHEM AS IT IS. GET PEOPLE NOT IN IT FOR THE MONEY WHO HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO DO THE JOB.	11/16/2019 7:16 PM
540	stop spending more for goodness sake. we are not able to afford your projects	11/16/2019 7:09 PM
541	It is shameful for council to propose a 50% raise and zero surprise that Ben Isitt is behind it. He has no respect for this city.	11/16/2019 7:06 PM
542	Councillors should not get a 50% pay upgrade.	11/16/2019 6:53 PM
543	In order to be able to stay in my home, I have resorted to tax deferral.	11/16/2019 6:45 PM
544	there is no way that counsellors should get a 50% pay increase. A 2 5% is more realistic for a part time job.	11/16/2019 6:35 PM
545	I do not like the idea of increasing pay for councillors. I'm not convinced the numbers give are accurate. If councillors are not happy with their pay, they may seek employment elsewhere	11/16/2019 6:32 PM
546	I am not in support of City Council having a pay rise.	11/16/2019 6:26 PM
547	elected councilors receive a "stipend" not a salary: The Mayor and councilors did not mention a raise in their election platform.If they want compensation equivalent to the median salary of paid public servants then apply for a position and not run for elected office. Additional public employees were hired after the election to support Mayor and Council, thus reducing the work load of Councillors.. If Councillors are putting in 60 hours a week on a part time job, then they need to learn Time Management. If Victoria City Council minded "municipal business" and not all levels of Gov. and other legal authorities, the work load would be reasonable. It is totally irresponsible to give oneself a 50% raise. If this is approved will be the nail in the coffin for amalgamation which is not affordable.	11/16/2019 6:24 PM
548	Allocate funds to reinstall John A MacDonald statue in a public place. It is absolutely shameful what you have done, and how you have done it (with such underhandedness).	11/16/2019 6:22 PM
549	I do not support the increase in pay for the city councilors. As stated by others, this is supposed to be a part time position and city council takes on tasks that are not within their pervue. (Like the cruise ship industry!)	11/16/2019 6:20 PM
550	No increase in pay please. This is pt position.	11/16/2019 6:15 PM
551	We are the highest tax paid buy all municipalities. So let's live in our means of our affotable budget like we all have to do. No 50% wage hikes	11/16/2019 6:07 PM
552	Absolutely NO on the proposed 50% pay increase for council. The rest of us are lucky to even see a 2% increase per year, this will not fly. The every day person's cost of living has gone up far more than any COLA increases we will be seeing. Reign in the budget, skip the 50% increase and quit putting council's nose into areas that are outside of it's jurisdiction. And, stop nanny stating us to death. People are tired of being micromanaged and scraping to make ends meet at almost every income level. Get it together council or you won't see any chance of re election.	11/16/2019 6:00 PM
553	NO COMMENT BOX ON THE NEXT PAGE SO TYPING HERE. THERE IS NO WAY!!! THAT ANY PAY INCREASE IS JUSTIFIED LET ALONE 50 PERCENT FORT A PART TIME JOB! BEN I. SAYS HE PUTS IN FULL TIME HOURS YEAH RIGHT! WHAT A JOKE!!	11/16/2019 5:59 PM
554	no	11/16/2019 5:58 PM
555	Funds allocated are not to needed areas	11/16/2019 5:48 PM

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556	There needs to be a change in the way the budget is developed. It should be based on the ability of taxpayers to pay and tied to inflation, not on past budgets, or the needs as determined by city hall staffers. This city is fast becoming unaffordable for homeowners and renters because of the high cost of property taxes and related payments based on property value. Council talks about making the city more affordable but fails to recognize the city's part in making it the opposite.	11/16/2019 5:47 PM
557	Victoria foots the bill for many other regional municipalities for core downtown services	11/16/2019 5:40 PM
558	The City is spending on matters outside Their jurisdiction, like free transit services	11/16/2019 5:30 PM
559	No increase to councillors pay.	11/16/2019 5:29 PM
560	Stop being activist and actually govern for those (like me) who own property, follow the law and pay taxes. Climate change etc while very important, are 99% a provincial and federal responsibility not municipal (read the legislation). Please stop embarrassing Victoria with activism (defunding Remembrance Day, Pipeline politics, not adequately funding our Police Department, increasing Counsellors pay and food funding, banning Horse drawn carriages, banning Christmas decorations, tearing down the John A McDonald statue, and generally catering to far left special interests (TAP, Dogwood, DSF, CPA) and not solving the city problems (homelessness, crime, theft, the pandora bike chop shop.....). Lastly, PLEAE amalgamate with other municipalities to share resources effectively. PLEAE stop embarrassing me.	11/16/2019 5:23 PM
561	move to defined contribution pensions for all staff no more tax payer funded pensions for life.	11/16/2019 5:21 PM
562	Pay council less, and have them understand it's a part time public service gig.	11/16/2019 5:10 PM
563	The last and current councils prioritised initiatives which while I agree with, should be undertaken in a more phased and slower approach. Learn from pilots, and stagger implementations over many years instead of rushing headlong. I have seen very little analysis of pilot projects and no real, professional, business cases developed and socialised with citizens. The current council is driven by ideology and not by rational assessment.	11/16/2019 5:09 PM
564	I've been a resident tax payer for 50 years and now when we receive our tax bill everything that used to be included is EXTRA What do our taxes pay for? Seems to me the spending is totally out of control! Johnston street bridge is just a start of money wasted. We tax payers Do Not have endlessly deep pockets!	11/16/2019 5:09 PM
565	Thank you for taking the time to consult the public.	11/16/2019 5:03 PM
566	Council should NOT receive the proposed hike in pay. Resources should be used to cover xtra policing, housing and services those those with addictions and mental health.	11/16/2019 5:01 PM
567	I was appalled when I moved here from Saanich and ended up paying more in taxes for a small condo than I did for a house in Saanich. The taxes are even more than for an equivalent condo in Vancouver /North Vancouver. I find the over all services received for the taxes poorer than any other city I have lived in	11/16/2019 4:59 PM
568	Wasteful. Wasteful. Wasteful. Council is trying to force their ideology on the people instead of providing good governance for all. The campaign against cars is causing great damage to the commercial sector, and the bike lanes look pretty but cause congestion cost to the businesses.	11/16/2019 4:59 PM
569	Stick to your budget! Council seems to come up with ideas and rush them through and when they don't have the funds they just go after "new revenue" aka property taxes. I'm tired of being look upon as a never ending fund source just because I own property.	11/16/2019 4:59 PM
570	I do not support a 50% increase for councillors. Their work hours should be made clear what is expected before they are elected; their are perks to the job, some get the CRD money as well. It is public service, it is not a career job. A \$20/hr 40hr work week gives one a salary of about \$40K. We should have public service as a guide for all those seeking election. Tax payers are being asked for a lot right now ... someone needs to look at what is expected of councillors and what is being asked of them, and guidelines for commitment set and adhered to.	11/16/2019 4:58 PM
571	For the most part Victoria is a very liveable and lovely city. But seriously, put some funds towards road repair. For example, Blanshard between Pandora and Yates is an embarrassment. Fund the police properly. Reallocate some funds towards public cultural events including neighbourhood centres. Keep up the good work on tackling homelessness. Keep on going on the bike lane development. Push forward on a central pedestrian only zone. Big cities all over Europe have these amenities, don't let the naysayers discourage you. Give more freedom for the business owners in the proposed pedestrian zone to expand their businesses beyond the "sidewalk" again see the cities in Europe for inspiration. Revenue will flow from these activities. Please....focus on the core needs of the city. City councillors should not be allowed to put forward personal agendas that drive costs either research costs or otherwise that are not on the stated public strategy document or this financial plan. If it's not in the plan, its not to be added later for discussion. BTW, forget the pay increase for councillors. Its not palatable at this time. The public will go crazy.	11/16/2019 4:56 PM
572	Fire Ben Isett.	11/16/2019 4:51 PM
573	City counsellor salaries should not be increased. If Ben Isitt is working 40 50 hours a week for a 3/4 job that is his own problem. If you need more money to make ends meet get a second job like everyone else in this town.	11/16/2019 4:50 PM
574	I am absolutely all on board with property taxes being increased, especially with how much austerity we are seeing with wealth moving in to Victoria and raising property costs to untenable levels for local families.	11/16/2019 4:50 PM

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575	50% pay raise? I agree with the Chamber of Commerce's point of view.	11/16/2019 4:49 PM
576	Smaller staff sizes, increased budget for PD and affordable housing is a must. Reduce City Hall payroll!	11/16/2019 4:45 PM
577	Clean up this city's downtown	11/16/2019 4:44 PM
578	Current mayor and council have strayed too far from their mandate. The majority of voters in the last election voted AGAINST Mayor Helps. Not enough of the budget is allocated to basic services like routine infrastructure maintenance, safety (police and fire), traffic enforcement (I've never seen a pedestrian or cyclist ticketed) and too much on bike lanes, public art, signs and street decoration (\$64K for banners?) and engagement surveys whose results are ignored. The proposed increase in councillor salaries is going in the wrong direction. Cut down on the committees and stop expanding scope of what you do. I looked at the budget and there are some big increases in consulting. Scale that back.	11/16/2019 4:43 PM
579	I'm reasonably happy with the level of service I get from the City.	11/16/2019 4:41 PM
580	Really against a massive increase to counsellor pay why apply for a job if you aren't happy with the remuneration? I would hold a new election before/instead of that kind of a pay increase.	11/16/2019 4:40 PM
581	No, no ,no no, to a councillor 50% raise, no, no, no no, to any raise for councillors.	11/16/2019 4:34 PM
582	Stay in your legislative lane and stop making Victoria look bad. Make it a good and prosperous place.	11/16/2019 4:31 PM
583	Councillors should serve and be paid a modest allowance, not be full time career employees. We have the administration for that.	11/16/2019 4:25 PM
584	While I have no specific comments, budget investments should be forward thinking in and prioritize creating a city that connects to its outlying regions and deal with traffic congestion. Solving that issue will help the city grow in the local tourism, economic and parking revenues. A joint project between the outlying communities and the City of Victoria could be proposed.	11/16/2019 4:03 PM
585	reduce councillors responsibilities and no pay increase	11/16/2019 4:01 PM
586	fix the sidewalks	11/16/2019 3:59 PM
587	Property taxes are way too high	11/16/2019 3:58 PM
588	Obscenities to think elected officials should be paid more to deal with the garbage they bring about. Cry a river about too many meetings you're the joker's who cause the issues needing them e.g. the whole bike lane fiasco. I am actively looking to relocate my business outside of Victoria given the terrible turn downtown has taken recently. I don't feel safe and nor do my clients.	11/16/2019 3:56 PM
589	Absolutely no way should those councillors get more salary/money. This is a small city. Salaries are comparable to other small cities in BC. If the Mayor and Council would focus on city business rather than working on and creating policies that have NOTHING to do with city business, as they should, the pay is reasonable and comparable. Because they choose to focus on issues out side their jurisdiction is no reason to grant effing huge salary increases.	11/16/2019 3:55 PM
590	Like any household budget, the city needs to maintain income increases via property tax to no more than the inflation rate. Be prepared to make cuts to keep costs within that.	11/16/2019 3:52 PM
591	Thank you.	11/16/2019 3:48 PM
592	No	11/16/2019 3:40 PM
593	Fund the Police, Fire, EMS and Engineering and Public Works. STOP meddling in development, stop reducing parking and stop adding bike lanes. DO NOT GIVE CITY COUNCIL A PAY RAISE! And why isn't there a "Comment" section on the next page for the Council salary question? Dirty, dirty political posturing!	11/16/2019 3:23 PM
594	An inflation increase for ten years of councillors foregone salary increases might be about 20% 25%. This would bring technically quarter time work into the \$50,000 range. That is ot sk far off Canadian average of full time work based on National CPP average total incomes so sounds fair for 75% time. What Victoria does others may want to follow (like Saanich) and tax payers only have modest say anyway. Many with small businesses or on pensions struggle to pay property taxes.	11/16/2019 3:15 PM
595	If you give yourselves a raise, you'd better on call 24/7 and make so NO ONE GETS TO DOUBLE DIP, like serving on the CRD.... whoever they are! How come other cities with our population can govern with ONE COUNCIL and NOT 13 mayors and other blood suckers like us? If the population was over 3or 4 hundred thousand then give yourselves a raise	11/16/2019 3:15 PM
596	Council should not receive a raise in pay	11/16/2019 3:13 PM
597	Too much spent on homeless. Should be a provincial responsibility and shared by other municipalities. Shouldn't be the city's responsibility to fund a regional problem. More police, no raises massive raises for council.	11/16/2019 2:39 PM
598	No Salary Increases to City Council!!!! This is a service to the community role , not a career...	11/16/2019 2:12 PM
599	Quit being Social Justice Warriors on my tax dollars.	11/16/2019 1:54 PM
600	Spending too much on bike lanes. Very confusing and dangerous to drive a vehicle downtown.	11/16/2019 12:25 PM
601	Freeze it for 5 years. Those who are in it for the greed factor will leave when they hear about it.	11/16/2019 11:45 AM

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602	No more budgets increases more than 2% per year CUT BACK TO THE ANN INFLATION RATE' NOT MORE.	11/16/2019 10:45 AM
603	More accessible options for folks who need to get downtown. Many important gov't offices are downtown and not everyone has the ability to ride a bike, or can afford a car or public transit. The free youth passes are a start. Now provide them for seniors and folks on disability.	11/16/2019 10:00 AM
604	Possibly cancel a few of the catered lunches and other expenses charged to taxpayers and bring your own lunch to work like typical taxpayers .. perhaps try living on a modest budget for a month before trying to gouge taxpayers yet again for your own personal gain	11/16/2019 8:15 AM
605	Councils should not get that huge amount of an increase. Increase perhaps, but not through our taxes.	11/16/2019 7:51 AM
606	The fact that previous input from citizens regarding many areas from bike paths to ATM like use of tax dollars was never listened to, i doubt anything said now regarding the vulgar proposed wage increase will be listened to. I feel an arrogant attitude and sense of entitlement pervasive in the council. The position is a public trust, it assumes that you will consult and listen to the taxpayers as to how you spend our money. You are in a breach of trust when there is such visible out cry with so many oppositions to your decisions.	11/16/2019 7:19 AM
607	We need to amalgamate all South Island municipalities to put all of our resources to better use. Councillors proposed salary increase is unacceptable: (1) you knew the salary when you ran for office (2) public servant is for public service, not higher wages (3) I would only support a salary increase reflecting what other public servants are getting 0%, 1 or 2% a year.	11/16/2019 7:03 AM
608	We need to spend way more on health, fitness, recreation, parks, youth programs and arts in the community.	11/16/2019 6:58 AM
609	this council should take a walk around town amid the squalor and ask themselves how they can possibly justify a raise. Get some police patrolling!	11/16/2019 6:50 AM
610	Make cuts and use that to help the old and the destitute.	11/16/2019 6:23 AM
611	Lower mayor and councillors wages. Overpaid for what they do. Stop tax funded lunches. Stop wasting money on bike lanes where it is driving business and people out of the city. Stop wasting money on O/S trips.	11/16/2019 6:16 AM
612	You should not get raises.	11/16/2019 6:12 AM
613	If anyone deserves a raise it's TEACHERS. I DO NOT feel that giving city council members a raise is a wise use of tax payers money.	11/16/2019 6:12 AM
614	Given the salaries and income most of us get, the proposed council salary increases are completely out of line. Many of us serve on boards or volunteer in our non work time and expect no remuneration.	11/16/2019 5:56 AM
615	Please begin to have an equity framework places on the budget. Portland has a good equity assessment tool for budgets	11/16/2019 5:40 AM
616	Council should not treat Taxpayers as a bottomless put if money to fund their personal wish lists. They should look after the Taxpayers money as if it was their own. Unfortunately most have no business experience nor an understanding of Fiscal responsibility.	11/16/2019 5:37 AM
617	Tax increases are more than the inflation rate, why? I paid less tax for a higher valued property in Vancouver, why do you need more here?	11/16/2019 5:33 AM
618	I do not agree with the Council voting a 50% increase for themselves.	11/16/2019 5:19 AM
619	We need to improve a sense of security in Victoria. I am tired of feeling unsafe in my own city, of feeling like people don't receive the right support, and that VicPD don't have what they need to do their job. I love the bike lanes, but the City of Victoria seems to be oblivious of the situation on the streets! It is REALLY bad!	11/16/2019 5:18 AM
620	Council does not need a 50 % raise. That is ridiculous. Give them 2 or 3% like the rest of us. COLA clause.	11/16/2019 5:13 AM
621	Too many staff doing engagement activities to the point I wish I had never asked to be sent emails from them. However, if you miss a consultation then the only people who have a say are the advocates so the deck is stacked. Cut out the emails that remind me to do this or that (change you batteries in your smoke detector, clean leaves out of the drains).	11/16/2019 5:12 AM
622	I fully support additional staff members to assist with more affordable rental housing and childcare initiatives. I know that mental health and addictions is somewhat out of scope, but anything the city can do to alleviate these issues for our most vulnerable I would very much support. Also keep up the good work with the bike lanes, I love them.	11/16/2019 5:12 AM
623	Priorities of current council do not align with mine	11/16/2019 5:09 AM
624	The City is spending too much money and too much time on activities that should reside with other jurisdictions such as climate change, bus passes and the like.	11/16/2019 5:05 AM
625	Obscenities	11/16/2019 5:04 AM
626	Need fewer art projects and housing schemes that should be done by the province	11/16/2019 4:30 AM

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627	Pay the police what they want. Cut firefighting budget and replace paid firemen with volunteer. Cut the pay of many top officials. Dont give raises to ANY government employees. And LISTEN too the people instead of doing what you feel like.	11/16/2019 4:20 AM
628	Max 2% pay raise	11/16/2019 4:15 AM
629	No increase for the salaries of the City Council. Most citizens in the Harris Green neighbourhood ate just scraping by without any foreseeable increase in their incomes	11/16/2019 4:14 AM
630	Councillors should not get a 50% increase. It is not a career, the current salary is more than sufficient, and already more than the average salary for CRD region	11/16/2019 4:13 AM
631	I do not agree that councillors need a massive pay raise. This is ludicrous to receive 70k for part time work. Ben Isitt is getting ridiculous in cutting popular holiday items like Canada Day Christmas lights, garden baskets, and policing yet wants a huge salary hike.	11/16/2019 4:02 AM
632	Quit stealing our money you hypocrite commies	11/16/2019 3 54 AM
633	How much of the operating budget is used up by government worker salaries?	11/16/2019 3:48 AM
634	A proposed wage increase for council is absolutely ridiculous.. especially for part time employment.	11/16/2019 3:47 AM
635	City of Victoria is constantly increasing taxes beyond inflation and population growth. This is not sustainable. The city needs to get back to basics and get out of issues that belong to other levels of government. The City of Victoria is what is making this city unaffordable for tax payers to live in. All focus on those that pay little to nothing towards the costs of running the city and little focus to those that pay the taxes.	11/16/2019 3:25 AM
636	Not at this time	11/16/2019 3:13 AM
637	I am a believer in contracting out services. I do not see value when I see municipal crews out and about our streets, parks etc. Too much leaning on shovels if you wish a generic term.	11/16/2019 2:49 AM
638	You are elected to take care of things. Seems you neglect your responsibility and stick your nose in things outside your purview. Do not raise the councillor remuneration. I don't know anyone who gets a 50% raise. Do not tie it to city staff salaries which are already too high. Please come back to reality. We (tax payers) are already taxed too much.	11/16/2019 2:46 AM
639	No raise for councilors	11/16/2019 2:40 AM
640	We need more safety in the surrounding downtown area. Cars in my neighbourhood are constantly being broken into and drug addicts are constantly hanging out around my building. I live at Vancovuer and McClure streets	11/16/2019 2:31 AM
641	City Council salaries should not be raised. Clarification of the role of councillors should be made to the public, clearly stating this is a part time role.	11/16/2019 2:27 AM
642	More should go into policing and more effective control over the mass amounts of bike theft.	11/16/2019 2:24 AM
643	No	11/16/2019 2:19 AM
644	The current council is not capable of running this very small city and they all need to resign	11/16/2019 2:17 AM
645	Do not increase wages to City Hall employees. Funds should be put towards the city.	11/16/2019 2:17 AM
646	council should get a minimal raise	11/16/2019 2:12 AM
647	DO NOT give yourselves a 50% pay increase even thinking about this is disgusting and shows how out of step city council is. Get your priorities straight!	11/16/2019 2:07 AM
648	I get that the council has been outmaneuvered in the media by the police, but I would urge them to continue ensuring fiscal responsibility.	11/16/2019 2:03 AM
649	Yes. I disagree with any pay raises for council until I see some movement on things for police and citizens. The proposed increase is outlandish when you say you don't have money for other things.	11/16/2019 2:03 AM
650	Enough useless bike lanes already..	11/16/2019 2:02 AM
651	The mayor and council is wasting money on their personal agenda not the true needs of the city	11/16/2019 1:57 AM
652	I would like city council to consider that the tax dollars they spend as if it was their very own money. Example: we have four people collecting garbage with a truck, while Saanich has one. they use a truck which picks up cans with an automatic arm. Given that Victoria has the highest paid staff, someone needs to reevaluate whether we are getting good service for money.	11/16/2019 1:25 AM
653	A lot of money. Not much change. We want real change	11/16/2019 1:25 AM
654	Stick to it and do not go over and above.	11/16/2019 1:25 AM
655	The city streets are in terrible shape. Is there a plan to systematically improve and maintain our streets?	11/16/2019 1:20 AM
656	Do not give 50% raise to councillors	11/16/2019 1:18 AM
657	If the City ran this budget like they would run their own household expenses they could probably be much more efficient and actually have money left over.	11/16/2019 1:18 AM
658	No to a 50 percent increase in salary for City counsellors. A raise in line with most public servants of 2 percent would be fine.	11/16/2019 1:17 AM

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659	No raise for councillors is required or needed.!! Too much focus on bike lanes!!!	11/16/2019 1:16 AM
660	No	11/16/2019 1:16 AM
661	No raises for City Council!!	11/16/2019 1:14 AM
662	You should provide leadership to staff to determine ways to accomplish the city's mission at lower cost.	11/16/2019 1:07 AM
663	No	11/16/2019 1:04 AM
664	Taxes too high	11/16/2019 12:51 AM
665	Taxes have risen excessively. Efficiencies need to occur	11/16/2019 12:38 AM
666	Do not, under any circumstances, allow for an increase in the pay to councillors. These positions are not meant to be employment for the otherwise unemployable but done in the spirit of public service.	11/16/2019 12:31 AM
667	Don't support councils request for 50% salary increase. Stick to you municipal responsibilities which will result in less hours. The other levels of government pay their officials to look after their affairs. You are a municipal council not our overall government. Thank you.	11/16/2019 12:24 AM
668	This council is most interested in self preservation and promoting its own self interests and political ideologies rather than focusing on its mandate as outlined in the acts and legislation that govern its operation. As a result, we end up with budgets that are tilted in directions that many Victorians, if they took the time, would not support.	11/16/2019 12:22 AM
669	I believe more money should be set aside and invested in the form of bonds or GIC for the aging infrastructure repair/replacement programs, and be kept separate from general revenue. This would show accountability and due diligence to the public that money has been saved aside for many years prior to a capital project or major infrastructure expense.	11/16/2019 12:01 AM
670	Pay attention to seniors not just bicycle riders	11/15/2019 11:57 PM
671	Building services department is severely understaffed and needs to be prioritized	11/15/2019 11:42 PM
672	The City is taking on issues they are not expected to deal with and then complaining about being overworked and needing more \$ for Councillors. This is a no go. The Councillors should not get 50% raise just the usual 2% or whatever covers cost of living increases.	11/15/2019 11:33 PM
673	Ban Horse Carriages! And budget for it!	11/15/2019 11:26 PM
674	No massive pay raises you know what you signed up for.	11/15/2019 11:19 PM
675	You have places to comment under most headings but not for the question about concilers raising their pay by 50% how convenient	11/15/2019 11:18 PM
676	NO INCREASE IN SALARY FOR COUNCIL OR MAYOR	11/15/2019 11:14 PM
677	This mayor and council are wasting a huge amount of money on bike lanes, people who don't want to work, climate alarmism and hiring people like Personal info	11/15/2019 11:14 PM
678	When a counselor steps aside an alternative one should be appointed from the ones who had run in previous election and just missed the cut	11/15/2019 11:07 PM
679	Taxes way too high. City has fingers in way too many areas that are beyond what a city should be doing. Disgusting you are treating taxpayers as ATM machines. City shouldering way too much responsibility for the homeless problem relative to other munis. Is a regional problem and should be treated as such. We are less than 100K in a region of almost 400K. Other munis should be forced to play a bigger role in regional issues.	11/15/2019 11:06 PM
680	No to the increase for the city counsellors	11/15/2019 10:56 PM
681	The raises for city council is absurd. Nobody deserves a raise like that, especially when theybdo a horrible job	11/15/2019 10:35 PM
682	Unfortunately, this current council does not have a clue regarding a budget. I cannot afford the interest rates on all the loans taken out for too many projects. I think this council will be known as the one that comes close to bankrupting Victoria. Many citizens are either on a fixed income or low paying employment. Whether you own or rent, the tax increases come out of these pockets. We are being hit hard by the CRD so maybe a reduction on property taxes would help?	11/15/2019 10:35 PM
683	The city is not collaborated with enough. Seems like the city goes forward with what they want not what the people in their city want which is very unfortunate.	11/15/2019 10:34 PM
684	I understand this is huge transition for the City. I also know everyone is trying very hard. Thank you for all what you do. I also wanted to thank you for allowing people to voice their concerns.	11/15/2019 10:18 PM
685	One of these days the so called middle class will disappear then, where will you collect your Tax dollars ?	11/15/2019 10:14 PM
686	Fix the roads, Make crosswalks safer with lights	11/15/2019 10:10 PM
687	Fund Police, Fire, Roads and basic services. Stop trying to save the world!!!! Why don't you start doing your job and focus on the City!!	11/15/2019 10:05 PM
688	no to salary increase for council and mayor, restrict to same as public service 2% a year	11/15/2019 9:51 PM

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689	Personally I am not a big fan of our city counsel. I work for the Department of National Defense and so far I am very angry with that you have done to the city. The cost of living has kept rising every year so I see no reason to go to downtown victoria for my personal fun. Greed has been the negative issue for the city, you tried to make the government pay for Remembrance day, you cut the police budget, you removed Christmas decorations when this place is a christian\agnostic community, and now you are looking for a 50 percent raise?! how dare you!. "you people" make me sick!	11/15/2019 9:44 PM
690	Definitely want to see fair entitlements to neighbourhoods across the city, particularly with respect to mine, North Park, which is struggling with a small group of dedicated volunteers and very few resources.	11/15/2019 9:35 PM
691	I rent, so ask my landlord. the taxes I pay through the property owner make it a fuzzy area to deliver on Personal info	11/15/2019 9:19 PM
692	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	11/15/2019 9:12 PM
693	Councillor pay increase is fine, but not 50% which exceeds wage hikes sought by Saanich support workers and Vancouver transit workers by an excessive amount. Prefer more reasonable 25% increase.	11/15/2019 9:05 PM
694	Pay the police board what they ask for! There shouldn't need to be any negotiating around this.	11/15/2019 8:45 PM
695	Police need support from the city they can rely on (e.g. Canada Day) and to support long standing traditions. Not really supportive of bike lanes when there is no ability to report bikes riding side by side without a means for us to report them (e.g. license plates).	11/15/2019 8:28 PM
696	Do not want to increase councillors pay	11/15/2019 8:22 PM
697	Dont matter	11/15/2019 8:20 PM
698	You've referenced several time the "over 200 services" etc, but I really don't feel like you've elaborated on what those actually are.	11/15/2019 8:19 PM
699	Stop blowing money on goofy polictically correct progressive virtue signalling. Look after the basics first, then the other stuff is all frills.	11/15/2019 8:16 PM
700	Too many additional projects or research into matters not key to a municipal mandate waste staff and council time and thus tax dollars	11/15/2019 8:14 PM
701	Reduce the strategic plan from over 200 items and set some real priorities	11/15/2019 8:06 PM
702	Need to make bylaw against Panhandling, Beggars on sidewalk, people sleeping on sidewalks. I would pay more on my Property Taxes in order to have clean streets and avoid a gauntlet of panhandlers everytime I step out on my place.	11/15/2019 8:05 PM
703	Focus on what you do to make a city run, instead of pet projects. Fix the roads, stop pitting cyclists against cars and making me feel bad for being a cyclist! I can't even tell people at my work I'm a cyclist because of Lisa Helps ruining the image of them! :(Thanks Lisa, now I have to be a closet cyclist!	11/15/2019 8:04 PM
704	More needs to be done to address transportation in the city. Bike lanes alone, while cost effective and green, is not the sole answer to the core's congestion problem. In addition, the city's open drug use problem accompanied by property crime needs to be addressed. Both these issues will continue to cause friction among residents and will sway my decision to either stay in the city or move to another municipality.	11/15/2019 7:50 PM
705	No	11/15/2019 7:42 PM
706	If they get a raise than everybody gets a raise. The amount is huge and should not be allowed.	11/15/2019 7:40 PM
707	No raise for council	11/15/2019 7:37 PM
708	I am not in favour of the proposed increase in councillors 50% pay increase.	11/15/2019 7:35 PM
709	Keep up the great work. More green initiatives, more money to help people who need it, and much much less money wasted on the police industrial complex!	11/15/2019 7:30 PM
710	No 50 percent pay increase for councillors until VicPD is fully funded!!	11/15/2019 7:29 PM
711	I definitely do not think that city councillors need a 50% pay hike!!	11/15/2019 7:25 PM
712	No pay raise for ciy councillors	11/15/2019 7:22 PM
713	maybe dont raise councillors wages by 50%. Where did that number even come from? They are not staff. They have their own jobs this is not what taxpayers should pay for.	11/15/2019 7:14 PM
714	Forget Councilor byelection, save 200K.... seat can sit vacant for what value an extra person would add at this stage of mandate	11/15/2019 7:12 PM
715	Council doesn't need a 20 grand pay increase	11/15/2019 7:08 PM
716	no increase for city concile	11/15/2019 7:07 PM
717	Invest in the citizens of your city and we will help it grow. Quit wasting tax dollars. Take care of priorities first, not rainbow crosswalks.	11/15/2019 7:01 PM

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718	Loss of funding in police services poor choice of cuts, especially reducing prevention and work in areas around Pandora and Johnson Streets.	11/15/2019 7:00 PM
719	Run the city, first. Pet projects need to take a back burner.	11/15/2019 6:56 PM
720	fund what is actually important to your residents safety!!	11/15/2019 6:52 PM
721	Too much emphasis is being placed on the bike lanes project at the expense of other considerations.	11/15/2019 6:51 PM
722	Is the " Intensity multi family " charge on the storm water bill to encourage affordable housing ? what is it for? In general my stormwater bill went up \$150 ? now \$461	11/15/2019 6:50 PM
723	Too much money is going to pay city Councillors and government officials and not enough is going to civilians and the city.	11/15/2019 6:47 PM
724	Having businesses move out and close. Not feeling overly safe is a poor way to have one of the most beautiful cities in Canada. We can do better.	11/15/2019 6:44 PM
725	Councillors.....50% increase. This is insulting to all taxpayers and You are in La La Land. NO to any raise !	11/15/2019 6:34 PM
726	no	11/15/2019 6:31 PM
727	Regarding the ranking section. Good Governance shouldn't be an option we should have to rank for importance it should be a given (normal expectation) with those governing our city.	11/15/2019 6:31 PM
728	Who ever gets a 50% pay increase that is totally outrageous	11/15/2019 6:28 PM
729	Raise taxes, institute special taxation to less of things we don't need (air bnb, luxury condos) and less on things we want more of (or simply preserve) like affordable rentals. Stop taxing affordable rentals zoned for much higher density as if they were already built at that density as this only pushes owners to sell out and demovict their tenants. Raise more money and use that money to help tackle the city's problems. Do not rely on the private market to solve anything.	11/15/2019 6:28 PM
730	Get the traffic flow and parking fixed so we can shop and drive in the downtown areas. It has NEVER been as bad as it is now!	11/15/2019 6:24 PM
731	The city needs to focus on actually affordable housing, that is housing that can be livable within the budget of someone on PWD, which is little more than \$1300 a month. That rent in "affordable" units often START at \$1100 \$1300, I completely fail to see how they can legally be called affordable, it's a straight up lie.	11/15/2019 6:24 PM
732	Kids don't need free bus passes	11/15/2019 6:23 PM
733	No respect for taxpayer money	11/15/2019 6:22 PM
734	More funds should be given to guarantee safety if residences, businesses and visitors.	11/15/2019 6:20 PM
735	After reading today's TC I have to say I do not support a 50% raise for councillors pay. While I appreciate the time it takes you are making this a regular job where is Public service element. Once elected, now a platform approach I also disagree with, there is no true oversight to how the job is carried out. I continually see public input being ignored. Now we have to live with it for 4 years. Perhaps if you do vote for yourselves the vote term should be shortened again.	11/15/2019 6:20 PM
736	No pay raises for mayor or council staff, unless the public votes for them.	11/15/2019 6:19 PM
737	If the Major and Councillors dont like their current pay then quit.	11/15/2019 6:17 PM
738	a PhD (ABD) does not mean you have any idea what you're doing. Go back to school.	11/15/2019 6:16 PM
739	Please put money towards the community rather than giving raises to council members. Help everyone rather than a few helping themselves.	11/15/2019 6:12 PM
740	No pay raise for the council.	11/15/2019 6:07 PM
741	Need to be more strategic addressing municipal services and not engaging in spending oodles of time and money on mission creep.	11/15/2019 6:05 PM
742	The current Council is destroying the downtown core look and feel with bike lanes. If an intersection looks complicated it has been poorly designed.	11/15/2019 6:01 PM
743	How about a 2 6 percent over three years increase like most employees get or if you don't like it find a different job.	11/15/2019 5:57 PM
744	no	11/15/2019 5:52 PM
745	yes i was looking for the survey on councillors' salaries????????? there is no reason for this to be a full tie job.	11/15/2019 5:37 PM
746	This council has wasted enormous amounts of money...and now they want a 50% raise? The infrastructure (roads, water etc) is crumbling and millions put into unnecessary and dangerous protected bike lanes ???	11/15/2019 5:23 PM
747	There should not be an increase in the council's compensation.	11/15/2019 5:12 PM
748	no to an increase in concelliers salary	11/15/2019 5:04 PM
749	No	11/15/2019 4:58 PM

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750	Definitely amalgamate, worry more about potholes and way less about reconciliation and climate change (federal responsibility),	11/15/2019 4:58 PM
751	No	11/15/2019 4:53 PM
752	City councillors should NOT receive a 50 percent pay hike. Serving on council is a public service and should not be considered a job on par with a city worker.	11/15/2019 4:32 PM
753	DO NOT INCREASE COUNCIL REMUNERATION! I cannot state this strongly enough. A 50% increase is RIDICULOUS!	11/15/2019 4:31 PM
754	I am against council requesting a 50% increase in salaries. Be reasonable about increases and make it over time.	11/15/2019 4:30 PM
755	The City of Victoria is one of the most inefficient municipalities. It also spends valuable local revenues on items that have nothing to do with running the City. The Council has proven itself to be poor stewards of taxpayers money.	11/15/2019 4:25 PM
756	The city is heading in entirely the wrong direction.	11/15/2019 4:18 PM
757	do not increase the councillors pay to \$70,000.00. That's way too much. I work hard everyday (45 hours per week) in a 1 woman business office with 10 employees and i make 43,000. year. They applied for jobs(we voted which ones we wanted) at a particular pay rate with increases written in. DO NOT SPEND MY TAX MONEY ON THIS	11/15/2019 4:15 PM
758	City councillors DO NOT / SHOULD NOT receive a salary increase.	11/15/2019 4:05 PM
759	I think the beauty and attraction of downtown Victoria is not only it's walkability (as when you get off your bike your walking) but also the lights at Christmas, the horse drawn carriages (horses like to be exercised with carriages, etc., like dogs do too), it's the fact that Victoria is smaller than Vancouver but bigger than other small communities that attracts people to its beautiful historical charm.	11/15/2019 4:02 PM
760	Not funding the VicPD MSP shortfall was a serious mistake and has led to a drastic reduction in the quality and quantity of policing available. Council should make VicPD whole for the MSP shortfall of over \$600,000 p.a.	11/15/2019 4:01 PM
761	All I ask is that the council take more time for consultation, but also just to think things through and used evidence based practice. There seems to be so many decisions that are made that could be informed by research and how other communities have managed issues. For example the car quickly the paint deteriorated on adding images in colour to crosswalk's downtown what a waste of money.	11/15/2019 3:58 PM
762	mishandled	11/15/2019 3:50 PM
763	Since your next question doesn't allow a comment I'm going to leave it here. I don't support increasing councils salary. They knew the financial decision they were making when they took the job. The have been preaching about how every penny counts. From VicPD spending to Christmas lights, to parades and everything else they want to take from to ensure we have essential services, how do they figure they deserve more? So they can sit around and talk about whether or not they should get a parking pass or have to ride the bus? I don't think so. Solve some problems before you get paid more, we should t be giving raises to a council that is failing our community.	11/15/2019 3:50 PM
764	Bike lanes very expensive and horribly disruptive to traffic AND pedestrians, including raising serious safety issues for pedestrians. Cyclists as a rule do not respect crosswalks; I and others I know have come very close to being hit by cyclists at crosswalks across bike lanes.	11/15/2019 3:47 PM
765	Stop spending tax payer funds on value less save the world efforts and bring fiscal responsibility to City Hall	11/15/2019 3:37 PM
766	Current council has made victrolia a national embarassment money wasted on pointless virtue signalling projects again and again	11/15/2019 3:36 PM
767	No to a huge pay increase to councillors. It should be phased in over 3 5 years. There should be measurable outcomes. Performance indicators. Evaluation. If they want median civic employees they need to be fully accountable and evaluated not just at the ballot box.	11/15/2019 3:33 PM
768	Yes I object to ANY increase to politician salaries!! Ben Isitt needs to find a job if he wants more money,	11/15/2019 2:57 PM
769	I am 100% not in favour of raising counsellors salaries right now, there are other priorities that need to be looked at first, it is so hypocritical of this council to be asking tax payers to give them more money when you will not even find the police department appropriately. Perhaps if we had a council that understood proper city planning and didn't argue about things like how Christmas displays offend them, then it would feel like the work you all do deserves a raise but as of right now, it is ridiculous to consider and is horrible optics.	11/15/2019 2:44 PM
770	NO RAISE FOR CITY COUNCILLORS! 50% raises in ANY industry are unheard of! You're not helping your own cases here. In addition, Ben Isitt can POUND SAND!	11/15/2019 2:43 PM
771	Roll back public works wages.	11/15/2019 2:37 PM

