

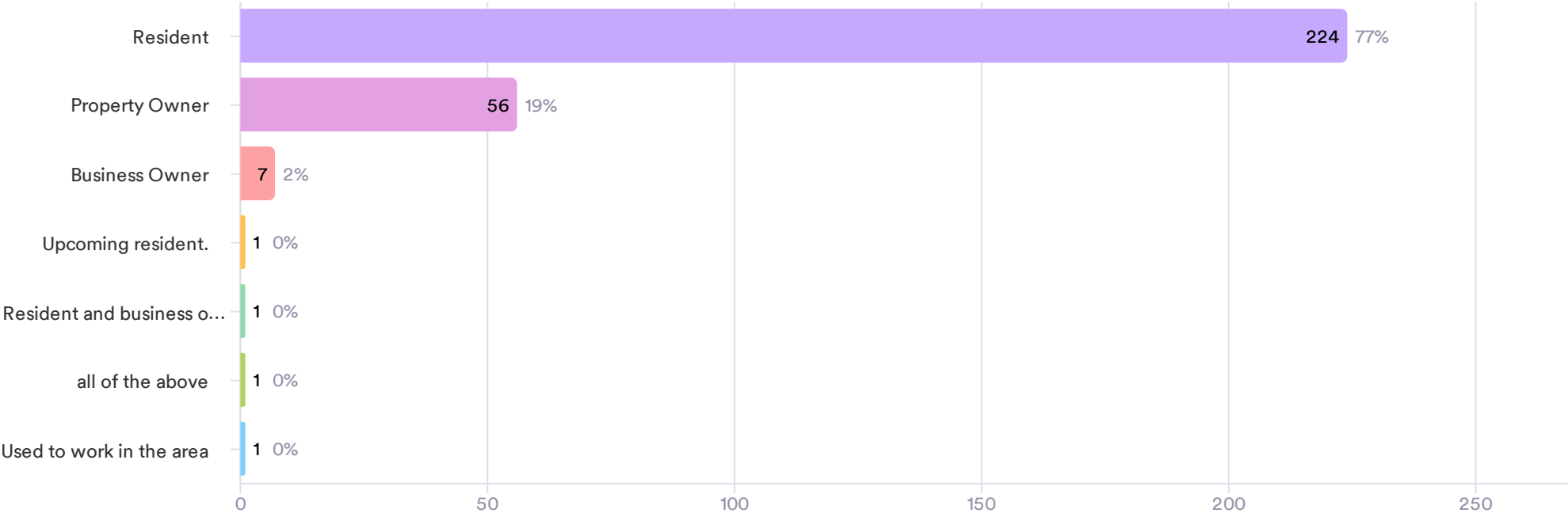
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Survey Results



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What is your connection to North Grenville?

291 Responses

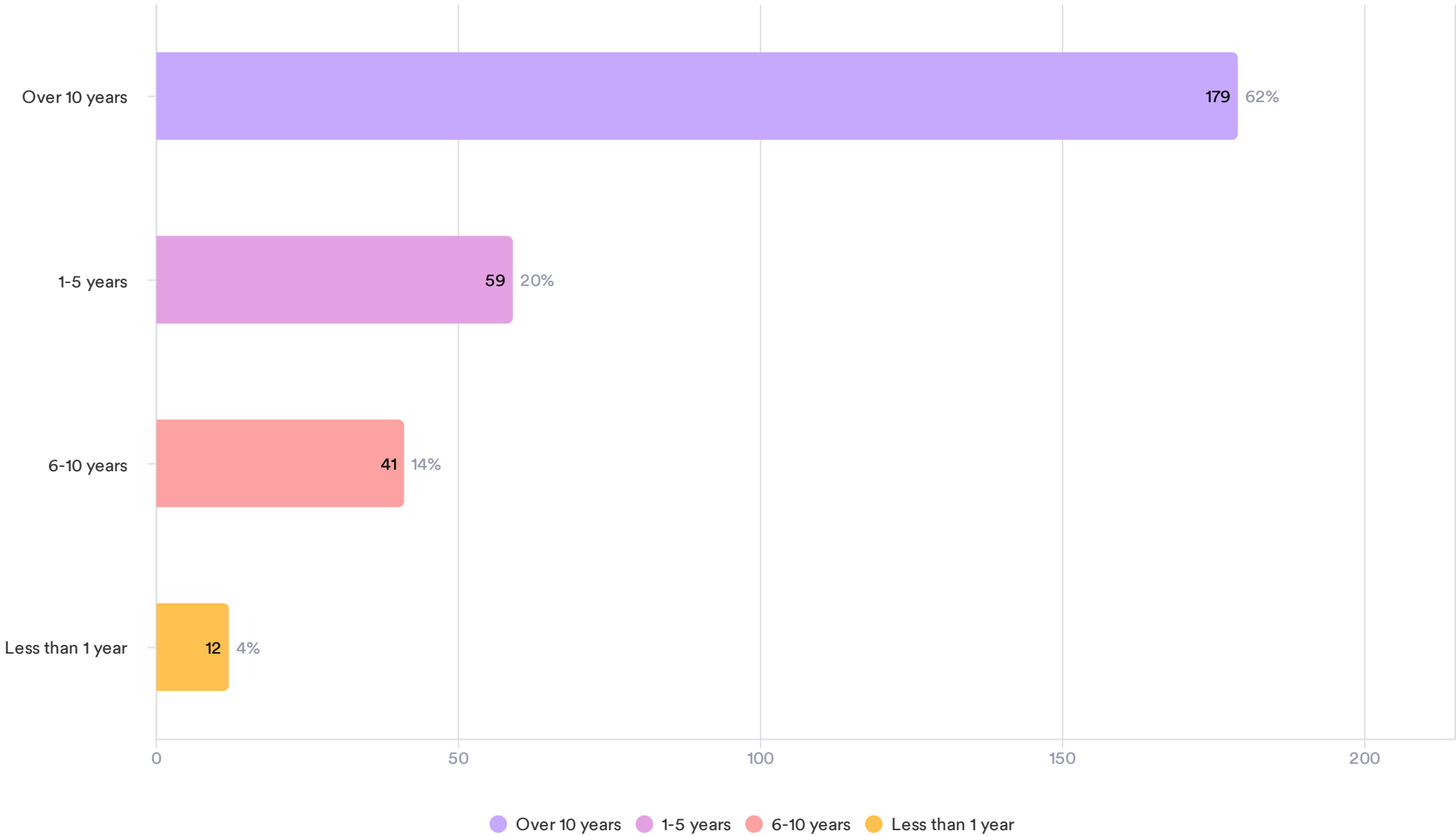


Data	Response	%
Resident	224	77%
Property Owner	56	19%
Business Owner	7	2%
Upcoming resident.	1	0%
Resident and business owner	1	0%
all of the above	1	0%
Used to work in the area	1	0%

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How long have you been part of the North Grenville community?

