



The Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand

Council Meeting Staff Report

Report To: Mayor Logel and Members of Council
Report No.: CLK-2025-25
Report Title: 2026 Budget Public Survey Results
Submitted By: Emily Cartlidge, Municipal Clerk
Date: 18 Dec 2025

Subject:

2026 Budget

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand enacts as follows:

That Council receives Report CLK-2025-25: 2026 Budget Public Survey Results for information.

Background:

As part of the Township's commitment to accountable, transparent government and increasing community engagement opportunities, a 2026 Budget Public Survey was conducted asking for resident input on community priorities and the current and future funding levels of services and programs for the 2026 fiscal year.

The survey was available online and in hard-copy from September 23 - October 17, 2026 and was advertised through the Township's social media channels, website, e-newsletter, media release, and community bulletin boards.

Information about identifiable individuals has been redacted and forwarded to the appropriate department head.

Discussion & Analysis of Options:

In total, 51 responses were received. Survey results were shared with Senior Staff to provide valuable community input for consideration during the creation of departmental budgets.

The following responses are provided as part of the Township's commitment to meaningful community engagement and ensuring that accurate and factual information is available to the public. The Township continues to welcome respectful dialogue with residents and encourages everyone to consult official Township information sources to remain up-to-date and educated on Township decisions, services, and programs.

Question, Comment #	Question/Comment	Response
8,5	People on fixed incomes should be given tax break to offset the school tax. They unfairly subsidize people with children	The School Tax Rate is established by Local School Boards. To voice your concerns and suggestions regarding the school tax rates, please contact the local Public or Catholic school boards.
8, 11	I only see garbage pick-up and snow plowing and the occasional street maintenance. So I ask myself what am I really getting for the taxes I pay.	<p>Waste Management is the responsibility of our local upper tier government, Northumberland County. For more information and complaints regarding garbage pick-up and bag-tag prices, please contact Northumberland County at Garbage and Recycling - Northumberland County.</p> <p>The Township maintains, invests in, and delivers a diverse range of services and programming to its residents. To learn more about Township services and programs, please visit www.ahtwp.ca or the Departmental Overviews within the 2025 Budget package.</p>
8, 12	A lot of our tax dollars go to the CAO and his accommodations not improving the community	The Township does not pay for the daily accommodations of staff. The only accommodations paid for are those required for council and staff attendance at approved conferences/training events.
8, 15	No investment into services beyond roadworks and fire.	See response to Question 8, Comment 11 (Services).
8, 20	What do we get , we pay for garbage, are roads are terrible, no street lights , no grocery store	See response to Question 8, Comment 11 (Waste Management, Services).
8, 21	Our taxes are increasing and the services are not. The roads are not in great shape, we pay for garbage tags and the trees and foliage encroaching on the road is terrible.	See response to Question 8, Comment 11 (Waste Management).
8, 23	Garbage pickup not included.	See response to Question 8, Comment 11

	Close to Grafton but not on town water.	(Waste Management).
8, 25	Taxes are very high for no water, no sewage, no free garbage pick up. We pay almost as much as people in Oshawa.	See response to Question 8, Comment 11 (Waste Management).
8, 27	Recycling pick up is free but we have to buy garbage tags. Our taxes should cover garbage pickup, or at least we should be allowed to drop it off for free. Eg Apsley provides free garbage pick up and their dump is free! Residents on Rice Lake receive little in services	See response to Question 8, Comment 11 (Waste Management).
8, 29	As seniors we get very little value from our tax dollars. Basically, all we receive is winter road clearing and some maintenance. No garbage collection, no local police, no regular fire service, no public transit and no water-sewer service. Yet taxes are over \$500 per month.	See response to Question 8, Comment 11 (Waste Management). The Township provides policing and fire services to residents throughout the Township as well as communal water services to the Grafton area which is funded solely by residents within the boundaries of the water service. The Township also supports Community Care Northumberland which offers accessible and rural transportation services for residents.
10, 1	Garbage collection - bag tag fees	See response to Question 8, Comment 11 (Waste Management).
10, 6	Fire is not as important as paramedics. I would prefer that you separate the two. Paramedics should be well funded and supported.	Paramedic Services is the responsibility of our local upper tier government, Northumberland County. More information on Paramedic Services can be found at Northumberland Paramedics - Northumberland County .
10,9	Garbage collection	See response to Question 8, Comment 11 (Waste Management).
10,10	Why under Governance/Administration do you list legal when we contract that out? Why list accessibility when your years behind on completing your own mandates?	Legal is identified under the Administration Budget because it is a function of the Administration team. The process, contract, and service is managed by the Administration team which is different from other contracted services the Township engages (i.e. Conservation Authorities, libraries, animal control). The Township is in the process of developing a new Accessibility Plan for 2026-2031 to guide

		investment and meet legislated requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).
10,11	Waste management services	See response to Question 8, Comment 11 (Waste Management).
14,6	Could we please focus on items that really make an impact in the community and help maintain or enhance our levels of service? Employees should not be allowed to stay in hotels so that they can be closer to work or, using Township vehicles at home, this increases our nonvalue added items to the Township and increases our tax dollars for assets that are being worn out for non township items.	See response to Question 8, Comment 12 (Staff Accommodations). Select employees are permitted to take company vehicles home for on-call purposes only to ensure adequate service levels and response times when required. Corporate vehicles are not intended for personal use. The Canadian Revenue Agency outlines strict guidelines for the use of corporate vehicles for personal use.
14,7	Communication is an area that needs to be improved within Alnwick-Haldimand. The website is a good resource but it is often difficult to access appropriate departments.	The Township's Strategic Plan identifies Communication as a priority, with the development of a Communications Plan and website review project identified as goals.
14,8	Fire Chief works 1 day a week as Fire Chief at the Station \$170,000 yr. ... full time position not posted Bylaw positions not posted Fire Dept is over funded, mismanaged and is non inclusive.	The Township's Fire Chief and CAO roles are a combined full-time position filled by one staff member. The salary range is reflective of this dual role responsibility with the position maintaining office hours at both the Administrative Office and Roseneath Fire Hall as well as being on-call to fulfill the requirements of the dual role. The Township is committed to hiring best practices per corporate policy. Positions are advertised both internally and externally per policy and at the discretion of management in consultation with Human Resources. The Township is also committed to providing an inclusive, barrier-free place of employment, welcoming to employees and residents of diverse backgrounds and beliefs.
14,9	The recent newsletter is a step in the right direction to improve communication. Residents need more details and information about what is going on - for	See response to Question 14, Comment 9 (Communications). During the 2025 Budget, Council implemented a 2% dedicated

