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2018 Budget Town Hall Online Submissions

- Salaries and benefits are the single biggest cost in the budget. How does City Council control these costs when there is no "competition" as a means of regulation? Does City Council review staffing levels and employee total benefits packages compared to other cities and or positions of equivalent responsibility in the private sector?
- I understand there has been an LRT plan in place for many years, but I don't see any mention of it in the future plans. Have I missed something? If not, why is it not considered an option to relieve the traffic congestion and reduce GHG which are top priorities? Has the city done a survey of it's own employees on current commuting habits and options for the future?
- City of Victoria's contribution to the CRD is in excess of \$22 million, about 10 per cent of budget. Inflation the last 5 years has averaged 1.4 per cent and is currently running at 1.7 per cent in Victoria. So how on earth can council justify asking for a 4.57 per cent increase in the cost per household for 2018 ??? How can City of Victoria directors hold the CRD more fiscally accountable???
- Is the City of Victoria offering any incentives to local companies researching and developing innovations for electric generation?
- Why is the city intent on driving business away from the Downtown Core out to the Suburban malls by needlessly clogging and reducing parking on main roads by intrusive protected bicycle lanes pandering to a small number of people at the expense of the majority (75%) who do now and always will use the private vehicle as their principal mode of transportation for business or pleasure?
- Why is the City using more and more on outside contractors. I work in healthcare and can attest that contracting out does not work, it results in loss of control resulting in inefficiencies and higher costs and lower wages for the workers, for example I see more outside companies working on our city roads and I am concerned with the direction the city is taking, not enough room for more examples
- Why does the city continue to increase police funding when the police have already had funding increases every year? In 2016 the police budget increased by \$1,744,198 in 2017 it increased by \$2,227,963. Now it is proposed to increase even more to the tune of an extra \$2,495,610 for 2018? This seems like a ridiculous amount of cost increases! (all numbers from city reports) Even if you control for inflation an extra \$2,000,000 from 2014-2018 has been allocated to police for wages alone! (numbers estimated from graph "cost drivers wages and benefits" on vic pd proposal) While the VIC PD in every 5 year forecast plan they make only predict an increase of 2.5%, almost every year they have doubled that going up to an increase of 4.5%. That difference is an extra \$1,000,000 paid by tax payers per year. It's time to tell the police that they have enough funding! We don't need a perpetually increasing police force in one of the highest policed cities in Canada, only second to Montreal. We are actually the highest policed city in

Canada if you include Esquimalt! Meanwhile as the police budget just seems to go up and up, the crime rate (i.e. the amount of crime happening//100,000 population) has been decreasing for the last 20 years. In 2013 crime was at the lowest point since the late 60s (<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-630-x/11-630-x2015001-eng.htm>). In 2016 crime increased by a mere 1% in Canada, and this increase could easily have been the result of using police to address the overdose crisis and harass impoverished people and campers. In 2016 homicides in BC actually decreased by 10% and those are the most expensive cases to run! (<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2017001/article/54842-eng.htm>). We should have extra money these days rather than increasing budgets! I believe that these increasing budgets in a time of reduced crime are a result of misusing police for issues regarding addiction, mental health, homelessness, poverty, etc, that don't even involve a crime. This is a complete violation of the privacy and rights of the poor, addicted, and mentally ill people, who have a right to live their lives without illegal surveillance by police. Using police to deal with issues like poverty and mental health isn't an effective way to reduce poverty or stabilize those with mental health issues. On the contrary, using police in this way can have extremely negative affects. Can city hall answer why is it that we don't decrease police budgets when crime is down, and why we continue to use police to address social issues like poverty, mental health, and addiction rather than channeling that money somewhere that actually addresses these issues in a helpful way/reduces them like low income housing or free counselling services?

- Should think of making the new bridge a toll bridge. Everyone uses but on Victoria pays. Unfair.
- Getting the horrible piles of leaves clogging our gutters picked up would be a start. Fixing sidewalks, potholes, fixing boulevards, weeding parks, scrubbing downtown sidewalks etc. No more fluff like musical handrails and painting concrete towers on Dallas Road.
- Priority - Repainting road lines for cars
- Most of the attention in Active Transportation is on cycling and bike lanes. What programs will be available to improve walkability and increase pedestrian safety?
- The City is proposing the spending of \$200K on a Sidewalk Condition Assessment Study. This is positive. Walk On, Victoria would be interested in providing advice on the study's design and assessment criteria as well as providing feedback on the recommendations.
- The proposed budget for implementation of the Pedestrian Master Plan (Project ENG-022) is the same as 2017 (\$564K). Almost half of this amount (\$224K) is actually for the Fort Street bike lane. What projects will benefit pedestrians?
- There are a number of streets in Victoria that are in terrible shape, with blocks of uneven pavement and big potholes. Is there a paving schedule or street inventory to help prevent this state in the first place? When will these streets be paved? Grant St (between Fernwood/Stanley) Belmont Ave (between Vining/Begbie) Scott St between Bay/Haultain?
- The 2018 Draft Budget earmarks 1.4 million for Bylaw. What are the top 5 areas the Bylaw office enforces in the City? How many Bylaw officers does the city employ? What roll does Bylaw play in dealing with the shopping cart/garbage issue of some of the homeless population?

- It is necessary to allocate funds for traffic calming in Quadra Village within the quadrant of Findlayson, Hillside and Bay and Quadra and Cook. Drivers are cutting through residential streets at excessive speed. Our neighbourhoods, with narrow street are full of children, see the Kindergarten registration. Graham street is a bike route and is used by cars as a detour. We need safe streets.
- I would like to see a far greater investment in transit. We need more buses and we need to be able to rely on them to be on time so that we can commute to work. Please make sure to invest in transit plans for Douglas' bus lanes.
- Rather than asking for "spending" priorities, let's look at saving priorities. Our city is widely known for spending too much, and most property tax payers would love to see the debt decrease. And please don't try to split off any more sub components off from the property tax bill to make it seem like the annual property tax bill is not going up (stormwater utility)
- According to the City Draft Financial Plan, for greater transparency in the 2018/2019 budget cycle "there is a enhanced Police budget that contains a departmental summary, performance metrics and the overview and deliverables for each section providing greater context for the reader". I'm not seeing this in the 2018/19 Provisional VicPD Budget Request, where is this information located?
- please extend @BCTransit southbound bus lanes as far as city hall stop and rebuild sidewalk at that location to be level boarding stop for pedestrians, is currently too low and too crowded with obstructions. Great opportunity to build pleasing hub/gateway to DT there
- please commission study to find ways to increase density along Douglas Transit corridor through initiatives like increased density or less parking requirements in exchange for funds for Transit/active transport, zoning changes & buying key properties to control fate
- please continue to invest and plan each year 4 extensions of waterfront trail(David Foster) along inner Harbour and down gorge waterway(floating?) so eventually continuous and tied into Saanich's gorge walkway.
- look at existing models to create a drug court for #yyj that looks to increase drug treatment participation & diversion from criminal justice system to tackle addictions and root causes, to decrease overdose deaths & prolific offenders @vicpdcanada deal with.
- Will council approve the request in Supplemental Budget Requests for Neighbourhood Transportation Management in James Bay, Oaklands and Hillside-Quadra (a total of \$180,000 to provide additional analysis of neighbourhood transportation issues in order to align with the upcoming Local Area Plans scheduled for late 2018-2019).
- Would council consider another prime candidate for a spot improvement--the off-set intersection at Bay and Graham-Vancouver? A large number of cyclists travel north-south here daily. Cycling transport and safety would be greatly improved if the stop lines on Bay St at Vancouver were moved back, and cross hatching put in. The bike-controlled signal and green paving could follow in 2019.
- Dr. Angela Davis is a reknowned US scholar and prison abolitionist. She calls for halving police department while increasing community security. All police employees will receive a livelihood just transition. The police budget receives almost as much tax as Parks, Fire, and Engineering and Public Works combined. How will Mayor and Council respond to Dr. Davis's justice efficiency appeal?

- Given that the one-time \$40,000 allocated to developing an Accessibility Framework is much lower than most City master planning exercises, and work to develop the plan to remove known barriers to accessibility involves all departments, what resources has each department allocated for its contribution to the Accessibility Framework and what related projects have they included in budget requests?

To prompt Council's memory, in January 2017, the AWG recommended high priority projects relating to developing a reasonable accommodation policy and process for recreational programs, changes to improve the indoor environment, and pilots for truncated domes and accessible pedestrian systems (the latter two of which are in progress). At that time, Council directed Staff to include Accessibility Impact Statements in all reports to Council and there has been some progress on that front, but staff have not been trained on accessibility issues or how to conduct the analysis. This training was seen as the first crucial step in the Accessibility Framework.

The aim of an Accessibility Framework to establish accessibility expectations at the top and have those trickle down to individual departmental and staff member responsibilities, through a variety of policies and management and planning processes, so that planning for accessibility becomes a part of every City process.

- Mayor Helps, councillors and senior staff: * Will the 2018 Financial Plan include Neighbourhood Transportation Management (as requested in the Supplemental Budget Request of \$180,000)? *Is it possible to do a "spot" improvement at the off-set intersection at Bay and Graham-Vancouver to increase pedestrian and cyclist safety? See below for complete letter. November 29, 2017 In regards to the City of Victoria 2018 Draft Financial Plan which is currently undergoing review and revision, the Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee is writing to support the following investments in Hillside-Quadra and hopes these investments will remain once the plan is finalized. Thank you for continuing to invest in much-needed infrastructure, including storm and water mains, street rehabilitation, sidewalks and crosswalks. In particular, given residents' concerns around transportation issues and safety, we are happy to note the replacement of the "temporary" diverter at Kings/Fifth with a permanent installation. As well, improvements to the Summit Park playground were identified in the 2012 Summit Park Master Plan and residents are eager to engage on key elements. We remark that there is a request in Supplemental Budget Requests for Neighbourhood Transportation Management in James Bay, Oaklands and Hillside-Quadra (a total of \$180,000 to provide additional analysis of neighbourhood transportation issues in order to align with the upcoming Local Area Plans scheduled for late 2018-2019). Transportation issues and safety continue to be one of the key concerns for neighbourhood residents—this analysis is timely and will provide context as these plans are developed. In 2018 the Hillside-Quadra neighbourhood will see the following investments: • Summit Park Playground Upgrade \$200,000 • Kings/Fifth replacement of "temporary diverter" with permanent installation \$50,000 • Bus shelters: Quadra and Bay and Finlayson at Yew • Fiber optic upgrades: Quadra Corridor • Installation of Traffic Control Cabinets and Controllers: Hillside/Quadra and Quadra/Bay • Sanitary Sewer and Water Main replacement: Wark Street Hillside to Market \$350,000 (was originally scheduled for 2016) Hillside-Quadra residents have remarked on the improvements to traffic speed and pedestrian and cyclist safety with the recent installation of the very popular and well-used pedestrian and cyclist traffic light at the Hillside and Graham crosswalk (part of the 2017 Financial Plan). This "spot" improvement is in advance of the cycling network

implementation in our neighbourhood. Thank you for including this improvement in the 2017 Financial Plan. Another prime candidate for a spot improvement is the off-set intersection at Bay and Graham-Vancouver. A large number of cyclists travel north-south here daily. Cycling transport and safety would be greatly improved if the stop lines on Bay St at Vancouver were moved back, and cross hatching (like that in front of police and fire garages) put in. The bike-controlled signal and green paving could follow in 2019. Thank you for your investments in our neighbourhood. Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee

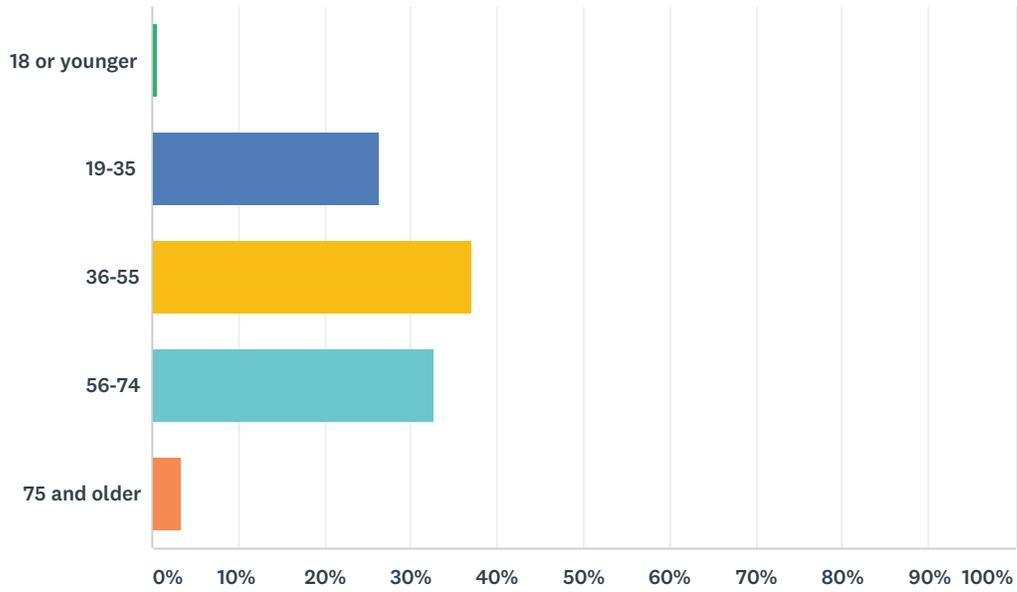
- Getting rid of the puzzle crosswalks and cleaning up the area at Douglas and Yates. Seems to me the downtown area has become a dumpy area, with Mac's and 7-Eleven, two convenience stores. Perhaps I'm wrong in my view, it just appears like that to me.
- How can cars park on Fort Street when there are only two lanes?
- Building up instead of out is a great strategy to increase housing availability while maintaining our natural heritage & garden city urban forest vibe. Keep up the good work encouraging active & sustainable transport. Would like to see native plants in city landscaping budget & incentives for adopting renewable energy & rooftop gardening. enforcement/incentives for proper recycling and composting.
- We are making the same mistakes made all over the world. We are now the proud citizens of a mess of towering condos and ridiculous two-way bike lanes on one-way roads. Perhaps more money on city planning and foresight than trips to China and poor city planning.
- are there plans to increase number of electric charging stations and spread them within range of a full charge's distance? This has been an issue for people visiting and living here.
- I would like council to justify the exorbitant police budget that increases every year beyond inflation when serious crime is decreasing. Our police budget per capita is one of the highest in the country .. and makes no sense! The Victoria police left a vulnerable, unwell young woman in the street several years ago after a concerned citizen called the police... and she continues to be disappeared.. we all know who this is. I would like to see \$2,000,000 invested in social supports in our city, a social services department .. greater investment in social housing and a decreased police budget. There is no correlation between increased police budget and decreased fentanyl related deaths. As a taxpayer, I am extremely offended by the police budget and it needs to be decreased. Otherwise, justify the increase in spending as per the need in this city.
- What are the plans regarding affordable housing? The situation continues to worsen... I would love to see the police budget being reallocated to affordable housing instead!
- Stop building bike lanes that require special signals and beyond 20/20 vision to see said signals? Make downtown appealing to shoppers to attract more retail businesses...oh and build a wall around Fairfield so they don't take er' jerbs!
- Potholes, more sidewalks
- Possible to spend a buck or two to put stabilizers on the web cam on Johnson street bridge????
- More transit and active transportation network would be my wishes
- Why isn't there more money going towards housing for lower and middle income people?

- When can we expect the Wharf street bike lane project to get done? I love cycling on the waterfront but hate getting squeezed in traffic.
- The City of Victoria has committed to Create Prosperity Through Economic Development in its Strategic Plan. In 2016, the City was to investigate a Living Wage policy for City employees. Why hasn't the City yet become a certified Living Wage employer? It would demonstrate leadership & impact the supply chain to ensure those employed or contracted by the City receive the wages needed to afford an adequate quality of life.
- a living wage, a rent freeze, more offleash parks for dogs, affordable rental options that allow pets, support for a tiny house village to help people get off the streets, a ban on horse drawn carriages, increased public transit. these would be my priorities. thanks for the new bike lanes, there are way too many cars on the roads. and those roads are no place for horses.
- Please build a new central GVPL library branch at centennial square that can provide modern larger community space and it could be tied in with retail spaces, roof top event space or auditoriums for rentals to aide in cost recovery. Run down single level retail and parkade is not bringing vibrancy and energy to square thats needed. Lets attract people and minds to engage here.
- What is in the budget to support mental health? #VicTownHall
- A youth hub would be very beneficial to the youth of the city. How will this be supported by the budget? #VicTownHall
- I support the propOsed investment in the Greater Victoria Public Library system. #victownhall
- Can we get some soap in public washrooms? Whatever the city's reasons, it's unsanitary and gross. What are your reasons for not having it? #DallasRoad
- #VicTownHall Can we consider needle deposit containers around the city? If users had more options for depositing needles, we would probably see less on our streets and beaches! #Cleanitup #commonsense
- What is in the budget to complete the youth strategy? #VicTownHall
- What are the city of Victoria's plans to commit to decolonization and reconciliation with indigenous peoples? I see no part of the budget that plans to share profits with Ikwungen or wsanec or return land. Is reconciliation important to the council? How do they plan to address these issues?
- Dollars are going into bike lanes and active transport but what in the budget is ensuring that the city is accessible for those with disabilities? #VicTownHall
- When will the Local Area Plan get started for Hillside-Quadra? Our neighbourhood needs traffic calming in order to be safer for children, pets and all residents. We are happy to see the traffic barrier upgrades in the budget at Kings and 5th. Thanks in Advance Mayor and Council. Yvonne (from home with a sleeping baby!)
- Regarding the previous accessibility question, please answer with the focus not on facilities and construction but instead focused on policy and practice.
- Can we have a bike park and a skate park at Topaz? not either/or

Budget Survey Responses

Q1 Please indicate your age group

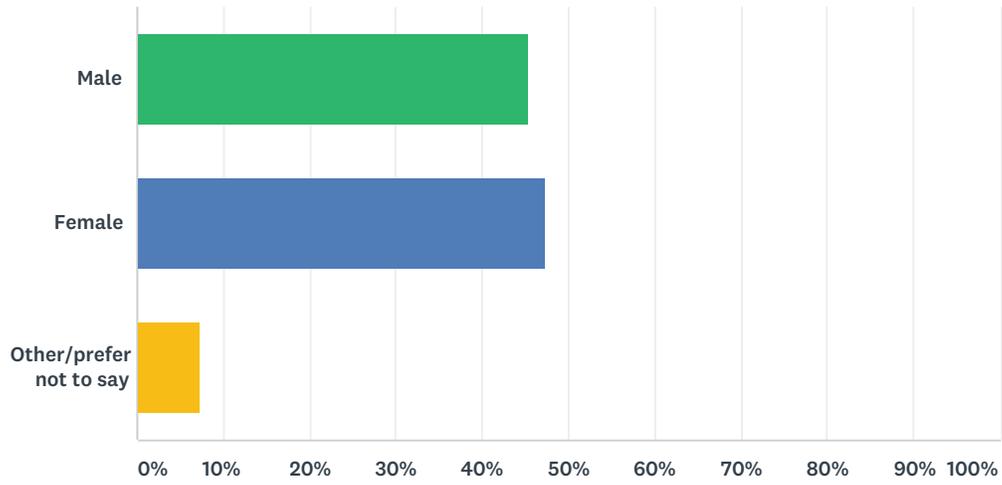
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 or younger	0.69%	4
19-35	26.29%	153
36-55	37.11%	216
56-74	32.65%	190
75 and older	3.26%	19
TOTAL		582

Q2 What gender do you identify with?

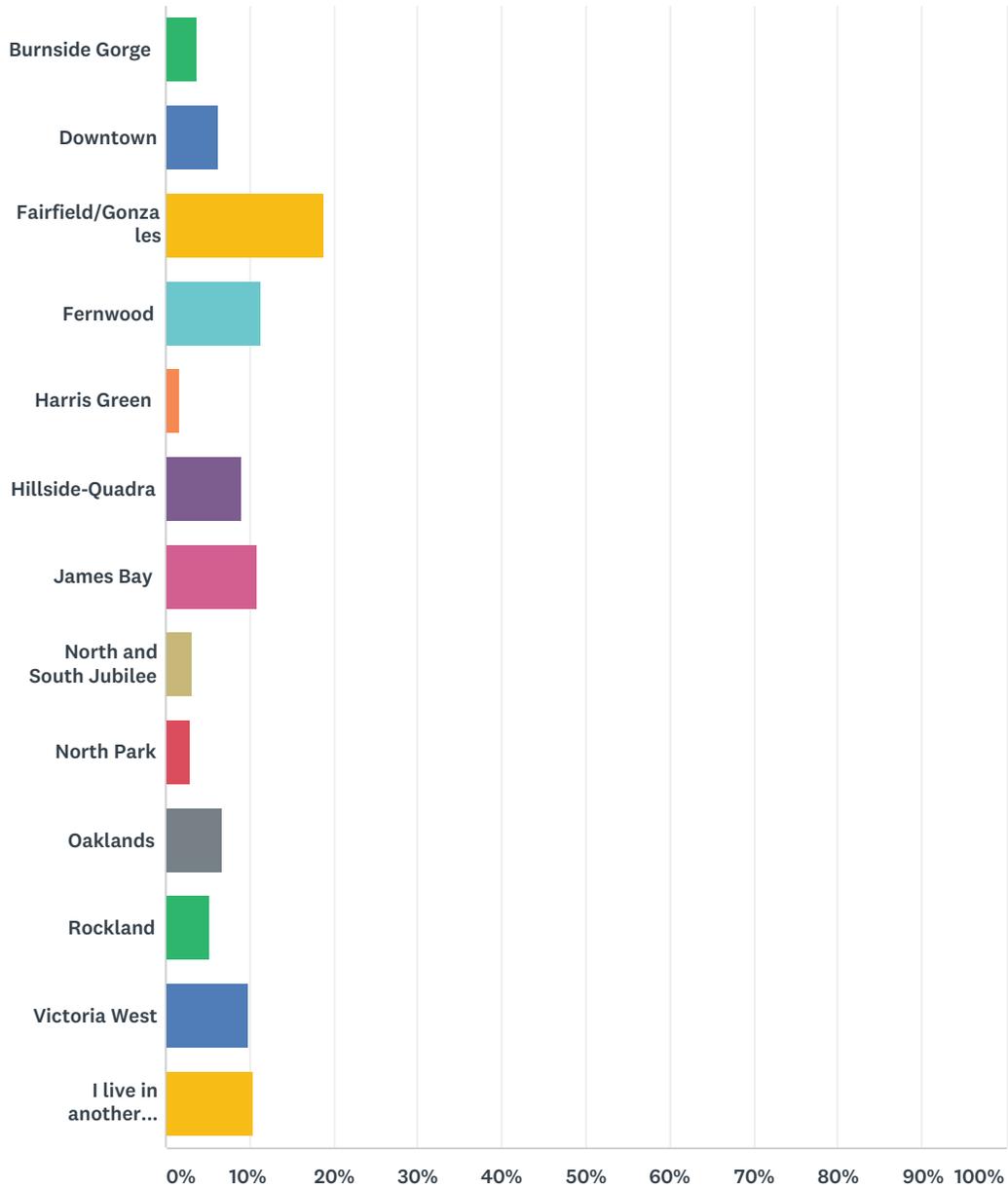
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	45.34%	263
Female	47.24%	274
Other/prefer not to say	7.41%	43
TOTAL		580

Q3 What neighbourhood do you live in? (check this map if you aren't sure)

Answered: 580 Skipped: -1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Burnside Gorge	3.79%	22
Downtown	6.21%	36
Fairfield/Gonzales	18.79%	109
Fernwood	11.38%	66
Harris Green	1.72%	10

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Hillside-Quadra	8.97%	52
James Bay	10.86%	63
North and South Jubilee	3.10%	18
North Park	2.93%	17
Oaklands	6.72%	39
Rockland	5.17%	30
Victoria West	9.83%	57
I live in another municipality (please specify)	10.52%	61
TOTAL		580

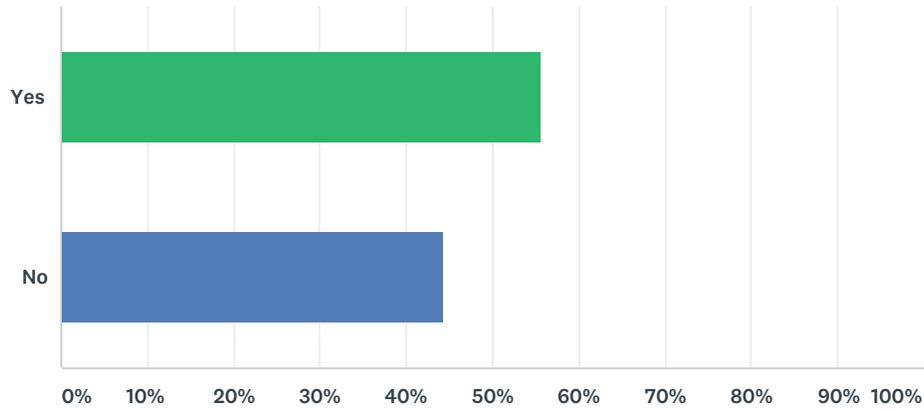
#	I LIVE IN ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Gordon Head	12/8/2017 3:28 PM
2	CoB	12/7/2017 1:37 AM
3	Oak bay	12/6/2017 8:37 PM
4	Gordon Head9	12/6/2017 6:38 PM
5	Saanich	12/6/2017 5:49 PM
6	Oak Bay	12/6/2017 3:49 PM
7	Saanich	12/6/2017 3:23 PM
8	Saanich	12/5/2017 10:11 PM
9	Saanich	12/4/2017 10:08 PM
10	In Cowichan but plan to move back soon.	12/4/2017 8:16 PM
11	Saanich	12/4/2017 3:19 PM
12	Saanich	12/4/2017 8:36 AM
13	CentralSaanich	12/3/2017 9:05 PM
14	Ob	12/3/2017 6:15 PM
15	Langford	12/3/2017 5:25 PM
16	Saanich	12/3/2017 4:24 PM
17	Saanich	12/2/2017 10:49 PM
18	Royal oak	12/2/2017 5:17 PM
19	View Royal	12/1/2017 10:26 PM
20	Gordon head	12/1/2017 10:25 PM
21	Saanich	12/1/2017 9:45 PM
22	UVic	12/1/2017 6:39 PM
23	Gordon head	11/30/2017 10:10 PM
24	I live in Fairfield and work in Burnside Gorge.	11/30/2017 1:52 PM
25	saanich	11/30/2017 11:06 AM
26	Saanich	11/29/2017 11:32 AM
27	Oak Bay	11/28/2017 9:56 PM
28	Esquimalt	11/27/2017 9:51 PM
29	Saanich	11/27/2017 9:44 PM

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30	View Royal work in Victoria	11/27/2017 6:25 PM
31	municipality of saanich (McKenzie and Blenkinsop)	11/27/2017 5:03 PM
32	Oak Bay	11/27/2017 3:16 PM
33	Oak Bay	11/27/2017 3:10 PM
34	Saanich	11/26/2017 8:28 PM
35	Westshore	11/24/2017 6:14 PM
36	View Royal	11/23/2017 9:11 PM
37	saanich	11/23/2017 8:33 PM
38	Saanich	11/23/2017 11:37 AM
39	Saanich	11/23/2017 10:43 AM
40	I lived most of my life in Victoria, now Nanoose Bay.	11/23/2017 10:33 AM
41	Saanich	11/22/2017 9:14 PM
42	Saanich	11/22/2017 6:45 PM
43	Saanich	11/22/2017 6:45 PM
44	Saanich	11/22/2017 4:37 PM
45	Saanich	11/22/2017 2:43 PM
46	Saanich	11/22/2017 2:26 PM
47	I did live in Vic West, I now live on Pender Island	11/22/2017 2:10 PM
48	Saanich	11/22/2017 12:47 PM
49	Oak Bay	11/22/2017 11:55 AM
50	east sooke	11/22/2017 11:52 AM
51	View royal	11/22/2017 11:29 AM
52	Saanich	11/22/2017 11:09 AM
53	View Royal	11/22/2017 11:08 AM
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56	Oak bay	11/22/2017 8:53 AM
57	View Royal	11/21/2017 2:55 PM
58	View Royal	11/20/2017 10:24 AM
59	Esquimalt	11/15/2017 11:41 AM
60	Colwood	11/15/2017 11:18 AM
61	Saanich	11/15/2017 10:01 AM

Q4 Do you own property in Victoria?

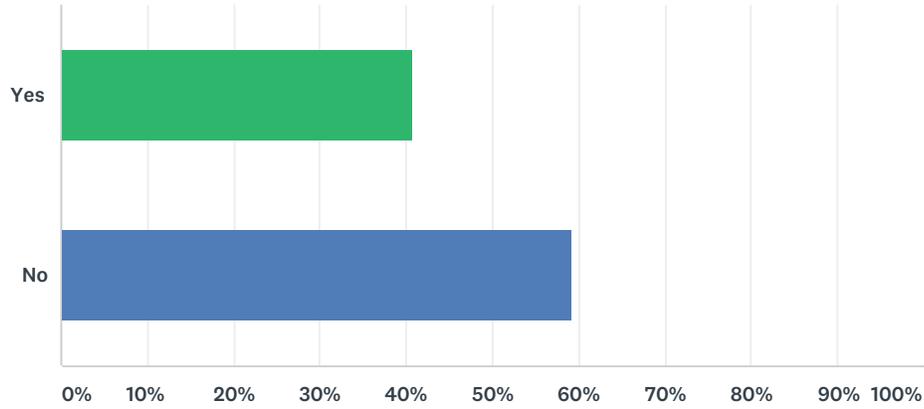
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.71%	322
No	44.29%	256
TOTAL		578

Q5 Do you rent in Victoria?

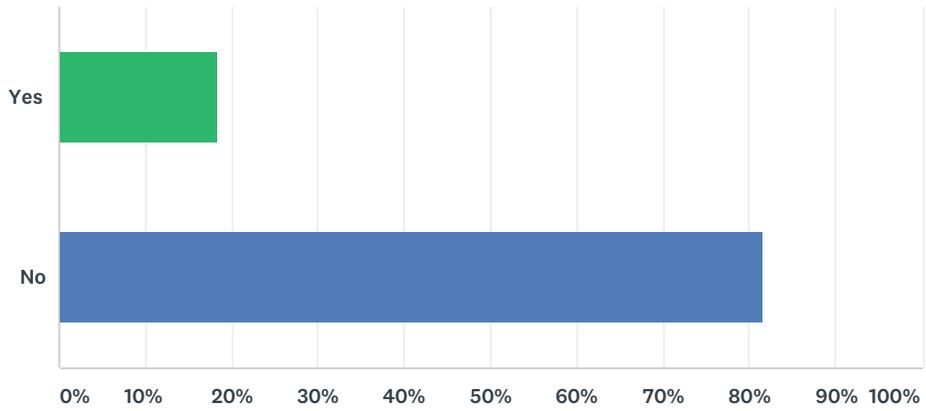
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	40.81%	231
No	59.19%	335
TOTAL		566

Q6 Do you own or run a business in Victoria?

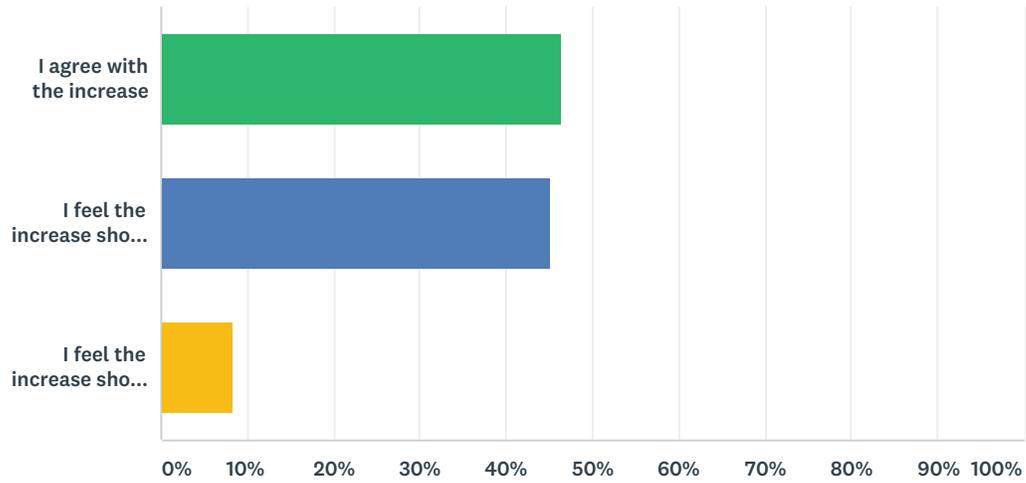
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.31%	106
No	81.69%	473
TOTAL		579

Q7 What is your opinion on the level of taxation and user fees?

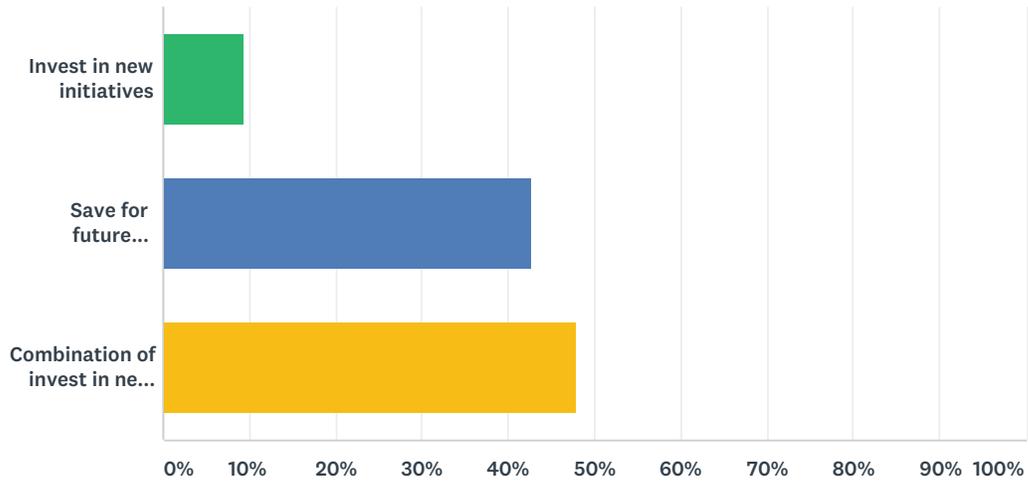
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I agree with the increase	46.50%	199
I feel the increase should be reduced, which may result in reduced services or service levels	45.09%	193
I feel the increase should be higher to address additional services and/or increase service levels	8.41%	36
TOTAL		428

Q8 How should the City allocate surplus revenue for 2018?

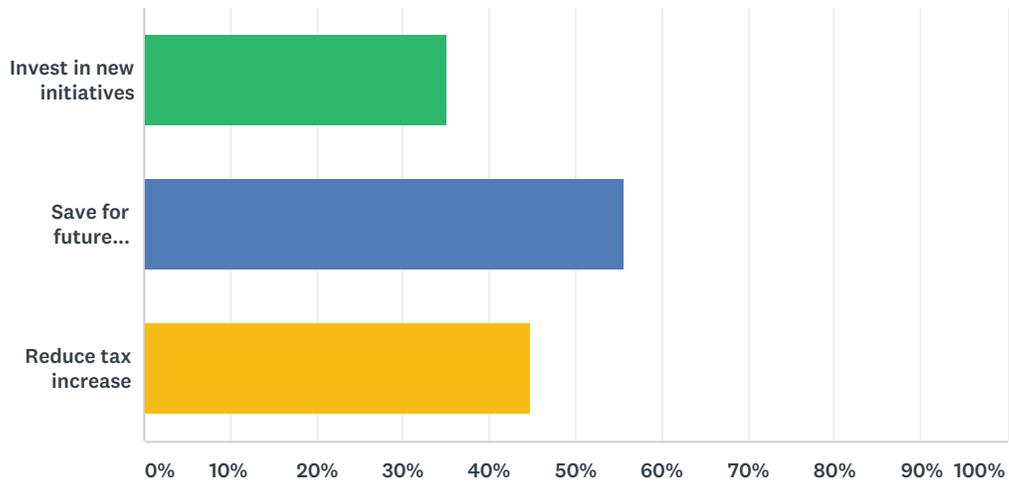
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Invest in new initiatives	9.43%	41
Save for future infrastructure investment	42.76%	186
Combination of invest in new initiatives and save for future infrastructure investment	47.82%	208
TOTAL		435

Q9 How should the City allocate new assessed revenue for 2018? (select all that apply)

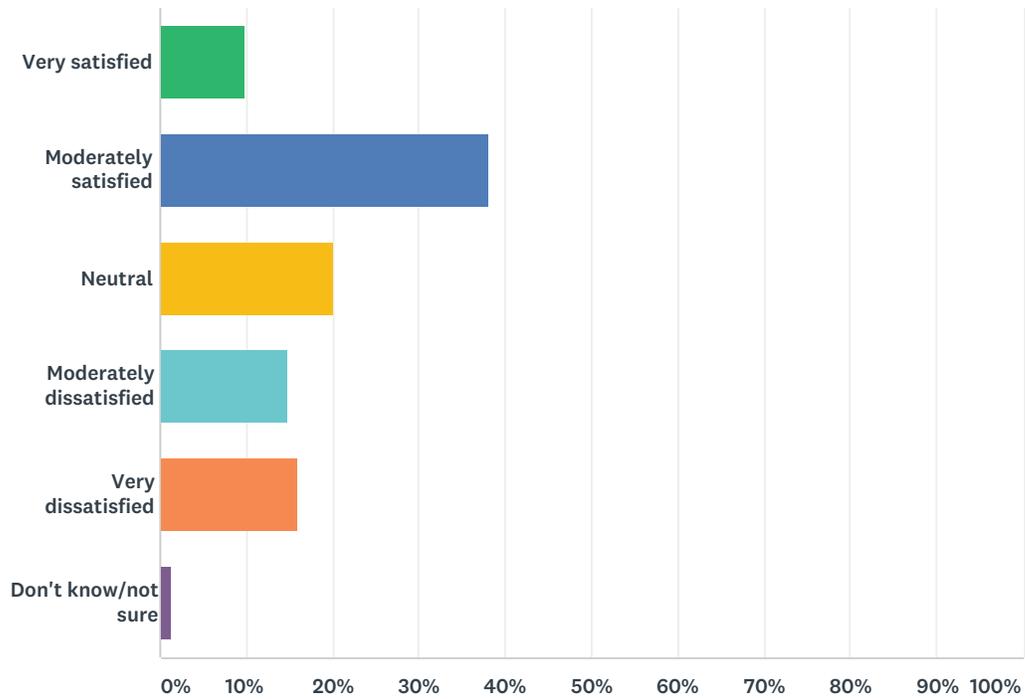
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Invest in new initiatives	35.10% 152
Save for future infrastructure investment	55.66% 241
Reduce tax increase	44.80% 194
Total Respondents: 433	

Q10 Thinking about all the programs and services you receive from the City, how satisfied are you with the value you receive for your tax dollars?

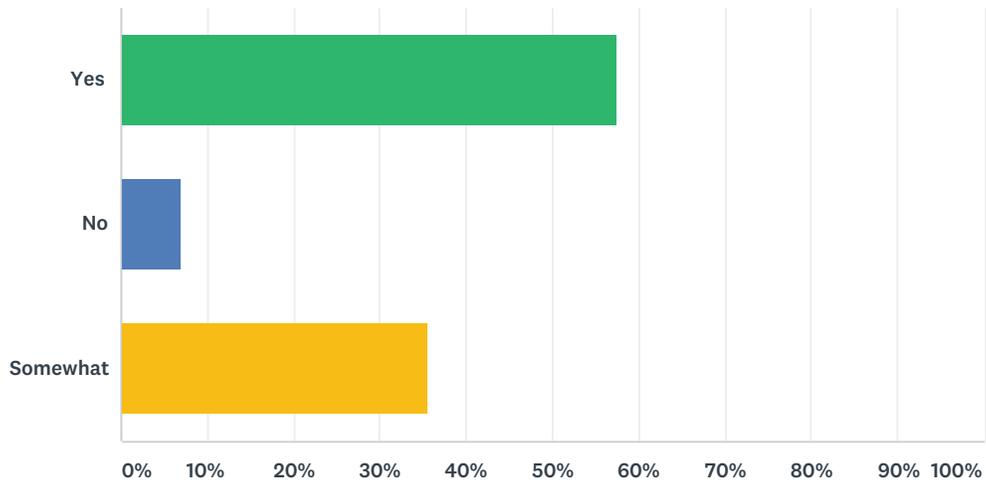
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	9.85%	46
Moderately satisfied	38.12%	178
Neutral	20.13%	94
Moderately dissatisfied	14.78%	69
Very dissatisfied	15.85%	74
Don't know/not sure	1.28%	6
TOTAL		467

Q11 Do you feel you have a good understanding of City services and service levels?

Answered: 467 Skipped: 112



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.60%	269
No	6.85%	32
Somewhat	35.55%	166
TOTAL		467

Q12 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed operating budget?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 389

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Would like to see road safety prioritized - incidents of speeding and tailgating in particular are getting worse	12/8/2017 3:26 PM
2	23% for the police dept?	12/8/2017 1:56 PM
3	I disagree with the amount allocated toward more bike lanes. They are complicating use of the streets, and I don't see as many people using them as should be, considering what we're spending on them.	12/8/2017 1:26 PM
4	I wish we had a municipal Government that had the ability to hold the line on increasing taxes while also maintaining the level of service they currently do.	12/8/2017 10:53 AM
5	Pls cut the budget to bicycle roadway upgrades	12/8/2017 10:44 AM
6	The extensive bike lane maze in the downtown core is expensive and confusing. Cyclists should be helping pay for this and the City could implement a licensing system quite easily. It doesn't matter to me as a taxpayer where the funds come from (local gov, prov, fed) ... it's all out of one set of pockets. The Johnson St bridge cost over-runs continue to aggravate value-for-money minded taxpayers. I've also often wondered why we need two fire trucks, a police car and an ambulance on scene at every medical emergency. Seems like overkill and very expensive... has anyone ever thought to look at streamlining this process?	12/8/2017 10:34 AM
7	The City does not demonstrate good management of public funds, makes decisions without adequate understanding of the issues, and is contributing to the high cost of living. Unlike jurisdictions that draw revenue from develop profits, Victoria places the burden on taxpayers--and a fixation on squeaking dollars through "services" like a business license to sell flowers at the end of your driveway. The gap between regulatory process and effective results grows ever wider.	12/8/2017 8:53 AM
8	Reduce taxes!!! We are a young family and overburdened with your fees, sewer, utilities and property taxes. You are putting in new initiatives with no construction Demarion for overburdened families. Stop the new projects and reduce taxes!!!	12/7/2017 9:39 PM
9	Spend less on separated bike lanes and instead focus on light rail transit.	12/7/2017 9:18 PM
10	Funds should be allocated for the benefit and convenience of the majority of tax payers. In the recent past, taxes have increased, services have been reduced and distinguished infrastructure has degraded.	12/7/2017 8:49 PM
11	It is imperative that more money gets allocated for sustainable low-income housing, as well as additional resources for the most vulnerable of our citizens.	12/7/2017 7:19 PM
12	The labour costs for the police and fire departments are out of line. I am opposed to paying severance when an employee retires.	12/7/2017 5:41 PM
13	Cancel the bike lane project. The expectation that we have to buy more items, like a bike that cost over a \$1000, to feed the mayors wish list is completely inappropriate. There is no incentive for me to purchase a bike to use in victoria. And while you cancel the bike project fix the light pattern where you have placed the stupid bike lanes. When you can turn it the flow of traffic because a stupid no right turn light, people waste more fuel sitting there for no reason. The bikes can't cross through the traffic.	12/7/2017 5:30 PM
14	appreciate the opportunity to comment. would like to see less investment on all these bike lanes -- and more on rapid transport to western communities and saanich peninsula; disaster prep and affordable housing	12/7/2017 5:01 PM
15	too many bike lanes being put in -- should be spending that money on affordable housing -- and improving transportation to western communities and sannich peninsula	12/7/2017 4:57 PM

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16	Why is it Victoria has some of the worst roads.We have spent 5 yrs. replacing a bridge that has lasted well over that five year span in which we were told it would collapse.Why does our council not make companies tendered to do jobs pay cost overruns.That is the meaning of tendering.To come in under budget at a fair price without making taxpayers take the hit.My final comment,find a different council to distribute it.	12/7/2017 4:49 PM
17	Bike lanes only benefit a single group. Too much is spent on them	12/7/2017 3:24 PM
18	The city should be focusing on sustainable transportation infrastructure projects, such as LRT, HOV & Bus corridor lanes, and limiting vehicle traffic in the city core.	12/7/2017 2:41 PM
19	Why is there free parking near Parkside Resort Humboldt, Quadra etc?	12/7/2017 2:23 PM
20	Build a new library downtown. The one we have now is horrible.	12/7/2017 10:10 AM
21	Based on observations in my neighborhood, I think the operating departments need to review the priorities for their workers and reduce some of the time spent on lower priority items. Ie. Street sweeping on weekends, mowing grassy areas that don't get watered in summer. They have modified the schedule for public trash bins to pick up less frequently when tourist season is over. More thought like that needs to go into their regular operating activities.	12/7/2017 6:01 AM
22	Transportation could use an overhaul: cutting out transfers was a horrible decision.	12/7/2017 12:21 AM
23	Police budget is excessive especially since there seems to be plenty of officers and new vehicles.	12/6/2017 11:19 PM
24	The Victoria PD budget should be decreased not increased.	12/6/2017 6:06 PM
25	I want a full audit on how these new bike lanes (and proposed ones) will cost, and why the money has not been allocated to dealing with aging infrastructure and how it's going to deal with the population influx. Also, I want to know exactly what each PUBLIC servant makes at the City. Considering the recent news regarding 200,000+ salaries I want to know why some are so entitled to run the City's tax base as their own personal path to wealth.	12/6/2017 5:54 PM
26	Generally in support of investing in community initiatives, such as parks, public library. Improved transportation for bikes and public transit options, access to mental health care supports, better housing for all. I'm interested in seeing money moved away from the Police Budget in particular, as it sounds like a lot of what they are doing these days is more effectively addressed by bolstering community-based social supports.	12/6/2017 3:38 PM
27	no	12/6/2017 8:29 AM
28	I believe that the city should spearhead a movement to invest in subway/skytrain system.	12/5/2017 10:14 PM
29	I would appreciate a concerted effort to find ways at reducing the burden on tax payers and not consistently identifying ways to spend more money.	12/5/2017 3:36 PM
30	How much of the budget is simply wages, and how much of the negotiated new labour agreement is that 2.7%	12/5/2017 3:33 PM
31	Spend more on maintaining vital infrastructure (water, sewers, emergency services) and less on "feel good" projects (bike lanes, poet laureates, musical handrails)	12/5/2017 2:15 PM
32	Help the homeless .Stop spending ridiculous amounts of \$ on shit that isn't necessary (bike lanes)It must be nice to sit at home in your expensive dwelling and keep shitting on the little guy.The people getting brushed under the carpet will band together and you'll get what you deserve .	12/5/2017 1:27 PM
33	Need to invest more in data, analytical capability	12/5/2017 12:17 PM
34	Plan for climate change by ensuring funds are reserved and allocated; tighten up and reduce Communications department costs; don't increase salaries for staff in senior roles, ensure contracts with senior staff don't bankrupt coffers as staff sail for other waters, ie trim the severance packages while remaining fair.	12/5/2017 11:34 AM
35	23% of the budget for policing is the huge issue. Stop with the insane raises, RCMP officers are leaving to join the VicPD. This is not Vancouver, we do not need our police pay to be on par with them.	12/5/2017 11:25 AM
36	General planning in this city is an issue. There is no "big picture". This is reflected in the Willy-billy spending trends.	12/5/2017 11:24 AM
37	The question re"What to do with surplus" ignores two other more logical options...reduce taxes or pay off debt.	12/5/2017 8:54 AM

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38	People in cars need to get around too. We feel like we're getting the short end of the stick now almost to the point of the city working to impede us and make us feel not welcome anymore. Traffic flow is getting crippled and disrupted. It's sheer overkill...People in cars still need to get around too.	12/5/2017 8:43 AM
39	More funding to provide homes and services to homeless, more funding to arts. Less funding to Victoria Police Department	12/4/2017 11:38 PM
40	For god sakes, i dont understand the urban planning taking place in this city. We are 25 years behind in infastructure. Lets get a move on.	12/4/2017 10:14 PM
41	Would like to see taxes collected from those running unlicensed BnBs from their properties.	12/4/2017 10:10 PM
42	Curious about why the contingencies increased so much? What happened to create that need?	12/4/2017 9:28 PM
43	What happened to the expansion (additional sidewalk on the north side and bike lane) of the Point Ellice Bridge as out lined in the last 6 budgets? Why is it now just a maintenance project?	12/4/2017 9:00 PM
44	Too much waste on impractical projects (bike lanes, road paint). You let pot stores proliferate in the city, you did nothing to address tent city.	12/4/2017 7:25 PM
45	Bigger budget for the police please. More cops equal safer city equal better for citizens, tourism and businesses.	12/4/2017 4:42 PM
46	There seems to be a lack of investment in transit. There is no viable transit system for people coming into the city. Buses have to sit in traffic caused by single occupancy vehicles. There needs to either be train service or high occupancy lanes to give people an incentive to take transit or car pool	12/4/2017 4:15 PM
47	I'm an avid bicycle commuter and even I don't think we need anymore separated bike lanes. We do need painted bike lanes on Hillside and Bay.	12/4/2017 8:01 AM
48	glad to see investment in bike lanes.	12/3/2017 7:38 PM
49	Dramatically reduce spending toward Police. Put that money elsewhere !	12/3/2017 5:31 PM
50	Upgrading via addition of more crosswalks on roads that were once considered to be residential (Wilson, Craigflower, etc) but are now accomodating high volumes of traffic during peak times.	12/3/2017 4:30 PM
51	3.3 million spending on a "proposed" upgrade of crystal pool is ridiculous when there is not budget for the actual build. This money could be used to increase policing in our downtown especially which has become a dump and crime ridden	12/3/2017 12:20 PM
52	Yes, reduce the police expenditure, which is way too much, and allocate it to parks and recreation centers. We have too many police officers in Victoria, and they keep on inflating crime stats in order to get more resources.	12/3/2017 6:59 AM
53	I support strongly the efforts of the council to make Victoria a more livable city for all, including cyclists and pedestrians.	12/2/2017 11:31 PM
54	Property taxes are so high already. My neighbourhood has potholes on the streets, the city's shrubs aren't pruned, and the tax money is spent elsewhere. It's disappointing.	12/2/2017 10:21 PM
55	23% for VicPD is a lot ! when compared to the other percentages but that said I want more policing..... Whatever it takes to keep the peace and reduce crime. There is too much crime considering we are paying 23% of the total on police.	12/2/2017 9:56 PM
56	A crosswalk is needed at Herald and Government. Also, there is no reason why pedestrians should have to hurry to intersections to push a button. Get rid of them, and certainly don't install any new ones. Traffic calming is needed on streets like Fort east of downtown and Quadra north of Hillside. People drive on these roads like they're highways.	12/2/2017 9:11 PM
57	Too much of budget allotted to VicPD. Government should be reduced (7% too high)	12/2/2017 8:49 PM
58	don't waste \$\$ on useless bike lanes that aren't logical, 2 way bike lane on a one way street most ridiculous logic ever, wasted \$\$ on street "tattoos" that now look like hundreds years of age, central town looks like a trash dump city in the last year or 2 ??	12/2/2017 8:24 PM
59	Put the mayor in jail.	12/2/2017 7:33 PM
60	No more money on protected bike lanes please. There are much more important needs in the city currently. The existing infrastructure is adequate.	12/2/2017 12:47 PM
61	Stop wasting money on stupid things like painted crosswalk and musical staircases.	12/2/2017 12:25 PM

