

2022

ATTACHMENT B

Draft Budget Survey Report

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2022 Draft Budget Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

09 November 2021 - 24 November 2021

PROJECT NAME:

2022 Draft Budget



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Council's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan includes more than 180 actions under eight strategic objectives. A strategic objective is a high-level goal that Council is working to achieve by the end of 2022. Please rank the City's Strategic Objectives from m...

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Affordable Housing	3.65
Strong, Liveable Neighbourhoods	3.84
Good Governance and Civic Engagement	4.17
Health, Well-Being and a Welcoming City	4.47
Sustainable Transportation	4.54
Climate Leadership and Environmental Stewardship	4.62
Prosperity and Economic Inclusion	5.06
Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations	5.40

*Optional question (1033 response(s), 26 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question*

Q2 For 2022, what level of priority do you place on the following for our city?



Optional question (1054 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q2 | For 2022, what level of priority do you place on the following for our city?

Our community is welcoming

Not a Priority : 63



Low Priority : 141



Medium Priority : 392



High Priority : 321

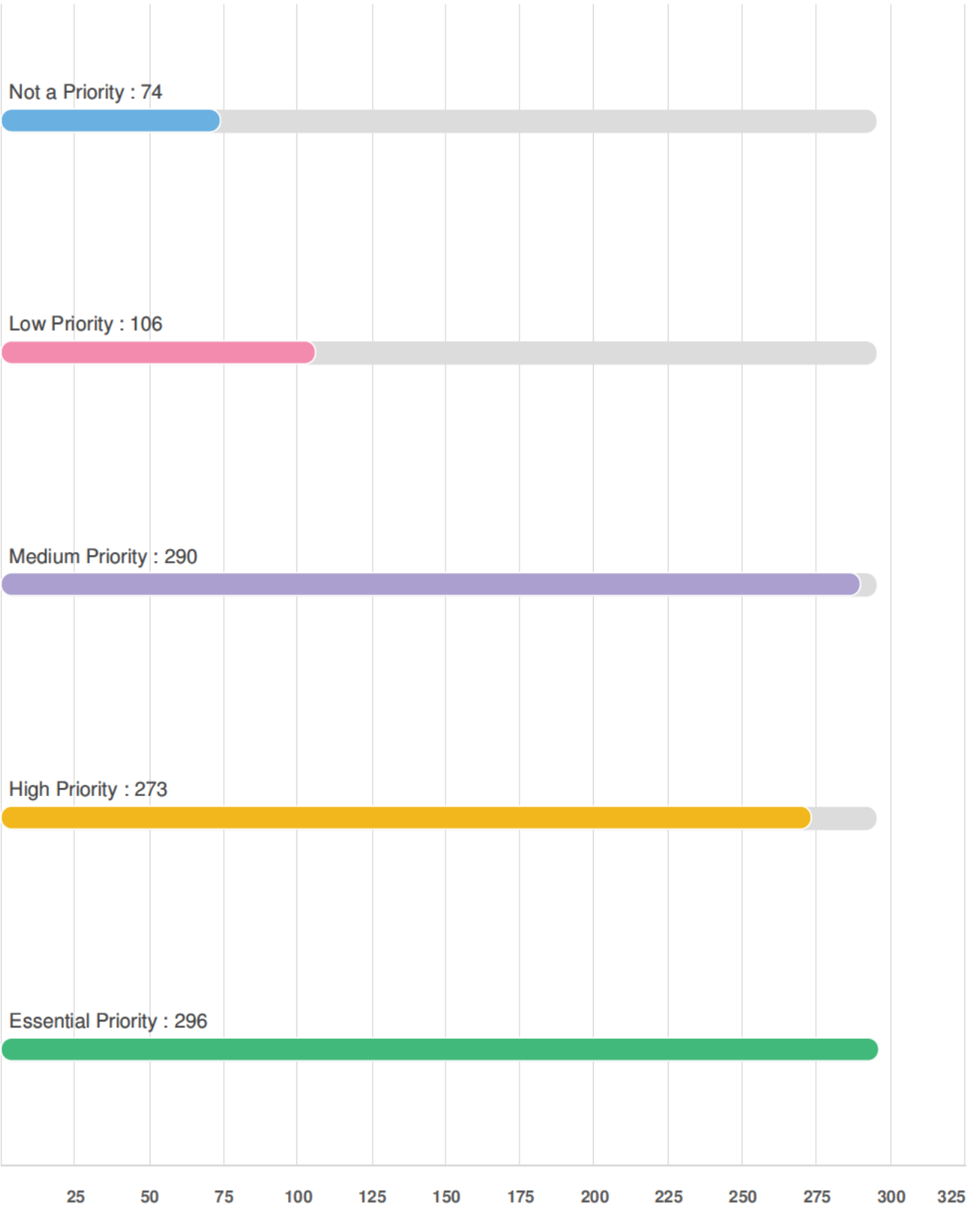


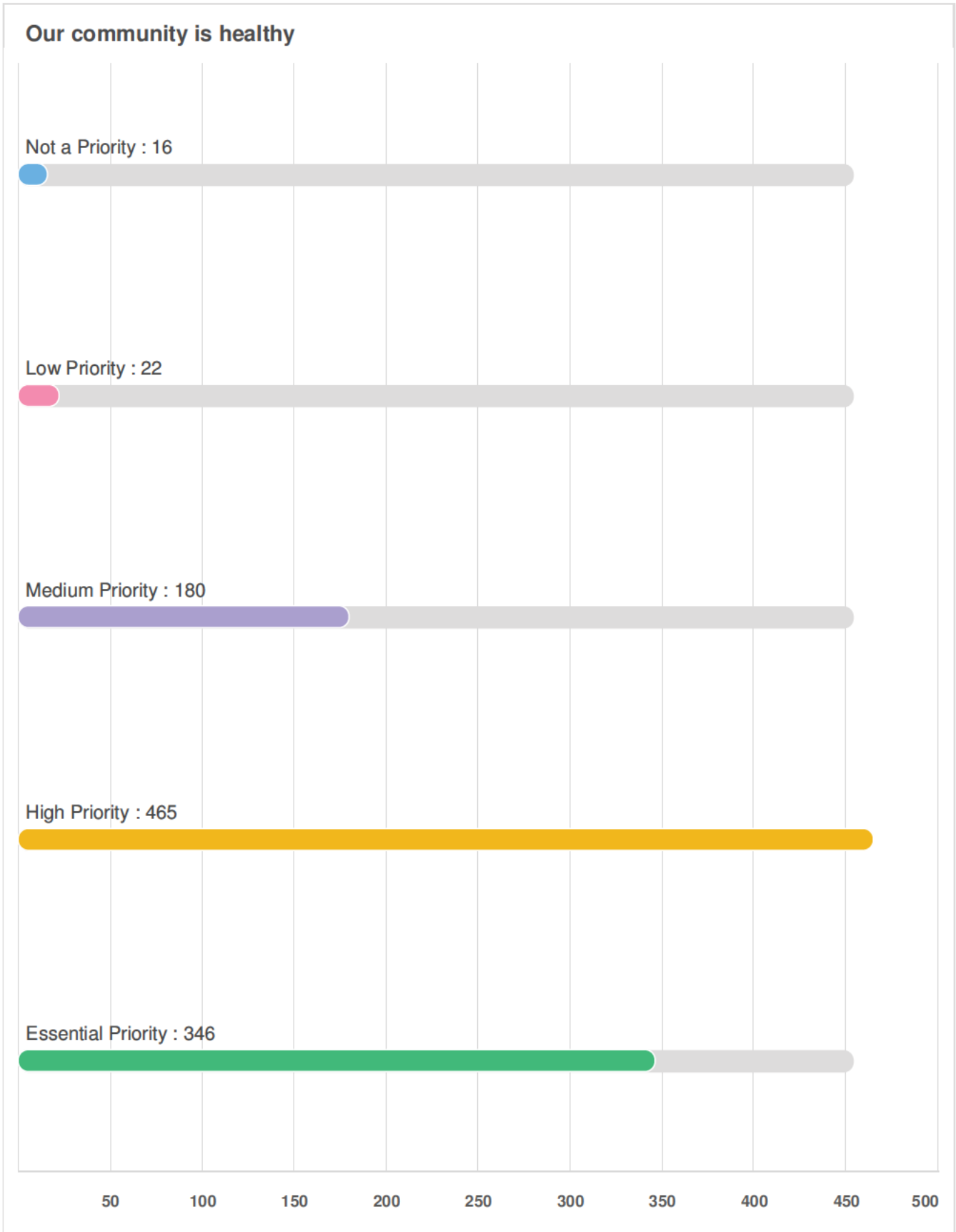
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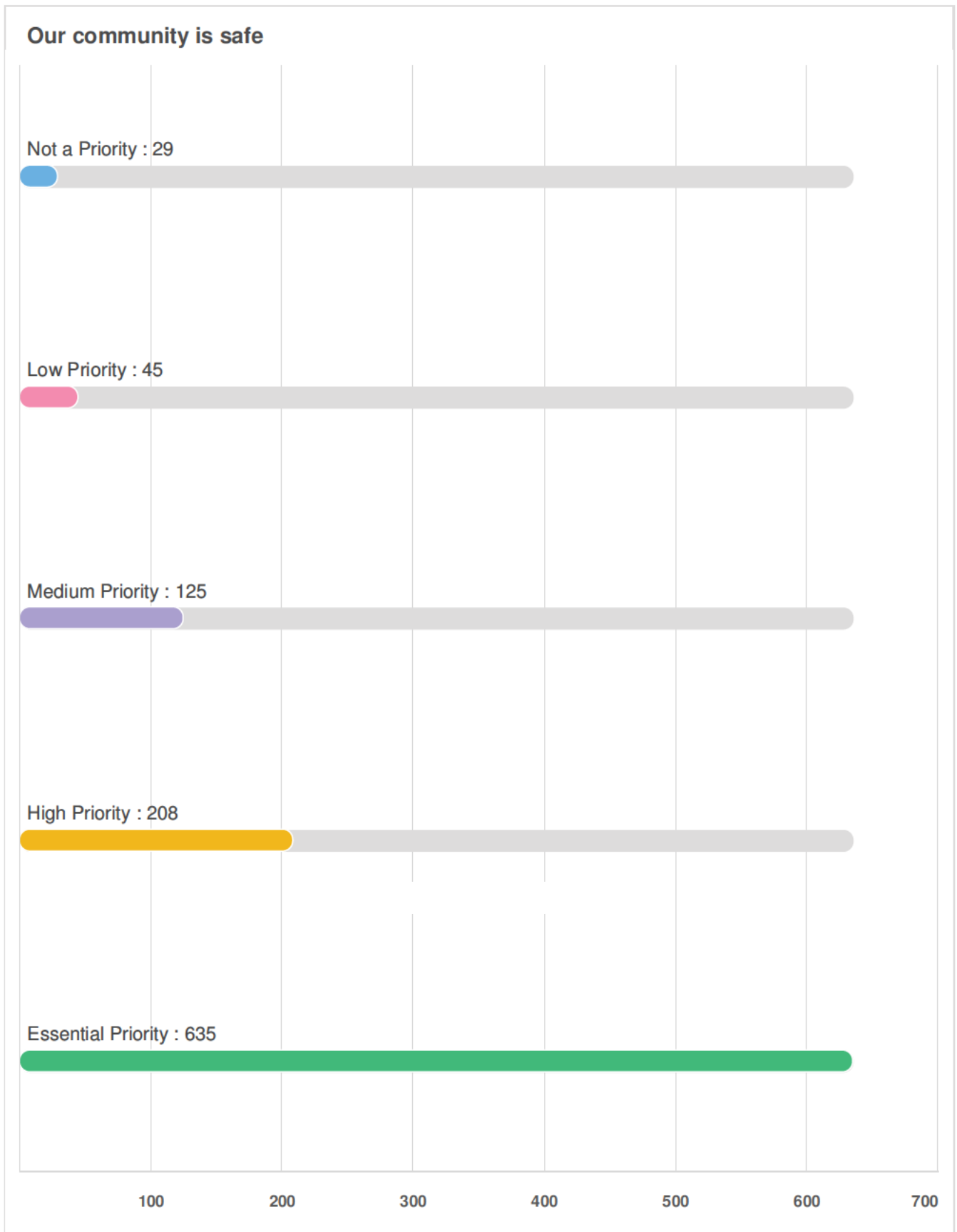


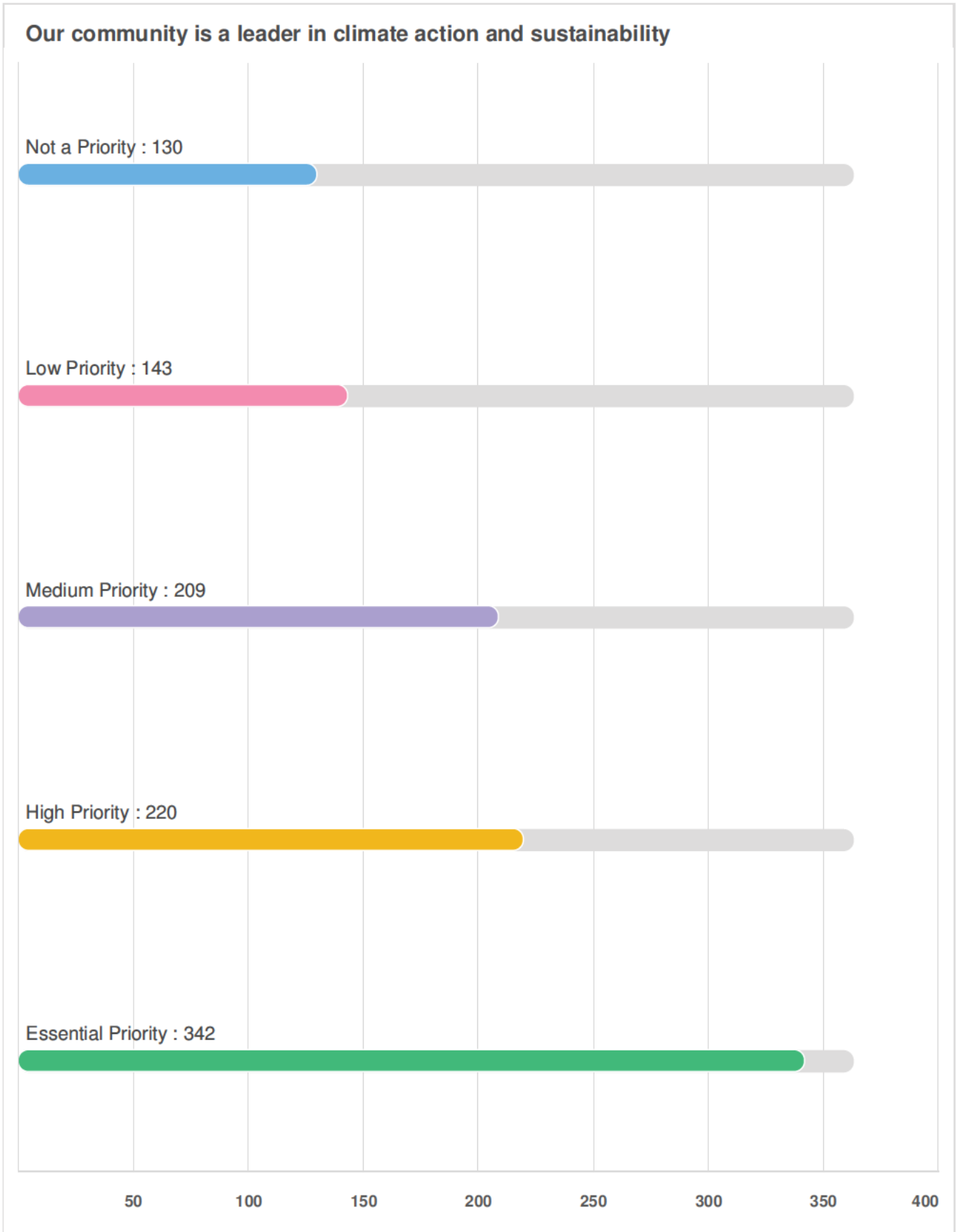
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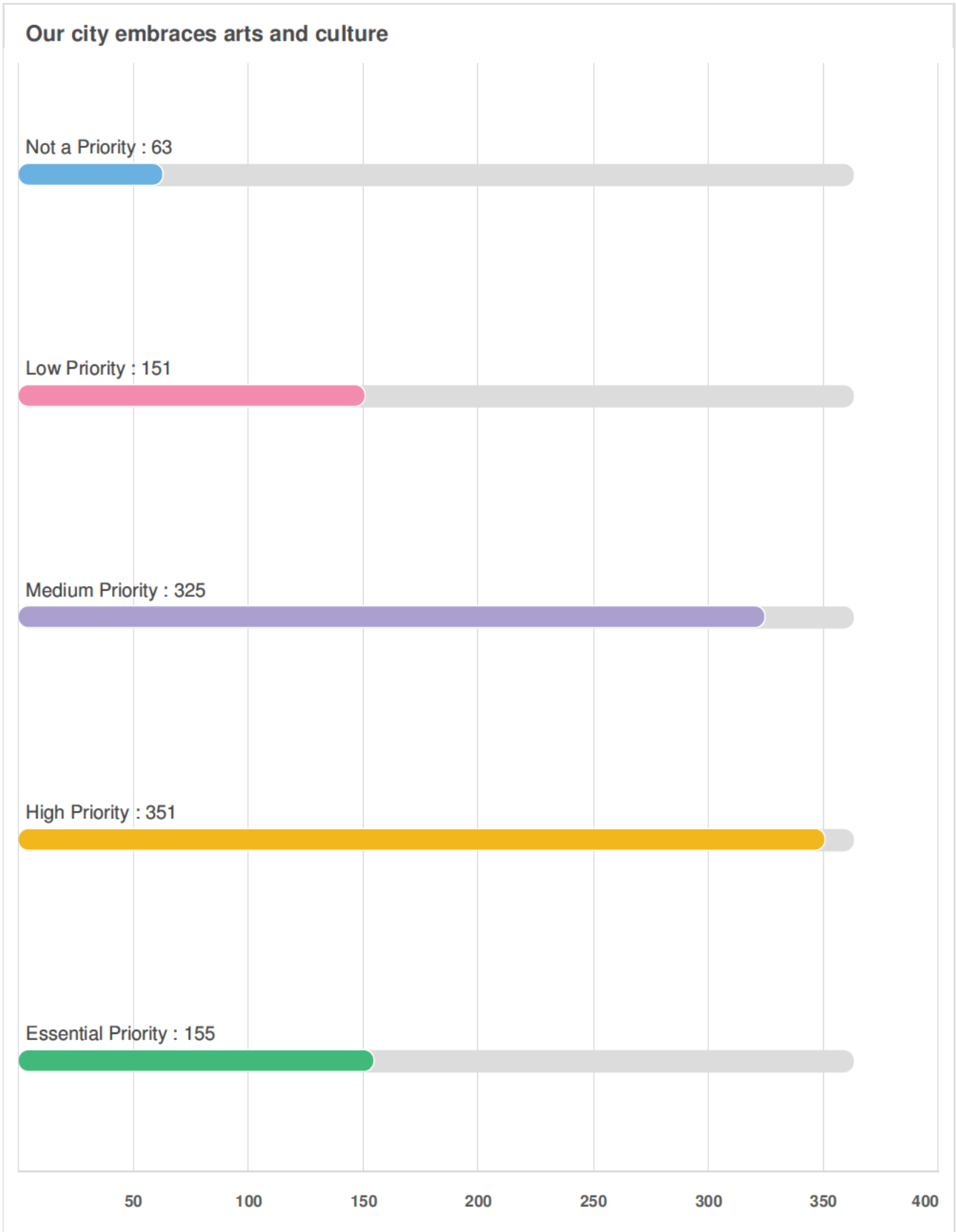
Our community is equitable and inclusive

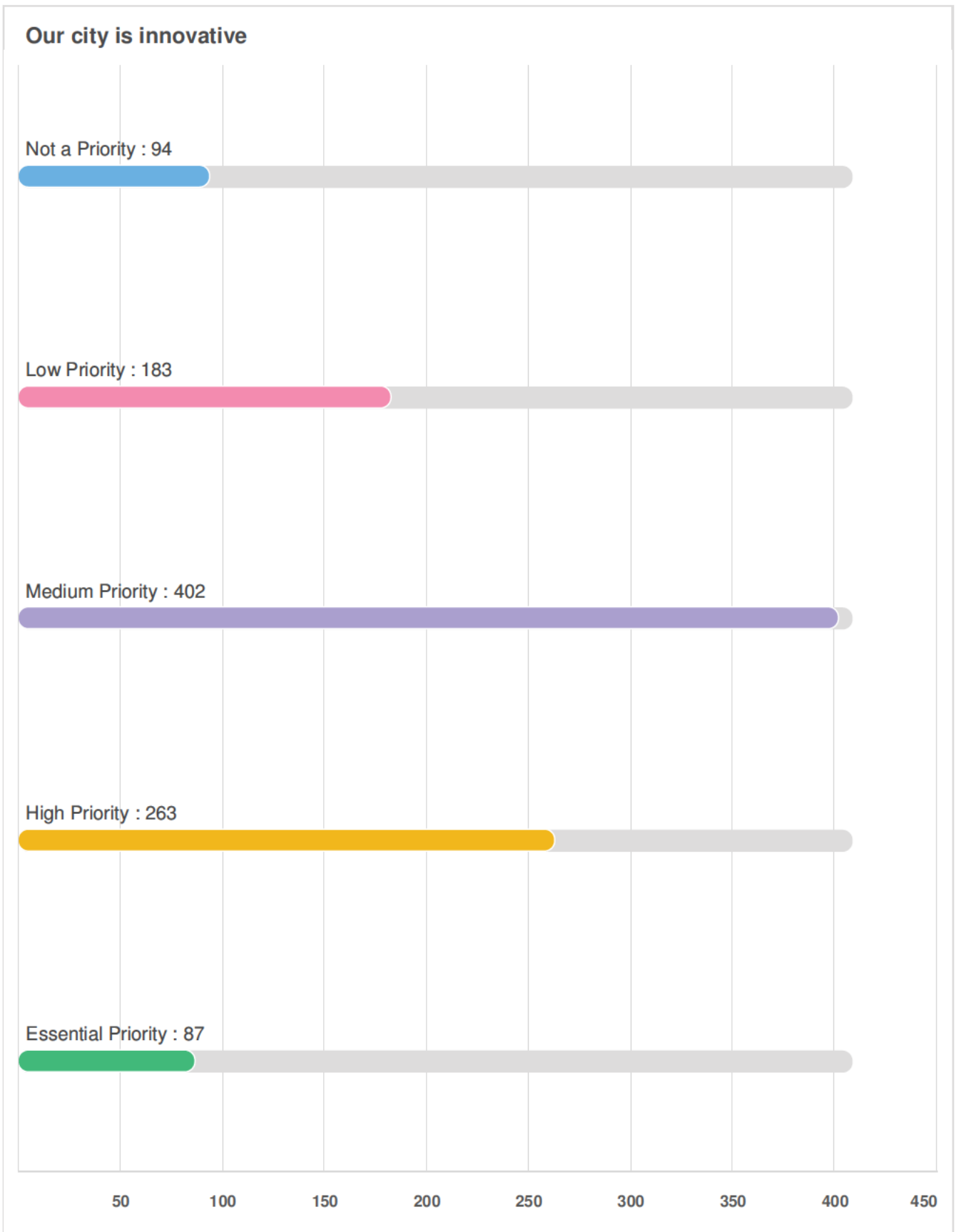




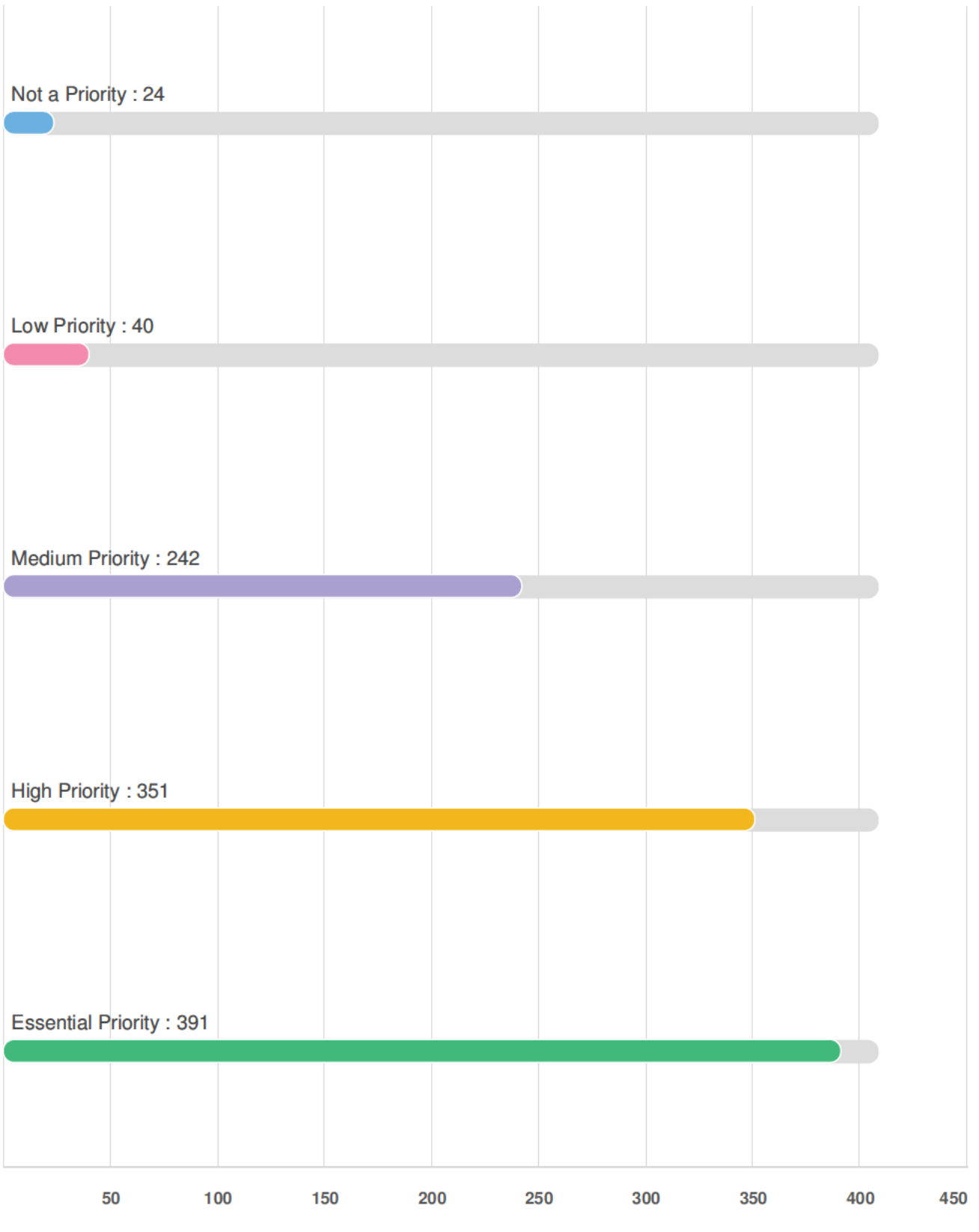


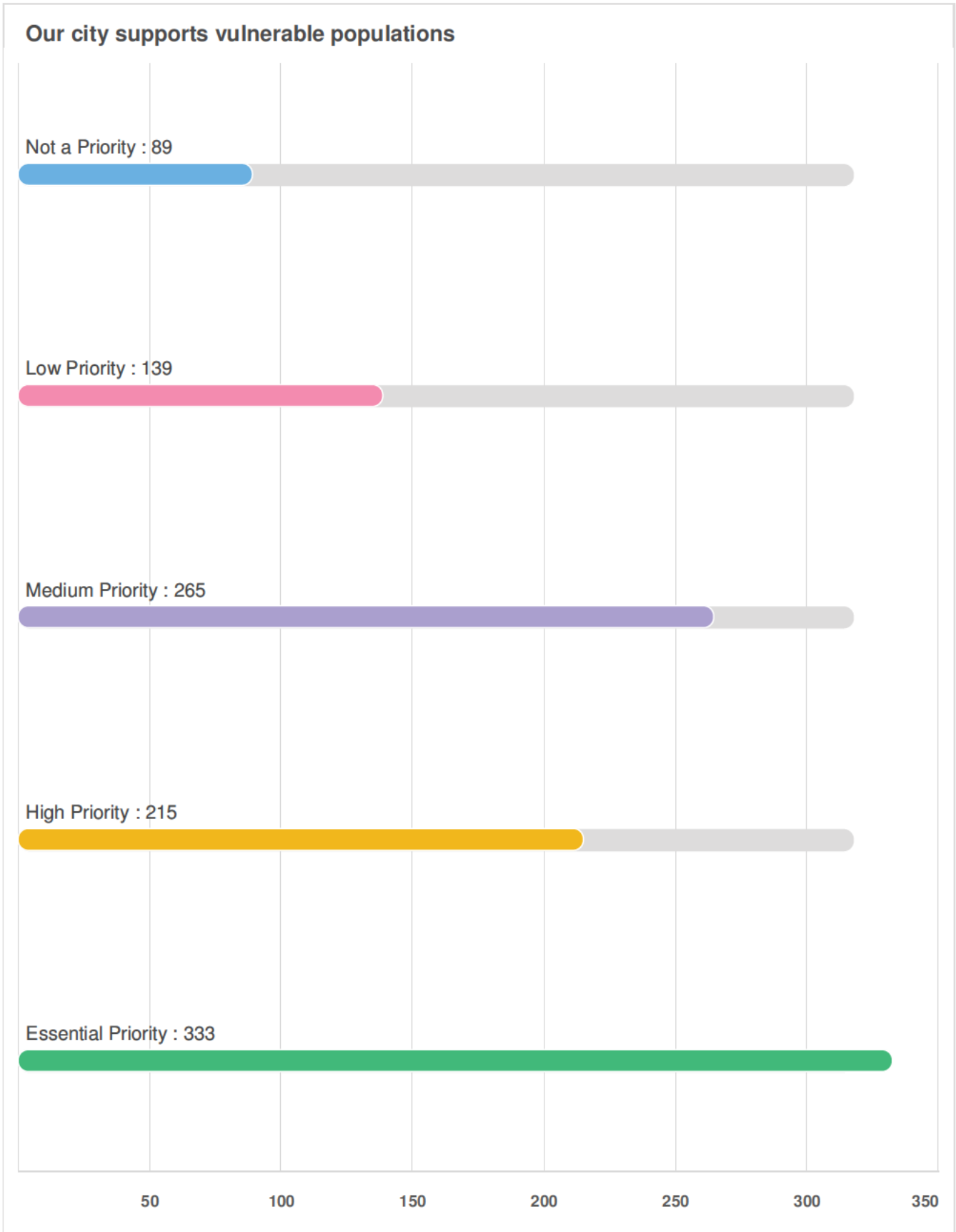


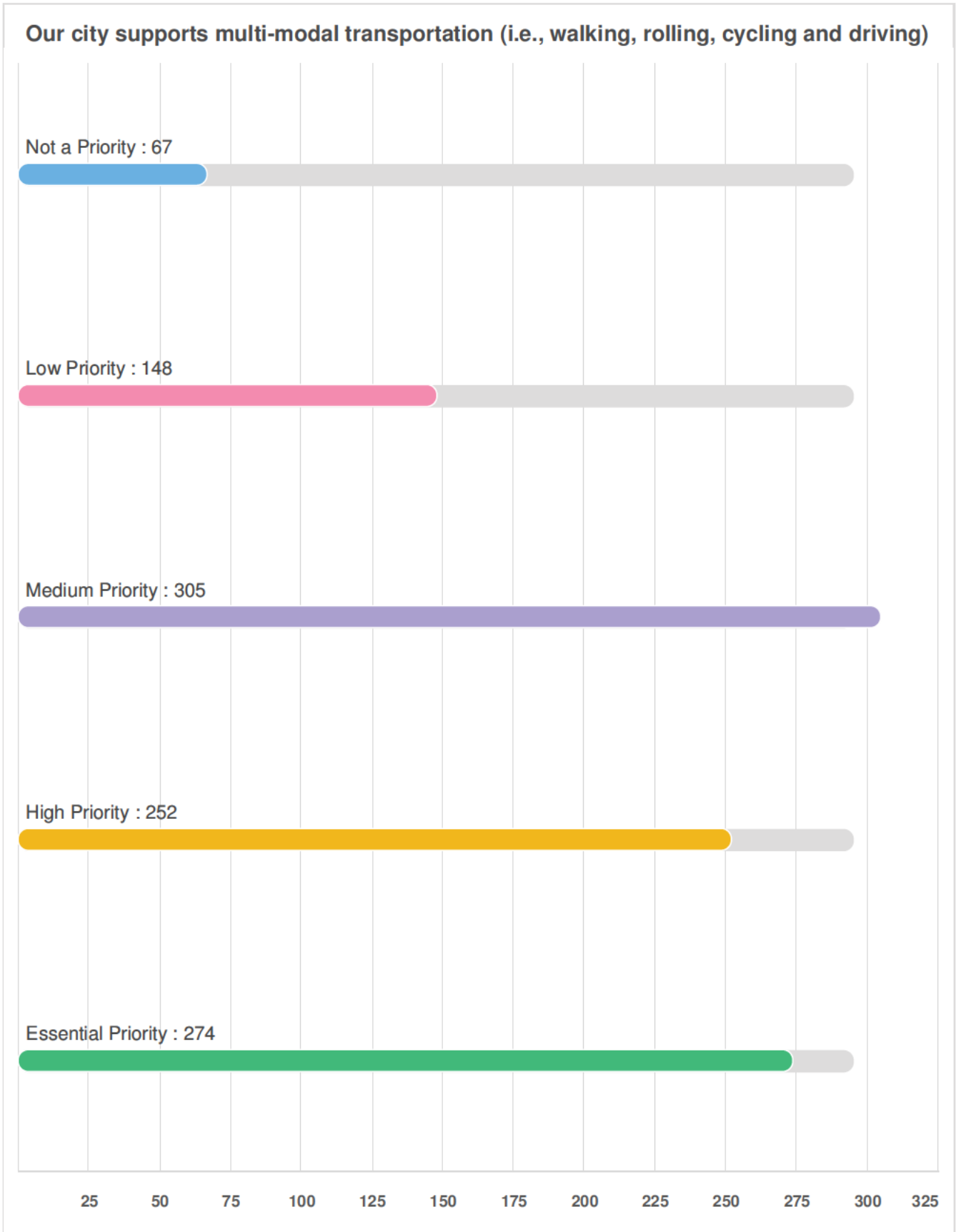


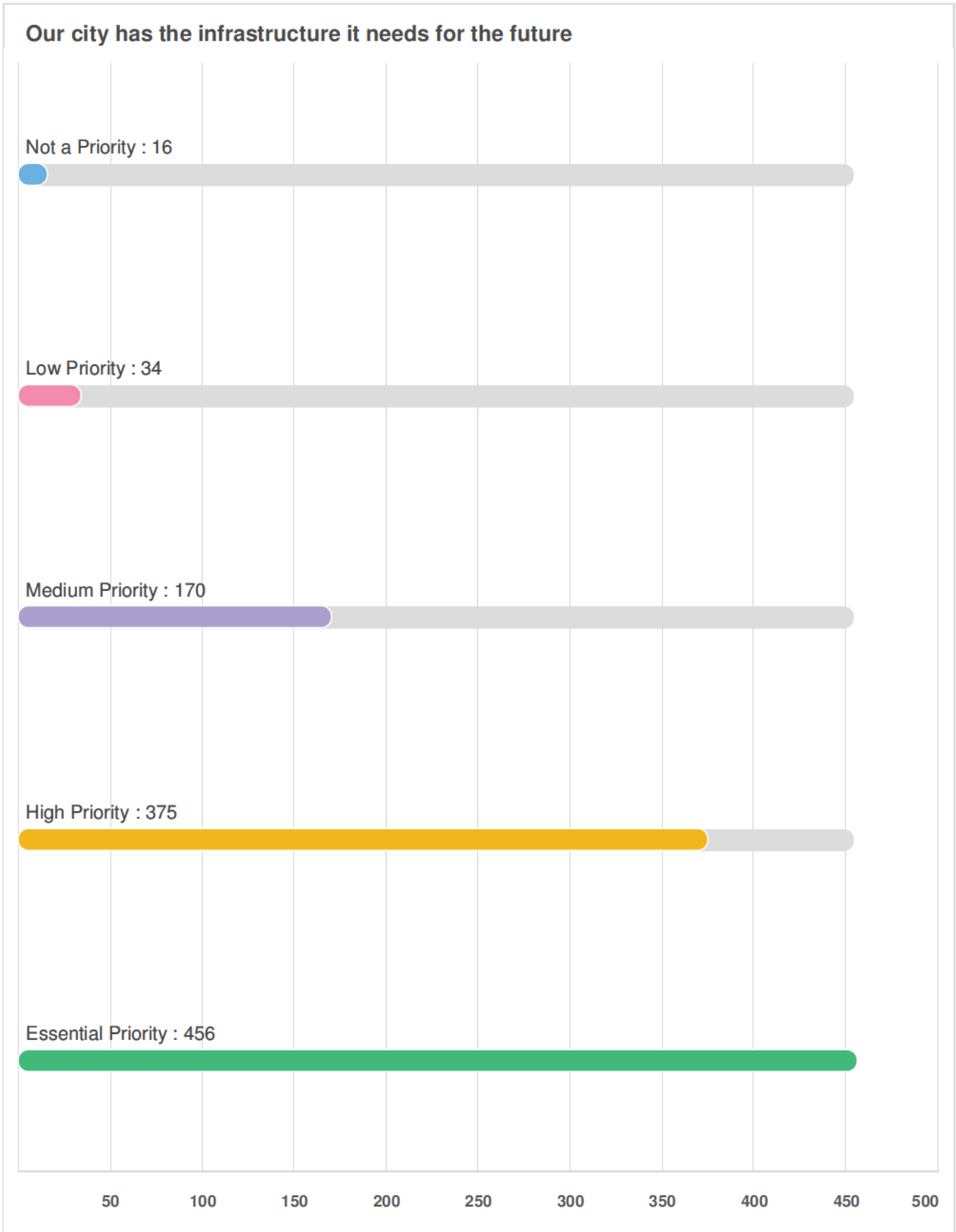


Our city supports local businesses and economic recovery

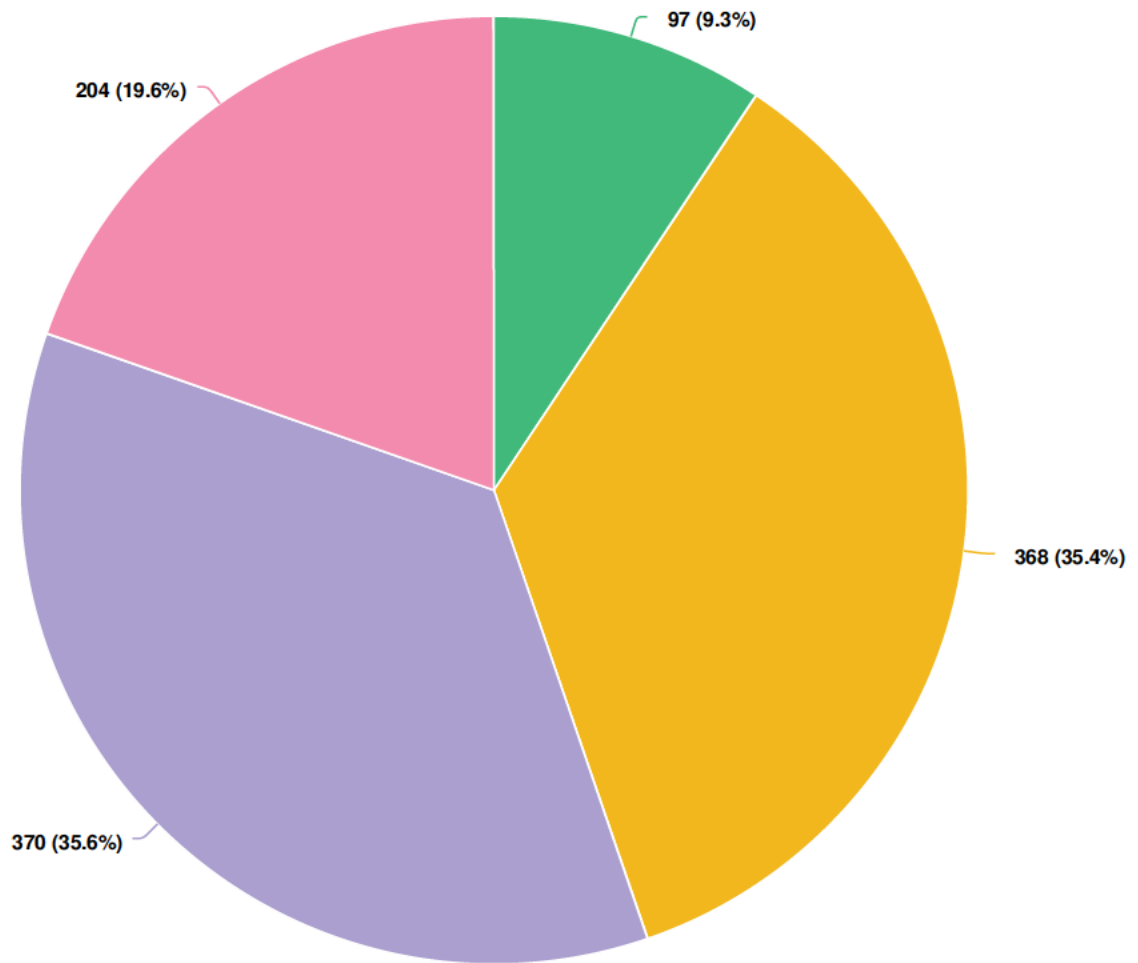








Q3 Thinking about all the programs, services and capital projects you receive from the City of Victoria, would you say that overall you get:



Question options

- Very poor value for your tax dollars
- Fairly poor value for your tax dollars
- Fairly good value for your tax dollars
- Very good value for your tax dollars

Optional question (1039 response(s), 20 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 | How satisfied are you with the availability, repair or maintenance of the City of Victoria's Transportation infrastructure/amenities?



Optional question (1055 response(s), 4 skipped)
 Question type: Likert Question

Q5 | Do you have any comments or suggestions to share on the City's Transportation infrastructure budget?

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11/09/2021 04:03 PM

Pave the roads, fix the potholes, don't worry about anything else.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 05:49 PM

Find a way to accommodate personal electric transportation. Eg. electric scooters, skateboards, etc.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 06:29 PM

Please continue to build cycle infrastructure! Active transportation is so important to our city.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 07:02 PM

You've built enough for bicycles. Please stop.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 07:17 PM

More emphasis on electric cars, they are coming in the thousands to Victoria and the sooner the better. It's not about bikes, it's about safe, efficient and quiet cars that allow people to live in rural areas relative to right downtown and play road hockey and little league and attend the local school outside the centre of the city. Bikes are cold, limiting, dangerous and inefficient for most people who live and work in our rainy, cold, dark climate. You cannot fix that, so stop destroying the roads that electric cars will fill in just a few years time. Sooner if you spend our money on infrastructure necessary to support this enormous change in transportation that is the solution to housing costs and the environment. With car you can live anywhere and not be packed into some little 400sq foot box on top of another miserable human living in one themselves!

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 07:55 PM

I am appalled at how the City of Victoria has decimated our streets (Richardson, Pandora, Vancouver, to name a few) to make them "bike-friendly". The streets always were bike-friendly. Now to navigate in Victoria, cars have to be driven through small residential lanes to get where you want to go. This is because council has chopped up main connectors and made getting around by car difficult. Not everyone is able to ride bicycles...elderly persons, persons with mobility issues, families with several different-aged children and those whose work require vehicles. To spend 13 million more dollars on this madness boggles the mind! Use some of that money to return our roads to being drivable and the rest of it to increase the police share of the budget. Maybe then we will feel safe enough to return to downtown Victoria!

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 08:12 PM

Although it is important to look at all modes of transportation I think we do need to look at parking as the downtown has a lot of services and its a good way to attract visitors from other regions.

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11/09/2021 08:30 PM

No

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11/09/2021 09:33 PM

Please improve: Safer, consistent bike lanes.(it is very dangerous when the bike lane comes to a sudden end and bikers are spit into traffic., Either have no bike lane or keep it consistent the whole street length.) Increase neighborhoods with sidewalks. Many older streets have no sidewalks. Safe biking and walking routes to schools.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 09:54 PM

Anything but cars! I love the new electric carshare system, and the electric buses, and the bike lanes. I would happily pay more taxes for fancy bike lanes! Hillside, Quadra, Jubilee and Fernwood could benefit from more pedestrian-controlled crosswalks.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 10:51 PM

I think the budget is generally good, but more could be spent on pedestrian infrastructure.

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11/09/2021 11:01 PM

More sustainable transport with less public consulting.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 11:44 PM

I think the timing of traffic lights along Finlayson beside Mayfair Mall needs to be looked at. The new traffic light in the middle of the block is messing with the flow.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 04:31 AM

City parkades are too dangerous to use so my family (and many that I know) doesn't (already too sketchy to walk on a lot of city streets out in the open, so we do not put ourselves in city parkades). Roads are neglected which impacts my family's safety as cyclists and pedestrians (pot holes, broken asphalt, bumps, irregularities) which is a danger especially at night when you can't see them. An extensive 'visual sweep' of overgrown sidewalks should be done by the City, with warning notices given to property owners to clear them of private hedging encroaching over

sidewalks, rather than relying on your current system of ad hoc reporting-from-the-public system through Bylaw reporting. Boulevards are neglected. In previous years (many years ago now), they were regularly 'edged' and re-seeded, and blvd trees pruned of dead branches. Currently the blvd in front of where we live is half packed-down dirt and the other half weeds, and is unlikely to be anything better unless the city has a program to remediate (?). Blvd trees along our street have many dead branches which are not being attended to (a risk to the public, to parked cars, and a risk to city taxpayers re: liability).

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11/10/2021 06:46 AM

As a daily bike I want to thank you for all the hard work in bike lanes. I would like to see the next priority to make sidewalks larger to accommodate more people and better accommodate those with mobility issues.

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11/10/2021 07:06 AM

Better traffic calming, pedestrian infrastructure and cycling safety to deal with the impacts of congestion and bike lane diversions on the unlucky streets

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11/10/2021 08:16 AM

More cycling and pedestrian priority, trees,

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11/10/2021 08:20 AM

more roundabouts, less stop signs. look at australia. it works

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 08:24 AM

Given budget pressures and successive tax increases in an increasingly unaffordable city, it would seem advisable to stick to core accountabilities such as infrastructure. More strategic responses to accommodating cars would be advisable; gas vehicles will be replaced by electric but perhaps not reduce in number. Blocked/reduced roads (cycling lanes) and reduced on street parking have (for me) made use of downtown businesses inconvenient and undesirable.

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11/10/2021 08:25 AM

Screw your stupid, dangerous bike lanes

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 08:35 AM

More active transportation routes

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11/10/2021 09:29 AM

Some of the roads are in horrible condition. Too much effort is being spent on bike lanes at the expense of roads.

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11/10/2021 09:29 AM

Appreciate any moves away from being car-centric. Also, would like to see the city rely less on development funding upgrades as this seems to lead to scattered upgrades and partial implementations.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 09:55 AM

Improve sidewalks for walking, too many places where vegetation and signage and poles obstruct walking

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 10:38 AM

Our roads are in generally poor condition on many of our streets and traffic congestion is becoming an issue.

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11/10/2021 11:36 AM

Much more needs to be done to maintain existing transportation infrastructure. CoV's road and sidewalks are in terrible shape.

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11/10/2021 12:10 PM

More bike lanes and walking infrastructure

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11/10/2021 12:20 PM

Ensure that contracts for work are awarded in a fiscally responsible way; not via sweetheart deals that favour specific union contractors (I.e. not via the bogus Horgan CBA regime that pretends to benefit communities but actually benefits a select group of unions). Not allowing all contractors to bid on work fairly results in demonstrated average cost increases of 30%, and is an irresponsible use of tax payers' money and the City's limited budget.

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11/10/2021 12:35 PM

More pedestrian controlled crosswalks

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11/10/2021 12:41 PM

Too much was invested to closing streets to cars for bike lanes rather than sharing the roads.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 12:42 PM

Stop putting money into poorly designed bike lanes. Cyclists do not wear helmets, stay off sidewalks, shoulder check, talk on their phones, blast through stop signs and red lights with impunity. Start handing out tickets for these infractions like Oak Bay does.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 12:50 PM

The City has done a wonderful job of expanding the AAA Active Transportation Network. I look forward to the future additions. I'm also impressed with the streetscaping, but I worry that the tree canopy and green space is at constant risk.

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11/10/2021 01:35 PM

Blke lanes designed for inexperienced cyclists will not get people out of cars for their daily transportation needs; they will only meet recreational family needs.

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11/10/2021 01:46 PM

No more bike lanes

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11/10/2021 02:01 PM

Very grateful for the flashing lights that have been installed at crosswalks in my neighbourhood!

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11/10/2021 02:34 PM

Victoria's road infrastructure is not being able to cope with the influx of ever increasing traffic- (over)development of housing politics cannot be made in isolation from considering traffic implications

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11/10/2021 02:34 PM

I request that the city takes into consideration the needs of pedestrians. I am very dissatisfied with how the bike lanes did not include any empirical input from pedestrians. And if there was, there wasn't enough transparency. Either way, the city has more than just cyclists and drivers.

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11/10/2021 03:07 PM

Stop putting in bike lanes and start paving the streets. Most are in very poor condition including Shelbourne street from Haultain to Myrtle street.

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11/10/2021 03:49 PM

Many crosswalks don't give seniors enough time to cross.

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11/10/2021 04:07 PM

Sidewalk and other active transportation needs to be tied to neighborhood densification as to better empower people to make green choices.

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11/10/2021 04:43 PM

The road surfaces are like cart tracks. Pave them. Driving anywhere downtown is a nightmare. Return Vancouver, Cook (including Dallas intersection), Richardson, Quadra to the way they were.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 05:18 PM

Roads move people, people move the city — the imagined efficiency of our networks is lacking — congestion created by poor planning.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 07:33 PM

for the past several years it seems like the focus has been on bike lanes at all costs, which has created significant division and animosity towards the city as well as between different groups which is creating unhealthy division within the community. Bike lanes that help improve safety are great but should not come at the cost of pedestrians, motorists and those with disabilities, or create such hostile division within the community

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 08:01 PM

Road and sidewalks in my part of town are in poor repair, making it hard to get around by car and by foot.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 09:14 PM

Given the dire state of our economy and the need to save money wherever possible, I believe it financial prudent to limit the infrastructure budget to basic maintenance and forego any capital spending until the local and up to the national economy is in a better state.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 09:48 PM

You have created a complete mess with all the road closures and lane reductions. Wharf, Vancouver, Richardson are disasters and create more congestion. Small side roads around Fairfield are now in an arms race to combat increased traffic because of these foolish decisions. The roads around the region are in terrible condition and are being ignored in favour of your pet project bike lanes. You cater to a small vocal minority while ignoring the needs of the rest of the community

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 10:51 PM

Stop the bike lanes. Not taking into consideration people with mobility and vision issues. Messing up the roads and leaving huge bumps and pot holes that make it dangerous to walk, cycle or drive on. Killing trees to put in these bike lanes that serve only a small component of the people in the city. Get rid of the ping pong table! Put Clover point back to the way it was. Having a picnic out there...who would do that. Open up parking to Beacon Hill Park.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 11:25 PM

Many sidewalks in the James Bay/Downtown area are a mess, very uneven. Also the streets are badly lit. Not safe!

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 06:44 AM

Some of the street installations, e.g. ping pong table, seem frivolous and wasteful and ill-planned. Ordinary people who live in this expensive city can't afford frivolous spending, so the city shouldn't either.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 10:36 AM

more buses, less bike lanes. Too many bike lanes which punish those who own a car

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 11:05 AM

Have so enjoyed all the new bike infra. Keep this coming! We need less parking downtown and more safe roadways for pedestrians, bikes and those choosing alternative transportation.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 11:45 AM

road maintenance-too many streets uneven, bumpy and with potholes. When major road interruptions necessary-coordinate various departments to minimize disruptions.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 11:45 AM

Need more mid-block crosswalks. Need more trees there are some streets where there are none -e.g. Herald. Sidewalks are very often in poor repair, so much so that they are dangerous, especially to the elderly.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 11:59 AM

More active transportation and vision zero infrastructure. Remove street setbacks to reduce useless front lawns

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 01:30 PM

Spend \$ on essential infrastructure and not on pet projects (e.g., roads not giving money to things well outside the city's mandate, such as designating a significant amount to Indians (so-called reconciliation grant)

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 04:21 PM

Bicycles don't yield at busy pedestrian crossings (eg Wharf at Belleville)

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11/11/2021 04:33 PM

Enough with bike lanes, now move on to sensible transportation within the city

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 06:24 PM

Better planning for bus routes, increase in access to streets for vehicles (too many are now inaccessible & causing major backup on main routes). Bike routes need to be the same (too many now, that all have different rules, making it very confusing)

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 06:28 PM

"Trust" is gone. No one believes City. Infrastructure is way behind - and promises not kept, especially with respect to commitments for walking safety and routes

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 06:34 PM

Lower expenditures on bike lanes.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 06:37 PM

Too much emphasis on bicycles, not enough on pedestrians and public transportation.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 06:38 PM

above survey does not allow me to choose that I do not want the bike lanes.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 06:54 PM

reduce the priority of on street parking

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 07:13 PM

Poorly planed bike lanes

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11/11/2021 07:29 PM

More priority to pedestrians

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 08:11 PM

I'm an avid cyclist. Please stop the two way bike lanes - they take too much road space and are unnecessary (one way, with traffic would be fine). Further, bike lanes are very different from one another (Vancouver st, Pandora, wharf, etc). This causes confusion for cyclists as well as vehicles.

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11/11/2021 08:41 PM

Better planning on timing of road closures is needed as well as signs for traffic pattern changes.

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11/11/2021 08:59 PM

Stop making bike lanes - Cook Street still has too many bikes on it. Getting into my home on Burdett is hell.

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11/11/2021 09:07 PM

Focus on fixing roads and sidewalks and better lighting on dark streets

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 09:16 PM

Traffic is bottle necking at several locations thanks to un needed upgrades. ie wharf street, four way stop at cook and Dallas. Bike lane down Richardson is causing increase traffic to side streets. Emergency vehicles can't get down.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 10:18 PM

Too many of the roads, both main and side have become almost undriveable with all the potholes.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 11:10 PM

Better design for city centre bike lanes.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 11:39 PM

Stop spending money on narrowing streets. Eg. Pandora between Wharf and Government.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 11:54 PM

No children riding un accompanied on the bus. It's not safe. No more curbed bike lanes. Bikes need to be licensed so when pedestrian gets hit by a bike there are consequences!

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 05:59 AM

Please fill in pot holes. James Bay is the worst and I do not even live in James Bay. Consider having shared bike and walk sidewalks in areas with low pedestrian traffic. They do in Europe. Coordinate projects so that the same area is not paved, dug up and patched.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 09:46 AM

Stop prioritizing personal cars

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 10:05 AM

People with mobility challenges cannot be forgotten. Bicycles are not for everyone.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 11:28 AM

There are significant safety issues with some of the bike lanes - specially Vancouver between Fort & Balmoral, and multiple places on Wharf - this could become extremely expensive from a legal liability position for our city

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 12:57 PM

I ride my e bike as often as I can but it does rain buckets in the winter. Stopping and starting at city traffic lights increases GhGs. Who is programming Douglas and Blashard? Exit one red light, and the next one turns red. The lower speed limit already is a safety precaution. Flow is ridiculous however. Also, living in an apartment, I rely on street parking. My neighbour thinks that he "owns" the spot in front of his house and calls bylaw officers often when visitors come by. Can we have a better permit system for residential tenants to claim a spot? The streetscaping around bike lanes and turning lanes are too wide--almost took out my car undercarriage a few times. Hard to predict where the bulge extends!

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 01:49 PM

Please fix the pot holes. Paint more yellow lines at corners so people can safely turn corners whether on a bike, walking or driving.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 01:51 PM

the condition of some of the roads in this city is horrible, and it does feel like there has been an attack on the vehicle driver in this city making it much harder to get around with all the bike lane changes that have been pushed through, the traffic does not just disappear when a road gets closed for a bike lane, the traffic gets re-routed and gets bogged up in other areas causing more green house gasses

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 01:54 PM

More bike-lanes, cross walks, and sidewalks please!

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 02:05 PM

1. No plans to address longstanding accessibility barriers on a priority, based on risk and exclusion for people with disabilities (e.g., utility poles in sidewalks). 2. The city is still building curb cuts with barriers and hasn't written the standard for them or tactile domes. 3. We cannot determine the level of resources on accessibility from info provided. The budget used to say how many intersections would be addressed and where. Bring that back. 4. There is still work to be done on making all pedestrian crossings of bike lanes (apart from at controlled intersections) safe. Where are pedestrian controlled lights at mid-block cross walks? 5. We don't see plans for the new and retrofitted accessible parking spaces for which funds were approved but do not show in this budget.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 02:13 PM

Many communities recognize the challenges that disabled people have by providing free or reduced parking for those that have a disability sticker.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 02:32 PM

Diverting traffic off main corridors and on to side streets and past elementary schools is dangerous and not necessary. Bi-directional bike lanes on one way streets is also dangerous and counter intuitive and proving worse environmentally.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 05:33 PM

Council should walk through areas such as Rockland. The condition of the back roads is terrible

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11/12/2021 05:45 PM

stop vanity projects

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11/12/2021 08:25 PM

Reliable mass transit - LRT or similar Bike lane design consistency

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 08:35 PM

All buses could be electric

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 09:03 PM

Free buses - move bike line off fort to view street

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 09:42 PM

Make the line item for bike lanes ZERO Too much money has gone into a poorly designed pet project which is CLEARLY making congestion downtown worse

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 10:51 PM

As a paramedic the roads going to the hospital RJB are terrible and of the person is in pain it's awful.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 11:35 PM

Traffic is terrible, and is very unfriendly to those of us who have to use our cars. Bike lanes could have been great, but they are not, and unsafe, and there was no need to change the traffic flow on our streets. Bus transportation is good.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 06:45 AM

Restore Richardson and Vancouver to the way they were.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 07:03 AM

Spend less on bike lanes

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 07:21 AM

Concentrate on ensuring a viable transportation system and free transportation for seniors.

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11/13/2021 07:46 AM

Stop the vanity projects and concentrate on good infrastructure.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 08:23 AM

Please spend some time on fully paving the main arteries, especially Blanshard between Fort and Fisgard (not just patch paving). Put a left turn advance signal light at Pandora and Blanshard, northbound. Put a pedestrian controlled crosswalk light at Linden and Fairfield. Somehow, activate something better at the traffic circle at Southgate and Cook. Most drivers traveling southbound on Cook RARELY yield to the traffic circle, most just barrel right through the intersection as though they have right of way, because that circle isn't really a circle there (I know, it was designed that way for big trucks) - but it is really dangerous to enter from Southgate when traffic is flowing along Cook. BTW, I LOVE the 3 way stop at Cook and Dallas. Thanks for that! Even though I live on Fairfield Road, and have noticed additional traffic, the closure of Richardson doesn't bother me, so just keep going with the all ages bike lanes. Maybe I'll even use them one day.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 08:30 AM

Enough with the bike lane expansion. Focus on foot traffic and bus options

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 08:41 AM

Please, no more bike lanes.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 08:42 AM

Generate revenue by charging for "Residents Only" parking on City streets. Take a look at the City of Toronto for an example of this.

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11/13/2021 08:48 AM

This is in your purview.

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11/13/2021 08:57 AM

Insure adequate street availability for vehicle travel within the city. Reduce the rush to add bike lanes where they are little used or service a very minor minority of taxpayers.

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11/13/2021 09:26 AM

not sure that we need more bike lanes

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11/13/2021 09:35 AM

Rail from Victoria to Langford built above the galloping goose

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 09:40 AM

More money needs to be put in for our infrastructure (road repairs and upgrades, more left lanes and left turn signals, more flashing lights for cross walks, more speed limit signs) So many different speed limits in Victoria.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 09:55 AM

Get rid of bike lanes

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 10:02 AM

My street is full of potholes. When we complained, we were told that our street is due to be repaved in 10 years. No one has come to patch the potholes.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 10:02 AM

You've invested so much money on Douglas st and yet it still takes 20 mins to travel 4 blocks. Cook st is insane with the addition of boulevards instead of turning lanes , a once viable through st is now a parking lot. Cars aren't going anywhere ,for every new cyclist theres 200 new cars from the cold dark condo towers you allow built.

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11/13/2021 10:06 AM

I've been relatively happy with the approach. I would like to see rigorous evaluation of new policies (e.g. the free transit piece) so that we can judge its success and inform other jurisdictions.

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11/13/2021 10:32 AM

No more bike lanes!

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11/13/2021 10:49 AM

Enough with the bike lanes already.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 10:58 AM

Sidewalk and road maintenance has been neglected and needs attention. Neighbourhood sidewalks are particularly neglected to the point of being hazardous (uneven & narrow pavement, obstructions , tripping hazards, impassible for users of wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers)

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11/13/2021 11:04 AM

would like to see rail service to downtown

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 11:05 AM

The movement of people is essential and the car will change in character, not disappear anytime soon so this must be part of the planning.

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11/13/2021 11:25 AM

Please make an overall plan and construct in ways that make sense as opposed to what you are doing now

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 11:32 AM

On street parking a great waste of road space. should at least be charged for.

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11/13/2021 11:38 AM

Developers must include at least one parking stall per unit and encouraged to have EV charging at all parking stalls, approving new builds without parking or limited parking will create on street parking chaos, particularly due to the additional elimination of parking to accommodate bike lanes downtown. People will not give up their personal vehicles, they will most likely move to EV's instead.

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The timing of traffic lights on some heavily-used roads seems designed for stop and go block by block rather than co-ordinating to create a smoother flow of vehicles over several blocks at a time which is more efficient and better for the environment.

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11/13/2021 12:03 PM

I try to avoid downtown due to the congestion caused by the bike lanes.

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Stop putting up dangerous hard scape dividers for bike lanes - softer (rubber) dividers for example cause less harm if falling. Stop buying bus tickets for youth who do not use them.

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Don't forget cars. Most of the over 70 population live in downtown or surrounding neighborhoods and we still drive cars!

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The streets are generally in very poor condition and have been ignored in favour of other more glamorous projects (bike lanes, multi colour crosswalks etc.). It's past time to focus on the core city needs and stop spending on "flavour of the month projects".

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I am impressed with your priorities

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The Richardson St changes are terrible. Vancouver St is working well, but Richardson is pushing traffic to Rockland & Fairfield, which is making Rockland too busy & Fairfield much more dangerous. I see very few cyclists on Richardson, and to go anywhere by car for nearby residents requires detours via residential side streets, which is unpleasant & dangerous for those residents.

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I feel like too much of our street surfaces are devoted to private parking

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If a city is not healthy and safe then it is not worth living in or investing in. Many of the priorities in questions 1 and 2 are either nice to have or are not within the responsibility of mayor and council. Focus on your responsibilities. Identify the nice to have you think the city needs and identify the likely additional cost. Do your job! If you have time left over, lobby other levels of government to do their jobs regarding nice to have that are not within the remit of mayor and council.

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Traffic lights should be prioritizing pedestrians and active transportation over cars. Seems like this could result in improvements with limited budgetary impact.

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Maintain what we have prior to building more

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11/13/2021 02:08 PM

System of bus fares needs to be revamped; it is too expensive for seniors

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Synchronize traffic lights on Douglas and Blanshard. Current situation leads to idling cars and pollution. Make some neighbourhood streets one way to make them safer. This would allow for parking, cycling, driving and walking. Wharf street is an example of trying to do too many things in a two way street Stop spending on not needed infrastructure like speed bumps on Michigan to give just one example. I walk on Michigan regularly and it is very safe for pedestrians and cyclists. There is no traffic, crossings are not dangerous is one stops at stop signs. Skip the James Bay so called improvements and put the money in more important issues. Simply repair sidewalks.

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11/13/2021 03:12 PM

Sidewalks and streets are not safe because Lisa Helps has lured hurlers of drug addicts to Victoria while defunding the police

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The City should take dramatic initiatives to get people out of their fossil fuel-powered cars. Any number of potential budget items are imaginable for this, from those that are revenue generating (congestion charges, parking fees, etc.) to those that are roughly cost-neutral (pedestrianizing streets), to those that involve costs (more charging stations, more bike lanes, payments to get electric buses rather than the diesel buses we have now).

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I feel that too much has been spent on bicycle lanes.

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Fix our broken roads and stop with the bike lanes and "road calming" stuff. I mostly see empty bike lanes and cars jammed and idling for blocks on end because everything is reduced to one lane.

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keep building awesome bike routes, my family is able to visit more places and spend more money in other neighbourhoods

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Yes the roads and infrastructure need to be better maintained and prepared for worse weather due to climate change also more drought resistant trees and plants need to be planted.

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Stop closing roads for bikes. The city is just causing traffic jams on other streets. Our weather isn't good enough for full time biking.

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is there a budget

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Too many streets disrupted for bike lanes!

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The spending is excessive in the area, a bit to much experimentation and lack of consistency. A fair number of the initiatives leads to confusion on the roads for all.

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It is not a priority right now. Fix the other issues and the deal with this.

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11/13/2021 08:32 PM

City has been choked in favour of cycling minority

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11/13/2021 09:15 PM

Great job with bike lanes but no more 2 way bike lanes on 1 way streets please. They are dangerous and inefficient.

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11/13/2021 09:24 PM

I feel you are spending way too much money on bike lanes when we have other more pressing needs such as safety and affordable housing.

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more protected bike lanes, bigger sidewalks and streetscaping. More street calming such as Richardson and Vancouver Street.

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Please stop your infrastructure changes as you HAVE NOT, & I firmly believe that you will not in the future, consult WITH YOUR EMPLOYERS.

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Stop/eliminate bike lanes.

Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 08:27 AM	fill the potholes, use street lights that emit better light as far to dark, paint the lane dividing lanes and use luminescent paint, use smaller buses
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 08:37 AM	More focus on safe walking, rolling, transit for everyone. Slow down/reduce cars.
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 08:44 AM	Stop creating GHG and pollution with poor bike lane choices and design
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 09:34 AM	Stop the bike lanes.
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 09:36 AM	No more ridiculous bike lanes!!
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 09:44 AM	As someone who primarily walks to everything, having safe and well-lit sidewalks and crosswalks are very important.
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 10:00 AM	I am a cyclist. Be more intelligent in building bike lanes, you've built confusing and dangerous ones. You are allowing huge condos to be built, increasing population density, without the transportation infrastructure to support it. Driving is a nightmare, downtown is a traffic jam 24/7.
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 10:29 AM	Fix the unsafe bike Lanes. They are a complete disaster.
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 10:49 AM	Building bike lanes will not suddenly make people want to bike. Cycling is not a realistic expectation for families either. We aren't balancing our children, their backpacks and their sports gear on our head so we can bicycle everywhere.
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 11:07 AM	In some places, sidewalks are too narrow, particularly in Vic West.
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 11:08 AM	Please stop diverting all main street traffic onto all of the tiny side streets. People do and will continue to use cars (they will just be electric) so please keep that in mind when planning. It is unrealistic to assume that people want to walk/cycle everywhere especially when it is unsafe to do so. I live in Fernwood/Downtown area and often drive because it is no longer safe to walk alone after sunset.

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11/14/2021 11:17 AM

Don't try to do it all at once.

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11/14/2021 11:26 AM

The bike lane on Finlayson street is WAY too narrow (0.5m). It needs to be upgraded to become a true part of the AAA network. Please continue to develop the bike lane network. A crosswalk is needed at Finlayson and Highview, and in Quadra Village between Kings and Hillside. Please require payment for parking in urban villages, and possibly residential areas as well. Curbs are valuable public spaces that should not be available for free vehicle storage. Parking minimums for new developments should be abolished.

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11/14/2021 11:36 AM

Build a car-lite city. Accelerate the AAA bike plan. Divert traffic to circuitous routes. Calm traffic to 20 km/h city wide on neighbourhood streets, 30 km/h on arterial streets. We want our toddler to be able to independently move around the city by the time she's 8 or 9 years old. Too much parking. Not enough bike lanes. Build more. Build faster. - two-way cycletrack designs are bad. One way protected lanes on either side of the street that move *with* the rest of traffic is important for safety/connectivity/intersections/etc.. See: Montreal who is removing all the two-way routes that make connections too awkward the bigger the network gets. Unidirectional lanes are far more futureproof and won't require rebuilding.

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Please pull back on bike lanes. Enough already.

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Please keep going with the investment in bike infrastructure

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Removing bushes that infringe on the sidewalks in all neighborhoods

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11/14/2021 02:04 PM

More street parking. Parkade should not need a smart phone and you should not need to "estimate" how long you will be. Streets, sidewalks and boulevards are in terrible condition.

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11/14/2021 04:19 PM

Hold off on increasing the bike lanes. Wharf st has deemed to be very dangerous and this is before we have experienced a typical tourist season. High density and people do not watch where they are going.

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Bike lanes are an unnecessary expense that have very little use. The lanes are unsafe. A far better use of millions of dollars would of been a bus priority lane on Fort street.

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11/14/2021 04:24 PM

Get back to the basics and forget all of the wasteful spending on "vanity" projects

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Fix the roads. I'm an avid cyclist and I even think the roads are in terrible shape.

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11/14/2021 06:00 PM

Replacing or repairing aging underground infrastructure is essential. Building bike lanes and closing streets to vehicles is not.

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Stop making it so difficult to get everywhere. The 20 minute commute is now 53 minutes everywhere.

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More advanced left turns signals.

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Can we charge residents for on street parking in areas where resident only signs are posted?

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11/14/2021 08:12 PM

Streets are in terrible condition , drive down Redfern St . Vancouver and Richardson St could accommodate cars and bikes , why shut down those streets for cars . ICE cars will be replaced with EV , and you are closing roads and reducing parking . I bike more than I drive my car .

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11/14/2021 08:19 PM

The Pandora bike lanes are probably the most dangerous place I've ever ridden a bicycle. I've had more near-misses on that stretch of road than on any other in my life. Protected bike lanes are great, but their implementation in Victoria has been an absolute disaster.

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Less money spent on bike lanes, more spent on cars as more and more people will have electric vehicles in the future. Cars will not be going away and currently the city seems to think that making driving and parking difficult that it will reduce the number of cars. Currently with the bike infrastructure "improvements" in recent years, all that has been done is to increase the pollution as cars have to drive additional distances and idle more often.

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Take proposed budget for enhanced bike lanes and transfer to public safety and dealing with homelessness

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Do not introduce any further bike lanes at this time

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I am a biker and a driver. I like certain aspects of the bike lanes. Not everyone can or chooses to ride a bike. Vancouver, Wharf, Richardson - it is too much, not safe for first responders and simply pushes congestion to other arterial (residential) streets. Poor vision and worse execution. Suggest more bus, BRT type lanes

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Extend the time period for completing the biking infrastructure reducing the planned \$13 million to \$4 million over the next 3 years.

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I am a fan of bike lanes. I am not a fan of the mess CoV has made of the bike lanes. Please wait for the next council so that the bike lanes can be built more intelligently.

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11/15/2021 11:04 AM

Mayor and council have spent millions of our tax dollars on their pet project of bike lanes while basically ignoring public input other than that of the cycling community! The road closures put in place have NOT in fact reduced vehicle traffic or emissions but in fact increased these as vehicles are now forced to travel considerably further to navigate the maze which has resulted in these poor decisions! I am quite sure that this has caused further difficulty too for emergency vehicles, ambulances and fire trucks! While I have no objection to bike lanes and applaud those who wish to ride their bikes I feel very strongly that mayor and council have ignored the needs of a vast majority of tax paying citizens that are simply unable to ride a bike! This city has a large population of elderly

people, people with disabilities who have no other choice then to take a car to get anywhere! Case in point of this too would be the ridiculous situation forced through at Clover Point! By replacing parking which enabled seniors, people with disabilities, people from further areas outside city limits with picnic tables that sit empty the majority of the time due to wind and inclement weather you have severely impacted accessibility to pretty much anyone who is not on a bike or able to walk there! Meanwhile our roads are a mess of potholes and patched up tarmac!

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Fix the potholes! The section of Hillside Ave between Cedar Hill Rd and Shelbourne St is terrible. There are huge holes on Bay St as well.

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Please continue to add active transportation and pedestrian infrastructure.

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I would like to see collaboration with neighbouring cities to a more rapid transit system that would take more cars off the roads. There really ought to be a commuter system between downtown and the Esquimalt Lagoon as traffic from the Westshore really clogs up our streets here.

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Love the bike lanes! Always more of that!

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fix the roads pot holes and line markings

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more future planning info is needed about how the city's bike network will connect to neighbouring municipalities (e.g. Saanich is building protected bike lanes on Shelbourne, how will they connect into Victoria's network?)

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Pause the bike lanes until we can ensure they are safe for all.

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the city continually adds concrete where it is not needed e.g. the narrowing of Quadra street near broughton and instead should be fixing our crappy sidewalks

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The City has over-invested in new cycling infrastructure and has allowed other infrastructure associated with different modes of transportation to suffer and in some areas, fall into disrepair. Stop building new bike lanes. Do an operational and safety assessment of those lanes, see where and how they are not working for every/any user and adjust the existing system as needed. (build, measure, learn feedback loop). Pave the roads, stop patching them. Repair the sidewalks. Prioritize creating wide walkable sidewalks throughout the city where there are already exist but are insufficient .

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Lane markings on roads are not maintained and a lot of rough pavement/holes on roadways.

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Please build more protected bike lanes. I feel a lot safer when completely separated from cars.

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Love focusing on car alternatives like public transit, walking, and biking. I'm also a fan of the outdoor patios replacing street parking

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I would love to see money be put into making sidewalks safer for people with mobility difficulties

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My partner recently started using a power wheelchair to get around, which really

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Please stop closing roads, adding speed bumps and adding barriers to easy transportation by car.

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Time pavement repairs with underground infrastructure replacement.

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more left turn signals and better street lighting

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Bike lanes need better paint, sidewalks need to be cleared of overhanging/bulging bushes and trees, the goose/E&N need better lighting.

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Budget for a permit Street parking program.

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Bike lanes need to be more equitable with motorized transport, less us vs. them and more discussion as cars are with us for many years to come and need to be incorporated without exclusion.

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Keep going on the cycling, walking, and public transit infrastructure! Offer incentives to people who go car-free.

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Continue with bike lane expansion and increase bus availability and accessibility. Consider covered bus shelters, bike parking and repair stations.

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I do not like how the 1st hour free has effectively been removed. Only a few spots are available for this and the system makes it difficult to use (have to return and move car) This does not help downtown businesses. I don't go/park/shop downtown now because of this change in parkade system.

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The city is already doing a fantastic job on bike lanes, but I want to use this survey to argue for more bike lanes and also more car-free streets. The closure of part of Broad Street last year was an excellent decision. I would love it if this closure was made permanent, and several blocks of Government Street (which already has the look and feel of a pedestrian street) were likewise closed to traffic permanently. As a long-term goal, it would be great if a larger section could be closed to regular traffic, as has happened with the "old towns" of many European cities in the past decades. I would love to see the Vancouver bike route extended northwards as a separated bike path.

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Sidewalks should have priority, eg. the sidewalks down Fernwood Road are narrow, too close to the road, and riddled with hydro poles. More and safer crosswalks are always needed.

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Get the E&N Railway rolling as part of the transportation services, One pass for bicycle lockup and use, busses, harbour ferries, ferry from Royal Bay, rail transit. ONE PASS

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11/15/2021 05:52 PM

The bike lanes need to be fixed so that they work with a less likely chance of someone getting hurt or killed. The roads are FULL or pot holes that need immediate attention. During this torrential rain I am unable to see any of the painted lines in the roads.

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11/15/2021 05:56 PM

Make pedestrian movement safer. Get cyclists off sidewalks.

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If Victoria wants public transport, I think it needs small, electric buses running at frequent intervals within the city.

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11/15/2021 06:00 PM

Spend less on bike lanes and use it to maintain paved roads, lighting and street signs.

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I enjoy the growing bike network and have gone car free as a result!

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Design choices for bike lanes and increased strangling of vehicle movement in the city are increasing animosity of drivers towards cyclists making cyclists at greater risk on all non-protected bike lanes. The city should reject any bike lane designs that go against standard driving norms to reduce accidental collisions; the attitude that "people will just get used to it" is not acceptable, puts people at risk unnecessarily, and neglects to consider that Victoria has a large number of visitors that drive here who will not be aware of the peculiar ways things are done here. Pedestrian crossings should be pedestrian activated flashing lights (like in North Park Village) and not pedestrian activated traffic lights; this will keep both foot and wheeled traffic moving along more quickly and reduce motorist frustration. The greatest improvement to transportation infrastructure and safety would be to use reflective paint on the streets. At night in the rain it is almost impossible to see road markings, and it is very likely to cross into another lane or miss where a lane is a forced right or left turn. Relatedly, the city should invest in turn arrows mounted on traffic lights for all forced turn lanes.

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A fortune has been spent on bike lanes while roads and sidewalks deteriorate. Sequencing of traffic lights out of downtown is abysmal.

Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 06:46 PM	Less on street residential parking to allow easier and safer traffic flow and more room for cyclist.
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 06:58 PM	Bike lanes need to be properly analyzed to insure they are the best possible
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 07:14 PM	put the brakes on bike lane construction
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 07:18 PM	Lit, flashing crosswalks. Cycling and Driving education for the new bike lanes, these rules didn't exist for most drivers and the signage ball sucks.
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 07:19 PM	The potholes on residential streets are absolutely horrendous
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 07:46 PM	I feel the public safety and the homeless crisis should be prioritized before traffic calming measures.
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 07:54 PM	I would like to see greater investment in active transportation - especially cycling infrastructure.
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 07:56 PM	Less bike lanes, more road repairs
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 08:08 PM	Priority needs to be repairing or replacing aging infrastructure. Make sure bike lanes do not impair buses Reduce priority on bike lanes and promote busing Ensure differently abled people have access to areas for recreation and shopping
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 08:17 PM	Allow everyone to park on residential streets for three hours. Residents longer by permit only with minimum charge.
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 08:26 PM	Better corsswalks for walkers with signals and lights so cars and bikes actually stop

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Better planning and less confusing bike lanes.

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Please create wider sidewalks with traffic calming measures such as on Broad and Government Street.

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Affordable housing Free parking again on Sundays More car shares Bike rentals/shares (like Montreal) Better bus routes in more rural/dense neighborhoods

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Continue expansion of bike lanes and active transportation while prioritizing state of good repair for existing infrastructure

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11/15/2021 08:40 PM

Far too much focus on bike lanes and nowhere near enough focus on walkability. Also, construction scheduling needs a complete overhaul. Too often there are too many projects occurring in the same part of the city making it near impossible to get through that part of town.

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11/15/2021 08:45 PM

Please spend money to improve transportation that will benefit a larger proportion of residents. Bike lanes are great, but only help a small portion of people who can bike. This completely ignores the needs of elderly and those who cannot bike as their primary mode of transport. We need more public transit at a reduced cost to incentivize people to take the bus. Free passes for seniors, and highly reduced monthly passes for everyone else. I will gladly pay more taxes to help everyone get out of their cars.

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11/15/2021 09:19 PM

We need more bike lanes running north-south and make Government Street pedestrian only to View Street. Complete sidewalks where they are not currently located.

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11/15/2021 09:29 PM

Bike lanes - yes, but stop the unspoken strategy of impeding vehicular traffic. Projects like Richardson conversion are at odds with the vaunted community plan and accomplish nothing in terms of reducing vehicle traffic - an extremely poor idea that most Fairfield residents did NOT support.

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Efforts to reduce emissions and driving have been good but more needs to be done and the budget needs to be increased.

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The city is a disaster of construction and confusing bike lanes. The city is a total dump right now.

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Focus on the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure over expansion

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Less on bike lanes, poorly designed, safety concerns, wrong routes that impinge already contested motorized vehicle corridors.

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11/15/2021 09:59 PM

Practical bike lane design (Vancouver street is a death trap for cyclists, cars making turns without giving cyclists enough room to stop for them) Clear sidewalk and make sure the hedges are kept back for pedestrians (Blandshard outside St Anne's to the provincial court house) Cars not slowing down/ stopping for pedestrians at crosswalk along Douglas (Beacon Hill Park & along Michigan x Menzies) Dallas road is too dark for everyone, no one can see the cyclists and pedestrians making it dangerous to be on the path. Smokers everywhere - why built benches next to bike paths and walkways making everyone nearby breathe in the second hand cigarettes/ marijuana I don't want my tax money to go the the park for garbage cleanup like cigarettes buds and grass restoration from tents/ homeless damages Where is the tax money from cigarettes and alcohol? Maybe where it cause a lot of damage?

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Bikes lanes negatively impact emergency services response time downtown.

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Use more modern cross walk signals for the visually impaired. The ones installed along Fort St when bike lanes were put in are outdated, noisy, and not the most effect method for those that require them.

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Increase accessibility or at least stop reducing it.

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11/15/2021 11:51 PM

No more bike lanes - hate them. Throwing all cyclists together on these main cycling arteries riding towards other cyclists is less safe than riding with traffic in the same direction. The pavement lines are preferable.

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11/16/2021 01:32 AM

Too many concrete 'ankle breakers' everywhere - terrible for the blind and general movement. Bikes don't need hard dividers. If you are going to have bike lanes, have education and licensing. On street parking is unfair to downtown residents, considering how many neighbourhoods receive residential zone parking. Quality road work in Victoria has declined. Very wasteful projects like May Street and around Ross Bay Cemetery are good example - both areas did not need sidewalk improvement or as large of sidewalks as chosen, as they cut the flow of traffic and do not serve actual human movements. New left hand turn lanes, like the one at Cook Street and Caledonia - are too short, allowing only 3-4 cars in to turn, thus clogging traffic. This is an example of bad planning.

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11/16/2021 06:43 AM

Bus Lisa Helps back to Toronto please and take Potts, Issit, Dubow and Loveday with her.

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More money seems to have been spent on bike lanes to the detriment of other areas of the transportation infrastructure. Not every tax payer rides a bike and will never ride a bike.

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The bicycle master plan is a good idea but please include an abundance of bike racks.

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Some places, particularly around parks should be well lit to protect children and cars should slow down.

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Update parking bylaws, especially residential parking given rate of new builds and increasing density, and inclusive of people with disabilities, and dovetail with bus routes and stops. Slow down traffic in high use roads in medium density residential areas.

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Road improvements, many streets are in disrepair that affects cyclists and motorists

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Keep the protected bike lanes coming :) I'm far more likely to travel by bike when I feel safe doing so.

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11/16/2021 09:10 AM

We need more marked crosswalks/the ones where you press the button for a flashing light. Nobody stops for pedestrians, it's ridiculous. Especially on Government St between Herald & Bay.

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Have been enjoying the protected bike lanes. Please continue to connect biking networks and adding more protected bike lanes.

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11/16/2021 09:31 AM

Belmont Avenue and lower Gladstone in Fernwood are in desperate need of repairs! You will rattle your teeth while riding or driving down them :)

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Need to do more to discourage noisy 'recreational' vehicles (motorcycles, hot rods, monster trucks, etc.) through traffic calming measures and bylaw enforcement.

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I think improving transit options between the city and the westshore is really key to reducing vehicle traffic, which is a priority for me. I also hope to see more infrastructure for electric cars.

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Add lights on all crosswalks.

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Sidewalks are disintegrating, need more repairs.

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Continue to prioritize biking, walking and public transit. It's our best and likely only way to net zero and strong neighbourhood connections.

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With the increased volume of traffic in and about the city, left hand lanes should be eliminated as much as possible.

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Please reconsider closing off previous corridor streets like Richardson and Vancouver. The City's engineers and planners did not properly consider the negative consequences of their decisions.

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11/16/2021 11:00 AM

Further investment is needed in walking and cycling infrastructure

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11/16/2021 11:33 AM

We need rapid transit between municipalities to reduce cars, BC transit is atrocious and not reliable, we need rail like new Zealand, Japan and Vancouver have

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11/16/2021 11:34 AM

Please press pause on bike lane investments and fix the sidewalks for a few years. There are places in this city where anyone with even minor mobility issues (e.g. uneven gait due to MS, walks with a cane or walker, back injury, arthritis, lower limb amputation) is in serious danger just walking down the street because the sidewalks are so uneven, cracked, have different slopes/ unpredictable relationships to the curbs, are poorly lit, obstructed by poles and hedges, or simply don't exist. You keep claiming you care about accessibility so put your money where your mouth is and invest in something everyone can use, vs. bike lanes that only able-bodied relatively fit people benefit from.

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11/16/2021 11:55 AM

Fix the bumpy substandard roads, before anymore bike lanes

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11/16/2021 12:03 PM

Get E-Bikes/bicycles to start paying fees or buying license's for there own roads/lanes?

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11/16/2021 12:13 PM

1. No more \$ should be spent on bike lanes - they have created congestion on both downtown and neighborhood streets and are not, as proponents would say, environmentally sound. Most users are recreational users who also drive - car traffic has not been reduced through the introduction of bike lanes but rather has lead to more vehicles idling or slower moving traffic. The City has based its implementation of bike lanes on faulty research in communities that were never designed for modern vehicle traffic. 2. Fix the roads - Parts of Blanshard and Douglas are what one sees in third world countries (certainly also true of side streets in James Bay and Fairfield. The City needs a neighborhood by neighborhood plan to re-surface all of its streets and sidewalks. Other Canadian cities do this quite successfully. Victoria is at least 30 years out of step. BTW - questions in the survey are double or triple barreled - that is they ask for more than one opinion in a single question and that is a classic survey design flaw. For example, the previous question

asked how satisfied I am with the "availability, repair, or maintenance" of "transportation infrastructure/amenities (2 items)". I can be very satisfied with availability and very dissatisfied with repair and maintenance but I am not given that choice. Also, I don't know what transportation "amenities" are. Very confusing wording that is repeated throughout the survey and invalidates the results.

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11/16/2021 12:29 PM

No more bike lanes

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11/16/2021 12:35 PM

Please stop removing on-street parking and approving development projects with inadequate parking. You are creating a nightmare for people who live, work, and shop downtown.

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11/16/2021 12:46 PM

More emphasis on providing routes or more consistent schedules in areas like Gordon Head where students live often

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11/16/2021 01:31 PM

Don't know what this question means.

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11/16/2021 01:32 PM

Stop closing streets to cars, I no longer visit downtown business unless there are no alternatives. Driving and parking are not convenient anymore.

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11/16/2021 02:57 PM

Parkade modernization could help reduce parking spot woes downtown. Keep up with the bike lanes!

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11/16/2021 03:13 PM

Too much money being spent on unnecessary obstructions to vehicular traffic flow just to push an anti car agenda. I see wasted work all over the place while we have potholes appearing on the roads. Potholes in our climate are inexcusable. The planning of work also seems to be incompetent.

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11/16/2021 03:47 PM

I would like to see more spending on the basics in the city, less on new bike lanes.

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11/16/2021 03:58 PM

Stop the separated bike lane program immediately. It is a complete waste of taxpayers money that can be better spent in more important areas.

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11/16/2021 04:31 PM

Victoria is spending far too much money trying to impede the flow of vehicular traffic, in the foolish belief that if you make it sufficiently difficult to drive, more people will choose to walk or cycle. A few minutes on any street will demonstrate that this is not working.

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11/16/2021 04:39 PM

That free bus pass for youths during a pandemic was a waste of money. What parents would send their young kids downtown with all the crime. Meanwhile the roads are often in terrible shape. Just witness upper Fort Street and Yates, Shelbourne, Begbie.

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11/16/2021 04:58 PM

More money on maintaining existing roads, and WAY less than \$13 million on bike paths!

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11/16/2021 06:32 PM

For the city's multi-modal transportation (i.e., walking, rolling, cycling and driving), no mention was made of buses. Would like to see an increase of bus routes and more frequent service. Promotion of bus-taking would be a good idea, making it more desirable and practical. So many people see cars as the only means of travel, but buses in Victoria are well designed, clean, air-conditioned/heated, the seats are comfortable, and the drivers are accomodating and polite. I'd really like to see a campaign that highlights these wonderful features and that makes riding a bus more appealing for all age groups. I think bike lanes were poorly designed, used too much concrete, and were installed too quickly for people to comfortably adjust. If they had been installed at a slower pace, the city would have received more positive feedback. Also, living near a bike lane, I've observed that it hasn't really improved the neighbourhood but is more of a tourist/seasonal attraction. There is little benefit to the people who actually live in the neighbourhood.

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11/16/2021 06:40 PM

Please do not spend ANY more money on bike lanes. It is excessive and has caused endless gridlock and idling in traffic when it wasn't necessary. STOP.

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11/16/2021 06:52 PM

1. Too many bicycle lanes, some with too wide cement barrier; and buses are too smelly, dirty and should be outdated as transportation in our city. An innovative plan by Prov. Transportation Min needs new ideas suggested from brilliant innovative students in University perhaps.

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11/16/2021 07:30 PM

Some people still drive and have too. We are losing a lot of parking places downtown and anywhere there are bike lanes. This hinders people going downtown. I would not ride my bike as it will be stolen. I also sometimes just need to drive as it is night etc. No secure bike storage. The bike lanes have not been placed with enough thought. Traffic flow is not good. No lights heading out of the city are in sync. Lots of bottle necks all around town. I know we hope all ride bikes but cars will still be a necessity.

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11/16/2021 07:32 PM

Moratorium on new bike lanes

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11/16/2021 08:10 PM

Great to have created specific bike lanes. Terrible decisions made about the number and locations. Really bad decisions re: Vancouver and Richardson streets....Both of these were fine for our cycling, some lanes would have been fine. Closing Vancouver to vehicles unnecessary for bike use. The balance of against vehicles at cloverpoint were terrible ...not enough parking spots the other day and zero use of the new amenity area. City could have achieved a great balance but failed. How could you not be able to predict Rockland traffic as a result of Richardson changes?....This consequences of traffic redirecting traffic has not been factored well into these decisions. People will not just stop driving it is not an option for many. Generally speaking the city has spent much more than it should have on alternative transportation and infrastructure.

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11/16/2021 08:14 PM

I am very please with the amount of Bike Lanes and feel we always need more

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11/16/2021 09:39 PM

Why does the city of Victoria pay bus passes for international students and yet my university kids have to pay?

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11/17/2021 07:36 AM

More bike lanes and crosswalks ASAP

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11/17/2021 08:11 AM

One potential "quick win" is to use more reflective line paint, especially in rainy conditions, for lane lines and crosswalks. This would save lines at a relatively low cost.

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11/17/2021 08:28 AM

Some areas could do with improved bike safety (e.g. adding more dividers between bike lanes and cars, reducing speed limits for cars, adding street lights to busy parts of the galloping goose trail, etc.)

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11/17/2021 09:01 AM

Cars, electric or otherwise, are not going away - please stop making it impossible to navigate the City in a car.

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11/17/2021 09:13 AM

Rail service into Victoria. NO MORE STRUCTURED BIKE LANES. They are dangerous, expensive and unnecessary. Cycling is fine with just a painted line. Cutting off major streets like Richardson is ridiculous. I cycled on that street every day and it was fine as is.

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It would be nice to have a light at cross where there no lights

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More frequent smaller electric buses.

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11/17/2021 09:32 AM

Inter urban bike lanes are great. Downtown bike lanes are horrendous. The traffic downtown is way worse than ever. The lack of returns on the red, the extremely short time to turn left on the green where there are bike lanes, five seconds, is untenable. There are 6 to 7000 minutes of Island cars that weren't there before each day in my estimation. Far from decreasing pollution by having by claims we have increased pollution for bike lanes that are under utilized. Not to mention the amount of time it takes to get through the downtown core. We feel trapped in James Bay. In addition I have seen nothing that gives the data on whether these bike lanes have been effective. Have there been a decrease in cycle accidents? Has there been a public poll to find out whether the majority of people want the bike lanes downtown? What were the results of the synchronize lights study on Douglas and Blanchard?

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11/17/2021 09:43 AM

The many road closures have made getting around Victoria quite difficult. Also, sidewalks need to accommodate wheel- chairs and strollers especially at corners. Utility poles on sidewalks block access for many pedestrians.

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11/17/2021 09:49 AM

I am a cyclist but also a driver. Some of the road closures for bike lanes don't make any sense at all for traffic flow.

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11/17/2021 10:40 AM

Yes - your bike lane infrastructure, and narrowing of street lanes, and parking elimination, is driving people out of the city.

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11/17/2021 10:43 AM

Less on-street parking (or generate more revenue from residential areas) Wider sidewalks with fewer obstructions, and safer crosswalks. More boulevards in residential neighbourhoods.

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It would be nice to see fact-based decision making, as opposed to spending my money on performative virtue signaling.

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Fire your head of transportation.

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11/17/2021 10:50 AM

You need to balance all modes of transportation. You need to synchronize the traffic lights, especially on Blanshard.

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11/17/2021 10:51 AM

Maintain the roads, fix the potholes and for the love of god use proper line paint.

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11/17/2021 10:55 AM

i always walk or bike and only resort to driving when i have no choice, i would love to live in a car free city BUT slow down on your anti-car agenda, it will take time

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11/17/2021 10:56 AM

Too much on bike lanes and not on actual transportation where people live and travel. We need transportation infrastructure to the airport and ferry.

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11/17/2021 11:02 AM

How about completing underground rebuilding before paving the streets and then having to dig them up again, and again, and again...seems like a waste of resources to me

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Enough bike lanes.

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Roadways are in poor condition

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Fix the potholes. Doesn't matter if your riding a bike or driving a car, neither enjoys riding over a pothole.

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I am very unhappy with all the money going to bike lanes, cease building and support/maintain roads and sidewalks

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11/17/2021 11:25 AM

The state of our streets and roads are horrible. some of the worst conditions I have even encountered.

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Please concentrate on fixing roads, sidewalks and infrastructures

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11/17/2021 11:34 AM

Stay in our lane fix the basics and quit wasting money and time on things tht are federal or provincial

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11/17/2021 11:36 AM

We need several downtown all day commuter spaces for Light Motorcycle under 500cc and for the newer brand of electric bikes that are twice as wide and half as large as regular bicycles. We need another 1000 car multistory car park downtown, For all the friends and guests of the thousands of new residents in the new downtown condos.

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11/17/2021 11:42 AM

Construction detours are not coordinated so sometimes one finds oneself driving in circles. I support increasing bike lanes though I drive and don't cycle. I walk a lot.

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11/17/2021 12:09 PM

It seems that city planners are in fact not encouraging multimodal transport but instead are making car driving inefficient and frustrating . Some bike lanes (2 way on one way roads) Wharf St , Richardson bike priority seem unsafe and have caused driver frustration , more time idling and compound irritation with cyclists Please ensure that the planning department allows for some efficient driving. routes Those of us that need to drive will switch to electric as soon as we can

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11/17/2021 12:34 PM

Nothing good to say about city transportation priorities. I shop Esquimalt, Saanich, West Shore and Sidney. Avoid downtown Victoria due to Lisa Helps Obstacle course (separated bike lanes)

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11/17/2021 12:41 PM

There is more to Victoria than the downtown core. By investing more into downtown the government is conveying to citizens that the areas where tourism and consumer goods are is more important than the neighborhood's that people actually live in.

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11/17/2021 12:52 PM

enough with the bike lanes already, focus on pedestrian safety and cyclist education - start by introducing the concept of crosswalks and stop signs

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11/17/2021 12:55 PM

Roads are not maintained - potholes, broken pavement - and sidewalks are dangerous due to broken concrete.