	<p>example, repairs to the Township Hall and the Arena/Community Centre project. No one wants to pay more taxes but we have to invest in our infrastructure and our community or else our residents (particularly teenagers) have nowhere to go and will get into trouble.</p>	<p>Infrastructure Levy to increase reserves for the maintenance and replacement of aging Township infrastructure.</p>
14,11	<p>I think "Balancing the budget starts with tightening the belt within on expenditures not going after more money from the community as we are already paying far too much for what we receive. You see year over year what services need most attention over other services that don't. Ifo the cut backs. I don't believe wages should be increased again as you need to balance the budget and unfortunately the belt needs to be tightened.</p> <p>Alnwick/Haldimand is not a city it's a small rural town were most people paid for their own sewer, water and propane so not much is provided to the community besides public works which is mostly paid by Northumberland County. All these millions from tax paying dollars need to be put to good use and not wasted. I think all services listed above need to be trimmed back and then have a contingency amount put in place.</p>	<p>The Northumberland County Public Works Department only maintains the County Arterial Road and Bridge Network within the Township (County Road 2, 23, 29, 45, etc.). All other roads, bridges, culverts, etc. within the Township are funded, maintained, and managed by the Township's Public Works Department.</p> <p>Please see response to Question 8, Comment #11 (Services Offered).</p> <p>As part of the annual budget process, staff review the year-over-year expenditures and revenues to identify opportunities for cost savings.</p>
14,12	<p>speed internet and cellular connectivity needs to be fast tracked</p>	<p>The Township is currently working with Northumberland County and service providers for the installation of Broadband throughout the Township.</p>
14,13	<p>4 million in salaries and benefits and 1.9 million in contracting out. Now paying \$150,000 so far to get a union contract? We are too small a municipality for this. We pay City salaries while our</p>	<p>Employee compensation packages are guided by market comparisons, legislative requirements such as pay equity, and in future, collective agreements. The Township is currently undergoing a compensation and pay equity review for</p>

	<p>infrastructure crumbles and your answer is to raise taxes and cut programs. Shame on you. Our municipality needs to be amalgamated.</p>	<p>non-union positions to ensure that compensation is fair and competitive to attract and retain qualified employees while being mindful for municipal service responsibilities, budget considerations, and economic conditions. A Compensation and Pay Equity review for Unionized staff will take place in future following the ratification of the Township's first collective agreement.</p>
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Actions & Next Steps:

The survey results will be reviewed by Council and staff during the development of the 2026 Budget to help prioritize and identify spending and project decisions for the upcoming year.

Risk Assessment: Financial, Staffing, Legal, & Other Implications:

Financial: There are no financial implications related to this report.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications related to this report.

Legal: There are no legal implications related to this report.

Connection to Strategic Plan:

Communication

- C01: Develop a Communications Plan to guide internal/external communications. Establish Township channels as the primary and trusted source of information on Township activities.
- C07: Increase community engagement opportunities through surveys, public meetings, open houses, etc.

Attachments:

[2026 Budget Survey Results_Redacted](#)

Approved By:

Emily Cartlidge, Municipal Clerk

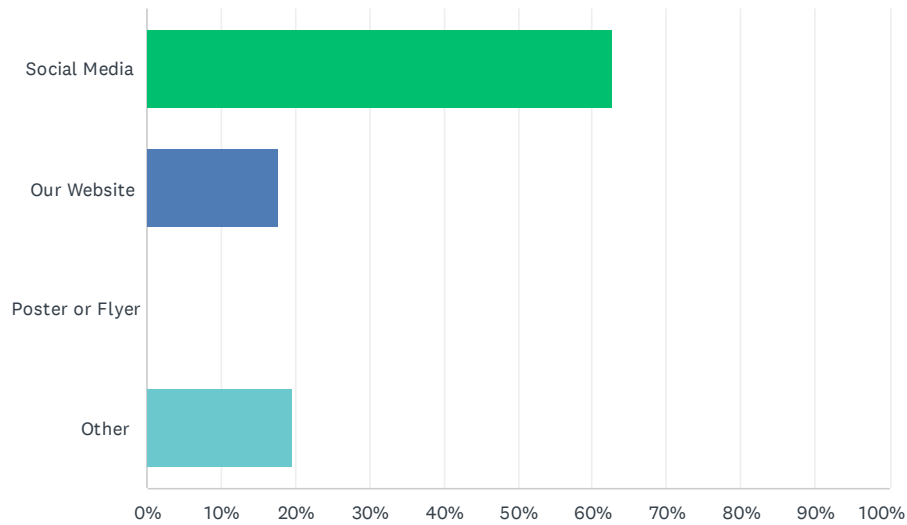
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Q1 How did you hear about this survey?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



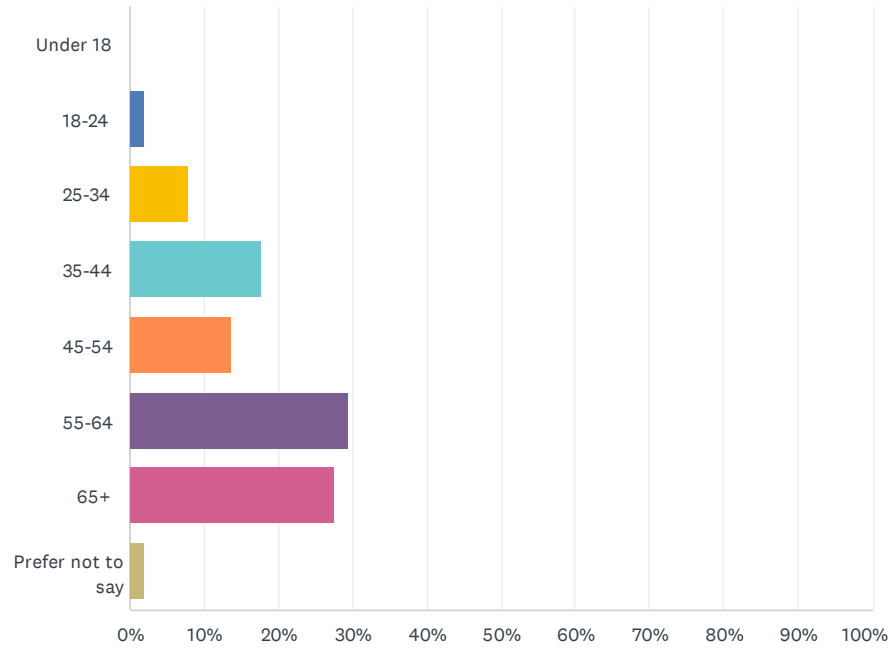
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Social Media	62.75% 32
Our Website	17.65% 9
Poster or Flyer	0.00% 0
Other	19.61% 10
Total Respondents: 51	

#	OTHER	DATE
1	radio	10/17/2025 3:16 PM
2	by chance	10/14/2025 8:19 PM
3	Email	10/14/2025 11:41 AM
4	93.3 news email	10/14/2025 11:26 AM
5	Todays Northumberland	10/9/2025 2:47 PM
6	Today's Northumberland	10/9/2025 1:02 PM
7	Friend	10/7/2025 10:37 AM
8	Word of mouth	10/6/2025 8:51 PM
9	Newsletter	9/21/2025 10:13 AM
10	Twp. Newsletter	9/19/2025 4:16 PM

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Q2 Please select your age group:

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0

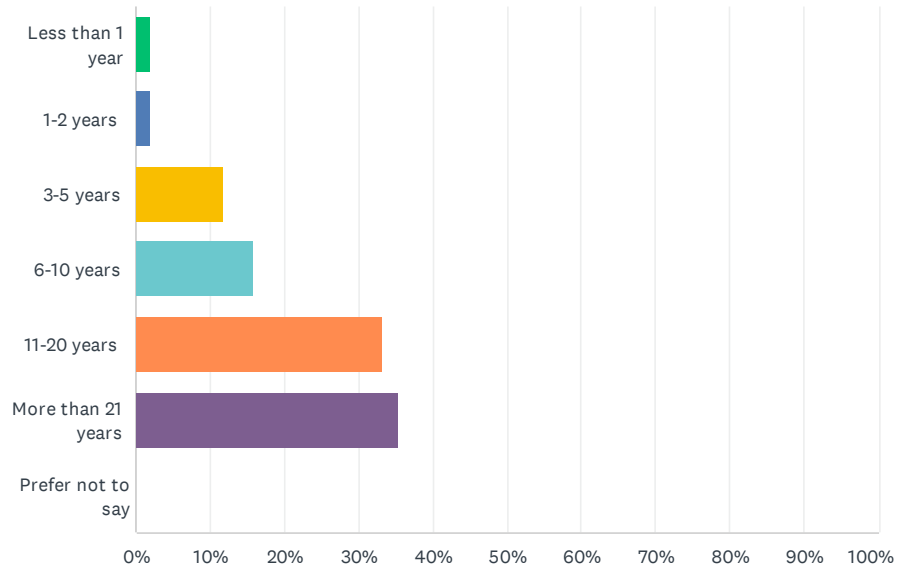


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	1.96%	1
25-34	7.84%	4
35-44	17.65%	9
45-54	13.73%	7
55-64	29.41%	15
65+	27.45%	14
Prefer not to say	1.96%	1
TOTAL		51