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772	I have lived in this city since 1970 and owned property since 1986. I have seen service levels and respect for needs of citizens being reduced these last 4 5 yrs. Again the mayor and council needs to understand the demographics of this city seniors and disabled people out number youth. the needs of the majority have to be met. Stop wasting our limited funds/resources by spending money /budget on bike lanes they impede traffic flow and do not add to the beautification of this lovely city. Restrict developers and limit the number of downtown condos and highrises.	11/15/2019 2:36 PM
773	NO	11/15/2019 2:34 PM
774	NO RAISES FOR COUNCIL!! INCREASE THE VICPD BUDGET. OUT WITH ISITT!	11/15/2019 12:45 PM
775	The bike lanes are unnecessary and Large unwarranted expense. Painted lines would have worked as easily at a lower cost and the money could be better allocated to more services.	11/15/2019 12:25 PM
776	Many seniors haven't had an increase that's worth mentioning (if at all for many years. I want an increase the same size Councillors are after. I won't get it. Neither should you	11/15/2019 12:23 PM
777	• The millions of dollars proposed to be spent on policing people stands in stark contrast to the meager funding allocated by the city elsewhere for housing initiatives. While the draft budget talks about affordable housing as a priority, that commitment is not backed up in the actual spending allocation.	11/15/2019 6:34 AM
778	Spend more attention on your residents that are paying taxes and listen when they talk. Lisa & Ben are ruining our city. Shame.	11/15/2019 5:49 AM
779	The Crystal pool is my closest pool and as a senior with mobility issues it is a pretty difficult place to access, the gym equipment is not available to me.I really appreciate the pool pass as it is helping keep me mobile. I would favor building the new pool in a parking lot with parking overhead and have the whole park as green space. This green space is critical as our population becomes more dense.	11/15/2019 2:59 AM
780	Stop increasing property taxes. We are looking to leave the city due to this issue.	11/15/2019 1:55 AM
781	I feel that much more can be done to encourage people out of their cars and into public transportation. Providing free transport on city buses would ease up Road maintenance costs.	11/15/2019 1:06 AM
782	stop wasting money on nonessential activities, fix failing city infrastructure, stop condos development and provide incentives for developers to build affordable rental units	11/14/2019 11:52 PM
783	Reduce staffing budgets and stop using taxpayers and business owners as your ATM.	11/14/2019 11:33 PM
784	When the City is running a surplus on an annual basis, they should not raise taxes. Taxes are consistently beating inflation. Increasing taxes further increases the cost of home ownership and rentals. With the current tax increases and the provincial cap on rental increases, landlords or potential landlords will invest money elsewhere as the return on investment is not there. In turn, this will create even more of a housing crisis.	11/14/2019 5:41 PM
785	We need a better bus system. I want to bus to work but the system isnt that great compared to other places.	11/14/2019 10:17 AM
786	No more \$ for bike lanes. There are other priorities. Condition of Streets are being neglected. Need more policing to make victoria safer. We need a rec centre with a pool!! For swimmers not everyone rides a bike! You are ignoring seniors. A very large part of victoria I was born and raised here. My city is unrecognizable and I no longer feel welcome. I have a home here and a business and pay property taxes. But because I don't cycle I mean nothing to this council. Please think and stop the madness.	11/14/2019 8:21 AM
787	1.Better and more community park events. Not just down town. 2. Spend the police funding better and actually get them to do their jobs. Put some one in place to over see their funding. 3.set up better and more fenced micro dog parks. They can be tiny just have them double gates at entrances and exits. 4. Set up more for kids and young adults to do. We have plenty of tennis courts. How about some roller/foot hockey rinks? Maybe a couple of skate parks? A Fernwood water park like Esquimalts. 5. Shut down neighborhood squares to vehical traffic for events more and encourage more block party type events. The Fernwood square would be a great spot to do this.	11/14/2019 3:48 AM
788	Alot of on roads are in need of repair.	11/14/2019 3:27 AM
789	City council and the so called mayor make me sick	11/14/2019 2:45 AM

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790	Mayor and Council hired a Chief of Staff, isn't this the Chief Administrative Officer job or City Manager? WHAT A WASTE OF MONEY, if the Mayor doesn't support the CAO fire them like you did the ones before this "CITY MANAGER" (or is there is a misogynist imbalance). The operating budget is out of control, which is why our taxes are highest amongst in British Columbia, yet we receive less service than our surrounding municipalities. Council has no clue and the staff that surround this Council are YES people who fail to stand up to the political misdirection of this Council. Geoff Young is the only one of reason on this lost group. We almost have a majority of Council members who don't even live in our municipal boundaries. I will be moving from the City as it no longer reflects the values that I had when I made a choice to buy a property in the City. I can no longer walk downtown without fear, I can no longer drive in the City efficiently (bike lanes are a colossal waste of money and do not support the majority), I can no longer catch transit that is on time (or budget for that matter), a lot of the retail stores I used to enjoy have left and we have more Pot Stores per capita than any other municipality in BC. Its sad, that I feel left out by this Council, however, I also understand this is a democracy and I will find a place that more reflects my values and will use my tax dollars wisely in my next community. In the coming years, as taxpayers move on for the aforementioned reasons, this Council will struggle to fund existing city operations. This hasn't happened here in Victoria for years. (and what is the final total for the Johnson Street Bridge?).	11/14/2019 1:07 AM
791	Just help the damn cops out. Everything else is fine.	11/13/2019 10:39 PM
792	Street sweeping in Vic West does not seem to make much sense. Most streets have cars parked along them and consequently the street sweeper just does down the middle of the road and does not clear the gutters where the debris is. I recommend this as a cost cutting measure.	11/13/2019 8:47 PM
793	Somewhat because I don't know enough about the police department.	11/13/2019 7:29 PM
794	Bike lanes are an example of wasting money or better yet The ping pong table	11/13/2019 3:03 PM
795	Instead of giving counsellors a 60% raise, put those funds towards debt, or police to keep out beautiful city safe, orno one will stick around to pay taxes.	11/13/2019 2:36 PM
796	No	11/13/2019 2:32 PM
797	Too many employees are not able to work under the pressures resulting from council not following Canada's Acts because individuals are not knowledgeable on how to follow our laws. Services suffer because Low Cost housing stock is being torn down and not protected. The contamination from the tear downs is actually being dumped in First Nation Land and council does nothing to stop it!	11/13/2019 12:06 PM
798	The Engagement Business Unit budget is exceptionally high without the corresponding quality of deliverables. I have participated in City led engagement sessions over the years and the process is regularly manipulated, opaque and highly politicized. While it seems that there are staff who now understand the principles associated with the IAP2 spectrum and the commitments and responsibilities ingrained within, I continue to be disappointed and disheartened to see public input "interpreted" to match political ends. The sanitizing of the City's website is also problematic as the process of removing information along a spectrum of topics from public access demonstrates a very low level of transparency.	11/13/2019 7:15 AM
799	As a gay male, i do not need the cash hemorrhage dumped into lgbt pride, nor do i need gay crosswalks to feel better about myself. I find 4k+ to house a homeless person for 1 month to be repugnant. Landowners within your jurisdiction can enjoy watching their property rights erode while the bureaucrats doing it handsomely give themselves a 60% raise.	11/13/2019 6:51 AM
800	Yes a lot of overspending inappropriate decisions and focussing on gay people rather than equality for all. Heterosexual individuals are being discriminated.	11/13/2019 5:58 AM
801	No more freaking bike lanes	11/13/2019 5:22 AM
802	There is no way a 60% pay increase is reasonable	11/13/2019 4:54 AM
803	Need to do more homework to submit a comment. New to city (17 months) and still getting acquainted and involved.	11/13/2019 3:44 AM
804	Council doesn't need a pay increase of 60%. That is totally out of balance with what their constituents receive in their own jobs, and is unfair to load on the tax payer. It is also out of line with other municipalities in the region. It is very greedy and selfish of them to think it's ok to budget in that for next year. It's fine to ask their constituents to ok a pay raise for the next council to be elected and sit so as not to be biased. And even then, a 60% raise is way too much at once. Most jobs give maybe a few percent over 4 years. They need to be more realistic and transparent to the taxpayer at election time. They knew the pay scale when they ran for election.	11/13/2019 3:40 AM
805	What is going on with composting? We barge over to mainland can't be cost effective, climate friendly, making sense! What is CALUS referred to in Strategic Plan but not explained there! Where are staffing costs? Admin costs? Where is amalgamation initiative?	11/13/2019 2:47 AM
806	Increase the police budget to make downtown streets safer and to enforce traffic laws against cyclists who flout them.	11/12/2019 10:23 PM
807	No big raises for city hall council	11/12/2019 9:06 PM
808	More investment is required in beautification and policing in Burnside Gorge. Furthermore, money needs to be allocated for the development of Arbutus Park, which should include access to the water.	11/12/2019 8:15 PM

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809	Banning of the horse carriages should be incorporated into the budget, since it is not accommodated for in the strategic plan.	11/12/2019 6:40 PM
810	Keep expenses low. My landlord increases the rent every year because they say taxes went up again	11/12/2019 5:42 PM
811	Hope the pendulum swings the other way next election.	11/12/2019 4:20 PM
812	I am strongly opposed to salary increases of 60 percent for councilors	11/12/2019 4:15 PM
813	Thank you, it's great to live here.	11/12/2019 5:23 AM
814	I spent 36+ years of my life working for the City of Victoria and feel that elected officials have moved the city away from having core services as a priority to more soft goals. Roads, sidewalks, sewage/drainage, parks re far more important (in my opinion) than pursuing law suits against oil companies over climate change.....	11/12/2019 4:55 AM
815	I feel that bicycle lanes are getting too much focus. Not because they're not important, but that other issues are more important. I see no leadership in solving our health crisis, as an example. The council could work to find incentives to bring more GPS to our community.	11/12/2019 3:01 AM
816	Bike lanes are a total waste of money and cause nothing but road rage and keep people from going down town.	11/12/2019 1:05 AM
817	spend more to fix the holes in our streets....	11/12/2019 12:37 AM
818	No	11/12/2019 12:19 AM
819	Do not approve of where they are putting their budget most of the time.	11/11/2019 11:48 PM
820	It's my tax dollars you have, please be smart and listen to those who elected you, plus NO more tree cutting, NO more big project cost overruns by millions and enough with the bike lanes! We have as many as we need already.	11/11/2019 11:20 PM
821	Finish the Foster Walkway. Keep boulevard trees properly trimmed.	11/11/2019 11:09 PM
822	No to council raises. You knew the pay when you ran for election.	11/11/2019 10:47 PM
823	Fix the roads...no bike lanes.	11/11/2019 9:35 PM
824	Stop giving your self money and start looking after the people of this city. You work in public service, start acting like it.	11/11/2019 7:26 PM
825	Unfortunately it is politics that mare the perception of the services and work that staff do. Once elected politicians need to govern and stop playing politics.	11/11/2019 7:03 PM
826	Use a portion of the hotel tax to bump up the affordable housing trust fund. I know the hotels and destination Victoria will scream loudly at this. I would politely suggest that other municipalities start contributing to destination Victoria to make up the shortfall. Or that hotels can become living wage certified employers instead. Hotels employ some of the lowest wage workers in our economy. We have to subsidize those workers by building subsidized housing. A portion of the hotel tax should be used for affordable housing if the hotels do not want to become living wage certified employers.	11/11/2019 6:54 PM
827	I believe there could be increased community involvement in decisions that council makes.	11/11/2019 6:50 PM
828	Increasing council members salaries by so much seems unnecessary. The money should instead be spent on improving council meeting inefficiencies where they exist in order to promote engagement and improve the experience for everyone.	11/11/2019 6:04 PM
829	Even though I rent I am aware of my landlords costs and feel they are quite high for the few services provided to a small apartment	11/11/2019 5:51 PM
830	Council job is to ensure TAXPAYERS are well served with good services and secure neighbourhoods. Too much effort and expense is spent on frivolous theatrics to show "leadership" areas of responsibility that are outside Municipal jurisdiction. That's not council's job.	11/11/2019 5:22 PM
831	Stop spending money on bull**** Start making it possible to live and get forward in life.	11/11/2019 5:05 PM
832	I have watched so many council meetings on video for different issues in my neighbourhood. Each time I am truly embarrassed by the way you treat each other, by the way you lay down for big developers, and the archaic way you expect ppl to address council while they speak. Get a grip.	11/11/2019 4:56 PM
833	The waste and bloat by this current administration is mind boggling they are so far outside of a municipal mandate	11/11/2019 4:55 PM
834	The city council follows their own agenda and does not really care when their constituents are saying/wanting.	11/11/2019 4:50 PM
835	Do not increase anyone's salary 60%	11/11/2019 4:30 PM
836	If they, in their hubris, get these large increases through, my fear is that it will spread to other adding municipalities. If they want high paying jobs, they should get out and work, not run for council. they might learn something about finances. greed, grr...! my opinion, thanks.	11/11/2019 4:12 PM
837	Keep taxes for businesses as low as possible. Cut council's travel and expenses. Stop spending on things that are not in your jurisdiction. The free bus passes are a joke and an administrative nightmare! The kids and people that need them are already getting them the rest don't need them and now they are being hocked for cash!	11/11/2019 4:12 PM

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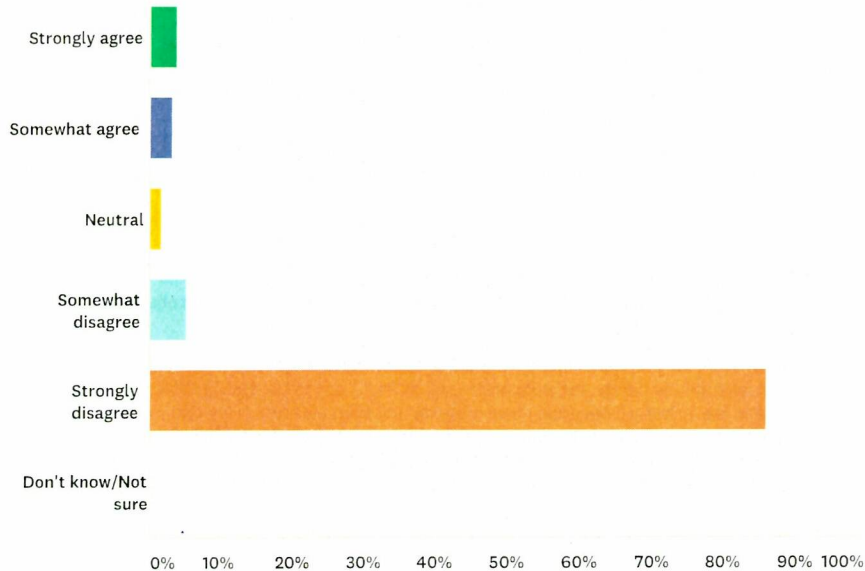
838	go back to the basics, core value's. Look after the people. upgrade infrastructure before you have a massive failure due to age and lack of maintenance/upgrading	11/11/2019 3:55 PM
839	Victoria has a high % of seniors on fixed budgets, think about having a negative budget increase. Tighten your belt every few years, anybody can spend money	11/11/2019 3:54 PM
840	Stop focusing on bike lanes and taking down trees and focus on the hard core issues this city is experiencing like crime for one	11/11/2019 3:47 PM
841	With all the money spend on bike lanes, >100 affordable housing units could have been built and owned by the city...	11/11/2019 3:38 PM
842	The more viable businesses in the city, the better for the tax payer. We should be encouraging all kinds of businesses and helping them be financially successful so we have jobs for our residents.	11/11/2019 3:37 PM
843	Stop changing names we don't need bike lanes and you're a bunch of idiots (Lisa helps and Isaac) that only got in because of a split vote, too many candidates. No Salary increase until you fix the affordability problem	11/11/2019 3:36 PM
844	You've all lost your minds if you think you should get a 60% raise...absolutely disgusting!	11/11/2019 3:09 PM
845	You ain't getting a 60% raise. Obscenities	11/11/2019 2:24 PM
846	Tax levels and services are not balanced fairly. Taxes should not increase greater than the cost of living index. There is simply no justification for any higher increase especially considering the windfall of additional tax revenues from new assessed construction. Consider the well known economic principle of "opportunity cost" where dollars spent on one thing are at the expense of what could be spent on another important item.	11/11/2019 5:51 AM
847	We really, really do need to amalgamate, or else ban people from the outer municipalities from using our services. Yes, I know that is impossible, but really, it is not fair. Or they need to be more YIMBY ish, providing a good range of housing and other services needed by the whole CRD.	11/11/2019 4:49 AM
848	roads are in terrible shape, homelessness and open drug use is a real problem which stretches all emergency responder budgets. Get back to doing what you are supposed to do, run a City, make sure the water and sewage is working, keep the roads in good shape and fund the police. Stop with your ideology and trivial pet projects until the basics are functioning properly and funded adequately	11/11/2019 1:29 AM
849	Direct funds to make life more liveable and affordable for the taxpaying citizens of Victoria. Cut out the "niceties", and socialist wealth transfer schemes and deal with important local issues such as infrastructure maintenance, safety and policing.	11/11/2019 12:50 AM
850	Cut Helps travel budget to ZERO. if it's Tuesday it must be Frankfurt or New York or Toronto or Montreal.	11/11/2019 12:42 AM
851	This council has the capacity to move beyond the 'normal' of city council responses to problems you are a dynamic and capable bunch! You can push against problematic development that is challenging the city core, refuse standard police claims about budget needs, say no to cruise ships despite the easy tourist \$\$\$ if the city can be trendsetters for bike lanes (love!), transit (yeah!), and more, it can surely push for positive change in the fields of governance, tourist overload and other issues facing everyday residents of the downtown core.	11/11/2019 12:33 AM
852	We pay a LOT of property tax in James Bay, yet still have to deal with needles and campers. It's dangerous for children and pets, as well as the rest of us in the neighbourhood, and we should get better service	11/11/2019 12:29 AM
853	Stop underfunding first responders. As long as we aren't paying our first responders, we can't afford 'nice things' like art and culture. The priorities seem to be askew the last few years and they need to be straightened out.	11/10/2019 7:18 PM
854	stop taxing homeowners to pay for safe injection sites	11/9/2019 11:09 PM
855	The city should focus on local issues as opposed to trying to be a leader on global climate issues. In addition, the money spend on all of the bikes lanes hasn't been well used, bike ridership won't increase by a significant amount and I doubt that safety (as read by number of accidents) has shifted in any meaningful direction. Money would have been much better spent trying to deal with the homeless problem. Pingpong tables and miles of bike lanes built for a rainy climate, don't speak to strong governance. While we need recreation and people do enjoy biking, as do I, it really comes down to a question of priorities.	11/9/2019 10:49 PM
856	The downtown core is disgusting. It is dirty, smells like urine, and full of drug addicts and homeless people. I no longer feel safe there at night. I can only imagine what the tourists must think. In the last 5 years I have noticed a big decline!	11/9/2019 9:19 PM
857	The downtown core is disgusting. It is dirty, full of drugg addicts and homeless people. I have no idea what tourist must think. In the last 5 years there has been a noticable degradation of downtown.	11/9/2019 9:11 PM
858	The city needs an art studio like the ones at Cedar Hill in Saanich.	11/9/2019 8:01 PM
859	Council will do what it wants regardless of feedback.	11/9/2019 1:18 AM
860	Just make affordable housing jfc.	11/8/2019 8:41 PM

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861	Please fund the police properly. It's an important service to every city in the world and I think it selfish and disgusting that the council members of the city don't fund the police services properly due to their own political ideology/beliefs.	11/8/2019 2:55 PM
862	Keep up the great work with the bike lanes and making the city more for people and less for cars. I still worry about walking around James Bay, Fairfield and Downtown at night. Even Beacon Hill cross walks you have to really pay extra care, because the drivers just don't see you. I'd like to see people always be the priority and I'm glad to see we're starting to accomodate for this. The little park on the new bike path outside Bartholemews is super cool.	11/8/2019 2:48 AM
863	I think more funding needs to go into the availability of paramedics/ambulances in the city. I don't remember seeing this on the survey, but I think this area is definitely underfunded and this comes from a first hand experience and learning about what our paramedics deal with.	11/7/2019 8:58 PM
864	Stop acting outside local jurisdiction and focus on providing municipal services to residents (the mandate on which council is elected to perform). Class action lawsuits against the oil and gas industry, creating plastic bag bans without provincial approval, and opposing Quebec provincial laws is a attention seeking waste of taxpayer funds and distracting use of City time. These are divisive actions that will make little difference (and potential damage). Start focusing on improvements to our City, businesses, and services.	11/7/2019 8:41 PM
865	Would be good to more broadly communicate the annual allocations (eg infographics that are easy to understand) so that the City residents fully understand how big the pie is, and the size of each piece.	11/7/2019 7:54 PM
866	It's time to build Crystal Pool and stop wasting time and money debating the issue.	11/7/2019 6:01 PM
867	Good to see more money going to policing. I believe there is a huge crime issue and horrible driving habits in this town and more policing is required. In addition more support for those in need which may reduce amount of policing required...	11/7/2019 4:26 AM
868	Fund the police properly. Work for your constituents who are property owners. We count too. Generally, you only consider the the needy, the poor and marginalized. I pay taxes and am sick and tired of being made to feel ashamed because I own property and earn a decent living and work hard. I contribute to my community with money and time. I'm not a second class citizen because I have 'perceived' wealth. Please consider property owners as relevant citizens. Please stay in your own lane municipal politics and good governance at the municipal level. Not taking on the entire worlds problems	11/7/2019 3:04 AM
869	Needle cleanup is needed.	11/7/2019 1:11 AM
870	It seems like government and municipal websites in Canada are made to: 1.) As ugly as possible 2.) Obfuscate as much as possible	11/7/2019 12:18 AM
871	DEFUND THE VICPD	11/6/2019 11:30 PM
872	I have asked 3 mayors now for a core review of ALL city services. To say a 3% tax lift is required to maintain current service levels WITHOUT looking at productive, necessity of that particular service, could it be delivered cheaper / more effectively by a 3rd party is poor leadership. Every senior staffer should be looking at how they can reduce the budgets every year. Do we need 5 garbage men on a route when Saanich does it with 1 ??? Figure it out	11/6/2019 11:11 PM
873	Freeze city employee wages. I know that the IT salaries in particular are way over their provincial counterparts (as much as \$30K/year!). I saw nothing in the budget addressing mental health and addictions.	11/6/2019 10:18 PM
874	Focus on the true problems / priorities homelessness, drug addiction, affordable housing followed by traffic / commuting, public transportation. Make things happen there have been years and years spent getting no where on key items like Crystal Pool (not to mention the Fire Hall (recently finally made a decision) as well as broader regional / CRD matters (incl E&N, sewage treatment, compost, etc). We need to see ACTION! As a region we are getting no where fast.	11/6/2019 9:07 PM
875	I do not like that Public Works (and thus my tax dollars) have to pay to clean up after the horses. The frequent need to wash away urine and droppings from overflowing bags that the horses are tormented with having to wear, is a completely unfair burden to staff and taxpayers, and a very wrong headed gift to those horse carriage companies. To give them a free ride like this is wrong. Would the City of Victoria let me spill urine on the streets and then clean up after my mess without charging me?? No, so why is this done for horse carriage companies?	11/6/2019 8:52 PM
876	Mayor and Council need to focus on municipal issues and not take on issues that should rightfully be addressed by the Province or Federal Government, such as affordable housing and mental health issues.	11/6/2019 6:17 PM

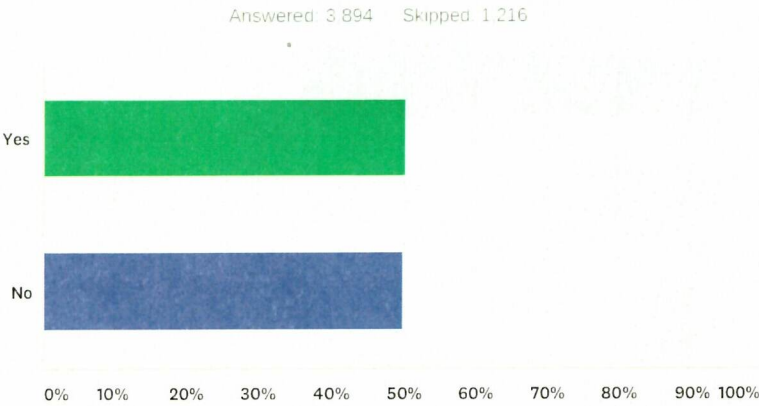
Q29 Do you agree with adjusting annual salary and benefits for members of Council to \$70,100, equivalent to the median income of a City employee (excluding police and fire). This would result in an increase of approximately \$25,700 per Councillor annually, for a total of \$205,600 additional remuneration per year for all of Council.

Answered: 3,905 Skipped: 1,205



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	3.71%	145
Somewhat agree	3.07%	120
Neutral	1.61%	63
Somewhat disagree	5.17%	202
Strongly disagree	86.12%	3,363
Don't know/Not sure	0.31%	12
TOTAL		3,905

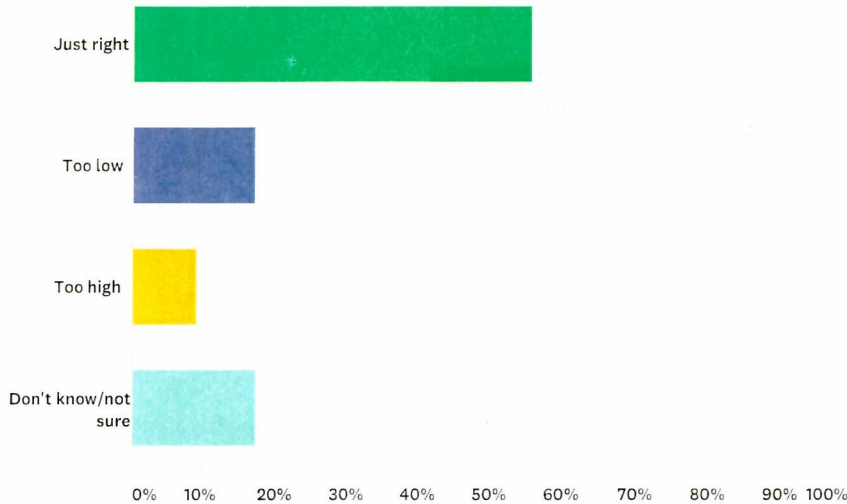
Q30 Would you like to provide additional input into the specific capital budget categories? This section should take approximately 8-10 minutes to complete.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.23%	1,956
No	49.77%	1,938
TOTAL		3,894

Q31 City spending for Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater and Waterworks capital projects is:

Answered: 1 897 Skipped: 3 213



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Just right	55.88%	1,060
Too low	17.29%	328
Too high	9.23%	175
Don't know/not sure	17.61%	334
TOTAL		1,897

Q32 Additional comments on the proposed Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater and Waterworks budget

Answered 255 Skipped 4 855

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Replacement is hard to estimate.	11/25/2019 6:11 AM
2	Is this enough to overcome our infrastructure deficit in this area?	11/25/2019 12:48 AM
3	City works crews are too expensive to maintain. All outside works should be tendered to the private sector to get the best value for the taxpayer.	11/25/2019 12:43 AM
4	How about pressuring Oak Bay to fix their sewers that cross mix sewage with rain water. There's a bang for buck!	11/25/2019 12:28 AM
5	Why are you asking the public about this? Isn't this a question better left to the experts? This is a serious question. Community engagement is one thing, but I don't want some random extremely online person giving input on storm sewer replacement policies.	11/24/2019 10:44 PM
6	Need to improve efficiency.	11/24/2019 10:26 PM
7	We need to up grade all over this city,most of the sewers are over 50 years old and ready to burst which will cost more to repair in an emergency situation.	11/24/2019 9:22 PM
8	work should proceed on consistent maintenance	11/24/2019 6:03 PM
9	I believe in being proactive in this area	11/24/2019 5:56 PM
10	Rein in costs. Contract costs should be hard costs not fluid if contractor goes over their budget	11/24/2019 5:10 PM
11	This should have been dealt with years ago!! Going forward, new developments should be forced to pay their share and NOT be given TAX deferrals to the RICH residents that will purchase them. ie CUSTOM HOUSE project.	11/24/2019 4:57 PM
12	'approximately' riht	11/24/2019 5:25 AM
13	And what about our roads....	11/24/2019 3:21 AM
14	This is needed for everyone in Victoria. The Bike lanes are taking away parking, which brings people into Victoria... which equals Money back into Victoria. Bike lanes cost, tax payers money and brings no money back into the city. I am against more roads being ripped up for less then 10% of Victoria citizens, while Victoria businesses suffer.	11/24/2019 2:54 AM
15	Way too much money spent on these projects.	11/23/2019 11:05 PM
16	Too high lead content was found in tests of water just across the street from where I live (Cook St. and Mallek Cres.). Yet, I have not seen the city take any action to remedy the old infrastructure that causes the problem. Instead, they pour millions into bike lanes!	11/23/2019 9:26 PM
17	These also carry sewage from others in neighboring municipalities and costs should be shared.	11/23/2019 9:07 PM
18	Why do we not have a proper sanitary sewage teeatment facility when we loudly tout iur "environmental conscience"	11/23/2019 8:46 PM
19	needs to be done	11/23/2019 6:11 PM
20	All I know is we need to stop dumping into the sea. The logistics and funding of that are beyond me.	11/23/2019 6:04 AM
21	Quit using water main upgrades to hide the costs of bike lanes. I expect the budgeting process to be open, fair and transparent, not a shell game.	11/23/2019 5:42 AM
22	Oversee effective use of resources	11/23/2019 4:42 AM
23	Get going on this. It is important.	11/23/2019 3:33 AM
24	Get more money from developers for the density lifts they are being awarded. It is their developments which place further strain on our sanitary sewers, stromwater and waterworks.	11/23/2019 2:03 AM
25	These are important services and I think larger areas should be addressed each years.	11/22/2019 10:49 PM
26	Necessary	11/22/2019 10:41 PM
27	Question ; is the city including the construction of bike lanes in the cost of Sanitary ,storm, water budget.	11/22/2019 10:15 PM
28	More actual planning before doing these projects would not only help with costs but also with the massive disruption of traffic when these are being done.	11/22/2019 5:46 PM
29	I don't know the necessary amount, but certainly the services need to be upgraded on an ongoing basis	11/22/2019 5:13 PM
30	that project was not optional and hugely over budget, big burden on the taxpayer	11/22/2019 4:39 PM

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31	Infrastructure in my area is 100 years old and showing its age.	11/22/2019 5:32 AM
32	If we don't fix/ maintain it now it'll cost more down the road. Please don't defer these costs	11/22/2019 3:05 AM
33	At the very least we need better communication to reassure the public that we are getting fair prices on these seems like a ton of money to spend! Maybe negotiate better prices?	11/21/2019 10:40 PM
34	current large project with eliminating outfalls makes it hard to judge what is necessary up keep.	11/21/2019 9:21 PM
35	Got to get it done!	11/21/2019 7:29 PM
36	I support the upgrading of sanitary sewers, storm water and water works. I am concerned about protecting our drinking water, especially with recent reports of the levels of lead in drinking water.	11/21/2019 7:07 PM
37	Heavy rainfall regularly causes issues of sewage water seeping into other waterways. More attention needs to be given to sewage treatment works to resolve this issue.	11/21/2019 7:06 PM
38	Out of our hands. The track record on major budgets is very poor. Tax hike likely to cover over budget spending.	11/21/2019 6:48 PM
39	Fix our sewage problem!	11/21/2019 6:30 PM
40	These projects are long overdue it's just responsible to get them done.	11/21/2019 4:56 PM
41	Consider daylighting a portion of Rock Bay Creek when the opportunity arises.	11/21/2019 4:29 PM
42	All I care about is that the money be spent wisely after a business like approach has been taken and truly competitive bids have been considered by independent and certified qualified people.	11/21/2019 6:10 AM
43	Instead of vanity projects that are padding councillors resumes like the bike lanes under the ground is the aging infrastructure and liability that will be pushed onto tax payers if spending is not prioritized. Should also look for alternatives/other solutions that would alleviate pressure on that underground infrastructure.	11/21/2019 5:24 AM
44	After the bike lanes there is no money left over for the general public. Mayor and council attend to their own special interests whereas, the roads are terrible.	11/21/2019 4:27 AM
45	Stop waisting millions on your bike highways.	11/21/2019 3:55 AM
46	thank you for investing in infrastructure.	11/21/2019 3:49 AM
47	All areas in the CRD need sewage treatment.	11/21/2019 3:28 AM
48	You have an I&I problem and you have a sustainable service delivery problem. You need to fund this capital rehab adequately going forward.	11/21/2019 3:27 AM
49	There should be an on going program of constant upgrade and repair over time, so that the large capital expenses can be kept to a minimum	11/21/2019 12:38 AM
50	The infrastructure is old and can not accommodate additional hook ups on personal properties for additional suites/carriage houses with out investment and upgrades.	11/20/2019 11:29 PM
51	No	11/20/2019 11:03 PM
52	Probably a good idea.	11/20/2019 6:44 PM
53	How much is it really going to cost? How much is it going to be really. How do you prevent overruns?	11/20/2019 6:15 PM
54	Not happy about it, but we need the upgrades, I just wish they'd focus on areas where the roads need fixing so they could fix the roads while they're at it.	11/20/2019 6:00 PM
55	Infrastructure Upgrades are necessary	11/20/2019 3 50 PM
56	Money wasted on water treatment plant planning.	11/20/2019 6:29 AM
57	just keep up	11/20/2019 3:47 AM
58	Finally!	11/20/2019 2:50 AM
59	Get the system stable for future generations.	11/20/2019 12:17 AM
60	super wasteful contracts going to american companies I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE UP TO	11/19/2019 10:27 PM
61	I got to watch the sewer pipe get replaced on my street this year the crews worked 4 6 hours a day and have taken over 4 months to do 3 blocks of pipes. SO YOU TELL ME	11/19/2019 10:14 PM
62	Infrastructure improvements are a necessity. Thankful for the work in progress as well	11/19/2019 9:46 PM
63	The routine work is great. The new sewage plant is completely unnecessary and is strapping the public and especially the businesses with avoidable, debilitating taxes.	11/19/2019 8:38 PM
64	Funny how you Obscenities do not give an opportunity to ad input to the question on mayor and councils pay raise moves by isit the Personal	11/19/2019 6:25 PM
65	Sewage treatment was not the number one priority. It is the stormwater and overflows that contaminate beaches and the environment but this problem will continue to exist as I understand.	11/19/2019 6:17 PM
66	It was a mistake from the beginning to engage in this sewer project. The system we had was adequate but the optics took it under. Now we are engaged we better do it right.	11/19/2019 5:55 PM