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62	I understand council wishes to be generous with the citizens of Victoria in providing services, culture, etc. and you all wish to leave your mark on Victoria. However, the citizens of Victoria hope that you try to live within your means and not be over generous with compensation to especially the highly paid staff and rather increase compensation to lower paid staff to try to even out compensation. Also direct staff to be as efficient as possible in their given areas of responsibility. When getting quotes for work be sure to get the most value for our dollars. When all this new accommodation comes on line we should see a decrease in taxation. New projects should not be started in this overheated economy when tradespeople are hard to come by and contractor bids are very high. Care for our money like it is your own, please.	12/1/2017 8:42 PM
63	I think more staff should be hired in transportation engineering to build bike lanes.	12/1/2017 7:55 PM
64	It would be nice to see a plan to bring staff/management wages down over the next 2-5 years. City of Victoria wages seem out of line with other local governments in the CRD and with senior levels of government.	12/1/2017 7:22 PM
65	Can you try to find moeny elsewhere before increasing tax? It's already so hard to afford to live here and buying a house or condo seems nearly impossible even with having a university degree. More taxes make that even harder.	12/1/2017 6:43 PM
66	No.	12/1/2017 6:32 PM
67	I don't think the city should be putting more money into the conference centre than the libraries considering the percentage of residents that use the libraries vs. the relatively small percentage of the population that uses the conference centre.	12/1/2017 4:23 PM
68	Spending over \$500,000 enforcing against short term rentals and contracting out to cyber mall cops is ridiculous.	12/1/2017 3:27 PM
69	We should look to transfer responsibility for policing the region's most crime-ridden areas to municipalities like Saanich and Langford which do not share the costs. We should move to congestion pricing charges on bridges and major highways to recoup the cost we bear from out of city service users.	12/1/2017 2:33 PM
70	Previous page 7 , questions a bit contrived. Creating question that get an answer you want, not what I want	12/1/2017 12:38 PM
71	Decrease Police budget! 23 that is a lot. Police should be more efficient. No more bike lanes if you don't want traffic in downtown. Cut expenses not increase tax rates, please.	11/30/2017 7:08 PM
72	please, cut some of the police budget and allocate it towards more housing initiatives. I have been looking for a new apartment for months and can't find anything under \$1000 and I can't afford that, I also have a pet so I'll probably be homeless soon.	11/30/2017 5:13 PM
73	Burnside Gorge needs some love! These are a few pressing issues that could use the City's attention. 1) Please allocate funds to address cross-connections and aging infrastructure currently contributing to the increasingly poor water quality in Cecelia Creek. 2) The intersection at Jutland & Burnside is treacherous particularly for anyone with mobility issues/strollers/walkers/etc and those heading South crossing on the West side. 3) Commit to finishing the internal pathway through Burnside Gorge so that families aren't forced to walk on the unpleasant arterials of Burnside & Gorge. This will also help to connect north and south residential pockets in the community. 4) Invest in partnership with BC Hydro to address horrific buildup of graffiti on Hydro boxes. 5) Lighting the Galloping Goose from the Burnside overpass down to the West side of the Selkirk Trestle. Visibility is poor, especially in the darker winter months, and this stretch of the trail is in dire need of some TLC and lighting.	11/30/2017 2:57 PM
74	Spend more ofn community centres, parks and people services and less on parking lots, administration and indirect costs not serving people	11/30/2017 2:25 PM
75	don't spend money on rainbow sidewalks and bike lanes that are 2 way on 1 way streets. Consider safety of all - bike lanes - great - same direction as the traffic flow only please.	11/30/2017 11:09 AM
76	I recommend caution around investing in new initiatives - particularly if there are no clear expected outcomes. New initiatives are often hard to wind down, even if they are not yielding the expected benefits/outcomes. The city should establish a mechanism to review performance/outcomes of any new initiative within 1-3 years of implementation to assess whether it should be continued or whether funds should be reallocated to other priorities.	11/30/2017 9:55 AM
77	Stop building bike lanes and start building more bus shelters so seniors and others can get our of the rain and wind. Reduce the amount of money spent on telling us what a great job council is doing.	11/29/2017 8:17 PM

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78	The police do not need to have an increased budget. The budget should be going toward services for the extremely large homeless and low income population and the housing crisis, and from that we will see lower crime rates	11/29/2017 5:12 PM
79	Storm water utility implementation and implications for overall tax burden were poorly communicated. While the overall tax lift is communicated as 2.7%, when you consider that the stormwater utility was previously funded by general revenue my tax lift was closer to 6%.	11/29/2017 4:36 PM
80	I would like to stress the importance that the city continue to invest in food sustainability and food security issues. I'm especially appreciative and supportive of the grants and support available to the city's community garden networks.	11/29/2017 4:27 PM
81	Yes, I think the city should reduce the amount of money they spend on public consultation and engagement for projects that require technical expertise and professional designations to carry out the work. It slows down the process and creates far too much redundancy on projects that should be moving forward.	11/29/2017 3:07 PM
82	Please be consistent in order to attract new investment in Victoria - if there is a decision to pull back due to current backlog of redevelopment interest, it sends a mixed message. Capital investment in Victoria and the added economic vitality it creates will have a positive spillover effect for all.	11/29/2017 12:11 PM
83	Reduce police spending. Reduce force 50% through attrition.	11/29/2017 11:37 AM
84	Too much for police force!	11/28/2017 8:39 PM
85	We need an outdoor pool. Like they have in Vancouver at Kits Beach.	11/28/2017 7:59 PM
86	reduce the police budget. invest in initiatives that support housing, poverty reduction, and food security.	11/28/2017 4:34 PM
87	Grants for Electric Bikes and Tiny Homes would be great.	11/28/2017 1:37 PM
88	I am alarmed by the continued growth in property tax levels and see no indication in any of the budget documents that the plan recognizes this issue and plans to do something about it. Instead, it appears that Council views overall growth in Assessments as a windfall and additional "tax room". If Council were concerned about the tax fatigue that homeowners are experiencing, they would look at an increase in overall assessments as an opportunity to reduce the mill rate rather than to expand expenditures. Reading through the budget documents, there is a sense that Council has lots of good ideas and vision on the spending side but not enough on the side of addressing the very real problems that taxpayers are facing. (And please don't respond that "One can always defer their property taxes". This is like saying "One can always borrow money to pay their taxes" and it deflects the responsibility from Council for prudent and accountable fiscal management.	11/28/2017 1:18 PM
89	I am alarmed about the continuing increase in property taxes. There is little if any mention of this important issue for property taxpayers in the budget documents. For example: It appears that the City views Property Tax Revenues from Assessment increases as a windfall rather than looking at it first as a way to reduce the overall tax burden on individual taxpayers. There is a sense that people preparing the budget forget that an increase in assessment values doesn't automatically mean that the city is "entitled" to that additional taxation "room". From a taxpayer's perspective, the City should be looking at this increase in assessments as an opportunity to reduce the base mill rate to generate the same level of revenues, and then calculate the necessary tax increase to pay for proposed expenditures. It is a more transparent approach and one that signals that City Council is listening to the real pressures that taxpayers are experiencing. (And please don't respond that "One can always defer their taxes". This is like saying : "One can always borrow money to pay their taxes" and it deflects the need for fiscal accountability away from Council.	11/28/2017 12:57 PM
90	Why is 12% going to reserves while 3% is going to debt? Who thought that would be a good idea?	11/28/2017 11:32 AM
91	I would like to see less on policing and more on things like the bike lane infrastructure, culture/art and libraries that make a difference in quality of life.	11/28/2017 10:16 AM
92	No more 2 way bike paths	11/28/2017 7:43 AM

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93	A comment about the percentages of the operating budget allocated. Why would parking services be 4% and sustainable development 2%. The City of Victoria states often of being dedicated to sustainable development. But then if theres double the amount of ther operating budget being allocated to support single passenger vehicle travel (which 60% of motorist of traveling along) then that is but an oxymoron. 4% should be dedicated to Sustainable development and 2% to parking services to that we can encourage people to use the many other transportation options and actively discourage motor vehicle travel within the City. Or at the very least - balance them at 3% each. One cannot TRULY support sustainability if they are dedicating double the amount of funds to support the status quo.	11/27/2017 9:57 PM
94	Too many bureaucrats for such a small city	11/27/2017 7:19 PM
95	Stop with the bike lanes. Only about half the cyclists ever use them, the rest are all over the streets and sidewalks.	11/27/2017 5:25 PM
96	I was surprised at how much money goes into Police and Reserves. I'm not saying that we should reduce those services, I'm just surprised they take up so many resources.	11/27/2017 5:09 PM
97	We need an outdoor pool in Victoria! It could be in the field in Beacon Hill park and could even have a roof that opened in summer so it could be used in Winter as well. We are the only big City in Canada I bet that does not have one!	11/27/2017 4:21 PM
98	I am interested I. Supporting a new pool/leisure multipurpose facility...could it not also incorporate rental housing?	11/27/2017 4:08 PM
99	Open up the Saturday garden waste to all residents please	11/27/2017 3:54 PM
100	None of us gets a 3% increase in pay each year. Why should taxes go up by 3%. Stop wasting money on ridiculous initiatives and taxes dont need to increase.	11/27/2017 11:19 AM
101	Less money to police promotions and their social media campaigns and fancy bike lanes. More to affordable public transit and parks/recreation. We need a rec centre and better library.	11/27/2017 10:52 AM
102	Far too much spent on street people initiatives. Policing should be enforced to discourage migration of nefarious street people looking for the easy life of good weather and easy municipal hand outs. Note I did not say 'homeless' which is a completely different category of social needs which I support, but so far all I've seen is a lumping of ALL street people into the on category. I see very little enforcement of the law in terms of vagrancy, vandalism, drugs, assault, public indecency, etc..	11/27/2017 10:12 AM
103	Reduce and cut wages of top management. Aim for 25%. Contract mor City operating positions to the private sector. they are better and cheaper than e City.	11/27/2017 10:10 AM
104	What will it take to have a balanced budget instead of increases every year?	11/27/2017 10:09 AM
105	For the love of god, STOP raising taxes. Homeowners can't afford it!	11/27/2017 9:28 AM
106	Too much being spent on bike lanes and indigent situation. Stop destroying established residential areas and improve the run down areas that would use revitalization. Densify there. Quit using parks as tent city sites or sell the land off to the community residents to utilize in a way that is best for them and their families.	11/27/2017 9:18 AM
107	Policing costs are very high and it seems that we could reduce these by reallocating funds to help with issues related to mental illness.	11/27/2017 9:12 AM
108	I would cut down on the fire department and police budget. Sending police officers to wake up street people is an expensive alarm clock. Battering rams on the fronts of police vehicles is a waste.New lights and flashers almost every time you look at the cars.etc etc etc. Also: Why pick up street people only to have them turned back out onto the streets imediately. It's a gong show.	11/27/2017 8:56 AM
109	Concern that more than half of the proposed tax increase is dedicated to the Police Department. Feel that this is high.	11/27/2017 4:25 AM
110	Build housing for the homeless not more bikes	11/26/2017 8:30 PM
111	I feel it is irresponsible to be increasing the funding for Police while continueing to underfund initiatives and infrastructure to support Youth, Housing, POC and Indigenous initiatives, Libraries, Safety for Sex Workers and Accessibility	11/26/2017 6:24 PM
112	Reduce the police budget. Crime rates keep falling, why do they get so much?	11/26/2017 5:59 PM
113	Why do we give the police dept so much of the budget when crime rates keep falling!	11/26/2017 5:56 PM

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114	for several years I have called for a review of all city services. It is time to look at the Langford model of contract vs city employee delivery of several services EG: garbage, concrete, asphalt	11/26/2017 4:51 PM
115	These questions are profoundly ambiguous. While I support increased taxes I only support funding new initiatives that provide increased services to the most vulnerable members of our city. That means funding services created by and for Sex Workers, Homeless, People of Colour, Indigenous People and Trans and Queer Youth and Adults. I support housing initiatives and an end to the rampant destruction of affordable housing to line the pockets of rich developers. I also support City Council doing everything possible to reduce funding to the Vic PD. It is outrageous and irresponsible that they receive so much funding to terrorize and criminalize people in this city.	11/26/2017 2:17 PM
116	Why is debt reduction not included as an option when dealing with surplus?????	11/26/2017 2:07 PM
117	I think more should be allocated to By-law services, given the changes contemplated in short-term rentals and not letting a lack of by-law enforcement lead to tenting encampments as a substitute for better housing solutions. I also think that less money should go to the Victoria Conference Centre. There is a lot of business money in Victoria so it should be far more user funded. It's not a community club.	11/26/2017 11:36 AM
118	We need to maintain infrastructure - city is old. Still shocking how much of budget (40%) goes to police and fire. I guess this percent would be similar in other municipalities. However, I believe these other municipalities could chip in more as Victoria bares the burden of Victoria being a 'city/hub'.	11/26/2017 9:06 AM
119	We need to maintain current infrastructure - city is old. It is very scary to see that almost 40% of the budget goes to policing and fire. I can guess the percent is similar in other municipalities, but I would hope they all chip in as Victoria bares the weigh of the 'city' culture/hub.	11/26/2017 9:00 AM
120	Cut the police budget -- It is too high for a city the size of Victoria. Look for opportunities to coordinate service with surrounding municipalities	11/24/2017 9:50 PM
121	I decided to answer this survey because I was hoping that I would be able to voice some serious concerns I have over the bike lane project. I am a cyclist (80%) and motorist (20%), and I am very dissatisfied with the protected bike lanes. I support the concept of increasing active transportation in the city but I think that the implementation has been very poor and I'm frustrated by the attitude of "people just need to get used to it" that seems to prevail. The bike lanes could be implemented in a much better way and the funds allocated to bike lanes could be better spent (e.g. less cement, more education/awareness raising).	11/24/2017 9:30 PM
122	Every year there seems to be a tax increase that is above the rate of inflation. In a four year electoral cycle the objective should be to average at or below the inflation rate. Victoria has a lot of add-on fees. In some local governments it's all included in property taxes. There needs to be more transparency about big budget items like water and sanitary line maintenance, upgrading and replacement. I object to the new storm water fee. An argument could be made that it is a tax. Regardless, rain garden or other suggested mitigation costs more than the fee over several years. There is little to no incentive for individuals to mitigate storm/rain water. Where are mitigation measures being done in the city? Make more intentional ponds around storm grates. Have rain garden and mitigation block/ work parties, so it's cheaper and easier to meet the standards.	11/24/2017 2:05 PM
123	The police department costs keeps increasing. I think it's time we look into the way they operate.	11/24/2017 7:49 AM
124	I would prefer not to see any property tax increase. I would like to see more bike lanes and tennis courts in Fairfield.	11/23/2017 9:50 PM
125	I like the direction the city is going. I like to see new cycle infrastructure in place.	11/23/2017 8:40 PM
126	I think the arts should be receiving more funding as it is an economic driver in Victoria. Businesses that are operating and contributing to the arts in Victoria should receive tax breaks on property taxes, encouraging landlords to rent to these types of businesses, and make it ore affordable for these types of businesses to purchase property. I also think that Victoria Police should receive less funding than the proposed amount, which is way too much. We do not need a police state, we need affordable housing and arts funding.	11/23/2017 4:47 PM
127	Reduce the fire department budget. This can be achieved by responding to non-fire calls with smaller more nimble vehicles. This also allows for smaller streets/intersections to be built. The argument about what/if they get another call is silly and out-dated. They must be told to adapt.	11/23/2017 3:01 PM
128	There is so much construction on going that I am unsure of what to comment upon! We have more congestion, more calls upon services of all kinds and the rate of expansion appears frightening!	11/23/2017 12:43 PM

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129	<p>More help with "going green" for homeowners - e.g. rainwater conservation and solar power assistance and incentives Better green transport LRT - to the airport, ferries, and Western Communities (Sooke road is awful with dangerous speeding lunatics!!!) Do you subsidise dirty fossil fuels? Invest in those companies? If so, don't. Invest in clean green tech. More First Nations input. Like with Beacon Hill Park. NO DAMN Skyscrapers!!!! They are awful buildings and breed ghettos. Learn from the awful estates built in my homeland of England. Canada is not magically excluded from creating ghettos. Don't be smug complacent hypocrites. Provide a Guaranteed Liveable Income for all. Make sure the fat cat CEO's pay their taxes! Move away from a Capitalist Consumerist Society, which is killing this planet. Make sure those darned cruise ships become more environmentally friendly the are awful polluters! More and heavier fines for speeding morons. Reduce traffic in Victoria. No traffic on Government downtown (and it works! Businesses will not go out of business! There are many examples worldwide of thriving car free downtown towns and cities - York, Moenchengladbach... The Problem The industrialized nations made a terrible mistake when they turned to the automobile as an instrument of improved urban mobility. The car brought with it major unanticipated consequences for urban life and has become a serious cause of environmental, social, and aesthetic problems in cities. The urban automobile: Kills street life Damages the social fabric of communities Isolates people Fosters suburban sprawl Endangers other street users Blots the city's beauty Disturbs people with its noise Causes air pollution Slaughters thousands every year Exacerbates global warming Wastes energy and natural resources Impoverishes nations The challenge is to remove cars and trucks from cities while at the same time improving mobility and reducing its total costs - that should a priority for this town. Reducing pollution, including noise pollution (such as the awful Rifflandia festival), will go a long way to reducing other problems in Victoria</p>	11/23/2017 12:29 PM
130	No. Only about the rapid pace of unnecessary highrise development in Victoria.	11/23/2017 11:26 AM
131	I would like to see a higher percentage to Arts & Culture to maintain the reputation of the city.	11/23/2017 10:37 AM
132	I don't feel I know enough to comment but I do appreciate the opportunity to give feedback. I want to say I appreciate all the initiatives the city has taken in the last couple of years. I hope in particular there is continued movement to help people who are homeless. It worries me a great deal.	11/23/2017 10:19 AM
133	increases in taxes and utility fees are unsustainable. efforts should be made to reduce taxes. i am charged for street cleaning under the storm water utility which is robbery	11/23/2017 9:00 AM
134	How's that blue bridge coming along?	11/23/2017 8:37 AM
135	I'm totally appalled that the huge percent of the budget allocated to policing . Victoria has many social, cultural, mental health and housing issues it does NOT have law enforcement issues and doesn't have a need for the excessive policing that is imposed upon us. For a fraction of the budget that we waste on this police state we could have street nurses, mental health workers and other much better suited professionals servicing the city's real needs. The VicPD does a pretty crappy job protecting and serving the citizens as it is why are we throwing more money at them? I've had to negotiate the Johnston street Construction site every day for a year and a half on my bike dealing with all sort of dangerous interactions with uneducated motorists and not once has a member of the VicPD appeared to support us, instead they are creating dangerous situations by falsely claiming cyclists are traveling too fast in 40km zones on the Pandora bike path - pretty much physically impossible and yet these crazy uninformed claims are un-refuted by the city or what passes for leadership at VicPD.	11/22/2017 7:54 PM
136	All councillors pledge "reducing taxes" during election campaigns but taxes always increase along with many new fees. As an outsider, I expect many of you will be working on new careers in late 2018. Rubber stamping the Wastewater Facility and allowing a P3 agreement for conveyance piping to Hartland is a mistake and will not be Tertiary Treatment. This will become your downfall and Council's legacy of debt for having allowed a Liberal Direct Award contract to proceed.	11/22/2017 6:56 PM
137	I think the amount of money we spend on Police vs on affordable housing is unacceptable. Policing homeless people and stealing their makeshift homes is not fixing any problems.	11/22/2017 6:16 PM
138	I would like more continuous consultation with regard to development proposals. I know there is a tracker, I know about, and attend, meetings as a householder affected by development. I would like the city to remind me, by email alert, about the process toward approval FOLLOWING community meetings, as these have not always followed the legislated process.	11/22/2017 5:51 PM
139	I feel the focus on bike lanes which I do not use is far to great, and I also believe more should be done to assist taxpayers of the city rather than transient "homeless" people.	11/22/2017 4:57 PM

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140	There is an imbalance on enhancements to bike lanes (too much money) and improvements to roadways to alleviate congestion especially at major intersections.	11/22/2017 3:58 PM
141	cut the frivolities, concentrate on the essentials (aging infrastructure!)	11/22/2017 3:22 PM
142	Spend more on parks and recreation and libraries. Spend less on police.	11/22/2017 3:05 PM
143	No	11/22/2017 2:45 PM
144	I have always believed that "government" spending should not exceed cost of living numbers.	11/22/2017 2:14 PM
145	I think the Police budget is extremely out of whack	11/22/2017 2:14 PM
146	You were wasting my property tax money year after year. I sold out in 2017 and now live on Pender Island where I have gotten away from your bullshit taxing. Taxing even rain, you are totally out of control.	11/22/2017 2:13 PM
147	Stop with those stupid bike lanes	11/22/2017 1:23 PM
148	I don't see the \$10M maintenance or future plans, I presume this is a separate part of the City's financials and not the current proposed 2018 budget?	11/22/2017 1:09 PM
149	I'd like to see some money go to more low income housing.	11/22/2017 1:04 PM
150	Too much spent on Arts (do we really need to spend money on a Poet Laureate- what value add is that???) and not enough on affordable housing. \$250,000 is a drop in the sea compared to what is needed. Ditto, stop all the cycle lanes - I agree with having some but not the overpriced ones that are being put in now.	11/22/2017 12:57 PM
151	We have seen great stress resulting from a push for more development by the city and higher population density with very little relief provided due to the stresses this density results in. We are told that an increasing population will reduce our tax burden, but our municipal tax burden is growing at a rate that is unprecedented in the time since I became a homeowner in 1988.	11/22/2017 12:39 PM
152	No.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
153	Support amalgamation our bureaucracy is overwhelming, no need for all this wasted money	11/22/2017 11:57 AM
154	libraries are old school. They still have a place but the expenditure is extraordinary.	11/22/2017 11:54 AM
155	Yes. why does this municipality have one of the highest growth rate in expenses? you need to bring in a hiring freeze and renegotiate wages, pension and benefits. get rid of the artists in council, we are not an art gallery. stop painting rainbow sidewalks. and for gods sake shut down the illegal pot shops. start fining cyclists for not wearing helmets and traffic violations	11/22/2017 11:21 AM
156	Learn how to live within your means. Your objective should be to provide an environment where productive citizens can flourish. Not hamper them by confiscating their income at ever increasing rates. Social needs in our communities should be provided by churches and other non governmental organizations. Governments have proven to be very poor stewards of taxpayer money. Waste is inherent in government's very nature, and that being said, government's role in our cities, provinces and country should be to protect our God given rights only, not to control our lives infinitum. The laws and regulations created by governments should be to control criminals, not law abiding citizens. Lower taxes, don't raise them!	11/22/2017 11:20 AM
157	I was very disappointed to see that the City of Victoria reduced the funding to The Vancouver Island South Film commission. An organization that brought in over 18 million in direct spend and filled thousands of hotel rooms in 2015 deserves more money from The City not less.	11/22/2017 11:10 AM
158	no money for urgent fixes of infracstructure, and lots for pipe dreams	11/22/2017 10:57 AM

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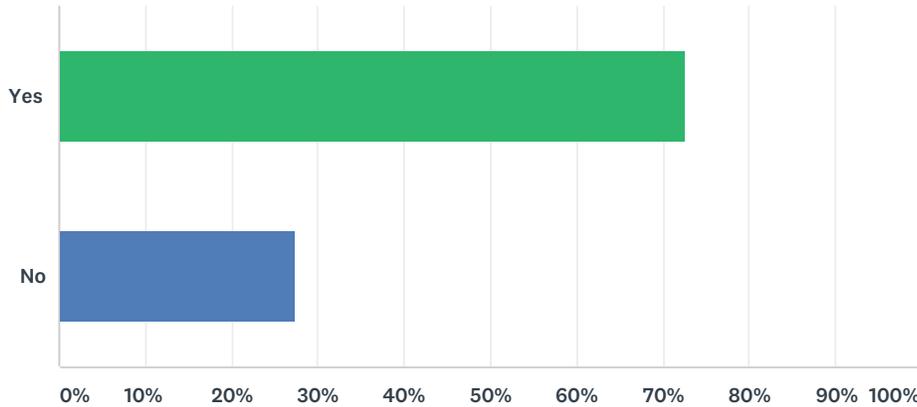
159	I am appalled that so much of the City's operating budget goes to policing. According to the VicPD's own data, most of the service calls that come to police are not for emergency situations involving violence but rather reflect that our communities have become afraid and deskilled around dealing with everyday situations (like public drug use, people sheltering outside, and mental health crisis). We need to divest from extremely expensive responses that do nothing more than keep a small but highly marginalized population intensely trapped in daily surveillance and criminalization, and invest in programs that build community capacity to effectively meet people's needs, resolve conflicts, and otherwise collectively address societal problems. If even 1/10th of the police budget was diverted to grassroots community-based alternatives we could have robust, creatively designed community prevention and emergency response programs like those used in other jurisdictions. People turn to police because there is nobody else to call -- and as long as police continue to suck up such a giant proportion of tax dollars this will continue to be a self-perpetuating cycle.	11/22/2017 10:52 AM
160	Reduce police budget please, or put more police budget dollars into mental healthy and community services funding.	11/22/2017 10:41 AM
161	public transport?	11/22/2017 10:23 AM
162	RE: Parkades • Ongoing facility maintenance and renovations: \$58k - Does this involve painting the Fisgard Parkade? It is overdue.	11/22/2017 10:23 AM
163	These bike lanes are out of control. Our city is growing yet we are reducing the amount of traffic lanes and choosing to seriously worsen congestion. I'm all for encouraging cycling, but not at the expense of the fluid functioning of our roads. Enough is enough.	11/22/2017 10:14 AM
164	I suppose I would mostly, in general for the City's budget, like to see more money put forward for affordable housing that can accommodate students.	11/22/2017 10:11 AM
165	Abundance of criminals or fires in Victoria? Not a justifiable part of our budget...also, why not move some of the tax burden to those non-resident homeowners who treat our property market as an investment. The foreign investment in our property is to the detriment of the younger generations of this City.	11/22/2017 9:40 AM
166	Police and organized crime are big on my priorities .	11/22/2017 9:24 AM
167	why SO much for police? why not spend more on social services and help mitigate problems before they arise and therefore spend less on policing?	11/22/2017 9:10 AM
168	Less for police More low income housing	11/22/2017 8:49 AM
169	No more cops please	11/22/2017 8:14 AM
170	Would like to see extra \$200,000 given to police for 'mental health cops' taken away as worried about negative impact on mentally ill populations receiving more criminalization and less services	11/22/2017 7:32 AM
171	I want to know where the money really goes. The council presently have done a horrible job doing patch work to the city, and making the city worse off. They are more into themselves rather the good of the city.	11/21/2017 11:27 PM
172	well balance	11/21/2017 2:56 PM
173	Policing costs needs to be reduced. Statistics show that less than 2% of ratepayers will need the service of police. The cost/benefit to ratepayers has long been surpassed and 23% of budget is unaffordable and unsustainable.	11/20/2017 7:25 PM
174	Reduce policing expenditures; increase funding for housing, traffic calming, bike lanes and community gardens	11/20/2017 2:15 PM
175	I would like to see a significantly larger portion of resources planned for use in transportation allocated to expanding and improving active transportation (walking & cycling) facilities to facilitate and encourage such transportation.	11/20/2017 1:32 PM
176	I would like to see a significantly larger portion of resources planned for use in transportation allocated to expanding and improving active transportation (walking & cycling) facilities to facilitate and encourage such transportation.	11/20/2017 1:27 PM
177	By-Law enforcement and the lack of same.	11/20/2017 12:41 PM
178	I watch crews. They dont work.	11/20/2017 10:50 AM
179	Beautification should have a higher priority, such as trimming trees and boulevards. In addition some of the roads are in deplorable driving condition.	11/20/2017 10:38 AM

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180	too much spent on police, more needs to be spent on sustainable living initiatives and investments into student housing	11/20/2017 10:30 AM
181	Too much money is spent on Staffing, for a City the size of Victoria; there is no excuse for the amount of administration staff. Cut - cut - cut!!!	11/20/2017 10:06 AM
182	Not yet.	11/20/2017 3:15 AM
183	There should be much more spending on the arts and cultural industries and much less on housing, homelessness except for stricter by-law enforcement.	11/19/2017 7:55 PM
184	It's heavy to police and I feel like I pay for a lot of services I can't take advantage of or do not benefit me	11/18/2017 11:52 PM
185	Why are increases to protective services not aligned Police Vs Fire	11/17/2017 4:54 PM
186	I feel that money should be spent on the upgrade of roads. I am against more bicycle lanes. I have knee problems and there are a lot of seniors like me with medical problems. Victoria is just not a city for young people. The elderly have to be considered as well. I now avoid going to city centre because of the parking situation and all the bicycle lanes. Because of poor pensions, we have to choose what is most important to spend our money on. Using the sewer and the bridge costs as an example, our taxes and utility bills keep rising and it is getting harder and harder to enjoy the little things in life. I love my garden and soon I may not be able to have one because of the cost of water which, of course, affects my sewer cost. I would like the city to consider those on low incomes. More and more people are unable to live in Victoria. My children are unable to buy homes in a place where they were born. I am a native Victoria and do not want to have to move just because costs are getting far too high. Many of us seniors bought houses at reasonable rates and even though no one has control over it, housing costs are rising all the time and again, it raises our taxes and more money is taken out of our small pensions. I believe policing and fire protection is extremely important but a lot of the frills are not.	11/17/2017 11:52 AM
187	I feel there is a lack of accountability and poor prioritization in the operational budget.	11/16/2017 8:01 AM
188	I want the city to spend more money on roads instead of parks. There are so many well used and side streets in Victoria filled with pot holes, terrible uneven road surfaces and in general or just not kept up. There's no reason for terrible road surfaces and a lack of painted bike paths on roads. More money on roads surfaces, less money should be spent on 'add-ons' like more flower beds.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
189	kdkdjhfka;jfkd	11/15/2017 11:24 AM
190	Generally, seems reasonable. I think the organization might be trying to accomplish too much at one time.	11/15/2017 10:03 AM

Q13 Would you like to provide more input on specific areas of the City's operating budget, including City service areas, VicPD operating budget and the Greater Victoria Public Library? This section of the survey should take approximately 10-12 minutes to complete.

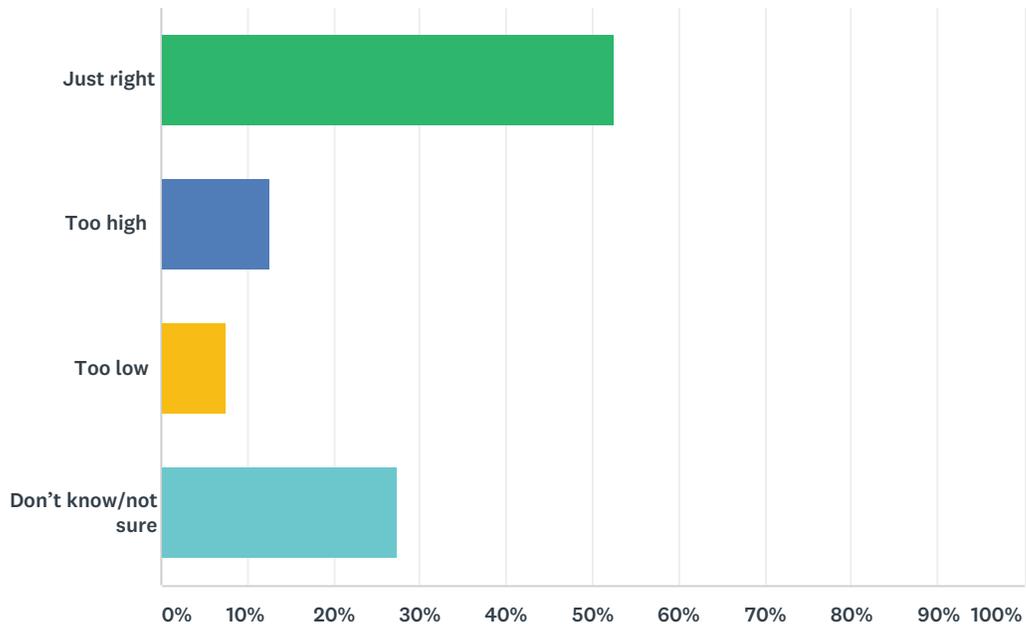
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.53%	338
No	27.47%	128
TOTAL		466

Q14 When thinking about the services you receive from the Victoria Fire Department, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 333 Skipped: 246



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	52.55%	175
Too high	12.61%	42
Too low	7.51%	25
Don't know/not sure	27.33%	91
TOTAL		333

Q15 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Victoria Fire Department operating budget?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 527

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Only that the budget for fire services can never be too high, as it is extremely important.	12/8/2017 1:27 PM
2	They do a fine job.	12/8/2017 10:54 AM
3	Why do firetrucks have to respond, in addition to ambulance, to all medical emergency calls? There are times when I've seen a firetruck truck with 2 or 3 firefighters, an ambulance with two paramedics AND a police car attend a call.	12/8/2017 10:36 AM
4	The Fire Services budget is not on page 733, but 773 in the pdf. The expenses associated with the 128 people assisted via ESS is not evident. Separately, if, as in Saanich, the Fire Dept responds to calls for the ambulance from residential facilities, this is a waste of resources pure and simple. Something is wrong with that system of dispatch. It reveals the kind of redundancy seen in CoV processes where enforcing policy comes at the expense of achieving desirable outcomes, and then excellence in enforcing the policy becomes the measure and excuse for unacceptable results. Council seems to have some great ideas: execution is a staff matter. There a stove-piped culture, entrenchment and power plays seen in Engineering and Planning work against Council in some cases, and lead Council astray in others.	12/8/2017 9:18 AM
5	Better management of salary levels for VFD.	12/8/2017 9:17 AM
6	Labour costs are too high	12/7/2017 5:42 PM
7	They need more full time employees and better critical counselling services for the staff dealing with the opioid crisis	12/7/2017 5:32 PM
8	They can always use more .	12/7/2017 4:49 PM
9	Are you giving the Fire service credit for doing first responder non fire calls that BC Ambulance also answers? Is BC paying a share of the Fire Service cost?	12/7/2017 2:26 PM
10	It's hard for a non-expert to say what the right level is, but it's such a crucial service. Having just had my first experience calling the fire service to my house, it's so important to be able to get such quick, professional service in an emergency.	12/7/2017 11:02 AM
11	fire fighters should not be first responders.	12/6/2017 5:11 PM
12	Strive for pursuing a more efficient paradigm and service delivery model that will lead to more budgetary and financial efficiency.	12/5/2017 7:12 PM
13	I wonder if what the fireservices people state their needs are - are they supported to do what needs to be done?	12/5/2017 2:05 PM
14	Ensure senior staff salaries have sensible severance packages.	12/5/2017 11:35 AM
15	Increasingly, the VFD has become our front line to the opioid crisis, and should be funded accordingly.	12/4/2017 10:12 PM
16	Have more Paramedics/healthcare workers responding to medical emergencies, rather than Firefighters.	12/3/2017 5:34 PM
17	This isn't an area to be stingy with.	12/2/2017 9:12 PM
18	Better value than the VicPD	12/1/2017 3:37 PM
19	wow that"s your panacea answers.	12/1/2017 12:40 PM
20	That is ridicules that fire dept should attend all calls. Work with the provincial government to change this. They should attend Only fire related issues or closely related but not all.	11/30/2017 7:11 PM
21	No	11/30/2017 2:57 PM

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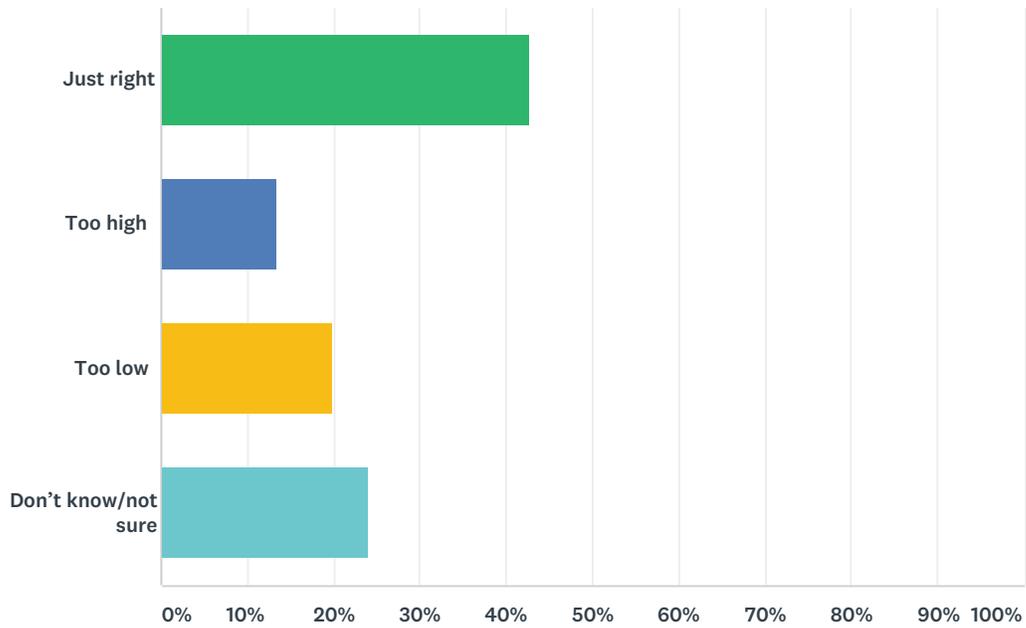
22	Forget the Crystal Pool and get a new fire hall that can serve the growing number of multi story buildings in Victoria.	11/29/2017 8:19 PM
23	Get on with building the fire hall replacement	11/29/2017 12:42 PM
24	Renovate don't replace. Expand only when evidence shows necessity.	11/29/2017 11:57 AM
25	Amalgamation of all municipalities	11/27/2017 7:19 PM
26	Tax payers have a right to be kept safe. Currently resources have markedly SLOWED due to redirection to street people.	11/27/2017 10:13 AM
27	Must take a stronger stance to control staffing costs.	11/27/2017 10:10 AM
28	Sending two firetrucks and an ambulance and three police officers out to a call to handle a person who has a mental issue is a waste of money. The person with the mental illness should have received proper mental care in the first place and then wouldn;t need to be arrested and charged and dragged through an expensive court process with two lawyers and judge. We need to address the problems at an earlier date. It costs less money, less pain all around and results in lower taxes.	11/27/2017 9:02 AM
29	Like focus on Emergency Management.	11/27/2017 4:26 AM
30	None at this time	11/26/2017 8:30 PM
31	why are VFD on par with Toronto? Hardly the same levels of work.....more shared services should be used to keep infrastructure costs down (share trucks - don't buy our own)	11/26/2017 4:56 PM
32	Why do fire engines and ambulances chase each other around when responding to calls where only one or the other is required?	11/26/2017 2:08 PM
33	As the treasurer of a small 13 unit strata a very valuable service for us would be a workshop on how to complete a Fire Plan. We are not large enough to be able to afford the \$4000 cost and surely there can be a middle ground for the DIY stratas. Maybe you could partner with VISOA on this.	11/26/2017 11:37 AM
34	I just hope there in a plan of how to service all of these tall buildings coming into Victoria.	11/26/2017 9:09 AM
35	Full time fire departments are expensive. Many also operate on an ancient military model. Sorry, I don't have time to read p. 733+. I'm sure they do more first responded calls than fire calls. Please work with other local gov's and the province to combine fire and ambulance services to save costs. It is difficult to 'right-size' this fleet, but more smaller multi-functional vehicles are needed. Building fires are rare. The service needs to be oriented to the locations where most fires occur. I assume you're keeping track, what are the key performance indicators?	11/24/2017 2:12 PM
36	Lower it by using smaller vehicles for Mva responses	11/23/2017 11:01 PM
37	Has any serious consideration been given to a partial volunteer / full time fire department? Why are fire fighters attending scenes that call for paramedics?	11/23/2017 8:41 PM
38	They do a great job!	11/23/2017 12:43 PM
39	No	11/23/2017 11:27 AM
40	salaries are unaffordable	11/23/2017 9:00 AM
41	Not at this time.	11/23/2017 8:39 AM
42	There is a need for sharing of resources and services with the 13 municipalities. There are far too many highly paid executive positions that the taxpayer is not informed about.	11/22/2017 6:59 PM
43	Do not spend funds on the harbour "airport".	11/22/2017 2:16 PM
44	i understand that fire departments are first call on drug overdoses. either provide safe injection sites or make them second responders. Yes i realize the potential consequences but if a family member dies as a result of the fire department and ambulances being tied up with a patient with addiction issues for the 4th time that day, then we need to rethink our response strategy.	11/22/2017 11:25 AM

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45	I really appreciate the highly specialized and technical work done by the Fire Department. I also am frustrated that the Fire Department sometimes uses its expertise and authority to take away heating sources from people who are sleeping outside instead of using their expertise to help develop safer heating sources for people sheltering outside. Fire inspections that remove people's ability to stay warm and don't provide any alternatives are not actually helpful in promoting safety, they just punish people and drive people into more secluded locations which increases the risk of harm should there be a fire. I wish that the Victoria Fire Department could take a broader perspective that supports the safety of people sheltering outside.	11/22/2017 10:52 AM
46	Change the rules so firetrucks don't respond to "medical emergency" situations and create a volunteer/piece work funded fire service to cut costs of full time firefighters. There are (many of whom I know well) firefighters that brag about being able to sleep for most of their shifts. Is there a way the city can spend the money more efficiently to make sure the right emergency response shows up to the right scene? At the end of the day...not a whole lot of buildings burn to the ground any more with modern fire suppression.	11/22/2017 9:48 AM
47	N/A	11/20/2017 12:41 PM
48	VEMA's funding should be separate from VFD.	11/20/2017 10:07 AM
49	It's OK but bordering too low as evidenced by removal of smaller stations in recent decades. Response time matters for fire and health issues especially If you have a health issue	11/18/2017 11:55 PM
50	The state of the stations is poor but maybe in this corporate governance model real estate and facilities management are responsible?	11/17/2017 5:00 PM
51	I just hope it includes funding for PTSD relating to so many drug overdoses.	11/17/2017 9:22 AM
52	I like that money is going into emergency management, there needs to be more preventative work done to prepare people for an emergency.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM

Q16 When thinking about the services you receive from Engineering and Public Works, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 323 Skipped: 256



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	42.72%	138
Too high	13.31%	43
Too low	19.81%	64
Don't know/not sure	24.15%	78
TOTAL		323

Q17 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Engineering and Public Works operating budget?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 501

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I don't understand why this city has trucks that drive around and vacuum up leaves. I used to live in a city where residents were responsible for bagging, in compostable bags, the leaves. Made for a much more efficient job by the city.	12/8/2017 10:55 AM
2	Performance metrics on transportation need to go far beyond collisions. Streets can be barriers to community, or means to invite and embrace community. This community wellness aspect needs measures. Lateral, rather than linear thinking is overdue. Organic waste material should NOT require so-called biodegradable plastic bags and SHOULD include garden waste. Community Compost provides this service well and returns bags of compost to subscribers of the service. Greatly appreciated are: responses to calls for discarded item pickup, trash collection whereby staff help with bringing bins down - so important for seniors and others needed assistance. Roads in residential neighbourhoods have potholes - maintenance does not have to mean replacing an entire road surface. Patchwork repairs may not be pretty, but they are better than potholes. If the ideal standard for a street cannot be afforded, Engineering needs to rethink approach. A lesser standard can be serviceable as an interim deliverable. The City has a number of such instances (e.g. asphalt curbing) that no doubt offend the purist, but they do the job just fine--in specific locations--at a far lesser cost.	12/8/2017 9:38 AM
3	Good work from this team.	12/8/2017 9:17 AM
4	You don't even pick up yard waste!!! In Burnaby our home was worth more but taxes were lower and they picked up yard waste! Services here are incredibly low yet taxes are higher. Enough is enough.	12/7/2017 9:41 PM
5	Build the bloody sewer project. You are willing to spend around \$14 million for bike lanes but your okay with shit flowing in our beautiful waters and harming our whale and selfie population. Shame!	12/7/2017 5:34 PM
6	The budgeting/sourcing of steel fiasco of the Johnson street bridge was very disappointing. More funding should be allocated to sustainable transportation options.	12/7/2017 2:46 PM
7	As we face increasing impacts from climate change, pressure on our infrastructure will inevitably increase. Victoria needs to be prepared for that and invest in upgrades now. Not sexy stuff, but we need to acknowledge that these are real costs, now.	12/7/2017 11:04 AM
8	Reduce street cleaning on community streets and keep it up for transportation corridors. In my neighborhood they do a great job of maintaining the street lights. I also see them checking and maintaining the storm water drains/pumps near my home. Some of the workers are more efficient at it than others..time sitting in the truck with nothing happening leaves a bad impression. Maybe more effort on job performance statistics needs to happen for some jobs.	12/7/2017 6:09 AM
9	The city has invested FAR too much cash into frivolous / feel-good expenditures. Start investing in you aging infrastructure to ensure we're building this city for the future.	12/6/2017 5:56 PM
10	I'd love to see Victoria implement a zero waste policy in all it's operations, or as close as possible to that. Stringent criteria for materials use and disposal.	12/6/2017 3:41 PM
11	Plan for climate change by incorporating natural as well as built infrastructure in terms of stormwater utility. Produce detailed cost benefit analysis to determine nature scaping, natural systems in stormwater management. Find funds and apply for provincial and federal grants that homeowners can access to renovate properties to reduce stormwater utility fees, as that utility was intended to drive changes by owners.	12/5/2017 11:41 AM
12	Public work is the most inefficient service of them all. Their planning is nonsense personified.	12/5/2017 11:25 AM
13	It would be nice to see some proper waste water management in this city.	12/4/2017 10:16 PM
14	n/a	12/4/2017 10:13 PM

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15	some streets are in rough shape and should probably just be re-paved, such as vancouver st. between bay and kings.	12/4/2017 8:04 PM
16	Too much is wasted on useless projects like bike lanes	12/4/2017 7:26 PM
17	Funding for this dept. should meet or exceed that of the Police dept.	12/3/2017 5:36 PM
18	More crosswalks are needed	12/3/2017 4:32 PM
19	If the budget was utilized in areas that are needed rather than things like bike lanes I would approve. There are so many roads needing attention and improvements to infrastructure before using precious dollars to increase bike lanes in our city.	12/3/2017 12:25 PM
20	we put faith in city of Victoria officials.??	12/2/2017 10:03 PM
21	Should be reduced	12/2/2017 8:50 PM
22	Overstaffed there is room to make cuts.	12/2/2017 12:47 PM
23	I think efficiencies can be found.	12/1/2017 8:49 PM
24	There needs to be more transportation staff so there is the inhouse expertise to build high quality complete streets.	12/1/2017 7:57 PM
25	We should be getting a proper sewage treatment plant for this	12/1/2017 6:45 PM
26	My experience with public works includes staff standing around watching others work, guys sleeping in the City truck during work hours. We had sewage issues on our street and errors necessitated our street being ripped up three times. Additionally, when a gas line was installed last year on our street public works made an error in rehooking up the sewage line that was dismantled to do the gas line. This resulted in my neighbours homes having raw sewage backed up into their homes. With regard to City Planning dept - they seem only to rubber stamp development proposals and approve anything developers put before them. they seem to have a serious bias towards developers and almost disdain for tax paying citizens. Have not witnessed any talent in this dept.	12/1/2017 3:43 PM
27	really not happy with this survey, that is why I am completing.	12/1/2017 12:40 PM
28	stop adding new pieces of concrete and instead fix existing concrete. By that I mean do not build more meridians and put money into fixing our crumbling existing, uneven sidewalks.	11/30/2017 5:55 PM
29	I would like to see more money invested in addressing water quality issues in Cecelia Creek.	11/30/2017 2:58 PM
30	We need some work on potholes. Don't cut down protected trees so easily.	11/30/2017 2:27 PM
31	Stop wasting gas tax money on bike lanes and fix the rough streets with more than repeated temorary patchs that self destructs in a few months.	11/29/2017 8:21 PM
32	Improvements can be made	11/29/2017 3:08 PM
33	Hate the implementation of the street lights they didn't follow the plan in my neighbourhood.	11/29/2017 12:43 PM
34	I'm a non-union property owner. All union employees should be given a two-day, yes two-day work week at full pay. Hire more people and start turning Engineering and Public Works into a climate action department: conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy production facility. These functions must be performed free of charge, and financed through a steep progressive tax on the super-wealthy and business sector.	11/29/2017 12:05 PM
35	Please continue to make more bike lanes, for environmental reasons primarily. Health and recreation are also good reasons, but I see the environmental issues as the biggest of all. I would bike more downtown than I do now if it were safer.	11/28/2017 6:21 PM
36	I hope you continue to increase the number of bike lanes in the city, for mostly environmental reasons but also for recreational and health reasons.	11/28/2017 6:14 PM
37	not sure how the budget compares to other municipalities, but it has been nice to improvements made to public spaces. the inclusion of an artist in residence who has focused on street art has, in my mind, helped combat the feeling that this city is becoming gentrified through public beautification projects and the rapid addition of expensive private residences (lots of expensive fancy condos). i would love to see more public art that is accessible. i appreciate the effort to make the general appearance more cohesive and save money over the long term by painting all of the metal street lamps etc one colour. lack of wastewater treatment is still a significant concern and an international embarrassment for this city that is striving to be seen as a world-class destination.	11/28/2017 4:39 PM

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38	Need more roundabouts, less lights	11/28/2017 1:39 PM
39	More resources should go to bus lanes and other transit priority measures.	11/28/2017 10:22 AM
40	hailing from Dartmouth NS - where we implemented a tertiary water treatment plant sometime in the 90's. I find it ludicrous and insane that the City of Victoria and other surrounding municipalities do not have proper waste water treatment. This is Victoria - not Cambodia - and it is 2017... nearly 2018. Get this figured out and get it installed. I remember the public battles with the Municipal Government in Halifax about the cost. But no one was complaining about all of that when they deemed the Harbour safe to swim in after years of being a toxic waste land.	11/27/2017 10:00 PM
41	I would like to see investment in transportation and complete streets in Burnside Gorge, specifically better sidewalks, boulevards and cycling lanes along Gorge, Burnside and Douglas. I would also like the City to allocate investment capital in the infrastructure improvements that in the approved Local Area Plan for Burnside Gorge.	11/27/2017 6:13 PM
42	New pool/multipurpose facility please..	11/27/2017 4:09 PM
43	Fine to add cycling infrastructure but not fine to ignore existing much needed repairs and other methods of transportation such as walking.	11/27/2017 10:14 AM
44	People expect too much. Everything is done to perfection. That costs a ton of money. I think we could settle for much less perfection. Live within our means.	11/27/2017 9:03 AM
45	Unclear what is being addressed with respect to sewage & storm drains: i.e. the monitoring of pollutants being processed through these and related infrastructural changes needed. Very concerned that huge expenditures for sewage treatment do not address prevention of medicines, fertilizers and other harmful chemicals going into the sea.	11/26/2017 5:25 PM
46	I struggle with the labour output of city workers - Haultain & Cook corner was a 3 month project to do 4 new corners and u/g work A friend in that filed said that was a 2 week job at best	11/26/2017 4:57 PM
47	I think there could be some reduction in red tape from permitting, etc.	11/26/2017 3:37 PM
48	More flashing lights/better lighting at crosswalks would be good.	11/26/2017 2:09 PM
49	Not sure I have liked a lot of the street art on Douglas?? Also, bike lanes on Pandora, whole set-up, seems dangerous. Not sure why we didn't just use highway barriers for separate bikes and cars like in Montreal - cheaper and could move if an issue.	11/26/2017 9:12 AM
50	Please open a yard waste area similar to Saanich. The drop off Saturdays at Jutland is incredibly busy.	11/24/2017 5:25 PM
51	I don't have any valid source of comparison to even give an educated guess. Is there any performance indicator comparison made by the UBCM or FCM, or even with Washington and Oregon--ecologically most similar to us? How are general operations preparing for more storms and longer droughts re: climate change? Look to the bottom of the hills and ponding up hill. Trees are a major storm water utility and we need a better summer watering scheme or we will lose our tree canopy (which reduces the urban heat island affect and flooding). We are losing the cedars now.	11/24/2017 2:24 PM
52	Please put more money into bike lanes, particularly in Fairfield and Cook Street	11/23/2017 9:52 PM
53	Less money on roads, more money on cycle infrastructure and transit.	11/23/2017 8:41 PM
54	Follow the pollution prevention hierarchy in the Recycling Regulation, excerpted from section 5(3) below: (a) reduce the environmental impact of producing the product by eliminating toxic components and increasing energy and resource efficiency; (b) redesign the product to improve reusability or recyclability; (c) eliminate or reduce the generation of unused portions of a product that is consumable; (d) reuse the product; (e) recycle the product; (f) recover material or energy from the product; (g) otherwise dispose of the waste from the product in compliance with the Act	11/23/2017 1:33 PM
55	I think we should be putting some additional effort into bike lanes and traffic flow. I'd like to see how the city plans to accommodate electric vehicles with future city infrastructure	11/23/2017 11:53 AM
56	Not at this time.	11/23/2017 8:39 AM
57	The city will try to avoid upfront costs by allowing more P3 agreements that will be bound with expensive clauses that allow private enterprise to raise their fees annually, ... the council will not be able to break the contracts.	11/22/2017 7:04 PM