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11/17/2021 01:00 PM

Less bike lanes, and fix potholes. Take a drive down scott street from Bay st. the city should be ashamed of itself

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11/17/2021 01:20 PM

Work on creating better transit infrastructure, ie. better/more bussing, free transit fares, looking into a speed rail out to Langford and Sidney.

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11/17/2021 01:25 PM

I love the bike lanes and adding options for transportation, but everywhere a bike lane has been added the road/driving quality has gone to shit, please also replace the same roads after moving everything for bike lanes, it makes it bumpy

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11/17/2021 01:26 PM

Light cycles are completely out of sync. Poor environmental management that way

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Unconditional universal fare-free bus transit now. Everything else is chair-shifting on the climate crisis Titanic. That means e-car infrastructure too. See www.GreenIllusions.org.

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11/17/2021 01:31 PM

making the bay street bridge more bicycle friendly would have been more useful than many of the bike lane projects.

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Please put my tax \$\$'s to fixing the roadways we drive, cycle, roll and walk on. So many are full of pot holes and are dangerous in so many situations compromising those walking or on bikes.

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11/17/2021 01:33 PM

there has been a major focus on bike lanes whether the communities wanted them or not or whether they are safe for all - or not. Focus on roads, crosswalks, facilitating driving in Victoria, accessibility, parking.

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11/17/2021 01:37 PM

It would be desirable to automate traffic control, through cameras, speed detectors. Tickets be issued automated, so that highly-paid police officers would not be required for most traffic control. Instead they could be assigned for street patrols in the downtown area to make it safe.

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Pause any further development of bike lanes and consult further with community.

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Create an equitable model where ALL modes of transportation and use(rs) of infrastructure receive the same level of funding

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11/17/2021 02:05 PM

Return parkades to previous fee structure; it worked, this one doesn't. Cyclists need to be responsible for following the rules of the road, which should be enforced. This goes for motorists and pedestrians as well. Return Victoria to being the City of Gardens. Actively promote well tended residential landscaping, instead of inhibiting it (water rates!). Dismantle the Stormwater Utility program. If we lost a road during the past deluge, this program didn't help!

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11/17/2021 02:07 PM

Fix the potholes!

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Funding should focus on infrastructure maintenance not streetscaping. Transportation planning should recognize that car traffic will continue to be a fundamental part of the city's transportation picture and include a greater consideration for the needs of drivers and the flows of vehicle traffic.

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11/17/2021 02:11 PM

need a much better transportation system - current is too expensive

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Build bike lanes and roads that are safe and effective fir all groups nit just the pet projects of council

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Bike lanes are great but we need more dependable alternatives to get people out of their cars. Updating our buses so that they have alternatives to change and the archaic bus tickets may help.

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11/17/2021 02:22 PM

Stop ruining our streets on the theory that 80 year-olds are going to use bicycles in December. The cost of this, while impeding traffic, increasing omissions, concentrating traffic on unsuitable streets, and letting the pavement surfaces become filled with potholes (which a dangerous to cyclists) is unconscionable.

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Keep transit fares affordable, ensure sidewalks share equal priority with bike lanes when it comes to installation and maintenance, more car free spaces like Government st sections encouraged

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It is important for the City to be transparent about its spending on transportation infrastructure budget, and to ensure there's a proportional share of the total budget for the % of users. For example, if 10% of the city's residents are using the bicycle lanes, then the bicycle lane budget should be around 10% (or what the City's INTENDED % of users should be). In other words, the City should not be spending a disproportionate % of the budget compared to the actual and forecasted users.

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I am fully in support of the bike lane infrastructure but I also worry that car infrastructure will not keep up. I regularly transport elderly relatives where bike or bus is simply not an option. Traffic is getting worse.

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11/17/2021 03:19 PM

Despite traffic calming measures, often high speeds in residential areas Bay and Richmond streets in poor condition for major arterial roads

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11/17/2021 03:59 PM

Too many potholes in roads. Considering all the endless construction and roadwork in this town, the roads are surprisingly bad.

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11/17/2021 04:11 PM

the new bike routes are amazing (though we still need more).
speed calming in neighbourhoods is a good thing to continue.
better traffic light signalling is needed in places that currently
create dangerous situations (government and bay being a good
example)

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11/17/2021 04:47 PM

In the name of safety, please address the highly dangerous
sidewalk which leaves you stranded with no crosswalk on Bay
Street going towards Vic West, as you try to cross to the only side
of the bridge with a sidewalk. The sidewalk on the north side of Bay
Street just before the bridge just stops, leaving you on the wrong
side with a high risk, low visibility crossing and no crosswalk.

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Parking downtown is really tough

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Stopping building bike lanes that make no sense. The planning is
atrocious. I am a cyclist and all you are doing is ruining
neighborhoods with poor planning.

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Continue with the excellent transit service.

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More trees and pedestrian streets

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Too many bike lanes

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11/17/2021 06:25 PM

Regional planning for future rapid transport including upgrading of
the Pat Bay Highway wide enough to have rapid transit on it-see
how Perth Western Australia has done this.

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11/17/2021 06:27 PM

I think Victoria council needs to listen to the experts when it comes
to infrastructure of new bike lanes.

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More safe well-designed infrastructure to support bicycling

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11/17/2021 07:30 PM

How about maintaining the existing infrastructure with respect to potholes and road condition?

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11/17/2021 07:37 PM

Figure out an LRT or Electric ferry from the west shore.

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11/17/2021 07:38 PM

The City of Victoria deceptively stole Clover Point from us. You have killed Richardson St.. Humboldt St. is a danger. Your engineers should be fired right after the Together Victoria counsellors (and their mindless followers).

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11/17/2021 07:46 PM

we should spend more on traffic calming and less on making roads faster to drive on

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11/17/2021 08:12 PM

More rapid transit for western communities to decrease traffic coming to the city.

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11/17/2021 08:26 PM

I'm disabled and can't use bike lanes. The recent changes to the city's infrastructure has resulted in it being inaccessible to me.

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11/17/2021 09:33 PM

I would like to see more investments in pedestrian infrastructure, especially to enhance safety at sketchy intersections and crossing points that currently put pedestrians at risk. Lots of progress has been made but there are still areas and routes that feel very unsafe as a pedestrian.

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11/17/2021 09:50 PM

Please reconsider the vast amount of resources allocated and invested into building cycling lanes along the major streets in Victoria. Invest those funds in the creation of a new modern theatre for concerts and performances.

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11/17/2021 10:38 PM

We need to have a direct downtown to downtown ferry to Vancouver. Clean up Douglas. Have all electric bus transportation.

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11/17/2021 11:14 PM

Please somebody look at the 4 way stop at Stelly's Cross Road. It should be an intersection, it's so poorly designed. Also parkade rates could be a LOT better

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11/17/2021 11:18 PM

It appears that in 2022 traffic calming measures are focused in James Bay. IT would be appreciated to see more measures undertaken in Vic West as well, particularly along the 30km speed zone of Craigflower Rd, as envisioned in the OCP (e.g. street narrowing, more crosswalks, more speed monitor displays)

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11/18/2021 12:19 AM

Kimta Bike Lane - you are about to really screw up Kimta Rd. Better option - use the north pedestrian walkway for bikes (use additional metre, repave). Then the vehicle roadway will not become too narrow. With current plan when large vehicles (garbage trucks, moving vans, construction trucks) go on Kimta it will become effectively one-way. Parking most days is nearly 100% from Tyee to Sagalie

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11/18/2021 01:57 AM

Less focus on bikes and more focus on public transportation. Not everyone is able to ride a bike, and a portion of those capable are not comfortable in certain weather or areas of the city. The elderly and very young can ride buses and everyone can feel safe and stay warm and dry on a bus.

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The roads are a mess, not is fixed or properly planned. Much worse than eight years ago,

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Build bike lanes on non-major routes

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Lower emphasis is needed on accommodating individual vehicle drivers and much more emphasis is needed to increase public transit, cycling and pedestrian amenities.

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Need to amalgamate and go light rail transit

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11/18/2021 09:18 AM

Fix the potholes. Time the road / lane closures so you don't have one lane on Johnson for years or one lane on Cook street for months or two lanes closed on Blanshard at Herald for many months. Developers may want two lanes for building but they can get by with one.

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11/18/2021 09:34 AM

More effort needed to maintain existing roads. More thought into poorly designed traffic calming measures on Memorial, which are causing near mishaps.

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Place a moratorium on additional bike lane construction until policing, affordable housing and other social programs have been effectively addressed.

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11/18/2021 10:16 AM

More bike lanes would be really nice, so would pedestrianized streets. We don't have the space to make more road space for cars and I think doing so would have several issues. It would be inefficient and just lead to traffic congestion that takes up more space. I often don't bike here because it feels unsafe with how cramped the roads are. Places like Shelbourne are essentially no-go zones for bikes. More bike infrastructures would help reduce car traffic as well. Bike infrastructure should be focused on routes and bike lanes. Those rent-a-bike start-ups are awful and don't help

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11/18/2021 10:28 AM

We won't get out of our cars until there is a decent, affordable bus system.....with various sized green buses, travelling efficiently and speedily to destinations all over the region. Bus fare must be \$2 or less with transfers.

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11/18/2021 10:50 AM

Access and egress for downtown Victoria has come to a crawl. closing of Government Street, Richmond Road, Vancouver Street etc without having a viable plan to accommodate increased traffic flow has proven it is a mess.

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More bike lanes! We need to divest from fossil fuels yesterday.

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free bus transportation. the bike lanes are awesome, keep up the good work! more focus on pedestrians over cars is needed.

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Need to ensure that the sidewalks and roads are in good condition. There needs to be more if a balance on the infrastructure

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I appreciate efforts to get people out of their cars and onto other modes. More protection for bike lanes, and bus priority infrastructure would be nice. A campaign against street parking, as roads (supported by provincial law) were never meant to store vehicles but rather move people.

Fix the pot holes

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11/18/2021 12:05 PM

Immediately put a moratorium on bike lanes. The vast majority that have been built today are under utilized, poorly designed and extremely disruptive to the safe, efficient movement of pedestrians and vehicle traffic. Then return Richardson and Vancouver street to proper two way public streets for all modes of traffic. Something must be done to deal with Wharf Street and the bottle neck at the top of Government St that has been created by the bike lanes and scramble cross-walk. Once city traffic is back to pre-pandemic summer tourist traffic, these areas will be a nightmare and dangerous for everyone.

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Limit on-street parking to one side for main roads, so that vehicles can travel both directions at the same time.

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Your survey questions are unspecific. "How satisfied are you with Availability Repair or maintenance" Availability and repair are two totally different things that should be in different questions. If people answer, there's no way for you to know if people want more availability or better care of the existing item in question. So, it's hard to answer this survey and I'm not sure what you'll learn from it.

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Address the traffic lights so that cars are not going one block and idling waiting to resume flow. Both outcomes are detrimental to the planet when it comes to CO2 created while idling. Also, the wharf street bike lane is a danger to both vehicle and bike traffic...making a left hand turn in a vehicle to the lower parkade is an accident waiting to happen...oh, wait there already have been accidents!!

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11/18/2021 01:58 PM

first hour free in city parkades should be reinstated.

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Kind of frustrating to sit at traffic lights longer since bike lanes have been introduced. I drive in the city for working purposes, and ride my bike in my personal time. I don't think we needed such elaborate bike lanes.

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The city has prioritized cyclists over everything, including removal of graffiti and funding police. It has destroyed some beautiful roads to serve a small community. The Mayor's vanity project has weakened and damaged Victoria's beauty. WE. ARE. NOT. HEIDELBERG. I have pictures of long lineups of cars waiting for multiple lights; sitting, belching exhaust because turn lanes were sacrificed for bike lanes and traffic has been pushed off quiet streets onto busy streets. Victoria is a city with a lot of older people and people who are disabled; the ableist biking group figure the non-cyclists will be dead soon enough so don't care about the negative impact on their lives.

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bikelane on Shelburne st

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More funds to parks and living components of the city's landscape...living infrastructure.

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11/18/2021 04:16 PM

new concrete lumps all over our streets - get rid of the Lisa turds

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11/18/2021 04:23 PM

To clarify, the Very Unsatisfied for Bike Lanes is not (at all) against having bike lane or increasing safe bike (etc.) transportation infrastructure. It is the poor implementation and planning of the lanes that seemed focused on obstructing pedestrians (specifically the disabled) and safe travel for all. Even more stark is the extremely poor enforcement (or even positive guidance) for both the bike lanes and pedal traffic in general (as they are often on sidewalk, cutting unlawfully through other traffic and greenspaces. With the clear 'rules don't apply' policy the city has towards bicyclists and e-scooters etc. Some form of leadership and responsibility is desperately needed. Sidewalks improvements are appreciated, but are muted by pedal traffic dangers other city hazards that have increased

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11/18/2021 04:30 PM

We desperately need to expand the safe biking infrastructure. It's so dangerous out there. We need major roads to include safe bike routes. I'd like to see more funding allocated here.

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11/18/2021 05:05 PM

Longer term solutions like light rail transit should be invested in.

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11/18/2021 06:16 PM

City Council has pushed for more bike lanes etc. which has resulted in less parking spots. For people that have mobility issues, they often cannot find parking in the downtown core as there are very few handicapped parking spots, and I personally feel that there needs to be more handicapped spots. Often a person with mobility issues cannot park in one of the city parkades as it is too far for them to walk to the stores etc. that they want to go to.

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11/18/2021 09:02 PM

I do not drive and for every time I see people complain about bike/pedestrian amenities I would like to complain about all the infrastructure devoted to cars - particularly free residential parking. Parking should not be free anywhere. Time to charge people what things are really worth. Why does no merchant offer me reimbursement for my bus ticket downtown but everyone offers a free hour of parking - economically irrational!

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11/18/2021 09:31 PM

I think it is very unfair that resident only zone are free for owners of single family homes but people in apartments must rent parking at high costs. Everyone should have to pay an equal price to use a public good (street parking) regardless of what type of home you live in.

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11/18/2021 09:42 PM

Fix potholes

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11/18/2021 10:04 PM

-Love the bike lanes and separated bike ways, makes it feel so much safer compared to bike lanes -Prioritize street parking for those living in buildings without it (e.g. apartments, condos, townhomes), get rid of bylaw stating single family home only street parking

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11/18/2021 10:23 PM

Bike and roll routes should be a top priority, along with improving the condition of sidewalks and increasing the number of bus shelters.

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11/18/2021 10:57 PM

Reduce on street parking, reduce free parking and make streets more pedestrian friendly.

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11/18/2021 11:02 PM

It would be great to have streetcars

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11/18/2021 11:05 PM

Repair main roads like Shelbourne, Blanchard & Quadra more often. Roads that are main transportation arteries for vehicles.

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11/19/2021 08:27 AM

Invest much much more in sidewalks, crossings, separated or protected bike lanes, and traffic calming. Subsidize street parking for car-share.

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11/19/2021 09:24 AM

Increase EV charging stations

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11/19/2021 09:36 AM

Please plan for the entire community not just a single segment. For example, while I do not oppose the bike lanes in general, Richardson Avenue was a complete failure and unnecessary - simply diverts traffic to other roads. Vancouver Street changes again are confusing and not necessary.

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11/19/2021 10:08 AM

Balance is the key on this issue. The Bike-centric vision is ignoring balance. Dedicated roads to allow for bikes is great, but then cars are forced to other arteries (i.e. Quadra and Cook). Make bikes illegal on Quadra and Cook. Bikes should not be allowed on streets that must be used by emergency vehicles to get to vulnerable or emergency situations. The number of times I've seen bikes and their riders almost causing accidents on roads under construction is astounding. You've got Pandora, Fort, Vancouver and soon Richardson as bike priority roads...keep bikes off Rockland, Fairfield, Cook, and Quadra....and for God's sake, impound bikes that ride on sidewalks!

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11/19/2021 11:22 AM

I don't believe that the bike lane initiative makes sense, too expensive, poorly utilized

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11/19/2021 11:30 AM

Love bike lanes and patios much more than on-street parking.

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11/19/2021 02:50 PM

Too much emphasis on bike lanes. I ride my bike and get along well on the streets as they were. The current bike lane development has congested car transportation. Us seniors cannot

bike everywhere and it would be better to emphasize easy car transport much more than has been the case. This will involve some costs in getting rid of some of the dumb things that have been done and are projected for the future. So far no planning on maintaining at least some efficient road networks

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11/19/2021 03:06 PM

Some bicycle lanes are actually causing negative, unintentional consequences.

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11/19/2021 03:17 PM

Free bus passes for every Victoria resident

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11/19/2021 03:33 PM

I fully support bike lanes when they're done properly and don't ruin the flow of the primary mode of transportation- cars. Our current two-way bike lanes on one-way streets are a mess. And they've been a costly mess.

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11/19/2021 03:38 PM

My 96-year-old grandpa, who served in WW2 is too scared by the street population and lack of parking to go downtown anymore. He was raised, worked, and lived most of his life in and around downtown. Please make it easy and safe for him to go into the town he helped build!

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11/19/2021 03:41 PM

More bike lanes and public transit, please.

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11/19/2021 03:43 PM

Free bus for everyone.

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11/19/2021 03:50 PM

So many roads that have been patched, repatched, and then repatched again. They just need a complete resurfacing. Driving down Victoria roads with a full coffee in the cupholder is a recipe for getting stains all over your interior.

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11/19/2021 05:06 PM

Please defer the \$16M expenditure on Bike Routes until proper evaluation of current routes to determine: how many people use; what is the purpose of the trip (e.g. commuting to work, shopping, recreation/exercise); do users own a car, if so how is it used?; etc. The bike racks at the two near-by grocery stores are empty and the parking lot is full -- both stores are on new all age and ability routes. This is a large expenditure to support recreational

opportunity for some people. Forcing all the traffic onto Bay and Cook has resulted in grid-lock, idling cars belching pollution. Hardly pleasant for a walker and counter productive to reducing greenhouse gas emission. I dread what the traffic on Bay will be after Haultain can no longer be used for local traffic.

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11/19/2021 05:40 PM

As a pedestrian, I am loving the improvements to sidewalks and safer crossing areas over the last few years. More of this please!

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11/19/2021 05:55 PM

cancel bike lanes. what idiot makes a three lane bridge in the 21st century. stop allowing builders to make condos without underground parking, fine cyclists without helmets and those that run red lights. make Cook or Quadra no bike. open Richardson to cars in both directions. PROVIDE MORE PARKING AT CLOVER POINT. Trees and parks are great. lastly for lord's sake fix the traffic lights. you cannot drive more than 2 blocks without hitting a red. it is gridlock in the downtown area.

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11/19/2021 07:30 PM

Enough bike lanes unless the cyclists pay to be on the road like the rest of us please. Focus on on-street parking so people feel like driving their cars downtown.

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11/19/2021 07:36 PM

There are to many bike lanes downtown. There is nowhere to park and it has made going downtown a nightmare that is not worth the time or massive amount of money you have to pay if you do some how find parking.

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11/19/2021 08:30 PM

Providing free bus tickets to youth does not, to me, appear to be worth the cost. There are far more important things to spend money on now. As much as I like the idea of encouraging youth to learn comfort with public transport. I believe most post secondary facilities provide free bus tickets, and it is likely this is where youth will have the most engagement with public transport.

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11/19/2021 08:30 PM

Have a long-term plan for location of eventual rail or skytrain type of system.

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11/19/2021 08:47 PM

Transit (light rail if possible) should be a high priority.

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11/19/2021 10:43 PM

We should move forward with more bike lines after Amsterdam/Copenhagen. They could be more simplistic but cover more kms so it's more convenient for people. Can we rid so more traffic lights and go to round abouts? - just shooting from the hip cuz the ones at the air port are beautifully seem less now. Or cities curves (windy confusing roads are its sex appeal) we should building more or highlighting these features.

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11/20/2021 01:42 AM

Reduce space for cars and on street parking in favour of wider side walks and more bicycle infrastructure.

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11/20/2021 03:19 AM

The flow of traffic through the city cannot be compromised by short sighted accommodation of bike lanes. The next 20 years will see ICE cars replaced by electric ones, they will need parking and free flow of traffic. The public transportation in Victoria should have been overhauled before a cent was spent on bike lanes.

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11/20/2021 06:50 AM

Limit vehicle traffic in town, YES, but only if public transit and disabled access are not negatively impacted

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11/20/2021 06:55 AM

Make the bike lanes one way. I have been a cyclist for almost 60 years, and ride 20,000 a year. We should not have cyclists riding the wrong way down a one way street

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11/20/2021 07:11 AM

Where are alternative forms of transportation? Why can't I vote on lack of ridesharing, bus routes or others.

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11/20/2021 08:42 AM

rail service up island/Langford

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11/20/2021 09:10 AM

The amount of money spent on bicycle infrastructure for a tiny fraction of the citizens is ridiculous. Very few people actually use the bicycle as their regular daily mode of transportation for work and business. Far to much has been spent already. Use the money budgeted for bicycle lanes to repair and improve the roads used by the vast majority of the population be it personal, business, emergency, bus /public transportation or pleasure. Further personal private cars and trucks will continue to increase as the population grows notwithstanding what so called visionary enlightened social engineers are preaching. Public transportation and bicycle use will always remain in the minority.

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Electric busses and free public transit

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11/20/2021 11:33 AM

When we spend money maintaining parking spaces it encourages people from around the CRD to bring their personal motor vehicles to Victoria rather than taking public or active transportation. This increases air and noise pollution and the risk of motor vehicle collision injuries for the actually tax-paying residents of Victoria. The City should prioritize the needs of people who actually live and work and spend all our money within the City by focusing on sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and pedestrian-only streets. We would have more money to pay for transportation infrastructure if you would charge much more for the parking that is available (it should never be free at anytime of day or night because these drivers are contributing to a less healthy city and planet and using public space to store the gigantic personal property). Another way to get revenue for transportation infrastructure would be to make people pay a meaningful amount to park their motor vehicles on residential streets (like Vancouver and many other cities are now doing around the world). Please stop allowing people who choose to own a personal motor vehicle to use public space for free to store their personal property.

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Less 1 ways.

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More policing of traffic laws

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11/20/2021 12:11 PM

Better training for cyclists to use the road properly. We have so much infrastructure for cyclists and they don't use it or use it properly.

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11/20/2021 12:23 PM

As a motorist and pedestrian: Bike lanes create problems for more people than they help, and cyclists are the rudest road users, acting as cars or pedestrians as they please and ignoring traffic lights and signs. Cyclists are a small percentage of a population and they get a disproportionate percentage of budget and road space. If this is to continue, they should be required to be licensed and insured like cars and motorcycles.

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It's fine

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Crossing bike lanes when you have the walk sign is still not safe as there are still bikers who won't give way to pedestrians. I do like your inclusion to all using ie seniors an people using scooters, motorized wheelchairs to using bike lanes as they are much better kept up then our hazardous narrow sidewalks.

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11/20/2021 01:52 PM

please continue to prioritize safe biking & walking. I would like to see bussing more affordable for families.

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11/20/2021 02:11 PM

It should be better funded by taking money from the egregious policing budget. Please fire chief Del Manak, he is a ridiculous drain to city resources.

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11/20/2021 02:18 PM

Downtown Victoria is now a mess to drive in - traffic is constantly backed-up on Quadra/ Cook and sometimes Blanshard - you have ruined the flow of traffic (Vancouver St is now gone completely) - narrowing and disabling all the normal ways to get through the city core for cars (majority of seniors cannot bicycle or walk long distances to get groceries etc)

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11/20/2021 03:15 PM

More accessible sidewalks with proper ramps!

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11/20/2021 03:50 PM

Shelbourne has been under construction for 4 years- I struggle to believe that it is nothing more than a job creation scheme. Please actually finish it

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11/20/2021 05:11 PM

Not sure if this fits here, but for the streetscaping (boulevards and trees), I would love to see more incorporation of native plant species

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11/20/2021 05:29 PM

More transit stops, more bike lanes.

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11/20/2021 06:43 PM

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11/20/2021 07:25 PM

Please implement bike lines in conjunction with roads. Stunting the traffic flow of roads that were quieter alternatives to busy ones (i.e. Vancouver st) is a waste of time and tax payer dollars and leads to congestion on other parallel roads (Cook and Quadra).

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11/20/2021 07:44 PM

More announcements on when new bike lanes are coming or ready for use

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11/20/2021 08:44 PM

better public transportation (busses that are actually reliable, skytrain) would be good :)

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11/20/2021 09:24 PM

Sounds like Sooke could use buses more often. Maybe add more street lights on the highway and in dark neighbourhoods

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11/20/2021 09:37 PM

More boulevards, trees, and benches for people to sit or rest on in times of need.

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11/21/2021 12:18 PM

More buses

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11/21/2021 12:58 PM

Increase the length of walk signals. A 5 or 10 second walk signal is a joke for seniors and disabled people. For example north/south Quadra and Hillside, east/west Finlayson and Blanshard and many more.

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11/21/2021 01:00 PM

Introducing Bike Lane's along Shelbourne - It is the most natural north/south path to take (since it lies in the valley) and it is currently such a dangerous road for cyclists (who continue to use it anyway).

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11/21/2021 01:52 PM

A much higher emphasis (resources) on the creation of complete streets, mitigation of dominate use by motorized vehicles

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11/21/2021 02:03 PM

Bus transit should be more prioritized, serve more routes and operate with higher capacity. Bike lanes should be better placed on roads and not block turn lanes or parking spaces as this becomes very dangerous for cyclists.

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More roundabouts please for safety and carbon reduction

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11/21/2021 03:11 PM

Too much emphasis on bike lanes at the expense of pedestrian safety, traffic flow and parking

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11/21/2021 04:56 PM

not enough crosswalks for kids

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11/21/2021 05:36 PM

It is hard to see the overall goal, in the sense of the balance to be achieved between roads, public transit, bike lanes and pedestrian routes. I would like to see more emphasis on public transit even though this has been hard hit due to the pandemic. The new bike routes are welcome.

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11/21/2021 05:54 PM

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Hire better contractors

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Pay once, ride all day.

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11/21/2021 06:28 PM

Too many pedestrians are being hurt by vehicles. There needs to be a focus on pedestrian safety.

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11/21/2021 06:46 PM

Continue expanding to add more cycling structure where kids can cycle and be safe. Try to separate cycling infrastructure from the tent camps; too many syringes on the bike paths lately.

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11/21/2021 06:52 PM

Please continue with the cycling network expansion.

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11/21/2021 07:06 PM

Less emphasis on this - more on the homeless bodies that reside on our streets, please.

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11/21/2021 07:12 PM

Fix roads, major infrastructure before spending money on new projects.

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require outdoor dining patios to be removed aside from peak weather conditions 4 months per year

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11/21/2021 07:38 PM

Bike lanes and downtown walking spaces are essential

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Please ensure that the bicycle lane system continues to be developed in Victoria and linked effectively with similar systems in adjacent municipalities.

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Increase funds to make public transit free

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11/21/2021 08:16 PM

Crosswalks are dangerous, as car drivers do not shoulder check or are able to stop for pedestrians! We need to utilize both sounds and lights as Japan does. This is also valuable for sight impaired people to use different music for all directions. North: Nina Simone; South: Stan Getz; West: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart ;East : Duke Ellington. Also, small concrete circles on the sidewalk near the curb for those people who have difficulty with sight.

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11/21/2021 08:31 PM

Thank you for building great bike lanes. Please continue to invest in building more.

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11/21/2021 09:37 PM

Why did you waste money closing Vancouver St when it is obvious that density is going to be a problem and Cook St. is plugged like a backup toilet? The roads are in terrible shape. I will send you my car suspension repair bill. Why did you cheap out on road paint? You can't see the lines when it's dark and wet which is dangerous for cycling on Blanshard and driving in general. I'm a cyclist and detest the bike lanes. It doesn't take me where I want to go so I have to navigate around them. So frustrating and not to mention cars are idling longer. This City is definitely not working towards Climate change. My street has no (lots of potholes) sidewalks yet, it is heavily used by cars, pedestrians and cyclist. We complain about the heavy traffic but falls on the City's deaf ears.

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11/21/2021 09:42 PM

Please STOP with the bike lanes! Cyclists do not run the city, and until they pay insurance to help Fund all of the extra lanes and lack of parking for businesses, enough with putting them first!

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11/21/2021 09:48 PM

Loving all the work on the bike lanes, looking forward to the rest of the network being connected to allow vulnerable riders to feel safe while getting around the city (and encourage more sustainable and green modes of transportation).

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11/21/2021 10:01 PM

Richardson Street bike lanes - My suggestion at the engagement session was to have separated bike lanes on each side of the street. Use the plastic bollards to separate each lane from the car lanes. Remove parking from one side of the street in most areas and both sides of the street in some areas. In retrospect I still believe this would still be the best option.

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11/21/2021 10:17 PM

As a cyclist, I'm not convinced bike lanes are worth the money. Ticketing cars for running red lights, turning right on red without stopping, not stopping at stop signs, would likely help keep cyclists safer. And it would keep cops from harassing the unhoused. Scrapping the free bus passes seems like a good idea or just make buses free so the people who need to take the bus, can.

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11/21/2021 10:25 PM

Better public transit would be ideal.

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The bike lanes are an abomination, foolishly designed and extremely expensively executed. They are overkill. I can turn right on a red light, provided I look out for pedestrians, but I can't turn right if I look out for bikes? Stupid. The loss of travel lanes for cars, coupled with the lack of right hand turns results in huge backups of traffic - gridlock along Pandora and Wharf and adjoining streets in particular. Ruining Vancouver and Richardson Streets for no apparent purpose is criminal. My parents paid for those roads, I paid for those roads - now you tell me I can't drive on them? Cars are diverted to adjacent streets, cars don't evaporate. More fuel is consumed with circuitous routes and idling in gridlock than is ever saved by the small percentage of drivers that revert to bikes. A testament to the ignorance with which these were designed is the recent Human Rights Tribunal verdict regarding the floating bus stops. The bicycle lobby overtook good governance.

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11/21/2021 10:30 PM

Keep up the bike lanes! I am almost 70 and bought an e-bike summer of 2020 so I could use it (safely with the bike infrastructure) to run errands, especially downtown, instead of using my car. I also continue to use my road bike for fun.

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11/21/2021 11:29 PM

Affordable/Free Transit. Less Cars,.

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11/22/2021 04:04 AM

Train employees to not be so ignorant and have compassion for less fortunate n elderly folk

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11/22/2021 07:18 AM

Possibly it is the plan, however since Bay street has become an arterial I think that all of the crosswalks should have those pedestrian operated yellow crossing lights. I nearly hit someone a few weeks back early in the morning and as the person was dressed darkly only saw them at the last minute when they turned their face towards me.

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11/22/2021 07:45 AM

Victoria is becoming an unfriendly city for pedestrians. Multiple concurrent construction projects close sidewalks frequently for long periods of time. Signage advising pedestrians sidewalks are closed should be placed at the beginning of the block. Efforts should be made to provide alternate, accessible routes.

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11/22/2021 07:50 AM

I'm very supportive of the active transportation initiatives that are being built by the city. e.g. improved pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, reduced speed limits, AAA bike lanes.

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11/22/2021 08:33 AM

Focusing on bike lanes at the expense of other modes of transportation, both pedestrian and vehicular is discriminatory and only targets a small portion of the population.

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11/22/2021 08:39 AM

The sidewalks are not wide enough to have 6ft distance from strangers with no mask on. They are also an obstacle course of signs, trees, garbage cans. I walk as my main form of transportation and I wish pedestrians were shown a bit more respect in this city. It's worst downtown but also difficult where I live in vic west.

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11/22/2021 09:12 AM

Working to improve regional bus network is my highest priority

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11/22/2021 09:41 AM

More money needs to be allocated to sustainable modes of transportation: walking, cycling and transit. Currently, the vast majority of public street space is allocated to cars for driving and parking at the expense of sustainable forms. In many areas, what little space is devoted to sidewalks is infringed on by power poles and people's gardens that overflow on to sidewalks. There is a good start on cycling infrastructure but still the majority of streets are dangerous for vulnerable users and more money needs to be allocated to traffic calming. Parking should never be free. More revenue should be generated by realistic parking fees. (See "The High Cost of Free Parking" by Donald Shoup.)

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Wider sidewalks to make room for strollers and wheelchairs, improved maintenance of roadways (potholes, cleaning)

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11/22/2021 10:38 AM

Given the current climate crisis, I believe more money should be spent on offering alternative transportation options, such as walking, biking, taking public transit in the city, and that the use of private vehicles/cars should be discouraged

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11/22/2021 10:43 AM

Easier ways (or more widely known ways) to report and recommend improvements to dangerous intersections (i.e. Oka Bay at Richmond is a nightmare).

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11/22/2021 11:06 AM

Continue expanding and improving AAA Reduce excessive road noise
Reduce excessive speeding Increase quality public transportation

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11/22/2021 11:12 AM

Thank you for the BIKE LANES! Makes my life so easy to switch to my bicycle and I'm feeling especially grateful during the gas shortages. I have no gas to fill my car, its the perfect example of the importance of investing in alternative transportation options.

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11/22/2021 11:14 AM

We have focused too much on bike lanes and have not spent enough on maintaining roadways. Not everyone can cycle and we do need passable roads as well. Additionally, we have not focused enough on design and the impacts of adding cycling infrastructure. For example, the mess created by blocking Richardson. This would have been better suited to remain a collector lane for vehicle traffic and transit, with bicycle routes placed on quieter streets. This was never presented as an option, causing congestion on the side streets, an epic fail.

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11/22/2021 11:14 AM

Road markings/lane lines need to be made more visible. It is very hard to see the white paint on the road in the dark if it is raining. Need to apply the tags to the lines that are seen in other jurisdictions- it is very hard to rely on road marking alone during bad conditions.

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11/22/2021 11:22 AM

I am thrilled with all the bike lanes that have gone in over the last few years and I am very happy to see that a significant amount of money is allocated to expand the network further. I question whether the traffic calming measures are a good use of funds. Some of the recent changes don't seem very helpful and I'm not sure if the planned changes will have similar issues (For example, Rockland - it's now harder for cars to avoid bikes etc because of those traffic calming posts in the middle of the road).

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busses should be cheaper

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Allocate more budget funds for ecological restoration and biodiversity/pollinator initiatives

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11/22/2021 12:09 PM

Continue to invest in traffic calming, please.

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Ensure main roads are wide enough for 1 car lane in each direction. For example, May street and Memorial crescent recently had considerable work completed resulting in wide sidewalks and streets too narrow for 2 cars to pass safely.

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11/22/2021 01:03 PM

While I support bike infrastructure, it should not be built at the expense of vehicles or increase traffic congestion. More consideration should be made for those who must drive downtown, bicycling is simply not realistic a large portion of Greater Victoria population and recent bike infrastructure projects have created too much traffic congestion and lack coordination with surrounding municipalities

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11/22/2021 01:05 PM

Coordination of digging up streets so that all the services for a particular project are done at the same time instead of repeated excavation and repaving or the same part of the street. A waste of money and aggravating to have the same roads torn up again and again. Also, projects do not seem to be coordinated so that traffic flow is impeded as little as possible.

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11/22/2021 01:25 PM

Would you please start considering the disabled in your "priorities". It is exceedingly difficult to find parking close to shops, when you use a walker. People who have visual impairment are disadvantaged with the so called improvements made with bike lanes

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11/22/2021 01:45 PM

I would like the city to stop converting wide main streets into barely used bicycle lanes, while forcing cars and buses onto small narrow residential streets that were not intended to be thoroughfares. This practice puts children and pedestrians at risk and is not a good use of taxpayer dollars.

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11/22/2021 02:01 PM

We need more and better affordable public transportation. We can't keep building bike paths instead of improving bus infrastructure. People rely on buses and public transit and service is not adequate.

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11/22/2021 02:08 PM

Promoting more sustainable and health focused modes of transportation will not only reduce carbon emissions, but will also promote a healthier population, which will reduce health care costs. More bike friendly streets, such as the new lanes on Vancouver street, are looked very fondly upon. Shelbourne is widely considered the worst street to bike on in all of Victoria and most cyclist I know refuse to use it as it is unsafe.

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11/22/2021 02:13 PM

Victoria does not have adequate city transportation infrastructure to house all of the planned high-rise buildings (over 6 stories) being proposed/developed; especially during their construction in an already highly saturated area & for the resulting population increases once complete in the downtown core/Harris Green area. Parking for existing businesses, residents & guests to residents is next to impossible already. And the dwindling/lack of public greenspace in the downtown core is getting quite sad.

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11/22/2021 02:21 PM

Current road construction in the city seems to be poorly coordinated. There are too many projects going at the same time, resulting in too much concurrent traffic upset, as well as stretching available crews across too many projects. Does Cook need to be chewed up at the same time as Richardson is being converted to AAA, overlapping with Dallas Rd/Ross Bay being operated on? Should Cook have been finished before Vancouver was effectively shut down? Poor planning! An additional observation is that the overall quality of road surfaces seems to be neglected in the last number of years - it's hard to get people behind bike lanes when the regular roads (that are also used by bikers), or full of potholes and road hazards.

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11/22/2021 02:37 PM

Stop building bicycle lanes for the present time .

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11/22/2021 02:43 PM

I'm not sure if this falls into the city's influence but the bus system is not very good.

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11/22/2021 03:50 PM

Obtain more grants from provincial and federal governments to upgrade the city fleet to electric cars/buses and other utility vehicle and allocate much less from property taxes.

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11/22/2021 04:01 PM

Many roads in north Victoria are in poor shape and a hazard to all (including cyclists).

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11/22/2021 04:03 PM

Increasing the percentage of city roads with sidewalks on both sides is critical. It astounds me that there are still so many roads that either have sidewalks that drop off suddenly or simply have no sidewalks at all.

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11/22/2021 04:05 PM

More public art, wider walkways and crosswalks, more open air performance space.

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11/22/2021 04:12 PM

We need to bring back a high speed transit option on the island! ESP from Colwood/ Langford to Vic.

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I strongly support the Bicycle Master Plan and the bicycle infrastructure built to date. It is important to continue these initiatives which have been well designed and implemented by City staff. Do not pander to the very few vocal self-important complainers who wish to transit their cars through residential neighbourhoods to the detriment of others.

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11/22/2021 04:20 PM

The city looks better than ever. You are doing an excellent job!

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11/22/2021 04:21 PM

Overall the city's transportation infrastructure seems reasonable. However, there does seem to be a decline in the condition of many roads and sidewalks, too many to mention. This begs the question: is too much money spent on "nice to have" infrastructure at the expense of basic road and sidewalk safety? While a large number of people enjoy the bike lanes it appears that a vast sum of money has been spent on achieving these routes without much consideration for other transportation users in the city. There is a widespread feeling that bike lanes have been rammed down our throats without due consideration for the rest of the population. Not every can ride a bike! Having to cross a two way bike lane to reach a bus stop cannot be considered safe. Just trying to cross two way bike lanes is nervewracking enough for most people, and is certainly not comfortable for many seniors. I fear that some decisions have been taken which ignore safety - denying easy and fast access for emergency vehicles.

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11/22/2021 05:07 PM

I live in Fernwood and would like to see our Roads, Streetscape, Sidewalks be at the same standard of Fairfield and Jamesbay

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11/22/2021 05:29 PM

Adding green infrastructure for stormwater management and nature rather than cement for new barriers, medians. The bike lanes are wonderful, but sometimes the crosswalks are a bit overdone (ex/ Bay and Vancouver could have remained a simple pedestrian-controlled crosswalk). The City is very responsive to requests for service for broken or vandialized sidewalk, and attendant to the urban forest. I love the urban forest and hope it can be maintained and expanded.

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11/22/2021 06:23 PM

Much more focus needed on safe and wide sidewalks, and safe crossings, because drivers don't look or stop.

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11/22/2021 06:27 PM

Zero dollars to bike lanes.

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11/22/2021 06:42 PM

As a pedestrian, past cyclist, and non-driver it seems like an overwhelming amount is spent on unnecessary bike lanes, that pose some safety concerns. Victoria was still a very cyclable city prior to the "enhanced " bike lanes. I felt safer as a pedestrian prior to the updated bike lane additions. I'm all for green transportation, but they seems excessive.

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11/22/2021 07:05 PM

You have No supporting bike infrastructure. Bike lockers due to overwhelming crime would be nice. Why ride downtown if bikes just get stolen

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11/22/2021 07:51 PM

Transportation should be more affordable for those who don't have cars.

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11/22/2021 07:52 PM

Disappointed in Richardson and Vancouver - does not work for everyone and is confusing

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11/22/2021 08:31 PM

Could you please just purchase Crow, the manual used for the bicycle infrastructure planning in the Netherlands, and implement everything the Dutch have been doing for the past 30 years? It's all there, ready to be implemented.
<https://crowplatform.com/product/design-manual-for-bicycle-traffic/>
Traffic curbing and making bike and other modes of transportation desirable will make the pedestrian experience safer, and driving less stressful. Instead of teaching kids to be scared of cars and rely on Cross guards, instead, make the cars and driving safer for everyone else.

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11/22/2021 09:22 PM

More walking, biking and buses please.

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11/22/2021 09:28 PM

Great to see the Bicycle Master Plan continue! Looking forward to the AAA transportation expansion. I also support the bike lanes on Vancouver and Richardson. I feel much safer riding in this city than I did 5 years ago.

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11/22/2021 09:29 PM

It's time pedestrians were given some priority - cyclists have had too much attention. And the street painting to indicate turn lanes is well over due to be re-done -its getting dangerous.

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11/22/2021 09:39 PM

We have freshly seen the consequences of the old model of infrastructure design—it is brittle, and expensive to fix. As we look around the province, we can expect to see major pieces of infrastructure that will never be fixed. This is the pattern over North America when major disasters occur—most places never really get repaired. This makes sense, because we have long passed the point of increasing productivity and cheap energy sources that allowed us to build so much extravagance. This means transportation needs to get simpler and more resilient. We should think about low-traffic roads being returned to gravel. More use of ditches instead of buried drains. Streets that are designed to be ultra-slow speed, so they are safe for people who walk and cycle without multi-million dollar AAA infrastructure. We simply can't afford it. It is great that council is limiting tax increases to inflation plus 1%—but I haven't had a raise in years, let alone a raise that matches inflation.

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11/22/2021 09:43 PM

Please keep building beautiful bike corridors that connect villages.

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11/22/2021 09:47 PM

More Bus only dedicated lanes to promote public taking public transportation

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11/22/2021 10:07 PM

Bus transportation should be free, bike lanes need to be separated and safer.

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11/22/2021 10:12 PM

Those painted cross walks are slippery on rain.

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11/22/2021 10:17 PM

Pedestrians and cyclist priority downtown. Driving is a nightmare

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11/22/2021 10:53 PM

I'd like to see more budget allocated towards multimodal transportation, i.e. bike lanes, pedestrian infrastructure and public transit.

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11/23/2021 05:03 AM

Construction is definitely an inconvenience but we need to redo our roads, they are cracked and full of potholes. Many sidewalks are inaccessible to the disabled as well.

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11/23/2021 07:08 AM

Give transit more space. Invest in transit

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11/23/2021 07:13 AM

There's way too much construction all at once. I don't know who is in charge of giving the green light on construction on the road but they need to be fired. Victoria is a small city there's no need for the entire downtown to be locked down in traffic because there's construction on 3 different major streets. Cool it and do your jobs.

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11/23/2021 07:55 AM

A bad layout and maze of bike lanes have caused confusion for drivers and caused dangerous pinch areas with the traffic calming structures installed.

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keep the slower 30km hr speed limit, it's awesome! Keep making bike-able walkable neighbourhoods.

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11/23/2021 09:16 AM

Improvements to walkability and multimodal transportation represent a more efficient and effective investment than expensive road improvements for cars and I want to see more attention given to pedestrian experience.

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11/23/2021 09:50 AM

I support a total transition to a fleet of electric buses, and rail transit planning to langford and the west shore.

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11/23/2021 10:31 AM

Except for the Richardson corridor, I am very satisfied with the bike lane infrastructure. The Richardson changes were not necessary! I am an avid cyclist.

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11/23/2021 10:51 AM

Reduced plans for Bike lanes, better road infrastructure to enable comfortable road usage between bikes/cars without the need for physical road separation.

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11/23/2021 10:51 AM

Downtown/Vancouver st, are an absolute nightmare to drive. Parking downtown is impossible, so I just avoid downtown all together, unless I have to. Many roads in need of repair, for example Shelbourne and Mason, so maybe less bike lanes, more money spent on the roads we have. The Warf st. bike lane design needs to be re-worked, it's not safe.

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11/23/2021 10:58 AM

I love the increased bike lanes, especially on vancouver street. It has created a lovely corridor from Quadra village almost to Dallas road. I still believe that there is room for more urban greenery around victoria, especially native vegetation that does not need as much pampering as some of the nonnative ornamentals I see planted around the city.

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11/23/2021 11:04 AM

Non-driver here, so my priorities are bike lanes, transit, and pedestrian infrastructure including shade trees. Please consider the increasing popularity of cargo bikes / family bikes when planning bike parking. Thanks!

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I really feel that the investment in bike lanes is very poor. I rarely see them used especially in the winter months. Transit investment would be more wise so that people can use it the whole year.

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What performance measures are in place to monitor and evaluate street repairs?

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11/23/2021 11:23 AM

There needs to be a concerted effort to ensure that all sidewalks are wheelchair accessible!!!

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11/23/2021 11:35 AM

Is the City recouping staff/equip costs from the all the construction in the downtown and adjacent communities? It's a mess and I know the City cannot regulate when construction begins and ends. You well know the traffic jams, short term loss of on street parking, increased traffic in previously quiet streets. It's never ending. SO, is the City recouping any of its costs from developers related to this situation?

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11/23/2021 11:45 AM

I have really appreciated how the city has focused on safer biking routes. It makes the city easier for me to get around.

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11/23/2021 11:49 AM

I'm glad the budget considers various road users.

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While I haven't been able to ride a bicycle for the last few years because of hip problems, I appreciate the new bite lanes as making the streets more interesting and friendly for me as a pedestrian.

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11/23/2021 12:04 PM

We need more dedicated bike lanes. Most bike lanes are in the busiest roads and streets. it is a very dangerous approach

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11/23/2021 12:28 PM

The city has to get back to basics and focus on core priorities of municipal government.

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11/23/2021 12:29 PM

I can't understand how or why the main transportation streets have been chosen for bike lanes. These would be better on secondary parallel streets costing less and disturbing business and traffic far less while providing interesting good rides for cyclists. Thoughts for the future planning?

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11/23/2021 12:30 PM

With the amount of roadway construction, especially along cook st, I'm surprised that the surface of the road remains very uneven. Near my home in oaklands the roads are so plagued with potholes I have had to pay out of pocket on car repairs due to damage. The scheduling of roadwork and construction seems to be chaotic and often blocks several main arteries without a sufficient re-route for the volumes of disruption.

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11/23/2021 12:33 PM

I am in full support of increasing infrastructure for alternate forms of transportation (bike lanes), however it is unreasonable and exclusive (for those who cannot bike) to make certain roads inaccessible to cars in favour of bicycles.

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11/23/2021 12:45 PM

Remove barriered bike lanes and do not consider any more

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11/23/2021 12:54 PM

The City of Victoria should properly engage with residents and businesses adjacent to and affected by proposed changes to infrastructure including the incorporation of bike lanes. Bike lanes have become a serious impediment to the flow of traffic in the city. For example, the closure and re-routing of Vancouver street to allow for unfettered access by cyclists is not fulfilling the assumed desire to lower vehicle use, rather, vehicles are re-directing to Cook St. Quadra St. and Blanshard St. for north south access. These streets are now clogged with traffic with most all vehicles enduring at least 2 light waits to proceed. This is having a grave affect on environmental pollution, access and ease of travel. The Vancouver Street corridor could have been more rationally designed to permit ease of access for all. As well, It was reported in city documents that 'stakeholders' had been involved in the decisions leading to this corridor. Who are/were the stakeholders? I reside in Regents Park a two tower, 202 unit condominium development bordering Vancouver, Yates and View Streets. Not once did the City approach our residence for their input. We are gravely affected by this change. Now the City is embarking on converting Richardson Road to one lane vehicle access, I assume, much like the debacle on Humboldt Street between Blanshard and Quadra Streets. This is being rammed through despite protest from the residents in the area. This will then cause traffic havoc on Fairfield Road and other routes. It will not decrease vehicle use or environmental concerns. The addition of bike lanes as this City plans them has more to do with ideology than necessity. And I formerly was an avid bike rider from the mid sixties onward, without any barriers to access any parts of the City. Contrary to what the City may believe we are facing a transportation crisis in the making for the Harris (what once was) Green area. This small parcel bordered by Quadra, Pandora Cook and Fort Streets will see a monumental increase in population in the near future. These people will, for the most part be looking for somewhere to park their cars. Take it from me. As I have stated above, I live in Regents Park. We have 100% vehicle parking, plus 10 stalls for Visitor Parking. There is a constant unrelenting demand for parking spaces on our property, even though we have the parking availability that we do. As well, our Visitor Parking, as it is outside, is constantly being used by patrons of, residents and visitors of residents to the Jukebox, across the street on View. This is clearly trespassing on our private property and is treated as such with vehicle towing. But it speaks to a greater problem, mitigated by the City's insistence on providing inadequate parking requirements for new developments. This is not having any desired effect on saving the environment nor deterring people from vehicle ownership. And it will get worse. Take it from those of us 'on the ground' who experience this daily. Again, less ideology and more practicality.

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11/23/2021 12:55 PM

Bike lanes a problem and unsafe for seniors, disabled like blind , car drivers. Bikers use sidewalks, do not stop at stop signs or ignore traffic rules like one way streets and don't wear helmets and ride with earphones making it unsafe for themselves and others. Need commuter train service not more bike routes for large senior population in victoria and disabled like blind who cannot bike and need safe reliable efficient faster transportation in Victoria and to other municipalities. Crosswalks are dangerous and more need to have press button flashing lights to stop drivers. eg. Douglas at Dallas Rd.

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11/23/2021 01:08 PM

Please continue to build the wonderful bike network and to improve pedestrian safety infrastructure.

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I live on Vancouver & Richardson street - both turning into bike sharing streets. I am thrilled with the accessibility for bikers and would like to see more of a much to remove them from cook street as those roads are tight and hard to share. Better signage would be appreciated. Also the removable of bus stops or parking spaces due to construction should be countered with other 2-hour parking spaces open up to residential parking (ie. the bus stop on Richardson and Vancouver). Vancouver/Richardson/Fairfield area is most residents anyways, yet a lot of the parking is still 2 hour spots. I have got quite a few parking tickets for parking not on my delegated street when there has been construction going on "closing" my dedicated street.

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11/23/2021 01:08 PM

I'd love to see the increased focus on pedestrian access continue and become permanent as we come out of COVID

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I feel the City is actually anti-pedestrian

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11/23/2021 01:40 PM

1. Spend less money on new asphalt and remodeling curbs and sidewalks. 2. The focus on bike lanes should be on experimenting with the approaches that will generate the most ridership, rather than making expensive permanent alterations to lanes, curbs and sidewalks.

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11/23/2021 02:44 PM

More funding for active transporation and transit please! Don't worry about getting more funding for this by charging more for parking.

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11/23/2021 02:53 PM

The Vancouver Street cycling infrastructure is possibly overkill, but otherwise good work on the bike lanes!

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11/23/2021 02:54 PM

Focus on keeping roads paved without potholes. Keep pedestrian crosswalks lit and clearly marked. Maintain adequate parking for cars and trucks.

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Please fund the \$13M for the completion of the bike network.

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No more bike lanes

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There are some heavy residential areas (such as Oak Bay Junction) with very limited residential parking options.

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11/23/2021 03:44 PM

You are pushing cars onto slower residential roads by BBC shutting down main roads for bike lanes.

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11/23/2021 03:57 PM

Add some capacity for delivery vehicles to park safely. Pulling over wherever and hitting the 4-ways is Not a Thing, but there's really no choice in many areas.

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11/23/2021 04:05 PM

I think there is too much parking downtown. I would like to see more emphasis on active and public transport and see the downtown parking be changed into wider sidewalks and more protected bike lanes. I would like to see the cost of the remaining parking downtown to become more expensive to generate revenue for the city and to discourage travel downtown by private vehicle. I would love to see more secure and well lit bicycle parking. Even repurposing some of the underground parking into mass bicycle parking the likes of which many European and American cities have already.

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11/23/2021 05:23 PM

It is better to provide a easy, efficient, safe and inclusive alternatives to driving cars than to make driving cars annoying and difficult. Incentive work better than punitive measures or disincentives.

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More pothole repair would be appreciated.

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expand accessibility to public transit, more pedestrian and cyclist priority areas

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11/23/2021 05:42 PM

No more bike lanes, waste of resources

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11/23/2021 06:02 PM

The amount allocated to building bike lanes is ridiculously out of proportion when measured against the percentage of the population that will actually use the lanes into the future while almost ignoring the maintenance of our rapidly deteriorating roadway system which allows the economic engine and safety services of the city to function effectively.

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11/23/2021 06:24 PM

Please stop spending money we currently don't have.

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We need more bus only lanes.

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11/23/2021 07:00 PM

Wharf street bike lanes are great, but I think they need a few safety improvements.

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11/23/2021 07:24 PM

Add more 1 hour free parking spots in parkades, especially Johnson St Parkade. There are only about ten 1 hour free parking spots in Johnson St Parkade, which are almost always filled up. It makes me want to visit downtown less because I have to pay even if I only need to make a quick 30 min stop.

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11/23/2021 08:17 PM

Bike lanes are an essential mode of transportation. Making biking safer and more accessible via bike routes is paramount for a greener future.

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Lighting is a transit safety issue.

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11/23/2021 08:41 PM

Stop spending money on bike lanes so 2% of the population can get around! The other 98% are now stuck in traffic, burning fuel, because the roads are such a mess!!

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11/23/2021 09:06 PM

Victoria is out of sync with neighbouring municipalities in the development of cycling infrastructure, and I would strongly urge Victoria to back off on further developments until there is a much better coordinated approach across the CRD - this should be a condition of further major expenditures. Oak Bay cyclists particularly benefit from developments from the Richardson changes, and the local Victoria residents on adjacent residential streets are negatively impacted. "We are all in this together", as has been said so often lately - we should be working more with others instead of marching out on our own. Secondly, before expanding the infrastructure Victoria should look at all current bicycle infrastructure, and harmonize everything - particularly things like crossing signals. In some places, there are clear green/red lights for cyclists specifically and at many other crossings we are supposed to magically know that the hand signal for pedestrians means you can cross the street. In other words, stop rushing (thereby saving a whole lot of money) and do it properly across the region, thereby developing a much safer biking network for everyone.

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11/23/2021 09:11 PM

Spend bike lane funds on real public safety. Police and Fire

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11/23/2021 09:17 PM

Work better at ensuring sidewalks are walkable/rollable, accessible and clear for pedestrians and mobility-challenged users. Repair the roadway potholes. Stop building new bike-lanes at the expense of maintaining the roadway/sidewalk infrastructure that you are already responsible for.

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11/23/2021 09:55 PM

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More covered bus stops and having garbage bins at bus stops in the more popular stops would be great in keeping our city cleaner.

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I have appreciated the city's investment in bike lanes and the city's

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11/23/2021 10:05 PM

i have appreciated the city's investment in bike lanes and the city's continued implementation of the master plan. Car-specific transportation infrastructure is not only unhelpful for the climate, but makes the city more vulnerable to weather events such as flooding. There could be some funding put towards pot-hole filling to make existing residential roads safer for bikes and cars.

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11/23/2021 10:05 PM

Overall, I like the transportation-related priorities set out in the budget and strategic plan. I am very happy with how the city has prioritized bike lanes and continues to implement its master plan. I have also been happy with the additions of city-owned parkades over the past few years - I think it's important that any revenue from parking downtown goes into a city's revenue. One area where I want to see more improvements is with sidewalks - many are too narrow, especially when there's a sign (bus, parking, etc.) on the walkable part of the sidewalk. It makes it impossible in some circumstances for people using wheelchairs to move around safely. Similarly, I spoke with a vision-impaired man the other day who was confused at a sidewalk corner with which way to go. He explained to me that the grading was difficult to feel, so he wasn't sure how to turn the corner properly (this was at Fernwood and Vining). I think widening and improving sidewalks so that they're more accessible should be a priority.

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11/23/2021 10:45 PM

Keep making family friendly bike lanes a priority please. It's amazing how we can finally get around.

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11/23/2021 10:48 PM

Roads are in need of repair, old sewage system

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11/23/2021 11:02 PM

The extent of the "traffic calming" is getting ridiculous! Is a frustrated driver at 30kph really safer than a happy driver at 40 or 50kph? Yes, I am a pedestrian and a cyclist as well, and yes, I actually LOOK before crossing the street, which would save way more lives than speedbumps. More responsibility should be put upon pedestrians.

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11/23/2021 11:05 PM

The priority should be reducing emissions and making public transit more accessible and easier for people to use. Reduce reliance on people driving their own vehicles.

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11/23/2021 11:15 PM

This survey is poorly designed and this question is hard to answer without more guidance. What document should I be referring to? What pages? Generally, the City has been slowly moving towards AAA infrastructure and I encourage the City to expedite this work. Finishing what was proposed in Biketoria should only be seen as the beginning of the network. The west and the northern parts of Victoria are not adequately serviced; please accelerate planning and implementation here. I would also strongly support more Vision Zero transportation planners, as well as much more capital spend to expedite implementation of the AAA network.

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11/23/2021 11:25 PM

Sidewalks are a mess, truly hazardous Vancouver Street is a s***show. Poorly designed/engineered, too much concrete, signage is confusing. Re-do.

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11/23/2021 11:39 PM

The allocation of dollars towards sustainable transport should be increased. It is essential that bike lanes, bus routes, and walkable neighbourhoods be prioritized in the budget. Secondly, my commute to work from Fernwood to Brentwood Bay is over an hour due to poor bus routes going out of the city. Bus route improvements should be prioritized.

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11/23/2021 11:47 PM

Could use better, safer workarounds in some areas when construction disrupts sidewalks and curbs

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11/24/2021 12:00 AM

Very glad to see the AAA bike lane plan extending over the coming years. Disappointed to see that the City's plans for mass transit improvement are limited to 'advocating' a few recommendations to BC Transit.

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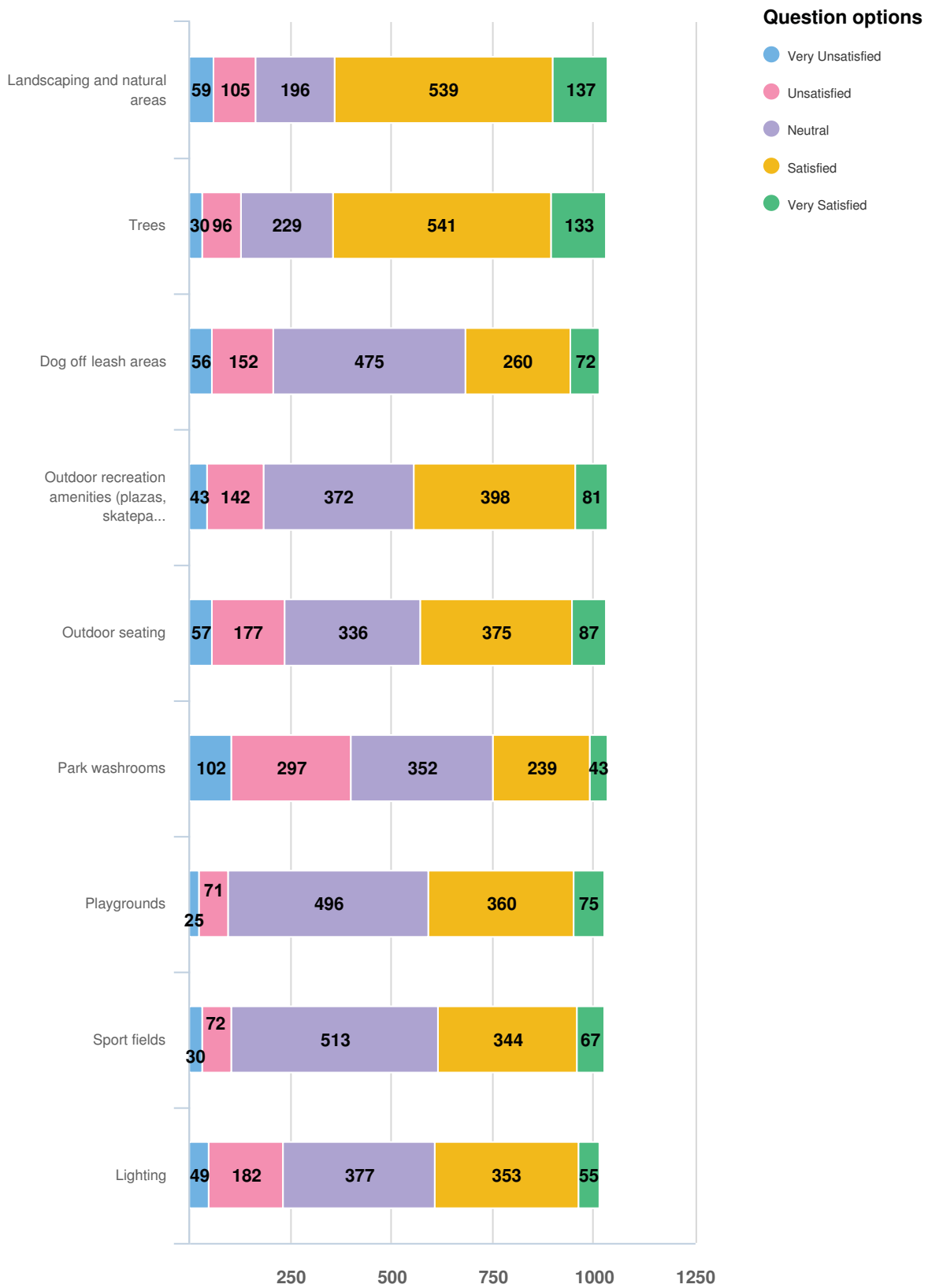
11/24/2021 07:43 AM

Stop taking good streets out of service to put in more bike lanes. Since bike lanes have taken out Richardson the traffic on the side roads and Fairfield is not good. I'm not happy with the bike lane approach the city has taken and I'm an avid cyclist. Cars are not going to go away.

Optional question (620 response(s), 439 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q6 | How satisfied are you with the availability, repair or maintenance of the City’s Parks and Public Spaces infrastructure/amenities?



Optional question (1042 response(s), 17 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q7 Do you have any comments or suggestions to share on the City's Parks and Public Spaces infrastructure/amenities budgets?

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11/09/2021 05:49 PM

Stop wasting money subsidizing elite athletes and spectator sports like the Harbour Cats at the expense of citizens. Budget needs to be tied to deliverables that are in line with Council values.

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11/09/2021 06:29 PM

It would be great to see, more arts/Indigenous history programming in parks. Adding more outdoor covered spaces in parks would help extend the season.

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11/09/2021 06:40 PM

Park washrooms should be added to the Peter Pollen Park development. More street furniture in downtown areas. (Fort, View, Blanshard etc)

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11/09/2021 07:17 PM

They are more than adequate and seem to often be underutilized.

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11/09/2021 08:12 PM

I think in the last four years we have done great things with our public spaces however I do think Clover point wasn't a great choice. The largest recreational user of the spot year round is the kite boarding community and the changes have made extremely difficult for them to use the space. As we are currently in the water months the changes that were made aren't being used. It seems like a wasted space. Victoria could be a major kite boarding destination.

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11/09/2021 09:33 PM

More restrictions on dogs in parks, in particular, children's parks. Dog excrement is becoming a huge problem everywhere we go.

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I would like for the city to experiment with turning off street lights during the late night in some residential areas and parks. Also love seeing native flora in public spaces!

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Fewer cars in parks

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Separate pickleball from tennis courts!

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More bathrooms, less or contained off leash areas.

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11/10/2021 04:31 AM

The budget required to repair the damage done to City parks due to Council's disastrous decision re: allowing 24/7 camping in parks is shameful. I don't get the impression that many new trees have been planted in the past 5 years, compared to previous periods. Is there an active plan to replace the green canopy across the City (blvds, parks), rather than just managing the existing trees planted by previous 'managers' of public space? In Irving Park (James Bay), there are often enough 'sketchy' people (homeless/addicted/mentally ill/park-campers) hanging around the public toilet block such that people don't feel safe using it. The same can be said for the children's playground in this park. Despite it being against current City Bylaws, tents are sometimes erected within a few metres of the playground, and within the daytime (reports to Bylaw do not result in any immediate action). Public drinking and smoking in this park is also a problem (hundreds of cigarette butts on the ground around park benches), despite CRD 'no smoking' signs - again, Bylaws and 'rules' that are never enforced. Nice sign though, as is the City's 'Scan for dangers' sign re: used syringes :) ALL of the many benefits from parks, plazas, playgrounds, washrooms, seating, etc are erased if they are not safe or pleasant to use because of the 'street population' issues. ALL of the cute, 'placemaking' ideas are to no avail if there are broader issues negatively impacting their safe/enjoyable use by the general public (the ones that aren't there to do a drug deal or sell bike parts). There are not enough off-leash dog areas. Concentrating them in only a few areas means that you have to go further to access them (many must therefore drive their cars to Dallas Rd). Concentrating them means that those areas are over- used (poor grass cover in many areas of Dallas Rd.....packed bare dirt which becomes mud pools during rainy weather). Allowing dog- off-leash areas in some sections of additional City parks would be an improvement. Peter Pollen Park needs to be finished! What is the hold up? There is also no lighting there so it is unsafe to use after dark.

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11/10/2021 06:46 AM

The density that is being added to the downtown core with no additional park space being added I think is a concern that needs to be discussed. Adding parkland downtown is key for the increase in density. I am always supportive of new trees being put in on Boulevards which should be a continued focuses of the city.

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11/10/2021 07:06 AM

Little to no park space or playgrounds downtown— need more and washrooms. Washroom at all parks. More outdoor gathering space in parks, especially Beacon Hill.

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11/10/2021 07:43 AM

We must ensure public safety by restricting camping and open air drug scenes in our parks.

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11/10/2021 08:16 AM

Looking forward to topaz Park upgrades

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11/10/2021 08:20 AM

There should be more enforcement on Dallas road next to the off leash area to make safe for pedestrians.

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11/10/2021 08:24 AM

Generally appreciate what Parks delivers. There is increasing regional pressure on off leash areas for dogs. It seems that, with closures in Saanich and Oak Bay that Dallas road has become the regional 'go to area' with increase in numbers and 'wear' on grass areas. Work with other municipalities for a more balanced and 'fair' approach to off-leash areas?

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11/10/2021 09:29 AM

Where is "performance spaces" in this list?

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11/10/2021 09:55 AM

Keep them clean and safe, homeless have destroyed so many park areas. Ageist policies have limited access to others (clover point) for those who are not mobile or hardy enough to walk longer distances or be exposed to elements but not frail enough to qualify for disabled parking.

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11/10/2021 10:38 AM

Our parks and recreation amenities are in need of significant investment. Note: preventing damage and maintaining safety needs to be a priority.

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11/10/2021 11:36 AM

When parks are freely given over to out-of-city refugees, I doubt the sincerity of the CoV to maintain its green and public spaces.

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11/10/2021 12:10 PM

More and cleaner bathrooms

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11/10/2021 12:20 PM

Ensure camping in all public parks is strictly prohibited at all times. As we've seen with Beacon Hill Park (and others), not only is this practice destroying Victoria's global reputation and appeal, it causes severe damage to parks and their facilities; now requiring large tax dollars to repair the damage.

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11/10/2021 12:41 PM

Need to address the camping in parks.

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11/10/2021 12:42 PM

1 - there needs to be more lighting in high-risk areas and where there's a history of crime. CCTV cameras won't hurt in BHP or Centennial Square either. We all know what happened in those parks during the pandemic, and it needs to stop. 2 - why is there a community lending hub in the middle of a bike lane, in the middle of the street, adjacent to Royal Athletic Park? The park supports wholesome family entertainment and promotes athleticism for high school and college/university students. Should this be discontinued because S. 22 wants to make a point and try to get this shut down? The park was there a long time before she showed up. Either tell them to put move their lending hub to another location where it won't be hit by LH foul balls, or put the money into netting. There are multiple safety issues being CREATED (italics) and it's ridiculous that this even needs to be added to this comment.

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11/10/2021 12:50 PM

The washrooms need to be freshened up!

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11/10/2021 01:35 PM

Vic High needs full size track! There is none in Victoria. Street Lighting as of a few years ago is too bright; get lower watt bulbs. Overnight camping in our parks, particularly in Beacon Hill was a disaster.

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11/10/2021 01:46 PM

They are not safe; too many homeless criminals

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11/10/2021 02:11 PM

Keep the boulevards clean of people's discarded items; no tenting, day or night, in parks; homeless must be housed.

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11/10/2021 02:21 PM

Before parks can be enjoyed they must be safe. Prioritize the removal of tents/shelters and the often violent and unpredictable persons sheltering in parks first.

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11/10/2021 02:34 PM

enforce the bylaw- get the bums and drug addicts out of our parks and of our city [together with the current mayor and acolytes who brought them here]

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11/10/2021 02:38 PM

Please repair beacon hill park

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11/10/2021 03:49 PM

Overnight sheltering in parks must cease. Lobby the province to meet its mental health treatment and drug rehabilitation obligations.

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11/10/2021 04:07 PM

More plazas and restaurants should be allowed to operate in public areas, especially in the downtown area to make it livelier. Additionally, the greater attention in these areas could help with public safety.

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11/10/2021 04:43 PM

Add more bylaw officers to remove campers.

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11/10/2021 05:18 PM

The upkeep of the urban forest is appalling — continued cuts have led the way to the ruination of many trees. While there is some evidence of work being done to replace/improve, a greater priority needs to be set.

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11/10/2021 07:33 PM

for the past few years there has been an increasing perception that many of our parks and public spaces are not safe, which has been corroborated by the assessment the city contracted out during the tent city crisis. It is imperative that city staff and councilors are honest and up front about the challenges we face in this city regarding public safety in our public parks and spaces as well as work towards improving public safety so they are safe and positive spaces for everyone

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11/10/2021 08:01 PM

Beacon Hill Park has been a scary place while campers and criminals were allowed to live there. It is slowly improving, but will take a while for confidence to return. The presence of city workers helps a lot.

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11/10/2021 09:14 PM

If there are any capital projects I think the focus should be on repairing parks such as Beacon Hill and Topaz that have been decimated as a result of homeless encampment. That said, the budget should pair down and focus on the basic maintenance for the most part until our economy is in a better place.

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11/10/2021 09:48 PM

Clover Point is a disaster. It needs to be returned to its original condition allowing vehicle parking all the way around the lower area. Build a pedestrian path along the exterior of the road. What you have done is egregious. Beacon Hill used to be a jewel and world famous. By allowing tenting and ongoing criminality while ignoring the pleas of Citizens shows your disdain and lack of representation for the Citizens of this city and the surrounding region

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11/10/2021 10:51 PM

Lighting is insufficient in this city. Public spaces need to be open up so people can get to them and use them. Not everyone able to ride a bike or walk a long distance.

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11/11/2021 10:36 AM

Spent too much money on Clover Point. Never see anyone sitting and having a picnic. You took away parking from those who are mobility issues.

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11/11/2021 11:45 AM

more completely fenced dog parks eg Pemberton. Crystal Pool replacement a priority!

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11/11/2021 11:45 AM

Need more outdoor recreation amenities downtown. Need more public toilets.

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11/11/2021 11:59 AM

Generally need more spaces like skate parks, pump tracks, disc golf for young people to enjoy. We lack spaces for teenagers. As we densify, we need to even that out with shared outdoor space.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 01:27 PM

Increase your budget to whatever it takes so civilians can stop sweeping playgrounds for drug paraphernalia prior to their children using them.

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11/11/2021 03:29 PM

Need to be safe so we can use them

Noticeable difference between Saanich parks and Victoria parks

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11/11/2021 06:24 PM

Noticeable difference between Saanich parks and Victoria parks (Saanich are well maintained and have beautiful flowers and greenery), Victoria parks used to be much nicer, but now seem to have dead flowers/grass and people living in the bushes. Public washrooms in Victoria are very unsafe, and usually unclean.

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11/11/2021 06:28 PM

Could not answer some of questions. If very unsatisfied with dogs off leash, what does that mean to you. The fact that the City uses precious land for unleashed areas is disgusting. Shows City's lack of concern for well-being/safety of people and greenspace. Do NOT want more public washrooms. City is using them to invite camping in parks, reducing safety in parks.

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11/11/2021 06:37 PM

The City does not recognise the value of parks for mental and physical wellbeing of citizens, instead creating incentives for street people to migrate here from across the country and set up encampments in our parks. Our parks have sustained huge damage from these encampments and the criminal element within has posed an unacceptable public safety risk to housed and unhoused people alike. The City needs to focus all relevant program budgets to eliminate the use of our parks as homeless encampments, to eliminate their use as places for drug dealing and bicycle chop shops, and to return the parks to the people of this city. Incredibly, while the City proposes a large sum in the next budget to restore parks damaged by homeless camping, it continues to allow camping in highly vulnerable smaller parks.

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11/11/2021 06:38 PM

far too much concrete added to block roads. Ridiculous art projects should be plantings, not painted concrete

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11/11/2021 06:54 PM

consider ways to reduce the amount of excess light pollution at night from lights (city owned and private) in Victoria

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11/11/2021 07:29 PM

More green spaces : does not have to be full of stuff

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11/11/2021 08:11 PM

Stop cutting down trees on city land whilst making pruning trees on private land difficult. You appear hypocritical.

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11/11/2021 08:41 PM

Parks were very dirty this past year.

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11/11/2021 08:59 PM

Start planting Japanese Maples to replace the ones taken down

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11/11/2021 09:07 PM

They need to be cleaned up. We need to return to a time these were safe places to go.

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11/11/2021 09:16 PM

We need our parks back, stadacona park is a nightmare. I am seriously considering holding back paying my taxes this year as I am getting frustrated.

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11/11/2021 11:10 PM

Why waste so much money mowing boulevards.

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11/11/2021 11:39 PM

If you have to spend money on needle clean up there are bigger problems.

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11/12/2021 05:59 AM

Please fix the merry go round near the miniature boat pond by washrooms. Have messaged. Broken since summer. Please plant beautiful flowers in boulevards. The current ones look like weeds. They used to be so beautiful. They brightened up my day. open beacon Hill park to traffic.

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11/12/2021 10:05 AM

Peter Pollen park is at a standstill

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11/12/2021 11:28 AM

There have been too many instances of off leash areas causing problems with people being hurt by out of control dogs and even a neighbourhood that can't receive their mail. Washrooms are not safe - we simply won't use them do to drug use and mental health issues of populations using the park facilities.

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11/12/2021 11:50 AM

No more camping in parks.

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11/12/2021 12:52 PM

Please make more spaces for dog off-leash areas

Need those great yellow chairs that you put on Dallas Rd to be installed where people congregate; human centred design. eg

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11/12/2021 12:57 PM

Need those great yellow chairs that you put on Dallas Rd to be installed where people congregate; human centred design. eg MOre along Pandora boulevards, to prevent people sitting on the curb or ruining the grass. Enforce the no tenting law! Shelters DO have spaces, so no need for tents there.

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11/12/2021 01:49 PM

There should be more public washrooms in parks.

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11/12/2021 01:51 PM

having a child, now need i have always been satisfied with the playgrounds within the CRD, we could go to a different playground every for a month with no problems..

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11/12/2021 02:05 PM

Provide equal access to parks and amenities to people who want or need to stay away from pet dogs. For every dog-dominant space (e.g., off-leash area), there should be one where pet dogs are not allowed. Where answers were dissatisfied, it's because they are not accessible. I said "very satisfied" for off-leash areas because we shouldn't have more until negative externalities are dealt with. I know of no outdoor recreation amenities for people with disabilities. There are known barriers at Royal Athletic Park and BHP bandshell access. I don't know if outdoor lighting is good for people with neurological differences. Most public washrooms are not fully accessible and need to be - and not at the pace of one per year. Can sports fields including the new one planned for Topaz be used by people in wheelchairs? Probably not. Not enough being done to make the breathed environment healthy.

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More Street lights and panic alert buttons is dark areas of parks (like universities have).

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The biggest issue with public spaces is the lack of feeling safe in them.

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waste of \$ closing off Clover point

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More washrooms would be nice - understandably hard to maintain.

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11/12/2021 05:33 PM

Safety issues arising from camping in the parks decreased public access to many areas. Cleanup is ongoing and you never know who or what you will find in the public washrooms. Yuck.

Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 08:25 PM	Langford has much better and more modern facilities. Victoria is falling behind
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 08:35 PM	Fix Clover Point. It's ridiculous the way its set up now.
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 09:03 PM	Less light pollution lighting
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 09:42 PM	More off-leash dog parks
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 10:51 PM	I'm tired of needles, being threatened, yelled at, and the psychosis of the streets and parks.
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 11:35 PM	Parks and green spaces are super important. Safety and having the clean is so important.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 06:45 AM	No more camping
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 07:03 AM	Do not allow camping in parks
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 07:21 AM	Stop any camping in parks.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 07:46 AM	No more camping in our parks.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 08:23 AM	Beacon Hill Park seems safer, somehow, yet I still don't use it as much as I used to. Its definitely not safe to traverse in the evening. But daytime, it's ok. I think your team has done a good job of revitalising the space after the tenting debacle. I think there is still a very good opportunity to open up the road to the children's playground, and that parking area to the big field there. There really isn't a logical reason to keep that space closed., except to deter "through" traffic from Quadra/Southgate to Dallas. If that's the case, then how's about just opening that road to the parking lot by

the playground, and leave the remainder closed. There is enough room there for 2 way traffic if parking is not allowed on the side of the entry area. Irving Park could use an outdoor stage, if you want to enliven James Bay with music, having an all weather stage would be a huge asset to that space, allowing your dream of a music hub to extend year round.

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More off-leash dog parks

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11/13/2021 08:42 AM

I live close to Stadacona Park. Last year it was inaccessible for several months as it became a tent village. The tents are already coming back. Why?

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11/13/2021 08:57 AM

Do not allow camping in our lovely parks. The Beacon Hill camping fiasco was an embarrassment to the entire city. Shame on Council for sanctioning such a debacle. Should never happen again.

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11/13/2021 09:40 AM

Doing a good job!!

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11/13/2021 09:55 AM

Open Beacon hill to vehicles and restore Clover Point to it's previous state.

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11/13/2021 09:59 AM

Very disappointed that Crystal Pool "again" is being put aside for any decision making - while other projects jump up the queue.

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11/13/2021 10:02 AM

Seniors on Gonzales Ave couldn't get mail delivery for months because of the off leash dog park. Put people first. Put up a fence.

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11/13/2021 10:02 AM

Every park washroom I've been in is covered in blood water. I'd rather get a fine for public urination than risk my safety and health using a public washroom/ drug den

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11/13/2021 10:06 AM

Beacon Hill Park is particularly road heavy. If traffic returns it would ideally be done with a lens to proximity to playground risks.

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11/13/2021 10:32 AM

Parks and public spaces are for EVERYONE. Not just who council decides at the moment.

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Leave natural areas untouched, there is no need to "improve" nature (Dallas Road for example) with lots of amenities, - well spaced, non intrusive, non-plastic seating and well maintained pathways are enough. Provide large spaces for native wildlife (i.e birds, plants etc) habitat and viewing. Provide opportunities to enjoy nature untouched. More accessible public washrooms that are safe, well lit and serviced daily.

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They are exceptional compared to most cities

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More lighting makes the city safer as many studies have shown

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Seems every park is an "off Leash" park!

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Ensure sufficient bylaw officers to manage illegal camping and keep parks for the community. Ensure developers keep trees and add green space.

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11/13/2021 11:45 AM

The field at Topaz with artificial turf is badly in need of replacing. I'd like to see more adult exercise equipment in parks.

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Inclusive, not skate/bike/other special interest

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11/13/2021 11:59 AM

just wish outdoor spaces were safe

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11/13/2021 12:03 PM

Haven't been able to use them due to feeling unsafe with tenting.

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11/13/2021 12:10 PM

The street lighting is too bright on homes - should follow "dark sky" rules and have covers so the light only shines down instead of blinding people when they look at the lights. The lighting generally exceeds "dark sky" rules.

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11/13/2021 12:33 PM

No camping period.

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11/13/2021 12:56 PM

Never, ever again allow camping in our parks. This was a significant error on the part of Mayor and council.

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11/13/2021 01:09 PM

More washrooms are needed. Every park should have at least one.

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11/13/2021 01:13 PM

I do appreciate that people like to run their dogs free but they can do some getting serious damage. Also I am wondering about whether we need all of the street lights on all of the time in the evening.

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11/13/2021 01:51 PM

Open Royal Athletic Park to the public. It is a public park so treat it that way.

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11/13/2021 02:08 PM

Washrooms in more parks are needed. More parks, period, are needed, especially in the central core.

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11/13/2021 02:57 PM

Given other priorities, I would not put this high on my list. Hidden infrastructure like sewers upgrade, road repairs etc.

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11/13/2021 03:12 PM

Parks are not safe because Lisa Helps has lured hurlers of drug addicts to Victoria while defunding the police

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We need more parks, and more trees planted in those parks.

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11/13/2021 03:41 PM

Specifically, I am disappointed that money is being spent on new amenities (skate/bike park, field) when the Topaz lacrosse box is seriously in need of refurbishment.

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11/13/2021 05:56 PM

Our parks could be updated and better maintained with drought resistant trees and plants be planting including pollinating flowers for the bees and other animals. Also protection of wildlife areas and eco-systems including less clear-cutting of spaces especially Langford.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 06:13 PM

Open up Clover Point to cars and take out the picnic tables. Take out the ping pong table. Open up Beacon Hill Park for cars for handicapped people and seniors who can't walk to the washrooms.

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11/13/2021 06:18 PM

it would be nice if everyday citizens could actually use the City's Parks and Public Spaces

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Keep parks for the purpose they where made not overnight camping.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 06:43 PM

The fact the City's priorities for the parks is to give them away to the homeless means the rest of the citizens cannot enjoy them.

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11/13/2021 08:00 PM

Stop letting the homeless sleep in them. You are creating hazardous spaces.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 08:32 PM

"Safely Sweep Before You Play" has to been the the most glaring admission of failure ever dedicated to public signage

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 09:42 PM

There should be no camping allowed In parks and beacon hill park should have a security presence

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 11:27 PM

Safety & security are by far my (& I'm sure others) concern. Your government has dimly FAILED to provide anything even close to acceptable safety & security, be it downtown, any of the Parks, or our neighborhoods. Particularly Vic West, James Bay & Fairfield.

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 08:27 AM

we need MORE recreation amenities of a larger scale: a 50 m outdoor pool, a 50 m indoor pool, water parks, fountains in the inner harbor and throughout the communities, more benches, more trees, more public herb gardens, a seniors fitness trail, more play equipment for children, a skate board park.....you keep adding highrises with nowhere for people to recreate

The state of our public washrooms is embarrassing. What do tourists think when they see how dirty they are? Could revenue

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11/14/2021 08:37 AM

The state of our public washrooms is embarrassing. What do tourist think when they see how dirty they are? Could revenue from the cruise ships pay for a complete overhaul of all the public washrooms, as well as more regular cleaning? We need to plan for the growth we're anticipating. The pathway along Dallas Road cannot get any busier. We need this pathway to continue to downtown. We need 100% public pocket parks/zen gardens downtown in new condo developments that provide respite. We need a major new park downtown - Ships Point and Capital Iron? We need more recreation facilities like pickleball courts and walking routes. Planning needs to differentiate between natural areas/parks and recreation facilities/greenspace. Humans need nature, birds, quietude that is can be found in natural park spaces - even pocket parks.

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 10:00 AM

The homeless and criminals make parks and park washrooms inaccessible to the tax payers who fund them! SMH. Start supporting the people paying the actual taxes so that they can enjoy the city too - the only people enjoying the city right now are criminals, homeless and addicts. That is entirely YOUR fault for rolling out the welcome mat.

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 10:29 AM

Invest in a new public pool

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11/14/2021 10:49 AM

Stop letting people camp in them. The case law (Hinson) says camping is only allowed if there is NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. We have other places for them. Keep them out of the parks except for day use like the rest of us.

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 11:07 AM

Some pathways in parks such as Banfield Park have no lighting.

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11/14/2021 11:08 AM

Very unhappy with the changes to Clover Point, it is now empty most of the time and the "turn around" area is very unsafe. The washroom will be a welcome addition.

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 11:26 AM

The city desperately needs more covered picnic shelters, to enable parks to be used for picnics and gatherings all year 'round. Barbecue areas would also be a welcome addition. Oswald Park would benefit from washroom facilities, particularly given the new community garden that is being installed there. The bike park planned for Topaz is too small, and access from the north east section of the city via Finlayson street is inadequate. Without improvements to the access it will be a regional amenity, and will not serve residents of Hillside-Quadra and Oaklands.

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11/14/2021 11:29 AM

Keep tent cities out of the parks; find those folks a place to live by engaging upper levels of government to fund the solutions

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11/14/2021 11:36 AM

They're nice. Love seeing public bathrooms in lots of places. More of this please.

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 12:44 PM

Abolish and enforce all camping and squatting. This would include all the bushes in the parks where squatters tend to hide. It makes walking through these areas at night dangerous

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11/14/2021 12:57 PM

Do not allow camping in our parks - citizens must feel safe in all the parks they pay taxes to enjoy.

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11/14/2021 01:50 PM

More basketball courts

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11/14/2021 02:04 PM

Bring back flowers to our small in-street flower beds. No more Oregon grape, dried flowers and other tatty plants. Too much split-rail fencing on Dallas Road. It's very unsightly and detracts from the area.

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 04:19 PM

Please ensure our parks are safe for our families rather than camping sites for an unsafe, unstable homeless population.

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11/14/2021 04:24 PM

Open beacon hill park to the citizens of Victoria.

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11/14/2021 04:31 PM

Parks are NOT meant to be campgrounds

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11/14/2021 04:56 PM

Update older public washrooms. Like the two along Dallas Road between Cook St. and Ogden Point.

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11/14/2021 06:17 PM

Make amenities in City parks and public spaces actually accessible, rather than saying you care about accessibility like washrooms, driving and parking, then not making actually accessible.

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11/14/2021 06:41 PM

Unsatisfied with homeless in parks

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11/14/2021 06:42 PM

Keep the ban on 24/7 sheltering in parks.

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11/14/2021 08:12 PM

Do not repeat the park disasters with Tenters , it is starting again on Pandora .

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11/14/2021 11:39 PM

More basketball courts and lighting.

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11/15/2021 03:16 AM

Please make public spaces safer for women. More lighting, less paths with no visibility, more security downtown

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11/15/2021 08:54 AM

Keep it up.

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11/15/2021 10:30 AM

Desperate need for more Pickleball courts, especially where they will not bother neighbours. Therefore move ahead with Topaz pickleball courts now (in time for the Seniors Games).

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11/15/2021 10:57 AM

Too many off leash dogs and owners not obeying signs.

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11/15/2021 10:57 AM

Since I lost the safe use of Beacon Hill Park for a year due to violent persons sheltering there, my suggestion is to support no sheltering in Beacon Hill Park. But current council is on the wrong side of this issue and I hope every single one of them gets booted at the next election as the city's position in the legal action was reprehensible. I love the parks workers efforts and results. I deplore city council's actions.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 11:04 AM

The fiasco surrounding mayor and council's decision to allow camping in city parks, particularly Beacon Hill park has cost the tax payers of this city millions of dollars! As we are now on the hook for paying for the cleanup and restoration of the greatest gem of

our city! By ignoring the land trust which clearly states the purpose of the park was for the enjoyment of all citizens! Instead it became a place where most felt totally unsafe as people were assaulted, threatened and harmed by drug addicts, mentally ill and derelicts from all over the country drawn here by the invitation of free camping, tents, cell phones etc! We continue to face an ever increasing rate of crime and public safety crisis as our city, businesses and law abiding citizens suffer from such poor judgments dictated to us by our current mayor and council! I have yet to hear from anyone on council other then Stephen Andrews on this very serious matter. The Vic PD and frontline responders are in critical overload as a result as well. Crime in this city has escalated to a point that is beyond belief, with business and home break ins, thefts and assaults on innocent people occurring daily now! WHY has mayor and council not even addressed this issue??? It is totally reprehensible!

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11/15/2021 11:51 AM

More outdoor seating, and public space is always welcome.

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I would like to see all lighting be solar charged

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off leashed areas need to fenced ie pemberton park

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11/15/2021 01:46 PM

Oaklands park needs pathway lighting and Vic West skate park needs lighting.

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11/15/2021 02:49 PM

Poor governance and policy has put out park maintenance into damage control. Large parks like Beacon Hill are no longer safe and that is on Council.

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11/15/2021 03:15 PM

permanently ban camping in parks and implement the parks masterplan. Start buying more land for parks

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11/15/2021 03:38 PM

The City has failed to deliver any public parks, sporting areas, pocket parks, playgrounds or recreation amenities of any sort for the downtown core despite adding 1000s of new residents over the past +5 years with 1000s of more new residential units on the way. I've noticed a few new trees planted in the core, but it also seems

that the City continues to add more and more concrete in the core (even if it's at the expense of green space). Where is the new fund for amenities collected from new tax revenue from all these new residents? Why isn't the city planning for the long term livability of a dense, walkable residential community in the core (which will also require consideration of spaces for daycares, play/schools)?

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 04:18 PM

It is inhumane that the city is locking the washrooms in the parks where people are sleeping outside. It is also inhumane to be enforcing the bylaw against tenting 24 hr/day in parks while people have no access to Extreme Weather Protocol nor a place to store their stuff during the day. Money is being wasted on having bylaw and police deal with/control and harrass people who are sleeping outdoors.

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11/15/2021 05:23 PM

Less is more, please. We don't need picnic tables next to washrooms, and roads blocked to make wider sidewalks.

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11/15/2021 05:27 PM

Outdoor seating needs regular cleaning, especially downtown.

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11/15/2021 05:28 PM

please improve lights on streets

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11/15/2021 05:31 PM

How many trees died from last Summers drought/not being watered?

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11/15/2021 05:36 PM

In Dec 2019 we challenged ourselves to walk to each and every city park. We learned a lot and developed an appreciation of the neighbourhoods.

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11/15/2021 05:38 PM

Covered arenas and park areas to stay active and outdoors throughout the rainy season!! More options for skateparks and rollerskating, places to run, and expand washrooms and accessibility to them. Fernwood and other neighbourhoods needing off leash dog area.

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11/15/2021 05:45 PM

I would love to see more public squares, especially in the downtown core: places where people who work downtown can eat lunch outside. Fort Street Common is a perfect example of the kind of thing I would like to see more of: it's perfect in every way except that it is closed for the entire winter.

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11/15/2021 05:48 PM

Fernwood plaza could be more inviting.

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11/15/2021 05:52 PM

They are not safe nor are they clean enough to do anything more than walk through, at a quick pace.

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11/15/2021 05:57 PM

Parks are becoming unsafe at night. Too many public spaces feel like they have been overtaken by dangerous people.

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11/15/2021 06:04 PM

There are few fully fenced off-leash dog areas. Most parks are mud pits, unsuitable for exercising dogs, from November to March. The dog park in Vic West is great and another should be replicated elsewhere, with additional lighting.

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11/15/2021 06:27 PM

Camping in parks has created significant damage that needs to be remediate and makes many people feel less safe.

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11/15/2021 06:31 PM

Please keep Beacon Hill Park and other small and/or environmentally sensitive parks free of homeless and transient campers with addiction problems, mental health issues, and criminal inclinations so that the elderly, families, and tax payers can safely enjoy them. For people living in apartments downtown these parks are our only respite.

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11/15/2021 06:46 PM

More forest like natural landscapes less single trees along streets. Having grass and trees between roads and sidewalks is safer and looks more appealing

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11/15/2021 06:53 PM

I did not know we had a city of victoria bike park? Where?

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 07:01 PM

A low priority it should be I suppose, in he grand scheme of things... but glad to provide feedback. All Of the new landscaping along Vancouver street looks crappy. I wish Victoria's boulevard landscaping was as beautiful as Saanich's. I apologize for saying, but take a look at theirs at cedar hill x road and Richmond, or Cedar Hill x road and maplewood... they are always glorious. In Victoria, everything looks scraggly and boring. Are we not the city of gardens?

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11/15/2021 07:14 PM

Clean up Stadacona Park of campers after 7AM

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11/15/2021 07:18 PM

More covered areas, washrooms and amenities for families and esp tweens and teens. NEW POOL.

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11/15/2021 07:46 PM

Victoria has always been known for their Cherry Blossom trees. I would like to see those replaced with same when the older growth trees are taken down. There are also some trees on the boulevards that drop sticky leaves that are a nuisance as they stick to cars, shoes, not to dog's paws.

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11/15/2021 08:07 PM

The substantial walking /bike path and seating upgrades that have been done between Clover and Ogden point are excellent and should serve as an example for future investments.

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11/15/2021 08:08 PM

Parks near me have been unusable due to public safety Ensure lighting doesn't project into the sky

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11/15/2021 08:17 PM

Open Clover Park to parking so people can gain a west view of ocean storms during winter months; restrict this area to pedestrians only in the summer. Do not allow overnight camping by anyone in public parks.

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11/15/2021 08:26 PM

can you add places to sit on government street and get rid of the mish mash of junk that has accumulated - if it's closed make it attractive and welcoming

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 08:28 PM

You have not asked about our unhoused? There is no public space for us to hang with Unhoused. Bathrooms locked at night is a big problem! Police state deciding what is needed is a problem! We need to put money into community not policing! Cut their budget! You must also please educate about Class as well as Race. Poor people prove that. thank you.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 08:31 PM

Please build out Ship Point Master Plan as promised in 2020, ideally before the next election and we lose the opportunity!

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11/15/2021 08:33 PM

Better lighting in beacon hill park More public washrooms Safe consumption sites

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11/15/2021 08:40 PM

Parks need more effort spent on landscaping and making them a more natural environment. Far too many city parks are just a grass field and a small playground with equipment straight from the 70s. Get creative in playground design (Gyro being an obvious Saanich example).. plant more trees, bushes, flowers.. make the outdoor space inviting.

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11/15/2021 09:03 PM

Continue to add more natural parks like the new Agamemnon and Eleni Kasapi Park. More trees and landscaping should be added in urban villages and on streets such as Oak Bay Avenue between Fort and Foul Bay.

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11/15/2021 09:19 PM

Continue to look for opportunities to add to urban forest.

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11/15/2021 09:29 PM

Some controls for the Dallas off leash area are needed. I have seen several elderly people injured by big dogs running wild on the cliff top walking path.

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11/15/2021 09:36 PM

We walk our dog 3 times a day and the off leash parks are great and well maintained.

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11/15/2021 09:42 PM

The parks are a disaster since tent cities were allowed. The needle issues are very concerning.

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11/15/2021 09:43 PM

Focus on core amenities

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11/15/2021 09:44 PM

Clover Pt. picnic tables were a poor decision, removal of loop and vehicle parking as well.

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11/15/2021 09:59 PM

The combination of park benches/ ashtray next to walkways and bike paths need to go Pandora x Vancouver and wharf x government are chambers of second hand smoke for pedestrians and cyclists People are smoking in beacon hill park and Dallas road off leash park & beaches - there are zero enforcements and need to be equally as aggressive as giving out parking tickets

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11/15/2021 10:14 PM

we need universal/gender inclusive public washrooms in parks, and at the

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11/15/2021 10:40 PM

Uh, take care of them, and make them safe.

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11/15/2021 10:54 PM

No camping

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11/15/2021 11:51 PM

no

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11/16/2021 12:06 AM

As density increases, the need for more parks and playgrounds increases too.