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Q3 How many years have you lived in the Township?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0

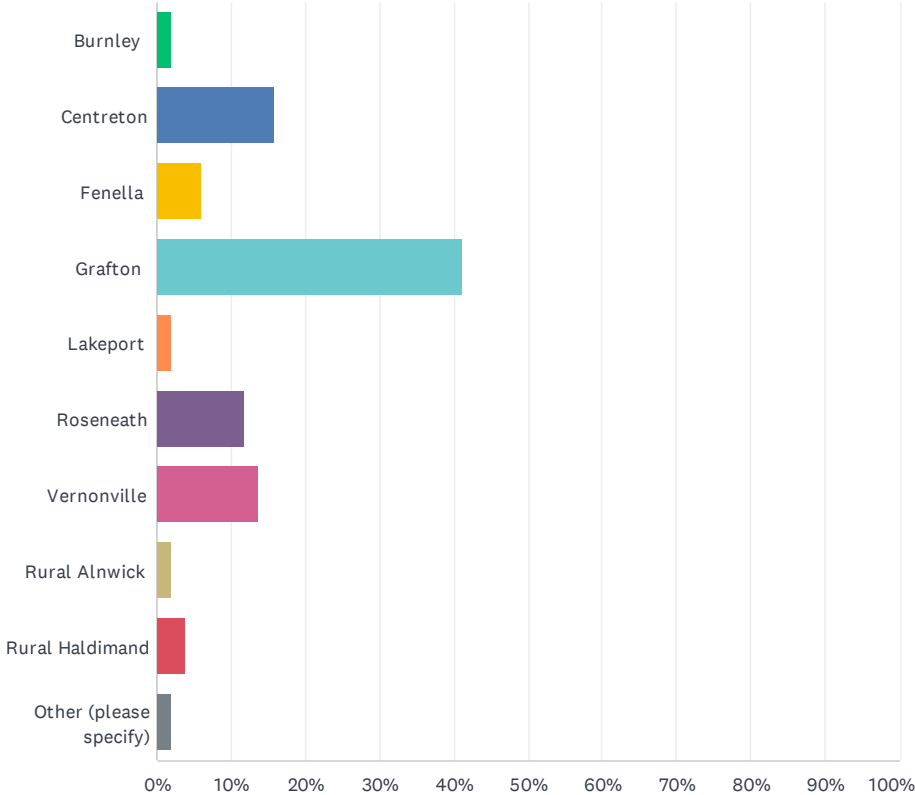


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Less than 1 year	1.96% 1
1-2 years	1.96% 1
3-5 years	11.76% 6
6-10 years	15.69% 8
11-20 years	33.33% 17
More than 21 years	35.29% 18
Prefer not to say	0.00% 0
TOTAL	51

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Q4 If you are a resident, which hamlet is closest to your home?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



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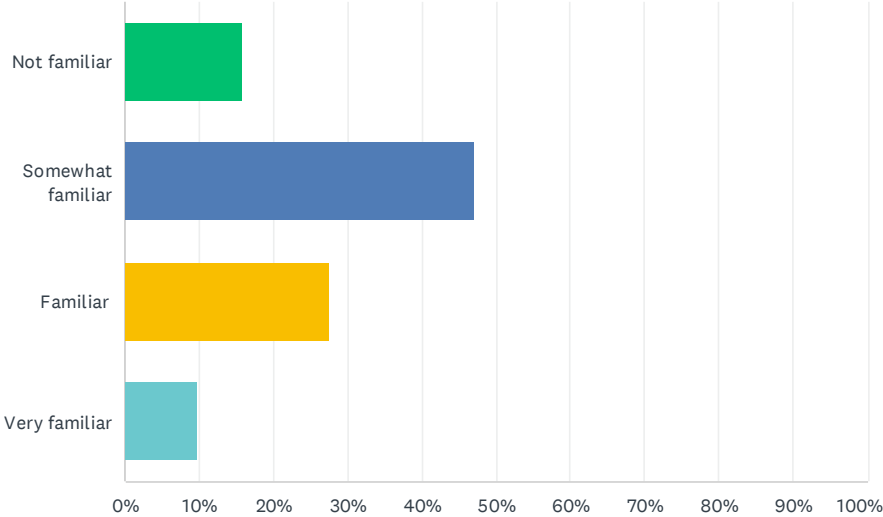
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Burnley	1.96%	1
Centreton	15.69%	8
Fenella	5.88%	3
Grafton	41.18%	21
Lakeport	1.96%	1
Roseneath	11.76%	6
Vernonville	13.73%	7
Rural Alnwick	1.96%	1
Rural Haldimand	3.92%	2
Other (please specify)	1.96%	1
TOTAL		51

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Cobourg	10/23/2025 6:06 AM

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Q5 Are you familiar with the Township's budget or the process of creating a budget?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0

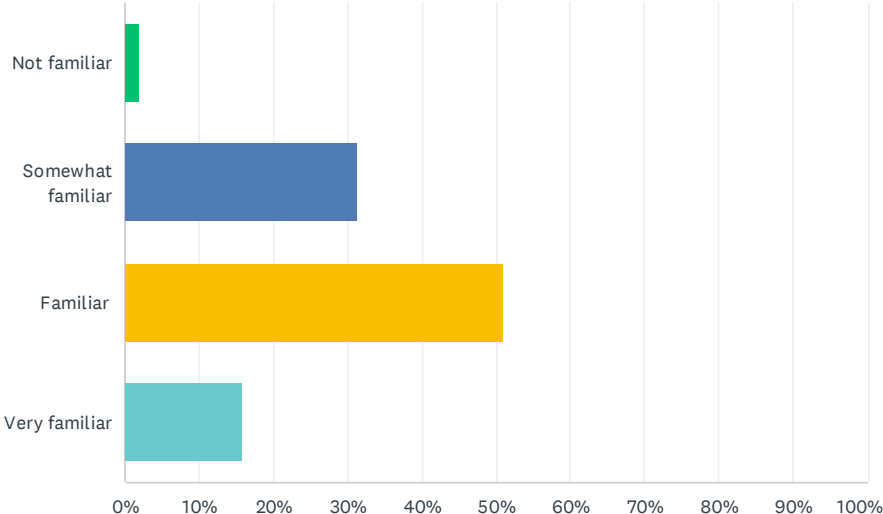


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Not familiar	15.69% 8
Somewhat familiar	47.06% 24
Familiar	27.45% 14
Very familiar	9.80% 5
TOTAL	51

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Q6 Are you familiar with the services the Township provides?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0