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67	They need updating ASAP many areas around us have experienced leaks and constant roadwork	11/19/2019 5:29 PM
68	We need to maintain our infrastructure.	11/19/2019 4:59 PM
69	Poop	11/19/2019 4:40 PM
70	rely on the experts in this little known, important area	11/19/2019 4:03 PM
71	Need to sufficiently fund the management of this critical infrastructure instead of non essential capital projects.	11/19/2019 3:45 PM
72	Spend what you need to to get it done!	11/19/2019 7:34 AM
73	Just build the water treatment plant already.	11/19/2019 5:30 AM
74	Still hard to fathom that the plant at Clover Point is being "rebuilt" for maybe amine of money despite overwhelming scientific evidence and numerous comments from experts involved in the original project stating this was not needed. Great example of Green politics in action.	11/19/2019 5:24 AM
75	They could streamline and/or privatize some functions. One crew puts out cones. Another sprays the paint where they are going to cut. Another cuts. Another digs. A other puts in pipe, etc...if this were private business we would be bankrupt!	11/19/2019 5:09 AM
76	What is the standard cost to replace a km of water main, sewage pipe, or stormwater pipe?	11/19/2019 4:58 AM
77	Aging infrastructure can't be ignored. Out of sight should not be out of mind.	11/19/2019 3:44 AM
78	Developers should pay for changes and upgrades. They do not pay what they should considering the money they make from their developments.	11/19/2019 1:18 AM
79	Probably right for now with sewage treatment increases. Please keep spending minimal.	11/19/2019 12:48 AM
80	Crazy expensive extra taxes on top of base taxes	11/19/2019 12:44 AM
81	Hurry up the job! Streets are terrible in many areas and roads are in poor state of repair	11/18/2019 10:23 PM
82	Needs to happen. We are an older city and need to keep on top of this	11/18/2019 10:13 PM
83	stay on top as and when	11/18/2019 8:35 PM
84	Infrastructure is aging and should be dealt with before there are major problems.	11/18/2019 7:24 PM
85	This project should have never gone ahead. Do not spend any money on additional lights as part of this project. Protect the night sky and park areas.	11/18/2019 6:35 PM
86	I can't believe this is an adequate line item considering the area of sewers, stormwater and waterworks that exist in the city and the requirements to insure they are up to grade.	11/18/2019 6:09 PM
87	n/a	11/18/2019 6:05 PM
88	Contract out more of the work to obtain competitive pricing of labor rather than have City employees do the work at the extravagant all in hourly cost of City employees!	11/18/2019 5:57 PM
89	Very difficult to reconcile this number with page 755 of the financial plan and know what it will be spent on. Alarmed there is no money for system planning. Seems like there's lots of money to rip up the streets	11/18/2019 4:53 PM
90	This needs to be done. Even if it is over budgeted.	11/18/2019 4:49 PM
91	Just get the thing done and try not to go over budget by too much!	11/18/2019 4:47 PM
92	No	11/18/2019 4:40 PM
93	I don't know if this proposed budget amount is appropriate, infrastructure should be a priority.	11/18/2019 3:46 PM
94	Maybe we should stop pumping Obscenes directly into the ocean? Embarrassing.	11/18/2019 11:19 AM
95	Please continue this important work.	11/18/2019 9:06 AM
96	Look at how works impacts citizens. This last year seemed ludicrous with no thought given to how 3 closures in the same area impact people.	11/18/2019 7:19 AM
97	The waste of money to position the sewage plant was a joke	11/18/2019 6:20 AM
98	Get it done already, those 4 extra guys standing around can start digging the next hole already.	11/18/2019 4:40 AM
99	Stop talking about just do it	11/18/2019 4:35 AM
100	New additions to the utility bills has made me scratch my head. I am charged a sewage charge 4 times a year, and no explanation for that.	11/18/2019 4:31 AM
101	These things need to be done especially with increased infrastructure and density. Developers should be taxed accordingly.	11/18/2019 3:23 AM
102	I believe this is very important.	11/18/2019 3:16 AM
103	It needs to be fixed as it is 2019 and dumping into our oceans is not right	11/18/2019 2:51 AM
104	Better outlining the needs of the area to be done	11/18/2019 2:39 AM
105	I find the lack of secondary response on the counsel raises strange	11/18/2019 2:38 AM

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106	The approach is influenced by the optics of sewage and not the realities. The sewage treatment is going to filter out nutrients for sea life; but leave micro plastic and hormone mimics in the outflow.	11/18/2019 12:31 AM
107	It seems that necessary replacements are being done. Is it being done efficiently? A budget total does not answer that question.	11/18/2019 12:27 AM
108	this needs to be the number 2 priority after the emergency services	11/17/2019 11:59 PM
109	Probably OK	11/17/2019 10:43 PM
110	Infrastructure is old. Budget enough to maintain its function.	11/17/2019 10:34 PM
111	I appreciate the level of attention to, and forward thinking about, this core area of city planning.	11/17/2019 9:00 PM
112	The infrastructure in Victoria is in dire need of help. I look at all the building and what the stress load it is on the current storm drains, sewers etc. Why not make it a condition of new development that they have to put X amount of dollars to offset the stress that the current infrastructure	11/17/2019 7:41 PM
113	Need to hire more public works employees to get these projects completed efficiently	11/17/2019 7:21 PM
114	I suspect a lot more money needs to be spent to get close to upgrading to a reasonable level, but this will just have to be worked on steadily over time.	11/17/2019 7:06 PM
115	Replace old wooden pipes!	11/17/2019 6:14 PM
116	Pay what we need to get it done. Wasting time in planning has cost us more than just doing the work that has always been necessary.	11/17/2019 5:44 PM
117	I am not an engineer and expect that City staff know what they are doing and the cost reflects that.	11/17/2019 5:05 PM
118	Project should be delayed till economic downturn, will save costs after inflation.	11/17/2019 4:31 PM
119	This is good stuff to spend money on.	11/17/2019 2:35 PM
120	I don't see any logical plan. The water main burst in front of my house and the City replaced to the square inch, the part that broke. The pipes in this neighbourhood are over 100 years old. Why not replace the entire block when it starts to fail? Our street is only 1/2 block so continuing to patch 100+ year old pipe makes no economic sense at all.	11/17/2019 7:25 AM
121	Infrastructure funding needs to be carefully managed but infrastructure needs to be maintained and upgraded as needed	11/17/2019 5:28 AM
122	This could have been covered by NOT wasting all the millions on the bike lanes!!	11/17/2019 4:36 AM
123	This must be done	11/17/2019 3:05 AM
124	How does this question fit in with the new sanitation system generally? Are you double dipping?	11/17/2019 2:28 AM
125	need to see a 10 year plan	11/17/2019 2:25 AM
126	Need to stop the overflow pollution, plastics, chemicals, etc	11/17/2019 1:45 AM
127	We spent way too much on sewage. Taxpayers are on the hook for decades to come.	11/17/2019 1:32 AM
128	Sewage system will leave taxpayers short of funds for many years to come. Such a poor use of such a very large sum of money.	11/17/2019 12:52 AM
129	Need to be more efficient, as there is lots of waste	11/16/2019 11:35 PM
130	(1) Getting ahead of deferred maintenance should continue to be a priority. (2) I am a strong supported of the AAA bicycle network, and the city deserves a lot of credit for pushing this. I hope that the city can accelerate improving the many kilometers of "old school" lanes. Many of them are narrow, painted, lanes between car traffic and parking. These are fundamentally unsafe. (3) It doesn't look to me like the city is spending enough on sidewalk maintenance. The draft financial plan says there are over 40km of sidewalks in poor condition, but it looks like less than a kilometer will be upgraded or replaced. (4) Can the traffic light pre-emption equipment be used to help support BC Transit? (5) The Wharf Street retaining wall is lovely, but it's only visible from a horrible waterfront parking lot. Shouldn't any restoration work be coordinated with making that area more people friendly? (6) Any new fire engines should be smaller, city appropriate, models with improved visibility and the ability to negotiate narrow streets and tight turning radii. See https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2018/12/fire-trucks-engines-emergency-vehicles-too-big-for-cities/577735/	11/16/2019 11:20 PM

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131	Too low BUT, BUT, we need to get ahead of mother time and the moores law of technology!!! We keep patching everything together, in an archaic way. Its inefficient. We dont seem to be planning or preparing for a 100% clean city by 2050, or rather a fully clean city which includes the citizens and businesses and not just the corporate entity of the city corporate and whatever its personal name and likeness is on. Basically you could be planning for a different city, instead we keep an inner harbour full of industry, instead of moving them, creatively, to esquilmt or near. What a massive loss of large appreciating properties and lifestyle and cleanliness and green sustainability! A rocking inner harbor up the gorge to the selkirk bridge, intermingling commerce and residential and nice parks, would be high value and on fire! It would raise the GDP of this city. What a massive fail for such a beautiful city with incredible potential. Instead its just a mess with constant patch work of buggy and horse infrastructure, early noise messy contaminating industry at a beautiful core, a heavy tourist town and area! Kayaking in the gorge there are areas you would swear you were kayaking through an oil spill, so sludgy you are certain you could walk on it! Anyways, buggy and horse infrastructure is infrastructure that was designed and developed by the first settlers off the boats, where they were so tired from their journey they just started building little squares and rectangles with muddy lanes for their horses and carriages. Hundreds of years later and we are still following the same designs and development! What an opportunity every time you open a road up or design a project, to think a bit outside of the box and ahead, 100 years ahead, more, and start future proofing things! Cutting pavement to fix pipes is ridiculous. Hanging wires on poles is ridiculous. Yet we still do it like its just the best thing going, without ever seemingly bothering to begin any upgrades or inspirational future initiatives to really spruce up this city beyond some sleepy little village tucked away on this island rock!	11/16/2019 10:55 PM
132	Essential service	11/16/2019 10:54 PM
133	There is so much aging infrastructure in our city and the budget needs to address it.	11/16/2019 10:32 PM
134	there is an infrastructure defecit that has grown over many years. Victoria should be planning for the long term to avoid large finaiical impacts when key infrastruture requies upgrade/replacement.	11/16/2019 10:17 PM
135	Any of these improvement works that incidentally cause a financial impact by the city should be paid for by the city (e.g. new water lines that increase pressure and require the resident to pay for a pressure valve out of the blue). It is all part of the project cost. I have been hit by this.	11/16/2019 10:05 PM
136	I support money spent on sewage treatment and the treatment of runoff.	11/16/2019 10:02 PM
137	The spending needs to ensure safety spend what it takes to ensure no flooding, burst water mains etc., but don't tax so much for water usage.	11/16/2019 9:40 PM
138	Increase budget to upgrade and replacement outdated infrastructure	11/16/2019 9:23 PM
139	Sewers need to be replaced and not put on the homeowners expense	11/16/2019 9:03 PM
140	I leave this in your hands and those of your experts	11/16/2019 8:58 PM
141	why are we being taxed for rainwater? and a sewage treatment plant that isn't built yet	11/16/2019 8:46 PM
142	Need to do more for aging infrastructure	11/16/2019 8:18 PM
143	We must continue to upgrade the infrastructure so it is an important item in the budget.	11/16/2019 8:09 PM
144	The city appears to be passing the upgrades to the aging infrastructure to developers and homeowners undertaking renovations. The expenses are egregious.	11/16/2019 7:55 PM
145	we have lead!!!! shame	11/16/2019 7:13 PM
146	This will be very costly for the tax payer so how will we pay high wages to everyone at city hall?	11/16/2019 6:28 PM
147	I would like to see discussion of "aggressive" water treatment, so those of us with older houses aren't continually battling bursting copper pipes. These can be horrendously expensive. Victoria is filled with older houses.	11/16/2019 6:05 PM
148	more public education needed. I see people dumping liquids down the storm drains. Why is this allowed?	11/16/2019 4:59 PM
149	Please fix some roads along with this project!!	11/16/2019 4 57 PM
150	An aging city will always require maintenance and improvement	11/16/2019 4:52 PM
151	This is necessary work.	11/16/2019 4:51 PM
152	I'm not sure how big a problem cross over between sanitary and storm sewers is in Victoria. That and aging infrastructure would be my priority	11/16/2019 4:50 PM
153	Remove lead pipes	11/16/2019 3:59 PM
154	This is the business the city should be focused on.	11/16/2019 3:56 PM
155	No	11/16/2019 3:41 PM
156	Core area keep up the good work.	11/16/2019 3:24 PM
157	A \$25,000 salary increase?? Are you from outer space?	11/16/2019 7:16 AM
158	These are the type of expenses that are necessary and should be at the forefront if budgetary planning. Repairs and maintenance of infrastructure are vital all frivolous non essential expenses should take a distant second place.	11/16/2019 5:43 AM

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159	I trust the engineers to tell us what needs to be done in this crucial services area.	11/16/2019 5:33 AM
160	I would love to see the water treatment plant operational this year.	11/16/2019 5:19 AM
161	Are we sure the City sewer systems are ready to take full advantage of new Waste Treatment Plant.?	11/16/2019 5:08 AM
162	I think that upgrades and repairs in this area are important	11/16/2019 4:46 AM
163	Many well qualified academics disagree with the sewage treatment plan.	11/16/2019 4:07 AM
164	This is extremely important work, especially in earthquake country. You want to be able to rely on the infrastructure, so do upgrades as required. Lives depend on it.	11/16/2019 3:52 AM
165	Work should be done to divert street runoff from entering the harbour and into waste treatment	11/16/2019 3:32 AM
166	We should have done this 15 years ago	11/16/2019 3:18 AM
167	a necessary evil. I do feel developers need to pay more toward the upgrading of some of these services as well.	11/16/2019 2:51 AM
168	This is one of the things which should be taken on by the city. Forget bike lanes. You have exhausted bike lane upgrades for the next quarter century or more. Stop wasting money.	11/16/2019 2:49 AM
169	None	11/16/2019 2:20 AM
170	Keep at it on a regular yearly basis.	11/16/2019 1:26 AM
171	This is obviously an important project and should be addressed.	11/16/2019 1:20 AM
172	This seems like a "must do" project area. I question how project management is executed. Success comes from achieving the project scope on time and on budget. The City has had some high profile projects that do not achieve this. What does the City leadership plan to do to turn this around?	11/16/2019 1:10 AM
173	The CRD sewage treatment project has been 'a gong show' on Dallas Rd. I do not expect the City's handling of the proposed projects to be any less (although needed).	11/16/2019 12:22 AM
174	This money should have set aside years prior to replacement.	11/16/2019 12:05 AM
175	take the money the want for a raise and put it in infrastructure	11/16/2019 12:02 AM
176	If this amount will see work that actually buys substantial upgrades for a long period of time, as opposed to a temporary band aid that will need many more dollars later, then I support this amount and potentially more.	11/16/2019 12:01 AM
177	Roads roads roads. They are falling apart .	11/15/2019 11:52 PM
178	For what you spend there is not enough road clearing of leaves to proactively prevent strain on our storm drain services from down leaves in the fall. Proactive cleaning will or event more costly clean up.	11/15/2019 11:30 PM
179	Do the work/maintenance before an emergency	11/15/2019 11:11 PM
180	I'm being sucked drywith taxes, fees, CRD, etc.	11/15/2019 10:37 PM
181	These are key areas for us living in a city With ageing infrastructure	11/15/2019 9:31 PM
182	yea, spend on unpretty things like infrastructure	11/15/2019 9:21 PM
183	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	11/15/2019 9:13 PM
184	I really value that the city considers lifetime costs when creating infrastructure!	11/15/2019 9:08 PM
185	I appreciate the need for upgrades and prioritizing this to ensure we don't get caught out with a major issue due to old lines etc. I do feel the multiple bills for sewers/utilities are confusing and I would like to see them captured in one bill with clear explanations as to what the amount is addressing.	11/15/2019 9:02 PM
186	Scrap the stormwater utility bill. I'm strongly opposed to this additional tax.	11/15/2019 8:59 PM
187	Build a sewage treatment plant!!	11/15/2019 8:47 PM
188	The work needs to be done.	11/15/2019 8:16 PM
189	This is an important thing that needs addressing. Old infrastructure that currently exists in some parts of Victoria needs fixing. Focus on things like this, and less on pet projects.	11/15/2019 8:06 PM
190	Yes. Previous councils have punted on this. We have to maintain and improve infrastructure constantly, its the price of civilization.	11/15/2019 7:47 PM
191	Replacement needs to be proactive rather than reactive.	11/15/2019 7:32 PM
192	Victoria has been ignoring its responsibility in this area for far too long due to dumping raw sewage into the ocean for years. We need proper wastewater treatment yesterday. This area of the budget needs to double or triple, realistically.	11/15/2019 7:32 PM
193	agree with upgrades to make sure infrastructure is in good condition disagree with decision to send sewage all the way to Hartland and by product back	11/15/2019 7:25 PM

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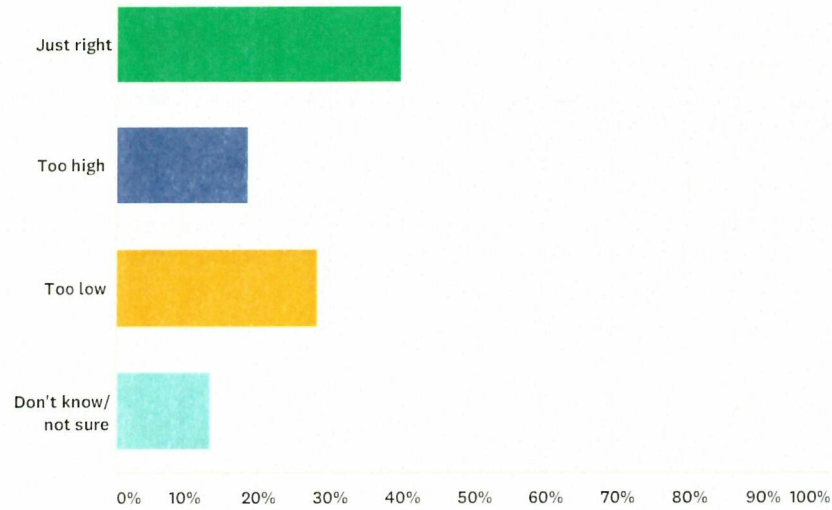
194	According to most experts, this was pretty unnecessary. Appeasing Washington State at our expense.	11/15/2019 7:24 PM
195	Sewage treatment effectiveness limited by combined sewers. Billion investment poor value currently in treatment plant.	11/15/2019 7:02 PM
196	Keep infrastructure up to date!	11/15/2019 6:59 PM
197	Many streets are in disrepair , take drive down Chapman St .for example Reallocate the funds you have .	11/15/2019 6:51 PM
198	Need to upgrade for future growth.	11/15/2019 6:45 PM
199	Everything I've heard about our pipes paint a picture of generations of neglect which will only cost us more in the long run. If we need to throw a ton of extra money at this to catch up on sometimes a century of deferred upkeep, so be it. Good reliable sewers are one of the cornerstones of civilization.	11/15/2019 6:30 PM
200	I hope to see this go down in the future. It's a big hit on our taxes.	11/15/2019 6:21 PM
201	The system constantly leaks sewage into the waterways we swim in, causing a multitude of issues for humans and animals. Fix it.	11/15/2019 6:17 PM
202	I do not know if \$18.52 million is enough to fix the problem and I dont have the time to read a 881 page document to determine that.	11/15/2019 5:53 PM
203	no	11/15/2019 5:53 PM
204	stop approving so many upgrade jobs at the same time. messes up traffic everywhere	11/15/2019 5:26 PM
205	A lot of old infrastructure needs replacment or upgrades.	11/15/2019 5:26 PM
206	Finish by repaving PLEASE!	11/15/2019 5:24 PM
207	There is a need for much better planning of works to minimize transportation disruptions throughout the city. Need for better coordination with private sector who are also undertaking capital works.	11/15/2019 5:22 PM
208	Sewage treatment plant was unnecessary due to ocean currents in straight of Juan de fuca. A colossal waste of taxpayer money.	11/15/2019 5:10 PM
209	Should be based on need so I am inclined to support the proposed approach. Nice to bundle improvements where possible (i.e. Dallas Road is a good example)	11/15/2019 5:05 PM
210	Funding in these areas are at the core requirement of any municipality. Unfortunately, funding for this area is being sacrificed to fund items that are Council pet projects (bike lanes).	11/15/2019 4:29 PM
211	This work seems to be done slowly and with little planning, if more money in the budget would help either of those then it should be done	11/15/2019 4:21 PM
212	Replace the infrastructure funding that was stolen to fund the bike lanes project.	11/15/2019 4:19 PM
213	The cost of maintaining invisible infrastructure that should be replaced is problematic	11/15/2019 3:38 PM
214	work needs to be done to address stormwater overflows into receiving waters.	11/15/2019 3:29 PM
215	It's really too expensive but options are limited.	11/15/2019 3:10 PM
216	Sanitary sewers, stormwater spending is fair and applicable to all citizens and needs to be repaired/upgraded to maintain service levels.	11/15/2019 2:38 PM
217	NO	11/15/2019 2:35 PM
218	You must fix what is broken and you must maintain what you have. High density is not the answer, it is a huge part of the problem. The new blue bridge is beautiful, but cost too much. Had the old Johnson St.bridge been maintained all along, it would be fine for another 50 or so years. It had Character. The new bridge was a gamble on an untested design in that size with taxpayers money. Dean Fortin should be vilified for his part in the overcast orgy he oversaw. This type of bad government should not be allowed and should be remembered for a long time. Ben & Lisa will go down as another phase of really bad government.	11/15/2019 5:56 AM
219	Looking forward to it getting done.	11/15/2019 3:01 AM
220	Protect at all costs our waterways. Please!	11/15/2019 1:08 AM
221	It may be worthwhile to have people with shovels walk around and clear blocked storm drains. Perhaps in conjunction with the Province of BC, to provide employment to some marginalized/ disadvantaged group. Or enforce property owners responsibility to clear storm drains.	11/15/2019 12:09 AM
222	Manage the resources properly.	11/14/2019 1:08 AM
223	Really lets be honest, Victoria does not stay within budget.	11/13/2019 6:01 AM
224	You have ignored for too long huge costs coming	11/13/2019 2:48 AM
225	Continue to do what needs to be done to maintain the infrastructure.	11/13/2019 2:08 AM
226	This is an important area to spend money on, but I can't comment on whether the budgeted amount is appropriate based on the information I have.	11/12/2019 9:20 PM

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227	How much lead is in our pipes?	11/12/2019 5:43 PM
228	About time....	11/12/2019 4:21 PM
229	Should be a pillar priority for the city.	11/11/2019 10:48 PM
230	None of the municipalities talk, there is to much overlap of spending on things like, sewers, stormwater...waterworks.... roadworks	11/11/2019 7:27 PM
231	Work is going on as of this survey.	11/11/2019 7:04 PM
232	The budget doesn't explain much in detail. I would imagine it's vague for a reason....	11/11/2019 5:58 PM
233	This is the core work our city must do.	11/11/2019 5:49 PM
234	Victoria has an infrastructure deficit in this area	11/11/2019 4:56 PM
235	Needs to be done and is definitely in your mandate!	11/11/2019 4:14 PM
236	stormwater, is a bigger polluter than the sewer system. use and follow engineers not politicians	11/11/2019 3:59 PM
237	Find and Get ride of lead pipe	11/11/2019 3:36 PM
238	I have watched the replacement on Humboldt . A whole lot of duplicate work, wasted time and money .	11/11/2019 3:32 PM
239	Too high but the work needs to be done	11/11/2019 3:10 PM
240	It needs to be done but the cost is too high.	11/11/2019 2:59 PM
241	Not that I don't care, but go round in circles when trying to think what changes should be made.	11/11/2019 4:50 AM
242	you spend what it takes to be pro active not reactive	11/11/2019 1:29 AM
243	This should be a priority in the city's budget.	11/11/2019 12:51 AM
244	get the lead (pb) out	11/11/2019 12:43 AM
245	Infrastructure maintenance is imperative.	11/10/2019 7:20 PM
246	Infrastructure spending is hugely important in creating and maintaining an economically resilient, safe city.	11/7/2019 5:23 PM
247	With interest rate low and much infrastructure in need of replacement. Should be ready to spend during the next (?) downturn in construction in the city.	11/7/2019 4:56 AM
248	Probably too low. Infrastructure spending is always too low. But municipalities have their limitations	11/7/2019 4:27 AM
249	Use more swales	11/7/2019 1:12 AM
250	Needs more funding so that at a minimum work finishes faster.	11/6/2019 11:50 PM
251	I am very afraid that our infrastructure will not survive an earthquake and that my home will be unlivable in the Downtown neighbourhood.	11/6/2019 11:44 PM
252	I'm concerned about the recent investigation into lead contaminated drinking water, which found highly unsafe lead levels in drinking water throughout Victoria I think refurbishing the water system to eliminate lead pipes and fittings should be a priority for the city! At the very least, offer a service like the city of Toronto, which provides free lead testing to residents with homes older than 1950.	11/6/2019 11:32 PM
253	City staff show they cannot do the work efficiently and cost effectively	11/6/2019 11:12 PM
254	We need a workable plan that addresses the full extent of the work required in a reasonable timeframe.	11/6/2019 9:09 PM
255	There is a study being done about the amount of lead in our local water supply. Please adjust the budget to begin addressing any negative study results.	11/6/2019 5:42 PM

Q33 City spending for Complete Streets capital projects is:

Answered: 1,844 Skipped: 3,266



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Just right	39.75%	733
Too high	18.66%	344
Too low	28.15%	519
Don't know/ not sure	13.45%	248
TOTAL		1,844

Q34 Additional comments on the proposed Complete Streets budget

Answered: 373 Skipped: 4,737

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Sidewalks are in bad shape and are in need ...	11/25/2019 6:23 AM
2	Enough with digging up streets for bike lanes just to dig them up a year later to replace something or other... plan and quit wasting my money	11/25/2019 5:21 AM
3	Please add more street lights as find our neighborhoods are poorly lit and this directly affects the safety of pedestrians, drivers and cyclists.	11/25/2019 3:46 AM
4	The local streets are very rough. There has been neglect over many years and the sewage project is making it worse. More paving for both bicycles and cars and good sidewalks is very important.	11/25/2019 3:29 AM
5	Downtown streets are in need of repairs and replacements.	11/25/2019 12:58 AM
6	Private sector tendering should be considered for this budget.	11/25/2019 12:45 AM
7	We've got bigger issues.	11/25/2019 12:29 AM
8	More safe crossings please	11/24/2019 11:27 PM
9	We must ensure city streets are safe for pedestrians. Right now, the needs of motorists are prioritized, no matter how many pedestrians are injured or killed in City of Victoria. Spend more money to save lives, if that's what it takes.	11/24/2019 10:45 PM
10	Too much fancy stone work . Should be more economical in their plans.	11/24/2019 10:29 PM
11	When a pedestrian pushes the button for yellow overhead flashing light to cross the road, they often can't tell it has been activated only the driver can see the light flashing Just an FYI	11/24/2019 7:55 PM
12	Who the hell has time in this survey to read a 772 page budget?!!!! Really?	11/24/2019 5:11 PM
13	are some streets not being repaired intentionally owing to upcoming major works? deferred maintenance.	11/24/2019 5:27 AM
14	Is this 5.5 Million going towards more Bike lanes, for less then 10% of the population? Or going towards painting the cross walks and making Victoria safe and clean again?	11/24/2019 2:56 AM
15	Pot holes need to filled, some streets need to be repaved, and lane markings need to be repainted. In many areas, these are hardly visible, especially in the dark and rain.	11/23/2019 9:28 PM
16	Seems on point but surprised how few local roads in scope. Many more need at least patching. Wharf st stairway \$450k!! That is private property or B.C. Gov responsibility.	11/23/2019 9:15 PM
17	20% of local roads are considered to be in fair/poor condition and all the budget is focused on is bike lanes and crosswalks. Disappointing, but not surprising.	11/23/2019 7:26 PM
18	We do have other more pressing expenses that should be higher on our priority list... but at the same time, roads like douglas are becoming less and less stable.	11/23/2019 6:06 AM
19	Use resources effectively.	11/23/2019 4:42 AM
20	This is important. Move forward more rapidly.	11/23/2019 3:34 AM
21	No comment	11/23/2019 2:04 AM
22	Our city streets deteriorate more each year.	11/22/2019 11:59 PM
23	Why do we continue to build, landscape, and plant the middle of the street medians and then ignore them and allow weeds to take over??? If you are going to build them /maintain them!!!! Its supposed to be 'the city of gardens' not the 'city of weeds'...	11/22/2019 11:46 PM
24	the streets are a disgrace. bumpy and uneven	11/22/2019 11:29 PM
25	Our streets are in terrible condition. We need more repaving and less bandaids.	11/22/2019 10:49 PM
26	Concerned with some initiatives	11/22/2019 10:42 PM
27	To much money is being wasted on bike lanes in the city and causing more Carbon pollution by slowing traffic. If you are sincere about carbon pollution ban the cruise ships at Ogdon point.	11/22/2019 10:20 PM
28	Streets should be maintained and upgraded to be safe for everyone, no just specific interest groups.	11/22/2019 8:31 PM
29	Do some actual planning before performing work. WAY too much digging up street, filling street, dig up same street, fill same street and why are there SO MANY people required to do this? I drive by these every day and all I see are MAYBE 1 or 2 people actually working while the rest are standing around doing absolutely NOTHING. Absolutely HUGE waste of money and resources. SHAMEFUL !!!!	11/22/2019 5:52 PM
30	I would like the roadways to be fixed for drivers, not just cyclist. Shift workers cannot afford to live in the city and have to commute in, using cars because transit doesn't work when needed.	11/22/2019 5:25 PM

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31	Don't know the correct amount, there are some odd projects, sidewalks and the like, while major streets fall apart	11/22/2019 5:14 PM
32	We don't have freezing and snow conditions; it's hard to understand the costs for 100 km of road maintenance.	11/22/2019 5:08 PM
33	The roads are a mess	11/22/2019 3:55 PM
34	Enough with the construction	11/22/2019 3:46 PM
35	Please prioritize active transportation infrastructure and public transportation. Make it easier for people to travel car free!	11/22/2019 6:33 AM
36	Bike lanes are adding congestion to the streets. There is no visibility to pedestrians and drivers due to parking on both sides and 2 way bike lanes	11/22/2019 5:21 AM
37	Streets are falling apart. We are loosing our investment	11/22/2019 3:41 AM
38	Enough with the bike lanes a competent council will end up removing most of them. The streets need grading & paving	11/22/2019 3:07 AM
39	Ensure this money is spent renewing and rehabilitating streets, NOT destroying their functionality to build more bike lanes.	11/22/2019 2:36 AM
40	Stop all future construction of separated bike lanes and focus on roadways and city infrastructure. Keep main road arteries focused on vehicles and encourage cyclists etc.. to use sideroads. keeps traffic flowing, decrease GHG release and decreases potential for accidents. also decrease infrastructure costs.	11/22/2019 1:39 AM
41	clearly it only wen to bike lanes	11/21/2019 10:51 PM
42	I suggest soliciting donations from dog owners to pay for dog parks that's not something I want to pay for	11/21/2019 10:48 PM
43	I have driven over more potholes this year than I have the rest of my life combined. The city is filled with construction cones, but I see no progress being made. The cities roads blew out one of my 1 year old tires. Increase the budget and PLEASE fix the damn roads.	11/21/2019 10:11 PM
44	Assume a broad definition for a given area. Not sure of details.	11/21/2019 9:22 PM
45	The Vancouver proposal is a poor choice and will negatively impact the area . The Warf / Humbolt St. cycle path is a disaster . It restricts smooth flow of traffic , is confusing to drivers and walkers and dangerous for all . Similarly Fort st has been negatively impacted in terms of safety and traffic flow . . I support arterial bike lanes if they are properly planned and do not destroy traffic flows not the case . Re Johnson St bridge having 1 lane into town is poorly conceived .	11/21/2019 7:41 PM
46	Let's slow down on the bike lanes. There are other priorities.	11/21/2019 7:31 PM
47	spend more on fixing streets and making streets save to drive at night	11/21/2019 7:14 PM
48	Please ensure that consideration be given to the drivability of streets for vehicles, as well as bicycles. The recent bike upgrades have, in some cases, been done to the detriment of road safety. While I support having a bikeable city, we MUST ensure our roads stay as safe as possible for cars, too.	11/21/2019 7:10 PM
49	Road quality is often poor with many potholes. Better upkeep is needed.	11/21/2019 7:07 PM
50	Victoria roads are in very poor condition so we are hoping this funding will be used to repair roads not for further bike lanes.	11/21/2019 6:57 PM
51	As a bike rider i can tell you that most of your roads require some sort of rehabilitation. If you are serious about this budget,\$5.5 is a bandage repair.	11/21/2019 6:54 PM
52	Stop building concrete bike lanes. Make them more basic. Take note of how Tokyo and other Japanese cities deal with biking/pedestrian/traffic balance	11/21/2019 6:32 PM
53	Care for street surfaces is badly needed.	11/21/2019 4:57 PM
54	If you continue to spend money on bike lanes you need to start addressing car traffic. Every bike lane you put in has made traffic flow in and out of downtown. I can't support an increase if it is just going to be thrown into more anti car programs.	11/21/2019 4:48 PM
55	Again we need to have truly competitive bids from qualified sources, not the usual 'jobs for the boys' selection process.	11/21/2019 6:13 AM
56	Fix the side streets stop anything to do with additional bike lanes and fixing that lets fix whats already broken	11/21/2019 4:41 AM
57	If it means fixing the streets they need the money yes. If it is adding for useless bike lanes for those who think they are special (elitists) NO.	11/21/2019 4:28 AM
58	The traffic islands and sidewalk/bike lane sprawls are excessive in many upgraded areas.	11/21/2019 3:31 AM
59	Too high for bicycle lanes and quasi all ages all access facilities. I love bike lanes don't get me wrong. But it's too much investment for too little gain. Not a true AAA facility. And funding is too low for improvements related to pedestrian safety.	11/21/2019 3:29 AM
60	I don't see James Bay Dallas getting paved among the 2020 "Deliverables".	11/21/2019 3:25 AM

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61	You're spending money in the wrong places. No more money for bicycle infrastructure. Learn to ride a bike instead.	11/21/2019 2:58 AM
62	The fact that bike lanes are put everywhere, limiting the flow of traffic, obstructing emergency services access and creating even more congestion than there was before is absolutely ridiculous. Half of the cyclists still use the road anyway. An utter waste of money and resources.	11/21/2019 1:30 AM
63	Support sidewalk installation and improvements but do not support all aspects of capital plan.	11/21/2019 1:15 AM
64	I am concerned that the Bicycle Masterplan does not have an actual figure attached, but merely says "TBD". That figure should be set out in the budget and clear to tax payers	11/21/2019 12:40 AM
65	I'm confused because it seems to me the only "streets" worked on these past two years have been bike infrastructure streets (with more to come in 2020) ... but, every where I drive, the pot holes have been overlooked and, there are some pot holes on Government Street (between Superior & Niagara especially) that have to be avoided by cars and must pose a real danger to cyclists.	11/21/2019 12:27 AM
66	Additional turning lane space needs to be provided on Blanshard Street at Bay, and Hillside. More spend on road quality repairs.	11/21/2019 12:20 AM
67	No	11/20/2019 11:03 PM
68	Streets and sidewalks a mess.	11/20/2019 10:46 PM
69	In the Cook Street Village area of Fairfield where I live, many of the sidewalks are in poor condition and are a hazard for those walking, especially seniors. Occasionally some sections are replaced but many more need work.	11/20/2019 10:31 PM
70	Not everyone can or wants to ride a bicycle. Bus service is very poor. Vehicle access needs to be improved, not diminished.	11/20/2019 9:39 PM
71	If this is the actual cost then fine. So many of the streets are in poor condition.	11/20/2019 6:46 PM
72	Fix. The damn. Roads.	11/20/2019 6:00 PM
73	No more bike lanes! improve roads for traffic safety	11/20/2019 4:56 PM
74	Infrastructure upgrades should be done however way too much money is being spent on bikes lanes. They are much more elaborate than they need to be.	11/20/2019 3:53 PM
75	Enough with the bike lanes. At least fix the streets that you ruined during construction. Fort is an atrocity.	11/20/2019 3:31 PM
76	Increase Street parking fees. Fix elevators in parkades.	11/20/2019 3:09 PM
77	Way too many street project s happening at the same time. Closures etc are becoming a real problem I' In getting around the city.	11/20/2019 3:00 PM
78	Pedestrian lights at intersections that only come on when activated by a button pressed by a pedestrian need to be replaced by pedestrian lights that come on automatically. These button activated lights simply make walking less convenient for the benefit of motorists.	11/20/2019 8:51 AM
79	Problem is with the horde if junkies dirtying up the image of Victoria.	11/20/2019 6:30 AM
80	From what I've seen of "renewing and rehabilitating City streets", this translates to rendering them less usable to the users that they were built for in the first place: vehicle traffic. Traffic calming, traffic bulbs, and the changes lined up for Vancouver Street are all exercises in fulfilling Mayor Help's agenda of making bikes appear better by making driving as aggravating as possible.	11/20/2019 6:27 AM
81	More investments in bus lanes and incentivizing active transport is needed.	11/20/2019 4:28 AM
82	too many spring potholes in october	11/20/2019 3:48 AM
83	Too many expenditures on bike lanes whilst streets like Oxford remain in poor condition.	11/20/2019 2:24 AM
84	If there are good planners, the problem is that the planners have done a very poor job of using the budget wisely	11/20/2019 2:17 AM
85	I know James Bay with the heaving sidewalks will never get anything. The only reason Ontario Street from St Lawrence to Dallas got repaved is because the BMW owners who moved into The Reef years ago complained.	11/20/2019 1:05 AM
86	Stop the insane bike lanes, make some streets bike only, reduce business taxes on affected shops accordingly.	11/20/2019 12:19 AM
87	Need to upgrade streets where bike lanes have been installed it is hard to see lines	11/20/2019 12:16 AM
88	quit making sidewalks with bulges for traffic calmers. Cars do have a place on the roads, quit trying to make everything for pedestrians and bikers, we have sidewalks and bike lanes already	11/19/2019 11:53 PM
89	Don't re pave streets that really don't need it	11/19/2019 10:58 PM
90	Obscenities	11/19/2019 10:28 PM
91	Need to do more work on roadway repair around the city	11/19/2019 10:23 PM
92	has anything even happened on this OHH GOTTA REPLACE THE PIPES FIRST RIGHT	11/19/2019 10:15 PM
93	Again, a luxury when endless funds. But not a priority. Would like to see improvement for pedestrians seems to be forgotten.	11/19/2019 9:49 PM