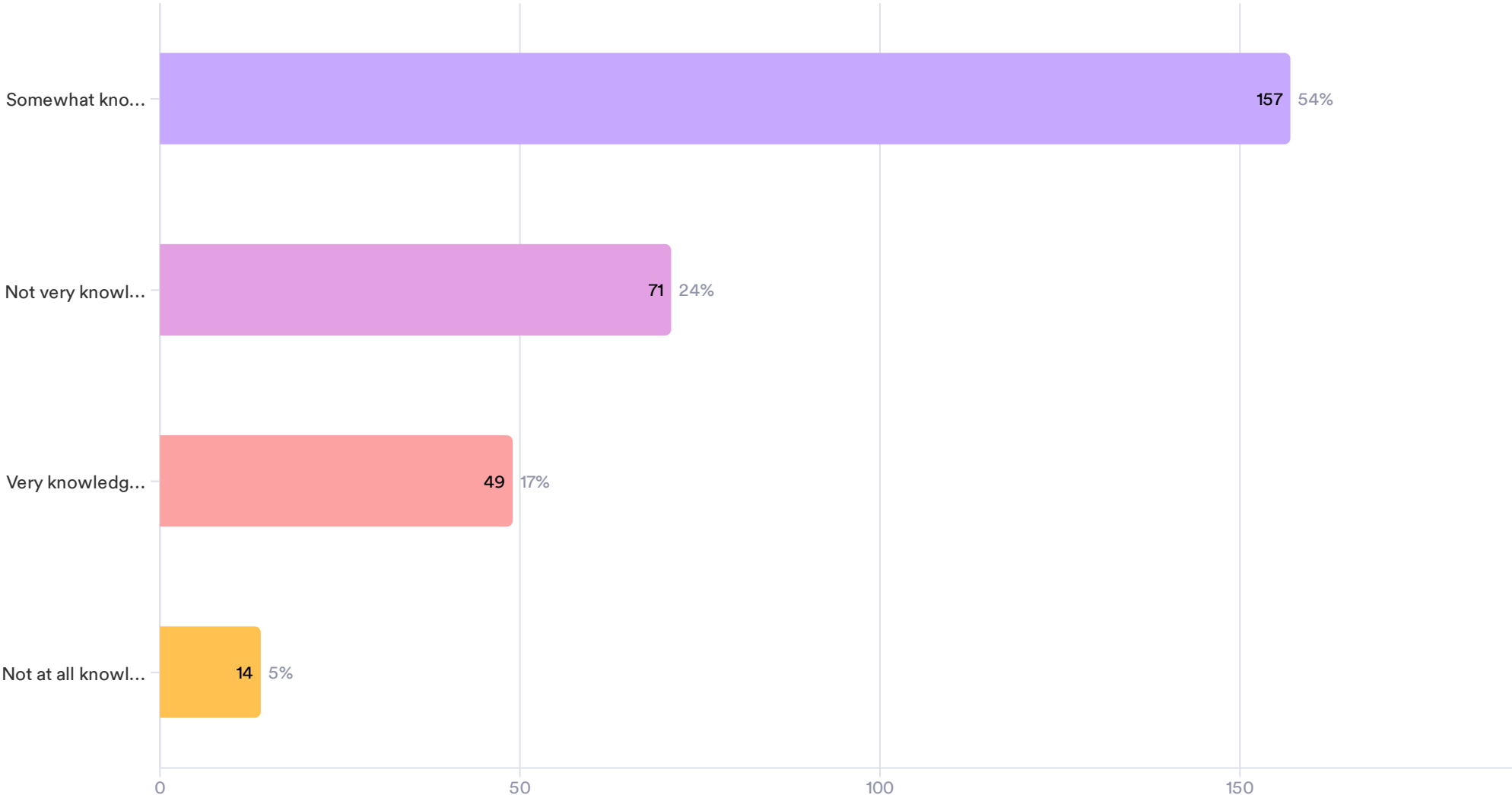
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How would you describe your knowledge of North Grenville's municipal services and budget process?

291 Responses

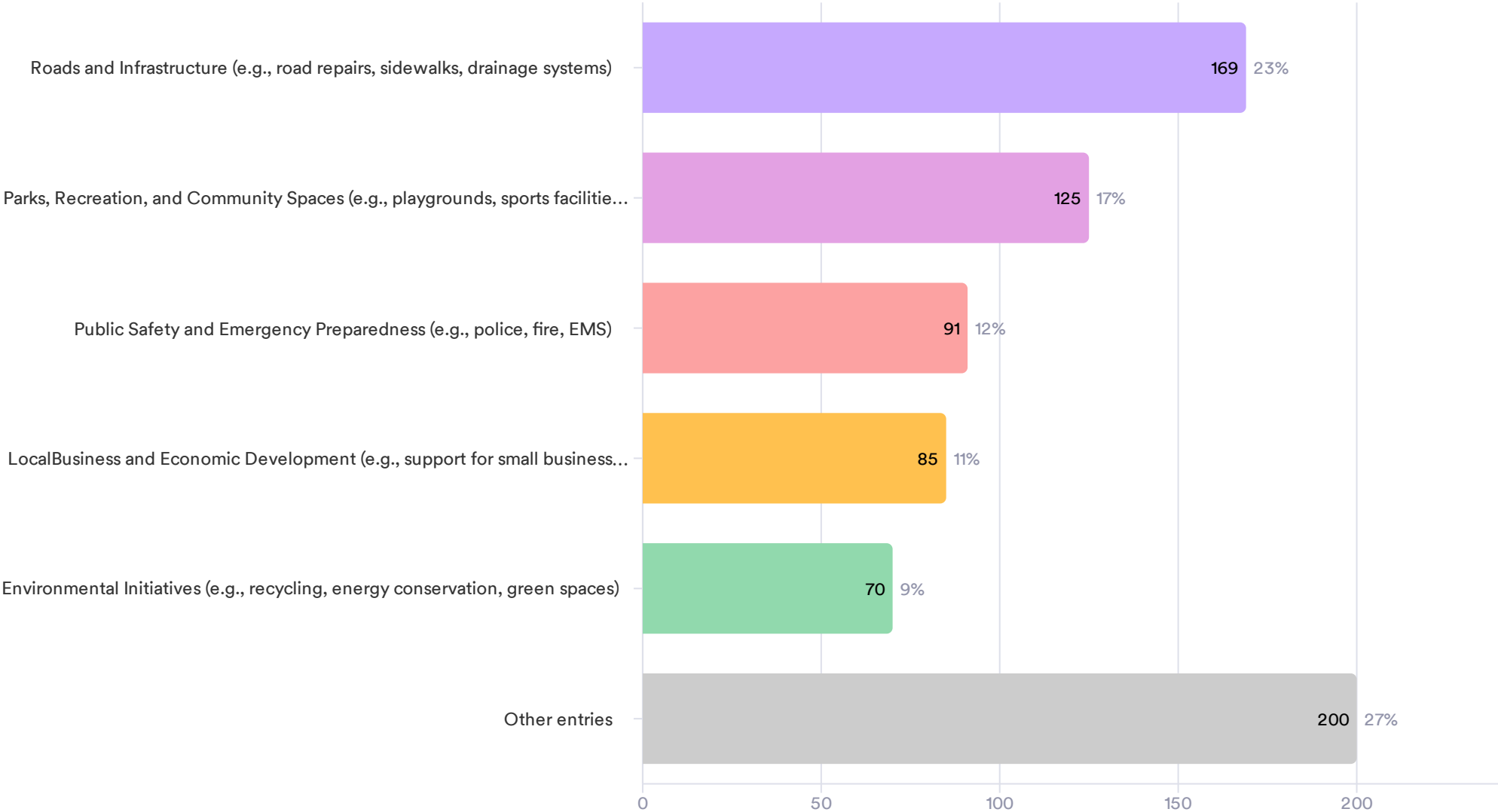


● Somewhat knowledgeable – I know a bit about the main areas and services ● Not very knowledgeable – I'm not familiar with the specifics of municipal budgeting
● Very knowledgeable – I follow municipal services and budgeting closely ● Not at all knowledgeable – I don't know much about it

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In which areas would you most like to see investments to enhance quality of life in North Grenville?

740 Responses



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Are there specific types of projects or services you would like the municipality to prioritize in 2025? If yes, tell us below.