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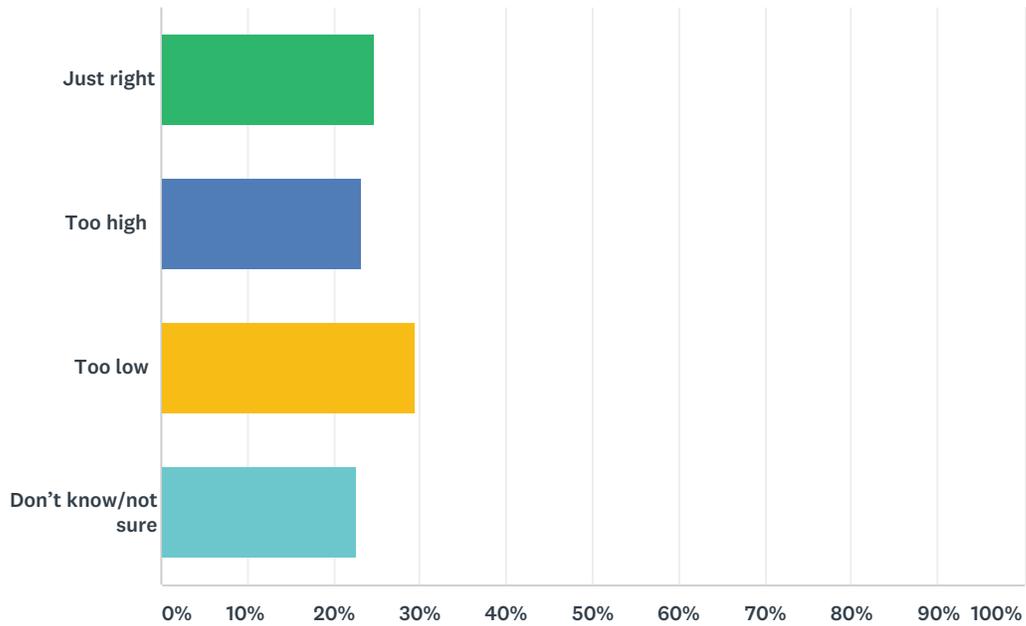
58	Make super-easy access to the pages where info about reducing charges such as storm water and garbage/recyclables collection can be explored. Be proactive is sending City staff to Community or neighbourhood association meetings to explain charges and how they might be allayed for homeowners.	11/22/2017 5:52 PM
59	cannot see where the expensive water treatment plan fits in need to evaluate new separated bike lanes before building more	11/22/2017 5:50 PM
60	Kings Road is a disaster between Fernwood and Empire. My kidneys can barely make it along that stretch of road in my car as I bounce along over the EXTREMELY uneven pavement. It needs attention. I have lived on Mt Stephen Ave for close to 15 years and Kings Road has yet to be properly resurfaced.	11/22/2017 4:26 PM
61	Considering the state of Victoria's infrastructure: water pipes etc there is not sufficient investment	11/22/2017 4:00 PM
62	I'd like to see more engineering and public works staff re-assigned to remediate vacant space in the city to allow to be used for transitional and/or affordable housing. There seems to be no shortage of staff to rip up streets and replace them with bike paths.	11/22/2017 3:50 PM
63	too many high priced engineering salaries, yet the City goes to external sources for engineering consulting! (e.g. bridge)	11/22/2017 3:23 PM
64	Out of control spending	11/22/2017 2:14 PM
65	I realize there is probably no solution but any reasonable person can see the difference in effort by workers from a union and those who work to earn their salary. Maybe a goal based pay scheme that rewards harder work. In any case without job pride work ethic decreases. Sad.	11/22/2017 12:13 PM
66	every city councilor that was part of the decision to build the new blue bridge, should have their salaries and pensions reduced by 50%.. IYou all knew that the budget for the new bridge was unrealistic before you put in a revised referendum to get it approved. now you are taxing us for two types of household waste, water, sewer and of course rain water. Your reckless spending projects including the new bike paths are going to bankrupt the city. and by the way how many of you lunatics honestly believe that allowing developers to put in condos and parking without securing at least one spot per door as part of the cost should be fired.	11/22/2017 11:31 AM
67	get rid of incompetent staff	11/22/2017 10:58 AM
68	Finish the blue bridge replacement as a priority...the amount of time it costs the public is astounding. Any traffic issues resolved will manifest into economic growth for the city as it will be a better place to live etc. Relative to the population, few utilize the bike paths year round...and the changes were hard on the bus drivers...who move a heck of a lot more people than those bike paths. I understand addressing the sewage treatment plant will be expensive but it needs to be addressed. Try not to waste money on these ones!	11/22/2017 9:54 AM
69	I not sure of cost of money spent but not sure if we get enough value for what they do, infrastructure and such is pretty slow and too many projects happen at once, that it delays get an individual one done on time and on budget. I would prefer we do one project at a time but one one a more regular basis i.e. Blue Bridge, finish it then move on to another one; I know some jobs need fixing or replacing at the same time but try not to make doing multiple projects at once the norm but more regular infrastructure upgrading when needed and most cost effective.	11/22/2017 9:28 AM
70	N/A	11/20/2017 12:41 PM
71	many have commented on how the streets and sidewalks are not as clean as they once were. I agree. More effort would be welcome here.	11/20/2017 10:55 AM
72	The total amount is probably OK but is being spent in the wrong places such as social engineering through bike lanes and deterioration of the roads	11/18/2017 11:57 PM
73	More should be spent on garbage collection, particularly in the summer. Waiting over 2 weeks for garbage to be collected because of a holiday is too long. There should also be money spent on facilitating garden waste removal; not just leaves in the fall and branches in the spring. Many householders do not have the capacity (seniors, persons with disabilities, those who do not have a suitable vehicle) to take yard waste to a collection site.	11/18/2017 9:46 PM
74	doing well	11/17/2017 5:00 PM
75	The Johnson Bridge cost over-runs, the ridiculous costs of the downtown bike lanes, and the cost of Tent City is a typical example of the complete disregard for the greater good and the majority of tax payers in favour of a small vocal minority.	11/16/2017 8:03 AM

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76	Please fix the roads and add more cheap painted bike lanes. If you want to add protected bike lanes, use the temporary fixtures that other municipalities have used to separate the lanes.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
77	jkhkhjh	11/15/2017 11:26 AM
78	I wonder if the facilities are being upgraded quickly enough.	11/15/2017 10:04 AM

Q18 When thinking about the services you receive from Sustainable Planning and Community Development, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 311 Skipped: 268



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Just right	24.76% 77
Too high	23.15% 72
Too low	29.58% 92
Don't know/not sure	22.51% 70
TOTAL	311

Q19 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Sustainable Planning and Community Development operating budget?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 485

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A. We plan on spending too much on bike lanes. B. The city council seems to think that affordable housing is housing for the homeless. It's not. Affordable housing is for people who are working (or on some kind of income) but can't afford to live here. Suggest you look at co-op housing as an example of affordable housing, or CRD Housing.	12/8/2017 1:30 PM
2	This city was already pretty sustainable before all the bike lanes were added. Now congestion has become worse and that's worse for the planet.	12/8/2017 10:56 AM
3	Funding is less an issue than wisdom. Watching Councillors make "I care about housing ... but ... this development providing unaffordable housing should go ahead" is galling. Major--not small--developers generate significant profits, a portion of which should serve overall City purposes. They increase costs through projects and these costs are spread across the entire City budget at the expense of homeowners increasingly pressed and who, in later years without hope of future salary increases, risk poverty and loss of domicile. Failure to develop a regime to fairly spread the costs of City services is unacceptable. An excellent example of misplaced direction is the short term rental issue where those with legitimate need for short term housing (hospital visits, placing kids at uni, visiting families in the neighbourhood, locums, etc.) are ignored--as is their positive impact on neighbourhoods--as is the potential to license and gain revenue. Instead, the City favours developers of property unsuitable for long term families (e.g. Janion). Bylaws that limit home occupation to one illustrate how out of touch the City has become--where is the integration of planning such that today's virtual workplace supporting multiple activities is welcomed as an aspect of sustainable, resilient community?	12/8/2017 9:50 AM
4	Not clear on what they do.	12/8/2017 9:17 AM
5	Focus on core services to home owners and businesses and reduce taxes and fees, utility fees.	12/7/2017 9:41 PM
6	There is a low-income housing crisis in this city that is not being treated with the urgency it requires. Budget more. Do better. People are suffering.	12/7/2017 7:41 PM
7	This is a thing?	12/7/2017 5:34 PM
8	Negotiate more development cost charges... Don't give away waterfront riparian rights without getting revenue from them	12/7/2017 2:29 PM
9	Planning for the future is an incredibly important role for the city, and affects so many decisions now. We see a lot of public concern about proposed developments, and I can't help but wonder if better planning, that was more inclusive and transparent to residents, might lead to greater buy-in to neighbourhood evolution over time.	12/7/2017 11:07 AM
10	These services are not visible to me daily. However, it seems to take a lot of time to get approvals for developments once you see a sign posted on a lot and the public hearing gets held and then years seem to pass with nothing happening.	12/7/2017 6:11 AM
11	This is crucial for a city surrounded by water with a growing population and increasing density.	12/6/2017 11:21 PM
12	have not seen anything sustainable in any of the new developments that are being built in the city. Bylaws need to be drafted to ensure compliance with the basics.	12/6/2017 5:12 PM
13	salaries should be in line with prov government	12/6/2017 5:09 PM
14	The City of Victoria is way over-regulated. The re-zoning and development process should be streamlined. There is far too much red tape, and projects take way too long to be approved by the arduous process.	12/6/2017 3:27 PM
15	Consider sharing knowledge and expertise with other municipalities of the CRD to ensure a more uniform and consistent approach to planning.	12/5/2017 7:15 PM
16	Need much better community engagement techniques	12/5/2017 12:18 PM

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17	Again, another area with no clear big picture.	12/5/2017 11:27 AM
18	Need further protection of/for heritage homes/buildings.	12/5/2017 10:59 AM
19	Advance funding for protected bike lanes and to establish commuter trains for the region.	12/4/2017 11:39 PM
20	Im not recommending this for flower pot medians in place of turning lanes or any of the other ridiculous civil engineering tactics the city is using to make traffic come to a halt, making it as uncomfortable to drive in this city as possible.	12/4/2017 10:20 PM
21	Many of the city's buildings could/should be retrofit to be more sustainable/energy efficient.	12/4/2017 10:14 PM
22	Spent to much on transition housing that have been mistreated and abused	12/4/2017 9:31 PM
23	Cut it.	12/4/2017 9:00 PM
24	more effort to save heritage houses, keep green spaces when houses are built, don't allow properties to be paved	12/4/2017 9:03 AM
25	More staff	12/3/2017 6:35 PM
26	Again, take some money away from Police, and put it here instead.	12/3/2017 5:37 PM
27	Need to invest in unused city lands to support low cost housing or communities.	12/3/2017 12:27 PM
28	continue to engage the citizens groups and any individuals who speak on city planning as you have been doing increasingly ??	12/2/2017 10:03 PM
29	Densification is needed, no matter how much people living in single family neighbourhoods complain. They need to make room for the people who will be taking care of them when they get old. Also, new developments over three stories on major streets should always be required to put retail on the first level to make neighbourhoods more walkable.	12/2/2017 9:15 PM
30	I really love this council's commitment to sustainability and I feel passionately that this is the best funding strategy for the future.	12/2/2017 8:02 AM
31	It feels like you have young aggressive planners on staff. Older more experienced people might see what is happening to our city. Council is not listening to its citizens. Chop the budget in half and slow down.	12/1/2017 8:54 PM
32	Please fund an update to the zoning bylaw	12/1/2017 7:57 PM
33	I like the bike development. We need more buses connecting Victoria to other communities like the peninsula and the cowichan valley. The existing service is good but its not enough.	12/1/2017 6:46 PM
34	Sustainability planning is laughable with the loss of canopy that is going on in the city.	12/1/2017 3:44 PM
35	Should be reduced, too many frilly meaningless exercises.	12/1/2017 3:29 PM
36	This department in particular should be aggressive in improving key indicators such as approval times, permit application times, and other customer service objectives. This, like other departments, could move to a digital citizen approach and reduce the number of staff required to fill in paper forms.	12/1/2017 2:35 PM
37	The city needs more for planning, we are way behind on housing especially, it is 100% ridiculous	11/30/2017 5:15 PM
38	The planning dept. works for developers. Condos are being fast tracked, and what we need is affordable rental housing. Need more heritage people and parks needs to put out a new Tree Preservation Bylaw. Hire people who care about the environment and housing as a right not a privilege of the few.	11/30/2017 2:30 PM
39	The communities that accommodate shelters and transient housing should receive funds for neighbourhood clean-up and security funds coming from communities that exclude these social facilities.	11/30/2017 12:15 PM
40	Helpful and competant staff who seem to spend way to much time on wasted errands sent their way by Council.	11/29/2017 8:22 PM
41	The focus needs to be shifted to services and housing to end the housing crisis. We have enough bike paths, we have enough condos. Do something that will actually benefit a large population for once.	11/29/2017 5:13 PM
42	I support spending in this area. With increasing population downtown, greening and neighbourhood food growing opportunities are very important.	11/29/2017 4:30 PM

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43	<p>More support needed for family friendly design and services in dense areas of Victoria (downtown). Growing Up Toronto guidelines should be followed and something similar enforced for Victoria. Downtown Victoria is not built for raising a family compared to Vancouver and Toronto. More emphasis needed on developing multimodal transportation: give even more options other than cars to get downtown: more bike lanes, more bus service, more walkable communities. All this needs to be designed and implemented (I am unsure where else budget should be allocated for implementation). Budget should be allocated for increasing even more options for multimodal transport to get people to / from / around downtown (more bus / more safe bike lanes etc, more carshare support) rather than supporting parking for people living outside of town in the suburbs. Budget should be allocated to updating zoning allowing for more gentle density shift from towers downtown to mid-rise, row house, and townhouses in surrounding communities instead of the abrupt shift to houses in (for example) Rockland and North Park. And why isn't there more housing development in Rock Bay? This is a short walk from the Victoria Market and Hudson district and China Town, where many shops already are. More supply in housing will reduce upward pressure on housing prices.</p>	11/29/2017 1:20 PM
44	<p>Either climate change is real or it's not. Dramatic budget increases needed financed through steep progressive taxes on super-wealthy and business sector. We need a billion+ dollars invested in conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy production.</p>	11/29/2017 12:09 PM
45	<p>More funding for infrastructure that encourages active transportation, especially improvements to the pedestrian realm - there are many sidewalks in Victoria that are not appropriate for individuals with mobility issues and are not wide enough.</p>	11/29/2017 10:33 AM
46	<p>This is what could develop this city into greatness. 2% is not enough.</p>	11/28/2017 8:40 PM
47	<p>While sometimes I think all the consultations is a bit too much, I think it is nice that the city encourages us to have our say (this survey being one example).</p>	11/28/2017 6:24 PM
48	<p>more regular community engagement sessions needed</p>	11/28/2017 1:39 PM
49	<p>More resources should go to sustainable transportation, including a quicker build out of the AAA bike lane network and a more ambitious bus lane / transit priority program.</p>	11/28/2017 10:24 AM
50	<p>Not at all satisfied with land use planning and urban design... really missing an opportunity to make victoria a stunning city...sad...being ruled by developers who want a quick buck and no thought for aesthetics and beauty</p>	11/28/2017 9:52 AM
51	<p>Focus on people who have worked hard in their lives to create a pleasant community but due to health, age, or circumstance now need help for themselves or their families. Don't just focus on people who have made bad life choices and in turn perpetuate the downward spiral for themselves and their families. Are you really listening to or understanding the wishes of all members of all of the communities. Do you really think they trust you? Lifting people up by offering free job training, apprenticeships, mental health care, addiction rehab and higher expectations of social behaviour and discouraging a skid row mentality would be a much better goal. Tourism is the main reason Victoria has thrived and why new businesses and artisans can do well. Make the area feel unsafe, unpleasant or too oriented to drug-culture or criminals and tourists will go elsewhere. Victoria has been a top destination but that is changing. Businesses will suffer and/ or move/close. The city is losing it's old European charm, it's slow paced, friendly, safe and florific qualities which was it's draw. A piece of history and a place of quaint charm and quiet beauty and so many flowers. What happened to the pride of Victoria's ability to grow plants that couldn't be grown most other places and it's beautiful gardens? What happened to the annual flower count? The trend is to get rid of the "bourgeois" signs of prosperity and to be mediocre so everyone feels included. I would rather everyone be encouraged to be proud of and value success rather than feel embarrassed and criticized for it. Quit encouraging and rewarding ghetto mentality. Quit trying to pull neighbourhoods down to the lowest common denominator. Improve and beautify the run down or impoverished, neglected areas. Try to help the poor become successful and productive rather than perpetuating a lifetime of dependency on others. Help them to overcome or treat the source/cause of their problems and thereby reduce the amount of people needing to be treated as persons who are incapable of doing any better who will be dependant on the taxpayers and society for the entirety of their lives. Quit taking away all the old beautiful historic buildings and gardens. Once lost they can never be put back. People being allowed to sleep in front of storefronts and on sidewalks just causes people to avoid going in or near these businesses or areas and result in otherwise viable businesses going belly up. Empty storefronts make an area less desirable to shop in and therefore more businesses die. Bike lanes seem pretty short sighted to me, nice, for riders but bad for everyone else. A very costly, disruptive, unnecessary luxury. I have never had a hard time biking around downtown on my bike before this. Some bike lane areas are great, but the excessive obsession with them is way out of proportion.</p>	11/27/2017 10:49 AM

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52	I am satisfied with the increased density initiatives taking place in Victoria. Building a strong population of citizens with INTEGRITY is the way to reducing crime.	11/27/2017 10:15 AM
53	Planning for the future is difficult but it has to be attempted anyway. It should be rechecked often as technologies change rapidly.	11/27/2017 9:04 AM
54	Essential planning and community focus to help Victoria grow sustainably.	11/27/2017 4:27 AM
55	Victoria is being overdeveloped which really isn't sustainable, and often not compatible with the neighbourhoods. These huge projects put a strain on our water, our services.	11/27/2017 12:03 AM
56	I'm concerned with the overdevelopment of our city, and neighbourhoods. I dont see overdevelopment as being sustainable, and puts a strain on our water, services.	11/26/2017 10:42 PM
57	This should be a priority for the city.	11/26/2017 6:26 PM
58	Far too low	11/26/2017 6:00 PM
59	Does the budget cited include funds to look at architectural sight-lines, wind tunnels, light? From projects underway, it seems that such considerations receive little attention.	11/26/2017 5:28 PM
60	What do they do? If we're spending \$\$ trying to save the planet from global warming, that's a futile undertaking. Find better uses for the money.	11/26/2017 2:15 PM
61	There is a lot of work in this area to keep up with development demands and pressures. Slowing the process though does help avoid knee-jerk decisions that can lead to long-term regrets. I really appreciate the high level of public input that is invited, but there seems to be a lot of skepticism that input is actually listened too. I think of the Tally Ho decision - against wholesale opposition to another housing disaster being planted in that neighborhood. What is the definition of insanity? Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. A really tragic decision that completely disregarded the unconscionable loading of challenging housing on one neighbourhood. Why not put it is those "traditional" areas of Fairfield??	11/26/2017 11:42 AM
62	Need to maintain neighbourhoods and glad done neighbourhood plans done. Downtown waterfront plan is a little much, and should be scaled back to just be simple and practical. Make a three phase plan, first phase to set the look and foundation of the area, live with it for awhile, and if later think need more, go to phase two, and then phase three if all not already over the top. Doesn't have to be everything to everyone all at once. Any improvement will be appreciated. Don't need a 'dreamers' - developer/ town planner-type, award winning design - just something practical, simple, and charming to fit in with the vib of this historic city.	11/26/2017 9:18 AM
63	See above re: performance indicators. There needs to be better development review that specifically references OCP policies and best urban design practices. The city must not be afraid to designate more development permit areas, e.g. for all multi-unit residential, commercial and industrial uses, and a new area re: energy and sustainability so new efficient buildings also create excellent streetscapes/ urban design. Fewer modern boxes please. Please deliver a transparent index of contributions to the affordable housing fund on the web site. Ban black asphalt roof shingles to reduce the urban heat island effect.	11/24/2017 2:33 PM
64	Please spend more on bike lanes	11/23/2017 9:52 PM
65	Stop the highrise development. Stop turning Victoria into another Vancouver.	11/23/2017 1:34 PM
66	Slow down!	11/23/2017 12:44 PM
67	A healthy natural environment has to be a high priority! Many other problems in society will be reduced including, sickness and the need for doctors (which are sadly lacking in Victoria). Happier healthier people. Less need for consumerism: consumerism is killing the planet.	11/23/2017 12:33 PM
68	So important. More money is needed. Police budget is too high	11/23/2017 11:40 AM
69	We have 43.43 FTEs here, with a sole heritage planner. If we are to preserve our invaluable historic buildings and neighbourhoods, we must devote more resources to heritage planning. At present, much of Planning's time is devoted to facilitating site-specific rezoning for developers, which is not only a waste of resources, but also a destabilizing influence on neighbourhoods.	11/23/2017 9:38 AM
70	We have 43.43 FTE here, with a sole heritage planner. If we are going to preserve our invaluable historic buildings and areas, we must invest more in planners with that mandate. Much of our resources are spent facilitating rezoning that results in overbuilding and the destabilization of our neighbourhoods. Planning needs to spend more time enhancing and supporting neighbourhoods and less time helping developers with site-specific rezoning.	11/23/2017 9:22 AM

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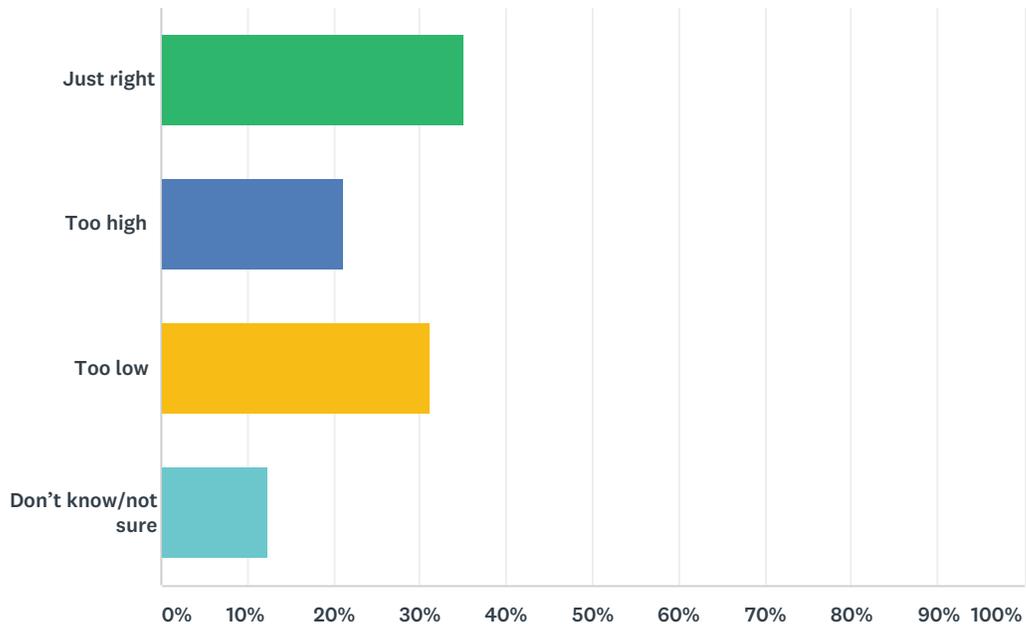
71	too many plans. as soon as they are approved people are granted variances	11/23/2017 9:01 AM
72	Not at this time.	11/23/2017 8:39 AM
73	We're on an Island in a world facing climate change, we must put more of an effort into sustainability, planning and infrastructure that supports this. 2% of budget and we're throwing 23% at policing a bit insane.	11/22/2017 7:58 PM
74	The city should be cooperating with the western community to move new Government position out of the city core to reduce traffic congestion, emissions and parking problems. The council will feel threatened by allowing outlying municipalities to prosper and grow their local economies. This is apparent by the city not allowing Sooke to have CRD water. The city's infrastructure is fragile and will collapse under a major predicted earthquake. If the western municipalities were supported now they will be in a position to aid Victoria when the need arises. Do not consider it as urban sprawl but an opportunity for more citizens to enjoy and build the Island economy to attract young families, tourists and retirees. It takes the whole lower Island to build and improve one another's economic strengths. There appears to be a self centred approach among the wealthiest municipalities and this will likely only improve by a mandated Amalgamation brought on by angry taxpayers.	11/22/2017 7:19 PM
75	A long response in this space just disappeared... Main point was: in the zones where density meets single owner occupied, or single-occupancy or small multiple occupancy or ownership: NUANCE development. It is not the owner or small-building occupant's job to contest each and every development variance request, although this step must not be abandoned. It is the city's job to respect the zone of transition between higher and low density, and make it NUANCED, "feathering the edges" with exceptional care. If it does not do this, it will create awkward neighbourhoods, poor citizen engagement, and endanger liveability.	11/22/2017 5:56 PM
76	In light of the rising real estate prices in Victoria, the City needs to be more sympathetic towards property owners trying to augment their incomes through rental income whether short term or long term. Consideration and grace needs to apply to those owners who reside in their principle residence and who need that residence and land to generate additional income to survive. If additional resources need to be added to support the planners in their important role of developing bylaws etc, then divert funds in their direction.	11/22/2017 4:31 PM
77	Community development should be a greater component of the budget. Especially downtown, there are many opportunities to enhance community development, including hosting more events like Car Free Day that showcase Victoria and communities.	11/22/2017 3:34 PM
78	YOU CHANGED THE CITY TO LOOK LIKE EVERY OTHER PLACE CANADA. IT WAS UNIQUE. GET THOSE OPIOD BUMS OUT OF HERE.	11/22/2017 2:43 PM
79	The extent of commercial development in downtown Victoria is extreme and uncalled for!	11/22/2017 2:16 PM
80	Out of control spending	11/22/2017 2:14 PM
81	If the current level of funding results in what looks, to a layperson like me, like chaotic and poorly designed development, it's too low.	11/22/2017 1:13 PM
82	The city would greatly benefit from municipal soft plastic recycling.	11/22/2017 1:03 PM
83	My humble observation is that development seems helter skelter in Victoria. The last couple of years have seen large public works in progress along with what appears to be the willy nilly creation of unaffordable, poorly designed high rise building construction making for a city that is dominated by construction. This adds to frustration and stress for residents, constant noise and congestion. Motorists are angry making for unsafe driving as there is little or no traffic enforcement.	11/22/2017 1:01 PM
84	I would like some assurance that rapid densification has any merit whatsoever. From what I have seen over the last 2-3 years, there is not a lot of thought being given to what the longterm impacts will be of putting skyscrapers all over Victoria. From what I see, it does not help homelessness, or alleviate the housing crunch.	11/22/2017 12:42 PM
85	Too much thinking;not enough doing. Too much flaky thinking without common sense being utilized.	11/22/2017 12:34 PM

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86	<p>please tell me what services i receive for my tax dollars? i dont have any children, i dont take the bus and i dont participate in the usual outdoor parties and concerts put on for the benefit of the citizens. i applaud the city's effort for putting on surveys, but lets face it, the current administration already has an agenda for spending money on their own pet projects, (dedicated bike lanes, reducing the speed limit so that buses miss their schedules) so you are only fooling people into believing you are listening to them. Between the business taxes and personal property taxes i am seriously considering moving both away from both.</p>	11/22/2017 11:37 AM
87	<p>I strongly support an increase in funding towards sustainable planning and community development, but I also have concerns that the way this is currently oriented is towards a vision that emphasizes economic prosperity at the expense of other values. Currently Victoria is undergoing very rapid gentrification and expansion of high-end luxury housing, on the rationale that Victoria has to cash in to provide money for future community services. This is having a negative impact on many people with the most severe impacts being on people with very low incomes who are not only impacted by the dire shortage of affordable housing but also no longer able to get other needs met as gentrification brings with it displacement of services, shops, and other facilities that serve low-income people in favour of high-end restaurants, gyms, spas, etc. I am very concerned that we are on a path to Victoria being a rich person's playground and do not support expansion of planning that is to move things further along in this direction. What I do support is a vision of sustainability and community development that asks how we can create infrastructure that meets real social needs in ways that are environmentally sustainable and respectful. A key piece of this is addressing the urgent need to dismantle the colonial relationships and power structures that are the current foundation of how things work here. I see no line item in the City budget for the very far-reaching transformation that would be needed to actually enact decolonization, reconciliation, and reparations for harms done. The City of Victoria is built on stolen land, with wealth generated from stolen labour and stolen resources. It's mind-boggling to imagine the work needed to go from our current situation to a way of living that is founded in respectful relationship to ourselves, each other, and these lands and waters. There is huge momentum behind our current abusive, violent relationship to Lkwungen people and their territories and it will take very significant investment to change that, and many generations of work to heal. But the longer we delay in engaging in this difficult transformative work, the more damage is done and so the harder we make it for future generations. It takes a lot of money, power, and effort to keep colonization rolling, and if we stopped doing that, all kinds of creative possibilities could emerge. The Sustainable Planning and Community Development department is potentially a good location for this work to begin.</p>	11/22/2017 10:52 AM
88	<p>We need low income housing that isn't supportive housing and none is available! Resident run community based low income structures would be great!</p>	11/22/2017 7:34 AM
89	<p>Community evolvment?</p>	11/20/2017 12:41 PM
90	<p>I would be happy to see a higher budget for this very important area.</p>	11/20/2017 10:57 AM
91	<p>For what? JBNA receives funding and the city has Staff.</p>	11/20/2017 10:07 AM
92	<p>It should have responsibility for the social policy area of accessibility and inclusiveness because it has policy skills and responsibility for strategic plan objective seven</p>	11/18/2017 11:59 PM
93	<p>Include space to support stratas by offering bike storage grants and how to documents. With more and more Victoria families living in small urban spaces (we are a family of 4 living in 650 sq ft), Money to encouraging creation of family friendly buildings. Mini parks built on development sites, open to all children in an area (who can't afford to live in the new builds).</p>	11/17/2017 9:30 AM
94	<p>There appears to be a complete single-minded focus on enable the lifestyles of individuals who contribute nothing to the community at large, while the hard working and paying public are asked to pay more and more with less value and service received.</p>	11/16/2017 8:04 AM

Q20 When thinking about the services you receive from Arts, Culture and Events, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 307 Skipped: 272



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	35.18%	108
Too high	21.17%	65
Too low	31.27%	96
Don't know/not sure	12.38%	38
TOTAL		307

Q21 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Arts, Culture and Events operating budget?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 503

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think the salary level for the City Manager and Deputy City Manager are far far too high. More funding should be funneled directly to arts and culture.	12/8/2017 10:45 AM
2	Staff and Councillors who take pride in civic arts need to open their eyes and support the arts laterally. Where do visiting artists, directors, designers, players, musicians, dancers, etc. -- all notoriously underpaid -- find accommodation for their under 30-day stays in Victoria? Right--the neighbourhood STR that the City will not license and proposes to spend half a million dollars shutting down. Perhaps instead, that half million should go to the arts.	12/8/2017 9:58 AM
3	A little investment in this sector, goes a long way. Pays back in tourism value as well.	12/8/2017 9:29 AM
4	No more waste on painted crosswalks that loo like crap. The downtown puzzle pieces are an eyesore and an embarrassment.	12/7/2017 5:36 PM
5	would like to see significant increases in arts funding, both for public art programs, and organizations that are doing work providing accessible arts education to children, families, and marginalized communities	12/7/2017 2:59 PM
6	Make sure that the creative sector is supported and that no city employee becomes the Culture Czar!	12/7/2017 2:30 PM
7	Love many of the events the City puts on, and appreciate so many of the others even though they may not be aimed at me.	12/7/2017 11:08 AM
8	When you are raising taxes by 2.8%, this seems an area that should receive cuts.	12/7/2017 6:14 AM
9	Better fireworks would be appreciated. :-)	12/6/2017 11:21 PM
10	Corporation should be encouraged more to donate or get the DBIA, etc. to help with funding.	12/6/2017 5:12 PM
11	Absolutely love that there is consistent programming happening in Centennial square. I especially love the Eventide series, but appreciate that many groups get to use the space to gather their community.	12/6/2017 3:42 PM
12	These programs do not benefit the vast majority of taxpayers.	12/6/2017 3:27 PM
13	Despite repeated cries that Arts&Culture are key to the City, and given that Tech & Tourism ride Cultures coattails, arts as a true asset, and more importantly, artists working in the public realm, still beg and compete for crumbs. City should use some human resources to gain funding for arts programming in community spaces, to balance the aging patrons to "high"arts, ie opera, symphony, and offer "regular" people to engage arts&culture, so ensuring next generation of art gallery/opera and theatre going public is educated and cares enough to feed the taxation needed to continue making Culture relevant in the face of Commerce annexing creative capital.	12/5/2017 12:03 PM
14	I support arts and culture but I believe the city wastes money in the way they do this as weel	12/5/2017 11:28 AM
15	Victoria needs to support spaces for youth and emerging artists. There should be art centers with workshop spaces and galleries which young and emerging artists can exhibit work in.	12/4/2017 11:40 PM
16	Would love to see the city sponsor more emerging artists and galleries/venues to promote new artists.	12/4/2017 10:47 PM
17	Cut it.	12/4/2017 9:00 PM
18	There are not enough affordable spaces for arts/theatre groups to perform	12/4/2017 9:04 AM
19	Less Police, more fun more happy more pride less need for Police.	12/3/2017 5:39 PM
20	events based on food production would have multiple benefits ??	12/2/2017 10:05 PM
21	More emphasis is needed on walkability, infrastructure, and homelessness.	12/2/2017 9:16 PM

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22	I really enjoy all of the City events - it has been a great (and fun) year!	12/2/2017 8:03 AM
23	Nice but can be cut in half and still be effective.	12/1/2017 8:56 PM
24	Apart from funding civic facilities eg theaters the city should stick to the knitting. We don't need artists in residence or stupid events like car free day.	12/1/2017 3:30 PM
25	dedicate this money to the library and public wifi infrastructure.	12/1/2017 2:36 PM
26	Spend more on this area for a truly culturally alive city. Put First Nations first.	11/30/2017 2:32 PM
27	More focus on permanent public art work	11/30/2017 12:15 PM
28	Would like to see the money spent on the poet laureates and the artist in residence go to community groups that are better positioned to support the arts. How does Oak Bay manage to have some wonderful public art compared to what we have.	11/29/2017 8:30 PM
29	More art and features, temporary or permanent, should be developed in the city. The art on douglas/yates intersection is a good start - what else can be done to bring smiles and attract attention to the vibrant and high pedestrian traffic areas downtown? The only requirement for art is that it be appreciated and it really makes the city a great place to live.	11/29/2017 1:20 PM
30	Would love to see more festivals in downtown - really enjoyed the Canada 150 outdoor concert series. Also more public art, like murals.	11/29/2017 10:34 AM
31	Ridiculous waste of money	11/28/2017 6:58 PM
32	Are you contributing to the Provincial Performing Arts Festival here in Victoria, May 29 to June 2? It is a very large event and will bring in many out-of-town participants, relatives and adjudicators.	11/28/2017 6:26 PM
33	i would love to see increased funding for all of the artist residency programs, more public art, and funding for art programs that are geared towards low income and marginalized communities, as well as enhancing the quality of arts education in public schools.	11/28/2017 4:49 PM
34	Please continue your support for Arts, Culture and Events, and particularly for the libraries which provide great services to people	11/28/2017 12:09 PM
35	These are the events that create rich opportunity for creativity and community vitality...need to keep access open to all income levels...these events promote coming together as a community of diverse people's...wonderful....let's keep it up and then some!	11/28/2017 9:54 AM
36	These build strong community spirit.	11/27/2017 10:16 AM
37	Best to leave the arts to the artists. Committees and group think tend to water down the arts and we end up with poor quality. For example: Whales....a trite, overdone cliché.... that makes us look like fools in the art world.	11/27/2017 9:07 AM
38	Great Artist in Residence program. Enhancing public art and programming in the city is essential.	11/27/2017 4:28 AM
39	Arts, culture, and events are important for viable city, and community.	11/27/2017 12:04 AM
40	Arts, culture, and fun family events is so important to building sustainable communities.	11/26/2017 10:44 PM
41	This department should be more prioritized.	11/26/2017 6:26 PM
42	Do away with funds wasted on such initiatives as the unsightly Yates & Douglas crosswalk with its built-in obsolescence already visible. Not well thought out. Allocate some funds to monitor and set better standards for allowable noise pollution levels from public events.	11/26/2017 5:33 PM
43	McP & Royal Theatres need \$ from ALL municipalities or charge a surcharge on event attendees who are not residents of Victoria City	11/26/2017 4:59 PM
44	Arts, Cultural, Events have always been part of the fabric of this capitol city.	11/26/2017 9:19 AM
45	I'd prefer the city to cut arts and culture rather than raise taxes.	11/24/2017 5:26 PM
46	What happened to 1% for art? Aside from special compensation, art can include replication of heritage building features (the old days of sloped roofs, intricate building details, porches, local building materials etc.) and be relevant, interesting and economical.	11/24/2017 2:37 PM
47	We are in a time of multiple and comprehensive social needs so I am strongly opposed to frivolous or non-essential spending (even though I might hear "we have a budget for that"). For example, it might be "nice" but we do not need a poet laureate, colored/patterned streets/sidewalks unless for safety, or more art/tribute installations.	11/24/2017 1:19 PM

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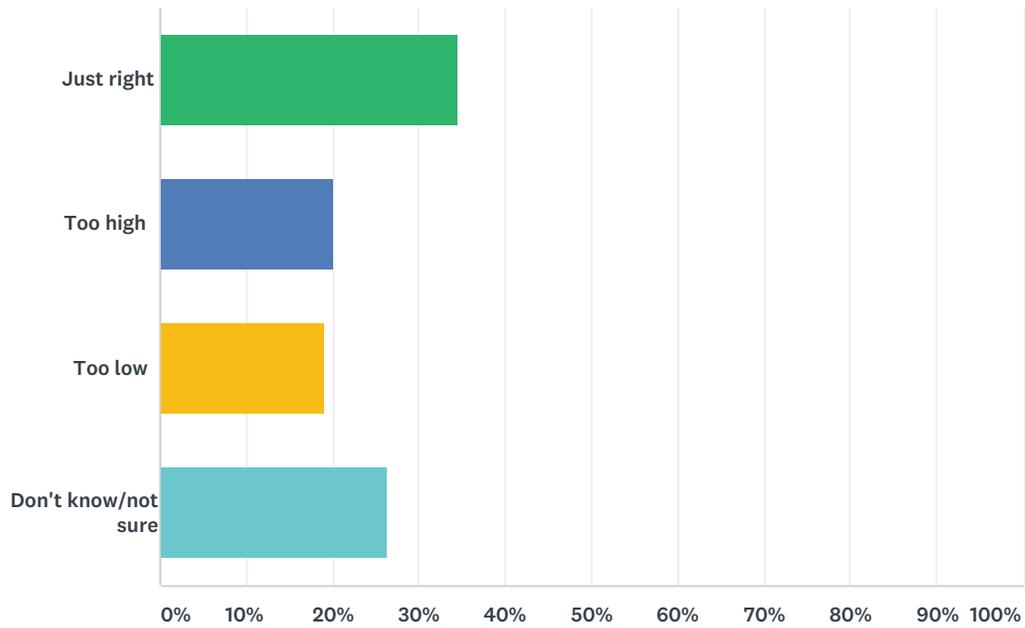
48	More funding for the arts is necessary and beneficial to all of us.	11/23/2017 8:42 PM
49	No. Although some of the art work is questionable	11/23/2017 1:34 PM
50	The arts needs support! Thank you.	11/23/2017 12:44 PM
51	Ties in with overall health. It's the same old stuff with the arts in this town. Boring. Not enough done for First Nations, full stop!	11/23/2017 12:34 PM
52	There are a lot of empty walls and opportunities for art in this city that aren't being seized. I'd like to see more art initiatives like the one involving Luke Ramsey	11/23/2017 11:56 AM
53	three artists in residence is too many. we don't need poet laureate let development fund public art	11/23/2017 9:02 AM
54	Would like to see more buskers and stalls in the Inner Harbour Causeway again! It's great for locals and visitors alike!	11/23/2017 8:40 AM
55	We're and Island city with a big dependency on tourism. We can't rest on our dusty laurels we need to give people a reason to choose Victoria. Arts, Culture and event are those draws and we're starving them to the point of disappearing. 1% - OMG its amazing any arts organization sticks it out here.	11/22/2017 8:03 PM
56	Why not allow the local tiggers to paint the Johnson Street Bridge to save money ... they will do this for free regardless of warnings.	11/22/2017 7:21 PM
57	The City punches way above its weight in professional arts quality and achievement. The keystone performing arts organizations (symphony, opera, theatre) should be recognized with increased funding. Clear expectations for emerging companies (ballet company, Blue Bridge), should be laid out so that they know where they stand in terms of future increased support which should recognize artistic excellence as well as community reach and the reflection of Victoria's diversity, including First Nations.	11/22/2017 5:59 PM
58	Feed and house people first. Culture stems from happy and thriving communities. It all starts with the basics: Food, water, shelter, health and safety.	11/22/2017 4:34 PM
59	Funding for First Nations' events should not be the responsibility of the city, rather the province and the federal government.	11/22/2017 4:02 PM
60	non essential! save this for years there is plenty of surplus	11/22/2017 3:24 PM
61	McPherson Playhouse needs a major overhaul. I avoid going there if possible.	11/22/2017 3:15 PM
62	SELL THE MACDONALD STATUE TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE	11/22/2017 2:46 PM
63	Public art should be juried by the public, not art "experts"!	11/22/2017 2:16 PM
64	You do not have any commitment to sculpture parks or local artists exhibitions of local artists.	11/22/2017 2:16 PM
65	This area is one of our largest tourist draws, and more investment would be beneficial for our community and tourism.	11/22/2017 1:04 PM
66	No need for Poet Laureate or Artist in residence. I bet not one in 100 could say who they are or what they contribute. Money should go to events that numerous can benefit from like festivals etc.	11/22/2017 12:59 PM
67	We are a city not an amusement park or art gallery. focus on helping individuals that create jobs and opportunities for other residences. STOP wasting tax payer money on idiotic feel good projects. Sooner or later those paying the bills will leave like they did in many of the US cities.	11/22/2017 11:47 AM
68	Cultural initiatives can have a very significant impact on how people feel, think, relate, and imagine. This is a power that can be used for tremendous good and it is also a power that can be used for harm. I strongly support funding cultural initiatives that work towards decolonization, reduction of hatred and discrimination, increased community capacity to collectively solve problems, increased awareness of diversity, and other ends that are for the public good. There have been some wonderful initiatives that have emerged from the City of Victoria funding artists individually (for example the work currently being done by Lindsay Katsitsakatste Delaronde) and also through the City's support of community based arts initiatives and I would love for this to expand. However, I do not support spending on events that celebrate colonization and genocide (e.g., Canada Day, Victoria Day) or otherwise normalize and uphold systems of oppression and violence.	11/22/2017 10:52 AM
69	Very important as the aging population will look to this stuff	11/22/2017 9:26 AM
70	Supporting lower level local younger artists rather than paying thousands for better known artists	11/22/2017 7:35 AM

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71	Maybe council not stealing other people's ideas and passing them off as there own in regards to the arts.	11/21/2017 11:29 PM
72	Accessibility ??	11/20/2017 12:41 PM
73	I find the budget satisfactory. It is only what it is spent on that I find unsatisfactory. Most I find somewhat frivolous.	11/20/2017 3:18 AM
74	This is a very neglected area by Victoria. Much more support for POV, VSO. AGGV and Belfry needed including capital.	11/19/2017 7:57 PM
75	Has taken on too much too fast in this area	11/18/2017 11:59 PM
76	Why don't we have more public art in the city? Oak Bay is kicking the city's butt in this department. LOTS of local artists would love to provide public art at a nominal fee.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM

Q22 When thinking about the services you receive from Bylaw and Licensing Services, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 304 Skipped: 275



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	34.54%	105
Too high	20.07%	61
Too low	19.08%	58
Don't know/not sure	26.32%	80
TOTAL		304

Q23 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Bylaw and Licensing Services operating budget?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 513

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Enforcing bylaws that do not service the City well by their very nature is an unacceptable expense. This is an important peice of work performed by dedicate staff--but when washing leaves into a garden bed receives a water waste threat when simple standing to water the same bed does not is just plain stupid. Similarly, where enforcement cannot demonstrate an economic and social value, the money is better spent elsewhere. Focus less on compliance and more on results. Every citizen is familiar with processes that work for some, not all. Forcing compliance with processes that do not work is unnecessary if the governing model is focus on the desired result and the means of achieving that result is more broadly permissive of multiple (acceptable) approaches. Less linear, more lateral thinking is needed.	12/8/2017 10:02 AM
2	We need less police downtown at night.	12/7/2017 7:33 PM
3	No comments	12/7/2017 5:36 PM
4	Tone down the swat and bullet proof vest look... Protect them but don't allow them to look like police people.	12/7/2017 2:32 PM
5	Bylaw development and enforcement is not everyone's favourite thing, but again, such an important role for the City. I appreciate that the City's bylaw team tries to go about their job with a mix of compassion and firmness to keep us all living in close proximity to each with a degree of harmony :-)	12/7/2017 11:10 AM
6	Shift some of the effort from parking violations in areas where there is not a significant issue most days to business licensing where it seems illegal businesses can set up and operate.	12/7/2017 6:18 AM
7	Hire enough bylaw officers to properly enforce the no camping in parks bylaw. Campers in Central Park are constantly there past 7am.	12/6/2017 7:23 PM
8	Bylaws need to be enforced. Lots of revenue could be generated by enforcing the law - bike helmets, speeding, etc.	12/6/2017 5:13 PM
9	we need more parking enforcement in our area as well as bylaw enforcement regarding noise at Ogden Point.	12/5/2017 2:25 PM
10	Tree protection: give bylaw some teeth! Complaint driven response is toothless! Calculate environmental value of trees and apply punitive fines that truly deter rogue removal by those caught devolving urban forest assets.	12/5/2017 12:07 PM
11	These employees are portrayed as ambassadors for the city. In reality, they are only poor advertising. Unfriendly. Unhelpful. Disrespectful. I would cut their budget.	12/5/2017 11:30 AM
12	n/a	12/4/2017 10:47 PM
13	protect wild spaces for bees, control and limit pesticide use	12/4/2017 9:05 AM
14	My family lost there home of 10 years when we took legal action against a well known landlord for garbage removal and pest control. Bylaw enforcement was unable to assist in any way at an apartment building of 7 conforming suites and 2 non-conforming suites personal informa ion The new proposed standard of Maintenance bylaw (if enforced) would be a cause for more funding.	12/2/2017 10:13 PM
15	The liquor licensing laws in Victoria are far too onerous and should not be a significant source of revenue. The city drastically needs more bars to make it a fun and vibrant place for young people to live.	12/1/2017 9:00 PM
16	It appears this budget is a waste of money as most of these bylaws are ignored anyway. Perhaps you need a better mousetrap.	12/1/2017 9:00 PM

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17	Sent a recent message recently to bylaw asking why they are not enforcing the bylaw that requires property owners not to pile leaves on the sidewalks and streets as it is dangerous - a neighbour recently went down on her bike on her way to work because of this. I am yet to hear back - that was almost a week ago now.	12/1/2017 3:47 PM
18	Contracting out is a very bad idea and enforcement based on ideological and political basis is ill-advised. Enforce on complaints not goofy ideas.	12/1/2017 3:32 PM
19	To reduce the police operating budget perhaps some of the issues like noise complaints and other nuisance offences that aren't criminal should be done by by-law with greater staffing resources so that they can respond 24/7 for noise complaints in particular and then educate the public about that expanded/changed service model.	12/1/2017 3:17 PM
20	all the nice objectives don't matter if there is no enforcement. Too many bylaws are complaint driven.	12/1/2017 2:37 PM
21	The Tree Preservation Bylaw is useless. Get to work and make it meaningful. The noise level is too high, also reflective of poor bylaws i.e. leaf blowers. Lighting needs to be addressed, poor quality and bad for our health when it's shining in apt. windows.	11/30/2017 2:35 PM
22	If you don't enforce bylaws in a timely manner then you might as well not have them. In addition to the annual clean your sidewalk of snow warning, why not have regular reminders about common bylaws that people may not be aware of. For example, cutting back bushes so they don't encroach on the sidewalk. How about an online user friendly review of important bylaws.	11/29/2017 8:40 PM
23	There is a need to put more resources into bylaw enforcement, especially related to the occupation of public space by the street based population and a means to clean up garbage and litter left by this group. I realize we need services for them, but until this occurs, the public also needs support so that enjoyment of public spaces is possible. One doesn't want to take children to parks or green spaces where drugs are being consumed and delt.	11/29/2017 7:55 PM
24	We need more small community neighbourhood libraries.	11/28/2017 8:01 PM
25	the city needs to stop passing bylaws that criminalize inadequately housed individuals and invest in community solutions that provide housing, and in the meantime, allow for the creation of self sustaining, communities based solutions, ie tent cities.	11/28/2017 4:50 PM
26	Bylaw enforcement officers are not a solution to social ills, please redirect these funds to useful services	11/28/2017 1:40 PM
27	There is a lot of excessive noise throughout the city, besides the usual ones, I'd like to mention some concerts at the North Park Facility, leaf blowers and restaurants in older buildings. I have stopped going to many because of lack of sound proofing and a general high/loud voice level from customers. There is an education component that needs to take place regarding noise.	11/28/2017 12:09 PM
28	enforce bylaws downtown;	11/28/2017 9:29 AM
29	There is insufficient proactive by-law attention to camping, graffiti in Burnside Gorge.	11/27/2017 6:15 PM
30	Quit handing out maps to city parks for indigent to set up tent cities. Amend bylaws to prohibit camping in any city park. Are the parks for recreation and enjoyment by the people who help support their care and upkeep or are they squatters grounds and temporary housing sites for non taxpayers to do drugs and defecate in? Leaving debris and waste and Dr Is or needles in. Is it a safe situation for children? Pets? The frail, elderly or disabled?	11/27/2017 10:59 AM
31	Please take this seriously. Enforce the laws. Please prioritize tax paying law abiding citizens needs over criminal minded street people.	11/27/2017 10:17 AM
32	Proposed funding to hire more enforcement to monitor short term rentals is unwarranted and will be unproductive. There are better ways to provide incentives for vacation owners.	11/27/2017 10:13 AM
33	Bylaws and licensing generally crush creativity and peoples abilities to try new things. It's one more hurdle when people could be making things happen. Our country could not have been built in the past with the current beauracracy.... so how do we think we can possibly build the future under it's current weight.	11/27/2017 9:10 AM
34	Important to have the needed services to support the city's bylaws and their enforcement.	11/27/2017 12:06 AM
35	It's important to have the resources to enforce and support the bylaws.	11/26/2017 10:46 PM
36	Bylaw officers need to be able to hand out tickets to illegal activities beyond parking and barking dogs. Let them ticket illegal cyclists & skateboarders on sidewalks	11/26/2017 5:00 PM

