



**YOUR OPINION
MATTERS
IN MORINVILLE**

Budget 2023

Public Engagement Survey Results





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How We Engaged

The 2023 Budget Engagement Survey was officially launched through EngageMorinville.ca on July 20, 2022, and was open for public input until August 15, 2022. The intent of the survey was to provide Morinville residents and business owners the opportunity to engage in the municipal financial planning process as the Town Administration prepare a budget proposal and long-term financial plan for Council’s review and consideration.

A wide variety of methods were used to communicate the Budget 2023 Public Engagement Survey. The communications was designed to reach people from across the community in approachable and creative ways. Communication tools included:

- Town website
- Town social media and digital platforms
- Paid digital and print advertising
- Media release
- Posters
- On-street signage
- Budget engagement business cards
- Utility bill insert
- Displays/banners
- Participation at the Farmer’s Market
- Printed surveys distributed to Seniors housing
- Participation in Town run events
- Printed surveys available at Town facilities
- Mayor and Council Engagement

Why Public Engagement Matters

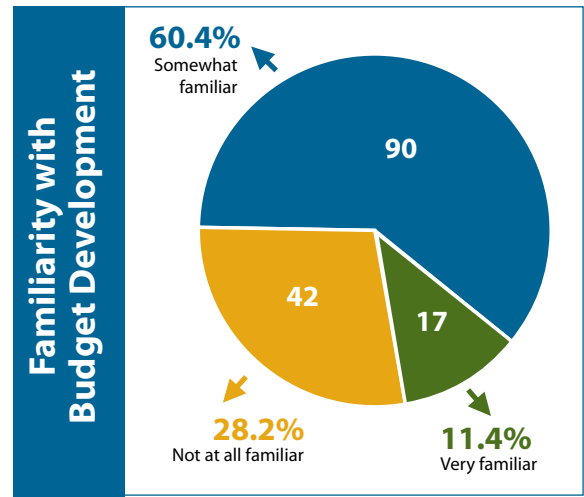
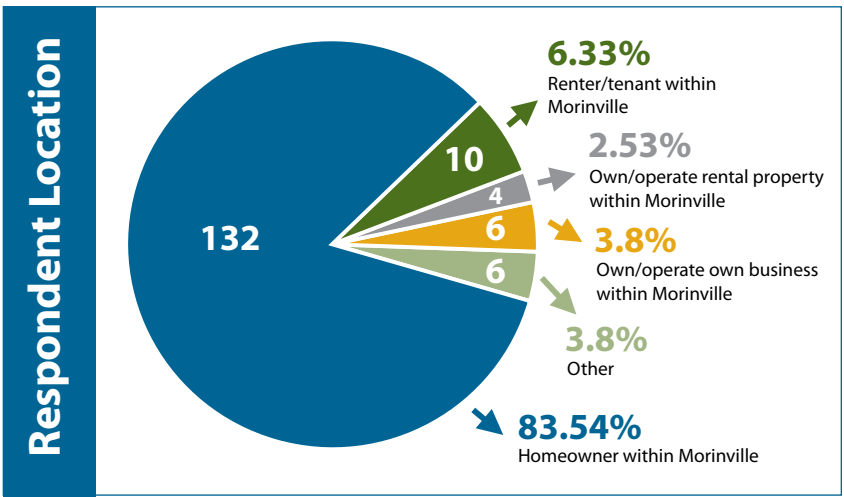
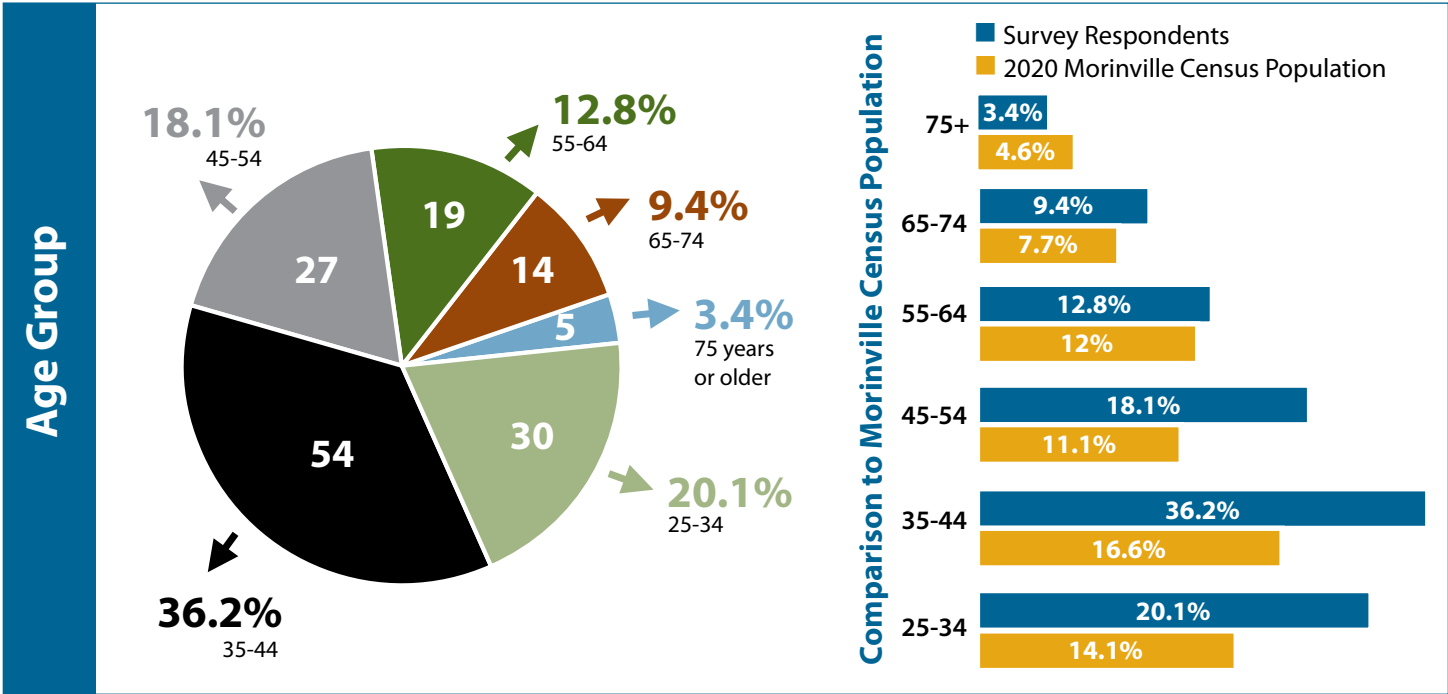
Council’s 2022 – 2025 Strategic Plan identifies their commitment to ensuring residents and businesses are actively engaged in and aware of decision making and planning our future. To support this objective, an in-depth public engagement plan was developed to inform and consult residents and business owners about small and large projects short or long term. This public engagement plan is our commitment to meaningful engagement for the 2023 Operating and Capital Plan that is under development.

The results of the public engagement will assist Council and Town Administration understand the priorities and service levels residents’ and business owners’ value most amongst the various services the Town provides. This will allow Council and Administration to build a budget that consider stakeholder needs while balancing what’s possible given the current economic realities and pandemic recovery.

During the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn, Council minimized property tax increases in recognition of the financial challenges residents and business owners were faced with. This, coupled with rising inflationary costs, resulted in consecutive budgets that included operating deficits – budgets that did not include enough revenue to support general operations. This required utility surpluses, funded intended to build Town savings for future capital replacement and investment to cover the deficits. The continued high rate of inflation means that costs of the same services provided last year increasing as much as 7%, and as such revenue must keep pace with those increases in order to avoid service level reductions. The 2023 budget engagement is about tradeoffs, Morinville Council need to know what is most important to residents.

WHO WE HEARD FROM

149 Response(s)



Engagement Portal Visitation

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- 302** Total visits
- 261** Visits to budget portal
- 228** Visits to budget portal with participation
- 149** Participants completed survey