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94	public transit is more important than subsidizing cars through street maintenance	11/19/2019 8:48 PM
95	Leave the streets alone. They are for transportation, not bicycle and skateboard recreation.	11/19/2019 8:39 PM
96	Bike lanes costs far more than they are worth us the funding for more police.	11/19/2019 8:27 PM
97	Too much is being spent on underused bike lanes and not enough on repairs of roadways. Some of the recent "improvements" make no sense, the crosswalk/street narrowing of Brighton Street at Richmond Avenue has created a traffic hazard for vehicles turning right from Brighton to Richmond.	11/19/2019 7:51 PM
98	please stop having 10+ projects on the go at once, its infuriating when ~30% of our city is under construction for months/years at a time, ESPECIALLY when you shut down multiple bus stops in a row.	11/19/2019 7:39 PM
99	Many of the streets are in 3rd world shape Myrtle Street for example I think the budget needs to be increased	11/19/2019 6:34 PM
100	Obscenities Time to earn your present salary. Not give yourself a raise. Stop flying all over on taxpayers dollars to lecture on climate change. If you were actually even a hair sincere. You would have video conferenced. But we people know you people Personal info	11/19/2019 6:27 PM
101	I am pleased to see the funding increased but given how much gas tax money was spent on bike lanes recently I would rather have seen that put into roads.	11/19/2019 6:00 PM
102	With all the building going on we are going to find ourselves redoing some of the streets we have just done. Wise choices need to be made.	11/19/2019 5:58 PM
103	I mean, the city streets in residential areas are pretty terrible, I can think of lots of areas that are in desperate need of repair or re paving...	11/19/2019 5:41 PM
104	All this work continues to be focused downtown where businesses are nothing for people who actually live in Victoria	11/19/2019 5:31 PM
105	What happened to the expansion of the Point Ellice Bridge (Bay St.) ? Why is there not sidewalks and bike lanes on this bridge? Why did this not happen during the current works?	11/19/2019 5:00 PM
106	Funding for streets is inadequate many are in abysmal shape.	11/19/2019 3:46 PM
107	Infrastructure is in desperate need of upgrades. More work needs to be done on rehabilitating city streets.	11/19/2019 2:08 PM
108	stop putting all these bike lanes in,,, we have enough already	11/19/2019 1:57 PM
109	Alternatives to sidewalks should be explored like Woonerf.	11/19/2019 7:05 AM
110	The city needs to move bike lanes of major arteries onto less busy secondary streets. They also need to work with other municipalities to have the lanes continue when they exit Victoria, as currently, the bike lanes feel like they were constructed to bring commuters in from Esquimalt, Oak Bay, and Saanich. Bike lanes have also caused congestion and safety concerns downtown as both cars and cyclists disobey the rules.	11/19/2019 6:25 AM
111	don't spend this money on bike lane!	11/19/2019 5:33 AM
112	Maintenance is the key. Keep up with the problems instead of rehabilitating. This is Johnson Street Bridge all over again. If the money wasted on bike lanes was put toward maintaining streets, this kind of thing wouldn't be an issue.	11/19/2019 3:45 AM
113	Many roads are hard to see lines at night and raining especially where they have made bike lanes it looks like line going everywhere	11/19/2019 1:43 AM
114	Too much money is spent on bicycle lanes in my opinion. Aside from that it is adequate.	11/19/2019 1:40 AM
115	Stop the bike lane on Vancouver Ave. It will only cause more congestion on the other thoroughfares and only benefit a few cyclists who can still ride on the street with a painted single bike lane one side. I use Vancouver Ave daily to drive on.	11/19/2019 1:35 AM
116	repair the actual roads, dont just add more bike lanes	11/19/2019 1:22 AM
117	City should do more of this.	11/19/2019 12:49 AM
118	Doing a good job.	11/19/2019 12:48 AM
119	More paving on streets and sidewalks	11/18/2019 10:52 PM
120	please include pedestrians in "complete streets" It seems that bike lanes and cars are the only priority. Widening sidewalks in much of downtown, even by only 6 inches, would greatly increase the livability and safety of the area.	11/18/2019 10:51 PM
121	the roads are worse than 3rd world	11/18/2019 10:39 PM
122	our streets are fine...just need to fill in some potholes and put better curb cuts for wheelchairs	11/18/2019 10:28 PM
123	For a city like Victoria side walks and streets are terrible	11/18/2019 10:26 PM
124	Stop building bike lanes and put more money into fixing our roads!	11/18/2019 10:15 PM
125	Please keep investing more money in walkability and pedestrian comfort improvements!	11/18/2019 9:20 PM

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126	stay on top as and when .. no more bike lanes .. permanent low cost housing in much more important that bike lanes	11/18/2019 8:36 PM
127	stop building more bicycle lanes	11/18/2019 8:18 PM
128	driving downtown is worse then most gravel roads. yates street from 600 1000 is awful and embarrassing	11/18/2019 7:39 PM
129	n/a	11/18/2019 7:13 PM
130	This program is driven more by ideology than by the actual needs of most taxpayers and users of the streets	11/18/2019 7:11 PM
131	Too much has been spent on bicycle lanes and not enough on city streets. The population in Victoria includes many people who are UNABLE to physically ride bicycles!	11/18/2019 7:00 PM
132	A complete rehabilitation of Blanshard Street, from Fisgard to Fairfield; and Bay Street, from Blanshard to Richmond is required. As main automobile transportation corridors, both streets are very rough, poorly maintained and unsafe, particularly for emergency vehicles.	11/18/2019 6:47 PM
133	Do not spend one dollar of fencing along Dallas road for bike lanes that were never needed in the first place. There was plenty of space, yet sparse usage. Why? it's not a travel corridor. Doesn't go anywhere. Parks must be kept as parks. Digging up grass in this area to pave for cyclists was unconscionable. Stop this madness. Once again I see a proposal to deal with "conflicts" with an expensive, destructive solution. Here's a cheap one. Return this area to all on leash or rigorously enforce bylaws including having Dogs under control. You are ruining this area, in particular the sightlines. At least when a bike is not there the sightline returns to "normal" once you put up fencing it is there perpetually even when park is empty which it often is. Think night, think cold, think rain, think wind. Very few users. I clearly disagree with making permanent changes for temporary busy times and taking away all that is good.	11/18/2019 6:44 PM
134	Are you serious? 5.5 M what's that maybe 2 possible 3 major routes? What about side streets? Our residential street hasn't been resurfaced for a minimum 40 years. The pavement has degraded to the point that it resembles a patchwork quilt. Pot holes are the norm and continue to occur with the cursory fill in that lasts maybe a couple of months before it recurs. And my street isn't unique. As a vehicle driver and cyclist this isn't acceptable.	11/18/2019 6:14 PM
135	Forget spending outrageous sums installing rainbow crosswalks and focus on items that are truly of benefit to ALL taxpayers!	11/18/2019 5:59 PM
136	Streets and sidewalks in the city need more maintenance	11/18/2019 5:46 PM
137	Too much too fast while forgetting about business need for access by cars and trucks. Stopped going downtown to shop or use restaurants.	11/18/2019 5:44 PM
138	If this expenditure was purely to rehabilitate streets, it would be appropriate. But it is also disingenuously used to fund bike lane development under the rubric of "improving streets".	11/18/2019 5:20 PM
139	There has been a significant degradation of city streets and sidewalks over the past 20 years. Appears Victoria is getting behind in its maintenance. I am happy to pay more taxes to ensure its basic infrastructure is in good condition.	11/18/2019 5:17 PM
140	This seems to be one of the areas that the city is trying to get right. Yes, the streets need to be kept in good repair.	11/18/2019 5:01 PM
141	The money may be right but are they doing the right thing and ensuring pedestrian safety or are they favouring one group, cyclists, over the others? Page 722 is hard to find and uninformative. It's spends more time on the past then what is planned in this budget	11/18/2019 4:56 PM
142	Try to better pace the work so that it doesn't disrupt neighbourhoods for too long or too much	11/18/2019 4:48 PM
143	No	11/18/2019 4:41 PM
144	too much spent on bike lanes	11/18/2019 4:28 PM
145	Stop this ridiculous focus on bikes and bike lanes. Not every street requires a bike lane.	11/18/2019 4:11 PM
146	Too much on bike lanes. Too many employees standing around Too many employees on most Public jobs. Garbage police and firemen excluded	11/18/2019 3:58 PM
147	Stop bike lanes fix potholes!!	11/18/2019 3:39 PM
148	No more bike lanes	11/18/2019 3:38 PM
149	Stop ripping up the streets for bike lanes	11/18/2019 2:48 PM
150	Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:19 AM
151	Streets for cars not more bike lanes	11/18/2019 9:09 AM
152	Please spend more on improving streets.	11/18/2019 9:07 AM
153	As long as the \$ is fairly dispersed throughout the entire city. We have to constantly call to get our boulevards groomed so that the area doesn't look like a ghetto.	11/18/2019 7:29 AM
154	Enough with spending on bike lanes or studies on traffic speeds in areas.	11/18/2019 7:20 AM
155	The roads in this city are in terrible condition and should be a top priority	11/18/2019 6:21 AM

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156	Focus on all residents, pedestrians and vehicles not just bike lanes!	11/18/2019 5:25 AM
157	Pot holes suck	11/18/2019 4:41 AM
158	Stop building bike lanes!!!!	11/18/2019 4:31 AM
159	STOP building bike lanes	11/18/2019 4:25 AM
160	Tired of pot holes, lack of visible road lines	11/18/2019 3:40 AM
161	N/A	11/18/2019 3:16 AM
162	How am I supposed to know if this amount is right or not, but I agree with investing in maintaining and improving existing infrastructure.	11/18/2019 3:15 AM
163	The roads are filled with potholes, line markings are pathetic. Stop wasting money on bike lanes and actually recognize the increase use of roads by heavy trucks and vehicles. Allow electric vehicles to use bus lanes	11/18/2019 3:01 AM
164	Being more fiscally responsible	11/18/2019 2:41 AM
165	I find the lack of secondary response on the counsel raises strange	11/18/2019 2:38 AM
166	Streets are a mess fix them	11/18/2019 2:32 AM
167	Stay away from our streets, you don't listen to folks or have an understanding of basic engineering such as the turn radius for a bus.	11/18/2019 2:29 AM
168	There are so many streets needing repaving never mind other upgrades. This should be a priority. eg. Caledonia between Cook and Blanshard.	11/18/2019 2:27 AM
169	Stop spending money on bike lanes	11/18/2019 2:24 AM
170	Street quality is poor	11/18/2019 2:23 AM
171	the streets are a mess: potholes, cracks and sloping. caused damage for cars	11/18/2019 2:20 AM
172	the amount budgeted is fine, but it should all be spent on street repair, not building more bicycle lanes and closing or partially closing streets to vehicle traffic, such as is planned for Vancouver and Richardson Streets.	11/18/2019 12:58 AM
173	Stop wasting money on bike lanes	11/18/2019 12:44 AM
174	Obviously, given the disastrous state of our streets with potholes everywhere, the amount is likely too low.	11/18/2019 12:27 AM
175	Spend more on repairing existing roads and less on pet projects of council members, until the streets are back in good condition; then go ahead with bicycle lanes and other luxuries.	11/18/2019 12:18 AM
176	the streets are terrible compared to Saanich, too many potholes	11/17/2019 11:59 PM
177	wasted money on bike lanes, you can have them when you've fixed all the potholes and made Pandora and Fort usable by transit again	11/17/2019 10:45 PM
178	I'm very pleased with this year's activities in street rehabilitation	11/17/2019 10:43 PM
179	Fix the pot holes, the capital of B.C. should not have streets full of pot holes. Don't spend anymore money on any project until that's done	11/17/2019 10:42 PM
180	Part of this project should be phasing out the horse carriages on city streets. They are archaic and unethical, as well as blocking the streets and soiling them with horse excrement and urine.	11/17/2019 10:41 PM
181	you need to be more efficient in this area. walnut st. is awful and get's patched over and over again. but not once in my 24 years living here, has the road been fully redone. it's a nightmare.	11/17/2019 9:15 PM
182	I am hoping Complete Streets means paving to keep the driving portion to the same calibre as the cyclists. We do pay for this whereas the cyclists do not.	11/17/2019 9:06 PM
183	Far too much is being spent on building concrete barrier bike lanes. Green painted lanes going with the flow of traffic (ie. way on one way streets) would be sufficient. Where there are extra wide sidewalks, the green painted bike lane could be incorporated into the sidewalk.	11/17/2019 9:05 PM
184	No need to redo Blanshard. No need for new signal on Blanshard.	11/17/2019 8:45 PM
185	The proposals appear to be reasonable.	11/17/2019 8:38 PM
186	If "rehabilitate streets" also means so called traffic calming measures, then my opinion changes to "too high". It is high time to SYNCHRONIZE the traffic lights in the city. It's such a simple thing to do, and yet, Helps and Isset et al, continue to divert money away from pragmatic needs that benefit tourists, citizens, and residents alike.	11/17/2019 8:36 PM
187	\$5.5M isn't going to get you too far, when there are so many broken streets that have remained under maintained for years.	11/17/2019 7:52 PM
188	About time....our streets have potholes, sunken areas, cracks while our bike lanes are pristine at more than triple of what is allocated from the capital budget for what....a few miles.	11/17/2019 7:46 PM
189	Way more \$'s have been spent on bike lanes & pet council projects. As a result city maintenance is POOR. 5.5M\$ is the area is an insult.	11/17/2019 7:24 PM
190	See comments for number 33. Need to cut back on bike paths in the growing city of retired boomer	11/17/2019 7:23 PM

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191	Anybody who has driven on Victoria streets recently knows that the level of maintenance is atrocious.	11/17/2019 7:06 PM
192	\$7 million	11/17/2019 6:02 PM
193	Giving priority to pedestrians, cyclists, and transit to the detriment of actually getting people around is not sustainable with the exception of transit, the other priorities actually reduce the ability to move volumes of people around.	11/17/2019 5:07 PM
194	Why does the City have to pay for maintenance of Douglas Street (which is a highway) when Saanich does not? Province is responsible for highways and should either take care of it or provide funds to City for its maintenance.	11/17/2019 5:07 PM
195	All construction should be delayed until the construction industry cold down.	11/17/2019 4:32 PM
196	Provided this does not include over building more bike lanes. The existing structure is too expensive for a city of this size. Minimal use of concrete would be better for the environment and the Pandora Street bikes lanes was significantly over built, cost too much and only contributed to the "concrete jungle" with its excessive use of concrete.	11/17/2019 4:27 PM
197	potholes everywhere creating risks for cyclists and drivers. I suspect some of this is caused by heavy vehicles associated with construction. Is the city negotiating sufficient developer paybacks to help with road maintenance (among other things?)	11/17/2019 3:56 PM
198	Please don't close Vancouver street at Southgate.	11/17/2019 3:47 PM
199	Prioritize transit accessibility/frequency and school age child transport/afterschool care across the CRD, then you'll actually see less cars on the road.	11/17/2019 8:55 AM
200	Stop putting in so many bike lanes. Wharf is a disaster now, and we don't need both Pandora and Fort running bi directionally.	11/17/2019 4:43 AM
201	Streets and sidewalks need work. Current poor condition makes it difficult for those with mobility and/or vision issues.	11/17/2019 2:30 AM
202	just drive some of the streets and you see how terrible they are compared to other areas such as Saanich	11/17/2019 2:25 AM
203	This amount is just right if put towards the right things. Pushing ahead so quickly & especially on major streets with the bike lanes is excessive. The same results for bicycles could be achieved by using side streets. I have never had a problem with cycling myself, with my children or with children on their own bicycles downtown. No matter the form of transportation (bikes, vehicles or pedestrians) you need to be aware at all times and be prepared to react quickly if needed. Since the implementation of the new bike lanes there has been a huge increase in the attitude of many cyclists to not following the rules not stopping at 4 way stops, red lights, yield signs, not using signals or checking for pedestrians or vehicles (they have the right of way it seems in all instances and everyone else needs to give way and let them take over), not having lights front & back or if they do, illegally using strobe lights on the front (this can affect people with many medical issues), not wearing helmets and wearing dark, non reflective clothing making them very difficult to see at night especially when it's raining and they are zipping about with no regard to other traffic.	11/17/2019 2:20 AM
204	For disruptive street upgrades, focus on completing them quickly. Spreading the work over a long period of time so that internal staff and resources can be leveled does not make sense for activities that have such and incredibly negative impact on everyone else on the region. Those services do not require unique skills or even city staff. Outsource them and manage budget and schedule to minimize impact to the region. Retain staff for non disruptive maintenance and operational activities. Governments are notoriously bad at effective and efficient delivery. The cost to business and individuals is overwhelming when you look specifically at traffic and parking impacts. Get out of that business. And no, I am not in the private sector for road construction.	11/17/2019 1:41 AM
205	Supportive as long as it isn't spent on more bikelanes. What an unnecessary and poorly executed example of street planning (I am a regular bikerider and never use the bikelanes). Wharf street is dysfunctional now with ugly signs everywhere. So very sad! Please do not close Vancouver street from traffic. It will become like Pandora, the place for druggies to hangout without worrying about cars and police going by.	11/17/2019 1:37 AM
206	Infrastructure is important to maintain	11/17/2019 1:11 AM
207	PLEASE no more money on bikelanes. Crazy to close Vancouver street...no good reason to do so!	11/17/2019 12:54 AM
208	Not spent responsibly enough with the horribly designed bike lanes engage in some darn maintenance fix the sidewalks and put back some parking. Perhaps the city should do its' part in combating global warming by planting some trees instead of ripping them out (Yes the underhanded and disgusting removal of trees on Wharf and Government, stop removing all the trees and plants.)	11/17/2019 12:36 AM
209	Too many city crews standing around	11/16/2019 11:36 PM
210	As we increase density across the city, complete streets will become ever more important. A proactive complete streets approach is essential to addressing both the climate emergency and affordability issues in the city.	11/16/2019 11:23 PM
211	No one wants the stupid bike lanes	11/16/2019 11:03 PM

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212	Our streets suck. Sadly I again fear this money will be poorly spent on simple patchwork that is just going to be required again and again, without the forward thinking approach to creating a more efficient city! The future is going to be super efficient and super tech and super electric and super sharing. Instead this country and city will fight, fight, fight it, holding onto the times and ideas of old, likely to keep a core support group happy and satisfied that things will stay just as they like it! The streets need a lot of work. I feel the city should create a mechanics rebate, for all the potholes and crevasses they leave untended to. We should also be incorporating plastic into our road repairs. There have only been small pilot projects throughout Canada and I fear a cowering to the Oil Industry. Plastic pellets combined with a few other things are a better more sustainable reusable and recyclable way to repair road. Its also a bit cleaner and healthier for the workers. Im sure some of if not all of you have studied Europe for their plastic reuse and recycling.	11/16/2019 10:59 PM
213	Please stop with the excessive bike lanes and traffic impeding lack of engineering on intersections	11/16/2019 10:58 PM
214	Streets are in terrible condition.	11/16/2019 10:57 PM
215	Many streets in poor condition	11/16/2019 10:44 PM
216	The city has great initiatives here but funding needs to be commensurate with ambitions. Half way implemented and funded measures do not deliver the products or result in the true potential of behavioural changes that could otherwise occur.	11/16/2019 10:08 PM
217	See my previous comment on potholes. I support spending on infrastructure.	11/16/2019 10:07 PM
218	I mentioned earlier that streets in Fernwood are in terrible condition, for example Belmont I ride my bike a long that road and others like it it's a disaster. Do something to improve it/repave it, please.	11/16/2019 9:45 PM
219	I would like to see reflective paint on the streets. During heavy rains and dark nights the roads can be seen.	11/16/2019 9:41 PM
220	Pennies, not enough	11/16/2019 9:23 PM
221	the Complete streets strategy is not that at all as it is ensuring drivers have an even more frustrating time getting around. You are singling out the majority to help the minority and while I agree with bike lanes, the thought should be put in for drivers as well	11/16/2019 9:05 PM
222	The streets are DISGRACEFUL e.g.Government down to Dallas	11/16/2019 8:47 PM
223	Our streets are in terrible condition for drivers. Priority should be spent repaving roads not on making them narrower/unsafe to make additional bike lanes	11/16/2019 8:47 PM
224	fix the roads and sidewalks	11/16/2019 8:46 PM
225	Given the state of our roads and sidewalks and what these types of things seem to cost today's world, I can't see how this amount could possibly be enough.	11/16/2019 8:23 PM
226	More needed	11/16/2019 8:18 PM
227	Again, this is an important area fro upgrading. I support an increase.	11/16/2019 8:10 PM
228	many streets in the city need to be repaved or repaired properly	11/16/2019 7:59 PM
229	The construction on the streets in Victoria needs to be better coordinated. This past summer, it felt like every street had some construction going on, making navigating the city problematic & extending any travel time.	11/16/2019 7:56 PM
230	I hope this doesn't refer to cutting off streets or parts of streets to car traffic and making them bike only and/or pedestrian only. Please don't blow any more money on that. I hope it means repairing streets and sidewalks. For example, the sidewalk along the causeway opposite the Empress is horrible to walk on and has been for years. I'm always surprised the city hasn't seen fit to resurface it, given how many tourists we have in that area. They must think they've come to the Third World.	11/16/2019 7:56 PM
231	Need to double that amount as many streets are starting to crumble.	11/16/2019 7:43 PM
232	our streets are embarrassing	11/16/2019 7:13 PM
233	most are in terrible condition + req repair	11/16/2019 7:04 PM
234	There is so much construction with regards to bike lanes it is so inconvenient for people driving and the budget is too high for this.	11/16/2019 6:55 PM
235	Too many bike lanes. Often bikers are on sidewalks or in traffic and the protested lanes sit vacant! Crazy!	11/16/2019 6:30 PM
236	Enough is enough with these bike lanes. Fix the potholes and sidewalks first.	11/16/2019 6:24 PM
237	roads downtown in horrible condition.	11/16/2019 5:23 PM
238	Core needs such and maintaining roads and sidewalks are being ignore in favour promoting pet projects of some members of council. The hatred expressed towards cars is an ideology thing that is costing the taxpayers huge amounts and hurting the commercial sector which in turn will hurt the whole city.	11/16/2019 5:09 PM
239	Too much allocated to bicycles, not enough consideration for overall safety impact due to diminished lane widths and distraction. Examples are cars crossing bidirectional bike lanes and sidewalk traffic (Including joggers, skateboarders) when turning into driveways or uncontrolled side streets.	11/16/2019 5:04 PM

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240	Although we are encouraging fewer cars, we have more cars because we have a greater population. Street safety should be a priority lower speeds, more traffic policing, more assessments of safety in neighbourhoods (thinking of children, elderly, disabled) as well as speeds. Road rage is on the rise.	11/16/2019 5:01 PM
241	If you need to allocate more, then do it! City streets are really terrible. Marry up the most urgent streets with the most urgent sewer project and you've got a two for one!	11/16/2019 4:57 PM
242	Discontinue the unnessessary bike lanes and put that money into road repairs. Our roads are embarrassing.	11/16/2019 4:03 PM
243	our streets look like we have been bombed! in some areas grant street looks like cobbles stones it's so broken	11/16/2019 4:03 PM
244	If this is road repair but I suspect this includes place making BS and other tax payer wasted planning policy rubbish.	11/16/2019 3:57 PM
245	Thank you.	11/16/2019 3:50 PM
246	No	11/16/2019 3:42 PM
247	As long as this is for street repair and improvement for car traffic, this is fine. No more money wasted on bike lanes.	11/16/2019 3:41 PM
248	Stop taking road budget for bike lanes	11/16/2019 9:32 AM
249	Repair and resurface the streets they are in shocking condition. Stop diverting money and resources to bike lanes for a tiny fraction of people who use them	11/16/2019 5:46 AM
250	I would rather see us have better streets and parks and less hanging baskets and bike lanes. I am a bike person and have started to avoid the bike lanes because they make commuting harser	11/16/2019 5:42 AM
251	If your going to promote bike riding but only fix up major streets and leave some of the others in poor shape it's unsafe for bikes, especally at night, with cracks, potholes and rocks on the street.	11/16/2019 5:42 AM
252	All streets should have sidewalks!	11/16/2019 5:35 AM
253	The streets are all being taken over by bike lanes anyways whats the point...	11/16/2019 4:21 AM
254	Letting our streets run down is not good governance.	11/16/2019 4:10 AM
255	Please, just fix the streets correctly on the first try! I have seen crews dig, and redig the same streets over and over, sometimes every year! What a waste of money... Do it once, and do it well.	11/16/2019 3:54 AM
256	This is high priority. Poor street paving and patching have a high cost in vehicle repairs.	11/16/2019 3:48 AM
257	Do not spend another penny on bicycle lanes!	11/16/2019 2:55 AM
258	Stop wasting money on expensive bike lanes which are counter intuitive. Start handing out tickets to pedestrians and cyclists.	11/16/2019 2:50 AM
259	There are many streets in Victoria that need repair. I see much work and this is great, but more infrastructure improvements can be made before giving city counsellors a 50% raise....	11/16/2019 2:37 AM
260	Our streets are mostly in shambles and our sidewalks are a tripping and slipping hazard because of their uneven footing	11/16/2019 2:29 AM
261	Sorely needed!	11/16/2019 2:20 AM
262	Stop with the bike lane spending	11/16/2019 1:59 AM
263	What does this question mean? Cutting down the beautiful trees on Vancouver Street for bike lanes. Absolutely not. (I walk and bike everywhere. I do not own a car and as a cyclist I will never be on the side of cutting down trees.)	11/16/2019 1:36 AM
264	Far too much money spent on bike lanes, and very little on improving our streets.	11/16/2019 1:31 AM
265	A lot of street are in need of an upgrade. 5.5 million won't cover it.	11/16/2019 1:28 AM
266	Redfern Street at oak Bay avenue is a major mess. There is no original paving left, everything is patched. Spend less on traffic calming and put some money on fixing existing pavement.	11/16/2019 1:27 AM
267	Streets need complete upgrading. Traffic flow downtown is very innefficient	11/16/2019 1:26 AM
268	This funding should be used to repair and improve roads for cars. Too much of pervious years budgets have been used to build unnecessary bike lanes that block traffic and create smog and pollution that contradicts the city's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	11/16/2019 1:24 AM
269	Many streets are a disgrace! My kidneys get a good workout just to drive one hundred meters to my driveway from the main arterial.	11/16/2019 1:23 AM
270	I believe that too much has been spent on bike lane construction. I suggest instead to post signs indicating preferred bike routes rather than high cost divided bike lanes. Please do not construct a divided bike lane on Vancouver Street!	11/16/2019 1:14 AM
271	Our streets are disintegrating daily	11/16/2019 1:08 AM
272	Please reconsider the need for 2 way bike lanes. Our one way streets would benefit greatly from one way bike lanes.	11/16/2019 12:32 AM

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273	Again, we are on a course to a 3rd world status if this work is not completed.	11/16/2019 12:22 AM
274	more separate cycling lanes	11/16/2019 12:07 AM
275	If this amount will see work that actually buys substantial upgrades for a long period of time, as opposed to a temporary band aid that will need many more dollars later, then I support this amount and potentially more. If this is for more bike lanes, I am vehemently opposed.	11/16/2019 12:02 AM
276	See comments in 32	11/15/2019 11:52 PM
277	please start fixing the entire street instead of just spot fixing we have a recycler why isnt it being used?	11/15/2019 11:50 PM
278	The changes proposed for Vancouver street is absolute lunicy	11/15/2019 11:12 PM
279	FCI on our local roads is terrible and needs improvement	11/15/2019 11:00 PM
280	See Engineering & Public Works, Question 11: Comments re: Johnson Street	11/15/2019 10:48 PM
281	Fix potholes but any more road rage obstructions should take a pass.	11/15/2019 10:38 PM
282	So many bad streets. Fix the roads and keep the bike lanes to a minimim expense	11/15/2019 10:36 PM
283	get rid of the bike lanes first	11/15/2019 9:59 PM
284	The money for cycling lanes should come from "The City is proposing to spend \$3.98 million (much of which is funded from the Federal Gas Tax program) on Active Transportation projects in 2020, which include improvements to cycling, pedestrian and transit infrastructure."	11/15/2019 9:43 PM
285	ok. road work. sure.	11/15/2019 9:22 PM
286	Just repair the streets stop with the bike lanes, you are messing up the streets for all. Don't need a "me" society. We have to live and work together. People need to share! There are areas in this city where sidewalks just stop. Doesn't make sense.	11/15/2019 9:15 PM
287	Totally agree with priority to pedestrians, cyclists, and transit (I would put transit higher than cyclists). Get rid of the dangerous slip lanes and wide turn radii that are all over Victoria!	11/15/2019 9:12 PM
288	The city is spending too much on separated bike lanes.	11/15/2019 9:08 PM
289	I don't care how much you spend, just stop ruining downtown streets please.	11/15/2019 8:59 PM
290	If 5.5 million covers it then fine but the streets are in shambles and citizens have had to endure a LOT of needed road work already... So hopefully the City can get on with it in a timely manner!	11/15/2019 8:31 PM
291	Once again, this is where you should be focusing. I don't know how our streets get so chewed up, considering we don't have a serious winter.	11/15/2019 8:07 PM
292	Prioritize biking and walking over driving. Cars can deal with a patchy road. It's not a priority right now. It's amazing how slow some of these projects are e.g. the Cook Street upgrades.	11/15/2019 7:51 PM
293	Many streets should be closed to cars and used as public space for other useful activities. Instead of rehabilitating wasteful roads that are too wide and allow cars to travel too fast, start narrowing and closing roads and encourage pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.	11/15/2019 7:34 PM
294	Maintenance of sidewalks and roads needs to be a priority of Council all are in terrible shape	11/15/2019 7:31 PM
295	Douglas / Blanshard / Fort / Johnson all need to be ripped up and redone, the current "repatching on patches" system thats currently being implemented is a joke, i shouldnt be bending my rims on major routes or having to swerve to avoid potholes.	11/15/2019 7:07 PM
296	Too much focus on bike lanes at the expense of vehicles. You can't simply eliminate traffic lanes for bike lanes without it adversely affecting traffic and the desire to come downtown other than by bike.	11/15/2019 7:03 PM
297	With between 13% and 20% of the streets in dire need of repair, the budget needs to be increased in this area.	11/15/2019 7:03 PM
298	I have lived in Montreal, so I am very grateful for the state of our streets lol.	11/15/2019 6:51 PM
299	see previous comments	11/15/2019 6:51 PM
300	Potholes and road surfaces need addressing. Stst	11/15/2019 6:45 PM
301	So many upgrades to city streets don't really pay off until a larger network is finished, leading to sometimes years of reactionary sentiment towards the changes. Spend more, get it done faster, get people realizing it was worth it faster.	11/15/2019 6:42 PM
302	We don't get extremely cold weather in Victoria, so there is no reason for horrible road surfaces everywhere. Every road repair doesn't need to be coordinated and ballooned into a giant construction process. Coordination with storm sewer replacement makes sense. However coordination and delaying of road work to to accomodate the bicycle master plan is ridiculous. The city should be transparent with costs of the bicycle master plan and not covering them up by rolling them into road work repairs.	11/15/2019 6:25 PM
303	Is this a euphemism for more bike lanes? They state of city streets fof vehicles has been highly neglected	11/15/2019 6:23 PM
304	Please give attention to Grant and Chambers streets. These need to be recognized as neighbourhoods not cut through streets.	11/15/2019 6:22 PM

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305	How can we trust that these projects will be completed on time and on budget when previous infrastructure projects have been such a disaster? Obviously infrastructure maintenance is important, but take a hard look at who is responsible for these projects	11/15/2019 6:19 PM
306	Have you looked at the mess leftover from your various parking removal projects? The whole of DT needs repairing.	11/15/2019 6:18 PM
307	The budget indicates how much road was added in km, that being 0km. How about how much many kms were removed?	11/15/2019 6:11 PM
308	Lines need repainting, too many potholes	11/15/2019 5:56 PM
309	The city spent \$1,500 on an outdoor table tennis table that I have yet to see anyone use when I go past it. Perhaps the city can focus on spending the money in a more responsible manner.	11/15/2019 5:55 PM
310	hmm....its looking like I shouldn't have clicked yes to that question	11/15/2019 5:54 PM
311	no	11/15/2019 5:53 PM
312	Repair pavement!	11/15/2019 5:25 PM
313	necessary	11/15/2019 5:22 PM
314	Way too low given the ROI/benefits to society	11/15/2019 5:06 PM
315	Many local streets are littered with pot holes. This is dangerous for cars, as well as bikes, scooters, and skateboards that use these streets.	11/15/2019 4:58 PM
316	Need to do work on the awful sidewalks in Victoria. In January my spouse fell and broke her arm in multiple spots due to the uneven sidewalks. Specially in the dark when you cannot see well when walking on the street.	11/15/2019 4:40 PM
317	Don't need so many street changes, more repairs	11/15/2019 4:22 PM
318	If this includes preserving and working around established mature trees, then it is adequate. If this aspect has been ignored, then the budget should be higher.	11/15/2019 3:59 PM
319	Stop the bike lanes and fix the streets. There are a lot more that are in need of repair!	11/15/2019 3:40 PM
320	I wasn't aware that this was a category certainly we don't see much evidence of anything in past/current years	11/15/2019 3:37 PM
321	Predestrian and cyclists have been considered enough within the Complete street plan. Work needs to be done to maintain roads and sidewalks(which are terrible in the Oaklands neighbourhood) and efficient movement of vehicles needs to be a priority.	11/15/2019 3:33 PM
322	I'm assuming this doesn't include the bike lane reorg	11/15/2019 3:28 PM
323	This is way too low. City streets are in a dreadful state of disrepair. This is where tax dollars should go. Fix them! I presume this budget expense isn't duplicated in the sewer upgrade expenses??	11/15/2019 3:13 PM
324	Stop adding in bike lanes. This is ridiculous. Especially when BC Transit is struggling so badly right now.	11/15/2019 3:12 PM
325	The streets in Victoria are in desperate need of repair. Also need to remove some of the bike lanes that are impeding traffic flow Fort St comes to mind. Stop considering ruination of Vancouver Street do not put bike lanes there it would only increase traffic on Cook St residents of Fairfield already have to navigate around closed streets/barriers to get anywhere close to the downtown core.	11/15/2019 2:40 PM
326	Pot holes terrible roads in Victoria	11/15/2019 2:38 PM
327	STOP THE BIKE LANES CONSTRUCTION. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH	11/15/2019 2:38 PM
328	Maintain what you have. What portion of city Street repairs are being paid by the developers who are raping the city with the help of Mayor and most of council. Mr. Young seems to be the one voice of reason on council.	11/15/2019 5:58 AM
329	I love what is being done to make streets safe for everyone regardless of how they get around, love it.	11/15/2019 3:06 AM
330	Bike lanes are fine. Make developers improve roads and give them density in exchange.	11/15/2019 1:55 AM
331	The asphalt on our streets is falling apart	11/14/2019 1:08 AM
332	Additional money for city wide street calming measures.	11/13/2019 8:25 PM
333	Residential areas need elongated speed bumps due to dangerous driving to avoid bike lanes.	11/13/2019 12:08 PM
334	The plans for bike lanes on Government Street need to be coordinated with the plans for the extension of the Government Street Pedestrian Mall as outlined in the OCP. As it stands, there is an overlap and conflict between the two plans. Adding more concrete and curbing is in contradiction of the goal to prioritize pedestrians over vehicles (bikes and cars). More needs to be done to address the scarcity of parks downtown. As per the Neighbourhood Profile (that has been since removed from the CoV website), "Downtown is low in parkland, from both population based and area perspectives. Total parks 1.9 hectares." And most of that "park" is landscaping.	11/13/2019 7:16 AM
335	Victoria is one big pot hole.	11/13/2019 6:04 AM