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11/16/2021 01:32 AM

Too much is given to dog owners. Not enough green space allocated to new building projects.

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11/16/2021 02:07 AM

Bathrooms could be much cleaner

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 06:25 AM

Leaving the goose poop on the sidewalks by the harbour is disgusting. It's out-of-control and the geese are getting more and more aggressive. Need to be proactive about this as it can impact quality of life, health and tourism.

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11/16/2021 06:43 AM

No more camping in our parks please. Other than that they are great.

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More lighting on City streets is necessary.

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More public spaces would make the city more welcoming - look at Montreal or Toronto

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11/16/2021 07:25 AM

More skateparks and dirt jump parks

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11/16/2021 07:42 AM

Don't allow homeless encampments to pop up in vulnerable areas again. Otherwise, park facilities and staff are great.

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11/16/2021 07:49 AM

More public oppurtunities for kids to do art

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11/16/2021 07:51 AM

More original spaces. Seating doesn't have to look like a park bench, bring in more artists and designers to make for unique feeling parks to visit. More artist murals around public spaces would reflect the dynamic younger generations instead of upholding a polished and pristine image of the Victoria that this is no longer.

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11/16/2021 08:26 AM

Need more barriers of some kind to restrict access to natural areas as more and more people use parks and natural areas. The Dallas Rd bluffs are falling apart and graffiti on the rock faces. More readily available garbage cans. More enforcement via fines.

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11/16/2021 08:53 AM

I'd love to see more covered areas in parks. It would get me outside more in the winter with the grandkids (rain cover) and provide sun shade in the winter. They also make great birthday party spots.

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11/16/2021 09:09 AM

astro tur for central park as the grass becomes soggy and unused in rainy season and could be used otherwise.

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11/16/2021 09:10 AM

Having a public artificial turf would be wonderful. The only place I can practice field hockey is UVIC and that is not public. I can't go there in my free time, and it is very far away from me. Also, there is never anywhere to sit when I go to the park with my friend & her baby. There is only the ground which is usually wet.

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11/16/2021 09:19 AM

More turf fields please. There are not enough to accommodate current user groups.

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11/16/2021 09:31 AM

I think the city should prioritize more perennial or self-seeding native pollinator gardens in city-owned boulevards, rather than grass. This would be so beneficial to the environment in terms of biodiversity. I also think my neighbourhood could use more allotment gardens, especially as we add more density and apartments. People would be happier with the opportunity to work with the earth and grow food. Wait lists for community gardens are years long... Housing is the main priority, but the use of the land should balance food security and green spaces with housing.

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11/16/2021 09:38 AM

I like what you've done with Government street downtown!

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11/16/2021 10:06 AM

More outdoor ball hockey rinks.

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11/16/2021 10:11 AM

Get rid of tents

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11/16/2021 10:18 AM

I don't feel safe in any of the parks or public spaces after dark. The city has increasingly become an unsafe place after dark and in some places, during the day.

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11/16/2021 10:54 AM

The near-total absence of public washrooms in Victoria is appalling. Few cities in the developed world offer such poor access to public washrooms.

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11/16/2021 11:00 AM

Need more investment in playgrounds and children's infrastructure

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11/16/2021 11:02 AM

When will Crystal Pool be rebuilt?

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11/16/2021 11:33 AM

If we keep removing the unhoused and I'll from parks where do they go, many are unwell and shelters don't solve mental health and addiction

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11/16/2021 11:33 AM

There needs to be more restrooms.

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11/16/2021 11:34 AM

Royal Athletic Park should be as accessible as Central, not boxed in by fences and only usable if city staff are present (and paid). Outdoor seating is rarely designed with accessibility in mind and often seats are too low for those with mobility issues to sit in/stand up from. There are not enough washrooms in parks and parks are becoming overrun with 'amenities' - maintain some of the green space! Topaz is a great example, eating away at the free green space for very specific, limited uses (e.g. BMX track is nice, but only for people who ride).

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11/16/2021 11:55 AM

More lighting in parks for the safety of all citizens

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11/16/2021 11:59 AM

I think there should be more care in planting indigenous species, and knowing the kind of environment they can actually survive in.

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11/16/2021 12:03 PM

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11/16/2021 12:13 PM

As a taxpayer, I am very dissatisfied with having to pay for the clean-up from homeless campers in Beacon Hill Park and other city parks. In the 30+ years I have live in Victoria, I have seen a steady decline in the quality of the life and the visual appeal of the City. Much of this is due to a lack of maintenance of City Boulevards and other green spaces. The City is neglecting its heritage and that makes it a much less desirable place to visit. What was once a gem of a city has been tarnished by budget decisions that reflect the current council's priorities which are out of step with many residents of the city.

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11/16/2021 12:37 PM

Victoria needs dedicated pickleball courts for this growing sport. Topaz park is a perfect spot. Dedicated courts will allow Victoria to host large tournaments and turn the city into a hotbed for the sport.

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11/16/2021 01:21 PM

City parks are not for camping / living. They basically became unusable for my young family thanks to the city's policy on sheltering in parks. It worked for no-one and made our parks dangerous. It also increased the homeless population (people moved here because of the lax rules and yes, I actually talked to many people that moved here for it).

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11/16/2021 01:32 PM

Closing Clover is a big mistake the weather mostly favours visits by car. People are not going to picnic is such an exposed venue.

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11/16/2021 03:13 PM

The treatment of Beacon Hill Park by allowing campers was a disgrace and now it is costing a fortune to clean up.

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I would like to see ALL of our parks without any overnight camping.

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11/16/2021 03:58 PM

Money s well spent

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11/16/2021 04:23 PM

In support of more dog parks, public spaces (including seating/plazas), and lighting.

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Safety concerns

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11/16/2021 04:58 PM

Prevent camping in Beacon Hill Park permanently.

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11/16/2021 05:42 PM

The parks are not safe to be in anymore. Needs to be by law officers patrolling, and enforcing the areas.

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11/16/2021 06:32 PM

I like the reburbished washrooms in Beacon Hill Park. It's important to keep them clean and attractive, especially during tourist season. I would like to see more parking spaces at Clover Point, especially during colder months. I see that Garry Oaks are often planted, but they are a dying species in our dry summer climate and never do well. There are many other types of trees that are more suited to drought-like summers, so a bit of research could be done here. Vegetation along bike paths was not maintained during the summer. There was an excess of concrete used for the bike corridors, but little thought to beautify them. Vegetation, and especially trees, should be watered throughout the summer.

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11/16/2021 06:40 PM

Many park washrooms now feel unsafe for families because they are used largely by the vulnerable homeless population. They need their own facilities.

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11/16/2021 06:52 PM

I am still frightened to roam most of Beacon Hill Park, don't go to the park alone, and stay in open areas. Please open all roads and entrances so people can use the all areas and allow all those who can only see the park through car windows. Completely open Park will entice more people to return to our beautiful Park to enjoy and love what we lost 2 years ago.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 07:30 PM

I am totally opposed to the changes at Clover point. That was a waste of our tax dollars. It should still allow cars through. Our family is also Kite Surfers and the changes are not ideal. I have seen people almost smash their cars navigating the area. The seats there hold water. You have not listened to the community and what they want! I live by there and see it often sitting empty. I love the park washrooms but I am afraid to use them alone. Beacon Hill park was unusable all during covid due to the population living there. Your own staff had advisories. Now we are spending money to clean it up. Please do not allow our parks not to be for everyone. I also feel a lot of the money now needed is to clean up what went on during covid inviting a criminal aspect to our city. Allowing things to go on in our parks and neighborhoods.

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Get the campers out our parks

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More public accessible washrooms and showers for unhorsed populations.

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11/16/2021 08:10 PM

no comments

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11/16/2021 09:39 PM

Please do not allow camping in any public parks at all. Zero tolerance

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11/16/2021 11:10 PM

Need an outdoor running track

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More natural greenspaces, fewer sports fields

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11/17/2021 08:11 AM

Whenever possible, return green-spaces to native plants, and setup a program with Songhees and Esquimalt Nations to consult on this. Possibly more park amenities for outdoor fitness.

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11/17/2021 08:28 AM

As a non-binary trans person, my quibble with public washrooms is that they don't feel safe for me. I can't speak to their cleanliness, facilities, etc.

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11/17/2021 09:13 AM

Not sure why you put picnic tables out on clover point. Always 30km hour winds out there and bird shit everywhere. Really nice place to eat. Do you people even live in this city?

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 09:16 AM

It would be nice to have a park where people with disability can use it and have some touch With Texter in braille

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 09:17 AM

We need more green spaces, city needs to put money aside to purchase properties for green spaces.

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11/17/2021 09:32 AM

Overnight camping should never be allowed in the parks again. The damage to Beacon Hill Park and the cost to taxpayers should convince Council of that. If people choose not to be contributing members to society that is their problem. Council has to face the fact that 3 to 5% of people will not do their civic duty... Then it becomes Council's civic duty to make sure that small percentage of people do not ruin it for the other 95%.

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11/17/2021 09:33 AM

More spaces for unhoused people to live their lives

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 09:43 AM

We need to add more green space and parks in the city. We need to think about more allotment gardens for food security, especially with so many high-rises being built, people need access to the outdoors.

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11/17/2021 09:47 AM

I would like to city to provide more services for people who are forced to live in parks.

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11/17/2021 09:49 AM

The Franklin Green paddleball court is in terrible condition and playground needs improvement—please it could be so much better for the low income neighborhood!!!

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11/17/2021 10:05 AM

I am very upset with the erosion of off lease dog availability, Dallas road has become a smaller off leash area!

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11/17/2021 10:40 AM

Yes - I suggest that you change Clover Point back to the way it was before, so that people with disabilities, or who are older, or who have small children, can enjoy it as they have been doing for decades. I also suggest that you ensure that the travesty of crime and waste and abuse and drug use and dealing, and camping, that took place in our Beacon Hill Park, with the tacit support of some of you on council, never happen again. Ever.

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11/17/2021 10:43 AM

Bamfield Park would benefit from public washrooms.

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11/17/2021 10:46 AM

Well, once all the used syringes and human feces are removed, at great expense, we'll be able to enjoy them again.

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11/17/2021 10:47 AM

Parks are not campgrounds.

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11/17/2021 10:55 AM

please keep our parks safe and clean

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11/17/2021 10:56 AM

The walkway along Dallas Road with its chairs and sitting areas is excellent and well used.

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11/17/2021 10:59 AM

We need more public washrooms... this need has been exacerbated by COVID

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11/17/2021 11:02 AM

Let's keep our parks "people friendly" - keep washrooms clean and accessible - keep DOGS on leash!! or even better - banned from parks

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 11:09 AM

Clean up Beacon Hill park and stop the squatters in all parks

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More dog parks are always appreciated.

11/17/2021 11:20 AM

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11/17/2021 11:23 AM

Stop allowing/approving of developers to destroy trees and green space; replacing big and well-rooted, bird-populated trees with smaller ones is not acceptable

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 11:25 AM

please avoid further tenting if possible. the damage and loss of use is too much of a burden on neighbourhoods

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11/17/2021 11:30 AM

Please add more gender neutral washrooms in public spaces like parks

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 11:36 AM

Put more decorative trees and plants in Beacon Hill Park - the japanese flowering cherry trees on the Circle were cut down and not replaced. Replace them now. Make Beacon Hill Park back into the Ornamental Garden that it used to be.

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11/17/2021 11:39 AM

Stop letting homeless people live in our parks.

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11/17/2021 11:53 AM

Up date playgrounds. Up grade to fenced off leash dog parks.

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11/17/2021 12:09 PM

More neighbourhood off leash areas for at least designated hours

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 12:17 PM

Over the last few years, increasingly go to parks in other municipalities as amenities in Beacon Hill etc are dirty and unmaintained. Also, disagree with banning off leash dogs (which is different from under control dogs!) from Gonzales Beach before a review of the migratory bird situation and 100 year old legislation is completed. Pemberton Park is the closest, is muddy, increasing in use. I now drive to other areas such as Elk Lake or Island view (increased cost and driving!)

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11/17/2021 12:34 PM

No 7/24 camping in parks/boulevards. Enforce bylaws. Give law enforcement resources to do their jobs! Dump concept of "pressuring" higher levels of government

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 12:41 PM

It would be beneficial to the community and the local economy if the the City of Victoria embraced more youth centered initiatives such as all wheel parks, skateparks, etc. As well as broadening the scope of artwork that is deemed 'acceptable'. The Youth of Victoria do not care about Group of Seven style artwork.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 12:52 PM

focus on the infrastructure needs of taxpayers and voters of Victoria, not carpet-baggers from other areas

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 12:55 PM

All dogs are not created equal. It is unsafe to mix small breeds in with large breeds in off-leash areas. Even when dogs are "playing nice", small animals get trampled accidentally. Most owners have no control over their animals in off-leash areas, in fact they are too busy looking at their screens to pay attention to their animal. Other owners simply take over areas that are not designated off-leash, making it unsafe to walk a small dog. This is a pet peeve - no pun intended - for me.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 01:00 PM

Please actually enforce 7-7 camping by-law. It is currently not being enforced(stadacona park)

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11/17/2021 01:20 PM

The city needs construction of more public washrooms for accessibility purposes. This is vital in general, but especially while there is still a global pandemic occurring and hygiene is a life or death matter.

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11/17/2021 01:25 PM

More human centred design and do more pedestrian only streets in the downtown core

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11/17/2021 01:26 PM

Too unsafe

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11/17/2021 01:29 PM

Stop herbicide use. Demand building moratorium adjacent to parks. Stop leaf blowing. Human labour for path clearing.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 01:31 PM

Many people are getting dogs and there are not many dog parks in the city that provide safety for both the animals and cars, bikes or pedestrians on the roads and sidewalks as many of the dog park areas are not fenced properly or inclusively.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 01:33 PM

What a leading question #6 - to comment on the availability (not approval) repair (not existence in the first place) and maintenance of structures that we didn't want (Richardson bike lane) or didn't want changed (Clover Point) - very hard to answer that question honestly. u

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11/17/2021 01:34 PM

Several beautiful old trees are slated for removal from Topaz park for the new skateboard park. I am very unhappy about this tree removal and wish that this could be avoided.

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11/17/2021 01:37 PM

Availability of washrooms should be increased and existing ones modernized.

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11/17/2021 01:41 PM

Why are there no secure (fenced) off-leash dog parks in the entire city of Victoria? I have to drive to neighbor communities. This wastes time and fossil fuels.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 02:05 PM

Parks are the measure by which a City like Victoria is measured. They need to be/remain a high priority for the City.

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Stop letting people camp in parks as it destroys them and costs a lit of money to repair.

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11/17/2021 02:16 PM

More public areas open to ALL members of community (including unhoused folks) encouraged. More public bathrooms/showers. More NATIVE plants/trees to support local biodiversity!!

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11/17/2021 02:23 PM

Washrooms that are clean , stocked, functional and available are key to being able to enjoy parks and public spaces

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11/17/2021 02:32 PM

More patrols and enforcement of City managed park spaces, especially in the evenings due to homeless users. Homeless users with tent or temporary shelters significantly reduce the public safety, lighting, usability of these spaces.

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11/17/2021 02:39 PM

Dogs are not going anywhere and indeed the research shows that they contribute to personal health and wellbeing especially for seniors. Off leash dog parks are essential and so little imagination goes to providing fenced in trails or other essential off-leash that it becomes harder and harder to have a dog in this town - Covid has taken away some parks we depended upon with no others seemingly coming on line.

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11/17/2021 02:51 PM

Many city parks and public spaces have been, and are, unsafe. This has everything to do with bad decisions & inadequate policing & nothing to do with THAT budget.

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11/17/2021 03:59 PM

The city of Victoria seems to hate trees. With every new development, we see trees coming down. It is sad. It is ridiculous. It is unnecessary.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 04:11 PM

thanks for finally resurfacing all the tennis courts and catching back up on maintenance of them. for all hard sport surfaces, the city should start considering future replacements that are lower impact surfaces to protect the health of users. (it could be worthwhile to pilot some alternate surfaces on the new pickleball courts being proposed; it could keep people safer while also reducing noise pollution)

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More public bathrooms, seating and lighting

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More parks- off leash areas -

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Please keep the campers out of our parks

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11/17/2021 05:43 PM

Keep the bathrooms/toilets open 24/7 Add hot showers to bathroom facilities in larger city parks, especially those adjacent to sports activities

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11/17/2021 06:25 PM

Enclose all off leash areas for dogs. i.e. more fencing along cliff walkway in Beacon Hill Park. New by-law officers to ensure off leash dogs are well controlled.

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11/17/2021 06:27 PM

24/7camping has destroyed our parks, especially Beacon Hill Park. By allowing 24/7 camping by Victoria Council has made our parks, playgrounds, and public spaces unsafe for the general public.

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11/17/2021 07:26 PM

More streetlights please!! More community gardens

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11/17/2021 07:30 PM

Safety of public spaces should have been a high priority since early last year but clearly was not. It's time to start looking after the safety of our general population.

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11/17/2021 07:38 PM

Beacon Hill Park has been a nightmare and this council is responsible. You have made the day to day life of people a world in which they had to fear assault. The city knew about these risks, but hid them from the public. Betrayed.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 08:12 PM

Victoria needs more bike lanes, more green spaces, more play spaces, more benches, more placemaking, more public art, to increase community interaction outdoors. More amenities on Dallas Road. The improvements have been great so far - go the mile. A restaurant at Clover point, for example. Victoria needs an (unheated, saltwater) outdoor swimming pool for the summer.

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11/17/2021 08:26 PM

Make beacon hill park and other areas where cars have been provided accessible to the disabled again

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 09:33 PM

I would like to see a modern outdoor fitness area that groups and individuals could use for free (e.g., landscaping and features that are suitable for "bootcamps"). I'm not referring to those expensive machines they put in parks; just some step-ups and bars and other more basic features would work better. Using part of Clover Point would be a great spot for this.

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11/17/2021 09:50 PM

More of small cozy flowery squares are needed with some elegant appealing sculptures would be very desirable. Locals from the staggering number of different ethnicities and cultures will be able to appreciate and enjoy the visual creations of peace, beauty, and serenity.

Screen Name Redacted 11/17/2021 10:38 PM	Protect Beacon Hill park and Dallas road/beach
Screen Name Redacted 11/17/2021 11:18 PM	1. Please no additional commercial "amenities" (like food trucks) in park areas 2. A few more public bathrooms needed in Vic West, e.g. like along the Westsong walkway and in Banfield Park
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 12:19 AM	Do not allow homeless to ruin parks like what happened to Beacon Hill.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 01:57 AM	Parks and public spaces are meant for all. If children are able to be active at a young age and through to youth they will be healthier physically and mentally. Investment in parks and public spaces has a huge positive knock on effect.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 03:57 AM	No more homeless tenting
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 07:12 AM	Get the druggies out of the parks 24/7
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 07:22 AM	given that there are so many people living in tents, the park washroom should remain open 24/7. Poor people should be given a little opportunity to be treated with dignity.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 08:38 AM	More secure off-leash neighborhood areas are desperately needed. I would like to see more lightly-managed natural areas such as those in Beacon Hill Park. More planting of long-lived urban-tolerant trees would be appreciated, also.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 08:44 AM	Don't use these often so can't comment however could have better washroom facilities along dallas road walk.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 09:18 AM	Stop changing minds about Crystal Pool and costing us more money. Someone will be unhappy no matter what. Build on spot beside existing pool and after demolition turn old spot into park. Partner with YW/YMCA on facilities cost and operation

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11/18/2021 09:34 AM

What happened to the food trucks planned for Clover Point? More work needed on beautifying the pedestrian-only western section of Clover Point.

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11/18/2021 10:16 AM

More places to sit around town would be so nice. So many have been removed in a cruel futile attempt to hide homeless people out of sight and it's just hurt everybody. It's especially impactful for elderly and disabled people. My friend with POTS struggles to go outside and enjoy the city because she doesn't have options for seating when she gets light headed and faint

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11/18/2021 10:28 AM

Add small community garden areas in small parks. Example, Chapman Park (Linden/Chapman) where there is a small child's playground and grass area but there could be community garden space to grow vegetables along the outside periphery.

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11/18/2021 11:15 AM

We need more public washrooms.

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11/18/2021 11:27 AM

we need a lot more seating!! esp for seniors and disabled folks. also gender neutral washrooms in public spaces! & more green spaces, less parking.

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11/18/2021 11:38 AM

Park washrooms and sports fields needs to be maintained for all accessibility and sports fields need to be a safe place for all abilities and ages to enjoy.

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11/18/2021 11:39 AM

Taking back boulevards and road shoulders as public spaces would be nice.

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11/18/2021 11:46 AM

Lighting should be a priority in public spaces. Dallas Road dog park should have better lighting as it feels unsafe for dogs and people in the winter months without lighting. More dog parks should be present in the city.

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11/18/2021 12:05 PM

Make them safe to go to

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11/18/2021 12:54 PM

Ensure there is never camping in Beacon Hill Park ever again at anytime of day or night. This park belongs to the people. It is a heritage site and a valuable community asset and attraction. It needs to be taken care of properly. Remove the barricades and unused picnic tables from Clover Point. Return Clover Point to its former design. Seriously - this is just plain stupid. There isn't a nice way to say Council and staff are way off the mark and completely oblivious on this one.

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11/18/2021 12:56 PM

No more camping in our parks. These spaces are to be enjoyed and shared, not to be lived in.

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11/18/2021 01:46 PM

Fence in off-leash dog parks to allow mail delivery to neighbours and to prevent dogs escaping to chase deer.

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11/18/2021 01:49 PM

The city NEEDS more public washrooms that are open 24/7. Especially due to businesses closing their washrooms to the public due to the pandemic - so many folks out in the community and without shelter need access to washrooms. washrooms are needed now more than ever.

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11/18/2021 01:49 PM

Your survey questions are unspecific. "How satisfied are you with Availability Repair or maintenance" Availability and repair are two totally different things that should be in different questions. If people answer, there's no way for you to know if people want more availability or better care of the existing item in question. So, it's hard to answer this survey and I'm not sure what you'll learn from it.

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11/18/2021 01:58 PM

The costs to place badly needed drinking fountains are excessive!!

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11/18/2021 02:28 PM

Disinfectant dispensers should be added to public bathrooms and more hours open for public bathrooms

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11/18/2021 02:48 PM

Public spaces are being overwhelmed with persons of NFA. Many people avoid certain areas of the city as they are perceived as unsafe.

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11/18/2021 02:48 PM

While you were busy spending millions on idiotic bike lanes, our trees went unwatered over the summer and now many are stressed. I also see a lot of leaves destroyed by bugs, something I never saw before. But, by all means, do bike lanes above all else. I produced my own map of open washrooms for people like me who like to take long walks in areas that don't have many facilities. The city could do the same.

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11/18/2021 02:53 PM

I have found it really disheartening the way that the city of Victoria continues to displace unhoused community members (ex. out of beacon hill park, the 7-7 tent ban during detrimental COVID outbreaks, etc)

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11/18/2021 03:27 PM

More restoration. More tree planting. More gardens.

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11/18/2021 04:16 PM

pare back plant life blocking street lighting and the view at intersections

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11/18/2021 04:23 PM

The city has not provided sufficiently for safe playgrounds and public green spaces. Instead the city encouraged, condoned and avoided responsibility for criminality, violence and destruction to become the norm in our valuable, costly and dwindling green spaces. Children's health and safety was clearly place below the wants and criminal ambitions of the significant number of individuals that counsel members and city management enabled to do harm to our city. Additional the cities policies (comm. plans included) in encouraging less private green space and more and larger structural footprints continues to chip away at the livability of the city.

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11/18/2021 04:30 PM

we need more infrastructure for kids, especially skateboard parks and scooter parks. Parks also need more picnic tables and covered areas.

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11/18/2021 05:05 PM

More washrooms like the one near bastion square around town would be ideal!

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11/18/2021 06:16 PM

I am fairly satisfied with the City's Parks and Public Spaces except for Beacon Hill Park. Growing up in Victoria, this one one of the parks that we loved going to however it is not a safe place to go

anymore. I realize that homeless people do need a place to live, however, I think we need to find a better place for them to live and revitalize Beacon Hill Park back to the spectacular park that it use to be. I also feel that the City should spend some time looking at trees that are growing on residential boulevards. The City does not prune or look after these trees at all, and some of them are very unhealthy and some of them are just a nuisance (dropping sap, dropping berries all over the sidewalk and vehicles) and need to be replaced.

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11/18/2021 08:12 PM

Please start cracking down on 24/7 camping!!!! They are being destroyed and look horrible.

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11/18/2021 09:02 PM

Wish you would put in not applicable - don't have a dog and frankly don't care.

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11/18/2021 09:31 PM

I would love to see some lit trails in a few parks. Makes it much nicer to walk the dog at night.

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11/18/2021 09:42 PM

Fix damaged parks due to 24/7 camping

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11/18/2021 10:23 PM

Public washrooms and drinking fountains should be a top priority.

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11/18/2021 10:57 PM

More public washrooms in the downtown

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11/18/2021 11:05 PM

More fruit-bearing trees in public spaces, especially in parks would be good. Ornamental trees are nice in the springtime, but don't produce edible fruit. Apple trees, pear trees, plum trees etc. blossom in the spring and produce fruit for locals in summer/fall. Local food security and healthy communities are essential.

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11/19/2021 08:27 AM

Stop gardening for aesthetics. Return park space not used for recreation back to natural species and plantings. Buy up land at key connections and corridors to achieve a new vision of greenways for active travel throughout the city. Sport enthusiasts lack facilities in downtown Victoria. Gymnasiums are inaccessible for indoor sports. There is not a downtown turf field. Please ensure

downtown residents have public access to indoor and outdoor sporting facilities within walking distance. I'm really unhappy and dissatisfied with the public consultation process (or lack of) that led to converting Dallas Road Waterfront park to a dog park. This was a jewel that was welcoming to all citizens that has been co-opted by dog owners. I feel unsafe and unclean there now, and it has disrupted pleasant access to a wonderful natural area.

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11/19/2021 09:36 AM

I would advocate for more dog parks, less squatters. Community based, now the parks are not usable by the general population as they have been handed over to criminal elements. I recall growing up in Victoria over 40 years ago and the city had usable and safe parks. This is really sad.

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11/19/2021 10:08 AM

Spend more money to remove the "Lisa Helps Memorial Plaza" on Vancouver at McClure.

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11/19/2021 11:22 AM

I'm tired of the City's slow response to homeless takeover of public areas. I think it's time to start sending the homeless outside of the Victoria core

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11/19/2021 11:30 AM

Would appreciate better lighting at Hillside/Doncaster for pedestrians. The recent washroom installation at Ogden Point is a great start, would like to see older washrooms retrofitted to be more like this to increase accessibility and remove gendered stalls

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11/19/2021 12:10 PM

People who are poor need to be welcomed, not shunned from parks and public spaces. Basic amenities like accessible washrooms, seating without 'defensive architecture' features, and an absence of police officers would be great.

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11/19/2021 01:23 PM

If you are going to spend money on them protect them from being taken over as hangouts for the petty criminals who have taken over this city.

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11/19/2021 02:50 PM

More needs to be done to clean up the parks. Please check the Beacon Hill Park restroom on the weekends. The Parks staff does an excellent job on vegetation maintenance. Also get active when homeless people destroy part assets that require expensive and time consuming remediation.

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11/19/2021 03:06 PM

Public Spaces and City Parks should be separated for specific feedback.

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More off leash dog parks

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11/19/2021 03:33 PM

Eliminate overnight camping and rehabilitate our parks. The state of Beacon Hill park is shameful. But I have seen city staff out in my neighbourhood park and they have been working hard and making the best of a bad situation foisted upon them by our incompetent politicians.

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11/19/2021 03:38 PM

Make them safe again! Currently, my family does not feel safe in most parks due to a drastic increase in people with mental health and substance use issues. It is scary!

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Eco friendly street lights

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11/19/2021 04:09 PM

Maybe we can get beacon Hill to not smell like pee this summer. That'd be nice.

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11/19/2021 04:51 PM

I would like the city to commit to ending anti-homeless infrastructure, and in general commit to equitably housing unhoused folks instead of displacing them violently, stealing their belongings, and sending unnecessary force from Vic PD to criminalize poverty. It is despicable behaviour from the city to treat unhoused people this way.

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11/19/2021 05:40 PM

I like the emphasis on native plants, and fully support continuing to prioritize that. I would love more accessible public washrooms and covered outdoor public areas.

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11/19/2021 05:55 PM

Parks are doing a great job. No more camping. keep off leash dog areas. there are hundreds of miles of walking trails and only a few off leash areas. Park washrooms are very good. you might include public showers in discreet areas for homeless. for lord's sake rebuild the crystal pool. Sports fields like Finlayson need a renovation. Lights are

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11/19/2021 08:30 PM

Add more public toilets.

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11/19/2021 10:43 PM

We are blessed with the parks and greenery we have, continual maintenace and not let development take away what we have they are our garden city's life. Our squares could use some love they aren't built very friendly. Market Square is starting to be nice but it could be even better and other squares would be used by regular folk if they were friendlier. Putting Cook back would be nice, we are a maritime City and we should be just as proud of our European culture as we are of our Indigenous. He's a symbol of all who's ancestors aren't from here and a symbol of maritime culture.

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11/20/2021 01:42 AM

More lighting is always a plus! But good job generally :)

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24 hour camping in Victoria was extremely detrimental on Beacon Hill park. It made a city treasure into a dangerous environment

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11/20/2021 07:11 AM

There is a war on dog owners as of late in Victoria. Many beaches and paths have become no dogs allowed (on or off leash). There are now many more dog owners amidst the pandemic. Please fix by encouraging good behaviour with dogs, heavy fines for bad behaviour and on leash if you must. Not outright bans which are completely unreasonable.

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11/20/2021 08:42 AM

NO 24/7 CAMPING EVER AGAIN

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11/20/2021 09:10 AM

Make sure they are safe and not used as campgrounds

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11/20/2021 09:42 AM

washrooms may be hard to keep clean, but would be nice

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11/20/2021 10:42 AM

Keep parks and don't compromise green space for development

Screen Name Redacted

11/20/2021 10:45 AM

I only answered "unsatisfied" for tree maintenance because I have seen somenew developments go in that involved cutting down older trees. This seems like a very shortsighted approach to development. New buildings should either build around older trees or at least they should be relocated.

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11/20/2021 11:33 AM

Please stop spending money on dog parks. How dare the City set aside our precious and expensive public green space for animals. Where did you get the idea that animal health and safety should be prioritized over human health and safety.

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11/20/2021 11:36 AM

More community facilities in parks to help unhoused populations.

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11/20/2021 12:23 PM

More sport fields would be great, but at least don't remove any. The pending of loss of the fields at Lansdowne to build a school is very disappointing.

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11/20/2021 01:41 PM

We need more outdoor seating

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11/20/2021 01:51 PM

Please can we water more of our beautiful trees in the summer when lack of rain so they don't weaken and come down in our strong winds causing much more damage and cost.

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11/20/2021 01:52 PM

I would love to see less plastic play structures. I would like to see more outside covered seating ie. Quadra Village. I would like to see safer and cleaner public washrooms ie. topaz park. When a school is renting the field, there shouldn't be people using drugs and leaving their leftover unsafe materials left there.

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11/20/2021 02:11 PM

It should be better funded by taking money from the egregious policing budget. Please fire chief Del Manak, he is a ridiculous drain to city resource

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11/20/2021 02:18 PM

We need a swimming pool/ rec facility like the Oak Bay Rec Centre - somewhere in the downtown core) redo the Crystal location into a real/ decent facility.

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11/20/2021 05:11 PM

Street lights on Graham st between bay and kings need a bit of work in places

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11/20/2021 05:29 PM

Keep bike lanes and public transit a priority.

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11/20/2021 06:43 PM

No

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11/20/2021 07:34 PM

Prioritize accessibility and community supports for marginalized populations.

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11/20/2021 07:44 PM

Safe use site in parks for those who are likely to use in those areas. This would ideally keep that population safe and away from any playgrounds or child-filled areas to prevent conflict as well

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11/20/2021 08:33 PM

We need an outdoor pool!

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11/20/2021 08:44 PM

such a pretty city!!

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11/20/2021 09:24 PM

Add more public washrooms? Ensure sanitizer, clean water, free feminine hygiene products?

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11/20/2021 09:37 PM

More trees and benches are always welcomed! Areas with native plants prioritized would also be lovely.

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11/20/2021 11:02 PM

More dog off leash areas

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11/21/2021 07:48 AM

More bike paths

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11/21/2021 11:06 AM

Unsatisfied with parks occupied by homeless

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11/21/2021 12:18 PM

let people sleep where they want

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11/21/2021 01:00 PM

More public washrooms is always a plus. That's been particularly highlighted for me over the pandemic - where I'd rather not have to use a coffee shop bathroom for example.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 02:03 PM

More lighting in public parks after dark - more shelters for rainy seasons as well.

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Do no allow camping in city parks.

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11/21/2021 03:34 PM

A water park around hillside quadra would be really amazing

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11/21/2021 05:36 PM

Wonderful changes made to the stretch of walking paths and bike lanes from Ogden Point to Clover Point. But would help if signage near Clover Point clarified where bikes are allowed. Some of the new paths are narrow and bike riders do not dismount when faced with pedestrians or those in wheel chairs. Would also help clarify rules around motorized scooters / skateboards.

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11/21/2021 05:54 PM

more bathrooms in bigger parks

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11/21/2021 06:12 PM

Please stop stealing peoples personal items and forcibly displacing homeless encampments, please stop attacking and arresting homeless people and indigenous rights activists demonstrating in public spaces

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11/21/2021 06:12 PM

More workers to clean public spaces.

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11/21/2021 06:15 PM

Stop stealing peoples tents and personal property.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 06:46 PM

There are so many dark days in Victoria; many sidewalks and bike lanes are completely unlighted and therefore dangerous at night.

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11/21/2021 06:52 PM

I would like a lot more attention given to graffiti removal. It's not done in a timely manner.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 06:54 PM

Dogs have taken over the Dallas Point waterfront to the point that I have nearly tripped over dogs or they have jumped up on me and children who are fearful of dogs. I fear that they will knock over a small child. Dogs run all over the foot path and owners admiring each others' dogs block the passage. The dog run area should be restricted further and there should be "dogs on leash only" areas clearly marked. As "only leashed dogs on the path" has never been enforced, and most people ignore the bylaw, then maybe better to remove that restriction if it can't be enforced. I no longer have an area along Dallas where I can take weewees without worrying about a dog knocking them over or worse. I like dogs and would like to keep a dog run areas along Dallas but they are taking over

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 07:06 PM

I honestly don't care.... Because we can't use any of these without attending to our homeless crisis.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 07:12 PM

City does a good job with the parks.

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11/21/2021 07:40 PM

The public washroom system in Victoria needs extensive expansion and upgrade. There are far too few of them; as a result, people tend to use wild areas as public toilets.

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11/21/2021 08:16 PM

More lights and stop signs, please.

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11/21/2021 08:31 PM

Ensure that trees and green space are equitably distributed throughout the city, especially due to their role in cooling and thus necessity during heat waves.

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11/21/2021 08:31 PM

Stop designating "Residential Parking" on public streets. You are giving a free giveaway to property owners, which makes their property more valuable, and exacerbates home ownership affordability

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 09:37 PM

What fields can we play softball on? You're taking Topaz away. Parks are littered with homelessness.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 09:42 PM

I'd like our City parks to be taken back, from the 'unhoused' who have stolen our beautiful green spaces and robbed us of places like Beacon Hill Park. As tax payers, we have every right to feel safe and to be able to enjoy our parks. We pay for the right to use and enjoy them. Stop handing over our precious, beautiful parks to those who destroy them...then make us pay for the remediation! It's not fair!

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 09:48 PM

There don't seem to be enough off-leash dog areas within walking distance of most of the city -- it's assumed people can drive to get to dog parks as they're often quite far away. But many people who own dogs don't own cars, the dog is part of their active lifestyle (and you can't take dogs onto buses). Also some city park washrooms (like at Irving Park) are quite sketchy and unsafe feeling, and often not clean or sanitary.

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11/21/2021 10:01 PM

Clover Point changes were unnecessary.

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11/21/2021 10:17 PM

The lighting in this city is so dark. It makes this small town feel unsafe. It's challenging to drive at night with these dim street lamps. Especially in the rain.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 10:25 PM

Should have lights at Vic West skatepark. It's a great venue for entertainment, exercise and positivity for a diverse array of young people and keeps them out of trouble. Late night access will be welcomed by them and will affect nobody negatively.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 10:25 PM

Inviting bums, hobos and junkies from Victoria and across the nation to come and camp in Victoria's parks was a traitorous act. This must never happen again. Parks belong to us all. Park ought to be safely accessible to all, not the purview of violent criminals and addicts. Given the outcome in our parks since the ruling, the judgement that allows camping on our parks must be appealed. It isn't safe: not for the campers, not for the residents of Victoria, not for the city employees.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 10:30 PM

I am really glad dogs can't run off-leash on beaches anymore. Although I am a dog lover (but currently not a dog owner) I am really tired of the tyranny of poorly behaved dog owners and dogs.

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11/21/2021 11:29 PM

The city in general needs way more public, and free washrooms in the downtown core in addition to the parks.

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11/22/2021 04:04 AM

Your robocops would do much better if they realized their false sense of authority is not only unnecessary but extremely illogical! I was not allowed to get out of the torrential downpour and was threatened if I didn't leave they would call police I had been there less than three minutes when I was informed I was loitering. I had a purpose and it wasn't to become drenched and get sick! In three minutes does not define loitering! Disgusting behavior of overpaid babysitters! Get real Victoria

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11/22/2021 07:18 AM

I think that the city ought to take up the challenge of some cities around the world where they have set the objective of planting a number of trees to match the population and this includes subsidizing the planting of trees upon private property.

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11/22/2021 07:39 AM

Badly need lines for Pickleball on tennis courts, dedicated Pickleball courts both outdoors and indoors

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11/22/2021 07:45 AM

Some parks (i.e. Pembroke Park) do not have adequate lighting making them unsafe particularly in winter when it is dark earlier this impacts pathways

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11/22/2021 08:39 AM

The vic west dog park is terrible. So small and so many dogs. My small dog is terrified of going there so we stopped trying. I find the outdoor seating at the blue Bridge very good and wish these types of chairs were in more places because the metal benches don't have a high enough back to be a comfortable place for me to rest. I am disabled. The lighting needs to be respectful of birds. Especially since we have tons of migratory birds here we need to make sure their well-being is thought about.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 09:17 AM

More money should be put into parks and recreation so that parks can be expanded, and also restored. There are a lot of invasive species plaguing our parks and not enough capacity to tackle it. Protecting biodiversity is an important part of a holistic climate action plan.

Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 09:41 AM	My only comment is with respect to Beacon Hill Park. There is no reason for Circle Dr to be a through street. It is too often used by motorists to cut through from Douglas to Dallas Rd.
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 09:56 AM	Stop putting in anti homeless infenstructure and support then instead! Maybe outdoor volleyball could be cool too
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 10:00 AM	no
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 10:43 AM	re: lighting, i'm unsatisfied because all of the new lights are so harsh and fluorescent. I would actually rather see less lights through the night (better for wildlife and human sleep cycles, and doesn't "increase crime"). Washrooms need updates to better accommodate families, persons with disabilities, and gender diverse people.
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 10:52 AM	The city could benefit from more public washrooms, especially downtown, and from increased street lights in residential areas. As a woman who often walks alone in the evenings I don't always feel safe doing so.
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 11:06 AM	Any plans to add new parks or green space? Seems concrete towers dominate the skyline more and more.
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 11:12 AM	It would be great to see the city continuing to use those grassy areas around town and new developments be transformed into food gardens to increase community resilience and provide habitat for bees and birds that are native to this region. Permaculture is an important part for community resilience.
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 11:14 AM	The City did not take care of our parks during the pandemic, encouraging camping there and destruction. The parks were not usable by the public and will now cost us to remediate.
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 11:14 AM	I find Victoria to be very dark at night, very challenging to see road markings and pedestrians. Many pedestrians need to wear high visibility clothing and many have taken it upon themselves to wear lights at night. This should be more encouraged by the city.

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11/22/2021 11:22 AM

It's frustrating that we now have to spend a large amount of money to try and clean up the parks because we allowed so many overnight campers for so long.

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11/22/2021 11:43 AM

More indigenous land practices. Less leaf blowing and green grass growing.

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11/22/2021 11:58 AM

Stop using artificial turf where possible

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11/22/2021 12:14 PM

Remove the undomiciled, campers returning with their trash

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11/22/2021 01:03 PM

Homelessness / mental health / addiction issues have made some parks less family-friendly. Would like to see more efforts to ensure all parks are safe and welcoming for all including at night

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 01:05 PM

There should be more attention to cleaning up litter in the parks. I routinely pick up garbage in them and the mowing over the garbage scatters it around in little bits. Some is plastic and that is a real mess when shredded into little bits.

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11/22/2021 01:25 PM

Please stop taking away off leash areas. We need to live in a more densely populated city, i.e. multi family dwellings. Where do you think people are supposed to let their dogs run? Or should we not have pets, even though they are clearly good for mental health, particularly those who live alone. May we also have more lighting along Dallas Road, in the park and on the street, to make it more safe for walking in the dark

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11/22/2021 01:34 PM

Solar powered lights along the galloping goose from Bay Street Bridge to Uptown would help greatly with safety for cyclists, and pedestrians. Particularly women walking alone.

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11/22/2021 01:45 PM

I am not happy that the city's ongoing policy of encouraging homeless people to come to Victoria and camp in our parks, is now leading to large amounts of taxpayer dollars being used to repair the resulting damage to the parks.

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11/22/2021 02:01 PM

stop evicting unhoused people from public spaces.

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11/22/2021 02:08 PM

More available public washrooms would facilitate a cleaner environment. Even the public urinal downtown is regularly utilized, where otherwise I believe people would be urinating on buildings

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 02:13 PM

More parks, off-leash dog areas, and public spaces. Less high-rises.

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11/22/2021 02:21 PM

There seems to be a push on over the last while to "improve" public spaces, whether they need it or not. The sidewalk/rock wall south of Moss Rock hill is an example. Nice to have, but certainly not necessary, and given a pandemic cycle with lower employment and tax revenues, something that didn't need to happen. The "plaza" next to the bathrooms at Ross Bay cemetery is another example - removing road (and leaving an overly constricted transportation path) to create a grass space with copious amounts of concrete and assorted furniture seems to be a project developed/implemented by somebody that was paying for it with other peoples money.

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11/22/2021 02:37 PM

Streetlights are bright to look at but do not illuminate sidewalks and crosswalks sufficiently .

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11/22/2021 03:50 PM

1. Not enough benches in parks and other green spaces. The benches should be either wood or plastic and avoid methalic ones.
2. Trees are cut down but not replaced right away or never.
3. More lights on streets outside downtown core and replace the lights with LED brighter ones.

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11/22/2021 04:05 PM

Increased amenities for public performance would be nice. More bathrooms would be a plus. Increased seating space is essential.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 04:12 PM

Park space should not be allocated to homeless for overnight camping. If public space must be provided, provide the space in City's indoor parking lots as the loss of parking revenue will be less than the costs of restoring park landscapes once campers move on.

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11/22/2021 04:21 PM

Our parks are beautifully maintained. Keep it up! Outdoor seating - someone needs to try them out before they are built and installed to see if they are comfortable! Tables - the new big block design - i feel those corners are "an accident waiting to happen" - such huge pieces of wood, sharp corners. Look nice though!

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11/22/2021 05:07 PM

I live in Fernwood and believe it is time that a focus be put on Fernwood to up grade the Public spaces to that of Fairfield and Jamesbay

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11/22/2021 05:29 PM

Ensuring washrooms are gender inclusive, accessible, and have menstrual product disposal options in all units.

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11/22/2021 05:38 PM

Council has allowed the parks and public spaces to deteriorate due to its policy of promoting tent cities in the parks and other public spaces. It will likely take years for the city to recover from this misguided policy

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11/22/2021 06:23 PM

Royal Athletic Park needs to be opened to the public. We are in a climate crisis and people need access to greenspace and housing. Open RAP and turn the parking lot into housing. The city needs to assess the use of all the land owned by the city and use it for the highest and best use.

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11/22/2021 06:27 PM

Zero tolerance to off leash dog activity on city beaches, parks.

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11/22/2021 07:05 PM

Parks have been unsafe due to the homeless situation and needs have been a concern. 1 skate park is not enough for youth. Langford should be looked at for being a leader in amenities. Bike tracks, safe sports fields.

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11/22/2021 07:23 PM

City run toilets in parks are horrible and an embarrassment when visitors have to use them.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 07:51 PM

Many of the parks have been decimated from displaced persons inhabiting them. I believe its important that cleanup efforts be a priority in 2022.

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11/22/2021 07:52 PM

You have ruined Clover Point, I can no longer go there ... I can't go for a drive through Beacon Hill Park either, so difficult being a senior and having some of our activities taken away. I no longer drive because all the signage and road changes are so confusing and difficult to adjust to.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 08:12 PM

Focus should be on removing invasive species in parks and revitalizing Indigenous food systems in addition to better lighting and CCTV in parks like Beacon Hill.

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11/22/2021 08:18 PM

Great job!

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 09:28 PM

The multidisciplinary parks team should not include bylaw officers.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 09:29 PM

The downtown neighbourhood has no real parks, the trees root systems are cemented over, developers are removing old trees, we need proper, useable green space downtown!

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 09:39 PM

Parks need to become more productive. We have freshly seen the consequences of the old model of infrastructure design—it is brittle, and expensive to fix. As we look around the province, we can expect to see major pieces of infrastructure that will never be fixed. This is the pattern over North America when major disasters occur—most places never really get repaired. This makes sense, because we have long passed the point of increasing productivity and cheap energy sources that allowed us to build so much extravagance. We simply can't afford it. It is great that council is limiting tax increases to inflation plus 1%—but I haven't had a raise in years, let alone a raise that matches inflation. Plant fruit and nut trees and contract with an urban orchardist for the care, harvest and sales. Develop an urban forest plan to sell fine hardwoods. And stop thinking of every thing as gold-plated. More pop skate parks and splash parks.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 09:43 PM

Please put a stop to cutting down sequoias and other large trees to make way for development. It's insane. How can you be committed to climate action while reducing the number of large trees in the canopy?? It makes no sense.

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11/22/2021 10:07 PM

Please make more of an effort to improve litter prevention efforts, especially around cigarette butts.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 10:53 PM

I would like to see more effort into restoration of our parks and less grass, as well as our public spaces made more accessible to unhoused people.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 10:59 PM

Allowing the homeless to erect tents in parks makes them unsafe and unusable.

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11/23/2021 12:01 AM

Ensure budgeted \$592,000 for drinking fountains and new park furniture does not support hostile architecture/ infrastructure (i.e. anti-homeless designs)

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 12:01 AM

You could save a lot of money by stopping bylaw staff from harassing homeless people.

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11/23/2021 05:03 AM

Parks are for all of us, including the unhoused population! End park evictions now!

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 07:13 AM

Embrace the culture of the city. Look at all the kids who are going out to skateboard and be active. Make space for them! Make more plazas skate friendly. You know how all of our plazas are just becoming homeless camps? Yeah that wouldn't happen if kids were utilizing that space to skate and exercise. Do some research of this from Copenhagen or Barcelona.

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11/23/2021 07:55 AM

Never allow tents or campers in Beacon Hill Park ever again! Keep and nurture our city's natural settings , don't allow food trucks etc or use of park for anything other than enjoying nature.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 09:16 AM

I would love to see more public space activation efforts and the permanent extension of covid recovery investment in growing public space. More and more permanent.

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11/23/2021 09:20 AM

All the city trees are overgrown and not maintained

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11/23/2021 09:24 AM

Lights at the Vic West skatepark.

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11/23/2021 09:50 AM

Open green spaces like parks should be seen as recreational only if every member of this community has access to safe and affordable housing, otherwise our parks should be open to those who need to shelter in tents.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 10:51 AM

More available public washrooms for all to use, not just kids and parents.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 10:51 AM

I think the people maintaining the parks are doing an amazing job given what they have to deal with. I just don't understand why camping in Beacon Hill, Topaz, etc. would have been allowed to begin with?? Such a huge health & safety problem for everyone living around the parks and even in the parks. So many people not even from Victoria coming to camp there. Not to mention the expense of remediating the parks afterwards.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 10:58 AM

I believe there is room for more public washrooms around victoria. As well as more native gardens (seen in quadra village)

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11/23/2021 11:04 AM

I'm very happy to see new food forest projects like the one at Franklin Green. My family visits a food forest most weekends-- they are as engaging for kids as playgrounds. Would love to see even more.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:07 AM

Removal of ongoing debris and homeless persons from the parks
Bylaw officers do not the authority to remove such activities in parks
Increase the budget to the Victoria Police Department

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:35 AM

Great job always with parks and greenspace. Thanks for the mulch mostly year round, and for the mulch and compost to community garden groups.

Screen Name Redacted

I think the parks definitely get their fair share of the budget.

11/23/2021 11:45 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Parks are poorly lighted in general and dirty

11/23/2021 12:04 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Please consider innovative lighting such as seen here:
<https://br.pinterest.com/pin/101260691612770374/> Complement the character of individual neighbourhoods by establishing visual identities to be revealed incrementally as budget permits over time ... lighting, street furniture, art, colour palettes, are examples of aspects that can be applied. In addition to planting trees, maintain them. The practice of "call back in 6 months, not a priority" is not acceptable for management of our tree canopy. It took at least 3 calls over the last many years to get some dead Garry Oak branches dealt with, despite warnings of risk to people and property. Asked if we could hire Bartlett's to do the job, the answer was that this would be an infringement. We get that resources are the issue...but it is past time to start recognizing volunteering residents as potential resources.

11/23/2021 12:04 PM

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The city has allowed the homeless population but moreover the criminal element of that to highjack our parks and public spaces and turn them into scary dangerous places that many people do not want to go to out of fear of being harassed or attacked. The downtown area is now a very different place and has become a place where merchants and taxpayer do not want to be hassled by the criminal and drug elements. I will only go downtown if I have to and do not want to go at night as it is getting dangerous. Why are you allowing this to happen!?! The parks and public places have to be for ALL citizens not just the ones "deemed" more in need. You are creating a ghetto out of downtown Victoria and it is sad. Do you have to wait until tourists start getting attacked and the world can see this that you realize the extend of the problem and the misguided city policies??

11/23/2021 12:28 PM

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I'd love to see more open air concerts in Beacon Hill Park.

11/23/2021 12:29 PM

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Since moving to Victoria 12 years ago I developed seasonal allergies that range from uncomfortable to debilitating. The worst part is there is a different species for each season! Coming from the Fraser Valley I am no stranger to high pollen counts, but Victoria's invasive species in particular, coupled with male dominate trees as a priority back in 60s and 70s makes Victoria an

11/23/2021 12:30 PM

allergen Hotspot. I've spoken with several folks who've had the same experience. I would like to see more resources given to organizations working to re-nativize our habitats and green spaces so that there is enough biodiversity to break up the invasive pollen clouds.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 12:33 PM

No more anti-homeless architecture. Please make benches that people are able to sleep on.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 12:54 PM

It appears that the City did not listen to the overwhelming desire to maintain Clover Point as it was prior to the sewer project. What is now in place does not best utilize the site for all residents. Further City Parks and Public Spaces should never be used or allowed to be used for overnight or any form of camping or habitation by homeless or others. The decision to allow overnight camping in Victoria was decided by one Judge at one time. This decision should have been and should now be challenged by the City of Victoria. Citizens in our city are being held hostage to the actions and intentions of persons not involved or taking any responsibility for residing in the city. This has to stop.

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11/23/2021 12:55 PM

During the Pandemic and 24/7 camping in the parks crime took over and infiltrated Beaconhill Park with weapons, explosions and fire, violence, massive garbage, environmental damage and making it unsafe for park staff without police protection and senior female residents like me to safely walk in the park. I personally was threatened during the day for just walking on a sidewalk in the park and had to stop walking in the park for over a year for safety reasons. I have resumed walking in the park this 6 months only because 24/7 camping has stopped and police presence has made it safer protecting park staff and local residents. I am appalled how camping destroyed the park and the millions it will cost to clean up and restore environmentally. Other parks in the city have had the similar experience. I think Victoria and local Victoria residents are very vocal about the 168% of crime increase in parks and especially downtown this year compared to other municipalities outside Victoria who did not have 24/7 camping in the parks with much much lower crime rate numbers.

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11/23/2021 01:08 PM

I would love to see more greens spaces or parklets in the downtown core area! The ones that have popped up during covid relief have been awesome. Increasing access to public washrooms would be great - Rock Bay Area could use washrooms, running

water & better outdoor seating to accommodate the community that lives there. Infrastructure could be improved in those areas that are already heavily used by the unhoused community members like Cook Street village area, beacon hill, the community fridge in Rock Bay, Topaz park etc. Better lighting in the Dallas Road/Beacon Hill area would be nice for women to safer walking through that area at night time.

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11/23/2021 01:08 PM

I would LOVE to see funding being built in for a future new GVPL main branch

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11/23/2021 01:32 PM

Parks are utilized most effectively when all types of people are able to make use of them at different intervals of the day and for different needs. Recreation, walking to and from work, etc. They should also be safe places for people to shelter; it should be understood that the shelters provided by the city are often inadequate for safe living when they amount to forced isolation and risk of overdose. The state of the world (opioid crisis, climate crisis, pandemic) necessitates that we put the needs of our most vulnerable ahead of our park aesthetics. Our desire to live in beautiful spaces should inspire us to stop thinking of more traditional park uses as incongruous with the very human need for community and for shelter.

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11/23/2021 01:40 PM

1. Plant more tall trees that form a high canopy. 2. Stop using fossil fuel powered machines to maintain boulevards and prune vegetation.

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11/23/2021 02:16 PM

I'd like to see the city revisit bylaws which were used to criminalize and punish unhoused people during the last year. Witnessing bylaw officers and police harass and batter our unhoused community members was deplorable in 2022. In a climate crisis and pandemic, supportive space, like public parks, are necessary for some of the most vulnerable populations.

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11/23/2021 02:44 PM

There could definitely be lighting improvements along the galloping goose trail along the Vic West shoreline.

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Along as they are clean (difficult with the increased homeless population wrecking them), the facilities are great

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11/23/2021 02:59 PM

More public washrooms would be nice.

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11/23/2021 03:03 PM

We should be more like Langford and prioritize families and those that contribute positively in the community. More sports fields and family centered activities

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11/23/2021 03:37 PM

Not the most relevant - but I would love to see less policing of homeless folks in parks! Just divert those expenses into better park maintenance.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 03:44 PM

You've made washrooms and parks unsafe by your leniency with the dangerous elements within the homeless population.

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11/23/2021 03:57 PM

As long as public safety is generally assured, parks are in great condition. There have been serious assaults around Topaz Park, though, and walking at night is no longer safe.

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11/23/2021 04:05 PM

I think there needs to be more fenced dog parks. There are very few offerings and the partially fenced spaces create conflicts and issues. I would love to see more public washrooms. There are very few options. Landscaping in this city is very beautiful but I would like to see landscaping with more of a climate focus - native plants and spaces for water runoff to be absorbed.

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11/23/2021 04:21 PM

Could use more specific use parks. Finding a baseball diamond in the summer is tricky

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11/23/2021 04:21 PM

Park remediation is a priority.

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11/23/2021 04:25 PM

More and safer bike racks. What's the point of biking places if the bike racks aren't anchored, you can't find one, or they are far from stores. Bike parking is fine off pandora and Johnson bike lanes, but scarce in other commercial areas.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 05:11 PM

It is important to end 24x7 camping in all parks as essentially all have been offered housing by BC Housing, and those who left that should be given an option that does not involve the cities public spaces, such as dedicated supervised site.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 05:23 PM

Thank you for repairing Beacon Hill Park and maintaining it as a safe sanctuary of natural beauty for everyone

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 05:23 PM

Ensuring that there are public washrooms available for the underserved and unhoused community is a public health concern, and I support ensuring that access is there for these communities.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 05:34 PM

More lights, of lower-wattage, would be nice. There are some dark areas in between lamps where I feel nervous walking at night. But I also don't want us to increase the light-pollution and energy waste.

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11/23/2021 05:35 PM

there should be more off leash dog areas that are fully fenced with a gate

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11/23/2021 05:42 PM

Would like to see more leash free parks

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 05:47 PM

I wish there were more street lights on Cook. It's pretty dark from Fort going south. I don't feel that safe walking my dog after dark.

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11/23/2021 06:02 PM

While there is some effort made to protect trees, it still seems that it is too easy. And when evergreens are taken down, they always seem to be replaced by deciduous . Evergreens = clean air. Dog owners are spreading off leash areas too far from the designated boundaries. More enforcement needed. Bathrooms are important to an aging population and in Victoria they are far and few between.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 06:24 PM

Please increase policing in public areas to reduce likelihood of unprovoked violent attacks.

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11/23/2021 07:00 PM

Never again 24/7 camping. It didn't work for the residents or most of the campers- but it was a windfall for the criminals.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 07:04 PM

a fenced off-leash dog park would be amazing for a city full of pet owners

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11/23/2021 08:23 PM

Stop sending bylaw to steal from the homeless and tear down their tents or destroy community projects

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11/23/2021 08:34 PM

Covered outdoor areas are essential in this climate.

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11/23/2021 09:09 PM

Allow space for street and houseless populations to make use of the space.

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11/23/2021 09:43 PM

There should be better fencing around dog parks, or at least one more dog park where the area is fully fenced in (for safety).

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 10:04 PM

Transfer money used for bylaw to displace unhoused folks daily , and put towards social housing .

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 10:05 PM

There should be funding provided to ensure that people tenting in parks at night have access to dignified washroom facilities. Washrooms should either be left open at night or there should be alternative washroom facilities for unhoused people to use when the primary ones are closed. I have also needed to use the washroom in the evening when spending time at the park with friends and have found it locked, so this is a concern that affects more than one demographic. Money that is being proposed for supporting public parks and spaces should be used for making those spaces more liveable for people forced to shelter there, since we remain in a housing crisis. This would also make the parks more usable for the general housed public, and promote neighbourliness amongst people of different classes.

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11/23/2021 10:05 PM

I would like to see more green space in the downtown core. I recognize this is hard to come by, but hope there is a vision to make our downtown more green and park-friendly. It's a rarity in a Canadian city to have a downtown core with such limited green space. I would also like to see more covered / sheltered outdoor public areas. There are many people who use our parks for recreation and shelter -- the lack of covered areas, especially in the winter, is important to ensure they're welcoming spaces. I also hope to see more park washrooms open 24/7. Many people are forced to shelter in our parks in the winter. I have no doubt that locking them at night ends up costing the city more money than if

they were to leave them open, e.g., between fielding complaints from neighbours, cleaning up waste, and fixing locks when people try to get in.

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11/23/2021 11:15 PM

This survey is poorly designed and this question is hard to answer without more guidance. What document should I be referring to? What pages? Please improve the survey next year.

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11/23/2021 11:25 PM

Naturalizing city beds shouldn't seem to be a punishment but that's how they've turned out so far. Terrible maintenance, monotonous design. Concentrate on pollinators, even introduced pollinators. Trees are poorly monitored for hazards, 2 giant limbs have fallen off Garry Oaks within a block of my home this year, both on pedestrian heavy streets.

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11/23/2021 11:39 PM

Park improvements are only shown as representing 4% of the proposed budget. Safe nighttime walking paths (solar powered), seating, playground upgrades, community gardens, public art, consultations with Indigenous people need to be included in that and it seems low.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:47 PM

I want to be clear that while I appreciate the City's public grounds maintenance, I'm not interested in an approach to it that relies on kicking impoverished people out of public spaces or demonizing them as harmful to public space and landscaping

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:55 PM

with apparent increasing # of dogs need to ensure that natural areas not being overused. For example the leash on area in JB along Dallas waterfront often used off leash. Most dog owners are responsible however I suggest should not be allowed by default to become the norm as Dallas off leash area is basically a mud field.

Screen Name Redacted

11/24/2021 07:43 AM

Don't allow any more camping in the parks

Optional question (551 response(s), 508 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q8 | Do you have any comments or suggestions you would like to share about the City's operating or capital budgets proposed for 2022?

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11/09/2021 04:03 PM

Stick to the basics. Limit tax increase to cost of living plus 1% as promised.

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11/09/2021 05:49 PM

More money needs to go towards neighbourhoods that are the most disadvantaged. Where is the equity team here? They should be given a voice in these decisions.

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11/09/2021 06:15 PM

More accessible ways of sharing budget information in different formats - i.e. project based or theme based way of presenting numbers. Also making budget presentations either thematically or based on neighbourhoods through community /virtual presentations would encourage greater awareness and participation from the public.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 07:17 PM

Stop adding barriers, curb extensions and medians to roadways. It is becoming so dangerous to drive in Victoria thanks to tighter roadways and large concrete obstructions. Bike lanes have ruined the city in so many ways. Those few that wish to ride bikes can ride them to the existing infrastructure and laneways you have already created. Stop spending money on this wasteful exercise to destroy the road system that will need to be taken back to allow the safe flow of traffic of electric cars which will take over our roads in just a few short years. You are fixing yesterdays problems with todays money and that is just very sad. The fix to housing affordability and safe clean commuting in the car, the electric car. It needs roads!!!!

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 07:55 PM

Make sure there is enough money allocated to the Victoria Police Department. Ensure that there is enough money so 10 new policemen can be hired. Stop wasting money ridding up and ruining our streets for bike lanes. Stop allotting money to put large planters in the roadways, such as on Maddison Street. The streets are for vehicles, not planters!

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2021 08:12 PM

I Think its okay to not spending any more funds in these area. There has been many incredible projects complete in the last few years and I think we really need to look at our public safety issue.

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11/09/2021 09:33 PM

Downtown is no longer a nice place to be. We avoid it bc of the feeling of being unsafe with our children and the amount of open drug use and homeless people that accost us constantly when walking downtown. This deters us from attending events and supporting downtown businesses.

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11/09/2021 09:54 PM

The work you do is appreciated!

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11/09/2021 11:44 PM

Increase police budget and decrease spending in areas that are clearly not municipal responsibilities.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 04:31 AM

Concentrate on core municipal responsibilities, rather than pursuing ideological dreams. Control the City budget as you would if the City is under threat, which it is, due to COVID-19 pandemic repercussions and Council's disastrous decision to allow 24/7 camping in parks which has caused our addiction/mentally ill population to explode. Reduce expenditure and grand plans where possible (instead you hired an entirely new EDI Office, and we have 2 poet laureates). To mitigate poor decisions, you will have to approve an increased Police budget (please do so.....and put it down to a learning experience for yourselves). Freeze new-hiring, and ask dept heads to monitor worker efficiency (it's very common to see CoV workers lounging around on the job, e.g. road works requires 6 people observing and 1 person in the hole with a shovel?). When spending public money, please hold those receiving it responsible (no 'ACAB' on the public dime). Decrease the City's grant programs. Stop the free bus passes for youths. This should be a 'wartime budget' - act accordingly. The residential property tax increase of 4.0% in 2021 is unsustainable, and will flow through to rental increases. This makes it an 'unaffordable' effect on everyone.....whether homeowner or renter, whether elderly, young or working families.

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11/10/2021 07:06 AM

Emphasis on park and recreation space, better infrastructure for density and access to amenities as neighborhood divide of wealthy/poor increases

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11/10/2021 08:24 AM

With successive increases in property tax in an increasingly unaffordable City I urge Victoria to stick to core accountabilities such as Public Safety (policing) and infrastructure. Any other expenditure (e.g. poet's laureate, musicians in residence, 15% of development fees for first nations) is beyond the scope of this

Council and not sustainable in my view. An inclusive and far reaching referendum on these non-core expenses - supported by a business case outlining what tax paying citizens of Victoria are giving up for those nice to haves - is required.

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11/10/2021 09:29 AM

I am completely against spending tax dollars to give to First Nations. This is a blatant misuse of public funds and is way out of the cities mandate.

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11/10/2021 09:29 AM

As much as possible, money should go into permanent infrastructure instead of used as grants for things like events or other ephemeral one offs.

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11/10/2021 10:38 AM

There is little in the way of focus on things squarely within the city's domain.

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11/10/2021 11:36 AM

not at this time

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11/10/2021 12:10 PM

Defund the police and invest in healthcare

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11/10/2021 12:20 PM

Support the police & empower them to increase public safety and reduce the ever growing crime in our city. I no longer feel safe in Victoria. Invest in removing the rampant graffiti that now plagues our once beautiful city everywhere. Stop building more temporary housing facilities.

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11/10/2021 12:41 PM

Focus on public safety including funding the police.

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11/10/2021 01:35 PM

MOney from property taxes to native tribes is outside of municipal purview. Reconciliation, in terms of land, money and resources is a provincial and federal government matter. Keep out of it. With the effects of covid on our city businesses and taxpayers and the debt we have incurred, this is a terrible idea form a financial health of the city standpoint also.

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11/10/2021 01:46 PM

Stop giving cash to special interest groups. The City is not a charity.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 02:11 PM

More funding for the police to return Victoria to a welcoming and safe community; disagree with recent suggestions in the press to give FNs a share of new development taxes; more money for essential services and less for major & council pet environmental projects.

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11/10/2021 02:34 PM

stop increasing residential tax- you talk about a welcoming city and housing affordability while making it less and less affordable for retired people on small pensions that happen to be lucky to have a house. Only 10 years ago I paid >\$1000 less than I pay now in taxes; and yet, the city is deteriorating despite all this annual tax grab

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 03:07 PM

Do NOT give an annual grant to First Nations. This if anything is a federal matter. The First Nations people are already receiving many perks worth thousands of dollars each year that is NOT AVAILABLE to Non First Nations people.

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11/10/2021 03:49 PM

Remove all references to Equity and Inclusion from city programs. All citizens must be treated equally regardless of race or gender. Low income programs should have income as their only requirement.

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11/10/2021 04:07 PM

Growth in the taxbase through speeding up the number of approved market housing units should be the priority as opposed to raising costs on existing homeowners (especially as many new homeowners are young and have limited budgets).

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11/10/2021 04:43 PM

Need larger police budget.

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11/10/2021 05:18 PM

Underground infrastructure replacement is crucial — good to see that this is a high priority. Now, as for the roads ?

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11/10/2021 08:01 PM

Try to avoid using words that each person can interpret in their own way: welcoming, equitable, inclusive, healthy, safe, vulnerable, sustainable, innovative are examples. While these words can seem to make it "easier" to "measure" success, they set you up for failure

in the long run. Nobody knows what you are talking about, and you don't know what the public are talking about. Makes for poor communication.

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11/10/2021 09:14 PM

Pair down and use prudent austerity. Help struggling residents out by cutting taxes where possible.

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11/10/2021 09:48 PM

Increase the police budget, stop spending scarce money of frivolous ideology. Return the City to what it was before your time, a safe family friendly place instead of the dirty drug infested maze that it has become

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11/10/2021 10:51 PM

You don't have the power or right to collect money for the First Nations people. Don't be lying to them again and filling with false hopes.

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11/10/2021 11:25 PM

Given the current environment in Victoria, I support the VPD's requested increase in funding for both officers and civilians. And other municipalities should be paying their fair share related to the homeless population and related criminal element that we in Victoria are left to address!

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11/11/2021 06:44 AM

Even long time residents like ourselves are struggling to afford living here. Young families that we know are leaving. Victoria taxes are very high, and should be restrained with far less spending on non-necessities. Improving affordability should be the #1 priority. And alternatives to giving in to every demand from the manipulative and bullying police chief and his cheering squad.

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11/11/2021 10:36 AM

less on bike lanes, more parking downtown.

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11/11/2021 11:05 AM

Adding money to already bloated police budgets has done absolutely nothing for years. Ensuring streaming of funds to police - alternatives (NOT bylaw) is essential.

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11/11/2021 11:45 AM

Keep expanding the bike lanes and also the bus-only lanes.

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11/11/2021 11:59 AM

Less police, more housing, more mental health workers.

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11/11/2021 01:27 PM

Increase the Vic PD's budget so that women (young, old, pregnant, etc) can feel comfortable again walking around the downtown core in the DAYTIME, not to mention the evening hours. Also, more support for ambulance and paramedic services so civilians don't feel it is their sole duty to call 911 for the plethora of unconscious humans lying on the pavement all through downtown in drug and/or alcohol-induced stupors.

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11/11/2021 04:21 PM

Reconciliation should be focused on at a national/ provincial level. Can still respect and take into account culture in programs. Activity/crimes of dangerous people on street should not be discounted/excused. We have a community responsibility but they also have an individual responsibility. I'm very sure that the majority of Victorians want more police presence, not less as the crime rate has went up lately. Amalgamation of the 13? municipalities should be made a priority.

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11/11/2021 04:33 PM

The presentations you provide for the public is too long and confusing (777 pages). There should be one summary document. Furthermore there are too many goals and objectives that make it impossible for council to govern adequately without people getting frustrated. Out 8 strategic goals, focus on 4 and leave the other 4 for another year. Or, find an innovative way to mould strategic goals into larger more comprehensive ideas

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11/11/2021 06:24 PM

Many areas are becoming increasingly unsafe, garbage is everywhere, green spaces are no longer welcoming to families. Rats are running around visibly because of filth openly left thrown on sidewalks and streets. Lack of any kind of bylaw or any enforcement to help with fixing any of these problems. The city has changed for the worse in a very short time. I am sadly unhopeful that the current situation is going to change without a completely different mindset. All that seems to come out of city hall is arguing and divisiveness

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11/11/2021 06:28 PM

Many many programs as shown in the summary documents could be cut. Easily cut and should be cut. Focus on responsibilities of the City - infrastructure. City spending too much on "group think" activities and wasteful communications that are neither needed nor trusted while needed information very very difficult to find.

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11/11/2021 06:37 PM

1. We seem to be in a vicious circle whereby capital funds are allocated to repair damage caused by homeless encampments in one set of parks, while designating another set of parks for present and future homeless camping with the full expectation that damage will be done to those parks, which will then require restoration in a future budget. Please use the budgets to bring an end to camping in parks, including vans and rvs semi-permanently parked in and along our public spaces.

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11/11/2021 06:38 PM

stop spending money on bike lanes where they are not needed ie: Richardson st. My street and many other side streets much busier. Traffic recording should have been done before AND after these questionable closures.

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11/11/2021 07:13 PM

Run city hall like your running a business.

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11/11/2021 07:29 PM

Please take care of infrastructure: our roads and sidewalks need repair. Increase the police budget.

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11/11/2021 08:59 PM

Fund the police

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11/11/2021 09:07 PM

Spend money on essential infrastructure and refrain from wasteful spending like homeless camps

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11/11/2021 09:16 PM

You guys are a dumpster fire. You way as well get a oil drum I, dump all our tax \$ in it, pour some gasoline and light a match. Almost every worker either in parks, concrete, roads etc are complete dog fuckers, why are there always dump trucks hanging out at malls near the end of the day? How can concrete workers leave work early, use city tools and do side jobs on city time. You guys are rotten at the core, complete.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 11:54 PM

Stop handing out money to your cronies projects, lower property taxes s living in Victoria is possible. How much living is getting done if people do nothing but work to pay their mortgage and property taxes. Give people back their hard earned money.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 05:59 AM

Please spend money on improving intersections for bikes such as crossing lights that can be easily accessed. At present you need to go up to sidewalk to access cross walk light. Better parking for evoked. Please expedite crystal pool

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 11:28 AM

I would like to see the budget focused on normal budget mandates (safety, infrastructure, maintenance) and less about ideological projects and tasks - we need better coordination of projects rather than wasting money on contracts that fit together due to poor management of infrastructure projects (example - Cook Street is being dug up again with recently installed curbs and tarmac being removed)

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 12:25 PM

Yes, "stick to your knitting" and don't take on responsibility for things that the provincial and federal government are responsible for. The city should not take on new projects including economic development and Oceans. Not your responsibility. Economic Development unit is \$300K and has a high travel budget. What is the return on this investment and is this a city responsibility? A lot of money is budgeted for the new office of Equity and Inclusion. I'm not saying that equity and inclusion aren't important but do you really need to spend \$360K/year on it? It should be one position. Advocate that the Province reduce bus transportation costs rather than taking on the cost as the City.

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11/12/2021 01:49 PM

Referenda should be held on big ticket items that the city wants to spend money on. In particular the newly, not well thought out, funds to First Nations communities.

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11/12/2021 01:51 PM

I am also a dog owner and for the most part i am satisfied with the off leash areas, though i would love to see a small dog fenced in dogpark, i have always worried bringing my 14lb dog to a dog park due to his size, he can't compete with 100lb dogs

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11/12/2021 02:05 PM

Keep the Accessibility Reserve, and make plans to spend it, where project budgets just provide "accessibility light" approach. Create a medium and long term plan to proactively REMOVE barriers in the built environment, on the basis of criteria and priorities based on positive accessibility impact. Do not wait until work needs to be done in the area for other reasons. VCC still has accessibility barriers, encountered and reported when Accessibility Town Hall

was held. I see no plans to address those. Maintain streets. City "pedestrianised" Beacon Hill Park, but the closed roadways are badly deteriorated and are NOT accessible lines of travel. Pleased to see the BHP circulation and accessibility project but mitigations of barriers introduced should not have to wait for years. Do it as soon as possible, using existing information sources such as previous consultant's reports and input to POSMP, input during development of Accessibility Framework etc. Don't make assumptions that people with disabilities can't access natural areas before trying, and don't do natural areas first, because that will limit choices

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11/12/2021 02:13 PM

Safety is a key concern in Victoria for its visitors and residences. Bylaw needs to be given the tools and staffing requirements to help make these spaces safer! The police need to be given the same support including mental health worker field support!!!

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11/12/2021 05:45 PM

reduce budgets by 10%

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11/12/2021 08:35 PM

No comment

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11/12/2021 09:03 PM

More police , give them actual powers , give homeless a home or if mental issues commit them not have them a danger

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11/12/2021 09:42 PM

No more bike lanes Cancel the proposed racism levy (First Nations tax) against white people planned on siphoning hard-earned income away from deserving projects Federal Government handles Truth & Reconciliation, not a municipal government Focus on your jobs, not racist projects

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11/12/2021 10:51 PM

I respond to these SROs, is there no line in the sand on how many we can afford? They are violent, the rooms get BUs and then fumigated on tax dollars. Garbage everywhere in the parks. Stop being a destination for mentally unstable people .

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11/12/2021 11:35 PM

I'd like to see an end to the rhetoric of defunding the police stop around the council table. Fund the police properly. We need a return to safety on the streets. I no longer feel safe downtown. I am not happy with the restructuring of the city parking lots. Barriers for me to come and shop downtown.

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11/13/2021 06:45 AM

No more vanity projects until public safety is dealt with

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11/13/2021 07:21 AM

I would suggest full forensic financial audits of all council members and all family members.

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11/13/2021 07:46 AM

No more vanity projects, taxes are way too high for the services we are receiving.

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11/13/2021 07:58 AM

Stick to providing basic services in the city and within it's control. Don't undertake or replicate initiatives that are Federal or Provincial responsibilities eg Those that Ministries of Health, Energy, Environment, Climate and Finance are responsible for. The city needs to fix roads and sewers etc, not all the problems the next 2 levels of government are charged with

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11/13/2021 08:30 AM

I would like to see a review of public sector salaries as compared to comparable provincial government positions. I was an IT executive with the provincial government managing 100's of staff and a budget of \$200M. My pay was in the 120k range (2019). City staff salary is way out of line with the Provincial Government equivalents.

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11/13/2021 08:41 AM

It will take years to recover from the pandemic. Not everything needs to be "caught up" in one year. Policing (city safety) is a big priority for me.

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11/13/2021 08:57 AM

Do not proceed with the potential donation of a portion of new tax revenue to the indigenous reconciliation program. It is not in the mandate of Council to "donate" tax money to a private proposed cash grab.

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11/13/2021 09:35 AM

Not in agreement to the proposal of the levy to the first nations

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11/13/2021 09:55 AM

Fix roads - too many potholes and rough pavement

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11/13/2021 09:59 AM

Put financial commitments into Crystal pool.

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11/13/2021 10:02 AM

Fix the potholes.

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11/13/2021 10:02 AM

Stay in your lane, stop trying to change things out side of your obligations to the municipality.

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11/13/2021 10:06 AM

While the overall operating budget doesn't look unreasonable, if inflation doesn't come down substantially in the next year we will face some fairly drastic reductions in services and real compensation reductions for employees. It isn't unreasonable to assume some moderation, but if it does not occur Budget 2023 will need to be particularly aggressive. While the level of funding increase seems reasonable given crime increases, I will flag that the city really needs to secure a regional policing model. I think there's a case for more resources, but it also isn't fiscally sustainable for the core to carry this fiscal burden.

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11/13/2021 10:32 AM

Enough with the bike lanes until we are back on our feet financially and safety-wise. No more free/low barrier housing without vaccinations!!! NO 24/7 CAMPING. No more homelessness society funding until mental health and addictions support is hugely increased.

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11/13/2021 10:58 AM

Focus spending on core public services rather than the large chunk on taxes spent on charitable organization and other pet projects outside city perviue. That includes adequately funding the Victoria Police Department and improving public safety.

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11/13/2021 11:04 AM

The municipality of Victoria is not responsible for providing financial assistance to indigenous Canadians. This is a federal government mandate. The people of Victoria are already contributing millions of dollars to this through corporate and personal income taxes.

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11/13/2021 11:05 AM

Support the police, downtown is a mess. Reconciliation is a Federal and Prov. issue and should not consume municipal resources. This means no tax money from any source. Sunday parking revenue should not be assigned to a project - this was done to gain support for an initiative that should never be municipal.

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11/13/2021 11:32 AM

Pleas stick to municipal issues.

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11/13/2021 11:38 AM

Increased budget to increase police and bylaw officers to improve safety and security in the community is a must and welcomed. I believe the community is willing to see property taxes increase to effectively tackle this serious problem. Although the added tax revenue is welcome and housing is needed, resist approving multiple clusters of high rises throughout the city to avoid future "high-rise ghettos" that could destroy what makes Victoria special and unique.

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11/13/2021 11:45 AM

Let developers pay for more staff, not taxpayers

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11/13/2021 12:03 PM

Please focus on making the city feel safe. Please stop creating functions that are another level of government's responsibility.

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11/13/2021 12:10 PM

The city is ignoring existing infrastructure and spending money on pet projects that do not make things more liveable. Acting like the person who paints a house and then loses the house when the water pipes burst or sewer lines back up - Fix broken sidewalks, look after the parks - build the swimming pool where it was initially proposed - look after basic infrastructure before going off on pet projects

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11/13/2021 12:33 PM

Stop the bike lanes- build housing instead. Be tough on all crime.

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11/13/2021 12:56 PM

As per 5 above, focus on the core needs of the city like policing, road repair, parks maintenance, storm and sewer, rather than non essential items like resident artists, resident indigenous persons, reconciliation efforts, mental health initiatives that are the responsibility of other levels of government. Stop spending our precious tax dollars on these extraneous items.

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Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 01:51 PM	Acquiring more park space for downtown and surrounding areas is way overdue.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 02:08 PM	More money should be allocated for policing
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 02:57 PM	Scrap or postpone the cycling infrastructure and put the money on urgent projects to help recover from the downturn due to COVID.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 03:12 PM	Downtown is not safe because Lisa Helps has lured hurdlers of drug addicts to Victoria while defunding the police
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 03:34 PM	We're in a climate emergency. Frankly, there is no service I get from the City that I would not be prepared to see paused if it meant that the City would divert funds in order to use them to fight climate change. I would happily pay more taxes if they would be used to fight climate change. The City is not doing enough.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 03:54 PM	Stop with the bike lanes. Total waste of money.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 05:56 PM	Litter needs to be addressed more clean ups of the beaches, roads, boulevards, also garbage cans replaced with recycling ones that can't be stolen.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 06:13 PM	I don't want to pay any taxes for indigenous issues. The city is just causing racism. It's time the statutes were replaced.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 06:43 PM	Nothing of note
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 08:32 PM	The city is unsafe. It's dirty. And it's getting worse. Cease all activists activities and spend that are behind municipal purview. Health and housing are provincial and federal mandates. Victoria alone cannot bear the cost of an activist councils agenda.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 09:01 PM	I think that City Council should return to 'the basics' in terms of civic expenditures.

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Why is it necessary to invest \$520000 to create crossings and upgrades at Menzies and Michigan and at Kingston and Montreal? That seems an unnecessary and way too large amount.

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11/13/2021 11:27 PM

The budget is FAR too dense to go through. Where is the STAFF-GENERATED synopsis? The reason I want it to be staff-generated is because I, & many others, do not trust Mayor&Council or upper management.

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11/14/2021 08:27 AM

Spend it wisely and stop looking for new projects. This city is very far behind in taking care of the taxpaying public and spends far too much time and public money on social concerns that are not our issue

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11/14/2021 08:37 AM

I do not support any increase to the bylaw budget. Before the pandemic, the bylaw department exercised much more discretion with people experiencing homelessness. Now the department is determined for every tent to be down by 7am. Why? Take that \$1 million and do something good with it that actually helps people exit homelessness.

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Stop major projects that have no grant funding

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11/14/2021 09:34 AM

We need more police presence downtown. The vagrancy is ridiculous. I'm scared to walk anywhere by myself and would never come down at night. Honestly downtown is gross. Someone has screwed Victoria up big time.

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11/14/2021 10:00 AM

Stay in your lane. Focus on the city, it's businesses and the tax payers. Make all camping illegal. Become INNOVATIVE with out homeless and mental health and crime issue: You are following in the footsteps of Portland and Seattle. They need MORE than homes - they need HELP - if they don't accept help, they go to some other city. Where it's cheaper. Do better. Be innovative with the crime and homeless issue! Be a model for other cities to follow!

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Love and wholly support enhanced bike lanes.

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Invest in a new public pool

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Please consider heritage appearance when having new buildings approved.

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Have a long term plan.

11/14/2021 11:17 AM

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Although there are \$114,000 in additional funds in the 2022 Draft Budget for GVPL, they have already been allocated to the \$200,000 feasibility study to explore the possibility of renovating or moving Central Branch. The draft budget does not allocate funds for providing library services, such as book return boxes, a pop-up library during summer months (when school libraries are closed), or weekly bookmobile service in the north end of the city. This is a significant oversight given the clear strategic plan commitment to provide library services in the north end of the city. Please include an amount in the GVPL budget for providing library services in the north end of the city.

11/14/2021 11:26 AM

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Bank accounts are currently paying 0.05% interest so tax increases need to be limited to that % otherwise you are reducing the affordability of living in Victoria

11/14/2021 11:29 AM

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Work needs to be done regarding the congestion on the roads in the city. Bike lanes have not reduced traffic - they have only caused congestion on other roads. With high density housing there is usually one vehicle per unit - all these vehicles are now on the roads.

11/14/2021 12:57 PM

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How many middle management need to be terminated to continue garbage can pick up for residences

11/14/2021 01:50 PM

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Proposed tax rate is way too high. Calgary is proposing less than 1%. Stop wasting our money on frivolous projects, poets, music, and other dumb things.

11/14/2021 02:04 PM

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11/14/2021 04:19 PM

Increased funding for our police and first responders.

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11/14/2021 04:22 PM

Crystal pool replacement must be addressed immediately. The current site is ideal and the only location.

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11/14/2021 04:24 PM

wasting too much money on non essential items that are not the City of Victoria's responsibility.

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11/14/2021 06:17 PM

Ever since the City invited marginalized folks (mostly men) with drug and mental health problems to live here for free camping, and then have to commit crimes of survival, maybe ya'll could increase the police budget to deal with the problem you orchestrated since we also don't have enough health services on the Island in any case.

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11/14/2021 06:42 PM

Please fully fund the police boards request for additional funds.

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11/14/2021 08:12 PM

Stick to basic core functions . Victoria can not afford some counsellors "wokeness"

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11/15/2021 07:43 AM

The budget priority should be around safety and well being for the current residents. Businesses tax rates should increase at the same level as residential or possibly at a higher level. There is no reason for residential to increase at a higher level to support the frivolous projects being proposed.

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11/15/2021 10:48 AM

Get more creative in how services can be delivered...instead of adding staff, look at how processes and regulations can be simplified, reduced or eliminated.

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11/15/2021 10:57 AM

I found your initial forced choice question annoying. If I select "Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations", it suggests that I support the City Family abomination, which I do not. If I select "Affordable Housing", it suggests that I support the City being involved financially in a Provincial responsibility, which I do not. If I select, "Health Well-being and a Welcoming City", it suggests that I support the City Council's stupid agenda of attracting homeless to the City by being the only council in the area to let them do as they

please. I do not support this. If I select "Climate Leadership and Environmental Stewardship", it suggests that I support hiring a cadre of environmentalists to write long papers recommending hugely expensive and likely unnecessary actions. Why should Victoria be the climate leader on the expensive bleeding edge of technological change? Vancouver and Toronto will do it first and we can learn from their example and do it cheaper without all the fuss. If I choose "Strong, Liveable Neighborhoods", I have no idea what that means to anybody else. My neighbourhood is nicely liveable, but I know that certain members of Council have their own definition of this which favours densification as we try to live like New York in the 1800's with residences above shops or something. I do not support this as it is interpreted by this Council. So, how does one choose when half of this stuff is outside Council's mandate and interpreted differently than what I would like to see?

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11/15/2021 11:04 AM

The proposed yearly grant to the Indigenous communities is NOT something that should be up to the taxpayers to fund, nor should it be a municipal decision! Funding such as this is a provincial or federal responsibility! This proposal will cost Victoria taxpayers exorbitant expense over the years ! Our focus should be on funding the first priority! Public safety! Vic PD and first responders must be supported and adequately funded! The homeless population, those with drug addiction and mental illness MUST be provided with rehabilitation, mental healthcare and social support! Taxpayers have been paying for homeless shelters only to have them destroyed and burned down and, surrounding neighborhoods experiencing huge increases of crime . It is completely outrageous to believe that simply supplying a roof is enough! Get priorities straight please , focus on the needs of the MAJORITY of citizens! NOT solely on the cycling community!

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11/15/2021 12:29 PM

I think funding for the VicPD is essential right now. Until we get the proper services in place like social services our town will continue to deteriorate. Until then we need the police to keep things in order

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11/15/2021 01:32 PM

waisting money on fixing problems that the current council has created. 8 fulltime positions that amount to over 1 million dollars yearly

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Its a reasonable balance

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11/15/2021 02:49 PM

More enforcement and support for bylaw and less for areas that are not critical municipal responsibilities such as payments to Songhees FN and enabling the under houses when it is a senior government issue OR should be a CRD shared responsibility.

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11/15/2021 03:38 PM

Limit spending to only those items directly related to the City's core municipal powers and responsibilities as set out in the Local Government Act and Community Charter. It's been a challenging time and the city should not anticipate spending our tax dollars that could only be generated by raising rates. Do not

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11/15/2021 04:18 PM

Police need to have their budget slashed, not increased. Remove policing of people erecting structures in park and remove bylaw enforcement related to this as well. Also, the engagement budget amount isn't an issue but the lack of engagement of people living in the margins means that only privileged people get to have input to city decisions.

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11/15/2021 04:58 PM

I am very opposed to the proposed increase in VicPD's budget. Policing is a large part of our budget and is not addressing the real problems we are facing. Please do not devote even more money to solutions to homelessness/public safety that do no work.

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11/15/2021 05:23 PM

Help small landlords protect their investments. Keep tax increase to the minimum. Landlord expenses have risen out of proportion with the cost of living index. Keep public parks free of campers. Increase funding for mental health. Please stop calming traffic! Allow those who have to drive to work and downtown without impediments. Look at Cook Street now - cars lined up and waiting, 6-light waits - more exhaust being emitted while cars idle and wait for the light at Pandora. Berms on Memorial crescent telling people to yield are totally unnecessary - drivers know how to yield on narrow roads! Keep the roads clear. Trust pedestrians to know how to cross streets without having to extend sides of roads into the traffic lanes.

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Focus on core services and community resilience.

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more support for those who don't have family doctor , we also need preventive healthcare and more modern diagnostics and treatments

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Make more waterways

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11/15/2021 05:36 PM

Raising taxes is tough, but necessary if we are to move ahead.

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11/15/2021 05:38 PM

Would like to have more access to city information and info - make participating in city's future easier and more accessible. Easy to find or come across. Is the budget proposal for just Victoria or the greater area? Can we consolidate with the CRD instead of so many municipalities so that proposals and projects can get funded and approved?

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11/15/2021 05:52 PM

quit spending our money on your precious pet projects and please look after this city before you totally destroy it!

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11/15/2021 05:56 PM

Stick to civic responsibilities and stop meddling in provincial and federal jurisdictions.

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11/15/2021 05:57 PM

Too many consultants used in small projects where the fees sometimes seem to exceed planned expenses.

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11/15/2021 06:00 PM

Keep tax increases to the rate of inflation and spend within your means like the rest of us.

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11/15/2021 06:04 PM

I think that expenditure on bike lanes, street art, and other expenditures that might seem "frivolous" given the current context and focus on key services that absolutely cannot wait.

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11/15/2021 06:27 PM

The pool replacement saga is a gong show. How can you spend 2 million dollars planning and achieve nothing. There are continual suggestions or proposals for funding of new positions that will add little tangible value. Seems optics are more important than fiscal responsibility.

Please continue to build more bike lanes and improve crosswalks

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11/15/2021 06:31 PM

Please continue to build more bike lanes and improve crosswalks and sidewalks. This should be our primary focus for creating a healthy urban population and contributing to global climate goals. In addition, I do not consider it fair that my taxes are raised much higher than the CPI in order to reduce or offset the taxes of business owners. There are many tax payers in the city that struggle to pay their taxes and they should not be subsidizing free enterprise.

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No additional comments

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11/15/2021 06:58 PM

I do not want any part of the city tax revenue shared with indigenous people

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11/15/2021 07:18 PM

NEW POOL - Library is fine and supported by multi branches

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11/15/2021 07:26 PM

Please be aware that a number of your citizens can't really afford inflation PLUS 1% increase in taxes. Pension income does not work that way. Pensions rarely get above inflation. Please keep this to below inflation so that citizens can afford to be part of the vibrant city and support its businesses.

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11/15/2021 08:17 PM

Do not proceed with transferring any municipal taxes to First Nations.

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11/15/2021 08:26 PM

NO additions and stop the participatory budgeting. If we have increases stop wasting money on opera, murals and ridiculous programs

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 08:28 PM

Defund the bullying police. Help bring in Anti Oppression 101, teaches about power in every situation. We are dealing with toxic masculinity, racism and poor bashing. Three are one. Love the work you are doing to help get Police off of Wellness Checks! thank you very much.

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11/15/2021 08:33 PM

Give more focus to affordable housing, housing first models, supportive housing, safe consumption sites, vulnerable populations. Giving more money to Vic PD for "safety" isn't what the city needs, it needs to support our most vulnerable people. And police are not who we need to support this. We need more money going to NONPROFITS and Social Services, not police.

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11/15/2021 08:37 PM

Focus on ensuring provision of core services and infrastructure maintenance over all other services

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11/15/2021 09:03 PM

The tax hike is too high at this time. Citizens are just recovering from a pandemic with soaring house and food prices.

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11/15/2021 09:29 PM

For goodness sake fund the police properly. Downtown is becoming unsafe.

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The use of e bikes is increasing but with some support many more car trips could be replaced via electric bikes. I suggest you advocate for provincial subsidies and consider local subsidies.

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11/15/2021 09:42 PM

I think the city needs to become a safe place again.

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11/15/2021 09:43 PM

Need to focus on core responsibilities and services which includes the Crystal Pool and Rec Centre. With food inflation running at over 4%, rents increasing 10% in a year and family homes outside the reach of most young families in Victoria, Council should not be imposing more financial stress on residents. Council needs to balance its books by making tough decisions on using its resources better on needs not wants, rather than on the backs of taxpayers.

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11/15/2021 09:44 PM

Focus on public safety and road maintenance. Fund the police as they request and allow the police department to determine their needs.

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11/15/2021 09:59 PM

Spend money on Victoria, the city, not the tourist town or trying to be some number one of Canada's blah blah blah. Our housing market is blooming and population growth, time to look into common family friendly space (parks, activities, event space) as well as making it livable for everyone

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11/15/2021 10:01 PM

Reallocate funding from the police to social services to address poverty. Increasing or not reducing the policing budget is to be out of touch with the reality most people face, and instead pander to the wealthy who use the police as a means to punish vulnerable populations.

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11/15/2021 10:40 PM

Give the police what they need and fix the decaying infrastructure, please.

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11/15/2021 11:51 PM

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11/16/2021 06:25 AM

Quit catering to the homeless and drug addicts. We don't feel safe anymore. You are driving out the taxpayers and bringing in more criminals with your policies!

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 06:43 AM

Please fund the police properly. Issit, Dubow, Potts and Loveday must go as soon as humanly possible.

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11/16/2021 06:52 AM

No more spending on bike lanes! Caledonia Avenue where I live is full of pot holes while Vancouver Street has been turned into a bike only street for the most part making Cook Street congested continually for drivers. Cyclists should be paying towards the creation of the bike lanes by having their bikes licensed and being ticketed when not obeying the rules of the road like other vehicle drivers.

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11/16/2021 07:49 AM

less cops

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11/16/2021 08:51 AM

Please ensure our emergency services get the resources they require. Until our society wakes up and realizes mandatory care is the only real solution for those among us who are suffering from severe mental health issues, we must rely on the police to keep some semblance of safety and order in our city.

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11/16/2021 09:09 AM

more should be spent on youth rehabilitation, and mental health help

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11/16/2021 09:19 AM

The replacement of Crystal Pool needs to be a much higher priority for council.

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11/16/2021 09:28 AM

Support the Police Budget Request

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11/16/2021 09:38 AM

1. Follow existing building codes. If they are not achieving the desired effect, amend them rather than giving developers exceptions. 2. Adequately fund the units responsible for bylaw enforcement and make future funding conditional upon effective enforcement. Anecdote: I was told by the Police that they could not enforce the vehicle noise bylaw because they could not afford a decibel meter.

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11/16/2021 10:06 AM

Hire more police.

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11/16/2021 10:18 AM

Mental health and its resulting problems are not the responsibility of a municipality; UBCM has to use its collective voice to lobby the other two levels of government. More has to be done. Safe injection sites are not the answer.

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11/16/2021 10:54 AM

Do NOT increase the budget for our police. Victorians should not have to incur costs derived from other municipalities. Oak Bay and Saanich have especially treated Victoria unfairly.

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11/16/2021 11:00 AM

Please ensure that both residential and commercial classes are sharing the costs of the services that all benefit from, not putting it all on residential again.

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11/16/2021 11:33 AM

Housing is a crisis! Fast track townhomes, remove height limits, remove neighborhood participation, make it easier and faster

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11/16/2021 11:33 AM

Fund the police.

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11/16/2021 11:55 AM

CITY governance needs to be priority one for ALL residents

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11/16/2021 12:03 PM

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11/16/2021 12:35 PM

Please stop putting me and my family at unnecessary risk by refusing to adequately fund police and public safety measures such as security cameras and lighting in high risk areas.

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11/16/2021 01:21 PM

Stop the frivolous spending. We need to focus on infrastructure and economic redevelopment to recover from the pandemic.

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11/16/2021 01:32 PM

Allowable rent increase capped at 1.5% for 2022. The increase in taxes outstrips rent increase so having affordable housing is more difficult and properties are harder to maintain on constant shrinking revenue.

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11/16/2021 02:22 PM

Would be nice to see funds directed to solve the homeless situation instead of funding art projects.