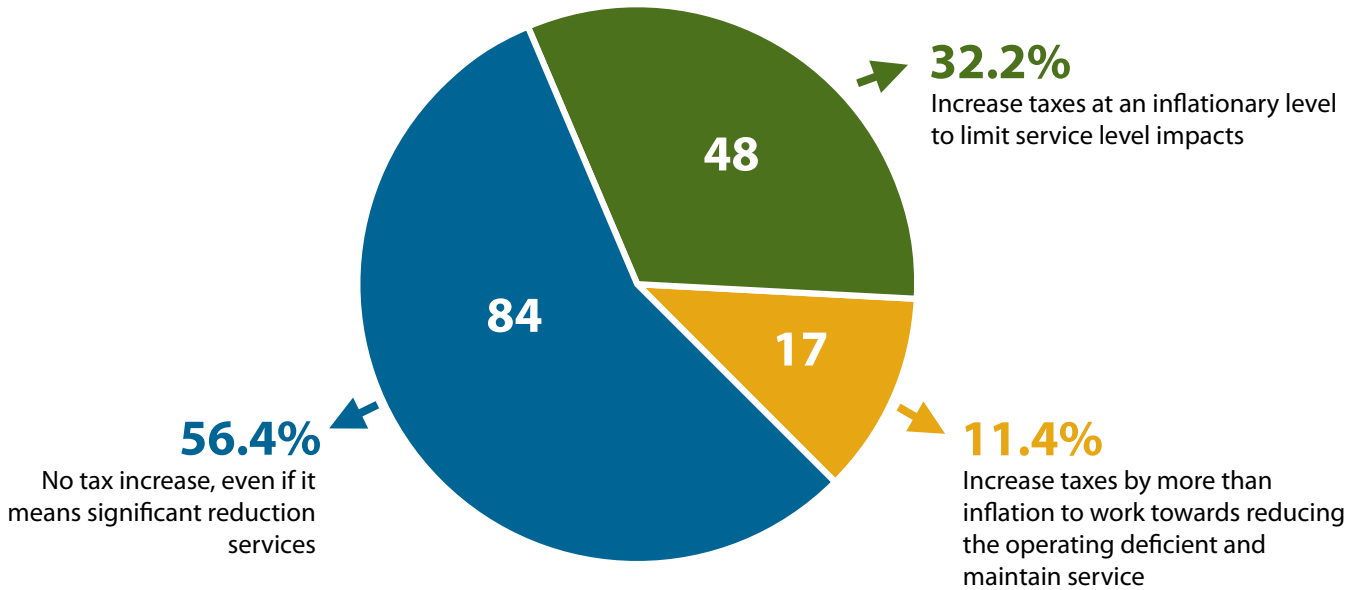


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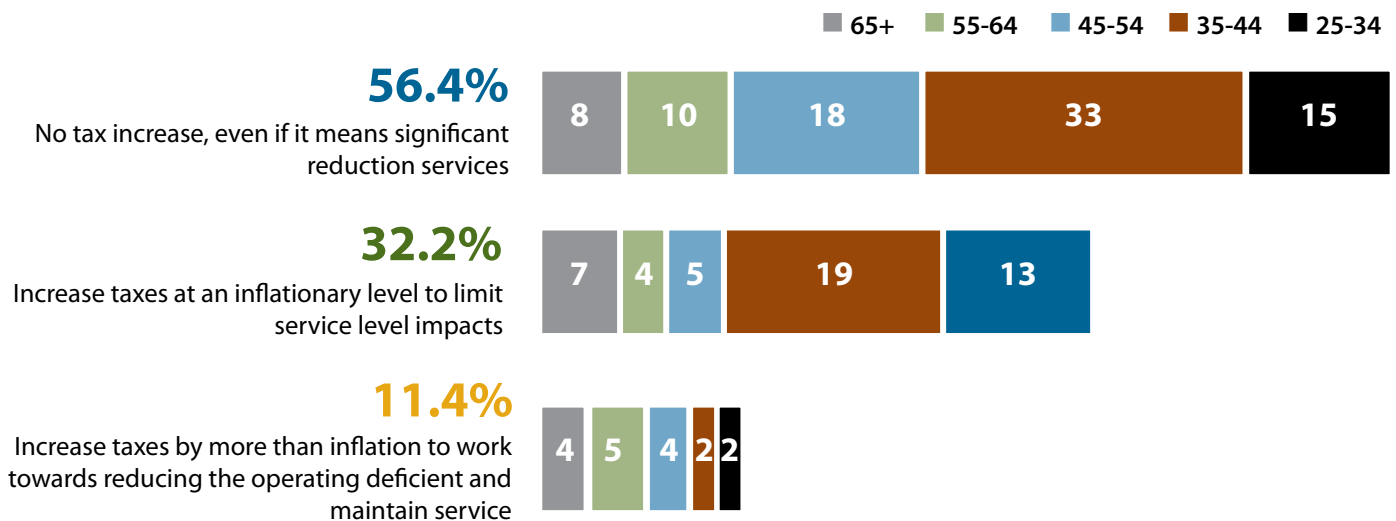
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Q1 Morinville has limited options when balancing the budget. Please indicate which of the following statements come closest to capturing how you feel Morinville should approach 2023 taxes:

Mandatory Question - 149 Responses

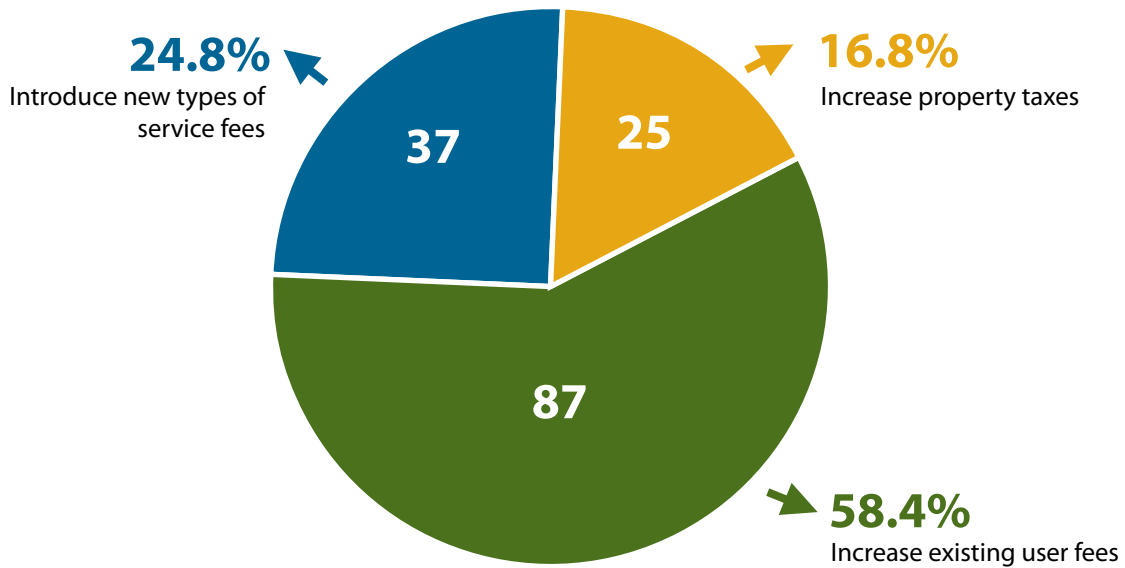


Responses by Age Group

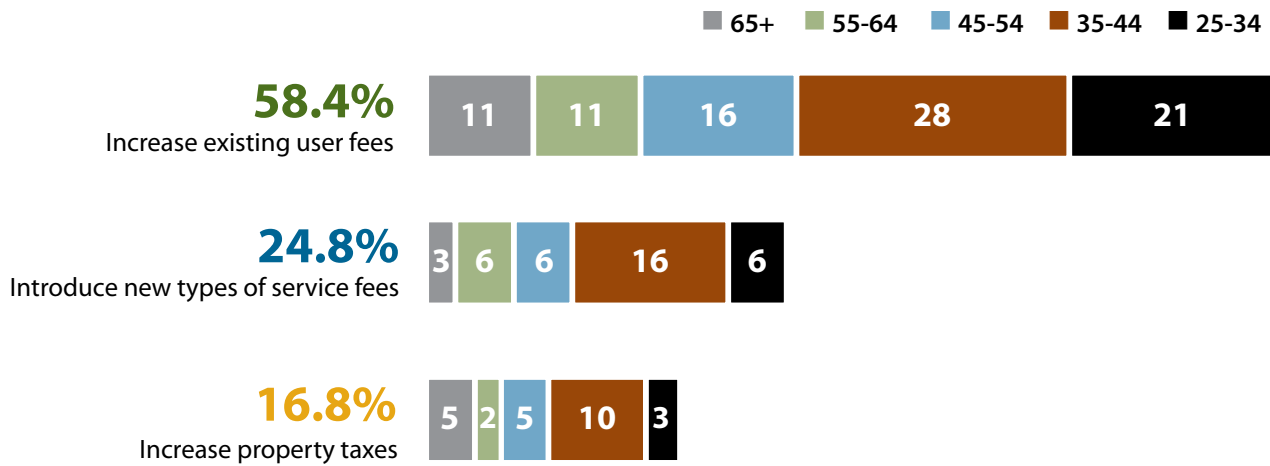


Q2 Should Morinville need to increase the amount of revenue it collects, how would you most prefer Morinville collects this?

