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Joint Municipal Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee

Meeting Date: October 17, 2019
Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chamber
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Overview

A 2020 Budget Survey was available to residents, businesses and stakeholders of the Town of The Blue Mountains from July 22, 2019 to August 15, 2019, to gain valuable feedback on the Town's Budget. A total of 268 surveys were completed. Although not a true statistical representation of the Town's population, some good information can be taken from these results.

Response to Questions on Healthcare Spending

Q9 Please rank your top three priorities where you believe that the Town should spend more tax dollars on?

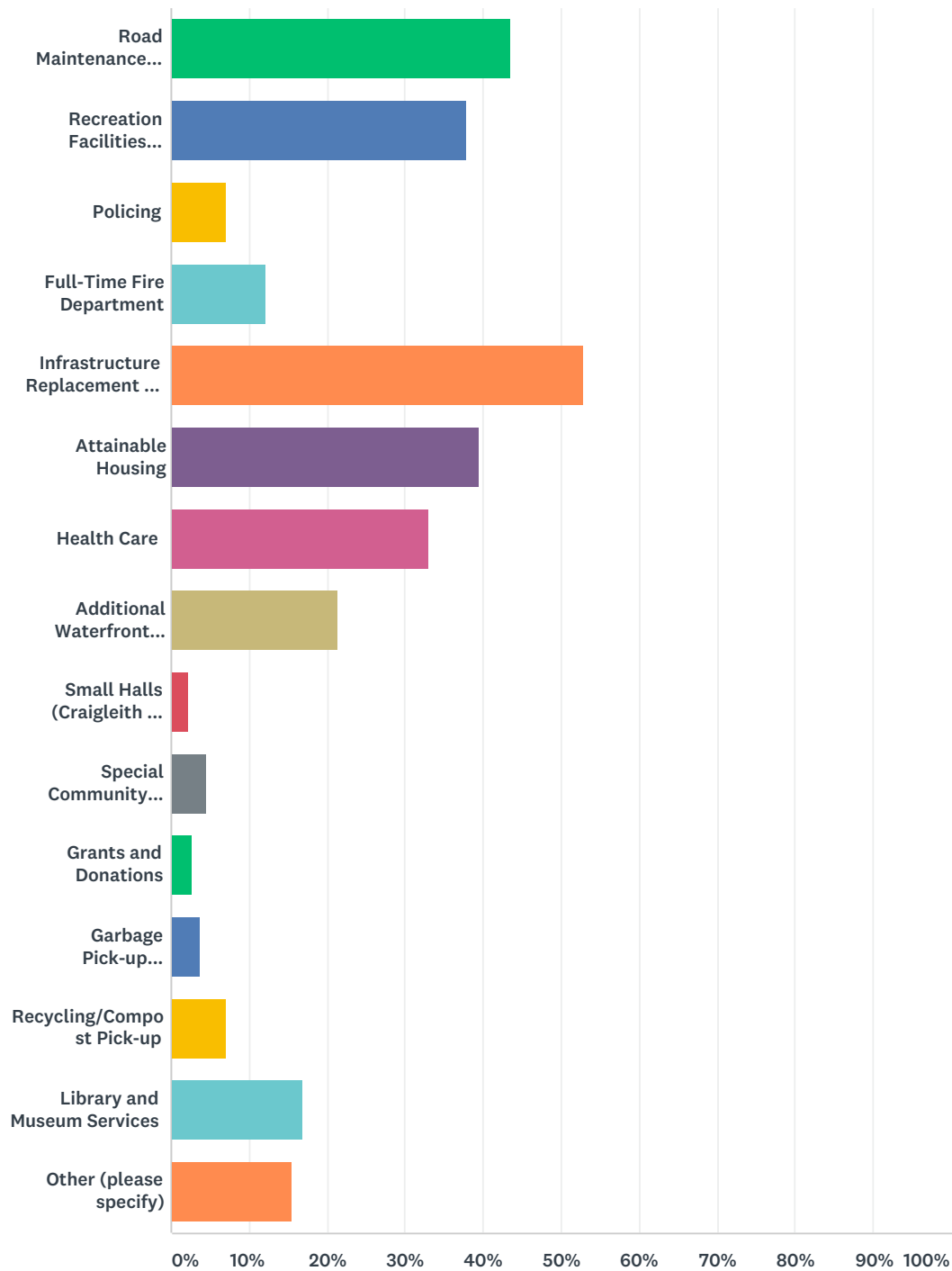
33% of respondents picked "healthcare" as one of their three priorities for more spending.

Q10 Please rank your top three priorities that you believe that Town could spend less tax dollars on?