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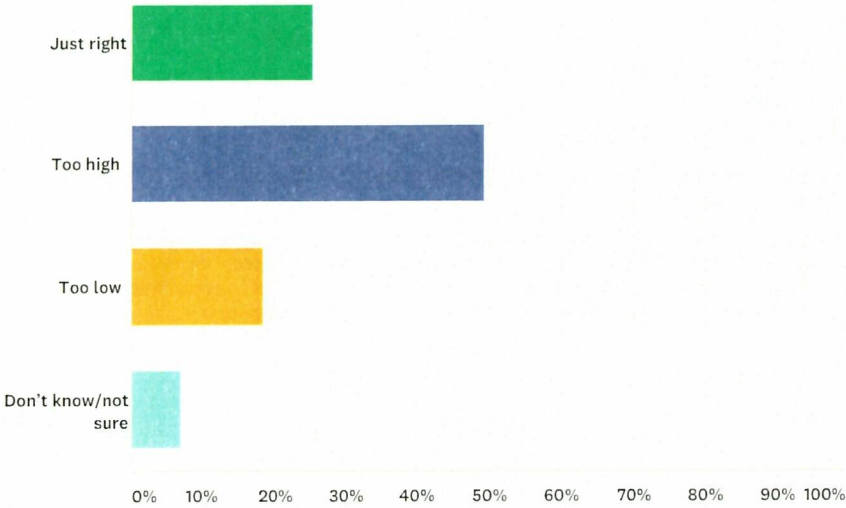
336	You are way overboard on bike lanes!	11/13/2019 2:50 AM
337	Too much being spent on infrastructure that is creating unnecessary congestion and animosity between road users.	11/13/2019 2:09 AM
338	I don't agree with spending yet more funds on the Bicycle Master Plan improvements as shown on the proposed 2020 projects.	11/12/2019 9:23 PM
339	Fix my street and laneway	11/12/2019 9:08 PM
340	We require a side walk along Washington Street connecting Gorge Road to Arbutus Park.	11/12/2019 8:20 PM
341	Stop this pet project immediately.	11/11/2019 10:51 PM
342	Infrastructure needs to be maintained. The current bike lanes, in the downtown core is ridiculous.	11/11/2019 7:06 PM
343	You should be clear when talking about bike lanes. I DO NOT SUPPORT your bike lane nonsense. There is no enforcement and it increases traffic congestion. I found many elements of this survey misleading and this is a good example.	11/11/2019 6:03 PM
344	Keep the momentum. We need this for livable neighbourhoods	11/11/2019 5:50 PM
345	Increase budget for local street rehabilitation focus on traffic calming measures in conjunction with scheduled upgrades.	11/11/2019 5:34 PM
346	The CoV obsession with AAA bike Lanes has cost millions of dollars to solve a problem that arguably didn't exist. If anything you've created even greater safety risks for all citizens. Some city streets are too narrow for buses or emergency vehicles to operate safely in. Others have become nightmarish for pedestrians. The Wharf/Johnson/Pandora/Store street junction is now perhaps the most dangerous for pedestrians/cyclists/autos of any street in Canada. It is only a matter of time before something truly tragic happens there.	11/11/2019 5:29 PM
347	We need to finish the projects we have started, repaving inturban road would be a great start.	11/11/2019 5:03 PM
348	If this is the actual condition of the streets themselves, it is part of the decay that the city faces because of the misplaced priorities of this council	11/11/2019 4:57 PM
349	The city has allowed out streets to get to such a state of disrepair that I do not believe that amount of money could come close to fixing our streets and pit holes in our streets	11/11/2019 4:39 PM
350	A lot of streets need to be resurfaced.	11/11/2019 4:29 PM
351	Needs to be done no more ping pong tables please just repair the driving surfaces and the sidewalks!	11/11/2019 4:14 PM
352	It is becoming increasingly difficult to get around Victoria but that seems to be the result of policy choices, not underfunding.	11/11/2019 4:06 PM
353	more important to fix streets than raises	11/11/2019 4:01 PM
354	The city has let the streets go so badly that I don't Believe that will be enough money to repair the terrible state they are in	11/11/2019 3:48 PM
355	So long as this avoids bike lanes in all facets	11/11/2019 3:39 PM
356	Don't put bike lanes and simply repaint and surface them budgets will go a lot future.	11/11/2019 3:38 PM
357	If you are actually talking repairing sidewalks and roads , great . If your talking benches and art waste of mony	11/11/2019 3:33 PM
358	wasting so much money on under used bike lanes and creating congestion	11/11/2019 1:31 AM
359	Repaving should include bike lanes	11/11/2019 1:12 AM
360	Maintain the streets we have.	11/11/2019 12:54 AM
361	Not on dollar more for bike lanes	11/11/2019 12:43 AM
362	Just fix the roads. They are unbearable.	11/10/2019 7:21 PM
363	The roads are in horrible condition. Stop spending so much on bike lanes! Those of us that need to drive cars to get around need to be considered also.	11/9/2019 9:21 PM
364	Must include rapid transit with bicycle plan, to reduce traffic, and include those who can't use bikes due to disability, etc	11/9/2019 8:03 PM
365	These are improvements that make living and walking in our City so much better.	11/8/2019 5:38 PM
366	Love the bike lanes, people will get used to them (for the most part anyway)	11/8/2019 2:51 AM
367	Cycling infrastructure is a top priority. The Haultain/Richmond intersection is a disaster waiting to happen. Too many bike route suddenly end in busy intersections. Dangerous and discouraging. The work you have done in the past few years is fantastic. More.	11/7/2019 4:59 AM
368	Again, fix the streets but in a timely manner	11/6/2019 11:51 PM
369	I have been ask g for 2 years for remedies to my road. A planned greenway street with excessive truck traffic. Read any article and the complaints of potholes abound	11/6/2019 11:13 PM
370	Discontinue the bike lanes. Not necessary.	11/6/2019 10:27 PM

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371	Do a reasonable amount to not get too behind (have to do it down the road) while prioritizing homelessness, drug addition, etc.	11/6/2019 9:11 PM
372	City has habit of paving streets, then ripping it up for further work. Better planning would allow money to go further	11/6/2019 5:50 PM
373	Please work on revitalizing Douglas. This street is unpleasant compared to Government, Douglas, and Broad. Many storefronts are empty for years, many building are ugly to look at despite their heritage value, and the sidewalks are narrow, messy, and uninviting.	11/6/2019 5:44 PM

Q35 City funding for Active Transportation capital projects is:

Answered: 1,840 Skipped: 3,270



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	25.38%	467
Too high	49.40%	909
Too low	18.32%	337
Don't know/not sure	6.90%	127
TOTAL		1,840

Q36 Additional comments on the proposed Active Transportation budget

Answered: 580 Skipped: 4,530

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Need better supervision	11/25/2019 6:24 AM
2	Stop building bike lanes	11/25/2019 6:10 AM
3	The new bike paths having me using my bike more.	11/25/2019 5:30 AM
4	Victoria has a high percentage of seniors who don't generally ride bikes. Focusing more on pedestrian and transit infrastructure benefits everyone.	11/24/2019 11:32 PM
5	Until the pedestrian (and that includes my kids who walk to school) death and injury rate is zero, spend whatever it takes. We MUST make our streets safer for children and the aged the two demographics that are injured and killed the most by motorists. Why is this not yet a priority? Why are pedestrian injuries and deaths "the cost of doing business"? Why are motorists' needs prioritized?	11/24/2019 10:46 PM
6	Too much spent on these projects. They should be scalped back and simplified.	11/24/2019 10:30 PM
7	Re allocate funds from bike lanes to sidewalk repairs.	11/24/2019 10:20 PM
8	Most is for bikes I see little happening for pedestrians. Crosswalks dark unlit. More flashing crosswalks needed and repainted. Sidewalks fixed.	11/24/2019 10:05 PM
9	But it is being spent in the wrong ways we have water systems that can be used to ferry people to the downtown core and if we used boats from the west shore to Esquimalt we could get so many from Naden and dockyard to work without having so many cars on the road. Learn from Vancouver they have networks of ferries that work well at moving people, we should adopt this in Victoria as well.	11/24/2019 9:27 PM
10	Not enough attention for wheelchair users.	11/24/2019 8:28 PM
11	Too high for the bike lanes! Enough already! It's obvious the Mayor has this on her bucket list to complete by the time she finishes this term, but in all honesty are there not line items that ARE MORE IMPORTANT than bike lanes? We need someone to tell her this is not all about her	11/24/2019 7:58 PM
12	I really appreciate the work done in this area. Keep it up!	11/24/2019 6:27 PM
13	With the addition of the biking networks I feel like we've made lots of progress in this category and would prefer this money to be spent on facilities renewal.	11/24/2019 6:15 PM
14	public consultation must be a part of this plan. Safety is paramount, current bike lanes on Fort do not consider the safety of the blind seeking a safe and secure crossing to catch a bus.	11/24/2019 6:05 PM
15	Drill this down and provide an executive summary	11/24/2019 5:12 PM
16	slow down the projected expenditures for further assessment	11/24/2019 5:28 AM
17	STOP with the bicycle lanes	11/24/2019 3:22 AM
18	Untold millions have been spent on bike paths. Enough already! Make sure crosswalks are painted so they can be seen and bus stops have a section of the curb painted red!	11/23/2019 9:30 PM
19	Bike lanes on Dallas not needed. Wasted \$. Also no blvd trees needed on Dallas to obscure view of ocean.	11/23/2019 9:15 PM
20	We dont need any more bike lanes Lisa	11/23/2019 8:47 PM
21	The total amount is probably fine, but I'd prefer that more would be allocated to transit rather than cycling, or at least that bicycle parking areas would be added.	11/23/2019 7:28 PM
22	All important infrastructure projects. Don't necessarily agree with how they have been done or where the priorities for spending are set within this category.	11/23/2019 7:09 PM
23	I dont agree with the separated bike lane idea ,I commuted from James bay to Esquimalt for 20 + years and had few problems. Some cyclists are very aggressive and vocal to pedestrians and vehicle drivers .	11/23/2019 6:19 PM
24	I am a proponent of all systems to improve transit and accessibility but I find the new bike lanes very confusing and difficult to navigate with the multitude of separate lights and signal.	11/23/2019 3:17 PM
25	Make sure when you are jamming bike lanes into all the major roadways that you are leaving enough room for emergency vehicles to get through. This is a SERIOUS deficit in the poorly planned bike lanes on Wharf Street. Also, why haven't you considered putting bike lanes on secondary streets, and allowing traffic to flow on major arteries? This would be vastly preferable to the gridlock that has been created by narrowing major arteries to 1 or 2 lanes, and expecting the cars to magically disappear. Instead you have more CO2 being pumped into the atmosphere by idling cars, due to poor design of pet projects.	11/23/2019 5:48 AM
26	Far too low, where is the High speed transit from downtown to Langford	11/23/2019 5:44 AM

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27	You should recheck your priorities before allocating that much funds.	11/23/2019 4:44 AM
28	I think you did a terrible job on this project in communicating it and implementation. Now the big rush is on to complete it fast, but at what cost in inconvenience and wasted dollars/	11/23/2019 3:35 AM
29	The bike lanes are really good at clogging up the roads. This is not Amsterdam!	11/23/2019 3:23 AM
30	No comment	11/23/2019 2:05 AM
31	Personally, I think transit infrastructure should have come first, but i guess it's too late for that.	11/23/2019 1:43 AM
32	I'm tired of paying for the overly expensive /overbuilt bike routes throught the centre of downtown. The city /engineers /bike lobby effectively ruined (in my opinion) the city's nicest commercial pedestrian area (Fort Street from Wharf to Cook) by clogging vehicular traffic and over engineering a ridiculous designed bike path!! And why on earth was View Street and not Fort Street used for this purpose when it (View Street) was designated for this exact purpose twenty five years ago. Do Planning and Engineering Departments not read their own documents??? Crazy	11/22/2019 11:55 PM
33	Too much money being spent on expensive bike lanes when vast majority of residents don't cycle. Paint lines on the road and stop the social engineering, medians, etc.	11/22/2019 11:50 PM
34	No more bike lanes check that one off. Now focus on accessible pedestrian and accessible transit. Contracting handi dart services out and thinking they should be run for a profit tells just how unjust this city is.	11/22/2019 11:42 PM
35	stop spending money on bike lanes. too many near misses and injuries involving bikers and confusing lanes	11/22/2019 11:30 PM
36	I enjoy the new bike lanes, but I think there should be less interference from council when designing these projects. Trust the staff.	11/22/2019 10:51 PM
37	Encourage greater emphasis on pedestrians and transit versus cycling	11/22/2019 10:43 PM
38	Carbon pollution relief would be better served if Cruise ships were banned from docking at Ogdon Point. I 2019 cruise ship berthed at Ogdon point for 1044 hours (per City Victoria records) each ship ran 2 75kw generators for this berthing period. Each generator produced 2.8 kg of Co2 per hour. The amount of Co2 left behind after they season ended equates to 1044 hours x 2 generators = 2088 hours x 2.8kg Cos per hr = 5.846.4 Kg of Co2. How many bike would have to be used to eliminate this disgraceful amount of Co2 you are ignoring.	11/22/2019 10:29 PM
39	More focus on active transportation and buses is a priority very proud of council for implementing the free bus passes for youth however we need to ensure our bus system only continues to improve or else folks will not use it.	11/22/2019 9:29 PM
40	We need to accelerate the completion of the bike lanes projects. We need more dedicated bus lanes (for instance, expand along Douglas all the way to Bellville Street).	11/22/2019 8:53 PM
41	Pedestrian crosswalks should be maintained and improved and we wheelchair friendly ie no 'lips' to block the smooth handling of a wheelchair	11/22/2019 8:34 PM
42	Way too much being spend on cycling lanes, reducing the effective flow of traffic. Also lights on main streets need to be co ordinated to improve flow of traffic.	11/22/2019 7:09 PM
43	Spending SO MUCH money on MOSTLY unwanted bike lanes except by a minority of special interest groups is SHAMEFUL. The city has become a bad joke of mass confusion and disruption. The planning of these routes could have been done better by a kindergarten class. Businesses have closed, traffic chaos increased immensley and so on and so on. And MOST people only ride their bikes for a few short months. Complete waste of tax payers money.	11/22/2019 5:58 PM
44	Transit is a joke in Victoria. If you want more people to get out of their cars you need to make transit easier and simpler and faster or else you will keep seeing one person per car.	11/22/2019 5:45 PM
45	The transportation method with the lowest environmental impact is walking. My commute by walking has actually increased because the lights have been timed to preference cyclists over pedestrians. In addition, I frequently have near misses with inconsiderate cyclists who drive way too fast when merging onto harbour road. I frequently see verbal altercations when cyclists go quickly through the posts cutting off pedestrians. In addition, they also cut off the traffic going in and out of the shipyard even though they have put up "slow" signs; and of course, they also blow through the crosswalks while people are standing in them. I think you need to implement some speed control there, it is a shared pathway and the cyclists have several dedicated lanes right next to it. Someone is going to get seriously injured, I have seen people going 35 km/hr on ebikes, with a trailer attached, a 200 pound rider, and several kids in the back. That is very similar to getting hit by a car.	11/22/2019 5:23 PM
46	It may be a good idea to work with some of the many other local governments to coordinate a transportation plan, especially fast train to the airport, connecting at a hub at Uptown and McKenzie to transfer to busses.	11/22/2019 5:11 PM
47	Stop with the stupid planning for the bike lanes. Too many and on the wrong streets.	11/22/2019 3:57 PM
48	Yes, please! Please include bike parking infrastructure as well as more poster cylinders.	11/22/2019 6:34 AM
49	My taxes to pay for bus passes is not appropriate.	11/22/2019 3:42 AM
50	It will be pissed away on bike lanes for a small, elite minority we're not fooled	11/22/2019 3:08 AM
51	Love how this city is transforming, thank you for your leadership	11/22/2019 3:06 AM

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52	Stop putting the interests of cyclists ahead of all other people who are finding it increasingly difficult to get anywhere because of the changes YOU are making.	11/22/2019 2:36 AM
53	In spite of this being controversial with many current residents, I see this as an investment in the future. Adding motor vehicles to an infrastructure that is constrained by natural barriers is not sustainable. Also, global CO2 emission reduction goals require communities to re imagine transportation possibilities. Finally, active transportation ultimately results in a fitter and healthier population, reducing healthcare costs. This is a net win in the long term.	11/22/2019 2:10 AM
54	Please stop spending taxpayer monies on separated bike lanes. The ones constructed to date are incredibly poorly designed and very shortsighted in light of numerous alternative forms of motored transportation.	11/22/2019 1:44 AM
55	The 2,368,000 for the David Foster Harbour pathway should come from David Foster, no? I am a resident of Richardson St we don't want a cycling path there. Too much money for too little reward!	11/21/2019 10:52 PM
56	NOBODY ASKED FOR THE BIKE LANES	11/21/2019 10:51 PM
57	Improve cycling by redesigning the existing bike lanes. They're terrible. Causes cars to idle way longer than before. Always getting honked at for not turning because no one knows how the bike lights work. You wouldn't believe how many people I see drive ahead of the turn lane and just turn in front of the waiting traffic while the bike light is green. This is partly a problem of uninformed drivers(not their fault they weren't taught), but mostly the fault of horrifically designed bike lanes.	11/21/2019 10:14 PM
58	Using existing side streets, and improving their surfaces creating cycle routes is a best design plan. In some case, establishing connectors through currently cut off areas like the N S Shelbourne would make huge differences.	11/21/2019 9:25 PM
59	Transit would be a better option than bike lanes, as more people could use it	11/21/2019 8:58 PM
60	Transportation is a provincial issue. Far too much spending on bike lanes.	11/21/2019 7:50 PM
61	Read Tim Balls book ... the Deliberate Corruption of Climate Science . You might learn something ! . Your progressive agenda will not do much for humanity . Why do we need to pay for fake science . Extra taxes will be wasted and do nothing to change the climate . Check out your Hero Al Gores projections	11/21/2019 7:45 PM
62	This is great, didn't realize that a lot of these initiatives were funded federally. Let's keep doing it!	11/21/2019 7:32 PM
63	some right sizing is going to be necessary	11/21/2019 7:29 PM
64	Victoria's public transit system is poor and buses rarely run as scheduled. In addition, street lighting is lacking and the cycle lanes while a good addition to the city have been poorly implemented and cause significant confusion (Wharf Street, as a recent example).	11/21/2019 7:13 PM
65	Please see previous comment: I support active transportation, but it cannot compromise the basic safety of the roads for vehicles.	11/21/2019 7:11 PM
66	Forget the overkill of protected bike lanes and diverted roads(Vancouver Street). There is nothing wrong with a painted bike lane that flows with the traffic, Redirect your funding to repairing your roads and broken sidewalks.	11/21/2019 6:59 PM
67	please fix the potholes first.	11/21/2019 6:58 PM
68	Fix the seawall and searise issues before you put another dime into bike lanes	11/21/2019 6:51 PM
69	Bike lanes only help the able bodied	11/21/2019 6:32 PM
70	I think this is one of the most important areas to improve upon to keep the city healthy and affordable to live in	11/21/2019 5:27 PM
71	While I support the growth of bike networks, I strongly disagree with many of their location choices and the process to get there. Also, bike lanes are not the only active transportation infrastructure we need. I'd like additional focus on 'the walkable city' and a pedestrian POV.	11/21/2019 5:01 PM
72	We have spent too much money already on bike lanes that only benefit a small percentage of the population	11/21/2019 4:00 PM
73	I'm not in favour of all the bike lanes. Re building the streets to make special bike lanes is too much. I don't mind the idea of bike lanes, but special lights and medians is over the top. Couldn't you just paint new lines?	11/21/2019 8:05 AM
74	I just know that so far a complete hash has been made and the so called 'improvements' are difficult to identify, especially in the Wharf/Fort St. areas.	11/21/2019 6:15 AM
75	Priority should be on public transit improvements this has far greater day to day impact on moving volume of people in and out of the city than bike lanes. Pedestrians need improvements many uneven sidewalks in high traffic areas downtown. No more bike lane spending other modes need to attention.	11/21/2019 5:44 AM
76	more, safer bike routes	11/21/2019 5:36 AM
77	I personally think that way too much money is being spent on bike lanes etc	11/21/2019 5:12 AM

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78	It seems bike lanes have been rushed through without adequate thought to implications for buses, emergency vehicles, driver safety, and cyclist safety (witness cyclists on Pandora near Fernwood going the wrong way, or the bike lane on Fort that suddenly changes the side of the road).	11/21/2019 5:02 AM
79	No more money for bike lanes. Spend money on public transit.	11/21/2019 4:43 AM
80	NO MORE BIKE LANES.	11/21/2019 4:29 AM
81	As previous. New beautification infrastructure can create confusing and distracting issues. Too excessive. Keep it simple and clean.	11/21/2019 3:34 AM
82	I might have confused Complete Streets with Active Transportation. My bad. See my previous comments on Complete Streets and lump these both together please.	11/21/2019 3:30 AM
83	spend a little more on transit, a little less on bike lanes.	11/21/2019 3:26 AM
84	Do not agree with giving teenagers free bus passes.	11/21/2019 3:26 AM
85	yes to improved crosswalks and sidewalks, NO to bike lanes	11/21/2019 3:00 AM
86	Spend less on vanity projects Find cheaper ways to make cycling safer. I commuted by biketo downtown for years on side streets and was perfectly safe. There is no need to spend money there.	11/21/2019 2:55 AM
87	The amount spent on the bike lands, particularly considering how poorly they were/are planned is a waste of money. Victoria cannot be like European cities until public transit. Council is comparing Victoria to Amsterdam. A city that has trains, trams, metro, water taxis, water buses and buses. Until transit catches up, the bike lanes are ahead of their time.. Most of my server friends have to drive to work because they can't afford to live downtown and the bus won't run late enough to get them home, or in one case an employee had to walk alone in the rural area and was assaulted. f she could live by the restaurant, find parking, or ride transit that gets her closer than a 20min walk to her suite, it would not have happened The money should be put into developing hospitality workers co op housing.	11/21/2019 2:50 AM
88	Transit needs to be improved.We used to have a great system and no longer do. If cyclists are to be given priority they need to be registered and ticketed when breaking laws.	11/21/2019 1:30 AM
89	See previous answer	11/21/2019 1:30 AM
90	We need to move now on improving transit options, and car sharing. Thanks for the bike lanes.	11/21/2019 1:23 AM
91	Better transit infrastructure is necessary in the downtown core and connected to other municipalities	11/21/2019 1:19 AM
92	Do not support allocation of fundings to bike lanes	11/21/2019 1:16 AM
93	Same as last question	11/21/2019 12:40 AM
94	More needs to be spent on road repairs not bike lanes	11/21/2019 12:20 AM
95	The approach to cycling infrastructure has been too fast and poorly planned. It's time to pause and reevaluate this initiative and instead focus on Greater Victoria transportation and commuting issues	11/21/2019 12:08 AM
96	Need more funding for vehicle traffic to increase flow not limit nor take away to give to bike lanes. Need more parking if the business core is to survive.	11/20/2019 11:32 PM
97	Put some money into new smart traffic lights to alleviate traffic problems in and around the core. Speed humps on small residential streets. Leave the speed limits alone otherwise. Less time spent idling in traffic=less emissions=cleaner air=happy all of us.	11/20/2019 11:25 PM
98	Enough with cycling .We need an actual functioning transit system. The transit system here is laughable at best.	11/20/2019 11:08 PM
99	We need to modernize our cycling infrastructure	11/20/2019 11:04 PM
100	The bike lanes in Victoria are out of control and extremely dangerous. The way they have been designed going both directions on one side of the street with cars having to navigate through is so unsafe. I have seen so many accidents with the new bike lines, they are awful and a huge waste of my tax money!	11/20/2019 10:57 PM
101	Slow down on bike lane developments! Let the dust settle and see how traffic responds until you build more.	11/20/2019 10:47 PM
102	Can we talk about how desperately we need more buses, here? I want to talk about how desperately we need more buses, here. Bus route cancellations during peak hours are downright unjustifiable There is terrible bus availability during non peak hours. This makes taking the bus for anything but work a time wasting affair. Public Transit investment has consistently been demonstrated to provide massive return on investment from economic stimulation The city of Victoria is facing "crises" (though I disagree with such a strong term) of parking, of traffic, and of affordability of housing. Public transportation simultaneously addresses all three (if we accept that affordable housing can reside in the other municipalities of the CRD) On that last point: I get that LRT is a tired topic, but can we put it back on the table? Easy, fast transit between the major CRD areas would be a godsend. (I lived in Kitchener, Ontario while their tri city area implemented an LRT system. It was a gruelling, long affair, which became unpopular as increasingly many roads and front lawns got torn up. It went over budget. It's in now and it's absolutely wonderful.)	11/20/2019 10:25 PM

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103	We need more focus on public transit (buses/streetcars/LRT). I do not drive and the transit service is unreliable and expensive don't know how you expect to convert people to transit when it is so god awful.	11/20/2019 9:57 PM
104	Not everyone can or wants to ride a bicycle. Stop promoting cycling and bankrolling cycling access. Cars are essential for many of us to get around. We need vehicle access and more parking.	11/20/2019 9:41 PM
105	Crystal pool and grounds desperately needs to be renovated.. does that project qualify for the federal program.... it would save taxpayers.	11/20/2019 7:35 PM
106	Bike Lanes: Can you stop spending so much money on bile lanes? I agree that bike lanes are needed, however I disagree that we need the 'Cadillac' bike lanes that we currently have. There is a way to blend the models for safety and design without spending so much money.	11/20/2019 7:23 PM
107	The city is growing and moving more and more people in single occupancy vehicles just isn't going to work. The investments in alternatives is important and should continue to be a priority.	11/20/2019 7:19 PM
108	More on cycling? As in bike lanes? Don't get me wrong, I think the bike lanes are a good idea but please prioritize LOW INCOME HOUSING over building more bike lanes. And when I say LOW INCOME HOUSING, I mean for people on PWD ASSISTANCE, not some "affordable housing" \$1000+ for a 1 2 bedroom, & a minimum income requirement of \$30,000+. That is not affordable.	11/20/2019 6:53 PM
109	I said too high because most of this money is spent on cycling and not transit. You need to pause the cycling for a while and beef up transit services in Victoria!	11/20/2019 6:24 PM
110	Unnecessary nonsense. The government is slowing down transport for the majority of citizens in the name of the minority. Lisa Helps rides a bike, most people DON'T	11/20/2019 6:01 PM
111	No more bike lanes. Proper crosswalks, not colorful ones, for the safety of Visitors so they are aware they are crosswalks.	11/20/2019 5:00 PM
112	Infrastructure upgrades should be done however way too much money is being spent on bikes lanes. They are much more elaborate than they need to be.	11/20/2019 3:53 PM
113	Listen to the research out there, and try to accept it as fact, even if it differs from what you want to do.	11/20/2019 3:32 PM
114	Pedestrians seem to be at the bottom of the City's transportation concerns.	11/20/2019 9:01 AM
115	Our public transportation still has a long way to go	11/20/2019 7:02 AM
116	This is certainly not easy, as everyone wants change; they just don't want to change. It's a necessary commitment however to a sustainable and liveable community. This requires more than infrastructure however it requires some essential education and marketing.	11/20/2019 7:00 AM
117	More bus only lanes.	11/20/2019 6:31 AM
118	Why are we spending money on meters that count and display the number of bikes that went by today? This is called propaganda, and there aren't words strong enough to describe how it feels as a taxpayer to be paying for this useless investment in electronic propaganda.	11/20/2019 6:29 AM
119	The BIKE LANES. Way too costly and I feel no one listened to business owners that were/are affected. Felt like we were railroaded into them by small coalition. Again, I'm a bike rider.	11/20/2019 6:15 AM
120	Pedestrians are not taken into consideration enough	11/20/2019 5:57 AM
121	Get more parking infrastructure in place	11/20/2019 5:27 AM
122	More is needed, bus lanes, please!	11/20/2019 4:29 AM
123	Although the objective of providing free youth transportation is good, the implementation is laughable and at the expense of Victoria rate payers. Needs to be re thought or implemented across the region.	11/20/2019 3:38 AM
124	Get off the active transportation kick. I don't mind the bike lanes I'm not a crazy who hates them but at a certain point you are force feeding Them and it pisses me off	11/20/2019 3:27 AM
125	Fund ways to improve on transit the bike lanes have only made traffic worse in some areas	11/20/2019 2:59 AM
126	Transit infrastructure I can understand, but while roads are in need of repair, and there is very little viability in commuting into the downtown core from the West Shore by bus (especially for the disabled), the cycling thing is really unnecessary. How about we focus on the disabled and senior citizens who can't ride bikes into and out of the city, and how they get around?	11/20/2019 2:53 AM
127	Create a rapid transit system using the old rail line first.	11/20/2019 2:25 AM
128	Again it depends on who are drawing up the plan of action, are they qualified, do they have a a track record of doing a good job on other projects?	11/20/2019 2:18 AM
129	Spend the money on needed services like bylaw and police first. We don't need more bike lanes. I'm ok with spending money on bus infrastructure or transit initiatives.	11/20/2019 1:21 AM
130	Bike lanes cost too much money.	11/20/2019 12:20 AM
131	We already have enough bike lanes that are not used very much. Put in some more lighted crosswalks to help pedestrian safety.	11/19/2019 10:59 PM

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132	Cycling infrastructure is too high considering many of the cyclists do not pay property taxes directly	11/19/2019 10:48 PM
133	Obscenities	11/19/2019 10:28 PM
134	More, always more wrt cycling!!	11/19/2019 10:24 PM
135	Personal info	11/19/2019 10:15 PM
136	Please remember the pedestrians and improve the bus transit system. Not everyone can cycle.	11/19/2019 9:50 PM
137	Enough bike lanes. If the majority of funding is from gas tax then fix some of the infrastructure of the roadways. It may come as a surprise but not all city residents can ride a bike or walk long distances.	11/19/2019 9:37 PM
138	I'm all for a cycling network but disagree with the hijacking of the major arteries for this use. There is no need for the cycling network to impose itself over and above motorists, to date it is causing significantly more vehicle idling and congestion. As a cyclist, I avoid the bike routes due to motorist frustration and lack of a network that is intuitive and convenient. Bike routes would be better suited to b routes.	11/19/2019 8:50 PM
139	There is far too much emphasis on bicycles. Focus on improvements for motor vehicles. This can easily be accomplished by not doing anything for bikes.	11/19/2019 8:40 PM
140	less on cycling and more on public transportation and not just for free bus passes for youth	11/19/2019 8:32 PM
141	Don't need more bike paths, driving a car is dangerous due to bike lanes. I have a particular lane that is an accident waiting to happen. I reported it and got no action. call Personal info and I'll explain it again	11/19/2019 8:29 PM
142	Ridiculous sums being spent on bike lanes and ping pong tables.	11/19/2019 8:28 PM
143	Stop impeding traffic. All modes of transportation should flow freely.	11/19/2019 8:11 PM
144	Fewer bike lanes, better bus service. No one will take transit unless it is reliable. Get the buses on the road, running on time and going where people need to be.	11/19/2019 7:52 PM
145	MAKE BC TRANSIT AFFORDABLE, STOP WITH THE BIKE LANES	11/19/2019 7:40 PM
146	No more ill design bike lane. you are killing the city.	11/19/2019 7:38 PM
147	We NEED a bus to the airport. One bus, from downtown to the airport. It is frankly ridiculous that we call ourselves a city and yet have no transportation to the airport other than a very expensive cab or two very inconvenient busses.	11/19/2019 7:30 PM
148	Your spending for bike lanes is out of control. Bike lanes = good if done properly for reasonable cost.	11/19/2019 7:06 PM
149	Enough already. You do not get a raise.	11/19/2019 6:27 PM
150	Just stop building bike lanes on arterial roads and focus on routing bike traffic down level side streets. Build a bike route network that avoids hills like Fort St and focuses building out infrastructure on side streets that are relatively level like Richardson St.	11/19/2019 6:11 PM
151	Let's focus for awhile on transit and put cycling on the back burner for awhile.	11/19/2019 5:59 PM
152	No more money needs to be spent on cycling infrastructure. More money does need to be spent on transit infrastructure in particular. Public transit in Victoria leaves a lot to be desired, and is the real accessible, affordable, and environmentally friendly transportation solution.	11/19/2019 5:53 PM
153	Lisa Helps' bike lanes are ridiculous, especially considering she's digging up beloved old trees!	11/19/2019 5:43 PM
154	I love the active transportation network so much. I can now cycle to work, which I never did before, and it's such a pleasant and stress free way to start my day. (I have a desk job so it's a great way for me to add some exercise into my routine as well.)	11/19/2019 5:43 PM
155	The cycling lanes are simply a bad idea and waste of money, monies that could be used elsewhere. And I say this even though I am an avid cyclist who has been cycling Victoria for at least 55 years. Please don't waste any more money on cycle lanes such as Pandora and Fort Streets.	11/19/2019 5:19 PM
156	Cycling improvements ran over budget and the whole network creates problems for pedestrians (visually and mobility impaired) as well as motorists (if only people would look at signs!)	11/19/2019 5:16 PM
157	Again how did the previously identified and budgeted expansion of the Point Ellice Bridge did not get included in this funding?	11/19/2019 5:01 PM
158	less on cycling more for pedestrians	11/19/2019 3:52 PM
159	I do not support continued funding of useless projects like separated bike lanes.	11/19/2019 3:46 PM
160	How about some attention to people who walk or take the bus?!	11/19/2019 2:52 PM
161	Seems right if it spent in the right places, which in my view is to minimize any further development of bike lanes. With this bike lanes in place, pedestrian safety seems to have become a secondary concern.	11/19/2019 2:10 PM
162	I love everything you are doing in this area. Love the bike lanes and all active transportation infrastructure is welcome!	11/19/2019 7:36 AM

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163	downtown bike lanes have ruined traffic flow used to spend enjoyable time downtown don't anymore	11/19/2019 7:25 AM
164	Transit, particularly LRT needs to be made a priority. Active transportation is simply not accessible.	11/19/2019 7:06 AM
165	The city needs to focus on transit infrastructure, not cycling and pedestrian access.	11/19/2019 6:26 AM
166	spending 14.5 millions dollars on a bike lane without asking the population of Victoria is not okay!	11/19/2019 5:34 AM
167	While I agree with the cycling vision, the cost of implementation has historically seemed too high for the distance covered, sensitivity to the concerns of the business community has been poor.	11/19/2019 5:12 AM
168	We need better transit options	11/19/2019 4:58 AM
169	NO MORE BIKE LANES!!!!!! Downtown Victoria is now ruined.	11/19/2019 3:51 AM
170	Too high on the wrong projects.	11/19/2019 3:50 AM
171	FAR too much money wasted already on bike lanes and free transit passes.	11/19/2019 3:46 AM
172	The bike lanes were a Cadillac, when we could have lived with a Chevy. A bit too free with the family credit card.	11/19/2019 2:27 AM
173	Bicycle lane spending seems to high as it is given too much emphasis.	11/19/2019 1:41 AM
174	Bike lanes were never mentioned when Helps ran for Mayor. They are causing business failures downtown. Have a bike lane with a painted line but not the absolute waste of money spent on Pandora, Fort, and now Wharf Street	11/19/2019 1:40 AM
175	i dont care for the bike lanes, but i would really like to see transit improved	11/19/2019 1:23 AM
176	Creating the most dangerous cycling lane in North America should not go unpunished. If death or injury occur in the Wharf St. Bike lane area, The Mayor and council should bare the responsibility and the liability.	11/19/2019 1:20 AM
177	City should do more of this, Auto infrastructure has consumed most of the transportation budget over the past 100 years, so there is a huge catch up needed for to properly support active transportation.	11/19/2019 12:51 AM
178	Doing a good job. Please check for uneven sidewalks.	11/19/2019 12:49 AM
179	Improve pedestrians No more cycle paths	11/18/2019 10:53 PM
180	there is way too much emphasis on biking and not enough on fixing sidewalks and transit improvements. The paved bike lanes cost too much money for the benefits received	11/18/2019 10:33 PM
181	NO MORE BICYCLE PATHS MORE ON PEDESTRIAN	11/18/2019 10:30 PM
182	Let just get the traffic moving!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	11/18/2019 10:18 PM
183	Please stop with the bike lanes! We need parking	11/18/2019 10:16 PM
184	of repair Repair sidewalks	11/18/2019 9:41 PM
185	focus needs to be on transit enough money has been spent on cycling and bike lanes for now	11/18/2019 9:35 PM
186	I am fully supportive of building good options for cycling, mobility devices and active transportation. As a commuter and parent, they are important to me everyday.	11/18/2019 9:21 PM
187	no more bike lanes .. permanent low cost housing is much more important that bike lanes or council 50% pay increases. Shame on you.	11/18/2019 8:37 PM
188	Instead of cement curbs on the bike lanes, use lines, paint them more often, or inflatable bollards attached . Barcelona used rubber curbs spiked in the roads which could easily be taken up.	11/18/2019 8:22 PM
189	stop cycling lanes in down town	11/18/2019 8:19 PM
190	As a cyclist, the downtown protected lanes are overkill. For a fraction of the cost, a much broader network of marked lanes could have been created.	11/18/2019 8:16 PM
191	We need better bus lanes but the amount spent on bike lanes is far too much. It seems that only a small segment of the population has control over what the council does.	11/18/2019 7:28 PM
192	Spend enough to ensure final product is well thought out.	11/18/2019 7:13 PM
193	Serves a small minority at the expense of many more people with more urgent needs	11/18/2019 7:11 PM
194	Yes, improve transit but quit the overspending underused bicycle lanes!	11/18/2019 7:02 PM
195	STOP the bike lanes. Do not put them in Vancouver. It will ruin the last street with good traffic flow (which is likely your intent).	11/18/2019 6:45 PM
196	1st order pedestrian, so many uneven sidewalks, then transit infrastructure, want people out of cars this is a priority, last cycling. 1.5 meter roadway lines for cyclists is sufficient the Chevrolet works as well as the Cadillac and for the record I am a regular cyclist.	11/18/2019 6:18 PM
197	The Bicycle lanes and traffic controls, are no doubt meaningful to some but hazardous to all!	11/18/2019 6:00 PM