Mandatory Question - 149 Responses



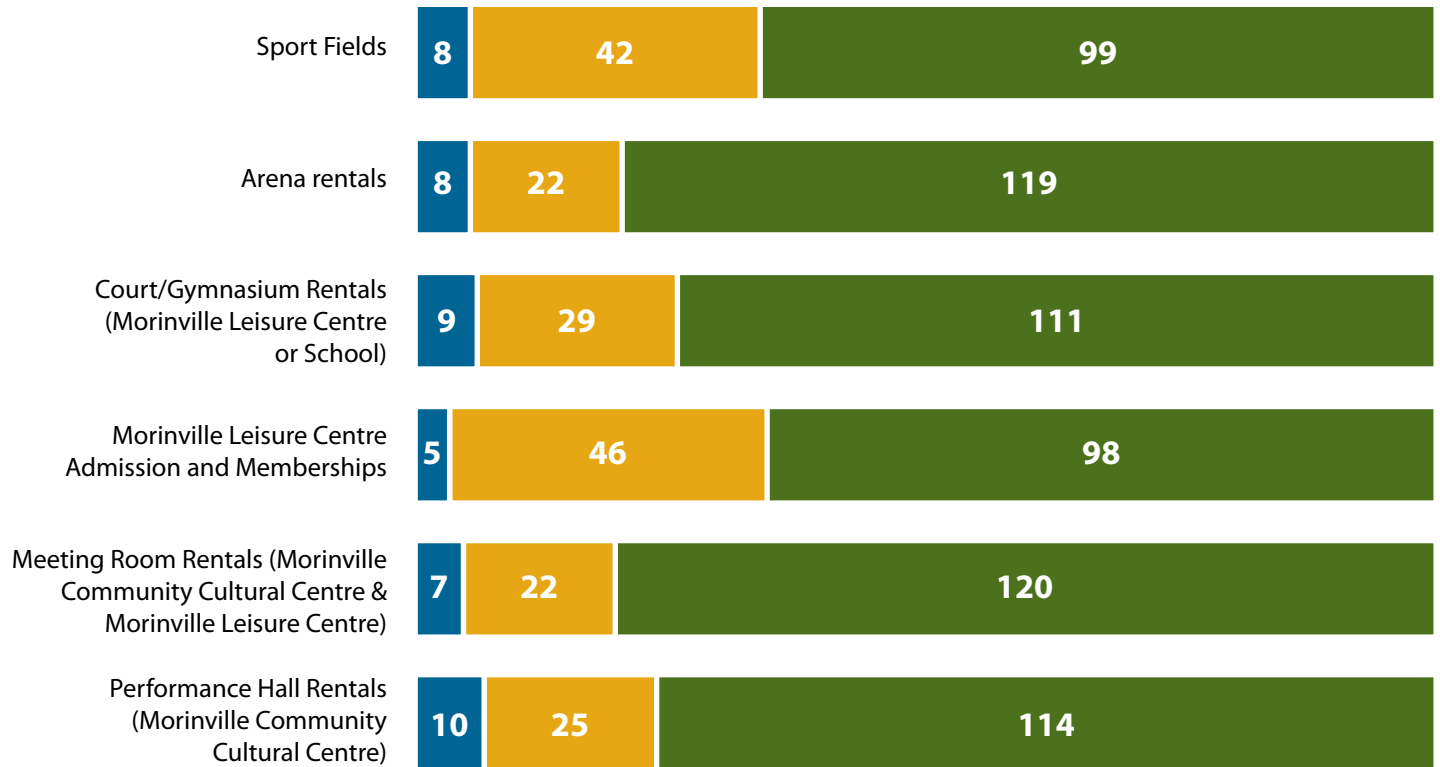
Responses by Age Group



A user fee is a charge that an individual pays to access a specific service. Most services that have user fees associated with them such as facility rentals, are also subsidized by tax revenues. The following services are supported by both user fees and taxation.

Q3 Please identify whether you would support an increase in user fees if this meant a reduction in the level of support from property taxes.

Mandatory Question - 149 Responses ■ Undecided ■ Do not support an increase ■ Support an increase

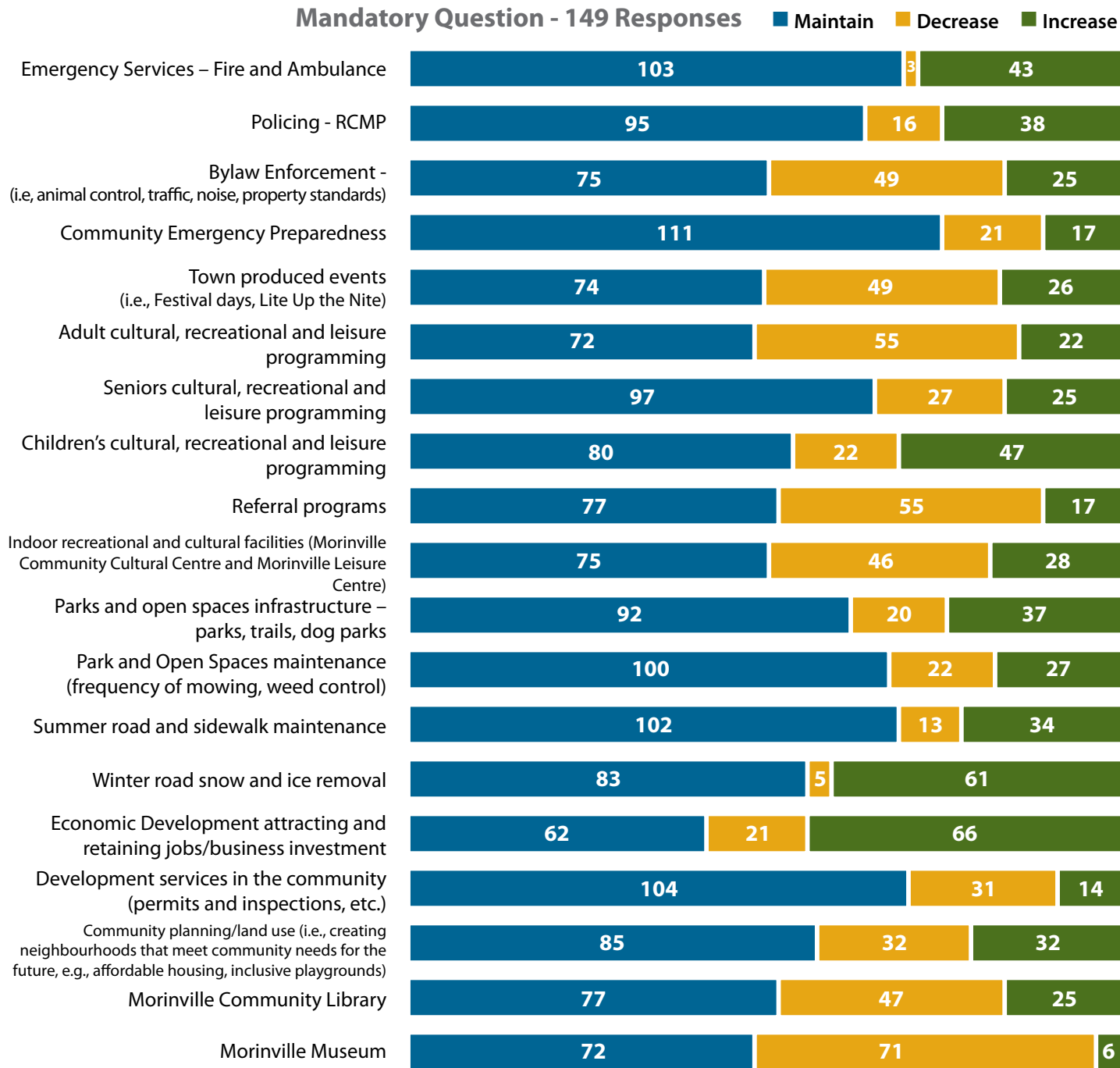


Balancing Priorities

Balancing competing priorities can require decisions about municipal service levels and programs. Service levels are defined as the scope or measurement of the service being delivered. The level of service can be increased or decreased by changes, such as reducing operating hours or frequency of service.

Q4 Thinking about the importance of the services and programs that are provided to you and the community, please tell us if the Morinville should increase, decrease, or maintain its budget investment in the following programs, services, and facilities:

Mandatory Question - 149 Responses

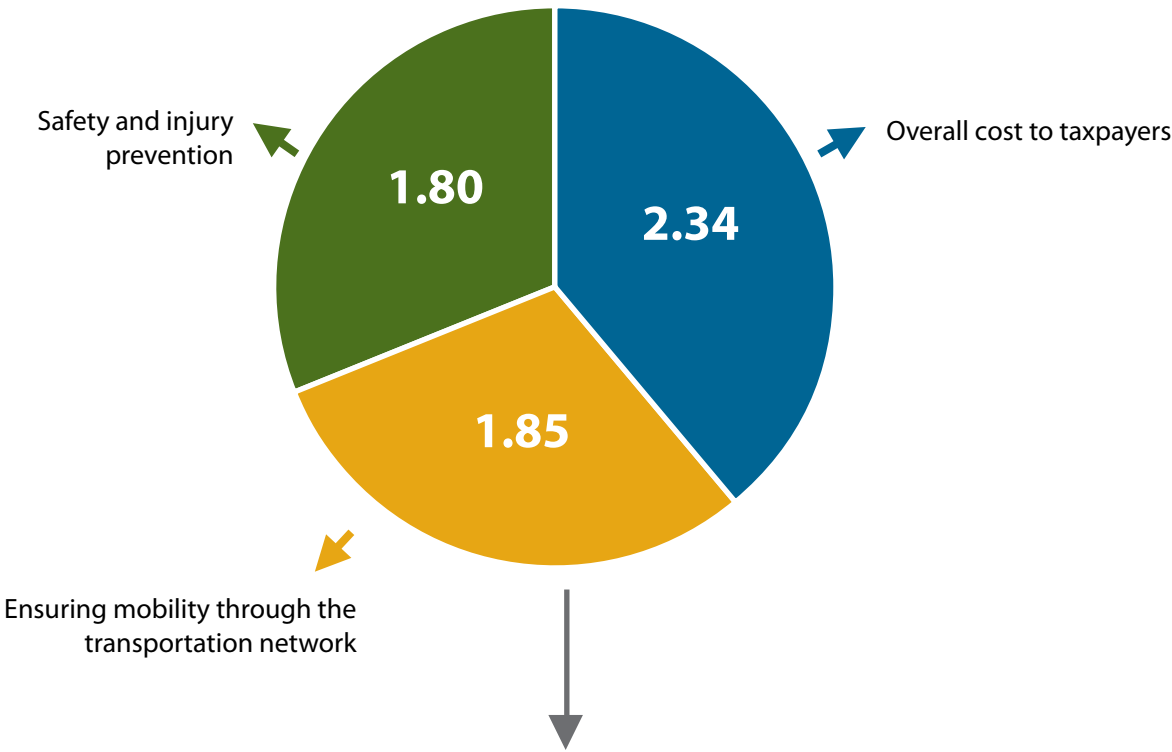


Q5 Do you have any additional suggestions for Morinville Town Council to consider for the 2023 budget?
See pages 22-27 for written results.

