

# THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

**Report TR 27-2024**

**Council Meeting Date: December 3, 2024**

**TO:** Mayor Cook and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Janet Ferguson, Director of Financial Services  
**RE:** 2025 Pre-Budget Survey

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Report TR 27-2024 regarding a 2025 pre-budget survey be received.

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**SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with the results of the 2025 pre-budget survey.

**BACKGROUND**

In an attempt to garner public input for the 2025 budget considerations, staff issued a short survey of 7 questions. Unfortunately, there were only 92 responses to the survey. This is a significant decrease over the previous year(s).

The results reflect the following:

- 83% of respondents own a home and live in Lambton Shores full time
- 58% of the respondents have owned a home or business for more than 10 years

When asked how well the municipality offers various services, the responses indicated that the expectations are met.

The respondents suggest that Recreation and Cultural services should receive the most priority for funding in the 2025 budget with Protective services being second.

45% of respondents would not support a property tax increase if it improved or expanded services.

62% of the respondents prefer to receive information from the monthly municipal e-newsletter.

Question 6 was an open comment for a top priority for the 2025 municipal budget discussions which generated numerous comments. They are shown on pages 4-6 of the survey response attachment.

## **ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER**

None

## **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

For Council information.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no impact by receiving this report. If Council chooses to recommend one or more suggestions included in the 2025 budget, the financial impact would be determined at that time.

## **CONSULTATION**

None