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11/16/2021 03:13 PM

Stop using our money to drive social agendas that belong to the Province or the Feds

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11/16/2021 03:47 PM

I would like to see the City of Victoria focus on the basics of what is expected of the municipal government. Focusing on the safety of all neighbourhoods. I will support the budget for increased policing and what is needed to clean up and rejuvenate our downtown core. The mess that is on Pandora and in some of our park spaces is unacceptable. The burden placed on our Police officers and By-law is too much and I would like to see City Council take a more balanced approach and stay in what is the city's mandate not taking on Provincial and Federal issues. I would really like for the City of Victoria to step in and not allow BC housing to "drop" any other shelters or temporary housing into neighbourhoods. We have done more than our share and it is deteriorating our city and neighbourhoods.

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11/16/2021 03:58 PM

Reduce the transfer to general reserves unless a specific future need has been identified.

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11/16/2021 04:23 PM

Every neighbourhood needs a designated dog park.

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11/16/2021 04:31 PM

Victoria is becoming increasingly dangerous and unlivable. The City should stop focusing most of its effort on matters driven by fashionable political doctrine which are mainly outside its jurisdiction, and spend more effort on public safety and the maintenance of basic services. It would be helpful if the entire City council resigned, as a first step to restoring sanity to local government.

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11/16/2021 04:39 PM

Too much money proposed for pie in the sky projects instead of maintaining infrastructure, public safety and businesses downtown. Hardly ever go downtown due to safety issues. I had lunch a couple of weeks ago, came out of the restaurant and this deranged individual was yelling, with no seat in his pants. The woman I was was scared. She was anxious to get out of downtown.

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11/16/2021 04:41 PM

Please make cuts before increasing taxes. Please increase funding to police.

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11/16/2021 05:42 PM

Give the Victoria Police the necessary funding to keep the citizens of Victoria safe. This is not the same city it was 20 years ago as far as crime, homelessness and people with mental health issues. The lawlessness that goes on in Victoria with no consequences is shameful. The police force is strained to ⁴the breaking point, and cannot deal with the increases of crime they are faced with.

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11/16/2021 06:32 PM

Stick to priorities: Clean water; garbage collection; emergency services; adequate police staffing; beautifying parks; good community planning and land use; safe, healthy and sustainable communities; and generous support to Victoria's businesses. Too much attention was given to other projects. Stick to the essentials. If money is left over, other projects can be undertaken. The city must have strong fundamental supports to survive and thrive.

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11/16/2021 06:52 PM

I have chosen some selections as Neutral or Not as important, because I believe some are the responsibility of the Prov. Gov't and not the City's mandate. Housing for example was not the City's job to purchase housing, but the Prov. Gov't, and the money if spent in this area, should have gone to Mental Health and Rehab Centres, again City Councillors should have sent all concerns daily, of street people effecting businesses, neighbourhoods, and destruction to properties and Parks, making our City unfriendly, visibly disgraceful and harmful to themselves and to citizens. Mayor Helps should have been on TV and used any media to put this on Gov't agencies rather than have taken it on.

The City made a mistake using tax payers money for the housing purchasing hotels, motels, because drug dens were created with the worst people making our city worse, and costing on-going huge expenses. We can not recover from this, sadly it has caused a haven for drug dealers, thieves and dangerous people grouped together in our City. Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts.

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11/16/2021 07:30 PM

In order to have a safe city we need to approve the police budget!

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11/16/2021 07:32 PM

The streets of Victoria are unsafe, especially at night, and especially near Our Place. Police need to spend more time on law enforcement and less time on social work.

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11/16/2021 08:10 PM

You should have not spent what you did in the last few years. The proposed tax increase could have been avoided. This city is too expensive for so many people already. Add in inflation. Stop spending money on too many deluxe projects just to say we are the best cycling city etc.

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11/16/2021 09:39 PM

Do not use my taxes to fund ideology and First Nations reconciliation. Please leave that to the Federal government

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11/17/2021 07:36 AM

Less spending on police, more on social inclusion and affordable housing

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11/17/2021 08:11 AM

Here's hoping that you complete the cycling/transportation corridors as committed!

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11/17/2021 08:28 AM

Defund the police! Victoria invests so much money in policing that could be better spent investing in community supports.

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11/17/2021 09:13 AM

Reduce city staff, especially the planners. stop raising taxes and wasting my money on bike lanes. Stop building multi family housing in nice neighborhoods with single family dwellings.

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More money for additional parks, more money for police .

11/17/2021 09:17 AM

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11/17/2021 09:32 AM

No more downtown bike lanes. Synchronize the lights on Blanchard and Douglas. Increase the left turn time on a green light at bike lane intersections for cars. Allow right turns on a red at bike lane intersections. Do not make any more bike lanes. Do not make any more roads that are single lane where you pull off to meet other traffic. Do not change Government street in James Bay as proposed.

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11/17/2021 09:33 AM

No increase to Vic PD budget, reallocate funds to wraparound community supports, crime prevention and housing

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11/17/2021 09:47 AM

Less money for police and more for social services.

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11/17/2021 10:46 AM

Gee-zus, stick to your lane - be a municipal government that actually, you know, deals with municipal issues.

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11/17/2021 10:47 AM

bikes and cars should travel in the same direction.

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11/17/2021 10:50 AM

It is past time to finish the David Foster Walkway, especially the two pedestrian bridges for James Bay.

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11/17/2021 10:56 AM

The city needs funds for affordable housing so that Victoria is not only for the wealthy. Families are being rented out of the city.

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11/17/2021 11:02 AM

Please support the funding for our police department

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Enough of the virtue signalling.

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11/17/2021 11:17 AM

Public Safety needs to be priority

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PLEASE FUND THE POLICE TO THE AMOUNTS THEY
REQUEST

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11/17/2021 11:34 AM

Do not allow taxpayer money to go to the First Nations. Zero. That is Federal business not ours. No one can even say how much has gone for FN in the last 20 yrs under the Indian Act and it is a stupid idea for Vic city to even consider it

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11/17/2021 11:36 AM

The budget should be held to what it was in 2021. There must be thousands of new condos being occupied that provide new revenue that was not there before.

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Set up a tenting area in the City Works yard for those unwilling to get shelter

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11/17/2021 11:42 AM

I would like to see much more money spent on ACT teams and an increase in the police budget. I would very much like to see a facility for those who make our streets unsafe where they could get treatment

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11/17/2021 11:53 AM

More police.

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11/17/2021 11:57 AM

The cost of living in Victoria is too high, I'm a student and I'm in so much debt just trying to live a go to school here with the bare necessities. To combat Climate change we need to listen to and support Indigenous voices, we should be doing more to help stop climate change.

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11/17/2021 12:29 PM

Increase the police budget over and above what is proposed. Downtown Victoria has gone downhill since 2016 or so, the city is in a terrible mess and is unsafe. I do not feel safe downtown any longer. It is not safe.

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11/17/2021 12:34 PM

Stop trying to do tasks beyond your scope. Stop underfunding law enforcement to "pressure" higher levels of government

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11/17/2021 12:55 PM

More police needed. Additional federal and provincial funding must be sought for supportive and subsidized housing. Not Victoria taxpayers' responsibility to house regional homeless.

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11/17/2021 01:00 PM

It is not the responsibility of victoria residents to pay reparations to first nations, this is a federal issue. Fund all requests for policing. Cancel the free bus pass program and use it for policing budget. And get rid of equity and diversity employees and hiring for this. We have more pressing need for staffing and budget.

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11/17/2021 01:20 PM

Almost 1/4 of the operating budget is allocated to the Victoria Police Department. This funding should be disseminated to support services outside of the Vic PD. Not only are many city issues outside their scope and thus should not be Vic PD's responsibility to deal with and be funded for, but we need to address these issues with community based/derived solutions. Otherwise we risk criminalizing those who need our support.

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Cut police spending by 50%. See Forbes article, How Much Do U.S. Cities Spend Every Year On Policing?
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/niallmccarthy/2017/08/07/how-much-do-u-s-cities-spend-every-year-on-policing-infographic/?sh=295301b8e7b7>. Stop subsidizing new developments. Raise big business tax rate. Reduce small business and homeowner tax rate.

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11/17/2021 01:31 PM

Invest in your community as a WHOLE - not just one segment of the population. The poor or street people will not prosper without local businesses and support from the community in general so find a balance. That is not there right now.

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11/17/2021 01:33 PM

I would like the City to start no new projects - and just work to improve what we have now and what we had prior to this City Council, i.e. a formerly vibrant downtown (which is crumbling towards a slum) well maintained roads, sidewalks, we badly need well lit pedestrian activated crosswalks everywhere. NOTHING NEW.

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11/17/2021 01:34 PM

The city budget should not be used for reconciliation purposes. I object to the new tax on new construction which is transferred directly to the Songhees and Esquimalt nations. Taxes should be used to benefit ALL citizens, not just a tiny, select few.

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11/17/2021 01:41 PM

Council wastes a lot of money with pet projects and items that are not in their jurisdiction. Focus on municipal issues and don't waste our money.

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11/17/2021 02:05 PM

We must have more than the minimum policing in Victoria, since we are attracting ne'er-do-wells from all over the country. (Like that word?). Taxpayers can afford and are willing to pay more, if the police get the resources to do the best possible job. Don't hamstring them.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 02:11 PM

yes- city needs to be much more transparent (what is residential tax increase for 2022?) and needs to manage the budget better- 29.38% increase in the budget over the last 5 years is terrible. Council needs to focus on the basics and manage things in its control.

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11/17/2021 02:16 PM

council should only focus on municipal responsibilities and stop wasting time on areas that are clearly the responsibility of Provincial and Federal governments.

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Why is a budget increase proposed for VicPD for larger scale organized demonstrations? This money should instead be put towards the things that people are actually demonstrating/organizing for, i.e., climate action, Indigenous sovereignty/resurgence, housing for the homeless, etc.

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11/17/2021 02:22 PM

Every service in this city now costs large amounts of extra money over and above taxes -- water, wastewater, etc., etc. Perhaps if council wasted less on areas outside its jurisdiction, it could provide a decent level of services for its tax dollar.

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11/17/2021 02:32 PM

I think the City should be taking a more focused approach to larger infrastructure projects, rather than taking on a lot of projects and moving through them slowly. In other words, rather than doing 15 projects concurrently, focus on 5 projects and get them done

quicker. The planning and resource burn should be similar, but the City reduces how many active projects are actively taking up road space, and reducing congestion. Part of this analysis should also include the economic cost of traffic/congestion.

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11/17/2021 02:39 PM

Arts infrastructure is lacking and for a tourist destination that is a problem.

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11/17/2021 02:51 PM

Spending way too much money on issues that are NOT a municipal responsibility. (I still remember the letter sent to Venezuela???)

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11/17/2021 03:19 PM

1. The Strategic Objectives are too broad; would like to see more focus on core municipal services, value for money, financial discipline/restraint 2. Council needs to contain the growth of permanent staff and challenge any property tax increases above inflation - especially as inflation increases. The inflation +1% policy should be justified year by year. 3. Supplementary programs and services should compete with core services for budget allocation decisions - not be added on in addition

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11/17/2021 03:59 PM

Downtown Victoria, Old Town, is Victoria's tourism's bread and butter. More must be done to protect it. These heritage buildings are assets, not impediments. Nobody comes to Victoria to look at yet another crappy condo tower with ground-level retail. It would be nice if people remembered that.

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11/17/2021 05:27 PM

Stop raising taxes. People are already stretched too thin. In a year where we saw 4% inflation, no ability to raise rent or income potential, tax payers cannot pick up capital bills too. Cities need to budget or run a deficit on no increase just like the rest of us.

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11/17/2021 05:27 PM

I'd like to feel safer downtown. I don't drive, depend on transit and work downtown. I don't feel safe downtown

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More green /

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11/17/2021 05:41 PM

I think the council has caused the increased budget due inviting the criminal element into Victoria and allowing camping in the parks.

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11/17/2021 05:43 PM

I like moving some police money to mental health workers to change up how police interact on wellness checks, and when dealing with homeless and drug addicted.

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11/17/2021 05:45 PM

Get rid of bike lanes or licence bikes

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11/17/2021 06:25 PM

Please ensure our police department are properly funded with their increased workload. All city councillors should do a ride along to see what they really do in a shift.

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I'll feel as a tax paying citizen that Victoria Council needs to increase the police budget for 2022.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 07:05 PM

support bicycling, support mediation for climate change, support vulnerable populations

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 07:07 PM

Public safety and resolution of the unsafe downtown core needs to be the primary focus of the City budget. The constant cuts to policing services need to be reversed. When average citizens do not feel safe in their own city and it feels like the streets are run by the marginalized that is the sign of a city in chaos. We need strong leadership and enforcement of the Rule of Law. I fear for the future of our policing services in the current climate and conditions.

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11/17/2021 07:38 PM

Fund VicPD to the full amount to create public safety in this city. This is the most important priority. We are facing a public safety crisis. The ship has no captain.

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11/17/2021 08:26 PM

Stop messing with infrastructure that isn't problematic

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11/17/2021 09:33 PM

I would like more transparency about the amount of money spent on vehicle infrastructure vs. pedestrian infrastructure vs. bike infrastructure.

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11/18/2021 12:19 AM

Slower on bike lanes more emphasis on the abysmal arterial roads - especially the E-W roads. fewer patches and more complete re-paving

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11/18/2021 07:12 AM

Spend less, we have all been hurt by Covid, not a time to waste money. Start by getting rid of the mayors assistant. Ridiculous for the size of this city.

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11/18/2021 08:38 AM

Basically, I would like to see more emphasis on supporting/subsidizing individual residents and neighbourhoods rather than a shocking surplus of support/subsidization for businesses.

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11/18/2021 08:44 AM

Less \$ on flowers on corner of Belleville and government - switch out every 6 moths and more on road fixing - huge dip in road across from empress where water sits for days and cars splash people. Need a vision for downtown area. Very hodgepodge planning -worst traffic engineers and skyline in the country bar none. No where close to being a modern city. Poor poor planners. NO VISION. Not sure what we're paying for in our planners but for sure they do not have the skills. Mediocre talent. Sorry to have to say this. But if you travel around Europe and Asia you feel like you are in a time warp when you come back home to Victoria

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11/18/2021 09:18 AM

Fix roads before we build more bike lanes that aren't used (Graham St). When building bike lanes increase lane width buses use by reducing width of concrete dividers use steel pilons if necessary. Currently no one can safely and comfortably drive beside a bus or large truck where bike lanes are.

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11/18/2021 09:34 AM

Please shelve the proposal for a reconciliation grant. Those moneys should be coming from the federal and provincial governments, not municipal.

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11/18/2021 10:16 AM

Way too much money is being given to policing. We have extreme problems with homelessness and drug addiction. More police spending is not a useful response to this. Money spent on affordable housing, drug rehabilitation, and mental health crisis services would help more. Police don't make me feel safe and seeing my city spend more on funding their department makes me feel like effective approaches to our problems are being ignored for things that hurt us. Victoria prides itself on progressivism, it should be role model in using effective forwards-thinking alternatives to police departments

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11/18/2021 10:28 AM

Buses. We desperately need buses to green our city. Fairfield needs a decent community centre. Lots of room to renovate, extend the building so we have an all age inclusive resource. This might not be the right box to talk about buses but this needs to be number one topic.

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11/18/2021 11:27 AM

we need to reduce the budget for the Vic police & put that money towards in-community support & safety projects. we need more focus on people as opposed to cars. we need to include racialized, LGBTQIA2s+ & otherwise marginalized folks in our original considerations of budget use

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11/18/2021 11:39 AM

There should be some mention of decreasing spending on provincially-responsible areas (fire department filling in for ambulance on medical calls, housing people in temporary housing instead when the city should address housing through development).

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support the police

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More money needs to be allocated to police. If 85% of their time is spent responding to the temporary shelters, opioid crisis and homeless population it means that just 15% of their time is being spent towards the rest of the public. This is unfair to the residents of this city.

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11/18/2021 01:46 PM

Crystal pool replacement should be a priority.

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11/18/2021 01:58 PM

Address the outcome of the decision to house the homeless in Victoria parks and now state of emergency on the streets affecting the Policing budget. Victoria is not the only place that should be on the financial hook to house all. The area is referred to GREATER Victoria after all.

Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 02:28 PM	More roundabouts should be integrated into neighbourhoods and at large 5- way intersections (ie Interurban, Hastings and Wilkinson) or intersections with acute angles that require 3 light changes (ie Bay and Wilson)
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 02:37 PM	Distribute money for reparations to the Indigenous communities upon whose land we are colonially occupying.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 02:48 PM	I would love it if the city would stay in it's lane and leave provincial matters for the province.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 02:53 PM	allocate funding towards initiatives that support community members affected by the intersection of housing instability and substance use. Rather than continuing to retraumatize folks by taking away their tents and supplies, offer more support for this population (more resources, funding to outreach healthcare, safe supply alternatives, banning police profiling). Also a team of healthcare providers responding to mental health crises should replace police response. Other priorities: reduce police funding; reduce police budgets; and enforce mandatory antiracism, harm reduction, and mental health training for law enforcement.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 03:27 PM	Enough bike lanes. Enough development. More green space and denser tree canopy.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 04:16 PM	cut Transit subsidy
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 04:23 PM	The city should be focused on the considerable infrastructure needs of the city now and into the future. So much of the cities focus and far too much of the revenue it demands from the residence and business owners seems misdirected to funding services outside the cities core responsibilities.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 09:42 PM	Put hold on bike lanes and focus on underground
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 09:49 PM	HOUSING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY THERE CAN BE. IT IS A SERIOUS CRISIS AND NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED NOW!!! RENT CONTROLS NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE NOW!!!!

Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 10:23 PM	I believe that too much is being spent on policing, and not enough on more effective (and cost effective) responses to homelessness and mental illness.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 11:02 PM	I don't think we should increase the police budget. There is no need.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2021 11:02 PM	i do not think we should keep increasing the police budget
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 08:27 AM	Defund the police. They drain too much of the city budget and have a stranglehold on value for money. As a home owner, I'm unhappy with the idea that 2% of the tax increase will go towards them.
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 09:36 AM	The cross walk at Oak Bay Avenue and Rockland is on the wrong side of the street. It should be moved to the east side to make the crossing much safer for both vehicles and pedestrians. An easy fix.
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 10:08 AM	Police need more resources and funding. Do not fund special interest groups that are supported and led by City Councillor's own interests. Create a city for all citizens. Think of the future, not repairing a past.
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 11:22 AM	no comments
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 01:23 PM	Do not provide funding to artists who make political statements with their grants.
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 01:36 PM	Please lower the Chief of Polices Salary, he makes more then we put into most things for our city which is 100% unfair and disgusting.
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 02:50 PM	Put emphasis on staff to provide quick, efficient service to residents in the operating budget and improve the ability to easily drive from one place in the city to another in the capital budget. Also, try to keep Victoria a nice place without becoming a smaller Vancouver which is the current trend. E.g. no variances in building permits that developers get to build big buildings. We are moving out of being a

medium size, livable city to one that grows too fast and is no longer better or different from many other North American cities.

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11/19/2021 03:06 PM

Far too many unnecessary proposals for new, unnecessary and costly City Employee positions.

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More money for police, public safety, and bringing the city back to sanity.

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11/19/2021 03:38 PM

More money for the police less money for social justice and virtue signaling.

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11/19/2021 04:51 PM

I would like to express that I oppose all proposed increases to the Vic PD budget, as this money comes from our communities and causes us violence when Vic PD criminalizes poor, Indigenous, racialized people. Chief Del Manak receives a salary higher than the premier of BC. This should alarm us - especially given the violence he has committed on our communities of colour. His online presence is both unprofessional and oppressive and I do not believe the city should raising any budgets within Vic PD. In general, I call for the City to defund the police, and reinvest that money into community initiatives that address problems at the root. Programs that support mental health and well-being, housing unhoused folks, hot food programs, community building and arts. The City should be allocating money into people to give them all they need so that so called "crime" is lowered - people only commit "crimes" when they do not have what they need to survive. We do not need the police in our communities, that does not keep us safe. We need to reinvest in the people and completely change the system. I reiterate that I stand against any budget increases to the vic pd.

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11/19/2021 05:55 PM

Enough with the reconciliation. We cannot keep paying for the sins of our forefathers. We get taxed at the Federal and Provincial level. NO NEW TAXES. No new committees for studies on climate or culture. talk to the Feds about converting space at the naval base for the homeless. have the province fund more facilities for the mentally ill and get them off drugs and off the street. stop painting sidewalks rainbow colors.

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Vic PD needs greater support from city council.

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11/20/2021 07:11 AM

More efficient and alternative public transit. Trains, efficient buses, ride sharing. We need it all in this very car-forward city. Bike lanes aren't enough.

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11/20/2021 08:42 AM

GIVE THE POLICE WHATEVER THEY'RE ASKING FOR; LESS "STUDIES"

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11/20/2021 09:10 AM

The main purpose of the City is to provide essential services for its citizens. The City should not get involved directly in areas that are of a Provincial or Federal responsibility. Ie homelessness, mentally challenged drug compromised people etc. The city should be pressuring other levels of Government to act not taking direct action diverting Taxpayers money from core responsibilities.

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11/20/2021 10:45 AM

The police budget is far too high. I would like to see it decrease. By spending so much on policing we are neglecting other important areas such as environmental stewardship/preparing for the climate crisis, affordable housing, and arts/culture.

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11/20/2021 11:36 AM

Restructuring of the distribution of funds. The police a majorly over funded compared to all other budgets.

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11/20/2021 01:07 PM

The police do not need more funding, the money should be allocated to reconciliation efforts and current climate issues. The police system we have is incredibly biased and racist and needs to be defunded.

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11/20/2021 01:51 PM

Supporting our Police department and the needed funds to keep our city safe for all.

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11/20/2021 02:11 PM

Funding needs to be made more equitable by taking money from the egregious policing budget. Please fire chief Del Manak, he is a ridiculous drain to city resource, making the more than the premier!!

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11/20/2021 03:15 PM

No

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11/20/2021 04:47 PM

LESS cops, a police state is dystopian hell! Reduce the police budget by 80% and invest in community support! More community housing and health services to address the homeless epidemic.

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11/20/2021 05:11 PM

The bike lanes are great - would love to see more of these and electric vehicle charging stations.

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11/20/2021 06:43 PM

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11/20/2021 07:08 PM

please consider not increasing Vic police department budget and instead directing that into harm reduction and resources for vulnerable communities

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11/20/2021 07:34 PM

Defund the police.

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11/20/2021 07:44 PM

no increase in funding for VicPd

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11/20/2021 08:33 PM

Community centres need more funding. I suggest taking \$100k of the chief of police wage and give it to community centres to run youth and senior programming

Screen Name Redacted

11/20/2021 08:44 PM

defund the police. put money into communities instead. the police do significantly more harm than good

Screen Name Redacted

11/20/2021 09:05 PM

Defund the police. Any financial requests from VicPD and Del Manak should be seriously investigated. The money they request should be redistributed towards helping out our most vulnerable individuals. Safe supply. Social workers. Housing. Towards arts and culture. When that its taken away we loose space to be expressive, social human beings. And towards reconciliation with Indigenous communities. For to long have they been pushed aside. They hold the knowledge to help the climate crisis and healing modalities needed to bring the change.

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11/20/2021 09:24 PM

Defend the police and RCMP ! Use it to house the unhoused!
Feed those struggling! - unhoused, low-income families, single parents, those struggling with disabilities, BIPOC, LGBTQIA2S, students in need/MAKE TUITION AND ALL EDUCATION FREE; ensure all food is GMO free/organic, affordable, accessible; free WiFi everywhere; lower phone bills, lower grocery costs, TAX THE RICH, TAX THE CHURCH, *INDIGENOUS, INUIT, METIS PEOPLES AND THEIR OLD ONES/ELDERS* - find ways to get more *Indigenous*/BIPOC/marginalised people in the workplace and government!

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11/20/2021 09:37 PM

Less on the Vic PD. Less police funding and more emphasis on teams of people trained in mental health to respond to crisis, safe drug use sites for harm reduction, more affordable housing, etc

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11/21/2021 07:48 AM

More bike paths

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11/21/2021 09:36 AM

Increasing Vic PD budget is beyond unnecessary. That money needs to go towards community health and safety initiatives. In fact, money needs to be taken away from the VicPD budget to fund alternative programs such as safe injection sites, affordable therapy and rehabilitation. Defund the police. They do not need to forcefully try to fix things and make things worse in many situations. We need to look at other progressive options.

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11/21/2021 11:06 AM

Improved policing and cleaning on Pandora near Quadra

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11/21/2021 12:18 PM

defund the police

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11/21/2021 01:52 PM

If possible, I would like to see more resources put toward active transportation facilities and complete streets until those are brought into line with years of funding focused on motor vehicle focused infrastructure. And, in light of the growing evidence around climate change, a higher priority of storm water (including tidewater) infrastructure.

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11/21/2021 02:03 PM

Stop always prioritizing households with 2+ cars. They are not the norm

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11/21/2021 02:36 PM

This horse has left the barn, but as a longtime provincial government employee I have long wondered why the City has to pay at the top of the range, and beyond, for staff. This high cost undermines the argument for additional positions

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 02:48 PM

Instead of spending so much money on bike lanes, how about spending more on maintaining parks and planting trees.

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11/21/2021 03:12 PM

Perhaps less allocated to police enforcement and more to social supports. Our un-housed need help, not incarceration

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11/21/2021 04:56 PM

stop prioritizing police funds over things that actually benefit citizens and at risk communities

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 05:10 PM

Please focus on climate change

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 05:28 PM

I am horrified to hear that the Vic PD budget is being increased. Put this money (and more) towards reconciliation efforts, supporting our unhoused community, and environmental efforts. Defund the police! I will not have my tax dollars go towards furthering colonial violence.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 05:36 PM

Wonderful that the multi year plans have "measurable goals" but I wish there was some indication of progress other than "completed" or "ongoing". Are we making progress towards housing the unhoused? What about trends over time in job creation or number employed? Also unclear what role the city is taking in housing. Why not change zoning to allow more density, as New Zealand has done? Victoria ripens the risk of pricing nurses, police, teachers, grocery clerks and care givers out of our housing market.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 05:54 PM

Defund the police. Put money into homeless shelters. Create affordable housing units. Put money towards indigenous reconciliation

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 06:12 PM

Please stop disproportionately allocating funds to the vicpd. They do NOT need a budget increase. The funds used for vicpd should be used for other projects that would ACTUALLY benefit the community (affordable housing, arts and culture).

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 06:15 PM

Everyone I know is livid about the raising of the police budget. It is simply sickening that these thugs are allotted more and more money each year to harass the poor and vulnerable, and to disregard human decency. Absolutely disgusted to live in victoria and see the government bow to the pressure of the police for more money they absolutely do not need. Our cheif makes more than the premier of BC. What an absolute farce.

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11/21/2021 06:23 PM

Programs to support small/locally owned businesses that help our community thrive

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11/21/2021 07:06 PM

Please, triage and help our homeless. Too many people are dying on our streets.

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11/21/2021 07:12 PM

Focus on lower taxes.

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11/21/2021 07:13 PM

until you adopt a zoning/planning framework that protects the comfort of current users/occupants over green light for private developers: freeze planning zoning budget

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11/21/2021 07:38 PM

Focus budgets on City responsibilities and not Federal and Provincial responsibilities, such as housing etc.

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11/21/2021 07:40 PM

We get the maintenance and amenities we pay for. Good maintenance begets respect and civic pride. It is false economy to keep taxes low.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 08:08 PM

Put less money in Del Manak's pocket.

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11/21/2021 08:31 PM

Your "availability, repair, or maintenance" questions are too vaguely worded to limit the number of ways the questions can be interpreted.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 09:02 PM

Please please please increase the budget for policing. I do not feel safe downtown even in the daytime. I do not feel safe in James

Bay after dark. There are not enough officers to deal with the crime levels, mental health crises, accompanying bylaws officer, prevention programs, etc. Bylaw officers should not have to spend 70+ % of their time dealing with the homeless. Do something about it!

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 09:37 PM

Wasting money on My Great Neighborhood when we all don't benefit from the budget. Make my neighborhood great by fixing the road, eliminate cars that cut through, left, right and center. Cars that park in residential areas that are not residences. What does it take to get a "Residential Parking Only" sign (emailed Beth Long, in August, no response) Wasting money on creating "villages" that residences it affects were not consulted. Wasting \$10 000 on Community trees. Allow a second party to approve the City's spending. City is not fiscally responsible.

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11/21/2021 09:42 PM

Take back the City. Make it safe. Make it clean. Support local businesses. Support your Police Force. Give us back a capital city we were once proud of. Enough!

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 10:01 PM

The city of Victoria needs to stick to municipal issues and not deal with issues that are routinely dealt with by provincial and federal governments.

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11/21/2021 10:17 PM

Honestly, Victoria needs to defund the police and put as much money and resources as possible into housing, harm reduction and reducing the gap between rich and poor.

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11/21/2021 10:25 PM

End all separate utility billing. Pretending our taxes haven't gone up all while inventing new utilities and levies is facile. The street sweeping levy? I pay taxes to have my streets swept; it isn't some kind of extra. The drain levy and the water use levy? Dump them, add them to the tax bill. Citizens deserve to know how much they are being taxed and how much our total payments to the city are really increasing.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 11:29 PM

Yes, more money needs to be deferred from the Police budget and put into other important works. The Police have a very large portion of the budgetary pie at this point and we need social infrastructure beyond law enforcement. Safe injection, more social workers.

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11/22/2021 04:04 AM

Defend police who agitate purposefully in order to have a pathetic reason to arrest u

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11/22/2021 07:39 AM

Fast track Pickleball courts at Topaz Park, plan for 8 more dedicated Pickleball courts annually

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11/22/2021 07:45 AM

There are difficult choices to be made. Ensuring infrastructure is maintained will help avoid cleanup costs resulting from systems failure. I would also like to note tge challenging job of policing. I believe Chief Manak has done an excellent job under challenging circumstances and I advocate for innovative approaches to de-escalate situations before they result in injury.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 08:39 AM

More separated bike lanes please!! Widen sidewalks!! Take that space from cars. Make it difficult for people to drive in the city. Less polluting modes of transportation will help us have a liveable planet in the future.

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11/22/2021 09:17 AM

I don't support the proposed increase of the VicPD budget to over 24% of the city's budget. Victoria already has one of the largest police budgets in Canada, I think we are in in the top 3 or 4. How can you justify increasing it to almost a quarter of your budget when we have to confront other important social and environmental crises? I think the money associated with this proposed increase should be put into the homelessness crisis and creating affordable and safe housing. Nobody should live on the streets. It should be put toward services for mental health and addiction. Police may be helpful in certain situations, but they are definitely not a long-term solution for overall community safety. People feel safe when they have shelter, community, healthcare, and food. It should also be put into Sustainable Planning and Community Development which currently only gets 2%, and Business and Community Relations at 3%. You say you are committed to climate action, but you aren't putting enough money toward making it a reality. Maybe it's time to try a different path rather than continuing with a status quo that isn't working.

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11/22/2021 09:56 AM

Stop giving money to the police, help the unhoused and people with addiction. Save our planet

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11/22/2021 10:00 AM

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11/22/2021 10:31 AM

Please create the Reconciliation Grant to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. This will work in concert with goals for justice, vulnerable peoples, and climate futures.

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11/22/2021 11:12 AM

I'm happy to see continued funding for The Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

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11/22/2021 11:14 AM

Why aren't public safety and infrastructure maintenance listed as priorities? These should be areas of municipal focus, but the City tends to focus on affairs that are outside of its mandate.

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11/22/2021 11:22 AM

It would be great if the police budget could be increased. The crime in our city continues to get worse and it sounds like the police are no longer able to respond to calls in a timely manor.

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11/22/2021 11:43 AM

Please do NOT increase the police budget! Defund the police!

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11/22/2021 12:09 PM

Look into the feasibility of a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Fairfield and Kipling.

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11/22/2021 12:14 PM

Improve policing and bylaw enforcement

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11/22/2021 01:03 PM

Investment needed to reduce traffic congestion especially downtown. More coordination with neighboring municipalities on all projects/initiatives is required

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 01:05 PM

Policing and Bylaw enforcement is very important. I am wary about going downtown and into larger parks, like Beacon Hill. Next, infrastructure maintenance and improvement, especially the conduct of water and wastewater. If I could ask the City for something in addition to what is in the budget, it would be for a dump like Oak Bay's, where we could bring not only garbage, but also, metal, garden waste, paper/cardboard, paint and other items, as well as their little "exchange" area - and 6 days a week. I feel like we are second class citizens in Victoria compared to Oak Bay and Esquimalt. A place to take recycling would also help reduce

the load for Hartland. Much goes into the garbage that could be recycled, if we had someplace to take it, including hazardous waste products.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 01:25 PM

We need to fund our police. I realize we are taking the brunt for the whole CRD, but we still need to fund them, despite it being "unfair"

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 01:51 PM

The proposed increase to chief del manak's salary and the increase in overall police budget is despicable. More police will NEVER solve problems. Systemic change and economic support for our vulnerable populations, affordable housing, and assisting those living with addiction and mental health problems are the only reasonable solution.

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11/22/2021 02:01 PM

Spending a 25% of tax dollars on policing is not appropriate. Public services like transit and widely available affordable housing and healthcare need to be top priorities not policing.

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11/22/2021 02:08 PM

Remove a significant amount of the police budget for services that should be more frequently used instead. Mental health professionals should be used in a lot of situations that police are not trained to handle. Police should spend their budget to create a sense of community and keep everyone safe, whereas they regularly enforce intimidation practices. There are real crimes that occur, and police spend multiple days of the year standing outside of UVic facilities to give tickets to students who are financially struggling when they could be facilitating a better relationship within the community otherwise.

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11/22/2021 02:37 PM

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I do not agree with an increase to the Police budget. If anything, portions of the police budget should be reallocated to other services such as mental health services.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 03:50 PM

1. There is very little presence of police in downtown, and this triggers a heaven for homeless and transient people who are using the sidewalks and businesses fronts to sleep and beg. Not to mention the garbage left behind, the unpleasant odour and all the carts and dirty clothing on the sidewalks. City Council should

review the bylaws to allow to remove homeless and their property from downtown area, if we want Victoria to become a truly safe city. 2. The budget for the police should be increased only if a permanent police presence will be in downtown and having the capability to enforce well defined bylaws.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 04:03 PM

I cannot condemn strongly enough the proposed increase to the police budget. Increasing the budget of the police force is not the solution to anything, it will only further criminalize and harm vulnerable populations.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 04:05 PM

Implementing an arts infrastructure fund is a high priority for me.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 04:12 PM

The City has become unsafe as a result of underfunding of Victoria Police Department. Funding and resources should be increased to make the force effective, then measures can be taken to make the system more efficient.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 04:20 PM

Rent is skyrocketing. It increases every year. Now 1 bedrooms are \$1500 per month. In a matter of years the rent will reach \$2,000 per month. Many more vulnerable citizens will be homeless like seniors, disabled, income assistance, single parents, students and the working poor. Can you please lower the rent? Or do something about this?

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 04:21 PM

I'm assuming there will be a place to answer this question towards the end of the survey. This seems premature. One point however: trying to rank the following: Good Governance and Civic Engagement Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations Affordable Housing Prosperity and Economic Inclusion Health, Well-Being and a Welcoming City Climate Leadership and Environmental Stewardship Sustainable Transportation Strong, Liveable Neighbourhoods in terms of importance to our city is virtually impossible, there was no option for tied comments and i felt the ranking i provided was probably not totally in line with my views.

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11/22/2021 05:07 PM

In 2019 my property taxes + utility costs totaled \$6,594.06 In 2021 my total cost is \$8,748.56 This is a 25%, this is not an affordable increase especially for middle and lower income home owners we also have large mortgagees and maintenance. The average income in Victoria is \$53,126 per year I think increases should be in line with the provincial renter's increase

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11/22/2021 05:29 PM

The City must defund the police. I am aware the City has been given in-depth feedback about this for multiple years now, and yet has maintained a bloated budget and irrationally staunch support for VicPD. Divest from the police and reinvest in non-policing mental health and substance use supports, social services, community alternatives, and poverty reduction measures. Alternatives do exist if you step back from th VicPD comms team long enough to listen for them.

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11/22/2021 06:27 PM

Much more competent mayor and council would be a great restart!

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 07:05 PM

You need to prioritize safety and crime. Lived in this city for 20 years and it's never been worse. Vic council doesn't seem to support residents, business or acknowledge crime in any way. If it goes against the 'narrative' than concerned citizens are branded insensitive. This council is gaslighting us. We don't need to spend \$140,000 dollars a year on a homeless liaison.

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11/22/2021 07:24 PM

The over 5% increase to the Victoria Police Department budget is contrary to the city's strategic plan objectives (particularly Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations and Health, Well-Being, and a Welcoming City). Continued increased investment in the VicPD is endangering Victoria residents. To better support community safety, the City should redirect this budget to social services and affordable housing, focusing first on creating permanent housing for residents who are unhoused or precariously housed.

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11/22/2021 07:52 PM

Please stop "fixing" things

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11/22/2021 08:12 PM

It is unacceptable that the Victoria Police Department is requesting an increase in their budget up to 24%, this should be reallocated to community services, supporting the unhoused, mental health and wellness support. They do not need more money. Rather than increasing funding, we should be finding other ways to create a healthy community instead of funneling all of our budget into policing, which obviously isn't working. There is a lack of affordable and expedited housing opportunities that meet the needs of the

unhoused and the current plan seems to incentivize developers rather than prioritizing an affordable and just housing process for renters. Furthermore, the proposed budget does not seem to reflect adequate consultation with people with disabilities. Budgets intended to go towards bylaw should instead be diverted to community services, such as our place, for belonging storage and secure housing access to decrease the need for bylaw in the first place.

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11/22/2021 08:30 PM

Stop spending large amounts of money remediating areas that the city let's tenters destroy, by enforcing rules and laws.

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11/22/2021 09:22 PM

No more money for policing. They get more than enough already.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 09:39 PM

It is great that council is limiting tax increases to inflation plus 1%— but I haven't had a raise in years, let alone a raise that matches inflation.

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11/22/2021 09:43 PM

More fruit and nut trees, vegetables, perennials, and native plants versus decorative annuals in the landscaping budget.

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11/22/2021 10:07 PM

Please improve litter prevention efforts, improve waste capture systems such as storm drain outflow catchment nets/filters to prevent plastics from entering the water.

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11/22/2021 10:11 PM

Please don't up the police budget

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11/22/2021 10:53 PM

There is way too much more allocated to the VicPD. I would much rather see that money used towards reconciliation, climate action and sustainability, affordable housing and making our city an equitable and inclusive place.

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11/23/2021 05:03 AM

The houseless need to be the number one priority. They are a part of the community and every one of us has failed them. Housing first! The police do not need more funding. Del Manek makes more money than the premier of BC. In fact, the police should have a decrease in budget with funds being reallocated to initiatives working to fight poverty and aid vulnerable populations including those with mental illness.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 07:13 AM

The cops don't need more money, they barely do their job as it is. We have more than enough of cops and when has having MORE policing ever worked? Do something about housing/addiction/mental health and you'll see how much better things get.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 07:17 AM

Affordable housing needs to be a priority. Rental prices and buying prices are through the roof and climbing fast. Even people with well paying jobs are having a hard time finding accommodation. This is soon to result in a brain drain from Victoria leaving only and elderly, wealthy population but no one to do the jobs that keep those peoples lives comfortable. New university grads should not have to weigh the pros and cons of leaving the city because they simply can't afford to be here on a starting salary. This needs to be addressed and fast. Buying in Victoria should not be a pipe dream for young people that grew up here.

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11/23/2021 07:55 AM

* I DO NOT want my tax dollars going to Reconciliation but to city services ONLY

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11/23/2021 10:51 AM

Better focus towards affordable housing initiatives and harm reduction for those with addictions and without a home.

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More money spent on police, safety, and mental health!

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11/23/2021 11:07 AM

Increase the budget to the Victoria Police Department and not add additional FTEs and dollars for By Law Officers

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:45 AM

The increase to the policing budget is terrible. Why are we giving more money to police when they don't actually prevent crime? The way to prevent crime is to have more support services and better access to housing. Police are already paid way too much for what they do.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:49 AM

I am surprised and disappointed by the increase in funding to the Victoria Police Department. I agree with concerns from Victoria City Councillors about the Victoria Police Department criminalizing

Indigenous youth and spending time on undercover operations. I don't think that an increase in budget is the way to solve these concerns. I believe that a potential increase in budget to the Victoria Police Department would be better spent on tangible issues, like the housing crisis.

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11/23/2021 11:49 AM

I heard mention of possible donations of municipal development funds to First Nations. This is a disastrous, inappropriate, racist use of municipal funds. Any council member supporting this measure should be targeted for defeat at the next municipal elections. The idea of making us feel uncomfortable (as expressed by the mayor over museum changes) is outrageous and misdirected. To the extent that council members want to assuage perceived past guilt, do that with your own money, not ours.

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11/23/2021 12:04 PM

Light quicker cheaper is something we have been promoting for some years now and it is a gratifying to see this begin to be appearing in City communications. Of concern, however, is that the idea of multiple budget cycle requiring invasive engineering is still the "go to". Plant a hebe in a pot and you've got a roundabout or bump-out. Even better, when it needs augmentation of revision, the cost of change is negligible in comparison to de-engineering. Lest engineers be bored, sort the task of achieving outcomes through alternative means.

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11/23/2021 12:28 PM

The city has to stick to core priorities and stop over taxing and wasting money on more bureaucracy!

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11/23/2021 12:29 PM

I can see the work it has taken and the careful inputs involved. I compliment everyone involved!

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11/23/2021 12:30 PM

I would like to see more resources go towards neighborhood associations and community groups to put towards beautifying the downtown core and surrounding neighborhoods with large scale public art, such as murals, as we are seeing in North Park and Fernwood.

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11/23/2021 12:33 PM

Divert funds from the police in favour of social programs.

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11/23/2021 12:55 PM

I think it's laughable that we are giving more funding to the police who have proven time and time again that they are ineffectual and cause more damage in the community, particularly to marginalized communities. I think the money should be reallocated back into the community with focus on indigenous reconciliation, mental health services, affordable housing for low income communities, and focus on preventing further climate change.

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11/23/2021 01:32 PM

The operating budget fails to take advantage of divestment from the police into more innovative forms of assistance and support for the community at large. I could never support an increase in spending on a police budget, even just to keep up with inflation, unless I also saw the disarming of police, and the development of services for those most directly affected by cultural oppression, especially indigenous communities, the opioid crisis, and homelessness.

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11/23/2021 01:40 PM

Spend less on roads. Do not create or extend general purpose traffic lanes.

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11/23/2021 02:16 PM

I am increasingly concerned with the yearly increases to the Vic PD, making up the largest portion of the budget while seeing budgeting for community development and planning decreasing. The vic PD continuously inflict violence on unhoused, black, indigenous, and people of colour, including low income and impoverished folks. Countless research indicate that police do not have the skills or resources to deal with some of the most pressing issues in our community (such as climate, poverty, fentanyl over dose crisis, unaffordable and unavailable housing). We're past a time of investing into police reforming and need to work into investing directly into community initiatives that support our community rather than punish and abuse them.

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11/23/2021 02:54 PM

Focus on the day to day business of running the city and shut down any discussions and distractions of scope outside of city purview.

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11/23/2021 03:17 PM

Fund the police dept

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11/23/2021 03:37 PM

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Increase police budget. Give us back our safe neighborhoods.

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11/23/2021 03:57 PM

Hold off on any more outdoor amenities downtown until after the Pandemic, and only when public safety has returned to pre-Covid levels. Direct any of that cash to infrastructure repair, e.g. old storm drain replacement.

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11/23/2021 04:05 PM

The central library is in great need of replacement. It currently is half the size of what is considered just standard for this size of city. Many other Canadian capital cities have beautiful central libraries that serve as hubs for the community, a tourist destination, and a way to showcase the values of the community. Our current library is hidden and is in disrepair. It is much too space for what is considered the basic standard for a city of this size.

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11/23/2021 04:21 PM

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS NEEDED!!!!!!!

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11/23/2021 04:21 PM

Please find the Police as per their requests. Thanks.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 05:11 PM

The most important thing is a healthy, safe city. Priority has to be given to supporting an environment without intimidation or irresponsible actions.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 05:23 PM

I would like to see what the City proposes is a "safe" community. I anticipate that this language has been chosen specifically to support further funding of the VicPD, however I would argue that the police do not make us safer. I do not support any expansion of funding to the VicPD.

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11/23/2021 05:35 PM

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11/23/2021 06:02 PM

Far too much of the city's budget is allocated to policing. More of those funds should be redirected toward low income housing and harm reduction.

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11/23/2021 06:02 PM

I think the city is under prepared for the revenue shortfalls that we may well face in the near future and budgeting should focus now on eliminating the fat and concentrate on the basics needed to run a good city. For example, there is absolutely no reason that bike lane projects like Richardson Street one could not have been put on hold until we actually know how much money of a revenue shortfall there will be. It is more important than ever that tax dollars be maximized for the greater good. Pet projects can wait until better times return.

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11/23/2021 06:24 PM

Please fund the Victoria Police Department as they state is necessary.

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11/23/2021 07:00 PM

Approve the police budget as asked for by Del Manik.

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11/23/2021 08:17 PM

Further increase of the Vic PD budget is gross and unnecessary. Prioritizing "crowd management" over listening to the actual demands of the demonstrations is undemocratic. Community care and harm reduction initiatives are far better places to allocate funds as they are not rooted in oppressive tactics.

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11/23/2021 09:09 PM

Please consider redistributing finances from the police budget to social services such as affordable housing and health.

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11/23/2021 09:11 PM

Stop cutting funding to essential public safety budgets

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11/23/2021 09:43 PM

I am disgusted with the city's decision to increase the police budget, and decrease other community program budgets. There needs to be an investment into preventative measures (accessible mental health, ACTUAL affordable housing etc) that will support the most vulnerable people, and those in need, which will make our city a safer place to be because people are being taken care of, not criminalized. The Victoria Police must see a budget cut, and funds allocated to places that will build a more resilient community. It is shameful that Victoria is considering increasing the police budget. There needs to be more long-term thinking. Where can our money go now, so we will see the benefits in the many years to come, of a more mentally healthy, secure, and housed community. The answer is not the police force.

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11/23/2021 09:55 PM

As a worker who is taking on unnecessary duties due to lack of funding for housing, addictions and general funding for communities - I am concerned at the lack of funding for our communities in general and how much funding is going towards police budget who seem to be exacerbating the problem or giving short term solutions - we need help in community and nonprofit organizations

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11/23/2021 10:04 PM

Vic pd getting 24% is a disgrace , fund public programs , social housing , health care and community centers .

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11/23/2021 10:05 PM

I do not think that the Victoria Police Dept. and City By-law should be receiving a raise any higher than inflation +1. Many of the roles of these staff fulfil could be shared with non-enforcement-based city staff. I would like to see outreach workers in place of some bylaw. In many cases, people who have negative experiences with bylaw and/or police are in need of other social or health services. With this most recent proposed budget increase, our city's police budget will be one of the largest per capita of any city in Canada (24%, second only to Winnipeg's 26%). This is the wrong direction for us if we are truly hoping to address the most pervasive social issues in our city.

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11/23/2021 10:48 PM

Need to figure out Pandora street, also safety of our citizens and property, greatly opposed to any financial aid to the First Nations.

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11/23/2021 11:15 PM

This question is hard to answer without more guidance. What document should I be referring to? What pages? Please improve the survey next year.

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11/23/2021 11:39 PM

1. The Victoria Police Department should NOT have a budget increase. If anything, the budget should be decreased and instead those funds should be reallocated to community resources that serve vulnerable populations, housing the unhoused, and peer based mental health supports. This money could also be reallocated towards meeting the demands of demonstrators who are gathering, that supposedly require more police presence. 2. A city that is working towards reconciliation should focus inputting money into that work. This includes honouraria/payments to Indigenous folks to consult on all city plans, a paid position that works in a similar way to council to function not only as

consultation but the bare minimum of a seat at the table for Indigenous nations, grants/funding for infrastructure that supports Indigenous wellness in our community, and so so much more. All decisions made on unceded Lekwungen territory need to have free, prior, and informed consent of the Lekwungen peoples as declared by UNDRIP. Let your budget reflect that. 3. Affordable housing is not emphasized enough in the budget. Funds need to support renters, affordable rental housing, transition housing, and accessible housing. The budget should reflect a city working towards protecting renters rights, housing the unhoused, and creating liveable family homes and neighbourhoods.

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11/24/2021 07:43 AM

The City should be sticking to their own business and not expand out into areas that are not their jurisdiction.

Optional question (434 response(s), 625 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question



Supplementary Budget Programs and Services

This section of the survey focuses on Supplementary Budget programs and services. Supplementary Budget items are not currently included in the 2022 Draft Budget. Council is considering new investments to advance these community priorities.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that the following items should be included in Budget 2022.

To help inform your answers, we have included a short description, cost, how much an item would add to the property tax increase, as well as links for more information.

Definitions:

FTE – means a full-time employee.

Ongoing – means that this item and its cost would be included in Budget 2022 and in future City budgets.

One Time – means that this item and its cost would only be included in Budget 2022. One-time costs are not funded through property tax.

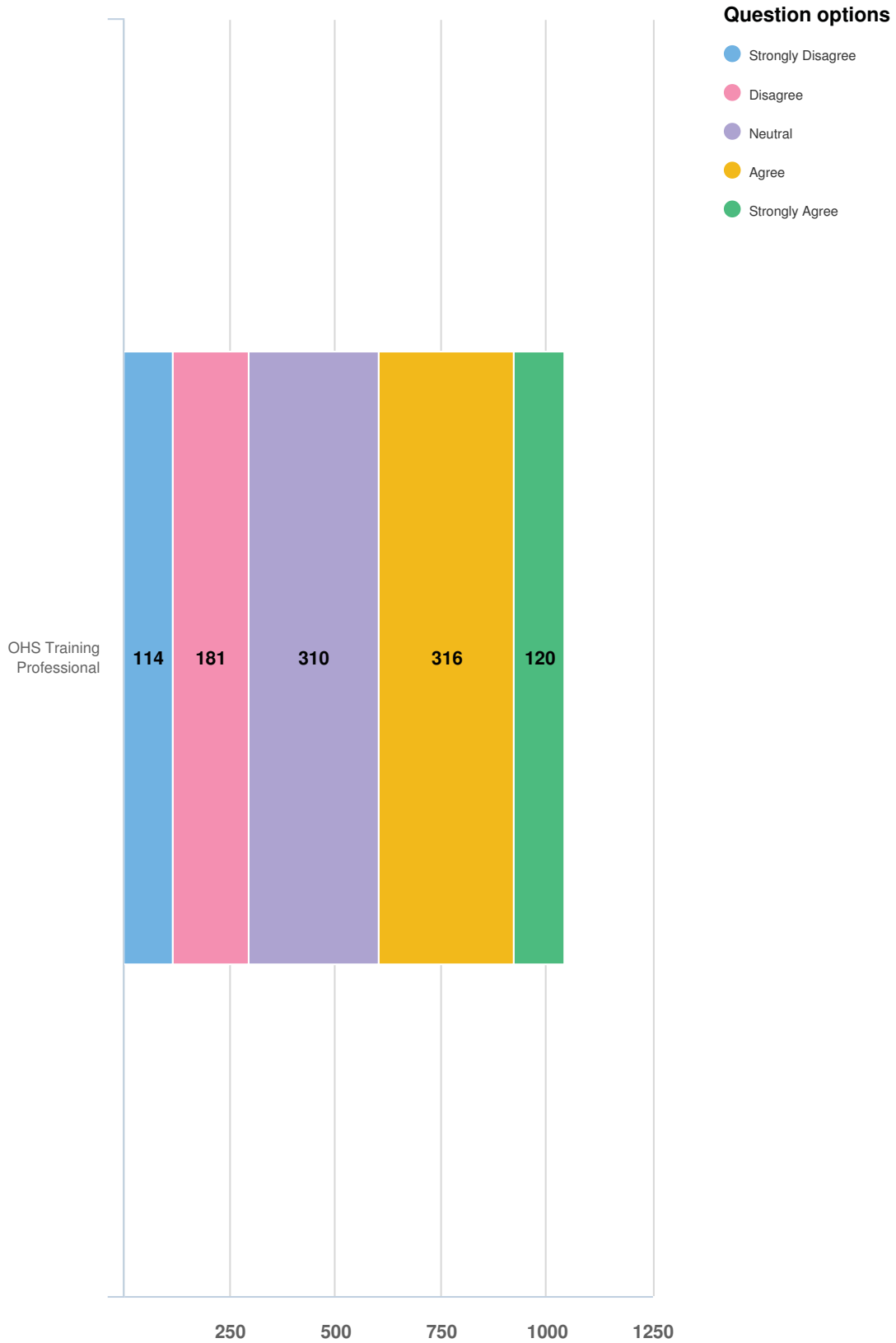
New Assessed Revenue – is the amount of new property tax revenue collected in 2022 that comes from the development of new properties or additions to existing properties. Also known as non-market change, this ongoing source of revenue is used to fund ongoing expenses.

Q9 | **Anti-Racism Training: Provide training sessions to City leaders and key staff groupings, with training offered to more staff in 2023. (One Time: \$32,000) Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item should be included in Budget ...**



Optional question (1044 response(s), 15 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q10 | OHS Training Professional: To advance the City’s Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) training program to reduce risk of injury to employees, contractors and the public. (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$125,000)(+ 0.08% to property tax increase)Please indicate h...



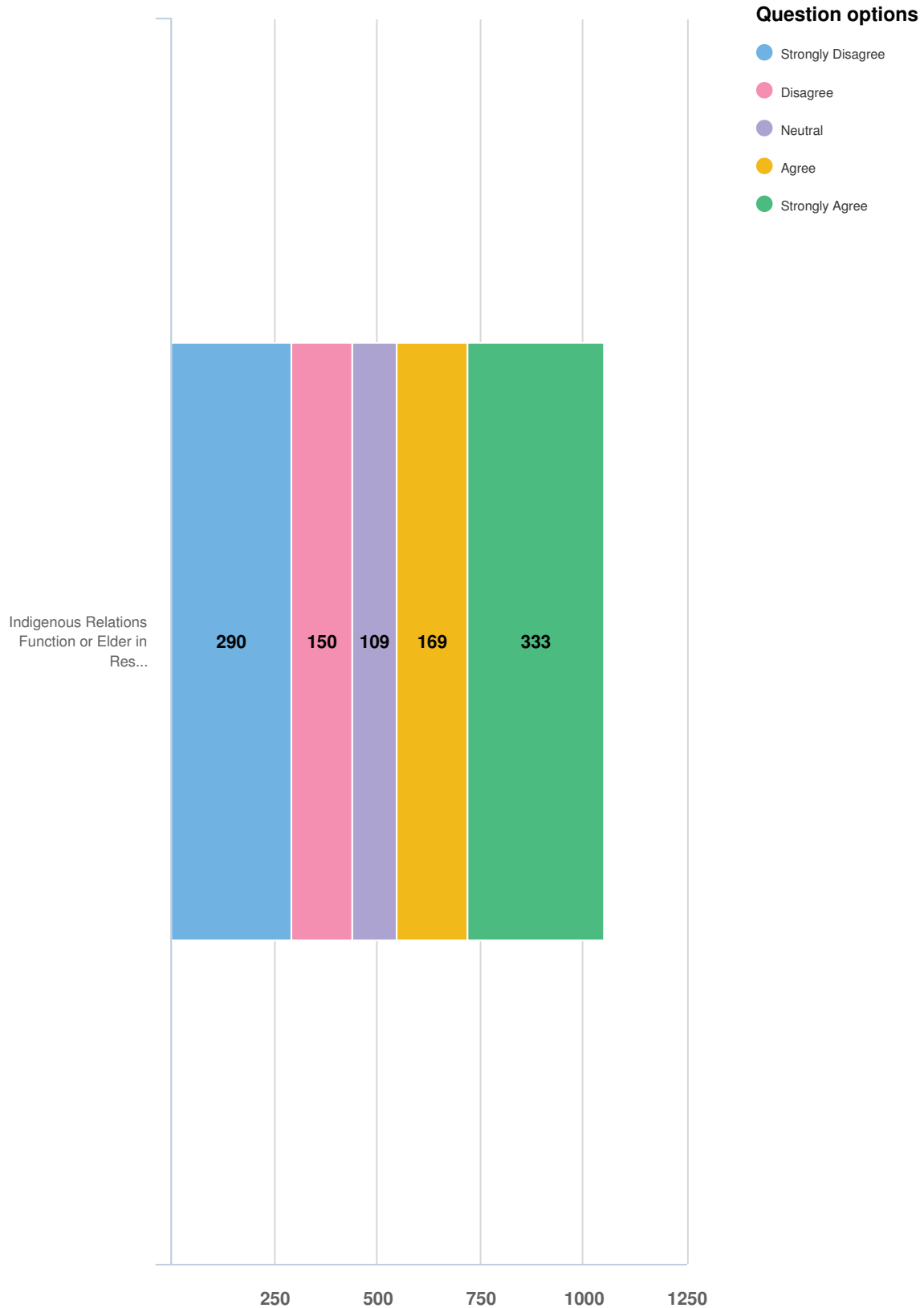
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Question type: Likert Question

Q11 | Committee Administrator: To support the coordination and administration of Council advisory committees, working groups and task forces and to support resident participation and input into City processes.(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$95,000)(+ 0.06% to propert...



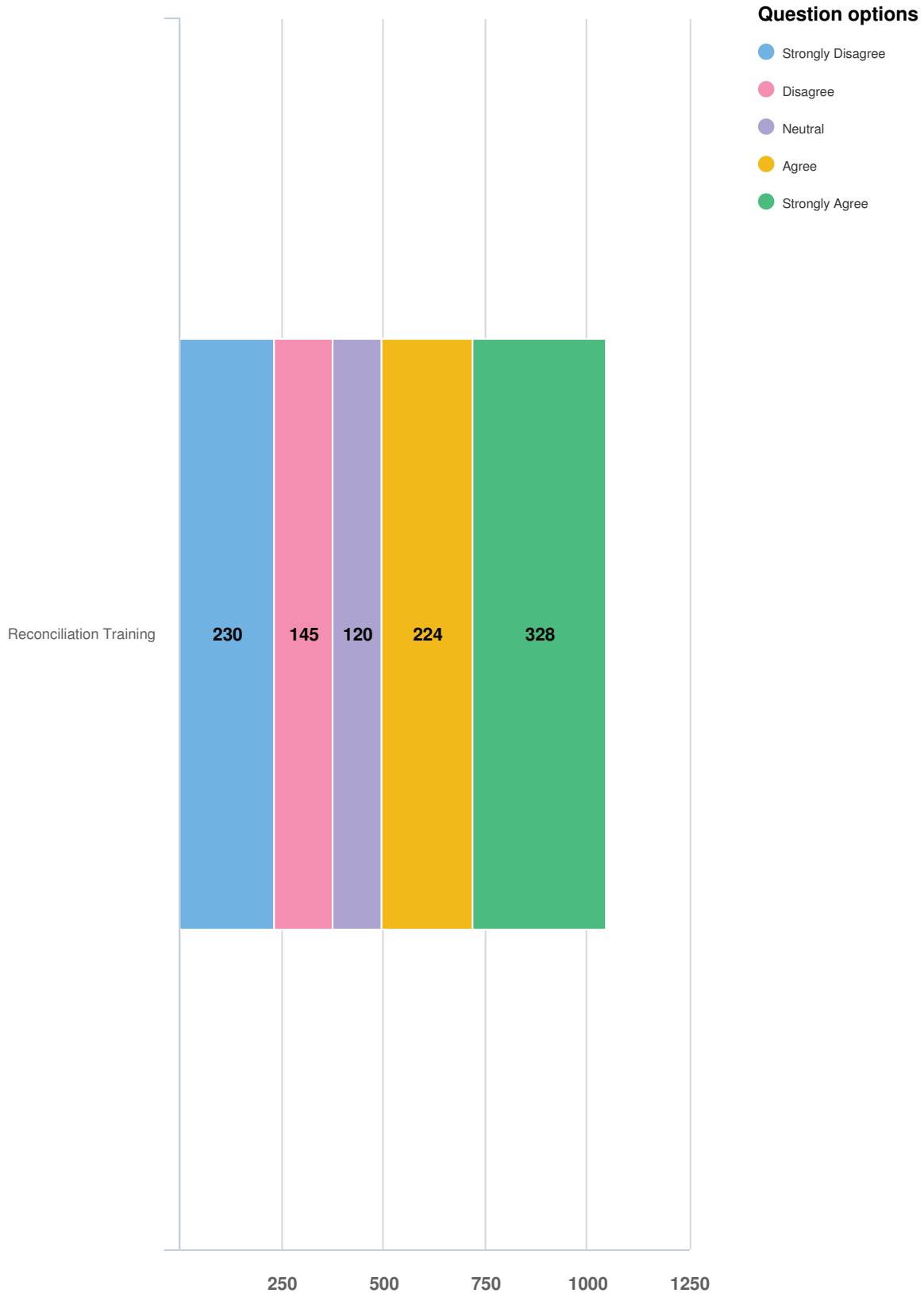
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Question type: Likert Question

Q12 Indigenous Relations Function or Elder in Residence: This new position will help support the City’s ongoing work towards reconciliation and Indigenous relations. (1 FTE – Ongoing: Up to \$100,000)(+ 0.07% to property tax increase)Please indicate how...



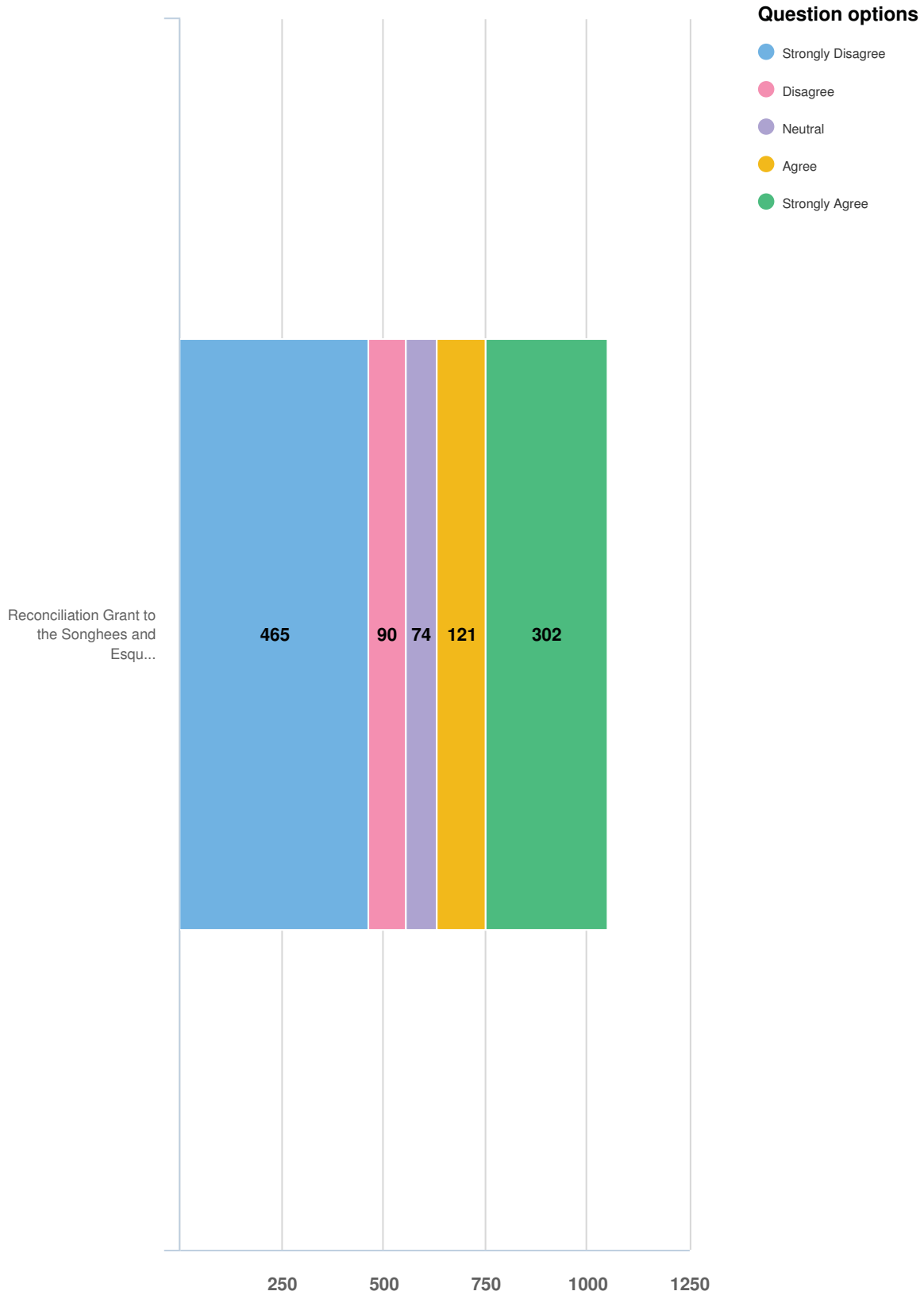
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Question type: Likert Question

Q13 | Reconciliation Training: Deliver cultural awareness and reconciliation training for City staff (One Time: \$16,000) Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



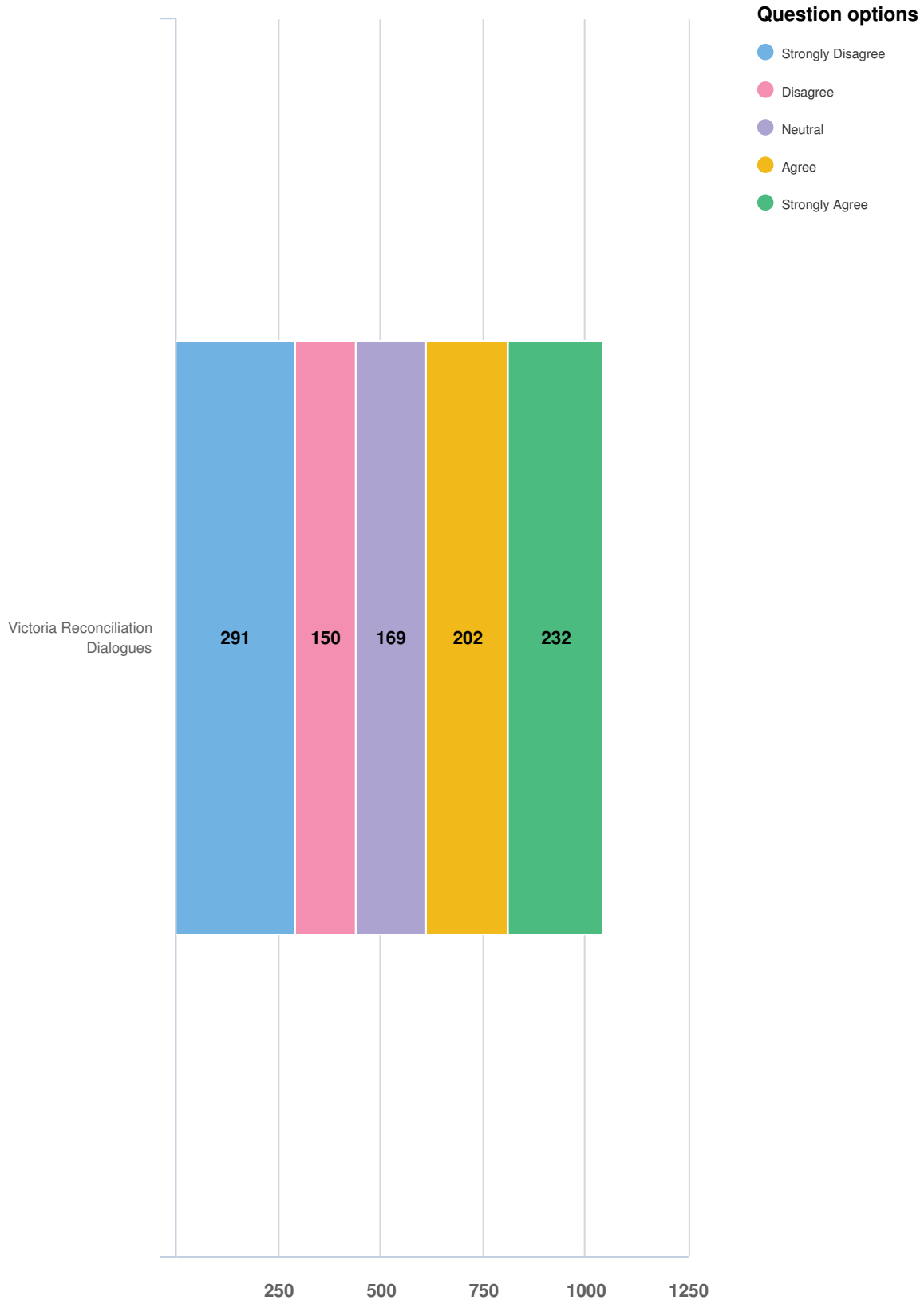
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Question type: Likert Question

Q14 | Reconciliation Grant to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations: Establish a Community Reconciliation Levy based on 15% of new assessed revenue allocated each year to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations as an unconditional, ongoing grant that increases t...



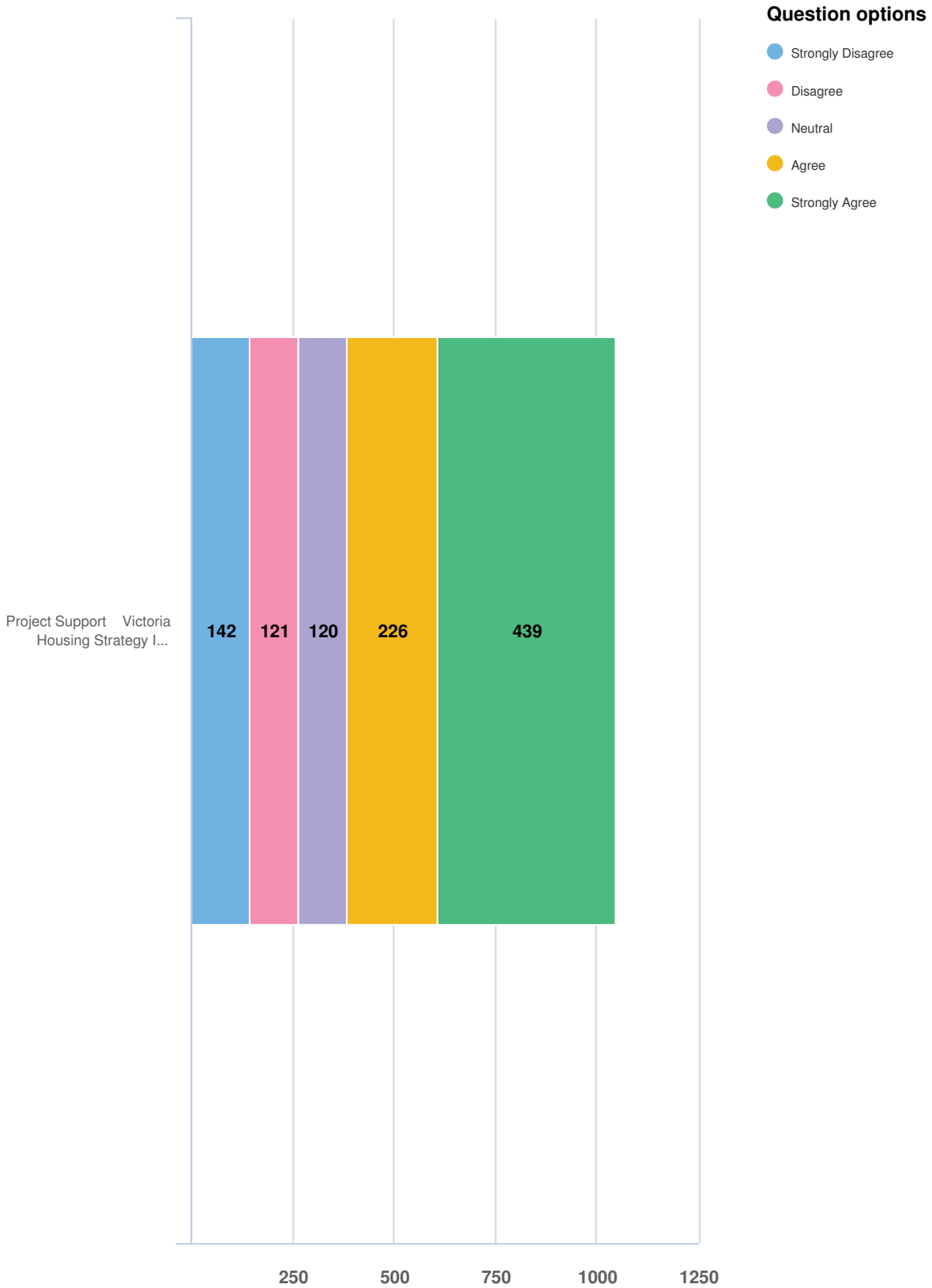
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Q15 | **Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues: To support the cost of three Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues. (One Time: \$45,000) Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.**



Optional question (1044 response(s), 15 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q16 | Project Support – Victoria Housing Strategy Implementation: Project funding to implement the remaining actions in the Housing Strategy, which will increase the supply and diversity of affordable housing to meet the needs of low and moderate-income ...



Optional question (1048 response(s), 11 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q17 | Planning Assistant: To enable the City to implement the remaining actions in its Housing Strategy and to support ongoing housing operations (annual data collection, housing research, public engagement and other housing services). (1 FTE – Ongoing:...



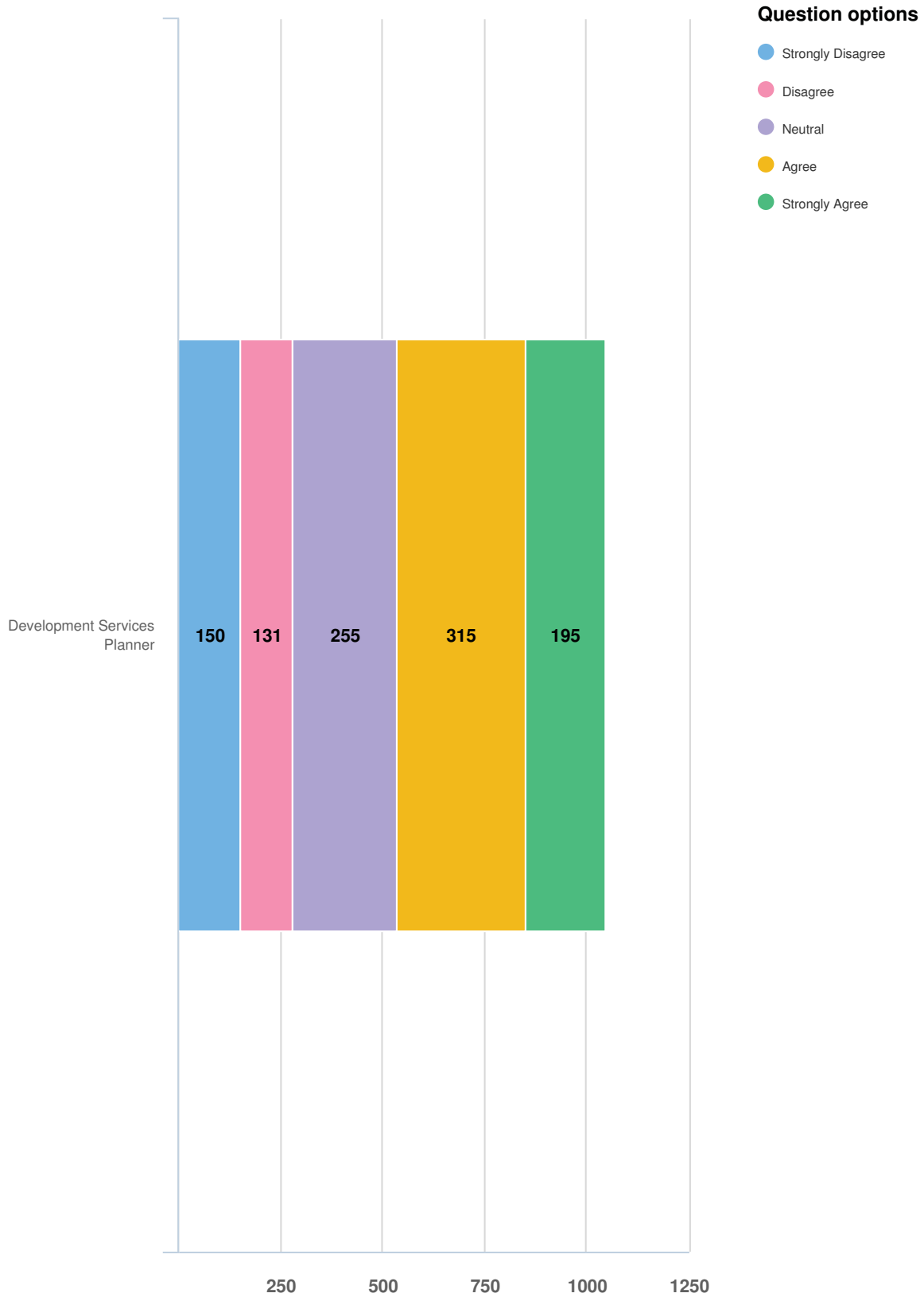
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Question type: Likert Question

Q18 Tenant Support Toolkit: Part of the City’s Housing Strategy, in collaboration with the Shift Demonstration Project, the toolkit aims to increase the participation of renters in engagement processes and support tenants by improving awareness of tena...



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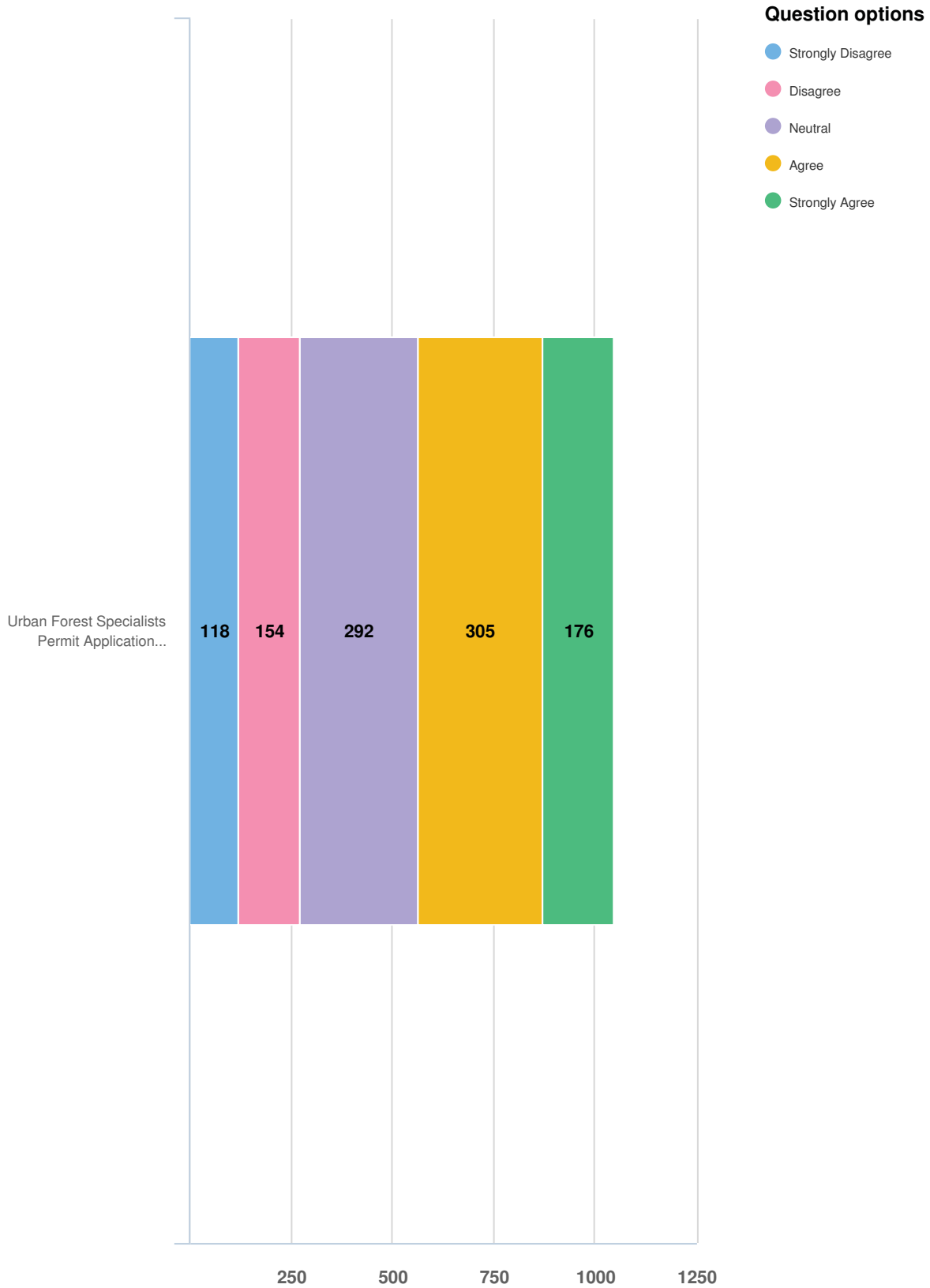
Q19 | Development Services Planner: An additional planner will shorten development timelines by improving the ability to respond to high volumes of development applications. (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$118,000) (Funded through permit fees. No property tax increas...



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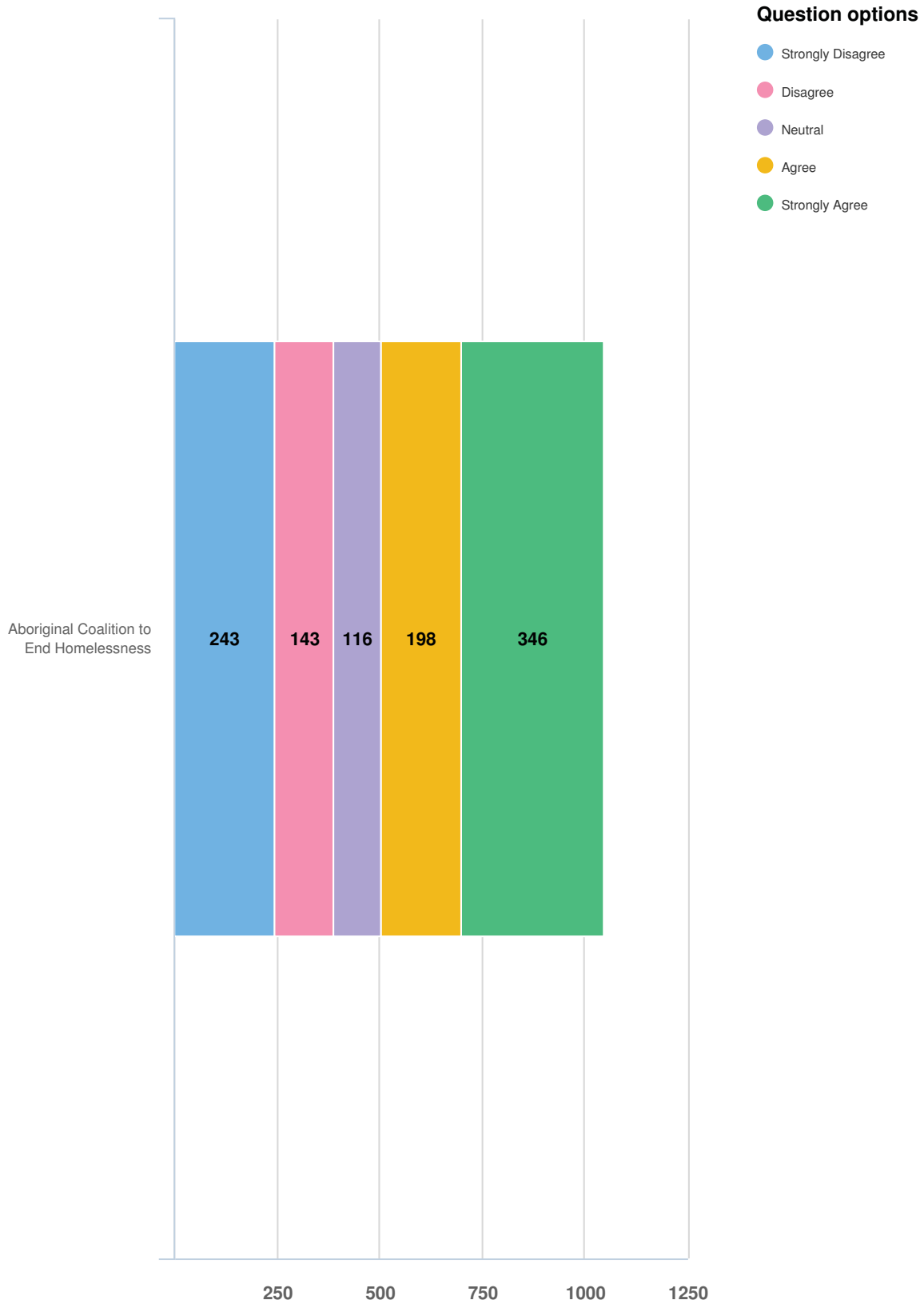
Q20 Urban Forest Specialists – Permit Applications: Dedicated specialists to review permit applications will speed up processing times. (2 FTEs – Ongoing: \$210,000) (Funded through permit fees. No property tax increase.)Please indicate how strongly you...



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Question type: Likert Question

Q21 | Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness: Provide annual funding to support the organization’s work to address Indigenous homelessness in the community. (Ongoing: \$100,000) (+ 0.07% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or...



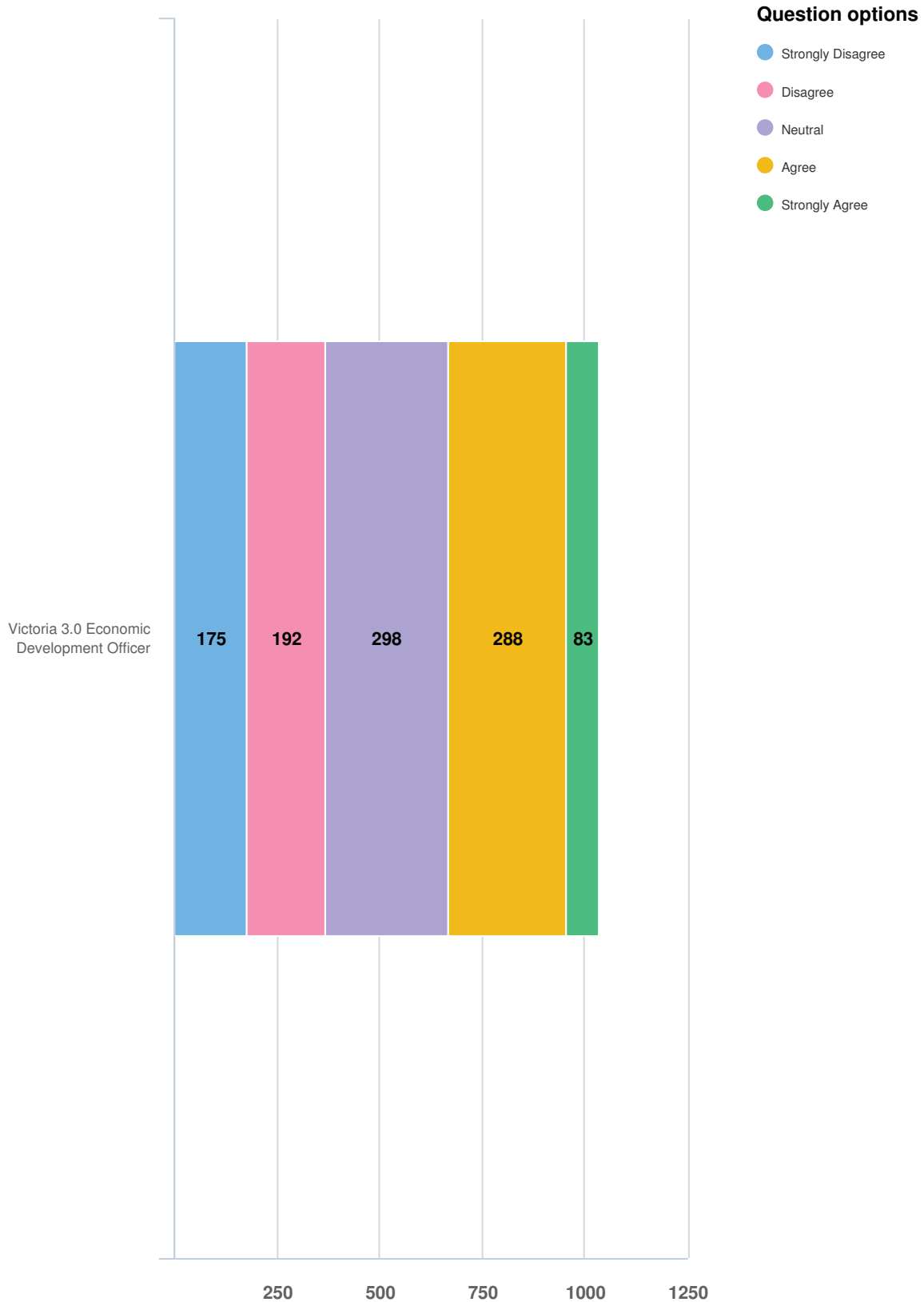
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Question type: Likert Question

Q22 Homelessness Advisor: To resolve systemic barriers to end homelessness in the city, and partner and coordinate with external agencies and other levels of government. (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$140,000) (+ 0.09% to property tax increase) Please indicate how ...



Optional question (1046 response(s), 13 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q23 | **Victoria 3.0 Economic Development Officer: To oversee implementation of the Victoria 3.0 Economic Action Plan and support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$120,000) (+ 0.08% to property tax increase)**Please indicate how strongl...



Optional question (1036 response(s), 23 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q24 | **Arts and Innovation District Master Plan Implementation: To support the implementation of the City’s Arts and Innovation District, a hub for cross-sector collaboration, innovation, research and development, and a place where arts and culture can th...**



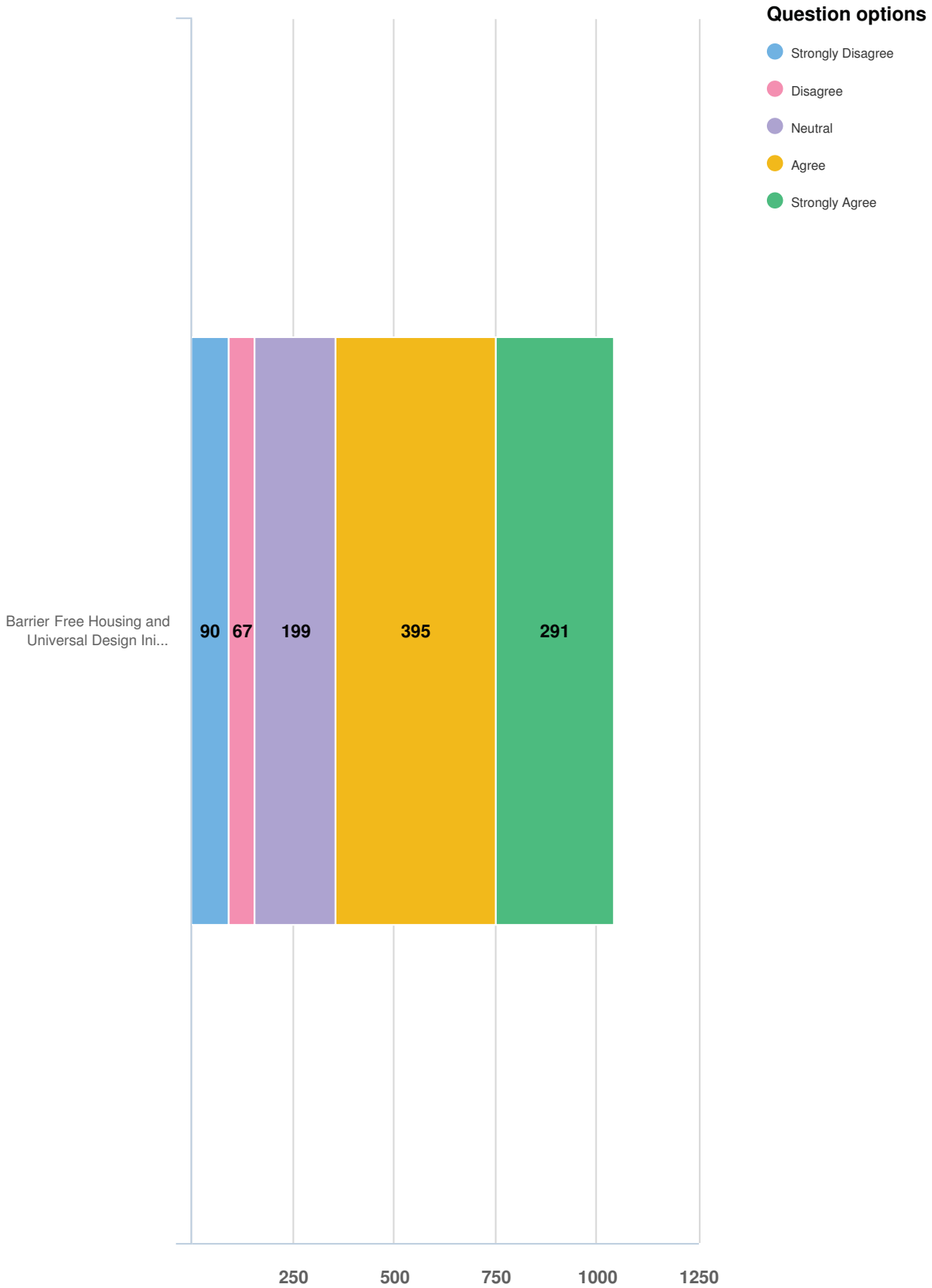
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Q25 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program: Establish an annual grant program to increase and improve performance spaces and galleries to support artists and performers, and so that residents and visitors can experience more art, more often, in safe, ac...