(149 Responses - 142 Empty)

- Fix Sanders Street, affordable housing
- Having a full functioning gym with classes and indoor sauna/steam room
- Grants for small businesses
- Tourism
- Gravel road improvements
- More year-round green space and trails, low income housing for seniors
- Find savings to fully offset inflationary increases; cut taxes; 2024 increase was too much
- Local police service
- Enhance and promote active transportation and walkability in the community
- Enforcement of municipal bylaws
- Less taxes
- Outdoor spaces for children
- Indoor swimming pool
- Commuter bus service to Ottawa
- Anything that doesn't waste money like they currently do
- Water needs to be improved. Not drinkable
- Supporting small businesses during a low economy. Equals better jobs for those in the community.
- Old water/sewer systems. They lack attention and are progressively costing more as time goes on.
- Revitalize downtown area
- Sidewalks, street lights, grants for small business
- Roads and sidewalks
- More public transportation and road repair
- Stop the prison
- Environment policies
- Cutting cost to provide fair property tax allocation and increase services - safety, education, and hospital.
- Stop speeding - buy speed cameras and speed bumps
- EMS
- More park paths/trails
- Snow clearing sidewalks and shoulders for pedestrian safety
- Slow down the growth
- Additional recreational options and less home building...
- allow more severances in the country
- Basic services, let the churches and service groups handle special interests
- Affordable housing, active transportation/transportation service, responsible sustainable development at an appropriate pace
- I would like to see a sidewalk on Clothier St. East from Bridge St to James St for better pedestrian safety, and a stop sign on Clothier East at James St to control speed of traffic in a residential area that receives heavy foot and vehicle traffic.
- Really needs to be better safety measures in place on clothier street E for people walking. Very unsafe right now and cars aren't slowing down
- Clothier street east needs to improve pedestrian infrastructure as the street is increasingly busy and there are NO SIDEWALKS!
- Improve traffic control on clothier street. It's getting dangerous for foot traffic and people don't slow down
- Sidewalk or road safety in clothier East. It isn't safe
- Please make Clothier Street East safer. The current state of affairs is dangerous and someone is going to get hurt or killed if no action is taken. There is a significant amount of foot traffic on this road, but there is no sidewalk or sufficient buffer to keep pedestrians safe from vehicles. Given the increased traffic due to 43 construction and the fact that there is no stop sign or reason to slow down over a 5 block stretch, vehicles travel incredibly fast here. I've seen too many large trucks traveling at least 80 kmh down this road without any consideration for those walking. Please start taking this seriously before it becomes too late... It is far more urgent than sidewalks up George Street, and the speed indicator sign is not helping.

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- children park near creek houses
- Tax Cuts
- Community recreation programs
- More frequent yard waste collection
- Building and maintaining the road networks. Stop lowering speed limits that will affect our OPP risk assessments. Less focus on property control and landscaping mandates for private owners.
- Businesses. Investing in supporting them.
- Traffic management on Roadways enforcement of the traffic laws get trucks off of Concession Rd where are the Red Like Cameras
- Pedestrian safety (lighting and accessibility), lights on all ball diamonds at riverside park
- Indoor pool, expansion of public transit including a shuttle to Ottawa for commuters.
- An indoor swimming facility, community funded childcare centers
- Indoor pool - more inclusive programming for families that aren't into skating/hockey
- Expanded public transit
- Additional sidewalks to allow student and adult safe walking to all sides of Kemptville
- Downtown
- Need to continue the bike and walking lanes on highway 44 to Equille. The community bus should be less than \$5.00 or with a transfer of 45 minutes with that fee. If you do this you will have more older people and kids taking the bus, keeping the cost down you will have less cars on the road.
- Active seniors recreational programs
- North Grenville needs programs for active seniors
- Shopping and restaurants ie Swiss chalet
- Kemptville is not a walkable town. (other than the old core neighbour hood). If you want seniors to stay active and in the community provision of walking paths and sidewalks is vital. The OPP is so underfunded that rural areas have no real policing.
- Complete the walking path on 44 towards the river. Leaf and yard waste pick up without tags and more often
- Would like to be able to throw garden waste and flower or weeds waste into compost bin. That or it should be a bi monthly pick up with no fees as I see many people just dumping theirs in the forest area
- Affordable rental properties and housing. We would attract new young families to our community. Current rental and housing is out of reach for new families starting off.
- Public Transportation to Ottawa, community gardens, indoor swimming pool
- More connections btw subdivisions, lights and safety- hwy 44 for example
- Indoor Pool
- Fixing the roads downtown and preventing through traffic which is making downtown unmanageable
- Housing initiative /affordabiity programs
- I believe a crosswalk on county road 44 to the trails I Ferguson Forest is vital. It would also benefit the community to have an interpretive / educational center in this area for families, children, to foster our appreciation for this valuable resource in the community.
- Radon test kits for home owners, more diversification of ferguson forest greenhouse and nursery
- I would like to see all unsurfaced roads surface, rather than seeing the ones that are already surfaced, resurfaced again. This to me, is an incredible injustice and misuse of funds.
- Our Downtown Water Front and the water access
- Partnering with OCTranspo to offer public transit to and from

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Ottawa/Barrhaven, lobbying provincial government for health care infrastructure money (e.g., EMS, family doctors, hospital expansion)

- Housing for seniors and low income individuals. STOP PAYING LIP SERVICE. Enough with the consultants/reports. ENough BS! Really getting frustrated with this council. MONOGRAMMED Jackets. WTF????
- Would love to see a more robust night life with more live music. We also are in sore need of expanded public transit.
- Road & sidewalk rehab
- More small homes
- better recreation, keep money in north grenville, you're losing a lot of dollars to ottawa for recreation services
- Health Care and education
- Initiatives for kids & families
- tiny homes
- Indoor Pool, Transit to Ottawa
- Fix roads
- Expanding trail systems and green spaces in Kemptville. So much land has been cleared for development, leaving fewer and fewer trees and green spaces for residents to enjoy.
- Maintaining green space, trails
- Fixing the roads in town
- Improved street lighting. To improve pedestrian safety and household security. Need was recognized by police on site of neighbourhood household break-in.
- more recreation trails for ATVs in Kemptville
- Paving in the Kettle creek sub division
- Heritage preservation
- The trails system expansion and maintenance (for bicycles and hiking) and road / sidewalk repair.
- Affordable housing - public transportation and programming for teens with a public gym and pool
- EV charging infrastructure in the areas where you want to

attract those from outside the immediate area, such as in Old Town Kemptville, or at the municipal centre.

- North Grenville can position itself as a hub for innovative, sustainable, and future-focused economic development by leveraging its strategic proximity to the region's capital and international airports. By pursuing strategies that attract global and national businesses, foster environmentally sustainable industries, and support local entrepreneurship, we can create meaningful jobs and long-term prosperity that reflect the character and values of our community. Prisons detract from this vision. Studies show that small towns with prisons experience less economic growth than those without. Prisons also strain local resources—such as infrastructure, emergency services, and social systems—while offering minimal long-term economic benefits. Instead of pigeonholing North Grenville, we should embrace opportunities that highlight our strengths, enhance rural economic development, and demonstrate that small communities can compete on a global scale. For example, investing in sustainable agricultural innovation can position North Grenville as a leader in green economic development. European companies, like Copenhagen-based Agreeena, are advancing regenerative farming practices through soil carbon certification programs that improve soil health and reduce carbon emissions. Attracting partnerships with companies like Agreeena would not only align with our region's agricultural heritage but also drive economic growth while addressing climate challenges. The municipal budget should prioritize initiatives to attract and support partnerships with innovative agricultural and sustainability-focused companies.
- sidewalks on streets without them that have significant traffic, safe pedestrian access to the Walmart plaza
- More focus on road repair. Current roads in Kemptville or an embarrassment

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- Traffic controls, road maintenance on rural roads, addressing of concerns of speeders and traffic etiquette, environmental maintenance, especially along river walkways and parks
- Sidewalks
- Truth and Reconciliation / Indigenous- Settler relations, including e.g. Ferguson Forest space, events
- Business services
- Indoor pool
- Taxi service, public transportation to downtown Ottawa
- Sidewalks
- Resurface Kemptville County and Municipality Roads
- Emergency Planning. If a natural disaster strikes, do we have the means to temporarily shelter a large number of people and their pets? Do we have recharge stations for e-vehicles, cell phones and other mobile devices? What about support for house-bound people with mobility issues to get food, water, medicines? If cell service fails, how will you communicate with the populace?
- Assistance to rural residential well and septic systems
- Upgrade and maintain current infrastructure
- Better lighting on some very dark roads. Less cones, please finish construction.
- I'd like to see a tree planting policy, encouraging community canopy development, encouraging people to connect with nature and with each other.
- Business Support and Tourism initiatives
- Public swimming pool way to small; build indoor pool for winter
- Municipal indoor pool
- Continue to Invest in business support
- Sidewalks, downtown density
- Public Transportation to Ottawa
- Expand the NG transit system and connect it with train stations to and from Ottawa with a standard timing schedule on a daily basis
- Paramedic services.
- Roadworks, particularly in the downtown core
- Bring highspeed internet and natural gas to Oxford Mills
- Active transportation eg MUP to eq and cranberry to Galen's way connection, active transportation around new developments and during road repairs. Herons nest park. Kemptville youth centre, ferguson forest, connect youth.
- Busing
- The addition of a second public transit vehicle is a good idea. A route and schedule implementation would be useful for those using it for their employment needs.
- Indoor swimming pool
- Beautify waterfront and business areas
- Water treatment infrastructure
- Sidewalks, street lighting, other pedestrian safety measures throughout NG, not just on hwy 43 (which is great, long, long overdue) but other areas need improved pedestrian safety as well.
- Road maintenance and enhance brown bag services to monthly April to November
- Public Transit
- Sidewalks and crosswalks on South Gower Dr at South Gower Park
- Police services ...as the community is getting bigger more protective services required.
- Looking after the less fortunate community members.
- More events for families, more resources for families, municipal subsidized sports activities for kids
- Yes, return to only providing funds to cover the core services that the Municipality is responsible for as a means to reduce the property tax burden on the residents and add the savings