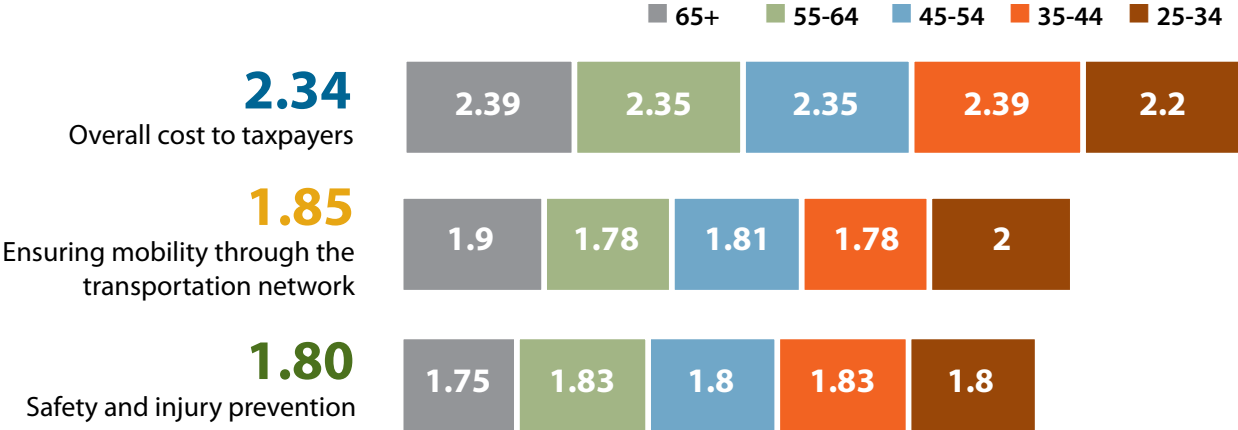
The 2021/2022 winter season was challenging with multiple major snow events, multi-day snow events, several freezing rain events, and a long stretch of extreme cold temperatures. The result of this winter season was a requirement for an additional \$75,000 operational increase to manage the snow and ice in accordance with the Snow and Ice Control Policy. Your input will provide direction on Morinville’s Snow and Ice Policy which outline service levels.

Q6 Rank the following in order of importance with a snow and ice control program (1 being most important and 3 being least important):

Optional Question - 146 Response(s), 3 Skipped



Responses by Age Group



Part 2: SNOW AND ICE SERVICE LEVELS

Q7 Thinking about the importance of winter road maintenance, please tell us if Morinville should increase, decrease, or maintain its budget investment for snow removal services?

Optional Question - 147 Response(s), 2 Skipped

■ Maintain ■ Decrease ■ Increase

The speed of snow clearing by contracting snow clearing services in addition to existing Town staff. Please note, contracted services will add a substantial cost, but will increase speed of snow clearing.



Removing and hauling all snow from roads instead of stockpiling on the sides of roads where possible. Please note, snow removal adds costs and time to the program.



Creation of a contingency fund for snow removal in the event of extreme snowfall.



Level of service for clearing snow on residential roads (including cul-de-sacs and alleys).



Level of service for clearing snow on main roads, arterial roads, and collector roads.



Level of service for intersection salting and sanding.



Level of service for clearing snow on trails and walkways.

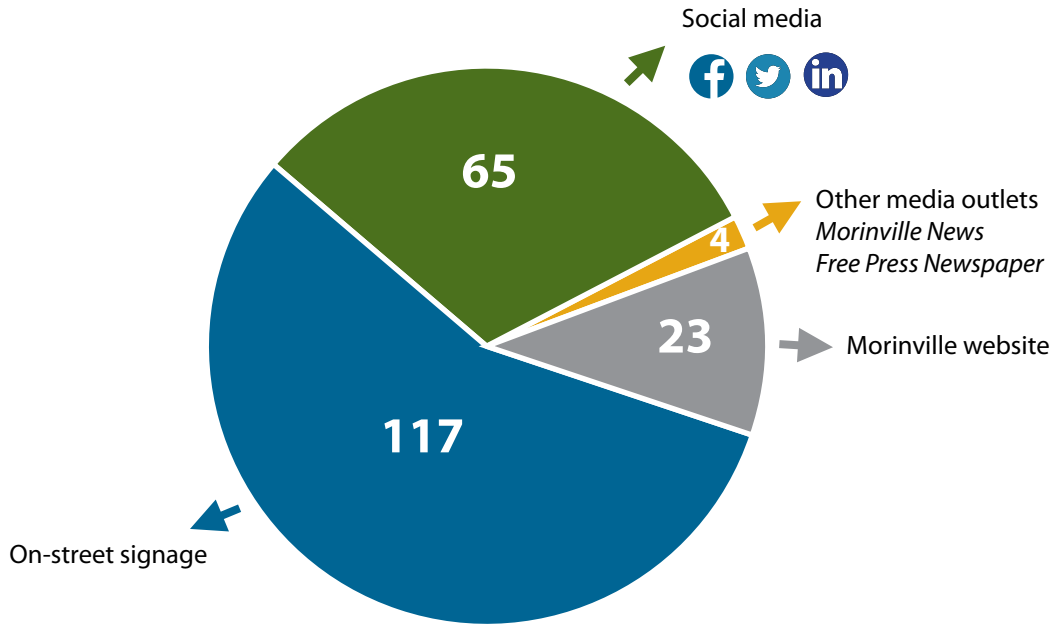


Level of service for clearing snow on recreational infrastructure (i.e., outdoor ice).



Q8 Where do you mainly get your snow updates/information such as no-parking bans?

Optional Question - 146 Response(s), 3 Skipped



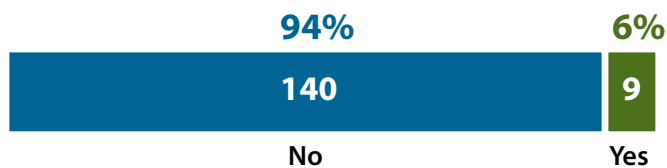
Part 3: COMMUNITY BUS USAGE

Morinville has utilized a community bus since 1990. Over the last 32 years, the community bus service has expanded from providing services only to adults 55+ and those with disabilities to serving all demographics. Examples of past programs and services include shopping trips, park-and-ride to events, excursions and available for rental by community groups and individuals.

Grant funding from the Family & Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) for community bus services is no longer available to municipalities and community groups.

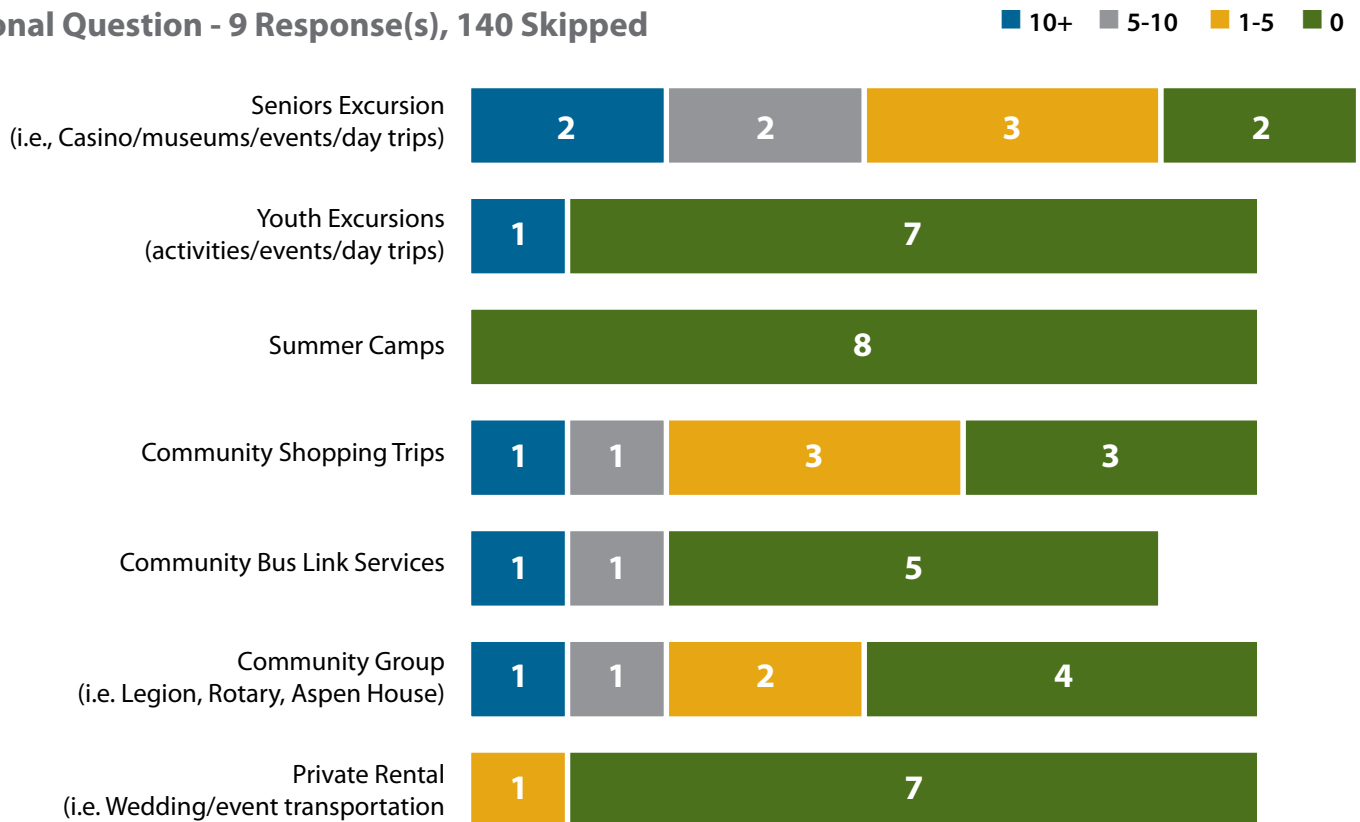
Q9 Have you ever ridden the Morinville Community Bus?