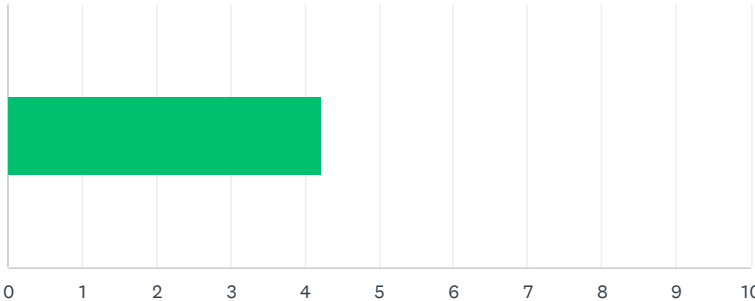


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not familiar	1.96%	1
Somewhat familiar	31.37%	16
Familiar	50.98%	26
Very familiar	15.69%	8
TOTAL		51

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Q7 Overall, how would you rate the value received from your taxes?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	4	215	51
Total Respondents: 51			

#		DATE
1	6	10/24/2025 8:30 PM
2	1	10/23/2025 6:06 AM
3	1	10/17/2025 3:16 PM
4	3	10/17/2025 11:15 AM
5	7	10/15/2025 8:21 PM
6	7	10/14/2025 8:19 PM
7	1	10/14/2025 5:50 PM
8	5	10/14/2025 12:26 PM
9	2	10/14/2025 11:41 AM
10	5	10/14/2025 11:26 AM
11	7	10/14/2025 11:22 AM
12	2	10/13/2025 3:36 PM
13	1	10/12/2025 9:10 PM
14	2	10/9/2025 2:55 PM
15	1	10/9/2025 2:47 PM
16	8	10/9/2025 1:03 PM
17	6	10/9/2025 1:02 PM
18	5	10/9/2025 11:30 AM
19	7	10/9/2025 11:05 AM
20	0	10/9/2025 10:05 AM

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21	8	10/9/2025 9:14 AM
22	3	10/9/2025 9:12 AM
23	4	10/8/2025 10:05 PM
24	3	10/8/2025 10:04 PM
25	2	10/8/2025 8:53 PM
26	0	10/8/2025 10:48 AM
27	5	10/8/2025 3:48 AM
28	7	10/7/2025 9:24 PM
29	7	10/7/2025 6:10 PM
30	6	10/7/2025 5:53 PM
31	1	10/7/2025 5:16 PM
32	8	10/7/2025 3:35 PM
33	6	10/7/2025 10:37 AM
34	8	10/6/2025 8:51 PM
35	6	10/1/2025 10:05 PM
36	8	9/25/2025 9:46 AM
37	2	9/25/2025 7:46 AM
38	5	9/25/2025 6:45 AM
39	2	9/24/2025 9:25 PM
40	4	9/24/2025 8:01 PM
41	4	9/24/2025 2:50 PM
42	8	9/23/2025 10:49 PM
43	5	9/23/2025 9:22 PM
44	5	9/23/2025 9:15 PM
45	0	9/23/2025 6:36 PM
46	1	9/22/2025 3:06 PM
47	2	9/21/2025 10:13 AM
48	4	9/20/2025 6:52 PM
49	7	9/20/2025 4:29 PM
50	1	9/20/2025 8:38 AM
51	6	9/19/2025 4:16 PM

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Q8 Please expand on your rating of value (optional).

Answered: 29 Skipped: 22

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	New road repairs are not good	10/24/2025 8:30 PM
2	New to the community	10/23/2025 6:06 AM
3	Poor governance, poor communication, poor solving of problems, (example, it took 9 weeks to solve a dog problem that could have been solved in 2 days) poor use of tax money, poor decision making, reports poorly created with unsubstantiated conclusions. Even this survey is poorly done. It should have been linked to a roll number with one survey per household or business. The way this is done now is that anyone, anywhere (including staff) can fill this out as many times as they want. Thus, persons with self-interests can fill out this survey several times.	10/17/2025 3:16 PM
4	The roads are cleared in the winter and somewhat maintained at other times. Other than that, we don't get much for our dollars	10/17/2025 11:15 AM
5	People on fixed incomes should be given tax break to offset the school tax.They unfairly subsidize people with children.There should be increased user fees for things such as the arena.Recreational clubs should have to pay increased fees to cover trash pick-up and trail maintenance by qualified persons not just club members.Recreational trails need proper assessment by an independent agency to see which can properly support the use of recreational vehicles. In other words, double lane trails.People who live outside of the village do not get the benefit of services, hence there should be a rate for residents who live in villages and those who do not should get lower rates.Decrease staff and council costs.	10/14/2025 5:50 PM
6	Small town thinking no longer works for a large residential area.	10/14/2025 12:26 PM
7	While winter services(snow plowing, downed trees, etc.) are good summer services (road maintenance, brush cutting along roadways, etc) are very poor	10/14/2025 11:26 AM
8	We pay a lot in taxes and don't even have a street light, very dark in our subdivision	10/14/2025 11:22 AM
9	I don't get many services and have to pay for garbage pick up.	10/13/2025 3:36 PM
10	I find that my taxes are useful for the services i need, but not necessarily the services that i want. I would like to see extended hours of some facilities	10/9/2025 2:55 PM
11	I only see garbage pick-up and snow plowing and the occasional street maintenance. So I ask myself what am I really getting for the taxes I pay.	10/9/2025 11:30 AM
12	A lot of our tax dollars to go the CAO and his accommodations not improving the community	10/9/2025 10:05 AM
13	WONT ALLOW ME TO PUT RATINGS IN ON FIELD BELOW?	10/9/2025 9:14 AM
14	Road aren't great, arena parking lot is terrible.	10/8/2025 10:05 PM
15	No investment into services beyond roadworks and fire.	10/8/2025 8:53 PM
16	Do not think I am getting quality services for the taxes I pay	10/8/2025 3:48 AM
17	It is often difficult to receive responses to questions/ concerns. Council and staff exhibit some serious divisions. I am very concerned that there is no Treasurer in the Township.	10/7/2025 6:10 PM
18	Understandably, road maintenance and clearing take most of the budget, so there isn't much left over for "quality of life" services such as a community centre, library, or community events.	10/7/2025 10:37 AM
19	I love where we live, and understand that the low density population makes it difficult to budget for growth and/or infrastructure. We cut some corners to maintain the status quo, but this seems to be done with careful thought and some strategy (tar and gravel roads, instead of asphalt, for example). Overall I think we do a good job, given our limitations	9/25/2025 9:46 AM