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to the North Grenville financial reserves for the darker times. There will be an increased cost for the OPP as well as a draw on Municipal Reserves to provide a \$200,000.00 + loan to the Ferguson Forest Centre Corporation, who apparently have the option of requesting future funding assistance if required and properly justified. Social organizations tugging at the Municipal pursestrings should be fundraising on their own and not being reliant on applying for operational funds year after year.

- Additional street lights on streets that are not currently lit. Eg. Joesph Street south of Vanburen
- Outdoor recreation spaces. e.g. trails & turning the settlers trail into the road to provide more routes to subdivisions
- Limerick rd bridge ungrading
- Indoor swimming pool.
- Public Year round Swimming pool !!!
- Victim services and pushing rural fine internet to residents faster
- Yes the pump track at riverside park
- Only the necessities. most of us can't afford tax increase.
- Road upgrade projects where applicable and aging infrastructure
- More parking downtown
- Better walking trails, Connect street to each other, on more streets that dead end
- Infrastructure to support growing number of homes and citizens. Medical, educational facilities, policing , fire etc
- Do not follow typical small town paths. We want growth and opportunity.
- Stop spending on old and new grant programs
- Indoor activities such as swimming pool, pickleball
- With all of the current housing projects underway, we need to look at a Recreational Facility not arenas for those interested

in hockey or skating, specifically targeting our youth & senior population. As well we need to look at emergency & hospital requirements with a substantial increase in population.

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1. Please share your level of interest in expanding the following services

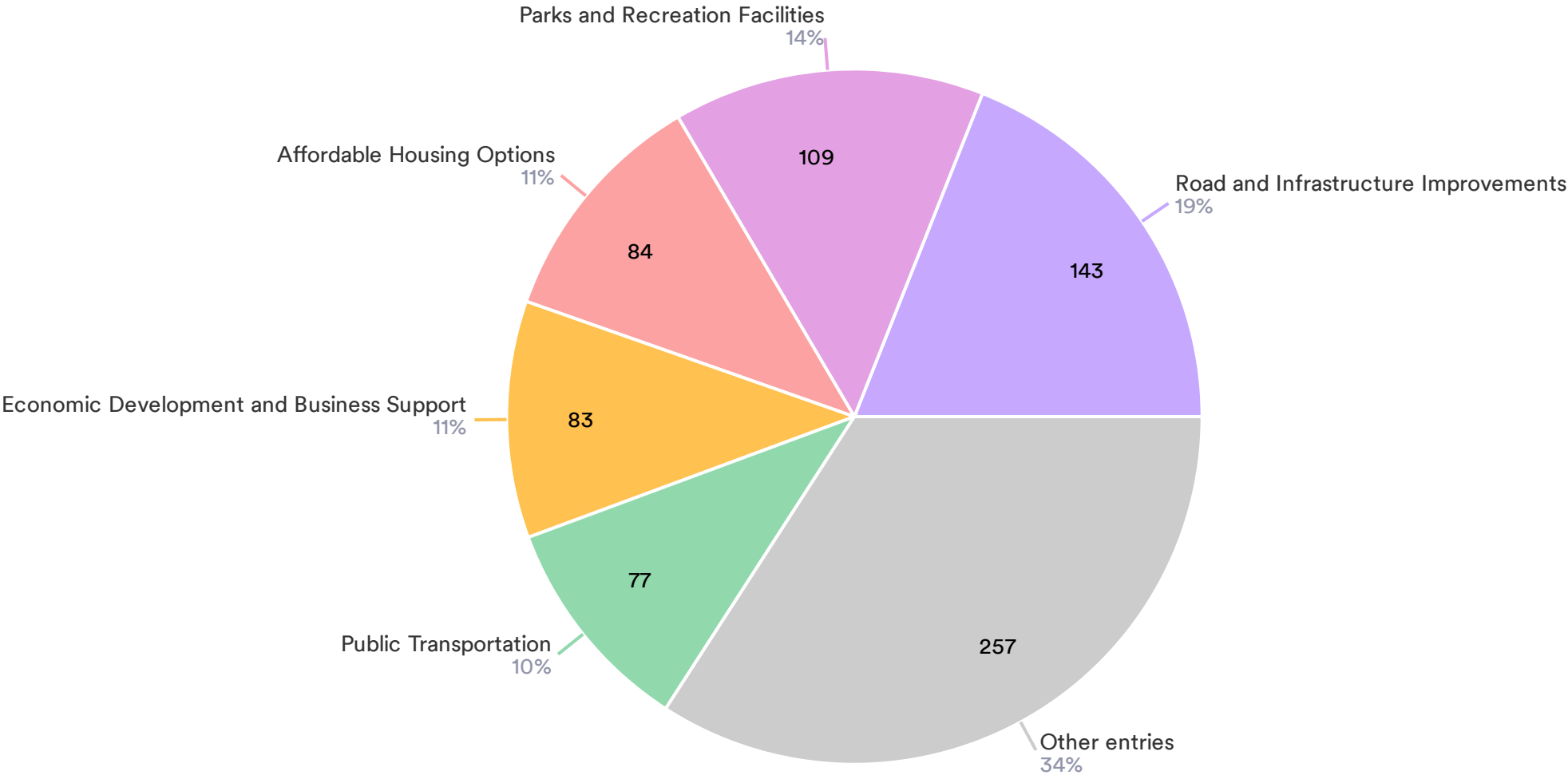
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Which service areas do you believe would benefit most from additional support or expansion? (select up to three)