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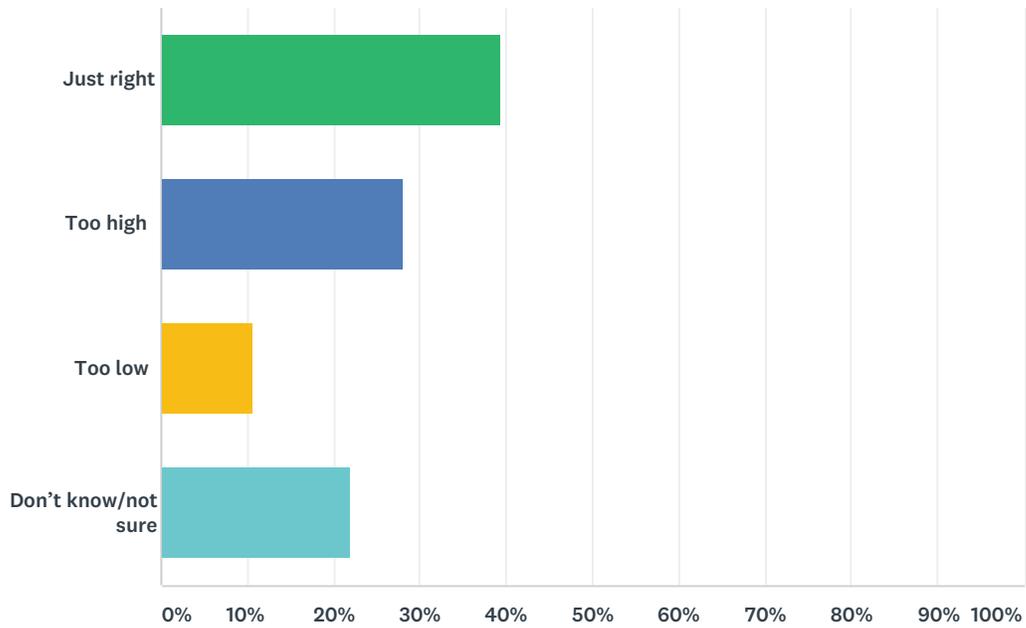
37	Solving problems by avoiding by-law enforcement is poor governance. Tent encampments and illegal suites exist as if they are legal. There is too much of this in Victoria to avoid real solutions.	11/26/2017 11:43 AM
38	Going to be more critical than ever as people nowadays tend to put their personal needs and wants before their neighbours' and communities'.	11/26/2017 9:20 AM
39	Could Bylaw Officers be doing some of the work of much higher paid police?	11/23/2017 8:42 PM
40	What services am I receiving from bylaw and licensing services?? The privilege of paying bylaw fines and license fees?	11/23/2017 4:49 PM
41	I have used bylaw services on two occasions and the folks there were great.	11/23/2017 1:35 PM
42	I don't know the amount they need.	11/23/2017 12:45 PM
43	Noise!!!!!!!!! It's pollution.	11/23/2017 12:35 PM
44	The level of protection our tree bylaw affords is pathetic. We need to fund the rewriting of this inadequate bylaw so that it truly protects our tree canopy.	11/23/2017 9:39 AM
45	The lack of protection we offer our "protected" trees is shocking. The tree bylaw is doing very little to retain our tree canopy or our Garry oaks. Funding needs to be directed at re-writing this bylaw so that it works to protect our trees, so that it has teeth. Funding also needs to address enforcement - officers are just too busy to deal with all the infractions, and even then have few meaningful tools at their disposal.	11/23/2017 9:27 AM
46	Not at this time.	11/23/2017 8:41 AM
47	90% of the bylaws are unnecessary, unenforceable and too expensive to justify. Environmental and universal bylaws should be accepted across B.C. with one low price scale and a thirty day "permit or rejection" deadline.	11/22/2017 7:24 PM
48	I see and feel improvements: well done.	11/22/2017 6:00 PM
49	This department needs more resources! What a tough job, and too few officers to cover the City. Prevention is the key to ensuring compliance, and regular monitoring/inspection is the best way to compliance. Education through community engagement and being a presence at applicable community events is necessary to educate the public. Bylaw officers have to get out there and educate ahead of issues arising. Hire.	11/22/2017 4:40 PM
50	I never see a by-law officer on our street looking at say parking, etc. Enforce!!	11/22/2017 3:25 PM
51	Would like to see more monitoring of overgrowth of plantings onto the sidewalks that limit walking space	11/22/2017 3:15 PM
52	Most not needed	11/22/2017 2:16 PM
53	Services provided are very poor. My experience has ben that people can flout the by-laws in numerous areas (e.g.illegal suites, AirBnB, street parking) and there are no consequences. As a law abiding citizen this is very annoying and results in lost revenue to the City re tax base.	11/22/2017 1:01 PM
54	Start enforcing no smoking at bus shelters and clearing snow off sidewalks. I've been housebound every winter for 20 years because my body can not handle even the slightest jarring.	11/22/2017 12:38 PM
55	We are not getting return on the dollar. Give me a vehicle and gas and I can find hundreds of bylaw infringements a week just by driving. Yet enforcement allows MANY private homes and rentals to break existing bylaws pertaining to garbage in yards, hoarding in yards etc. With the inherent fire hazard. Easily addressed with someone willing to work hard.. again...establish pay commiserate with performance.	11/22/2017 12:16 PM
56	it takes weeks for businesses or citizens to get a building permit from the city. i think there are too many regulations.	11/22/2017 11:53 AM

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57	In its current form I do not believe that Bylaw and Licensing services achieves the mandate stated above of working with residents to resolve neighbourhood concerns. I have seen how bylaws, and bylaw enforcement, have been used to cause significant harm to the small but highly marginalized and vulnerable population of people who shelter outside. I believe that this is a gross misuse of public funds just like any other effort to use law enforcement to criminalize people who are poor. Currently, the bylaw system is not about reducing harm and promoting safety but rather is about protecting and enforcing colonial property rights at the expense of people's immediate survival needs. It is not, from what I see, about respectful responsibility. I don't believe the solution to community problems will come from a law-and-order system, from having more laws and more officers to enforce those laws. I would like money to be divested from this model into grassroots community-based solutions to community problems.	11/22/2017 10:52 AM
58	Typical government responses, slow and unacceptable	11/21/2017 11:29 PM
59	Hire more officers. Ticket fines will offset any budget increases. Building without permits and rubber stamping after the fact has to stop.	11/20/2017 12:42 PM
60	I would like to see more bylaw officers dealing with enforcing smoking regulations, bikes and skateboards on sidewalks, people sleeping in doorways with the associated litter that results	11/20/2017 10:59 AM
61	I've known Bylaw to react quickly where violations occur.	11/20/2017 10:40 AM
62	Bylaw??? There are people smoking in parks, drinking in parks, dogs off leash in parks. I call the City and am told that I should handle the situation on my own. Bylaw officers - CUT!!!	11/20/2017 10:09 AM
63	Bylaw complaints take too long to be checked on and receive no feedback sometimes. Maybe not enough officers?	11/20/2017 3:20 AM
64	Need more by-law enforcement.	11/19/2017 7:58 PM
65	There is basically no effective enforcement of the off leash by law. The city is making rules without the ability to enforce them, relying on complaints for most areas. This system creates a culture of noncompliance in many areas because there is no realistic chance of getting caught, With the exception of parking in which case you will be caught within five minutes of an infraction	11/19/2017 12:01 AM
66	The bylaw department is disappointing. They do nothing to prevent bad behavior of cyclists or influence good behavior for cyclists (who ride on sidewalks), don't clean up the streets with regard to people leaving junk on streets like shopping carts and don't encourage people to not use drugs in public. The Bylaw department should be focusing on the important matters.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM

Q24 When thinking about the services you receive from Parking Services, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 300 Skipped: 279



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	39.33%	118
Too high	28.00%	84
Too low	10.67%	32
Don't know/not sure	22.00%	66
TOTAL		300

Q25 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Parking Services operating budget?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 501

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	By automatically approving all the expensive condo developments all over town, city council is eliminating needed parking. They are also, apparently, the ones responsible for eliminating street parking all over James Bay, so that now street parking seems to be only one or two hours, or residential only, so there is no available parking except for Dallas Road, for visitors. Whether any of this is due to how much money the department gets is unknown to me, however it must be connected in some way.	12/8/2017 1:33 PM
2	Still appreciate the 1 hour free at parkades, I just wish that you weren't removing all the street parking to add bike lanes.	12/8/2017 10:56 AM
3	The app and card available for paid parking should be expended in the way of many municipalities elsewhere. Top it up and use it for parkades, and for transport to bridge the psychological divide between public and private transport--think of this not as a parking issue, but a transportation issue. In some places, busses, LRT, parking, etc. are integrated with a single user card--let's see it happen here.	12/8/2017 10:06 AM
4	Why increase the budget when you are taking parking spots away by putting in crappy bike lanes. This is completely inappropriate.	12/7/2017 5:38 PM
5	Please provide a report on how well the Ambassador program is working many of the current operatives can't look people in the eye..	12/7/2017 2:33 PM
6	It would be good to have it noted above whether the revenue generated fully covers the Parking Service budget or not. I LOVE the way the City encourages people to use the parkades - the first hour free and free evenings and Sundays - I make good use of that (when I'm not on my bike, which is most of the time). I also love using the Parking app, though it has the odd hiccup. I find the City has tried to make parking as easy and affordable as possible, while still leaving it just annoying/expensive enough that I will opt for my bike whenever it's logistically possible. Which is most of the time. And on that, I LOVE LOVE LOVE the new Pandora bike lane, and looking forward to more developments in that system!	12/7/2017 11:14 AM
7	Need to maintain or increase number of downtown parking spots. Cycling or bus is not an option for everyone. The loss of parking spaces to development is atrocious. I have 2 kids to drop at daycare and I can't make it to work on time unless I drive. It's too expensive and there are no spots to be found.	12/7/2017 10:34 AM
8	I support increasing parking costs in downtown Victoria. We need to discourage unnecessary car commuting and promote biking, walking and busing. Many of my work colleagues suggest they wouldn't drive to work if parking costs weren't so inexpensive. There's too much congestion in downtown.	12/5/2017 8:10 PM
9	The lack of parking in Victoria's downtown core is a tremendously worrying issue that our elected officials brush away as a non-issue. Taxpayers and business owners are becoming increasingly frustrated with agenda-driven activism that masquerades at the council table as the true reflection of the constituents' needs.	12/5/2017 3:39 PM
10	Parking garage rates still seem too low	12/5/2017 12:20 PM
11	The city has fallen behind in requiring appropriate parking numbers from new developments. Again, an inability by the city to govern the growth of the city by holding big development accountable. Then, instead, public money is sunk into parkades or private lots are required - something that is a loss/loss situation for the public.	12/5/2017 11:33 AM
12	With all the removed parking spots for condo development and the loss of Robbins parking lots for the same, the city needs to review increasing parking spots downtown. Not everyone bikes and not everyone lives within a comfortable biking range... Most people still rely on vehicles to get around.	12/5/2017 11:28 AM

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13	It's not right to cut parking to drive us drivers out of the city, People with mobility issues like my mom do not bike. They get driven around by me who needs to be able to have roads left we can drive on and places to park.	12/5/2017 8:48 AM
14	Would rather see those funds go towards improving public transportation in the region; perhaps a park & ride with a shuttle into downtown?	12/4/2017 10:49 PM
15	I love the parades but they're getting full! We need another soon, especially if transit doesn't improve and I see no signs of it!	12/4/2017 8:20 PM
16	we have a perceived problem with parking in the core. parking fees should be going up downtown to make people think more before bringing their cars. and charge up until 10pm like vancouver does	12/4/2017 8:06 PM
17	parking aps and cards are a very good service. makes parking downtown easier. i like one hour free parking - keeping lower levels opened up to short term use is good idea. being a few minutes late / ticket warnings instead of a ticket	12/4/2017 9:08 AM
18	Parking should never been free	12/3/2017 6:37 PM
19	Remove cars, and add sustainable infrastructure. Increase cost of parking unless handicapped.	12/3/2017 5:43 PM
20	The lack of parking in downtown Victoria is hurting small business.	12/3/2017 4:28 PM
21	Well, many more parking spaces are needed...doubt operating budget adequate.	12/3/2017 2:34 PM
22	Need to create more public parking since so many spaces have been lost due to bike lanes and condo development	12/3/2017 12:30 PM
23	As population grows, we need more city parade around the city	12/3/2017 10:46 AM
24	The easier you make it to walk or take a bus downtown, the fewer problems there will be with parking.	12/2/2017 9:17 PM
25	It is extremely difficult to park downtown. I live in Fernwood and although the distance is further at least I can find parking at a mall.	12/2/2017 12:56 PM
26	Amalgamate with bylaw and licensing services and find cost savings	12/2/2017 6:06 AM
27	I am having difficulty bringing up the parking revenue, but the revenue should be neutral. However, there really is not enough parking downtown. The parkades are full in the morning. This has to be disconcerting for business owners. People who come from up island for appointments have nowhere to park.	12/1/2017 9:12 PM
28	Parking should pay for itself. I don't think it should be a public service.	12/1/2017 7:58 PM
29	More bike parking, more buses and work on getting cars out of downtown altogether, we don't need them if there's alternative transportation and we certainly don't need to spend that much on parking. BIKES and BUSES!!	12/1/2017 6:54 PM
30	The Parking Services could be generating more revenue if they added more metered parking near downtown that are likely being abused by commuters for free parking and if the free parking in parkades is reevaluated so to no longer be cheaper for drivers to park downtown for 2 hours as compared to taking the bus. It shouldn't cost less to drive and park for two hours downtown than to take the bus, the free times needs to be reduced. There needs to be more paid parking on downtown adjacent streets where commuters are trying to park without paying, the city is missing out on a lot of revenue from side streets such as Mason and Balmoral east of Quadra street as they have free 2 hour parking rather than one hour like on North Park. Also, Blanshard Street between Southgate and Humboldt is 2 hours free parking, no meters right next to a large government office at St. Anne's that is likely choosing to move cars rather than pay for parking downtown, resulting in lost revenues and discourages people shifting to more sustainable transportation options if it is more convenient and cheap to drive their car. Perhaps the city should look at demand based pricing for parking, as I think is done in San Francisco. Also, why is Victoria Conference Centre's parking a contracted service when the city has parking attendants and manages parkades themselves? Why not save money by removing the contracting obligation if there is a cost benefit? (there may not be of course but in case it hasn't been asked) Another thought to reduce on costs is consideration for providing the parking services ambassadors with electric assist bikes rather than gas scooters to reduce on vehicle maintenance and related vehicle costs such as insurance.	12/1/2017 3:51 PM
31	This dept should be revenue neutral and not cost the CoV anything,	12/1/2017 3:48 PM

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32	Commissionaires did a better job. The downtown is in a parking crisis.	12/1/2017 3:33 PM
33	When you look at the full cost of parking in the city, we should be offloading all of these services to private operators.	12/1/2017 2:37 PM
34	Parking expenses should be self funded.	11/30/2017 7:22 PM
35	Increase electric vehicle charging stations!	11/30/2017 2:59 PM
36	Unless you address the lack of easily accessible parking downtown you will continue to drive people to the malls.	11/29/2017 8:44 PM
37	I love the park victoria app. Parking may make revenue for the city, but the land use for anything car related is totally undervalued. A parkade is a house for a car: so we guarantee housing for cars, but not or people? Budget should be allocated for increasing even more options for multimodal transport to get people to / from / around downtown (more bus / more safe bike lanes etc, more carshare support) rather than supporting parking for people living outside of town in the suburbs. More budget for mass transit options. Can park and ride work with parking in Rock Bay? There are empty lots there. Design a city for cars and everyone loses - they just take up too much space and it reduces the number of people that can get downtown in a certain time, and this hurts economic growth.	11/29/2017 1:22 PM
38	Parking is a parasitic function that will disappear once car-dependency is abolished in conjunction with free and dramatically expanded bus transit.	11/29/2017 12:12 PM
39	Would like to see less private parking lots and more parking moved into City owned parkades. I'm okay with charging for parking all the time - would encourage more active transportation. Also, instead of converting all private parking lots into buildings, would like to see some saved as parks (there's not a lot of greenspace downtown).	11/29/2017 10:38 AM
40	as a small business owner who works downtown i really appreciate the first hour free, free sundays and free after 6:00 pm. please keep these. parking rates should stay the same.	11/28/2017 4:52 PM
41	First hour free at parkades is the best parking policy ever. Please never change this!! The mobile app to pay for street works pretty good but sometimes when it crashes, I cannot open it again without restarting my cellphone, this should be fixed as I am often in a hurry and forget the space number by the time my phone reboots and I'm 2 blocks away.	11/28/2017 1:44 PM
42	I congratulate the City for keeping its parkade fees downtown low.	11/28/2017 12:09 PM
43	Parking Services is on the ball.	11/28/2017 11:37 AM
44	Victoria should be reducing, rather than increasing, the amount of parking in the city (particularly downtown and near frequent transit network lines).	11/28/2017 10:28 AM
45	Please do not eliminate the free evening and weekend parking; I appreciate it a lot.	11/27/2017 6:16 PM
46	I would like to see EVC stations in each large urban village	11/27/2017 4:11 PM
47	Good work.	11/27/2017 10:17 AM
48	The City is directly responsible for the shortage of parking within the downtown core, with approving new construction on parking lots and the creating of bike lanes. We need immediate solutions to replace the lost parking spots.	11/27/2017 10:16 AM
49	Free parking downtown is great. Use of parkades for artwork/public art even better!	11/27/2017 4:29 AM
50	I wouldn't want to see the city give up any more parking spaces. Not everyone is capable of riding bikes, and for years we encouraged people to shop downtown, we need to have adequate parking. I wouldn't want to see ant price increases at the parkades.	11/27/2017 12:08 AM
51	I wouldn't want to see the city loose any more parking. They tried for years to get people to come back downtown. Seniors, others want to bring their cars, cars need parking.	11/26/2017 10:49 PM
52	again, let these Ambassadors do more as they walk around...report graffitti, deal with sidewalk cyclists	11/26/2017 5:00 PM
53	I am concerned that I have not received a response to my request for a review of the parking restrictions on Collinson St between Vancouver and Cook St. The provision of "residential parking" is not fairly applied, and the excuse that our small strata does not warrant residential parking because we are not a SFD is bunk. Many multi-family dwellings have residential parking in front of their buildings.	11/26/2017 11:46 AM

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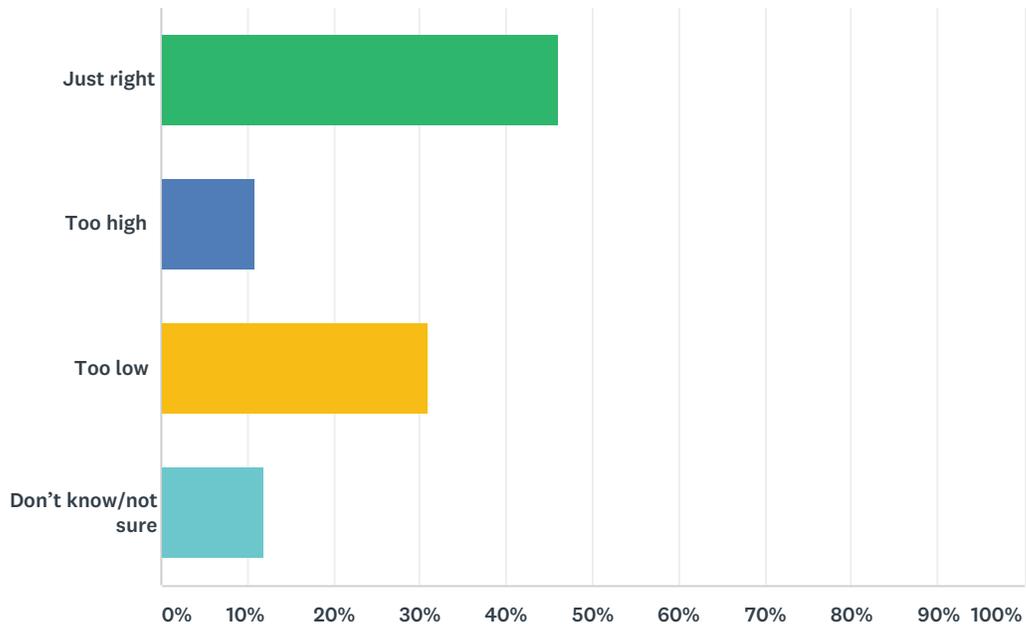
54	Just ensure service is paying for itself - revenue coming in covers all maintenance and personnel costs, with profit to boot.	11/26/2017 9:21 AM
55	Automate! This is way too much spending on something that could be completely automated.	11/24/2017 2:22 PM
56	Please paint over the rainbow crosswalks and flowered crosswalks and get rid of the puzzle pieces. Not only are they a ridiculous waste of money but they look unsightly and are dangerous. It is difficult enough being a cyclist, motorist or pedestrian on Victoria's streets without the added distraction of paintings on the pavement.	11/23/2017 1:38 PM
57	more parking is needed downtown	11/23/2017 12:45 PM
58	It's all well and good if you have the modern tech. Not everyone wants or has modern tech to pay for parking. It's a shame Mears St. near the church is now pay parking. If you had better transit, more people would use it. LRT!!!! The backward people in this town will eventually get used to it.	11/23/2017 12:38 PM
59	We should probably start thinking about a new downtown parkade	11/23/2017 11:58 AM
60	need more parkades	11/23/2017 9:03 AM
61	It's still reasonable to park downtown, giving the core opportunities to survive. No increases in fees, please. If you're going to do plenty of shopping, one needs their vehicle to manage.	11/23/2017 8:43 AM
62	I'm happy with changes made with the parking ambassadors and first hour free, I find my self going downtown much more frequently. Replacing the meters with central pay booths is Very annoying as it's eliminated thousands of safe bike lock ups that are nowhere near compensated for by the sprinkling of specific purpose bike lock- up clusters	11/22/2017 8:08 PM
63	I do not pay for parking in Victoria. If I can't park for free I will take my business to another municipality.	11/22/2017 7:26 PM
64	Good service but no where near enough parking spaces.	11/22/2017 4:59 PM
65	I suspect all the new bike lanes are being funded through this budget on some level. It annoys me that parking has been reduced due to construction of bike lanes. What is the average age of Victorians? How many ride their bikes to town? Who has the disposable income to spend downtown and support the retail businesses? My bet it is the over 60 crowd. Sorry, but I will never ride my bike to town as a 60 year old, and I'm only getting older. Eventually I just won't go into town because parking is impossible even now. Less do with all the bike lanes. Thanks Lisa.	11/22/2017 4:46 PM
66	Don't have a car! Would like to see parking limited downtown. Portland has free bus service in the downtown core. Can we do something like that here and limit cars?	11/22/2017 3:15 PM
67	Airlines sell seats using sophisticated algorithms which adjust the price to demand. The right to park one's private car on a street owned by the public should be sold on the same basis. This is the 21st century, so it's time for 21st-century approaches to scarce goods.	11/22/2017 2:19 PM
68	The parks were just fine as they were. You have made Beacon Hill Park less accessible then it used to be by diverting traffic.	11/22/2017 2:18 PM
69	Improvements the last couple years are AMAZING!	11/22/2017 1:12 PM
70	Rarely use parking downtown so not able to comment	11/22/2017 1:02 PM
71	You morons have allowed so much development in the city that you eliminated virtually all of the former parking lots, then you idiots eliminated multiple street parking lots for you precious bike lanes that the remaining parkades are completely full. by the way i traveled from Gordon head on a Thursday afternoon in mid August. i headed down Pandora street and even though i had to stop at every intersection due to traffic congestion, i counted a total of 6 bikes using the new bike lanes between Cook and Blanchard st. this was 3 pm. at 3:15 pm i headed East bound on Johnson street and in those four same blocks must have counted over 2 dozen cyclists heading out of town and causing headaches for every right turning vehicle.	11/22/2017 12:02 PM

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72	<p>Private operation of fossil fuel-powered vehicles has significant environmental impacts and we need to move towards other ways of addressing transportation. I support some of the work done by the City on this front such as increasing bike parking and providing electric vehicle charging stations. I also have concerns that a mandate to make parking "easier" for everyone encourages continued reliance on unsustainable car culture. Additionally, making parking easier for everyone ignores that for some people the ability to park close to facilities is a need not a luxury. I would love to see Parking Services be part of the culture shift by working with disability communities to plan a shift of open parking spots into designated placard spots. Removal of open parking spots will help encourage people who do not have to take cars to engage in other forms of transportation, and replacement of these open spots by designated placard spots will make facilities and services more accessible to people with mobility disabilities. As having the money to drive a car is also a limited privilege available only to those who can afford it, I think it is also important that revenue from Parking Services to go towards increased transportation accessibility for low-income people, rather than only back into services for people who can afford to drive. This could include working with BC Transit to improve the vastly underresourced Handidart program, taxi vouchers for people with mobility disabilities who have low incomes, or other measures that would make transport in Victoria more equitably accessible.</p>	11/22/2017 10:53 AM
73	<p>more allocated to sustainability would be preferred. less cars downtown less need for parking</p>	11/22/2017 9:17 AM
74	<p>Less bike lanes, and more parking. People from outside the city don't want to come to the city centre any more because of the bike lanes and no parking at all.</p>	11/21/2017 11:31 PM
75	<p>What Parking Services ? Lack of enforcement of parking regulations. Such as Commercial Vehicles parked overnight on residential streets as well as Campers etc. More so now give that our Mayor has encouraged homeless folks to sleep in their cars.</p>	11/20/2017 12:42 PM
76	<p>We need another Parkade especially as we keep losing parking spots to bike lanes and the city is considering not requiring as much parking for new developments, which will send those people out onto the streets. Parkades have improved in recent years though. I used one the other day and the stairwell did not stink of urine</p>	11/19/2017 12:03 AM
77	<p>More money towards parking review officers. We have been trying to obtain a parking review of our building to no avail. We live near the Save on Foods arena in a building that was allowed to have fewer parking spots than suites. My husband is a tradesman so he requires a work van. We've been contemplating getting an electric bike so I can get the kids to all thier school and activities without a car but with the unbelievable rates of bike theft in this city, we're not yet willing to spend \$2000 on a bike that would likely be stolen. We saw someone just had theirs stolen while it was parked (and doubled u-locked) at the courthouse. So, there are days that we (with no exaggeration) have to park 6 blocks away from our home and haul kids, groceries and work tools in the rain because there is a hockey game and no parking anywhere (pay or free) around our home. And then, trek back at some point to retrieve the vehicle. Single parents would need to do that with their kids. We're requesting that our street be designated as residential only with passes issued.</p>	11/17/2017 9:38 AM
78	<p>What parking??? Our city staff have continually taken steps to limit parking and at times remove parking in favour of poorly planned bike infrastructure that only the mayor seems to use..</p>	11/16/2017 8:13 AM

Q26 When thinking about the services you receive from Parks, Recreation and Facilities, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 293 Skipped: 286



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	46.08%	135
Too high	10.92%	32
Too low	31.06%	91
Don't know/not sure	11.95%	35
TOTAL		293

Q27 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Parks, Recreation and Facilities operating budget?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 489

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Sadly, it's Dec 8 and I am out of time. Advice for survey design--a bar to indicate progress toward a visible end is important. I do not know how much longer this survey goes on, so must stop. If I knew it was close to the end, I'd hang in there. From a civic perspective, lack of such consideration in survey design (along with some radio selections that do not provide for an alternative) suggests feedback is not really wanted. I do not accept that view, but many do, and attention to design can ensure the intent of outreach is better understood--and trusted.	12/8/2017 10:09 AM
2	Appreciate the work this team does, would like to see them receive more funding.	12/8/2017 9:29 AM
3	The only reason for the increase to this budget is to clean up after the homeless have trashed our parks by setting up illegal camps. These camps take away our use of the parks.	12/7/2017 5:40 PM
4	Still many places where there used to be a street tree... Bravo for getting many replaced in the Downtown area but don't see any effort on getting more back this year...	12/7/2017 2:35 PM
5	The Fernwood community centre is woefully inadequate for the area it serves. The Centre staff do a great job of making it workable and offering some really good programs, but it still feels like the Fernwood community centre is the sad one of the whole system, compared to other neighbourhoods. I can appreciate the City has made some investments in maintenance to keep it workable, but it's a key child care centre for many families, and offers many seniors' programs, yet it's had much less City investment than, say the other community building on Fernwood Road which isn't used nearly as intensely as the community centre.	12/7/2017 11:19 AM
6	Small thing that I see on my street, but stop mowing a lawn that isn't growing. It makes me wonder how much other waste like this there is.	12/7/2017 6:20 AM
7	We need more tennis courts!	12/6/2017 7:06 PM
8	develop a better volunteer plan for the city's parks to encourage residents to help with basic items such as weeding.	12/6/2017 5:14 PM
9	the proposed crystal pool budget should be lower to accommodate future cost escalation	12/6/2017 5:11 PM
10	Not sure about funding, but it does seem like the Parks Dept could take a more community oriented approach. I heard from a trustworthy source that a Parks Dept employee called the police on a resident who took two garbage bins of leaves from a City pile.	12/6/2017 3:45 PM
11	we don't have any recreation facilities in James Bay despite it being it's density	12/5/2017 2:26 PM
12	Ensure budget applies fullsomely to natural areas conservation and restoration in response to 1) increased impacts by increasing population of parks users, 2) eliminate some parks from dog use to reduce impact to sensitive ecosystems, 3) respond to need for housing so that parks are not supplying homeless camping sites.	12/5/2017 12:14 PM
13	Time to start investing in our playing fields and surfaces.	12/4/2017 9:01 PM
14	protect green spaces, trees, plant more trees that can withstand climate swings	12/4/2017 9:08 AM
15	Completely remove the Police from this section. I cannot believe how much money they are consuming!	12/3/2017 5:47 PM
16	The city parks need to be able to be used by all the citizens not just the homeless.	12/3/2017 4:29 PM
17	parks in Victoria are clean and well run	12/2/2017 10:14 PM
18	I am very aware that the camping/use of Beacon Hill Park is beginning to take a toll on the vegetation. I don't mind, per se...but I guess I do think that with the increased use, there needs to be more expenditure to replant/restore.	12/2/2017 8:04 AM
19	Find cost savings: Amalgamate parks with sustainable development. Amalgamate recreation with arts and culture Amalgamate facilities with engineering and public works	12/2/2017 6:08 AM

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20	Victoria is overly generous with parks and recreation. Budget could be trimmed. The Crystal Pool appears to not have been maintained well enough resulting in the need to replace it. I believe it could be renovated instead of putting a new pool on the brand new basketball court, if I understand correctly. The basketball court was not cheap. All that development in Central Park sees little use in my opinion. Councillor Lucas' opinion seems to be the gospel on the issue of the pool. (Don't renovate)	12/1/2017 9:20 PM
21	Why are we spending money on a Dallas Road re-design? slap a crosswalk at that intersection and be done with it, the rest of the system works great as there is a large amount of space for everyone to co-exist there. The failed proposal went far beyond what was necessary and was poorly thought out.	12/1/2017 9:01 PM
22	Too much emphasis placed on sport fields and grass vs natural areas. Only one Natural Areas technician in the Parks dept to me demonstrates the City's lack of commitment to this area and a disregard for sustainability and addressing climate change.	12/1/2017 3:50 PM
23	I would like to see cycling promoted in the Parks and Recreation budget. We should be supporting and training families to bike and show their kids how to bike. The biking lanes are just the beginning. City of Victoria Parks should create a free version of Pedal Heads for all school breaks. Let's kick it into high gear!	12/1/2017 3:30 PM
24	Parks are important, but some projects like playgrounds are overpriced.	11/30/2017 7:24 PM
25	We do not need a new pool unless we work in cooperation with the Y and build one with them. Victoria has more than enough pools for people to swim at.	11/30/2017 5:58 PM
26	I would like to see more focus given to restoration of natural areas.	11/30/2017 3:00 PM
27	Every neighbourhood should have a park with trees and a community centre. We need places to meet, services for youth, families, children and seniors. Isolation is the result of building too fast, unaffordability of housing. Stop cutting down trees. Create more parks and people places.	11/30/2017 2:40 PM
28	Recreation is very important to lifestyle. We are very fortunate that many years ago numerous tennis courts were built around Victoria. The cost to maintain these courts in good condition is much less than replacing them when they have deteriorated to the extent they cannot be used. Over the past few years much needed maintenance has not been done. Cracks are appearing where grass can grow, for example. Please put more money into maintenance of tennis courts. It is much cheaper in the long run.	11/30/2017 12:50 PM
29	Don't build a new Crystal Pool until we see what the final costs will be to taxpayers of sewage treatment, the new bridge and fire hall.	11/29/2017 8:47 PM
30	Very limited recreational opportunities / facilities in Victoria	11/29/2017 4:38 PM
31	Recreation facilities and the libraries are absolutely critical to the community. Many parks are not designed to be used by the community. Harris Green itself and Pioneer Square (a park/cemetery??) are never used for any events or families and only seem to be used for doggy walking or by the homeless. How can they be redesigned to improve community engagement on a regular basis? Could Harris Green lawn itself be slightly altered to be used for a weekly market in the summer time? The city should consider developing more surface parking lots into housing. Eventually parkades should go too -- this may make revenue for the city for now, but the city would likely make far far more revenue from several hundred units and the property taxes, not to mention the economic benefits of having more people downtown.	11/29/2017 1:26 PM
32	This area would benefit from more projects people won't use parks in poor condition	11/29/2017 12:45 PM
33	Give employees two-day work weeks at full pay and hire many more.	11/29/2017 12:13 PM
34	As discussed in previous comment, would like to see more greenspace downtown. If the goal is to encourage more people to live downtown then need to make it more liveable - this includes playgrounds, benches, dog-runs, etc.	11/29/2017 10:40 AM
35	Keep investing in parks and upgrading playgrounds!	11/28/2017 8:01 PM
36	Keep drug addicts out of our Parks please	11/28/2017 6:59 PM
37	would love to see increased budget for parks and rec so that user fees can be lowered.	11/28/2017 4:57 PM
38	Need more natural parks and greenways. I am opposed to the bylaw not allowing tents in parks with playgrounds, however, I understand it and can empathize with the parental fears around this. Some parks should be fitted with portable toilets and a designated tent area to allay fears and simplify the inevitable cleanup done by city workers.	11/28/2017 1:48 PM

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39	I am absolutely against spending of \$69.4 million for the Crystal Pool and recreation. Either have it fixed like other municipalities have done with their old pools, or just keep it closed (my preference). There is no lack of pools close by such as the Oak Bay Recreation Center. The money and the land would be better used on urgent priority needs such as building affordable rental buildings.	11/28/2017 12:10 PM
40	My concern is about green space and parks....these need adequate staffing! We need to guard and maintain every bit of natural space we have...native plant gardens, Gary oak meadows etc. This may be the only access to nature that some family's can access as developments take over downtown and suburbs....fund more in this area	11/28/2017 9:58 AM
41	Homeless is an issue that affects too much the budget	11/27/2017 7:21 PM
42	Improve the range and scope of community services available at the Cook St Activity Centre....for all ages.	11/27/2017 4:12 PM
43	Quit allowing tent cities or overnight camping in any city park.	11/27/2017 11:01 AM
44	Build a better stadium to accommodate baseball games at RAP. Partner with other organizations like the Y to outsource your Parks and Rec services.	11/27/2017 10:40 AM
45	If you increase these spaces it grows a strong community spirit and drives out street people from taking over.	11/27/2017 10:19 AM
46	Spending several hundred thousand dollars to create a simple little park that already existed in the downtown (Former tent city) seems insane. I'm sure if you tested the soil in many of our other parks you would find similar levels of contamination. Where do you stop?	11/27/2017 9:14 AM
47	Investment in community centres is worthwhile and necessary. Redevelopment of Crystal Pool is a must!	11/27/2017 4:30 AM
48	Our parks, especially Beacon Hill Park, our recreation centres are one of Victoria's greatest assets!	11/27/2017 12:10 AM
49	Our parks, recreation facilities are incredibly important for our city, the community.	11/26/2017 10:51 PM
50	Beacon Hill Park gardening has been terribly understaffed for well over a decade now and the park is showing it. What part of the budget if any specifically addresses this failing for our largest park? Also, what part of the budget specifically addresses both the maintenance required to clean up after campers and restore damaged park areas?	11/26/2017 5:39 PM
51	I think our parks and recreation centres are an important part of our great community.	11/26/2017 5:19 PM
52	quality of services is suspect. Cutting a park every 6 weeks is NOT enough and when its done its a mess. have spoken with parks middle managers a ton of times yet shoddy work continues. Get more out of ALL city employees first before coming for more \$	11/26/2017 5:02 PM
53	Spend more to make more beautiful spaces	11/26/2017 3:38 PM
54	On principal I feel this area should always be well funded. Victoria has the most desirable green spaces and they should always be well cared for and properly protected and preserved. It is one of Victoria's most precious assets.	11/26/2017 11:47 AM
55	Again, get as much revenue from this group as possible.	11/26/2017 9:23 AM
56	I use Parks and Rec often, and I really hope that Crystal Pool gets a facelift. Other facilities are in much better condition.	11/24/2017 9:32 PM
57	Some creative thought is needed re: the Crystal Pool replacement. Why not on the Royal Athletic police parking lot instead of ripping out more vegetation in Central Park. Erosion is a growing concern, e.g. gravel trails need to be designed to shed water with drainage diverters (angled wooden cross strips) and reduced slopes/ more steps to withstand increasing storm severity re climate change.	11/24/2017 2:44 PM
58	The city is in too poor of repair to be spending this much on recreation. The arteries are broken, worry about fixing the heart of the problem first.	11/24/2017 2:23 PM
59	A strong determinant of health I think we need to support better.	11/24/2017 1:20 PM
60	Please allocate more funding to tennis courts--specifically adding additional tennis courts in Fairfield, more tennis courts for children and apps to check court availability and to reserve outside courts. We need to build more indoor courts as city of Victoria doesn't have any and the oak bay and cedar hill courts are over utilized.	11/23/2017 9:56 PM

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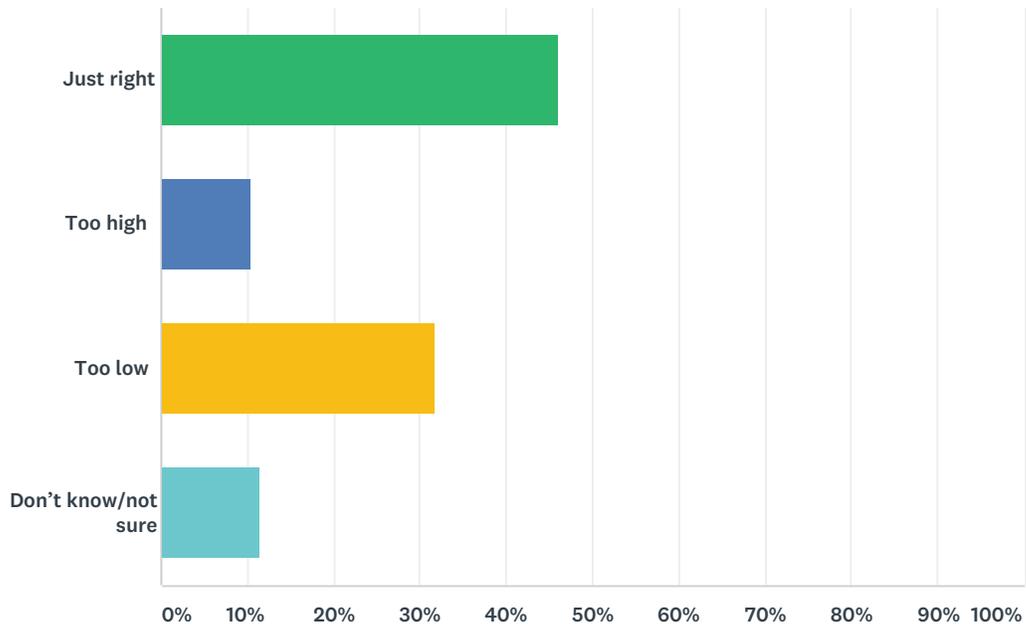
61	More spending!	11/23/2017 8:43 PM
62	The city needs way more open space for the urban wildlife. So many people hate the deer, racoon, birds - did you hear the recent story of the motorist who hit a pea hen in/near Beacon Hill park leaving it on the road, and then another motorist driving over the bird who was still alive? Disgusting. Some people could care less. Not me. Humans, not animals, are the problem, and we need to ensure that animals have a place to live. Animals don't leave garbage and needles in our parks. They don't lie on the sidewalks, beg for handouts or use up valuable police services. Think about that. As well, this City seems to love chopping down trees. Save costs and help the environment by putting your machinery away and leaving the trees where they are. They are important in many respects. Finally, think about the money you are spending on signage. Case in point, a sign in Cook Street village that cautions about low hanging branches. Seriously? That sign could be the subject of a Monty Python skit.	11/23/2017 1:42 PM
63	good job!	11/23/2017 12:46 PM
64	Seems a lot. Okay, you could install better water sprinklers. It's appalling to see so many flower beds with their sprinklers just spraying the roads and paths. Appalling. How much water is wasted down the drain from Victoria's sprinklers?! The sound system in the new memorial centre (save on Foods) is appalling, deafening. For those of us with autism, or should we just be ignored by the city?, it is a horrid place to go. Human Noise Pollution has taken over the world - appalling.	11/23/2017 12:42 PM
65	Although the City has acknowledged for 30 years that Rockland is below Victoria standards in terms of parks, nothing has happened. In the meantime, overbuilding is removing what little green space and what few Garry oaks and Arbutus we have left.	11/23/2017 9:41 AM
66	Although the City has acknowledged for the past 30 years that Rockland is far below the City standard in terms of parks, absolutely nothing has been done. Meanwhile, Rockland - which the City admits has much of Victoria's tree canopy - has been subject to overbuilding and infill that has resulted in the increasing loss of our trees and green space.	11/23/2017 9:31 AM
67	more efforts should be made cleaning up after campers	11/23/2017 9:04 AM
68	Beacon Hill Park isn't nearly as beautiful as it once was (back in the day). Would like to see more beauty in the park. Also more beautiful displays in garden spaces throughout the Municipality of Victoria (like Saanich).	11/23/2017 8:45 AM
69	People should no longer be allowed to camp in the parks. It is frightening Seniors, children, women/men and tourists. The garbage left behind is toxic and Hep A and other infections are becoming established. Japan has no one living on the streets and all streets are cleaned daily.	11/22/2017 7:29 PM
70	Priority for expenditures within this budget should be targeted to those areas of highest use. I do not believe that the investment in the Crystal Pool is wise investment due to the lack of use.	11/22/2017 4:04 PM
71	do away with boulevard tax!	11/22/2017 3:25 PM
72	Beacon Hill Park is a gem, and the people who work there are AMAZING!	11/22/2017 3:15 PM
73	Interconnected green spaces are needed for flora and fauna to flourish. Let's develop a plan to connect our green spaces. E.g. to develop the Fairfield Canal to connect St. Ann's Academy to Ross Bay Cemetery using the route of the old stream bed would require the purchase of only about 10 (but now very expensive) properties. Olive Street Common is the only piece of the puzzle now in place, so why not start a fund to acquire the remaining pieces ... ?	11/22/2017 2:24 PM
74	They were just fine until you started to divert traffic limiting access.	11/22/2017 2:19 PM
75	Part of the City's focus is on wellness, and considering how fitness plays an ESSENTIAL part of health and wellness, to coordinate with VIHA and other medical and wellness services to create a structure anyone in the population can enter into to gain better health is not only wanted, but necessary - and would reduce costs both municipally, provincially and federally.	11/22/2017 1:14 PM
76	I don't think all the improvements are necessary. there are lots of parks around - no need for enhancements, just upkeep.	11/22/2017 1:03 PM
77	There could be dedicated recreation centers in communities without these services, using schools that have been closed down.	11/22/2017 12:44 PM
78	yes if we have all these homeless people collecting welfare and turning our parks into needle infested garbage dumps, why not issue them tickets and have them paying it off by cleaning up the parks.	11/22/2017 12:04 PM

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79	I've noticed that, when compared to Saanich, our parks, boulevard plantings, etc, often look shabbier. I assume this is due to a decrease in funding. I also would like to see the new Crystal Pool be a more attractive and user-friendly place. Right now we use Saanich Rec facilities because they are nicer and have more options, but I would love to use Victoria Rec facilities more.	11/22/2017 11:28 AM
80	very little spent on important items, and too much spent on silly ideas	11/22/2017 10:59 AM
81	I found it difficult to answer this question as, along the lines of my response to the Arts & Culture funding question, I support increasing the Parks, Recreation and Facilities budget when those services are used for public good but do not support increasing budget that is used to cause harm. Currently parks, recreation services, and other public spaces/services funded through this program are not contributing to community health and creating a safe and vibrant community for all -- they are being prioritized for people who have money and who fit in with particular cultural norms. For other people, the budget currently allocated to these services and spaces means being removed from, made to feel unwelcome, and otherwise denied dignity and respect. I am very concerned about the ways that parks and other so-called public spaces are being policed and the ways that people who are sheltering outside, or seeking a safe place to use drugs, are being treated by the City. I am very concerned about the flattening of needs to access public space and that the desire to throw a frisbee is being held up as equally important as the desire to not freeze to death. It is extremely important to have public spaces where people can gather, socialize, rest, enjoy nature, etc. And, for some people who do not have private spaces where these things can also happen, public spaces are, additionally, spaces of survival. I do not support public funds going to displacing people who are poor or people who are using drugs from public spaces. That is not the vision of parks and recreation that I have in mind. An additional factor is that what is viewed as "public" space is on stolen Lkwungen land. I would like to see a reorientation of the work of the Parks, Recreation and Facilities department to work with Lkwungen communities towards decolonization. This might mean removing some lands that are currently viewed as "parks", or otherwise "public" spaces, from settler access - for example to restore Lkwungen use of MEEGAN (Beaconhill Park) for kwetlal (camas) growing, harvesting, and cooking. Currently settlers with money have very high expectations of entitlement to move through all spaces and I think the Parks department could have an important role to play in the cultural shift needed to transform from settler entitlement to respectful relationship. With recreation and facilities, in this current dire housing crisis I think we need to look at repurposing buildings, parking lots, and other city-managed spaces to meet immediate human survival needs. The City currently has a hostile working relationship with people who shelter outside that is premised on the City using its power to displace people. This could shift to a respectful working relationship where the City works with people who are sheltering outside to find out what kind of spaces would improve safety, shelter, and access to necessities such as clean water, bathrooms, and safe food storage/cooking facilities. City facilities could be readily adapted for these purposes and by engaging in this in a respectful, collaborative manner the City could also be well positioned to work on broader community initiatives such as reduction of discrimination against people who are living in poverty.	11/22/2017 10:53 AM
82	More free programs and designated parks with camping facilities where people can camp 24/7	11/22/2017 7:36 AM
83	Downtown is sadly lacking in parks. With all of the new residential development, this must be dealt with.	11/20/2017 11:00 AM
84	We fund activity centres to run daycares and before/after school care. Why am I contributing to something that I cannot make use of. If the City is funding these centres and providing a building, why do we not have \$10. / day childcare? Activity Centres should be used for activities.	11/20/2017 10:12 AM
85	They don't have the stuff for the skills to make sure that recreational programs are available to everyone, yet we all have the privilege of paying for them even if we can't use them. So if it takes a bit more to make sure it's fair then spend it	11/19/2017 12:04 AM
86	Include money for soap in the bathrooms at Beaconhill park. Even if you just install the bottles as part of a morning routine if theft is a problem.	11/17/2017 9:39 AM
87	My wife and I no longer take out son to parks as most have tent camps in them, and the last park we attended we found two syringes on the ground.	11/16/2017 8:17 AM
88	please don't build a new Crystal Pool unless it's more than a pool. It should be built with the YMCA	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
89	Need expanded programming and more youth and teen programming. Recreation should be a bigger priority to the city than it is	11/15/2017 11:43 AM
90	When is the Urban Forest Master Plan going to be implemented? This needs to be made a higher priority.	11/15/2017 10:07 AM

Q28 When thinking about the services you receive from the Greater Victoria Public Library, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 295 Skipped: 284



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	46.10%	136
Too high	10.51%	31
Too low	31.86%	94
Don't know/not sure	11.53%	34
TOTAL		295

Q29 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed Greater Victoria Public Library operating budget?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 514

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There can never be too much money spent on libraries.	12/8/2017 1:34 PM
2	out of time	12/8/2017 10:09 AM
3	Use the library often. The central branch would benefit from additional cleaning and security staff.	12/8/2017 9:30 AM
4	I work at the central library building. What budget. Clean the glass. Fix the walkways so they are not slippery. Remove the homeless to create a safer environment. There is no work being done to the central library building.	12/7/2017 5:42 PM
5	While I'm not a library user I do believe it's always a key municipal asset and needs to be kept strong. I have aspirations of being a library user :-)	12/7/2017 11:20 AM
6	More spent on digital library resources so buildings are not required to be built and maintained. People are moving to digital reading methods and so should this library system. The books I'm interested in reading were not in the online system.	12/7/2017 6:23 AM
7	Libraries are amazing places, so important for the community. I visit the library at least once a week and take out books frequently.	12/6/2017 3:45 PM
8	GVPL system is the accessible learning hub that is truly a valuable, amazing asset. ALWAYS support the library and we will offer All the opportunity to thrive through knowledge.	12/5/2017 12:16 PM
9	Happy to see a branch opening in James Bay.	12/5/2017 11:00 AM
10	The collection at the Central Library could be much approved with the acquisition of new material and/or upgrades to the physical space.	12/4/2017 10:50 PM
11	The newly formed VTAG Victoria Tenant Action Group Would use the library conference facilities and be of help to many if not for the prohibiting fee of \$75 per use	12/2/2017 10:17 PM
12	I love the library. It keeps me alive and every time I use it I think "thank the heavens above that I have all of this at my fingertips, essentially for free". I love it. If their reports suggest they need more funding, I back them. If they feel they're adequately funded, kudos to council.	12/2/2017 8:05 AM
13	Great service. Any stats on number of families using the facilities? Perhaps under utilized.	12/1/2017 9:23 PM
14	Our library system is a treasure and one of the things I'm most proud about as a Victorian. Truly wonderful.	12/1/2017 9:02 PM
15	Great service	12/1/2017 8:10 PM
16	You should be fixing up the main branch not installing a new one less than a mile away.	12/1/2017 3:34 PM
17	There was no justifiable reason for a new library in James Bay which is within walking distance to the main library. Other neighborhoods farther away got nothing. Scandalous waste of money. Shame shame.	12/1/2017 9:59 AM
18	GVPL is a wonderful organization, but Payroll expenses there are over the top. It is unionized organization but there are places very to cut the expenses, for example: exempt management salaries.	11/30/2017 7:27 PM
19	Libraries are great. Keep the funding or raise it.	11/30/2017 2:40 PM
20	I think that the GVPL should move to eliminate late fees for materials taken out by children. The City of Vancouver has this policy already and the intent, encouraging kids to read, is good. Also, it appears that the GVPL is in a very healthy financial position and does not require the marginal amount of \$ that comes from fines related to overdue children's materials.	11/30/2017 10:02 AM
21	The Grater Victoria Library system provides a wonderful service to seniors, children and low income community members. It needs to be recognized as one of the organizations that also serves many homeless people.	11/29/2017 8:51 PM

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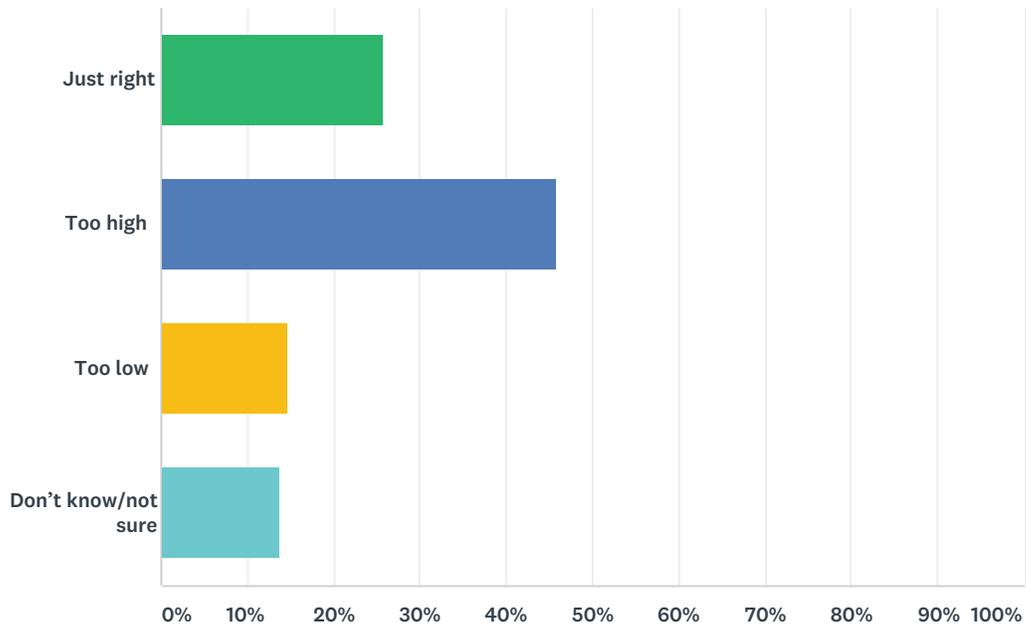
22	The downtown branch needs a facelift.	11/29/2017 7:56 PM
23	My family uses GVPL all the time. I love the content and services (including play areas for young children, as I have a young family living downtown). There is unbelievable value to our community provided by it. Unquestioningly more funding should be applied as possible to realize more benefits to the dense population areas around many of the libraries.	11/29/2017 1:28 PM
24	We use the library all the time it is ok as is	11/29/2017 12:46 PM
25	Give employees two-day work weeks at full pay and hire many more. Financed through steep progressive corporate/super-rich taxes.	11/29/2017 12:15 PM
26	Moving the central library to the empty Sears premises in Hillside Mall would serve two purposes: give the library a large space to expand into, and also give the Hillside area the 'neighbourhood' library that is in their long-term planning document along with the James Bay location. As the building already exists, you do not have huge capital costs (though yes, significant renovation costs).	11/28/2017 6:29 PM
27	Library's are sacred	11/28/2017 1:49 PM
28	I totally support my tax dollars going to libraries and their initiatives and I would like to see an increase for them in the city financial support.	11/28/2017 12:10 PM
29	Hardly ever use library now kids grown....but I support need for access for those who do not have kinds of resources available to me	11/28/2017 9:59 AM
30	The closest libraries to Burnside Gorge are at least 3kms away, in most directions. We would always welcome investment in facilities in our neighbourhood that include a combination of libraries and recreation.	11/27/2017 6:18 PM
31	Redirect to online services. Look to new initiatives that rent out tools, other needed items other than books that most people are no longer using. Even my 89 grandmother downloads books now.	11/27/2017 10:20 AM
32	I have a library in my phone. While it's true that the library now offers a wider range of services.... I believe we could manage just fine with a much simpler model. Again.... we have built to a level of perfection that isn't needed.We need less.We can't afford our taxes.	11/27/2017 9:17 AM
33	Expansion of library programming is needed.	11/27/2017 4:30 AM
34	Our public library system is truly a gem. Absolutely worth every penny!	11/27/2017 12:11 AM
35	Our public library is one of our greatest assists for our city.	11/26/2017 10:52 PM
36	Libraries are important spaces for our communities and should be financially supported for increased capacity.	11/26/2017 6:28 PM
37	Technological requirements are one thing, but in the light of research indicating that the demand for paper books is actually on the rise vis a vis electronic usage, the need to provide adequate budget for the acquisition and replacement of hard copy books should not be neglected.	11/26/2017 5:42 PM
38	Our public library is one of the greatest value in our city.	11/26/2017 5:22 PM
39	Love the library	11/26/2017 3:38 PM
40	There is nothing more beneficial and civilized than to offer citizens access to learning and knowledge. We are made a better community by the decency to offer library services with few cost barriers. Our libraries are a welcoming haven, and so well run. I appreciate that there will be a new branch in James Bay and I hope it is named after the Songhees people.	11/26/2017 11:49 AM
41	Did we need the second branch? Seems like a big, extra cost to me. Why?	11/26/2017 9:24 AM
42	I use the library often	11/24/2017 9:32 PM
43	More Library-based events for the public, please.	11/24/2017 4:55 PM
44	A library is long overdue for the Hillside Quadra area. The central branch is excellent (except for the new check out) and should stay. If more space is needed for materials, spread the 'burden' or 'wealth' among the branches. What's with the continual redesign of check out areas and the web site? It was fine. Consider co-locating facilities to create multi-functional local government buildings, e.g. rec centre-library-fire station+.	11/24/2017 2:51 PM
45	Libraries are extremely important. More money could help them to upgrade services and perhaps find a new space for the downtown library. I am hugely pleased that there will soon be a new James Bay branch of the GVPL. Fantastic.	11/23/2017 1:43 PM

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46	looking forward to the new library!	11/23/2017 12:46 PM
47	To paraphrase Ray Bradbury - go live in a library!	11/23/2017 12:43 PM
48	Not at this time.	11/23/2017 8:45 AM
49	Libraries are important to everyone.	11/22/2017 8:26 PM
50	Absolutely fabulous Library services.	11/22/2017 6:01 PM
51	Everything is on the Internet, including ability to borrow books.	11/22/2017 4:47 PM
52	I would love to see more support for emerging writers.	11/22/2017 3:55 PM
53	excellent service!!	11/22/2017 3:26 PM
54	LOVE the library!!	11/22/2017 3:15 PM
55	The future of libraries in the digital age needs to be re-examined.	11/22/2017 2:25 PM
56	Libraries are ancient and a waste of money in this day and age of technology	11/22/2017 2:21 PM
57	No books left in the main library	11/22/2017 2:19 PM
58	I love the library and use it a lot	11/22/2017 1:03 PM
59	ok i do confess, there is one service that my family uses a great deal my wife rents movies and books from the liabrary so yes continue to fund an institution that promotes learning	11/22/2017 12:05 PM
60	Love the GVPL. Use them nearly every day. They are a tremendous asset to our region.	11/22/2017 11:29 AM
61	The library concept is obsolete. They are trying to maintain the size of their empire by expanding into services we do not need or can get cheaper elsewhere.	11/22/2017 11:00 AM
62	Public libraries are incredible public assets. They provide not only ways for people of all income levels to access learning and entertainment, they also are essential survival services for homeless people in cold, wet, and rainy weather -- providing a space for people to shelter inside and access bathrooms. I would love to see libraries expand their hours of service and have more locations open up, and strongly support increasing library budgets for this purpose. I also do want to mention that I do not support library budgets being used to hire security guards to roust people who are sleeping and otherwise create the same kind of policing-of-public-space dynamic as in parks.	11/22/2017 10:53 AM
63	Great service, great support. Probably because the City of Victoria does not run the GVPL.	11/20/2017 10:13 AM
64	Keep the money used to provide free funding for the family programs. They are well done and well used, they would easily fill more.	11/17/2017 9:39 AM
65	Our library system is a jewel for all citizens. It is a shame that they are closed on Sundays, which is one half of the time most parents would normally take their children.	11/16/2017 8:21 AM

Q30 When thinking about the services you receive from VicPD, do you feel that funding in this area is:

Answered: 288 Skipped: 291



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	25.69%	74
Too high	45.83%	132
Too low	14.58%	42
Don't know/not sure	13.89%	40
TOTAL		288

Q31 Do you have any additional comments on the proposed VicPD operating budget?

