

2024 BUDGET SURVEY





Which of the following best describes you? (Please choose all that apply)

I own a home, or property, in the Town of Berwick I own/operate a business in the Town of Berwick and own my business property I own/operate a business in the Town of Berwick and rent my business property I rent a home, or apartment, in the Town of Berwick I work in the Town of Berwick I visit the Town of Berwick I am unhoused in the Town of Berwick Other (please specify) 30 10 20



Rate your understanding of the municipal budget process



Knowledge of budget process

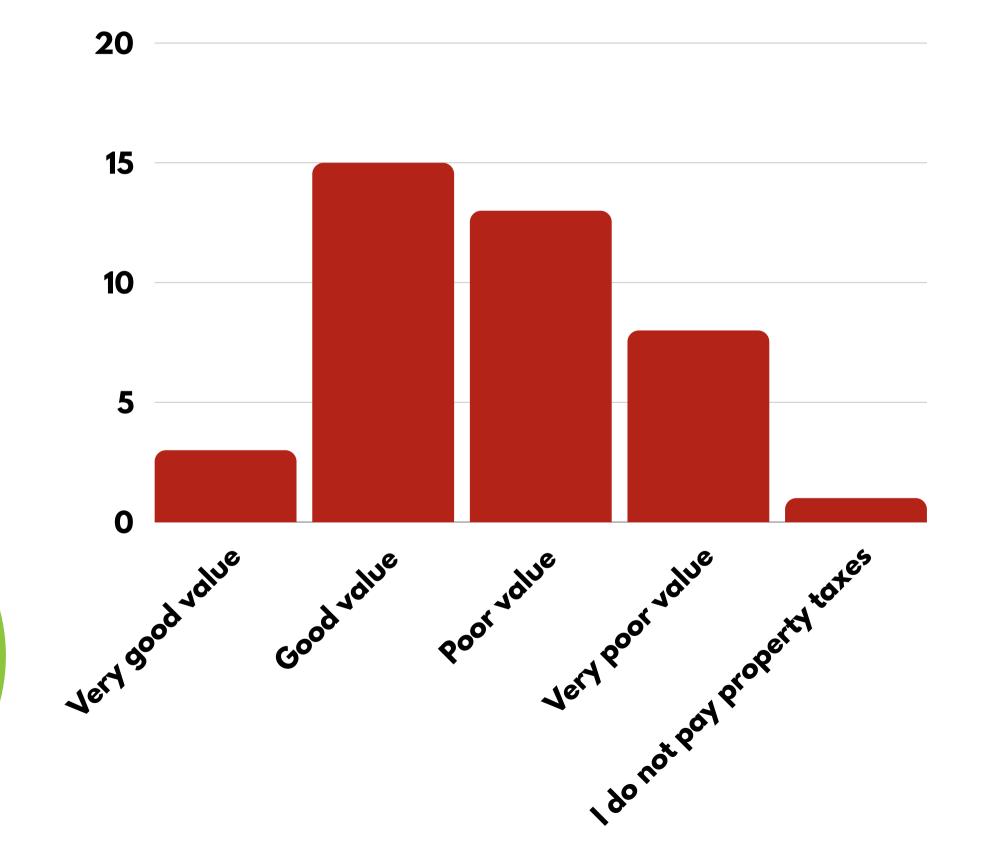
Understanding of how your tax dollars are used







Overall, how would you rate the value you receive for the property tax you pay?







What would you identify as your top five municipal service priorities?

Roads and sidewalks (92.5%)

Sewer and wastewater (85%)

Fire and Police Services (67.5%)

Stormwater Management (55%)

Building a green and sustainable community (42.5%)



Public Works

45% of respondents would choose to maintain the current level of services, which may require a tax increase to offset inflation

17.5% of respondents would choose to enhance the level of services, which may require a tax increase above inflation



17.5% of respondents would choose to <u>reduce</u> the level of services, to maintain current tax levels



Public Works

What we heard: Public Works

Continue focus on sidewalks and street repair
Wastewater treatment is a priority
Enhanced bike lanes

Increase efficiency





Community Development

32.5% of respondents would choose to <u>reduce</u> the level of services, to maintain current tax levels

27.5% of respondents would choose to maintain the current level of services, which may require a tax increase to offset inflation



27.5% of respondents would choose to <u>reduce</u> the level of services, to reduce taxes



Community Development

What we heard: Community Development

Better communication of existing programming
Offer more programming for all ages
Focus on community/economic development



Inclusive programming Increase efficiency



Administration

32.5% of respondents would choose to maintain the current level of services, which may require a tax increase to offset inflation

25% of respondents would choose to <u>reduce</u> the level of services, to maintain current tax levels