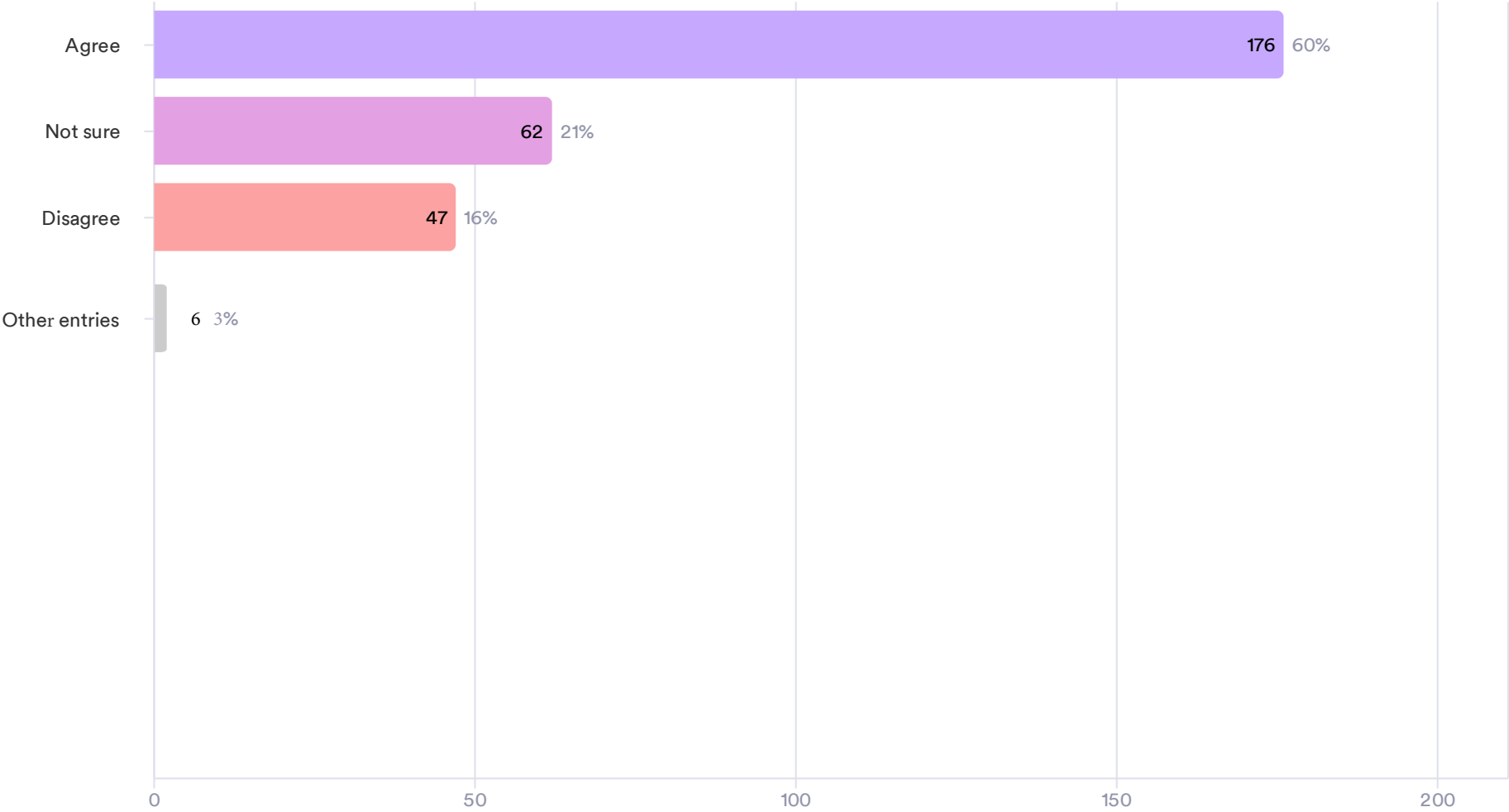
753 Responses



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Do you agree that User Fees to access various facilities and services are key to minimizing the burden on the municipal tax base?

291 Responses



● Agree ● Not sure ● Disagree
● Other entries

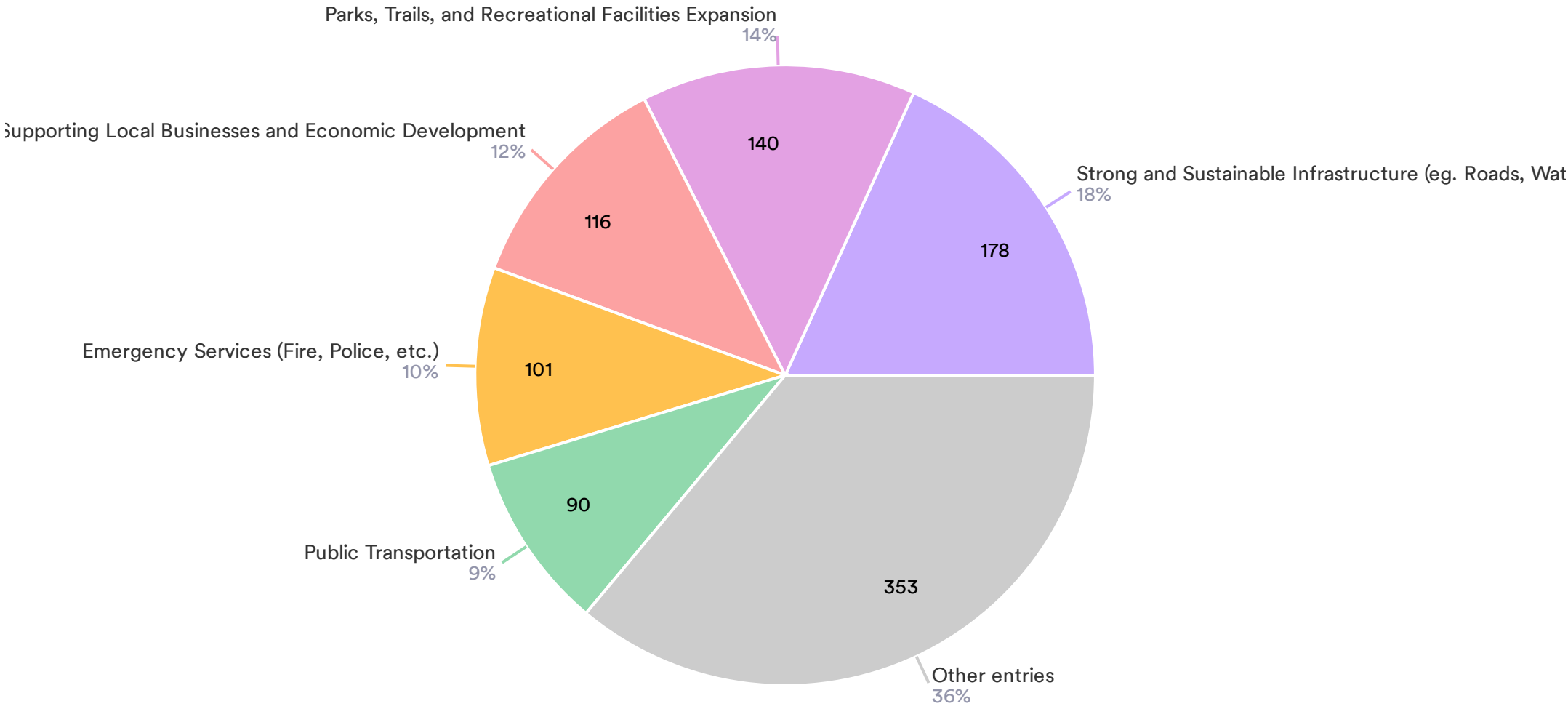
Do you agree that User Fees to access various facilities and services are key to minimizing the burden on the municipal tax base? "Other" entries:

- User fees for some services are appropriate, but I don't agree that it is "key" to minimizing the tax burden. There are probably other areas that would have a greater impact.
- Our taxes are very high already. A detailed reconciliation of spending should be made public with consultation on how to reallocate taxes monies to facilitate this. We don't get much service for the taxes paid in rural areas.
- Fees only if provisions made for free for low income residents
- Yes for superfluous activities like ice time, no for necessities such as parking.
- Yes, but there needs to be something in place for those in our community with limited resources to apply for access at no cost. The city of Ottawa has programs like this.
- It depends on the type of facility/service. Rental of municipal facility space should be minimized.