Answered: 132 Skipped: 447

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	out of time	12/8/2017 10:10 AM
2	Almost 1 in 4 dollars is spent on VicPD. Salaries and expenses could be better managed to bring this overall % down.	12/8/2017 9:30 AM
3	Hire more traffic enforcement officers to combat distracted driving and speeding in order to make streets safer and neighbourhoods more liveable - the extra traffic fine revenue should largely offset the extra budget costs.	12/7/2017 10:49 PM
4	Too much technology and no boots!	12/7/2017 9:25 PM
5	If you put more funding into community outreach and meeting the city's housing needs, you won't need the PD to hassle homeless people for trying to sleep, or oust panhandlers from outside of businesses for trying to survive. No longer serving this purpose should lead to a decrease in man hours, and overall cost.	12/7/2017 8:16 PM
6	We need less police downtown at night.	12/7/2017 7:35 PM
7	Hire community support workers to handle the homeless and opioid crisis. The police should be there to handle issue that fall under the police act not due to mental health issues.	12/7/2017 6:34 PM
8	why does the police budget continue to increase in spite of decreasing crime rates? i encourage city council to divest from policy and invest this money in community based solutions. the additional funding they are asking for is unnecessary, and contributes to the criminalization of people living with mental health concerns and using substances. vicpd are over reaching by asking to continue to be involved in areas where community based supports and non profits would be best suited to provided support and care.	12/7/2017 3:01 PM
9	Get the other municipalities to contribute to the regional role Vic PD provides...	12/7/2017 2:37 PM
10	VicPD seems to be keeping up on the issues they need to, Victoria never feels unsafe to me, regardless of where I am. My dealings with the police have been few, but always professional and caring.	12/7/2017 11:21 AM
11	Anecdotally, it seems that the social ills of society seem to have shifted to the police to deal with rather than enforcing the laws, especially with respect to drugs and other illegal activities that are harmful to citizens. Dealing with drug addicts and those with mental health issues should not be their problem so its hard to know if they need more resources or not.	12/7/2017 6:27 AM
12	Way too high. We have a well-equipped force with new vehicles. There is definitely room here to increase spending on education, GVPL, invest in a small solar power project to teach kids and set an example for residents.	12/6/2017 11:32 PM
13	For a city with a declining crime rate this budget is way too high. Stop criminalizing homelessness.	12/6/2017 6:09 PM
14	I'd like to see an evaluation of current salaries within VicPD. What % of that cost is for exorbitant salaries???	12/6/2017 5:59 PM
15	police officers should not be social workers. this really needs to be addressed. density is increasing calls to the police and the salaries of our police are quite high. but then we have an affordability housing problem that is also not being addressed	12/6/2017 5:15 PM
16	Way too high! I'm seriously concerned about the VicPDs attempts to position themselves as the proper first responders to mental health crises, embedding themselves in mental health teams, spending time moving people along from parks... this is policing poverty & is damaging individuals and social relationships. If the police find themselves spending so much time on these issues they should ASK FOR HELP and REDIRECT RESOURCES to social service agencies, community-based organizations, and be advocating for adequate housing for all. That is the responsible thing for them to do.	12/6/2017 3:51 PM

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17	Funds to create a new task force focused on policing the homeless and those struggling with mental illness is a poor use of an already inflated budget. Please reassign funds from this budget towards the more prudent areas of sustainability initiatives such as waste diversion, greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, reconciliation efforts, supporting our arts and culture, and increasing availability of affordable housing and housing for the homeless.	12/6/2017 11:50 AM
18	VicPD should be given more money to allow for more officers to be hired. There should be more of a constant presence on the streets as this street level style of policing integrates the police more effectively allowing for reduction in crimes due to their presence and the ability to respond quickly to potential problems as they occur	12/6/2017 5:49 AM
19	I no longer feel safe on the streets of downtown Victoria at night. The police are also over-burdened by street level crime to the point where calling for assistance sometimes requires overly long wait times and quite frankly that is unacceptable. We need a major re-think of our policing strategy and with that will come more resources for the police instead of resources for politicians' pet projects.	12/5/2017 3:41 PM
20	We seem to spend a great deal on dealing with legal issues surrounding the former police chief, which clearly has not been handled well. Would be useful if we could be told the truth about this situation, as well as a total of how much money taxpayers have spent.	12/5/2017 3:02 PM
21	I imagine that much of the police budget is spent on dealing with homelessness which is not really a police issue for the most part but a social issue that needs better addressment via mental health, addiction and housing services	12/5/2017 2:28 PM
22	Ensure fiscal restraint to recover from a very tarnished reputation from past terrible hires of chiefs, and deliver policing that makes sense, ie supports integrated units, partners appropriately with Downtown ACT team, but not to supersede Health responders. Curb severance packages. Ensure officers receive introductory through to ongoing mental health training. Look for areas to integrate services that make sense.	12/5/2017 12:21 PM
23	23%.... Enough said. Reckless spending on constant new equipment and fancy cars when the report is usually police dealing with situations that don't warrant a need for this.	12/5/2017 11:43 AM
24	Another situation where the funding is spent poorly. The Vic PD are out of touch with the realities of the modern world. This, is not a matter of money - just how it is spent.	12/5/2017 11:35 AM
25	The VicPD applies for funding increases every year, and continues to infringe on the well being of homeless and street involved people. I have not benefited from increased police budgets and have been intimidated by Victoria police members. I do not support funding increases for the VicPD	12/4/2017 11:43 PM
26	While I acknowledge the hard work of VPD officers, I would rather see some of those funds put towards harm reduction/community projects that deter crime.	12/4/2017 10:51 PM
27	How often do police cruisers get replaced nowadays? Seems like every officer I see is driving a new model vehicle.	12/4/2017 10:31 PM
28	The annual increase is too high but more importantly the total budget is completely out of control. Rather than continue to pay these costs the City should seek other alternatives such as the RCMP. Reduce the budget amount and have VicPD seek ways to cut their budget rather than annual increases that we can't afford	12/4/2017 9:14 PM
29	The salary of the ex-police chief should not have been paid. He was suspended, doing nothing yet took in hundreds of thousands of dollars. Waste of taxpayer's money.	12/4/2017 7:27 PM
30	difficult job when all the nearby municipalities have their own departments, but many problems come from those who don't live in the city, but come for events, bars, etc	12/4/2017 9:10 AM
31	I cannot emphasize enough, my distain for this portion of the budget. Stop spending so much on police. They cause more problems than you will ever likely be aware.	12/3/2017 5:54 PM
32	The police presence in downtown needs to be increased. There are areas where you do not feel totally safe. Running the gauntlet of panhandlers and drug addicts does not make a welcoming city.	12/3/2017 4:31 PM
33	More policing is needed! Bring back beat cops downtown. Sold my condo downtown due to crime rampant in the core.	12/3/2017 12:34 PM
34	Reduce the police budget and re-allocate to parks and recreation!	12/3/2017 7:00 AM
35	I have never seen so many reckless drivers. Red lights being run, pedestrians almost hit, speeding. Ticketing these violations would improve street safety and generate revenue.	12/2/2017 10:25 PM

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36	i want more police but VicPD gets 23% of the budget so they need to make more effort or something because crime is a problem here despite arrest / conviction stats that dont truly show the ongoing crime.	12/2/2017 10:22 PM
37	Keep salaries high enough so that you're not forced to hire violent rednecks. Compared to many cities, the Victoria police are pretty good.	12/2/2017 9:19 PM
38	I don't have any historical context on VicPD funding but I do have a sense that the department is being called upon to do more and different things; I think they should be funded to fill this more complex mandate, for sure.	12/2/2017 8:07 AM
39	High cost but we have to live with it given our climate with the number of homeless people that come to Victoria and the drug problem. Does it compare to other constituencies?	12/1/2017 9:27 PM
40	We spend too much on policing. Instead we should be paying for prevention, especially through housing, mental health and addiction and a minimum income.	12/1/2017 8:11 PM
41	VicPD is trying to take on too much as high cost to taxpayers, some of the services should be downloaded to by-law (noise complaints 24/7 for instance) or other social service providers.	12/1/2017 3:55 PM
42	Police spend too much time dealing with things that have nothing to do with their area of expertise - mental health et al. Poor use of expensive resource.	12/1/2017 3:51 PM
43	Out of control, way too high compared to other cities.	12/1/2017 3:35 PM
44	It's not clear to me what all of the money is buying. The VPD does not seem to have any interest in process improvement or efficiency.	12/1/2017 2:38 PM
45	Police ride around in cars. There is obviously no street presence downtown where all kinds of things are happening. When my vehicle was stolen the police wouldn't even come to investigate. What kind of service is that?	12/1/2017 10:01 AM
46	If you spend quarter of the city's budget just on police it means there is a problem, either with crime rate or overspending in the department. There are other important projects to fund in the city, like roads (some streets are in terrible condition). PD budget should go down.	11/30/2017 8:07 PM
47	This one is huge! 23% of city's budget is a quarter, which is way too much. Highly rising salaries, benefits, fancy cars, payouts to the chiefs. All this could be reduced.	11/30/2017 7:31 PM
48	Policing costs are too high given that crime is down. Hire staff (that cost less) to deal with the street people and they can do essentially the same think that an officer does.	11/30/2017 6:01 PM
49	Absolutely ridiculous, we are way over policed in Victoria and I have never been helped by them, I have however been harassed by them for no reason. I have been called a drug user and a criminal even though I am a law abiding citizen and the fact they wanted a 5% increase when we are already over policed is ridiculous. that money should be spent to alleviate peoples poverty and get mental health help, as that is something they deal with that they shouldn't and they do not do a good job of.	11/30/2017 5:18 PM
50	This seems extremely high considering Victoria's population. I would like to see money invested in pushing for a regional approach to policing.	11/30/2017 3:01 PM
51	If services are available to the population, policing might be lower on the budget list.	11/30/2017 2:41 PM
52	The policing costs are to high as a result of the police having to deal with the homeless and drug issues which should be paid from provincial and federal funds, not from municipal funds.	11/30/2017 12:19 PM
53	Expensive but when you need them you want them there. Too bad they have to spend so much time being social workers to the homeless. The provincial government has certainly deinstitutionalized the mentally ill, head injured and addicted onto our streets.	11/29/2017 8:56 PM
54	I feel the police are doing a very good job. They treat the street based population, as I have observed, with kindness and patience, not always an easy task. I would like to see more progress toward open dealing of drugs on city streets and byways but am especially keen to see the larger problem of organized crime and it's influences addressed.	11/29/2017 7:59 PM
55	We do not need more money for policing. Victoria is a safe city. There should be more money going to build rental property, low cost housing and help for the homeless	11/29/2017 3:25 PM

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56	I have no data on which to make a comment, but it seems that many people with mental health, addiction, and otherwise homelessness issues have to be addressed by the police. Can more budget be allocated to address housing for those at serious risk, health services for these people at risk, etc. to really help them rather than the police directly intervening all the time? This is not a criticism of the police force or a comment that the budget to the police should be reduced. The demand for police services may go down (and budget??) automatically if the real problems are addressed with the right services and solutions.	11/29/2017 1:31 PM
57	Reduce force through attrition. Dr. Angela Davis said if prison gates were opened society would be no less safe. Give cops a leisurely well-compensated retirement.	11/29/2017 12:18 PM
58	Would like to see more community ambassadors working with at risk populations - people with mental health and addiction experience. Role of the police often seems heavy-handed/unnecessary for minor offences.	11/29/2017 10:42 AM
59	More social programming and social service support. Less policing	11/28/2017 10:09 PM
60	Is this question a joke? Your police force traumatizes people. We need more mental health teams and services!	11/28/2017 8:44 PM
61	Other municipalities should help pay or they should amalgamate the police forces.	11/28/2017 8:03 PM
62	It is completely ridiculous that VicPD accounts for 23% of the proposed 2018 operating budget. The city spends far too much on policing. It is a waste of taxpayer dollars.	11/28/2017 7:49 PM
63	the police budget is out of control. crime is lower than it has been in decades and the majority of police calls are to respond to incidents that could be handled without the involvement of police. i support a significant divestment policing, and a significant re-investment in community based alternatives.	11/28/2017 5:02 PM
64	Police force needs to made more efficient and less spending on more personnel. Advanced de-escalation training and accountability with body cams have served many forces well in community engagement and identifying some bad apples that may be tarnishing the reputation of the overall membership.	11/28/2017 1:57 PM
65	23% for police seems very high when compared to other expenses. It is unfortunate that the highly trained police force has been saddled with non police jobs. Could the current government put more money into social-health areas so that police can go back to police work and fewer police people are needed ?	11/28/2017 12:22 PM
66	More resources should go to mental health support workers, housing first programs, etc and less for police. This would be a more effective use of resources.	11/28/2017 10:30 AM
67	enforce laws against street level crime in downtown	11/28/2017 9:30 AM
68	VicPD should not deal with all homeless issues.	11/27/2017 7:22 PM
69	VicPD's budget is substantial and Burnside Gorge needs more resources because we have more issues here.	11/27/2017 6:20 PM
70	disgruntled by how high this proposed funding for VicPD is, particularly with so many underfunded, frontline services are needed that the Police department can just not fulfill. irresponsible allocation.	11/27/2017 4:03 PM
71	Quit encouraging the homeless in the other parts of Canada to come to Victoria la the current mayor, comrade Helps. The more indigent and criminal, drug addicted people in the community, the more policing is needed. Instructing the police to stand down in many of these cases is a waste of personnel and tax payer money and increase the vulnerability of law abiding citizens. More police call outs, more sirens, more noise, more stress and less security. A waste of resources. Ineffectual law enforcement, vandalism, graffiti, theft, etc.	11/27/2017 11:12 AM
72	Control staffing costs, do not be taken hostage by Union demands.	11/27/2017 10:40 AM
73	Don't just add to their numbers, change the demographic of the force to include special officers trained in mental health, addictions, etc..	11/27/2017 10:21 AM
74	This is the one that I need to talk about. I know that our police officers don't enjoy being the "most expensive alarm clock" in the world. Addressing homelessness and mental health would be a much better use of some of the budget currently going towards VicPD "patrol". I respect and feel compassion for those who do the job of a police officer. It must be incredibly frustrating. Citizens feel overtaxed and seeing tax dollars spent in this way is also very frustrating. Please find a way to help those with mental illness.	11/27/2017 9:21 AM

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75	Having police wake up street people is an insane way to spend taxpayers hard earned money. Cheaper to house people and give them the much needed support they deserve. We currently have a revolving door system. Picking up the same people over and over again instead of giving them the care they need. It should be an ambulance that is sent instead of the police. It is not a crime scene. It is a mental health issue.	11/27/2017 9:20 AM
76	VicPD budget is increasing disproportionately to the rest of the City budget.	11/27/2017 4:31 AM
77	The police probably need more \$ especially now, we need a strong police presence on our streets...too many drugs, petty crime, and also acting as liason officers with the public.	11/27/2017 12:13 AM
78	Such an important service, and our streets need a strong and fair presence.	11/26/2017 10:53 PM
79	As I mentioned earlier, it is short-sighted and irresponsible to allocate increased funding to VicPD while ignoring the obvious needs in the city of Victoria for support for youth, more accessible housing, POC and Indigenous initiatives, libraries, safety for sex workers, accessibility for those with disabilities. These other initiatives and departments need to be prioritized because I think they support community capacity and thriving for a sustainable future in very real and meaningful ways. Increasing capacity for punitive action is not a long-term or holistic solution for social, economic and political inequity.	11/26/2017 6:40 PM
80	Far, far too high	11/26/2017 6:00 PM
81	The community relations and community safety education role of the police needs to be robustly funded in order to maximize the effectiveness of our fine force.	11/26/2017 5:46 PM
82	A valuable resource!	11/26/2017 5:23 PM
83	do they ever get out of their cars and walk a beat. 5 cars at Our place every morning it seems.....if 5 cars went to a business every day for an event, there would be a fine on that business no doubt	11/26/2017 5:03 PM
84	I don't believe the VicPD really need new funds. it seems they all have new cars. I don't believe police officers should be addressing mental illness or providing social services. Invest more in direct non-police street outreach	11/26/2017 3:39 PM
85	If the city invests in learning, housing, recreation and culture that is accessible (meaning created for and by people from diverse social locations) the "problems" the police deal with will be greatly reduced. I know the City Council says that there is nothing that can be done about expenditures related to police, but figure it out. Seriously. Be creative.	11/26/2017 2:19 PM
86	More money is needed for police to be able to more rigorously and effectively root out those who are selling drugs poisoned with fentanyl and carfentanil.	11/26/2017 11:50 AM
87	Again, I believe Esquimalt chips in to our policing budget, and with Victoria the hub, I hope other municipalities do as well.	11/26/2017 9:25 AM
88	The police budget could be reduced if council started properly managing the homeless situation, rather than allowing issues like tent city to run amuck. The city needs to be safe for everyone and that means enforcing the law. Over time, if the city enforced the law, it's police budget would go down.	11/24/2017 5:29 PM
89	Would prefer that VicPD does NOT "militarize" any further. Let's put this to mental-health task forces and similar services.	11/24/2017 4:56 PM
90	Why a return to old draconian black and white vehicles, instead of the lighter community-policing-friendly look? A regional police / peace officer system / force makes sense ... without defaulting to the highest common denominator. One doesn't need to look too far to see generous salaries and pensions, and souped up cars with every mod-con. Fear of crime is driving expenditures when crime is decreasing. I feel hostage to the increasingly militaristic approach and demand for more stuff. Walk, cycle and get into the community more. Give lights and helmets to stupid cyclists and increase fines for ignorant motorists, e.g. re: 'dooring' cyclists. Use and promote transit and let's collaborate to get elderly drivers off the road.	11/24/2017 3:06 PM
91	Please increase dedicated services to responding to and managing mental health/addiction issues to increase public sense of safety and quality of neighborhoods (decreased noise, refuge).	11/24/2017 1:22 PM
92	Far too much money is spent on policing. I feel Victoria spends far too much per capita on policing. 23%!!!! Are you kidding!!! Per household cost is out of control!!	11/24/2017 9:08 AM
93	Way to high! 23% of the budget? And they want more? Say no more. Start to reduce. Use other resources, multi disciplinary. NO MORE to police budget increases!!!!	11/23/2017 8:44 PM

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94	The police spend too much time looking after drug addicts, the homeless and mentally ill people roaming the streets. I pay my taxes, I pay my bills and am a respectful and contributing member of society. I also have rights. But how can the city justify using its police services for the above mentioned problems? You think they got trained so they could spend their time looking after those social issues? I don't think so. As a taxpayer, I am fed up with that.	11/23/2017 1:47 PM
95	if more sharing of services were accomplished, would the shared costs be reduced?	11/23/2017 12:47 PM
96	It's sad that policing costs so much! Again, reduce consumerism and the capitalist military-industrial complex, and these costs will go down. Darn fat cat CEOs.	11/23/2017 12:45 PM
97	I saw that the police are arguing for more money to enforce new marijuana laws... That's ridiculous.	11/23/2017 11:59 AM
98	WAYYYY too much funding. Unnesscary, invest more on social services to help people in need. not police. already way overfunded compared to other municipalities	11/23/2017 11:42 AM
99	The police need to be able to enforce speed limits in our neighbourhoods.	11/23/2017 9:41 AM
100	The police need to be able to enforce the traffic speed limits in our neighbourhoods, not just in the urban core.	11/23/2017 9:32 AM
101	More policing in the core; more traffic intervention (cell phones, speeding through yellow lights, other safety driving issues)	11/23/2017 8:46 AM
102	We need more officers in Victoria.	11/22/2017 8:27 PM
103	Totally shocking waste of money! I feel the police are shaking down the public/city like a protection mob, I wonder how much of their budget goes to lobbying the city for more funds. Policing is also a completely inappropriate solution to most of Victoria's needs which would be better and less expensively served via nursing, mental health workers and real housing solutions (and no, not tiny houses taking away neighbourhood park space from inner city kids)	11/22/2017 8:16 PM
104	The government should be supplying street social workers and traffic enforcement. Police should be hired to investigate, solve and prevent crime.	11/22/2017 7:32 PM
105	This does not seem appropriate. I feel uncomfortable with the much of tax funding policing in this city. I think more funding needs to be given to organizations that are helping to support homeless people, survivors of sexual assault, people with little to no resources, not policing them. More funding needs to be given to support drug addicts to help them work through their addictions or finding safe alternatives. More money for social workers and front line workers.	11/22/2017 6:17 PM
106	Very troubled by the amount of effort police must devote to mental illness, drug abuse, and effects of homelessness. I feel that other safety issues, such as distracted and unsafe driving and challenged by the efforts to police the street culture.	11/22/2017 6:03 PM
107	Considering the burden the city has put on the police to deal with social problems including the difficulty of managing campers etc the budget needs to be increased.	11/22/2017 4:05 PM
108	salaries out of control. Get revenue from sources like traffic violations - there are plenty of those!	11/22/2017 3:26 PM
109	We need to change the VicPD into a more interdisciplinary group, rather than (mostly) men with guns responding to all calls. How about adding social workers, etc to the mix. And why do we need guys with guns managing traffic?	11/22/2017 3:17 PM
110	1. Citizens once respected the police - but no longer. The main reason, in my opinion, is the self-righteous elitism exuded by police, an attitude which has no place in a classless society. 2. Stop the militarization of the police. If the army is needed to quell insurrection, call in the army.	11/22/2017 2:29 PM
111	The police enforcement in our area is lousy, ie speed enforcement along Richardson and Richmond in particular. I think the police are over funded, overpaid and huge drain on our taxes. Riding around in gas guzzling V* brand new cars is a scandal especially given our supposed focus on our environment!!!	11/22/2017 2:23 PM
112	Particularly when compared to fire, this cost borders on ridiculous.	11/22/2017 2:19 PM
113	No increase needed	11/22/2017 2:19 PM
114	I responded "too low" based on my perception of the absence of traffic enforcement. Driving in Victoria is very chaotic. Motorists are generally non-compliant with respect to traffic laws. Speeding is the norm making for scary streets and fostering stressful and dangerous conditions.	11/22/2017 1:17 PM

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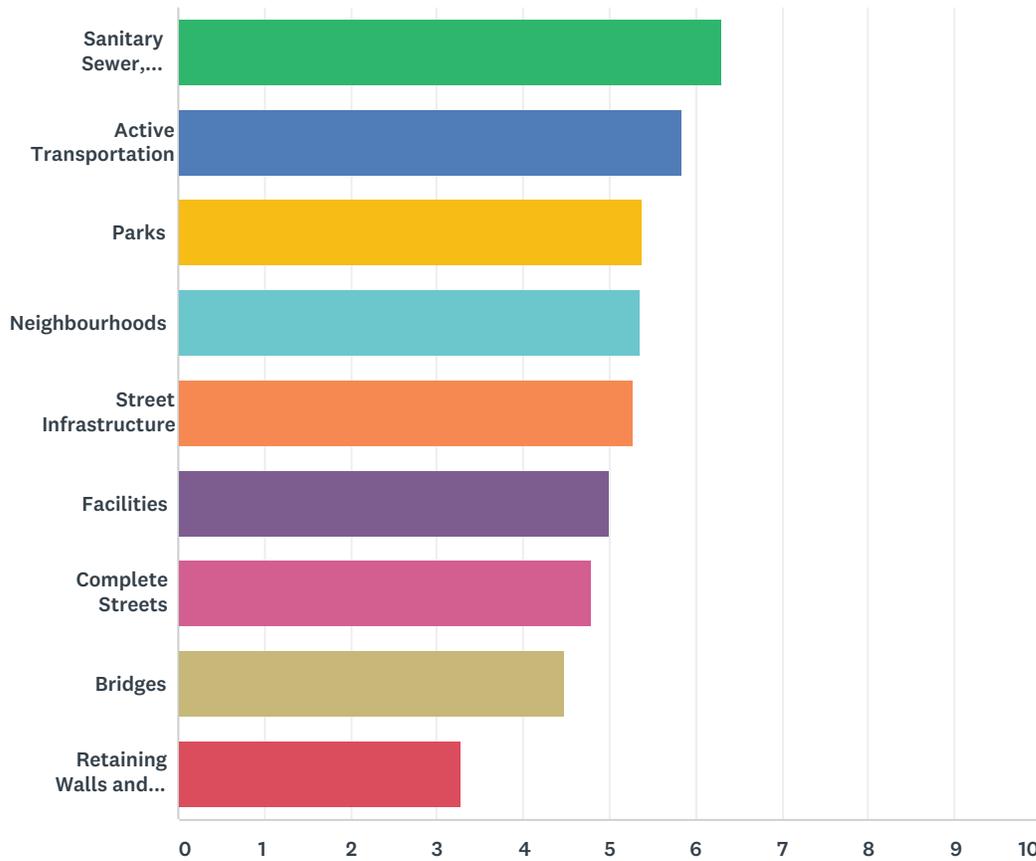
115	Traffic laws are not enforced enough, and the speed limit of 40 is ridiculous if you can't enforce it. It's about safety, not just speed.	11/22/2017 1:15 PM
116	It's absolutely ludicrous to me that in a city in dire need of housing and health outreach that almost a quarter of the budget is going towards the police. Outrageous.	11/22/2017 1:06 PM
117	Have very little contact with police so cannot comment	11/22/2017 1:03 PM
118	Do not invest mental health dollars into police budgets. ACT Teams should not be the responsibility of police.	11/22/2017 12:21 PM
119	you know my car was broken in and something was stolen last month from the library parkade in October. there was no point in calling the police because the idiots that broke in (they jimmed the window over the sliding door) only took a few items worth less than \$100 dollars. but whats the point. the police are too busy dealing with motor vehicle violations and domestic disputes to even stop and think "hey maybe these criminals broke in to steal money to support their drug habit, but that's ok cause you cannot walk three blocks in this city without bumping into a illegal pot shop. ONCE AGAIN THEY ARE SELLING AN ILLEGAL PRODUCT AND THE POLICE ARE DOING NOTHING. putting in a business license system is a joke as a deterrent.	11/22/2017 12:10 PM
120	If it would help improve training the police receive when dealing with individuals with addiction and mental illness, I would happily increase their budget. I'm proud that the Vic PD is working hard to improve services when working with our citizens who have suffer from addiction and mental illness.	11/22/2017 11:31 AM
121	too much spent on paying a chief who is off work waiting to be fired.	11/22/2017 11:01 AM
122	As I commented earlier in the survey, I believe the VicPD operating budget is far too high and that the City should seek to divest from policing and invest in community-based solutions to problems that cannot be solved through laws and law enforcement. In particular I do not support the City funding police to be embedded in health services or respond to health crises, whether that is police being part of mental health teams or as responders to drug overdose/poisoning. The police mandate of law enforcement, which uses surveillance and information gathering to pursue arrest and criminal charges, is fundamentally incompatible with the delivery of health services. VicPD claims that their involvement in health service delivery prevents people from being criminalized but this is doublespeak - the involvement of VicPD in health services brings police surveillance, coercion and control into people's everyday lives. Police are in health services to be a hammer, to force people into compliance. That function is predicated on the power that police have over people's lives, the every-present threat that if people do not comply the police have the power to detain, confine, arrest, and use force to subdue. I specifically do not support public funds being used for police presence in ACT teams. I also do not support increased funds for policing relating to the current crisis of poisoning of illicit drug supply. The War on Drugs has been in place for many years and is widely recognized as ineffective. Quite simply, police have not been able to and will never be able to stop the movement of illicit drugs. Pouring even more money into pursuing people who are selling drugs is throwing more money down the drain and creates more stigma, secrecy, and shame around substance use, which leads people to use alone and increases the risk of injury and death from overdose or drug poisoning. Instead public funds should be used for community, grassroots responses such as the peer first responders who have been at the very frontlines of responding to the fentanyl poisoning crisis and whose work is hardly recognized (the few paid peer workers in programs like SOLID and AVI are vastly underpaid compared to other first responders, receive very little support for cumulative grief and trauma, etc.), or the peers, family members and loved ones who every day provide sophisticated mental health support and prevention care but whose work is completely ignored in favour of strategies rooted in surveillance, control, and management by police and health professionals. This orientation to a policing approach in health care completely ignores the vast body of research evidence amassed by professionals and advocates working with peers, and the innovative, creative programming and service delivery models adopted by other jurisdictions. As a side note, why is this portion of the survey serving as a public relations tool for the police? Instead of providing information about what types of services police provide (e.g., how many calls are about violence, how many are about property, how many are about public intoxication or other non-violent 'nuisance'), which is critical information for the public to be aware of in evaluating budget request, the information presented is "Through...communication and being their best, the men and women of VicPD work hard every day" - seriously, how is this appropriate to evaluating a budget request? Do library staff and others funded by the city also not work hard every day? This is not about how hard people do or don't work, it's about how to use public funds for maximum positive impact.	11/22/2017 10:53 AM
123	WAY too high	11/22/2017 8:32 AM

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124	We live in one of the highest policed cities in Canada, we need to spend less on police and more on low income housing and community programs that help with things like jobs, food, flexible ways to earn income at drop in centres, and things that help build up a basic standard of living	11/22/2017 7:38 AM
125	The police budget needs to be reduced, not increased	11/20/2017 2:16 PM
126	Need more police walking the streets.	11/20/2017 11:00 AM
127	Should be way more cops on foot and bicycle.	11/20/2017 10:41 AM
128	VicPD have been forced to concentrate too much time on the downtown core. James Bay rarely sees police present.	11/20/2017 10:14 AM
129	Increase doesnt align with the overall protective services and Emergency Management increases	11/17/2017 5:08 PM
130	Create a bike theft unit.	11/17/2017 9:40 AM
131	please provide more money for mental health and drug services.	11/15/2017 12:07 PM
132	Vic PD doesn't have the skills or mandate to address mental health issues.	11/15/2017 10:08 AM

Q32 Please rank the following capital budget categories from highest to lowest (1 being highest, 9 being lowest) based on your funding priorities. (Only one value per option)

Answered: 335 Skipped: 244



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL	SCORE
Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater and Waterworks	24.14% 77	20.69% 66	10.66% 34	10.03% 32	7.84% 25	8.15% 26	6.27% 20	8.78% 28	3.45% 11	319	6.29
Active Transportation	31.29% 97	9.68% 30	8.06% 25	8.06% 25	10.97% 34	4.52% 14	6.45% 20	5.48% 17	15.48% 48	310	5.83
Parks	8.44% 26	11.36% 35	14.94% 46	14.94% 46	13.64% 42	15.26% 47	9.42% 29	6.49% 20	5.52% 17	308	5.37
Neighbourhoods	12.50% 39	13.14% 41	14.10% 44	10.26% 32	12.50% 39	10.26% 32	8.97% 28	8.97% 28	9.29% 29	312	5.36
Street Infrastructure	8.78% 28	15.36% 49	15.99% 51	9.09% 29	11.29% 36	11.60% 37	10.03% 32	9.09% 29	8.78% 28	319	5.28
Facilities	5.63% 17	8.61% 26	11.26% 34	16.89% 51	15.56% 47	13.91% 42	14.57% 44	8.94% 27	4.64% 14	302	4.99
Complete Streets	5.41% 16	11.49% 34	11.82% 35	13.51% 40	10.14% 30	11.15% 33	13.85% 41	14.86% 44	7.77% 23	296	4.79

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Bridges	5.59%	9.21%	9.54%	14.80%	9.21%	11.18%	9.87%	17.11%	13.49%		
	17	28	29	45	28	34	30	52	41	304	4.48
Retaining Walls and Railings	2.62%	3.61%	5.57%	3.61%	9.84%	12.79%	17.70%	17.38%	26.89%		
	8	11	17	11	30	39	54	53	82	305	3.28

Q33 Do you have any comments on the overall capital budget?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 492

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I have had it with funding bike lanes regardless of where the money comes from. The dedicated lanes are dangerous, wipe out much needed parking and pander to a very small population of loud agitators. Enough. Focus on moving traffic and enforcement against aggressive/stupid bike riders. Fund disability more improvements such as soft ramps/curbs at sidewalks, more salting during heavy frosts (I fell this morning while walking). Improve sidewalks in James Bay that are well past best before dates. Anything except bike lanes.	12/8/2017 11:53 AM
2	Stop densification and bicycle path improvements. There is far too much in expenditures for bikes - the mayor's pet project	12/8/2017 10:46 AM
3	The City seems singularly incapable of managing projects. I have not time to continue the survey, unfortunately, and circumstances prevented input before this date.	12/8/2017 10:13 AM
4	Very much appreciate the capital investments in walking and biking (especially the new protected bike lanes)	12/8/2017 9:32 AM
5	Please ensure the share of capital spending targeted to active transportation measures (understanding this is drawn from several pots including sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, complete streets, pathways and parks, bus shelters, neighbourhood traffic calming, etc.) gets progressively larger relative to spending aimed at infrastructure for cars.	12/7/2017 10:57 PM
6	A 14% spend on Active Transportation with a current usage of 6% of population is out of balance. With existing roadways in poor condition and now jammed, traffic is (unintentionally) rerouted into residential areas. This is a poorly thought out and possibly backwards strategy.	12/7/2017 8:58 PM
7	Stop wasting our money on a bike project that not everyone uses. Stop taking parking away from those that need it. Use the money for affordable house initiatives. I have a good paying job and I can barely afford to live here let alone buy a bike to appease the mayor's personal wish of bike lanes for her personal use. This is why I made the choice to look for work away from the greater Victoria area. It's too expensive, too many taxes and an embarrassment with the JS bridge and sewage treatment plan. It's too bad that I have to leave a city I grew up in because I can't afford to live here. Too bad many of us that grew up here are looking to move away because we cannot afford to live here.	12/7/2017 6:41 PM
8	wastewater treatment facility is long overdue.	12/7/2017 3:01 PM
9	Include Active transportation in complete streets	12/7/2017 2:41 PM
10	I don't support increased capital expenditures in the police budget.	12/6/2017 3:52 PM
11	You should be finding an innovative, cost saving and cost sharing solution to the Crystal Pool and Fire Hall #1 replacements. A single integrated facility with a housing component and private sector cost sharing arrangement with an organization like the YMCA could save taxpayers tens of millions.	12/6/2017 3:35 PM
12	Where is environmental restoration in the above list? Why can't I rank it as my first priority?	12/6/2017 11:54 AM
13	We need a better mass transit system for the capital region.	12/5/2017 10:18 PM
14	I fully support rebuilding the Crystal Pool and appreciate that this is an expensive undertaking. I am hopeful that you can successfully leverage funding from other levels of government and private funding. There is a perception that the City is not a competent manager of capital. To mitigate this concern, I would encourage the City to bring in outside expertise, including the province, on this procurement process.	12/5/2017 8:16 PM
15	The conditions of Victoria's roadways have deteriorated, and deteriorated, and deteriorated. The roads have never been as bumpy and uneven as they are today.	12/5/2017 3:43 PM

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16	If funding isn't available for Wishes, don't spend! Climate driven infrastructure is a priority in terms of true health and quality of life. Integrate Transportation planning with neighbouring municipalities!! Fire Hall before New Pool! Ensure sensible choices receive funding. Curb staff levels and packages as revolving door of staff leaving is costing too much. Fund Frontline and check fatback of senior staff management. Maintain community buildings, and programming levels, at all City community centres serving families, children, youth, and seniors. Keep taxation in line!	12/5/2017 12:33 PM
17	How about you guys hold contractors to their predicted budgets more. The Johnson Street bridge is the joke of the city, its such a small short bridge that has ballooned in costs..... Think about if we had a normal functioning bridge with no flairs.... All the savings could of been used for nice green space around it and then the millions of extra to solving actual problems in this city.	12/5/2017 11:47 AM
18	No further allocation of funding to bicycle lanes until the more significant and important transportation issues are dealt with, issues that affect the majority of citizens.	12/5/2017 9:06 AM
19	Increase funding to support the city being a liveable place for all residents.	12/5/2017 7:13 AM
20	Increase funding to fast track AAA lanes and cycling connections to Saanich and Esquimalt. Establish commuter rail on E&N line	12/4/2017 11:46 PM
21	Stop building bike lanes that over designed and perform poorly. Do the work to the POINT ELLICE BRIDGE that was part of previous budgets	12/4/2017 9:03 PM
22	NO to Bike Lanes	12/4/2017 7:29 PM
23	No	12/4/2017 5:54 PM
24	support for those who live on the street and need mental health care/ drug treatment	12/4/2017 9:12 AM
25	This is incredibly broad. How is street infrastructure differentiated from active transportation and complete streets? Furthermore, what is your definition of complete street (this is contextual....). I am supportive of active transportation infrastructure and am happy to pay more taxes, however bicycle lanes need to be implemented strategically. Why are we running bike lanes down major roads instead of less busy streets? Why is the road so narrow when you could easily trim some of the foliage to allow more room.	12/3/2017 6:46 PM
26	Relocate money away from Police, toward sustainable transportation.	12/3/2017 5:58 PM
27	I think current projects should be completed and paid off before ANY new projects are started.	12/3/2017 1:57 PM
28	I support the continuation and expansion of the bike network.	12/2/2017 11:38 PM
29	Not enough information to rank these. What is a "complete street"?	12/2/2017 9:20 PM
30	Enough with the bike lanes.	12/2/2017 12:49 PM
31	Hot economy makes capital infrastructure too expensive due to labour shortage.	12/1/2017 9:34 PM
32	I support the amount of money allocated for active transportation. It is good for our city's future and well worth the investment.	12/1/2017 8:13 PM
33	When Crystal Gardens and the Johnson Street Bridge are removed from the 2017 and 2018 budgets, there is about a \$30M annual drop in capital spending. I find this very worrisome, especially when operational expenses continue to rise. There should be more effort to increase capital expenditures and decrease operating expenditures over time.	12/1/2017 7:25 PM
34	Get rid of the bike lanes, they are dangerous and I will not drive downtown again.	12/1/2017 6:35 PM
35	I did not see anything allowed for affordable housing projects- I would like to see money going to that	12/1/2017 4:25 PM
36	Overbuilding cycle infrastructure and ignoring fire halls and the facilities that are falling apart. This place is going to be a complete disaster in an earthquake with no ability to respond.	12/1/2017 3:39 PM
37	no staffing costs.	12/1/2017 12:42 PM
38	While I support bike lanes the way you are doing it is ridiculously stupid. I'm talking about 2 way lanes on a one way street and the routes you have chosen. Dumb.	12/1/2017 10:04 AM
39	Streets and urban trees are in terrible shape and need significant increases in resources.	11/30/2017 9:47 PM
40	Do not add anymore dedicated bicycle lanes. Try living with the ones that have been created to see if they are going to be used. So far I see very few people on the pandora bike lane and there is growing anger at the disruption that is happening without proof that they are working.	11/30/2017 6:12 PM

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41	Safety first, people projects and green second.	11/30/2017 2:46 PM
42	If we want to promote bus riding and reduce greenhouse gasses then every bus stop needs a bus shelter.	11/29/2017 9:06 PM
43	The Vic pd does not need more funding!!	11/29/2017 5:17 PM
44	New structures not needed. Renovate and expand when socially useful.	11/29/2017 12:24 PM
45	unable to properly complete this section of the survey - selecting a value in one response deletes other previously selected responses, which leaves the survey with only half the response fields populated. Because of this I have not selected anything. I'll just say infrastructure maintenance is very important (like our old sewers...)	11/29/2017 5:38 AM
46	I find the above ranking a flawed way to collect useful feedback.	11/28/2017 1:19 PM
47	The City budget should have investment and operating capital to fund the action items in the Burnside Gorge Location Area Plan.	11/27/2017 6:21 PM
48	love parks, but hate when they get fitted with playgrounds to push folks who are street-involved/inadequately housed out, all in the name of 'revitalization' up the neighbourhoods category.	11/27/2017 4:05 PM
49	This active transportation project is targeting a very small portion of the overall population. This is clearly the mayors pet project but it is out of line with the needs of the majority.	11/27/2017 11:25 AM
50	It's unfortunate that you didn't provide previous years allocation numbers for comparison. Has Active Transport always been so high? Do not ignore complete streets. Move bike lines OFF roads.	11/27/2017 10:25 AM
51	Parks, Environmental Remediation and Neighbourhoods suffer in the budget given the uncalled for excessive expenditures on items such as the Johnston St. Bridge, and the choice to replace the Crystal Pool.	11/26/2017 5:56 PM
52	drop the Foster Way and deal with the Greenways pathway project introduced by Council 10 years ago. Its always the next shiny thing with Council !!	11/26/2017 5:05 PM
53	I support parks that are not used to stop people from having a safe space to sleep. Stop using families and playgrounds as a weapon against those without homes.	11/26/2017 2:21 PM
54	I don't know the current state of Victoria's infrastructure so my choices would change based on where the greatest deficits are. My viewpoint is investing in infrastructure renewal today to avoid greater multiplied cost in future. Fix it before it costs you a greater fortune to fix it.	11/26/2017 11:53 AM
55	"Active transportation" seems pretty high, unless this also includes public transit, though I'm not sure how that counts as "active"	11/24/2017 9:33 PM
56	This ranking is too general, what do "neighbourhoods" and "facilities" mean? Define complete streets. Where do street works become storm water works? Thanks for making those coloured squares bigger, pie chart was hard to read. GD Johnson St bridge! Transport Canada needs to ante up and charge boats for using the bridge/ cost of the lift mechanism.	11/24/2017 3:39 PM
57	Please allocate more to protected bike lanes, Dallas Road bike path, new indoor and outdoor tennis courts	11/23/2017 10:00 PM
58	No	11/23/2017 1:49 PM
59	Just about all of them could be ranked highest!! I find this task an impossible one!	11/23/2017 12:48 PM
60	These are all important! How can one rank them? That's not really the question. It's a stupid question. How can the city make life better for ALL it's citizens?	11/23/2017 12:48 PM
61	More money to cycling and traffic planning	11/23/2017 12:00 PM
62	I am very concerned at the lack of budgeted amounts for the bicycle network implementation beyond 2018, in the 5 year plan.	11/23/2017 10:45 AM
63	my ratings vary from the proposal	11/23/2017 10:41 AM
64	Environment remediation and neighbourhoods are two of the most important categories in the entire budget; however, they are at the very bottom of the list in terms of funding. This needs to be rectified.	11/23/2017 9:44 AM

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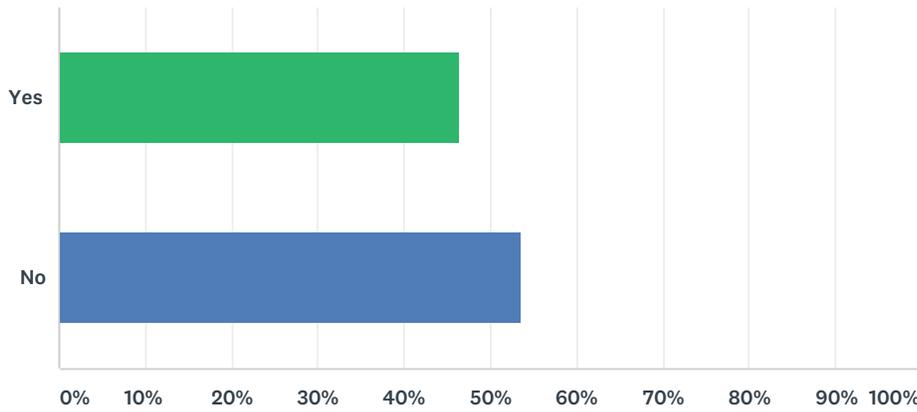
65	Oaklands Neighbourhood: Kings Road, one block between Forbes and Belmont... needs parking restriction. At the moment, cars are parking on both sides of the street and it is sometimes difficult to drive a car through. Perhaps a sidewalk and parking for residents?	11/23/2017 8:50 AM
66	No.	11/22/2017 8:27 PM
67	There are far too many CRD and city executives that have benefits, raises and salaries that are automatically increased without performance based objectives. They should be frozen to the private sector level. The public should participate in permitting wage scales ... pensioners, disabled, retirees and single parents can not continue paying these taxpayer funded lottery salaries.	11/22/2017 7:40 PM
68	More protected bike lanes please	11/22/2017 4:39 PM
69	Sorry to see that no money has been set aside for building homes/apartments or developing specific tiny home communities for low income and homeless citizens.	11/22/2017 4:06 PM
70	I can't help but feel that Active Transportation is a euphemism for bike lanes. Therefore it is at the bottom of my list.	11/22/2017 3:59 PM
71	stormwater tax is an absurd money grab! Only Victoria subjects taxpayers to this fine.	11/22/2017 3:29 PM
72	Start purchasing land for parks!	11/22/2017 2:31 PM
73	You are wasting money on such things a new Johnson Street Bridge, spending way out of control.	11/22/2017 2:21 PM
74	Don't get me started on the Johnston St Bridge. What a boondoggle!	11/22/2017 1:05 PM
75	J Bridge was tantamount to criminal negligence. Anyone with an iota of experience could and should have negotiated a much better and smarter contract. Ludicrous waste of money.	11/22/2017 12:20 PM
76	not sure what the difference is between street infrastructure and complete streets is but stop ruining the streets with freaking dedicated bike lanes. our city is spread out with a lot of hills, twists and turns, and guess what neither my mother nor any of her friends over 70 are going to jump on a bike to go shopping for groceries, to the movies, bank or to visit friends. they like most of the professionals in this town that own businesses and pay your freaking salaries through taxation actually take our cars.	11/22/2017 12:17 PM
77	I'm not sure what the difference is between Street Infrastructure and Complete Streets	11/22/2017 11:34 AM
78	as a long time bike commuter who enjoys the side streets that work perfectly, I say the bike lanes are a waste of money. And huge amounts could have been saved by putting pandora lanes on the left, to avoid all the current complications.	11/22/2017 11:04 AM
79	The rankings/choices in the previous question left off some of the pie chart categories for capital infrastructure so doesn't allow us to rank all of the proposed expenditures, which biases results. I support increased budget for environmental remediation, currently a tiny fraction of the capital budget. I note in particular that Esquimalt First Nation is still suffering greatly from the fuel spill at Plumper Beach and think this should be a high priority collaborative effort between the municipalities of Victoria and Esquimalt to remedy. I do not support putting 5% of the capital budget into police capital expenses such as the ridiculous and incredibly expensive purchase of an armored personnel carrier and use of luxury vehicles to enhance the police fleet. This is going in the wrong direction - we should be divesting from expanding police power and reach, and using that money for community-based solutions.	11/22/2017 10:53 AM
80	Stop with the bike lanes. The city will expand and in 20 years we will tear them up to make space for cars again due to inevitably dreadful congestion.	11/22/2017 10:16 AM
81	Replacing our aging underground water pipes and system in Greater Victoria is no. 1 project needed or completed in my mind for Greater Victoria	11/22/2017 9:34 AM
82	Reducing the number and width of streets is a bit of an insult and waste of funds. Keep in mind driverless cars but keep in n mind tradesman trucks need to get to places or it's one more higher cost put on the customers	11/22/2017 9:32 AM
83	Reflects almost nothing with respect to seismic upgrades of old brittle infrastructure..at least nothing is noted directly	11/21/2017 2:59 PM
84	A replacement for crystal pool is not needed or warranted. It should be closed. Very few Victoria residents use the pool. Perhaps, negotiate pool use of hotels or develop a shared investment with new hotels.	11/20/2017 7:30 PM
85	No capital for the arts infrastructure in town.	11/19/2017 8:00 PM

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86	It would help if you explained what the terms active transportation and complete streets are. And I don't think that neighbourhoods fits in this list. Most of the other items are in neighborhoods. This question makes no sense	11/19/2017 12:08 AM
87	Safety expenditures such as audible signals should be given higher priority. One a year is not enough.	11/18/2017 9:58 PM

Q34 Would you like to provide additional input into the specific capital budget categories? This section should take approximately 8-10 minutes to complete.