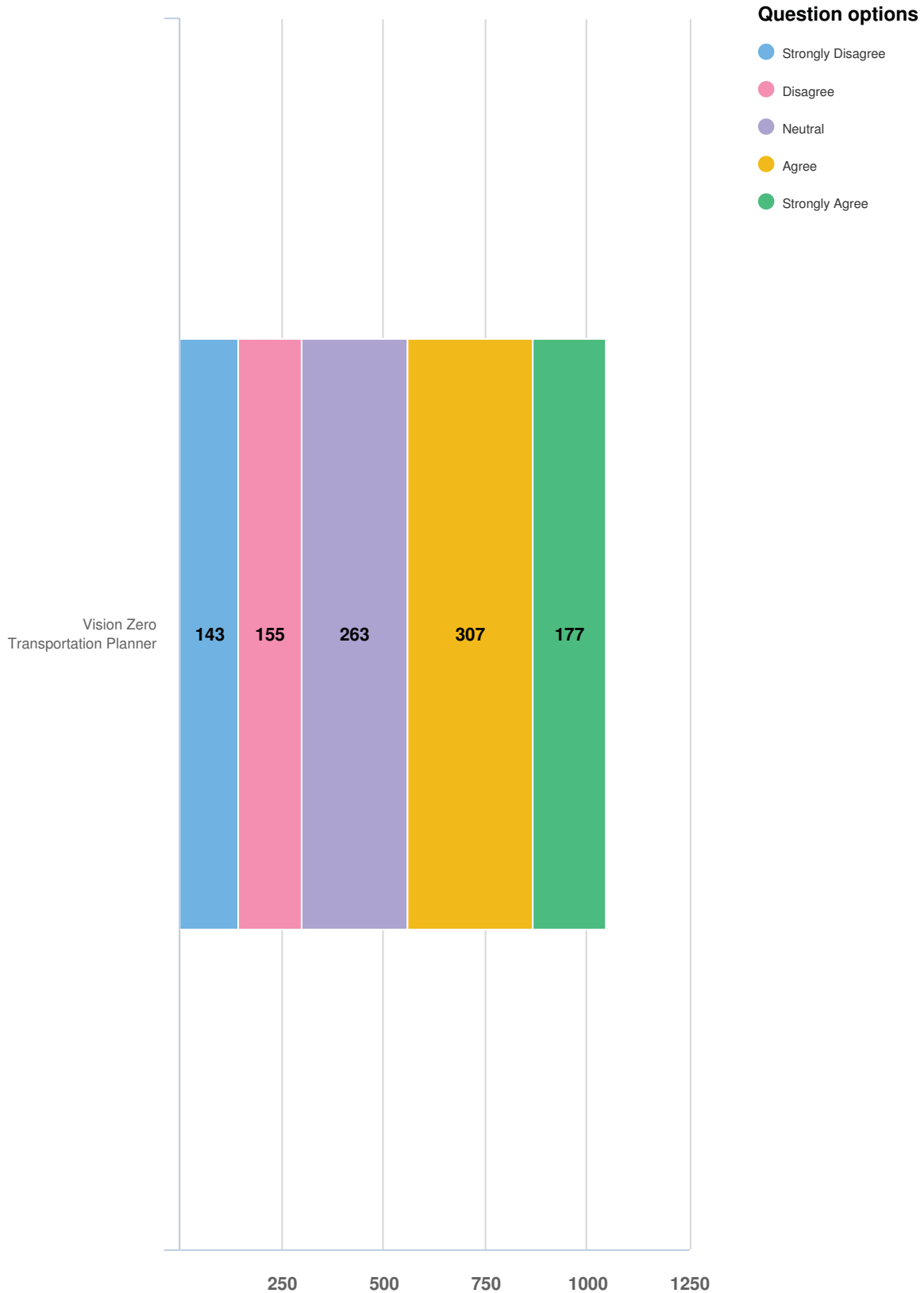
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Q26 | **Barrier-Free Housing and Universal Design Initiative: To advance the City’s Seniors Action Plan goal to make it easier for seniors to age in place. (One Time: \$15,000)**Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in ...



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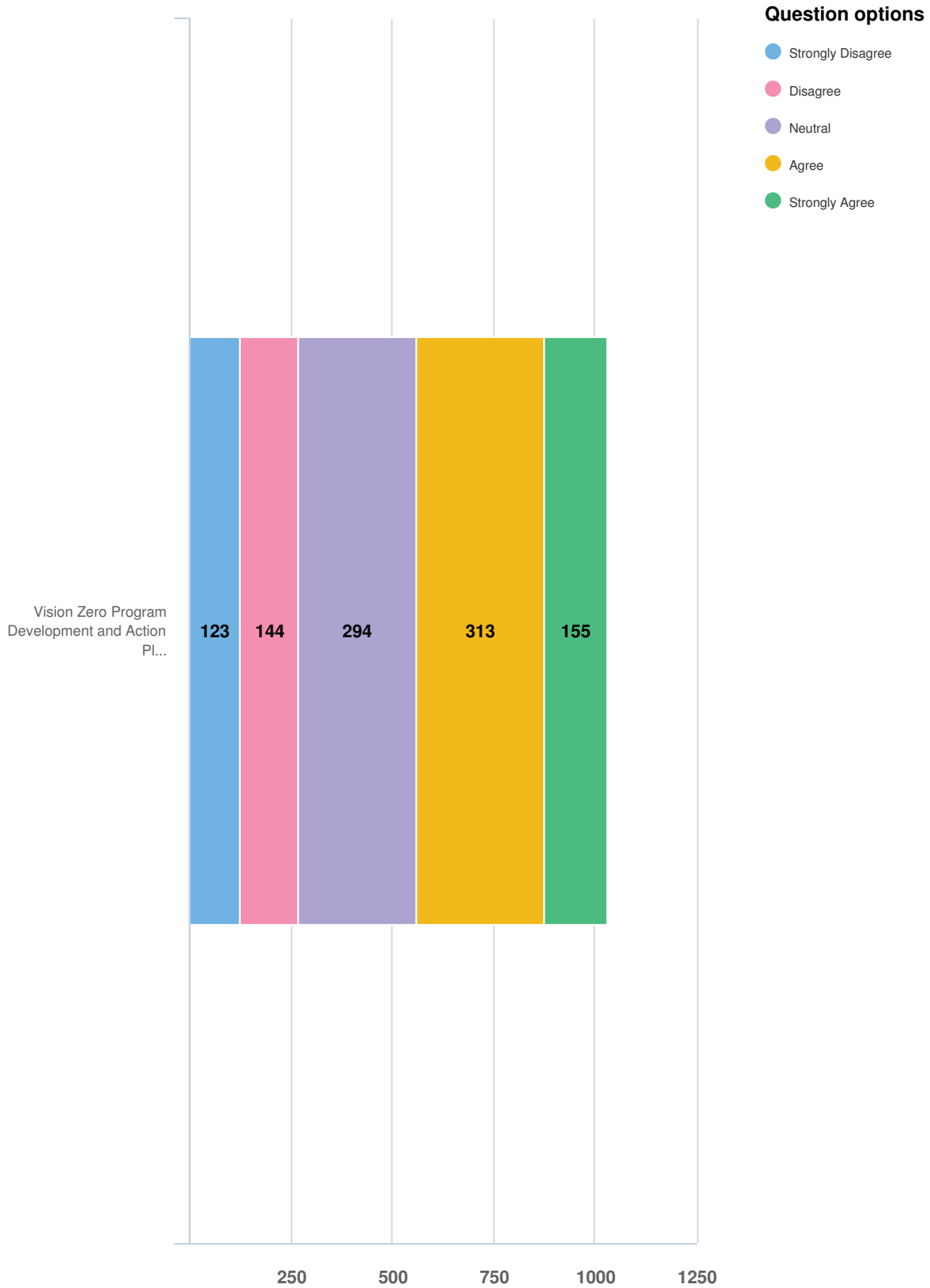
Q27 | **Vision Zero Transportation Planner: Provide enhanced data and analysis to make roads safer and prevent injuries and deaths. (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$118,000) (+ 0.08% to property tax increase)**Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this i...



Optional question (1045 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

Q28 | **Vision Zero Program Development and Action Plan: Develop the Vision Zero program and action plan to help make roads safer and prevent injuries and deaths. (\$50,000/year for two years - One Time: \$100,000)**Please indicate how strongly you agree or di...



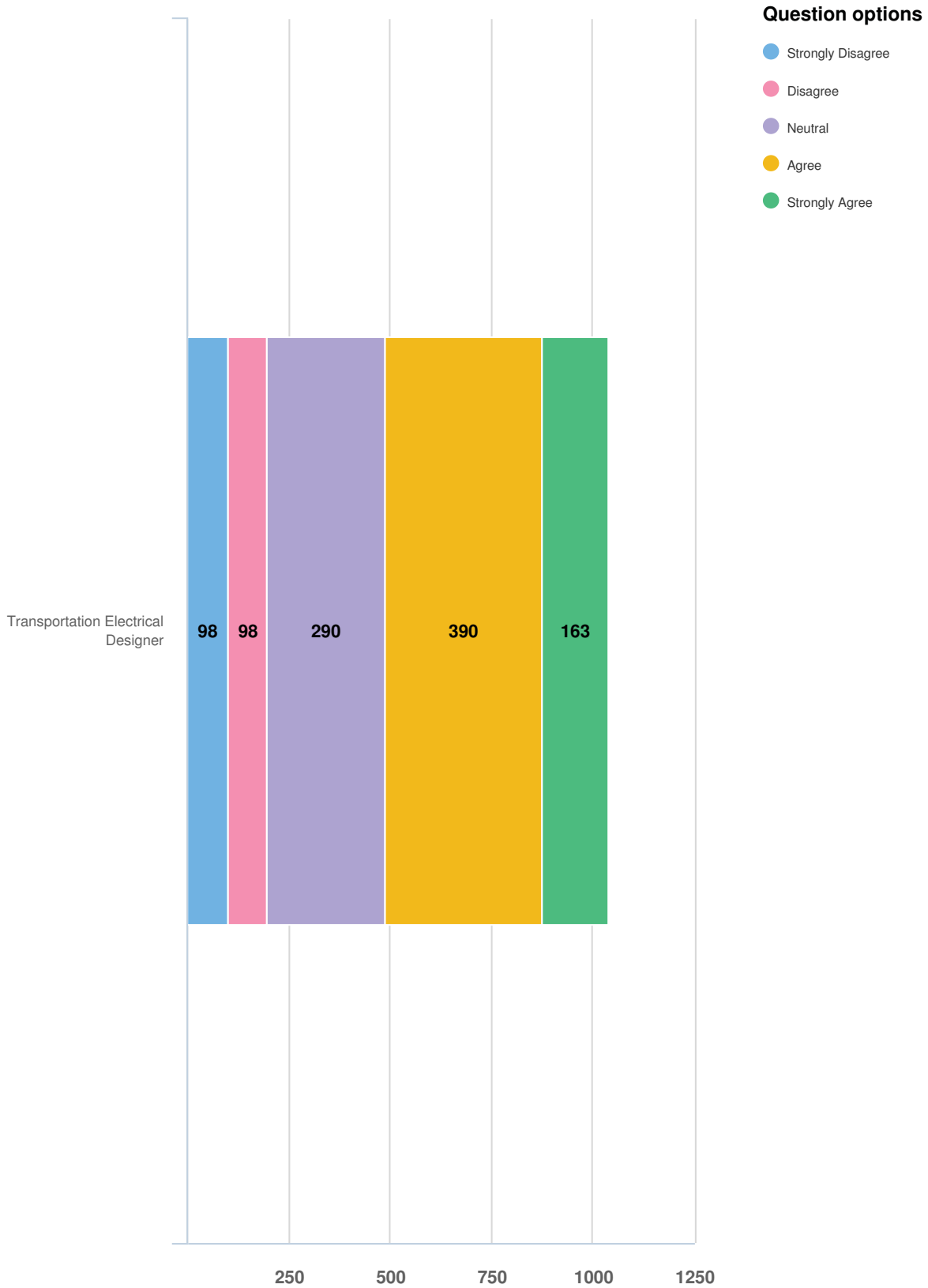
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Question type: Likert Question

Q29 Safety Initiative Reimbursement Program: A program in partnership with a local business improvement association to help support the security of Victoria’s businesses or residential dwellings with small grants up to a 50% reimbursement for safety or...



Optional question (1035 response(s), 24 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q30 | **Transportation Electrical Designer: Additional support to prepare the City’s electrical infrastructure for the future and to enable Smart City infrastructure. (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$107,000) (+ 0.07% to property tax increase)**Please indicate how strong...



Optional question (1039 response(s), 20 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q31 | Youth Project Coordinator: To support the implementation of the City’s Youth Strategy. (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$80,000)(+ 0.05% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



Optional question (1036 response(s), 23 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q32 | **Newcomer Sport & Recreation Assistant: Additional staff support to identify and address barriers to participation in sport and recreation programs for new Canadians. (0.5 FTE – Ongoing: \$40,000) (+ 0.03% to property tax increase)Please indicat...**



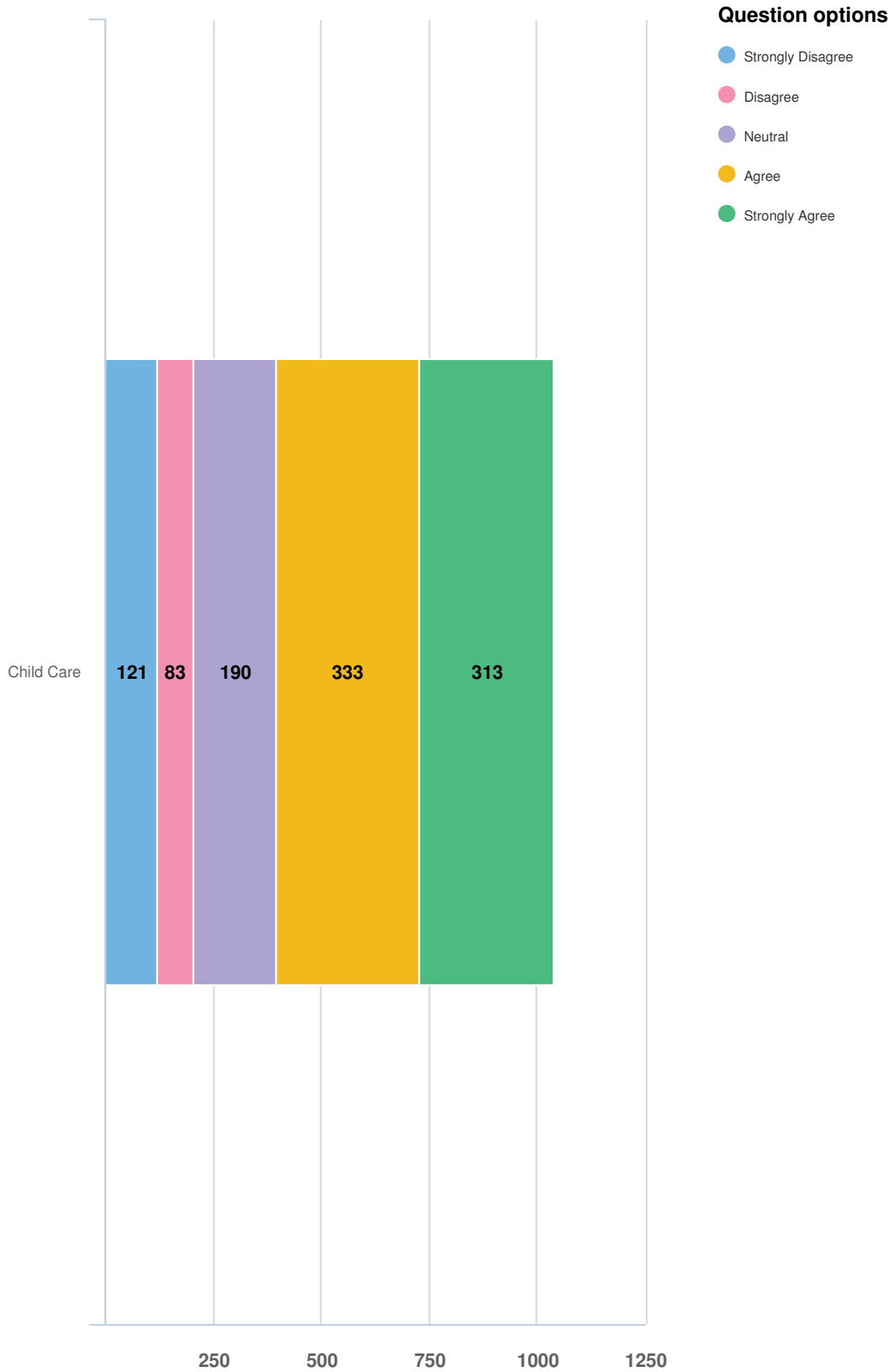
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Q33 | **Newcomer Sport & Recreation Consulting: Consulting support to advise on barriers and recreation program design for newcomers. (One Time: \$30,000)** Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



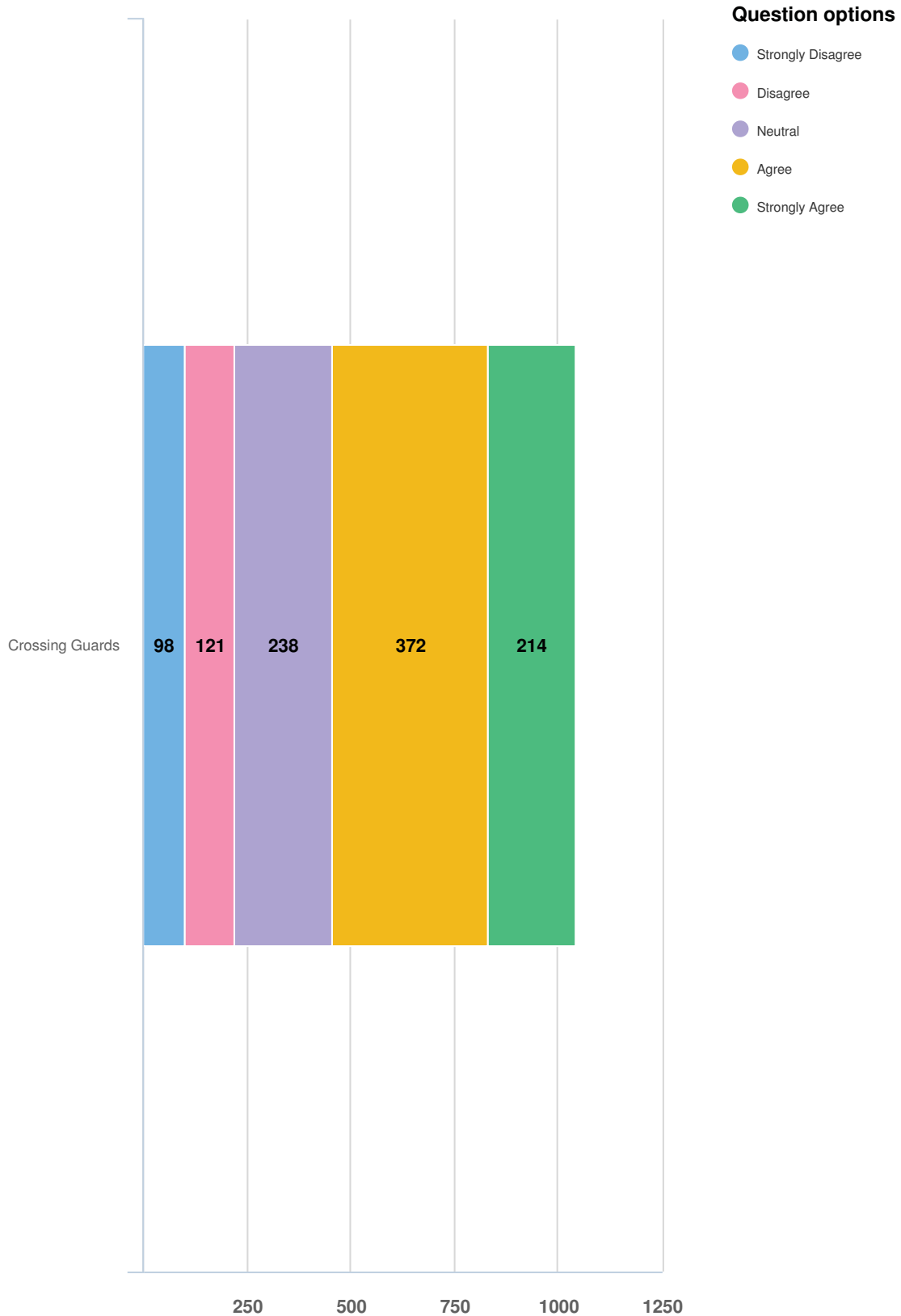
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Question type: Likert Question

Q34 | **Child Care: Engage key partners to update data to implement and monitor the City’s Child Care Action Plan to increase access to childcare for Victoria families. (One Time: \$5,000)** Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be ...



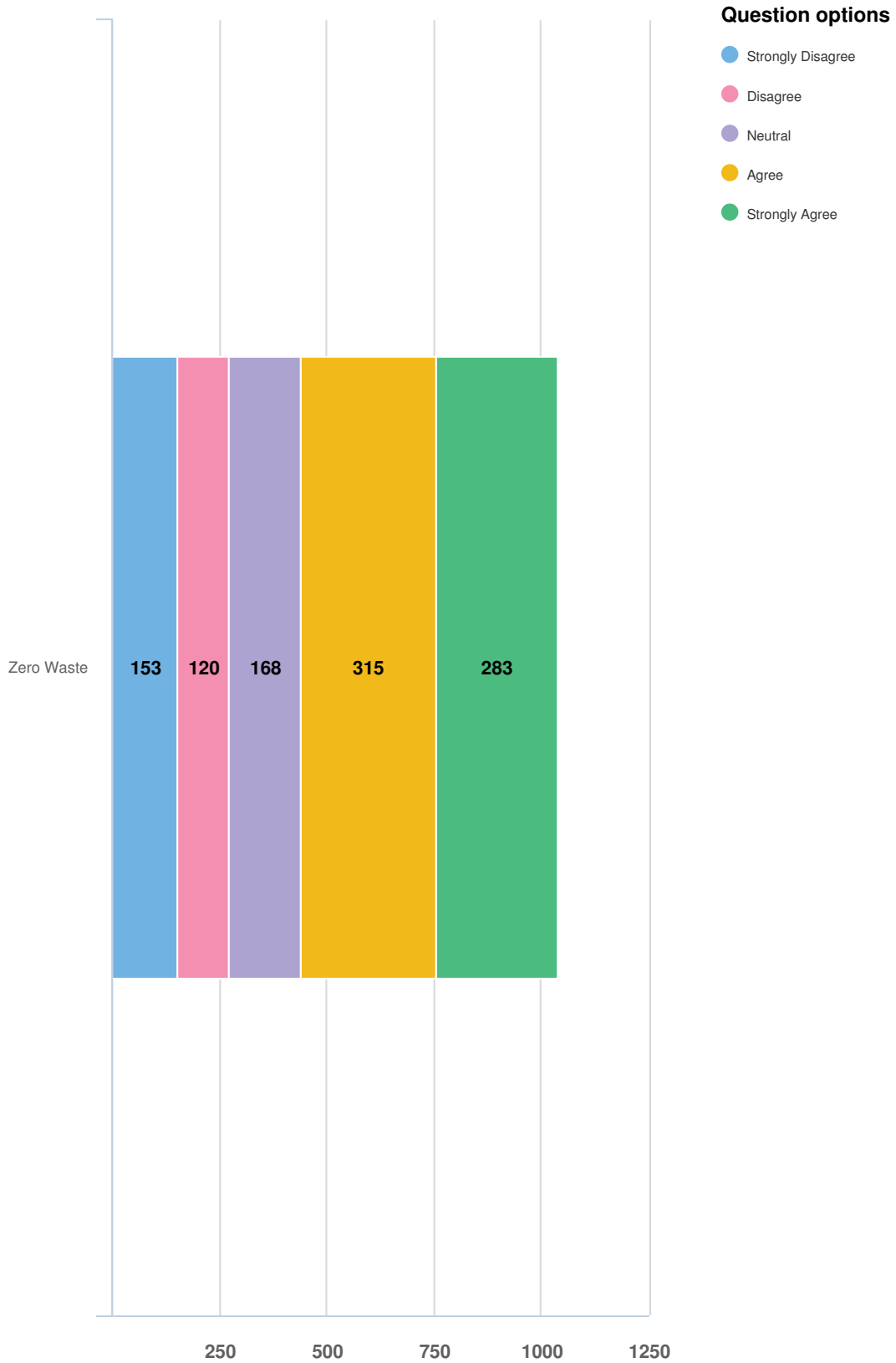
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Question type: Likert Question

Q35 Crossing Guards: Fund eight crossing guards at seven Victoria schools until December 2022. (One Time: Up to \$62,000) Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



Optional question (1043 response(s), 16 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q36 Zero Waste: Make ongoing (previously funded for a two-year term) to carry on implementation of the City’s Zero Waste Strategy, including reducing single-use items going into the landfill and enhancing garbage and kitchen scraps services. (2 FTEs – ...



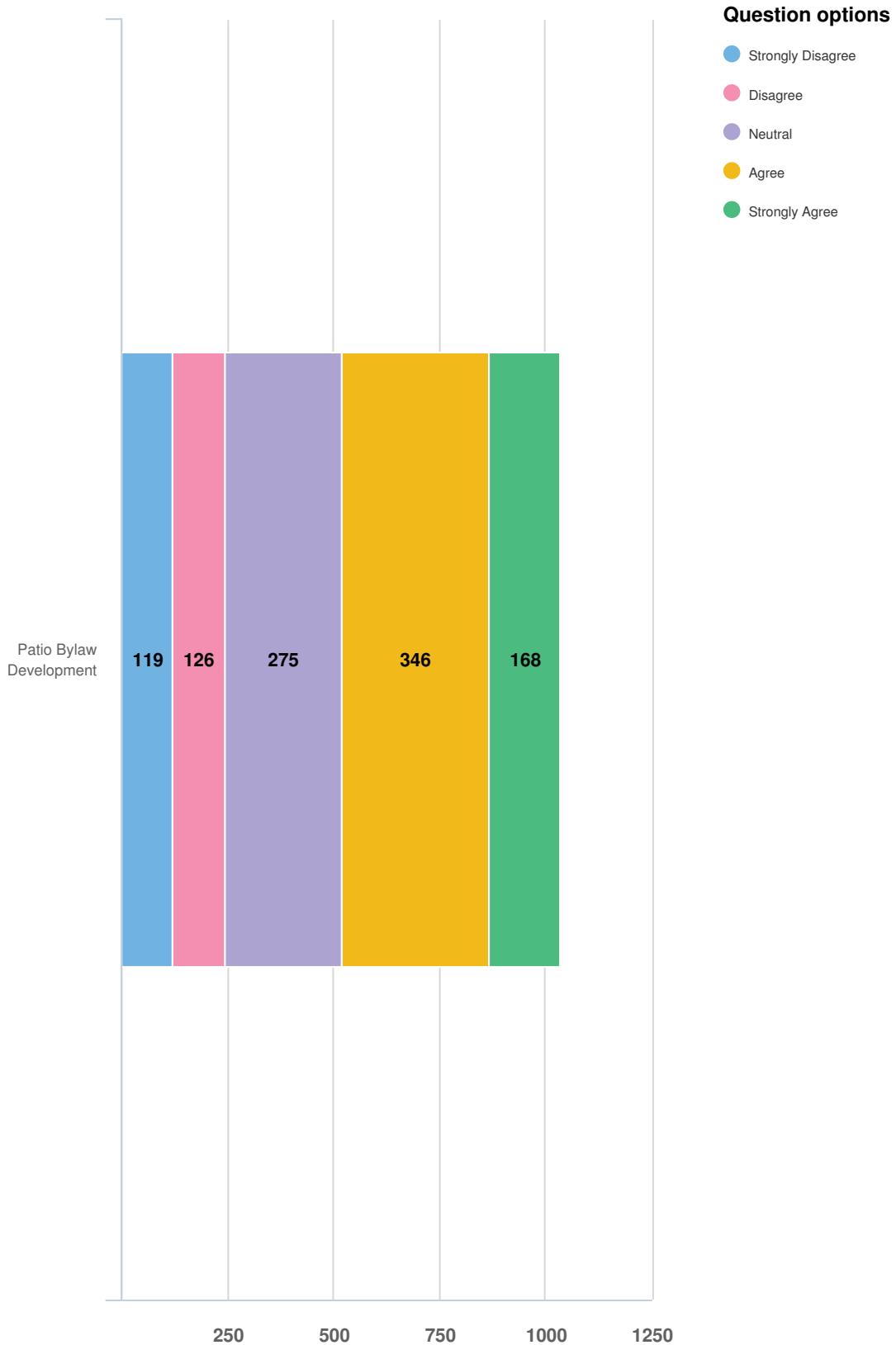
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Q37 | **Patio Operations: To continue to administer the successful Build Back Victoria program for commercial and public use, without impacting other service areas. See under Street Activities in link.(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$107,000)(+ 0.07% to property tax inc...**



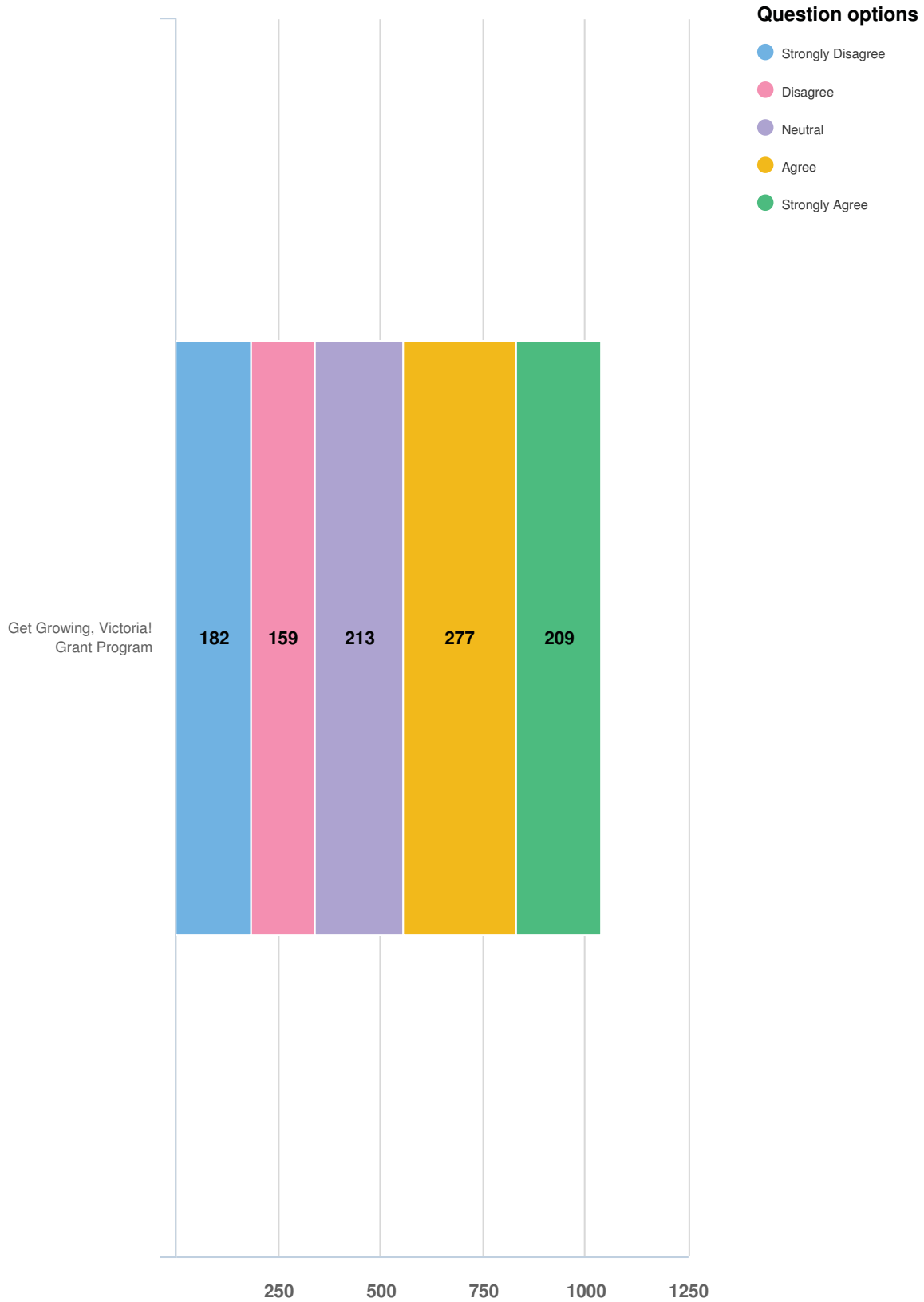
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Q38 | **Patio Bylaw Development: Consulting services to advise the ongoing enhancements to the Build Back Victoria program to continue to support small businesses through the recovery period. (One Time: \$100,000)**Please indicate how strongly you agree or d...



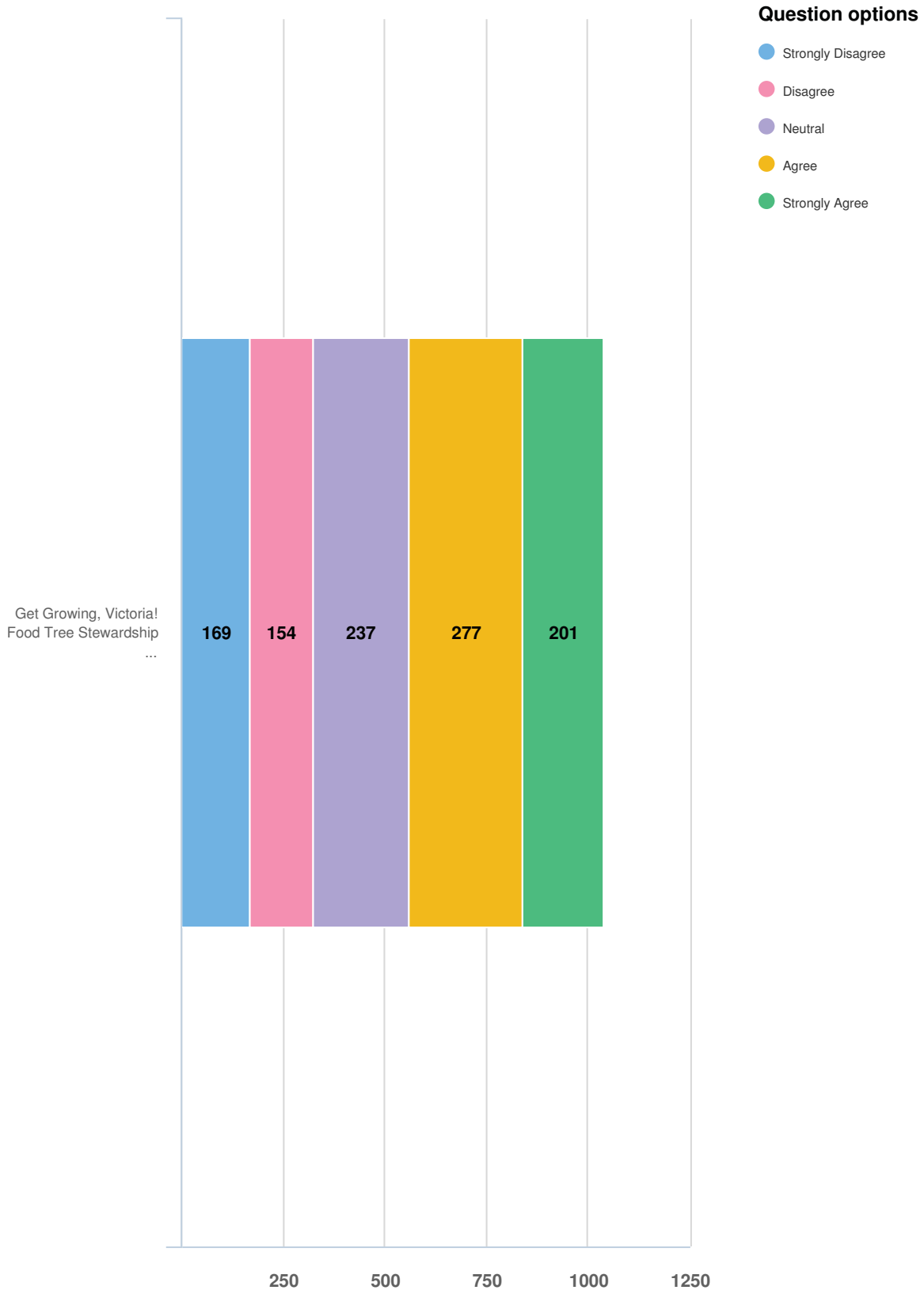
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Q39 | **Get Growing, Victoria! Grant Program: Additional annual funding to expand the provision of vegetable seedlings to more families. (Ongoing: \$27,000) (+ 0.02% to property tax increase)**Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item...



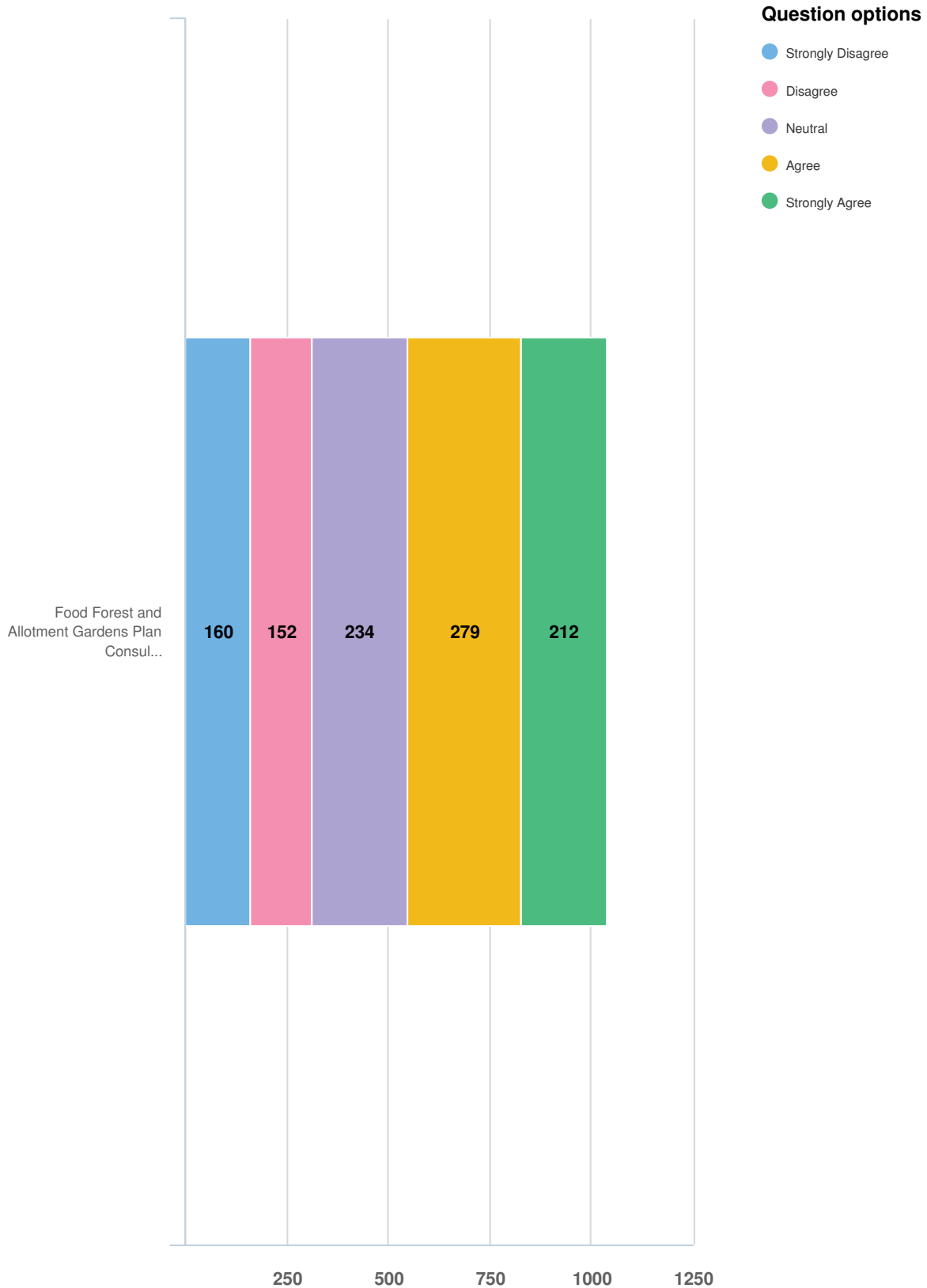
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Question type: Likert Question

Q40 | **Get Growing, Victoria! Food Tree Stewardship Program: Start-up funding for a new Food Tree Stewardship program. (Ongoing: \$25,000)(+ 0.02% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Bud...**



Optional question (1038 response(s), 21 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q41 | Food Forest and Allotment Gardens Plan Consulting: Consulting support to develop the City's Food Forest and Allotment Gardens Plan. (One Time: \$90,000) Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



Optional question (1037 response(s), 22 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q42 | Building Deconstruction Permit Administration System Towards Zero Waste
Victoria: Improvements to the City’s permit system to include eligible demolition projects and fund stakeholder education and training.(One Time: \$90,000)Please indicate how st...



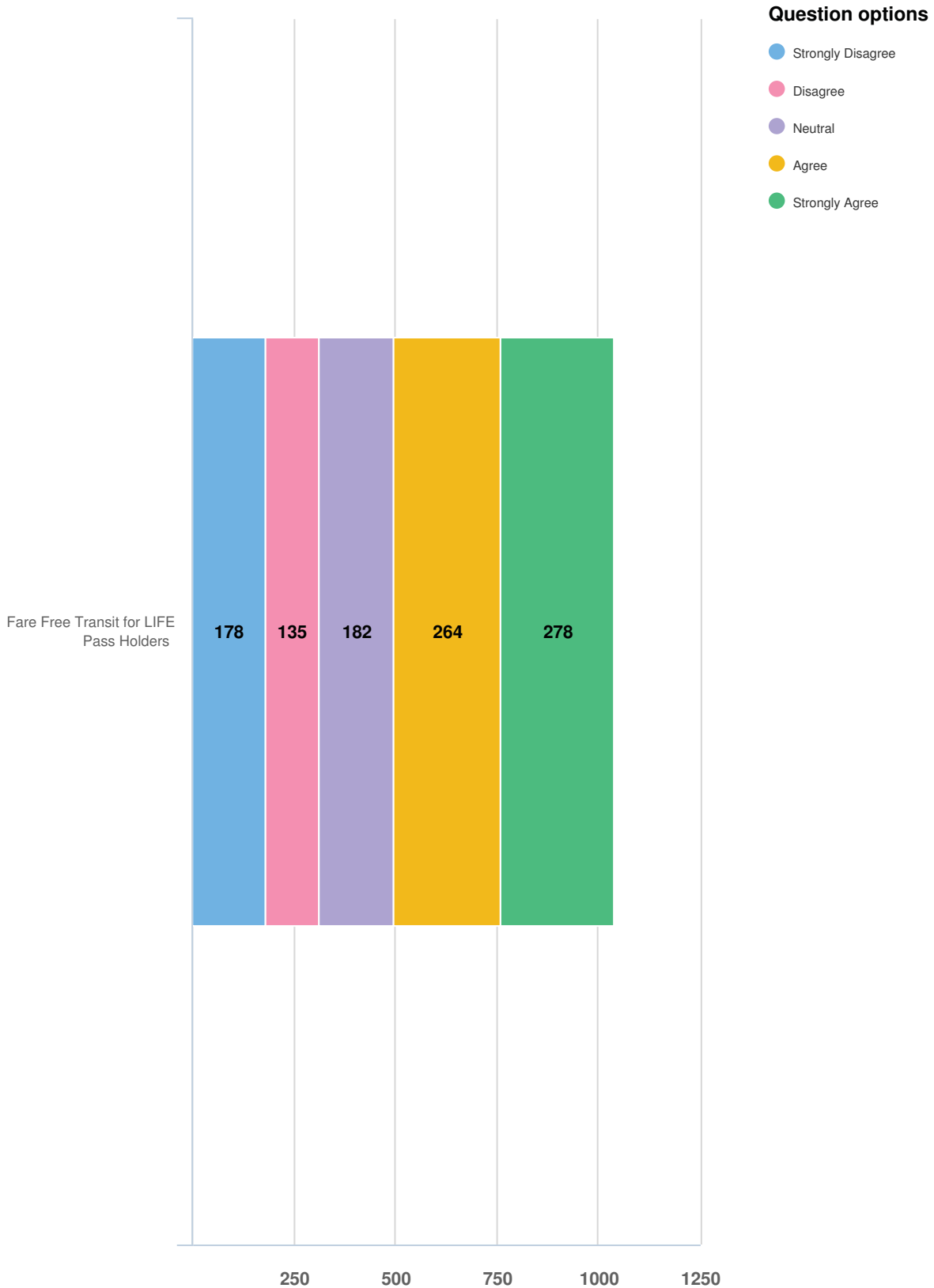
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Question type: Likert Question

Q43 | **Per Capita Neighbourhood Grant: Increase the per capita grant to neighbourhood associations with community centres to the same level provided to neighbourhoods without community centres. See item 52 of link.(Ongoing: \$59,360)(+ 0.04% to property ta...**



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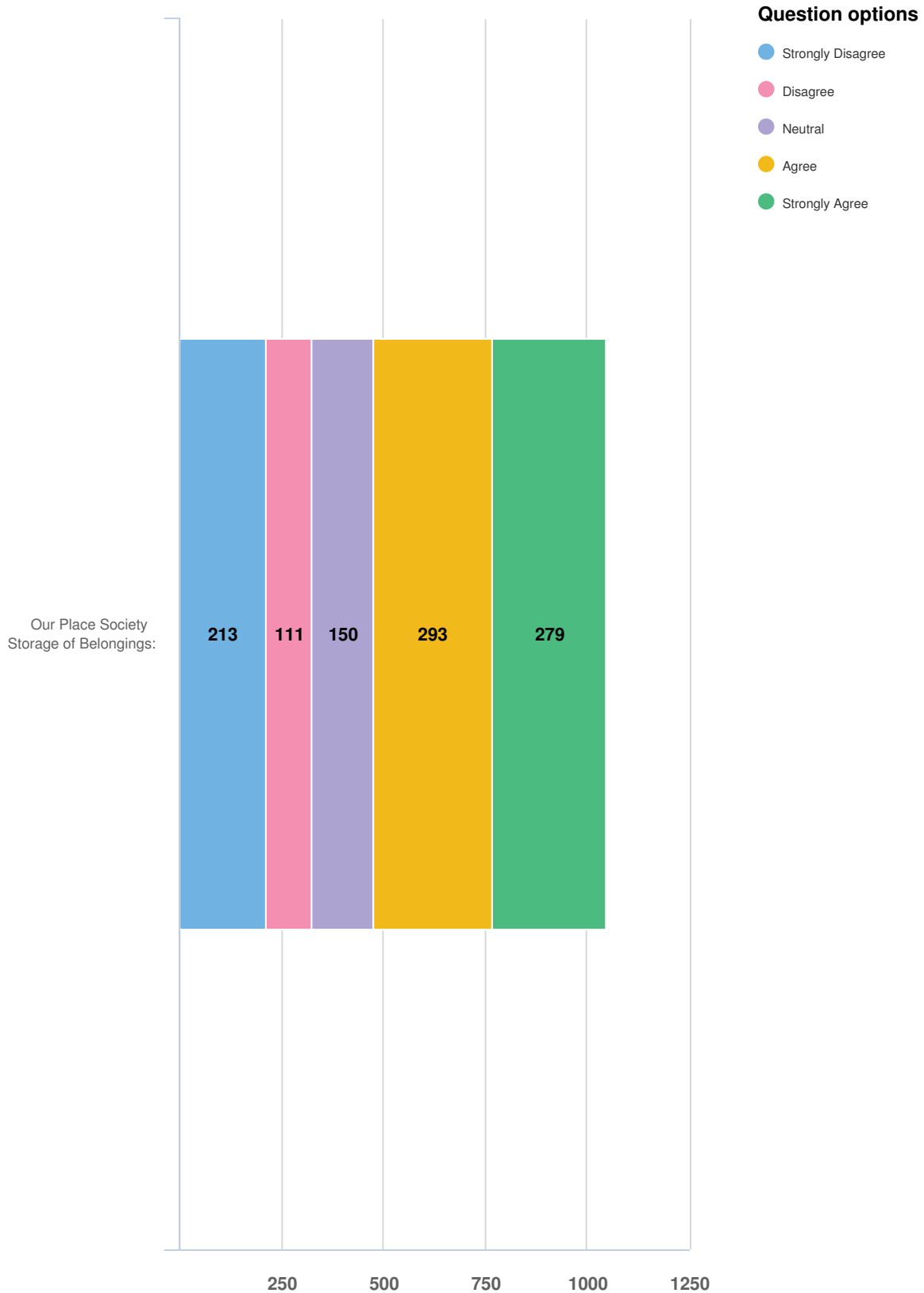
Q44 | Fare Free Transit for LIFE Pass Holders:Extend fare free transit to LIFE Pass holders in the City of Victoria to further support low-income residents. (Ongoing: \$1,142,000)(+ 0.77% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or ...



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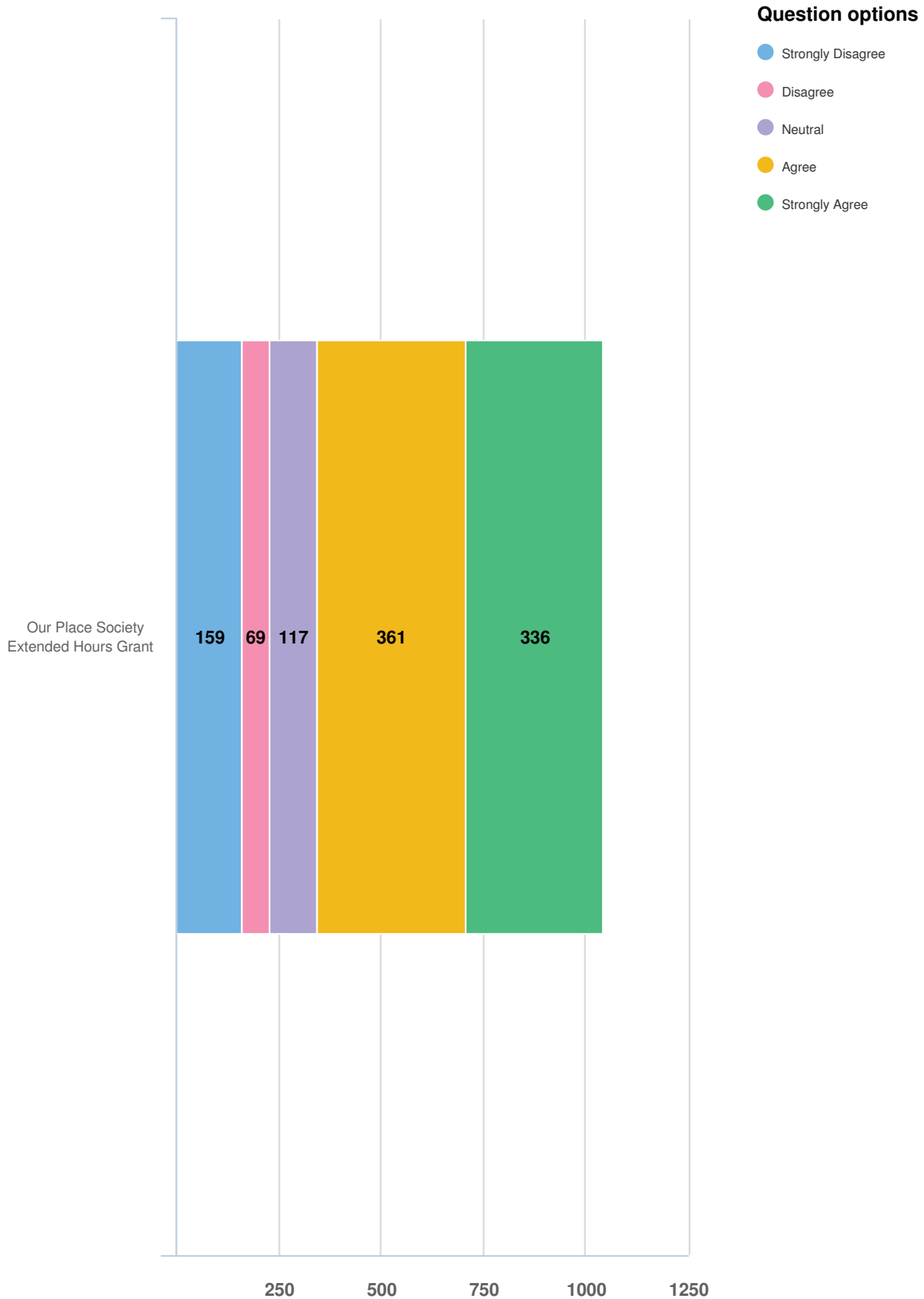
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Q45 | **Our Place Society - Storage of Belongings: Allocate funding to support storage of belongings. (Ongoing: \$50,000) (+ 0.03% to property tax increase)** Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



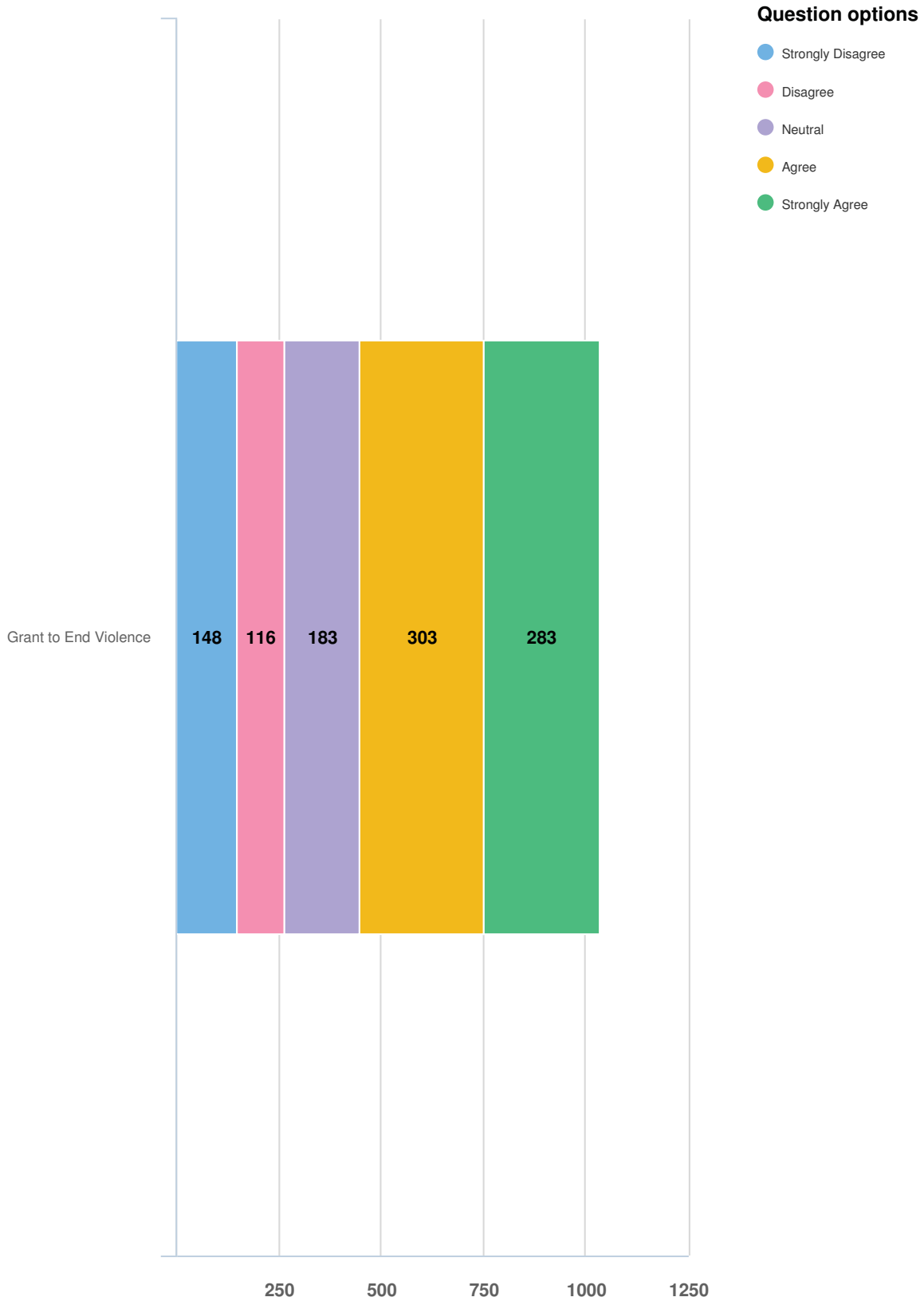
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Q46 | Our Place Society - Extended Hours Grant: Allocate funding to extend Our Place Society's hours. (Ongoing: \$50,000) (+ 0.03% to property tax increase) Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



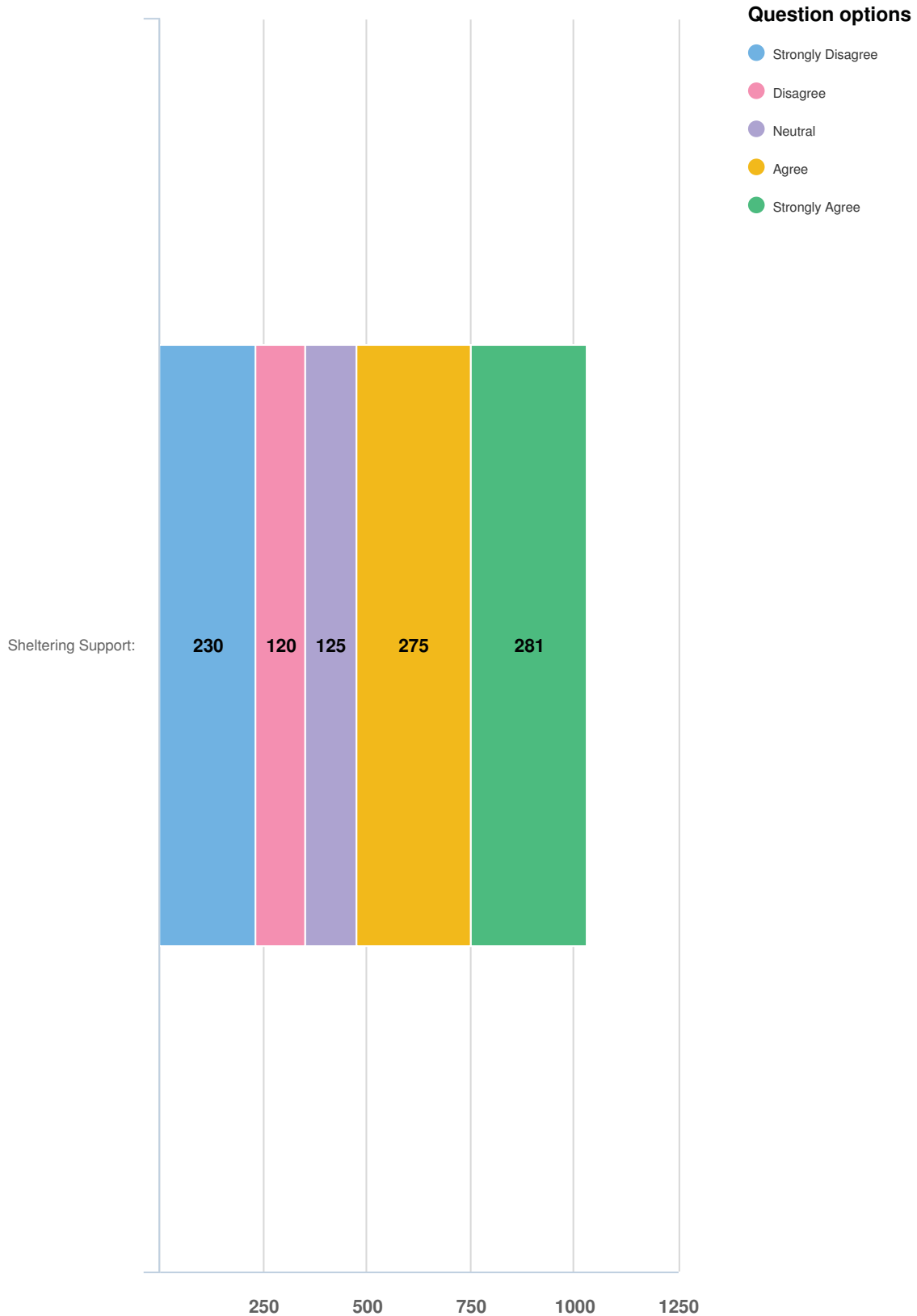
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Q47 | **Grant to Ending Violence Association of BC: Provide a new grant to the Ending Violence Association of BC to deliver a prevention training program geared towards hospitality and late-night venues to address sexualized violence in the community.(One ...**



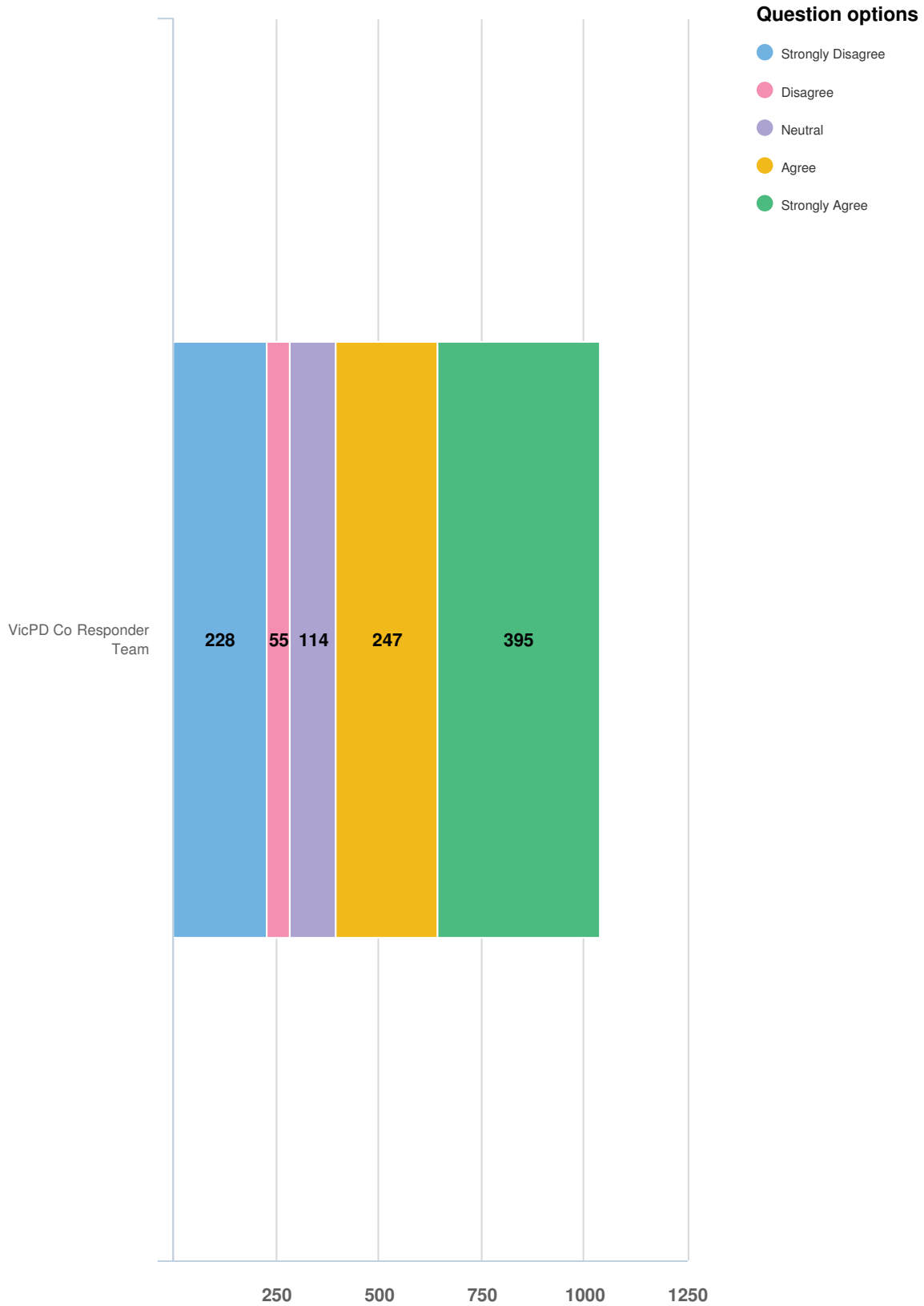
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Question type: Likert Question

Q48 | Sheltering Support: Continued investment in a multi-disciplinary response team to mitigate risks and maintain service levels in City parks and public spaces as a result of overnight sheltering. (8.4 FTEs - Ongoing: \$1,133,000) (+ 0.77% to propert...



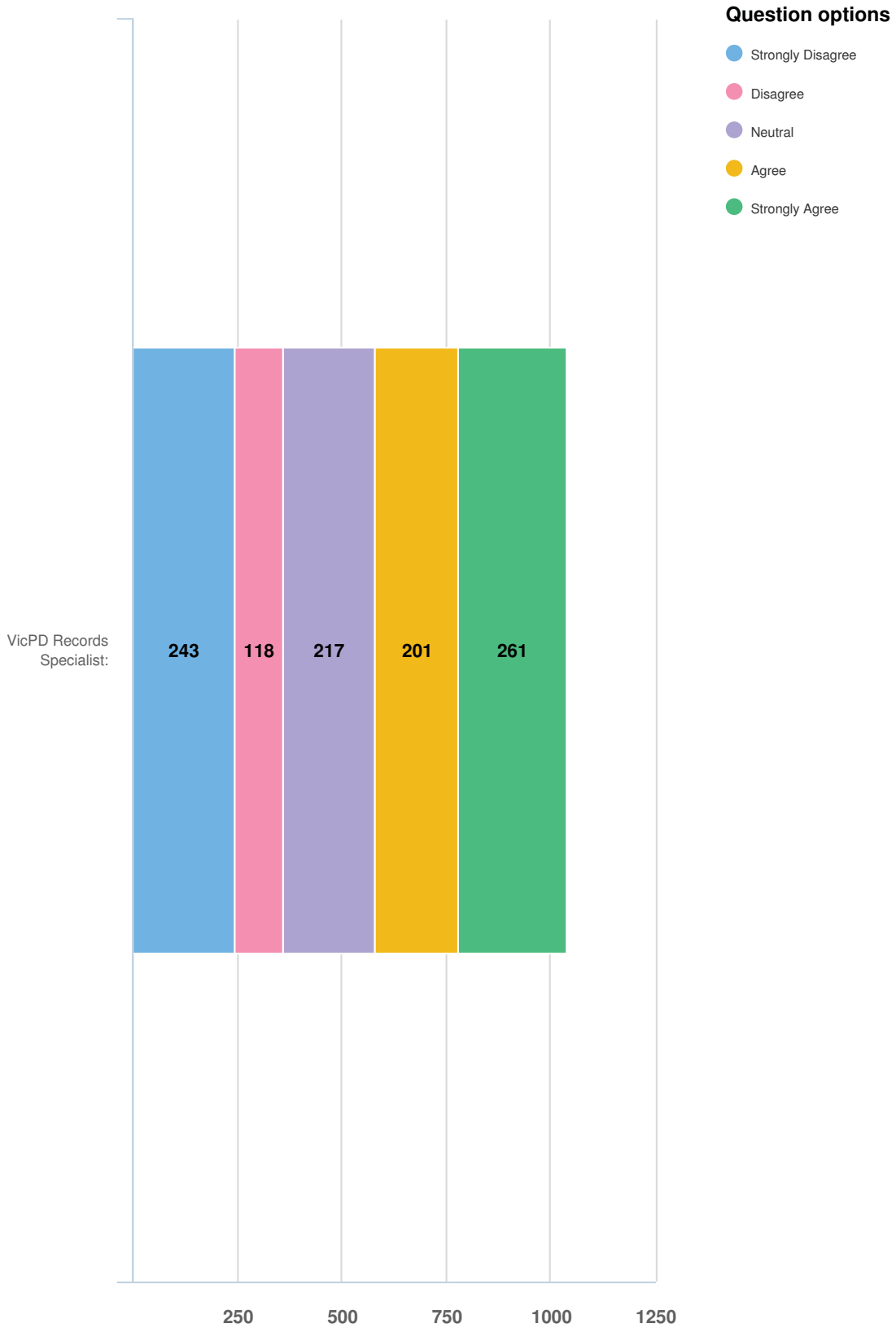
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Q49 VicPD Co-Responder Team: (3 FTEs – Ongoing: \$446,233. Victoria's share: \$385,233)(+ 0.26% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



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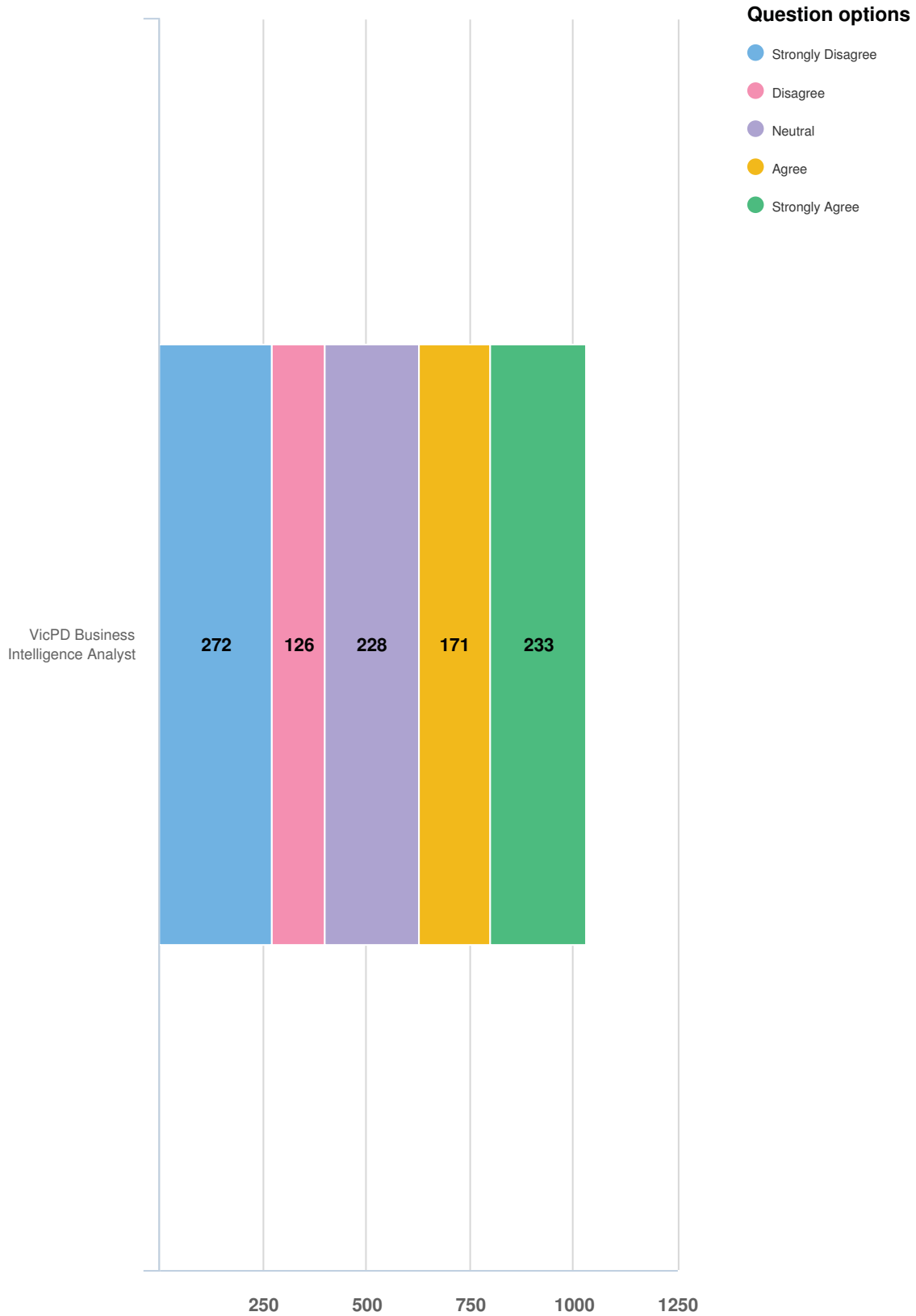
Q50 VicPD Records Specialist:(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$81,118. Victoria's share: \$70,029)(+ 0.05% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



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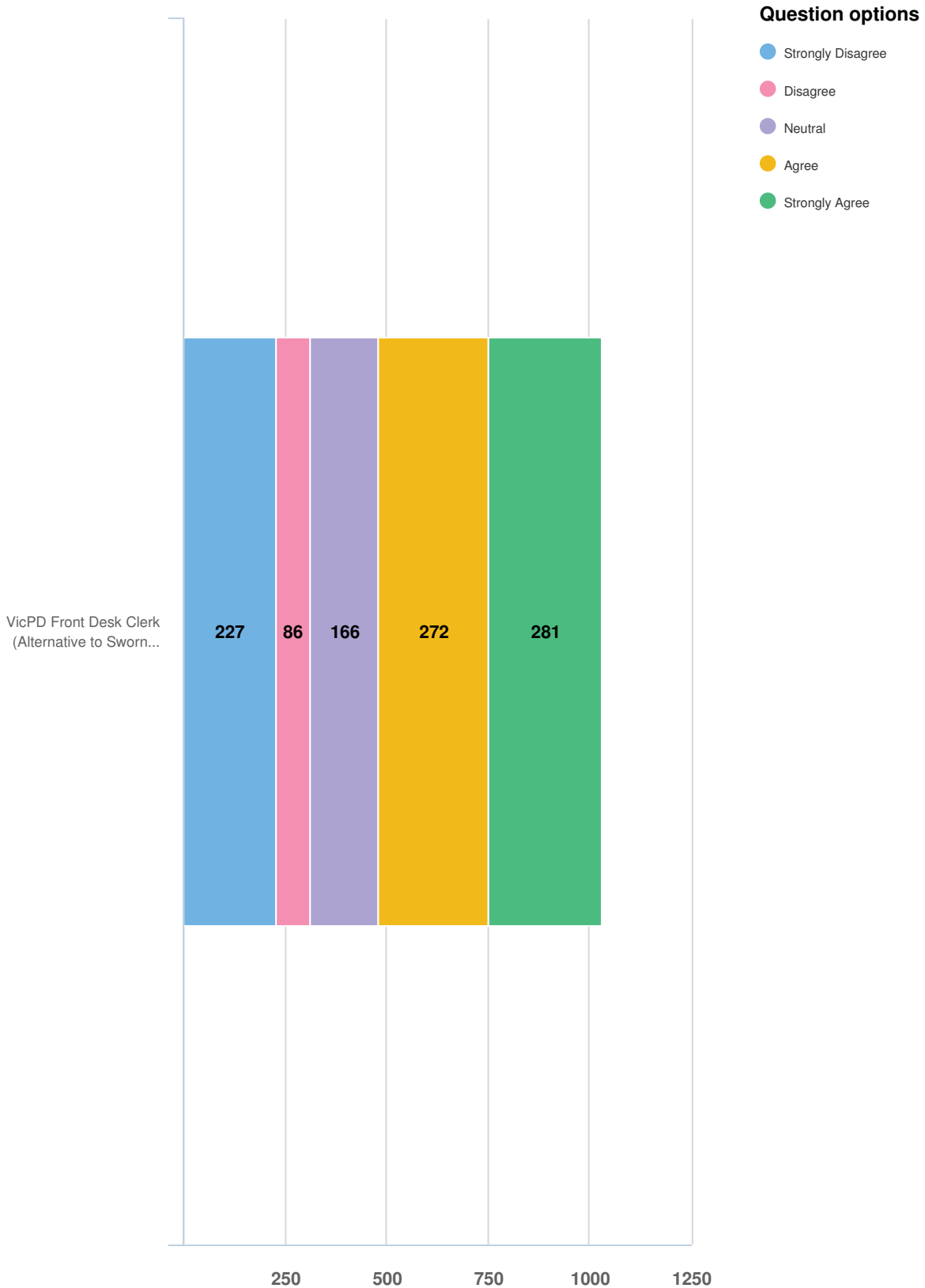
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Q51 VicPD Business Intelligence Analyst: (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$123,511. Victoria's share: \$106,627)(+0.07% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



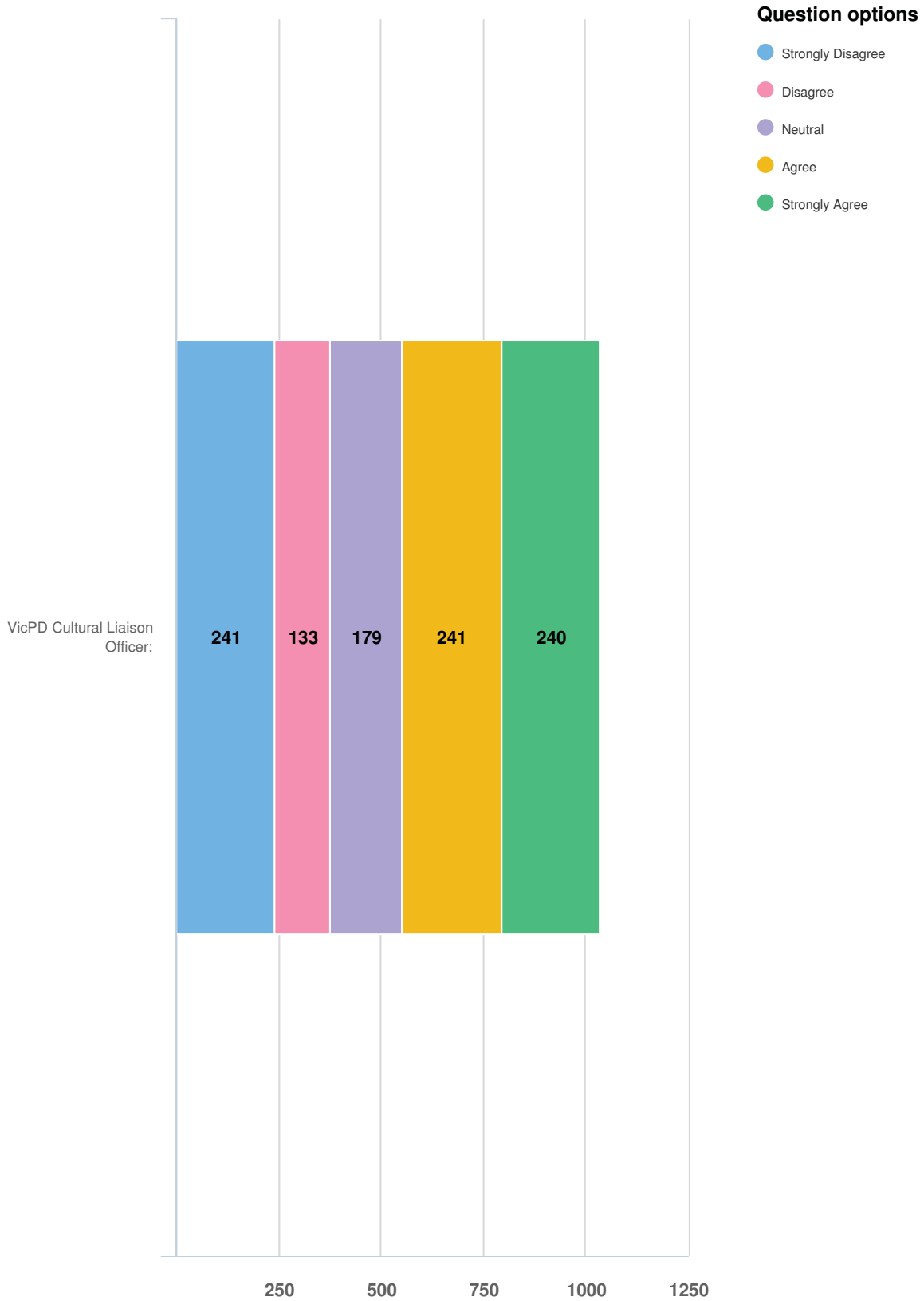
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Q52 VicPD Front Desk Clerk (Alternative to Sworn Officers): (2 FTEs – Ongoing: \$112,613. Victoria's share: \$97,219)(+ 0.07% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



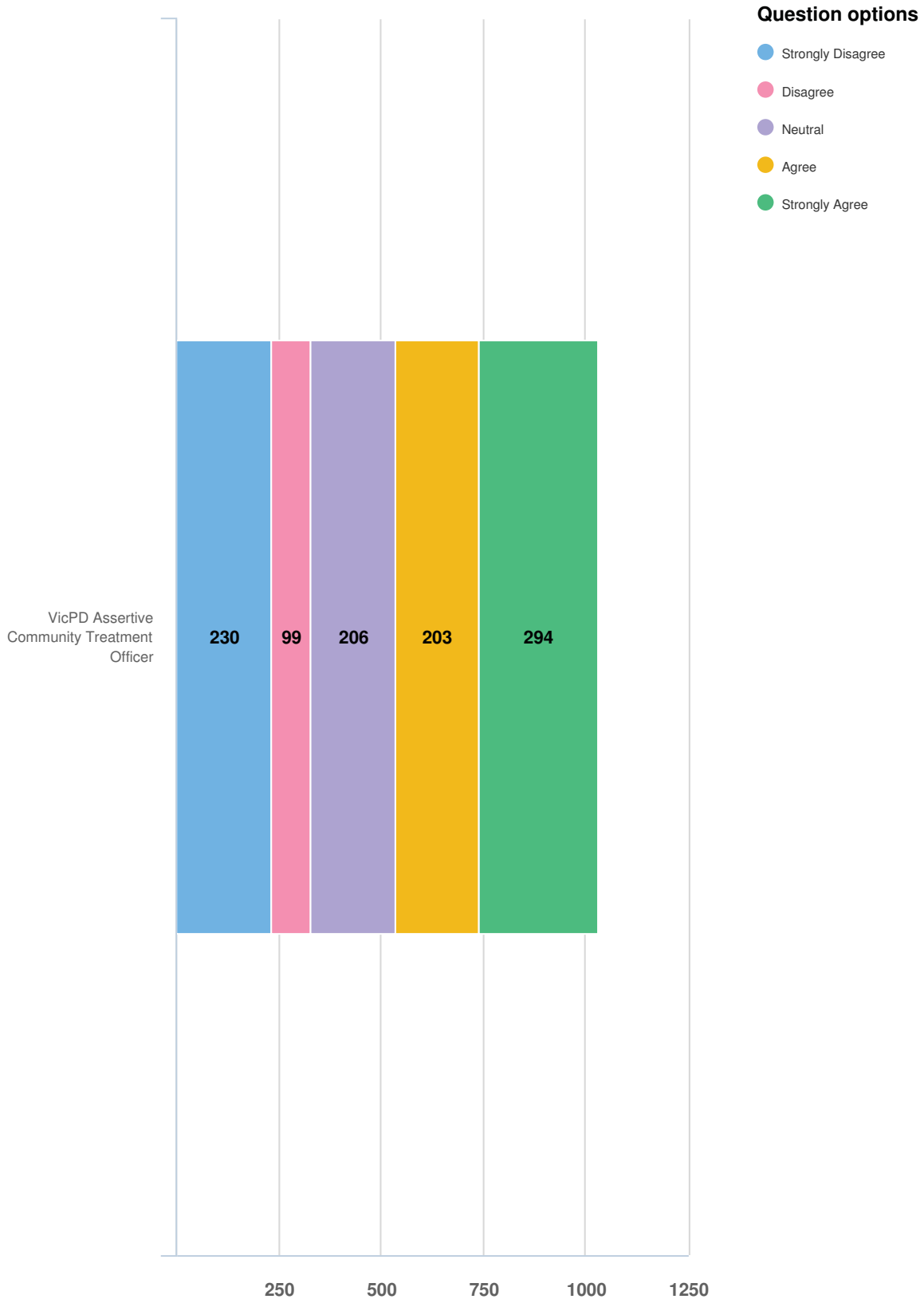
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Q53 VicPD Cultural Liaison Officer: (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$98,745. Victoria's share: \$85,247)(+ 0.06% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



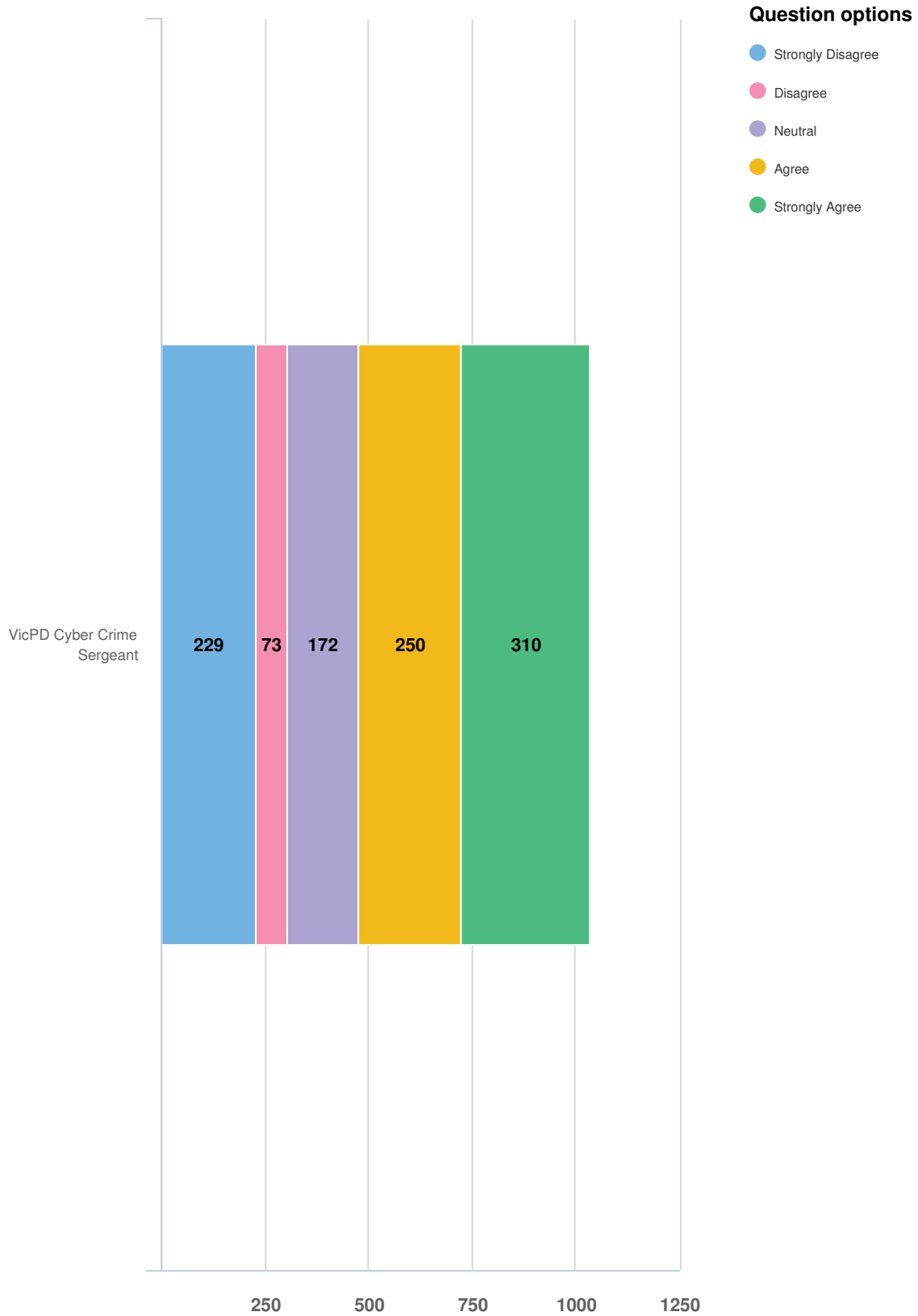
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Q54 VicPD Assertive Community Treatment Officer:(1 FTE - Ongoing: \$98,745. Victoria's share: \$85,247)(+ 0.06% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



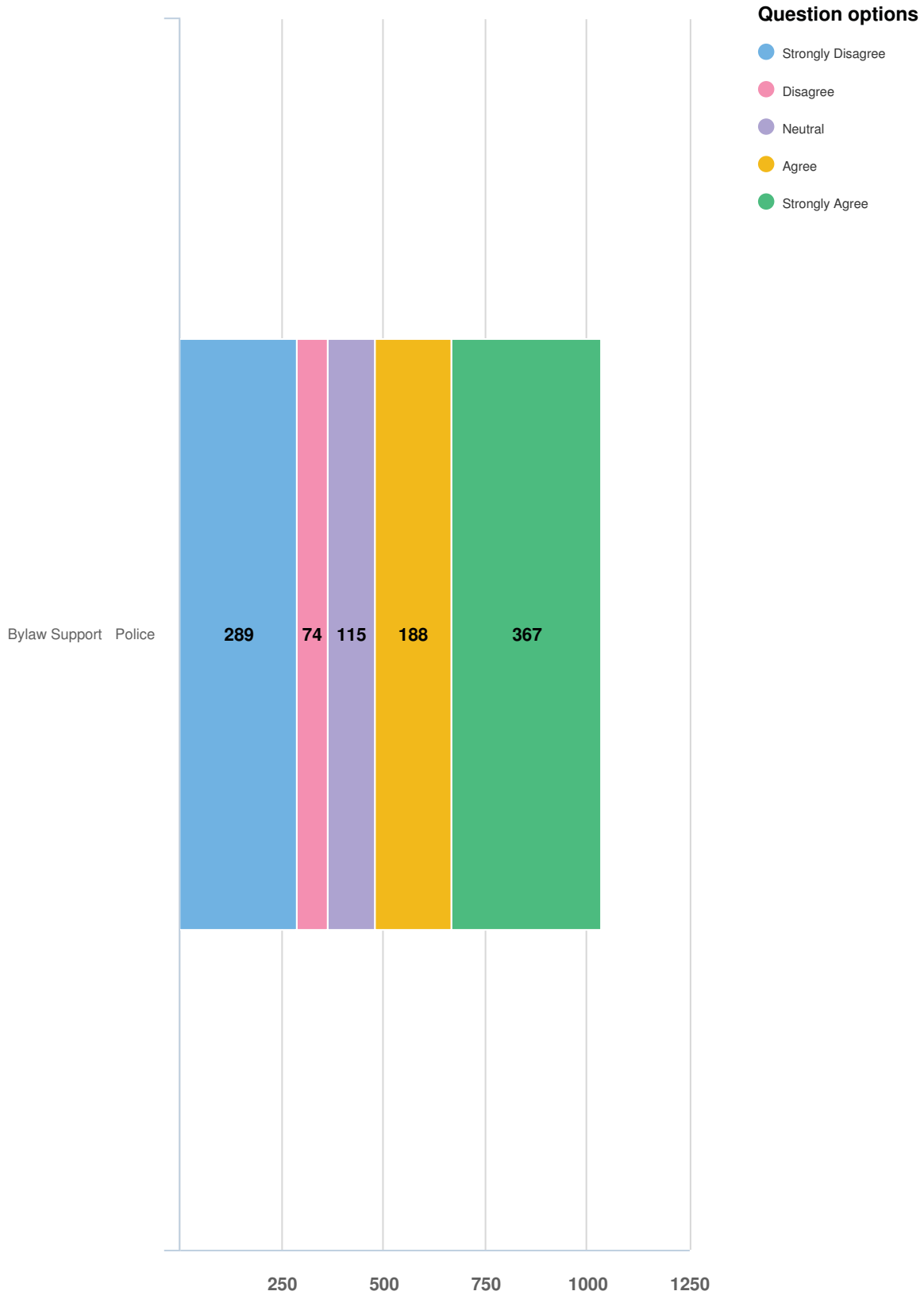
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Q55 VicPD Cyber Crime Sergeant: (1 FTE – Ongoing: \$127,560. Victoria's share: \$110,123)(+ 0.07% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



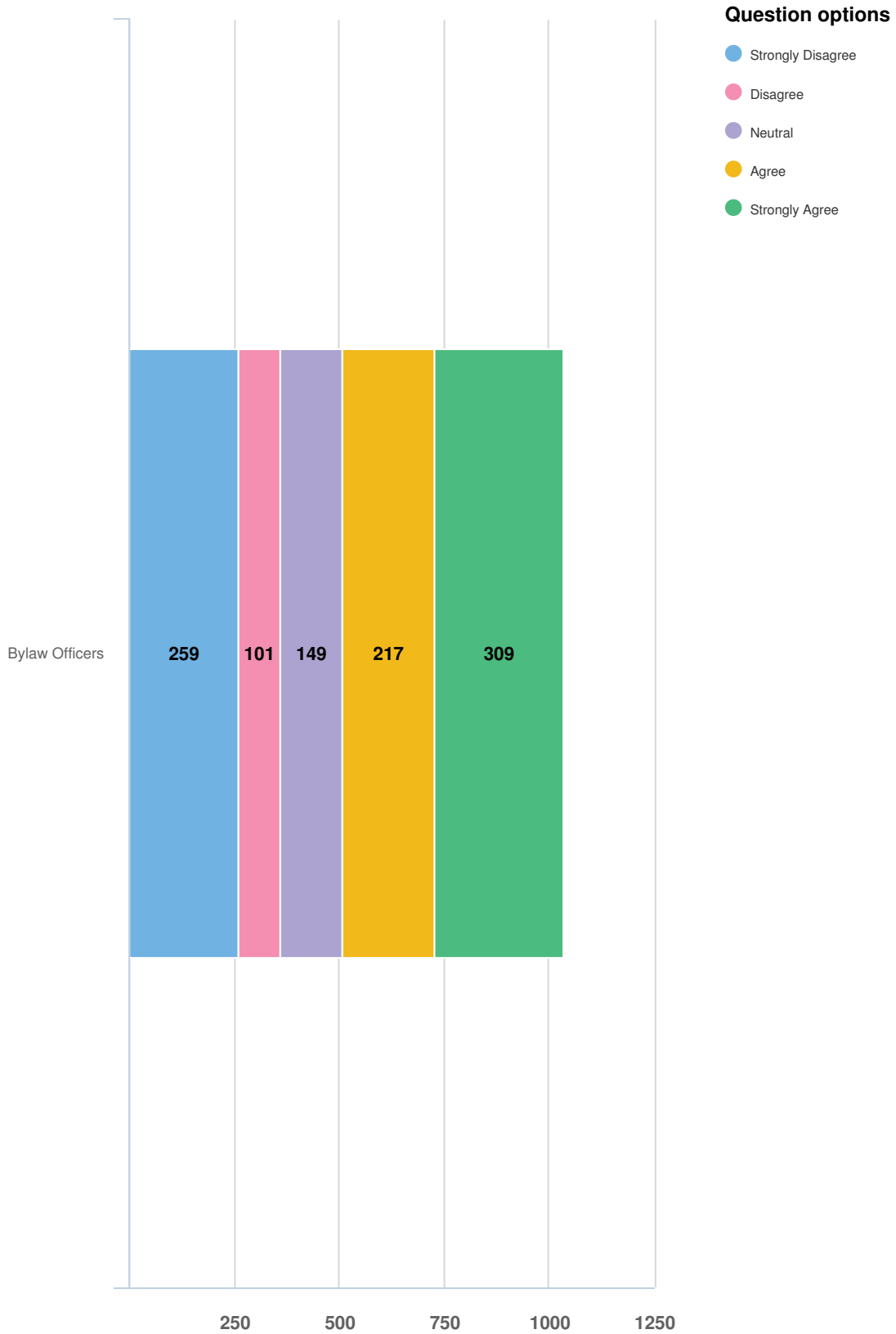
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Q56 | Bylaw Support - Police: To fund two additional police officers to support Bylaw services seven days a week. (2 FTEs – Ongoing: \$276,000)(+ 0.19% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included...



Optional question (1033 response(s), 26 skipped)
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Q57 | **Bylaw Officers: To meet growing demands for service and effectively enforce City bylaws. (\$1,070,000)(+ 0.72% to property tax increase)Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.**



Optional question (1035 response(s), 24 skipped)
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Q58 Do you have additional comments about any of the Supplementary Budget Programs and Services funding requests for 2022?

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We need to support communities without Community Centers at a level greater than or equal to those with Community Centers.

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Defund the police

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Q-19, Additional Development Planner is crucial in order to green light more housing developments, and signals to the development community a commitment to respecting their time. VicPD should be given the funding requested in all areas to signal to the Greater Victoria Population the city is serious on safety.

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Why is the City taking on all these tasks? You can't fix everything ... please don't spend our money thinking that you can

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Put money into cleaning up the downtown, the homeless have taken over these spaces and while I understand they have unmet needs in many areas of their lives, they cannot take over the public spaces as they have been allowed to. Vibrant public downtown spaces create the commerce and therefore the taxes that will get them the help they so desperately need. Instead they are killing the engine that will feed them and we are all suffering even more because of it. Cut the nice to haves and get serious about the must be fixed. We can get to the little problems facing the few later and make life better for everyone even faster.

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Over the last two years, We have seen a majorly decline in our city from a safety perspective. We have also seen the mental health of our officers be severely impacted. This is not okay. Enough is enough. I watch council meetings and its often talked about how we want more of a community policing model, How can we get their if they aren't being funded properly. How can officers take the time to become friendly and known in our community if they are only going from call to call. How are they inspired to come to work everyday when they are being injured, when their own council doesn't believe in the or when they don't have the time to decompress from the traumas they see everyday. How to get down to fixing crime when the entire city knows we don't have enough police. To the member of council who keep voting to decrease the police budget:, Is it really okay that people in our city don't feel safe?