6.77% of respondents indicated they would like less spending on healthcare.

Q9 Please rank your top three priorities where you believe that the Town should spend more tax dollars on?

Answered: 266 Skipped: 2



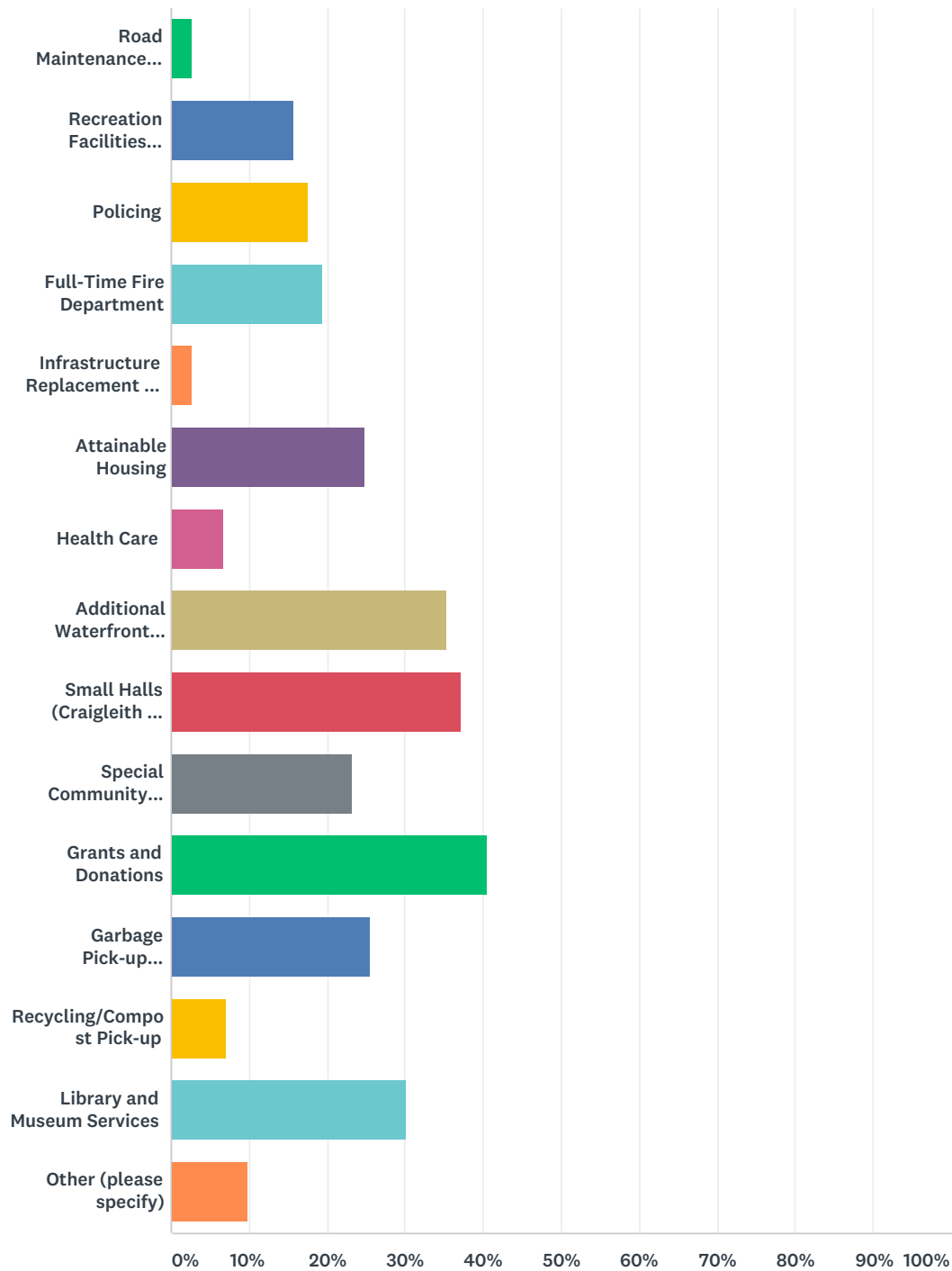
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Road Maintenance (including winter road maintenance)	43.61%	116
Recreation Facilities (swimming pool, community fitness centre, etc.)	37.97%	101