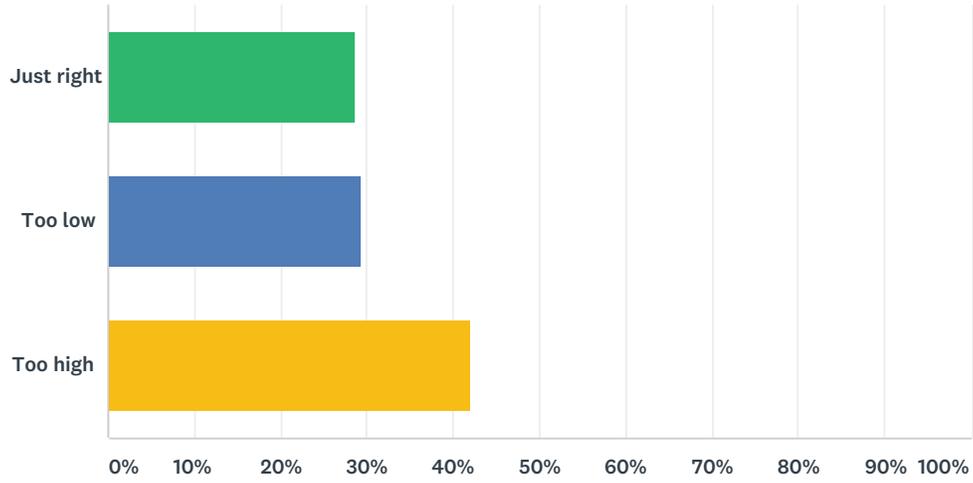
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.35%	165
No	53.65%	191
TOTAL		356

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 Active Transportation - Capital Budget
 Q35 City spending in this area is:

Answered: 181 Skipped: 398



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	28.73%	52
Too low	29.28%	53
Too high	41.99%	76
TOTAL		181

Q36 Additional comments on the proposed Active Transportation budget

Answered: 84 Skipped: 495

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The amount allocated to cycling infrastructure for the downtown core is too much.	12/8/2017 3:32 PM
2	Keep it coming.	12/8/2017 3:32 PM
3	A qualified "too high". I do not want to see one more cent going to bikes lanes. Increase pedestrian and transit infrastructure.	12/8/2017 11:54 AM
4	Adding separated bike lanes makes traffic less efficient and more problematic. The painted bikes lanes were the best option.	12/8/2017 10:59 AM
5	Stop raising taxes	12/8/2017 10:46 AM
6	More should be spent on active transportation measures - the many benefits outweigh the financial costs. In particular there should be sufficient funding to finish all phases of the AAA bike network within 5 years, including funding for enough staff to to accelerate detailed planning and community engagement. Also a relatively small amount of funding could cover active transportation strategies for all schools in the city.	12/7/2017 11:03 PM
7	Reduce taxes and fees!!!	12/7/2017 9:43 PM
8	FGTP should be used for existing road improvements for the traffic that contributes to this fund.	12/7/2017 8:59 PM
9	Please hold cyclist's accountable , red lights , riding on side walks , cross walks . I am more worried of being hit by a cyclist than a car .whether I am in my car or walking .Road signs are for all who use the roads .	12/7/2017 3:15 PM
10	the separated bike lanes are too expensive and do not seem to be used much. the bus lanes need to be active all day, every day out to Langford.	12/6/2017 5:17 PM
11	Victoria should take the lead on implementing a mass transit system a la skytrain in Vancouver	12/5/2017 10:19 PM
12	Focus on regional integrated transit!	12/5/2017 12:34 PM
13	Gas tax program revenue being used to not improve the people who pay for this tax is terrible. Invest in transit infrastructure or better vehicle infrastructure... Cyclists don't generate tax revenue.	12/5/2017 11:49 AM
14	bus routes need to be restructured, so that they arrive on time and more frequently.	12/5/2017 6:36 AM
15	This region desperately needs a progressive public transportation upgrade.	12/4/2017 10:54 PM
16	No more bike lanes. while a lot use it during summer, how many use it now it is winter???	12/4/2017 7:30 PM
17	build bike lanes on side roads, ie vancouver street not cook st village should have been view st not fort st	12/4/2017 9:13 AM
18	I happy to see the city investing in separated bicycle lanes, however they need to be implemented strategically. Why are putting all the pressure on major roads? Why is the road so narrow on Pandora when you could easily trim a bit off the sidewalk? Victoria is faced with a regional congestion issue and we need to make evidenced based decisions - what are the mode shares in Victoria? How many people live within bikeable distance to their work? The majority of people live further than 5 km from work, will they be biking? Is our investment in bike lanes worth it, is congestion improving or should we putting our money into public transit....	12/3/2017 6:54 PM
19	The city has overdone the bike lines and damaged downtown small business in the process. There needs to be a balance. It is simply not practical for a lot of the capital region to bike into downtown Victoria.	12/3/2017 4:35 PM
20	Not enough attention in getting alternatives up and running. Tranit lanes for busses from Uptown to Westshore. Also a train from Westshore to Vic West/ Esquimalt	12/3/2017 5:26 AM
21	The bike lane spending is poorly thought out and completely out of priority as to what would really add value to our city	12/2/2017 11:04 PM

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22	The painted crosswalks are UGLY and detract from the quaint city that we are. Having segregated bike lanes is too expensive and removes parking sport. These lanes, along with homelessness seem to be our Mayor's only priorities.	12/2/2017 1:00 PM
23	Way too high	12/2/2017 12:50 PM
24	Too high on bike paths, too low on transit infrastructure	12/2/2017 12:14 PM
25	Cycling safety is paramount.	12/1/2017 9:36 PM
26	I love the active transportation spending in this city but feel it's not enough. We need more.	12/1/2017 9:06 PM
27	It is important that we spend the money to get the new bike lanes right.	12/1/2017 8:14 PM
28	I would like to see more done to improve active transportation around and to/from schools and community centres. The Federal Green Infrastructure Fund should present lots of opportunities for cost sharing for active transportation. I think the City of Victoria needs to do more to have shovel ready projects identified and funding ready to go for these. The current bike network is a good start but still has a number of major holes that need to be addressed (such as where the network will go in James Bay, Oak Bay Ave etc...).	12/1/2017 7:30 PM
29	Make downtown car free! buses and bikes only, and pedestrians of course.	12/1/2017 6:59 PM
30	The downtown bike network needs to connect to neighbourhoods outside the core and our neighbouring municipalities. Sidewalks need improvements to their condition/accessibility and transit needs to improve flow to encourage people to give up driving.	12/1/2017 3:58 PM
31	I'm excited about Active Transportation. I think we need to start being more bold, supportive towards bike and pedestrians in the village centers when designing bike lanes.	12/1/2017 3:32 PM
32	Bus system is mediocre at best. I doubt city politicians use it.	12/1/2017 10:05 AM
33	These areas have already received extraordinary recent funding and now must be reduced so other areas shorted can reclaim what they need.	11/30/2017 9:48 PM
34	Stop building dedicated bike lanes. There is growing anger over their disruption with no indication they are being used. There is too much concrete being added everywhere when our existing sidewalks are crumbling - repair those first before making more	11/30/2017 6:14 PM
35	probably too low however I can definitely see how this is something that often gets squeezed financially.	11/30/2017 5:21 PM
36	Not everyone can bike. Bus and train transportation should be first expenditure.	11/30/2017 2:48 PM
37	The existing unprotected bike lanes are fine but continue to improve pedestrian and transit infrastructure (including bus shelters).	11/29/2017 9:09 PM
38	spending on cycling has been underfunded for decades	11/29/2017 8:56 PM
39	I like what the city has done around active transportation, especially promoting walkability and cycling	11/29/2017 8:04 PM
40	multimodal transport is badly needed to provide options other than car transport down and around town.	11/29/2017 1:40 PM
41	Good to see Active Transportation is such a high priority	11/29/2017 11:40 AM
42	Enough with the damn bike Lanes already	11/28/2017 7:01 PM
43	The Gorge Road cycling network should be moved up from Phase 4. The road is dangerous for cyclists, and the City's investments are currently going into areas that are not actively dangerous; I disagree with the prioritization of bike lanes (but I support the cycling network)	11/27/2017 6:22 PM
44	Too focussed on bikes. Not pedestrian, disabled, elderly, infirm, child, motorist or business friendly. Not thinking past good weather. Our climate in winter and spring and late fall not very conducive to everyday biking as reliable mode of transport. Removal of trees, parking and preexisting structures very destructive and disruptive.	11/27/2017 11:29 AM
45	Enough with bike lanes, etc. I have had enough of this stupidity! I hate having to go downtown now and I avoid it whenever possible.	11/27/2017 11:27 AM

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46	I support all active transportation initiatives, but be smart about it. Move cycling off the roads. Improve pedestrian safety first. That ridiculous mayhem on Pandora is a disgrace. Good intentions but poorly thought out. I have never felt so confused in all my life about driving than when making a right hand turn off of Pandora onto Vancouver street.	11/27/2017 10:27 AM
47	Fully Autonomous vehicles are going to change transportation completely. No one will take a bus or even rapid transit, because a shared ride will take them from door to door. I can't afford to take the bus. It already costs more than my electric car. For example: Victoria to Sooke and back by bus costs \$5.00. Victoria to Sooke and back in my electric car costs \$1.75. So why is Victoria buying buses? My next car will be fully autonomous. Imagine the cost savings when I can get to Sooke and back sharing the ride with paying passengers through special apps.	11/27/2017 9:31 AM
48	Keep moving forward with the Active Transportation plan. This investment is needed and will catch Victoria up with other Canadian cities. For Victoria residents, the ability to walk and cycle around town is what makes Victoria a great place to live.	11/27/2017 4:33 AM
49	I wouldn't want to see any more money or time devoted to bike lanes. I'd rather see improvements to transportation, like frequency of buses, or light rail to clear up the Colwood traffic mess.	11/27/2017 12:18 AM
50	I wouldn't want to see any more money put into bike lanes, for now. I'd like to see bus, rapid transportation, the times improved, frequency.	11/26/2017 11:05 PM
51	Need rapid transit. Cycling initiatives should budget for routes that are not main arteries (such as fort St.) and focus on lower costs using quieter streets. The pathway from the Terry Fox Statue through the pines to Beacon Hill Park should be left earthen to leave this priceless natural setting intact. It will be less costly to create a paved path, if desired alongside the playing field.	11/26/2017 6:02 PM
52	enough bike lanes already.....	11/26/2017 5:05 PM
53	Could not load the Draft Financial Plan	11/26/2017 2:22 PM
54	I greatly appreciate any and all investment in active transportation projects. This is a great gift to citizens and is so forward thinking.	11/26/2017 11:54 AM
55	compared to other budget segments, it seems peculiar that Active Transportation is the highest	11/24/2017 9:38 PM
56	No more bike lanes. We desperately need committed bus lanes and more varieties of public transportation routes.	11/24/2017 8:26 PM
57	I can't believe how much money the city wasted on those stupid bike lanes. It looks awful and feels dangerous when driving.	11/24/2017 5:30 PM
58	flow through traffic is not being addressed. Cyclists are important, but based on the projected increase in their flow and car traffic flow, bike traffic should be developed so that it does not inhibit car flow. More thought on impacts to the overall growth of the city should be considered.	11/24/2017 2:25 PM
59	I question the expenditures on the 2nd dedicated bike lane (too late now) when the first one is only blocks away and not anywhere near maximum use. Very annoying to be waiting in long lines of traffic, polluting the environment, and wasting time for such a higher number of users in cars vs bikers. I know bikers who refuse to use the new lanes and do not see that changing for themselves.	11/24/2017 1:28 PM
60	Please spend more on protected bike lanes--specifically for Wharf Street, Government Street, Dallas Road, Cook Street. Let's build on the success of Vancouver harbour walkway and have a connected bike path and running path!	11/23/2017 10:02 PM
61	As I noted before, we need to allocate funds in each of the 5 years of the financial plan for implementing the bicycle network. We also need to expedite certain dangerous crossings like Herald at Government.	11/23/2017 10:46 AM
62	Kings road badly needs sidewalks (see well worn dirt path and cars parked over the path in the public right of way). Note that on page 965 'Avebury' is spelt incorrectly (s added). Protected bike lanes should be on Shelbourne and Cook to connect to other neighbourhoods and communities, not zig zagging side streets such as Vancouver/Graham and Scott.	11/23/2017 10:16 AM
63	active transportation is a way of saving money in the long term - a very smart investment and needs to be made sooner than later	11/22/2017 9:21 PM

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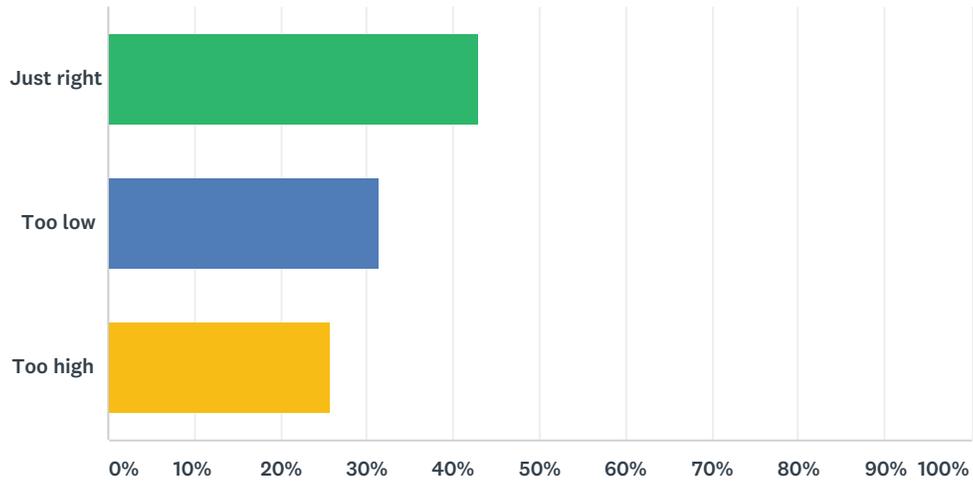
64	Bike lanes are experienced cyclist bike pain. It has forced me to cycle on the road because it's a slow commute to cycle on the separated bike lanes because you have to dodge other cyclists and the light is too short. If more are constructed it will turn me off from cycling into town. As a pedestrian, the crossing time is too short but it makes jaywalking easier. As a driver, I am idling too long especially when I want to turn right. Nothing you haven't heard before.	11/22/2017 6:50 PM
65	much more needs to be spend on transit system that will get people out of their cars, particularly commuters	11/22/2017 5:20 PM
66	City of Victoria does not need more buses in our area . It should be the responsibility of the municipalities to substantially pay for buses that carry their residents into the city for work. No more bike lanes as they are used by a minority. Unless they have concrete barriers and proper signage for drivers so they are safe. But still, the arteries bringing the cyclists to the core are dangerous for cyclists. Widen sidewalks to include bike lanes.	11/22/2017 4:59 PM
67	Need more protected bike lanes	11/22/2017 4:39 PM
68	In addition, the balance needs to shift from cycling to public transportation. There are now too many bike corridors that are too close to each other.	11/22/2017 4:08 PM
69	This area of investment provides great public good and benefits many other areas including parking, street maintenance, and living costs. Increased spending from city revenues is the right thing to do.	11/22/2017 2:51 PM
70	The future will be dominated by small, electric, self-driving cars. The current obsequious devotion to the internal combustion automobile (freeways, parking lots, etc.) will look like a massive misallocation of resources in a decade or two.	11/22/2017 2:35 PM
71	More needs to be spent on cycling and walking infrastructure particularly in the city core.	11/22/2017 1:22 PM
72	In such a condensed, walkable city that supposedly prizes sustainability, the prioritization of parking and personal vehicles over other modes of transportation is surprising. Also, people would be far less likely to drive their own cars into town if public transit were more reliably on time.	11/22/2017 1:10 PM
73	Far too low. We need to invest in rapid transit out to the west shore and increasing bus services and giving incentives to people who are not accustomed to using the bus to do so in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas, infrastructure costs, and traffic.	11/22/2017 12:47 PM
74	Please improve sidewalk infrastructure including crossings and ensuring alternative paths are available in construction areas.	11/22/2017 12:32 PM
75	Have any of you thought about the pollution our cars are emitting while we slog our way through traffic because you have eliminated streets? and speaking of which how is that you cannot go more than 2 blocks regardless of your speed only to come to another red light. For gods sake make the lights run in series	11/22/2017 12:20 PM
76	Where is UBER? This alleged Tech Sector city has no UBER. The optics on that are poor. When UBER (or LYFT) does come to VIC the mandate should be electric cars only. The three bus stops in front of the lovely Heritage Building; The Hudson are so woefully out of touch with the spirit of that building it makes me shudder. There should be zero bus stops; The frontage should be picture perfect. Instead, the building is covered in diesel fuel.	11/22/2017 10:32 AM
77	No more bike paths. No more street post painting. Acquire Uber system. Big city needs affordable practical Uber. Taxi service too expensive. People/tourist would spend more money downtown if access more affordable.	11/22/2017 9:27 AM
78	This is a hugely important contributor for liveable, healthy cities	11/20/2017 11:03 AM
79	Don't punish drivers by implementing improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure.	11/20/2017 10:43 AM
80	More funding should be put towards EDUCATION!! Cyclists are ignorant to the rules of the road.	11/20/2017 10:17 AM
81	Too much in that too many projects have been taken on and not properly funded as far as helping the populace get to the point of understanding the need, listening to people, and minimizing disruption. The town is being torn apart and people are being put in danger for something that most of us don't believe in. I didn't know this council had a mandate to do all this	11/19/2017 12:10 AM
82	Make sure that money spent to improve active transportation for cyclists does not create barriers for pedestrians as was the case with the bus stops on Pandora being situated in such a way that pedestrians have to cross the bike lane to get to the sidewalk. Pedestrians who are vision impaired do not feel safe crossing the bike lane as they cannot hear the bikes and cyclists do not always stop for pedestrians waiting to cross.	11/18/2017 10:03 PM

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83	Too low for commuter services and buses. Enough with cycling infrastructure that does align with the average commute and services the political elite (ie. the mayor)	11/16/2017 9:07 AM
84	I use the new protected lanes everyday. Love them!	11/15/2017 5:08 PM

Complete Streets - Capital Budget Q37 City spending in this area is:

Answered: 175 Skipped: 404



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	42.86%	75
Too low	31.43%	55
Too high	25.71%	45
TOTAL		175

Q38 Additional comments on the proposed Complete Streets budget

Answered: 53 Skipped: 526

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Reallocate funds budgeted for cyclist to anywhere else but bike lands etc.	12/8/2017 11:55 AM
2	Stop increasing taxes-reduce taxes	12/8/2017 10:47 AM
3	Implementation of complete streets needs to be accelerated - the many benefits will outweigh the short-term financial costs.	12/7/2017 11:05 PM
4	Safe pedestrian and cyclist paths should not be located on main arteries but through smaller and parallel routes. Trying to combine these on main roads and pushing traffic to residential areas actually increases the overall risk	12/7/2017 9:02 PM
5	The roads in Victoria are in terrible shape , ask any disabled person . I am unable to ride in transit due to the shaking of the buses due to rough roads .	12/7/2017 3:18 PM
6	Other important infrastructure could include LID features such as bioswales, adding to urban forest canopy, as well and in balance with resurfacing schemes.	12/5/2017 12:37 PM
7	free shuttle buses across municipalities - from Uptown, mayfair to bay centre	12/4/2017 9:15 AM
8	While complete streets are fantastic for good city building, is our money better spent on other resources? Do we really need every street to be complete, is this actually safer?	12/3/2017 6:56 PM
9	Stop the proliferation of bike lanes!	12/3/2017 4:35 PM
10	Road repairs ie section of Blanchard St from Johnson to Fort in desperate need of resurfacing and many other areas around downtown core	12/3/2017 5:28 AM
11	The streets in my neighbourhood have never been worse. They are filled with holes. The addition of many lane houses without a sidewalk has decreased walking safety as well through increased traffic. I live in a very walkable neighbourhood with small kids and even in a stroller it's getting unsafe. Add more sidewalks when adding lane houses.	12/2/2017 10:29 PM
12	Ridiculous segregated bikelanes. Another incentive for people to avoid the downtown core.	12/2/2017 1:01 PM
13	We need sidewalk improvements	12/1/2017 8:14 PM
14	I hope that all road improvements will also include improvements to cycling facilities along these stretches of road.	12/1/2017 7:31 PM
15	don't really understand what a 'complete street' is but improvements for cyclists and pedestrians are always good.	12/1/2017 7:01 PM
16	Kings road needs to connect all the way to Oaklands park, there is currently no sidewalk for most of Kings road and it doesn't connect to anywhere if it stops at Avebury, even Haultain village is at Belmont (to the east of Avebury) and Oaklands park is further east of Avebury than Belmont. The city needs to make streets with no sidewalks a higher priority (or as high a priority as greenways are) to get at least one sidewalk on one side of the street. With Oaklands park getting a more official trial of a off-leash dog park there is going to be more people who want to walk with their dog to that park, making them walk down the road, even tough it isn't a very busy road, is not safe. You can see on satellite imagery that Kings road has a well worn path where people are walking on the grass, even though people often park blocking the path, peds don't want to walk on the road so a sidewalk is needed the whole length of Kings.	12/1/2017 4:07 PM
17	Same comment--this is just more spending for cycling and walking that is concealed.	11/30/2017 9:49 PM
18	any construction in this area seems to slow traffic rather than make it more efficient. Not every street should be bicycle friendly -some streets should be for cars primarily.	11/30/2017 6:16 PM
19	probably too low but not by much	11/30/2017 5:22 PM
20	Side streets have been neglected in 2017. There's lots of potholes and rough surfaces.	11/30/2017 2:49 PM
21	Please don't spend any more money on the protected bike lanes.	11/29/2017 9:10 PM

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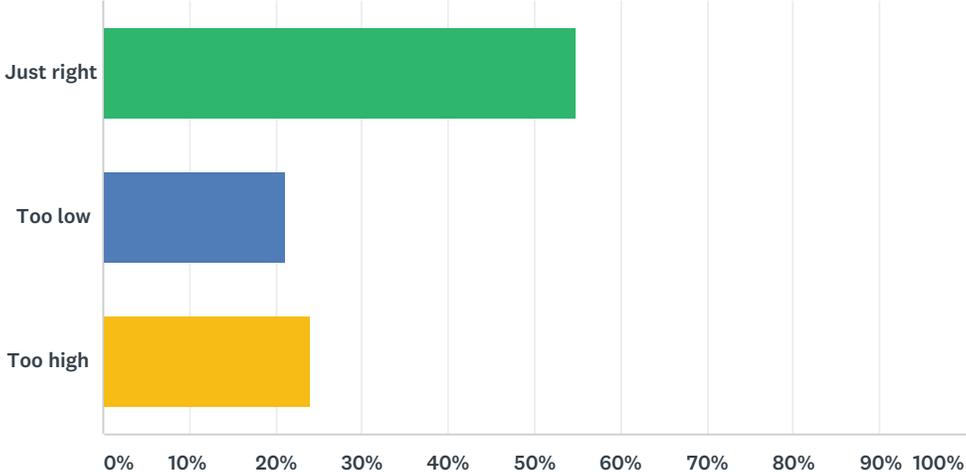
22	spending on complete streets has been too low for decades	11/29/2017 8:56 PM
23	Like what the city has done and would like to see continued importance placed on walking and cycling	11/29/2017 8:05 PM
24	More money should be spent on bike lane infrastructure to promote multimodal transport. More pedestrian support is helpful. Can pedestrian-only areas be made in parts of downtown? Less spending on making more roads for cars: this will induce more traffic and congestion will never go away: cars take up too much space. Spending on street infrastructure can be increased if it offers more multimodal transit options and how they integrate with streets. E.g. bus-only lanes; streetcar / light rail; park and ride options or similar.	11/29/2017 1:44 PM
25	Much more money needed to end auto-dependent streets and create car-free zones.	11/29/2017 12:30 PM
26	Would like to see more \$ being spent on widening sidewalks (where possible) and traffic calming in neighbourhoods and other areas with high densities of pedestrians.	11/29/2017 12:17 PM
27	No more bike Lanes please	11/28/2017 7:01 PM
28	Make sure that Burnside Gorge has Complete Streets funding for 2018.	11/27/2017 6:23 PM
29	Again, more money for bike lanes....really!	11/27/2017 11:28 AM
30	This should be priority. EVERYONE can walk, not everyone can ride a bicycle.	11/27/2017 10:27 AM
31	Simple painted lines on the road for bikes is all we need. The other is nice...but costs a fortune. We can't afford the Rolls Royce version of everything. Taxes are killing people.	11/27/2017 9:33 AM
32	Part of what makes our community walkable, bike-friendly and livable.	11/27/2017 4:34 AM
33	I don't understand this category.	11/26/2017 11:54 AM
34	As a cyclist, I would rather have more spent on this area and less on bi-directional bike lanes. I would feel much safer as a cyclist on unprotected bike lanes that are dis-continuous (including the breaks caused by "traffic calming measures" at crosswalks, for example; these measures force cyclists into lanes with vehicles)	11/24/2017 9:38 PM
35	More planning needs to be done before money is spent here. Poor past spending practices should promote more research before throwing more money at a broken system.	11/24/2017 2:27 PM
36	The separated cycling lanes are an expensive folly! A total waste of taxpayer dollars.	11/24/2017 9:13 AM
37	Please spend money on traffic calming for Linden at Dallas, preferably closing Linden Avenue at Dallas. This will help the large number of families and children on Linden and the speeding vehicle issue (to avoid Cook Street.)	11/23/2017 10:04 PM
38	Many more sidewalks and crosswalks are needed and they need to happen sooner than they are currently funded and planned for.	11/23/2017 10:17 AM
39	funding for bike lanes should stop	11/23/2017 9:16 AM
40	Please do not just patch the pot holes. There are too many bumps on the roads. Please do not cheap out on the road paint. It's difficult to see the lines when its wet and dark because the lines are not reflective like they use to be.	11/22/2017 6:53 PM
41	It appears to me it is all about bike lanes. I like cycling but will never ride into town as it is just too dangerous for me. If the city wants to have them, then do them all right: separate, barriered roadways, where cyclists are protected from cars by more than a white line.	11/22/2017 5:02 PM
42	Too much focus on a small number of cyclists	11/22/2017 5:01 PM
43	Need more protected bike lanes	11/22/2017 4:40 PM
44	However can we please focus on pedestrian and smooth flowing roads vs. more cycling	11/22/2017 4:08 PM
45	We don't even have a curb alongside our house in Fairfield, let alone a sidewalk!	11/22/2017 2:36 PM
46	The streets in Victoria are falling quickly into disrepair. Hopefully the CRD and/or province will contribute as well as we are the city centre servicing more than just our area.	11/22/2017 1:29 PM
47	Currently the car dominates transportation infrastructure and, as a result, streets are not safe for those using other transportation modes. Street design should focus on traffic calming and reprioritizing street use to foster the use of transit, cycling and walking.	11/22/2017 1:25 PM

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48	guys dont make the roads fancy and for god sake dont use expensive pavers, and rainbow sidewalks.	11/22/2017 12:23 PM
49	Opening the bike lanes before the Johnson St, Bridge was complete was an odd choice. Could you have done Fort St. first? Created an endless traffic jam at key times.	11/22/2017 10:34 AM
50	More money would be good, but only if spent on pedestrian and cycling, not on motorists.	11/20/2017 11:04 AM
51	Cyclists again!!! Why so much funding for cyclists? James Bay has the worst sidewalks in the City.	11/20/2017 10:17 AM
52	The amount spent on the streets in the priorities for street rehab seem good and pedestrian safety projects are good but too much is being spent on bike lanes that will totally disrupt the city	11/19/2017 12:15 AM
53	More should be spent on making sidewalks and street crossings safer for persons with disabilities, particularly those who are vision impaired. Truncated domes and audible signals should be best practice.	11/18/2017 10:07 PM

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 Neighbourhoods - Capital Budget
 Q39 City spending in this area is:

Answered: 166 Skipped: 413



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	54.82%	91
Too low	21.08%	35
Too high	24.10%	40
TOTAL		166

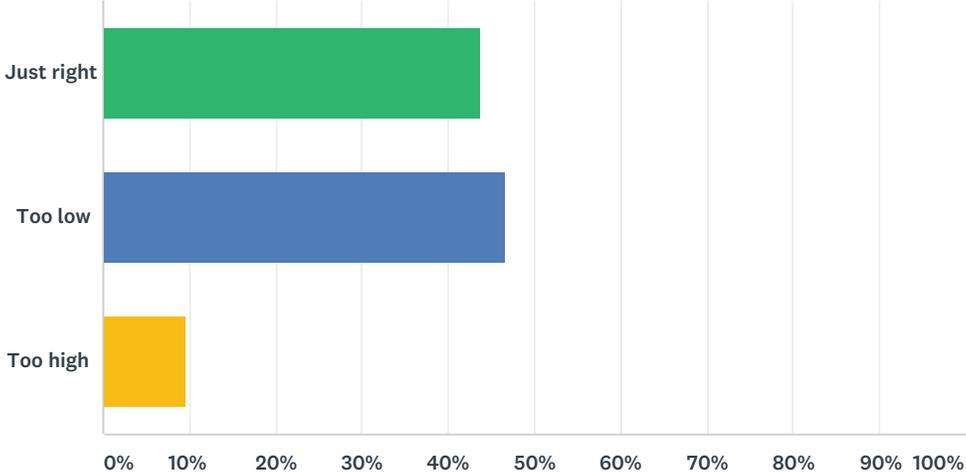
Q40 Additional comments on the proposed Neighbourhoods budget

Answered: 24 Skipped: 555

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Additional funding for traffic calming measures in neighbourhoods would help them be more liveable and healthy places.	12/7/2017 11:07 PM
2	This is not a need it is a want .	12/7/2017 3:19 PM
3	Sounds good. I like the diversification policy.	12/5/2017 9:42 PM
4	Neighbourhoods? Seems more downtown focussed items.	12/5/2017 12:43 PM
5	Is this allocated equitably across our city???????	12/3/2017 6:57 PM
6	The more decorations for the neighbourhoods the more fun it is to live here.	12/1/2017 9:07 PM
7	Way finding signs in James Bay need some serious work. I suggest more consultation with the Neighbourhood Association on this. My guess is that similar problems might exist in other neighbourhoods too. CONSULT WITH LOCALS!	12/1/2017 7:32 PM
8	wayfinding signage would be a great addition, particularly to downtown and James bay but even for slightly outer neighbourhoods to encourage people that we aren't a far walk from downtown.	12/1/2017 4:08 PM
9	Neighbourhoods are where we live. We want quiet, people friendly neighbourhoods, with more affordable rental housing. We also want the real protection of green spaces and it wouldn't hurt to plant more trees (like Vancouver and Copenhagen). the Tree protection Bylaw is useless. Safety on the roads is important - more trucks and fast cars. Listen to the people who are here instead of building expensive condos for ones who might come. Every neighbourhood needs a community centre.	11/30/2017 2:52 PM
10	Not a high priority for me.	11/29/2017 9:13 PM
11	Seasonal decorations are nice and more are needed. This could offer a tourism boost in the winter when it is needed the most if it is done correctly. Wayfinding - is this really a problem that isn't addressed by Google maps or some other smartphone app?	11/29/2017 1:45 PM
12	This builds a strong community and should not be ignored.	11/27/2017 10:28 AM
13	Result: Higher taxes we can't afford. What part of higher taxes do you not get yet?	11/27/2017 9:34 AM
14	Fat too low	11/26/2017 6:02 PM
15	I like this kind of stuff and I am glad that Victoria has enough resources to do this kind of sprucing up. I find the wayfinding signage very good.	11/26/2017 11:55 AM
16	Most signage is geared for motorists and too often as a cyclist I don't know if there is a connector or not at streets that are signed "no exit".	11/24/2017 9:40 PM
17	wayfinding signage downtown is overdue	11/23/2017 10:19 AM
18	This is nice but not a need. The money should go elsewhere in the budget	11/22/2017 4:09 PM
19	For pedestrians, the lack of clear signage on many intersections is a difficulty. Also many street signs in this city are covered by branches or are invisible behind trees when you're approaching	11/22/2017 1:12 PM
20	find a way to cut this bill in half.	11/22/2017 12:24 PM
21	Build the bridges at Heron Cove and Raymer.	11/20/2017 10:44 AM
22	Too much. It's the wayfinding initiative seems to be driven by vanity rather than real need. Spend half or less put up a few signs and wait until infrastructure needs replacement. The name for the section Bears very little resemblance to the work that is done	11/19/2017 12:17 AM
23	Way-finding should include a means of gaining information for persons who cannot read or see signage.	11/18/2017 10:09 PM
24	Focus more on nice Christmas decorations and less on decorations for Hallmark holidays like Halloween and Valentines Day.	11/15/2017 5:09 PM

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Parks - Capital Budget
Q41 City spending in this area is:

Answered: 167 Skipped: 412



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	43.71%	73
Too low	46.71%	78
Too high	9.58%	16
TOTAL		167

Q42 Additional comments on the proposed Parks budget

Answered: 31 Skipped: 548

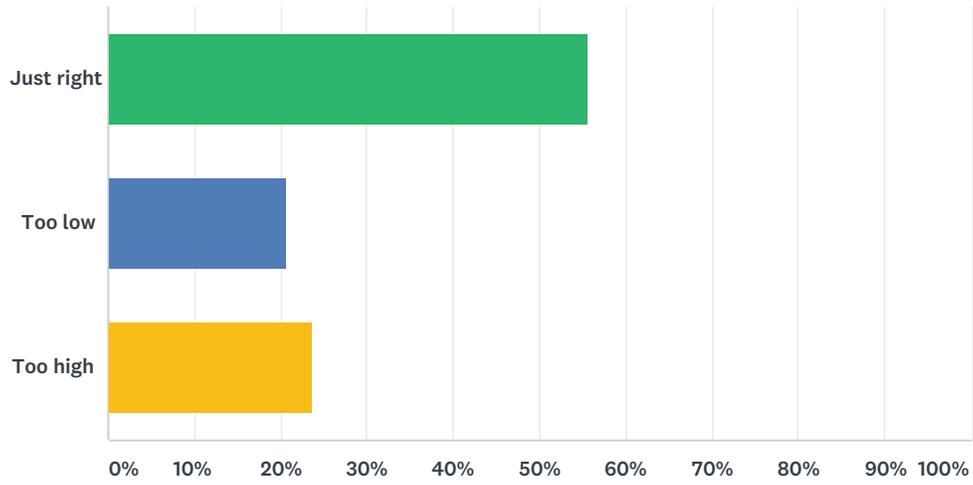
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If we want people using our neighbourhoods they need to be accessible and in good repair	12/8/2017 3:33 PM
2	I don't see much about care taking, conservation, preservation to natural areas in Parks budget. The natural areas if parks is equal to the built, hardsurfaced furniture for sport. Why is that?	12/5/2017 12:56 PM
3	Grass playing fields are a disaster	12/4/2017 9:04 PM
4	washrooms, clean and available	12/4/2017 9:16 AM
5	Invest in more rec centres, baseball parks, and other fields and playgorunds etc.	12/2/2017 12:50 PM
6	Spending \$200K on a playground for Summit Park seems really high. There is no doubt that the Summit Park playground needs to be replaced. The question is how much of a play structure is actually needed there. The Park is absolutely lovely but very much out of the way for most Victorians. I suspect it gets very minimal visitation from young families on most days. Besides, the big appeal of Summit Park is the natural beauty. So build a new playground but see what you can do for \$100K.	12/1/2017 7:36 PM
7	If this is where urban forest maintenance and replacement fits, it needs a big funding increase.	11/30/2017 9:50 PM
8	The city needs to think about buying more land for parks if there is going to be densification. There are not enough parks as it is.	11/30/2017 6:17 PM
9	All the fine talk about climate change, green spaces and parks is not creating those places. Every neighbourhood needs a park. Get to work on the Tree Preservation Bylaw.	11/30/2017 2:54 PM
10	Where is our Parks Master Plan and our plan for the urban forest? We are very short of park space when you remove all the school grounds.	11/29/2017 9:14 PM
11	Some parks need serious rethinking to engage the community more effectively. The lawn at Harris Green is totally unused. Could it be modified to facilitate temporary events like a summer market? Food trucks could line pandora (not the main street but the opposing side street in front of the new pandora rental towers, Raincoast Business building etc).	11/29/2017 1:47 PM
12	As discussed in previous comments, would like to see more parks downtown - it is not very liveable right now.	11/29/2017 12:18 PM
13	The implementation of the parks master plan requires significant investment	11/28/2017 10:14 PM
14	Parks that are a guise for racist, classist gentrification (Wharf St, "whale wall") are unnecessary expenditures, however giving more space for green areas could use more funds.	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
15	The more parks you build, the less likely street people will take over. Parks are strong community builders.	11/27/2017 10:28 AM
16	We can't afford Rolls Royce. A simple park is just fine thank you. Take in the views, the existing trees, the birds etc etc. We don't need "Bling" or fancy swings. Keep it simple. We can't afford it.	11/27/2017 9:36 AM
17	I love our parks! They should be safe, accessible for everyone to enjoy. Really wish camping overnight would not be allowed.	11/27/2017 12:21 AM
18	Our parks, especially Beacon Hill Park are true gems of our city.	11/26/2017 11:07 PM
19	These parks are heavily used a require more attention and investment	11/26/2017 6:02 PM
20	Again, parks are our greatest asset. I really like the new playground that replaced the tent encampment.	11/26/2017 11:55 AM
21	Please put funding into building more indoor and outdoor tennis courts in Fairfield	11/23/2017 10:05 PM
22	Enhancing greenspace? Seems like they are disappearing.	11/22/2017 6:56 PM
23	this is less than the budget for retaining walls and railings which doesn't seem right	11/22/2017 5:23 PM

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24	Commercial playgrounds are expensive. Children benefit more from a natural play space. Save money and plant trees, create paths through the forest with opportunities to create and use imagination for play.	11/22/2017 5:06 PM
25	Purchase more (interconnected) greenspace!	11/22/2017 2:37 PM
26	Less flowers (sorry!) more function & fitness.	11/22/2017 1:30 PM
27	again cut the bill in half	11/22/2017 12:25 PM
28	There needs to be a stop sign at the intersection where the new park is (the one that replaced tent city). People drive way to fast through there and the intersection is a challenge. Please?	11/22/2017 10:36 AM
29	Need to budget for new parks downtown	11/20/2017 11:04 AM
30	Irving Park is a hazard. We have waited 25 years for minor repairs.	11/20/2017 10:18 AM
31	It's right if the right things are done and if accessibility is enhanced. Protect The environment and don't put too much into the parks. Please re-habilitate Dallas Rd. off leash area	11/19/2017 12:19 AM

Street Infrastructure - Capital Budget Q43 City spending in this area is:

Answered: 169 Skipped: 410



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	55.62%	94
Too low	20.71%	35
Too high	23.67%	40
TOTAL		169

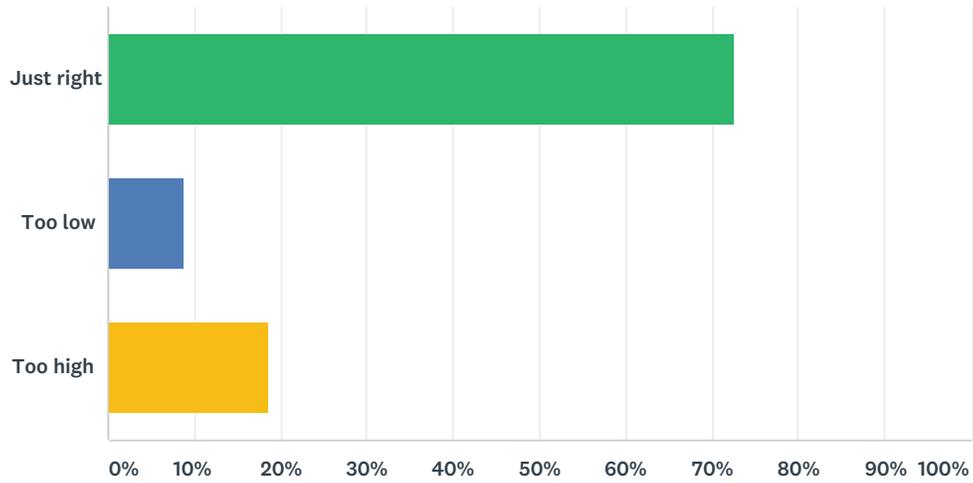
Q44 Additional comments on the proposed Street Infrastructure budget

Answered: 19 Skipped: 560

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	How can the city justify spending five times as much on active transportation than on the general road infrastructure. This is ridiculous.	12/8/2017 11:00 AM
2	Do this work in concert with integrated transit planning where feasible. Otherwise, road and sidewalk capital is wasted when it's all dug up during transit improvements.	12/5/2017 12:58 PM
3	watch the kind of lighting, too much light pollution,	12/4/2017 9:17 AM
4	There is a lot more that could be done to improve the state of sidewalks, cross walks etc... in James Bay. Big issue is the narrowness of sidewalks, especially where there is lots of foot traffic (e.g., streets approaching the Five Corners).	12/1/2017 7:36 PM
5	We need way more traffic calming bollards and speed humps in Fernwood to slow the daycare rush near the community centre and on Chambers and rat racing cars trying to get around Cook street or Bay street via residential streets when it gets backed up.	12/1/2017 4:15 PM
6	Street resurfacing needs to be among the highest capital budget items until years of neglect are offset.	11/30/2017 9:52 PM
7	I only support safety and surface infrastructure upgrades. More crosswalks would be nice.	11/29/2017 9:16 PM
8	Would be appropriate if resurfacing money was transitioned into active-transit street-enhancing functions, and bus-only enhancing functions. Repaving to benefit auto-dependency exacerbates climate change.	11/29/2017 12:37 PM
9	When I am in a city that has good modern street infrastructure I have a sense that the city takes pride in taking care of its tax paying law abiding citizens.	11/27/2017 10:29 AM
10	Keep it simple. Make sure the pipes underneath the surface works and is in good shape.	11/27/2017 9:37 AM
11	More signed/lighted crosswalks and traffic calming structures.	11/27/2017 4:35 AM
12	Just going by what is normally the case, more money is always needed to keep up with sustaining road infrastructure, and not deferring needed investment so that it costs far more to fix when repair can no longer be avoided.	11/26/2017 11:57 AM
13	Use more reflective paint!!!! I can't count the number of times when driving at night in the rain that I could not tell what lane I am in and I have to look out for differences in reflection on the road to guess where I am. More than once I suddenly found that I was on the wrong side of the road because I did not see the single arrow on the road that indicated a forced left turn, and I discovered I was on the wrong side of the road after going through the intersection. Lighting upgrades have just been done in my neighbourhood, and it's great that they are much brighter than the previous lights; however, they are a cool white rather than warm light and they are uncovered, so it's now like having a very bright, naked fluorescent light right outside my bedroom window, and it is now very bright in my bedroom at night	11/24/2017 9:45 PM
14	More or better street lighting is needed. Especially with foul weather, it is very difficult to see painted directions on the roads and street signs.	11/24/2017 8:32 PM
15	Terrible road surface quality around town, impossible to see road markings. This should be maintained to a higher standard.	11/22/2017 7:33 PM
16	More needs to be spent on traffic safety upgrades that slow traffic.	11/22/2017 1:27 PM
17	Only if these benches aren't those awful studded monstrosities that are designed to keep people from laying down!	11/22/2017 1:13 PM
18	cut it in half. please tell me you are not providing free electrical charging stations in the parkades? they should be charged for the electricity they consume just like but home and business does. no free ride	11/22/2017 12:26 PM
19	Wait... we plan on spending how much for cyclists and 1.5 on safety for the general public?	11/20/2017 10:19 AM

Retaining Walls and Railings - Capital Budget Q45 City spending in this area is:

Answered: 161 Skipped: 418



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	72.67%	117
Too low	8.70%	14
Too high	18.63%	30
TOTAL		161

Q46 Additional comments on proposed Retaining Walls and Railings budget

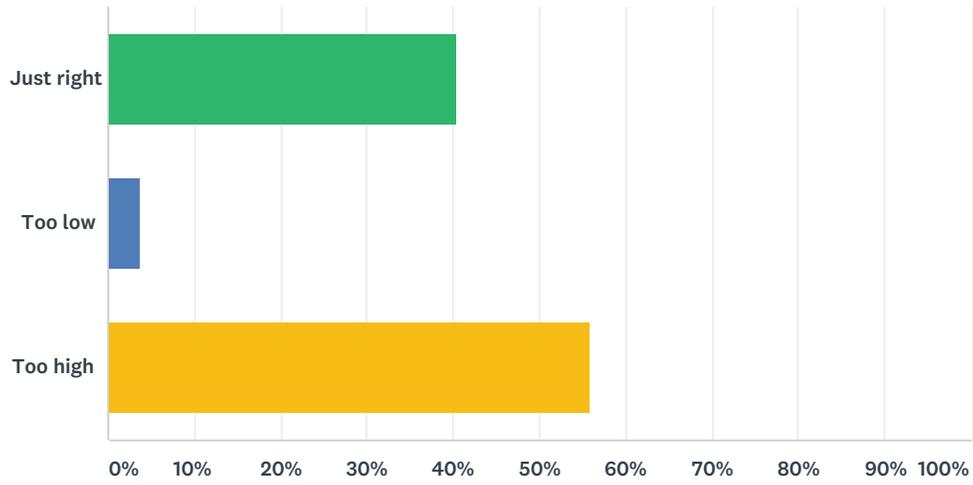
Answered: 16 Skipped: 563

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Collaborative projects should be given priority to ensure the external funds are obtained.	12/8/2017 3:36 PM
2	stop spending on bicycles	12/8/2017 10:48 AM
3	Question is not specific. Example is not specific. Not enough information. Link to draft budget not leading to meaningful information. Dollar figure out of context. Dallas rd. seawall? Why? Why not other? Environmental impact? Priority? Is the \$ allocated too much? Too little? The question is meaningless with not put into context.	12/5/2017 7:26 PM
4	What other locations require retaining wall maintenance and improvements? Is there federal and provincial funding available to adequately address intermunicipal issues with respect to climate change drivers?	12/5/2017 1:00 PM
5	worried the work on Dallas rd will eat up green space	12/4/2017 9:18 AM
6	Hopefully that will include more plants to anchor the soil with their roots	12/1/2017 7:03 PM
7	Seems like a must do.	11/29/2017 9:17 PM
8	Pedestrian-benefit projects yes. Auto-dependency projects no. Transition from these to active-transit enhancement.	11/29/2017 12:41 PM
9	Safety is important. Don't ignore it or you'll destroy your public image.	11/27/2017 10:30 AM
10	Keep it simple. Do only what is needed. No frills.	11/27/2017 9:38 AM
11	now there is a project which should have been contracted out.....have you seen the sloths at work along Dallas?	11/26/2017 5:07 PM
12	Please fund a protected bike lane on Dallas and revitalize our waterfront by having connected bike lanes and running paths (running paths separated from dogs)	11/23/2017 10:07 PM
13	cut it in half.	11/22/2017 12:27 PM
14	Dallas Rd. should get all the attention and maintenance it deserves. It is "the drive"!	11/22/2017 10:37 AM
15	Why not fix and repair as needed? The city seems to be under the false belief that it's cheaper to replace when things collapse.	11/20/2017 10:20 AM
16	Have to wonder if some of the guys working on the Dallas Rd., Seawall replacement near the breakwater are going to retire on that job. Is it being done as efficiently as possible?	11/19/2017 12:21 AM

Bridges - Capital Budget

Q47 City spending in this area is:

Answered: 161 Skipped: 418



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	40.37%	65
Too low	3.73%	6
Too high	55.90%	90
TOTAL		161

Q48 Additional comments on the proposed Bridges budget

Answered: 47 Skipped: 532

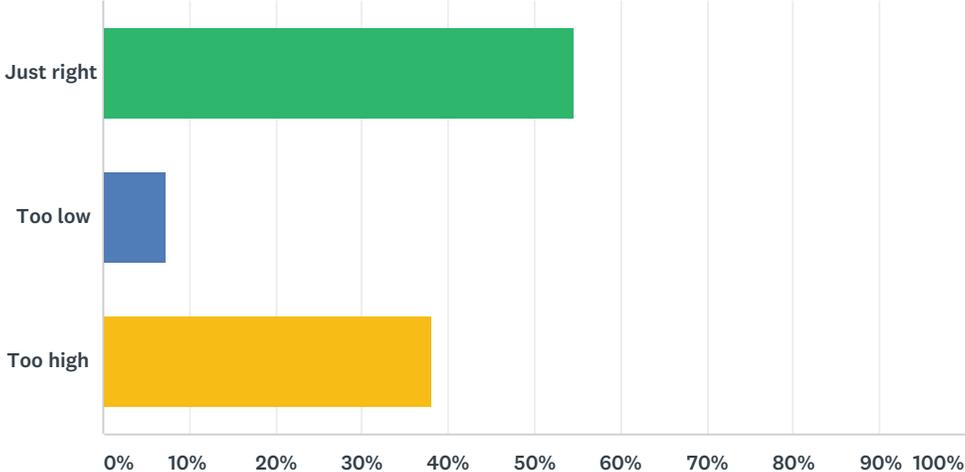
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	How are you still spending money on this already way over budget project?	12/8/2017 2:04 PM
2	Just build the damn thing and go after PCL for additional costs for delay due to trying to use cheap steel in order to make more money. You need to make the effort and be seen going after them even if you don't succeed.	12/8/2017 11:59 AM
3	how much is the Johnson Street really going to cost? NEVER again should the city let contracts like the one for the bridge.	12/6/2017 5:19 PM
4	Way, way, way too high.	12/6/2017 3:37 PM
5	Whatever it takes to get it done at this point, since the gross mismanagement that is the Johnson Street Bridge project has weighed on this community for too long.	12/5/2017 3:45 PM
6	Complete fiasco.	12/5/2017 1:01 PM
7	The decision to replace the Blue Bridge was foolish and costly.	12/4/2017 10:55 PM
8	Most expensive piece of road in the country. Huge failure	12/4/2017 9:38 PM
9	The POINT ELLICE Bridge project no longer includes sidewalk and bike lane expansion. WHY?	12/4/2017 9:05 PM
10	Johnson street bridge is not done yet????	12/4/2017 7:31 PM
11	this has been a long sad story- johnson st. bridge	12/4/2017 9:19 AM
12	The amount should be sufficient if managed properly. The Johnson Street Bridge is a landmark example of mismanagement.	12/3/2017 4:37 PM
13	Keep the old Johnson Street bridge for rail use.	12/2/2017 1:03 PM
14	The bridge for the walkway is highly overpriced.	12/1/2017 9:39 PM
15	Finish the thing already and then never build anything like it again. Be practical in all future major capital builds.	12/1/2017 7:37 PM
16	Will the new bridge include safer biking??	12/1/2017 7:04 PM
17	Point Ellice needs to be friendlier to pedestrians and cyclists, right now it is awful to cross if you aren't in a vehicle.	12/1/2017 4:18 PM
18	A joke.	12/1/2017 10:07 AM
19	A boondoggle.	11/30/2017 9:52 PM
20	we all know the johnson street bridge is over budget and taking too long to build, but not much that can be done there now.	11/30/2017 5:23 PM
21	Too depressing to even comment on.	11/29/2017 9:18 PM
22	I am very excited for the new bridge and can't wait until it is done. It will be a fantastic benefit for the city. If more budget is needed to invest in making better or smarter use of the space then I am for it because it won't change for probably another 100 years!	11/29/2017 1:48 PM
23	What a sad and unnecessary private-interest theft from the Blue Bridge.	11/29/2017 12:43 PM
24	Is there going to be a safe bike lane added (somehow) to the Bay Street Bridge?	11/28/2017 6:49 PM
25	The Bay Street bridge needs safety improvements for people who are walking and cycling.	11/27/2017 6:24 PM
26	The mayor should be truly embarrassed about the state of the bridge replacement.	11/27/2017 11:30 AM
27	No need to berate you on this. You know it's problems.	11/27/2017 10:30 AM
28	We don't need Rolls Royce bridges.	11/27/2017 9:38 AM