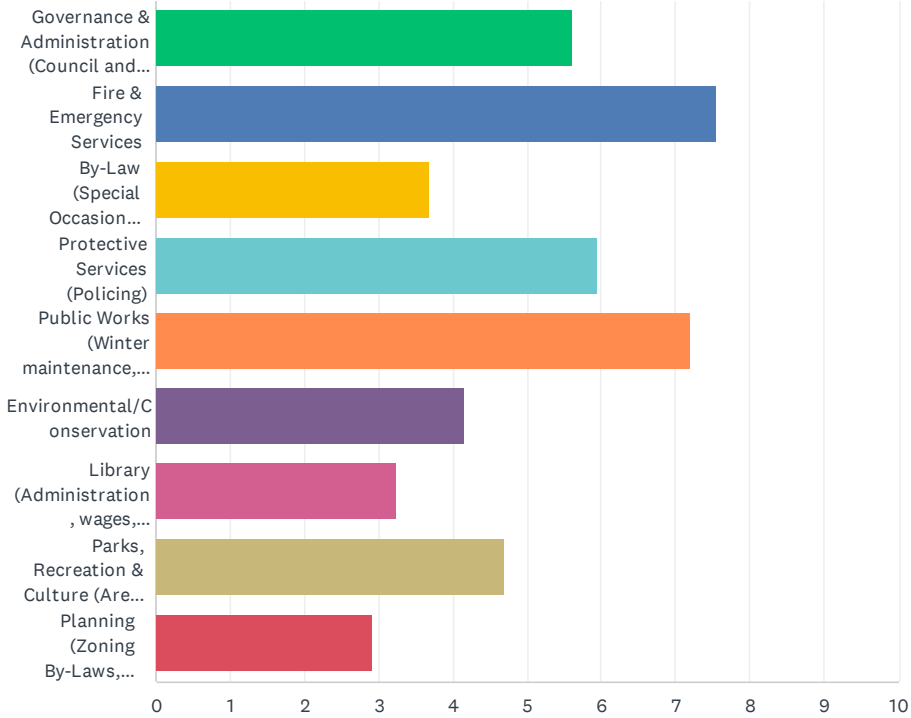
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20	What do we get , we pay for garbage, are roads are terrible, no street lights , no grocery store	9/24/2025 9:25 PM
21	Our taxes are increasing and the services are not. The roads are not in great shape, we pay for garbage tags and the trees and foliage encroaching on the road is terrible.	9/24/2025 8:01 PM
22	Not enough going into parks and rec	9/24/2025 2:50 PM
23	Garbage pickup not included. Close to grafton but not on town water.	9/23/2025 9:22 PM
24	Our taxes continue to increase with little in return. I believe strongly that your finances are the problem with no contingencies. It's clearly noted from the council meeting I attended.	9/23/2025 9:15 PM
25	Taxes are very high for no water, no sewage, no free garbage pick up. We pay almost as much as people in Oshawa.	9/23/2025 6:36 PM
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28	Infrastructure is long past its end of life/use and yet most of budget goes to salaries and benefits	9/20/2025 6:52 PM
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Q9 In your own opinion, please rank the following from most to least important in terms of funding (1 being most important and 9 being least important)

Answered: 51 Skipped: 0



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
Governance & Administration (Council and Advisory Committees, strategic planning, communications & community engagement, financial management, legal, insurance, accessibility, cemeteries, etc.)	17.65% 9	11.76% 6	7.84% 4	21.57% 11	1.96% 1	15.69% 8	9.80% 5	7.84% 4	5.88% 3	5
Fire & Emergency Services	35.29% 18	23.53% 12	23.53% 12	3.92% 2	9.80% 5	1.96% 1	0.00% 0	1.96% 1	0.00% 0	5
By-Law (Special Occasion Permits, Short-term Accommodation Licensing, By-law Enforcement, etc.)	5.88% 3	5.88% 3	0.00% 0	7.84% 4	11.76% 6	9.80% 5	25.49% 13	13.73% 7	19.61% 10	5
Protective Services (Policing)	3.92% 2	29.41% 15	17.65% 9	21.57% 11	0.00% 0	5.88% 3	11.76% 6	1.96% 1	7.84% 4	5
Public Works (Winter maintenance, road/bridge maintenance and construction, fleet maintenance, etc.)	29.41% 15	11.76% 6	25.49% 13	19.61% 10	9.80% 5	3.92% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5
Environmental/Conservation	3.92% 2	1.96% 1	3.92% 2	9.80% 5	25.49% 13	19.61% 10	13.73% 7	9.80% 5	11.76% 6	5
Library (Administration, wages, programming, collection development, rent, etc.)	1.96% 1	0.00% 0	5.88% 3	1.96% 1	15.69% 8	15.69% 8	15.69% 8	23.53% 12	19.61% 10	5
Parks, Recreation & Culture (Arena and Ball Diamond operations, grass cutting & community gardening, beach & boat launch maintenance, recreational programs and activities, heritage etc.)	1.96% 1	11.76% 6	11.76% 6	13.73% 7	13.73% 7	15.69% 8	5.88% 3	17.65% 9	7.84% 4	5
Planning (Zoning By-Laws, Official Plans, severances, minor variance applications, etc.)	0.00% 0	3.92% 2	3.92% 2	0.00% 0	11.76% 6	11.76% 6	17.65% 9	23.53% 12	27.45% 14	5

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Q10 Are there any other services important to you that are not on this list? (optional).