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A municipal carbon tax! Also, I know we just built a big sewage treatment facility, but could we get burnable methane off of the sewage too, please? Would love to see a plot on Beacon Hill be reverted to a miniature traditional Songhees camas garden. Also can you "municipalize" the LifeCycles Project? Urban fruit and nut trees are great for climate resilience and collectivized harvesting, storage, and redistribution would be smoother with partial public funding. Their model is really good, you could use community center space in places like Fairfield and Fernwood to hold equipment.

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More housing and support, fewer cops.

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Would like to see more direct spend on increasing equity/helping people. Less on enforcement/police as this already represents much of tax dollars

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Public order has deteriorated to a point that is incompatible with urban life for downtown and inner city residents. We must invest in key interventions to reassert social norms and discourage antisocial behaviour.

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more cops until we feel safe to go downtown again

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The ongoing increase in property taxes is contributing to the growing unaffordability of the City of Victoria for me and my family. While the social justice causes reflected in the proposed budget are 'nice to have' they are not core to a municipal authority. Please stick to the knitting.

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Funding to First Nations is a misuse of public funds. This is a federal issue.

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I agree with the concept but the structure of the reconciliation grant (and most of the similar programs) is the problem. We must have an end goal in mind when implementing these plans - signing treaties, returning land, etc. Creating a race centric tithe system only makes sense short term while returning equity to those affected. With no end date or even goals in place all this does is

guarantee future strife and backlash. The funding should be either tied to specific treaties being finalized or have a set ending dollar amount based on negotiation and assessment of what is fair.

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Please get back to basics - providing goods and services that are at the core of the city's mandate and working to minimize the impact on tax payers.

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Taxpayers cannot afford any increases in taxation. Now is not the time to fund "pet projects".

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Defund vicpd

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Increase police funding & authority to enforce growing crime in victoria. Prohibit camping in parks and public spaces at all times. Enforce this strictly. Stop building temporary housing facilities.

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Collectively you have created poor living conditions in downtown Victoria. The neighbourhoods outside of downtown, Harris Green, James Bay, Rock Bay and Burnside - Gorge do not bear the same brunt of poor decisions brought about by CoV and BC Housing. What happened to Burnside - Gorge and the area around Beacon Hill Park was brutal.

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It feels somewhat ironic, even perverse to pay a Homelessness Advisor \$140k to advise on the fate of those who have absolutely nothing.

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Please remove the Reconciliation Grant as such endeavours are under the purview of the Federal government. Stay in your own lane, City of Victoria.

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you people are delusional with your super woke budget with salaries in the range of \$100k when as provincial government employee after 26 years I make less than \$85k- and you fat cats want to tax the jebus out of us... for what?! Pay a guy 100k/yr to teach a homeless how to get a home- ha! Ridiculous!!!

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The FTE wages for most of the jobs listed above are excessively high for the tasks that they must manage. Many city employees are also overpaid. One of the main reasons why the city has to cut programs. Mayor and council seem to love over paying their employees!!!

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Many of the ideas behind the projects are good but in practice they are a poor use of public funds.

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Leave Indigenous Reconciliation to the province. We have enough problems with public safety to use all funds we can raise to solve them.

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Permitting and zoning processes need to be clearer and faster as to allow the development of housing and businesses. More resources do need to be provided to the police to make downtown residents feel safer, especially during COVID-19 when I personally witnessed anti-Asian racist acts taking place.

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Cannot may of these supplementary bits be carried out by realigning current staff in a more efficient manner? Insofar as the proposed "growing grant" to the indigenous groups, this is totally inappropriate and not required. Enough of this Reconciliation-washing! There are far more important elements to take care of in the city.

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Homelessness is a provincial and federal responsibility, not the city's. The city contributes to addressing the issues through the process of approving or not development proposals. The proposal to have a homeless advisor is a an unnecessary duplication of services - there are organizations and services such as the Coalition to end homelessness that have this work in their mandate.

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Try to avoid currently trendy services that are not really the business of city governments. According to me, this includes reconciliation; anti-racism training; affordable housing; climate; social services for homeless people, youth, newcomers; free stuff like bus fares; arts, culture, patios. Fireworks on Canada Day are ok.

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Please prioritize public safety. With random attacks happening in our streets, many people no longer feel safe walking around.

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It looks like you are straying far out of your lane. Homelessness is a Provincial concern. It looks like you are hiring your friends. Are you serious that you need to spend \$107k to hire a full time employee to monitor Patios? Are u for real? \$108k for a full time Vision Zero employee? This is ridiculous! You have no care for the taxpayers of this City!

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Why do explanations stop at number 49? City council does not seem to be able to handle what do now. Thus, will not encourage new programs or additional spending than to improve safety in this community.

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1. Please concentrate on local government functions, not those that are not the jurisdiction of other (better funded) levels of government. e.g. paying "taxes" to Indigenous governments. I support reconciliation but think these random commitments with zero public consultation are the wrong approach. 2. Please critically assess the endless police demands for more resources with poor evidence of positive results. This diverts resources for more direct and appropriate services that could reduce the need for policing. - Why does VicPD have such a large communications budget? Could the city do a content audit? Note the ratio of public service/accountability vs. self-congratulation and public lobbying for more money? Perhaps the department should be required to trim there, or a third party should handle police comms with a clear accountability mandate. - Why are we funding 12 police officers in schools if there is a shortage of officers for public safety/enforcement? Is this value for money?
<https://www.needsmorespikes.com/blog/2019/11/keeping-police-out-of-victoria-and-esquimalt-schools> - Why should a small city police force hire positions such as specialists in cybercrime? - The proposed police funding increase could be spent on something that reduces the need for their services, such as housing or mental health supports. Police are the most expensive and least qualified positions for social and health services, and their very presence escalates situations.

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I wish the city council would worry about the running of the city rather than try to de fund the police. I no longer feel safe downtown

which was I place that never was worried about walking alone before. The council is always going out of its lane in order for individual councilors to advance their own agendas. Sick and tired of city council taking on projects (buying land to build homeless shelters etc.) that are responsibility of the federal or provincial governments. I don't see Saanich with the issues we have.

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As per previous comment, it's hard to understand the increase in police funds when there has been degradation of the police force through many many budget increases. If ACT teams were backed by results this may be worth considering but I don't see the value here.

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I dont agree with increasing the police budget. We need unarmed health workers, and more housing. push for decriminalization and safe supply of drugs. There will be less crime if addicts don't have to steal for their drugs.

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The City needs to concentrate on municipal responsibilities and let the Province & Federal Governments respnd to reconciliation etc.

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Please spend whatever it takes on public safety so we can all feel safe in our beloved City of Victoria again. Support our Victoria Police department, so our children don't inherit a city where it is not an uncommon occurrence to watch your fellow citizens step over the bodies of unconscious drug users and the homeless as if they were just another crack in the pavement.

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Stick to city core fuction

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Why are the community-safety initiatives near the end of this survey?

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Much of the extra costs to taxpayers is a result of poor decision making by current mayor and council. Eg. paying for police escorts for bylaw is not something any other municipality is paying for.

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Supplementary requests should mostly be denied (except for police). For neighbourhoods, reduce the ones with centres to

increase those without if you must. 9% increase in property taxes over 2 years, and the earlier bump a few years earlier, has been too much. Many of the projects identified for City staff increases should be carried out by existing staff.

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1. It is all well and good to have programs to improve parks, develop cycling infrastructure, support the arts, and support business recovery, except that due to crime emanating out of homeless encampments, street people, and temporary supportive housing facilities, it is not safe to use parks, people are scared to go downtown to arts facilities (eg, theatres) or to use businesses, and bikes can't be used as transportation due to the threat of theft. Maybe the City should focus as a top priority on reducing the influx of homeless people to Victoria, stopping crime, and making our parks safe, rather than implementing budget items like item 48 that seems to entrench the notion that our parks are places for warehousing the unhoused. 2. I can't support #25, the Cultural Infrastructure Grant program because I fear it will be mismanaged like past art programs that have funded public art projects that have included hateful slurs against city workers.

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Currently work in the reconciliation field for a government. The proposed grant is a major policy decision and preempts ongoing work by other levels of government - I do not believe it is supportable at this time.

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I am strongly opposed in particular to the notion of dedicating, indefinitely, a set proportion of the proceeds of new development to one particular racial group. Apart from everything else, since the taxes from such new development are key to funding the city in the future, setting any proportion of these taxes as off-limits to funding actual city services can only increase the burden on preexisting taxpayers. This would be really hard to swallow under any circumstances, but it is even more so when several members of City council will not be responsible for paying the taxes they vote for in Victoria anyway, either because they rent their home, or their home lies outside of the city limits.

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Many of these positions ought to be filled from the masses that already suckle at the swollen teat that is city hall. Further, the reconciliation grant proposed between the city and First Nations is preposterous. Stick to civic governance, leave broader social policy to senior (read: real) government.

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Please stop pet projects and properly fund the police. Having police not show up for days after a break in is unacceptable.

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Hire more police officers.

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We need to support our Police and Bylaw officials and provide them with the funding they need.

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This is a joke of a survey. This survey does not reflect the actual needs of this city.

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There is simply a limit to how much Victoria taxpayers can afford in property taxes.

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Many items I disagree with are simply Band-Aid measures. Spend money on the cause instead.

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Transit passes for seniors. This would increase ridership and maybe get seniors on the cusp to sell older card. Pass good only for non peak times.

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Please ensure the police & bylaw have additional funding - these last couple years have been more stressful due to crime and park dwelling than all the rest of Covid's issues. We need to get the city back in order and ensure residents are safe at home and downtown. (many of those who are homeless are victims of those committing crimes and violence, we need a better budget for the police)

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Redirect funding from police to community services

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Many of your proposed budget items are not usually a municipal funding priority or program, and could be delivered by partner agencies or are already a provincial department area: eg forestry, reconciliation training, anti-racism training, seeds for new

immigrants, tenant officers. A simple check on bc211.ca would show you who's already doing many of these programs, or ask the Victoria Foundation/United Way. The City funded the storage facility at Our Place so should be committed to maintaining it for the staffing, disposal, monitoring, and upstream intervention that was wisely started there. I shudder to think of the alternative to 100 bins being spread everywhere or carried by folks struggling to survive. Seems heartless to cut that item!

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There is no opportunity to vote for positions and initiatives I think the City needs. We see specialised training (e.g., anti-racism) and recreational programming (newcomers) for special groups or causes but not disability/accessibility. No accessibility coordinator in Engineering or EDI, no accessible housing specialist, no accessibility training. Can't support dedicated supports for other groups until the capacity for furthering the City's accessibility goals is in place. Happy to support homeless populations and areas where it is clearly local gov't responsibility.

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Victoria needs to be come a safe city again!!!

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I want to see 100% support for the Vic PD budget request. The safety in our community has changed a great deal in the last 1-2 years and must be remedied if an economic recovery is expected. People don't want to come downtown or live here if they don't feel safe.

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The Federal Government is responsible for any and all payments to First Nations peoples to insure appropriateness and equity of the payments. Victoria Council must stay out of this activity. They are only going to increase divisiveness within BC.

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Bylaw and VicPD need more support as a result of bad policy decisions by this administration

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STOP funding anything to do with Truth & REconciliation STOP funding homelessness Both of these are Provincial and Federal mandates FOCUS on Municipal items like public safety and potholes You are bankrupting the city with rising property taxes which increase the cost of living and drive up the rate of rental units If you want to make Victoria more affordable STOP mismanaging tax dollars

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People feel unsafe and don't take council seriously / bylaws when they are not enforced. We the taxpayers are tired of the free riders ruining public spaces with garbage, needles, and violence.

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Reconciliation is not an issue for my property taxes. Listening to you guys discuss "deconstruction" tells me that none of you even know how to turn a screw driver. Anything worth pulling out of a building before it is torn down is removed. Anything profitable does not require legislation. Anything that is not profitable will further drive up building costs.

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Based upon the nature of the questions I feel the decisions have already been made.

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Climate action and reconciliation are for the federal and provincial government. Please stop the vanity projects and concentrate on fiscal responsibility and good governance.

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Stop increasing property taxes and unneeded bylaws - residents are being choked financially and are over-regulated in almost all aspects (at a minimum, get some actual policy analysts to think through and help write the City's bylaws that are grossly inept).

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City staff salary is way out of line with the Provincial Government equivalents. The FTE costs need to be reviewed and compared to Provincial Government equivalents and where necessary classification of proposed new positions need to be decreased to show fiscal responsibility with taxpayers \$\$.

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Where I'm neutral it's often because these are new initiatives with no way of knowing how effectively the City will implement them.

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Again, do not proceed with the tax gift to the aboriginal initiative. Not Council mandate.

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Stop the defund narrative

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Refocus budgetary commitments to Crystal Ppol.

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I used to feel safe in Victoria but don't anymore. Give the police what they need.

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Questions 49-54 have new descriptions, was that on purpose?

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The 3.0 Economic Plan isn't particularly serious. I'd urge the city to focus on fundamentals instead. The most processing of these is allowing for rapid, private sector housing supply increases. Anything to ease that development process would be higher return than almost anything else in our city. Second to that is ensuring a competitive tax environment. Beyond this comment, I would urge the city to focus its efforts a bit. This is such a scattered list that I would imagine there may be more gains associated with some genuine concentration in one or two areas.

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Money for policing

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The City needs to build affordable housing for families in addition to the money going into housing the homeless. Single mothers (particularly leaving abuse) are the hidden homeless in Victoria as they will couch surf or live in inappropriate or not affordable housing situations in order to have a roof over their children's heads - often making difficult decisions about other expenses like food in order to achieve this. Money keeps being found to house the throngs of homeless who arrived in Victoria during the pandemic for the promise of housing but very little is being done to house low income single mothers.

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Have ongoing review of staff functions with an eye to eliminating positions that don't (or no longer) provide good value for money, and use those savings to fund new positions.

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Much of the request for supplementary budget services and programs should have been included in the draft budget,

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particularly funding of police and bylaw. This indicates poor planning and failure of Council to focus core responsibilities to taxpayers.

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The city council is spending far too much time and money trying to social engineer its citizens. Much of this is misguided and unproductive.

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I think this is a gutless way for the council to pass this off to the citizens, you also need to look at the overall budget and decide what to propose and your recommendations to us and also look at the budget and drop some things to keep this city affordable and safe. Your duty is to keep us safe first!!!

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First Nations issues including reconciliation are a Federal issue! Can I assume that all councilors and senior staff have read and understood the Canadian constitution section regarding division of powers? Enough duplication.

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I think Item 14 (reconciliation grant) is far outside the City's responsibility and mandate. It commits to an ongoing and increasing transfer of tax money with no oversight of its use or benefit to the City's operations which are the function of local government. The proposal was developed by an unelected committee with conflict of interests. It singles out the City for funding grants to Songhees and Esquimalt Nations while neighbouring municipalities with equal responsibility for any reconciliation programs are not included. It is likely to increase divisions rather than decrease them. There are better routes to reconciliation already included in the supplementary list above.

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Defund "Engagement" staff

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Stop trying to pretend you are the provincial and federal governments and the health authority - focus on the basic responsibilities of "local government" we will lose our city if you continue to ignore maintaining our basic infrastructure, support for

local businesses and our renters and owners. The grandiose schemes are really regional - put pressure on the CRD for bigger "regional" projects - Victoria should not be the only ones dealing with increasing homelessness on the streets, drug addictions, etc. Merging with Saanich could be a good start. Let BC transit deal with bus passes - the whole region would then be funding passes (it is crazy to buy enough passes for every teen in Victoria when they do not use the passes - if the deal with BC transit has changed I have misse that). Langford and Saanich are laughing all the way to the bank as they currently don't have to partially fund their residents who come downtown for drugs, etc. in short - Stick to your knitting and stop making the city less affordable due to assuming funding for provincial (this includes HEALTH) and federal responsibilities. We are loosing our down town and YOUR pet projects are increasing housing costs via taxation, thus making housing more expensive. The Federal and Provincial governments are currently dealing with indiginous communities funding etc. The city of Victoria taxpayers should not be loosing tax revenue (which is what is proposed - don't whitewash the issue saying it is "new"- all new housing in the city generates new taxes and also creates new costs in the long run - it is probably illegal to spend Victoria's money in Esquimalt (where the local band lands are). The proposed diversion of Victoria tax money will NOT help indiginous relations amongst the general public in Victoria - support the band by encouraging the Federal Government to live up to it's responsibility to First Nations communities throughout the province. Support more First Nations cultural activity in the downtown - provide funding for city of Victoria cultural events in the same way you do now for summer events.

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I can scarcely afford to live here now, without giving more for new city staff. I'm frankly appalled at most of the suggestions for additional staff & the accompanying salaries listed. I think the city is out of touch with the average property owner, who has either rising strata fees or home maintenance costs to deal with, along with general cost-of-living increases, and whose income is far lower than city staff's. We'll be paying for the Johnson St bridge fiasco for generations. It's time to do more with what you have & not burden taxpayers further.

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Which of this smorgasbord of things do you. Maintain thatVictoria needs.? How much will they cost and how much must property tax increase to pay for them. If the things you advocate do not directly benefit the health and safety of Victoria then why have you included them? Do your job.! If citizens must decide among these

things then resign. There are many democratically engaged ways that citizens can make these decisions without you.

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Sidewalks and streets are not safe because Lisa Helps has lured huddlers of drug addicts to Victoria while defunding the police

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Compared to investing money in measures that would fight climate change, these generally seem quite trivial and unimaginative.

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Some of the expenses should be shared with the Provincial and/or Federal Government budgets.

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I do not support any increase of funds to VicPD!

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Yes we don't need to fund more reconciliation as that is a waste of tax-paying money we need to address climate change as number one priority, better food options and growing to sustain our communities, getting people off the streets and get them the mental help or work to become better law abiding citizens if criminal they need to go to jail not free the next day. I am not a settler here this is my home I was born here we need to get rid of that term settler as those born on this land are not settlers this is their home, the Indigenous people were settlers also. This land belongs to all whom want to sustain it and make it better. Stop wasting our money on useless programs and supports, let's all work together to make the City a beautiful and greener home and make it safe.

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Thanks to the mess in Beacon Hill Park and the homeless people in hotels in the City of Victoria, we need all the police officers that we can get.

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why continue to fund programs that are clearly not producing any results

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While all of the initiatives likely have support, there are clearly a number which should shift to the CRD versus borne by Victoria residents. This includes, for example, all matters related to indigenous relations. The new proposed transfer to Songhees

should be regional and there should be a public plebiscite before considering. The council should stick to the job of running the City.

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Some of these numbers are outrageous. I think it is absolutely unacceptable to have already spent so much money on the homeless and the problem still be pretty much the exact same. Clearly it didn't work so stop spending the money on housing the burn down or storage for the property they have stolen from others and start supporting the police and tax paying citizens you have abandoned.

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Quit picking our pockets for special interests and reconciliation. These are not municipal objectives

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11/13/2021 09:15 PM

The City should stick to basic city governance and leave the rest to the more senior levels of government. I always considered myself a liberal person and was a fan of the current Mayor however the current liberal left management style of the current City government is turning me into a very right wing conservative as a reaction. The downtown is full of bums and more are arriving daily thanks to your kumbaya attitudes and generosity with taxpayer's money. Please quit destroying this beautiful city by pandering to low-lives and special interest groups - there is no satisfying them as long as you continue to buckle to their demands.

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I think you are trying to do too many things that are unnecessary or the responsibility of other levels of government and organizations.

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A need to prioritize what is necessary to make out community safe. I no longer visit the city core. My shopping, dining, entertainment and exercise is done in other greater Victoria areas. Victoria core is unsafe.

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In 2007 the Victoria Police informed the City of Victoria that responding to mental illness & homelessness cost \$9m over 40 months - over \$3m annually. See: <https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/mayor-council-committees/mayor-lisa-helps/task-forces/homelessness.html> What are the 2021 numbers? Is the alternative response pilot expected to free up some policing resources? When does it launch? Why is the police department developing its own mental health response

team at the same time as the pilot? Is the police department intending to hire a mental health/psychiatric nurse? (It's unclear from the news reports.) If yes, my recommendation is for the police to put this on hold until after the pilot has operated for 2 years.

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Don't put money into areas that are the responsibility of other levels of government.

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Stay in your lane. Reconciliation is a federal and provincial issue. So is climate change. We only need more police and by law officers because YOU allowed 24/7 camping and welcomed crime and addicted people here. They're here to stay now because of our weak revolving door criminal system. BE BETTER, INNOVATE, be the change that you want to be, implement a model for the rest of Canada to follow. Include mandatory institutionalization.

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11/14/2021 10:29 AM

Invest in a new public pool

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11/14/2021 10:38 AM

I do not see any increase or funding for dealing with mental health or drug addiction, which must go with increasing by law officers, otherwise we continue to see the destruction of our city.

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11/14/2021 10:43 AM

Rather than an overarching cost to all taxpayers provide the option for individual taxpayers to pay a reconciliation grant based on their assessments if they so choose.

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11/14/2021 10:49 AM

Why aren't the police looking internally to fill these roles with their non road members (maternity, light duties, etc.) Police budget is already way too fat and we get zero response from them (ecomm also sucks by the way).

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11/14/2021 11:08 AM

Request that the Province come up with a plan and \$ to support the increasing mental health needs on city streets. I don't think that this should be shouldered solely by Victoria tax payers.

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11/14/2021 11:17 AM

Make our city safe again!

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11/14/2021 11:29 AM

Don't attempt to take on areas of concern that rightfully belong to higher levels of government

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11/14/2021 12:44 PM

Prioritize our needs and focus on the most important, starting with getting on top of crime

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11/14/2021 12:57 PM

I am shocked to see what the city is willing to pay to the homeless advisor (\$140k). I absolutely do not agree with this insane salary.

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11/14/2021 01:50 PM

The city is responsible for creation of revenue, policing, infrastructure, and zoning. Many of the items suggested here are social in nature and deviate from the mandates of the city. I find the reallocation of 15% of new revenues to First Nations reprehensible. That is the responsibility of the federal government. Stay in your lane.

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11/14/2021 02:04 PM

More police, fewer fluffy projects. We simply can't afford them. Many are not within the purview of a municipal government.

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 04:24 PM

Focus on the need to have vs the nice to have items, these are OUR dollars not magic money!

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11/14/2021 04:56 PM

Stay within your domain. Stop initiatives that our beyond the local government's level.

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11/14/2021 06:00 PM

VicPD has been grossly underfunded for a few years now in spite of many warnings from VicPd and stats Canada of the escalating crime rate in Victoria.

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11/14/2021 06:05 PM

I think that it is a mistake to give grants directly to the indigenous communities. No other city does this. It is the work of the Federal and Provincial governments to negotiate financial settlements for First Nations.

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11/14/2021 06:19 PM

This is a very ambitious set of programs. Although you indicate that you wish input from the public (via this survey) to suggest a prioritization scheme, it seems council perceives no limitations to their ambitions and is out of control. A priority list covering 'everything' is not a priority list. Everything cannot be done, nor should it. There are some programs and hiring proposals that are beyond the scope of your mandate. You may wish to do these things, but you are paid to be responsible and accept that you must control your ambition and thus the city budget. You have to accept that you cannot do everything. If not, the budget will be out of control... perhaps, as illustrated by your out of control programs and hiring proposals, this is already the case. The budgetary proposal for an annual reconciliation grant to the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations is an excellent case in point. It is not needed. In fact it is the dumbest idea I have ever heard of and is quite frankly not within your mandate and a blatant waste of money. You are throwing money away so that you can make yourself feel good, this idea is nothing more than political altruism. This tells me that you are wasteful in your spending priorities and your ambitions.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 10:44 AM

Public Safety, transportation infrastructure projects & economic rebuilding should be the city's focus. Leave my tax dollars alone for climate change and first nations related positions/grants - this is being done by senior levels of government - YYJ does not have the budget nor the expertise. Fix pot holes, support business/tourism - leave the rest for big gov't.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 10:57 AM

I find this kind of survey ridiculous. Does the mayor really think she needs my blessing to spend \$5000. Why is that even in here? As to the rest, I support the things that a City Council should be doing and have great distaste for the things that are clearly outside the Council's mandate. The last two years have shown that the police are our friend while the Council has actively worked to make the City a little less friendly, a lot more dangerous. My main comment is that I am desperately waiting for this Council to be gone in 2022 and hopefully a new council that values unity and safety will be in place. I really, really do not support the City Family back room deals and this latest proposed fundraiser is particularly heinous. Bring this into the open or do not expect any support from me.

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11/15/2021 11:04 AM

PLEASE focus on the safety issues and escalating crime rates in this city by supporting Vic PD and frontline workers! This MUST be your first priority as Victoria has become unsafe and threatened under this current administration!

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 11:51 AM

Any increase to VicPD funding needs to come with community services, more policing is not needed.

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11/15/2021 12:24 PM

Development fees should be used to lower/maintain property tax levels and not to supplement special interest groups who receive funds from either or both Federal and Provincial sources. Mayor and Council should be responsible to City property taxpayers and listen to/respect and respond to their input

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11/15/2021 12:29 PM

Again, my priority is VicPD funding.

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11/15/2021 01:14 PM

Stop giving money to the police. Any reasonable person can agree it's not working.

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11/15/2021 01:46 PM

Many proposed items are really the purview of other levels of government and probably shouldn't be shouldered by the city of Victoria alone.

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11/15/2021 02:49 PM

The time is not right to expand the services of CoV except to address public safety.

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11/15/2021 03:15 PM

many items we are being asked to fund are regional in nature and we should not be funding them

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 03:38 PM

Most of these budget items are for initiatives that are outside the mandate and authority of the city. It seems that our city administration is bigger than ever and this budget provides for even more bloat. At the same time, the the tax paying members of our community are not seeing our basic rights and expectations met. Get back to the basics. There is not enough time in your tenure to shove through more pet projects and continue to disabuse the public trust.

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11/15/2021 04:18 PM

I was neutral on many questions because it isn't a question of whether to spend the money but rather how appropriately the training or project is. I've found one time training session about big questions are generally useless.

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11/15/2021 04:30 PM

I am in favor of a housing support strategy for low income individuals/families who will fit into the economy of the City. Not for drug addicted dysfunctional individuals whose ability to contribute to a healthy City can never be realized.

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11/15/2021 04:58 PM

I am very opposed to the proposed increase in VicPD's budget. Policing is a large part of our budget and is not addressing the real problems we are facing. Please do not devote even more money to solutions to homelessness/public safety that do no work.

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11/15/2021 05:08 PM

I extremely disagree with raising budgets for vicPD. This money would be much more valuable to our community going towards unhoused people.

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11/15/2021 05:27 PM

Lobby Provincial Government to fund soft services which are important but not a municipal responsibility.

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11/15/2021 05:28 PM

no healthcare for budget ?

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11/15/2021 05:31 PM

Fund neighborhood associations based on services provided NOT per capita. 99.9% of Victoria residents ARE NOT members of neighbourhood associations. Council only funds them as personal platforms for their own campaigns / out of fear of reprisal. Also abolish CALUC - another NIMBY platform for a select few petty citizens.

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11/15/2021 05:49 PM

Absolute number one priority for this city? MORE POLICE!

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11/15/2021 05:52 PM

I will request that you stay in your political lane and look after the city that you were voted to look after. Higher levels of gov't are needing to do this as it will take more than little ole Victoria to be successful and honestly you guys are mucking it all up.

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11/15/2021 05:56 PM

No point encouraging civic participation if people are afraid to go downtown.

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11/15/2021 05:57 PM

I disagreed with items 13-17, 19 because they add small amounts of money dedicated to a problem that, since a bureaucratic office would be named after it, WILL NEVER GO AWAY. In fact, many of the supplementary requests are of this sort. If funded, they commit the City to a more complicated, probably less effective, system of management. Less operational detail and much heightened attention to intended outcomes, would alter my objections. I'd support any of these items IF the intended outcome at the end of the fiscal year was specified, and especially if 50% of the proposed spending was tied to the attainment of the outcome. The supplementary budget is really a recipe for an endless series of meetings and requests for more money next year. With respect to cultural awareness, racism and health and safety "training" programs, might I suggest a clear statement of what is intended from city employees, followed, if needed, by a dismissal for cause of the manager responsible for a person who made an error, would have a remarkably cost-effective consequence. I don't know that these awareness raising sessions are actually needed, or that they would lead to observable changes in employee behavior. I can't speak for the oppressed, but police, fire and administrative staff in the City have been nothing but polite and helpful in my presence.

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11/15/2021 06:00 PM

Supporting indigenous nations is a federal government responsibility and should not affect tax on property I have title to.

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11/15/2021 06:01 PM

Some of the listed items seem to stray very far from the role of municipal government.

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11/15/2021 06:04 PM

Focus most efforts on the things that affect most people rather than placing excessive emphasis on niche issues that affect a small number of people. Housing and services to address addiction and violence are among the most pressing issues in this city that intersect a wide group of people of all demographics

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11/15/2021 06:27 PM

The City is proposing funding into areas that fall under federal and provincial jurisdiction. Police should all be aware of cultural issues and there should be no need for a designated cultural liaison officer. That is their collective responsibility. Sheltering support to the tune of 8.4 FTE in addition to more Bylaw and Police resources seems excessive.

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11/15/2021 06:46 PM

It seems unfair to tax the working population to support the noncontributing populations.

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11/15/2021 07:15 PM

Not a cent here for Victoria's only high school!!

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 07:18 PM

Safety first and work with the province to rid our downtown of prolific property and business crime offenders permanently.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 07:26 PM

City councillor and staff must know what is the city's responsibilities as well as those of other levels of government. Housing and health related issues are a provincial responsibilities. My provincial taxes pay for this. The City should access this or turn the responsibility back to the Province. We can't keep going after the city citizens especially those on pensions that don't increase each year the amount the City wants to take from us.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 07:46 PM

Victoria needs to put whatever money they can into public safety, ending homelessness and creating affordable housing. Without these issues being tackled and resolved, the future of Victoria will only continue to spiral downward.

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11/15/2021 07:54 PM

I am in favour of the police department hiring mental health specialists to respond to calls. However, I believe this funding should be allocated from the existing police department budget. I do not believe that the Victoria police department's budget should grow.

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11/15/2021 07:56 PM

less spending on homelessness to reduce increased burden on taxpayers from homeless coming to Victoria from elsewhere

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11/15/2021 08:13 PM

No more handouts to the homeless industry and their friends

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11/15/2021 08:17 PM

All police budget items should be approved.

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11/15/2021 08:24 PM

I am concerned about the "VicPD Co-responder Team." Police are NOT outreach workers or mental health professionals and therefore should not be funded for such initiatives. There is already

an ongoing city led initiative around an alternative non-police response team which has involved over a year of community consultation - that's where funding should be going. Police should also NOT be involved in ACT teams. Similarly I do not support a "sheltering support" team which is clearly code for increasing punitive responses to and surveillance of people experiencing extreme poverty living in our parks. Less carcerality, more care please.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 08:26 PM

All the city wants is MORE staff. What the City MITS do is a strategic Plan to re-assess staff and redeploy in areas where needed. NOT add more staff. And the cost - people are making minimum wage and you are adding positions form \$85-125,000 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It is outrageous and insulting.

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11/15/2021 08:28 PM

Defund The Police, say NO to more requests for bylaw. Say no to more requests for Private Security. Stop letting police bully you. Call out their bullying. Get help from Victoria Restorative Justice!

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11/15/2021 08:33 PM

Anti-racism and reconciliation trainings must be ongoing, not just a one time expense. Same with anything that has to do with reconciliation or affordable/no barrier housing. Also no barrier housing must also apply to people who are homeless and not just seniors. Give more money to social services and those sectors before prioritizing things like crossing guards and vegetable gardens.

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11/15/2021 08:40 PM

Priority has to be safety and crime prevention. We need more police and police support services.

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11/15/2021 09:18 PM

Defund the police

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11/15/2021 09:29 PM

Object very, very strongly to the city committing property tax revenue to reconciliation payments for first nations.

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11/15/2021 09:42 PM

Fund the police and give them every dime they need.

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11/15/2021 09:43 PM

Should be looking at internal efficiencies, process redesign and real location of resources to priority areas rather than adding more staff and consultants. Need to return to providing core services rather than funding special interest groups and activities, and causes beyond the mandate and responsibility of municipal government.

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11/15/2021 09:44 PM

More police/Bylaw funding. Too many incidents of crime and disorder, streets, parks and neighbourhoods no longer feel safe at any time of day.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 09:59 PM

Many of these initiatives while interesting are outside of where the city should be operating and venture into federal or provincial matters. Victoria is a small city and should not be funding reconciliation and homelessness all on its own look to the crd or provincial partners if you want these items included.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 09:59 PM

There are more housing units available why does our tax keep going up? Does Victoria has to take up these fees when it's shared amongst the capital region? Also, racism/ work safe/ cultural sensitivity training should be done on day 1 for all employee, so there should be existing programs in place, why now?

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 09:59 PM

Concerned about creation of so much more staff at City.

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11/15/2021 10:01 PM

Reallocate funding from the police to support vulnerable populations and address crime before it occurs.

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11/15/2021 10:23 PM

It is not the municipal governments job to fund unhoused or mental illness projects. It is your job to support police and LOCAL supports for LOCAL people.

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11/15/2021 11:07 PM

Stop spending money on police. Put the money towards social spending, affordable housing and childcare for families.

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11/15/2021 11:51 PM

It's nice to see items that benefit taxpayers instead of only those that take.

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11/16/2021 01:32 AM

Limit new Full time positions - especially with consultation work. I do not support the Reconciliation Grant to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, as I think it will compound in cost quickly, does not have a clear mandate, and stretches tax dollars. Please remember that the City is a body - if you narrow the arteries to the heart, it has failure to perform. This simple image should be kept in mind with the flow of transport in this City. The slowing down of traffic is causing anger and frustration, and people do not want to visit the town centre.

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11/16/2021 06:43 AM

Please for the love of god try and curtail the results brought on by the voting block of Issit, Dubow, Potts and Loveday. Our city is suffering under these people.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 06:59 AM

No one will care about arts and culture programming if they are too worried about getting stabbed while downtown. Please prioritize safety in this city.

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11/16/2021 07:17 AM

The Vicpd funding could be used for issues that will directly benefit the community

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11/16/2021 07:49 AM

This survey doesn't allow to you to express you'd like to see police functions funded by groups OTHER than the police. Those roles seem great, but it's the force that can't be trusted.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 08:20 AM

Increasing Police Budget. Current funding does not meet the needs of our fast growing city and mental health/addictions crisis. Safety is paramount!

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 08:26 AM

I'm not sure how some of these initiatives made it on this list. Victoria has enough immediate things to attend to such as climate and emergency preparedness and preventive measures (this alone should take up half this portion of the budget), housing, transportation and local economy.

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11/16/2021 09:09 AM

please start the renovation and building of a new crystal pool as the downtown core needs to have a great place to exercise and swim for the high density quota of humans that now inhabit the center.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 09:31 AM

I feel that too much of the current police budget goes toward communications and marketing for the department. The department could find ways to go leaner with this budget, and should not spend public dollars on making their business case for more funding.

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11/16/2021 09:53 AM

Safety should be #1

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11/16/2021 10:06 AM

Hire more police.

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11/16/2021 10:18 AM

Racism starts at home. A racism piece can be included in the anti-bullying/harrassment training provided to all employees. Employers shouldn't have to train its employees to be anti-racist. Lead!

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 10:54 AM

Our police department MUST do a better job of recruiting women and minorities. Every new hiring decision must significantly factor in this priority.

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11/16/2021 11:18 AM

Defund the police, more funding for mental health professionals and community outreach in unhoused communities.

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11/16/2021 11:33 AM

Housing crisis, build more, remove barriers, more renter protections needed, people with multiple homes should pay more taxes

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 11:34 AM

don't fund the police. Fund alternatives that make policing less necessary. Don't believe the hype that they can't do their job without the money. Funnel that money into mental health care and there will be less for them to do.

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11/16/2021 12:03 PM

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11/16/2021 12:13 PM

Interesting that the VICPD requests are "supplementary". Strange budgeting practice for an essential service. I am sure that many of the items above reflect a wish list of items from councilors who are trying their best to put forward their own agendas. The City needs to stick to its business rather than straying into an array of grant programs for various causes. The province and feds do enough of that.

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11/16/2021 12:35 PM

Stop using my safety as a bargaining chip.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 12:46 PM

The only sections which were not provided with short descriptions were relating to VicPD, more information should always be available to the public IN ACCESSIBLE WAYS, most people don't read the whole budget.

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11/16/2021 01:31 PM

You should, but don't mention that VicPD specifically asked for some of the items. If By-law services are asking for funds to meet "growing demand", you should say so - I don't know why question 57 is being asked. There is a lot of missing information.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 01:32 PM

Adding city staff to do want to have stuff is not sustainable. Building more things to "aid" the homeless and addicts will just make Victoria more of a destination than it already is.

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11/16/2021 02:31 PM

The reconciliation grant is not an appropriate use of city funds. I support reconciliation and partnerships with local First Nations on issues of mutual interest such as housing, economic development, tourism, childcare and education. Capacity funding is the purview of the province and Canada. It makes no sense for the city to wade into this issue when there are other streams currently at play. The City should focus on good governance and the development of infrastructure and programs in partnership with the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

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11/16/2021 03:13 PM

There are too many nice to have but not vital items here. For example the anti racism training. I am not pro racism but putting a racist through a short training program will achieve nothing. Many other fluff items here.

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11/16/2021 03:47 PM

I would like to see our municipal taxes stay on municipal needs. Everything to do with Reconciliation should be left to be negotiated at the Federal level. I believe it should happen, but not at the municipal level of government.

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11/16/2021 04:23 PM

Defund the police! Invest in reconciliation, housing, education, recreation, and culture.

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11/16/2021 04:26 PM

Anti-racist, anti-violence, etc training have been proven to not work at reducing racist and violent behaviour. Need to make systemic institutional changes instead

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 04:31 PM

Proposing to give funds drawn from property taxes to any group based on race alone, is probably beyond the jurisdiction of the City. Councillors who support this should be aware that they may be personally liable for municipal funds illegally disbursed.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 04:39 PM

So much proposed to be spent on new City hall departments and positions. So many of the explanations are common sense things that should not require so much civic funding. And childcare is a federal and provincial responsibility. STAY IN YOUR LANE.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 04:58 PM

Item 14: Stick to core municipal responsibilities, this is wildly outside your purview and fiscally irresponsible. Items 10-48 add 23.9 FTEs in just one year, not including item 57. Item 57: How many bylaw officers for \$1,070,000? These are not included in the 23.9 already counted. That's a lot of staff costs to add.

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11/16/2021 06:52 PM

I have Not supported a number of areas Budget wise because Hiring now is Not the time, put this off till recovery is evident from 2 years of Covid effects. Not this year's Budget, Victoria citizens can Not afford this, but I do agree we need more policing and support our businesses to bring back Victoria and people to get back to work. Hold off please, do Not increase taxes making Victoria tax payers suffer more than they have already, financially or losses due to lacking of Mental Health facilities, as well as addiction in our Community.

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11/16/2021 07:30 PM

I feel the council created the need for the increased bylaw and policing. I 100 percent support the police and their budget. I have had to use bylaw and the police on a few occasions. They are going to help us become a safe and welcoming city once again.

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11/16/2021 07:52 PM

Zero additional funding for VicPD. Reduce VicPD overall funding and transition those to community supports. More funding towards accessibility, affordable housing and sheltering, mental health supports and decolonization.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 08:14 PM

I believe that if we give Aboriginal Organizations/people money/grants etc., then we also need to give to other groups/historical peoples, like: Chinese, black, middle eastern. If we give/support one then we need to give to others.

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11/16/2021 09:39 PM

Please stay in your mandate. There is very little in this budget for the average homeowner with the exception of an increase in taxes.

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11/16/2021 11:10 PM

Reform public safety, mental health and poverty intervention systems before giving more money to cops. Police shouldn't be doing most of this work and their scope should be severely narrowed.

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11/16/2021 11:45 PM

There are a number of projects proposed throughout here that have underlying principles generally. worthy of support but are really inappropriate for a municipality. The prime example is the proposed reconciliation grants - revenue sharing is something that the province is working on - it has the tax structure and fiscal capacity to contemplate - proposing any expenditure that increases indefinitely over time is also deeply irresponsible and should not even be put forward to discuss. With some of these projects it seems like the council is confused and thinks that they are the provincial government and is now attempting to duplicate the role of the province. It's not that it isn't a worthwhile initiative - it just is not your initiative to lead. Others such as the deluge of more police requests show how provincial inaction to address complex issues and come up with solutions to policing-first approaches is infecting policing with the same scope control issues the council suffers from - council and the police (and especially the Province) need to come up with a credible plan to stop the continued ballooning of police budgets by addressing the sources of these pressures and shift non-police work to civilians (e.g. social workers, bylaw officers, etc). Other initiatives propose creating more bureaucracy around problems where it is unclear why more staff is the solution (ex: is more "hands-on" support needed for patios or less red tape?). It seems like the culture of the city government has become to study and hold committees to an extreme level far beyond the requirements of the Local Government Act and the Community Charter. Council needs to be driving the creation of policy - not outsourcing it to a thousand little studies, committees and forums that drag everything out by years to reach a forgone conclusion

with generally limited value-add. This city government needs to take a hard look at how it does policy - it's ponderous process does not match its grand policy ambitions.

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11/17/2021 07:36 AM

Less police, more social inclusion

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11/17/2021 09:32 AM

For homelessness the emphasis should be on providing a dry, warm, bed to sleep in and cafeteria food. There are help wanted signs all over the city. A large portion of the homeless choose not to work. That is not my problem. I would triple the amount of help given to people who have actual problems. But provide the rest with an absolute basic food and shelter. If they want more they should work for it like the rest of us. Until the programs are in place to recover peoples self-esteem they will not contribute. Free handouts do not lead to a self-sustaining person. We have been doing the same thing for decades and it has not changed the percentage of homeless people. If anything it's going up. Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result is lunacy.

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11/17/2021 09:43 AM

Some of the funding requests were not descriptive enough to make an informed decision.

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11/17/2021 10:07 AM

Many items could be staggered - e.g. every two years such as health and safety training, consulting projects etc; and implicit in designated positions of an FTE is their role in partnering with other organizations in the community - e.g. universities, non-profits, and for profit entities to put on workshops proposed

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11/17/2021 10:46 AM

We need more funding and support for our police.

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11/17/2021 10:54 AM

Out of line. Rein in spending.

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11/17/2021 10:55 AM

i see no reason why you need an indigenous housing specialist IN ADDITION to a non-indigenous housing specialist fine, hire a specialist but make them responsible for ALL HOMELESS it does not help reconciliation to frame the problem of homelessness by ethnicity i would take every dollar spent on reconciliation programs (the elder, housing and whatever else) and give it in the form of

grants, loans and aid to indigenous students, artists and aspiring small business owners reconciliation is so much on people's minds that spending tax dollars seems a waste ... let's give it directly to indigenous people to allow them to achieve their dreams and goals also, we should address the issue of bureaucracy in general, we should be asking what positions we can ELIMINATE in addition to ADDING, lets add a position that is dedicated full-time to studying what positions we can eliminate and be dedicated to less bureaucracy good governance involved encourages citizens to get involved with their city which is possible in many ways (libraries, parks, community centers and so on)

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11/17/2021 11:09 AM

There are too many fluffy projects that seem to be only there to satisfy activist/lobbyists.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 11:17 AM

My top priority is wanting to see funding for climate mitigation and adaptation programs, followed by indigenous relations and solutions for helping unhoused and low-income folks. I also support defunding the VicPD in order to better invest in support and social services.

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11/17/2021 11:34 AM

Stay in your lane. Enforce bylaws and laws as written. 100%

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11/17/2021 11:36 AM

Grants to First Nations are a Federal and Provincial responsibility, not Municipal. Citizens of Victoria already pay large amounts of Provincial and Federal taxes, let those funds be used for those grants.

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11/17/2021 11:39 AM

I think members of City Council should not stray into Provincial or Federal responsibilities

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11/17/2021 11:42 AM

As noted above, strongly want to see more ACT teams. In regard for training re inclusive, sexual misconduct, etc recent research shows such training is mostly ineffective. Unless we figure out how to do this better, it is not money well spent.

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11/17/2021 11:52 AM

provide VicPD with the funds recommended by the Chief of Police

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11/17/2021 11:53 AM

More street police, less office police. Get the homeless of the streets you won't need programs for homeless.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 12:09 PM

I am concern that we are talking about funding Reconciliation Dialogue but already have a formula in place for Reconciliation Grant. Is that not putting the horse in front of the cart? I strongly agree to stop violence and racism, should these 2 initiatives be part of , and not dealt with separately, in all aspect of the City Objectives/Initiatives and Culture. If so are you talking about expenses for culture change that will be measured or simply providing information for those who are open to hearing it.

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I have put a lot of neutral answers in areas where I don't have much knowledge

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Take care of law enforcement issues . . . top priority. Why are so many Councillors non-residents/non-tax-payers in the City of Victoria. I recommend that eligible candidates for Council must be any one of the following criteria: Property owner/taxpayer; Business owner/taxpayer; Business tenant/business taxpayer; Resident (Tenant). Why are those who do not pay municipal taxes making decisions one Victoria's budgets and operations ... not appropriate

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Bylaw does not need anymore money.

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still can't believe that councilors who don't even live in Victoria have a say on all this. Sheesh.

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#14 - I would agree to payment each year but NOT cumulative. If you don't understand how cumulative payments work and how quickly they grow, better have someone in your finance department explain it to you. This action will rapidly lead to enormous tax increases. The money that comes in through development is intended to pay for infrastructure and services for the new builds. General comment: stay in your own lane. Let the province pay for their areas of responsibility and make the feds do the same. You are municipal level and have your own responsibilities on which to spend OUR money.

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Fund all police and bylaw postions.

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24% of Victorias budget is not needed to go to VicPD. Added money for extra policing does not reduce crime, it increases discrimination against the houseless,BIPOC, and those suffering from mental illnesses and addiction. Reinvest into the community, support, shelter, and services to help these people and the root of their problems. Rather than giving more money to a dying system that doesn't have the support of more and more generations. Police don't make you feel safe, they abuse power, and we need a better power balance.

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Stick to civic matters and stop spending our money on homeless issues that aren't yours to deal with. This is not a city matter

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Legal mandates rather than budgeted employees for equity, culture, anti-racism, reconciliation, public safety and climate crisis concerns.

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Pretty sad that we're having to hire 2 more police officers to support the city bylaw officers in order to do their job. Does that not raise a red flag for council? How is this ok? I say - get back to the basics and make safety the priority of this city and stay in your lane. Good grief.

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Lots of planning and data procurement - not a lot of solid ideas. I totally support providing VicPD and the bylaw officers with the funding they need. We need to repair and maintain and improve what we have and what we used to have. A beautiful, inviting, safe City. It's not that anymore. Let's save it while we still can.

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I am wholly against paying "rent" to Esq. or Song. Indian Bands. They get a huge amount already from us, via the Feds. Not only that, they were paid extra funds for so many things: given \$13M land parcel in 2020, \$31M in 2007 for the use of downtown Victoria, and they signed away 927 sq km in the Douglas Treaties. No more! As far as all manner of "Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity" programs go, just treat all people the same, and you will have a much better outcome for all concerned.

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Fund the police properly! Concentrate on the "boring" municipal services-roads, garbage,police etc.

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the majority of the above falls under provincial responsibility

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Stop spending money on Provincial and Federal responsibilities

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If the City of Victoria is truly committed to reconciliation and UNDRIP, and finding solutions to homelessness, increasing the budget for VicPD is not the answer. It is 2021, we are ready for a change in policy. Why not prioritize community care initiatives that do not involve the police and bylaw officers? The policing system is an oppressive & racist system put in place to maintain white supremacy and colonialism. A decolonial approach does not include increasing the budget for VicPD but instead defunding and reallocation those funds to other initiatives.

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In the proposed grant to local First Nations, the City is proposing to use tax money for an illegal purpose. Councillors should be aware that they can incur personal liability for this. Municipal governments are there to meet the basic needs of their citizens, not to correct perceived social injustice, or save the planet. The City of Victoria proposes to spend money on matters that contribute nothing to the welfare of its citizens, while permitting devastation in our parks, violence on our streets, and decay on our roads.

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You have some good ideas ... alas .. a lot are the responsibility of other levels of government ... safety, security, municipal services & facilities are key / core issues. You have ignored some of these & you do NOT have a blank check ... but you act like it. I love the idea of bike lanes, BUT .. I would rather have safe streets and parks (eg. a properly funded police dept.) than new bike lanes.

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Victoria needs fewer police officers.

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Lot's of the "disagree" is because it's not municipal jurisdiction. City of Victoria needs to be more focused on it's own jurisdiction and focus on limited government. Also, 24/7 camping was a disaster, so no more money wasted on that sort of thing.

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THERE SHOULD NEVER BE SHELTERING IN PARKS. Council has caused the increase in policing budget and parks management cost by allowing sheltering in parks and by creating a sense of lawlessness to reign in Victoria by not enforcing bylaws and inviting the criminal element here. You need to start listening to the tax payers and stop with your personal social agendas.

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We don't need police to accompany bylaw officers, we need mental health workers to accompany bylaw when interacting with homeless

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What a pity we need police officers to keep bylaw officers safe while they are doing their job. We need a National Strategy to deal with homelessness and mental health.

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Fund the police fully. We need more officers on the streets and more support resources for officers who are being injured in the line of duty. A fully funded Safe Street/ROL initiative needs to be of primary focus for the City.

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More food systems support. More climate change supports.

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Anything that can be done to undo the damage caused to the police by "handcuffing" their budget submissions and the efforts of some council to effectively "defund" them.

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There is so much virtue signaling among these programs that I would think they were crafted by activists. Oh yeah, they were.

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The police increase is unconscionable - departments that fail to achieve their targets (reduce crime) should not be seeking more funding but tasked to improve and examine their failings.

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Fund any additional VicPD officers requested and give them their budget increase request in FULL

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I'm skeptical about the concept of an Elder in Residence. How much value will the really add in practice? Is it really a full-time job? I also think we're all already getting an overwhelming number of opportunities to learn about reconciliation from all sorts of other organizations, and perhaps the market (and the audience) is saturated for a while. I support initiating a real attempt at Vision Zero; I think especially the initial work on identifying problem areas that have previously been overlooked and could save lives for relatively little investment. I think we already have lots of arts spaces that are probably underused much of the time. Many residents here and in surrounding municipalities do not get out to enjoy the arts. Maybe start by encouraging them?

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Ban camping in public parks, especially Beacon Hill

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I agree in principle and spirit with the idea of a Reconciliation Grant to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. However, (a) I don't agree with the proposed structure and amounts and (b) I think this needs to be part of a discussion, e.g. also with other municipalities, provincial government, residents, the Nations, etc on types and levels of financial compensation to help reconciliation, e.g. there is also the voluntary contribution via property taxes as proposed by an NGO, would be interesting to know the amount that households might be willing to contribute through this measure

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The City of Victoria cannot commit to reconciliation and making tangible progress with our homeless population while continuing to give Vicpd almost a quarter of the budget. These actions are in direct contradiction of each other.

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Your programs are mostly a waste of money, focus on the core functions of city government. I wont vote for you again if you keep on the disasterous road that you have been on.

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I strongly agree that VicPD and Bylaw should not be interacting with the homeless population. They are disrespectful and are constantly convacasting the only belongings that the homeless people won, this needs to stop. There should be an alternate response team working with the homeless community NOT VicPd or Bylaw.

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Rather than increasing access to childcare, try increasing access to standards of living that allow people to end their reliance on child care. It's a novel thought, I know.

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In all areas I strongly disagreed in I have seen zero impact or improvement in these areas in past 10 more years - if anything things have gotten a lot worse. It's difficult for me to support throwing more funds to the problems when we don't know how these funds will be used. I believe in effective and efficient government. I'm sorry to say I haven't seen a dent made in homeless issues or indigenous reconciliation issues. I need more specifics about how your proposals above will solve these issues before I can give you any honest support. I have been getting fraud calls for years about CRA , credit card - police have done nothing. Will a little more \$ thrown at it make a difference- I doubt it. You need good effective solutions and then you can ask us for funds.

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48 is only agreed with these sheltering solutions are focused on helping homeless people and but just making parks more hostile and difficult to shelter in

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Buses. This is the missing link in greening Victoria. Buses need to be various sizes, going more places, and costing just enough to tempt people to leave their cars at home (that is, a bus ticket needs to cost less than the gasoline it takes to maintain a car travelling the same distance).

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Defund the Victoria Police Department and use the money to fund non-police responses to crime.

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No to additional funding for Vic PD.

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The city should focus on the responsibilities of Local Government and NOT what is provided by others levels of government. Such as the Province and the Federal Government responsibility for housing. The city should also look to reducing costs by working with other municipalities where we would be better served with combined resources. In my opinion health and safety and economic recovery and reconciliation should be the priority of the city.

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Similarly to my previous comment, I am likely to request funding to items that are civic responsibilities but not fund provincial ones. Except when related to climate change, reconciliation, transportation safety, or public safety.

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support the police to open the city for everyone

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So much of the funding in this section is not municipal government responsibility. It is provincial or federal. We should not be funding housing or childcare.

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Stick to your knitting. Spend to improve Victoria's infrastructure and services...not to change the world.

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While Indigenous reconciliation is important, it is NOT up to city council to decide what this looks like. Rather, the decision making regarding decolonization needs to be put in the hands of local Indigenous communities. It is not "reconciliation training" if it is not coming from Indigenous peoples themselves. Instead, it further contributes to colonization if city counsel (a colonial government) is deciding how reconciliation takes place.

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Additional Bylaw officers needed are a direct result of the decisions council has made. i am not in favor of enabling...

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Defund the police now. It is absolutely ridiculous that we pay so much for our police force. You have some wonderful ideas here that help alleviate suffering and increase protection that do not involve cops. Let's please go in that direction. We can't police our way out of problems created by a colonial, carceral epoch.

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Provide VicPD with the financial resources to do their job please.

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The police service badly needs resources. I hope this passes.

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Question # 57 Bylaw Officers - does not say how many FTEs - would be helpful to know that.

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Policing is easy except for the public. If officers won't practise de-escalation, if they pre-judge then get someone else. Specialist in sexualized violence? Specialist in the culture of vegan lesbians? Get rid of the culturally insensitive, is 911 supposed to have 18 organizations to refer callers to?

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The budget proposes no reduction in fees in any areas within this survey . How can the city be more efficient with current city staff rather than adding more? Can cost savings be derived by Council by being more efficient with meetings and requests? Just look around the council chambers at the staff expense(how can this be reduced). Families and households cannot have "nice to have items" and keep on spending and go into debt ,either should the city. Make the city safe should be priority number #1.

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Any reasonable citizen wants to work and compromise for solutions for our City that bring all communities together to move forward together for a better future. 9-20: Several of the programs could be more reasonable to consider if the tax payers could have any confidence that the programs would be administered in a balanced, just and non-divisive, discipline. This has proven to be not the case, as leadership from the city is clearly focused of grinding axes and sowing division. The city (counsel most notably, but throughout the management and process makers) has proven by its actions (and increasingly) to be unable to justly arrange, consult, or deliver programs for both the cities employees and the city stakeholders that are balanced and objective. The city is clearly more interesting in ideological dogma and divisive trendy policies, then being objective and unifying. Be it prejudice to employees under the cover of equity. Unethical hiring practices where a persons innate characteristics take president over ability and merit. Encourage prejudice public discourse and the promotion of divisive narratives. (many of us have been to these city hosted events) The manipulation of community associations and community plans to disregard residents in favour of the counsel and the city 'leadership's' biases'. The City Family in particular has proven to be an undemocratic, secretive and exclusionary body that looks to exploit and extort the rate payers of Victoria, predicated on a myopic and prejudicial view of our city and broader society. In short, no one but the most dogmatic supporters trust the city to be fair, honest and balanced. Imaging leadership that focuses of

equality and the removal of prejudices, opposed to equity and the settling of scores by moving discrimination from one group to the other. Be better and citizens may find a way to trust the city again.

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Funds need to be reallocated to community based service providers, rather than Police and Bylaw.

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There needs to be MORE police officers on the Assertive Community Treatment Teams!!! Staff cannot safely care for this population without police support. We need to STOP providing free housing to the homeless population-- it is ONLY INCREASING the number of people moving here to also get free housing.

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It would be ideal to fund all these things - it's great there are a lot of initiatives. But some things don't fall into the scope of what a city should be responsible for (provincial or federal funding more appropriate for some items) - Not sure why voting on individual VicPD items compared to other things (like fire department) and no description for them - Seedlings and trees - nice idea, but kind of unfair (if you don't have garden space then can't use)

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Reduce funding for VicPD to offset to cost of implementing other nonpolice programs

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Why do we need so many police positions? I feel safe in Victoria already.

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i don't think we need more polices officers , if anything they make me feel unsafe. i feel safe in victoria

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A few more gas stations with e-charging capabilities are needed to support locals and tourists alike. There are currently no gas stations in James Bay or Cook Street village areas. Tens of thousands of residents with no local access to fuel and few charging options. Secondly, parking downtown is too expensive and usually hard to find. Lower prices, more street parking and another public parkade would be advisable.

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would like to see funding go to community support programs (eg. crisis counselors) instead of police.

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Please adhere to "City" business and stay out of Provincial and Federal areas of responsibility. If you want to enter those areas then run for those offices.

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Major redundancy with resources provided by other levels of government and volunteer organizations. Serious over-reach for municipal government.

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no to VicPD budget requests

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No more investment in the VicPD please.

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I checked 'neutral' on many items I don't know much about, or didn't think the funds in the budget were appropriate (too much or too little)

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VicPD and bylaw services are extremely underfunded and understaffed. As a downtown resident who has required these services multiple times this year, the extreme lack of response and enforcement from VicPD and bylaw services is unacceptable.

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Several of the above are things that should be funded by higher levels of government. Others sound great but a quick, one-time grant will not have any lasting effect and thinking it will is wishful. Local government needs to concentrate on the basic local issues and services rather than step in and solve all our social problems. We have these problems but a lasting remediation will involve a much bigger area coverage and budget than just one city. Therefore, while I agree several of the things mentioned above are worthy, they need to be addressed by upper levels of government and how the city will interact with these is not spelled out.

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Seems like a lot of money spent on racism and cultural sensitivity stuff that doesn't seem to be a huge problem in Victoria. The Grant to the First Nations is not a municipal issue; that's a federal and provincial issue. There is no brief write up describing what most of the police funding is for. Is this an intentional oversight because half our council hat police?

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the city of Victoria is currently in a state of disrepute. Please do not defund the police, they need your support, not anti-police activism. Please don't allow for councilors' to create companies and non-profits that then receive public funding! Reconciliation is key but the city of Victoria has little power to create substantial government to government agreements - recondition is great! recondition

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Defund the police. It is absolutely ridiculous that you're looking to increase the police budget so much and it obviously says that you do not care at all about the countless BIPOC and houseless people who have been brutalized by the Vic PD. You do not uphold any sort of democracy, you uphold rich white people because they fill your pockets. You continue to raise property tax rather than take funding from the VicPD. Chief Dal Manak makes more than the premier of BC. That is absolutely ridiculous.

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Please do not increase any funding to vic pd. This causes violence to our communities and not does align with anti-racist policies the city is adopting.

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I don't support the amount of increase to the VicPD budget. I would rather see that money go to housing people and health care, along with the new civilian-led intervention project that is being developed.

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wow. here is where the rubber hits the road. Police, fire and ambulance spend too much time dealing with drug overdoses, leaving business and residences vulnerable to property crime. God forbid a tax paying citizen has a heart attack or stroke, the ER is clogged with homeless. We need to protect our citizens, place criminals in jail, house the homeless and get the mentally ill off the streets. We dont need cultural this or aborginal that, WE NEED A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK AND YOU ARE FAILING AT EVERY LEVEL. Developers dont need a thousand bylaws to build a house or apartment. Do what your counterpart in Langford is doing. It is not your job to approve the color of a house or they type of stairs to the basement. as for free buses, make them prove they are low income. stop handing out free rides to teenagers. They can get a job and pay like everyone else.

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I would encourage the city of Victoria to look into any funding they provide to SOLID. I am a Social Worker who works with the most mentally ill in our city. I have been consistently horrified by their lack of professionalism and the harm I am seeing them do to the population I work with.

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Do not give any funding to vicpd.

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The proposed increases to VIC PD's budget are out of alignment with budget increases in other areas.. The police chief's salary alone is higher than that of the Premier, and is more than half of the money allocated to neighbourhoods. The police are already over-funded and their skills are not well suited to dealing with many of the interventions they are called upon to make with unhoused people, people under the influence of drugs, and people who are experiencing mental health problems. They go into these situations in a beligerently, escalating matters, and making things worse. Some of the money currently used to fund police should be transferred to social services personnel, who are better equipped to handle such situations in a manner that de-escalates and does not result in harm and violence.

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If housing, mental health, and addictions supports were actually in place and effective, many policing and security costs could be reduced. No need to fund both

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Language makes it confusing what I am supporting. For example, yes I am strongly in favour of a patio bylaw officer if it means this person will continue to help removing absurd restrictions on patios that were in place pre-pandemic. If this person is hired to create more restrictive bylaws I am STRONGLY against it.

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Too many new employees and expansion of support programs

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Less funding for police

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reduce spending.

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No to all VicPD budget increases.

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Defund Vic PD, put the money into green initiatives, fixing the housing crisis and non violent communication positions such as councilors and de escalation professionals

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More arts, community support, AFFORDABLE housing initiatives and less police and bylaw enforcement as that causes much more harm.

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Police officers should enforce traffic laws and levy fines not make excuses for offenders . This will make our streets safer and the fines are turned over to the city , by law officers should also issue fines to offenders.

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The Vic PD has way too much funding. Especially the captain. Half his salary and put it towards something better.

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Money should not be taken from our communities to fund the police. Chief Del Manak makes more than half of the money allocated to neighborhoods. He makes more than the premier of BC.

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We need to strip the police budget. We need to build community, not police it. I'm outraged at this proposal. It's irresponsible, vague, and likely corrupt. Defund, redistribute that wealth else where WITH community consultation.

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It would be nice to amalgamate our police service into one big department instead of separate departments for separate communities. Better use of tax dollars and more support for our very overworked stressed police department in Victoria.

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There is WAYYY too much money being allocated to VicPD. VicPD has shown over the past two years (and much longer) that they don't serve to protect us, they instead create crime and enact

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violence on civilians. By create crime, I mean that VicPD issues fines to, and forces houseless residents in Victoria to move from their spaces - a waste of money that could be instead used to help create infrastructures for these houseless individuals to live. By enact violence, I mean the VicPD has been incredibly active in policing Fairy Creek, and in showing up to peaceful protests - they have been incredibly violent and this violence has been bolstered by the money that has gone into their paramilitary gear (Pepper spray, rubber bullets etc.) It's disgraceful. I feel disturbed by this Budget planning in regards to the funds being allocated to VicPD - please please consider the safety of lower class, racialized, queer individuals who the police more so harrassed and harms rather than protects.

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Funding needs to be made equitable by taking money from the egregious policing budget. Please fire chief Del Manak, he is a ridiculous drain to city resource

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No additional funding should be allocated to VicPd

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Spending less on VicPd would allow you to spend more on useful programs such as education and public works

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vicPD get way too much money proportionately. Cops don't make a city safer they make it more oppressive.

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Substantially reduce the money going to our police departments. Fund social workers, community programs, inclusion, housing, food security, indigenous relations, and environmental programs. Funding police is REACTIONARY not PREVENTATIVE. We need to secure our communities future through strong support of the people who live here. We need to stop the cycle of abuse of marginalized people that the police are used to conducting through strong-arm archaic tactics. A leaner police force is what is needed. Instead, social worker response teams should be utilized as part of the 911 services as an alternative to police response.

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VicPD does not need more funding. Stop taking money away from the community to feed into the violence and terror VicPD incites on marginalized communities within the city.

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put funding into resources that combat police violence, and not back into the police force!

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Stop giving cops resources for programs that end up hurting marginalized populations. Police should not be part of wellness calls, moving/removing of unhoused people's belongings, supporting any health or mental illness initiatives, nor should they be some of the highest-paid employees in the city for doing harmful, biased work. Defund and reallocate to programs that actually help people. Community intervention and support, addictions support, accessibility, housing, mental health - prioritize these.

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VicPD has enough funding as is. Focus our tax dollars on things that will better the community and environment

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Your wages for city staff are WAY TO HIGH \$20k from each of the above outlined wages should go towards non-profit community centres to increase non-profit wages for staff working the frontline

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defund the pigs ;)

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The VicPD and police should go through intensive anti racism training and learn about mental health awareness.

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DEFUND THE POLICE. White supremacy and colonialism are ingrained within their training modalities.

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The police department already has so much of the budget. They do not need more.

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DEFUND POLICE. Hire more BIPOC/LGBTQIA2S police/RCMP. Train them in anti racism, inequality: Indigenous "histories," TRC, 94 Calls to Action, the foster system, mental health, etc. HOLD POLICE, RELIGIOUS SERVICES, AND GOVERNMENT INDIVIDUALS ACCOUNTABLE FOR UNLAWFUL VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIGENOUS, BIPOC, WOMEN, LGBTQIA2S, MMIWG2S, ETC ETC ETC. Ensure there are a equally mixed

representation in courts, social media, news, workforce, schools, etc etc (no all white jury in accused Indigenous court proceedings.) Find more ways to reintegrate inmates/possible reoffenders/those struggling with mental health, poverty, abusive relationships, etc. free/affordable access to mental health, detox, shelters, overdose prevention education, rehab, etc; free first aid and overdose prevention education updates for everyone

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I hope that Sheltering Support means *not* kicking homeless people out of parks. I think those populations should be supported, especially as COVID numbers in our homeless populations rise due to lack of an ability to socially distance.

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I think some of in initiatives are good, but not going far enough. Racism training should be ongoing. You can't solve systematic issues with a single training. Childcare, community support, seniors all need more help than is being proposed.

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Only agree with sheltering support if it's to actively support those sheltering, not to support their displacement

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Too much \$\$ going towards VicPD

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Create less new positions, spend more on protection and cleaning up Pandora street

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Defund the police.

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11/21/2021 12:58 PM

The VicPD and bylaw departments need the monies they are asking for. The safety and well being of the citizens as well as our first responders is at an all time low. I don't know of any other cities in Canada with the lack of safety as Victoria.

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How could I even make an educated response to the increasing budget for VicPD, if you won't even describe the function of any of these budget increases? Notice how VicPD budget increases were the only ones above without a description. Let's improve our other services to help support our population without increasing policing for them.

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The Victoria Police Department does not require an increase in budget in the upcoming 2022 year. Instead these funds should be allocated towards municipal initiatives that reduce systemic issues such as homelessness, poverty, racism, and mental health stigma. I as an involved citizen of this city, will be extremely disappointed if this budget increase is passed.

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Stop funding police more than housing. One of those causes is likely to make much more of a difference in people's lives than the other

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The City is getting into too many non-essential activities with attendant (expensive) staff increases (seedlings etc)

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11/21/2021 03:12 PM

Enough police stuff, we build a healthy community with social supports, not paramilitary boots on 5he ground.

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In order to move forward it is essential to defund the police and instead find social workers and community support staff/housing staff. I find it appalling to see the discrepancy in the wages outlined above, especially with how low the newcomer assistant position is compared to everything else. Also why is the reconciliation training budget so much lower than the others???

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Way too much of the budget is allocated towards the VIC PD. I strongly disagree with this proposal.

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Defund the police!

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Very difficult to understand what these items are based on a few words, some of which might mean something to those working in the field. And of course, there is no sense of what these incremental resources will achieve.

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Please help people that require help rather than pouring money into the police

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Defund Vic PD

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Defund the police

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Please stop funding the police excessively! My tax dollars should not be disproportionately supporting the police in this way. The police do not need more money

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11/21/2021 06:15 PM

Defund the police

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I strongly support the Vision Zero supplementary budget items. Too many pedestrians are being seriously hurt on Victoria's streets.

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11/21/2021 06:46 PM

I agree with all the "training" initiatives in principle, but they're only worthwhile if the attendees want to be there. I'm reluctant to agree to more property tax increases for the plethora of training operations when I doubt they will help much. Plenty of people take these cultural training programs as required by their workplace, just to sit through the speeches and go home and forget about them.

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Many bylaws seem to be ignored (eg dogs running out of control on foot path, campers sleeping overnight in areas stating that is not allowed). Either enforce the bylaw or change it.

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Please triage and support the homeless first.

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until you recognize the definition of zoning is to protect the interests of current residents and property owners rather than your current non zoning behaviour of giving developers everything they want while leaving current residents, property owners and tenants completely exposed to the harms of overdevelopment that you have been green lighting. this only benefits developers not residents

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Police need more money, not less.

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11/21/2021 08:08 PM

Stop giving so much money to VicPD. They have more than enough. Put your money where your mouth is and actually work towards reconciliation.

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actually, I am in favour of almost every program listed above. what I am not in favour of is any more tax increases. I am a pensioner and do not receive a larger pension just because of all the tax increases in the City, the CRD, BC, etc.

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11/21/2021 09:02 PM

Crossing guards should be paid by the School Board not the City
Road Safety Improvements should be paid in part by ICBC and the provincial government as well Food Seeds program, most low income citizens live in Apartments so don't have a garden to plant seedlings in Reconciliation Grants should be made by feds as they created the problem with the Indian Act

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11/21/2021 09:37 PM

I'm not rich. Some of these proposals are ridiculous.

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11/21/2021 09:42 PM

Our City needs more Police presence to ensure our streets are safe. Mental Health and crime has taken over and needs to be addressed. It is my City too, I'd like to see it cleaned up. I'd like to feel safe and I'd like to be able to be proud of where I live. Lately, I am not.

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I'd love to see alternatives to "consultants" and "planning groups" and "committees" be explored (without forming a committee, etc) -- to me it seems many items on the supplementary budget are to hire consultants, etc, why can't the City just hire experts to implement a plan. Like for example, in the military you don't form a committee to discuss options to fix an urgent problem -- you have a quick debrief of the facts, resources available, then you take action. I'd love to see more focus on the action part, not on paying (usually very expensive) consultants when they're not the ones who are going to implement the solution. During the pandemic, decisions and actions had to be taken very fast, and likely without consultants as there wouldn't really be any for how to get through a pandemic. And yet the City has done as well as can be expected with some changes, like the patio space for restaurants, and taken

action quickly. Consultants and committees can add a lot of needless costs and a lot of time, trying to get something "perfect" when there is no such thing, and things always change on the ground once action starts. I also disagreed with paying for anti-racism training, for the simple fact that should be something that is something that should be a mandatory requirement for City leaders and key staff to come to the job with, or do on their own dime. If it's more about learning about systemic racism and how the structures in place exacerbate and support that, I support that as it can be hard to see unless you're taught how to look for it. But for example teaching borderline racist white staff about why BLM is important, they should have to pay for that themselves, that should be a no-brainer requirement for employment with the City.

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Reconciliation grant to Songhees and Esquimalt Nations - those entities receive substantial substantial funds (millions) from both the provincial and federal governments. Municipal governments such as Victoria should not grant additional funds. Those funds should be used for city programs and infrastructure. None of the other local 12 municipal governments have this in their budget proposals. Questions regarding VicPD were biased because there was no description attached to the question. Other questions had descriptions. My assessment of this is that the City of Victoria does not what to fund VicPD and wants to fund other pet budget items. I'm disappointed that the Survey was conducted this way.

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Defund the police. The VicPD budget is massive. Cut it now and work towards defunding and dismantling the police. The positions you're proposing have merit but not if they are operated through the police. This is not what is needed and additional bylaw enforcement isn't needed either. That's just going to be used to kick the unhoused out of their homes in tents. Big no to any more money going to this department. Cut funding to the police. That will help make up your budget shortfall. Increasing taxes in line with inflation plus! No one is earning a COLI to account for inflation so taxing us as such is absurd. We're feeling it everywhere and the lack of services in this town is already pretty rough.

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The city's focus on reconciliation is ill-advised. That is not the city's business and not something that I want my tax dollars spent on. The very notion that colonialism is bad is fallacious - the natives were living with slavery, no reading, writing mathematics and hadn't even discovered the wheel. They had no metallurgy - the were living in the stone age with no metal. The arrival of the Europeans

raised them to a much more advanced civilisation. A rising tide lifts all boats. There is not a native alive today who isn't vastly better off because of the European arrival. Replace Sir John A. Macdonald immediately. I resent you insulting my heritage.

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Less money for VICPD, and more money for any of these other amazing initiatives.

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11/22/2021 07:45 AM

Many of the budget options can, and in some cases are, be managed by existing volunteer and non-profit societies. Innovation is needed to manage growing workloads, not additional FTEs

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11/22/2021 08:31 AM

We need to have alternative forms of help for people in distress who are NOT officers and NOT a threat to people in crises. More police is not the answer.

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11/22/2021 08:39 AM

The police need less money, not more.

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Stop giving vicpd money when they're violent and aggressive

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S.22 Less funding for police in traditional roles and more funding for community support workers!

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The amount that police officers earn is preposterous. The police are corrupt, they don't help people, they cause more harm than help. There is no need for cops to be earning more than \$100K per year and the chief of police to earn more than the premier. We need to stop increasing funding for police when time and time again we receive research and experience show increased safety and wellness through alternative means such as education, community resilience projects, support workers, etc. The police aren't keeping the city safe. They are making it worse. The Vic PD have the highest budget per capita in Canada. Where is the transparency? Why do they need so much. It's actually ridiculous. We need to focus on housing, on mental health supports, on food programs and get to the root of crime, not increase institutional punishment and the criminalization of people who are just trying to survive.

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11/22/2021 11:14 AM

Why isn't there an explanation of the VICPD related items? The VICPD budget must be increased to address the public safety issue but it's unclear whether these will do so. Why are there explanations for other items but not these?

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Fund the community, not the police.

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Don't increase the chief of police's pay

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Better policing and bylaw enforcement

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I do not support additional FTEs, particularly where there is existing data and expertise. For example, there is a lot of data about road safety, accidents per intersection, driver and pedestrian and cyclist behaviour already. And this is true for other aspects of the city, particularly the business community and crime/security issues. Although I feel that homeowners' interests are not respected by the City, I don't think another layer of facilitation of contact will make any difference. I also am VERY opposed to money going to First Nations groups for the sake of "reconciliation" or perhaps to assuage guilt for past injustices. Unless money is being used for the needs of the city - this is too far removed from the responsibilities of a municipality. Making a safer, better functioning city is what the money raised for the city should be used for. We have no idea who would actually get the money or what it would be used for. There are responsibilities set out by law for municipalities. The money coming to a municipality should be focused on those. These grants, to nearby First Nations, or to hire an "elder" are beyond the purview of a municipal government.

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We need our police force to keep us safe, thank you. Whatever they want, let them have it.

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11/22/2021 02:08 PM

Stop funding the police to enforce pointless regulations, and facilitate the growth of a community which can feel comfortable with their enforcing officers, rather than receiving incredibly large fines for regulations that are arbitrary and don't effect anyone.

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11/22/2021 03:50 PM

City should limit hiring new personnel and revise responsibilities among the current employees for more efficiency and prevention of property tax increases due to new hiring. Please limit the residential property tax increase to maximum 2%.

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11/22/2021 04:01 PM

Reconciliation is important for all residents of BC and Canada. The proposed grant to the Songhees and Esquimalt nations should not go forward because it is out of the scope of a municipal government. I could endorse some funds at the CRD level, but feel very strongly that it is up to the provincial and federal governments to support our indigenous citizens. The proposed funding formula would lead to 100s of thousands of dollars annually taken from the City budget that should be used for services and programs.

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11/22/2021 04:12 PM

I strongly disagree with grants of City resources to Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations. Reconciliation with first peoples is the responsibility of federal and provincial governments who have both competence and resources to effect meaningful change.

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11/22/2021 04:20 PM

Thank you Mayor Helps! You are my hero. Please reconsider and run for another term. We need you. You are the BEST!!!

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11/22/2021 04:21 PM

I would have liked to have this, #58, as an option before filling in the answers as well as at the end. as a preface to answering these questions i would have said, most strongly, that in these pandemic times - or just post pandemic if we are so lucky, and post catastrophic storm damage in many parts of the province, it is irresponsible of any city government to think of adding lots of "touchy feely nice to have" supplementary programs and services - please watch our dollars. And now my comments having completed the section: 9Anti-Racism Training: I can't understand why people need training in this. Basic common sense and standard of behaviour should prevail. 10 OHS Training Professional: I would have thought this is covered already, and not required to be a supplemental expense. Committee Administrator: No – I would have thought there would be someone in the relevant department who could take this under their wing. 12 Indigenous Relations Function or Elder in Residence: Presume there is someone doing this work already. Why would you want to hire more people for this? 13 Reconciliation Training: Really? Are you

employing people who need this training? Surely not! 14
Reconciliation Grant to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations:
where is the new assessed revenue coming from? Surely
payments to First Nations is not a municipal responsibility? I don't
think we can afford it, and the "new revenue" could be used to
repair our aging infrastructure. 15 Victoria Reconciliation
Dialogues: Isn't this provincial or federal too? 17 Planning
Assistant: My impression is that the planning department has
enough employees. 20 Urban Forest Specialists – Permit
Applications: The city suddenly needs two more staff? 21
Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness: Is this the city's
responsibility? 22 Homelessness Advisor: Enough already. 23
Victoria 3.0 Economic Development Officer: Yes! Something that
makes sense! 24 Arts and Innovation District Master Plan
Implementation: might be nice but honestly, we can't afford all the
nice bits and pieces 25 Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program there
are enough spaces and galleries. 27 Vision Zero Transportation
Planner: Don't we have someone doing this already? 27 Vision
Zero Transportation Planner: Surely this is being done already? If
not, why not? 30 Transportation Electrical Designer: I would like to
have thought the city already had this under control. Oh dear. 32
Newcomer Sport & Recreation Assistant: I'm not sure that this is
the responsibility of the city, but rather the province 35 Crossing
Guards: Appalling that this isn't done already. 36 Zero Waste:
seems very expensive for basic waste reduction. 42 Building
Deconstruction Permit Administration System Towards Zero Waste
Victoria: seems very expensive .. 45 Our Place Society - Storage
of Belongings: Surely there is room in all the hotels we've had to
buy for people who have come here, at the Mayor's invitation, from
across Canada. Enough is enough. 46 – ditto 47 Grant to Ending
Violence Association of BC: hospitality industry should pay this

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I believe not only are most of the 48! supplementary budget
programs beyond the city's scope and role but also not a
manageable for the city. The fallout looks like good intentions but
accomplishments few and not cost effective. Homelessness is
cruel in wealthy societies and represents for the most part
mental/emotional health issues which does not seem to be
prevented or the necessary support for healing, just look at the BC
foster care stats. The financial responsibility for housing the
homeless is a federal and provincial and regional district
responsibility not a city. Sexual violence in bars and restaurants is
the industries responsibility perhaps their cost of licensing can
reflect the monies for training if they are unable to do it
themselves. It is a businesses responsibility to pay a living wage, if
they do not then as a industry the need to bear the financial burden

for the outcome, including house, food and transportation etc otherwise as a society we are support the system of corporate welfare and I do not support that. As a consumer I would like to know what business pay a living wage so I can support them.

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11/22/2021 05:29 PM

No new funding for VicPD staff. These roles are not the role of a police force - For example, police should not be involved on mental health outreach.

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11/22/2021 06:27 PM

A new mayor and council would be a much needed breath of fresh air at Victoria.

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11/22/2021 07:05 PM

Focus this council to helping all Victorians. Things are not good and wasting money on pet projects is severely making our city a joke

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11/22/2021 07:24 PM

The focus of the Supplementary Budget should be on providing additional services and supports to Victoria residents, particularly for unhoused residents and newcomers. This should not be used to increase the salaries or number of positions for the Victoria Police Department, which actively endangers Victoria residents.

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11/22/2021 07:51 PM

Stop funding VicPD to terrorize unhoused people.

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11/22/2021 07:52 PM

Please fully fund the police and stop adding other positions that are not municipal responsibilities, do not take on Federal and Provincial duties

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11/22/2021 08:30 PM

Survey is challenging because I support some of the initiatives strongly but I don't think they should be incremental to a 3.25% tax increase. Find efficiencies to fix the mess you've created that allows violence committed by drug addicts to go unchecked and unpunished.

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11/22/2021 08:31 PM

Please allocate the funding, that would be used to remove shelters, instead towards long-term housing solutions for those who currently have no choice but to shelter in public spaces. Instead of budgeting for police patrol at events, it would be important to consider how this money can be put into the community to reflect

the demands of demonstrators. The proposed budget increase for “crowd management” and patrolling could be used for community created/supported solutions, such as a community crisis response team that is trained in de-escalation, trauma-informed, and anti-oppressive tactics. Please allocate the money for police “crowd management” to support community created solutions that promote safety, care, harm reduction, and anti-oppression at events and demonstrations.

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11/22/2021 09:22 PM

No more money for policing. They get enough already.

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11/22/2021 09:28 PM

I do not support an increase in funding to the VicPD. I would like to see money from this budget allocated to the CMHA pilot, outside of the UBCM grant, to show a shift in priorities for how mental health and other crisis calls are managed in the city. I do not support three mental health officers. Police officers should not be responding to mental health calls; they only serve to escalate situations when they arrive. There is also no evidence to support police embedded on ACT teams. Please stop pumping money into more bylaw officers to deal with homelessness. I'd like to know how much money was wasted in the last year with the confiscation of people's belongings who are/were sheltering in parks. I have donated three tents personally to folks, all of which have been destroyed by bylaw officers. There has been a lot of waste in the enforcement of sheltering bylaws. The "sheltering support" item above is nothing more than code for more enforcement. Please fund positions that actually help folks living on the streets (e.g., homelessness advisor), as opposed to continuing to pump money into an oppressive response that harms people.

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11/22/2021 09:39 PM

It is great that council is limiting tax increases to inflation plus 1%—but I haven't had a raise in years, let alone a raise that matches inflation. We are living in a time of contraction—despite the stock market fantasies about Amazon and Tesla. In the real world it is more expensive to get energy and materials, and that makes everything we build in cities more expensive. It is long past time to shift focus to design for resilience instead of brute-forcing with more concrete.

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Decrease funding to Victoria Police in ALL areas and shift to housing and qualified mental health response teams.

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The police budget is exponentially too high, and needs to be addressed. Reducing the funding in that area could easily pay for more community initiatives that would reduce the need for as much police presence.

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The answer to public safety is not more policing. The VicPD budget is massively inflated compared to the rest of Canada and they just waste money on militarized gear and harassing the homeless and people struggling with addictions and mental health issues. Police make things worse for the most vulnerable people in this city and its an atrocity that we keep forking over more and more tax money to support their violence. We need to invest in housing solutions and real, community-based supports. People are being crushed to their breaking points by capitalism and colonization and instead of helping them, we sick the police on them. It's appalling. Invest in talking to communities impacted by criminalization and over-policing and coming up with community led solutions. It will be far more valuable than anything the police can offer. Stop funding the war on the poor.

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11/23/2021 05:03 AM

Police do not keep the community safe from the houseless population, they simply terrorize vulnerable people. This money could go toward housing them instead of the measly 250k that is proposed. Del Manek makes that in 1 year! One! Year!

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11/23/2021 07:13 AM

More arts, more culture, less construction, cool it on bike lanes and don't give a single cent to vicpd they're fine as they are. This city is dying and it's not because of the homeless it's because it is soulless here. This used to be a fun place to live with a great night life and even better summer festivals. Now all we have is tech spaces, homeless people and zero culture. It's more than just sad, it's pathetic. Fund the arts and embrace the culture of the city PLEASE.

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11/23/2021 07:55 AM

Saying NO to defunding VicPD We need more crime protection thanks to increased violence and crime

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11/23/2021 09:16 AM

Police budget is already far too high and the highest in Canada, additional funds from the city budget are extremely inappropriate.

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11/23/2021 09:20 AM

100% do not fun more bylaw officers with tax money. That is absurd. Also, a consultant for outdoor seating seems like a fabricated position. The permitting for tree maintenance needs to be addressed. It should be the city's responsibility to maintain trees or allow homeowners to maintain their own trees without getting tied up in endless permit applications and processing time.

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Defund VicPD

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why all the grants to VicPD? Can we not just fund them properly based on their business plan and keep our fingers out of their business?

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11/23/2021 09:50 AM

I am appalled that Victoria's governing bodies continually allocate a greater percentage of the municipal budget to the VicPD than any other municipal function. I believe a budget decrease is the only appropriate action at this time given the following: • Police criminalize minority and vulnerable communities, and the defund and abolish movements are gaining support nationally and internationally. The city should respect and participate in the defund and abolish movements. • COVID-19 has shifted priorities and exposed areas of public interest that are underfunded and underserved by the City of Victoria • As a result of the fiscal challenges related to COVID-19, municipalities across Canada are either freezing or decreasing their police budgets. • Chief Del Manak's salary is over a quarter of a million dollars while public servants earn fractions of that. I am calling upon you, and all our elected officials, to decrease the VicPD budget and immediately begin meaningful action to divest resources from the Victoria Police Department and invest in citizen-directed areas. Increased police presence does not keep us safe. Instead, it continues to oppress and harass our most targeted community members (Indigenous, Black, people of colour, transgender, Two-Spirit, queer, people who use drugs, unhoused people, street-based sex workers, people with disabilities, people experiencing poverty, etc.), and puts their lives at risk.

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11/23/2021 10:01 AM

Fund de-escalating programs instead of Police. We all know the funding for the police results in more violence for our vulnerable populations. Stop hiding behind these position titles that sound socially charged. It never ends up that way unless you actually have a separate entity made for deescalating.

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Less police action, our PD budget is higher than anywhere else in Canada per capita. If more action was taken to better correct our failed system to help with addictions and the homelessness crisis we've been dealing with for this many years, we wouldn't be needing this high of a police presence. More focus on alternative solutions for mental health and addictions crisis.

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I don't know that racism training is money well spent as we already have the most "woke" council of all time. If things were different, I would agree it would be important. As for the reconciliation grant, I don't know that, that's going to really drastically improve relations just by throwing some unconditional money at it. Wonder if there is a better means? I'm actually not sure I understand the grant and would want to know more before I agreed.

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11/23/2021 10:58 AM

I believe there is an ever growing list of more important issues than increasing the police budget in Victoria. The presence of RCMP and Police escalate situations, though they may be trying their best, in many drug or mental illness related incidences. Defunding their budget and spreading it to other organizations and trained professionals who are experts in dealing with these situations is the logical solution. Creating affordable housing, supporting reconciliation and reparation efforts to indigenous communities, and increasing sustainable transport are all efforts I strongly support as they will increase the quality of life for all those who live in Victoria, not just the rich and privileged.

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11/23/2021 11:04 AM

Instead of increasing police and bylaw funding at the expense of other services (judging by % of the budget), I insist we start reallocating funds to areas that actually improve the city. Housing, transportation, accessibility, climate preparedness, arts, food security, and reconciliation are all more useful and beneficial than paying a bunch of bullies.

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Does the \$ value of all the proposed new staff positions include the benefits, etc? The figures you provide is an extra \$3,632,000 impact on taxpayers. And this will be ongoing, for the most part. As far as the Build Back Better Program, this should not be req'd in future years. What are you going to do with the associated staff in place? The city will be on the hook to buy out, or make up another position. It's never ending and increasingly will stress the city's budget, unless you have planned for this scenario. The City has gone on a hiring spree over the last several years, and forced out

some existing staff who had memory and experience of the city's doings, especially in planning. The developer complaint that there's too much hold up has been heard by me since the 1980s. Yawn. And the city doesn't have to jump - OR should charge a WHOLE LOT more for development permits, And in the process DEMAND more of the project if any variances are involved. If a developer want to build, they have to play the money game with the city.

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The unfortunate reality is that the more resources that a municipality devotes to the homeless, the more homeless the municipality attracts. To really deal with homelessness requires significant, complex, and long-term investment of resources. This is something for the provinces not for the municipalities.

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After the incredible amount of police brutality towards the Indigenous population in Victoria that we have witnessed these past few years, the last thing the city should be doing is increasing police funding.

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We need to do something to support people new to Victoria. Eg: housing, family doctors, daycare, schools, among others

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11 bylaw officers with no authority to act supported by 2 police officers is the reverse of the needed equation. There is a mixing up of responsibilities that reveals the inadequacy of our historical and current three-tiered governance model.

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The city has to stop over taxing the citizens and stop wasting money on programs that are beyond it's jurisdiction. Stop spending money on these feel good programs that ignore the root causes and focus on core municipal priorities. Spending money on global warming and native issues for example is largely a waste of taxpayers dollars as these are areas of federal government jurisdiction. Stop raising taxes every year! You are making the city unaffordable for someone who tries to own a place to live but has a modest income. There seems to be very little common sense in city government now. Pandering to the new naysayers and protest movements distorts the business of running the city effectively for ALL. The situation in many parks and the downtown core is terrible and dangerous. Why would anyone want to run a business downtown and put up with verbal abuse, drug use, harassment and threats of violence? WAKE UP!!! BUSINESS ARE LEAVING AND

PEOPLE ARE SCARED TO BE DOWNTOWN. We have to help homeless but have to somehow separate the drug and criminal element so the true homeless are not targeted and bullied. You cannot create large homeless centres as this creates a situation of drug and criminal people gathering to prey on others. There needs to be some tough love here to guide people to better choices and not allow an environment that encourages drug use, vandalism, shoplifting, property theft and assaults. If you minimize the wellbeing and safety of the working people who pay taxes and try to raise kids then you will create a ghetto out of our city and people will leave. HELLO!!!

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11/23/2021 12:29 PM

I'm not opposed to the extra funding for the indigenous communities. I don't however like to see this continuing and growing without a reexamination date. Reading through thee items increases my awareness of how much it takes to support a functioning city.

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While I strongly agree with nearly all initiatives, I think it's important to be funding initiatives and programs that are "by the people, for the people." For example, if you're interested in engaging a homelessness advisor, this needs to be an advocate from the community it serves and not a position created in city services. The same goes for the arts, community and for programs around safety. All of this can be addressed at a community, grass roots level with appropriate funding that will yield better results and engagement than something proposed and managed (even with consultation) by the city. I would like to see Viccpd funding reduced, and by no means increased this year, in order to facilitate support and resources for these grass roots initiatives.

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First and foremost, concerns and budget suggestions regarding reconciliation issues and compensation for indigenous peoples. The City of Victoria has no legal and binding agreements with First Nations regarding any measure of financial compensation or otherwise. This is primarily a responsibility of the Federal Government and Provincial Government(s) which, it seems you must be reminded, are supported by the taxes gathered from Canadian citizens, who we in this municipality all are. The City of Victoria is responsible to the tax payers to the City for their welfare, support and betterment. It is concerning that a body, namely, The City Family are able to influence financial decisions and budget considerations of the City of Victoria. The City Family is unelected and not representative of the majority of taxpayers in the City.

They have already successfully caused the removal of a stature of Sir John A. MacDonald to the consternation of many taxpayers. Was this achieved in an open and democratic fashion? Now the City Family has suggested to the mayor and council that item 14 above be included. This is essentially a special interest group asking that monies be provided to them out of taxes. Excuse me, but where is there even a hint of propriety and democratic process in this? This is an unelected, non-representative body attempting to usurp funds from the tax payers of the City for their own ends. Has anyone with the City bothered to find what the intent of the funds are for, to whom the funds will be allocated and why? Reconciliation cannot be achieved by writing a cheque. Again, as in previous comments, set aside ideology and stick with the facts. That is what the citizens of Victoria, the tax-payers deserve at the very least.

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I think it's laughable that we are giving more funding to the police who have proven time and time again that they are ineffectual and cause more damage in the community, particularly to marginalized communities. I think the money should be reallocated back into the community with focus on indigenous reconciliation, mental health services, affordable housing for low income communities, and focus on preventing further climate change.

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I'm not particularly in support of increasing police budgets without increased focus on cultural sensitivity, non-violent intervention training, increased funding to other crisis intervention professionals, etc.

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Stop giving additional money to police resources. We know that it does not increase safety or quality of life in cities. Address the issues that are the root causes of the need for policing in the first place(housing instability, poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health crises)

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There is too much focus on policing and not nearly enough on reconciliation and harm reduction. This reflects an attitude that prioritizes property over people, and supports the myth of a simple social order that only requires the policing of the deviant in order to maintain its universal justice and safety. The world we actually live in is much more complex than this.

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Most of the VIC PD proposed positions belong in supportive community services and in grassroots work that encourages harm reduction. I firmly believe the city should NOT be increase VIC PD funding.

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11/23/2021 02:54 PM

Quit screwing around and allow VicPD to adequately provide services to Victoria and Esquimalt - a downtown core that handles a daily transient population far larger than its nighttime population.

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Far less spending on VicPD. Focus on causes, not symptoms.

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11/23/2021 04:21 PM

Stop funding the police and focus on affordable housing

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Please find policing requests. Thanks.

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stop spending money on your whims...cut all departments' budgets and staff by 10% across the board...mind your own business...re-examine what is a municipal mandate/responsibility and what isn't

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11/23/2021 05:11 PM

Even though it is arguably not the city responsibility, I think the funding for storage at Our Place should be given. Our Place do amazing work in our community for some of the most vulnerable, and having a place to store what little they have being secure will help. I think a community that is, and feels, safe is the top priority. As such, I think the police and bylaw need to be increased. I feel particularly strongly about the ACT submission. I know first hand, from another city, the incredible positive impact these can have. They literally save lives. I think this might be the time when some things which are nice, but not essential, could be delayed. I see lots of beautification and enhancement that I support in principle, but if the choice is adequate security versus that, then we should first fund issues related to safety. It is important that the city be cognizant of its jurisdiction. Some of the supplementary items while perhaps good really fall within other jurisdictions. When the city takes on what is really provincial or federal obligations, it may mean well, but ultimately it results in a hodge-podge of uneven support in our country, which is not good.

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The sheltering support should be ensuring that those who require shelter in parks overnight are given a safe and untraumatic experience - which means no expansion to the police presence. Additionally, I do not support an expansion to the VicPD, as I do not see their work as de-escalating situations or providing safety for the community.

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if you implement anything please make it the LIFE pass for transit

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11/23/2021 05:42 PM

The city should stop funding programs that are being funded by the provincial and federal governments

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Why allocate \$ for an assistant or consultant to identify barriers to participation in sport and recreation for newcomers? Put the money towards subsidizing or paying for memberships/programs for newcomers at rec centers. There is already too much construction of high end condos in Victoria, resulting in increased density and traffic. I don't want money put towards speeding up applications for more development. The only future construction should be affordable coops/condos for hardworking folks on modest or moderate incomes. I don't know if this is up to the city or BC Housing. A way to stop rent inflation would be to tie rent increases to units, not residents. That way landlords would not be able to raise rents as much as they like when a tenant moves out.

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see previous comments re: police

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I have disagreed with a number of proposals because they seem to contribute to a growing bureaucracy at City Hall in "feel good" areas that are very likely out of the city's area of responsibility. This council in particular spends far too much time sticking its nose where it doesn't belong while it fails miserably in Potholes 101.

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Please comply with any and all of Chief Manak's suggestions and directives. Do not waste money of hiring Together Victoria members and or producers of fake reports that influence.

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Consider the vast amount of employees, programs and supports the city could fund if the VicPD's funding was decreased year-by-

year. This would actively address poverty and homelessness while increasing public safety FAR MORE EFFECTIVELY than policing.