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29	This Bridge has been a disaster from the beginning. We should have used North American steel, cheapest isn't always the best answer. I want this bridge finished. Costs were too high.	11/27/2017 12:24 AM
30	let professionals outside of the city handle 100% of any new bridge build	11/26/2017 5:07 PM
31	Don't really know. It is very sad about the Johnson Street Bridge debacle. What a terrible waste.	11/26/2017 11:58 AM
32	If the bridge will finally be finished and will operate safely and futureproof the city's needs as much as possible, then utilize the proposed funds as needed. But, no more than that.	11/24/2017 8:36 PM
33	this project is an embarrassment.	11/24/2017 2:29 PM
34	Don't get me started on the Johnson st bridge!	11/24/2017 9:15 AM
35	The other municipalities should be paying their share (based on the number of their cars using the bridge) - the City has been negligent on this	11/22/2017 5:56 PM
36	no comments on Johnson bridge fit for print!	11/22/2017 5:24 PM
37	This is a necessary piece of infrastructure	11/22/2017 4:10 PM
38	For future bridge projects, hire a real project manager, who knows how to write a contract with penalty clauses for non-delivery.	11/22/2017 2:39 PM
39	again every existing council member that was on the job during the previous administration should be fired or resign for bankrupting the tax payers of Victoria	11/22/2017 12:28 PM
40	I feel that enough has been said on this. That bridge design was a mistake. We could have done with something less complicated and just as graceful.	11/22/2017 10:38 AM
41	Get it done!	11/22/2017 9:28 AM
42	what choice do we really have?	11/20/2017 11:05 AM
43	Build the David Foster Walkway bridges now.	11/20/2017 10:45 AM
44	See previous comment	11/20/2017 10:20 AM
45	There is no choice really.	11/20/2017 3:28 AM
46	I guess were paying for past mistakes	11/19/2017 12:21 AM
47	Almost no one who lives in victoria commutes to Esquimalt for work, while the majority of Esquimalt residents commute to Victoria. Why are we shouldering all of the cost to replace a bridge few of us utilize. Also the management of this project is ridiculous with cost over-runs. I also have very little confidence in the safety of this project.	11/16/2017 9:10 AM

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Facilities - Capital Budget
Q49 City spending in this area is:

Answered: 163 Skipped: 416



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	54.60%	89
Too low	7.36%	12
Too high	38.04%	62
TOTAL		163

Q50 Additional comments on the proposed Facilities budget

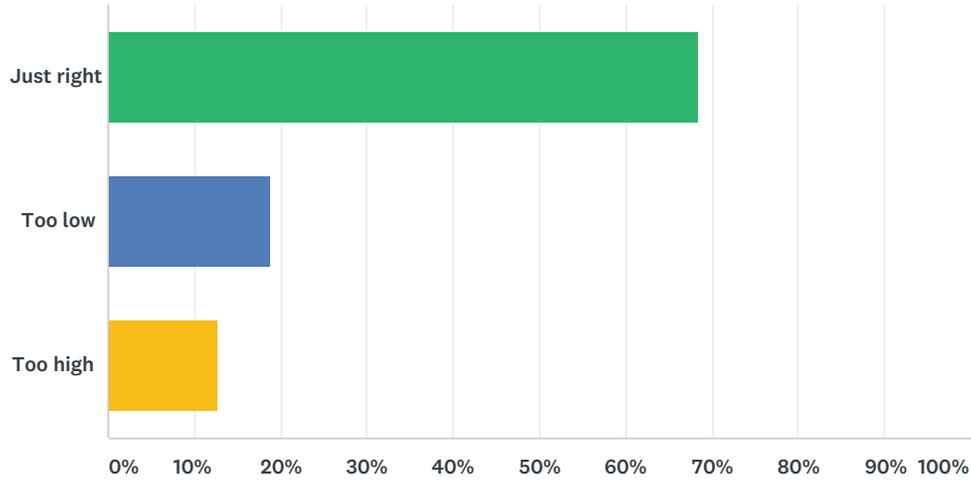
Answered: 19 Skipped: 560

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	You need to fund another downtown parking structure to replace all the street parking you have wiped out for bike lanes.	12/8/2017 12:01 PM
2	Be prudent! Look for funding!	12/5/2017 1:02 PM
3	Would like to see spending on car infrastructure diverted to better public transit initiatives, e.g. trollies/shuttles in downtown core.	12/4/2017 10:57 PM
4	Spend \$\$ to build new parkades downtown. Make sure that developers must provide more parking in their buildings.	12/2/2017 1:04 PM
5	VCC architectural expenditures seem unnecessary. I would rather see that money be put to improving active transportation around schools and community centres. Those are places where Victorians will directly benefit.	12/1/2017 7:38 PM
6	too much parking, more transit	12/1/2017 7:04 PM
7	Why upgrade car housing / parkades when they should be replaced with people housing? Other structures should be maintained as necessary of course.	11/29/2017 1:49 PM
8	These all read like petty expenses.	11/28/2017 8:50 PM
9	Improves public perception on a subconscious level and in turn public confidence	11/27/2017 10:31 AM
10	Keep it simple.	11/27/2017 9:38 AM
11	Necessary investments to manage assets.	11/27/2017 4:35 AM
12	Far too low	11/26/2017 6:03 PM
13	Don't really know.	11/26/2017 11:58 AM
14	Give the money to the police to keep the drug addicts off our streets.	11/24/2017 2:29 PM
15	Envelope repairs at the new Police Station??? Surely that is still under warranty ...	11/22/2017 2:39 PM
16	Just right IF future planning for a fitness/wellness centre is planned - otherwise this budget is unbelievably low.	11/22/2017 1:34 PM
17	Reduced funding for parking facilities with the money shifted to non-car related transportation infrastructure.	11/22/2017 1:29 PM
18	cut it in half.	11/22/2017 12:29 PM
19	How much more money needs to be spent on city hall?	11/20/2017 10:21 AM

Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater and Waterworks - Capital Budget

Q51 City spending in this area is:

Answered: 165 Skipped: 414



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Just right	68.48%	113
Too low	18.79%	31
Too high	12.73%	21
TOTAL		165

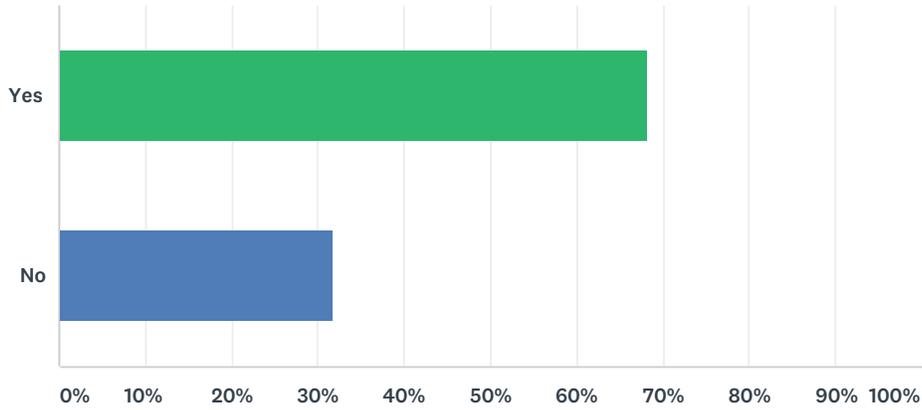
Q52 Additional comments on the proposed Sanitary Sewers, Stormwater and Waterworks budget

Answered: 19 Skipped: 560

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	whatever happened to having all buildings have to remediate water on their properties? so many new homes use up at least 80% of the property for buildings. this needs to be rethought. new builds should not be able to buy their way into the stormwater system.	12/6/2017 5:22 PM
2	Can't say enough about this topic. Look for integrated approaches jurisdictionally. Incorporate natural systems wherever feasible. Cooperate across municipal boundaries wherever feasible. Improve water quality entering marine environment.	12/5/2017 1:05 PM
3	It would be better to be ahead of the replacement curve than deal with ruptures and repairs.	12/3/2017 4:38 PM
4	This work should be detailed and put out to tender. This size of project should not proceed without competitive tendering	12/2/2017 11:10 PM
5	The risk of under spending in this area is too high to not spend the right amount.	12/1/2017 7:39 PM
6	Will that include preparation for a sewage treatment plant?	12/1/2017 7:05 PM
7	needs to be done	12/1/2017 4:19 PM
8	what are we doing with pipes from 1891? It is insane we haven't upgraded for environmental and safety reasons.	11/29/2017 1:50 PM
9	Transformation needed. Carcinogen and toxin abolition through source-point control. End ocean storm water discharge through water capture, ground water recharge and small urban hydro energy generation.	11/29/2017 12:50 PM
10	Get in that treatment plant! I don't care what it costs!	11/28/2017 8:49 PM
11	Do it. Nobody likes a smelly city.	11/27/2017 10:32 AM
12	Listen to the scientists instead of Mr. Floatie.	11/27/2017 9:40 AM
13	Essential investment in our infrastructure.	11/27/2017 4:36 AM
14	contract this work out to ensure value for dollar	11/26/2017 5:08 PM
15	Like roads I expect investment levels are such that timely repair/replace is deferred resulting in greater future cost.	11/26/2017 11:59 AM
16	i cant really comment on this. if the engineers say it is unsafe then we need to repair them.	11/22/2017 12:30 PM
17	It's important and I know if we were doing it in the most responsible way the work would be escalated, but with so many demands it's probably about right	11/19/2017 12:23 AM
18	How are we reaping the most amount of taxes from property value which have never been higher, and yet we still need more money to fund project that should already be paid for?????	11/16/2017 9:11 AM
19	Upgrading this infrastructure should be the City's top priority. Please don't leave it with future administrations to deal with.	11/15/2017 10:14 AM

Q53 Would you like to provide input into the supplemental budget requests, including VicPD requests? This section should take approximately 3-4 minutes to complete.

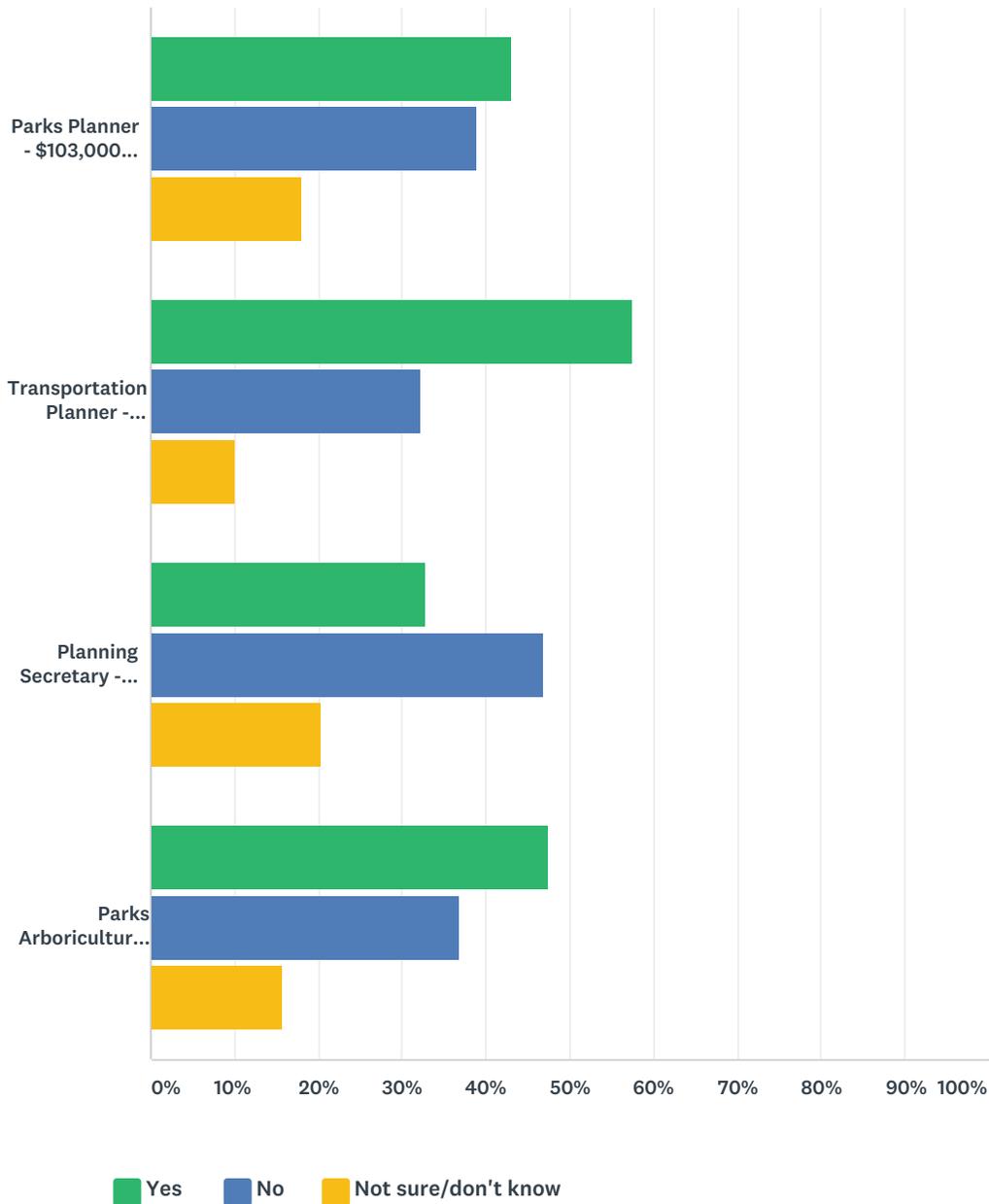
Answered: 342 Skipped: 237



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	68.13%	233
No	31.87%	109
TOTAL		342

Q54 Do you support funding the supplemental requests under the category Managing Growth and New Development, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Strive for Excellence in Planning and Land Use?

Answered: 218 Skipped: 361



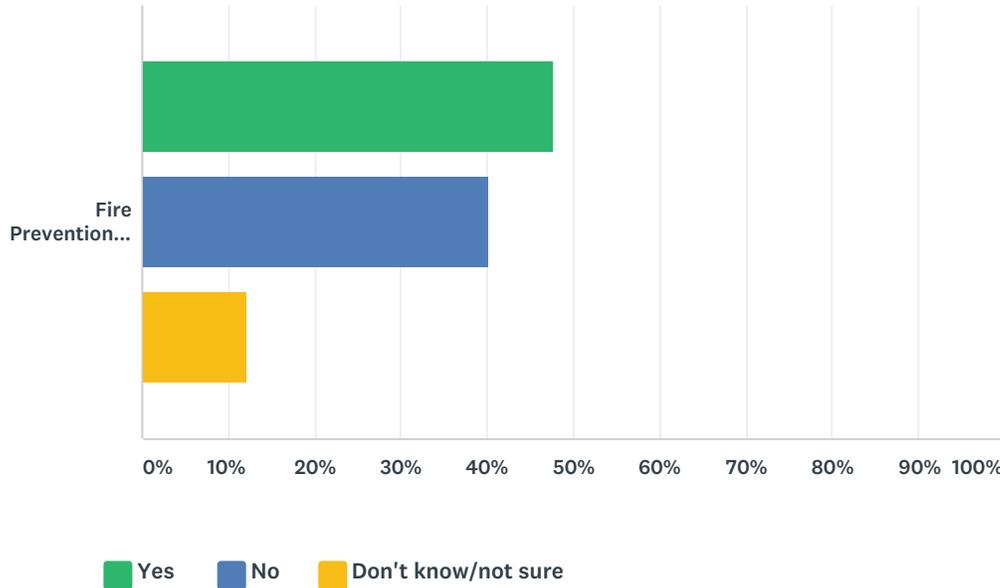
	YES	NO	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Parks Planner - \$103,000 (ongoing)	43.06% 93	38.89% 84	18.06% 39	216	1.75
Transportation Planner - \$104,000 (ongoing)	57.60% 125	32.26% 70	10.14% 22	217	1.53

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Planning Secretary - \$67,000 (one time expense for 2018)	32.87% 71	46.76% 101	20.37% 44	216	1.88
Parks Arboriculture - \$97,000 (one time expense for 2018)	47.47% 103	36.87% 80	15.67% 34	217	1.68

Q55 Do you support funding the supplemental request under the category Managing Public Safety, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Take Climate Action and Prepare for Emergencies?

Answered: 214 Skipped: 365

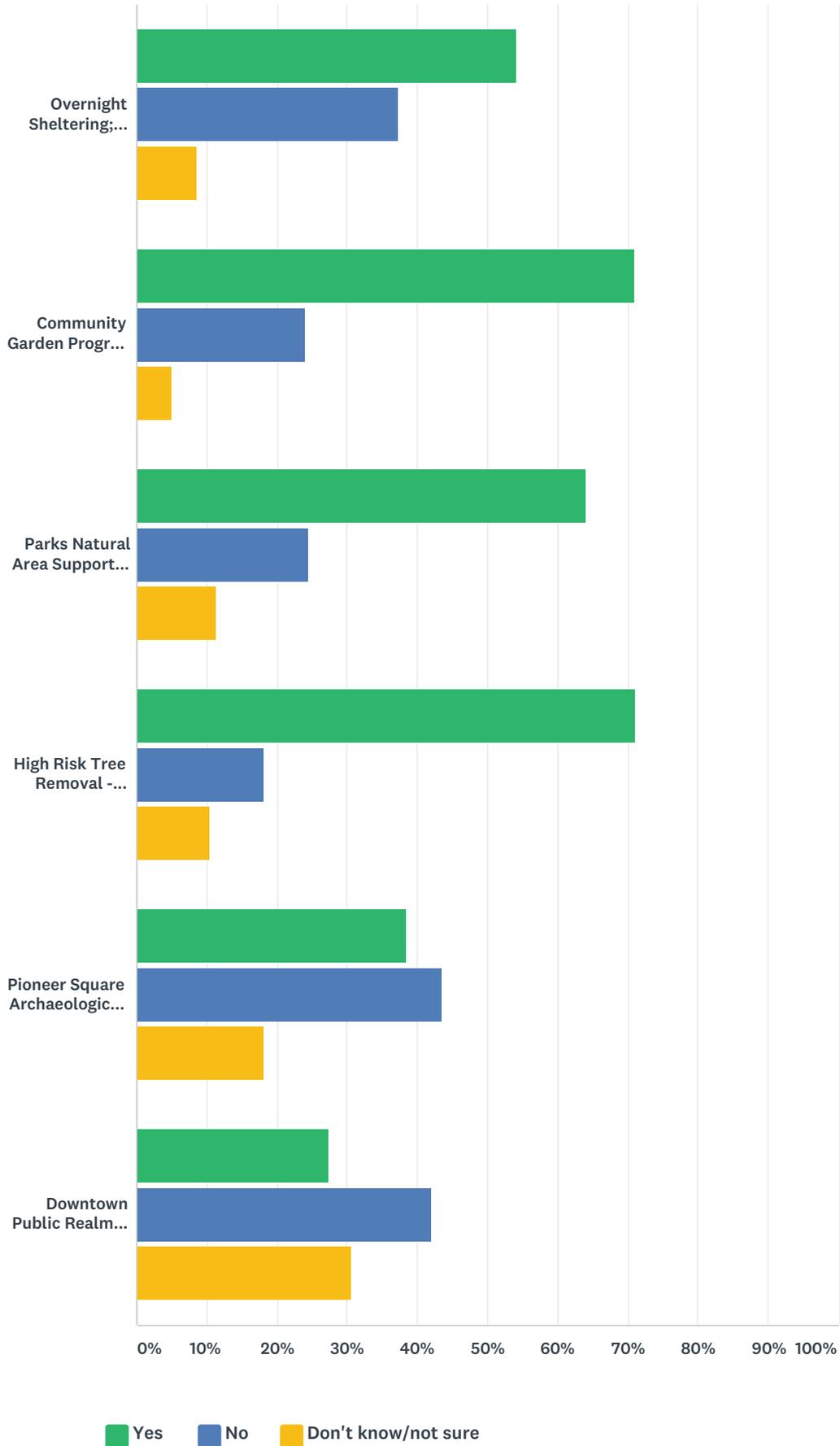


	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Fire Prevention Officer - \$121,000 (ongoing)	47.66%	40.19%	12.15%	214	1.64
	102	86	26		

Q56 Do you support funding the supplemental requests under the category Managing Green Spaces, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Enhance and Steward Public Spaces, Green Spaces and Food Systems?

Answered: 222 Skipped: 357

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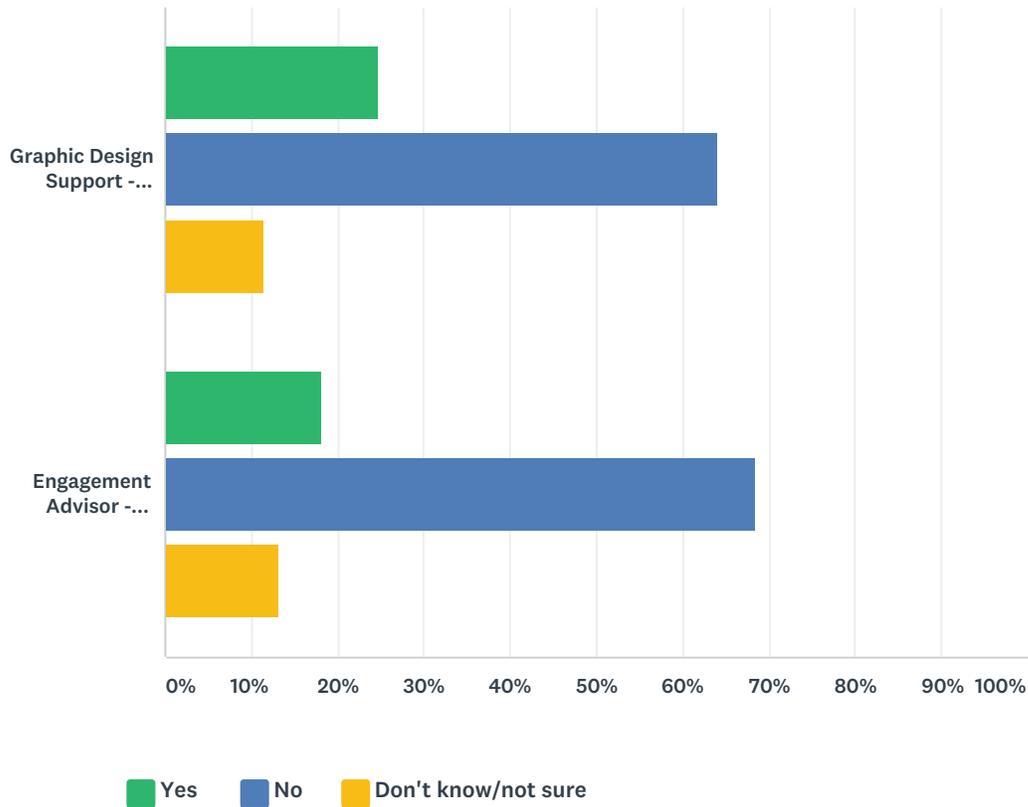


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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Overnight Sheltering; Support and Clean Up - \$300,000 (one time request for 2018)	54.09% 119	37.27% 82	8.64% 19	220	1.55
Community Garden Program - \$15,000 (ongoing)	70.91% 156	24.09% 53	5.00% 11	220	1.34
Parks Natural Area Support - \$63,000 (ongoing)	64.09% 141	24.55% 54	11.36% 25	220	1.47
High Risk Tree Removal - \$150,000 (one time expense for 2018)	71.23% 156	18.26% 40	10.50% 23	219	1.39
Pioneer Square Archaeological Reporting - \$37,000 (one time expense for 2018)	38.46% 85	43.44% 96	18.10% 40	221	1.80
Downtown Public Realm Implementation - \$105,000 (one time expense for 2018)	27.31% 59	42.13% 91	30.56% 66	216	2.03

Q57 Do you support funding the supplemental requests under the category Managing Public Engagement, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Engage and Empower the Community?

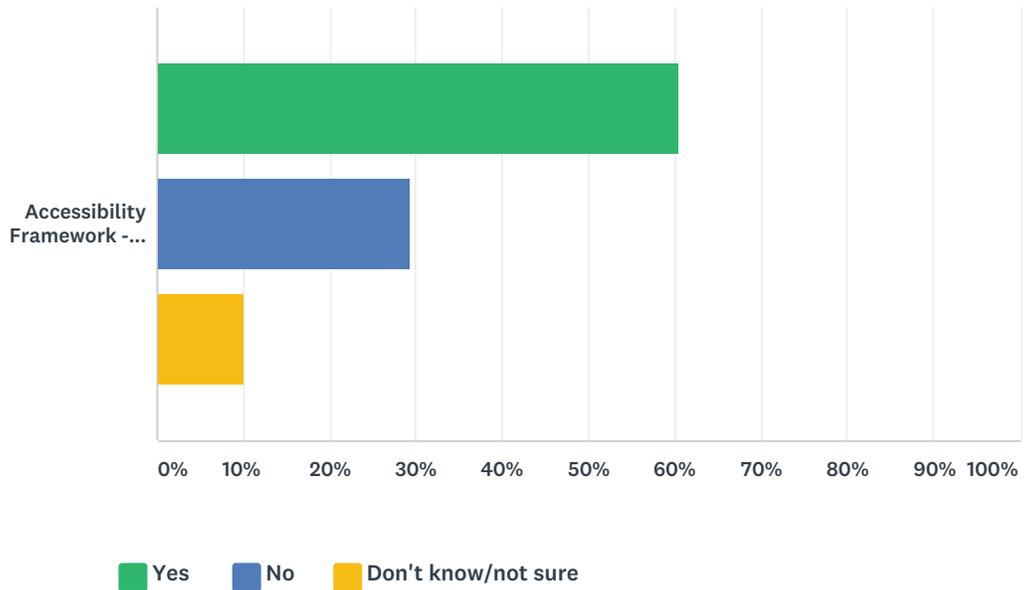
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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Graphic Design Support - \$81,000 (ongoing)	24.66% 54	63.93% 140	11.42% 25	219	1.87
Engagement Advisor - \$109,000 (one time expense for 2018)	18.26% 40	68.49% 150	13.24% 29	219	1.95

Q58 Do you support funding the supplemental request under the category Managing Accessibility, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Facilitate Social Inclusion and Community Wellness?

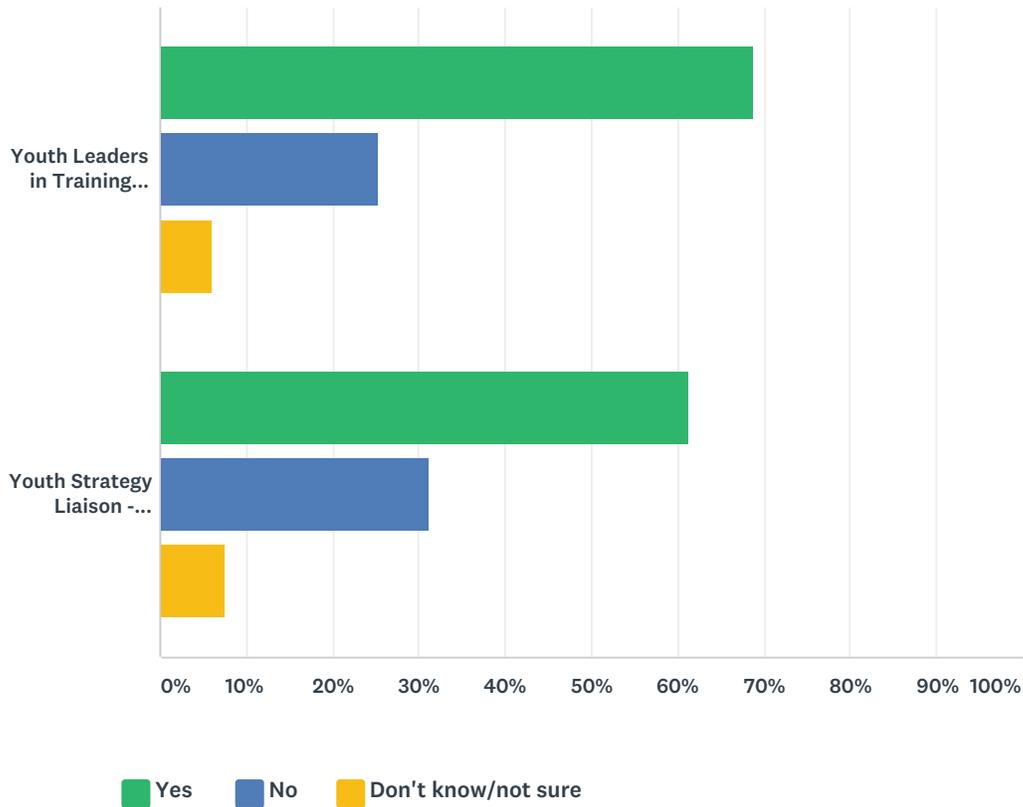
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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Accessibility Framework - \$40,000 (one time expense for 2018)	60.55% 132	29.36% 64	10.09% 22	218	1.50

Q59 Do you supporting funding the supplemental requests under the category Youth Initiatives, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Engage and Empower the Community?

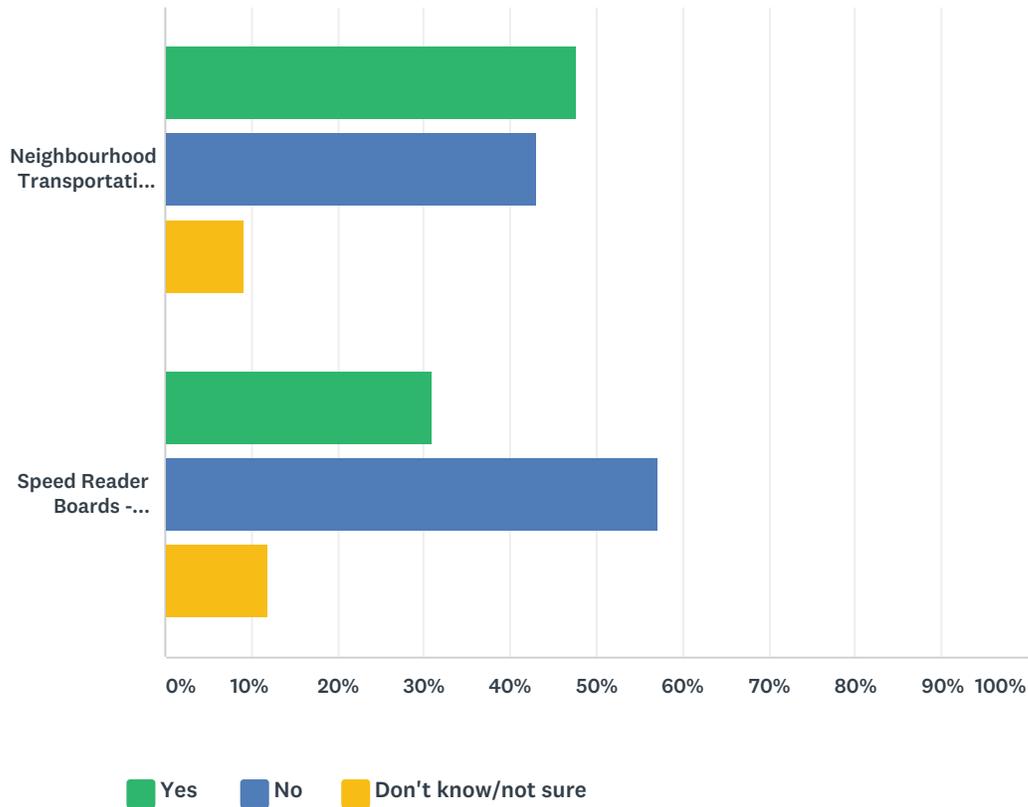
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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Youth Leaders in Training Program - \$20,000 (ongoing)	68.81% 150	25.23% 55	5.96% 13	218	1.37
Youth Strategy Liaison - \$30,000 (one time expense for 2018)	61.40% 132	31.16% 67	7.44% 16	215	1.46

Q60 Do you support funding the supplemental requests under the category Active Transportation, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Complete a Multi-Modal and Active Transportation Network?

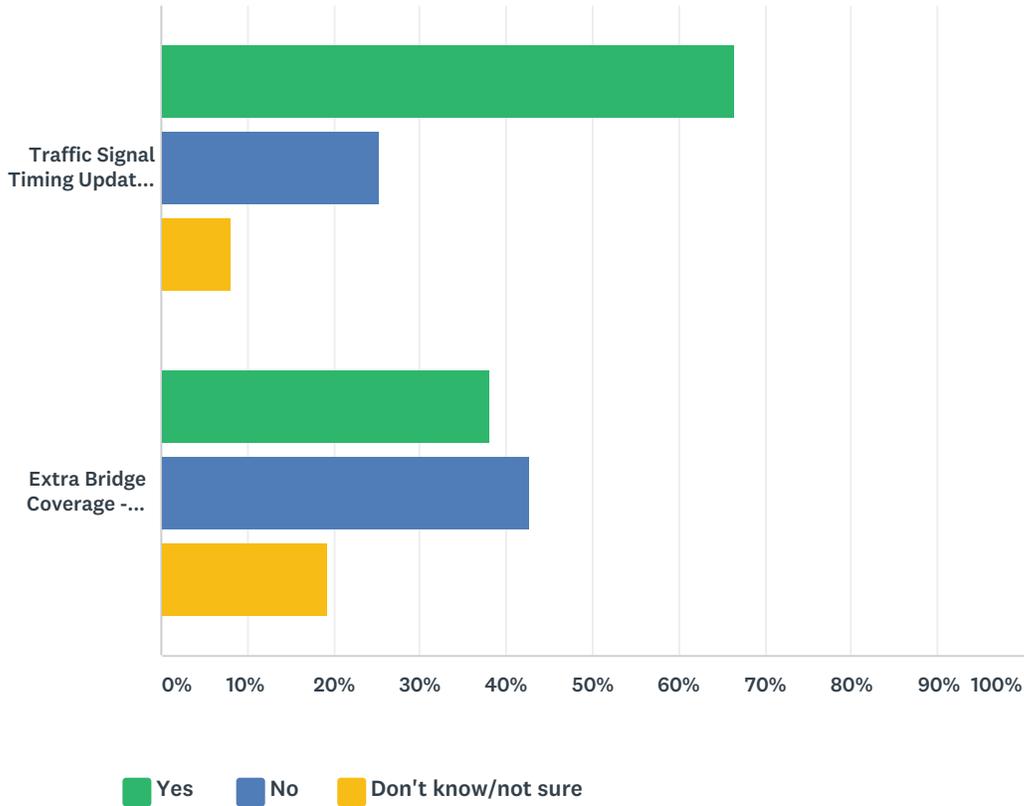
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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Neighbourhood Transportation Management - \$180,000 (one time expense for 2018)	47.69% 103	43.06% 93	9.26% 20	216	1.62
Speed Reader Boards - \$85,000 (one time expense for 2018)	31.05% 68	57.08% 125	11.87% 26	219	1.81

Q61 Do you support funding the supplemental requests under the category Multi-Modal Transportation Network, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Complete a Multi-Modal and Active Transportation Network?

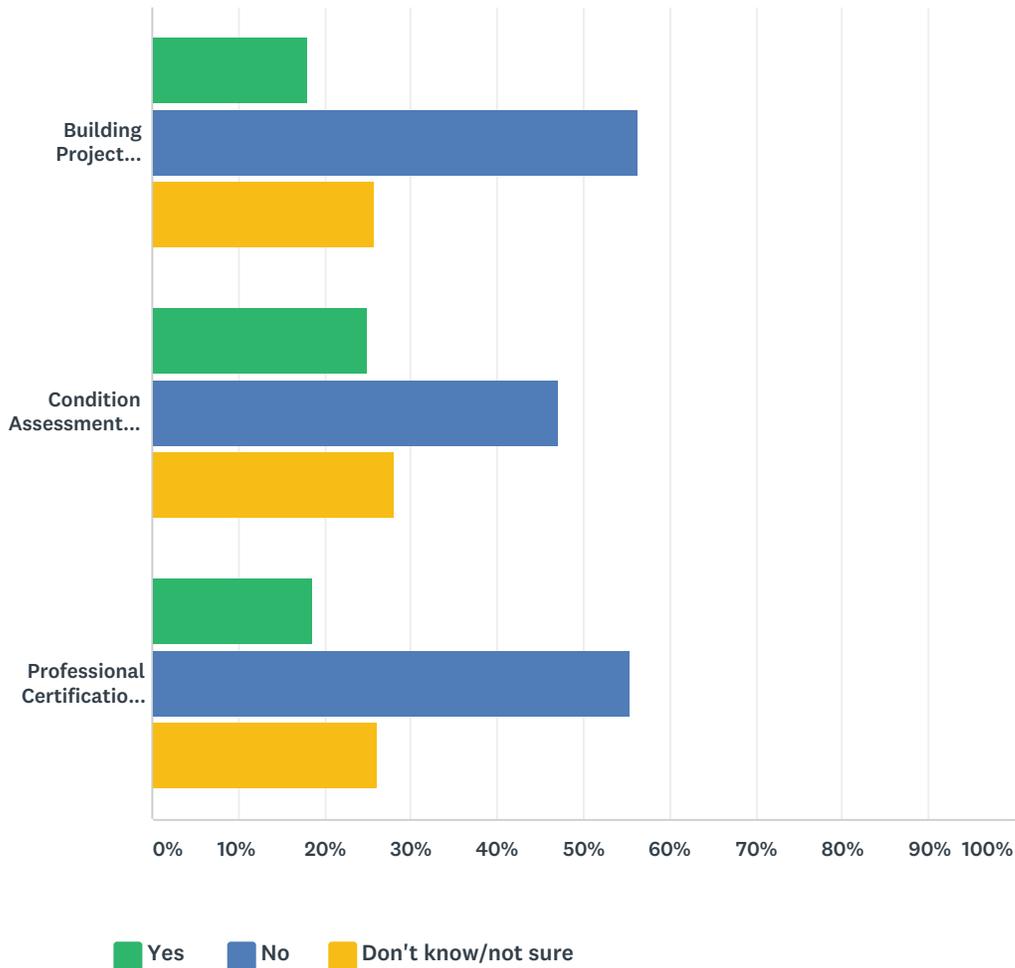
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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Traffic Signal Timing Update Study - \$40,000 (one time expense for 2018)	66.52% 147	25.34% 56	8.14% 18	221	1.42
Extra Bridge Coverage - \$30,000 (one time expense for 2018)	38.07% 83	42.66% 93	19.27% 42	218	1.81

Q62 Do you support funding the supplemental requests under the category Asset Management, achieving the City's Strategic Objectives to Build the Financial Capacity of the Organization, and Innovate and Lead?

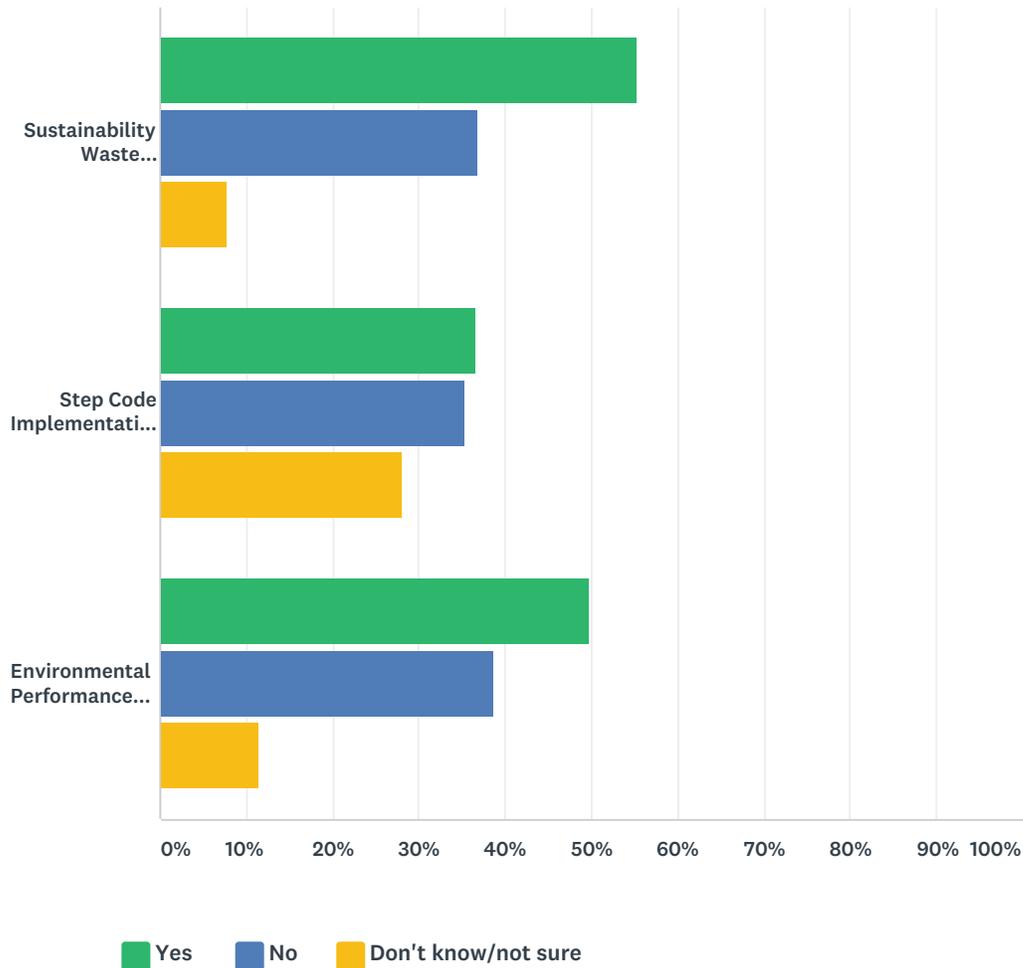
Answered: 217 Skipped: 362



	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Building Project Administrator - \$99,000 (ongoing)	17.97% 39	56.22% 122	25.81% 56	217	2.08
Condition Assessment Pilot Project - \$60,000 (one time expense for 2018)	24.88% 54	47.00% 102	28.11% 61	217	2.03
Professional Certification/Project Management - \$50,000 (one time expense for 2018)	18.60% 40	55.35% 119	26.05% 56	215	2.07

Q63 Do you support funding the supplemental requests under the category Managing Climate Action and Sustainability, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Take Climate Action and Prepare for Emergencies?

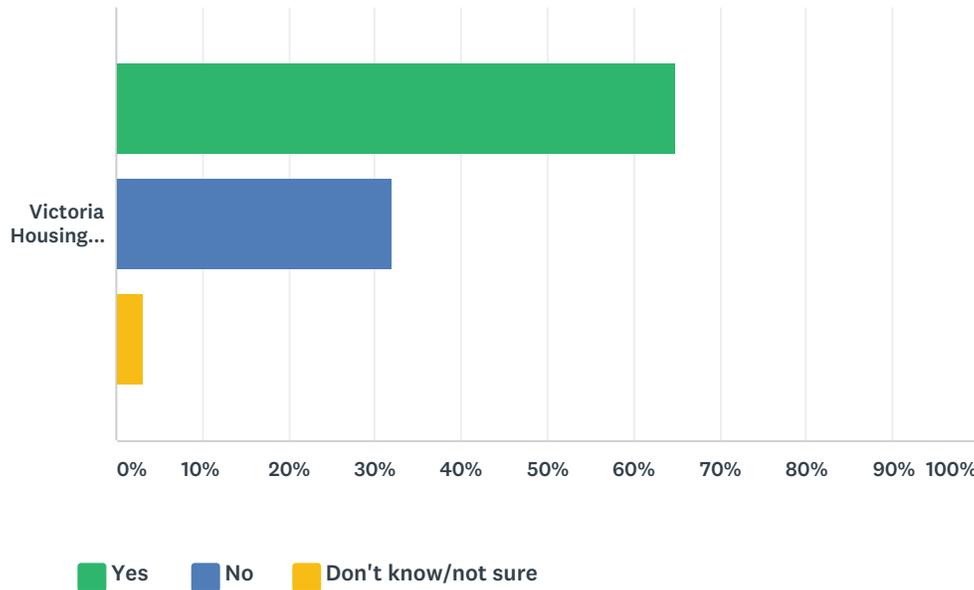
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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Sustainability Waste Management Engineer - \$99,000 (ongoing)	55.30% 120	36.87% 80	7.83% 17	217	1.53
Step Code Implementation - \$10,000 (one time expense for 2018)	36.70% 80	35.32% 77	27.98% 61	218	1.91
Environmental Performance Audit - \$50,000 (one time expense for 2018)	49.77% 108	38.71% 84	11.52% 25	217	1.62

Q64 Do you support funding the supplemental request under the category Managing Housing, achieving the City's Strategic Objective to Make Victoria More Affordable?

Answered: 219 Skipped: 360



	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Victoria Housing Strategy Implementation - \$20,000 (one time expense for 2018)	64.84% 142	31.96% 70	3.20% 7	219	1.38

Q65 Do you have any additional comments on the City's supplemental requests?