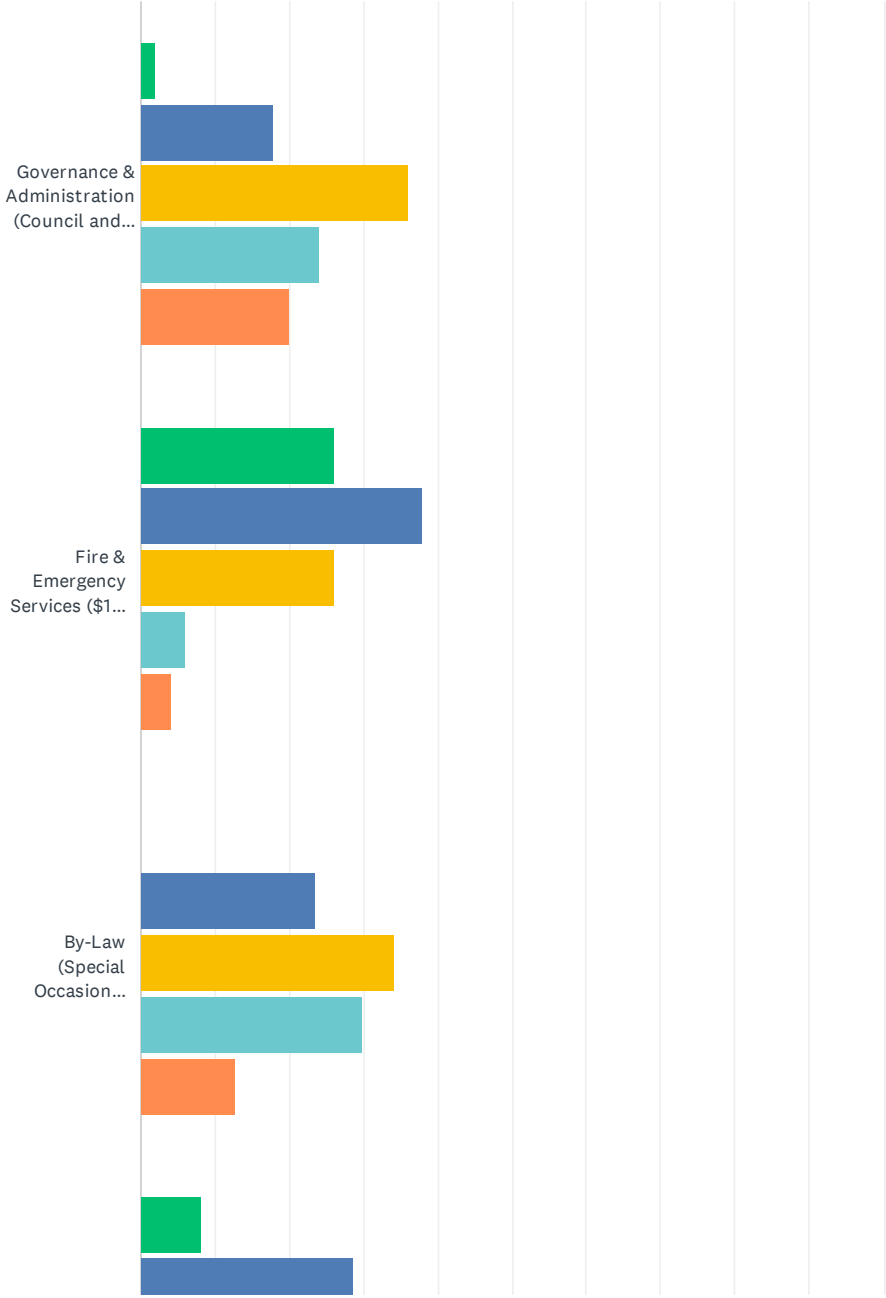
Answered: 11 Skipped: 40

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Garbage collection - bag tag fees	10/23/2025 6:06 AM
2	Stream recreational vehicles to double lane trails. Encourage non-motorize use.	10/14/2025 5:50 PM
3	By-law enforcement needs to actually enforce the laws. Administration needs new blood.	10/14/2025 12:26 PM
4	N/A	10/9/2025 10:05 AM
5	WONT ALLOW ME TO RATE?	10/9/2025 9:14 AM
6	Fire is not as important as paramedics. I would prefer that you separate the two. Paramedics should be well funded and supported.	9/24/2025 8:01 PM
7	Historical preservation	9/23/2025 10:49 PM
8	Health care, transportation availability-eg. bus/train depot.	9/22/2025 3:06 PM
9	Garbage collection	9/21/2025 10:13 AM
10	Why under Governance/Administarion do you lost legal when we contract that out? Why list accessibility when your years behind on completing your own mandates?	9/20/2025 6:52 PM
11	Waste management services	9/20/2025 8:38 AM

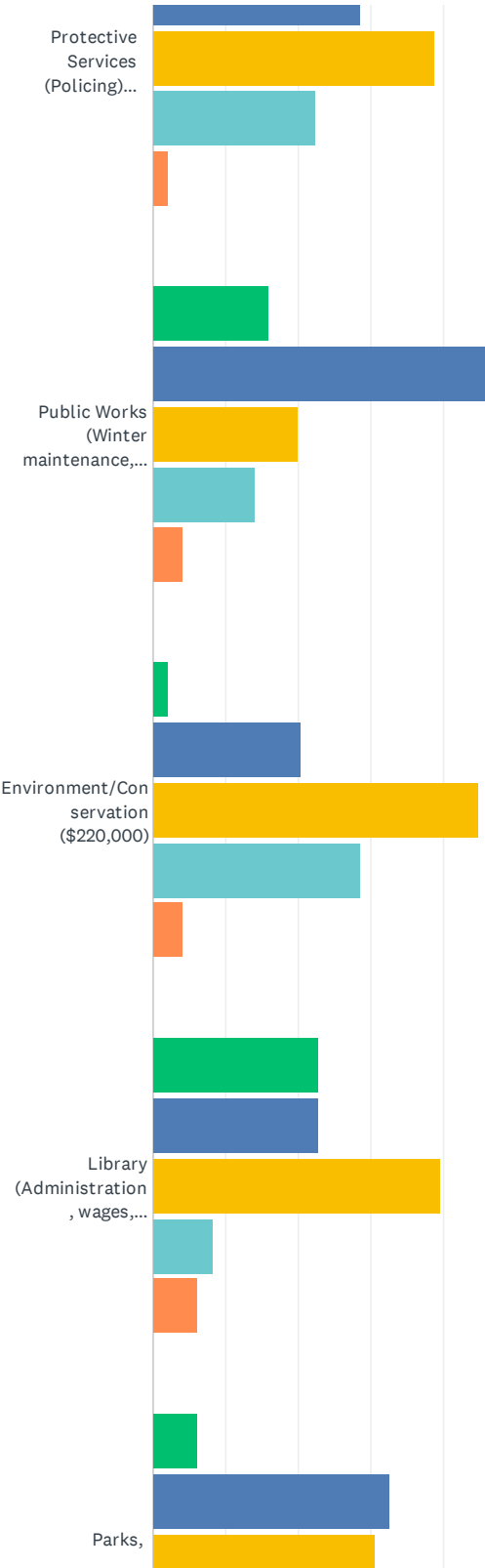
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Q11 In your opinion, please rate the following Township services based on their value for dollar. Do you feel you receive Excellent/Bad service based on the service area expenditures identified in the bar graph above? (Dollar values provided are approximate).

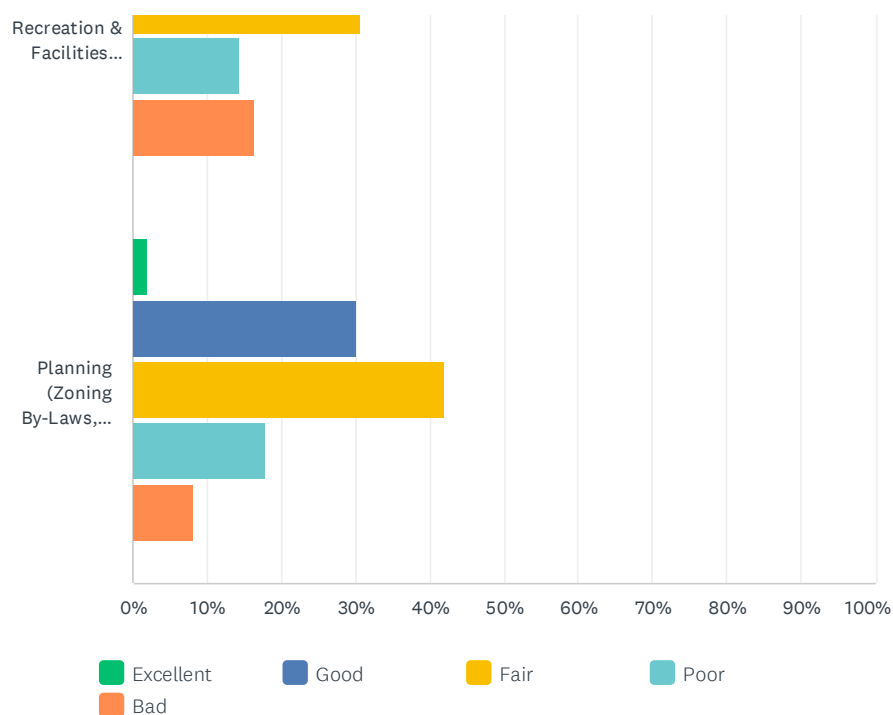
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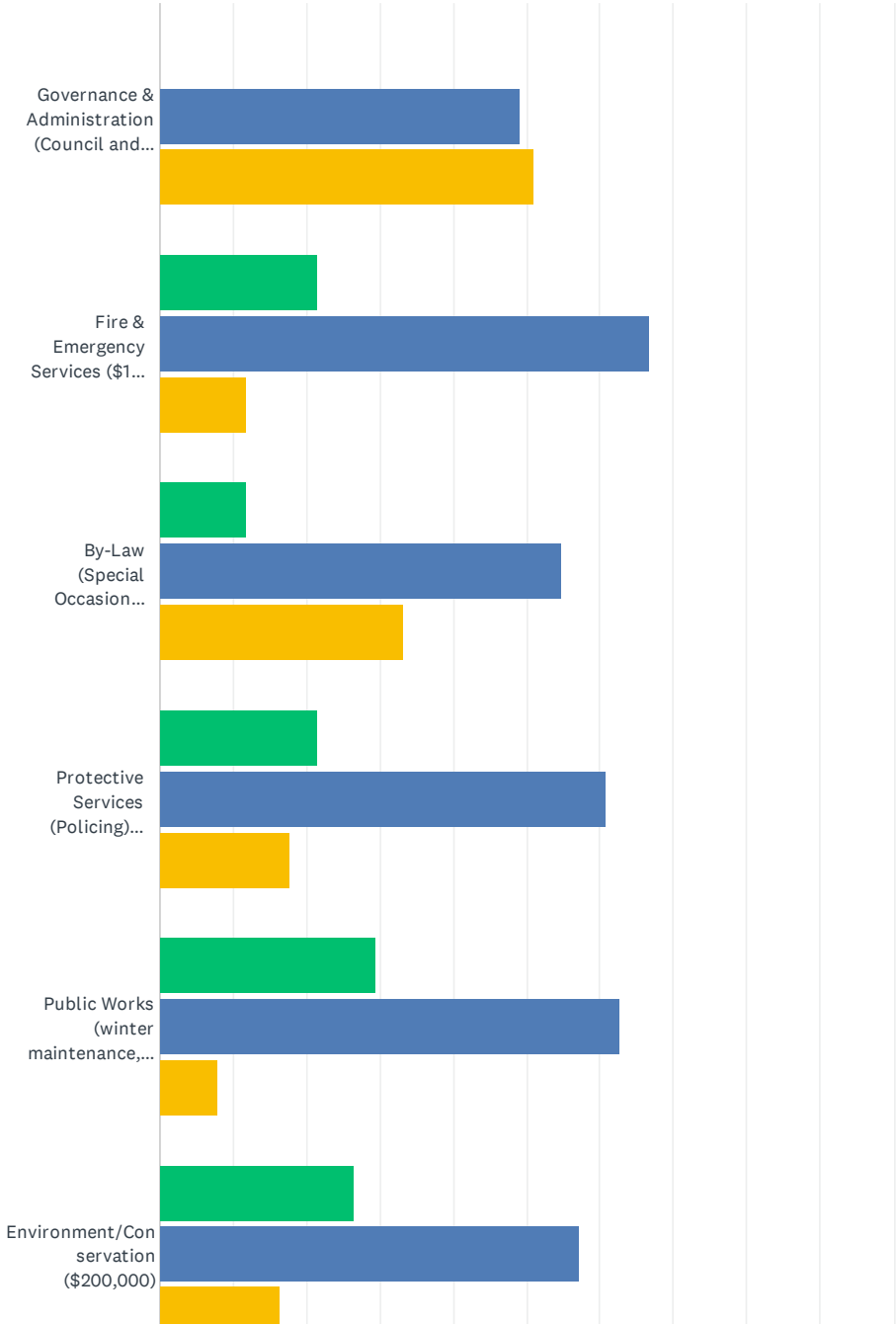