Optional Question - 149 Response(s), 0 Skipped



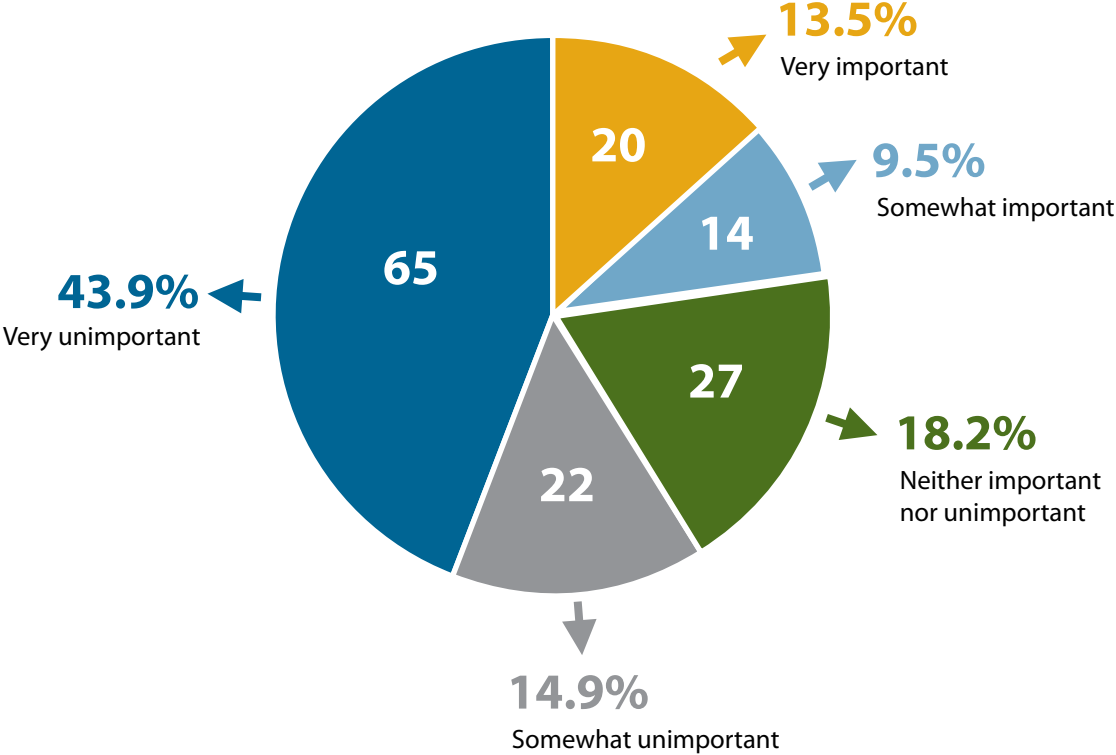
Q10 Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for Have you ever ridden the Morinville Community Bus. If yes, please indicate the reason/number of times you have ridden the community bus:

Optional Question - 9 Response(s), 140 Skipped



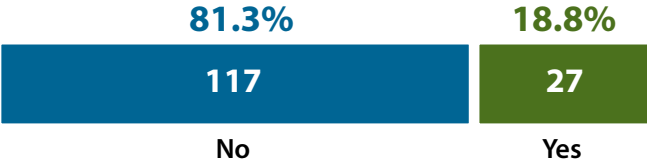
Q11 How important would a community bus be to you?

Optional Question - 148 Response(s), 1 Skipped



Q12 Would you book a spot on the Morinville Community Bus for pre-planned programs or excursions (shopping trips, day trips, events)?

Optional Question - 144 Response(s), 5 Skipped



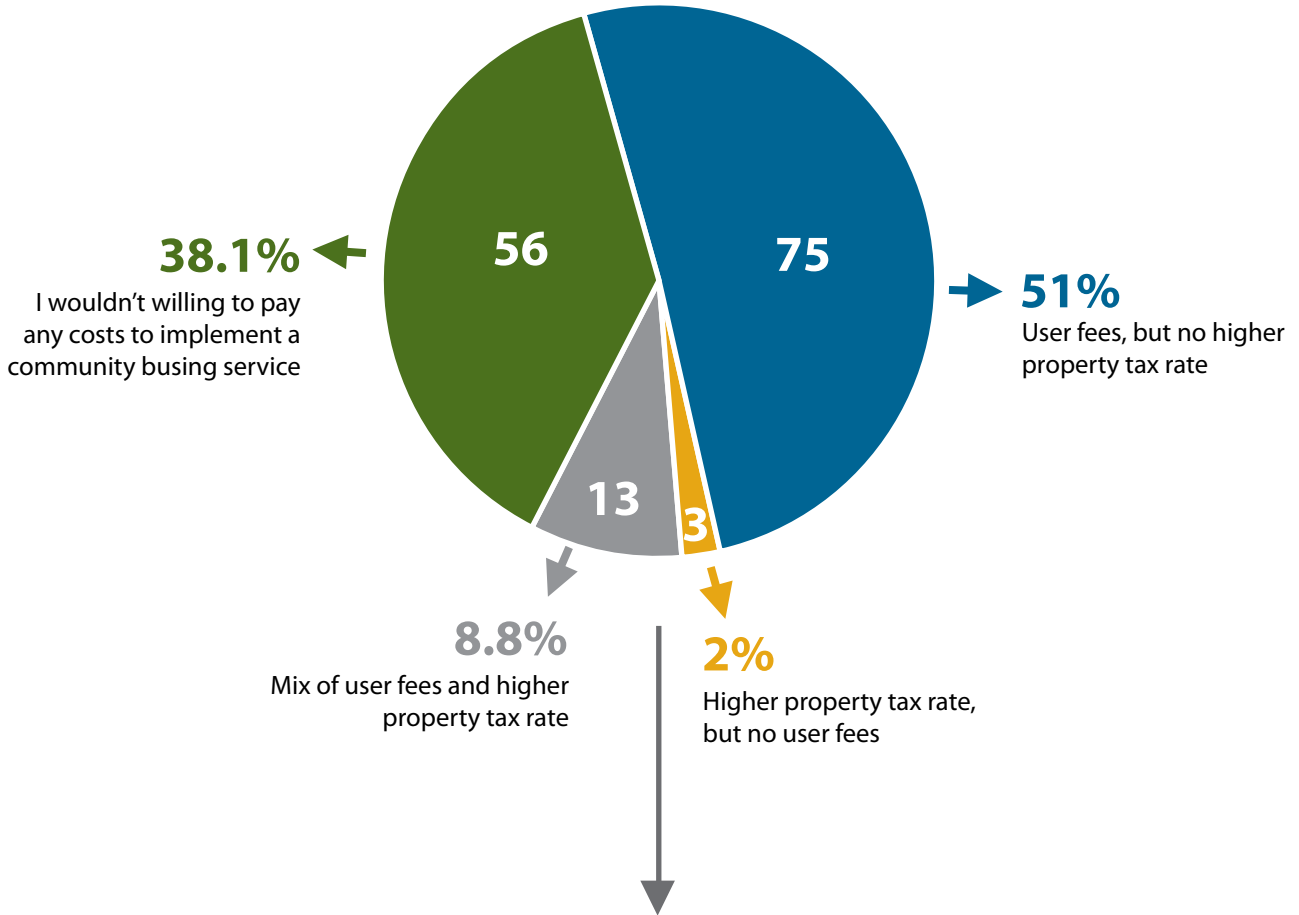
Q13 What would be a reasonable amount for the transportation portion of the Community Bus Program for programs or excursions?

Optional Question - 141 Response(s), 8 Skipped



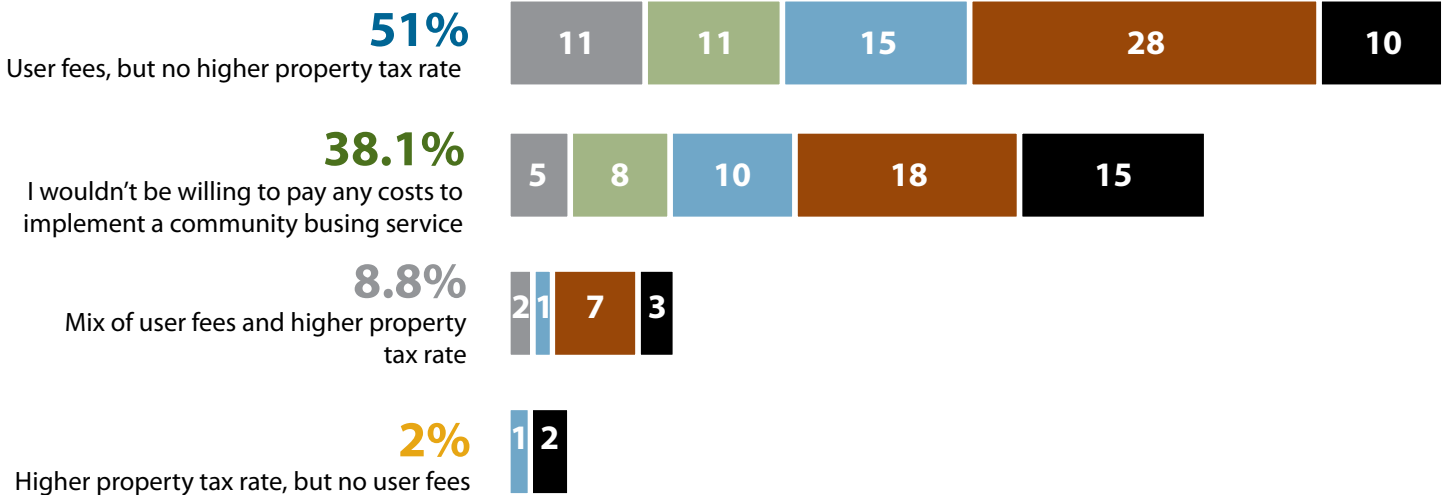
Q14 Would you be willing to pay user fees or higher tax rate to subsidize the cost to implement a community bus service?