22.5% of respondents would choose to <u>reduce</u> the level of services, to reduce taxes



Administration

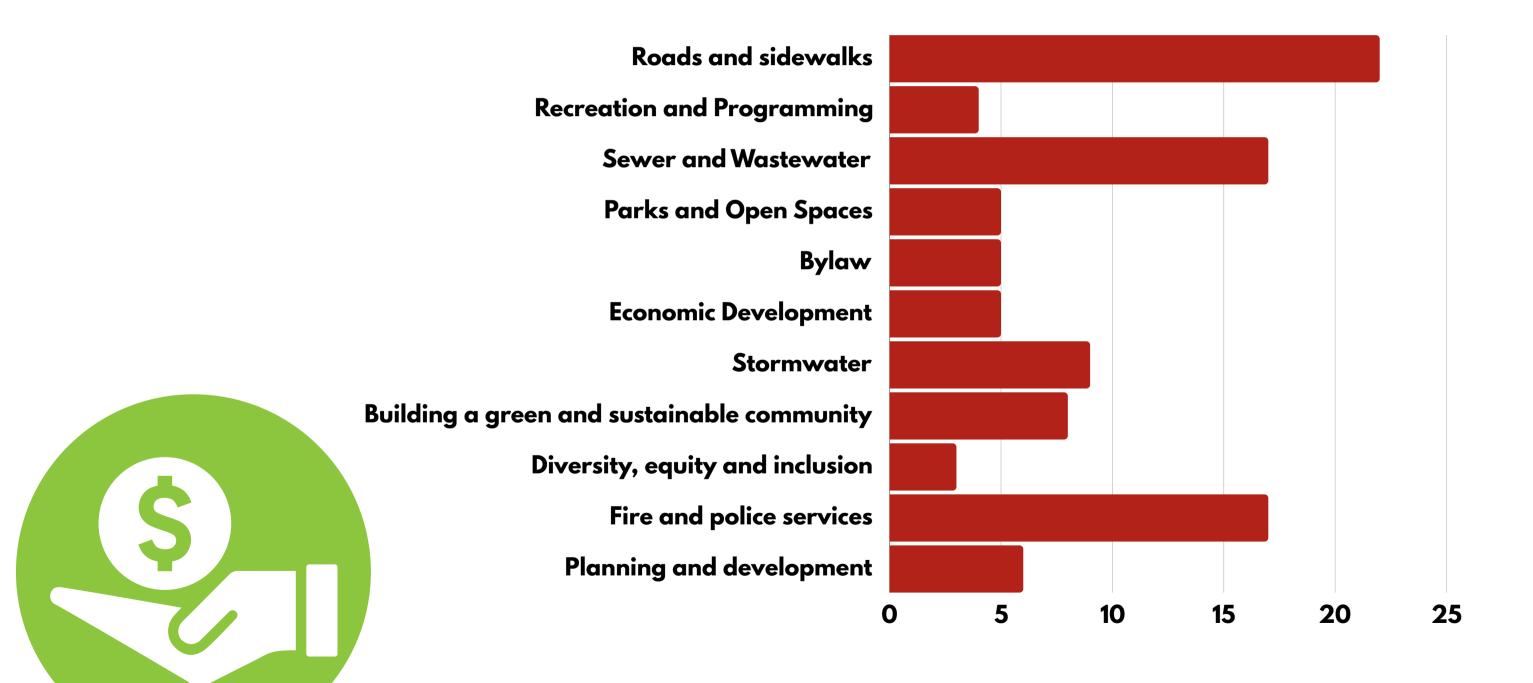
What we heard: Administration

Increase levels of customer service
Better communication
Increase efficiency





How respondents would allocate funds, if given \$100 to spend:





Bylaw

62.5% of respondents would <u>not</u> support an increase in the budget for bylaw enforcement





Summary of comments

Respondents would like to see:

No increase in taxes
Services maintained at current levels
Increased efficiency across all departments

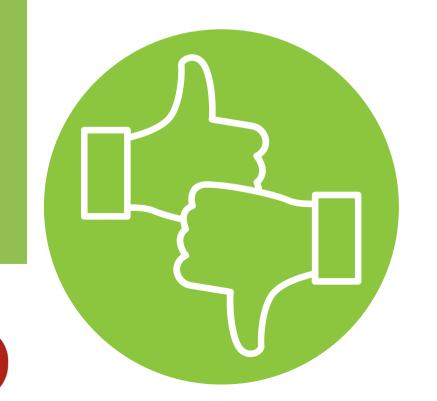




Summary of comments

Respondents are happy with:

Friendly staff
Snow removal
Brush/leaf pickup
Recreation services
Berwick Electric Commission







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