	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	BAD	TOTAL
Governance & Administration (Council and advisory committees, elections, strategic planning, communications & community engagement, financial management, legal and privacy, insurance, accessibility, heritage, etc.) (\$1.2million)	2.00% 1	18.00% 9	36.00% 18	24.00% 12	20.00% 10	50
Fire & Emergency Services (\$1.1 million)	26.00% 13	38.00% 19	26.00% 13	6.00% 3	4.00% 2	50
By-Law (Special Occasion Permits, Short-term Accommodation Licensing, By-law Enforcement, etc.) (\$75,000)	0.00% 0	23.40% 11	34.04% 16	29.79% 14	12.77% 6	47
Protective Services (Policing) (\$1.25 million)	8.16% 4	28.57% 14	38.78% 19	22.45% 11	2.04% 1	49
Public Works (Winter maintenance, roads & bridges, etc.) (\$3.2 million)	16.00% 8	46.00% 23	20.00% 10	14.00% 7	4.00% 2	50
Environment/Conservation (\$220,000)	2.04% 1	20.41% 10	44.90% 22	28.57% 14	4.08% 2	49
Library (Administration, wages, programming, collection development, rent, etc.) (\$285,000)	22.92% 11	22.92% 11	39.58% 19	8.33% 4	6.25% 3	48
Parks, Recreation & Facilities (Arena and Ball Diamond operations, grass cutting & community gardening, beach & boat launch maintenance, recreational programs and activities, etc.) (\$1.1million)	6.12% 3	32.65% 16	30.61% 15	14.29% 7	16.33% 8	49
Planning (Zoning By-Laws, Official Plans, severances, minor variance applications, etc.) (\$250,000)	2.00% 1	30.00% 15	42.00% 21	18.00% 9	8.00% 4	50

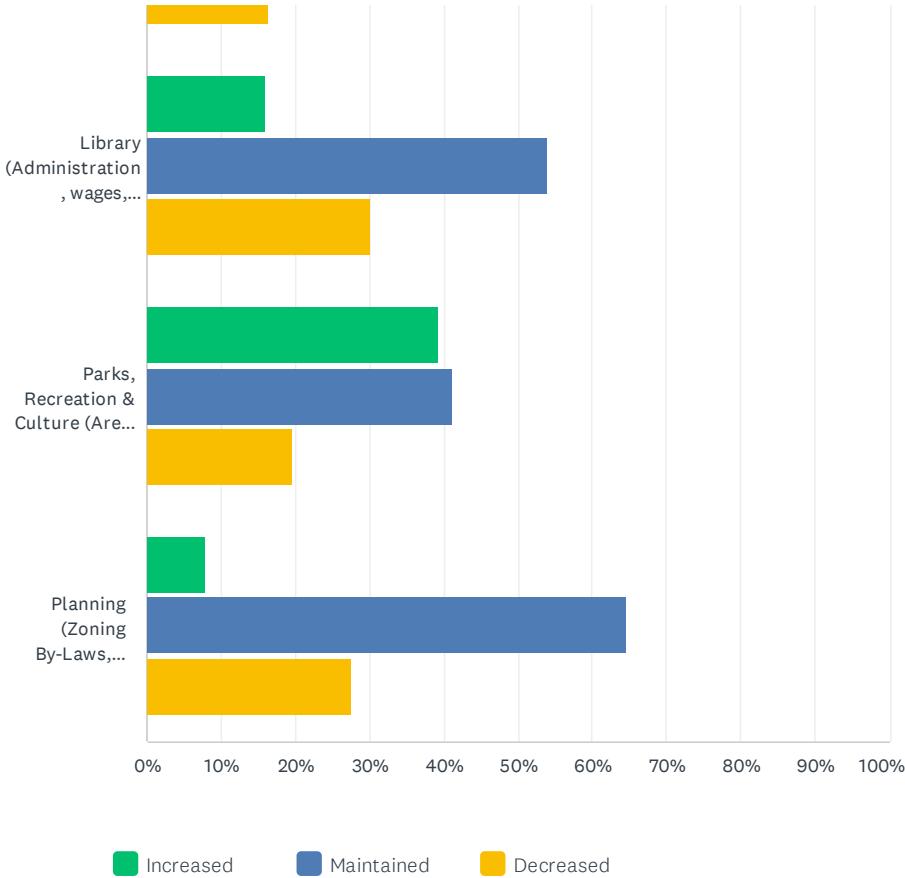
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Q12 Please let us know if you think the funding should be increased, maintained, or decreased for the following Township services (dollar values provided are approximate).