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198	Use this funding exclusively for pedestrian and transit initiatives. We've wasted enough already on confusing, annoying bike lanes that force vehicles to pollute the air more than before the lanes were hastily thrown in. It is unbelievable that 2 way bike lanes were installed on two one way streets instead of just improving markings and having them stay one way.	11/18/2019 5:49 PM
199	Two way bike lanes are not safe.	11/18/2019 5:45 PM
200	the overall funding is sufficient, however, more needs to be spent on making public transportation a viable mode of transportation in and out of victoria. Too much is spent on bike paths.	11/18/2019 5:44 PM
201	I am a significant user of Victoria's active transportation network. It works very well and encourages me to use my bike even more!	11/18/2019 5:29 PM
202	I am an avid cyclist yet am appalled by the Wharf street bike lane. It is unsafe for pedestrians, scary for cyclists, and causes vehicle traffic to back up to (and over) the Johnston St bridge. The overall implications were clearly not well thought out. And I am dismayed at the expense of the Humbolt lane (which is rarely, if ever) used. Ideology gone wild. I do not believe than any further expenditure should be made unless and until it can be shown that accident rates have gone down (one of the primary arguments for the expenditure in the first place) and that overall movement of people, goods and services has not been impaired.	11/18/2019 5:24 PM
203	I agree with repairing city sidewalks. I do not believe we need to continue with the cycling infrastructure. The roadway on Vancouver should NOT be a separated bike lane and let's hope that there is no bike lane fiasco on Richardson. Painted lanes are fine and will work well for those who cycle. Calming traffic is a much better alternative than separate bike lanes. I agree with improvements to cross walks and sidewalks.	11/18/2019 5:04 PM
204	Not that you were listening to too much on so clean, not enough on pedestrian safety including crossing of bike lanes. Need to start making sure that a person with a walker or disability scooter can pass on every single sidewalk in the city, and get to the street Using a safe curb cut.. What did you do at Linden in Fairfield? Some reported improvements might just be painting new lines. There are no new crosswalks and the city needs more pedestrian controlled crosswalks	11/18/2019 5:02 PM
205	Too much emphasis on bicycle lanes that congest traffic, remove parking and go unused most of the time.	11/18/2019 4:58 PM
206	Good ideas. Again, do not place too much stress on neighbourhoods when making decisions and completing work	11/18/2019 4:48 PM
207	Foster project over 2 3 years	11/18/2019 4:48 PM
208	Too low, but we need to build housing so that the active transport infrastructure is used by people.	11/18/2019 4:47 PM
209	No	11/18/2019 4:41 PM
210	Because the transportation in the region is subpar, any additional bike lanes etc are hampering the vehicle traffic which is essential as the regional transportation is not good enough to get people to leave their cars at home.	11/18/2019 4:41 PM
211	too much spent on bike lanes	11/18/2019 4:29 PM
212	Instead of giving empty or semi empty bike lanes more space, make wider, safer bus lanes!	11/18/2019 4:25 PM
213	Too much on cycling. But not enough on transportation for seniors who don't ride bikes but have paid taxes forever. They need consideration.	11/18/2019 4:00 PM
214	Stop ripping up the streets for bike lanes	11/18/2019 2:48 PM
215	Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:19 AM
216	Please spend more on making the city safer to get around. We need a minimum cycling grid immediately.	11/18/2019 9:08 AM
217	All of that budget should go to rail!! STOP tearing up our city!!!	11/18/2019 8:15 AM
218	Again.. how about thinking about the transportation corridor (or lack there of) From Gorge Rock Bay to downtown? a forgotten part of Victoria.	11/18/2019 7:31 AM
219	No more ridiculous bike lanes! Transit improvements and parking improvements	11/18/2019 7:27 AM
220	Police before bike lanes	11/18/2019 7:21 AM
221	Active transportation should not reduce vehicle lanes creating more pollution and higher wait times for people trying to use an outdated and utterly humiliating public transportation system, an overall plan to create a more inclusive road and sidewalk network should be designed then implemented, and a common guideline on how they are styled and designed should be enforced throughout lower Vancouver island	11/18/2019 7:18 AM
222	As mentioned previously, the bike lanes are an issue. Adding more will slow traffic, and are one more thing that drivers have to watch out for. The way the lights are set up are very inefficient. Also, buses have a difficult time making turns on some of the streets such as turning onto Fort from Wharf.	11/18/2019 7:09 AM

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223	We need to look at all alternative travel and how it fits into the plan. Electric scooters, skateboards, mobility scooters, there are already 2 wheeled scooters fully enclosed, mobility scooters fully enclosed, I can foresee the day when these are used as commuter vehicles.who wants to ride a bike in the rain, and we do live on west coast. Not everyone is a bike rider. A top of the line mobility scooter is only around 5000. Fully enclosed probably a few thousand more. Many people do not have long commutes to work. Also as bikes become more popular I can actually see 4 seater Quadcycles being used by families. It seems that there are many new and innovative transportation methods that will become realistic within the next decade or so. Yet we are designing our roads for cars and narrow bikes, and our sidewalks just for walking, many so narrow that mobility scooters, wheelchairs and strollers have difficulty. I have been hit twice by a mobility scooter coming up behind me and not stopping fast enough, most sidewalks do not have room for scooter to pass a pedestrian. I think transportation corridors need a lot more planning. I think the bike lanes had insufficient planning, considering the future of transportation.	11/18/2019 6:48 AM
224	no more bike lanes, get traffic flowing so there's less fumes, more business, more usership. In a cold wet city in the winter bike lanes go barely used. Multi use lanes, extra biking and pedestrian in summer, extra cars in winter would be good.	11/18/2019 6:13 AM
225	Far too little focus on improving walk ability and drive ability in Victoria to access downtown. Cycling is taking too much of the budget and focus to the point it's made it dangerous for others to access Victoria.	11/18/2019 5:29 AM
226	The bike lanes were a terrible failure,have crippled the city, aren't used very much to rationalize the loss of infrastructure. Taking away Vancouver st. instead of just adding a bike lane (which it along could handle without a loss to the road) is just another blunder. I used to love this city	11/18/2019 5:22 AM
227	As long as it funds public transportation projects other than bike lanes	11/18/2019 5:08 AM
228	Focus on transit options and work with the City of Langford to develop and implement a rapid transit system like a tram or streetcars. The city needs to focus on transportation to and from the City of Victoria, not "within" the city.	11/18/2019 4:55 AM
229	Obscenities You want pedestrian friendly then move to Sidney	11/18/2019 4:41 AM
230	Stop dipping into viable needs. Tax other areas. Build a SkyTrain. You have seen this happening in Vancouver for 20 years. Really need to act not just tax people for no services or planning.	11/18/2019 4:38 AM
231	Stop building bike lanes	11/18/2019 4:31 AM
232	Too much focus on cycling and transit. Too little focus on pedestrians.	11/18/2019 4:29 AM
233	STOP BUILDING BIKE LANES	11/18/2019 4:25 AM
234	The design and implementation of the 2 way bike lanes have caused worse traffic congestion due to the lack of being able to make turns on red lights now	11/18/2019 4:03 AM
235	I have almost been hit while crossing by bicycles twice. I do not bother to walk downtown any more and I have reduced how many times I come downtown due to this.	11/18/2019 3:41 AM
236	Too much spending on bike lanes	11/18/2019 3:36 AM
237	Bike lanes for mostly for older/retired & students plus spandex are plugging up the lanes for cars as well as making pedestrian traffic dangerous	11/18/2019 3:20 AM
238	N/A	11/18/2019 3:17 AM
239	fix the dang pot holes	11/18/2019 3:11 AM
240	No more wasted money on cycling	11/18/2019 3:02 AM
241	Obscenities bike lanes.	11/18/2019 3:01 AM
242	NO MORE BIKE LANES!!!!!!! I agree with funding more for public transit and updating their fleet/systems or reinstatement of the rail line from the Westshore community to downtown. But for the love of god, no more freaking bike lanes.	11/18/2019 2:57 AM
243	There's been way to much money put into developing transportation in these areas already to the detriment of the city	11/18/2019 2:56 AM
244	"Much of which"?	11/18/2019 2:56 AM
245	As long as it's ACCESSIBLE for EVERYONE not just the abled bodied people	11/18/2019 2:52 AM
246	Scrap the disgusting waste of our money spent on the pointless bike lanes, so bad for our environment	11/18/2019 2:49 AM
247	Poor planning in regards to bicycle lanes. Not enough good transit routes. No accounting for the special needs to get across crosswalks	11/18/2019 2:45 AM
248	I find the lack of secondary response on the counsel raises strange	11/18/2019 2:38 AM
249	I love the idea of bike lanes but too much money has been wasted on that and bus lanes	11/18/2019 2:33 AM
250	Transit should be a focus. Enough with the bike lanes good downtown but not needed in all of city. If transit was better it would be more appealing to all the people who complain about parking prices and bike lanes downtown. I take the #6 and the amount of buses that are late or full is hard to believe. Frustrating but it's my only option.	11/18/2019 2:30 AM

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251	I am a daily commuting cyclist. There are more than enough bikes lanes.	11/18/2019 2:29 AM
252	Such a mess, too much destruction, waste of tax funds. Stop the madness	11/18/2019 2:29 AM
253	no more bike lanes surely there are more important transportation issues to deal with.	11/18/2019 2:21 AM
254	There are more than enough bike lanes downtown now. Please stop spending money on this.	11/18/2019 2:20 AM
255	The bike lanes have rendered a good portion of the city unusable to me. I have a service dog and cannot take a him with me on a bike. I need to drive and can't navigate the streets downtown for parking anymore.	11/18/2019 1:44 AM
256	Fix potholes. Stop building dangerous bike lanes that create a risk of head on collisions, and stop slowing down attempts to get anywhere in a car.	11/18/2019 1:41 AM
257	We could just skip this until other expenses, like repair of existing streets and policing, are covered adequately.	11/18/2019 12:59 AM
258	Abandon all new bike lane projects	11/18/2019 12:45 AM
259	The active transportation network is founded on the idea that residents are healthy enough to cycle and have enough discretionary time. Building out infrastructure that serves 3 6% of the residents for part of the year shows administrative myopia. Those dollars needed to go to mass transit.	11/18/2019 12:33 AM
260	So much money has been wasted on bicycle lanes that are in inappropriate streets, slow both car and bicycle traffic and cause serious hazards to cars, pedestrians and cyclists, who knows if the next steps will make things better or whether more money will be spent to make things worse which is apparently City Council's main objective, based on past history.	11/18/2019 12:29 AM
261	I support bike lane initiatives.	11/18/2019 12:16 AM
262	the federal gas tax money should all be improving the streets, a bike licence should be brought in to pay for bicycle infrastructure	11/18/2019 12:00 AM
263	Bicycle lanes need to be more thought out, it's a mess now.	11/17/2019 11:33 PM
264	Fed up with the waste of money for bike lanes that are not used.	11/17/2019 11:27 PM
265	No more new projects until you can prove citizens want them. Maintenance only until an independent and unbiased review of needs is completed.	11/17/2019 10:48 PM
266	The cycling plan is unconscionably expensive: tons of concrete being torn from earth & dumped on city streets. Rethink this plan completely. Introduce a good bus system to Victoria and save a great deal on other aspects of transportation. Provide more generally for the movement of the disabled & induce downtown businesses to make access improvements for the disabled.	11/17/2019 10:46 PM
267	Bike lanes are great, but slow down with their implementation. Money is also well spent elsewhere.	11/17/2019 10:36 PM
268	roads seem be totally neglected, which will eventually lead to more cost.	11/17/2019 10:24 PM
269	Bylaw Services needs to improve signage (including downtown) specifying sidewalks are for pedestrians only not for cyclists and skateboarders. Bylaw Services needs to enforce that bylaw.	11/17/2019 10:13 PM
270	What is the TBD on the bike item here? I've biked my whole live and commute on bike and what the city is doing is too much too quickly. Where is the money coming from?	11/17/2019 9:42 PM
271	Kill the bike lanes on Vancouver and other streets.	11/17/2019 9:38 PM
272	Enough with the bike lanes! I am a cyclist, but this city is for everyone.	11/17/2019 9:27 PM
273	already been a significant amount invested into bike lanes, time to spend more on proper lighting for safe walking in the evening and better transit systems for more works who can not afford to live in town, but work here.	11/17/2019 9:17 PM
274	Transit should be the priority here. Better transit with reduced wait times for commuters from the Westshore & Sidney would encourage reduced traffic. Pedestrian walks are sufficient and too much emphasis has been placed on bike lanes which is simply causing vehicle congestion resulting in more emissions.	11/17/2019 9:09 PM
275	We desperately need infrastructure upgrades to the roads themselves not just for cyclists and buses. The city is dying off due to lack of parking and difficult street access.	11/17/2019 9:07 PM
276	More money should be spent on developing transit but not giving free passes away. Free passes creates entitlement. Supplimented passes make more sense to me. Also, as a cyclist, the cities plan on bike routes makes zero sense to me and has actually created more friction between cyclists and motorist.	11/17/2019 9:06 PM
277	WAY too much money is being spent on bike lanes	11/17/2019 9:05 PM
278	Thanks for helping the citizens keep moving in their city. I enjoy walking in Victoria, and find it safe to do so.	11/17/2019 9:02 PM
279	The future of transportation is autonomous electric vehicles, NOT BICYCLES! Why are we spending on infrastructure that won't be a significant portion of how citizens will get around town?	11/17/2019 8:56 PM

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280	For the amount budgeted, the proposed projects will be very beneficial, as opposed to the much more expensive infrastructure in the downtown core that has already been built with justified opposition.	11/17/2019 8:49 PM
281	Stop the Biketoria insanity!!!!	11/17/2019 8:36 PM
282	There has been so much emphasis on bicycle lanes, and so much money has been put into same, with no end in sight, and with a trees be damned attitude, that I can only conclude that we have a special interest mayor and council, who seem to forget that there are other issues just as pressing, and more so. For example, bringing disabled parking up to better standards. But if you protest about the bike lanes, you're just being negative and the mayor has chosen to block those negative voices right? If you are on board with the bicycle lanes, then you are a positive and contributing member of the electorate. That is terrible.	11/17/2019 8:02 PM
283	Please stop! The bike lanes are over built. Why didn't you build what upper Cook near Quadra in Saanich did.	11/17/2019 7:46 PM
284	The cycling lobby and personal transportation preferences of council members are generating projects that impede efficiency of motorized traffic from outside the city and hamper effective movement of emergency vehicles.	11/17/2019 7:28 PM
285	Too much spending on bike paths. Focus on sidewalks and transit.	11/17/2019 7:25 PM
286	Stop spending money on bike paths. Spend it on busses and EV infrastructure	11/17/2019 7:24 PM
287	Whatever part of this amount is going to go to ruining Vancouver Street should be cancelled.	11/17/2019 7:08 PM
288	too many bike lanes not enough parking	11/17/2019 6:53 PM
289	Okay if applied solely to bus transit.	11/17/2019 6:16 PM
290	Pedestrian and transit infrastructure should be the main priority for this budget.	11/17/2019 6:07 PM
291	Better planned cycling infrastructure. Currently we have a system that has massively over built and disfunctional cycling infrastructure that suddenly becomes crap a block later. Do it evenly and with less drastic changes and things would actually become usable.	11/17/2019 5:47 PM
292	Bike lanes all but empty from November to February...we are not Europe	11/17/2019 5:32 PM
293	Funding plus fine, but misallocated. Transit should be the sole focus here.	11/17/2019 5:07 PM
294	Focus on transit	11/17/2019 4:41 PM
295	Should be allocated to bike lanes, get rid of those humps mid Lane as they are dangerous	11/17/2019 4:33 PM
296	Transit is key to solving climate, parking, and other environmental issues.	11/17/2019 4:27 PM
297	While it's important to support alternative (cycling) routes the expense of separated bike lanes isn't necessary or defensible.	11/17/2019 3:56 PM
298	Please don't close Vancouver street at Southgate.	11/17/2019 3:48 PM
299	Stop building bike lanes on major arterial roads. Do it on less busy roads. Stop spending money on this. They are so underused that it is pathetic. It just seems like misguided climate activism.	11/17/2019 2:38 PM
300	improve transit. scale down the cycling structures and focus on lane visibility and driver/rider awareness. we don't need all the concrete barriers as much as we need visible bike lanes. Also, do not go ahead with the Vancouve street conversion for bike lanes ec... i ride it daily with my child and it is totally fine the way it is for cars and bikes. maybe throw some paint down and add bike awareness signs.	11/17/2019 8:58 AM
301	Give up on bike lanes especially when they reduce the lane width for the buses.	11/17/2019 3:24 AM
302	Not a fan of the expansion of two way bike lanes. Bike lanes are fine if consider parking for businesses and drop off for deliveries and couriers, transit and vehicle lanes needed to move all people and businesses of Victoria and not a select group.	11/17/2019 2:47 AM
303	Focus of pedestrian and transit infrastructure. Implement safe cycling protocols.	11/17/2019 2:31 AM
304	fix the streets first , use the gas tax where it is most needed to support the car drivers	11/17/2019 2 26 AM
305	The city need to park the bicycle lane improve to program until other basic services are adequately covered.	11/17/2019 2:12 AM
306	While nice, it's not a priority. I walk by addicts and homeless EVERY.SINGLE.DAY and have never used the bike lanes. When I see the priority items addressed I'd be happy to pay for the frills	11/17/2019 1:44 AM
307	Please no more money on bikelanes. I'm a regular rider and am offended how unnecessarily complex and expensive the bikelane projects have been. Put a line of paint down the side of some roads, with a small amount of additional signage to share the road in tight spaces. That is all that was needed (I bike regularly and never use the expensive bikelanes).	11/17/2019 1:40 AM
308	Just right, but there is always room for more! Keep building the bike lanes and improving transit accessibility.	11/17/2019 1:26 AM
309	I think bike lanes are important but question the design on Wharf street and the downtown are, I don't feel safe as a pedestrian, vehicle driving or riding a bike, poorly thought out	11/17/2019 1:13 AM

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310	Please, no more money on bike lanes. Mayor Helps has made downtown a maze of ugly signs and confusing paths. Disgraceful use of taxpayers money.	11/17/2019 12:57 AM
311	no more bike lanes, seriously fix the sidewalks. Victoria is rapidly becoming unwalkable do to safety (cyclist that hurt pedestrians by not following the rules/laws, aggressive panhandlers and drug addicts, lack of maintenance).	11/17/2019 12:38 AM
312	moratorium on additional separated bike lanes need to decide what type of vehicles (e.g. Segways, electric scooters), should be allowed on city streets, bicycle paths. City made a mistake on allowing and encouraging skateboards in bicycle lanes	11/17/2019 12:22 AM
313	Just because it is gas tax does not mean it is free money, adn making it sound as if it is not really the taxpayer that is paying is disingenuous. That money came from the same source the taxpayer.	11/17/2019 12:17 AM
314	No more bike lanes	11/16/2019 11:38 PM
315	You have switched to giving just dollar amounts for the budget rather than dollar amount and what this represents as a % of budget. Should have kept it consistent	11/16/2019 11:37 PM
316	Transit must be improved now, not years down the road when it's too late and we will be constantly trying to play "catch up".	11/16/2019 11:33 PM
317	Students should not travel free. People whose life of work and paying taxes and who paid for the system should travel free in their senior years	11/16/2019 11:32 PM
318	Increase focus on bus service.	11/16/2019 11:24 PM
319	I deeply appreciate the efforts the city has been making in this area. It's such an important part of addressing the climate emergency and housing affordability problems in the city that I hope we can do more.	11/16/2019 11:24 PM
320	No one wants the stupid bike lanes	11/16/2019 11:03 PM
321	Again its too low but again I fear the money will be poorly allocated. The bike lanes are hit and miss. Im not sure they are the right future proofing. BC is supposed to be idle free. These new bike lanes have added more idling and the city is not prepared with the needed infrastructure to go all electric. We could create a networked electric self driven network, that withing city limits, would take over and drive for people. You could basically eliminate street lights and provide incredible efficiency, for everybody! This efficiency makes more money, raises productivity, and basically increases the GDP of the city. We instead seem to be really focused on some romanticized old school plan of bike lanes and buses. We dont all want to ride a bike and take a bus. Some of us do bike and generally like the new lanes however also drive and can see the risks. Its also a ton of new information for people to digest and I have seen some serious near misses of big accidents. I have almost been a couple myself, due to other cyclists and of course certain motorists. Biking networks are great, but not at the expense of future proofing a clean green sustainable city that is the peak of efficiency.	11/16/2019 11:03 PM
322	Please stop with the excessive bike lanes, reduced parking and traffic impeding lack of engineering on intersections for both bikes, vehicles and pedestrians. Consult professionals with actual experience.	11/16/2019 11:00 PM
323	Urgent attention required to maintain what we have before adding more goals.	11/16/2019 10:58 PM
324	Reduce spending on cycling lanes	11/16/2019 10:57 PM
325	pump the brakes on all the bike lanes we are spending way to much money for a small result. This should be done but a much slower rate and better consultation with businesses and neighborhoods!!! start listening to people and not your own wishes	11/16/2019 10:52 PM
326	Too much money on cycling infrastructure not well designed. For example Wharf St should have been on East side	11/16/2019 10:45 PM
327	This isn't necessary. Increased transit is a sustainable way forward	11/16/2019 10:40 PM
328	The sooner we can get off auto dependency the better	11/16/2019 10:34 PM
329	Far too much is being spent in this area especially with regard to bike lanes. PLEASE STOP spending on bike lanes! If you care about the environment do something about idling vehicles: make sure all city vehicles have auto off on and coordinate street lights to improve the flow of traffic.	11/16/2019 10:34 PM
330	Enough bike lanes!!! Forget Vancouver Street bike plan. implement speed bumps or traffic circles to discourage not eliminate traffic	11/16/2019 10:33 PM
331	See my answer to q.35. applies here too.	11/16/2019 10:09 PM
332	Stop with the bike lanes already. The left wing mayor and city council should not be using my money to dictate what they want and then use more of my money to build it, all while living off of my money. They should do what the taxpayers want not what they want.	11/16/2019 9:55 PM

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333	Too much money is going into bike lanes that are ill thought out. And then of course the money goes to the "expert" hired to "study" the proposal on and on. I've been riding in Victoria for over 30 years I've never needed bike lanes they just make my commute time longer once you're on a bike lane, it's difficult to get out and move into the left lane example, when trying to turn left onto Blanshard from Pandora bike lane it's a pain in the ass. People need to be assertive riders. Don't ruin Vancouver street with bike lanes it's fine as it is. DO NOT put bike lanes on Cook Street that will be a congested mess.	11/16/2019 9:48 PM
334	Too low, needs to better reflect city priorities.	11/16/2019 9:23 PM
335	transit infrastructure is a priority. Forget cycling.	11/16/2019 9:22 PM
336	Stop with poor planning of bike lanes.	11/16/2019 9:14 PM
337	The cycling networks are increasing congestion on our roads and making many roads unsafe for drivers/pedestrians with narrower lanes	11/16/2019 8:49 PM
338	free bus passes for select citizens is wrong, not enough sound focus on smooth traffic flow of all modes of transportation. Rather, city has created horrendous traffic congestion	11/16/2019 8:48 PM
339	Far, far too much focus on bicycles, at the expense at mass transit and pedestrians.	11/16/2019 8:46 PM
340	Bicycle lanes downtown are tiny cement channels and totally block the flow of traffic. They should be stopped now and a proper traffic plan done. Also there is not enough parking for all the new condos being built downtown. We need more city parking garages and long term resident parking areas.	11/16/2019 8:33 PM
341	We need to focus on reliable public transportation for all. The Victoria bus system is seen by most as not efficient.	11/16/2019 8:30 PM
342	What Vic area needs is rapid transit NOT MORE BIKE LANES!!! It rains too much to bike all the time. Traffic is insane to bike so much even with the stupidity of bike lanes which are not being used except maybe by Lisa.	11/16/2019 8:27 PM
343	Too low if it's to include transit	11/16/2019 8:26 PM
344	Transit is terrible, needs to be reliable and convenient.	11/16/2019 8:19 PM
345	Traffic flow for people in vehicles is becoming very difficult.	11/16/2019 8:12 PM
346	Transit needs to be well funded and service improved to encourage growing use. I support free transport to young people.	11/16/2019 8:11 PM
347	I've commented elsewhere in this survey about transportation, but to recap: less focus on cycling infrastructure please until we have better public transit and more parkade space. I'd be happy to use my car less if I could get around on public transit in decent time. As it is, some bus routes have very limited service, and getting from A to B just takes too long. Also, please give consideration to rapid transit linking Victoria to areas that used to be outlying but now seem to be part of the urban sprawl. And how about a water service similar to SeaBus linking downtown Victoria to Esquimalt, West Shore, etc.	11/16/2019 8:04 PM
348	Better transit bus support please! Cyclists got over budgeted.	11/16/2019 7:48 PM
349	We really need a better transit system, the bike lanes have been a interesting upgrade to the town and I think we can slow down on these upgrades. BC transit needs help, always late or missing buses on certain routes. I suggest more privatization of Victoria transit system similar to Vancouver's. LRT system from Victoria to Langford is also a must happen project.. We need reliable services for continued growth.	11/16/2019 7:26 PM
350	Victoria's transit system is poor and needs to be improved. Many people rely on this service. Victoria is turning into a big city and needs a transit system to match. I fully support increased cycling infrastructure.	11/16/2019 7:21 PM
351	We need less bike lanes, it's a myth that Victoria is a bike town.	11/16/2019 7:14 PM
352	wrong expenditure. the data is clear that to get cars off the road you need to have great transit, you are wasting our money on other things	11/16/2019 7:13 PM
353	please fix the potholes first	11/16/2019 6:57 PM
354	I do not support more money for cycling but we desperately need better transportation especially for the Westshore. Why aren't seniors given free bus passes?	11/16/2019 6:55 PM
355	Instead of bike lanes use the money for family housing.	11/16/2019 6:38 PM
356	I think the plan is too force people out of cars in any manner that can be thought of.	11/16/2019 6:31 PM
357	We've wasted enough money on bi directional bike lanes and pet projects. These defy logic and lessons learned from other jurisdictions. These are unsafe, poorly designed and dangerous for pedestrians.	11/16/2019 6:07 PM
358	Please think about seniors when developing plans for the downtown core. It's not easy for them to navigate the area, and it should be. Not everyone is on a bicycle.	11/16/2019 6:06 PM
359	the bike lanes are costing way too much. I rode a bike to work for 35 years safely, all the new bike lanes still wouldn't have been useful for where I worked	11/16/2019 6:04 PM

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360	Stop with the bike lanes. They should have been pathways, not combined into city streets. No way in the world I would bike commute in Victoria, the driving is horrid (hence why those should have been bike paths instead of lanes incorporated onto main streets). Stop with the bad planning and try a new bike path plan.	11/16/2019 6:04 PM
361	Get priorities right. Victoria prides itself on being inclusive but everyone but cyclists seem to be penalized	11/16/2019 5:53 PM
362	Far too much money has been spent on bike lanes and infrastructure while ignoring the tax payers wishes to stop investments in this. The majority have said no. The majority have said we dislike the current and proposed infrastructure changes. Listen to the people please.	11/16/2019 5:33 PM
363	Lose the bike lanes Get light rapid transit train system. It's well over due in this city and to the west shore	11/16/2019 5:27 PM
364	I support the bike paths but don't forget people still drive.	11/16/2019 5:23 PM
365	Emphasis is required on transit. Bike lanes are enough.	11/16/2019 5:16 PM
366	I do not agree with all the additional bike lanes. Victoria has an aging population that still drive and do not bike. The cycling population seem to have their own rules which are different from ped, and drivers	11/16/2019 5:14 PM
367	I have not seen professional business cases based upon pilot results and analysis.	11/16/2019 5:11 PM
368	It is out of balance. The bike lanes look pretty but are largely under utilized while core needs such as roads and sidewalks are not being maintained.	11/16/2019 5:11 PM
369	Why are you not listing proposed funding for the Bicycle Master Plan? This is an item which many of the public feel strongly about. My opinion is that it is an unnecessary project. The remaining items seem reasonable.	11/16/2019 5:09 PM
370	Too much money on bike projects. Vancouver Street project has escalated from simple and effective to complex with negative impact on residents of that neighbourhood.	11/16/2019 5:07 PM
371	Too much money is put into bike lanes too much concrete, too complicated in places. Biking should be safe and easy, fun. bike lanes are necessary but the infrastructure is over kill.	11/16/2019 5:04 PM
372	This is a huge benefit to the city despite its critics. Go to other cities in BC and elsewhere and try to ride your bike, it is hazardous and nearly impossible. I ride my bike more than ever, this is a positive initiative that other cities should copy. Good job here.	11/16/2019 5:00 PM
373	While I support bike lanes in principle the way the bike lanes were built in Downtown Victoria is baffling. The lanes on Wharf street are dangerous for both cyclists and cars. Protected lanes on Vancouver St. are unnecessary. A regular bike lane would have been sufficient. Same with Dallas road. Once again a great example of this council ramming their ideology down the throats of the residents.	11/16/2019 4:59 PM
374	Given the amount of \$\$ spent already, maybe ONLY spend what the federal gas tax program gives annually. Don't add more from the city capital budget. that way you can tell the taxpayers that 100% of this is being paid for by the federal government (which of course, is us taxpayers anyway, but it seems more palatable!). That way you can say that City of Victoria local taxpayers funds are being used for other priority items.	11/16/2019 4:59 PM
375	No one asked you to aggressively finish a bike lane network this quickly. This is a council, not a resident, agenda. I like bike lanes but they should have been planned better over a longer period of time. I believe there was an opportunity after Pandora to consider what did and didn't work well. Instead you blasted ahead and wrecked Fort St. Congestion is so bad now in spots because of the bike lane obsession. Now I walk by idling cars that create more pollution than before	11/16/2019 4:58 PM
376	Why are my tax dollars paying for something that only applies to a small population?	11/16/2019 4:53 PM
377	Please continue with expanding the bike lanes. The more bike lanes there are the more I cycle even though I'm a senior. Don't listen to the harumph brigade.	11/16/2019 4:53 PM
378	I abhor how much is being spent on the Bicycle Master Plan Implementation and how it has been thrust upon the city.	11/16/2019 4:53 PM
379	Way too many bike lanes. Coordinate with the other municipalities if you're going to build them so they actually go somewhere.	11/16/2019 4:51 PM
380	At this time I think we should just use Federal gas tax funds. We need to take the time to see ramifications of the current bike lanes they don't even allow for buses to move down the roads safely. Many of the right turn lanes are now very dangerous for both drivers and cyclists.	11/16/2019 4:43 PM
381	I wish Saanich would learn from Victoria....	11/16/2019 4:27 PM
382	None of this money should be used for bike lanes. They are unnecessary and causing more congestion.	11/16/2019 4:04 PM
383	if it was for transportation all of us can use yes if its just another bike lane no	11/16/2019 4:04 PM
384	Stick to bike lanes that go with the flow of traffic.	11/16/2019 4:01 PM
385	Too much spent on bike lanes. Not enough on public transit. Fix the sidewalks.	11/16/2019 3:58 PM
386	Thank you.	11/16/2019 3:51 PM

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387	No	11/16/2019 3:43 PM
388	No more money wasted on bike lanes	11/16/2019 3:42 PM
389	Enough with the cycling network there is NO compliance and enforcement program for cyclists breaking the rules of the road this needs to be done.	11/16/2019 3:30 PM
390	Good, provided this funding goes chiefly to transit that is accessible for ALL	11/16/2019 10:02 AM
391	too high for cycling & pedestrian infrastructure, too low for transit infrastructure.	11/16/2019 8:07 AM
392	More of this budget should be spent on transit infrastructure. No more money on bike lanes. Divert bike lane money to things our city really needs.	11/16/2019 6:46 AM
393	Need light rail from Victoria to Western Communities.	11/16/2019 6:24 AM
394	We have more than enough bike lanes!	11/16/2019 5:47 AM
395	The Vancouver Street bike is unreasonable, painted bike lines would be enough. Let's all share the roads.	11/16/2019 5:46 AM
396	Stop spending so much money on bike lanes and out that money towards transit	11/16/2019 5:43 AM
397	Transit should be the priority.	11/16/2019 5:35 AM
398	MORE THAN ENOUGH EXPENDITURES FOR CYCLING. GENERAL DEMOGRAPHICS SHOW A RAPIDLY AGING POPULATION TOO OLD OR TOO SICK TO USE A BICYCLE AS A MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. ALSO, CARS ARE NEEDED FOR SHOPPING, TRANSPORTING CHILDREN TO AND FROM DAYCARE, TAKING INFIRM PARENTS TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT ETC.ETC. I'LL BET LISA HELPS DOESN'T HAVE CHILDREN BECAUSE IF SHE DID SHE WOULD STOP LIVING IN LA LA LAND AND WAKE UP TO THE REALTY THAT CARS ARE A NECESSITY FOR MOST FAMILIES, NOT A LUXURY. HER AFFINITY TO BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE REFLECTS A MISPLACED ASSUMPTION THAT IT WILL GET HER VOTES NEXT ELECTION. SURPRISE! IT WON'T.	11/16/2019 4:53 AM
399	I support improvements and additions to transit, pedestrian, and cycling infrastructure. I believe we need to make it easier, and more accessible for folks to prioritize these modes of transportation	11/16/2019 4:49 AM
400	Stop with the bike lanes. Victorias infrastructure is not able to handle the bikers the way you are going about it. Having them in the bike lanes is awesome but the moment they turn off onto a street without them that is to narrow or busy to go around it causes massive congestion. Just make it so bikes can only use certain roads and not be everywhere.	11/16/2019 4:24 AM
401	More bike lanes and pedestrian options	11/16/2019 4:17 AM
402	More for public transit. How can we consider paying city staff a 50% increase way transit operators make pennies compared to city council and can't even get a cost of living wage increase. With no contract since April? Support our workers not executives who should be about public service not career path.	11/16/2019 4:03 AM
403	Cut down on some of the bike stuff and get basic safety measures on roads, eg: reflectors on major roadways, i think there is 2 lane marker reflectors left on Douglas total	11/16/2019 3:52 AM
404	Way too much focus and spending on cycling infrastructure and not enough on pedestrian infrastructure	11/16/2019 3:27 AM
405	Enough with the bike lanes	11/16/2019 3:19 AM
406	Stop with the bike lanes.. can't wait to leave this city.	11/16/2019 3:05 AM
407	Stop spending on bicycle lanes. Get the rest of the city streets fixed first. Way too much spent on this per capita.	11/16/2019 2:58 AM
408	Stop wasting money on over the top, counter intuitive bike lanes. Examples are Fort and Pandora Sts. I would prefer to see a bike corridor on View St. We don't need two way bike lanes on one way streets and don't need high end bike lanes on all streets. Those are millions of dollars wasted.	11/16/2019 2:54 AM
409	A very important area. Paying council more is not.	11/16/2019 2:21 AM
410	Pedestrian and transit needs funding enough bike lanes already.	11/16/2019 1:59 AM
411	Stop bike lane spending	11/16/2019 1:59 AM
412	What we really need is some form of Light Rappid Transit	11/16/2019 1:58 AM
413	it is a mess downtown with the bike lanes	11/16/2019 1:49 AM
414	Far too much spent on bike lanes. We should have had graduated approach, once you've demonstrated that you have it correct, then move forward and learn from your mistakes.	11/16/2019 1:33 AM
415	Make sure that this is done and not wasted on costly studies.	11/16/2019 1:29 AM
416	Way more needs to be spent on public transportation. Mentally ill who abuse people should be barred from transit system	11/16/2019 1:28 AM
417	The City has already spent far too much on Bike lanes. No additional spending should be directed to bike lanes.	11/16/2019 1:25 AM
418	Bicycle lanes a waste of money. Should have focused on lanes for the elderly..scooters.	11/16/2019 1:24 AM