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11/23/2021 08:07 PM

Please stop increasing police funding. The money that you want to put toward VicPD could do so much more good in community programs. Policing cannot be reformed, and attempting to transform a broken system will do more harm than good.

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Funding should be allocated to community driven initiatives NOT the Vic PD.

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There should be absolutely no increase to VicPD's budget. They receive more than enough funding, and should be defunded.

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Defund the police. Policing already has the largest portion of the budget every year and it's clearly not working. Fund community safety and health initiatives.

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Do your jobs and fund public safety!

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11/23/2021 09:06 PM

Vic Police Dept from what I have seen as a resident is grossly underfunded.

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11/23/2021 09:09 PM

I believe the way to make our community safer is to invest in the health and well being of people rather than bandaids measures like increasing policing or reforming the police.

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By eliminating all the other Supplementary proposals besides the VicPD/ByLaw and Our Place requests, there should be enough savings to fund VicPD/Our Place without the same degree of property tax increases that are currently proposed.

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Please consider what it really means to have affordable housing. There should be safe, clean options for people who can only afford to pay \$600-800/month on rent, who do not qualify for other government assistance or welfare programs. And property tax increases should not be transferred to the tenants. There needs to be a freeze on increasing rents. Furthermore, there should be

higher taxes on airbnb owners, to dissuade them from trying to capitalize on their investment, rather than building community by renting to tenants. These issues need to be considered when it comes to investing in affordable housing research.

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The police budget is too high. Everyday workers are taking on too much responsibility. Short term police responses agent working. Need to work toward community-focused solutions

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Defund the Victoria Police and refund our community

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I strongly disagree with providing additional funding for bylaw officers and police to accompany bylaw officers in parks. Bylaw is a primarily reactive service, and at this point people sheltering in parks often associate them with coercion and punitive responses. The funding proposed for sheltering support, bylaw officers, and bylaw support - police would be better allocated towards educating the housed public on the realities of the housing crisis and homelessness and providing services for those who are sheltering outside. Drawing on the report "The Beginning and End of Homelessness," this funding would be better put towards service availability and coordination. The punitive approach to bylaw enforcement and trying to police poverty out of sight clearly isn't working. It's high time the city invest in non-punitive responses that centre the life chances of our most vulnerable citizens. I also disagree with the proposed increases to the VicPD city budget. Our city is already the second most heavily policed city per capita in Canada. The VicPD could allocate some of their budget away from non-essential communications strategies that accomplish nothing other than making the policing of often-marginalized people more visible.

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I am unclear what Sheltering Support and its "multi-disciplinary response team" will include, even after reading the budget documents. To me, this sounds like an additional way to police the movements and actions of people experiencing poverty and sheltering outdoors. This would be more effective if it prioritized building relationships between people sheltering outdoors and the surrounding neighbourhoods, including supporting greater access to services and creating more opportunities for connection between unhoused and housed neighbours.

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Please provide a few lines of information on each item next time. This survey was very difficult to fill out. Could be much more user friendly. I think many of these items are important, but I'm not sure you have the budget to do them all.

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I really don't know what I've supported or disagreed with here, because I don't have any way to look up background information to guide how to answer. I think I am pretty good at figuring things out, but I am lost without information on each topic and synopses and references where to find more information. There are two places where I'm supposed to look up Street Activities and Item 52 in Link, and there are no links to look up. Please provide more support to the team developing this survey next year so that the responses that you receive are based in more thoughtful consideration. Regardless, we need to have more of a discussion about why we pay 40% more per capita for policing than Vancouver. Why is this so much more costly? Is our crime rate that much higher? What are the other reasons for this? Is it equipment? Why are we spending more money on policing than education? And why isn't this breakdown easy and obvious to find in this documentation? It's in our other tax forms that I found last year. We need to shift away from the huge budgetary burden that the police force place on our region and find lower cost, less violent and more effective solutions than what is being offered by the Police Force and the Police Board.

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11/23/2021 11:25 PM

City of Victoria shouldn't be creating any more 100k+/yr positions at this time, or 80-90K contract positions. Initiatives such as Tenant....Toolkits are often too general to be of value to anyone and often duplicate information available from other agencies or levels of govt

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Cannot stress enough that, given how much I have personally seen VicPD waste money with excessive and heavy-handed responses downtown and at protests, they should be made to make do with existing resources. It is unfortunate that so many people in this city have the simplistic view that more police = less crime, but I am not one of them. In both my personal experiences and research I've done on the issue, police are a very very flawed means through which to try to improve safety and community health and in many cases are outright harmful. I also personally object to the way the chief wields his considerable political power, support from (older, wealthier, whiter) residents, and media presence in various tedious / petty / irresponsible campaigns against youth / minority activists.

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The Reconciliation Grant #14 is far too expensive. It is open ended and increasing each year when the CoV cannot meet many essentials of its residents. Taxpayers need to have ability to preserve own resilience with current challenges. The basic needs of even the relatively small numbers of campers last year within CoV boundaries could not be met. This proposal is like a modified version of the Wheat & Chessboard parable.

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Replace police officers and/or add in Social Workers I'm response to mental health calls. For example CAHOOTS. I think having peer support workers will have a better response by de-escalating than to find more police. Also cutting special crime units is not a good idea when a good number of folks don't report and most sexual assault cases don't lead to conviction so having officers specially trained is best. More trauma training, cultural sensitive training, and sexual assault awareness training to police officers and city council is needed,

Optional question (466 response(s), 593 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question



Other Initiatives to Provide Additional Housing Options

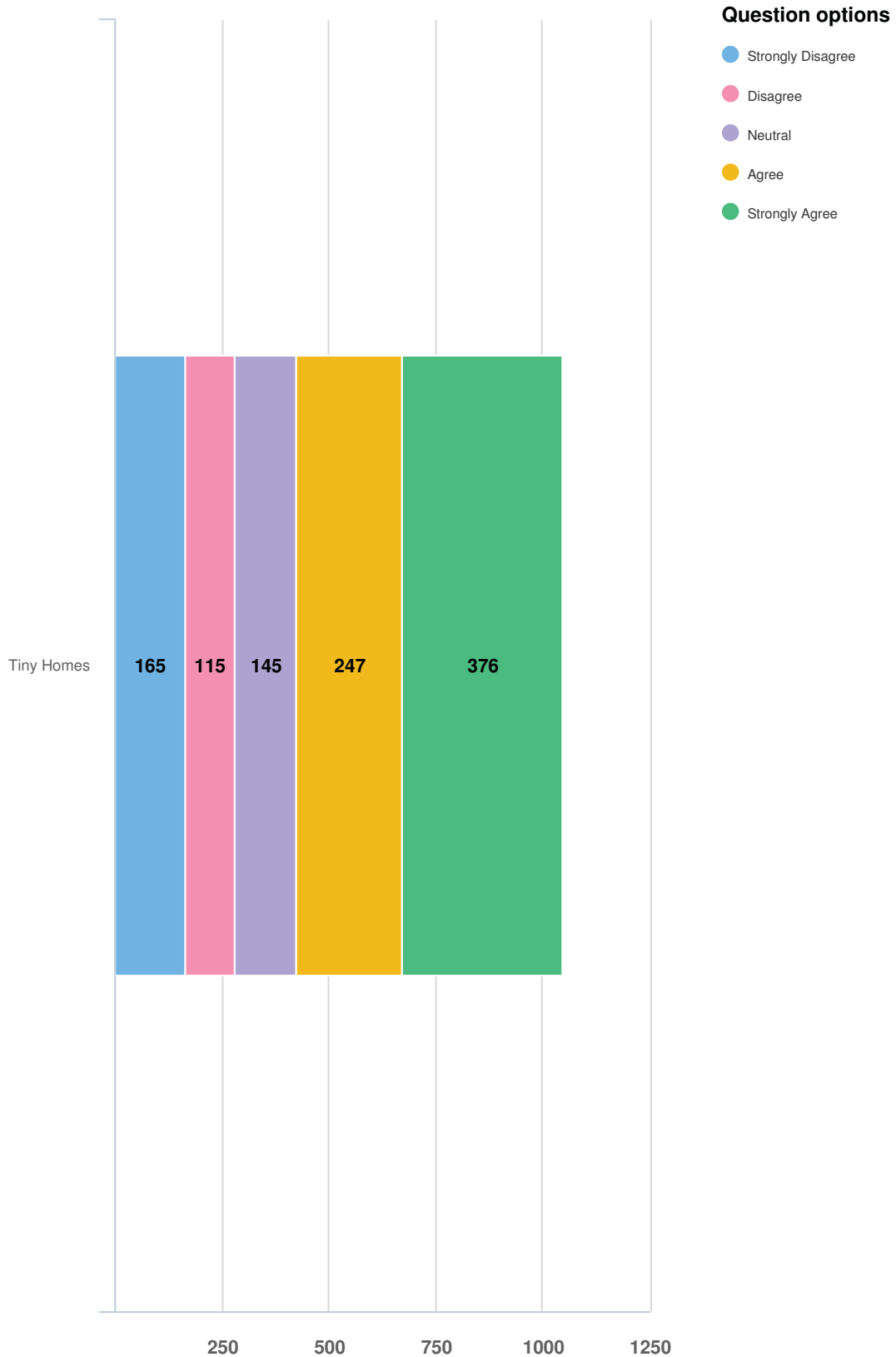
Strategic Objective: Affordable Housing

City Council is seeking your input as they consider whether to prioritize two Victoria Housing Strategy initiatives – Tiny Homes and Tiny Homes and Garden Suites – to help provide additional housing options. Doing this would require trade-offs with other initiatives.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that the following initiatives should be moved up to start in 2022, rather than in 2023 as currently planned. To do this, the following initiatives now planned for 2022 will be impacted:

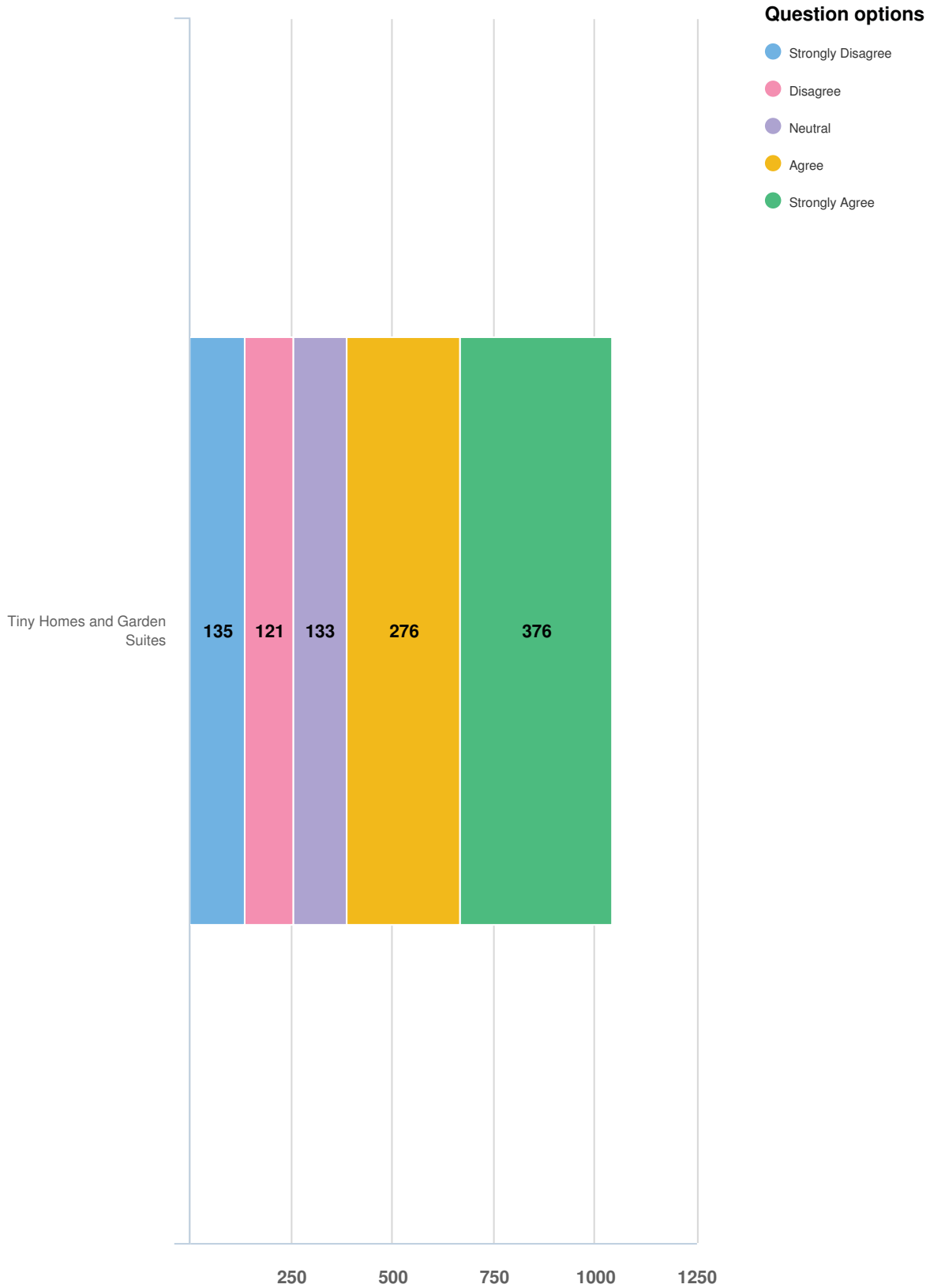
- 1) a family housing policy to ensure Victoria has housing suitable for families would need to be deferred to a later year, and
- 2) the next phase of local area planning in the Rockland, Jubilee, Oaklands and Fernwood (east) neighbourhoods would slow down or be delayed.

Q59 Tiny Homes: Allow moveable, tiny homes in all backyards that currently allow garden suites at rents of no more than \$500 per month. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



Optional question (1048 response(s), 11 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q60 Tiny Homes and Garden Suites: Allow tiny homes and garden suites on lots that already have secondary suites or duplexes. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.



Optional question (1041 response(s), 18 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Q61 Do you have additional comments about the Other Initiatives to Provide Housing Options?

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11/09/2021 05:49 PM

Density needs to be spread out. We need a distributed model. ALL neighbourhoods need to do their bit.

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I love the proposals about missing middle zoning.

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Speed up permit process. Blanket zone the city for multi-family residences to rapidly increase supply.

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11/09/2021 07:17 PM

Provide safe downtowns for people to accept the jobs that are offered and let the higher incomes pay the market rents. Stop the race to the bottom!

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Bold housing solutions require some backbone and potentially ruffling feathers. Be bold, ruffle feathers.

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11/10/2021 07:43 AM

This is all so ridiculous and ineffective. Nibbling at the edges of the affordable housing problem with a few garden suites will do nothing to help in the face of rising demand for housing driven by migration. Zoning reform is beyond the scope of this exercise but vital to making an impact. Invest in whatever it takes to reduce the direct and indirect costs of regulatory compliance for builders. That's the low hanging fruit in affordable housing.

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11/10/2021 08:24 AM

Housing options must be a regional concern NOT just a City of Victoria issue. Higher density development should be planned that way from the outset so people buying in know what they are buying into. Langford and Colwood as options spring to mind. The astonishing growth in condo towers in Victoria should provide another option. Density of the sort proposed here and in your 'missing middle' housing strategy should not be imposed on established communities whose residents have poured their life- savings and sweat into single family detached neighbourhoods. Don't destroy what is desirable in this small city.

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The garden suites rules are functionally designed to not allow garden suites. These measures are pointless unless the rules area greatly relaxed or made part of upzoning initiatives.

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Work with neighbourhoods to determine if there is neighbourhood support for this change in zoning. Many issues: sewage and infrastructure demand, noise and nuisance.

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This should be funded federally/provincially.

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Let people live in cars and vans if they want

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Victoria's housing is actually very affordable compared to other major cities across Canada. Expensive housing in major cities is a global fact, and for good reason. Our minimum wage is very high and our housing is much more affordable than some like to believe (or than the media likes to report). The victoria market should not feel like it has to adjust to respond to a culture that has become accustomed to living beyond their means. Over 20 years ago, I paid \$900/ month for a 50 year old, 1 bedroom apartment with no updates or amenities in Burlington, Ontario in 1998 (a medium size city of 135,000 at the time). Minimum wage was \$5.00/ hour and rent was \$900 for an undesirable 1 bedroom apartment. Wages have more than tripled since then and rent has not even doubled. Expectations are unreasonable now; this should not cause Victoria to devalue its market.

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Encourage employment. Encourage employment for people who can make more (off the system) so they may acquire job skills and maybe rejoin the work force and contribute to society. This isn't really a municipal responsibility, but considering that the city is going into poverty housing, and you don't stay in your lane anyways, it's something to consider.

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I think there are better ways to provide affordable housing than by eliminating vital green space.

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I don't want to see sea containers in people's gardens.

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We desperately need rent control to prevent these new tiny homes remaining inaccessible and unaffordable.

Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 02:11 PM	Prefer to keep focus on initiatives now planned for 2022 ie family housing policy and local area planning.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 02:34 PM	worry about those who are already housed, letting them afford to keep their current housing status; do not push people out of the city with your delusional vision
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 03:26 PM	Rent limits for homes should be on a sliding scale based on amenities or square footage. Many "tiny homes" still cost upwards of \$70,000.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 03:49 PM	Proper family housing is more important than tiny houses.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 04:07 PM	The allowance of easier soft density options would alleviate the need for larger developments in the city.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 05:18 PM	The housing problem is not going to be solved by these tiny gestures. It is not just a question of some magical supply solution.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 09:48 PM	Separate accommodations should be hooked into the sewer system
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:51 PM	Need more information. Needs to be decided on an individual basis not "all backyards".
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 06:44 AM	Please approve and implement missing middle housing strategy as soon as possible.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 11:45 AM	ease the permitting process for garden suites
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 11:59 AM	Tiny homes are temporary, we should be building massive amounts of density across the city. Legalize small apartments and multiplexes. Young people don't want to live in tiny homes.

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11/11/2021 12:01 PM

Totally against The City moving away from public consultation re developments and "affordable housing" not that you are listening now

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The city should not be able to determine what an owner can charge for rent

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Family housing, with a bit of greenspace, is desperately needed over all other housing. Supportive and affordable housing (proportions) should be in line with our direct neighbouring municipalities.

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Instead of tiny homes, find ways to reduce the influx of unhoused people from across the region and the country into the City of Victoria. If we only had to deal with the unhoused people who are truly local, we would have the resources to basically end homelessness.

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streamlining the application process and creating more flexibility in zoning and process improvements would likely have a greater impact (e.g. reduced set back and parking requirements, delegated decision making to staff)

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Question 60 is poorly written and supposes that one supports both tiny homes (I don't) and garden suites (I do). Do better, you have the staff.

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Family housing should be a priority and not deferred. Nothing worse than homeless children.

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I don't see enough information regarding definitions of tiny homes and how they will be managed and inspected. Neighbourhoods could end up paving over (creating a "pad") for these "buildings" or trailers. I would like to see some type of standards and information about set backs, and also safety around fuel used. This could easily become a situation of Victoria becoming a default "trailer park" and a race to the bottom for housing.

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Open discussions with churches and non profits that have land to have a tiny home each! Boosts inclusion and connection to people too.

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The extra costs of hooking up tiny home to utilities would have to be included. Too dense for some areas. Parking is already a premium on some Fairfield streets.

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Rezone, build out the missing middle, and address affordability for the entire income spectrum.

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Refer to and address through Missing Middle. Why isn't this Action in here?" Consider a grant program for secondary suites including those that are accessible and serve an aging population"

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11/12/2021 02:54 PM

While I understand Council wants to move away from cars, people still use them and parking is already a significant problem in some neighbourhoods. These proposals will only worsen the problem.

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Speed up approval process. Takes too long and adds costs to projects

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No comment

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11/12/2021 09:42 PM

STOP offering housing Housing is a Provincial and Federal mandate

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11/12/2021 10:51 PM

NO MORE BUYING HOTELS for people who sit in There room amd Smoke crack all day.

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11/12/2021 11:35 PM

I believe when considering housing options, my concern is about density and the services needed for that density, especially the pressure that it puts on our water, roads and police. I don't believe high rise apartments promote functioning communities. Too many people in small spaces. Enough high rises, why not build other types of rental buildings, Duplexes, 4 plexus, 4:-5,story, co-ops.,

senior housing, and spread this out around the city. We need housing for the low to medium households. But isn't housing a provincial, federal responsibility.

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Our streets are already plugged with cars increasing the density will only exacerbate the situation.

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Simplify rezoning and building permit processes both in elapsed time and cost dimensions.

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Balance focus on densification with better transportation from the western communities

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All talk of housing shortages is garbage. You do absolutely nothing to combat short term vacation rentals which would free up thousands of apartments, condos and suites all over the city. There's not a single person that hasn't seen and noticed the click clack of luggage in their neighbourhoods. There's condo buildings that 50% of owners are running illegal hotel rooms.

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11/13/2021 10:06 AM

Of the items listed, I would urge the most flexibility possible. I would also strongly recommend against any kind of rent cap.

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The City needs to build affordable housing for families in addition to the money going into housing the homeless. Single mothers (particularly leaving abuse) are the hidden homeless in Victoria as they will couch surf or live in inappropriate or not affordable housing situations in order to have a roof over their children's heads - often making difficult decisions about other expenses like food in order to achieve this. Money keeps being found to house the throngs of homeless who arrived in Victoria during the pandemic for the promise of housing but very little is being done to house low income single mothers as they are less visible. This question is asking us to choose between considering family housing in 2022 at the expense of other affordable housing options so it is not a fair question. Both are badly needed but the neighborhood plan could be delayed.

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Upzone single-family residential areas to allow for Missing Middle housing (duplexes, triplexes and low-rise apartments).

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Opposed to adding more homes on lots without requirement to provide off street parking. Addition of basement suites with no parking requirement has clogged streets with parked vehicles which is problematic for service deliveries, home health care visits and nearby accessible parking for people with disabilities who rely on vehicles for mobility & independence (homes many older neighbourhoods were built before cars were common and do not have driveways). Alternatively, provide grants or subsidies (and a streamlined approval process with variances) to owners, particularly of older homes, to install off-street parking on their properties. Also opposed to covering much large percentage of lot space with housing, especially when off street parking is added, degrading amount of green space available for food and flower gardens, trees canopy, storm water management, noise abatement and other environmental amenities that make neighbourhoods liveable and combat effects of climate change. Concerned over moveable tiny homes in backyards without requirement for waste water and sewer hook ups. How will grey water and sewage from moveable homes be contained and managed?

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What is the good of approving multiple sky scraper condo building in Victoria that are far too expensive for ordinary low income people and families ? What does any of this do to help solve the housing problem?

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Charge developers total cost of rezoning/variances etc

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You are trying too hard to deal with housing for people from the entire province/country. It is time to STOP and pause - already I have neighbours who are talking of moving out of Victoria, who no longer want to go downtown, due to fear of crime, unkempt streets, areas in the city where it is unsafe to walk at night - Victoria has a lovely climate and was a very liveable community - DO NOT KILL THE CITY. Pause, work with the other municipalities and the province to deal with housing - Victoria cannot own the population issues for over 300,000 people - let the CRD come up with a regional plan - get the province to mandate funding/participation for the entire region to deal with housing - without killing the goose in Victoria.

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11/13/2021 03:12 PM

Shelters are not safe because Lisa Helps has lured hurdlers of drug addicts to Victoria while defunding the police

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Introduce a new program in conjunction with the Province by which any commercial lot that is vacant for more than three months can be used temporarily for housing without compensation to the owner.

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I have concerns about increased on street parking. Secondary suites and buildings should allow for off street parking. Yes, we are trying to reduce the number of vehicles on the road, but the reality is that cars will continue to be used by many. Perhaps there could be initiatives to encourage addition of charging stations for electric vehicles.

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Housing should be handled by the Province of BC not the city of Victoria.

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why not deliver on the promise to have developers build a significant number of affordable rental units - many promises have been made and none have been kept

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Be careful, once Victoria's beautiful neighbourhoods are dismantled and gone, they are gone forever. A better solution would be some out of the box thinking on this matter with developers who are making off like bandits right now.

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11/13/2021 08:00 PM

Bigger houses and plots and taller condos in the downtown area.

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11/13/2021 08:32 PM

Landlords have absolutely no recourse to the abuse that is commonly suffered at the hands of empowered and entitled tenants. I will never open my home or properties based on the current act.

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Make this easier & ACTUALLY useful go the people whose money funds this. Consultation MUST BE DONE PRIOR to the budget process, otherwise, at least with your track record as Mayor&Council, it is a USELESS exercise of futility.

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11/14/2021 10:49 AM

Only allow tiny homes if you will also have a neighborhood parking strategy to go with it.

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11/14/2021 11:08 AM

Number of tiny homes/garden suites on a lot should be in consultation with immediate neighbours. Market should dictate "pad" rental fees.

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11/14/2021 11:58 AM

Please do everything you can to put into action the missing middle strategy. I very much agree with the tiny home idea, and allowing garden suites on properties that already have suites.

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11/14/2021 04:19 PM

I would like these dollars to be allotted to treatment, detox, and hospitalization. Without mental health and addictions support - this is a never ending cycle of destroying the housing that is made available.

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get realistic, there is no more land and you can't control the value of real estate. It is what the market will pay.

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11/14/2021 08:12 PM

Let private sector or BC govt deal with housing .

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11/15/2021 08:54 AM

Has Victoria any idea of its capacity to safely and healthily house the density it is seeking. Has there been a scientific demographic study to determine our optimum population levels, before we start becoming totally dysfunctional? In terms of striving for increased density, what are we doing to: increase health services and infrastructure, i.e., hospitals, clinics, doctors, etc., and to maintain and enhance public safety?

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11/15/2021 10:57 AM

Public funds should go toward land assembly to lease to housing societies.

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Build to the market, get rid of all the roadblocks, end all the excess charges that make building so expensive. Basically get out of the way. Early in the survey, you were trying to keep senior's in their homes. As if more single older persons living alone in a big house is what is needed. This is kind of contrary to the goal of affordable housing. Why are you even in this arena? This is a provincial responsibility. Now if you think our provincial government is

inhumane, vote them out. Stop using my tax dollars to blackmail them.

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11/15/2021 11:04 AM

All future development must be in line with the current charm and historic character of Victoria. Please limit the height and density of the downtown developments to reasonable limits and take into account both geographical and infrastructure limitations needed by emergency vehicles. All future development proposals should be undertaken through consultation with emergency services! Unfortunately there IS a limit to the attainable growth of population this city can support! A concept seemingly ignored by this current council! We DO NOT want another Vancouver with its congestion , overpopulation and crime. We simply cannot provide housing for everyone, it's completely unrealistic!

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restricting the rent to \$500 months is unrealistic considering the costs of Hydro/heating/water/garbage removal/storm drain taxes, etc

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11/15/2021 12:29 PM

Clear out "red tape" that drags out repairs / improvements to homes. If home owner can get work done at our homes quicker more options for housing could be available quicker such as garden suites, basement suites etc

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11/15/2021 01:32 PM

stop allowing 20 story high rise hotels instead of housing

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Its going to be tough to afford the costs of building a tiny house and getting the proper sewer/water/electricity lines in and being restricted to \$500/month maximum rent, I imagine there wouldn't be much uptake at that capped rent rate unless the city will be providing grants to buy tiny homes/pay for connections? Also, why restricted to backyards? Many tiny homes are not much bigger than a vehicle, why not allow them to be parked in front parking stalls, off-street but still more connected to the streetscape. Many people are already living in RVs parked on streets in Fernwood, so why backyards only?

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11/15/2021 02:49 PM

Limit or consider regulating on street parking for multi-family dwellings beyond signage or report based enforcement.

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Item 59 will be completely ineffective but will look nice on paper because the blanket \$500 limit will not be feasible as they'll never see a potential for cost recovery. With regard to Item 60, how would this work with the tree protection bylaw? Additionally, the provision of housing is not a municipal responsibility beyond land use regulation, so new staff or departments should not be considered or funded.

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really? no other options being proposed? City staff need to attend to how to support encampments rather than tear them down.

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Family housing is more important and am concerned who will occupy the Tiny Homes. No more drug addicted highly dysfunctional individuals should be encouraged.

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Why fund reconciliation and not allow people to have zones to pitch tents?

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rent to own options

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People shouldn't have to live in dog kennels and pay rent for a home. What a regressive idea in the face of a housing crisis.

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Recreational vehicles are tiny homes.

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Cannot fix rent in advance. Victoria is a high cost city with very limited area. Assuming people continue to want to be near downtown (an increasingly risky assumption given the steadily increasing population of deeply damaged people wandering the streets), land will be expensive and density will have to be high, and even then the cost of building will make "affordable" unreachable for many ordinary cooks, barbers, labourers, etc. PS. The budget information is helpful, but probably needlessly detailed and complex (eg \$6,000 line items) with 13 million dollar items (miscellaneous) having no detail at all.

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11/15/2021 06:04 PM

Clearly greater population density needs to be fostered, but there are a lot of concerns about changing the character of communities.

The contentious proposal of developing 18 units in 9 buildings and 16 parking stalls at 908 Foul Bay Road on a 21,958 sqft lot is just one example of trying to squeeze too many units on too small a space.

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You can allow for tiny homes or garden suites but if you are going to say the rent is capped at \$500 there is no incentive for a homeowner to do this even if you allow it.

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More homes take up more green space and come with more traffic and parking needs. ...

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11/15/2021 07:26 PM

This type of housing puts pressure on schools - a provincial matter ----the City should not put pressure on our already stressed schools.

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If you are going to allow Tiny Homes in backyards, a cap of \$500 for rent is a little low, however I do agree with lower rent to make it affordable. Homeowners have to bear the cost to purchase or build the tiny home, so you do have to make it attractive and affordable enough for them to be able to do this.

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The city should consider broad up-zoning to encourage denser development and should eliminate parking minimums that are a barrier to expanding housing availability.

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No

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YES YES YES - this is a NO brainer - and if you allow them lessen bylaws and rules and regulations - people need housing not parking, not \$700,000 condos.

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11/15/2021 08:28 PM

Stop letting police run housing for poor! Get on that! Seriously. We need to be able to have community based grass roots initiative micro housing! Not service providers! Portland has done it!

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Ask people who need it most what they need and want in housing. More supportive housing! Safe consumption sites/housing. Housing

first models prove to be beneficial for people with addictions/mental illnesses. Do the research. Affordable housing should be the highest priority! People are suffering. I work full time, have a degree, some from middle class and I still pay rent that is 50% of my income and can't even afford to live on my own.

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11/15/2021 09:43 PM

Tiny homes and garden suites so nothing for working families. Should be partnering with existing organizations such as Habitat for Humanity that provide affordable homes for lower income working families.

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No to allowing the "RVing" of neighbourhood residential properties.

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No tiny homes in Victoria Unless we ban loud vehicles and fireworks We need proper housing

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11/15/2021 10:01 PM

We'll regulate the tiny homes so that landlords don't abuse the lack of housing. They need to be livable and safe, not empty sheds that people who are risking homelessness have no other choice but to rent.

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Poorly addressed potential pollution and safety issues such as grey water disposal, solid waste and use of flammable/explosive fuels without proper regulation.

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Only those that have off street parking for tenants should be able to do this.

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11/16/2021 01:32 AM

The 'Missing Middle' is nice marketing, but please look at Vancouver to realize this is a false headline. ie: a single home will get torn down and a duplex or fourplex will go up, and each unit will sell for more than the original house value.

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11/16/2021 07:42 AM

Streamline the permitting process to be as quick as possible.

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Rezone city to be in line with OCP. Pass missing middle housing initiative. End parking minimums.

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11/16/2021 09:09 AM

the downtown is so dense now with people after all these condo and high rises. The infrasture of forest is not there. The swimming pool and guym is inadequate. Add more tiny places to increase the population should not be a priority.

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11/16/2021 10:18 AM

All housing options should include land for gardens.

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Rent caps on all suites, not just tiny homea

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Fast track housing, tie rent to the suite

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11/16/2021 12:03 PM

More shelters for the people who are still on our streets at night! Winter and bad weather is here now and there isn't any emergency sheltering in place for these people. If we actually had a natural disaster, how would we coupe with that! This really sucks that we don't even have warming stations (at night) for the people to get out of the bad weather.

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This is provincial jurisdiction.

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there is a housing crisis, especially for students and this would be an excellent way to help

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A tiny house hooked up to services will easily cost \$30,000 - the \$500 / month cap makes zero sense for any home owner.

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Why would anybody put in a tiny home with a capped rent? Lead by example by capping tax increases. Let regular developers build without all the red tape.

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If you give out free housing more people will come and you have a never ending cycle.

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I would like to see the time frame for housing development to move at a faster pace. The approval process needs to be shorter.

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What city owned land is available for tiny homes perhaps with space for green areas?

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Again, housing is a federal responsibility. Too much red tape exists. And now with all the high rise proposals our downtown will be changed for the worse forever.

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Tiny homes and garden suites are great ideas and should be encouraged, however the existing priorities should not be bumped.

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11/16/2021 06:52 PM

Please pass this on to Provincial Gov't Ministers who need to do their job, in Min. of Health with homeless and Min. of Children and Families on Housing or Pacific Housing, which needs government to provide more Subsidies so housing can be financially managed for anyone needing a home.

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11/16/2021 07:30 PM

We need more information on the tiny homes before welcoming them in all our communities.

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Please let the Provincial government and Federal government do their jobs.

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11/16/2021 11:10 PM

Please please please levy taxes, advocate with other levels of government and create and fund planning initiatives that significantly increase coop and public housing supply, and develop more broadly mixed income neighbourhoods.

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11/16/2021 11:45 PM

These are "just do it" items. Council should put them to a vote if it believes in what it says it believes in. This "prioritization" is only being proposed to paper over the amount of ass-covering and wasted staff time needed to make simple policy changes supported by the majority of council. Stop wasting our time and money and just make the decisions that you say you want. This should take your team a week to write a new policy - then debate it. Then move on. Likewise with your other policies. A policy means a decision - stop punting every decision into black holes of process.

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Build more social housing

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What about your support for the city's existing co-ops and initiatives for the same? Co-ops offer a handy solution to a housing crisis and encourage you to find ways to encourage co-op housing, maybe through tax waivers and reimbursable development costs, by dropping usual tax rates.

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Allow duplex is to have Legal suites. Like in Vancouver. Admit that 85% of the suites in Victoria are you legal. This don't ask don't tell system is ludicrous.

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We do not need to cover the entire city with high-rises, houses and concrete. This just adds to our carbon footprint. Backyard gardens provide food security. If more buildings are allowed in certain areas, it will push real estate prices higher for those areas, causing more housing insecurity.

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11/17/2021 10:05 AM

The over development in this city is destroying it and the environment and in particular the backyard environment and it has to stop!! This council is out of control in this matter.

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Putting a rent cap on housing such is proposed is not okay; the increased supply would lower rents, or subsidy programs may assist

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Home owners should be supported, not stigmatized.

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City should not dictate rental rates

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i am a senior and i would move in to a tiny backyard home in a hot minute, it's a good idea

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Affordable housing must be a city-wide priority.

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Be as flexible as possible in allowing multiple families to live on one lot - tiny homes, secondary suites etc.

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Nonsense

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Love the idea of tiny homes—especially with a rent cap.

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get more affordable housing and green space initiatives from all the for profit development projects that the City green lights

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Garden suites perhaps, tiny homes no.

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There needs to be much more public discussion on the definition of a Tiny Home and a Garden Suite. We don't want a bunch of garden sheds being rented out , creating a shanty town in your next door neighbours garden, with midnight urinary trips being made to the joint garden fence. Provision of an RV type connection Water, Sewer, Electricity, should be a pre-requisite. Insulation should be a pre-requisite. etc etc. A stated distance from neighbours fences should be a requirement etc etc

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11/17/2021 12:09 PM

I think our infrastructure needs to be considered as to if it can handle this increase demands of having Tiny homes/Garden suites. With climate change our infrastructure barely can meet the needs now. I am for increase density but with a proper strategy approach that will address the extra needs this density will bring. So moving the strategy forward is not a viable solution as of now. Lets start to support this density approach by building the structure it needs first.

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11/17/2021 12:41 PM

Do we want Victoria to be a city of the ultra wealthy and the impoverished living in subsidized housing? Come down on landlords who are over charging rent.

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stop throwing stop-gap housing ideas like tiny homes and camping at us and deal with the actual housing crisis. this whole survey reeks of supporting council's ideology rather than seeking genuine solutions.

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Regulate rental costs/ the rental market. If there are vacant buildings while there are people living on the streets, we are doing something wrong.

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Give empty condos, rental units and homes to the low-income, charging from zero to 20% of income. Save all current greenspace.

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It is not the city council's job to cap rental housing. Why does council feel the need to continue to stray outside their lane?

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What does allowing tiny homes and garden suites have to do with the budget? That is policy is it not?

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Housing is the responsibility of the Province and Federal governments. City should only be involved to make necessary bylaw changes and to that neighbours and Community organizations have a voice.

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I am supportive of tiny homes but need to ensure that there is sewer/water access

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11/17/2021 02:05 PM

Fast Track permits and construction of suites that are zoned for it (R2). Encourage vertical housing on Main thoroughfares, but not residential side streets.

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Stream line red tape and costs to build.

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A systems approach is required to meet the pressing issues of our time. This includes climate change, Indigenous rights, the unhoused population, infrastructure, the housing crisis. These things are interconnected. We need policy & initiatives that reflect that.

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11/17/2021 02:32 PM

Given the housing shortage, I think the City should be very open to alternative housing options especially for homeowners who are

willing to pay to have this built. I don't think there should be a limit on how much rent could be charged, because this would limit the number of homeowners that would be willing to provide this type of housing solution.

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I actually agree with your 'tiny homes' idea ,, but not at capping the rent at \$500.00/month. Rent MUST be reasonable for the renter ... and the landlord.

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Yes, allow garden suites but let the market set the rental rates. Alberta and Saskatchewan don't have problems with high rents because they encourage development and let the market set rents. I know that rent control are set by the province but let's not make this worse.

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11/17/2021 04:11 PM

not there is much land left, but it would be nice if the city has policies to support/encourage the building of startup homes on smaller lots (i grew up just fine in a family of 4 in a 1000 sqft house - more houses in the 1000-1400 sq foot range would be more affordable to young families, who don't need the 2000+ sqft houses that are more profitable for developers to build)

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Need affordable housing

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Freeze the conversion of residential rental properties to anything other than residential rental. We also need more bylaw officers tracking down empty suites and houses, and more bylaw cracking down short-term rentals. We have 10,000 empty homes in Victoria every night and 10,000 households in core housing need. It does not take a mathematical genius or another insanely expensive research report to figure out the problem. All it takes is the will, and the will does not appear to be present in Victoria and CRD, which appears to run on "how much more than mortgage can I charge for my shitty rental suite".

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11/17/2021 06:25 PM

Keep in mind parking of vehicles. Very few residents on my street ride their bikes to work, there are many homes with suites on my street. The street is solid with parked cars overnight.

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I am all for affordable housing; however, not at the expense of home owners...

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provide more affordable housing

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upzoning

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11/17/2021 08:26 PM

The cap on monthly rents for tiny homes should be closer to \$800 to encourage more homeowners to have them and make it cost effective in the short term.

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11/17/2021 11:14 PM

More assistance for students who wish to find housing or move out. It's ridiculously expensive here and there needs to be a change in housing costs

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11/17/2021 11:18 PM

1. We need to get rid of AirBnB/short-term stays, they're having a large impact on availability of longer-term rentals in certain city neighbourhoods 2. As we make room for more residents, health care, green spaces, child care, etc need to also correspondingly keep up. 3. It is not clear to me if we have a vision for the city in 25+ years, are we going for a Boston with 3-4 storeys or a Vancouver downtown with skyscrapers blocking the sun or something in between

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11/18/2021 01:57 AM

We need to retain heritage buildings by making them liveable, affordable and sustainable. Making tiny homes and garden suites accessible will help deter people from tearing down perfectly good houses/buildings because it's easier and more economical to tear down and replace than renovate.

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Your housing policy is ill thought out.

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build more housing

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Providing housing by making tenements (ie. tiny homes and garden suites) legal is NOT PROVIDING HOUSING.

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11/18/2021 08:44 AM

People need to be respect - tiny houses are stigmatizing. Prevention is everything. Children need to be raised in homes that are respectful. Thought provide regular housing like most of society - subsidize if you must - but mostly put programs in place so people can afford a comfortable living. Increase in minimum wage is a huge move or more rental properties that are affordable for people getting low incomes. Tiny houses is crazy.

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11/18/2021 09:18 AM

Build low cost housing or provide incentives to do so rather than allowing more luxury condos or luxury rentals that may increase the number of rentals but not affordable rentals. Luxury rentals raise the rent on all rental suites as landlords try to recover the increasing costs of insurance, utilities and repairs as well as the massive non city property tax increases for the CRD amongst others.

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11/18/2021 10:28 AM

Non moveable, tiny homes should be available for sale in lots considered large enough to accommodate this new housing possibility..... Laneway housing, like in Vancouver. Small homes would be more reasonably priced because of the smaller lot and smaller house.

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11/18/2021 11:15 AM

We need more housing immediatley. This housing market is unlivable.

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Tiny homes are a short term solution but are not long term housing and should not be viewed as such. affordable, accessible and appropriately sized housing needs to be a significant priority for the city.

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11/18/2021 11:38 AM

The city should focus on Municipal responsibilities and work with the province and feds on their responsibilities. It is a waste of our tax dollars to do work that is already the responsibility of another level of government.

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While tiny homes can be an OK band-aid solution, they are not adequate and long term housing options to address the root of the issue: the lack of proper or affordable housing in this city. More money needs to be put into long term, affordable solutions.

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Lobby the Province to support/fund institutional complex care for those requiring it...the streets of Victoria are not an option.

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11/18/2021 02:28 PM

Support densified Co-op housing initiatives through mortgage assistance and property.

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Yes yes yes! Keep this going. However, the focus should not be on the good will of private property owners. The renting class cannot be relied upon as the only benefactors of the renter class. We need strong public policy and program shifts, and larger scale, macroeconomic solutions, not just changing zoning laws.

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Housing seems to be a provincial matter.

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simplify zoning, get rid of residents' rights over public streets, get rid of single family zoning.

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Reduce the internal city red tape, report writing by staff and allow private enterprise to build more housing with Federal and provincial funds.

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11/18/2021 04:23 PM

For a City leadership that emotes about greenspace, livable spaces the environment it clearly in it action is promoting less residential green spaces and more and larger construction footprints. filling up backyards with additional housing and side streets with more cars is not improving our communities. It is also decreasing affordability as it increase property values and the per sq foot value of land in the area. The property market is efficient and as soon as bylaws (or even the liberal approval of building allowances above the standards of the CPs) allow for more development, the market quickly rises to meet the reality. So a family that would by a standard home with a standard yard for 900k will now either have to pay more, and like have to sacrifice their children playing in a back yard space for some additional accommodation. Or they will be forced to by a much smaller divided property for a fractionally smaller price. (they buying power drastically reduced and residents are getting less, that costs more) Allowing this further density, particularly as proposed in 59. and 60. will with little doubt cause harm to our various neighborhoods. We

have already seen the harm to the safety of residential streets that misguided approvals and process have already allowed. IE - 1) don't worry, there need be no parking required, only to fill our streets with parked cars. 2) claims the city will improve and provide safe pedestrian infrastructure for these newly clogged residential streets have been nothing more than a lie (I'm sure it's only another 10 years away) 3) Additional property crime; due to the transient nature of some of the housing proposed, we have seen first hand an increase of property crimes (combined with a police force that is not sufficiently funded to deter, investigate, or even respond) It would be one thing if the city could legitimately claim ignorance to the harms they are causing, but we all know first hand, warning have been provided and were/are ignored.

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I would much prefer to see tiny homes or garden suites put in backyards of homes instead of ripping down existing homes and buildings condos or row homes that are still not affordable for some people.

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Housing is a provincial responsibility

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The parking situation needs to be addressed. There is a HUGE problem with lack of parking due to multiple suites in large houses. Homeowners should have to pay a premium to incentivize them to reduce the number of people with vehicles as renters in these suites.

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11/18/2021 10:04 PM

The Tiny Homes limit to \$500 would be unenforceable in such a high demand rental market IMHO. Better to push for proper housing and disincentivize people turning their backyard into a collection of tiny homes.

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Additional secondary suites should be allowed, as well as garden suites.

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We need more high density housing with different sizes for different sizes of families.

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More affordable housing is needed as well as creative solutions. We need to also protect affordable existing housing.

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11/19/2021 08:27 AM

I heartily support densification of our neighbourhoods and any initiatives that get us there.

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Please stay in your lane. While allowing for permits, zoning etc. should be an area of municipal responsibility, funding of public housing is best left with the Province.

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Eliminate step code 5 requirements for new builds.

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11/19/2021 10:08 AM

Fixed income seniors & citizens seem to left out of the conversation. Not all retirees need to live in a care home, yet require community connection. Constantly increasing living costs are leaving this group isolated and ignored. Transportation, housing, community centres, and recreational facilities need to be including interactions with seniors...to teach the younger generations and provide avenues for contributions to the city.

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11/19/2021 12:17 PM

I don't think \$500/month max is realistic for a tiny home rental if it's provided by the homeowner.

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These are OK but it is not possible to address them in 2 items. Very difficult planning is needed to see what effect they may have and how they will affect everything else including police, fire, transport, health care, etc. The basic decision needs to be made. Do we promote growth in Victoria by increasing the housing stock and for what reason? Or do we want to keep the city as a smaller easier place to live and visit? Growth in and of itself is not always good and the more we grow the more problems we create. Can we manage these and at what cost?

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11/19/2021 03:33 PM

I'd like affordable rents for our residents so this is a step in the right direction, but how many people can we cram into one lot before we change the character of the neighborhood? And where are these people going to park?

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11/19/2021 03:50 PM

Normalizing unlivable spaces like microhomes is not a solution to housing. We do not want to live in a society where living in a closet is considered a normal and healthy living space. Redistribute the

uneven allocation of space, please. No one, not matter how rich you are, needs nor ought to have 8 bedroom 5 bathroom homes. Rich people do not have the right to hoard space.

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11/19/2021 05:40 PM

I think there are more options for people looking for small one- room rentals, which are similar to tiny homes and garden suites, than there are for those who need family-sized non-single family home housing options, so the focus should be on the family housing policy, especially when I believe we already have a garden suite program, etc.

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11/19/2021 05:55 PM

jesus you people keep increasing the density without considering the consequences. Like where will the cars go. Streets are already clogged. Potholes keep expanding while you build superstructure cross walks, bike lanes and speed bumps. our population base keeps going up but no additional police, ambulance or hospitals. Again fix the crystal pool. put in a place for the homeless to bathe, store and clean their clothes. I work down town and many of my clients are afraid to come down town. you charge high rates to park so consumers will naturally go to Saanich or Mayfair that has free parking.

Screen Name Redacted

11/19/2021 08:30 PM

I really like Tiny Homes idea, but I don't like a rent cap if the homes to be to privately built and run. Only \$500 will discourage many people from building these on their property. Construction costs are very high right now.

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11/19/2021 10:43 PM

Housing on the island is going to be a problem for a long time. Improving building trade and engineering programs. Inspiring local men and women to build beautifully is the way to build a beautiful city. I don't think cramming people into garden suites is it. Victoria has to grow upwards and the buildings have to be the cities own. Hudson is beautiful on ground level but more glass towers like the new one will make Victoria look like every one modern city in the world. We should stand out. Stone and gardens <3 jewel city Canada's most temperate beautiful city.

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11/20/2021 07:11 AM

Loosen restrictions on basement suites, multiple dwellings on property.

Screen Name Redacted

11/20/2021 08:42 AM

How would these tiny homes deal with their sewage, sounds not viable.

Screen Name Redacted Anything we can do to provide affordable housing should be done
11/20/2021 10:45 AM

Screen Name Redacted Yes yes yes
11/20/2021 11:34 AM

Screen Name Redacted These only benefit rich home owners and does not make living in
11/20/2021 11:36 AM Victoria any more affordable.

Screen Name Redacted Include allowing RVs on property that can be rented or rent pad
11/20/2021 12:11 PM space.

Screen Name Redacted We have a major housing shortage and tiny homes are all you can
11/20/2021 12:23 PM come up with? How about increasing property taxes, taxing
second, third, and fourth homes more than primary residences,
taxing short term rental income higher than long term rental income
to encourage owners to rent to residents who work here instead of
listing their available spaces on AirBnb, etc.

Screen Name Redacted Affordable housing for students.
11/20/2021 12:28 PM

Screen Name Redacted It should be better funded by taking money from the egregious
11/20/2021 02:11 PM policing budget. Please fire chief Del Manak, he is a ridiculous
drain to city resources, he makes more than the f**king premier!

Screen Name Redacted Tiny homes are a great idea - would they include sewage/electrical
11/20/2021 05:11 PM hookups?

Screen Name Redacted There is a housing crisis, more housing with capped rent prices is
11/20/2021 05:29 PM sorely needed. Extremely happy to see this added.

Screen Name Redacted Cap rents. More resources for tenants. Mitigate things like
11/20/2021 07:34 PM renoviction. Make the complaints process easier for the RTB/pool
more resources to hire more staff to process those claims.

Screen Name Redacted

11/20/2021 08:33 PM

A tiny home co-op would be awesome!

Screen Name Redacted

11/20/2021 08:44 PM

please find cheap solutions !!!

Screen Name Redacted

11/20/2021 09:24 PM

Ensure tenants have rights. Tenants should have rights to check references of landlords.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 05:04 AM

Lack of available parking is the biggest issue for these initiatives.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 09:09 AM

Not opposed to tiny home initiatives. However, I believe there are other key housing priorities that should be addressed and not delayed due to implementation of tiny home policy.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 11:06 AM

More suites means more cars on streets

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 12:18 PM

Consult with the houseless community and have them lead the initiatives to address homeless as this ACTUALLY AFFECTS THEIR LIVES.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 02:03 PM

More housing!!! At affordable costs!!! Quickly! I've lived in this city for years and I would really like to continue living here but the absolute lack of housing availability and that a basement room with roommates costs \$1000/month is insane.

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11/21/2021 03:34 PM

We need bylaws limiting Airbnb

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11/21/2021 05:36 PM

Please explore the New Zealand model of letting each single family home lot double (or more) the building density. We need more density, within bounds, to allow affordable housing and better public transit.

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11/21/2021 05:54 PM

No

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11/21/2021 06:12 PM

impose a rent freeze and a rent cap across the entire city. Also, JUST BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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11/21/2021 06:46 PM

Before building lots of housing, make sure you understand why a large unhoused piece of our community is actually unhoused. Many, it seem, won't accept any housing with any rules or governance.

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11/21/2021 06:54 PM

I am concerned about the general loss of greenspace in Victoria. Smaller, more affordable character homes are being replaced by much large homes that all appear to be the same "stacked boxes". Not only do these homes occupy more land than the ones they replace but shady gardens that absorbed water and sheltered birds are being replaced by double wide driveways and gravel 'landscaping'. I support efforts to create more affordable housing, though I think that may eventually be futile as demand continues, but I am really saddened to see that we are "paving paradise".

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11/21/2021 07:06 PM

Housing based on need levels. Some require 24 hr care, some only part time care.

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11/21/2021 07:13 PM

protect interests and comfort of current residents and property owners. stop giving developers carte blanche to ruin Victoria by over building

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 08:31 PM

I'm ok with the local area planning slowing down to accomodate 60 and 61 but I don't want the family housing policy to be deferred.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 08:31 PM

Anti-racism - \$32,000 One-time but should be continuing. Tenant Support Kit - \$15,000 One-time. The low amount and that it's one-time is all we need to know that you're doing nothing more than tokenism

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 09:37 PM

Are neighbors considered when they have additional tenants?

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11/21/2021 09:42 PM

Consider garden suites not just in backyards, often front yards have equally beneficial space and should be considered without having to go through a variance application.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 09:48 PM

Absolutely agree tiny homes and garden suites need to be much more easily permitted to be built, not sure on the cap on rent though, as they are not inexpensive to build. Tiny homes often also have a lot of customization to make best use of the space, \$500 a month max isn't a lot. That's like 1/3 of the average rent of a 1 bedroom apartment (without in-suite laundry, etc), let alone for your own self-contained space with a private entrance. Rent caps may deter people from taking the risk of having people on their property, especially at a max of \$500 a month (and particularly if electricity/water/etc is supposed to be included in that). Low-income housing should be a separate thing, not amalgamated into relaxing bylaws etc for more rental space on existing properties. Even when I lived in a garden suite in New Zealand 20 years ago, I was paying more than \$500 a month in rent. Definitely agree there needs to be low income housing, and more accessible housing, but putting caps on private landlords to me isn't the way to go about it, as it puts all the risk onto the landlord, particularly if they are having to build new dwellings as well. \$500 a month, that would take a loooong time to pay back a \$40000 tiny home build.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 10:01 PM

I think Victoria council has to work with the federal government to implement their election promise to ban foreign purchase of residential real estate in Canada.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 10:17 PM

I support allowing Tiny Homes and Garden suites but the price mandate is a must. And there should be a minimum size. People are trying to rent sheds that are under 300 square feet and charging over \$1000 per month. The max rental price must come with this approval and a mandate for size would be wise.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 10:25 PM

Not tiny homes; they are a joke, simply home-built trailers with no CSA safety stickers. Garden suites are a good idea that so far has been sidelined by city bureaucracy and excessive delays and costs.

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11/22/2021 04:04 AM

Not everyone needs supportive housing or wants to be put into your demonic disheveled drug infested housing organizations 90 % of the people don't need or want over paid babysitters telling them they're inadequate to support themselves!

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 07:45 AM

Making these innovative options easy and legal has many benefits. Tiny home living has a side-effect of reducing consumerism.. providing legal options will help cut down on illegal and unsafe suites

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 08:31 AM

Rental caps on other properties would be beneficial. Rent vs income is out of control in this city.

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11/22/2021 08:33 AM

Don't just focus on entry level housing. Housing is a continuum. Housing for working families is a critical component of this. Tiny homes, garden suites and the like don't address family housing

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11/22/2021 09:41 AM

More aggressive measures need to be undertaken to stem the rising cost of housing.

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11/22/2021 10:52 AM

More housing for more people!!! Garden suites, tiny homes, laneway houses... all good things.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 11:12 AM

YES to Tiny Homes! I live in one and its the only way I can afford my own place without going broke. I am already spending a third of my income on rent for \$1,000 for a 150 square foot home. I love my home and I love to be located in a backyard which provides a sense of community. We share a garden and laundry machine. I highly recommend taking into consideration water and sewage for these tiny homes as well. I have a composting toilet which I LOVE and a humanure compost in my yard which will allow me to turn that poop into soil and reduce the need for fertilizer for my garden. That said, there is a lot to learn about gray-water systems and humanure composting and the permitting around this could help ensure that folks are educated before they get started. I highly recommend a system for helping folks learn how to increase the impact on the land if we are going to increase density and provide more sustainable measures so we don't increase the impact on our limited sewage facilities. Rainwater enchantment is another great idea! Also, please allow for more co-operative housing and joint purchases on land to allow for people to enter the housing market. I'd love to purchase land and then build a tiny house community so we can all begin to make a home and share in equity. Please do something to cool off the housing market. I'm 30 years old and have no idea how I'm ever going to be able to have my own home.

Trying to get creative here and the city can really help by removing barriers to land use.

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11/22/2021 11:14 AM

Allowing garden suites and multi-family housing is a way to densify our neighbourhoods.

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11/22/2021 11:22 AM

Improving the approval rate of new developments seems very important.

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11/22/2021 01:05 PM

I have seen the effect of the extension of secondary suites to all Single Family Zoned residences, as well as the construction of "lane" houses and small lot houses in my own neighbourhood. The most obvious is the parking crunch, as well as the lost of a feeling of neighbourhood. When houses are build to accommodate these suites, they are build right up to the setbacks. There are no yards, no green space, nothing for the birds or anything else. The lane houses have no parking and, again, almost no yard. Multiple family dwellings, and the idea of ending single family dwellings, is the end of neighbourhoods where we know each other and the kids in the neighbourhoods. Less sky, less light, less trees and bushes. Not a city of gardens. A city of highrises and townhouses. To create more housing that is affordable I'd suggest not allowing any more condos (and the pseudo condos - done by contract) to be built AND not allowing any air B & Bs that are not part of the home in which the owner lives.

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11/22/2021 01:25 PM

Any additional building, suites, units built anywhere in the city, including multi story units, should not block windows and balconies from getting daylight

Screen Name Redacted
11/22/2021 01:51 PM

Create a profit margin bylaw which prohibits landlords from renting housing at any value greater than that of the monthly mortgage payment of the property.

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11/22/2021 02:01 PM

enact strong rent controls and create free public housing.

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11/22/2021 02:08 PM

Please look into a method of finding affordable student housing. I have had to move 4 times in the last 2 years, and I am forced to rent a van every time. As a student who is going into debt to pursue an education, the housing situation is seriously harming my financial situation.

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11/22/2021 02:37 PM

The greater Victoria area must first ensure such infrastructure as family doctors/clinics, schools ,day care for children and services for seniors are in place BEFORE increasing the population of the city .

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11/22/2021 04:01 PM

There needs to be a greater Victoria housing strategy that is common throughout. I feel that with the current approach, Victoria will be unrecognizable in the future because of the aggressive approach being taken for densification. I've become educated about the densification movements throughout North America and agree that much more needs to be done. I'm upset that it is only Victoria that is taking most of the burden of this. It does not seem equitable on a provincial scale that mini-municipalities close on km scales can such different policies/approaches.

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11/22/2021 04:12 PM

City Council should purchase lands within the municipality to offer at no charge to the Province of BC and Government of Canada to allow construction of supportive and low income housing at a scale suitable to the surrounding neighbourhood.

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How realistic is it that a home owner could and would pay for the permitting labour and materials of installing the necessary infrastructure and build a tiny home and charge \$500.00 per month.

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11/22/2021 06:27 PM

And then what, after tiny homes sell out?

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11/22/2021 07:05 PM

Do more. Change zoning, this is a space where Victoria can be a leader. Look to New Zealand. There's is so much red tape at city hall. Look to Langford for ways to be better

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 07:52 PM

Do not remove public consultation regarding developments and housing

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 08:31 PM

The current plans in the proposed city budget outline an intent to incentivize developers and landlords, rather than prioritize the housing process for renters. There needs to be more concrete and

expedited housing solutions. In the budget it is stated that there are \$120 million of funds from all three levels of government that will be used to create affordable low end market housing and housing for “chronically homeless people”, however, it is not stated where and when these temporary supportive housing or “low-income apartments” are being built. For instance, in the budget Pandora housing construction does not begin until 2024. Housing solutions need to be created tangibly, and immediately to address the lack of housing.

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11/22/2021 09:28 PM

I support the tiny home policies but don't really understand why addressing that in 2022 forces the city to push other things back to 2023, namely the family housing policy. This is something we needed yesterday; there are not enough 2-3+ bedroom rentals in Victoria and it's driving families out of the city.

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11/22/2021 09:43 PM

More affordable housing as soon as possible should be the priority, before local area plans.

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11/22/2021 10:53 PM

we should get rid of single family housing zoning to make way for the missing middle and increase densification.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 10:59 PM

Many of the people on the streets have serious mental health and addiction issues. Most of these people are unhousable. They destroy property and attract serious crime and health issues to the home. Provide space in mental health facilities, where they can be cared for. It is delusional to think the current system is compassionate.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 05:03 AM

Housing is a human right and this needs to be mandated sooner rather than later.

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The thought of this is sad.

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11/23/2021 09:16 AM

End single family zoning now.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 10:51 AM

Please introduce a rental cap for anyone trying to rent out Tiny Homes as a full, liveable space. I don't wish to see our rental costs increase past what they are currently, for how small most units tend to be.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 10:51 AM

My concern about movable tiny homes is that it's just going to become slums, potentially bringing criminal activity. It's already an issue now with people living out of their vans on residential streets, leaving all sorts of garbage everywhere, lots of sketchy activity, coming and going, and absolutely no ability to do anything about it as local residents. Also we shouldn't be housing people with severe mental health or addiction issues without supports. They need to be in facilities that can handle and help their complex needs.

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11/23/2021 11:04 AM

Support coops, housing trusts, and other forms of non-privately owned housing. It's the most enduringly affordable!

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11/23/2021 11:07 AM

It should be put up for bid to see what company makes the tiny homes

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:35 AM

Will there be restrictions on size of new builds? Tiny homes are understood. However, a garden suite could be any size. I'm of the opinion one does not need a huge living footprint - 1000sf is AMPLE for one/couple. Will there be restrictions on the size of garden suites? I've seen examples in Vancouver that are huge.

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11/23/2021 11:49 AM

I strongly support an increase in housing supply and a rent cap on these units. This is a great initiative.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 12:04 PM

Need to work on the root of the problem. Need to tax the rich and put strong regulation to avoid speculation

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 12:04 PM

The rental limit on tiny homes that are fed by utilities makes ongoing operation unsustainable.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 12:28 PM

If you want more affordable housing then you have to reduce the city bureaucracy in terms of the amount of time and money

required to get anything built. The fees and regulations and time required to get permits approved is ridiculous. Reduce the cost of building fees and the red tape and people will build more housing. Look at what a mess the city made of the Johnson St bridge project and now Victoria High School! Get out of the way and hire qualified experts to get the jobs done on time and on budget. These two project cost 3-4 times what they should have. Where is the accountability for that??? These are just 2 examples of the waste constantly going on at city hall.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 12:30 PM

More scrupulous permitting restrictions of new development to ensure affordable rentals and first time buyer units are the primary focus. Despite the efforts of the city, developers are still using work arounds and false reporting of intention by citing bc housing support which is unfounded. A unit that should be affordable is still wildly out of price for anyone looking at first time ownership and/or rentals. With the increases in climate emergencies this year, it's likely existing units are going to be subject to poorer and poorer conditions, (flooding of basement suites etc) which will force renters who are barely getting by into precarious situations and homelessness. There needs to be a cap on rental costs and a proper look at people over profit in development.

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11/23/2021 12:54 PM

The City should not be in the housing business. We are geographically limited in the amount of land area available for housing, therefore in the number of people able to live in a given area. Do not plan on crowding people into areas of the City. It will destroy what Victoria is. This is not Vancouver or Toronto and those who wish to make it so should simply go there. We do not have the infrastructure or ability to support such initiatives.

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11/23/2021 12:55 PM

I don't feel like tiny homes are the answer, we already have a ton of empty properties and keep building more. The issue is that they are not affordable for basically anyone who isn't rich.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 12:58 PM

Welcome any initiative the incentives the development of deeply affordable housing, in any neighbourhood.

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11/23/2021 01:29 PM

This is pretty insulting. Low to middle income people shouldn't have to resort to living in shoebox type accommodations while wealthier people in the same city have sprawling homes on landscaped greenery.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 01:32 PM

First of all I would commend city council on struggling within the system of power to make more space for disadvantaged people. I would now encourage them to be more radical in their approaches to reduced homelessness and make affordable housing actually affordable to those in poverty or close to it. Parks, while not to be abandoned as pleasant green spaces, need not host police and bylaw to disturb the communities there. real trust needs to be built with these communities that is not underlined by the violence of police presence and power. To go towards the notion of affordable housing: housing with rent 10% below market value is not affordable. Rental housing prices as they stand only afford independence for its middle-class and the rich. I would support any motions that resembled rent control, that treated housing like a necessity, not an investment to be made by the housing secure in order to profit off of the less wealthy.

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11/23/2021 03:37 PM

YES to more housing options!!!

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11/23/2021 03:45 PM

Have a few designated areas or greenspaces in which tiny home owners can park in case they aren't able to find an existing lot that would be willing to take them.

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11/23/2021 03:57 PM

Hold off on the desperate extra housing in people's back yards until the hundreds of condos being built are complete and occupied. The effects of all that added density need to be measured before the surrounding residential neighbourhoods are further degraded. Does the City even know how many people are already living in illegal basement units?

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 04:05 PM

Love these ideas! Would love to see more gentle density in this city. At the current prices even as a working professional I fear getting priced out of the city. I have never had as much housing anxiety as I have in Victoria and I have lived in five Canadian cities (four of which were capital cities).

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11/23/2021 04:21 PM

RENT CONTROL

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11/23/2021 04:21 PM

Maintain or expand green space. Keep density to a minimum.

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11/23/2021 04:30 PM

as above...plus a four year moratorium on new hires and new spending

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11/23/2021 05:11 PM

The city should be cognizant of ways in which it adds to the cost of housing, such as requirements or delays that are not essential, or requirements that are not financially feasible. This applies to large buildings as well. Ultimately those extra costs are handed down.

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11/23/2021 05:47 PM

more coops

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11/23/2021 06:02 PM

I think this is a Provincial and Federal responsibility because it transcends provincial borders. Cities should spend their efforts in applying as much pressure as possible to both these levels, particularly provincial.

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11/23/2021 06:24 PM

The cost to build a garden suite is a barrier for most homeowners. One way to reduce this barrier is to reduce the horrendous fees involved in developing a property. Reduce licensing and other fees on developers and land-owners.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 07:00 PM

Time to build up, not out. Convert underutilized malls to smaller commercial with density higher buildings. People want to shop where they live.

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11/23/2021 07:19 PM

Consider allowing recreational vehicles and trailers under similar regulations as tiny homes to increase the spectrum of housing choice.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 09:09 PM

We need more housing options that allow people to live in dignity and heal.

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11/23/2021 09:17 PM

I want Mayor and Council of Victoria to actually stick to the OCP when it comes to new development height and density restrictions, and rules related to heritage preservation. Given the seemingly casual disregard for the existing OCP, and seemingly constant requests for exceptions and mission creep in height and density being sought for developers in the Downtown Core (without

consideration for needs for community amenities), I have lost faith in Mayor and (most of) COV in their ability to govern city planning, and no longer trust them when they propose that the public allow them to "streamline" proposals within OCP, without needing public consultation. I want my taxes to pay for the core services and infrastructure needed to run a city and keep it functioning, safe, and accessible for its citizens. Fill the potholes, and keep sidewalks clear for pedestrians. Keep citizens safe in their own communities. Plan accessibility that is *actually* accessible and safe for those with sensory/motor impairments (instead of, for example, making the visually impaired cross a bike-lane hazard to access a bus stop). Stop squandering the citizen's tax dollars on "legacy" projects that are more properly the jurisdiction of provincial or federal bodies (e.g. reconciliation taxes). The only items in the Supplementary budget items that I feel should be seriously considered are the VicPD and Our Place requests. Both those groups have integrity and solid leadership, and are deserving of support.

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11/23/2021 10:04 PM

We need social housing , the community says no to complex care.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 10:05 PM

I support item 59, tiny homes, particularly because of the rent cap. Unless the tiny homes and garden suites initiative also has a rent cap, I would prefer to prioritize ensuring that Victoria has housing that is both affordable and appropriate for families.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 10:05 PM

I definitely support tiny homes and garden suites, however these are not family-appropriate dwellings and are at best only suitable for couples due to their small size. The city must prioritize increasing the stock of 2-4 bedroom affordable housing options.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:15 PM

Tiny homes are not legitimate housing crisis solutions. We need a lot more than a few non-Building Code compliant boxes plopped on a few random yards. The other policy programs (neighbourhood planning and family housing policy) are far more important to a long-term solution to the housing crisis.

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11/23/2021 11:25 PM

59 and 60 = too vague to agree or disagree

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:39 PM

There could be increased funds to support affordable housing/ensure affordable housing.

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 11:47 PM

I was very disappointed to see the City abandon its work on an anti-renoviction and landlord licensing bylaw. Preserving affordable housing is as important as adding it, and the City needs to take very seriously its ability and responsibility to protect low-income residents from the property industry.

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11/23/2021 11:55 PM

Need to protect urban food gardens from shading.

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11/24/2021 12:58 AM

Brilliant. Innovative. Leaders.

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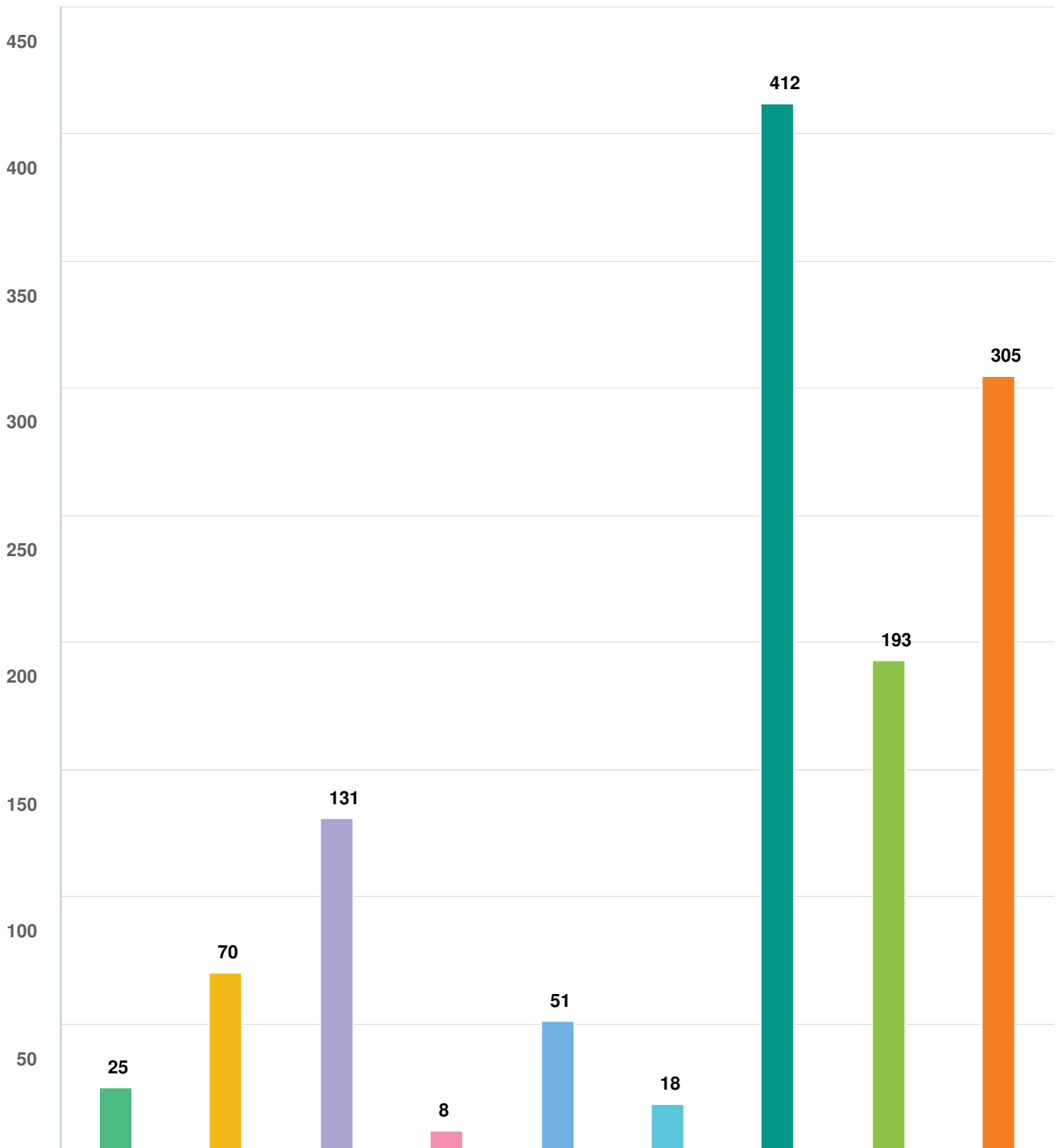
11/24/2021 07:43 AM

Keep the neighbourhoods such as Fairfield intact without overloading them with people resulting in big trees being destroyed and increased traffic on already congested roads

Optional question (313 response(s), 746 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q62 How did you find out about this survey? (Check all that apply.)



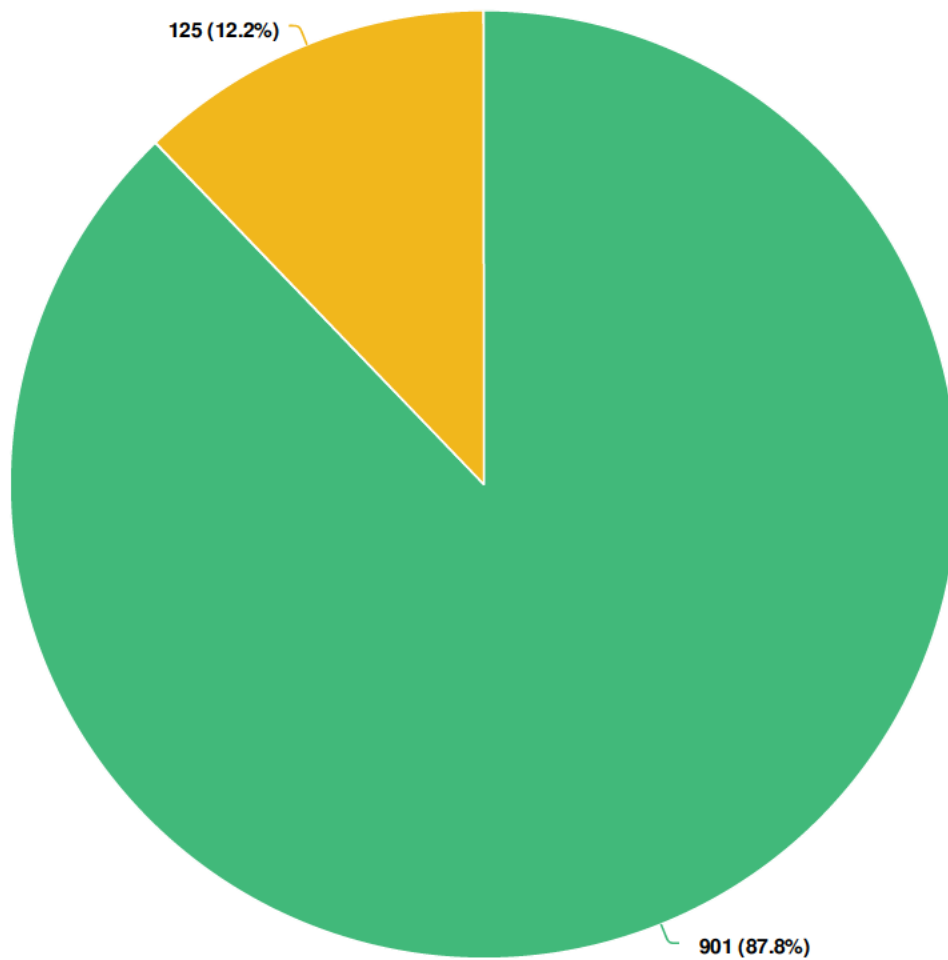
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 ● Social media site
 ● TV news story
 ● Radio
 ● Poster
 ● Newspaper article
- Online ad
 ● Print ad

Optional question (1022 response(s), 37 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q63 Did you find the budget information materials to be helpful?



Question options

- No
- Yes

Optional question (1026 response(s), 33 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q64 | If you answered "No", please let us know how we can improve our information materials.

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11/09/2021 06:15 PM

More accessible ways of sharing budget information in different formats - i.e. project based or theme based way of presenting numbers. Also making budget presentations either thematically or based on neighbourhoods through community /virtual presentations would encourage greater awareness and participation from the public.

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11/10/2021 08:25 AM

No details. Too much pork .

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 10:38 AM

A 777 page draft budget for a city of 95,000 - it would appear that there is no end of bloat with this municipal government, meanwhile our roads and sidewalks are in shambles, waits for service from emergency services are intolerable, and there is a proliferation of people sleeping in vehicles.

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11/10/2021 02:34 PM

so you had some experienced planners working on these materials for a number of months and you expect me to be able to read it all and respond with one yes or no answer?! This is the old approach of offering opportunity for feedback in an unreasonable way, only to be able to say you did your job. How about splitting up this kind of surveys in mealpiece focused info/questions? Have you considered that as a way to inform the public/get meaningful feedback?! Probably not...

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11/10/2021 03:26 PM

Each question in the survey should have a link to the section in the budget it refers to. Many people will not take the time to read all the information. Additionally the survey should have a "I don't know" or something similar choice to indicate that not enough information is known or provided on the question to give an informed vote. Simply voting neutral implies some support.

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11/10/2021 03:49 PM

Be clear about how the strategic objectives map to budget line items.

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11/10/2021 09:48 PM

What you are asking for is beyond the scope of what a small municipality is responsible for. You are kingdom building and hiring your friends on the backs of the taxpayers of this City. We are in

the mid of a global pandemic and the worst economic crisis this city has seen. Our criminality is embarrassingly outrageous and you are looking for money to hire a full time person to manage patios? This is ridiculous!

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11/10/2021 10:51 PM

Description stops at number 49. Why? Forced into choices and that not work if you truly want to know what people think.

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11/11/2021 04:33 PM

It's too complex. Needs to be shorter and presented in a simpler form. Citizens cannot be specialists in the City's budget, that's councils job. The public doesn't have faith in some of the decisions, but throwing us a 777 page document doesn't help. It makes us aloof and disengaged.

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11/11/2021 05:06 PM

Your information materials had no information regarding this proposed new reconciliation levy. It is ridiculous that people have to actually take this survey in order to learn any information about this proposal, which is a large ongoing expenditure that will have significant tax implications. If I hadn't read about this proposal in the newspaper I would have no idea about it from your budget materials.

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11/11/2021 06:38 PM

often not enough information provided regarding the questions.

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11/11/2021 07:29 PM

Meh

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11/11/2021 08:11 PM

Stick to the facts.

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11/12/2021 12:25 PM

I appreciate the full information sharing but there must be a balance between the full budget document and the summary. The summary didn't contain enough information. I would appreciate a document that outlined the key changes, the amounts, and the rationale, rather than having to wade through everything.

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11/12/2021 02:05 PM

1. Make ****all**** budget documents accessible (more than screen readable, but also searchable). 2. Provide more information about infrastructure funding and what it will result in (e.g., what does "• Minor capital project allowance to ensure public safety, enhance

security, and improve accessibility" mean? - no link to find out more). 3. Many times, the footnotes are not meaningful. For example 9 footnotes to one line item that includes "accessibility framework surplus". We can't tell how much is spent or left over and if it is being carried over or folded into regular operating funds. 4. Keep it current. How many years has the budget reported "Replaced accessible lift" for the Visitor Centre or an automatic door in CSAC? (under What We Renewed 2016 – 2020). Remove that and tell us more about current budget year's work. Several years ago, we got more information on the specific projects.

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11/12/2021 09:42 PM

The survey starts off with a 1-8 rating Everything was an 8. You failed to put public safety The level of virtue signaling and projecting is crazy The whole budget needs to be thrown out and started from scratch without all the Social Justice BS

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11/13/2021 10:58 AM

Long on meaningless and obscure wording and short on specifics.

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11/13/2021 11:45 AM

Same old BS

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11/13/2021 12:10 PM

It just sounded like the council wanted to ignore the residents (especially long term residents) and play a game of "how to pretend they can save the entire world" by ignoring funding local amenities and ageing infrastructure and the basic responsibilities of local government. It was all the same subject - save the homeless from all of Canada. I just got negative emotions reading the laundry list stemming from Council wanting to be the homeless capital of the country. The increases in the budget are too many and too complex for many to have the time to understand the implications of "to do or not".

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11/13/2021 06:18 PM

it is just more of the same

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11/13/2021 11:27 PM

The information presented is confusing & disjointed.

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11/14/2021 04:56 PM

To much legalese.

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11/15/2021 10:57 AM

So many misguided initiatives that are unnecessary spending for a city of 85,000. Last budget I fully looked at was over 1000 pages. Too much focus on all the virtue signalling initiatives and not enough practical support of the taxpayer. This has become a very dangerous and creepy City at times and particularly in some areas. Council seems oblivious to what they have done. Thanks very much Council.

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11/15/2021 01:14 PM

The materials were helpful but some of the questions are so vague it's hard to know what is actually being asked, e.g. I agree with prioritizing safety in this city, but for whom? I'm not concerned with improving safety for wealthy people and their property, for whom this city is already abundantly safe.

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11/15/2021 04:18 PM

just before each question, put a synopsis of the information that is relevant to that question

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11/15/2021 05:04 PM

The small snippets of info provided does not paint an educated picture

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11/15/2021 05:06 PM

The police budget document <https://pub-victoria.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=73295> did not describe the new positions very well

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11/15/2021 05:07 PM

there are far to many programs, initiatives to be considered for relatively small population and economic base. social engineering seems to be the main stay of this council over the last two terms of the mayor and council. the support and mandate to house every person who maybe homeless from any jurisdiction municipal, provincial or federal has created a city in decay with endless crime, filth, civil disobedience. city needs to stop this madness and stick for core values that support the citizens and families.

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11/15/2021 05:28 PM

there are no hyperlinks

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11/15/2021 06:04 PM

For many of the questions on Supplementary Programs I indicated that I was neutral because the brief description wasn't very informative and I wasn't sure which document to go to for more information. For future online surveys, I recommend adding more information in the form of a pop up box or toggle open box or a link

to the document (and location in that document) for more more information.

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11/15/2021 07:15 PM

This has to be the most biased survey I have ever completed. Especially the section at the beginning where one is asked to rank what they care about. It is cover for the Mayor and Council to say people care about this and this and this - fill in the blank for whatever the agenda is. Such a disingenuous process. Nothing here for families using recreational services, fixing our sports fields and adding playing fields at the city's only high school.

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11/15/2021 08:26 PM

One page summaries and FAQ sheets not endless materials and videos simplify it god knows you have enough over paid staff

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11/15/2021 08:28 PM

Did not change the fact the questions were often tricky! asking about parks and not asking about Unhoused in them! gross!

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11/15/2021 08:31 PM

More details on each line item would be helpful.

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11/15/2021 08:37 PM

Summary is too brief to understand the budgeting and the draft financial plan is too much. would be helpfull to have links in the survey after each question to relevant sections of the financial plan or budget or a more info sections to better understand what the request is and its purpose. It would also be helpful to know what % the items are in relation to the overall budget

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11/15/2021 09:44 PM

I found many of the questions were poorly constructed and/or designed to elicit a particular outcome. A survey should be neutral and unbiasedly constructed or it is of limited value.

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11/15/2021 09:59 PM

I don't want another Dallas road pathway (too crowded and dangerous) or bike lane (Vancouver street) or turn our city into a patio city where smoking is already an issue and not enough room for the tourist walk tours & locals, why take up more space? Maybe speed up software and opt for speedy online applications like Langford I'm going to be homeless if the city decided to raise tax when we barely made it out of a pandemic. Not everyone received government assistance and continued to work through the pandemic

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11/15/2021 10:40 PM

Better organization.

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11/16/2021 06:25 AM

Couldn't find an explanation of item 1 categories.

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11/16/2021 07:49 AM

Hard to find the police stuff.

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11/16/2021 08:26 AM

Not enough information on some initiatives. Should have well-researched bases on evidence and data, not just descriptive.

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11/16/2021 12:35 PM

Item 12 is ambiguous and vague in it's description. I would strongly support an Elder in Residence nominated by local First Nations but not a generic Indigenous Relations Function which I fear would be misused by the current council to award the position to a friend.

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11/16/2021 12:46 PM

make these more accessible and advertise them more to the public, I only found out because a schoolmate posted it on social media

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11/16/2021 01:31 PM

On most of these survey questions, few respondents will sufficiently grasp the issue to which input is requested. Question 1 should include "policing and public safety" - many people would rank that option highly. On VicPD questions, there's no info given. There seems to be a slant towards the sentiments held by the survey's designers (judging by the subtexts). I fear this survey won't tell you much.

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11/16/2021 11:45 PM

The supplementary requests materials conflate problem definition with process description. Few of the materials clearly identified the policy problem in any meaningful way and how the budget items would contribute to solving the problem. It is very difficult to assess the value of each item without that information - lacking that information also reduces my faith that the investments will actually have the desired outcome. The documents are a mess of acronyms, planning buzzwords and inside baseball. I wouldn't put these in front of an experienced decision-maker, let alone use as public engagement materials.

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11/17/2021 09:16 AM

They weren't playing language enough for me to really understand what was happening with the budget and it would be nice to have some visuals to understand

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11/17/2021 11:42 AM

I should read such materials but I don't have the time. I am glad they are provided for those better informed folks who do have the time.

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11/17/2021 01:29 PM

Have a graph that shows budgeting homeowner and class taxation inequity relative to big business, and exorbitant police budgeting disparity, relative to all other departments.

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11/17/2021 01:41 PM

777 pages is a lot, longer than the provincial budget.

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11/17/2021 02:11 PM

be more transparent - provide detailed information in a timely fashion. Quit positioning.

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11/17/2021 02:16 PM

A 700+ report is very inaccessible for many citizens. Furthermore, I received the email from COV Engagement on November 15th with the information of the virtual budget town hall on the 17th. That is nowhere near enough time for people with jobs, families, and lives to review a 700 page document, answer a 60+ question survey, and organize their thoughts. More notice would be appreciated so that not only the retired population of Victoria can voice their opinion.

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11/17/2021 03:59 PM

Stop being driven by ideology. Stay in your wheelhouse.

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11/17/2021 05:43 PM

I do not have time to read them.

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 07:05 PM

Add context to questions

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11/18/2021 07:12 AM

How about a real executive summary. Most of the material seems to be designed to prevent the average person knowing what you are actually spending money on, The first question on your survey is manipulative and unfair, Forces a person to rate things high on

the list that one things should be at the bottom. In fact of your eight goals I totally disagree with seven of them. Increased policing is not even on the list. I feel you are dishonest in this survey.

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11/18/2021 11:39 AM

The summary was too short to adequately inform, and the full report was too much to digest.

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11/18/2021 01:49 PM

Information needs to be less dry, and include much less jargon. With the way it is, this report is extremely hard to get through and understand for the majority of the population - therefore many people will not engage in it. It needs to be accessible, and actively seek out engagement from the community, rather than passively waiting for people to come to council.

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11/18/2021 01:58 PM

imbed a more descriptive definitions without having to sift through a full document....ie the Vic PD Assertive Community Treatment Officer....what is that??!!!

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11/18/2021 04:16 PM

Half the jargon here indicates you're already planning to go ahead with some idea that seems a good idea in school. We need fewer planners and only people who've had years of experience in the real world.

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11/18/2021 08:12 PM

Too many barriers in place to actually complete the survey. Don't make people have to register and create a user name.

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11/18/2021 11:05 PM

File download wouldn't open.

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11/19/2021 01:23 PM

I never received additional information to help me understand material.

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11/19/2021 03:06 PM

The questions are cleverly crafted so that respondents' answers can be interpreted either way.

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11/20/2021 02:11 PM

By abolishing the police.

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11/20/2021 06:43 PM

Why are there no descriptions on any of the VicPD's items? Let the city know where there money is actually going.

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11/20/2021 07:34 PM

Simplify.

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11/21/2021 12:18 PM

Too wordy. Not accessible.

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11/21/2021 05:36 PM

Give us a decent report card on what progress has been made over the past three years towards measurable goals. Perhaps we need to fund fewer goals but at an increased rate in order to make progress on key challenges.

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Please give more details about programs

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11/21/2021 08:31 PM

Too many questions

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11/21/2021 10:17 PM

It would be helpful to have a line by line breakdown, and more details on special projects. Language is often vague and left open to interpretation. For example, the use of the word "safe" can be misleading. I don't think the way we achieve a safe city is universal so I can't comment or support anything in that vein without more details.

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11/22/2021 07:39 AM

No

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11/22/2021 11:14 AM

Don't be selective about which items include details. Provide more information on infrastructure and public safety. These are municipal focuses even if they are not listed as priorities.

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11/22/2021 11:14 AM

Links did not take me to direct explanations of programs, only large reports. Engagement participants shouldn't have to look too hard for information.

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11/22/2021 12:14 PM

More transparency

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11/22/2021 01:45 PM

The budget summary should contain more specific information about each of the initiatives people are being asked to agree or disagree with.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 05:07 PM

The 48! supplemental budget programs were very difficult to find info on. I could not find any explanation on the policing budget document and the city's I had to scroll back and forth on a 64 page document for every item. I believe it is within the city's scope and ability to link these line items directly to their description and rational.

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11/22/2021 06:27 PM

To open to various interpretations. To subjective!

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2021 08:31 PM

The Community Wellness and Peer Informed Task Force and Citizen's Assembly have both been terminated due to completing their assigned tasks. We need these groups, or similar community participatory task forces, with new project focuses to remain funded in 2022 and beyond to allow for increased community engagement/consultation. The winding down of both of these groups means less funding and fewer pathways for equitable community engagement and consultation. It is vital for these initiatives to continue on with new project focuses, to ensure that the community is included in decision making. Alongside this, measures should be taken to make the budget review process more accessible to all folks in the community. The annual city budget is quite a dense, large, and inaccessible project. With its size and jargon, it can be quite difficult to access/understand for many who do not have the time or capacity to thoroughly read and understand the document. There needs to be tangible solutions created that make engaging in this document more accessible. Many people simply do not have the spare time and capacity to engage in municipal affairs. City council needs to ensure that folks from all walks of life are providing their input for the city's decision-making processes. Some ways to consider doing this could be to: split the budget into sections and review each section by section, rather than once a year all at once. Or, if there will continue to be an annual budget review process, there should be more than one town hall meeting and these should be held at varying times of the

day, to allow for people with varying schedules to attend. These measures should be accompanied by funded citizen task forces that operate year-round, as noted above, to ensure increased public consultation. Please make engagement in municipal affairs, such as the annual city budget, more accessible for the community- so that all community members have an opportunity to engage in, understand, and have a say in municipal affairs.

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11/22/2021 10:11 PM

The VicPD pdf is very long and could be searchable components vs. having to slog through pages.

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11/23/2021 07:08 AM

Try summarizing into fewer docs

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11/23/2021 12:55 PM

Make them more straight forward and understandable; you shouldn't need a law degree to understand how your city is allocating its budget.

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11/23/2021 03:03 PM

Why did the Vic PD spots not have a short explanation like every other question

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11/23/2021 06:24 PM

I hope you understand my support of VicPD and that I am not interested in paying for cahoots people or social services staff that are sorely equipped to deal with people involved in a mental health crisis.

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11/23/2021 07:00 PM

Feels like together Victoria wrote this. Where are issues of public safety being addressed?

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2021 09:43 PM

The first question asking me to rank the importance of each category made no sense because I had no context for what each of those categories represented. It seemed purposely vague, and it was not clear which category included the police department operations, because I would have ranked that one last.

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11/23/2021 09:55 PM

The survey is biased and doesn't allow nuanced reflection

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11/23/2021 10:45 PM

The design of this survey does not make it easy to fill out. Should be helpful information for each question- a few details about the topic. There should be multiple pages- so you can save as you go. Much more time needs to go into this important survey.

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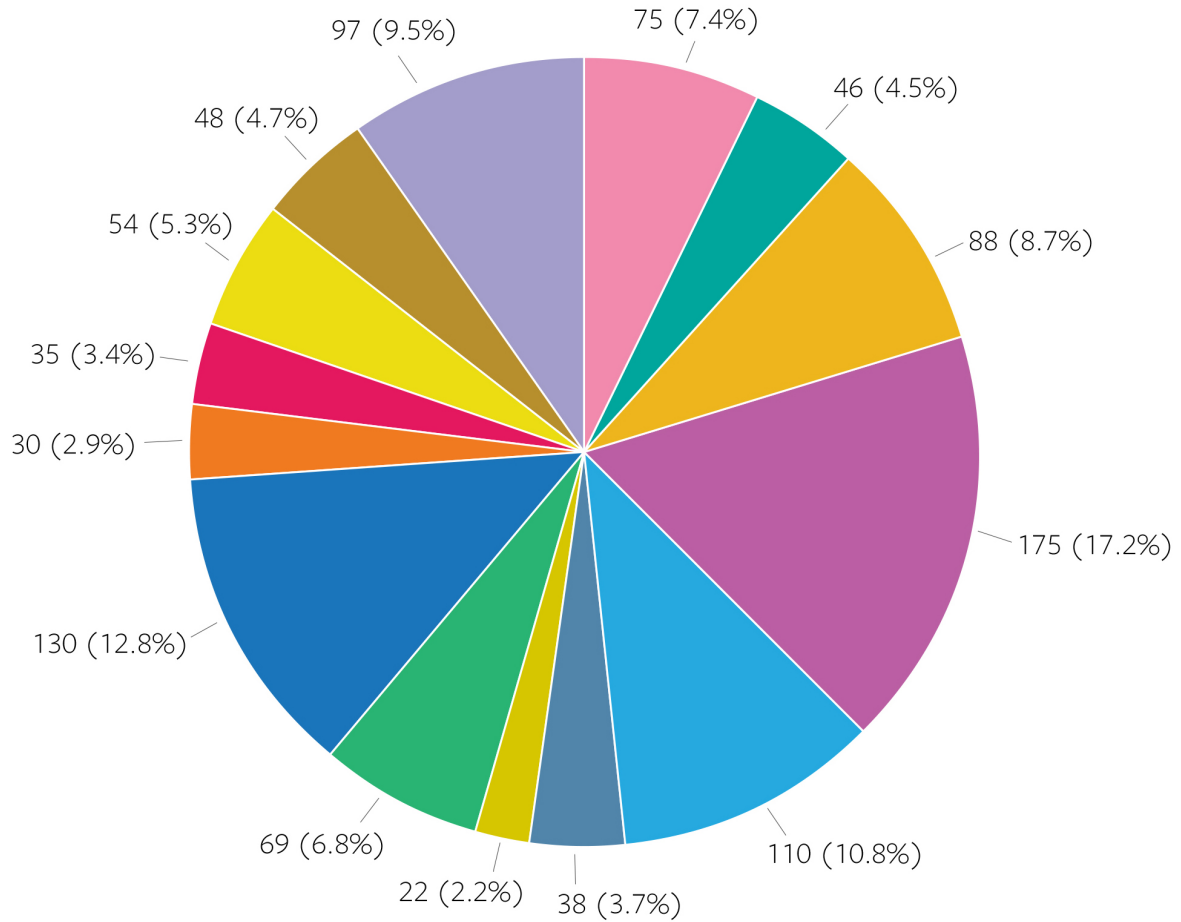
11/23/2021 11:15 PM

Please place links directly to the relevant budget material at each question. Links to the relevant materials and sections of the budget would help tremendously with making this survey easier and less frustrating to fill out. I imagine the woman of Somali origin in my neighbourhood with three kids, one of them a mentally disabled child, throwing up her hands and quitting on this survey. This doesn't meet the needs of those with extra barriers to completion.