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As we look ahead, which of the following goals would you like North Grenville to focus on to enhance community well-being and growth? (Select all that apply)

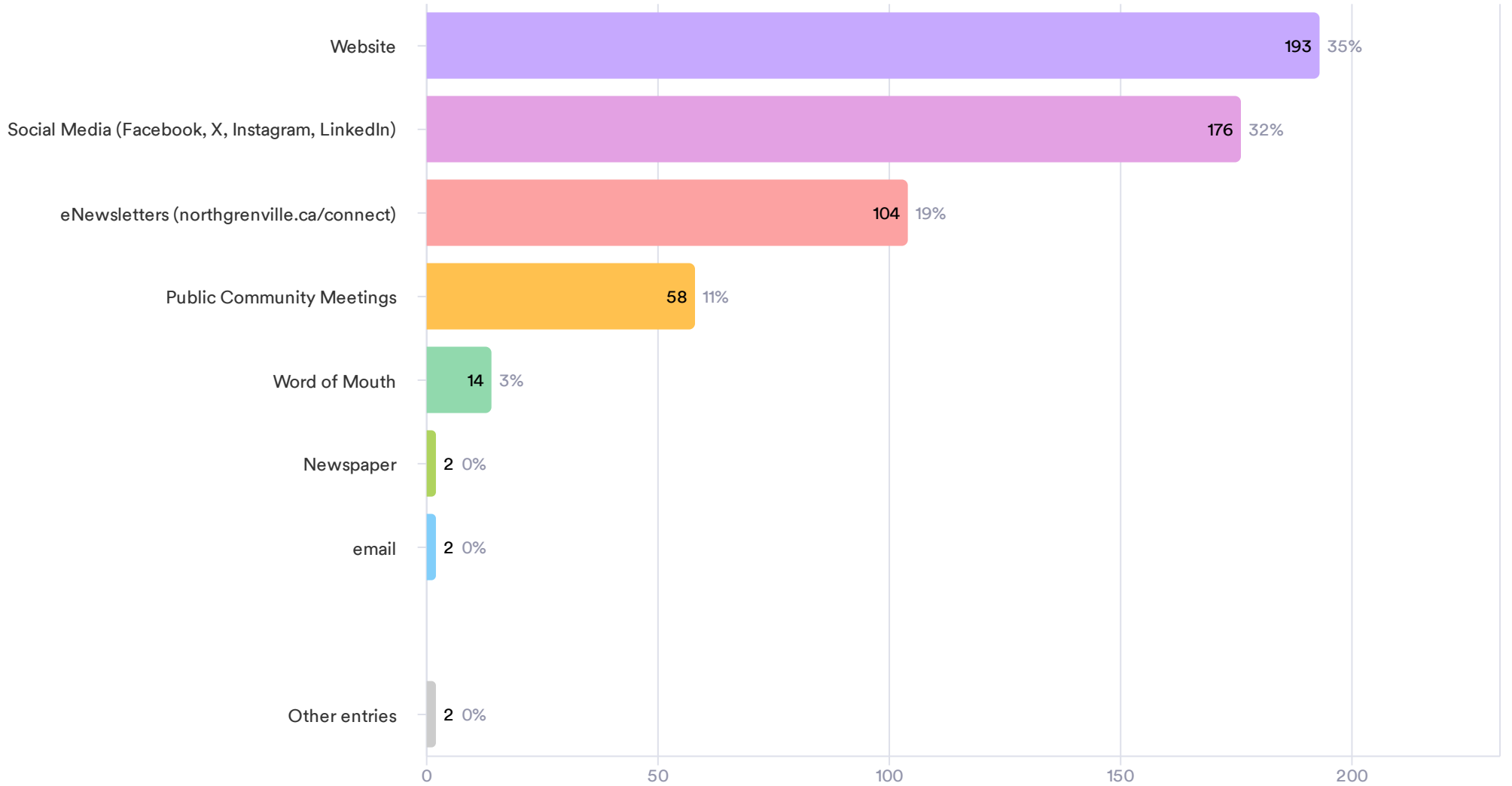
978 Responses



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How would you like to stay informed about North Grenville's 2025 budget planning and community updates?

552 Responses



- Website
- Social Media (Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn)
- eNewsletters (northgrenville.ca/connect)
- Public Community Meetings
- Word of Mouth
- Newspaper
- Email
- Other entries

How would you like to stay informed about North Grenville's 2025 budget planning and community updates?

"Other Responses"

- not sure it will make much difference. I have spoken about snow clearing and paving gravel roads for 26 years...what has happened... a stronger resolve to make no changes whatsoever.
- Print media is an essential communication tool, particularly our rural areas where reliable internet access is limited, and for aging populations who may not be as digitally connected. By shifting focus entirely to online platforms, we are alienating key demographics, particularly the elderly and lower socio-economic groups, whose voices are vital to community dialogue. For many rural residents, the lack of dependable high-speed internet creates a significant barrier to accessing digital news or participating in online conversations. Large portions of rural areas still experience gaps which makes digital-only communication impractical for reaching everyone equitably. Additionally, many seniors prefer print media as their primary source of information just ask our local "Youngsters of Yor' group. For those less familiar or comfortable with technology, newspapers, newsletters, and flyers provide accessible, tangible ways to stay informed. Lower-income individuals are also disproportionately affected by the digital divide. Without access to personal computers, reliable internet, or the resources to stay digitally connected, these community members are left out of conversations that affect their lives. By relying solely on online communication, we inadvertently silence those who are already marginalized. Print media ensures that everyone, regardless of their socio-economic status or access to technology, has a chance to participate, stay informed, and be included. In our rural community, where accessibility is already a challenge, print media serves as a lifeline for information. It's imperative to maintain this form of communication to uphold inclusivity, and equity.

Please provide any additional feedback.

- Please stop turning our charming town into the new Barrhaven. It's starting to become unrecognizable and tourism is going to die off completely. No tourists want to visit Barrhaven, we're going to be next.
- An indoor pool that can be accessed year round would be an amazing addition to the community!
- "Continue to work on the initiative with Treasury Board to expand ESDC designated workspace (i.e. use of campus) for government employees and residents of Kemptville.
- Would like to see also a bike lane from eQuinelle hwy 44 to 43
- I thank you for this opportunity, and very much hope that the Council hold town hall meetings this year with real question and answer sessions. All the best for the New Year!
- Please please please try to cut back on our taxes. Last year's increase was painful. I resent all these budget questions being about expansion and expanding services etc. How about questions on where to CUT or REDUCE services? Is there no interest or appetite in this council for the regular tax payer who wants to see restraint? thanks.
- Love the motto "green and growing" and encourage this as a focal point for all municipal services. For example, new housing developments should be walkable and allow for safe active transportation to schools and basic services; new/refurbished roads should include space for active transportation (simply a paved shoulder) to start building a network throughout NG; and new commercial development needs to be much more walkable (and green) than existing commercial areas. In the case of private development, these seem to be fairly small demands (many more trees and walkways to be installed at initial development) for the opportunity to profit from building in our community: why not set the bar high and be confident in demanding these necessities to keep NG growing AND green.
- If the municipality does not enforce its bylaws, such as dogs required to be on leash., then the bylaw is meaningless.
- 90% of your questions are exactly the same. Poorly designed form.
- Cut taxes, slow growth of staff. Stop building homes
- Start supporting all small businesses in NG instead of catering to just ones in BIA area. There are many local businesses that the mayor has never visited and that's sad as they drive NG as well. Some may leave if they are not recognized
- Nice survey that's friendly for mobile!
- As part of the "Restore the Core" plan implementation for the city of Ottawa, I now see the importance of the cost to fix a further malfunctioning and decaying water/sewer system as it is the heart of the city's system. We are and have been for many mayoral terms misfiring on the heavily compounding cost of a downtown and surrounding area fix to this system which now will require us to go to the province and country to help pay the bill. The outcome legally could bankrupt our municipality if a health occurrence were proven the town at fault. Food for thought...
- Too much social spending. Get back to basics.

Please provide any additional feedback.

- “Great job with the addition of public transportation. Water prices are too high.
- Streets in town are in rough shape.
- We shouldn't focus on tourism. Let's focus being the community we want to be, rather than a community that others want to visit. Events are great attractions and we should support a selection of these, such as Pride and buskerfest, but not focus as much on being a general tourism destination.
- Our property taxes have now reached levels compared to large communities near Toronto. While our services have declined. Those of us that live outside of Kemptville pay more in taxes while services declined.
- None of your highlighted concerns mention methods to reduce speeding, why?
- Keep the budget down. Make managers more accountable for costs. North Grenville use to be a cost affordable place to live but it isn't like that any more.
- Stop catering to the the newcomers!!!”
- Reduce taxes if possible.
- Stay focused on basic services
- Kemptville is a growing town and is getting busier. Please consider focusing resources in important areas now before it gets too late. Old Town parking and pedestrian safety is one example, which will be necessary to improve enjoyment and usage of the space (a unique part of this town over nearby suburbs like Barrhaven)
- Please review the current pedestrian infrastructure. It is insufficient and unsafe in many parts of the town, and constantly swapping speed tracking signs in and out is not an effective method for anything (at this point it is starting to smell like a make work project given how many times I've seen these signs moved around town)
- Public transportation , Parks and children activities for children (Age 0 - 3)
- Make it the goal to show improved efficiency in regards to spending, we are not a city, we do not need all the programs that Ottawa or Kingston does. Taxes are out of control, I pay over 6500k on a dirt road that is in terrible shape. Garbage pickup is outrageous, no other services provided. In my opinion taxes should be based on what you are providing to me, not how much a housing market is at one time. If I only get 20% of the benefits of living in Kemptville when I live on Jig st, why should I have to pay the same rate for less service.
- Great job being done!
- Horrible survey
- Pressure the County for more geared to income bldgs like the Pines. Plant a tree or two at Riverside park??? Remove stupid bump outs on Prescott St. No prkng on east side.