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419	We need to slow down on changing and developing our infrastructure.	11/16/2019 1:24 AM
420	Tb	11/16/2019 1:20 AM
421	No more bike lanes.!	11/16/2019 1:20 AM
422	Funding from the Federal Gas Tax program still means Victoria taxpayers are paying!! There is no free lunch. Spend money on education and not on infrastructure. If you are going to have to do bike lanes make sure you achieve the results at or under budget.	11/16/2019 1:16 AM
423	Improve transit stop adding the bike lanes	11/16/2019 12:44 AM
424	As per my comment in 35. Please reanalyze the need for 2 way bike lanes on one way streets. Protected single lane bike corridors would be adequate and welcomed.	11/16/2019 12:33 AM
425	Pause on the bike lanes and figure it out...current ones are a mess and have created congestion and increased the city's carbon footprint.	11/16/2019 12:23 AM
426	Reduce bike lanes!!!!	11/16/2019 12:22 AM
427	With the up coming augmentation of Vancouver st. The inner core of the city is reverting back to Fort Victoria and more like a social enclave for the inner city dwellers excluding the majority of taxpayers from the city that they will future fund to maintain.	11/16/2019 12:17 AM
428	Bus lanes are great. We don't need any more multi directional crosswalks (great in theory but everyone just walks when they want to anyway) and we are sick to death of bike lanes.	11/16/2019 12:03 AM
429	Light rail restart. Partial Infrastructure is already in place	11/15/2019 11:53 PM
430	Transit infrastructure should be spent but no more bike lanes	11/15/2019 11:43 PM
431	Bike lanes that are made are ridiculous. What percentage of patrons, commuters and disabled people live outside the Victoria area that need a vehicle to access the downtown core. A lack of forward thinking is hurting business, making Victoria less a attractive for business, and a shift to Langford for business is seeing a decline of store revenue.	11/15/2019 11:32 PM
432	Would rather see the money put to use with transit, not the cycling.	11/15/2019 11:24 PM
433	As said before the bike lanes are a collaso overspend	11/15/2019 11:14 PM
434	We've blown our brains out on the cycling thing. Maybe its time to spend a bit more fixing up some of the disgusting roads instead???	11/15/2019 11:08 PM
435	See Engineering & Public Works, Question 11: Comments re: Johnson Street	11/15/2019 10:48 PM
436	Fix the sidewalks, enough with the bike lanes (cyclists appear to have their own definition of sharing), sort out the buses impeding traffic (Richmond has buses stopping traffic every time they stop). Not everyone is able to use the bus or bicycle.	11/15/2019 10:43 PM
437	Curtain bike lanes are a joke. Someone's gonna get killed because of them	11/15/2019 10:10 PM
438	Transit expansion and improvement is a major priority for everyone I know, as many of us can't afford cars or parking.	11/15/2019 9:50 PM
439	enough of bike lanes in downtown core	11/15/2019 9:43 PM
440	Use this money along Dallas Rd	11/15/2019 9:43 PM
441	Need more transit going in the right direction	11/15/2019 9:33 PM
442	oh cool, fed funds too. Vic is a tiny city, mild climate. any investments in making it accessible for pedestrians, for those with mobility issues, and yeah, your much touted bikes. personally, I don't like cycling in Vic at all. I lived in Vancouver for many years, and used the laneways more so than the roads.	11/15/2019 9:24 PM
443	Full steam ahead! Need more (or maybe just more PR) around walking & transit projects so people don't think it's all about the bicycles. I, and many my age, walk a lot more than we cycle and Victoria is so small that a 20 minute walk gets you to most places you'd want to go.	11/15/2019 9:17 PM
444	If people want to take the bus, they have to bye into it by paying for it. A free service will not be appreciated.	11/15/2019 9:16 PM
445	How can you justify spending gas tax funds on items (like cycles) that do not contribute to the gas tax totally wrong, gas tax should be for items that contributed roads & buses.	11/15/2019 9:12 PM
446	The city is spending too much on separate bus and bike lanes.	11/15/2019 9:09 PM
447	Appreciate the new corridors for bikes as a pedestrian, feel there needs to be monitoring of shared pathways and intersects.	11/15/2019 9:04 PM
448	More spending on bike lanes needed.	11/15/2019 8:48 PM
449	I think more needs to be spent on transit and less on cycle tracks.	11/15/2019 8:43 PM
450	Need traffic calming in James Bay to eliminate the speedway between Belleville & Oswego to Dallas Road.	11/15/2019 8:32 PM
451	STOP WITH THE BIKE LANES	11/15/2019 8:24 PM
452	Stick with painted bike lanes, reduced speed limits, speed bumps, etc to improve safety without the more costly hard infrastructure	11/15/2019 8:22 PM

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453	This needs far more funding!	11/15/2019 8:21 PM
454	Spend it on transit infrastructure. Every dollar on transit is well spent. And I don't use transit much but I believe it is vital to commerce. Pedestrians actually have been too catered to. Some of the crosswalks downtown should be removed they are redundant. And this is from someone who believes that healthy cities are walkable, and is not pro car. But I think we should not be pitting groups against each other and all the designs so far for cycling and pedestrian infrastructure from the current council pit people against each other. It is sad that you cannot see the obvious solutions that can please everyone, but perhaps it is intentional.	11/15/2019 8:10 PM
455	This is critical to transforming the city and moving from car to other means of transportation for reducing congestion, emissions, demand for parking	11/15/2019 8:08 PM
456	fix the roads all pot holes and paint lines with paint that can see in rain and dark.	11/15/2019 7:52 PM
457	This is much more important than, though not completely independent from, the overall roads budget.	11/15/2019 7:52 PM
458	The council is obsessed with bike lanes. Our population is primarily older people they are not utilizing the bike lanes. It is only the "elite" it's disgusting	11/15/2019 7:41 PM
459	We need trains and electric buses. \$3.98 million is a rounding area compared to what we need to be spending to phase out internal combustion transportation.	11/15/2019 7:34 PM
460	I'm in agreement with bike lanes but these new ones don't seem to be well thought out. I think most of City Council is out of touch with families and homeowners. People who pay high taxes and drive cars because they have families.	11/15/2019 7:27 PM
461	Public transit in Victoria is derelict and unreliable. Less bike lanes more busses please.	11/15/2019 7:24 PM
462	Stop building bike lanes	11/15/2019 7:15 PM
463	Just right or too low on the transit improvements, and far too high on cycling and pedestrian infrastructure.	11/15/2019 7:13 PM
464	More focus on transit infrastructure is required (ex light rail to Langford and beyond)	11/15/2019 7:04 PM
465	Too much is spent on cycling and not other forms of active transportation, improve walk ability and bus services.	11/15/2019 7:04 PM
466	Transit needs an upgrade now!	11/15/2019 7:04 PM
467	The downtown core is not safe to lock up a bike.	11/15/2019 7:03 PM
468	enough bike lanes the traffic disruptions have been heinous to deal with and haven't alleviated any of the vehicle traffic just caused it to bottle neck all day	11/15/2019 6:53 PM
469	Poorly thought out bike lanes are not appreciated , by cycling community as well as the non cycling community.	11/15/2019 6:48 PM
470	The city should consult more regarding the bike lanes. They are a great project to aspire to, but the current infrastructure is becoming too sacrificed to just make room for more bike lanes. Better planning should be implemented for future bike lane projects; such as one way streets having only one way bike lanes, reduction of sidewalk space to make room versus taking entirely from the street, etc.	11/15/2019 6:46 PM
471	Again, with bike networks history has shown the key is getting them up FAST, before reactionary sentiment boils into a "bikelash" and political support is lost. A city in Spain well all out building up a network from nothing to way more than we have in Victoria in only a few years. It had something like 20 30% support at first, but because it was done big enough and fast enough people actually saw the benefits and and support skyrocketed to 60 70%, ensuring the project could continue. If you build cycling infra too slow, like we are doing now, you're vulnerable to reactionary attacks on the project.	11/15/2019 6:44 PM
472	No one actually asked for bike lanes, we asked for parking	11/15/2019 6:40 PM
473	Money devoted to efforts that are actually effective should be higher. Cobbling together measures that are piggy backed on top of existing infrastructure just reduces the effectiveness of all means of transport.	11/15/2019 6:29 PM
474	Your budget for active transport is almost that of road maintenance. The roads are used year round, in rain, in snow, all year. Meanwhile active transport is used only when the weather is nice. They should not have nearly the same budget. Cycling and bike lanes are a luxury that should happen when you have a surplus of funds and are not making cuts to other areas.	11/15/2019 6:29 PM
475	Traffic patterns are safe when they are predictable. Why does Pandora Street now have a delayed right turn signal (a traffic pattern that I have never seen elsewhere)? No wonder there is such an issue with drivers blowing across the bike lanes against the signal. The bike lanes on Pandora have failed at their only purpose (to keep cyclists safe) and all at massive tax payer expense. I can't feel good about funding similar projects in the future	11/15/2019 6:27 PM
476	I would like more parking spaces. Not everyone is capable of cycling, walking or busing. You have completely ignored the seniors population.	11/15/2019 6:22 PM
477	Transit is the purview of BC Transit, a provincial crown corp. Unless you can magically find them hundreds of extra drivers to keep to the schedules, step off.	11/15/2019 6:19 PM

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478	Enough with the bike lanes for now. Focus on the pedestrian downtown, making the City more walkable and safe. Main sidewalks should be widened introduce more one ways to channel vehicle traffic	11/15/2019 6:08 PM
479	yip, indeed. shouldnt have clicked yes but if I go back and click no then you wouldn't get this feed back, so I will just select "Don't know/not sure"	11/15/2019 5:55 PM
480	no	11/15/2019 5:53 PM
481	Need more traffic calming at intersections and streets that have become like sub arterial roadways due to the implementation of bike lanes and bike right of ways. Residential streets have become very unsafe due to increased speed and volume of vehicular traffic.	11/15/2019 5:36 PM
482	NO MORE BIKE LANES! Police need to start ticketing cyclist who do not ride or share the road properly and still ride on sidewalks!	11/15/2019 5:27 PM
483	Too much going into the cycle plan. Other cities have good cycle paths without spending as much per kilometre as the City of Victoria. I think this question is loaded by referring to the Federal Gas Tax Program. They are taxes that I pay. It is not "free money". I am a cyclist as well as a walker and car driver.	11/15/2019 5:27 PM
484	Need much more transit & bike lanes.	11/15/2019 5:26 PM
485	more focus needs to be on moving more people bike lanes do not effectively move enough people focus should be on mass transportation like buses etc more bike lanes are a waste of money a vanity project	11/15/2019 5:24 PM
486	Far too much money is being spent on bike lanes and far too little on sidewalks. It's time for council to get off their bikes and walk. 10% of sidewalks are in poor condition maybe in the downtown core. Isn't this suppose to be for all of the City of Victoria not just the downtown?	11/15/2019 5:16 PM
487	Way too low. Bike network is being implemented at a snails pace. Investments in pedestrian and transit infrastructure are badly needed. Also, secure bike parking would be utilized	11/15/2019 5:07 PM
488	however focus on transit and lessen focus on cycling and pedestrian	11/15/2019 5:00 PM
489	f	11/15/2019 4:40 PM
490	These funds should be allocated to core areas of responsibility such as basic infrastructure.	11/15/2019 4:32 PM
491	Stop the bike lane program	11/15/2019 4:31 PM
492	Many totally unnecessary projects. It doesn't matter if the funding comes from other areas it's still citizen money and the city is wasting it.	11/15/2019 4:21 PM
493	more money should be put into pedestrian and transit infrastructure	11/15/2019 4:19 PM
494	Too much spent on cycling when some Vic west streets don't even have sidewalks	11/15/2019 4:14 PM
495	Please ensure that adequate design is considered and implemented for pedestrians as when we get off our bikes or a bus we are walking and need to have decent sized smooth (without cracks, lumpy, etc.) sidewalks.	11/15/2019 4:05 PM
496	We need mass transit for commuters in the form of an L or sky train or something of that matter, even if initially it is only from Langford to down town or even shorter. Let's have some real research based and intentional decisions to make this happen including amalgamation or at least collaboration with all municipalities	11/15/2019 4:01 PM
497	Stop the bike lanes and fix the roads and sidewalks!	11/15/2019 3:40 PM
498	Painted bike lanes are sufficient on the majority of streets	11/15/2019 3:39 PM
499	Y'all have made a huge mess in "active transportation" Could've done more with less money. Very poor planning	11/15/2019 3:29 PM
500	Not one more penny spent on bike lanes! Put money into improving and making public transit more affordable. Public transit is needed throughout the 24 hour period. Start using more small transit busses in off hours (handiDart busses?) but at least provide service.	11/15/2019 3:15 PM
501	Pause on the bike lanes until we see the full impact and adjust accordingly. Or put in temporary structures that can be altered based on the usage etc.	11/15/2019 3:13 PM
502	Again, stop adding in bike lanes. It's a waste of taxpayer money at this point. There are already enough, and if Lisa wants to add more take it out of her 6 figure salary.	11/15/2019 3:12 PM
503	Transportation also includes the rights of drivers again, the population in the city is aging and/or is disabled. We need less bike lanes, not more. Instead why not look at rapid transit (commuter trains) connecting the municipalities cyclists can use commuter trains as well.	11/15/2019 2:42 PM
504	Stop catering to cyclists. Roads need to be maintained for cars too	11/15/2019 2:39 PM
505	NO MORE BIKE LANES.	11/15/2019 2:39 PM
506	The Wharf Street bike lane is considered one of the most dangerous in North America. Take off your holler than thou blinders and use some common sense. We will have cars & trucks on the streets forever. They may end up all being electric, but at this point the BC Hydro grid would not support even 10% fully electric vehicles. The Batteries are very polluting when no longer usable. Again take off your blinders.	11/15/2019 6:02 AM

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507	Keep up the good work.	11/15/2019 3:06 AM
508	To many bicycle lanes, but don't mind it spent on transit and pedestrian walkways	11/15/2019 12:15 AM
509	Way to low. This should be tripled	11/14/2019 10:20 AM
510	If by "active transportation" you mean having street lights not timed properly, you haven't been getting this right for years.	11/14/2019 1:08 AM
511	Transportation that is fossil fuel free must be a top priority in this time of climate emergency	11/13/2019 8:40 PM
512	Much more needs to be allocated to the creation of safe streets for vulnerable users, e.g. more protected bike lanes, wider sidewalks where appropriate, intersection bulbouts for enhanced crossing safety.	11/13/2019 8:27 PM
513	Bike lanes have had serious side effects to bus, emergency and pedestrian transportation. By not enforcing Provincial transportation guidelines, transportation in Victoria has become unsafe.	11/13/2019 12:10 PM
514	This budget item (focused primarily on the creation of the AAA bike network) has dominated the City's budget for too long while ignoring other priorities. Finish the bike lane network at a fraction of the cost with "soft solutions" and let it run to learn what needs to be changed, altered or removed before spending millions more of tax payers dollars on unproven "hardening" it. Our sidewalks are falling into disrepair with only limited patchwork upgrades happening on an infrequent basis as opposed to the wholesale leveling and repaving that's long overdue.	11/13/2019 7:25 AM
515	Not enough to get rid of the bike lanes, which hardly anyone uses properly. Why can't we carpool in the hov lane, yet a bicycle can thus impeding the flow of buses? Traffic increases daily, these projects are not alleviating issues.	11/13/2019 6:11 AM
516	Spend on making our sidewalks (especially in the downtown core) more handicapped friendly and accessible. They need to be free of clutter (signs, tables etc) and better marked (yellow painting on curbs, lowered curbs where required to cross etc).	11/13/2019 3:44 AM
517	Crazy way overboard.	11/13/2019 2:50 AM
518	We seemed to be worried about pedestrian and cyclist safety, but when drivers have to strain at night to see road markings in the rain, that puts everyone's safety at risk.	11/13/2019 2:12 AM
519	As previously mentioned I dream of a light rapid transit system to service greater Victoria. Obviously a project that is much larger than what the city can accomplish alone.	11/13/2019 2:10 AM
520	See my answer to #34. Also, we need to include more transit options beyond bike and pedestrian networks.	11/12/2019 9:27 PM
521	There needs to be a pathway to connect Arbutus Park to the Galloping Goose trail and a further waterfront trail along the Gorge Waterway as per the OCP for Burnside Gorge.	11/12/2019 8:22 PM
522	I love the bike lanes!	11/12/2019 8:19 PM
523	More bike lanes and transit faster please very supportive of bike network plans and willing to increase my taxes to see them implemented faster. Transit needs considerably more investment in service frequency, reliability, expansion, technology and transit facilities in Victoria e.g. dated aging facilities on Douglas.	11/12/2019 5:44 AM
524	No new bike lanes!	11/12/2019 2:18 AM
525	Stop all work on bike lanes now. Put that money elsewhere in the budget.	11/12/2019 12:59 AM
526	More emphasis should be placed on finishing the David Foster Walkway.	11/11/2019 11:13 PM
527	Stop this pet project immediately	11/11/2019 10:51 PM
528	Although I strongly disagree with the implementation of free transit for youth. It is evident from the transit passes that are now being sold online from the youth that this is not serving its purpose of increasing ridership/reducing traffic congestion. I would have rather seen the one million dollars/year applied to a better bike share program such as the ones offered in Vancouver or Toronto or most European cities. The one offered in Victoria is poorly designed and it was inevitable you'd see bikes trashed and littered throughout the city.	11/11/2019 9:20 PM
529	Forget the bike lanes and make this city usable for drivers. The vast majority of people drive.	11/11/2019 8:40 PM
530	We have to get Light Rail in the GVA. To not have light rail transit when we have the path already laid out is not only poor planning but fiscal death.	11/11/2019 7:29 PM
531	Bike lanes are needed, but not of the current design. Traffic flow has been greatly impeded. And the number of various street signs is over the top.	11/11/2019 7:07 PM
532	In this area and others, Council needs to let the City professionals propose solutions to opportunities to spend. It is not Council's job to micromanage City solutions (go study the impact on citizen and business mobility including taxicabs of bike lanes on Wharf Street.)	11/11/2019 6:56 PM
533	Yes for transit & pedestrians but no to more bike lanes	11/11/2019 6:49 PM
534	Crime is on the rise while accessibility for the elderly and disabled is on the decline. Stop it with the bike lanes. You are completely out of touch with the views and demands of Victoria citizens. Shame on you	11/11/2019 6:05 PM
535	Yes! Please keep up the great work of making our streets and neighbourhoods safer	11/11/2019 5:51 PM

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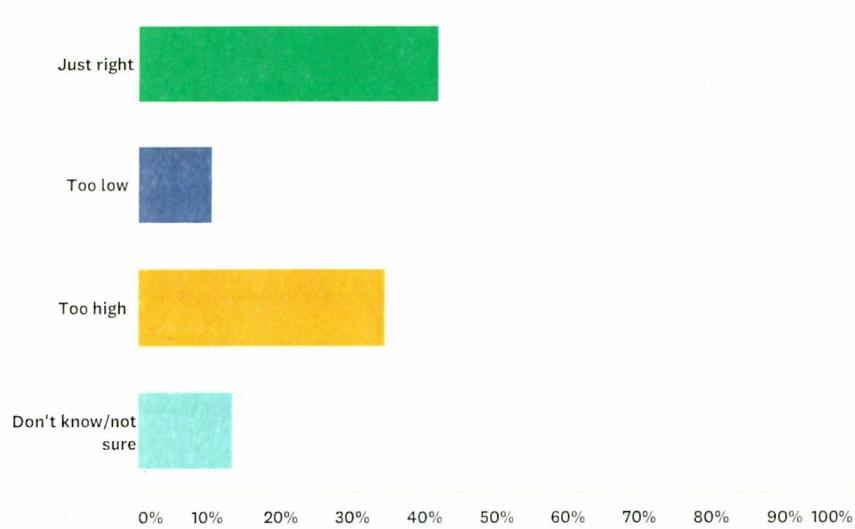
536	Increase active transportation infrastructure to include local roads where vehicles overwhelmingly dominate the road (e.g. Fernwood Road). Increase traffic calming measures to enhance active transportation safety.	11/11/2019 5:40 PM
537	Similar to my last post, active transportation via the bike Lanes haven't necessarily improved active transportation for those in the COV...perhaps for those in oak Bay, Saanich, or Esquimalt...but not CoV. Victoria has become a haven for bike theft. There needs to be more secure bike lockup available. In your efforts to make cycling safer you made walking to work less safe.	11/11/2019 5:35 PM
538	Stop focusing on one group of people. Stop discriminating everyone else. I cant ride a bike from downtown victoria to sooke for work.	11/11/2019 5:07 PM
539	Seriously, we have enough bike lanes!	11/11/2019 5:04 PM
540	Pedestrian improvements are decaying. The only focus is on cycling for out of town residents. This council is myopic in their priorities. I suppose we should be glad the mayor isn't into yachting...	11/11/2019 4:59 PM
541	"much of" that's not transparent enough. How much?	11/11/2019 4:51 PM
542	It might be enough if you just focused on transit but I believe you have already put more than enough into bike lanes.	11/11/2019 4:39 PM
543	I love the new bike lanes, however, they are overkill. Very disappointed with the plan for Vancouver Street. The diverters are problematic, especially for people who ride scooters and are trying to avoid the busyness of Blanshard and Cook Streets. Very poor planning.	11/11/2019 4:33 PM
544	Enough already!	11/11/2019 4:15 PM
545	Let's stop now and see how transit shakes out..there have been many changes over the past 4 years..just because you build a bike lane does not mean people will now get on a bike...let's look at the demographics of the city and determine a balance of transportation options that meets the needs of all citizens.	11/11/2019 4:09 PM
546	cycling in Victoria is great. The money should be spent on enforcing traffic rules. The cyclist think none of rules apply to them. Take 20 minutes stand on street corner and watch them. Seattle did it.	11/11/2019 4:05 PM
547	Again, I do not support additional bike lanes at the cost of vehicles getting around in a timely fashion. No bike lanes should be built without a traffic study first showing they will not negatively affect vehicle traffic times	11/11/2019 3:39 PM
548	Bus lanes and car lanes only	11/11/2019 3:38 PM
549	Again depends on what exactly it is being used for	11/11/2019 3:34 PM
550	No more stupid bike lanes. Fix the roads	11/11/2019 3:16 PM
551	We do not need anymore of our funding going towards cycling projects... unless we are going to downsize our bike lanes.	11/11/2019 3:12 PM
552	Too invasive; bike lanes take up too much space, creating difficulty for emergency services to get through; Wharf St is dangerous now for pedestrians crossing the street as well as emergency services; bus routes are being cancelled;	11/11/2019 2:58 PM
553	More busing, improve sidewalks and no more bike lanes. Over spent on bike lanes that impede transportation.	11/11/2019 2:57 PM
554	Gas tax is for infrastructure not just active transportation (bike lanes) which it has been for the last five years.	11/11/2019 5:54 AM
555	Get rid of all the bike lanes that mess up traffic flow!	11/11/2019 2:43 AM
556	Spend this money on improving sidewalks and making them accessible and impediment free	11/11/2019 1:32 AM
557	This money would be better spent maintaining existing infrastructure.	11/11/2019 12:54 AM
558	ZERO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	11/11/2019 12:44 AM
559	Considering the insane amount of money spent on non active transport (MacKenzie interchange etc..) more could be invested on active transport which save everyone money in the end through decreased healthcare costs etc	11/10/2019 4:26 PM
560	Enough with the damn bike lanes. The current design of the bike lanes downtown is ridiculous! Even the cyclists find them confusing so they just use the roads. There should be a bylaw that FORCES cyclists to use the bike lanes if they are available. Traffic downtown is a  show!	11/9/2019 9:24 PM
561	Must include rapid transit with bicycle plan, to reduce traffic, and include those who can't use bikes due to disability, etc	11/9/2019 8:03 PM
562	Too much is being spent on bicycle infrastructure relevant to the usage based on my observations much of it sits idle while during the day while the sidewalks and the roadways are being actively used.	11/9/2019 11:58 AM
563	Too much emphasis on bikes and transit both of which make life as a pedestrian worse in the downtown core. The buses are loud and hard on ears and the bikes do whatever they want far too often.	11/9/2019 1:27 AM
564	Beautify dangerous intersections	11/9/2019 12:55 AM

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565	More! More! We need to drag our city in the current century in terms of transit and improvements to the public realm (pedestrian & cycling).	11/8/2019 5:39 PM
566	I strongly approve of monies spent on active transportation	11/8/2019 3:14 AM
567	Transit, people and bicycles are great and make the city more enjoyable and safer. I love this direction and want to see more. Transit is such a huge part and we need people to be able to get around efficiently and effectively without their cars (hopefully even better than their own cars, but I digress).	11/8/2019 2:53 AM
568	The majority of budget to be put towards transit. Not cycling or pedestrian.	11/8/2019 1:26 AM
569	The bike lanes are awesome!	11/7/2019 10:40 PM
570	If this includes additional cycling infrastructure, beyond the Bicycle Implementation Plan, it causes even more concern. The cost of bicycling lanes & infrastructure is completely out of proportion, particularly while people are suffering on our streets, residents are feeling unsafe, and addictions / mental health challenges continue to grow. Please put people first, not poorly engineered bike lanes.	11/7/2019 7:57 PM
571	Please prioritize pedestrian and transit for a change	11/7/2019 5:30 PM
572	Ditto previous comment about active transportation and biking. Perhaps I misunderstood the previous question.	11/7/2019 4:59 AM
573	Q	11/7/2019 4:28 AM
574	Need to spend the money towards faster bus service in the DT area the lights on Douglas st are terrible and to short for the buses to get through.	11/7/2019 2:25 AM
575	It'd be nice if improvements actually considered pedestrians in any capacity.	11/7/2019 12:21 AM
576	If all the bikelanes, cycling improvements etc. are funded through the federal gas tax why give citizens the impression that their opinion matters. I support bikelanes but I don't want to correct people everytime they say that this is paid through property tax when it isn't.	11/6/2019 11:53 PM
577	Bike lanes are the best! More bike lanes!!	11/6/2019 11:32 PM
578	No further bike lanes are required. Focus on public transit.	11/6/2019 10:28 PM
579	Stop all spending on bike lanes.	11/6/2019 7:54 PM
580	This should be a priority for addressing region wide issues or transportation.	11/6/2019 5:45 PM

Q37 City spending for Facilities capital projects is:

Answered: 1 844 Skipped: 3 266



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	41.81%	771
Too low	10.36%	191
Too high	34.54%	637
Don't know/not sure	13.29%	245
TOTAL		1,844

Q38 Additional comments on the proposed Facilities budget

Answered: 228 Skipped: 4,882

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Need more community centre space!	11/25/2019 1:43 AM
2	We just had an exterior lighting upgrade at city hall. Why do we require another one.	11/25/2019 12:46 AM
3	It's more a question of where you put these services. Some of the communities most in need don't even have community centers! Fix that.	11/25/2019 12:30 AM
4	City planners are too gracious in their projects.	11/24/2019 10:32 PM
5	Centennial Square is in dire need of an upgrade.	11/24/2019 10:21 PM
6	We have far more important things to spend money on,if we had more police then.we.would.not need more lights at city hall.	11/24/2019 9:29 PM
7	Give Mayor and council a flashlight to walk outside when it gets dark. Maybe they will quit spending time on unimportant things (horses, and bikes) and focus on the Big things (Police Officers and housing and a pool How many people use a pool like Crystal Pool) compared to ride a bike?)	11/24/2019 8:03 PM
8	Building a new Crystal Pool has to be the number one priority for the city! This is so essential for our community to be healthy and safe for families. Stop delaying!	11/24/2019 6:30 PM
9	The Crystal Pool needs to be replaced. The original plan had just under 5000 surveys with an 80% approval rating. We don't need a new plan. We need to move forward with the old one a stop wasting time.	11/24/2019 6:23 PM
10	Please.. Executive summary	11/24/2019 5:13 PM
11	Community centres give kids and other at risk people places to go.	11/24/2019 5:08 PM
12	Crystal pool replacement should be 1st on this list. Get on with it.	11/24/2019 4:07 PM
13	Let's do this one when housing is and live no on Victoria is affordable again.	11/24/2019 5:38 AM
14	'approximately' right	11/24/2019 5:29 AM
15	Community centres need more.	11/24/2019 2:42 AM
16	Stop spending money on useless stuff (exterior lighting at city hall)!. Instead, install a light at Leighton and Foul Bay so that pedestrians can cross the street safely	11/23/2019 10:28 PM
17	Seems on point.	11/23/2019 9:27 PM
18	Less money spent on city hall and more money community centre upgrades, like replacing Crystal Pool.	11/23/2019 9:26 PM
19	Please re prioritize the redevelopment of Topaz Park and Crystal Pool.	11/23/2019 3:17 PM
20	While your public healthcare is in dire need, you're spending it on the conference centre and city hall?	11/23/2019 6:13 AM
21	What is wrong with current lighting? If something needs to be changed do it incrementally.	11/23/2019 4:48 AM
22	Just seems like wasted money to me right now.	11/23/2019 3:36 AM
23	Needed but unsure whether city hall needs exterior lighting upgrades seems lit enough	11/23/2019 3:25 AM
24	No comment	11/23/2019 2:05 AM
25	Start adding elevator access to the different events and recreation centers in the city.	11/22/2019 11:43 PM
26	The city has only focused on 3. fire stations,Oaklands , Crystal pool, Royal Athletic park with no amounts proposed for repairs. TBD just does not cut it. If money is to be spent the Fire Stations should take priority over the pool.	11/22/2019 10:39 PM
27	Sooner or later the cultural facilities in Victoria have to be improved, there is no sign of this happening	11/22/2019 5:16 PM
28	It seems to me that lighting can be solar and also beautiful in terms of presentation. Community centres are important.	11/22/2019 5:13 PM
29	Most of this is unnecessary and misallocated.	11/22/2019 3:58 PM
30	Please prioritize community centre upgrades/expansions, particularly in historically marginalized neighbourhoods like Hillside Quadra and North Park.	11/22/2019 6:35 AM
31	Should prioritize projects that have partnership funding from provincial and/or federal entities	11/21/2019 11:41 PM
32	I'd reconsider many of the VCC upgrades are they even necessary? 3 million is too much. Also I question the Crystal pool upgrades it's a lot of money to not do much. Does the floor need upgrading? I go there and I don't think so.	11/21/2019 10:59 PM

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33	again why did we need this	11/21/2019 10:51 PM
34	Seems like poor performance and management regarding the Crystal Pool replacement project. Loss of funding? Let's make some decisions and get rolling! This city should have a state of the art pool and rec centre!	11/21/2019 7:35 PM
35	Consider not wasting my tax dollar on anything outside city hall(Orcas?..what the...). The local crackheads and losers that occupy the areas don't appreciate it. Have you walked around Centennial Square?	11/21/2019 7:04 PM
36	Deal with more pressing issues and issues regarding citizens basic needs, shelter and health	11/21/2019 6:33 PM
37	I do welcome the new funding but some of our centres such as Quadra Village CC are primarily social services. We desperately need recreation center facilities here and a library within walking distance.	11/21/2019 4:32 PM
38	Someone I know was injured by something that fell from the ceiling of the Crystal Gardens. I don't think basic maintenance is being done in that building.	11/21/2019 6:46 AM
39	Upgrades to community centres seem to happen without a real necessity.	11/21/2019 5:04 AM
40	These areas are fine focus on the real issues impacting our city....homeless, crime are 2 major issues affecting us all	11/21/2019 4:43 AM
41	Spend less on cosmetics and vanity projects. Focus on necessary items	11/21/2019 2:55 AM
42	3.2 million on lightbulbs and paint? Are you kidding me? Maybe give the streets a wash to get rid of the constant smell of human urine instead.	11/21/2019 1:31 AM
43	Focus on the conference center.	11/21/2019 1:24 AM
44	Accessibility needed at some facilities	11/21/2019 1 20 AM
45	Seriously? 3.27 million for lights? I know about 400 guys that would install lights for 20\$ an hour...	11/21/2019 1:03 AM
46	Need an improved or replaced conference centre. Crystal pool replacement.	11/21/2019 12:20 AM
47	Not required	11/21/2019 12:09 AM
48	This sounds like a waste of money.	11/20/2019 9:41 PM
49	grouping those three examples makes answering this question kind of unfair. I would like to see more money spent on the community centre's but NOT the other two mentioned	11/20/2019 8:22 PM
50	The Victoria Conference Centre is an economic plus to the region. This is money well spent.	11/20/2019 7:20 PM
51	Pointless. We have many more priorities.	11/20/2019 6:01 PM
52	I think these revenue generating initiatives should be able to pay for themselves. A business case should be provided	11/20/2019 3:42 PM
53	There needs to be a proper rec centre in Victoria proper. Crystal pool is disgusting	11/20/2019 2:33 PM
54	Find the money elsewhere.	11/20/2019 6:31 AM
55	City hall lighting and upgrades to the conference centre are priorities but not providing community centre pools and rec activities nuts!	11/20/2019 5:16 AM
56	i can wish that the Conference center be self sustaining	11/20/2019 3:53 AM
57	My 'too low' answer specifically relates to my opinion regarding community centre upgrades. I think city hall and the conference centre can wait while facilities that the regular person actually uses get what they need.	11/20/2019 2:55 AM
58	Make sure that these are necessary improvements and not just for aesthetics.	11/20/2019 2:27 AM
59	Do any repair with long term visions.	11/20/2019 12:21 AM
60	Some of these initiatives would be fine IF there are surplus funds and ONLY IF tax increases are 2% or less.	11/20/2019 12:03 AM
61	please keep up City Hall. needs painting repairs or is this going to be like the Blue Bridge, let it get rusty and then it is "unsafe". It was fine, just need a paint job.	11/19/2019 11:56 PM
62	Ohscenities	11/19/2019 10:28 PM
63	Personal info	11/19/2019 10:16 PM
64	unless the building is falling down, spend it somewhere else where it actually helps people	11/19/2019 7:43 PM
65	No one cares about that but Lisa Helps. Think of your power complex please.	11/19/2019 6:47 PM
66	No raise for Isn't and helps and gang.	11/19/2019 6:28 PM
67	Stop spending money on vanity projects. New lighting at city hall is the definition of a project.	11/19/2019 6:11 PM
68	Community centres for sure need attention!!!	11/19/2019 6:00 PM

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69	City Hall does not need exterior lighting upgrades.	11/19/2019 5:53 PM
70	Community centres could use improvement, but not the conference centre or city hall. We need to take care of the people of Victoria first!	11/19/2019 5:45 PM
71	Crystal Pool replacement taking far too long. Reminiscent of Memorial Arena replacement.	11/19/2019 5:18 PM
72	Crystal pool should not need replacing	11/19/2019 7:07 AM
73	Put it toward Vic PD so they can do their jobs and show some real results on the streets. Cosmetics have no place for this kind of spending.	11/19/2019 3:48 AM
74	Don't add to the problems. Fix them.	11/19/2019 1:21 AM
75	Preventive is the best with regular upgrades as needed.	11/19/2019 12:51 AM
76	Would love to see more community centre and child care spaces. As a family, we love places like the Esquimalt Recreation Centre, with its multiple uses, kindergym and classes, and the Cedar Hill Rec Centre with its arts focus. Many of Victoria's community centres are getting dated and overburdened, and we could also fill more child care spaces!	11/18/2019 9:22 PM
77	build it before it's needed.	11/18/2019 8:38 PM
78	stop renaming buildings and areas	11/18/2019 8:21 PM
79	n/a	11/18/2019 7:14 PM
80	Why new lighting for city hall is that to deter the people gathering after hours? What improvements/upgrades are needed for the conference centre?	11/18/2019 6:24 PM
81	When we Council members coming out against Christmas lights and summer decorations, we have lost sight of what sort of a City we were, and should not be!	11/18/2019 6:02 PM
82	Brings in business.	11/18/2019 5:46 PM
83	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 5:24 PM
84	VCC elevator improvement has been reported many years in a row. There are no accessibility improvements listed for parkades. There are too many TBD's in this budget to comment. What are the community centre renovations and rehabs about? You put way more detail on what you did and what you plan to do. How can you consult when you don't see what you're doing?	11/18/2019 5:07 PM
85	The Crystal pool needs to be replaced. Get on with it. The other facilities seem fine.	11/18/2019 5:05 PM
86	No	11/18/2019 4:41 PM
87	Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:19 AM
88	With climate change the city needs to be spending more on upgrading facilities so they can serve as shelters and relief centres in the event of bad air events.	11/18/2019 9:09 AM
89	Put the money in community centres	11/18/2019 7:28 AM
90	Police are more important.	11/18/2019 7:21 AM
91	This seems like a complete waste of taxpayer funds	11/18/2019 6:22 AM
92	Need more recreational facilities to encourage healthy living for residents of Victoria	11/18/2019 5:31 AM
93	City hall is fine	11/18/2019 4:41 AM
94	stop removing parking from new buildings. Stop making people who own a car feel like they don't belong in this city and have no rights to use City facilities.	11/18/2019 4:25 AM
95	Focus on items that really need to be done.	11/18/2019 3:42 AM
96	N/A	11/18/2019 3:17 AM
97	How am I supposed to know if this amount is right or not, but I agree with inventing in maintaining and improving existing infrastructure.	11/18/2019 3:15 AM
98	Not being fiscally responsible	11/18/2019 2:46 AM
99	I find the lack of secondary response on the counsel raises strange	11/18/2019 2:38 AM
100	Too high for the benefits that the citizens of Victoria would see.	11/18/2019 2:31 AM
101	It is obvious this council does not care about children or seniors, maybe with increased funds, something for these neglected folks can be created (remember: they don't use bike lanes)	11/18/2019 2:30 AM
102	What about affordable housing for local people?	11/18/2019 1:18 AM
103	The VCC is an albatross on life support. It needs to be sold off. It has a perverse income model. The less it is booked, the easier it is to manage. Until the books reach capacity, this will be the case, but there is no imperative for management to take on the work needed to get the VCC to operate near capacity.	11/18/2019 12:35 AM
104	need to see where this is being proposed for	11/18/2019 12:00 AM
105	Our facilities are heavily used and we need more improvements and upgrades.	11/17/2019 11:28 PM