Optional question (91 response(s), 968 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

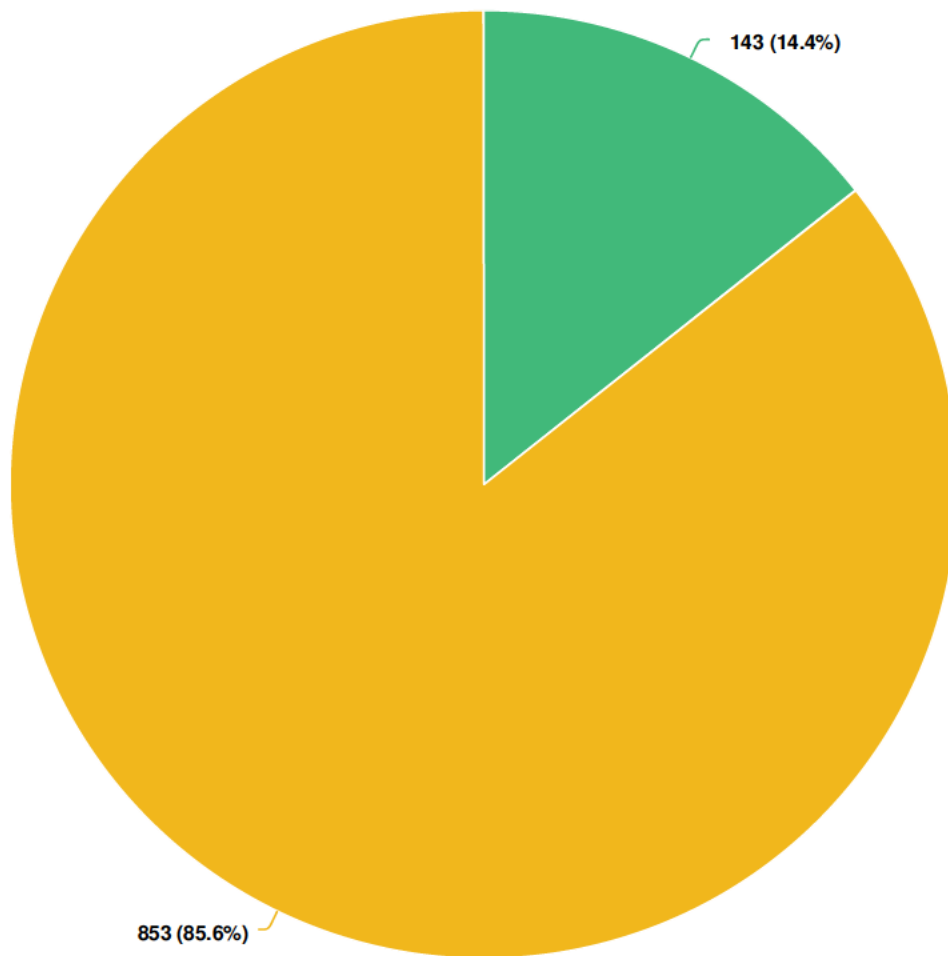
Q65 Which Victoria neighbourhood do you live in?



- I live in another municipality (please specify)
- Victoria West
- Rockland
- Oaklands
- North Park
- Jubilee
- James Bay
- Hillside Quadra
- Harris Green
- Gonzales
- Fernwood
- Fairfield
- Downtown
- Burnside Gorge

Optional question (1017 response(s), 42 skipped)
 Question type: Radio Button Question

Q66 Do you operate a business in the City of Victoria?

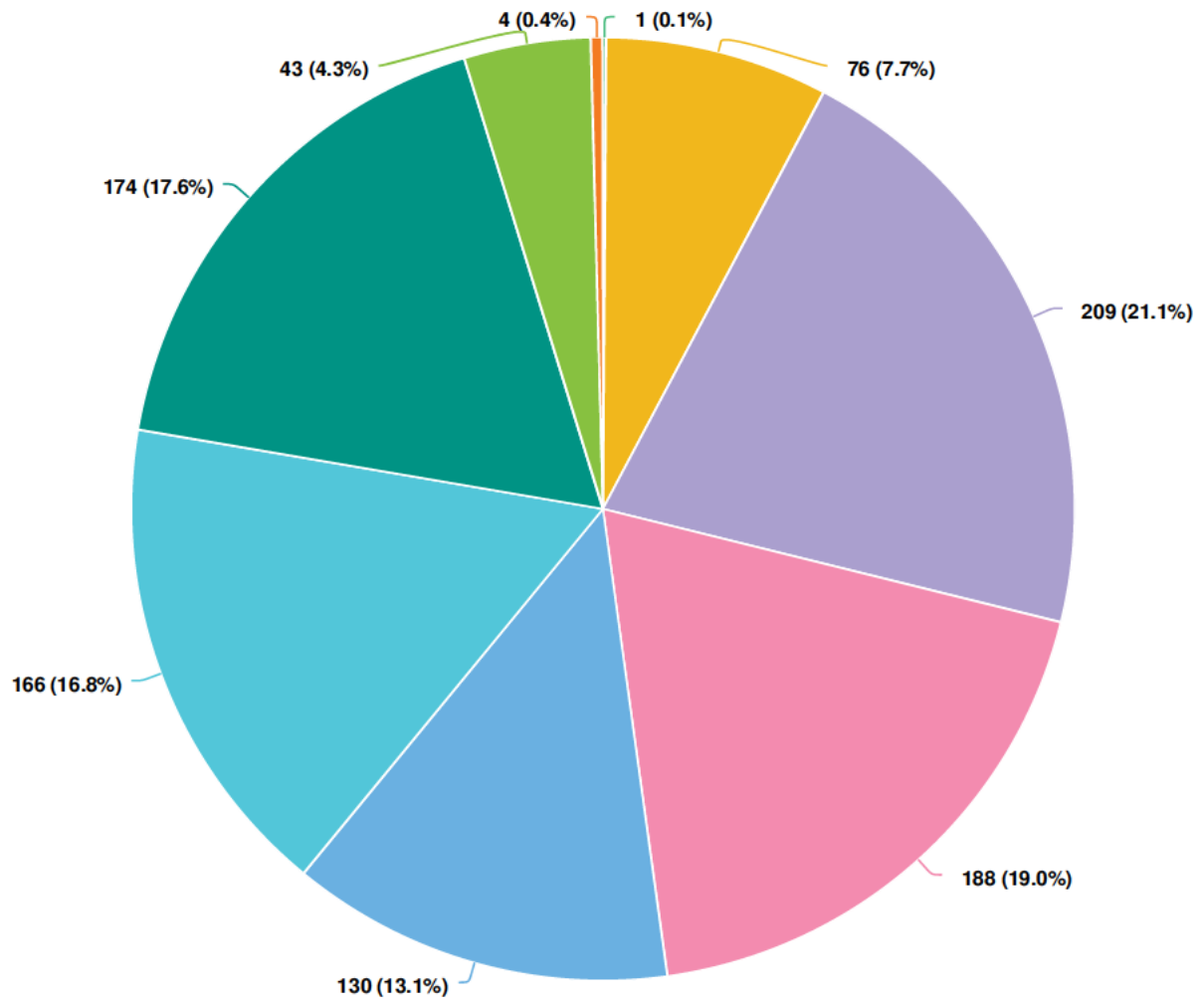


Question options

- No
- Yes

*Optional question (996 response(s), 63 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q67 Please select one of the following age ranges:

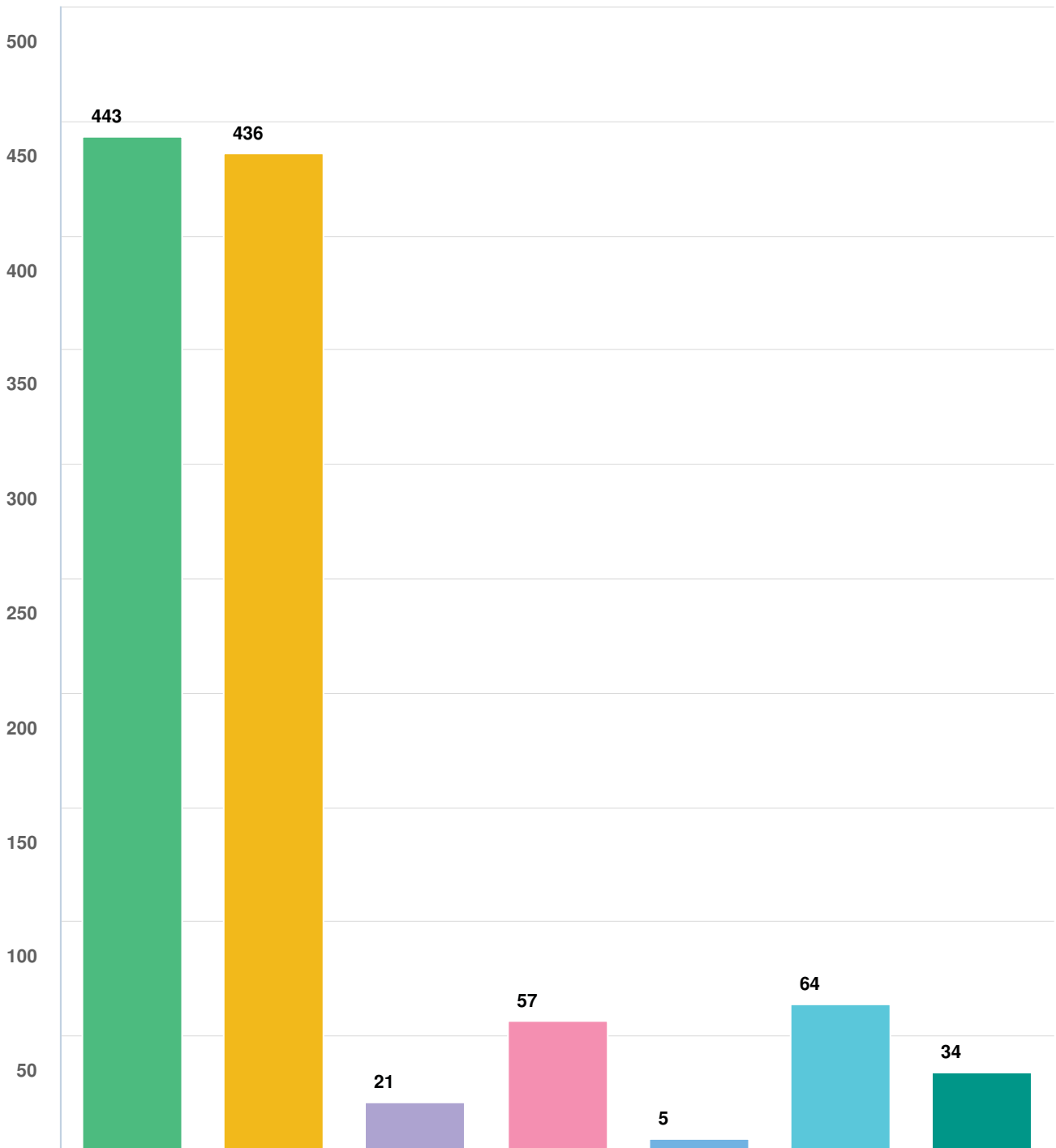


Question options

- 85+
- 75 84
- 65 74
- 55 64
- 45 54
- 35 44
- 25 34
- 14 24
- 0 13

Optional question (991 response(s), 68 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q68 How would you describe your gender identity? (Please select all that apply)



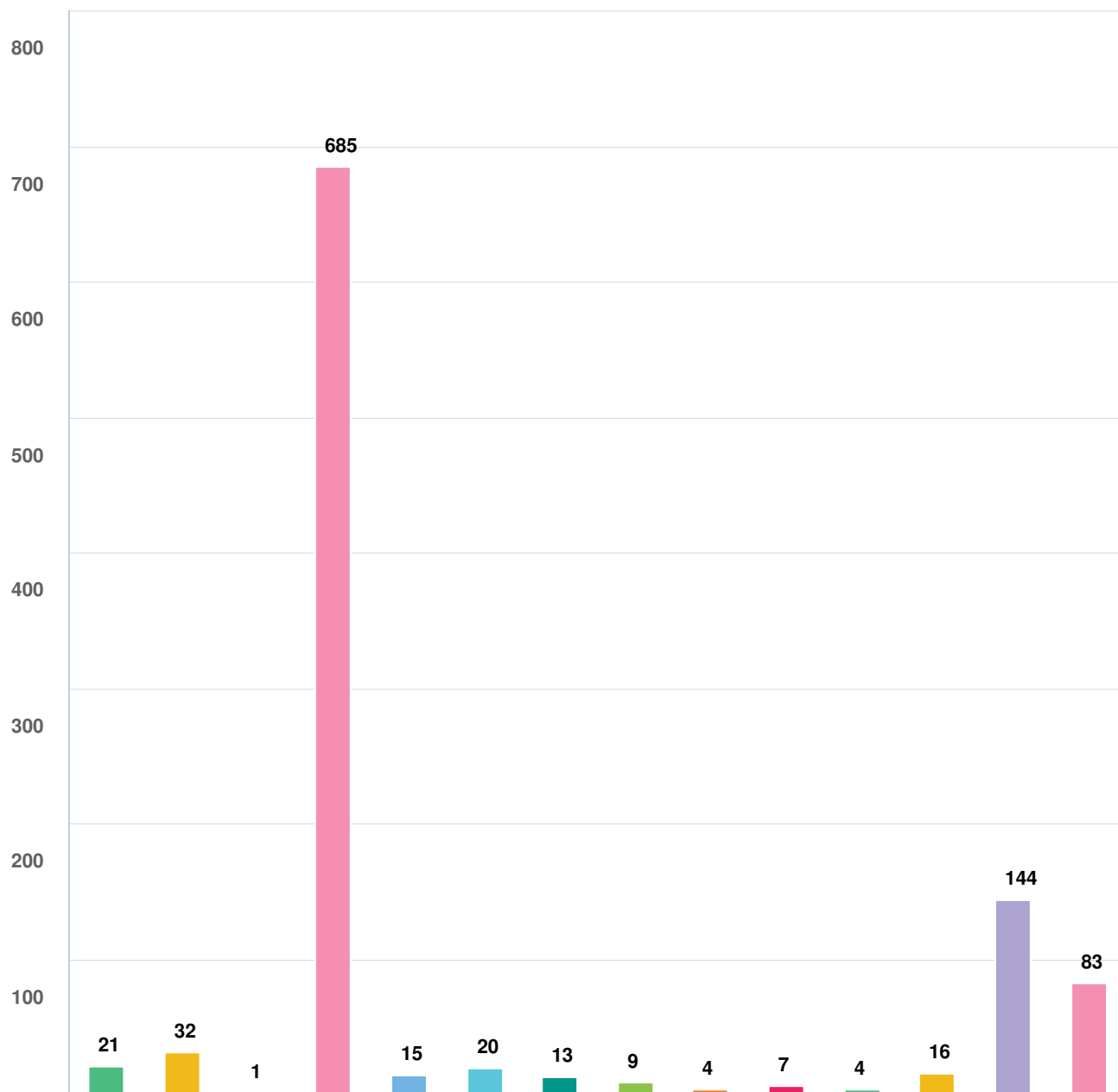
Question options

- Other (please specify)
- Non binary
- Two Spirit
- Cisgender
- Transgender
- Man / Boy
- Woman / Girl

Optional question (972 response(s), 87 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q69 What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply to you)

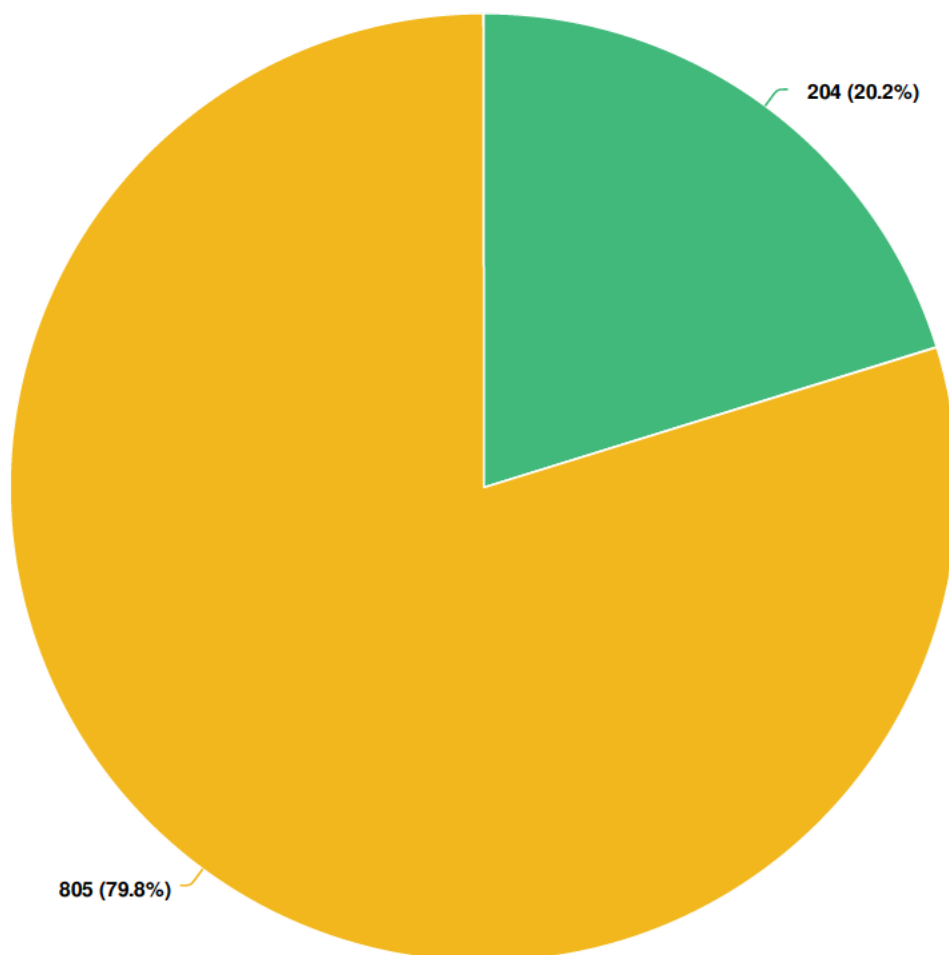


Question options

- Other (please specify)
 ● Prefer not to say
 ● Latin American (e.g., Brazilian, Colombian, Mexican)
- North African (e.g., Egyptian, Algerian)
 ● Caribbean (e.g., Jamaican, Guyanese, Trinidadian)
- African (e.g., Nigerian, Somali, Senegalese)
 ● West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Syrian, Afghan, Saudi Arabian)
- Southeast Asian (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
 ● East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean)
- South Asian (i.e., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)
 ● European (i.e., French, British, Dutch)
 ● Inuk/Inuit
 ● Metis
- First Nation

Optional question (964 response(s), 95 skipped)
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q70 | Have you moved to Victoria in the past five years?

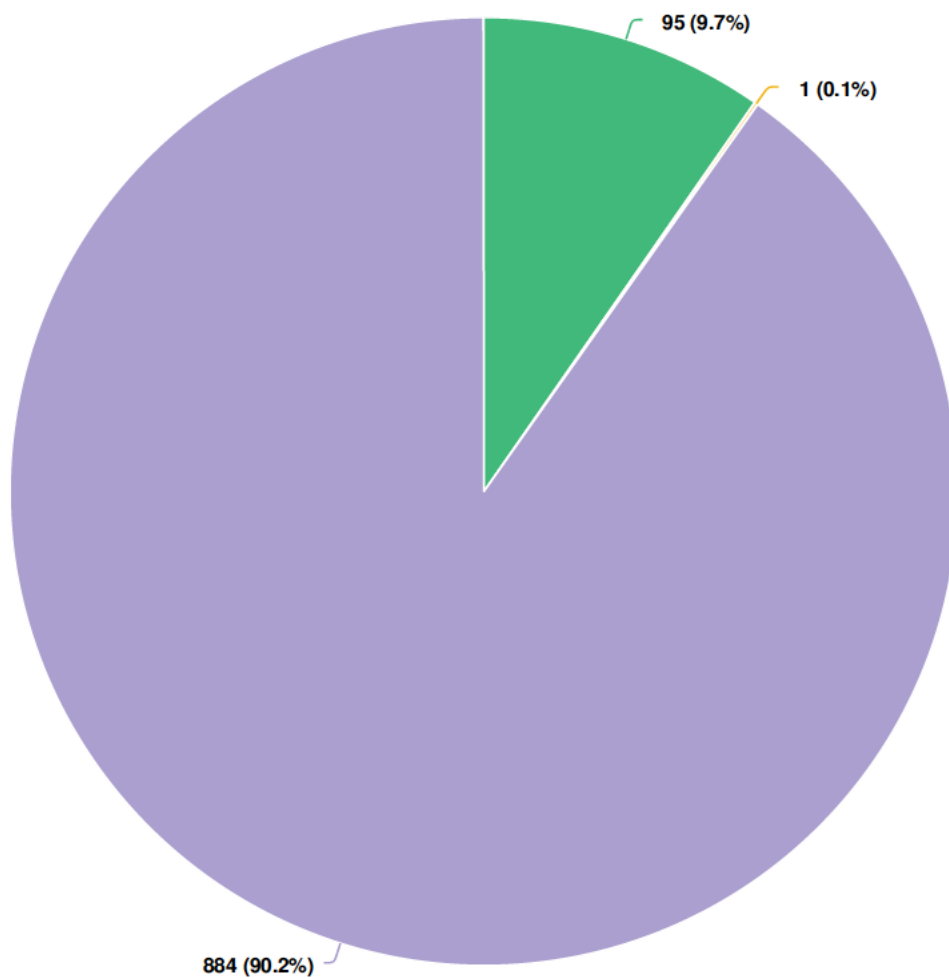


Question options

- No
- Yes

*Optional question (1009 response(s), 50 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q71 Do you identify as being:

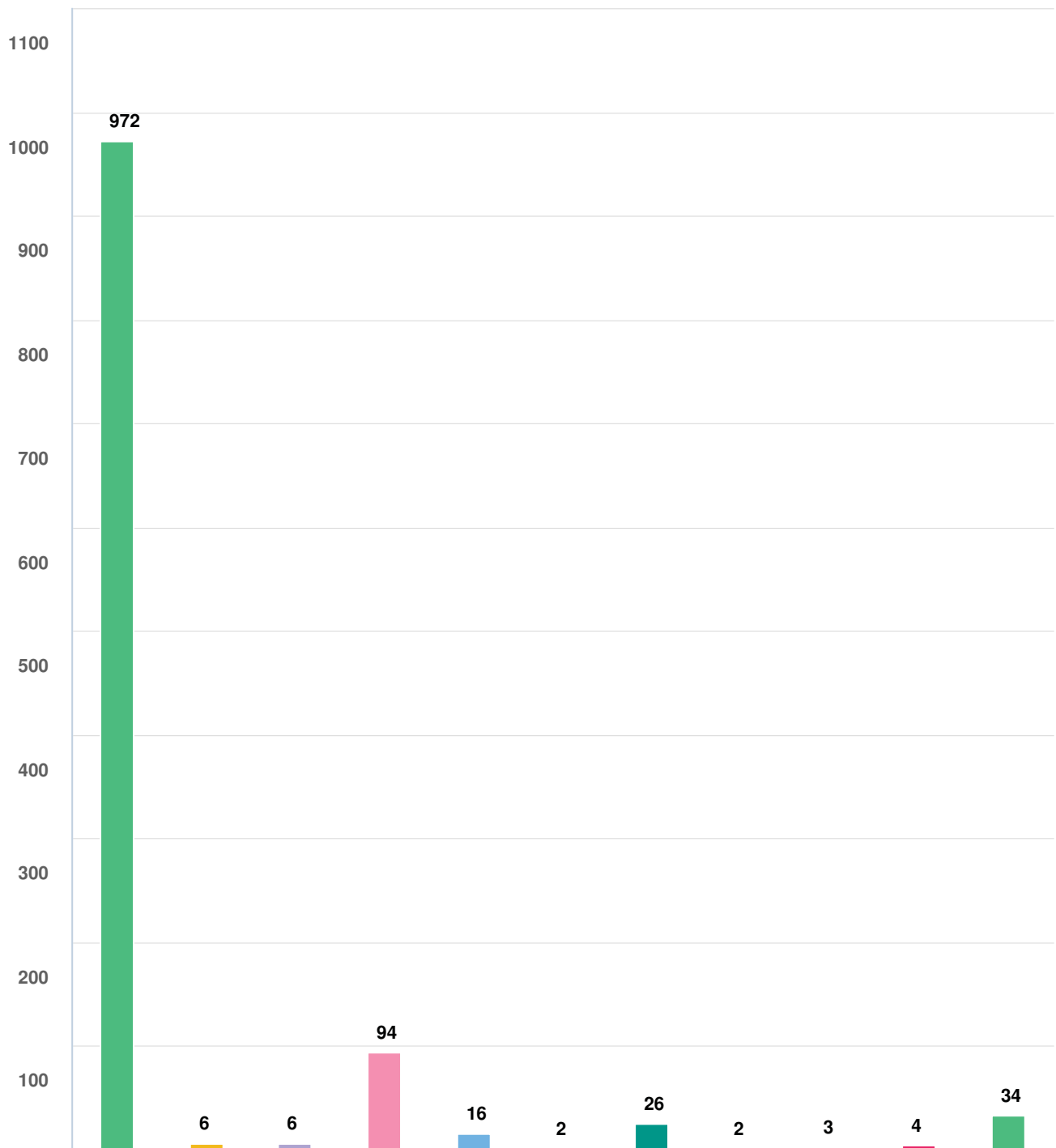


Question options

- None of the above
- A refugee
- An immigrant

*Optional question (980 response(s), 79 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q72 Which language(s) do you speak at home? (Select all that apply)

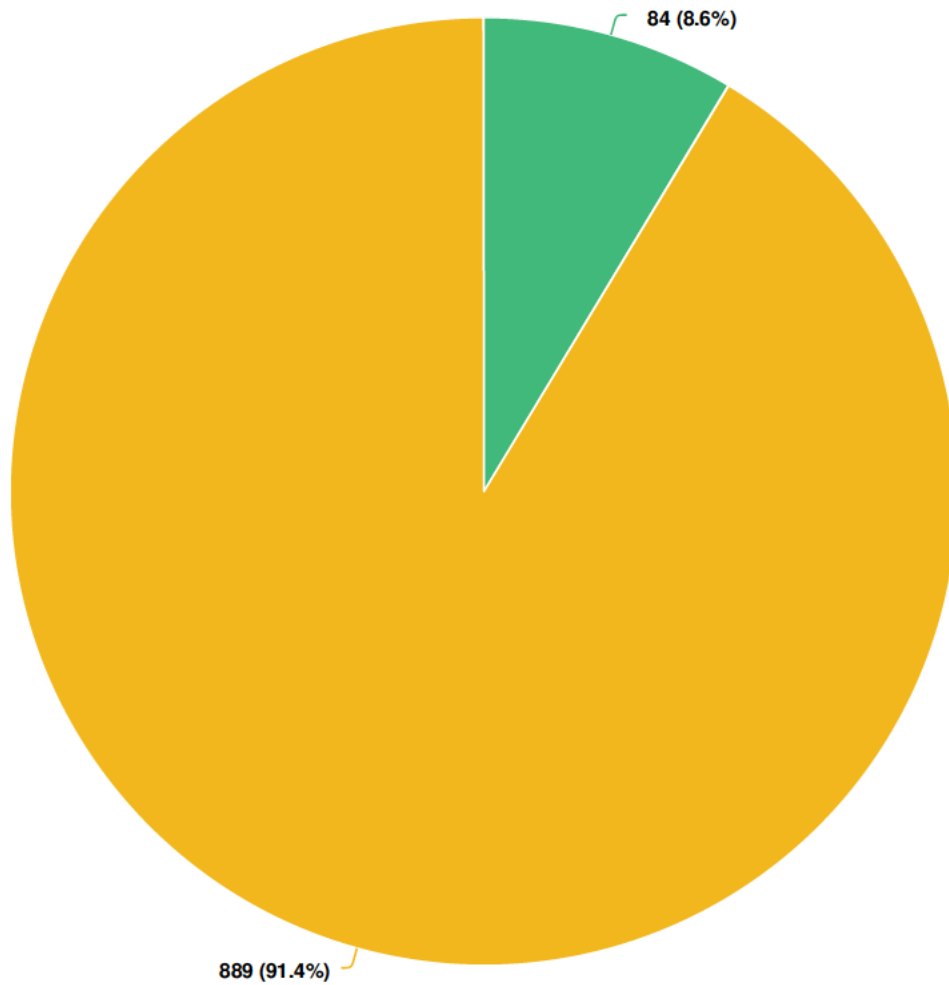


Question options

- Other (please specify)
 ● Japanese
 ● Punjabi
 ● Arabic
 ● Spanish
 ● Tagalog
 ● German
 ● French
- Cantonese
 ● Mandarin
 ● English

Optional question (980 response(s), 79 skipped)
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q73 | Would it help you if City documents were translated into other languages?

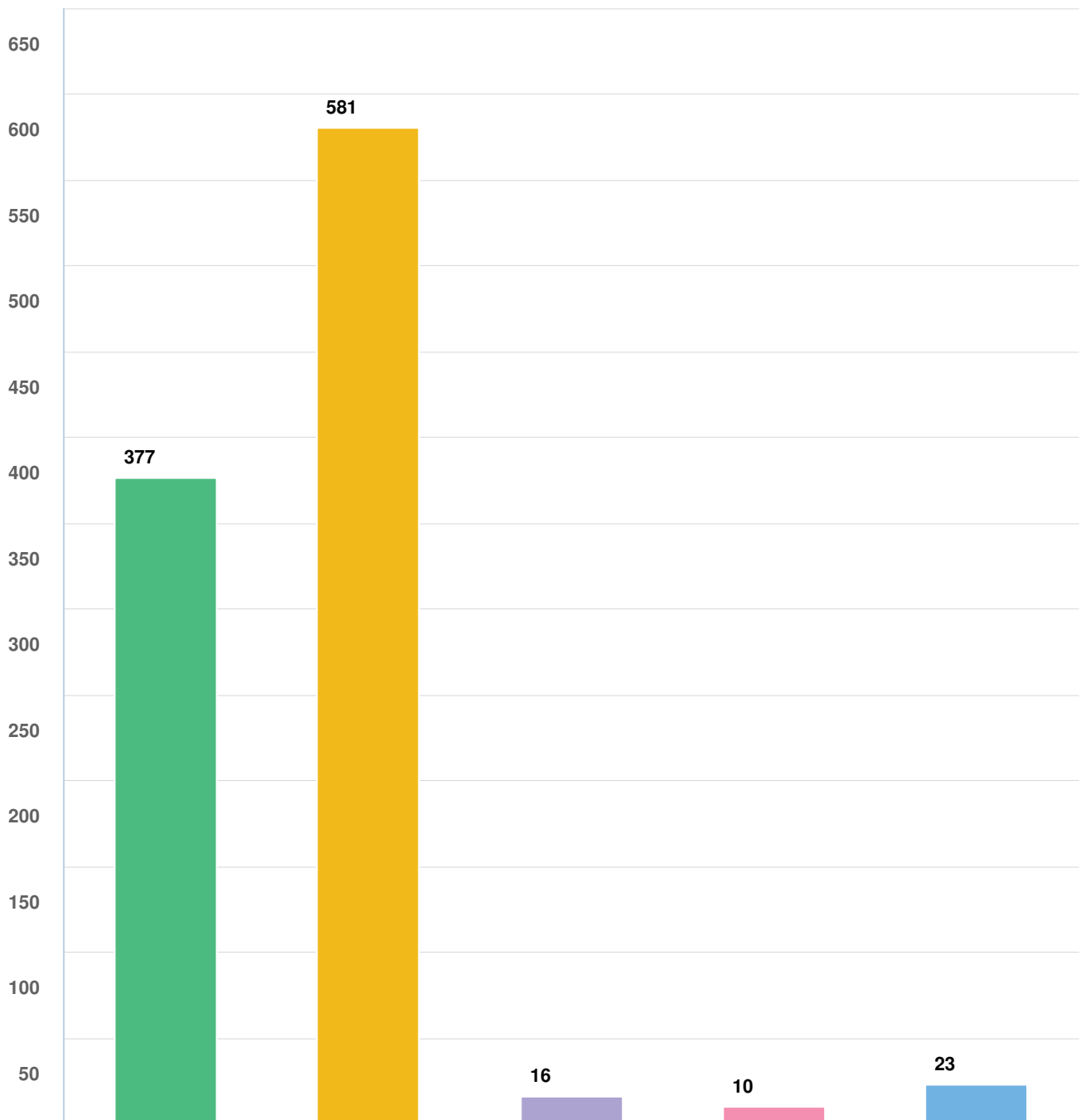


Question options

- No
- Yes

*Optional question (973 response(s), 86 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q74 What is your current housing situation?

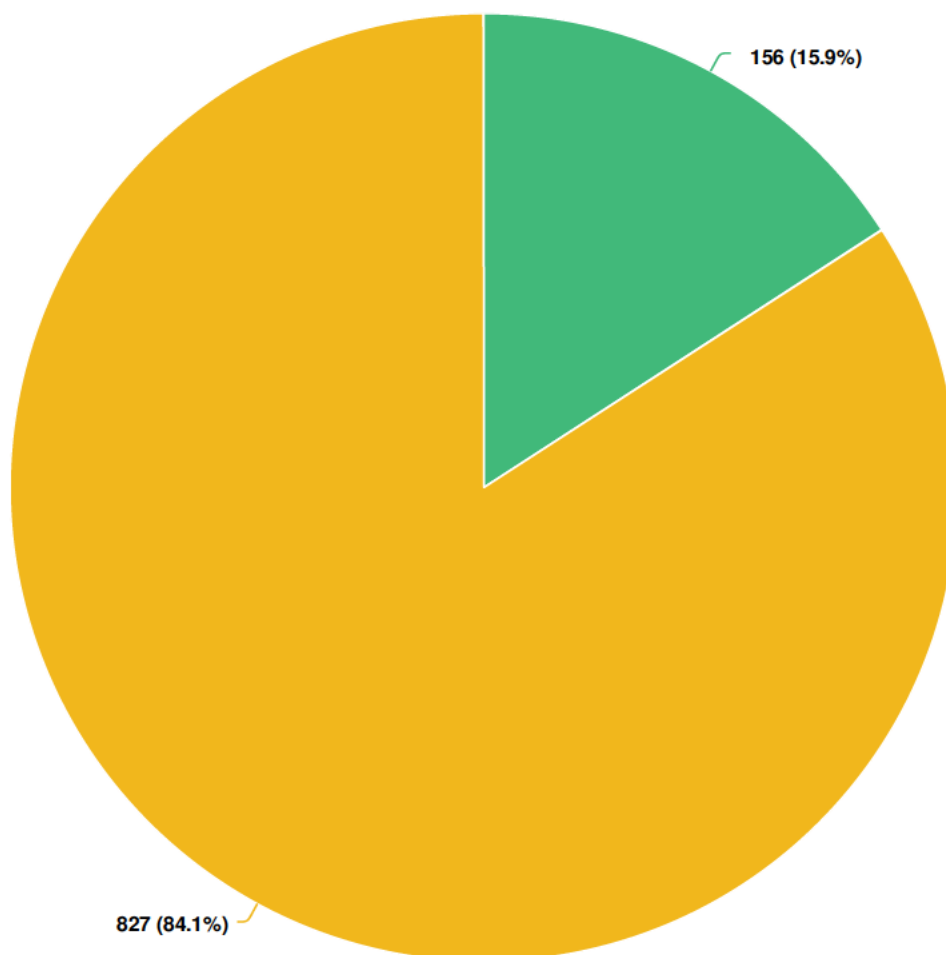


Question options

- Other (please specify)
- Currently lack stable housing (for example, staying with a friend, living in emergency shelters, transitional housing or are without a home)
- Affordable or Below market rental, co ops
- Own
- Rent

*Optional question (992 response(s), 67 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q75 Do you identify as being a person with a disability?



Question options

- No
- Yes

*Optional question (983 response(s), 76 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q76 | Is there anything the City of Victoria could do to make it easier for you to share your feedback and ideas?

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11/09/2021 05:49 PM

Seriously revamp your engagement department. They seem to work for staff not the public or Council.

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11/09/2021 06:29 PM

It's great when you provide the short video clip explaining the issue

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11/09/2021 06:40 PM

Create more marketing for higher public engagement.

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11/09/2021 07:17 PM

Keep this type of venue coming. Thanks

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11/09/2021 07:55 PM

No

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11/09/2021 11:01 PM

More online surveys people can do any time, fewer barely advertised public meetings held in real time.

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11/10/2021 09:29 AM

Better summaries of council meetings with integration into engage.victoria.ca

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11/10/2021 11:36 AM

Stop creating feedback/survey documents with a built-in bias. i.e. surveys that lead to a foregone/predetermined conclusion. These does not allow for honest and genuine public input.

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11/10/2021 12:41 PM

Provide for more open response opportunities rather than pigeon toeing people into choosing a response from a list.

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11/10/2021 12:42 PM

1 - Stop bringing up gender identity. This does not mean anything and is ideology driven. Also, please keep trans- anything out of public schools. There is an insidious campaign to reassign vulnerable, per-puberty children. This is very important. 2 - respond to emails. At least within 12 months of submitting them.

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11/10/2021 01:35 PM

no

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11/10/2021 02:34 PM

I am not going to spend hours online to complete surveys like this- make them smaller with better summarized info on what you want to do with our money

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 02:34 PM

Make access to town hall more accessible for all demographics. I know in the past year many seniors had difficulty voicing opinions due to technological barriers. There should be greater inclusivity for access.

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11/10/2021 03:07 PM

Instead of wasting my time filling out these surveys year after year, actually listen to what the taxpayers have to say and make judgements based on their feedback instead of going against the majority vote which you do time after time after time after time. The mayor decides what she wants and to heck with the taxpayers. One of many of her pet projects that nobody wanted was the Clover Point fiasco. NOBODY WANTED IT CHANGED!!!!!!!

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11/10/2021 03:26 PM

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11/10/2021 07:33 PM

develop trust that the city councilors and staff will ACTUALLY listen and take into account feedback. I have seen circumstances where FOI requests have demonstrated that despite significant community opposition, councilors move ahead with the plan they themselves supported. this has created a strong sense of mistrust and attitude of "why bother they don't listen".

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11/10/2021 08:01 PM

Consider listening to people. I feel that the city knows what it thinks and what it wants to do, and just pretends to ask the public for input. It is not a good feeling.

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11/10/2021 09:14 PM

Make information more succinct and accessible to the public. For example, who has time unless they are a full time employee or retired to read through a 777 page document? Conversely, the budget summary looked nice but seemed too vague. I would like to see more public engagement regarding new issues being brought forward by council and a clear assessment of the cost/benefit

analysis to the taxpayer in terms of who the initiative benefits and who bears the cost.

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11/10/2021 09:48 PM

why does it matter my ethnicity or my sexual orientation? That has nothing to do with running a City FFS!!!

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 10:51 PM

More options. Open ended questions. Asked to rate from 1 to 8 - what if want 3 items to be an 8. Can't do that! For others having this in different languages would be helpful. Providing sensitivity training does not change how people act. Clear from listening to council meetings.

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11/11/2021 12:01 PM

A Council that listens to taxpayers

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11/11/2021 06:24 PM

Listen to what the people are saying instead of doing things that are from their own agenda

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11/11/2021 06:37 PM

If councillors would answer their phones or reply to emails.

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11/11/2021 07:29 PM

A council that listens

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11/11/2021 08:11 PM

Why do I need to log in? This is an unnecessary barrier.

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11/11/2021 08:17 PM

Stop ignoring when it doesn't say what you want. Example: "Picnic Point"

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11/12/2021 05:59 AM

To listen to feedback, not ignore bit. Ignoring not results in lost trust.

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11/12/2021 11:28 AM

Please add more spaces for comments - ideally with every question on all surveys. In general many of the city surveys feel manipulative and sometimes I give up part way through because I feel as if I'm being forced to answer based on the limited answers provided, and they sometimes are positioned to support a city held view or goal rather than to obtain actual resident opinion.

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11/12/2021 11:50 AM

Listen to tax-paying residents instead of catering exclusively to those who contribute nothing.

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11/12/2021 12:57 PM

Draw on your charettes and consultations and staff analysis more than a survey of people with little invested other than opinions!

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11/12/2021 01:51 PM

it would be nice if i could drive down a road and not have road work consistently going on all at once, just this week i was driving from Bay street to cook street village and there was road work crew/cones in 4 different spots, i would have taken a different street but i can no longer take vancouver st, and quadra street is always has heavy traffic

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11/12/2021 02:05 PM

1. Yes, hold sessions similar to the Missing Middle "ask a planner" sessions. Sometimes, we want help interpreting something for finding information. Those questions don't need to be aired in the larger forum. They could be a good feedback loop to the City. 2. I feel guilty being able to provide input in several ways when others cannot. For instance, poor quality captioning (it is not "closed captioning" for which the accuracy threshold is higher) at a live meeting will leave out residents with hearing loss. Blind people cannot look at the whole budget unless they scroll through the whole multi-hundred page document line by line and get held up in the tables. Will you have ASL interpreters at the Town Hall? 3. Write briefing materials targeted at equity seeking groups to explain what is being done or contemplated for them. Finally, describe the planned work better to help us determine if we think it is appropriate.

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11/12/2021 05:33 PM

Accessing the survey was not straightforward. Volume of budget data discourages review and survey participation - and I and familiar with long, detailed documents.

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11/12/2021 08:35 PM

No comment

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11/12/2021 09:42 PM

Fire Lisa Helps, Ben Isitt, Sarah Potts, Shamarke Dubow and Jeremy Loveday They do not listen to anyone except their funders Sharing feedback is useless when you have narcissists ruling over a city

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11/12/2021 10:51 PM

Let me walk in a park without seeing people sleeping, crack pipes, and needles.

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11/13/2021 06:45 AM

My liaison should respond to emails, even when it is something he doesn't care to discuss.

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11/13/2021 07:21 AM

Actually listen to the residents and just pay lip service to their comments.

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11/13/2021 09:40 AM

When can we expect the return of the Cook and Macdonald statues to there rightful spots in our city!!!!!!

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11/13/2021 09:59 AM

Please read my previous comments about a Crystal Pool

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11/13/2021 10:02 AM

When you came to Fairfield/Gonzales neighbourhood meetings, it felt like you'd already decided what direction you were going to take. It feels like you're just going through the motions so that you can say people were heard. Giving people the opportunity to speak and adhering to the community's wishes are two very different things.

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11/13/2021 10:06 AM

The City should provide it's operating and actual figures over a long time horizon in an accessible, excel format. This would allow readers to actually put items in context and is a core practice in fiscal accountability.

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11/13/2021 10:32 AM

Open council meetings!!!

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11/13/2021 11:04 AM

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11/13/2021 11:25 AM

Yes actually take our comments and concern seriously as opposed to a pr exercise and then do what you want

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Stop lying to us

11/13/2021 11:45 AM

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11/13/2021 12:10 PM

There are far too many initiatives. It gets even harder to stay focused when one reflects on the number of council members who do not live in Victoria, thus do not pay for any of the proposed increases.

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11/13/2021 12:33 PM

Listen when they get feedback

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11/13/2021 03:12 PM

Stop luring drug addicts to Victoria

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11/13/2021 03:34 PM

Use social media to indicate the dates on which Council is going to make specific decisions, and invite comment.

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11/13/2021 06:13 PM

More surveys like this one. We should be completing surveys before you make any changes to the city. ie: closing part of Clover Point, closing the park to cars, building bike lanes and closing streets. The mayor and council needs to make changes to things that they changed and that don't work. They need to admit when they made a mistake. People would respect them more.

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11/13/2021 06:18 PM

a city council that actually listens to the majority instead of just businesses, developers, and noisy fringe groups

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11/13/2021 06:25 PM

No

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11/13/2021 06:43 PM

Listen to them once in awhile and throw those that don't agree with their worldview a carrot once in awhile

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11/13/2021 08:00 PM

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11/13/2021 08:32 PM

Will you please. Please, listen for a change

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Be more responsive to the majority of the citizens.

11/14/2021 08:44 AM

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11/14/2021 11:07 AM

Ask for more support for people with mental health disabilities from the province.

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11/14/2021 11:17 AM

I am OK, but I am concerned that there are a lot of elderly retirees that will never be heard because they are not "online".

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11/14/2021 12:57 PM

LISTEN - that's all you need to start doing.

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11/14/2021 02:04 PM

Make surveys available to people who do not have a computer

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11/14/2021 04:24 PM

Open up options for people who do not have a computer. Kiosks at City Hall?

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11/14/2021 06:17 PM

Ask questions that don't have forgone conclusions. Perhaps a person agrees with a budget issue, but not the amount of money, for example.

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11/14/2021 06:19 PM

Better advertising for this and similar city surveys. If not for an article in the Times Colonist, I never would have heard of this survey. I suspect that a large number of citizens will not participate, as they have not heard of this initiative.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 10:57 AM

Get a new council that wants to listen to people rather than one so wrapped up in their ideology that communication exercises are merely to support what they want to do. Stop throwing out half-baked ideas to see what happens. Am I in Fairfield, am I Downtown, who knows after the idea came, gathered feedback then went away. What is going on there? Why was it even necessary? And so many other kitchen table ideas. Oh, and stop the Mayor from writing TimesColonist articles. Yikes, those put me off giving feedback for months. Future proofing 50 years from now sounds all wonderful, but it is not possible for a Mayor today to anticipate 50 years out. She can't even get tomorrow right. And that is just one example of her hyperbole. This alone discourages feedback as her articles always read like "I know better". Not exactly inviting feedback. Oh and Ben Isitt said that Fairfield was afflicted with Affluenza, and then became our representative. Not

exactly inviting feedback, not polite feedback. Have you ever listened to a Council meeting? I never hear "the people I represent think this or that". What I do hear is "I think this!", or "I think that!" Face it, they represent themselves and are doing a disservice to the people of Victoria. Also, the constant strangling of the police budget, even though the vast majority of the citizens support the police. Who is listening to the people in that? Get a new Council, maybe 3 year terms. I am glad the Mayor is not running again. I wish some other Councillors would join her.

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11/15/2021 11:04 AM

More consideration of the needs of seniors and those with disabilities in city plans !

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11/15/2021 12:29 PM

I appreciate the opportunity to be able to provide my opinion on these matters

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11/15/2021 02:49 PM

Actually listening. I have no confidence my voice will be heard.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 05:07 PM

I find it very complicated to participate any dialogue with city staff or council. consider informal neighborhood meetings.

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11/15/2021 05:28 PM

message boards and emails

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11/15/2021 05:31 PM

Hire staff that rent and live in community.

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11/15/2021 05:36 PM

No; you are doing a great job. We monitor the victoria.ca website.

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11/15/2021 05:38 PM

Would be helpful to know current constraints and limitations and how residents can help navigate those or help circumvent them

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11/15/2021 05:52 PM

listen

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11/15/2021 05:56 PM

Less slanted questions

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11/15/2021 06:04 PM

There seem to be good options for sharing feedback, but it's frustrating because I don't feel that City Council is listening. I feel that they have certain agendas and they intend to ram them through regardless of protests or expression of concern.

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11/15/2021 06:46 PM

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11/15/2021 07:18 PM

Actually listen to feedback submitted and don't assume they know best.

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11/15/2021 07:26 PM

The city does a great job asking citizens for feedback however, do they always listen to the average citizen? That is debatable as a number of decisions seem to not make sense for the level of responsibility the City should be responsible for. Remember we have a provincial and federal government responsible for certain things under our current federalism. The City should go after the different levels of government to take their responsibilities. The City can't do it alone.

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11/15/2021 08:17 PM

Listen! Clover Point and Beacon Hill Park Roadways and overnight parking are examples of the City being Tone Deaf.

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11/15/2021 08:26 PM

actually report these results show us what people really think without your spin

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11/15/2021 08:33 PM

More surveys

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Pay serious attention to community plans instead of continually ignoring those documents (heights of new buildings, the disaster that is Richardson, etc.)

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11/15/2021 09:44 PM

Construct better surveys that are unbiased and neutral in position.

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11/15/2021 10:23 PM

Remember that not all criticism is negative. Constructive feedback is important when delivered in a polite and positive manner... even if it is at odds with what you believe.

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11/15/2021 10:31 PM

I wish mayor and council actually listened to people instead of impose their own agendas non-stop. People like Sharmarke Dubow, Sarah Potts, Ben Issitt, Lisa Helps in particular don't make me feel encouraged to share my thoughts with them on civic issues as it is pretty clear their minds are already made up on those issues. It's actually stunningly ironic how closed off they are to perspectives that are not their own, but talk about inclusion all the time.

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11/15/2021 10:40 PM

Less gaslighting and retaliation by certain council members.

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11/15/2021 11:51 PM

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11/16/2021 01:32 AM

The sign up process to access this survey is exclusionary. Giving feedback to the 'City' feels useless as it doesn't feel like staff and council are listening to people who live in Victoria and instead are pursuing master agendas beyond their scope. It feels like the public doesn't know or respect the staff who work for the City. they are simply 'the staff' who make decisions the Council considers. The public would feel more confident from a City planner, if we knew who she was and what she stood for. Spend the money on police and bylaw enforcement as everyone can plainly see we need it. Looking for revenues? Enforce the laws that exist. Educate and license bike users. This was standard practice at one point in history. The rush to fulfill bike lanes, without considering education, is unsafe. Bikes programs across this country used to be great ways for school children, city, and law enforcement to collaborate.

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11/16/2021 07:49 AM

no police

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Hold conversational circles for the public to discuss topics in an innovative way.

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11/16/2021 09:09 AM

not that i can think of

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11/16/2021 09:10 AM

It would be nice if clicking the link in my engagement emails allowed me to participate directly. INstead, when I click it, I have to

log in first. I know it sounds silly, but it would save time and allow me to do the surveys and read stuff on my phone instead of waiting until I'm home where my password is.

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11/16/2021 10:18 AM

I think you go above and beyond. Thank you.

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11/16/2021 10:54 AM

Our police board does a poor job of communicating with citizens. Indeed, it does a poor job of guiding the police in important areas like recruiting and communications. Our police board should be lobbying the solicitor- and attorney-general to more quickly integrate all police departments in our region.

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11/16/2021 11:34 AM

incorporate key elements into the survey design vs having to refer back and forth to the documents.

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11/16/2021 11:55 AM

Complete engagement with all citizens to weigh in, whether for or against an idea, and implementing the majority.

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11/16/2021 12:03 PM

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11/16/2021 12:35 PM

Pass a bylaw prohibiting mayor and council from blocking citizens on their social media accounts or deactivating their accounts to hide critical public comment on their policy while they are in office.

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11/16/2021 12:46 PM

Make surveys like these more accessible and known, social media is how most students receive news

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11/16/2021 02:22 PM

Survey via email works great

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11/16/2021 03:47 PM

I think the City of Victoria receives a lot of feedback, it would be helpful if the City appeared / responded like they were listening to community feedback.

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11/16/2021 05:42 PM

What would make the whole process easier, and have a more positive outcome would be if the citizens of Victoria after participating in surveys, and partaking in community forums,

weren't responded to with lip service and a council that already has their own agendas.

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11/16/2021 08:14 PM

I sent the Chief of Police an email on a way to enhance the Policing in Victoria. I have NOT received any response....that is NOT encouraging!

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11/16/2021 11:37 PM

IF the city listened to input that would be a huge change! All this sharing is just useless window-dressing. The decisions have already been made and input is a waste of my time....but I do it anyway.

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11/17/2021 09:32 AM

Not the topic... but if Canada wants to solve the housing issue then just do what many other countries have done. You can only buy a house or property in Canada if you are Canadian. Simple solution. One of or leaders just needs the fortitude to do it. A greater proportion of housing will then become homes again, not commodities.

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11/17/2021 09:49 AM

Don't make folks register to take this survey, it is too high a barrier. You are seriously not going to get a huge sector of your population

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11/17/2021 10:33 AM

Thank Ben Isitt for sharing the survey with me.

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11/17/2021 10:46 AM

Well, once the council meetings become public again...

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11/17/2021 10:54 AM

Open source forums

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no the city does a good job of giving people the opportunity to give feedback

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11/17/2021 11:17 AM

Keep posting things on Instagram! That's a great way to engage with folks my age

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11/17/2021 11:23 AM

Add text-fillable "other" or "explain" spaces with questions

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11/17/2021 11:25 AM

create a ward system of representation so we know that some Councillors represent our interest

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11/17/2021 11:34 AM

Listen to the mostly silent majority.

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11/17/2021 11:36 AM

Yes , get the questions verified by people of all political persuasions, The first section was simply to rate the current council's policies, with no provision to rate policies that are not currently being done.

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11/17/2021 12:29 PM

Hold council meetings in Centennial Square so a more or less unlimited amount of citizens may attend, watch, listen and more importantly, have an opportunity to comment.

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11/17/2021 01:00 PM

Let citizens back into city hall for meetings.

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Hold more townhalls at different times in the day. Split up the annual budget review into smaller sections and consult the public thoroughly for each section. Create funded community task forces to aid in these reviews/processes.

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11/17/2021 01:29 PM

Monetary podium means test: One pro-development person/development can speak from the podium—potential "employees" who are actually chattel—cannot be used by developer companies to defend their profit-driven monstrosities from the podium. Money does not equal free speech.

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11/17/2021 01:33 PM

yes, listen to us - example - Richardson bike lanes - 71% disapproval

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 02:05 PM

Stop trying to be all things to all people. The City is an administrative body. Concern yourselves with the things that are within your mandate, not Utopias.

Screen Name Redacted

Yes -start listening.

11/17/2021 02:11 PM

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11/17/2021 02:16 PM

As I said earlier, notifying residents earlier about opportunities to share opinions on the budget.

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11/17/2021 02:22 PM

Have more open-ended questions on surveys. Question re city priorities, for example, required us to rank those council has selected. What about asking what our priorities are?

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11/17/2021 02:39 PM

I have been filling out the surveys and find this a very good approach to consultation.

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11/17/2021 02:51 PM

I own both commercial & residential rental properties in Victoria & work in the downtown Victoria core. More / regular surveys being available may help? I'd really just like to take my son back to Beacon Hill Park ... just don't think it's safe ...

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2021 04:11 PM

somehow cut back on the influence of seniors who have disproportionate impact on meetings and council (a function of their free time and financial security)

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11/17/2021 04:51 PM

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11/17/2021 07:07 PM

A reporting app similar to the City of Vancouver. This would make the gathering of data points and metrics significantly easier for analysis.

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11/17/2021 08:26 PM

You could respond to my emails.

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11/17/2021 09:50 PM

Sharing ideas and wishes with the City of Victoria is NOT a problem these days. To make the City to agree, accept, and implement them is a huge challenge for us, the long-term Victoria residents.

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11/17/2021 10:38 PM

more surveys

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11/18/2021 12:19 AM

Actually read the comments - we feel that the city just has its ideas and DOES NOT LISTEN

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11/18/2021 07:12 AM

Make an honest survey, question one is a classic dishonest survey method of forcing answers.

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Listen to the input rather than paying lip service to it and following a predetermined decision.

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11/18/2021 10:28 AM

Reply to letters and emails.

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11/18/2021 01:58 PM

Continue with timely email surveys and post/archive the results for all to see

Screen Name Redacted

11/18/2021 02:53 PM

I was sent the information for this survey from my employer, however I do not think I would have been aware of it otherwise. I believe it is important to consult diverse members of the community of Victoria for their input on City spending. For example, although it would not change my understanding of this information, I believe having this survey translated to other languages for Newcomers to Canada is important. Another consideration is that folks without housing or access to technology may not be able to complete this survey (and may not be aware of its existence at all). As members of our community, how is their input collected and how are their opinions shown value?

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11/18/2021 03:15 PM

I think the City of Victoria does an excellent job at engagement.

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11/18/2021 04:16 PM

Fire a bunch of planners.

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11/18/2021 04:20 PM

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11/18/2021 08:12 PM

Don't make it so hard to fill out this survey. You should also advertise it to home owners more to get a better response.

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11/18/2021 09:49 PM

Single parents are in a terrifying situation due to the ridiculous rise in what homeowners are demanding for rent.

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11/18/2021 10:04 PM

Props to the city on communication, the reporting (e.g. public hearings) is great and very transparent/easy to access, councillors generally responsive.

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11/19/2021 08:27 AM

I found the questions about the satisfaction with the state of repair etc. to be hard to answer. It made me feel misunderstood: if I answered "unsatisfied", I wasn't sure whether that would imply I want much more funding or much less funding. I hesitated to send the wrong message! For example, I'm very unsatisfied with access to sport facilities in the city and want more funding for that. I'm also very unsatisfied with on-street parking because I think there is too much of it and want to trade parking revenue (i.e. less funding) in favour of other objectives. So what does "satisfaction" communicate to you??

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11/19/2021 09:36 AM

It is clear that the City of Victoria walks a line of political correctness and does not represent all of its citizens. Equality will never be obtained by treating people differently based on colour, race, origins etc.

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11/19/2021 01:23 PM

No. My experience has been that staff have their agenda and are trained to politely listen and dismiss.

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11/19/2021 02:50 PM

No

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11/19/2021 03:33 PM

The city does a decent job of soliciting feedback. The problem is they don't listen to it. See Picnic Point.

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11/19/2021 03:50 PM

Making housing more affordable only drives up prices. That's how markets work. Giving people grants to buy homes or making first time home buying easier pressures the markets to increase the cost of homes people are now more able to afford them. Re-allocate space. This city is overrun with inordinate and inequitable space allocation.

Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 04:51 PM	This is a generally inaccessible process - I would advise that you have support staff who can help disabled/marginalized folks fill this out.
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 05:55 PM	More advance knowledge of budget events. i missed the wednesday event.
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2021 08:30 PM	This is actually super great. Keep this up!
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2021 12:12 AM	I feel it was a matter of luck that I found this survey. I could have been more widely promoted.
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2021 11:36 AM	More accessible calls for input.
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2021 01:41 PM	Regular community forums
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2021 01:51 PM	Better support for people with disabilities and mental Health support.
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2021 02:11 PM	Dont make people make an account to fill out these surveys.
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2021 07:34 PM	Not needing to create an email/login ID to respond. Clickable links on social media.
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2021 08:33 PM	All abilities park, outdoor pool and more funding for non-profit community centres
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2021 09:24 PM	Emails, share with news, schools, posters around town, social media, free anonymous mail back surveys
Screen Name Redacted 11/21/2021 10:40 AM	non-electronic ways to respond

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11/21/2021 10:47 AM

Don't require login to complete survey

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11/21/2021 11:06 AM

Questions are sometimes biased to obtain a certain result

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11/21/2021 04:56 PM

Maybe stop disrupting protests like the one downtown the other day

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11/21/2021 05:36 PM

Thank you so much for this opportunity to understand city spending and to provide views. Other than my suggestions above, well done!

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11/21/2021 05:54 PM

Better advertising for things like this would be nice

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11/21/2021 06:12 PM

Advertise the budget feedback surveys more

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11/21/2021 06:54 PM

Public input sessions should be 'open minded'. I have attended sessions where it seems that decisions may have already been made and staff are just going through the motions. In the laudable, but perhaps futile, quest to create affordable housing I feel that we are going to destroy the quiet, leafy and quirky charm that has drawn tourists to Victoria and 'cook the golden goose'.

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11/21/2021 07:13 PM

listen to your residents. try to imagine the harm you are doing to the comfort and well being of current residents. disclose if you do not live in city of victoria. disclose which neighbourhood you reside in. indicate proximity or not to your endless approvals of residential towers which are both too tall and too close to each other for any privacy w/o closing blinds or curtains

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11/21/2021 07:38 PM

No

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11/21/2021 08:22 PM

interview me

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11/21/2021 09:02 PM

Actually listen to our feedback!

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2021 09:37 PM

Does it matter? The City doesn't listen to residences' concerns. Sometimes truth hurts.

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11/21/2021 10:01 PM

Tax increases equal to inflation are preferable. Inflation plus 1% is excessive.

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11/21/2021 10:25 PM

These questions are irrelevant to my input. I feel, were I to identify as a white, middle aged male, that my input would be treated as being less valuable. The city should specifically avoid gathering this kind of information in order that biases toward or against certain groups not be allowed to interfere with the accurate collection of opinions and the decisions that will flow from that data.

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11/22/2021 07:45 AM

I appreciate this survey had space for free text comments. Sometimes questions can be limited in response options and this helps.

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11/22/2021 10:00 AM

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11/22/2021 11:14 AM

All COV feedback requests are skillfully designed to get the answers already desired. We are led down a certain path, with information missing.

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11/22/2021 11:14 AM

Include more through explanations of programs directly in the survey. One or two sentences would help. Having to click away reduces engagement.

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11/22/2021 01:05 PM

I had a lot of trouble trying to create the registration required.

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11/22/2021 01:25 PM

Stop asking for sign in information to do surveys

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11/22/2021 02:08 PM

Promote this survey to more people.

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11/22/2021 02:13 PM

More notice on feedback inquiries. Always seem to get a letter in mail a day before the deadline.

Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 02:37 PM	Stop needing a password to log in ,just use email address
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 04:12 PM	Continue Engage Victoria initiative and surveys
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 04:21 PM	Probably not. Though it's always questionable whether anyone is out there listening
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 06:27 PM	Let langford and oak bay govern victoria.
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 07:05 PM	Accept that the majority of the city do not feel heard. We have been shut out from the decision making process. The council does little to address our concerns
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 07:52 PM	I don't know how to answer this diplomatically
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 08:30 PM	Listen when you ask. Council members apply too much wait to their personal biases and not enough importance on the voice of your constituents.
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 09:28 PM	This survey was significantly better than last year's, though I still find it hard to rank strategic objectives that are all inextricably linked...
Screen Name Redacted 11/22/2021 09:43 PM	Have a clearer relationships and roles between neighbourhood community associations and City hall.
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 12:00 AM	Eliminate excessive survey questions in order to make the survey more accessible for those without as much time to fill it out.
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 05:03 AM	No

Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 07:13 AM	Utilize social media more and get more young people involved in your data collection.
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 07:55 AM	Yes, council to receive emails and phone calls directly
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 09:20 AM	Information like this is not easily publicly accessible. The city needs a better marketing and communications strategy. Most information always seems to be word of mouth.
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 09:50 AM	Have Councillor Stephen Andrew stand outside the city hall instead of behind his twitter keyboard <3
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 10:51 AM	Smaller, incremental survey updates throughout the year on rental costs as they increase and the market becomes more sparse to better understand the inflation rate of our current rental market. Rental units are being priced far too high for our cities' livable wage and it is completely out of hand and unaffordable.
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 10:51 AM	The survey is great, although I wish you could leave additional comments under the choices. For example I selected disagree to a question asking about spending money on additional resources for tenants to know their rights, not because I disagree with it, but because I feel there are so many resources already.
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 11:07 AM	Survey questions are skewed to get responses the city wants to hear.
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 11:49 AM	A longer period for feedback would be great! I only found out about this survey on the day it closes.
Screen Name Redacted 11/23/2021 12:04 PM	Survey bias is a concern...as is risk of misunderstanding responses relative to the value proposition as opposed to efficacy of practice or jurisdictional responsibility. This is a real concern as I find that the failure of our three levels of government to establish effective interdependent operations leaves municipalities carrying the bag, and unfairly off loads the cost onto local taxpayers for important services and issues that are rightly a more broadly shared responsibility.

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11/23/2021 12:28 PM

Have more business people on city council to balance it out and bring some common sense to decisions.

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11/23/2021 12:30 PM

This survey was incredibly difficult to access. It involved several steps (registration, glitchy pages, selections not working), and would lose several folks unable to work past those barriers. This survey will not yield accurate responses reflective of the community as a whole because it has too many barriers.

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11/23/2021 12:55 PM

Make the language easier to understand

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11/23/2021 12:55 PM

Please stop trying to defund the police as they keep us safe from all the increased crime in our communities. Give the elderly more support with housing, reliable efficient transportation like commuter trains. Control bike lane and bike traffic problems.(I have been hit by a bike in motion that was his fault while I was legally crossing at a crosswalk.) Keep our parks especially Beaconhill park safe by not allowing over night camping.

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11/23/2021 12:58 PM

Increased frequency of localized kiosks focused on civic engagement. These kiosks could either be mobile or perhaps permanently situated (a la an MLA or MP office). Many elderly residents do everything in-person where they live.

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11/23/2021 03:57 PM

Provide a plain language glossary of some of the terms used.

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11/23/2021 05:11 PM

I have enjoyed the opportunity to provide input, and found this form well constructed. Thank you. I feel there was enough opportunity for feedback.

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11/23/2021 06:24 PM

Stop asking for an opinion then twist my response to support whatever answer you need to support housing the homeless. Did you know Ben Isitt used the City of Victoria's address to promote Red Cedar Cafe even before Red Cedar was licensed by Island Health? Disturbing!

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11/23/2021 07:00 PM

Our liason, for the longest time, misled us (my opinion) and public safety and where homeless people were living. Tell the truth.

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11/23/2021 07:04 PM

I would love it if the city could create graphs to better visualize the budget changes and proposals. Disseminating the information in a more user-friendly way would make giving feedback more approachable

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11/23/2021 09:43 PM

include definitions into the various city planning budget areas at the beginning of the survey, before asking me to rank them

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11/23/2021 09:55 PM

More promotion of the Victoria budget - want to give our feedback but we don't hear about it

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11/23/2021 10:05 PM

It would help to be able to save the survey while it is in progress, so that I can consider the questions and information over several days instead of all at once.

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11/23/2021 10:05 PM

I would like to be able to start this survey and come back to it -- i.e., have it save my progress if I don't have the time to complete it all at once.

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11/23/2021 11:15 PM

Most City surveys are very well done and enable me to respond at my convenience. This one was not easy to do; please give staff more resources to prepare this survey in particular, as it is important. I'm not the person this survey needs to be translated for; there are many others who the City does not hear from who could benefit from a translation.

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11/23/2021 11:25 PM

it is very difficult to find information on the city website, improving that would help immensely ie: i'm not even sure which councillor is our neighbourhood liason right now Impossible to find information about City Family (terrible name) or Witness Reconciliation Program. Musings from the mayor's blog aren't adequate.

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11/23/2021 11:39 PM

More public knowledge that there is an opportunity to share ideas/feedback. This survey came to me through a non-city of Victoria related social media page. I believe in public engagement and that local government has the biggest impact in Canada, I want more opportunities and to know of more opportunities to participate.

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11/23/2021 11:47 PM

More tenant-specific consultations. The city needs to take seriously the power/influence imbalance between not only renters and property owners but also renters and homeowners.

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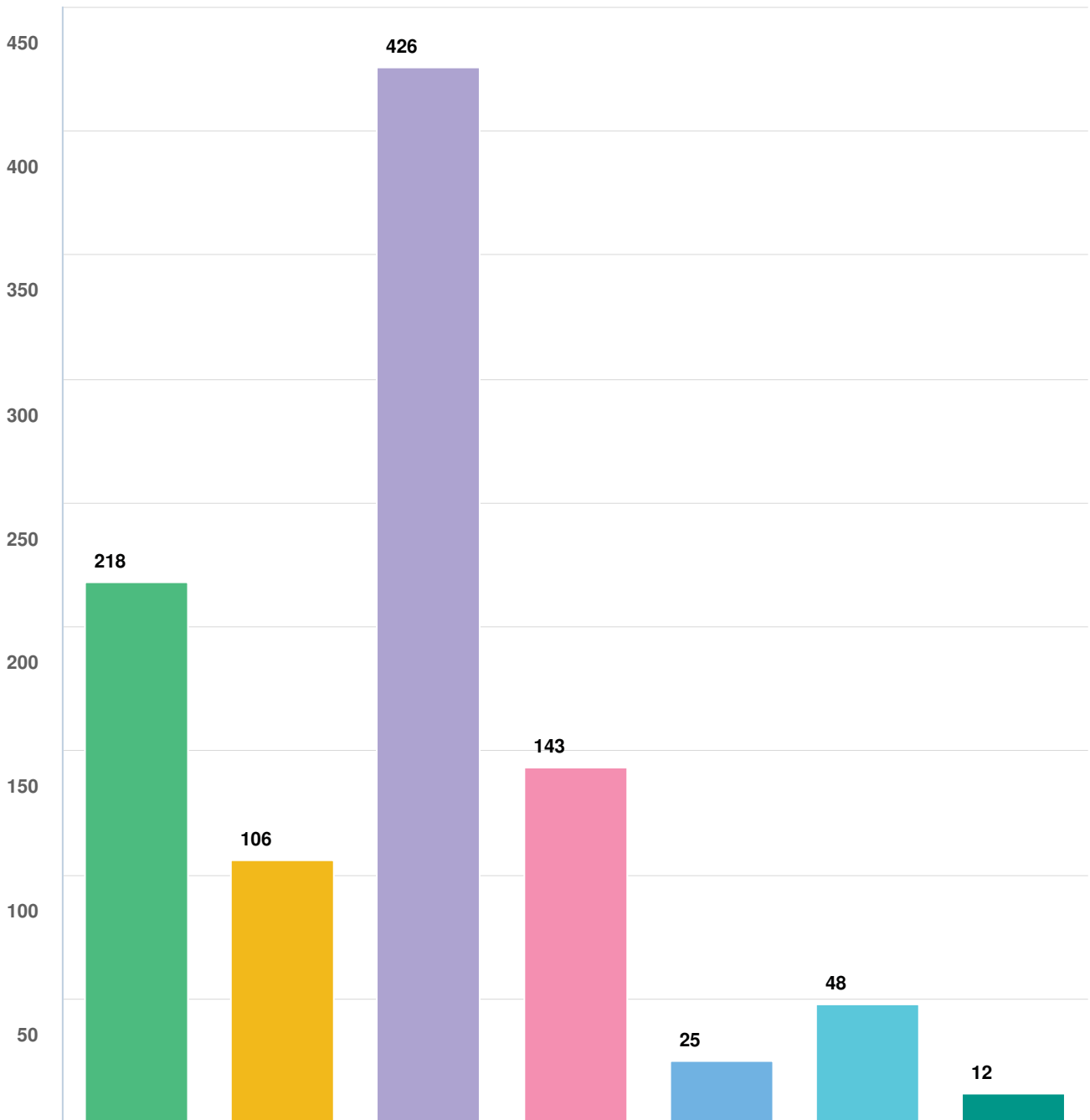
11/24/2021 12:00 AM

I'm extremely impressed with the City's engagement already! Though many of the budget items (especially the 1-2 FTE staffing items) in this survey don't have enough context in the survey or in the budget plan documents for most of us to have an informed opinion.

Optional question (224 response(s), 835 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q77 Which description (category) best describes your family size?



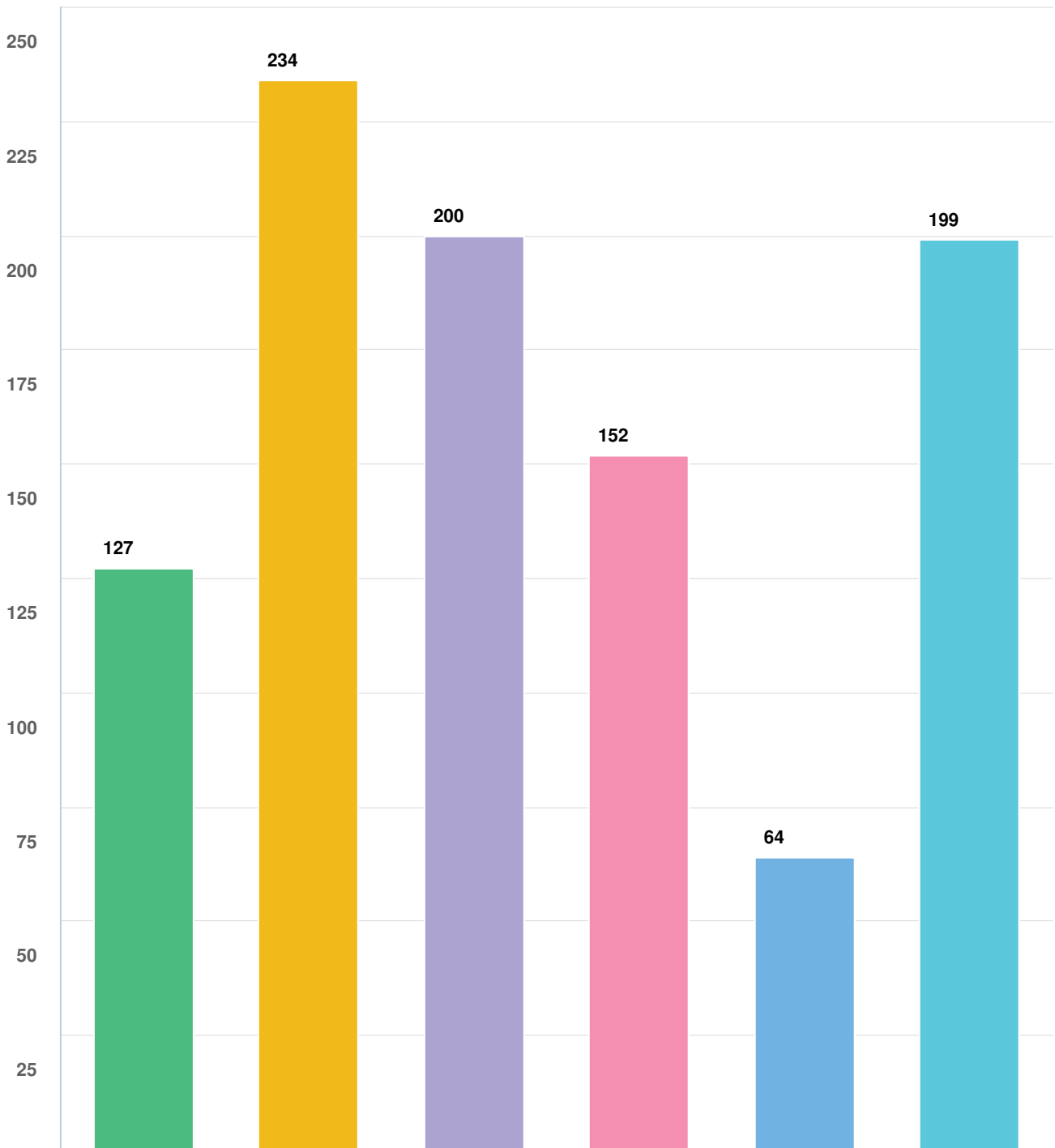
Question options

- We are two or more families sharing the same home.
- I live in a multigenerational family with parents, grandparents (etc.) and children.
- I am a single parent with one or more children.
- I live with my partner/spouse and one or more children.
- I live with my partner/spouse.
- I live with one or more roommates.
- I live alone.

Optional question (978 response(s), 81 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q78 What is your estimated household income (the total income of all the people in your home before taxes)?



Question options

- Prefer not to say
- \$200,000 and over
- \$125,000 - \$199,000
- \$80,000 - \$124,000
- \$40,000 - \$79,999
- Under \$40,000

Optional question (976 response(s), 83 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question



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Welcome

Victoria City Council is looking for input to help inform how best to invest your tax dollars in 2022 to support individual and community well-being as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City's third budget during the COVID-19 pandemic proposes to invest \$264.7 million in operating and \$97.1 million in capital improvements to deliver more than 200 services and programs that the community depends on.

The operating budget is determined based on what it will cost to continue existing City services and programs. These service levels are set by Council, which works to find the right balance between delivering the high-quality services our citizens have come to expect and maintaining taxes at an affordable level.

The capital budget includes large capital projects such as park improvements and the replacement and rehabilitation of underground infrastructure.

The draft base budget proposes a 3.25 per cent tax increase to maintain current service levels. This is within Council's target of limiting the property tax increase to the rate of inflation plus one percentage point.

This follows an overall 2.03 per cent increase in 2021, which Council distributed to residential properties at 5.73 per cent, and to business properties at a decrease of 2.08 per cent. In 2020, there was a zero per cent increase for both residential and commercial properties due to the financial hardship the community was experiencing as a result of the pandemic.

To meet Council's target, City staff are recommending a series of cost-cutting measures to offset projected revenue loss due to the ongoing economic fallout of the pandemic. This includes delaying the posting of vacant positions, reducing travel for conferences and using the remaining federal-provincial Restart Grant to offset revenue shortfalls.

In addition for Budget 2022, Council is also considering investing in new programs and services to advance community priorities including preparing for a changing climate, supporting businesses to help grow the local economy, enhancing public safety, improving housing affordability and reducing plastic waste, among others. The addition of new services has the potential to add to the proposed property tax increase.

Before You Begin

Before you get started, you may want to familiarize yourself with the following information:

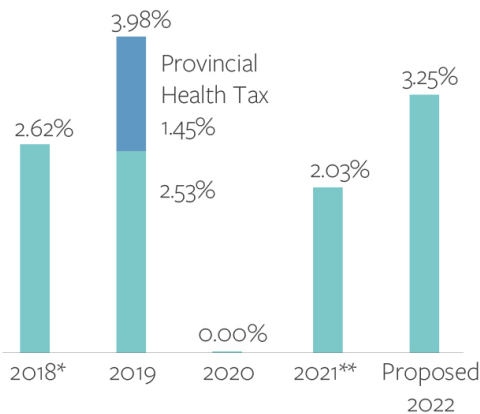
- [2022 Draft Budget Summary](#)
- [2022 Draft Budget Summary \(accessible version\)](#)
- [2022 Draft Financial Plan](#)
- 2022 Supplementary Budget Information:
 - [Appendix A1 - Summary of Requests \(Presentation\)](#)
 - [Appendix A3 - 2022 Supplemental Budget Requests](#)
 - [Appendix B2 - 2022 Strategic Plan Resource Requirements](#)
 - [Appendix C2 - Financial Plan Motions -- Report Back](#)
- [2022 VicPD Provisional Budget](#)
- [Video – A City at Work](#)
- [Video – Understanding Your City Budget](#)

Here's a look back at the property tax increase for the City of Victoria for the past five years.

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Annual Overall Tax Increase 2018–2022



*Residential property tax increase was 4.0% and Business property tax increase was 1.11%

**Residential property tax increase was 5.73% and Business property tax decrease was 2.08%

Virtual Budget Town Hall

Plan to participate in the City's [Virtual Budget Town Hall](#) that will be webcast live on **Wednesday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.** to share your comments directly with Council on the 2022 Draft Budget.

There are many convenient ways to participate: submit a video up to three minutes in length, complete an online comment form, call in by phone or tweet @CityofVictoria using #victownhall. Due to COVID Provincial health orders, in-person attendance is limited. Learn more on how to take part at engage.victoria.ca.

Privacy statement

Thank you for taking the time to complete this voluntary survey. Please do not provide your name, address or any other personal information that identifies yourself or other individuals. Personal information that is submitted will be treated as though the City has received your consent to disclose it to the Mayor and Council, appropriate staff and the public. If you require further information about this survey, please contact engage@victoria.ca. All survey responses will become part of a public package presented at an upcoming Council meeting, part of the public record, and searchable online.

Council's [2019-2022 Strategic Plan](#) includes more than 180 actions under eight strategic objectives. A strategic objective is a high-level goal that Council is working to achieve by the end of 2022.

Please rank the City's Strategic Objectives from most to least important, with 1 being most important and 8 being least important.

(Rank each option)

- _____ Good Governance and Civic Engagement
- _____ Reconciliation and Indigenous Relations
- _____ Affordable Housing
- _____ Prosperity and Economic Inclusion
- _____ Health, Well-Being and a Welcoming City
- _____ Climate Leadership and Environmental Stewardship
- _____ Sustainable Transportation
- _____ Strong, Liveable Neighbourhoods

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For 2022, what level of priority do you place on the following for our city?

Questions	Essential Priority	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority
Our community is welcoming					
Our community is equitable and inclusive					
Our community is healthy					
Our community is safe					
Our community is a leader in climate action and sustainability					
Our city embraces arts and culture					
Our city is innovative					
Our city supports local businesses and economic recovery					
Our city supports vulnerable populations					
Our city supports multi-modal transportation (i.e., walking, rolling, cycling and driving)					
Our city has the infrastructure it needs for the future					

Thinking about all the programs, services and capital projects you receive from the City of Victoria, would you say that overall you get:

(Choose any one option)

- Very good value for your tax dollars
- Fairly good value for your tax dollars
- Fairly poor value for your tax dollars
- Very poor value for your tax dollars

How satisfied are you with the availability, repair or maintenance of the City of Victoria's Transportation infrastructure/amenities?

Questions	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied
Bike lanes					
Bridges					
City parkade parking					
Crosswalks					
On-street parking					
Roads					
Sidewalks					
Streetscaping (boulevards and trees)					

Do you have any comments or suggestions to share on the City's Transportation infrastructure budget?

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How satisfied are you with the availability, repair or maintenance of the City's Parks and Public Spaces infrastructure/amenities?

Questions	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied
Landscaping and natural areas					
Trees					
Dog off-leash areas					
Outdoor recreation amenities (plazas, skatepark, bike park, fitness areas)					
Outdoor seating					
Park washrooms					
Playgrounds					
Sport fields					
Lighting					

Do you have any comments or suggestions to share on the City's Parks and Public Spaces infrastructure/amenities budgets?

Do you have any comments or suggestions you would like to share about the City's operating or capital budgets proposed for 2022?

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Supplementary Budget Programs and Services

This section of the survey focuses on Supplementary Budget programs and services. Supplementary Budget items are not currently included in the 2022 Draft Budget. Council is considering new investments to advance these community priorities.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that the following items should be included in Budget 2022.

To help inform your answers, we have included a short description, cost, how much an item would add to the property tax increase, as well as links for more information.

Definitions:

FTE – means a full-time employee

Ongoing – means that this item and its cost would be included in Budget 2022 and in future City budgets

One Time – means that this item and its cost would only be included in Budget 2022. One-time costs are not funded through property tax.

New Assessed Revenue – is the amount of new property tax revenue collected in 2022 that comes from the development of new properties or additions to existing properties. Also known as non-market change, this ongoing source of revenue is used to fund ongoing expenses.

Anti-Racism Training: Provide training sessions to City leaders and key staff groupings, with training offered to more staff in 2023.

(One Time: \$32,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item should be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Anti-Racism Training					

OHS Training Professional: To advance the City's Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) training program to reduce risk of injury to employees, contractors and the public.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$125,000)

(+ 0.08% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
OHS Training Professional					

Committee Administrator: To support the coordination and administration of Council advisory committees, working groups and task forces and to support resident participation and input into City processes.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$95,000)

(+ 0.06% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Committee Administrator					

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Indigenous Relations Function or Elder in Residence: This new position will help support the City's ongoing work towards reconciliation and Indigenous relations.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: Up to \$100,000)
(+ 0.07% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Indigenous Relations Function or Elder in Residence					

Reconciliation Training: Deliver cultural awareness and reconciliation training for City staff

(One Time: \$16,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Reconciliation Training					

Reconciliation Grant to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations:

Establish a Community Reconciliation Levy based on 15% of new assessed revenue allocated each year to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations as an unconditional, ongoing grant that increases to demonstrate the City's commitment to reconciliation and to acknowledge the Lekwungen lands in a meaningful way.

For example, in 2022 the estimate for new assessed revenue is approximately \$800,000 which would result in a \$120,000 grant to the Nations.

The grant would grow each year, with 15% of new assessed revenue for the year added to the amount transferred the previous year.

For example, if 2023 also saw \$800,000 of new assessed revenue, the grant would be 15% of that, plus \$120,000 from 2022 for a total of \$240,000.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Reconciliation Grant to the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations					

Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues: To support the cost of three Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues.

(One Time: \$45,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Victoria Reconciliation Dialogues					

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Project Support – Victoria Housing Strategy Implementation: Project funding to implement the remaining actions in the Housing Strategy, which will increase the supply and diversity of affordable housing to meet the needs of low and moderate-income households.

(One Time: \$250,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Project Support – Victoria Housing Strategy Implementation					

Planning Assistant: To enable the City to implement the remaining actions in its Housing Strategy and to support ongoing housing operations (annual data collection, housing research, public engagement and other housing services).

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$90,000)
(+ 0.06% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Planning Assistant					

Tenant Support Toolkit: Part of the City's Housing Strategy, in collaboration with the Shift Demonstration Project, the toolkit aims to increase the participation of renters in engagement processes and support tenants by improving awareness of tenants' rights.

(One Time: \$15,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Tenant Support Toolkit					

Development Services Planner: An additional planner will shorten development timelines by improving the ability to respond to high volumes of development applications.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$118,000)
(Funded through permit fees. No property tax increase.)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Development Services Planner					

Urban Forest Specialists – Permit Applications: Dedicated specialists to review permit applications will speed up processing times.

(2 FTEs – Ongoing: \$210,000)
(Funded through permit fees. No property tax increase.)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Urban Forest Specialists – Permit Applications					

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Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness: Provide annual funding to support the organization's work to address Indigenous homelessness in the community.

(Ongoing: \$100,000)
(+ 0.07% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness					

Homelessness Advisor: To resolve systemic barriers to end homelessness in the city, and partner and coordinate with external agencies and other levels of government.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$140,000)
(+ 0.09% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Homelessness Advisor					

Victoria 3.0 Economic Development Officer: To oversee implementation of the Victoria 3.0 Economic Action Plan and support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$120,000)
(+ 0.08% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Victoria 3.0 Economic Development Officer					

Arts and Innovation District Master Plan Implementation:

To support the implementation of the City's Arts and Innovation District, a hub for cross-sector collaboration, innovation, research and development, and a place where arts and culture can thrive.

(One Time: \$240,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Arts and Innovation District Master Plan Implementation					

Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program: Establish an annual grant program to increase and improve performance spaces and galleries to support artists and performers, and so that residents and visitors can experience more art, more often, in safe, accessible spaces.

(Ongoing: \$250,000)
(+ 0.17% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Cultural Infrastructure Grant Program					

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Barrier-Free Housing and Universal Design Initiative:

To advance the City's Seniors Action Plan goal to make it easier for seniors to age in place.

(One Time: \$15,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Barrier-Free Housing and Universal Design Initiative					

Vision Zero Transportation Planner: Provide enhanced data and analysis to make roads safer and prevent injuries and deaths.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$118,000)

(+ 0.08% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Vision Zero Transportation Planner					

Vision Zero Program Development and Action Plan: Develop the Vision Zero program and action plan to help make roads safer and prevent injuries and deaths.

(\$50,000/year for two years - One Time: \$100,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Vision Zero Program Development and Action Plan					

Safety Initiative Reimbursement Program: A program in partnership with a local business improvement association to help support the security of Victoria's businesses or residential dwellings with small grants up to a 50% reimbursement for safety or security initiatives.

(One Time: Up to \$65,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Safety Initiative Reimbursement Program					

Transportation Electrical Designer: Additional support to prepare the City's electrical infrastructure for the future and to enable Smart City infrastructure.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$107,000)

(+ 0.07% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Transportation Electrical Designer					

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Youth Project Coordinator: To support the implementation of the City's Youth Strategy.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$80,000)
(+ 0.05% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Youth Project Coordinator					

Newcomer Sport & Recreation Assistant: Additional staff support to identify and address barriers to participation in sport and recreation programs for new Canadians.

(0.5 FTE – Ongoing: \$40,000)
(+ 0.03% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Newcomer Sport & Recreation Assistant					

Newcomer Sport & Recreation Consulting: Consulting support to advise on barriers and recreation program design for newcomers.

(One Time: \$30,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Newcomer Sport & Recreation Consulting					

Child Care: Engage key partners to update data to implement and monitor the City's Child Care Action Plan to increase access to childcare for Victoria families.

(One Time: \$5,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Child Care					

Crossing Guards: Fund eight crossing guards at seven Victoria schools until December 2022.

(One Time: Up to \$62,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Crossing Guards					

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Zero Waste: Make ongoing (previously funded for a two-year term) to carry on implementation of the City's Zero Waste Strategy, including reducing single-use items going into the landfill and enhancing garbage and kitchen scraps services.

(2 FTEs – Ongoing: \$219,000)
(+ 0.15% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Zero Waste					

Patio Operations: To continue to administer the successful Build Back Victoria program for commercial and public use, without impacting other service areas. See under Street Activities in link.

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$107,000)
(+ 0.07% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Patio Operations					

Patio Bylaw Development: Consulting services to advise the ongoing enhancements to the Build Back Victoria program to continue to support small businesses through the recovery period.

(One Time: \$100,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Patio Bylaw Development					

Get Growing, Victoria! Grant Program: Additional annual funding to expand the provision of vegetable seedlings to more families.

(Ongoing: \$27,000)
(+ 0.02% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Get Growing, Victoria! Grant Program					

Get Growing, Victoria! Food Tree Stewardship Program: Start-up funding for a new Food Tree Stewardship program.

(Ongoing: \$25,000)
(+ 0.02% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Get Growing, Victoria! Food Tree Stewardship Program					

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[Food Forest and Allotment Gardens Plan Consulting:](#) Consulting support to develop the City's Food Forest and Allotment Gardens Plan.

(One Time: \$90,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Food Forest and Allotment Gardens Plan Consulting					

[Building Deconstruction Permit Administration System Towards Zero Waste Victoria:](#) Improvements to the City's permit system to include eligible demolition projects and fund stakeholder education and training.

(One Time: \$90,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Building Deconstruction Permit Administration System Towards Zero Waste Victoria					

[Per Capita Neighbourhood Grant:](#) Increase the per capita grant to neighbourhood associations with community centres to the same level provided to neighbourhoods without community centres. See item 52 of link.

(Ongoing: \$59,360)

(+ 0.04% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Per Capita Neighbourhood Grant					

[Fare Free Transit for LIFE Pass Holders:](#)

Extend fare free transit to LIFE Pass holders in the City of Victoria to further support low-income residents.

(Ongoing: \$1,142,000)

(+ 0.77% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Fare Free Transit for LIFE Pass Holders					

[Our Place Society - Storage of Belongings:](#) Allocate funding to support storage of belongings.

(Ongoing: \$50,000)

(+ 0.03% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our Place Society - Storage of Belongings:					

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[Our Place Society - Extended Hours Grant:](#) Allocate funding to extend Our Place Society's hours.

(Ongoing: \$50,000)
(+ 0.03% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Our Place Society - Extended Hours Grant					

[Grant to Ending Violence Association of BC:](#) Provide a new grant to the Ending Violence Association of BC to deliver a prevention training program geared towards hospitality and late-night venues to address sexualized violence in the community.

(One Time: \$50,000)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Grant to End Violence					

[Sheltering Support:](#) Continued investment in a multi-disciplinary response team to mitigate risks and maintain service levels in City parks and public spaces as a result of overnight sheltering.

(8.4 FTEs - Ongoing: \$1,133,000)
(+ 0.77% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Sheltering Support:					

[VicPD Co-Responder Team:](#)

(3 FTEs – Ongoing: \$446,233. Victoria's share: \$385,233)
(+ 0.26% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
VicPD Co-Responder Team					

[VicPD Records Specialist:](#)

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$81,118. Victoria's share: \$70,029)
(+ 0.05% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
VicPD Records Specialist:					

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[VicPD Business Intelligence Analyst:](#)

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$123,511. Victoria's share: \$106,627)
(+0.07% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
VicPD Business Intelligence Analyst					

[VicPD Front Desk Clerk \(Alternative to Sworn Officers\):](#)

(2 FTEs – Ongoing: \$112,613. Victoria's share: \$97,219)
(+ 0.07% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
VicPD Front Desk Clerk (Alternative to Sworn Officers)					

[VicPD Cultural Liaison Officer:](#)

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$98,745. Victoria's share: \$85,247)
(+ 0.06% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
VicPD Cultural Liaison Officer:					

[VicPD Assertive Community Treatment Officer:](#)

(1 FTE - Ongoing: \$98,745. Victoria's share: \$85,247)
(+ 0.06% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
VicPD Assertive Community Treatment Officer					

[VicPD Cyber Crime Sergeant:](#)

(1 FTE – Ongoing: \$127,560. Victoria's share: \$110,123)
(+ 0.07% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
VicPD Cyber Crime Sergeant					

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Bylaw Support - Police: To fund two additional police officers to support Bylaw services seven days a week.

(2 FTEs – Ongoing: \$276,000)
(+ 0.19% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Bylaw Support - Police					

Bylaw Officers: To meet growing demands for service and effectively enforce City bylaws.

(\$1,070,000)
(+ 0.72% to property tax increase)

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Bylaw Officers					

Do you have additional comments about any of the Supplementary Budget Programs and Services funding requests for 2022?

Other Initiatives to Provide Additional Housing Options

Strategic Objective: Affordable Housing

City Council is seeking your input as they consider whether to prioritize two Victoria Housing Strategy initiatives -- [Tiny Homes](#) and [Tiny Homes and Garden Suites](#) -- to help provide additional housing options. Doing this would require trade-offs with other initiatives.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that the following initiatives should be moved up to start in 2022, rather than in 2023 as currently planned. To do this, the following initiatives now planned for 2022 will be impacted: 1) a family housing policy to ensure Victoria has housing suitable for families would need to be deferred to a later year, and 2) the next phase of local area planning in the Rockland, Jubilee, Oaklands and Fernwood (east) neighbourhoods would slow down or be delayed.

Tiny Homes: Allow moveable, tiny homes in all backyards that currently allow garden suites at rents of no more than \$500 per month.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Tiny Homes					

Answer this question only if you have chosen No for Did you find the budget information materials to be helpful?

Tiny Homes and Garden Suites: Allow tiny homes and garden suites on lots that already have secondary suites or duplexes.

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Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree that this item be included in Budget 2022.

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Tiny Homes and Garden Suites					

Do you have additional comments about the Other Initiatives to Provide Housing Options?

How did you find out about this survey? (Check all that apply.)

(Choose all that apply)

- Print ad
- Online ad
- Newspaper article
- Poster
- Radio
- TV news story
- Social media site
- Friends or family
- Email

Did you find the budget information materials to be helpful?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No

If you answered "No", please let us know how we can improve our information materials.

Tell us About Yourself

Standard Demographic Questions

The following section contains optional demographic questions. We are asking these questions to learn if we are hearing from all members of our community.

We appreciate your time in filling out these questions as the more we know about our community, the better we can serve you.

If you wish to skip the demographic questions, scroll down and click Submit to complete the survey.

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Which Victoria neighbourhood do you live in?

(Choose any one option)

- Burnside Gorge
- Downtown
- Fairfield
- Fernwood
- Gonzales
- Harris-Green
- Hillside-Quadra
- James Bay
- Jubilee
- North Park
- Oaklands
- Rockland
- Victoria West
- I live in another municipality (please specify)

Do you operate a business in the City of Victoria?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No

Please select one of the following age ranges:

(Choose any one option)

- 0 - 13
- 14 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 - 84
- 85+

How would you describe your gender identity? (Please select all that apply)

(Choose all that apply)

- Woman / Girl
- Man / Boy
- Transgender
- Cisgender
- Two Spirit
- Non-binary
- Other (please specify)

What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply to you)

(Choose all that apply)

- First Nation
- Metis
- Inuk/Inuit
- European (i.e., French, British, Dutch)
- South Asian (i.e., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)
- East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean)
- Southeast Asian (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
- West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Syrian, Afghan, Saudi Arabian))
- African (e.g., Nigerian, Somali, Senegalese)
- Caribbean (e.g., Jamaican, Guyanese, Trinidadian)
- North African (e.g., Egyptian, Algerian)
- Latin American (e.g., Brazilian, Colombian, Mexican)
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

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Have you moved to Victoria in the past five years?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No

Do you identify as being:

(Choose any one option)

- An immigrant
- A refugee
- None of the above

Which language(s) do you speak at home? (Select all that apply)

(Choose all that apply)

- English
- Mandarin
- Cantonese
- French
- German
- Tagalog
- Spanish
- Arabic
- Punjabi
- Japanese
- Other (please specify)

Would it help you if City documents were translated into other languages?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No

What is your current housing situation?

(Choose all that apply)

- Rent
- Own
- Affordable or Below-market rental, co-ops
- Currently lack stable housing (for example, staying with a friend, living in emergency shelters, transitional housing or are without a home)
- Other (please specify)

Do you identify as being a person with a disability?

(Choose any one option)

- Yes
- No

Is there anything the City of Victoria could do to make it easier for you to share your feedback and ideas?

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Which description (category) best describes your family size?

(Choose any 1 options)

- I live alone.
- I live with one or more roommates.
- I live with my partner/spouse.
- I live with my partner/spouse and one or more children.
- I am a single parent with one or more children.
- I live in a multigenerational family with parents, grandparents (etc.) and children.
- We are two or more families sharing the same home.

What is your estimated household income (the total income of all the people in your home before taxes)?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Under \$40,000
- \$40,000- \$79,999
- \$80,000- \$124,000
- \$125,000- \$199,000
- \$200,000 and over
- Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking the time to complete these demographic questions. The City of Victoria is committed to improving how we engage with all members of our community.