Please provide any additional feedback.

Never used to be! Enhance Curry St Pk waterfront ie: boardwalk and benches. Dedicated bus route maybe 3 times per day throughout Twp with designated stops not the "car service" you run now. Accessible van should be separate. NO MORE housing subdivisions. Water the flowers and cut grass in cemetery.

- Help businesses
- "Please do not raise the water rates. They are too high as it is. Get Trucks and large Tractors off Concession Rd and stop the speeding Get Red Light cameras. Three Schools , one more coming, Daycare and a hospital on this road hundred of Kids and Patients from KDC"
- Improving pedestrian safety, including lighting, accessibility, and snow/ice removal are key priorities as someone who lives and works in NG and has mobility challenges. Getting around the area requires a car, despite being short walkable distances to key activities and needs.
- There is a childcare crisis provincially. We require more centers especially with the funded opportunities. We require more recreational options (swimming pools, fitness centers) which would keep people in town as opposed to going elsewhere to find this need.
- Keep money in county. There are thousands of homes being built with no infrastructure to support the needs of those young families.
- I would love to see more accessible sports and programs in Kemptville. For Kids with sensory challenges skating at jam packed skating rinks and parks can be tricky. Indoor tennis/

pickleball courts, and a pool (both give participants freedom of space to move) would be lovely addition to NG and the neurodiverse community. Expanding our bike paths up to equinelle along 44 would also be another great expansion to consider.

- We should have a public bus to go to Ottawa or the Raceway for an outing at least once a week or twice a month. They had a bus on Wednesday to the Raceway before Covid. People that don't drive it's very hard to get around and this town is very boring for them. You have to consider that everything is expensive for senior and disability people with fix income. But they would like to do something outside Kemptville.
- We need shopping and sit down restaurants. HomeSense and Swiss Chalet would do really well
- Rural areas shouldn't be an afterthought, as we provide a sizeable tax base and other than snow removal, get very little service.
- An indoor pool would be a great addition to the community. Improving the pathways and sidewalks along 44 and 43. Improved enhancements on community roads, adding trees along Depencier for instance, a completed path from tempo to 43 for easy walking access.
- Please make North Grenville an affordable community.
- I think the municipality should be commended for providing lots of free activities for families.
- We need indoor recreational facilities that aren't hockey.

Please provide any additional feedback.

- A pool would be an exceptional addition to the growing community.
- North Grenville is undergoing unmanageable growth and is becoming a worse area to live. I don't think that the unprofessional current council has the skill set to manage this. This is not an insult but a reflection of small town part time councils of mostly retired people looking for a hobby. I really think that small towns need provincial oversight during this period of explosive growth as the current councils just do not have the capability to understand everything that is needed for their "vision" and the reality of unchecked growth. North Grenville is used as a bad example of development and growth because many recognize it as a worse place than in the past. You will often read "we don't want to end up like Kemptville" sentiments in other communities. There is something behind this statement and our council is oblivious.
 - Please lobby your friends at the provincial government to responsibly fund municipalities, especially rural ones like NG, and particularly with regards to emergency services and social supports. And I must add, NG is NOT an appropriate location for a new Eastern Ontario Correctional facility, for so many reasons. Governments need to be adequately funding health, education and social services in order to reduce incarcerations/remands, and not waste tax payer dollars on building more prisons, while relying on municipal taxpayers to fund the related infrastructure & emergency services!!
 - I have no surfaced road, no sidewalks. I treat my own water and sewage. There are no street lights here, on McGovern Road. I ask myself, 'Why am I not getting a huge discount in my property taxes?' Yeah, that's going to happen. You are dreaming in technicolour, boy.
 - I know that an indoor pool is not feasible in the near future, but as soon as we have the population base to support the costs, I'd love to see an indoor pool!
 - Fix your website. Pretty ridiculous a google search ALWAYS brings you to a broken page. Educate the paid staff who have to update pages that if you delete or move a page it BREAKS. WTF.
 - Enough with the consultants, go back a decade, two and just reuse what you've already been told, year after flipping year.
 - Get rid of this excess. Monogrammed jackets, photo ops, what the actual f??? are you doing?
 - Why is garbage on here? You already do SQUAT except overcharge taxpayers on bag tags, outsource now, on top of ridiculous tax increase for what, supporting a f'ing hockey rink? Monogrammed jackets? "
 - My husband and I are from this area originally - we moved away for 10 years and just recently moved back to the community. You are doing such a wonderful job! We are looking forward to seeing an expansion in child and family related activities/programs and tourism initiatives to bring more income to our beautiful community, while keeping that family friendly, small town feel! :)
 - I find these survey's point respondents towards answers important to council and staff rather than draw out new considerations or ways of thinking. I think there should either be more opportunities for written response or that they be developed not to situate the estimate.

Please provide any additional feedback.

- “I’m tired of all the housing developments. The next developer nexts to build another arena!
- No one wants more people moving into this area. I have never heard one single person say they are pleased with more housing developments. I understand that people need somewhere to live but it’s coming at too great a cost to our country lifestyle.
- More controlled spending.
- Would like to see budgetary focus less on expansion of North Grenville (Housing, etc), and more on the sustainability of our rural agricultural community. Maintaining green space, access to trails etc.
- Less houses being built. Fix local roads.
- I am concerned about the level of service from the OPP, I rarely see them on patrol in the community, and I understand that the costs associated with the service is expected to rise significantly due to recent collective bargaining.
- I am very pleased with the work of counsel to secure provincial and federal funding for the large infrastructure projects that are underway.
- It is time to get some public transportation in this town - expand the services to hpurchase daily to day needs and get some services and programming for the 10-25 age group
- There needs to be a community center with programs and drop in gym times and actual gym available for the community to use and the teens and an indoor pool!! “
- Prioritize attracting environmentally sustainable industries and supporting small businesses to foster local entrepreneurship. Develop rural innovation hubs or co-working spaces to attract remote workers, startups, and knowledge-based industries. Highlight potential partnerships with international companies in sustainable agriculture or renewable energy (e.g., partnerships like those with Agreeena or Vestas). Allocate funds for green economic development, such as renewable energy projects and regenerative agriculture initiatives. Support community-led environmental programs, including tree planting, soil regeneration, and conservation efforts. Explore funding for carbon sequestration programs and partnerships that enhance biodiversity and combat climate change. Expand funding for local healthcare initiatives, such as hospice care and mental health services (e.g., the #UnlockTheBeds campaign to bring two palliative care beds to North Grenville). Allocate funds to protect and promote North Grenville’s rural and agricultural heritage, including initiatives like the Ferguson Forest Centre revitalization. Invest in cultural events and tourism campaigns that showcase the town’s unique history and draw visitors. Suggest funding for expanded public consultation initiatives to ensure all voices—especially those of marginalized groups—are heard during planning and decision-making. Create opportunities for regular town hall meetings or forums to keep residents informed and involved. Establishing forward-thinking bylaws, such as a tree canopy preservation policy, is essential for ensuring balanced and sustainable growth in North Grenville. By implementing measures that protect natural assets, such as mature trees, wetlands, and agricultural lands, we can maintain the rural

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charm and environmental integrity that define our community. These policies would not only mitigate the environmental impact of new development but also enhance climate resilience, improve air quality, and support biodiversity. Paired with smart growth principles, such as focusing development in already serviced areas and incorporating green infrastructure, these bylaws can help us achieve a harmonious balance between economic development and environmental stewardship.