Policing	7.14%	19
Full-Time Fire Department	12.03%	32
Infrastructure Replacement and Investment	53.01%	141
Attainable Housing	39.47%	105
Health Care	33.08%	88
Additional Waterfront Parks	21.43%	57
Small Halls (Craigleith and Ravenna)	2.26%	6
Special Community Events such as Canada Day	4.51%	12
Grants and Donations	2.63%	7
Garbage Pick-up (bi-weekly)	3.76%	10
Recycling/Compost Pick-up	7.14%	19
Library and Museum Services	16.92%	45
Other (please specify)	15.41%	41
Total Respondents: 266		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Community fitness centre and Health Care - these are not mutually exclusive	8/23/2019 7:16 AM
2	Area attracting retirees - NEED fitness & pool to stay healthy especially in winter	8/23/2019 7:11 AM
3	Library services - museum services was crossed out.	8/23/2019 7:03 AM
4	Thornbury Public Transit	8/23/2019 7:00 AM
5	Great Town - no comment.	8/23/2019 6:53 AM
6	Sidewalks	8/23/2019 5:32 AM
7	internet accessibility	8/22/2019 5:36 AM
8	construction waste & disposal eg. dry wall, styrofoam, mattresses - all can be recycled and save space in our land fill.	8/22/2019 5:34 AM
9	Economic Development	8/22/2019 5:32 AM
10	more parking for waterfront parks. LOTs of visitors to these	8/15/2019 4:57 PM
11	Municipal government should not be in the attainable housing business, but should provide the necessary incentives to individuals and developers to enter this market to support the community goals.	8/9/2019 4:46 AM
12	The community desperately needs affordable fitness center	8/8/2019 9:57 AM
13	Connecting trails and bike lanes for active transportation	8/5/2019 10:05 AM
14	Transportation	7/31/2019 8:20 AM
15	Preparations for Climate Crisis and extreme weather emergencies	7/29/2019 5:56 AM
16	Innisfil type uber transit partnership	7/26/2019 8:24 AM
17	Drainage in areas that do not have any. We are at the bottom of the escarpment. Water flows downhill. Hydro rates are crazy and so it the amount of water a homeowner has to pump away from their home because the town does not have drainage set up on the streets. Thornbury gets it all others are left without.	7/25/2019 12:51 PM
18	bike trails	7/23/2019 1:20 PM
19	climate change	7/23/2019 10:27 AM

Q10 Please rank your top three priorities that you believe that Town could spend less tax dollars on?

Answered: 266 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Road Maintenance (including winter road maintenance)	2.63%	7
Recreation Facilities (swimming pool, community fitness centre, etc.)	15.79%	42

Policing	17.67%	47
Full-Time Fire Department	19.55%	52
Infrastructure Replacement and Investment	2.63%	7
Attainable Housing	24.81%	66
Health Care	6.77%	18
Additional Waterfront Parks	35.34%	94
Small Halls (Craigleith and Ravenna)	37.22%	99
Special Community Events such as Canada Day	23.31%	62
Grants and Donations	40.60%	108
Garbage Pick-up (bi-weekly)	25.56%	68
Recycling/Compost Pick-up	7.14%	19
Library and Museum Services	30.08%	80
Other (please specify)	9.77%	26
Total Respondents: 266		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The respondent added "additional" to the question - ...that you believe that Town could spend less additional tax dollars on	8/23/2019 7:16 AM
2	None of the above	8/23/2019 6:39 AM
3	see comment box	8/22/2019 5:44 AM
4	not sure	8/15/2019 4:57 PM
5	Finance/IT and Administration - must look for efficiencies	8/12/2019 10:00 AM
6	I don't want garbage to change to 2x /week or every other week	8/8/2019 9:57 AM
7	financing and IT had one of the largest budgets. There must be some way to make those departments more efficient	8/7/2019 6:14 AM
8	Litigation	7/29/2019 5:56 AM
9	Staff with high non market reflective salaries	7/27/2019 5:20 AM
10	Transfer fire department budget to Collingwood (merge)	7/26/2019 8:24 AM
11	Seems to be many trail, public space maintenance and improvement projects that are not really needed looks like a waste of our money.	7/15/2019 2:58 PM
12	Town cars that staff drive home after work	7/15/2019 9:18 AM
13	nothing	7/15/2019 6:36 AM
14	Outside consultants	7/15/2019 2:50 AM
15	Administration	7/14/2019 5:55 AM
16	Covering the pier in those fossil fuel based material was a BAD IDEA!	7/12/2019 6:46 AM
17	no user fees add to tax base	7/12/2019 5:27 AM
18	Raises for town employees	7/11/2019 6:26 PM
19	Consultants. (Save money by reducing garbage pick up to bi-weekly?)	7/9/2019 12:05 PM
20	Staffing increases	7/2/2019 2:26 PM
21	Consultants	7/2/2019 1:15 PM