Optional Question - 147 Response(s), 2 Skipped



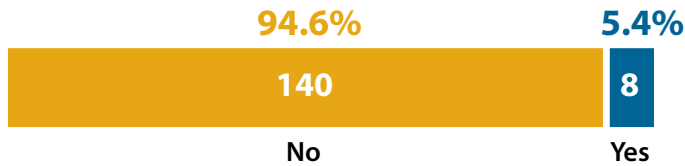
Responses by Age Group

65+ 55-64 45-54 35-44 25-34



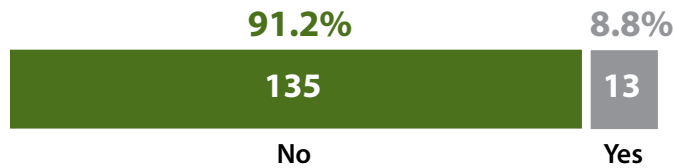
Q15 Have you or an organization you belong to ever rented the Morinville Community Bus?

Optional Question - 148 Response(s), 1 Skipped



Q16 Would you be interested in renting the Morinville Community Bus?

Optional Question - 148 Response(s), 1 Skipped



Q17 If yes, for what purpose would you use the bus?

Optional Question - 10 Response(s), 139 Skipped

Comments are unedited.

Get rid of the summer festival

shopping trip to town

To go to the leisure centre as I don't drive

Events

outings, shopping

Group transportation to an event
Game night in the city with adults etc.

There may be an opportunity to speak to the local schools to see if they have need of a bus.

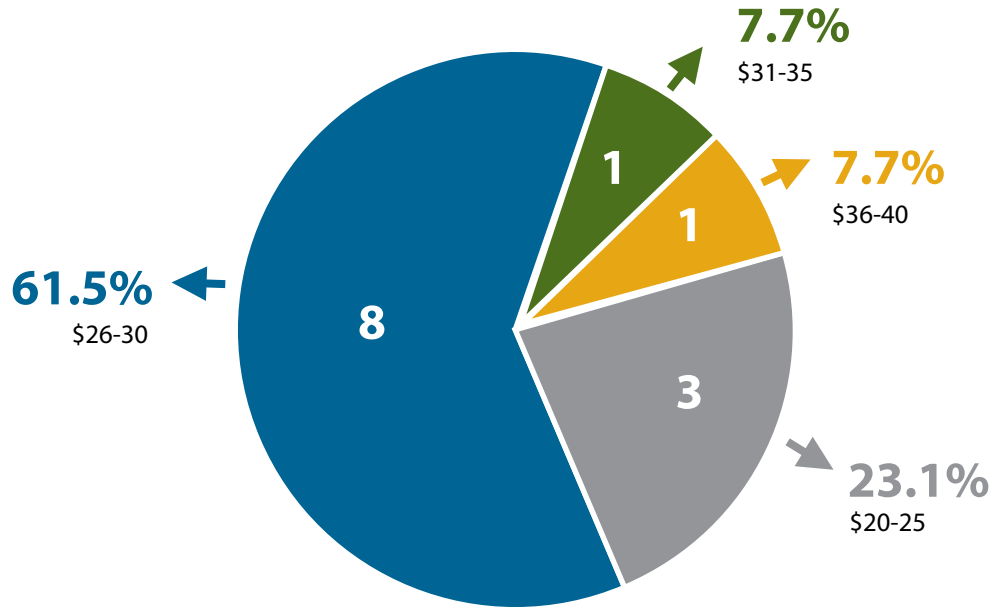
trips, shopping

Concert/Sports events, youth/student trips

We would be willing to setup excursions to various Events in and around Morinville. Shopping, Winery tours, Space Science Centre, etc, just to name a few. *Personal information has been removed to protect privacy.*

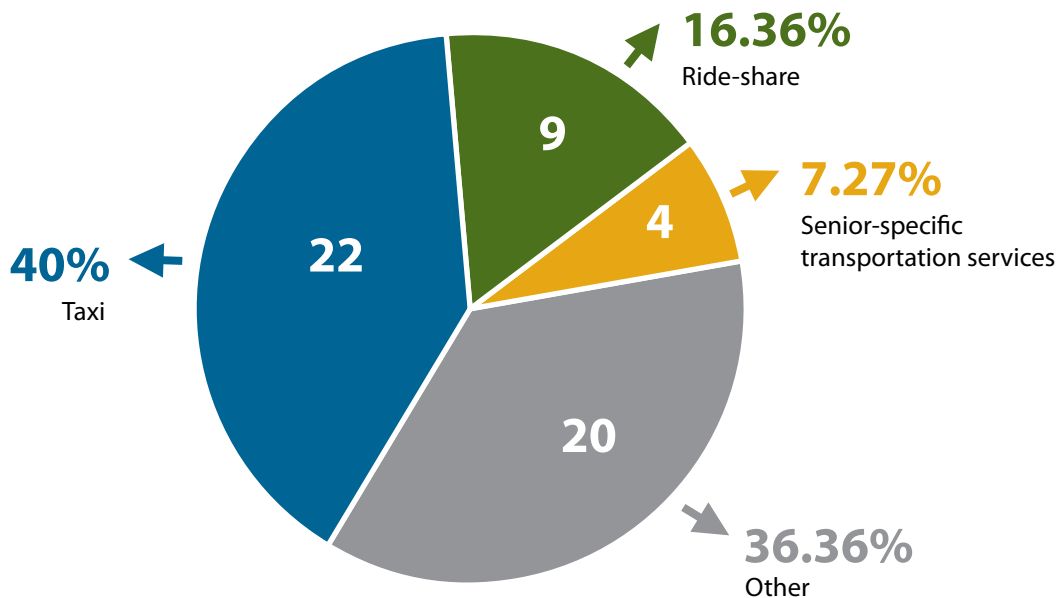
Q18 How much would you be willing to pay per hour to rent the Community Bus?

Optional Question - 13 Response(s), 136 Skipped



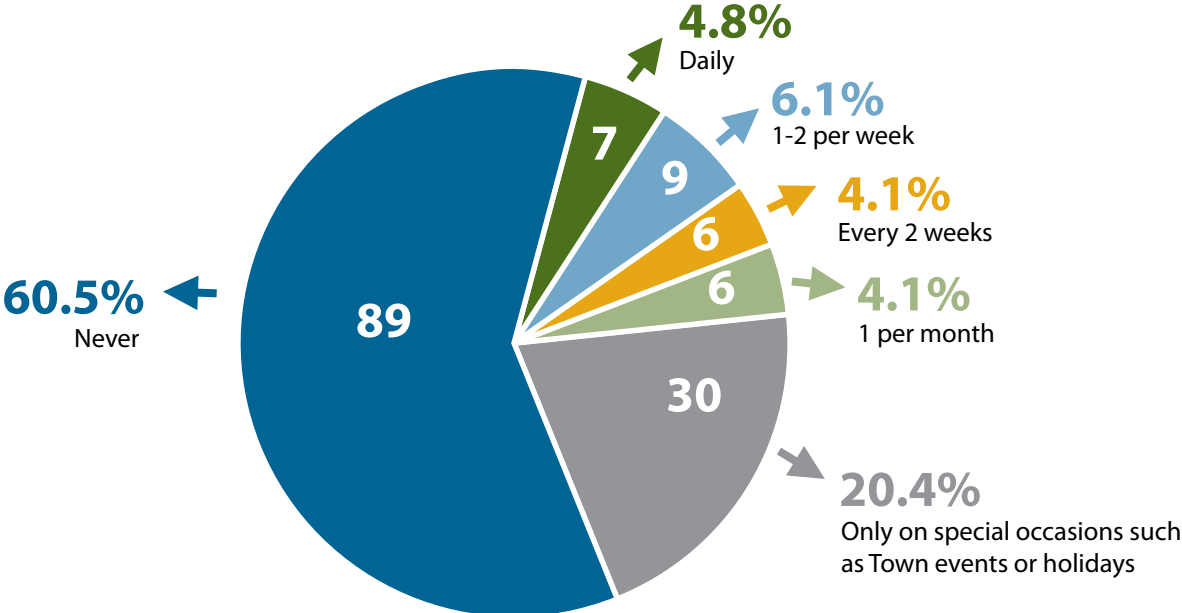
Q19 Do you currently access any of the following transportation services?

Optional Question - 53 Response(s), 96 Skipped



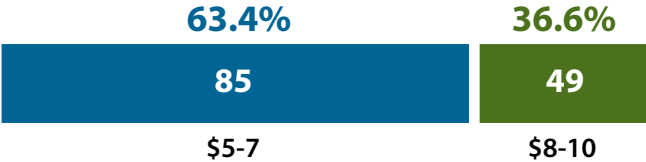
Q20 How often would you access public transit services if it was available from Morinville to St. Albert?

Optional Question - 147 Response(s), 2 Skipped



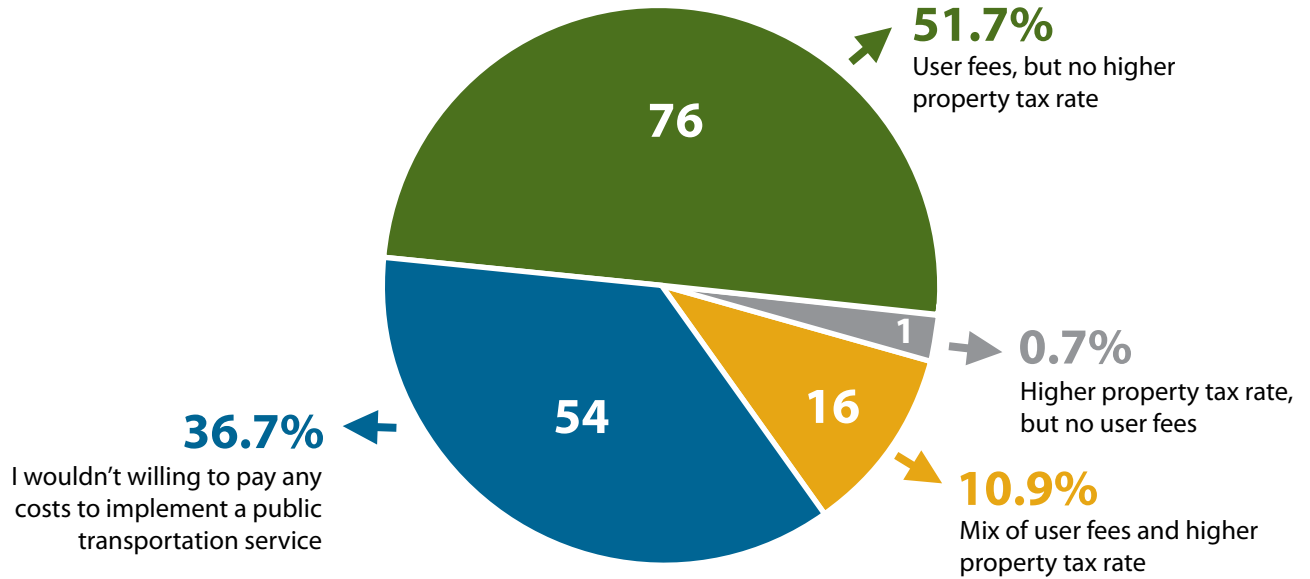
Q21 What would be a reasonable amount for this one-way public transportation service?