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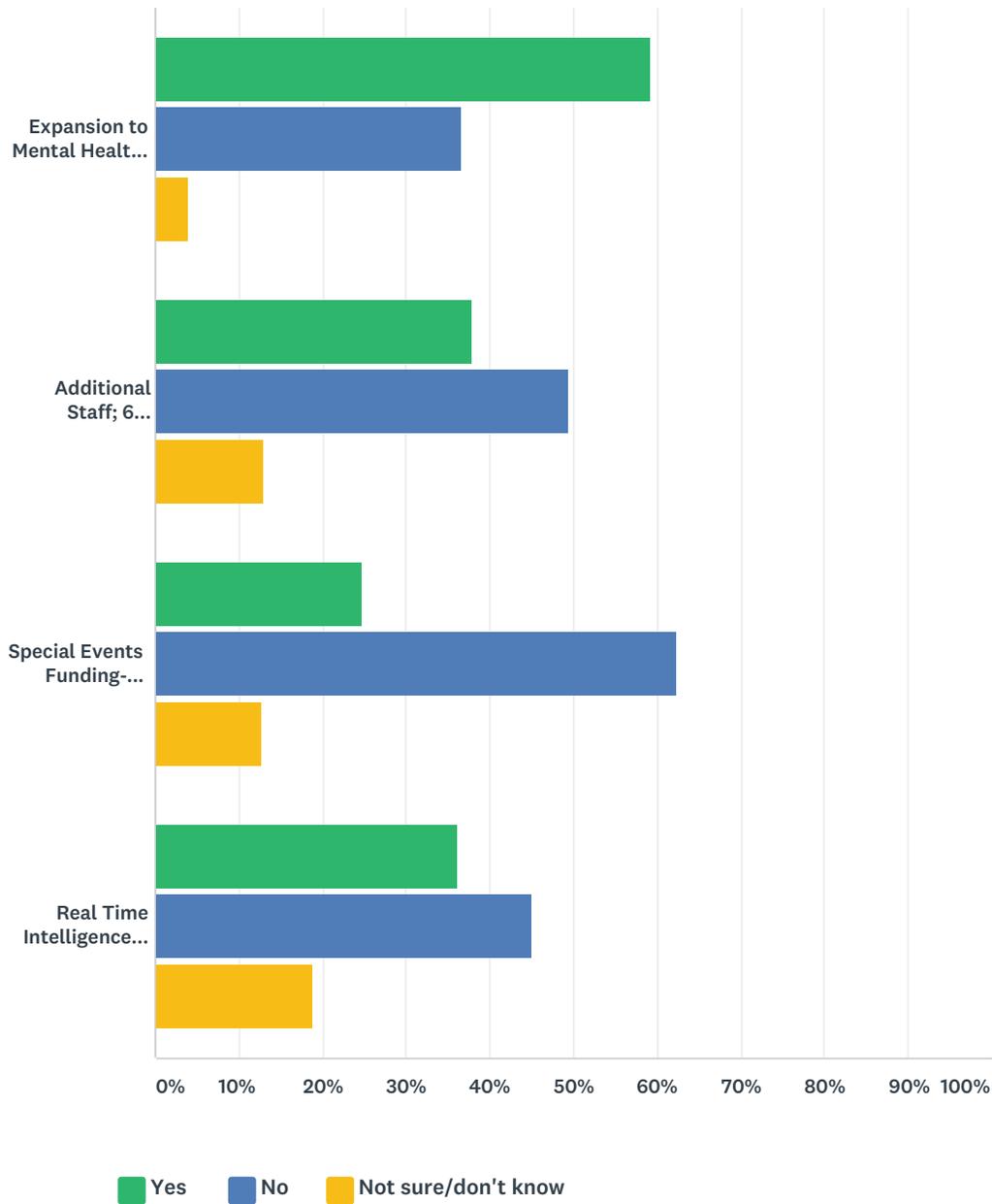
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Some of the supplemental requests can be covered in other approved projects.	12/8/2017 3:40 PM
2	Get back to basics. Much of this looks like fluff.	12/8/2017 10:52 AM
3	Housing is a federal/provincial responsibility: not civic. It is regressive to use property taxes and disruptive to the receiving neighbourhood	12/8/2017 10:51 AM
4	What happened to the request for an additional heritage planner? There is a lot of concern in the community about the erosion of the City's heritage program.	12/7/2017 9:25 AM
5	way too many new hires seen above. staff at city hall should be reallocated to new tasks and remove old tasks. we can't just keeping adding bodies and expect things to change.	12/6/2017 5:25 PM
6	Stop wasting money	12/5/2017 8:32 PM
7	Consider hiring on a cost-shared basis with other municipalities which need most of the same expertise urgently - example: Oak Bay.	12/5/2017 7:34 PM
8	Funding and implementation of social justice projects should be left to the Provincial and Federal governments.	12/5/2017 2:25 PM
9	Victoria just hit an average house price of \$900,000. Something needs to crumble this market. \$1000 average to rent a bachelor sweet. This is insane!	12/4/2017 10:46 PM
10	I do not want to spend any money as long as this mayor and council are in office. They do not know how to take care of public money	12/4/2017 7:33 PM
11	Get the province to levy huge fees on foreign property purchases.	12/2/2017 1:08 PM
12	I think all these requests can be handled with existing staff and I would be embarrassed to ask for funding for so many dreamy new projects. If they must be done, do them with your staff.	12/1/2017 9:49 PM
13	Go back to basics, people are fed up with funding ballooning administration costs.	12/1/2017 3:43 PM
14	Tree replacements/maintenance should get extra funding.	11/30/2017 9:58 PM
15	Does the \$300,000 for Overnight Sheltering; Support and Clean Up include prevention efforts? The city is failing on this front. Do better.	11/30/2017 3:11 PM
16	Affordable housing, green space, neighbourhoods first.	11/30/2017 3:04 PM
17	Fully support a new Crystal Pool.	11/30/2017 12:58 PM
18	ONLY 20,000 for housing strategy implementation? Wow. Fuck you.	11/28/2017 8:53 PM
19	I would support the investment in Overnight Sheltering ONLY IF the allocation is proportionate to the neighbourhood. Specifically, at least 50% should be Burnside Gorge.	11/27/2017 6:36 PM
20	The City already has an engagement coordinator who is useless. Don't want to pay top dollar for another one.	11/27/2017 2:05 PM
21	I've said "No" to the above because these kinds of things should be handled by the regular ongoing budget. For example: Why do we need a special supplemental request for cutting down a dangerous tree limb? Is the parks branch not capable of cutting down a dangerous limb????	11/27/2017 9:47 AM
22	In transportation planning, please be sure to look to the future of autonomous vehicles and ride sharing	11/27/2017 9:26 AM
23	Overnight Sheltering; Support and Clean Up - \$300,000 (one time request for 2018) -- So long as this does not consider human beings what needs to be cleaned up.	11/26/2017 2:25 PM
24	Let's stay practical - already a 2.8% increase in taxes proposed.	11/26/2017 9:35 AM

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25	I don't see how you're going to 'Make Victoria Affordable' with a measly \$20,000 unless your using it to implement a tax on vacant condos but go crazy	11/22/2017 8:25 PM
26	Many of these positions should ask for engaged concerned community volunteers. There are many overlapping agencies in Victoria: churches, Food Banks, community agencies all doing similar work while requesting donations .. yet there are executive employees who get large salaries while trying to generate volunteer support. If money was available to a volunteer church organizations with no salaries ... the public would not be suffering the same burn-out on donation requests.	11/22/2017 7:53 PM
27	Do not buy military equipment for the police!	11/22/2017 2:44 PM
28	wow in three minutes i found ways to save a bucket load of money. LOOK THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS CITY ARE BROKE. WE ARE ALREADY DEFERRING PROPERTY TAXES ON OUR HOME. I WORK 50 HOURS A WEEK AND DONT HAVE A PENSION. MEANWHILE YOU DREAM UP NEWS WAYS TO MAKE THE CITY BEAUTIFUL TO MAKE YOURSELVES FEEL GOOD AND JUSTIFY YOUR EXISTENCE.	11/22/2017 12:35 PM
29	Re Managing Public Green Spaces - Sheltering, I do not support increased security patrols or other efforts to surveill, police or displace people sheltering in parks; I do however support public funds being used to increase amenities to people sheltering in parks, including bathrooms; and would also support using public funds to engage with people sheltering in parks to create new amenities to better meet their needs (e.g., storage of belongings).	11/22/2017 10:53 AM
30	Please do not give supplemental income to the Vic pd	11/22/2017 7:43 AM
31	Fire inspections for secondary suites and egress in case of Fire. To focus as well on illegal suites and accommodations in Victoria of which there are many. Taxes ?	11/20/2017 12:59 PM
32	Too many Staff!!	11/20/2017 10:24 AM
33	There appears to be a focus on bicycle infrastructure and homelessness with little to no thought or consideration given to working families upon whose backs these costs are placed.	11/16/2017 9:14 AM

Q66 Please indicate whether you support funding the VicPD supplemental budget requests

Answered: 221 Skipped: 358



	YES	NO	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Expansion to Mental Health Integration - \$254,000 (one time expense for 2018 - \$216,662 Victoria allocation/ \$37,338 Esquimalt allocation)	59.28% 131	36.65% 81	4.07% 9	221	1.45
Additional Staff; 6 Officers and 2 Civilians - \$870,000 (ongoing - \$742,110 Victoria allocation/ \$127,890 Esquimalt allocation)	37.79% 82	49.31% 107	12.90% 28	217	1.75
Special Events Funding- \$160,000 (one time expense for 2018 - \$136,480 Victoria allocation/ \$23,520 Esquimalt allocation)	24.77% 54	62.39% 136	12.84% 28	218	1.88

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Real Time Intelligence - \$144,000 (one time expense for 2018 - \$122,832	36.24%	44.95%	18.81%		
Victoria allocation/ \$21,168 Esquimalt allocation	79	98	41	218	1.83

Q67 Do you have any additional comments on the VicPD supplemental requests?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 531

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	VicPD should consider the hiring of social workers and nurses to supplement the police force and not rely solely on police officers, it will build more capacity.	12/8/2017 3:42 PM
2	I believe that while the Vic PD has an overall positive effect on the community, it is important to be aware of those for whom the opposite effect is felt.	12/7/2017 8:37 PM
3	vicpd have no business providing mental health work! divest from policing and invest in community solutions.	12/7/2017 3:04 PM
4	Strongly object to the "Expansion to Mental Health Integration". Police officers are not trained mental health specialists and this is a conflict of interest as they are tasked with policing this population on a regular basis.	12/6/2017 12:00 PM
5	VicPD should not be conducting outreach to street involved and homeless people. Victoria should instead support local organizations who have built trust and accountability in our community. Police have negatively impacted the lives of many homeless people in the city, and are an enormous source of trauma.	12/4/2017 11:53 PM
6	collect more info. on crime and criminals in the city of vic. because a stronger case should be made that other municipalities should pay some share of a regional downtown's police costs	12/4/2017 8:14 PM
7	We have way too many police officers in Victoria and the police inflate the crime stats in order to get more resources. Victoria is a safe place.	12/3/2017 7:05 AM
8	Get the costs of policing under control. The wage costs are growing far faster than the private sector can create tax dollars to pay for it	12/2/2017 11:16 PM
9	What is "real time intelligence"? This questionnaire is generally too vague.	12/2/2017 9:26 PM
10	I cannot support the paying of Frank Elsner all that time so I hope these requests are reasonable, not superfluous.	12/1/2017 9:53 PM
11	I think we already pay too much for policing and they should reallocate funding within to cover priorities	12/1/2017 8:22 PM
12	The police budget is completely out of hand and needs to be reigned in.	12/1/2017 7:46 PM
13	I don't think it is appropriate for VicPD to have a role in mental health concerns in our community.	12/1/2017 4:32 PM
14	No extra funding. Use existing resources more effectively	12/1/2017 4:01 PM
15	They waste money on equipment.	12/1/2017 10:10 AM
16	NO!	11/30/2017 7:40 PM
17	the city needs to 'cut the fat' with the police department so to speak	11/30/2017 5:30 PM
18	Why don't CUPE sanitation and maintenance workers have their own special requests with a similar compensation stature? Their injury and death rates are greater. We need a rigorous values reassessment here.	11/29/2017 1:10 PM
19	Invest in social service and programs	11/28/2017 10:20 PM

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20	Please stop pumping tax money into supporting the VicPD and expanding their reach into our community member's lives - policing folks at risk has proved to do harm than good to communities that need the most support. Please re-invest this money into stable, accessible long-term housing, harm reduction programs, Indigenous-led education, Indigenous and Indigenous-led initiatives; the arts and culture sector in general, but also specifically public arts and cultural programs that are led and used by Indigenous communities and communities of color; give more funding to local arts organizations; conciliation programs for white folks wanting to come to terms with white supremacy and the legacy it's woven throughout our communities; accessibility audits for the city, supporting long-term conservation, waste-reduction and green-ing initiatives, libraries, and funding for programs and initiatives that support youth and also trans and non binary folks. Supporting any of these suggestions will develop our communities in ways that repay this invest 3-fold or more, far far more than the surveillance and segregation of folks who experience life outside the norm of white cis middle class heteropatriarchy.	11/28/2017 9:05 PM
21	This is ridiculous.	11/28/2017 8:54 PM
22	Special events should pay their own policing costs.	11/27/2017 11:37 AM
23	We spend way too much on policing	11/27/2017 10:56 AM
24	Invest in studies for regional force integration.	11/27/2017 10:46 AM
25	Mental health is not a crime. It is a health issue. Why is the police involved. Send an ambulance and take them to a facility that can look after them properly. Not the revolving door policy we have now.	11/27/2017 9:49 AM
26	Focus on mental health as an illness, not a crime.	11/27/2017 9:27 AM
27	We need help and real solutions with Mental Health/Addictions.	11/27/2017 12:34 AM
28	There is more than enough literature written by those who struggle with mental health and/or routinely targeted by police that indicate that the police routinely escalate situations rather than deescalate and create a safer space. Not everyone has had positive experiences with police. To many, they represent repression and violence rather than safety, allyship and support. VicPD should have increased education about mental health, but this integration is not intelligent or well informed in my opinion. Alternatively, this funding could go to support capacity of existing initiatives and professionals in the field who are far more qualified and with more experiential knowledge to do the work in a safer, deescalating and caring way.	11/26/2017 6:52 PM
29	Not a penny more	11/26/2017 6:07 PM
30	special events funding should be billed tot he event owners	11/26/2017 5:11 PM
31	The Police Budget is absurd. Police are not social workers, they are not mental health workers. There are already more than enough of them harassing the poor and people of colour. The fact that City Council is considering increasing the police budget is downright shameful.	11/26/2017 2:26 PM
32	VicPD has a massive budget already. No more tax dollars !	11/24/2017 9:21 AM
33	Too much is spent on policing already. Time to cut back, not increase.	11/23/2017 8:47 PM
34	Mental Health issues are best dealt with by mental health professionals. Police are totally unsuitable resource, they are by training and temperament best suited to enforce laws, which in Victoria we are very well covered. The police budget needs a drastic cut, not increase, and saving should be allocated to resources that could make a difference. The amount of real mental health workers we could deploy for that \$254,000 would be so much more effective. It's tragic to think of those funds being wasted on yet more ineffective, misdirected policing.	11/22/2017 8:40 PM
35	There must be an Amalgamation of police, fire and emergency services throughout the Capital Region and the 13 municipalities. The status quo will be unsustainable and the provincial government will be forced to implement changes, resource sharing, mutual cooperation, Buildings, equipment, manpower and management.	11/22/2017 7:58 PM
36	mental health not part of civic responsibility - should be province - technology needs to eliminate need for more officers	11/22/2017 6:01 PM
37	I believe the VicPD needs to become more interdisciplinary, rather than using men with guns to handle every call. If all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail ...	11/22/2017 3:23 PM
38	Do not purchase military equipment for the police!	11/22/2017 2:47 PM
39	I hope the CRD and other municipalities are contributing to this as we are the city centre.	11/22/2017 2:20 PM

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40	Much more focus needs to be given to traffic enforcement.	11/22/2017 1:36 PM
41	The police department has no business handling mental health outreach situations. The city should funnel this money into actual mental health services and specialized outreach teams outside of law enforcement.	11/22/2017 1:25 PM
42	look we just found a bucket load of more money that the province should be paying for not us	11/22/2017 12:37 PM
43	I strongly object to police being embedded in ACT teams and any other integration in mental health or other health services, as set out in earlier comments.	11/22/2017 10:53 AM
44	We do not need more policing, already one of the highest policed cities in Canada	11/22/2017 7:44 AM
45	Need to significantly reduce policing costs by at least 5% in each of the next 2 years and 0% in the 4 years thereafter. Over the last 10 years consecutive increases to Fire and Policing, have placed municipalities in an unsustainable position. It has come at the expense of all other municipal services and of course, the ratepayer. Victoria Council and Administration, please heed this advice!!!	11/20/2017 7:42 PM
46	There should be more foot patrols, as well as bicycles and maybe horses.	11/20/2017 10:50 AM
47	When you expect Police to maintain the law, be social workers, be councillors... expect to pay more!	11/20/2017 10:25 AM
48	I support extra officers and time to help deal with the oncoming legalization of marijuana and mental health support to help the force deal with housing and drug issues in a better way.	11/15/2017 11:49 AM

Q68 Do you have any additional comments about the 2018 Draft Financial Plan?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 525

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Quit pandering to special interest groups such as those advocating bike lanes. Use the funds to improve bus service and add more parking not reduce it. Realize our small business's need the public to be able to get to them. And, oh by the way we are a tourist down so enforcement of bike riders blasting through red lights and flat crossing while dodging tourists is just not on.	12/8/2017 12:13 PM
2	The estimated time for completion in each section grossly underestimates the time required for thoughtful input. This survey would benefit from design and technical improvement such as ability to input hard returns and a progress bar.	12/8/2017 10:16 AM
3	divest from policing	12/7/2017 3:04 PM
4	please reduce in all areas. we cannot afford this budget.	12/6/2017 5:26 PM
5	please continue to make progress on bike lanes!	12/5/2017 8:18 PM
6	Not a fan of the bike lanes until there is a traffic study completed for the city of victoria.	12/5/2017 6:03 PM
7	Funding and implementation of social justice projects should be left to the Provincial and Federal governments. The CoV should concentrate on maintaining infrastructure and reducing barriers to private investment in the city.	12/5/2017 2:26 PM
8	Sell the Conference Centre to the BC Pavilion Corporation.	12/5/2017 9:08 AM
9	The city supports homeless centres, temporary housing, and facilities. In order to initiate that support there needs to be increased security and support services provided to support .safety for existing residents and area cleanliness.	12/5/2017 7:21 AM
10	Repair the POPINT ELLICE Bridge and INCLUDE the expansion of the bridge so that it is safe to walk and cycle on both sides of the bridge.	12/4/2017 9:06 PM
11	No more additional expenses please. You have wasted too much money on useless projects just to push your agenda.	12/4/2017 7:34 PM
12	This survey needs more examples to be legible.	12/3/2017 6:59 PM
13	Spend much less on Police.	12/3/2017 6:02 PM
14	Please stop the waste.	12/3/2017 4:44 PM
15	As a long time business person in Victoria and other Greater Victoria municipalities, I am growing more and more concerned at the growth and frequently reckless and irresponsible spending of municipal governments... and Victoria is definitely on that list. Why is it necessary to have tax increase every year ?Why not just cut some spending, negotiate for no increases (we frequently have to do that in the private sector or many of our businesses wouldn't work),stop working on the principle that we need more services all the time... if we don't stop overspending, our debt levels are going to put the services st risk that truly give stability and care to our communities. ...And we can't just keep increasing taxes or calling them by other names to confuse the public..show some real fiscal management skills... The bridge is a shameful overexpenditure at the expense of some truly needed social projects.	12/2/2017 11:28 PM
16	Too long for dedication to project. I hope my comments are read and considered.	12/1/2017 9:57 PM
17	keep up the good work!	12/1/2017 4:32 PM
18	This will be the last year before the elections and you would never know it looking at the way money is being spent.	12/1/2017 3:45 PM
19	No, Thank you.	11/30/2017 7:41 PM
20	I've said it.	11/30/2017 3:05 PM

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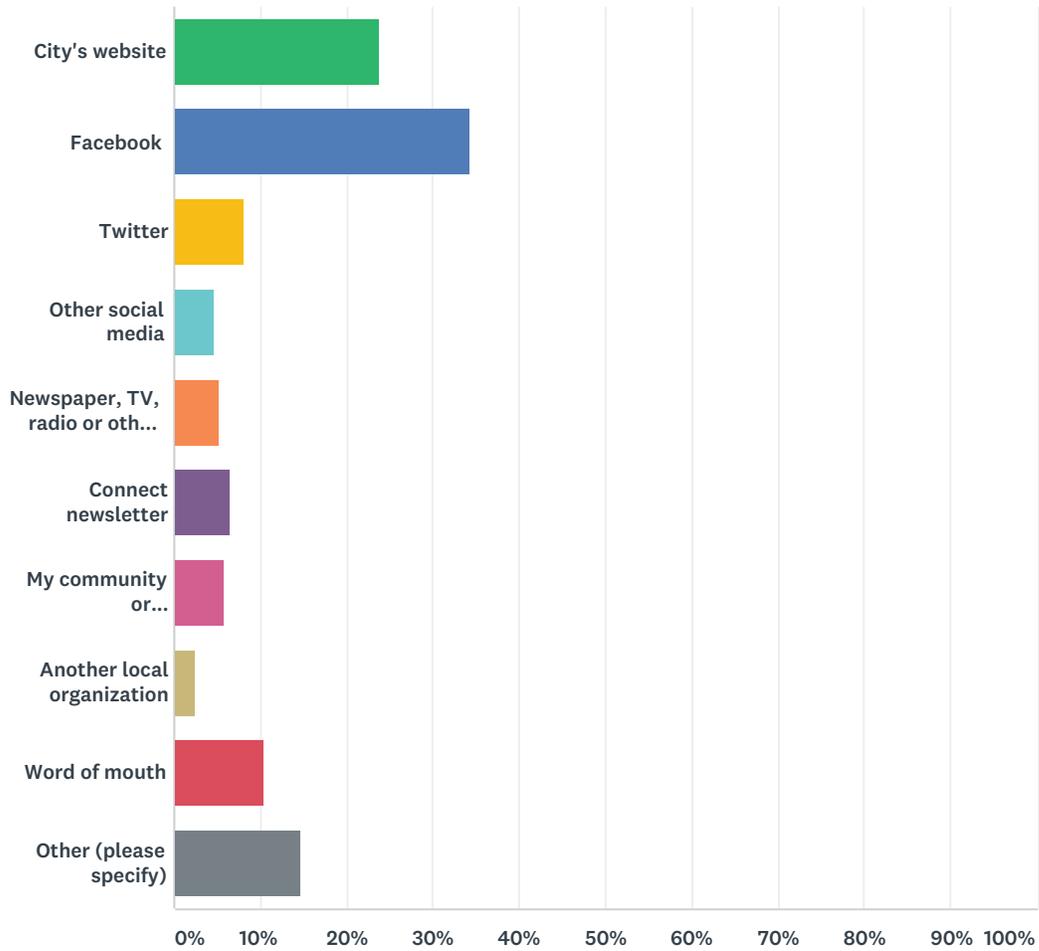
21	I co-own two Victoria properties mortgage-free. I've benefited handsomely from them through unearned rent. We need taxes progressive enough to end, yes end and transform business into creative public ownership. Property is not bought and sold in Cuba. Minority opinion agreed. It's time to dramatically rethink a reality that is relentlessly increasing the Gini co-efficient, while relinquishing the idea that it can be "managed" or "fixed". https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPLnVycjGQk	11/29/2017 1:20 PM
22	Increase funding for community garden coordination	11/28/2017 10:21 PM
23	Invest money in programs that will nourish our communities in the long run and the short run.	11/28/2017 9:05 PM
24	I am not able to attend the meeting on November 30 but would be available to provide more input at another time.	11/28/2017 1:29 PM
25	Keep increase to within CPI limits. Every other business and household can seem to manage it.	11/27/2017 2:06 PM
26	It is a bloody shame when the only option provided for budgets are increases. There were not options to support balanced or decreased budgets.	11/27/2017 10:49 AM
27	Do the job. Keep it simple. Forget the bells and whistles. Keep taxes low so that people don't end up on the street costing taxpayers even more money.	11/27/2017 9:51 AM
28	get more value for all contracts let get more value from current staff across all depts look at "nice to have" vs "need to haves"	11/26/2017 5:12 PM
29	We need funds allocated to improve our public transportation network and not just put all of it into changing city streets into multiple shared bike lanes. If we keep losing parking spots, we lose downtown business opportunities and limit the amount of commuters who can work downtown. To compensate, there must be reliable and varied public transportation options.	11/24/2017 8:55 PM
30	Thank you, I hope your decisions reflect all the input. It's been disheartening when feedback isn't sought and/or not honored.	11/24/2017 1:34 PM
31	Please allocate more funding to indoor and outdoor tennis courts, specifically in Fairfield. Please allocate more funding to protected bike lanes and to Dallas Road separated bike path.	11/23/2017 10:13 PM
32	No. Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment and I hope my comments will actually be read and considered.	11/23/2017 1:50 PM
33	Go Green! More initiatives and incentives to help people go green - e.g. storm water, solar, wind power. Get rid of diesel and petrol cars in Victoria LRT!!!! Of course, I grew up in Europe where trains and LRT were "normal". Canada is pretty useless when it comes to trains and LRT. Get with it, Canada. Get the damn cars and lorries off the roads.	11/23/2017 12:53 PM
34	good luck in all your deliberations!	11/23/2017 12:49 PM
35	my major concern for the city is the destruction of shopping streets such as Fort St. The bike lanes prohibit window shopping, casual walking making eye contact. Big malls are on the way out. (look at the USA) Preserve downtown as user/walker friendly. Walking amongst large concrete edifices does not encourage a 'friendly city'. Keep the core/ historical streets for shopping, walking, visiting--don't lose the community feeling. Keep green spaces in town. With the rapid increase of on line shopping, big developments will soon be gone (look at the USA) Encourage the small shops Victoria has been known for. Bike lanes should be on the edges of the city-Pandora is okay, but Fort St. was/is a silly idea. Many have given up on trying to walk on this street as even in crosswalks it is a hazard. Keep Victoria as a friendly city not a clone of Vancouver skyscrapers. Use England/Europe as your guides not USA/China.	11/23/2017 11:00 AM
36	Not at this time.	11/23/2017 8:50 AM
37	In an election year, those who want to be re- elected should be stating how they save taxpayer money and the plan to be followed to reduce next year's tax assessment.	11/22/2017 8:01 PM
38	In General I support all of the supplementary requests: they are timely and forward-looking and I like that development permits will help pay for them.	11/22/2017 6:08 PM
39	tax increases are unsustainable, at much higher than inflation. This cannot continue! Spend only on essentials and not rubbish like jigsaw crosswalks!	11/22/2017 3:31 PM
40	Glad to be out of your clutch's.	11/22/2017 2:23 PM
41	We need affordable housing! Please!	11/22/2017 1:29 PM
42	The city should decrease taxes and avoid surplus revenue.	11/22/2017 12:55 PM

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43	Remember: SMALL GOVERNMENT, AND LOWER TAXES.	11/22/2017 12:46 PM
44	i am just wondering how much money did it take to prepare draft financial plan?	11/22/2017 12:38 PM
45	Expense for bike lanes CLAIMED to be used by 5% of population (away less on a day-to-day basis). Politically correct but not practical use of funds.	11/22/2017 12:24 PM
46	I think it is important to acknowledge that this entire process is a colonial process that is rooted in the assumption that settlers have jurisdiction over stolen Lkwungen lands. I am participating in it to object, not to uphold colonial entitlement. Also, the methods the City has created for getting public input are largely inaccessible to people with very low incomes and others who would be most impacted by specific budget decisions. I am particularly concerned that the City is not likely through these public engagement methods to hear from people who are sheltering in parks, people who are clients of ACT teams, and people with severe disabilities.	11/22/2017 10:53 AM
47	Please try to keep taxes level. My property taxes and increased water/utility etc are really difficult for my family, especially with property values rising.	11/22/2017 10:45 AM
48	It's expensive to live here! I work nearly full time while going to school and it's still very stressful. I would like more focus on being able to afford housing. I would engage more meaningfully and spend more in the community if more of my pay cheques could go toward things other than living costs.	11/22/2017 10:16 AM
49	Completely ignores the high risks Victoria faces from a destructive earthquake. The City in 2015 commissioned an analysis of impacts to privately owned buildings. The pressing need to accelerate seismic upgrades of buildings is being ignored and hundred if not thousands of residents and visitors will be killed and injured during a major earthquake here. Failure to responded to the known risks could be considered negligence.	11/21/2017 3:08 PM
50	Que. # 47 I feel is a loaded one.	11/20/2017 1:06 PM
51	I am willing to pay for the increase, but I'm not sure I agree with the priorities and all the social engineering this council is doing	11/19/2017 12:25 AM
52	I use a screen reader and the plan was not accessible. I was able to read the two other documents but neither of these gave me enough detail to answer this survey as I would have liked to.	11/18/2017 10:31 PM
53	Well laid out and easy to follow	11/17/2017 5:24 PM
54	Helps says "ensuring your money is spent prudently." What rubbish! Artist in residence complete waste! Musical handrails complete waste! Artsy fartsie crosswalks complete waste! Trip to China complete waste! The new bridge you should all be fired! The new sanitation system you should all be fired. Bike lanes you should all be fired! You ask to hear from the taxpayer but ALWAYS DISREGARD WHAT WE SAY! You only look after YOUR special little groups (bikers being number 1) regardless of cost. And now you want to raise my taxes by possibly 2.8 percent. Ever heard of a balanced budget? Ever heard of saving for a rainy day? Do you ever talk to downtown store owners who are disgusted with the way you have ignored their concerns. Under your watch, Victoria has turned into ugly black hole. Unsafe, filthy, continuous harassment from bums. Nobody I know goes downtown any more. You simply do not have the skills to run this city. I can only hope you are all replaced next election!!!	11/16/2017 10:09 PM

Q69 How did you hear about this survey? (select all that apply)

Answered: 306 Skipped: 273



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City's website	23.86%	73
Facebook	34.31%	105
Twitter	8.17%	25
Other social media	4.58%	14
Newspaper, TV, radio or other local media	5.23%	16
Connect newsletter	6.54%	20
My community or neighbourhood association	5.88%	18
Another local organization	2.61%	8
Word of mouth	10.46%	32
Other (please specify)	14.71%	45
Total Respondents: 306		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I applaud this engagement effort--despite that some comments may seem to focus on need for improvement.	12/8/2017 10:16 AM
2	Mailing List	12/6/2017 5:49 PM
3	councillor email	12/6/2017 8:54 AM
4	Facebook	12/5/2017 9:44 PM
5	Ben Isitt	12/5/2017 2:32 PM
6	Councillor encouraged me to take the survey.	12/1/2017 9:57 PM
7	City staff & council	11/30/2017 3:12 PM
8	Emails from councillor	11/30/2017 12:54 PM
9	email from a city councillor	11/29/2017 3:44 PM
10	Email from Dr. Isitt.	11/29/2017 1:20 PM
11	Ben Issit	11/28/2017 1:59 PM
12	email from Councillor Ben Isitt	11/28/2017 1:29 PM
13	email	11/27/2017 10:21 AM
14	Direct email from Councillor	11/27/2017 4:38 AM
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16	Ben Is it	11/23/2017 8:48 PM
17	Email	11/23/2017 5:18 PM
18	an email from Mr Isitt.	11/23/2017 12:53 PM
19	councillor request	11/23/2017 12:49 PM
20	Email from Ben!	11/23/2017 8:50 AM
21	Email	11/22/2017 8:01 PM
22	email from one of the Councillors	11/22/2017 7:05 PM
23	Invitation by Counsellor Ben Isitt	11/22/2017 6:08 PM
24	councillor e-mail	11/22/2017 6:01 PM
25	an email from a city councillor	11/22/2017 5:41 PM
26	email from council member	11/22/2017 4:15 PM
27	Email from City Councillor	11/22/2017 4:07 PM
28	email from councillor	11/22/2017 3:31 PM
29	Ben Isitt	11/22/2017 3:24 PM
30	City Councillor	11/22/2017 2:31 PM
31	City Councillor	11/22/2017 2:31 PM
32	Coun. Ben Isitt	11/22/2017 2:21 PM
33	Email	11/22/2017 1:54 PM
34	notified by city councilor	11/22/2017 1:37 PM
35	City councilor	11/22/2017 12:55 PM
36	Ben Isitt through email	11/22/2017 12:46 PM
37	Ben Isett	11/22/2017 12:38 PM
38	On Ben Isitt's email list.	11/22/2017 12:24 PM
39	Email from councillor	11/22/2017 11:26 AM

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40	sent to me by councillor	11/22/2017 11:06 AM
41	I emailed my concerns and Ben got back to me with this.	11/22/2017 11:04 AM
42	email from a councillor	11/22/2017 10:31 AM
43	it was emailed to me	11/22/2017 10:16 AM
44	city councillor email	11/22/2017 9:43 AM
45	other	11/22/2017 9:26 AM

Correspondence

From: personal information
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: 2018 Budget Suggestions and Questions

Dear Mayor Helps, City Council, and City Staff,

Hello. My name is personal information and I currently live near Topaz Park on Reed Street. I was born and raised in the CRD, and have lived within the City of Victoria limits for the past six years. I attended the City Hall in person last night but felt it would be best to convey my comments, suggestions, and questions in writing. It was getting quite late and I didn't feel like I should keep anyone up later than necessary.

Comments:

Firstly I'd like to commend the city on the wonderful job at increasing cycling infrastructure. As an avid cyclist, that has been hit by cars on two occasions, I really appreciate the added safety this affords us.

Before I rip into the police budget request I do want to commend them on the excellent work that they have been doing. I've done a little bit of traveling internationally and I have to say that Victoria Police conduct themselves in a very civil and respectful manner. They do a wonderful job addressing the community's concerns and keeping us all safe. I am however appalled by police's purchase of a military vehicle. My understanding is that they don't expect to use it except for on the very rare extreme violent situations. I am concerned for the safety of our public servants and do believe that they should be equipped with any technology that protects them while they are working in dangerous situations. However, I do not believe that they should have purchased this vehicle. I have a question pertaining to this below. I certainly do not hope to see this vehicle used during public events and rallies. The optics of military hardware in use by police is not conducive to civil conduct and can even encourage fear and violence. Do not increase their budget if they are going to continue to spend unnecessary like this.

I want to applaud the young citizen that spoke last night for voicing policing and mental health concerns. The views they expressed in regards to policing mentally ill are shared by myself.

Suggestions:

While driving and riding I often see vehicles encroaching into cycling lanes, particularly those with unnecessarily large vehicles. I'm sure you get this comment frequently. I would like to suggest implementing rumble strips adjacent to the cycling lane, to discourage drivers from entering cycling lanes. It is a relatively low cost measure while we await additional forms of protection.

While on a particularly foggy and rainy drive a friend from South Africa commented on the very poor visibility of our traffic lines. She mentioned that in South Africa they use a much more visible fluorescent color of lines that are much easier to see in the rain and fog. I did a quick Google search and it looks as though 3M has a variety of color choices that are much more visible than the ones in use now that can also incorporate Rumble strips when applicable. I understand the city doesn't set the rules of the road as that is a provincial matter but could city staff make an inquiry to The Province on our behalf in this regard and prepare the budget for their implementation?

I would like to suggest a property tax incentive or some kind of credit towards the purchase of electric bikes, standard bikes, and functional riding clothing (rain gear and visibility equipment) purchases. You could ask people to provide proof of use either by proving they do not own a vehicle or only have Leisure insurance.

I would like to see an additional tax to those that choose to heat their homes with LNG to recoup road maintenance costs and environment harm costs. I hope this would discourage those considering using fossil fuels in their homes.

Question:

Did Victoria Police considered renting or leasing a similar vehicle from the Canadian Armed Forces? We do have a Navy base next to us with equipment sitting unused. I'm aware that military personnel cannot be called upon to police citizens but that doesn't necessarily mean that the equipment they use could not be temporarily borrowed, loaned, leased or rented to protect law enforcement personnel when the use is warranted.

Regards,

personal information

From: Corinne Robinson [[personal information](#)]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 9:54 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Request for funding for Safe and Active Travel to and from Schools

Hello,

I would like to request that when you are reviewing your 2018 Budget, that you put money aside to help improve safe and active travel to and from schools. This would be done by:

- 1) Establishing an Active Schools Reserve Fund and
- 2) Doubling the budget for your current crossing guard for schools program.

I live in James Bay, and have 2 children attending James Bay Community School. As it is a largely walking neighbourhood, we are very aware of the traffic hazards crossing Oswego st. to get to the school. Many parents have been asking the city for years to please make the Oswego & Simcoe St. intersection into a Four Way stop. Fortunately they put a crosswalk in recently, but a four way stop would be much preferred. The traffic calming (30km signs in the middle of the road) are much appreciated, but the traffic is still steady on that narrow road.

As for the crossing guard, our PAC worked with the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, to secure the generous offer of funding. It is very disappointing to us, and many other schools, that the crossing guard position has yet to be filled. Raising the wage would hopefully attract a committed adult to doing that job, and ultimately keeping our children safer every day.

thank you,
Corinne Robinson
PAC Secretary, James Bay Community School

From: personal information
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Victoria school crossing guards - request for more funding
Importance: High

To: Victoria City Council

Having my children get to and from school safely is very important to me. We recently had a take Walk & Wheel 2 School program at our school (Sir James Douglas Elementary School) which helped to promote safe active methods of transport to and from school for students and accompanying parents. We have not had a crossing guard at our school this entire school year so far. This does not promote safe methods of transport for our students to and from school.

The intersection where many families cross to get to and from school (Moss Street and Fairfield Road) is very busy and many drivers are distracted. We need at least two crossing guards to keep our children safe. The hiring of guards is done by Beacon Community Services. They are having a very difficult time finding interested candidates for the position due to the low pay. The City of Victoria needs to do better for our children. The crossing guard issue is not only affecting my children's school but many in Victoria.

I would like to ask the Council to 1) Establish an Active Schools Reserve Fund and 2) Double the budget for its current crossing guard for schools program.

Thank-you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

personal information

From: personal information
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Funding Active and Safe Travel to/from School

As a parent who cycles my children from James Bay to Sir James Douglas Elementary School, I support the following requests:

1. **Establish an Active Schools Reserve Fund** or use the existing Gas Tax Fund Reserve to set up an Active Travel to Schools Program for all Victoria schools. The program should provide funding to a) develop with the school community an Active and Safe Routes to School Plan for each school in Victoria, and b) implement within 12 months of the Plan being completed a number of the infrastructure improvements around the school identified in the Plan (e.g., marked crosswalks, signage, signals). To start, the reserve fund for the program should be set between \$300,000 and \$500,000.
2. **Double the budget of its current crossing guard for schools program.** The City's current program, which is administered by Beacon Services, is only sufficient to pay school crossing guards a minimum wage for two hours of work each day (one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon). There are currently 14 crossing guard positions that are vacant in School District 61. This is a major problem as crossing guards play a critical role in helping to promote both safe and active travel to and from schools. A major reason for these vacancies is that the pay is too low given the minimal number of hours each day, high level of responsibility, and inconvenience of a daily split shift. Given these issues, increasing the wages to \$20/hour will make these positions much more likely to be filled and help keep our kids safe.

Since there are no bike routes connecting James Bay to SJD and Fairfield to South Park Elementary, I am forced to cycle with my children on a major traffic route. I generally cycle on Southgate to Superior, which is always stressful and unlikely to encourage other James Bay families to commute by bike. Furthermore, SJD has yet to find a crossing guard, which is unsafe for children who are walking themselves to and from school in Fairfield.

These two requests for funding would assist with supporting Active Travel to/from School.

personal information

October 30, 2017

Friends and Colleagues in Victoria Cultural Management:

“Force and counterforce” may seem like a blunt and surprising way to begin a note of persuasion and encouragement, but I think it makes sense at the outset to establish that Victoria is in the middle of not so much change as transformation, and that its character and self-image, its ‘dna,’ are facing great challenges and pressures for change in this period of explosive city growth. Successful cities, cities with strong identities, find ways to adjust, to transmit city culture to newcomers; literally, to turn them into cultural citizens.

My view, one that I believe you may share, is that compromising or abandoning the city’s past, including its deep, pre-colonial past, isn’t a precondition or requirement of being current, of accommodating change. But our present condition, by circumstance if not design, is that like many other places with appealing settings, character and roots—good bones and a story to tell, you might say—Victoria’s at risk of simply turning into real estate.

History, and its cultural expression, can get dry, brittle. It can lose its juice, its currency, and seem long-ago. Folks hear “cultural heritage” and it’s naptime. But history is also cultural identity, and a kind of civic gyroscope. I believe all of you are involved, one way or another, in the effort to keep history (the city’s cultural identity, that is) juicy, alive and relevant to current Victorians and to newcomers; to sustain its power to inform behavior and social choice; to keep the past stitched to the future and to enjoy the benefits of continuity. This is tricky business, challenging work, and the risk to all of our organizations and institutions is the danger of becoming esoteric, narrow interest-y, repositories of ‘stuff’ or stale cultural product, instead of definers of the city’s identity and authors and leaders of a living conversation.

Sustaining a city’s ‘story’—keeping its cultural narrative active and relevant so it may serve as a form of social compass—takes work (as if there wasn’t enough to do!).

If any of this strikes a note, I would encourage all of you to consider planning and holding a conversation of your own; that is, an informal half-day or daylong conference-style event bringing together, variously, your directors, communications people, interested board members, community and political champions, and social innovators to explore some of these ideas, issues and possibilities.

There may be strategies to change the paradigm and be seen less as competitors (or competing supplicants) for funding or public time and attention, more as indivisible collaborators. At the moment, no one thinks of your organizations and initiatives in a collective or total sense. No one perceives or understands your shared mission. Possibly, *you* don't see your shared mission. The activities and identity of, say, the Hallmark Society seem, in the public's imagination, utterly divorced from these of the Maritime Museum, which, in turn, have no connection to the First Nations cultural presence, or the role of the art gallery or library. Why?

This letter encourages you to take a day in your admittedly busy lives to consider strategies designed to produce far greater cultural impact and significant growth of the cultural community/audience.

From a day's effort and follow-up, you may be successful in developing a shared or collective message—a fresh and energetic story—that powerfully resonates with citizens and other interests about the importance of living civic memory embodied in culture, never to be taken for granted, but ever-re-expressed and made newly relevant—a kind of “Ah, that's why we're here!”

If there is anything I can do personally to assist such efforts I would be happy to help. My own limited skills include thought innovation in cultural areas, and writing; and if these may serve any purpose in connection with the initiative proposed above, I'm pleased to put them at your disposal.

Best wishes,

personal information

From: <nag@quadravillagecc.com>

Date: November 30, 2017 at 9:45:45 AM PST

To: <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>, <councillors@victoria.ca>, <jjenkins@victoria.ca>, <tsoulliere@victoria.ca>, <jtinney@victoria.ca>, <fwork@victoria.ca>, <sthompson@victoria.ca>, <ccoates@victoria.ca>

Cc: <kgreenwell@quadravillagecc.com>, <admin@quadravillagecc.com>, <bisitt@victoria.ca>, <bdellebuur@victoria.ca>

Subject: City of Victoria Draft Financial Plan 2018--Hillside-Quadra Investments

Reply-To: <nag@quadravillagecc.com>

Mayor Helps, councillors and senior staff:

November 29, 2017

In regards to the City of Victoria 2018 Draft Financial Plan which is currently undergoing review and revision, the Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee is writing to support the following investments in Hillside-Quadra and hopes these investments will remain once the plan is finalized.

Thank you for continuing to invest in much-needed infrastructure, including storm and water mains, street rehabilitation, sidewalks and crosswalks. In particular, given residents' concerns around transportation issues and safety, we are happy to note the replacement of the "temporary" diverter at Kings/Fifth with a permanent installation. As well, improvements to the Summit Park playground were identified in the 2012 Summit Park Master Plan and residents are eager to engage on key elements.

We remark that there is a request in Supplemental Budget Requests for Neighbourhood Transportation Management in James Bay, Oaklands and Hillside-Quadra (a total of \$180,000 to provide additional analysis of neighbourhood transportation issues in order to align with the upcoming Local Area Plans scheduled for late 2018-2019). Transportation issues and safety continue to be one of the key concerns for neighbourhood residents—this analysis is timely and will provide context as these plans are developed.

In 2018 the Hillside-Quadra neighbourhood will see the following investments:

- Summit Park Playground Upgrade \$200,000
- Kings/Fifth replacement of "temporary diverter" with permanent installation \$50,000
- Bus shelters: Quadra and Bay and Finlayson at Yew
- Fiber optic upgrades: Quadra Corridor
- Installation of Traffic Control Cabinets and Controllers: Hillside/Quadra and Quadra/Bay
- Sanitary Sewer and Water Main replacement: Wark Street Hillside to Market \$350,000 (was originally scheduled for 2016)

Hillside-Quadra residents have remarked on the improvements to traffic speed and pedestrian and cyclist safety with the recent installation of the very popular and well-used pedestrian and cyclist traffic light at the Hillside and Graham crosswalk (part of the

2017 Financial Plan). This “spot” improvement is in advance of the cycling network implementation in our neighbourhood. Thank you for including this improvement in the 2017 Financial Plan.

Another prime candidate for a spot improvement is the off-set intersection at Bay and Graham-Vancouver. A large number of cyclists travel north-south here daily. Cycling transport and safety would be greatly improved if the stop lines on Bay St at Vancouver were moved back, and cross hatching (like that in front of police and fire garages) put in. The bike-controlled signal and green paving could follow in 2019.

Thank you for your investments in our neighbourhood.

Warm regards,

Janis La Couvée
Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Executive Member

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From: [personal information](#)
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Increase pay for crossing guards - please!

Hello,

Ensuring our kids can cross a busy intersection safely is incredibly important for safe and active travel to and from school. Encouraging our kids to walk and bike to school is great for all. I am grateful for the councils endeavours to encourage safe and active travel.

Yet Sir James Douglas and many other schools do not have crossing guards. Please ensure adequate pay for an incredible important job!

Thanks

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Parent of 2 elementary school kids

Sent from my iPhone

From: [personal information](#)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 12:54 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: funding active/safe travel to school

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am concerned about the lack of a crossing guard at Sir James Douglas Elementary school and other schools in Victoria, and I would like to see more resources allocated to active and safe travel to schools in the City's 2018 budget. Safe and active travel to school could be improved in 2 key ways: 1) Establish an Active Schools Reserve Fund and 2) Double the budget for school crossing guards program.

Our son is a student at SJD and this year we participated in the active travel routes to school. It was great to learn more about different routes available and encourage these modes of travel. Not only is it healthy for our kids and community but it cuts down on the congestion. By creating a reserve fund for active travel, many things could be done to encourage walking, cycling, etc., such as better marked crosswalks, signage, signals, and other infrastructure improvements.

Furthermore, having a crossing guard is important to ensure the safe travel to school of our kids. At SJD we have not had a crossing guard yet this year, and it's my understanding there have been a few near accidents. It was heartbreaking to hear of the death of a 9 year old girl crossing at a crosswalk in Vancouver and parents here are understandably concerned about the lack of crossing guards at busy crossings near schools.

As a parent and member of the parent advisory committee at Sir James Douglas school, I encourage you to support safe and active travel to school by establishing an Active Schools Reserve Fund and doubling the budget for school crossing guards program so that it's possible to hire crossing guards. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [personal information](#)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 3:37 PM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>; Mia Korn <miakorn@gmail.com>
Subject: crossing guard

Please allocate funds for crossing guard at
corner
Moss and Fairfield ROad
to safeguard
SJD school children and others.

Thank you!
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From: personal information
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 6:04 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: 2018 Budget Comments

I am a parent with two children who attend Sir James Douglas School in Fairfield. This past year our school participated in the CRD funded Active Travel to Schools Program. The Program, from my perspective, was a major success and involved the entire school community (i.e., students, teachers, staff, parents, school board administration and even city and CRD staff). It involved establishing a transportation baseline, identifying places on and off the school where actions could be taken to improve the safety of and opportunities for active travel for students, parents and staff. At the end of the program the school has a plan that identifies what actions need to be taken and what stakeholder is responsible for implementing these actions. Given this experience, I would like to make two requests to Council regarding the 2018 Budget:

1. **Establish an Active Schools Reserve Fund** or use the existing Gas Tax Fund Reserve to set up an Active Travel to Schools Program for all Victoria schools. The program should provide funding to a) develop with the school community an Active and Safe Routes to School Plan for each school in Victoria, and b) implement within 12 months of the Plan being completed a number of the infrastructure improvements around the school identified in the Plan (e.g., marked crosswalks, signage, signals). This second part is very important and was not included in Sir James Douglas' program. Although we have a wonderful plan, it would be really powerful for everyone involved, if the plan was followed by quick action for a number of the measures identified in it. Imagine a program where children identify a problem, help to determine a solution for it and then within 12 months see that solution implemented. Not only will the school and broader community benefit from the improved infrastructure but the children involved will be able to see and understand what it is like to take an active role in changing something that they could never do on their own. In other words, it would be a life long learning for these children of what it means to be an engaged citizen. To start, the reserve fund for the program should be set between \$300,000 and \$500,000.
2. **Double the budget of its current crossing guard for schools program.** One of the ironies for our school is that after completing the Active Routes to School Program we do not have a crossing guard even though there are funds allocated for two crossing guards at our school. As I understand it, the City provides funding for crossing guards at public schools in Victoria (Saanich does the same for its public schools). While this is a great initiative in spirit, the current program, which is administered by Beacon Services, is only sufficient to pay school crossing guards a minimum wage for two hours of work each day (one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon). There are currently 14 crossing guard positions that are vacant in School District 61. This is a major problem as crossing guards play a critical role in helping to promote both safe and active travel to and from schools. A major reason for these vacancies is that the pay is too low given the minimal number of hours each day, high level of responsibility, and inconvenience of a daily split shift. Given these issues, increasing the wages to \$20/hour will make these positions much more likely to be filled and help keep our kids safe.

Thank you for your time and openness to citizen suggestions for the City's budget process

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From: [personal information](#)
Sent: Sunday, December 03, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Engagement <engage@victoria.ca>
Subject: Active travel to schools and crossing guard budget

Hi there,

I'm writing to support the ideas of establishing an Active Schools Reserve Fund in the 2018 budget and to double the funds allocated to its current crossing guard for schools budget.

Traffic congestion around the school my children attend (SJD) is dangerous during morning drop off. The reserve fund could be used to support activities that encourage active modes of travel, making getting to school safer.

My kids' school has been without a crossing guard this school year. I have witnessed a number of near accidents at the traffic light where a crossing guard is normally posted. In fact, we should actually have two crossing guards at this busy traffic light intersection because one crossing guard can only guard 2 of the 4 crosswalks, leaving the other 2 vulnerable. Our crossing guard last year witnessed MANY near accidents at the two crosswalks that she couldn't reach. However, one crossing guard would definitely be better than none for us at the moment.

Thank you,
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Greenpeace Victoria and Leap Victoria
Pre-Budget Submission To Victoria City Council
November 30, 2017

We thank the Mayor and Council for this public budget forum opportunity to obtain input from residents on spending priorities, and how the City might best use its limited resources to benefit citizens with regard to which services, programs, projects, and other expenditure priorities they would like to see included in the annual budget.

We recognize the budget is not just an accounting document but a management and planning tool to help determine which objectives have the highest priority, or that will meet the greatest needs and produce the greatest positive impact in the community.

On the whole, we support the current city government in its willingness to assume a leadership role in securing an innovative, sustainable, prosperous and equitable city and CRD region.

Most particularly, we applaud current programs that invest in the protection of our environment, enhance the quality of life and address the critical needs of the vulnerable and homeless.

We also support measures that sustainably grow the local economy without reducing livability, climate change mitigation, resilience, and the adaptation needed to prevent or prepare for climate change.

Toward that end, we are requesting your support for the following priorities for inclusion in the 2018 municipal budget.

To stimulate and build a prosperous, livable and resilient city we propose that the city prioritize the following:

Social Justice Measures

1. Fast-tracking funding for permanent affordable housing to meet the immediate needs of low-income tenants and the homeless. We advocate substantially increasing city investment in non-market housing, initiating new rent control and supplemental mechanisms, investing in new shelter capacity, and in social and supportive, energy-neutral housing projects;
2. Extending current and long-term funding efforts to address mental health and opioid addiction issues through anti-stigma campaigns, prevention, treatment, and harm reduction programs;

3. Funding community and cultural infrastructure and services that include urban youth programs, emergency preparedness programs, new childcare spaces, and community and seniors centres;
4. Enlarging the tax base through property tax enhancements that are based on principal residences as opposing foreign ownership (i.e. foreign buyer tax), as well as provincial tax revenue-sharing, which provides new or alternate revenue sources. These measures will place less reliance on restrictive reserves to meet the quality and service levels citizens expect;
5. Fostering greater inter-governmental partnerships with federal, provincial, and especially indigenous governments. In particular, we want to encourage all attempts to indigenize city place names, and to fund more indigenous public art in the city, and to remove statues and other reminders that idealize colonialism and that are abhorrent to indigenous people.
6. We understand Victoria cannot support our numerous infrastructure needs purely from local taxes, which means that sustainable infrastructure funding from the federal and provincial governments remains a top priority. We applaud the city successes which access federal support for funding programs like:
 - The Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF)
 - Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RIInC),
 - Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program
 - New Building Canada Fund.

Climate Emergency Mitigation

7. Funding strategic urban and interurban transit and transportation Infrastructure investments, including CRD support for a regional rail service on the ENN rail corridor. Adding more express bus lanes, expediting completion of the bike network infrastructure, addressing critical neighbourhood crosswalks, reducing infrastructure support for internal combustion vehicles and most importantly converting of the city fleet to one that runs on electricity generated renewably from local rooftop solar.
8. Supporting citizens shifting off fossil fuels by creating a revenue generating interurban Fast Charging network for Electric vehicles between cities, and adjusting zoning bylaws to facilitate the installation of solar Photovoltaic panels to feed homes and EVs, as well as parking space quotas to encourage the uptake of EV charging stations in new and existing local Condo and apartment developments (so-called Multi Unit Residential Buildings);
9. Funding green Infrastructure priorities which further accelerating the reduction of carbon pollution from city buildings, reducing sewer and stormwater concerns, for example, separating sewers for rainwater and wastewater, which currently pollute local waters, and creating resilient infrastructure and flood protection measures to respond to sea level rise on critically low floodplains.
10. Funding more urban tree-planting, community gardens, and green roofs on public buildings to help improve our urban airshed.

11. Continuing to work collaboratively with our federal, provincial and indigenous partners to fight the impact of climate change and to lead the way with initiatives like banning the use of single-use plastic bags.
12. Setting in place measures that will mitigate the damage and loss settlements that are likely to result from inaction or irresponsibility by the oil, gas and mining sector, thereby ensuring that we maximize the potential benefits and successes of previous green investments and climate-threat reduction;
13. Funding the conversion of city property from heating oil and natural gas-to renewable sources that will increase the resilience of the electricity grid and mitigate the more extreme weather patterns expected with climate change;
14. Addressing renewal of post-war period, aging infrastructure by upgrading them and adding new infrastructure to maintain an acceptable level of service for new population growth while at the same time, taking care to preserve resiliency by preventing urban tree loss, and preparing for earthquakes, wildfires, drought, sea encroachment, and other effects of climate change;
15. While we support most investments in public safety, e.g. emergency shelter provisions, we are opposed to any additional funding which increases the 'militarization' of Victoria policing.

Again, we truly appreciate and value this opportunity to provide our input and ideas to the development of the 2018 budget, we believe that the collective strategies we outlined will lead to better civic satisfaction and constructive cooperation, that they would achieve long-range community planning goals and objectives that will help grow and strengthen our City.

In particular, we would like to commend the Victoria City Council for their strong stand against the Kinder Morgan Transmountain pipeline. We applaud your attempts to protect us from the stupidity and venality of this unscrupulous company whose actions could render all our attempts to prevent climate change fruitless in the near future.

We would like leave you with one idea that we hope you will take with you when you leave tonight:

In the very near future, even 5 years from now – and in the not too distant future – the next 10 to 20 years – the actions or inactions of this body and this community WILL come under scrutiny. That scrutiny will look at only ONE THING: the degree to which this council and the people of this city acted to prevent and mitigate climate change. We will be judged and found wanting, or judged and found to have been leaders on this issue alone, just as our parents and grandparents' generations were judged in their defeat of Nazism.

We ask that in every part of your planning and budgeting, you keep this in the forefront of your minds.

Thank you.

Sue Andrews, Greenpeace Victoria
Howard Breen, Leap Victoria

On Sun, Nov 26, 2017 at 12:22 PM,

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wrote:

Hi Ben;

What an irritation. I completed quite a bit of the survey (an hour so far) and got to the page where I opened supplementary information on new requests and then lost all of survey input trying to get back to the survey. I'm not sure how I could have returned to the survey without this happening, so I expect that others may have encountered this. The skeptical among us might think that the survey was designed to do this as only the most thorough of respondents would have made it to this point.

In short, I'm in favour of;

- investment in timely renewal of infrastructure
- proper by-law enforcement, while implementing real solutions to housing issues currently managed by not enforcing by-laws (encampments and illegal suites)
- favoring investment in parks, active transportation, libraries and increased policing to reduce the murderous fentanyl and carfentanil poisoned drug supply

I also mentioned;

- It would be good to have a workshop (possibly in partnership with VISOA) on self-completing a Fireplan, especially for small stratas that can't afford the professional route (\$4000 quote for our strata).
- My disappointment that I have not heard about my request to Parking Services to have residential parking on Collinson St between Vancouver and Cook St reviewed. There are many multi-family buildings that have residential parking outside their building and it doesn't make sense to me that only SFDs on our block are eligible for residential parking.
- The fear many citizens have that all of the input provided by citizens is only for show and that it isn't abided. For example the recent approval of the Tally Ho transitional housing, completely counter to neighborhood will. What is the definition of insanity? Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. It is so wrong to load all of the difficult housing into that one neighborhood. It is irresponsible to suggest that the previous inability to end the maelstrom resulting from housing the most challenged is somehow not going to

happen again in new housing for the most challenged. Let's stop trying to be Pollyanna and face the reality of what is involved in housing the most challenged. It's messy and neighborhood altering - so let's find housing solutions that respond to that instead of putting blinders on.

Really sorry all of my input was for naught but hopefully my summary can be of help.

Cheers,

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