Smart growth isn't just about building—it's about building responsibly. By protecting what makes North Grenville unique, we can ensure a thriving community for future generations while fostering innovation and attracting forward-thinking businesses and residents."

- Roads need repairs, cross walks all need flashing light similar to Campus Dr/Concession - there is not enough safety mechanism in place for walkers, kids going to school.
- The length of time it takes for follow up of submitted concerns is far too long. Constant response is that the service areas are inadequately staffed. The high taxes do not reflect adequate services, especially in the rural areas that are also part of the township. Having to pay extra dollars for garbage and leaf collection, for example, and make constant calls for road repair makes one wonder where our tax dollars are going and what kind of oversight is actually in place.
- Stop spending so much and reduce taxes
- Facilitate new housing development, schools, recreational activities to draw more people to call kemptville home and contribute to its development.

- I love Kemptville, it has been an excellent community to raise my young family.
- I have concerns about expansion happening too fast and it burdening the local systems such as police, EMS and hospitals
- I am opposed to a jail being built by the province. Mainly because from my previous experience nothing done by the province is done correctly and local communities always end up with a heavy burden.
- We love living in North Grenville but really miss municipality-run recreation facilities including fitness studios and indoor pools. We would happily pay an annual fee for such a facility. It would also be great to have more municipality-run recreation programs for children (arts, dance, etc) that could be offered at a potentially lower fee than the currently available private options. This is what is missing from Kemptville.
- Please stop spending money on Pride month or at least spend equal money on non pride events to ensure ALL members of the community are supported.

My main concern is the addition of a sidewalk on Clothier Street East from James to Bridge streets. With the ongoing construction on CR 43, the traffic has increased significantly and makes walking even more difficult.

- I feel that we must make more use of the facilities available at the College for small event spaces, meetings, and possibly for emergency/disaster housing. Also, it is a crying shame that the horse arena and facilities have been allowed to

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deteriorate to such a state. This could have been a gem of a place to hold agriculture-related events and show. A big opportunity has been missed for generating income to support these buildings.

- Septic sewage should be regulated by Municipality. 1/ Deal with Pump out Servers in NG to use Waste Water Treatment Plant for dumping. 2/ Regulate costs of service to property users because of savings made by servers in not having to go to Ottawa to dump.
- Thanks for seeking out feedback. We are newish residents and quite impressed with the current level of services available. One of our biggest wants for this municipality is an indoor pool. The health benefits are vast for a large segment of the population. There seems to be a lot of money spent on hockey and arenas and little thought to activities that would benefit more people.
- Stop wasting money on staff managing transit
- Please focus on improving existing roads rather than expanding. And more sidewalks/crosswalks
- Taxes are very high here considering that we are considered as rural. As North Grenville grows in population we can only hope that our taxes can be reduced.
- It is ridiculous that you don't even write paramedic in your "example" of emergency services on page 9 of your survey. Emergency services is more than just police and fire. Paramedic services are not just a taxi service. Paramedic can provide care that police and fire can't. Paramedic service needs to be prioritized in the North Grenville community as the North Grenville residents don't even realize how often

there is NO ambulance available for the residents of the aging community. EVERYDAY, there is ZERO ambulances available for some time (some days its multiple HOURS) where someone could call with a true medical emergency and the closest ambulance is over 30 minutes away. Residents of the community are not informed and multiple lives will be impacted by this if nothing changes in the next days, weeks, months to come. We cannot wait years for this to change and the public needs to know.

- Water treatment and walkability of Prescott street could be improved
- Stay proactive on infrastructure
- If we strengthen the economy, we increase the tax base and reduce the overall burden for residents.
- Prioritize funding programs over the long term for sustainability versus funding one time projects.
- Current council is doing a good job. Expansion of municipal services is crucial due to the number of homes being built.
- Let's focus on the residents we have, who pay and have continued to pay the taxes, as opposed to focusing so much on expanding for new residents / affordable housing.... This is a global issue and not something that can, or should, be a primary focus of a small municipality.
- About 3 of the questions were redundant. As for user fees at community facilities - the pricing needs to be kept to a minimum. eg. renting skates - \$2.00 is fine, \$5.00 way too much.

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- With so much growth ahead, we need to be mindful of other cultures moving into our community and ensure we are being inclusive and welcoming. When looking to festival, events, and recreational facilities finding ways to incorporate other cultures is going to be important.
- No tax increases. Freeze taxes for seniors/fixed income people. No more subdivisions! Engage in a doctor attraction program.
- In August 2023 a home in Equinelle was struck by lightning. It was contained quickly but destroyed. If it had struck in Ferguson Forest would the town been able to contain a major fire? Or would we have had another Ft McMurray? With the only exits from the EQ subdivision onto Cty road 44 driving towards a forest fire isn't ideal. Is it time to build the road from Eq drive to Cty road 43 down to the round- about by Food Basics..? This would open up more land for housing and the concept of neighborhood shopping perhaps.
Thanks George 258 ****.
- With the ongoing expansion of the community, I think Public Transportation should be a priority, encouraging new businesses in our community, as well as ensuring the water run off systems (ditches and catchment) are maintained/ considered to prevent future flooding. As well as expanding services/care provided by Kemptville District Hospital.
- Any budget increase must be below or equal to inflation with mpac increase when applied. Increase developers fees and their environment responsibility...ie. replanting trees.”
- Stop wasting money on wants instead of needs
- Development needs to be sensitively managed, so the nature of Kemptville as a small town is preserved and not swept away with homogenized, cookie cutter solutions. That is, Kemptville looking like any Ottawa suburb. In addition property taxes need to be kept low with Council ensuring that every cent spent is justified and that Council is fully accountable to the tax payers.
- We need to rethink our OPP contract to reduce its impact to the budget. I am afraid of prison costs for OPP calls will cost residents. We need deal with SolGen before prison build starts!!!
- We are a growing vibrant community that greatly benefits from strong municipal elected officials who successfully bridge the gap between the community and our Municipality. We must continue to be able to attract forward thinking people to elected positions. Key in doing this is being able to pay our elected officials a living wage so they don't have to take on additional employment while they work for us. We need their full attention. The payment scheme applied to our municipal elected officials is broken and outdated for a community undergoing the growth that NG is seeing. They are among the most important group of people charting our future but they are also the lowest paid municipal employees by far. As a community, we must fix this. Continuing to pay our elected officials as poorly as all other elected officials in our comparative group is not a solution. Its a copout. PLEASE ADDRESS THIS.

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- Ng is turning into Barehaven south too much growth too fast causing a tumble weed of issues with all the housing development with does ng feel it needs to grow so fast permits can be slowed down for the infrastructure to catch up. Even the hospital can't service this area as it is now
- What are we doing to provide schools and medical services for the rapidly expanding population of NG. An indoor swimming facility would be a major asset and attract visitors from out of area.
- I think the municipality really need to look at the salaries of their staff as we are not big community and we are paying the same wages at the city of Ottawa, also we definitely don't need a full time social media person who just repost things that get zero engagement.
- Reduce spending on the nice go haves. Because it would be nice to afford groceries.
- I don't mind participating in these surveys, but not sure why it seems the same questions were asked back to back (about what we want to see investment in) about 5 times?
- Lots of growth while we maintain our hometown spirit. Neighbours helping neighbours. A smile and a hello everywhere we go!
- Been living here going on 25 years... I feel the town is on a good path to sustainable growth and prosperity. Keep up the good work.
- How about a focus on reducing and cutting of some if not many programs. There is never a focus on cutting and reducing spending, this survey proves that. No questions address cutting spending. Not pleasant but some times spending needs to be cut not expanded. there are now many staff and new equipment, DO WE NEED IT ALL, I think not. Stop spending, I know not as much fun or acceptable by the interest group involved but councils job is to sometimes, if not many times say NO, Be responsible and often not liked but that is the job so stop spending.”
- Don't waste money on non-essential things.