Optional Question - 134 Response(s), 15 Skipped



Q22 Would you be willing to pay user fees or higher tax rate to subsidize the cost to implement a public transportation service?

Optional Question - 147 Response(s), 2 Skipped





The Budget Engagement Survey was used as a tool of public participation to form a budget proposal for Council consideration.

The Budget engagement survey and the Engagemorinville.ca website visitation showed good participation. The survey responses received from 149 participants represents 1.4% of Morinville population.

The survey, while not statistically valid, will be used as one input to develop the 2023 Budget. Additional sources of information will also be taken into consideration to ensure that this budget accurately reflects the competing demands and financial situation of Morinville.

The Engage Morinville platform is a new initiative by Council and Town Administration. It is anticipated to grow as the Town continues to utilize the tool for all public engagement opportunities. Council and Town Administration are committed to continuing transparency and accessibility in all public engagement efforts.

Did you know?

Respondents who answered “NO tax increase - even if it means services reductions” also requested all services be **maintained** and sometimes **increased**.

Example: Emergency Services, Policing - RCMP

Did you know?

Respondents who were willing to “INCREASE taxes with inflation to maintain services” also requested **increases** in services.

Example: Winter road snow and ice removal, Economic Development

Q5 Do you have any additional suggestions for Morinville Town Council to consider for the 2023 budget?

Optional Question - 70 Response(s), 79 Skipped

Comments are unedited.

Sentiment Summary

■ Neutral ■ Negative ■ Positive ■ Mixed



Get rid of the summer festival. Most people are on holidays or out of town. And it's always bad weather anyways. Taxes should not be used to subsidize facility rentals. Those should be at a break even cost. Maintain everything else and increase as population grows/tax base increases. Stop spending money on crazy stuff! The town is hiring even more people. Graphic design and content creator!!!!?? Why are we even hiring for this. Waste of money.

Enforcement of noise bylaw, we will move away if noisy vehicles continue to rip down the streets

Maybe use some money to beautify the town a bit. We pay near St. Albert property tax but less trees, service and beauty. Do something about Main Street. It looks third world. Beautify to attract people and businesses.

Pursuing City status as Morinville now has over 10000 people which is the minimum threshold needed to become a city and town council should also consider whenever to annex land from sturgeon county that the leisure centre sits on and whatever if Cardiff echoes subdivision/ hamlet should become part of Morinville

We need to support what we have in place already and ensure that capital budgets are in place to fund the replacement of existing services when end of life is reached. Invest in asset management initiatives to collect and analyze this aspect of the Town's infrastructure so that proper plans and budgets can be built. If funding these future capital expenses requires a reduction in current levels than my votes about is personally where I would start.

To place in change rooms for the splash park and to keep the portables.

Take into consideration the community as a whole and what's important, what's needed versus what's wanted. Morinville is a beautiful place that my family has been a part of forever. Our name used to be on the pillar in the middle of town. History is important here. Increasing taxes is a hard pill to swallow when the economy is the way it is and the cost to live hasn't decreased and the pay of an individual hasn't increased. There's a lot of single income families here who have multiple children and need a community that supports them. The impact of Covid has hit far beyond what anyone can imagine. Taxes, deficits...they all need to be rectified and as such support what's best. Increased taxes isn't what's best. My taxes are already more than I can afford.

The sidewalks are terrible and need to be expanded on the main road (Champlain Street), firehall on. It's unsafe with a bike stroller or walking children. A pool in our community would be so beneficial to the families.

Morinville needs to make better use of the Recreation Centre, we need the addition of a pool or atleast another spray park. If you compare our population to towns such as Westlock and Redwater who have public pools available, we pay taxes and still there is not enough for residents in town.

I don't have the answers as to what to do. I just know that we pay alot of taxes and there's not a lot for us to do. Less pizza places and liquor stores and pot stores. Get a clothing store or something for teenagers.

Increase commercial property tax, offset some of the inflation costs for residents. Finish South Glens so the neighborhood can actually be apart of our beautiful town.

Imperative to attract new businesses to town to help the tax base for residents. We cannot continue to have our residents pay more taxes each year just to help the deficit and not see additional services, events, programming with these additional costs.



Appendix: FUNDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Pave gravel alleys. It's 2022. We shouldn't have gravel spilling out and damaging pavement.

Explore alternative ways to generate revenue. Asset monetization, fines, betterment levy, and increasing charges for waste removal and other services (Or scaling back on the services).

Please stop choosing the lowest budget option for every thing. We look like a poor country cousin. No pool. No trees. Half paved trails. Limited programs. We need to do better for kids, families and seniors. Cheaper is rarely better.

Public sector salaries and benefits are unjustifiably high. Reduce employee wages and benefits to align better with the private sector, which has been suffering over the past 3 years.

Our taxes seem to be going to nothing. I know a lot is beyond the town's control with the province not giving more money. My area was plowed 2 times this winter - not at all acceptable. Our trails need repair. Many community events were canceled (parade) and that was very sad. Residents really want a pool. Better indoor athletic facilities would be better too. East boundary road needs to be paved. There are many concerns and I feel like my tax money is not being used in a way that helps the people of this community live more active and healthy life styles.

Affordable housing and commerce should be prioritized.

Snow removal this year was a sad joke. Seriously not funny. So many streets were impassable with vehicle and seriously dangerous for walkers and handicapped persons. We Must do better.

I think that this survey is to generic. I would like to see a decrease in town staff. I believe that the town has been poorly run and the amount that is charged to youth groups is wildly over priced. Youth sports is so thing that the town should be supporting and promoting. Not charging insane amounts for field/diamond rentals. You already don't get enough people going to the MLC. You think charging more for fees will draw bigger crowds?

Very disappointed with being told taxes would be held and then face an increase, and looks like more to come. Unacceptable. Our taxes are through the roof compared to other towns that offer more

The town really needs a pool. With the garrison shutting down their pool and the city pools and swimming lessons reaching capacities it makes it difficult for us town residents to have our kids partake in swimming lessons which I believe is incredibly important for children. The revenue from having a pool in town will pay for itself over time.

A combination of increased taxation and increased/new user fees may be a feasible solution to budgetary constraints.

It is more that the Town of Morinville needs to streamline their Public Works. They seem to take forever to get anything accomplished. Perhaps getting workers that would work a little quicker and be more knowledgeable in their field.

Infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, etc.) are a must to maintain. It's difficult to attract new businesses, investment, and even new families if you jar their teeth out of their mouths on the way to their destination. We have roads in town that need attention. We have sidewalks that need attention. There are properties - mine included - that are flooded in spring because of inadequate drainage. No one who knows about this will choose to work or live on a property like that. Infrastructure investment first. Then vanity projects if there's money left over. Spend within your means - you're already spending outside of mine. My taxes have more than tripled since we bought in Morinville. Inflation up until this year hasn't done the same nor have my services increased this much. My water bill more than doubled for no more usage when the town went to monthly billing and has continued to climb far more than inflationary costs since. This indicates a problem with spending within your means and foresight. If you were a private business, you'd be out of business. If this was a family budget, what would you tell me? Spend within my means? Hmmm...

Been in Morinville for 27 years and still have no indoor pool even though this town has grown substaually. Something I wish this town would invest in.

I don't expect I'm much different than many long term residents- We have watched our taxes and utilities go up, and up, and up, our cost of living is through the roof, and frankly, I have no more capacity to work longer or harder to afford more, I already put in 55-60 hours of work per week and cash in most of my vacation. This town has become simply unaffordable. It's very tough to say no and enough is enough, but lines have to be drawn somewhere and sometime.

Start to attract businesses to Morinville. The Town can not continue to rely just on property taxes.

I think it should be a requirement that when Sturgeon County is hiring contractors that they should have to try to hire businesses that reside in Sturgeon County first and as a priority!! Examples are snow removal, snow hauling, gravel, dump trucks, heavy equipment etc. I also think it should be more advertised in Sturgeon County of when Contracting jobs become available. This nature of business creates better community too!!

Working toward an aquatics facilities expansion at the leisure center should be prioritized high. Programs in St. Albert are far to competitive for non residences and travel to Westlock means higher transportation costs for families. I believe a pool would bring extra revenue to the MLC. Our family would certainly utilize the facilities frequently, as of now we do not often visit the MLC. I feel this is typical of families in my demographic with children under 5

This survey is clearly an attempt to justify the outrageous increase in taxes (that were outrageously high to begin with) but it doesn't. I have lived across the country and have never paid such high taxes for so little services. The snow removal was pitiful last winter and you're saying we had to spend an extra 75k on it? My street got plowed maybe 5 times last winter. There needs to be an audit done to the spending of OUR hard earned money that is so recklessly spent. This is unacceptable. My suggestion- figure out how to responsibly spend our money and stop raising our taxes. A town of 10k~ people should not be getting taken advantage of.