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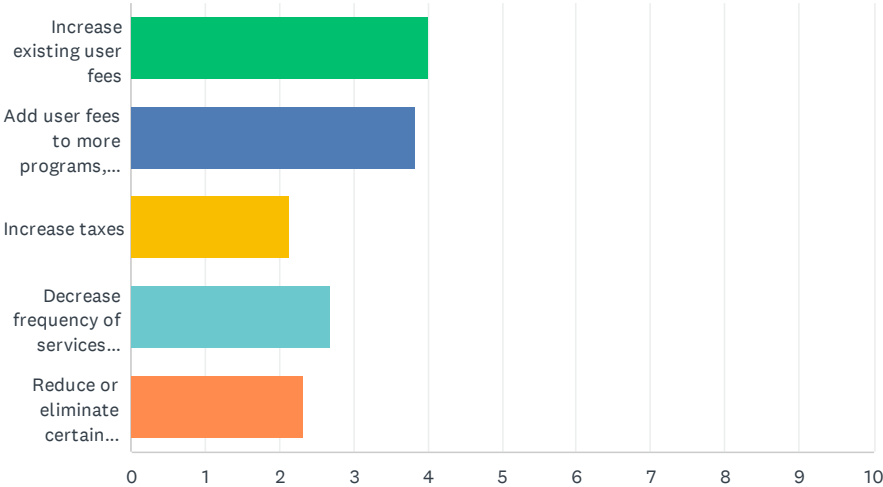
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	INCREASED	MAINTAINED	DECREASED	TOTAL
Governance & Administration (Council and advisory committees, elections, strategic planning, communications & community engagement, financial management, legal and privacy, insurance, accessibility, heritage, cemeteries, etc.) (\$1.2million)	0.00% 0	49.02% 25	50.98% 26	51
Fire & Emergency Services (\$1.1 million)	21.57% 11	66.67% 34	11.76% 6	51
By-Law (Special Occasion Permits, Short-term Accommodation Licensing, By-law Enforcement, etc.) (\$75,000)	11.76% 6	54.90% 28	33.33% 17	51
Protective Services (Policing) (\$1.25 million)	21.57% 11	60.78% 31	17.65% 9	51
Public Works (winter maintenance, roads & bridges, etc.) (\$3.2 million)	29.41% 15	62.75% 32	7.84% 4	51
Environment/Conservation (\$200,000)	26.53% 13	57.14% 28	16.33% 8	49
Library (Administration, wages, programming, collection development, rent, etc.) (\$285,000)	16.00% 8	54.00% 27	30.00% 15	50
Parks, Recreation & Culture (Arena and Ball Diamond operations, grass cutting & community gardening, beach & boat launch maintenance, recreational programs and activities, heritage etc.) (\$1.1 million)	39.22% 20	41.18% 21	19.61% 10	51
Planning (Zoning By-Laws, Official Plans, severances, minor variance applications, etc.)(250,000)	7.84% 4	64.71% 33	27.45% 14	51

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Q13 One part of the budget process is balancing the budget. Please rank the following from most to least favorable methods for balancing the 2026 Budget.

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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Increase existing user fees	37.25% 19	33.33% 17	23.53% 12	3.92% 2	1.96% 1	51	4.00
Add user fees to more programs, services	27.45% 14	41.18% 21	19.61% 10	11.76% 6	0.00% 0	51	3.84
Increase taxes	11.76% 6	7.84% 4	19.61% 10	3.92% 2	56.86% 29	51	2.14
Decrease frequency of services (reduced hours)	7.84% 4	11.76% 6	29.41% 15	43.14% 22	7.84% 4	51	2.69
Reduce or eliminate certain services	15.69% 8	5.88% 3	7.84% 4	37.25% 19	33.33% 17	51	2.33

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Q14 Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, we appreciate your feedback. If you have any general comments, an idea, or project that you would like to share with us, please let us know in the space below.

Answered: 13 Skipped: 38

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Have a proper road allowance and trail survey done to determine which trails can be used for motorized use such as double lane trails that can allow for safe passing. The total amount for staff and council salaries should be clearly listed. Staff and council costs need to be decreased. Decrease taxes for residents on fixed incomes or on disability. This survey was poorly constructed. Only one survey per residence or business should be allowed. People with self-interests and personal agendas (even staff) can fill this survey out as many times as they like. This is another example of poor use of tax money and poor governance and poor decision making.	10/17/2025 3:16 PM
2	I think certain services should be more inclined to user pay. For example: the boat launch at Wicklow Beach should be a paid service. Many of the people who use it do not reside in our township, get a free service and do not contribute otherwise. People come from as far away as Quebec to use this and camp there as well since there is no bylaw enforcement. The county should also look at this for the county forest, if not daily at least on the weekends. It's another revenue stream as opposed to only expenses	10/17/2025 11:15 AM
3	Decrease costs and increase staff and council effectiveness. Stream motorized recreational traffic to double lane trails. To offset the school tax, offer a credit to people who do not have children or are on fixed incomes. Close road allowances not suitable for use. Combine the CAO and Clerk positions. More accountability and better communication and professionalism.	10/14/2025 5:50 PM
4	The entire town council needs new blood. The current administration is way past its expiration date. Everyone is sick of the "old boys club" attitude of the original small town families. Time to modernize and pass the torch to younger professionals.	10/14/2025 12:26 PM
5	I would just love to see the rinks and ball diamonds kept in peak condition and a small rental fee be added with lots of publicity. Nothing worse than fields and sports venues that sit empty, \$5 of revenue is more than \$0.	10/9/2025 2:55 PM
6	Could we please focus on items that really make an impact in the community and help maintain or enhance our levels of service? Employees should not be allowed to stay in hotels so that they can be closer to work or, using Township vehicles at home, this increases our non value added items to the Township and increases our tax dollars for assets that are being worn out for non township items.	10/9/2025 10:05 AM
7	Communication is an area that needs to be improved within Alnwick-Haldimand. The website is a good resource but it is often difficult to access appropriate departments.	10/7/2025 6:10 PM
8	Fire Chief works 1 day a week as Fire Chief at the Station \$170,000 yr. [REDACTED] full time position not posted Bylaw positions not posted Fire Dept is over funded, mismanaged and is non inclusive.	10/7/2025 5:16 PM
9	The recent newsletter is a step in the right direction to improve communication. Residents need more details and information about what is going on - for example, repairs to the Township Hall and the Arena/Community Centre project. No one wants to pay more taxes but we have to invest in our infrastructure and our community or else our residents (particularly teenagers) have nowhere to go and will get into trouble.	10/7/2025 10:37 AM
10	It seems like the township has a huge administrative budget. I would like to see a list of how many administrative employees they have and how much the salaries are. Seems like a huge budget for the size of our township.	9/24/2025 8:01 PM
11	I think "Balancing the budget starts with tightening the belt within on expenditures not going after more money from the community as we are already paying far too much for what we	9/23/2025 9:15 PM

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receive. You see year over year what services need most attention over other services that don't. Ifo the cut backs. I don't believe wages should be increased again as you need to balance the budget and unfortunately the belt needs to be tightened. Alnwick/Haldimand is not a city it's a small rural town were most people paid for their own sewer, water and propane so not much is provided to the community besides public works which is mostly paid by Northumberland County. All these millions from tax paying dollars need to be put to good use and not wasted. I think all services listed above need to be trimmed back and then have a contingency amount put in place.

12	speed internet and cellular connectivity needs to be fast tracked.	9/22/2025 3:06 PM
13	4 million in salaries and benefits and 1.9 million in contracting out. Now paying \$150,000 so far to get a union contract? We are too small a municipality for this. We pay City salaries while our infrastructure crumbles and your answer is to raise taxes and cut programs. Shame on you. Our municipality needs to be amalgamated.	9/20/2025 6:52 PM