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106	Haven't seen the need for this myself.	11/17/2019 10:47 PM
107	The neighbourhood doesn't want the swimming pool. So don't spend money on it.	11/17/2019 10:16 PM
108	No	11/17/2019 7:25 PM
109	Build the crystal pool now and stop wasting money on another consultation.	11/17/2019 6:54 PM
110	Fix our broken community facilities!	11/17/2019 5:47 PM
111	City hall is fine, so is the conference ctr. give that money to policing.	11/17/2019 5:32 PM
112	Doesn't the VCC resort back to Fairmont Empress soon? When does lease expire? Should they not pay for part of upgrades since building belongs to them. Does any of this go towards the Pool?	11/17/2019 5:15 PM
113	All construction should wait until an economic downturn, why is the government providing stimulus when unemployment is at record lows	11/17/2019 4:34 PM
114	These are important projects that focus on the communities themselves.	11/17/2019 4:28 PM
115	The city needs more recreation centres through direct ownership or partnering in capital and operating costs with private entities e.g. YMCA or developer.	11/17/2019 3:58 PM
116	Don't improve city hall without kicking out the homeless first. No one else can really enjoy that area comfortably. I do not feel comfortable bringing my kids there. Too much drug use.	11/17/2019 2:39 PM
117	Community centres deserve upgrades, city hall lighting does not	11/17/2019 11:48 AM
118	Stop wasting money studying the Crystal pool. It has been studied to death. It does not need replacing; I go there regularly and there is no compelling reason to replace this building.	11/17/2019 7:31 AM
119	Conference centre attracts business to Victoria so investment in this is important. The extra costs to constantly review the Crystal Pool renovations vs rebuilt is getting us back to square 1 and becoming a waste of good money. There is limited space available. You need a master plan rather throwing out all the ideas out there to evaluate to meet the changing agenda of new council members.	11/17/2019 7:23 AM
120	Seems high. Taxpayers in communities that do not have community centers and therefore do not benefit from them should have a tax rebate and not be expected to pay for the community centers of other communities.	11/17/2019 5:30 AM
121	Community Centres need upgrades	11/17/2019 3:05 AM
122	It's too high if you are enhancing what is presently there	11/17/2019 2:15 AM
123	Absolutely do not agree with the expenses for removing the Sir John A statue. Council (or the "family") should pay for that out of their own pocket.	11/17/2019 1:45 AM
124	Way too much to upgrade city hall. Conference centre funds should come from users rather than taxpayers.	11/17/2019 1:41 AM
125	Build the new Crystal Pool now!!!	11/17/2019 1:27 AM
126	Need to be more prudent on these costs.	11/17/2019 12:58 AM
127	Priorities are all messed up. City hall doesn't need exterior lighting upgrades it can wait the crystal pool needs the money more!	11/17/2019 12:40 AM
128	Are you including earthquake retrofits?	11/17/2019 12:09 AM
129	I was sad to see nearly \$1,000,000 in capital expenditures budgeted for the Crystal Pool, which the city want's to replace. I understand the reasoning and the practicalities, but it is unfortunate.	11/16/2019 11:25 PM
130	Probably too high however could even be too low. Theres likely some bloat in these areas. I do prefer a nice clean city though. I suppose that I feel the Government and city should get new digs(office) last, and should be setting the example of extreme frugality, instead of the best of the best offices and furniture. The amount we could save on severances and new furniture every 2 4 years is insane!	11/16/2019 11:04 PM
131	Community centre upgrades yes, City hall not necessary. Victoria Conference Centre should be self sustaining with their commercial business income. Not subsidized by the taxpayer.	11/16/2019 11:02 PM
132	No opinion	11/16/2019 10:59 PM
133	The Victoria Conference Centre isn't that old why spend money there when there are things that are in much worse repair!?!	11/16/2019 9:48 PM
134	We should not be spending any money on LED lighting upgrades for building exterior lights, or internal work lights. This technology is being used in aggressive ways to increase light pollution and destroy habitat	11/16/2019 9:37 PM
135	forget the lights at city hall	11/16/2019 9:23 PM
136	wasting money on studies and dithering on decision making. \$2m on Crystal Pool that is now wasted as back to the drawing board!	11/16/2019 8:49 PM
137	You need to build the new Crystal Pool in the park next to the old pool and then turn that space in to a park. You've spent millions of \$ and wasted years. very bad city planning and management.	11/16/2019 8:35 PM
138	Fix streets, pay cops, fix transit. Let community members worry about donating to community halls	11/16/2019 8:20 PM

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139	Expenditures here should be for necessary repairs only. There are more pressing priorities.	11/16/2019 8:12 PM
140	Upgrade rec centers and make them larger	11/16/2019 7:26 PM
141	we have an infrastructure crisis. prioritize please!	11/16/2019 7:13 PM
142	Get Crystal pool built. Millions spent 'planning' nothing to show for it. Not reported in PDF budget that i can see. #s reported are uninformative	11/16/2019 7:11 PM
143	Again, I think the city overlooks the TEENAGER demographic and needs to focus community centre upgrades more on their needs and less on toddlers and seniors	11/16/2019 6:56 PM
144	Community Centre upgrades only. City Hall and the Conference Centre are just fine as they are.	11/16/2019 6:29 PM
145	If we have money to waste on removing statues to be politically correct, the budget is too high.	11/16/2019 5:24 PM
146	I personally know how long planning takes to replace an aging facility. But seriously, can you guys just get on with making a decision. I think it is staring right at you. Build a new Crystal pool on it's current location. Just tear the thing down, and build a new one. Why all the anxiety around a new location?? It's got a good location. Build underground parking, pool etc on top. It's not rocket science and doesn't require another several million dollars of study. At least you own that property just get on with it. So a pool and activity centre will be out of circulation for a few years people will go to the other ones the Y downtown is close, the Esquimalt pool within a short bus ride. Quit spending more money on studies!	11/16/2019 5:20 PM
147	There are more important issues at hand	11/16/2019 5:16 PM
148	City Hall and Conference Centre given too much. Community Centres given too little. Remaining allocation seems fair.	11/16/2019 5:13 PM
149	The city wastes money on pet projects but ignores the core needs. We need parking in the city to attract shoppers.	11/16/2019 5:12 PM
150	All these things can wait until the coffers are "flush" Let's put money where it is needed not where it is fluff spending. Housing is more important.	11/16/2019 5:05 PM
151	VCC needs funding for renovations. It is out of date and is an economic driver of JOBS	11/16/2019 4:58 PM
152	Older buildings require more funding.	11/16/2019 4:53 PM
153	You should reduce the rent at Crystal Gardens so it actually gets used. I heard that you charge way too much for the rental and events are canceled because you charge too high on the rental of that space.	11/16/2019 4:34 PM
154	Community centres yes. No to city hall upgrades.	11/16/2019 3:59 PM
155	Install water bottle filling stations at all facilities including Save on More Centre.	11/16/2019 3:55 PM
156	Thank you.	11/16/2019 3:51 PM
157	Crystal Pool fiasco just goes on and on	11/16/2019 3:47 PM
158	Only saying juat right because all that money should be going to community centres . Lighting at city hall is fine and I fail to see why the conference centre needs upgrades	11/16/2019 7:00 AM
159	Skip the lighting at City Hall.	11/16/2019 5:47 AM
160	I'd like to see some serious attention towards the Crystal Pool.	11/16/2019 5:21 AM
161	I know that a lof of the planning asks for citizen's input, and I do believe that it prevents our planning process to be efficient and cost effective. I would argue that we could get more of that money if we organized the citizen input phases better. Maybe limit the input to one time.	11/16/2019 5:20 AM
162	Remove upgrades to city hall. Government workers do not need any upgrades.	11/16/2019 4:24 AM
163	Proper maintenance should be a much higher priority than building new assets to be neglected.	11/16/2019 4:11 AM
164	Fix the community centres, as some are in bad shape. Forget the VCC.	11/16/2019 3:55 AM
165	Not a priority	11/16/2019 3:19 AM
166	If the Crystal Pool project is an example, there is way too much money being wasted.	11/16/2019 2:56 AM
167	No	11/16/2019 2:21 AM
168	Stay on budget. Don't get carried away.	11/16/2019 1:30 AM
169	Project management needs to be done better. It seems like the overhead costs are excessive for the results delivered.	11/16/2019 1:19 AM
170	need to replace crystal pool	11/16/2019 12:46 AM
171	Other priorities 'trump' this one.	11/16/2019 12:24 AM
172	Civic facilities are important engagement hubs and should be modern and inviting.	11/16/2019 12:03 AM
173	Crystal Pool is a mess. Just make a decision.	11/15/2019 9:43 PM

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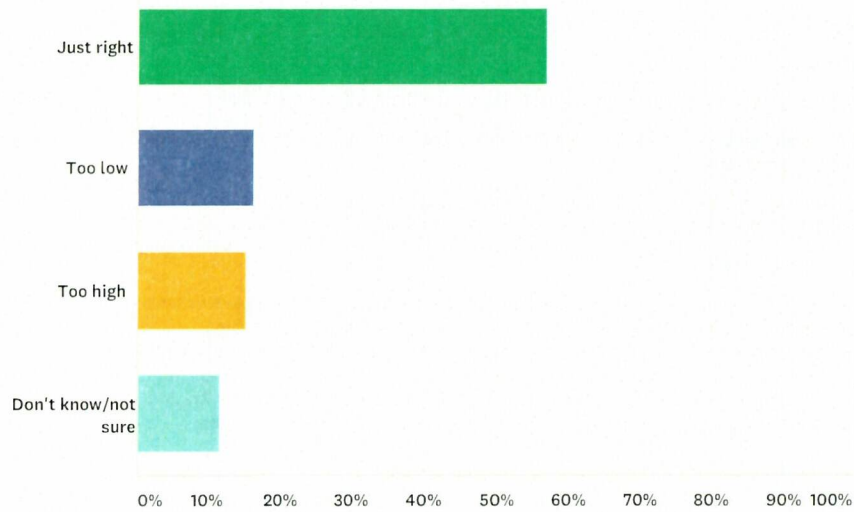
174	If this includes the Crystal Pool on Quadra I shake my head and ask why we need to demolish a building and construct a pool somewhere else. The existing Crystal building across the road from the Conference Center is still a viable structure... but I guess at one time somebody thought lets fill in the pool and built another somewhere else... deja vu all over again!	11/15/2019 8:37 PM
175	I would be happy to pay more taxes to have greater funding for community centres. These types of facilities are what make neighbourhoods great.	11/15/2019 8:35 PM
176	This seems appropriate and simple. If it were a complex undertaking I wouldn't trust the current council, but they are simply upgrading some of the facilities. However, I imagine the current council will still find some way to waste more tax dollars than they should, just that being their nature.	11/15/2019 8:13 PM
177	Crystal Pool replacement is not in this year's capital expenditures and if we have an earthquake during operating hours, I shudder to think of the consequences.	11/15/2019 8:05 PM
178	The incredibly cheap sell out of the Memorial Arena naming rights should end ASAP. This is a public building and most people don't know that. And that super bright advertising billboard in front of it commercially that is worth more than the entire naming rights. Bring this back into the civic arena so people appreciate what their taxes are spent on.	11/15/2019 7:55 PM
179	More and better public spaces with longer operating hours, please.	11/15/2019 7:35 PM
180	Need to beautify Centennial Square to make it more welcoming/better use of space/shade trees, etc. Move City Hall to a more modern building	11/15/2019 7:33 PM
181	I am not convinced that money for this is being spent in the right areas.	11/15/2019 7:04 PM
182	Probably a good idea to paint the exterior of city hall too . At least fix the chips . Looks like hell .	11/15/2019 6:50 PM
183	I do not wish to fund anymore projects like removing the Mac Donald statue or some alleged art work	11/15/2019 6:24 PM
184	Lights on City Hall should be used in conjunction with police to arrest all the well lit drug dealers constantly hanging about.	11/15/2019 6:20 PM
185	no	11/15/2019 5:53 PM
186	Lighting is important for safety reasons.	11/15/2019 5:29 PM
187	So disappointed council squandered the available funds for the Crystal Pool replacement. Now more money is to be wasted on more studies. How much more money will be wasted on these studies? I would have voted to replace Crystal Pool unfortunately not anymore. Too much money and emphasis has been put toward bike lanes.	11/15/2019 5:22 PM
188	Build the new Crystal Pool already. NIMBYs have way too much say in these things	11/15/2019 5:07 PM
189	Community centres should all be retrofitted to improve energy efficiency, and perhaps fitted with solar panels.	11/15/2019 4:04 PM
190	In the 21st century recreational should not need to be taxpayer funded	11/15/2019 3:40 PM
191	"lighting upgrades" ??? hardly essential...	11/15/2019 3:38 PM
192	There are many other needs in this city consider those needs before exterior lighting and conference center upgrades.	11/15/2019 2:44 PM
193	NO	11/15/2019 2:39 PM
194	Spending more money on the wrong things. This council is very good at this. Perhaps the only thing they are good at.	11/15/2019 6:03 AM
195	Fernwood Community Center is really needing to be bigger and a better design. The reality of what is happening there is really not acceptable but the people are great.	11/15/2019 3:08 AM
196	I would like to see a clear and transparent reasoning behind delaying/cancelling the Crystal Pool replacement.	11/15/2019 2:52 AM
197	Community centres are overfunded.	11/15/2019 1:56 AM
198	Many community centres are in need of upgrades, especially the Fernwood Centre. Please invest in these well used centres. Do we really need to spend any more on the Conference Centre?	11/15/2019 1:24 AM
199	Rec centre?	11/14/2019 8:23 AM
200	The Conference Centre looks like a joke beside the Reno's of the Empress contract this to the Empress!!!	11/14/2019 1:09 AM
201	Get on with the Crystal Pool project.	11/13/2019 6:15 AM
202	What a fiasco with the Crystal Pool	11/13/2019 3:15 AM
203	Crystal pool soon please and zero carbon federal and provincial grants still available!?	11/12/2019 5:45 AM
204	Should maintain capability, enhancements should be delayed.	11/11/2019 10:53 PM
205	We need more lighting down town.	11/11/2019 7:30 PM
206	Better and more energy efficient light is needed.	11/11/2019 7:08 PM

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207	Does Crystal Pool fall into this category...?	11/11/2019 6:57 PM
208	It looks like City Hall needs to be painted or remediated? Please look into that.	11/11/2019 6:55 PM
209	The City needs to save money into a specific fund to repair or replace Crystal Pool	11/11/2019 6:32 PM
210	City should clearly differentiate between rec centres and city Hall lighting. They are completely different. Also I disagree with the Victoria conference centre. Why does part of a high end hotel have anything to do with the city? I support rec centres and community centres but not the conference centre or city Hall using that money to make themselves prettier	11/11/2019 6:08 PM
211	Ensure green building methods are used on city facilities	11/11/2019 5:51 PM
212	The conference centre should be able to finance its own capital projects. Yes it's city run, but proper budgeting would include a capital expenditure line item. Taxpayers should not subsidize any improvements there...the majority of the citizens of the city have never even been inside the building. Similarly community associations should be more responsible with their budgets as well. They are more than just tenants in the buildings, they are its' stewards. Too many community association have become social clubs for a small cohort of residents who don't care about the neighborhood so much as they care about their own stature in it.	11/11/2019 5:41 PM
213	Who cares about the lights when working class is going homeless.	11/11/2019 5:08 PM
214	The "improvements" proposed aren't important. Shift money to creating more low income homes instead	11/11/2019 5:06 PM
215	Upgrades rather than replacement is always the best	11/11/2019 4:15 PM
216	work more effectively	11/11/2019 4:06 PM
217	This is over half of what is budgeted for roads, are you nuts	11/11/2019 3:39 PM
218	no additional comments	11/11/2019 12:55 AM
219	These improvements will increase the livability and safety of the city.	11/10/2019 7:23 PM
220	Really you want 3 million bucks to do lighting ? Get real	11/10/2019 3:10 PM
221	We need as much spent on the arts, Victoria needs an art studio capability like the one at Cedar Hill Rec Centre	11/9/2019 8:04 PM
222	Why does City Hall require lighting upgrade?	11/9/2019 11:43 AM
223	Please upgrade Vic west community centre. Vastly outdated and much too small. Bursting at the seams	11/9/2019 12:56 AM
224	Crystal pool needs a facelift	11/7/2019 10:41 PM
225	Important to keep city property in top form.	11/7/2019 5:00 AM
226	Do crystal pool by Nov 2020	11/7/2019 1:13 AM
227	Maybe a little bit more towards getting rid of the mice.	11/6/2019 11:53 PM
228	Priority should Crystal pool replacement, which the city has dropped the ball on and should already have started	11/6/2019 5:53 PM

Q39 City spending for Street Infrastructure capital projects is:

Answered: 1,825 Skipped: 3,285



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	56.82%	1,037
Too low	16.38%	299
Too high	15.23%	278
Don't know/not sure	11.56%	211
TOTAL		1,825

Q40 Additional comments on the proposed Street Infrastructure budget

Answered: 209 Skipped: 4,901

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Yes Take my money.	11/25/2019 6:25 AM
2	Please atop wasting money on painting posts just to paint over them a few months later	11/25/2019 5:22 AM
3	More street lights and garbage cans are needed on Victoria streets = increased budget needed for those two important elements.	11/25/2019 3:48 AM
4	Street maintenance is minimal in our area. Last summer large pot holes at the corner of Fairfield and Kipling were only half filled. It was an improvement but certainly not good maintenance.	11/25/2019 2:31 AM
5	Less money to cars please	11/25/2019 12:31 AM
6	Please quit using traffic circles at intersections on smaller residential streets. They have minimal effect on car speed on straight travel. They are dangerous for pedestrians crossing the intersection while travelling in the same direction as the vehicle, as the car has to swing into the potential path of the pedestrian. Also few people use them correctly when making left hand turns, especially big trucks and vans. I know this because I have a birds eye view of one from my 2nd floor bathroom. Speed bumps seem to work the best to slow down traffic if that is the goal.	11/24/2019 11:54 PM
7	More safe crossings	11/24/2019 11:28 PM
8	The city should focus on having traffic move steadily and efficiently not stopping it and causing backups.	11/24/2019 10:35 PM
9	If it helps to move people and traffic.	11/24/2019 9:30 PM
10	The flashing yellow light to cross a street is hard for pedestrians to see if it's activated, it's only visible to drivers, so sometimes it's a while before the pedestrian will step off the curb and a driver has gotten impatient and started to go	11/24/2019 8:05 PM
11	Executive summary?!!	11/24/2019 5:13 PM
12	not enough emphasis on 'smart traffic signalling' to introduce sequential signalling etc. to move traffic more efficiently. it works elsewhere on major routes in other cities; why not in victoria?	11/24/2019 5:31 AM
13	City Street Names signage is pathetic	11/24/2019 3:23 AM
14	What about installing a crosswalk by the Redbarn so that pedestrians can safely cross the street. Let's think about the safety of pedestrians. It appears as though this is a forgotten and undervalued group. Let's be responsible when spending taxpayers money.	11/23/2019 10:33 PM
15	Seems a bit high at 1.1M for gate maintenance. The Chinese business community should've approached for a contribution as they benefit directly from this improvement.	11/23/2019 9:29 PM
16	As long as the spending is directed by actual rather than perceived need.	11/23/2019 7:11 PM
17	Perhaps you could try synchronizing the traffic lights to keep traffic flowing appropriately. Current light patterns contribute to the gridlock created by poorly designed bike lanes and "traffic calming" measures which do nothing to calm the drivers stuck in traffic.	11/23/2019 5:49 AM
18	We are so behind in street light technology that it is emabarassing.	11/23/2019 3:37 AM
19	Get traffic moving!!! Cars idling at clogged intersections adds to diminished air quality.	11/23/2019 2:07 AM
20	Some of these projects are not necessary. Feels like we are remaking entire city all at one time.	11/22/2019 11:51 PM
21	spend it on the actual roads, not the traffic lights. nothing wrong with the lights	11/22/2019 11:31 PM
22	I think seeing how these projects and refurbishments proceed will be interesting. The work should be completed, but the city resources are spread so thin. The contracted services are spread too thin as well. We are paying far too much in labour because there is no one left to bid.	11/22/2019 10:53 PM
23	I hope the plan addresses issues that have been identified as priorities by many in the Hillside/Quadra neighborhood: Traffic calming: Safe travel for students to Quadra School Traffic Calming for Quadra Hillside bike route Traffic calming for cut through traffic in residential neighbourhoods Slow down/enforce speed on Hillside note promise of a speed reader has not been honoured Safe crossing of Blanshard at Kings	11/22/2019 9:31 PM
24	More crosswalks are need to improve pedestrian safety. Also adjustments to traffic signals to give pedestrians a head start.	11/22/2019 8:55 PM
25	Please prioritize active transportation infrastructure.	11/22/2019 6:35 AM
26	seems high considering you're trying to get rid of vehicle traffic in the downtown core altogether	11/22/2019 4:18 AM
27	more money is needed to calm cut through streets such as Fern which has become a speedway for frustrated drivers	11/22/2019 2:29 AM
28	Remediation on the gate of Harmonious interest might qualify for funding from other sources	11/21/2019 11:44 PM

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29	Much of this seems quite unnecessary	11/21/2019 11:00 PM
30	Signalling needs rethinking in some key areas. Eg Fort St, and traffic calming solutions to prevent high speed traffic in and through residential areas.	11/21/2019 9:27 PM
31	This is important and Council should invest money on this.	11/21/2019 7:51 PM
32	Please, please, please, let's coordinate the traffic lights! Also, do we really need so many street lights? How about looking at intersections and cross walks only when outside of downtown?	11/21/2019 7:36 PM
33	Some streets are in total disrepair. e.g. Kings Road between Fernwood Rd. and Mt. Stephen Ave but the need is not to make it more conducive to traffic efficiency	11/21/2019 7:32 PM
34	Give the money to the police for traffic enforcement programs How about hiring a traffic engineer to synchronize the traffic lights downtown to keep traffic flowing.	11/21/2019 7:15 PM
35	More attention should be given to street lighting in the city to ensure that neighbourhoods are safe for pedestrians at night.	11/21/2019 7:14 PM
36	Does this include maintenance and improvements for pedestrian crossings? Please improve lighting at pedestrian crossings (and placement of pedestrian crossings) for the safety of those on foot.	11/21/2019 7:12 PM
37	Work with what he have, keep them maintained. We don't need fibre optic street lights and each bike lane intersection increases the number of traffic lights drastically	11/21/2019 6:35 PM
38	All I know is that having to stop 3X in 5 blocks for non synchronized traffic lights is a ludicrous waste of time, patience and a definite contribution to polluting the atmosphere. In most first world countries, 'Yield' signs are used in many situations rather than 'Stop' signs and 'Roundabouts' are used in place of time wasting traffic lights.	11/21/2019 6:24 AM
39	Fix what is broken deal with the major issues first if it is something that will affect our safety, then fix it...but before anything in this city gets a "makeover", like the Gate of Harmonious Interest in Chinatown unless its going to crack and fall down on somebody and cause bodily harm leave it be for now and focus on something really important! Like the homeless crisis or crimes in this City	11/21/2019 4:46 AM
40	White street lights are offensively bright. Unneeded and contribute to glare on the road at night, particularly when wet.	11/21/2019 3:38 AM
41	Just get the crosswalk at Dock and Dallas re painted, okay? Do I really have to send pictures? Kids use it.	11/21/2019 3:27 AM
42	If this includes more bike lanes NO	11/21/2019 1:32 AM
43	Make the streets better to accommodate vehicle flow, get the bikes off Blanshard at rush hours as it is not safe for them and get pedestrians	11/20/2019 11:47 PM
44	Yay! Do it faster please	11/20/2019 11:26 PM
45	No	11/20/2019 11:04 PM
46	Traffic lights need to be coordinated for rush hour traffic times	11/20/2019 10:52 PM
47	Why can't we even get the street lights coordinated??	11/20/2019 10:47 PM
48	I don't think I saw budget entries for: Adding emergency vehicle detectors/controllers for intersection lights (especially *adjacent to the hospital at Bay/Richmond*) Consideration (or consultation) on traffic engineering to improve signalling or rework intersections (can we move to double left turn lanes on Blandshard intersections?) I'd argue that these are major issues, which would very rapidly provide economic return.	11/20/2019 10:29 PM
49	Leave the gate alone, the rest is good. The Gate of Harmonious Interest is awesome and I'd love to see it looking better but we have much bigger priorities than appearances right now.	11/20/2019 6:03 PM
50	Won't help image with so many junkies stumbling around.	11/20/2019 6:32 AM
51	No more bike lanes we had more than enough!	11/20/2019 4:59 AM
52	support this activity	11/20/2019 3:54 AM
53	Again if you have really talented people running the project, but most times it turns out they do a bad job, jut like Oak Bay school. Again someone hired a company that is not up to par	11/20/2019 2:21 AM
54	Special interest objects need to fund themselves.	11/20/2019 12:22 AM
55	Obscenities	11/19/2019 10:28 PM
56	Huge place for saves in electricity costs overall might actually be able to swing this one the right way	11/19/2019 10:17 PM
57	only spend what is necessary	11/19/2019 7:44 PM
58	No to raise for council	11/19/2019 6:28 PM
59	Road closures to vehicles, unsynchronised traffic lights, reduction of traffic lanes etc. have led to increased congestion, more stationary vehicles idling and hence more pollution. The traffic engineers need to rethink some of their policies. The extensive blocking of roads to through traffic in the Jubilee area, for example, has resulted in much greater congestion on Bay St. which should be a quick and direct route to the hospital.	11/19/2019 6:27 PM

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60	Network the street lights downtown so that traffic flows smoothly.	11/19/2019 6:12 PM
61	I have nothing to compare to!	11/19/2019 5:18 PM
62	don't see where the 3.11 millions comes from in page 786 or around there...	11/19/2019 4:43 PM
63	Stop spending great amounts of money on STUPID OVERPRICED BIKE LANES. IDIOTS.	11/19/2019 9:16 AM
64	Hopefully this will identify traffic flows and allow synchronizing of light to support this flow (at vehicle speeds, not at bicycle speeds as they now seem).	11/19/2019 5:14 AM
65	Synchronize the traffic lights to improve flow and that will make huge improvements. without digging up a single street.	11/19/2019 3:49 AM
66	There is lack of seating for pedestrians who need a rest.	11/19/2019 3:44 AM
67	Add florescent highly visible street line dividers to guide traffic in dark stormy weather. Synchronize street lights & monitor frequently until you get it right.	11/19/2019 3:36 AM
68	Get rid of the ridiculous lights which stop cars from turning for the non existent bike traffic. This just backs traffic up and causes pollution while idling for two or more lights.	11/19/2019 1:44 AM
69	Cars are always going to be here. Gas powered, electric, steam or whatever else comes along. Make developers build adequate parking in any structures being built. The mayor and council are making Victoria a very unfriendly city for visitors in cars. No Common Sense.	11/19/2019 1:23 AM
70	Spend less on automobile infrastructure	11/19/2019 12:52 AM
71	transfer some of the cycling path money over to fixing our crappy sidewalks!	11/18/2019 10:39 PM
72	Are the lights broken? How does spending money on the China town gate benefit the city? Cause I don't think that is money well spent	11/18/2019 10:18 PM
73	Would like to see more done to align streets and BC transit so we can develop a more appealing frequent transit network that can get through traffic bottlenecks!	11/18/2019 9:23 PM
74	no more bike lanes for now. In the future planning, only put them where there is room for cars and for pedestrians... permanent low cost housing is much more important that bike lanes or 50% raises for city councilors.	11/18/2019 8:40 PM
75	David Foster pathway should be reduced. More crosswalks need attention. I am afraid to cross Bay at Chambers at evening rush hour. Oncoming traffic does not see me until I step out behind traffic at center line. Scary!!!	11/18/2019 8:30 PM
76	n/a	11/18/2019 7:14 PM
77	Try getting traffic signals synchronized. This will decrease emissions with less cars idling.	11/18/2019 7:05 PM
78	We need synchronized trafficking lights on Blanchard. Was told at a neighbourhood meeting in Spring of 2017 that by spring 2018 this would happen. still not happened. Council is concerned about the environment idling cars do not help. Good traffic flow will.	11/18/2019 6:29 PM
79	See previous comments on bicycle lanes, traffic lights for bicycles, and rainbow crosswalks!	11/18/2019 6:03 PM
80	The street lights need to be synchronized and remove left turns on Douglas and Blanchard in the downtown.	11/18/2019 5:48 PM
81	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 5:24 PM
82	Need more accessible and pedestrian activated traffic signals. Double the amount for the next three years to play catch up. You have the reserve. Speed up the review of the public realm plan that has black street furniture posing a danger to people with disabilities. Gates of harmonious interest way too high. Truncated dome project should no longer be a pilot. You don't see how many curb cuts you will change for \$21,000. Probably not very many and why is it under truncated domes if it's curb cuts ?	11/18/2019 5:12 PM
83	Improve pedestrian crossings	11/18/2019 4:49 PM
84	No	11/18/2019 4:41 PM
85	This stuff can save lives. Fix it.	11/18/2019 3:40 PM
86	Less bike lanes	11/18/2019 11:19 AM
87	Police are more important	11/18/2019 7:22 AM
88	Stop spending on bike lanes	11/18/2019 7:21 AM
89	Sounds good	11/18/2019 6:49 AM
90	Need fewer traffic lights more roundabouts	11/18/2019 5:28 AM
91	no gate remediation needed	11/18/2019 5:16 AM
92	This is just a trick to install more dumb bike lane lights	11/18/2019 4:42 AM
93	You need to get out more & ensure that construction does NOT take over streets in downtown in one area they shut down a street for the last several months to put Explosive in area along with misc. equipment.	11/18/2019 3:22 AM

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94	N/A	11/18/2019 3:17 AM
95	How am I supposed to know if this amount is right or not, but I agree with investing in maintaining and improving existing infrastructure.	11/18/2019 3:16 AM
96	Please please invest in reflective road lines. It's incredibly unsafe to drive in the rain here	11/18/2019 2:57 AM
97	I find the lack of secondary response on the counsel raises strange	11/18/2019 2:39 AM
98	I believe money is wasted on some upgrades and signage is overly complex or non existing	11/18/2019 2:35 AM
99	Focus on maintenance and essentials.	11/18/2019 1:43 AM
100	Again, total amount is OK but it is being misdirected to unnecessary luxuries beloved of some councilors, while the City's basic infrastructure falls into disrepair.	11/18/2019 1:00 AM
101	There is traffic controller management and there is cosmetics. Lumping the remediation on the Gate of Harmonious Interest in Chinatown is inappropriate. Take out the latter and the budget will serve the traffic management needs.	11/18/2019 12:36 AM
102	support this	11/18/2019 12:01 AM
103	Don't change what isn't broken. Every time there is an upgrade, things get worse.	11/17/2019 11:35 PM
104	Don't know about the costs but the proposed program is good.	11/17/2019 10:47 PM
105	The streets downtown need to be repaved not just for cars, but for pedestrians crossing them. Also, incorporate the horse drawn carriages into the traffic calming plan. (That's another thing that's good about the carriages.)	11/17/2019 10:18 PM
106	I don't know what traffic controller replacement is.... if it means photo radar it cameras at intersections without clear public notice, I don't support funding.	11/17/2019 9:40 PM
107	I'd like to see more traffic light timing optimization than more traffic lights	11/17/2019 8:59 PM
108	Has the Chinese community been invited to help pay for the remediation of the Gate of Harmonious Interest ? It was partly their project to begin with.	11/17/2019 8:57 PM
109	We do not need new lighting along Dallas Road	11/17/2019 7:29 PM
110	Street lights should be led with an attempt to control light pollution.	11/17/2019 7:26 PM
111	\$5million	11/17/2019 6:09 PM
112	controllers need to be 'fixed' Chinatown gate??? c'mon there's WAY more important things to spend money on. And how about that over budget bridge? Hows that going?	11/17/2019 5:34 PM
113	I am not an engineer, I expect City staff know what they are doing	11/17/2019 5:15 PM
114	Not sure if funding level, but this needs to be done in better connection with surrounding municipalities.	11/17/2019 5:08 PM
115	Signals at the bridge and bike signals need to be fixed, sometimes you sit waiting and no cars or bikes in sight	11/17/2019 4:35 PM
116	As long as this budget line is NOT redirected to expensive over built bike lanes, I think it is appropriate.	11/17/2019 4:29 PM
117	Signal timing optimization for intersections affected by new bike lanes should be done to reduce idling	11/17/2019 3:50 PM
118	Please get rid of the bike advance right turns. I can't believe this is a thing. So underused.	11/17/2019 2:41 PM
119	Way too many lights; light pollution in Victoria is appalling.	11/17/2019 7:32 AM
120	Fix the synchronization of the traffic lights downtown.	11/17/2019 2:32 AM
121	Just don't spend more on bikelanes. As a regular bike rider I have no concerns about riding on the street and I never use the bikelanes...such a waste of money.	11/17/2019 1:00 AM
122	Perhaps some cattle gates to control intersections where cyclists feel compelled to ignore their signals and run red lights or encroach on intersections illegally.	11/17/2019 12:41 AM
123	Too low but again just some patch work. The city needs to start looking forward, and start future proofing itself while focused on efficiency. Being the most efficient city will win, it has to!	11/16/2019 11:06 PM
124	Bring in a professional to fix the flow of traffic that the new bike rules/lanes have completely negated or business will continue to leave.	11/16/2019 11:05 PM
125	Don't upgrade what isn't broken. Ensure what we have is working to its highest potential.	11/16/2019 11:00 PM
126	Go for LED traffic lights. Saw them in Russia & they were very effective. Put overhead lights for downtown crosswalks, especially Wharf St. Pedestrians are quasi invisible at night	11/16/2019 10:48 PM
127	Only deserves to have funding increase IF this area can get its act together and do something to improve traffic flow through the coordination of traffic lights. Also, more needs to be done to get better lighting on our streets everywhere in the city....far too many areas are so dark at night they are dangerous.	11/16/2019 10:35 PM
128	This is a very low amount for a city of 80,000	11/16/2019 10:10 PM

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129	Please DON'T put in new street lamps that put out very bright, intrusive lights also, put light visors on lamps so the light doesn't enter houses and glare down on people in their gardens at night.	11/16/2019 9:50 PM
130	All pedestrian crossings should have flashing light buttons to indicate to the cars that someone is in the crossing. We have a few so far, this should be expanded.	11/16/2019 8:36 PM
131	Vic roads are car destroyers.	11/16/2019 8:28 PM
132	Here again, only repairs or necessary remediation.	11/16/2019 8:13 PM
133	Could we please have more pedestrian controlled crosswalks? And how about some speed bumps on Fairfield Rd near the Thrifty Plaza?	11/16/2019 8:06 PM
134	Skip the niceties like remediating the China town gate. Stick with what actually truly needs to be done to keep the city functioning.	11/16/2019 6:05 PM
135	Harmonize the traffic lights on blanchard and Douglas st. They're computerize. It shouldn't be that hard	11/16/2019 5:55 PM
136	Stalls, delays and ruined trade relations are making these projects all cost to much	11/16/2019 5:35 PM
137	less here, more on basic street maintenance.	11/16/2019 5:25 PM
138	Could you guys install more left turn signals please? For example, at North Park/Fisgard at Blanshard; Yates and Blanshard (driving north, turning West), Pandora and Blanshard (driving north, turning west) streamline the Blanshard commute.	11/16/2019 5:22 PM
139	We gotta figure out why our traffic lights aren't co ordinated as well as other cities'. I'm sure it's a complicated issue but maybe we should bring in a specialist. Would boost every other sector with improved commuting, and reduce risky driving.	11/16/2019 5:16 PM
140	1.1 million on street furniture? No.	11/16/2019 5:09 PM
141	We need to think about the night skies and how to do lighting which keeps us safe but does not put more light into the night. The Dark Sky Community model (which is not expensive to implement) is the one we should be following. Let the community raise money to do repairs on the gate of harmonious interest.	11/16/2019 5:08 PM
142	traffic light timing needs to be fixed; it is very frustrating to drive now in downtown Victoria and frustrated drivers make bad drivers. As a pedestrian, I worry about that. When I do drive, which is rare, I understand the frustration.	11/16/2019 4:57 PM
143	If you can get drivers to understand and follow lights and signs around right turns downtown it would be great. Almost hit every day.	11/16/2019 4:29 PM
144	no more light pollution please synchronize the traffic lights add more left hand turn lanes	11/16/2019 4:05 PM
145	No. You need to do better with what you've got.	11/16/2019 3:59 PM
146	Thank you.	11/16/2019 3:51 PM
147	Streets and sidewalks are in rough shape...	11/16/2019 3:49 PM
148	Need flashing yellow crosswalk light at end of Fisgard on Wharf please	11/16/2019 10:47 AM
149	Where do these numbers come from for this and some of the other items ? who provides these estimates or are they just wild ass guesses ?	11/16/2019 5:53 AM
150	Traffic signals in Victoria are a joke and are in dire need of an intelligent revision to promote efficient transit.	11/16/2019 5:28 AM
151	The only thing needed is an overhaul of the traffic light timing	11/16/2019 4:25 AM
152	None	11/16/2019 2:22 AM
153	Stop spending money on bike lanes	11/16/2019 2:01 AM
154	Far too much money was wasted on traffic lights to support bike lanes, these lights are totally confusing to everyone.	11/16/2019 1:35 AM
155	Get it done. All of it.	11/16/2019 1:32 AM
156	A large part of this should be spent to synchronize traffic lights to avoid stop and start as well as idling that wastes fuel and creates excessive greenhouse gas.	11/16/2019 1:26 AM
157	Please use reflective road paint	11/16/2019 12:40 AM
158	Streets are a mess fix them or we risk becoming a 3rd world city.	11/16/2019 12:24 AM
159	If this amount will see work that actually buys substantial upgrades for a long period of time, as opposed to a temporary band aid that will need many more dollars later, then I support this amount and potentially more.	11/16/2019 12:03 AM
160	More to attract and keep businesses . Street lights won't do that.	11/15/2019 11:54 PM
161	If money wasn't wasted on bike lanes, this work would have already been done with previous budgets.	11/15/2019 11:33 PM
162	See Engineering & Public Works, Question 11: Comments re: Johnson Street	11/15/2019 10:53 PM