There has to be a cut in in operating expense as we in private business has been through coviid and other economic variables look at how many businesses have closed

we built a rec center without a pool/hot tub and sauna and we wonder why no one uses. needs to be added to draw more attention. went there once and literally only good thing was gym and hockey arena.... besides that nothing else. by adding a pool/hot tub and sauna it would attract family's which morinville has an increasing amount of. people go to st. albert to use there's... which goes into st. albert fund...

It's understood that taxes will have to rise to meet inflation. Please remember that the rate payers aren't making more money so these increases will negatively impact them; especially those on fixed incomes.

To attract more businesses (no taxes for a period of time), add a pool to the leisure center, to make Morinville more kid friendly... public transportation into st.albert and edmonton.

i think that better snow and ice removal in winter would help lower the cost of street repairs due to the freeze thaw that tends to damage the roads in the spring leading to more road repairs in the summer. The cost of rentals at town owned buildings is also a concern as these prices may deter some events from being held in these assets. Finally i think that the town is a little greedy in extra fees it charges that are passed on to tax payers in the form of access fees for utility companies and charging sewer fees for all water charged in the summer as if it was returned into the sewer system when most of it is used on gardens and lawns to enhance the general overall look and appeal of the town in general. The town is always looking to create a revenue stream but was very quick to cut the photo radar in town that created revenue without increasing the costs (in manpower and extra equipment) and helped offset the town expense to provide traffic safety improvements.

Work on trying to bring more businesses to the area without killing them with huge taxes. If I were to have a buisness I would not pick Morinville as I know people who have a buisness here and they say they find it very hard to make ends meat due to th high taxes.



I think there should be a decrease in services and a tax increase to be stored as municipal reserve to provide financial stability for the future.

Nobody can afford paying more tax increases. Please start spending less money so we can afford to put food on our tables, that's all most can afford now. We have no more to give. Just assuming we have more to give is so wrong and out of touch with what's going on today.

Don't spend more than you have (and you have enough by the way).

Install Traffic lights at corner of Grandin & 642

Busing for Seniors to events. This would allow more Seniors to get involved and participate in social events. Many do not have transportation at their disposal.

Use private contractors when needed instead of paying for staff year around.

Look at snow removal. There are areas where the snow could be pushed to the side of the road instead of trucked away. Don't have staff working on stat holidays, don't clear snow from median down 100 Ave by the MCCC. Promote what we do have, don't make families drive to other cities for sports, camps, activities etc. - ball diamonds, walking trails, soccer fields, playgrounds, skate park and keep the facilities clean. Encourage new developments in our area and promote it - Ex: Pump track (safe space for our kids to ride bikes vs. on the road!) Do work bees - community members will help with cleanup/maintenance.

stop paying the leisure center staff HUGE amounts of money to do nothing... they dont require \$40-60 an hour to sit behind an empty desk.

After reading an article in the Free Press paper regarding increasing taxes on people owing townhouse complexes, condo complexes or apartment complexes, I believe this is overstepping the bounds of Town Council. In my opinion, its like getting taxes on my investments. That is total garbage! What is Town Council thinking? Maybe some of the councillors need to get an education on how to be a Town Councillor and start using their brains.

I would love Morinville to get a bus that goes to St. Albert in the morning for six am and bring the bus back to Morinville after 3:15 I work in St. Albert and I don't drive it would make things much better I would use it everyday maybe even earlier in the morning

Non resident user fees for those who do not live in the property tax catchment. This would have other municipalities create a user agreement within their own taxes fee share or those persons will pay what we are contributing with our taxes. They shouldn't have the benefit of use without the fees. This can be charged to sport organizations as well. See the structure Oromotco NB uses. It was well developed and enforced.

There needs to be a way to draw in more services that people locally and in surrounding Sturgeon would want to come to Morinville for. Be it better restaurants (not pizza / Asian / burgers), better grocery or specialized grocery, apparel (larger chains or more specialized), car dealerships (maybe a more high end one to draw in a specific crowd). This is just an idea but even so much as to look around Canada to see what smaller towns or cities are doing and have been doing to grow - we can potentially do the same on a smaller scale. The amount of taxes that i pay for where i am, is similar to what i've paid in Spruce Grove and Red Deer. These 2 cities have far more offerings and infrastructure than Morinville. All should be thinking outside the box for this. As well, coming from a larger, eastern City, i would strongly suggest that your snow clearing be done like those cities in eastern part of Canada. Loader with snow blower attachment (current), snow should be blown from whatever was collected with the bladders, onto the properties of the homeowners. Stop clearing snow with the amount of trucks, use the trucks to haul the snow away for the areas where you cannot blow snow (onto the smaller townhomes or apartments). This will effectively reduce the amount of truck hauls you are booking. This is simple logistics and can be done quite easily to reduce any increase you may need.



Path improvement would be nice. Continue on the dead end trails.

Decrease councils pay.

Close the library and museum. Give the Community Cultural Centre to the High School. These are under utilized. The vast majority of citizens do not use them. This would reduce taxes and fees which affects everyone. Survey citizens to find the preference of the afore mentioned or a swimming pool.

Curb appeal can sell a house and curb appeal can sell living here in town. The bylaw service should, imo, be proactive in ensuring both public and private spaces are better maintained. I suggest that as theft and vandalism increase, perhaps drones can be used to provide an overview of playgrounds and high use spaces after hours to reduce vandalism and address the people, usually younger drivers stunting and speeding in areas around town. I also think there could be productivity audits for permanent and seasonal staff in public works. Why does it need 2 people in a vehicle to empty garbage cans. If there are 2 people in each truck, surely one of them can take a bag to remove litter from the street instead of watching their partner work.

We pay taxes equal or more than other places we do not have an indoor swimming pool we've been entitled to money from many levels do you have an indoor pool we are not second-class citizens yet our counsel must think we are

Pay and incentive review for staff in order to reflect the reality of the private sector. Increasing operational costs due to increased staff pay and benefits is not in line with the objective of sustainable governance.

We would love to see a swimming pool in the community. I would gladly increase my home taxes to support this project. This would attract more families and home construction thus increasing the tax base maintaining the taxation level.

Learn to spend within our means, think ahead, don't just react to wants. Don't compare to other communities, think what Morinville citizens would want not what council think they need.

It would be nice for Morinville to step up in reference to going greener by planting a lot more trees on the streets and green areas. The main street through downtown is an eyesore long grass, dead trees, curbs need to be painted yellow. It would be nice to see a little bit more pride on our main streets.

wages; are they in line with job description; an employee scanning entries into various areas is being overpaid; that type of job does not warrant its current rate

From my perspective, things do not look good for residents and the Town of Morinville. There are some serious challenges. While a new document is the 2022-2025 Strategic Development Plan (SDP) still pertinent? Are there any Strategic Priorities defined for 2022? WRT to spending. Why was \$30K spent for another flagpole in front of the Town Office (MSI Grant). Currently, there are 5 poles and only 3 flags flying on the poles in front of the Town Office. At MLC, there are 5 poles and 4 flags flying. Big concern I have is the business community, and ensure that entrepreneurs see Morinville as a place to invest in. The Survey should include 'not applicable' or 'no response.' Some of my responses in Ques 4 - I have no information or awareness of the type of services is offered. But in order to submit the survey there must be responses to all questions (there are no blanks responses allowed). So the Survey will be skewed by some respondents. Feel free to contact me, to educate or enlighten me on your thoughts on how Morinville will continue to live up to its motto, 'Growing Together!'

Personal information has been removed to protect privacy.

Listen more to administration. They know what's best for the town. Being an elected official is not supposed to be a popularity contest on social media.

Snow and Ice removal in ALL neighborhoods is HIGH priority! Resident's vehicles suffer and so do the roads when you don't. Common sense, we get snow most of the year, can't you delegate staff for full time snow removal without extra contractors. Stop overpaying for services you contract out when you can get the same or better quality service for a LOT less. Thank you for giving people more of a voice.

Every where you look there are businesses for sale. Vacant lots on the old main street because I have heard the province discourages development with access to the #642. Hold the line on taxes - means no tax increases. Stop or postpone further expansion on the outdoor arena facility that Morinville doesn't need. The current "new" snow requires tweaking - main arteries are cleared more often than necessary. One way to increase revenues is red light cameras. Another is the little used photo radar enforcement. The only place I see photo radar is as one heads south or east out of town and that does nothing but upset people. The red light may as well be a "stop only if you wish" sign. I see nothing wrong with people being held responsible for their poor or careless driving. Consideration might be made to not purchasing new town trucks as often. Large private companies do not run such new equipment. The provincial government has cut back monies to municipalities. Speak to the population as to how service cuts from the provincial government are adding to the loss of revenues in town thus increasing the tax burden on the citizens of Morinville. A good way to end this would be to have people complain to their MLA.

Your hired to make tough decisions and in this environment that's what needs to be done. We have to consider moving if the taxes continue to rise.

Try to find a qualified CAO for a more reasonable salary. Budgets should be available by Council on a more timely basis

I realize that with the price of everything increasing lately, there will be an impact on the town and how it is run - whether that be a loss of services or an increase in fees and/or property taxes. However, I feel that if the taxes increase anymore then there will be individuals and families rethinking and potentially relocating to another city or town where either they have less taxes, and less programs, less snow removal, general maintenance, etc. Or they will move to somewhere where the taxes or fees reflect the services provided. It definitely has given our family something to think about in regards to raising our kids here, and the potential of relocating due to the potential increase in taxes which doesn't balance the services provided. (At least not currently, in my opinion).

I would really like to see a pool added to the rec center. And a proper pedestrian sidewalk to access the center from town. Note: pylons look tacky and do not provide safety from vehicles speeding into town off the highway

Thank you for working hard to serve the best interests of our community!

Include business in tax rate increases.

