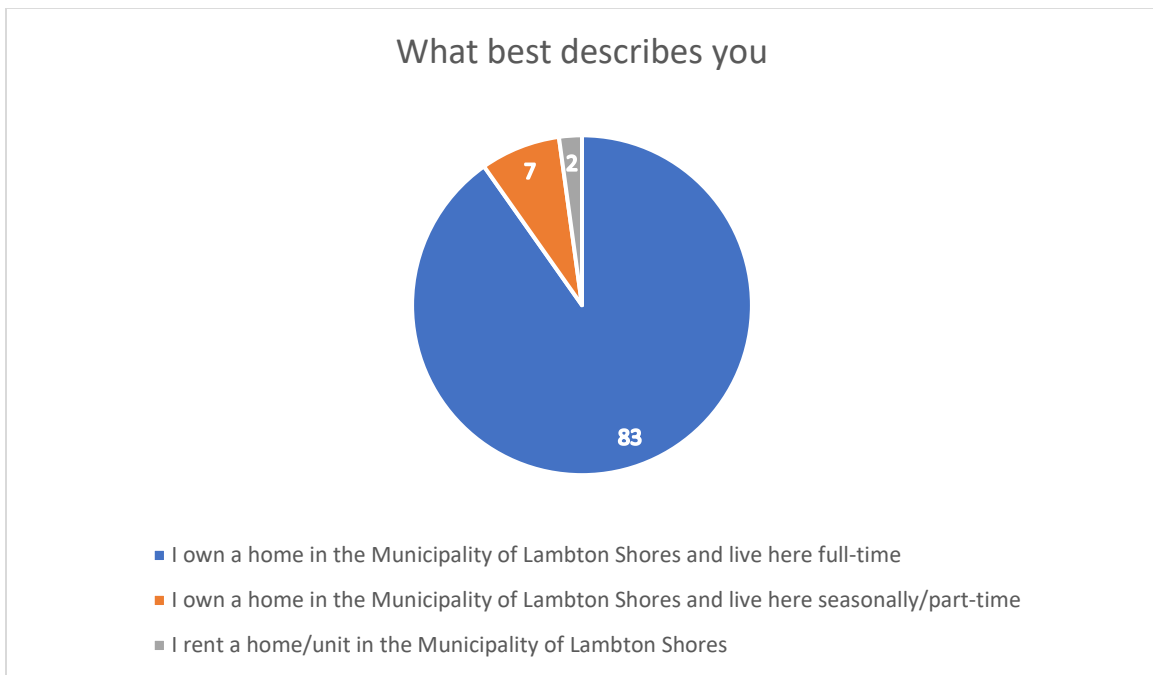




2025 Pre-Budget Survey Results Summary

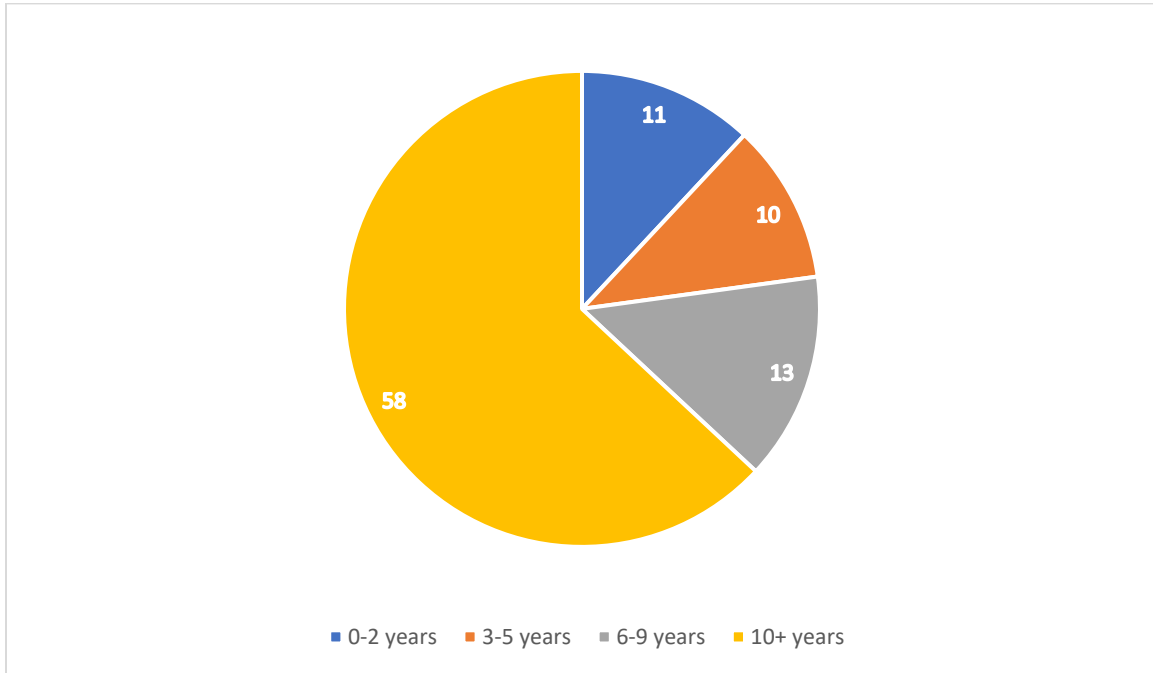
92 responses

1. What best describes you?



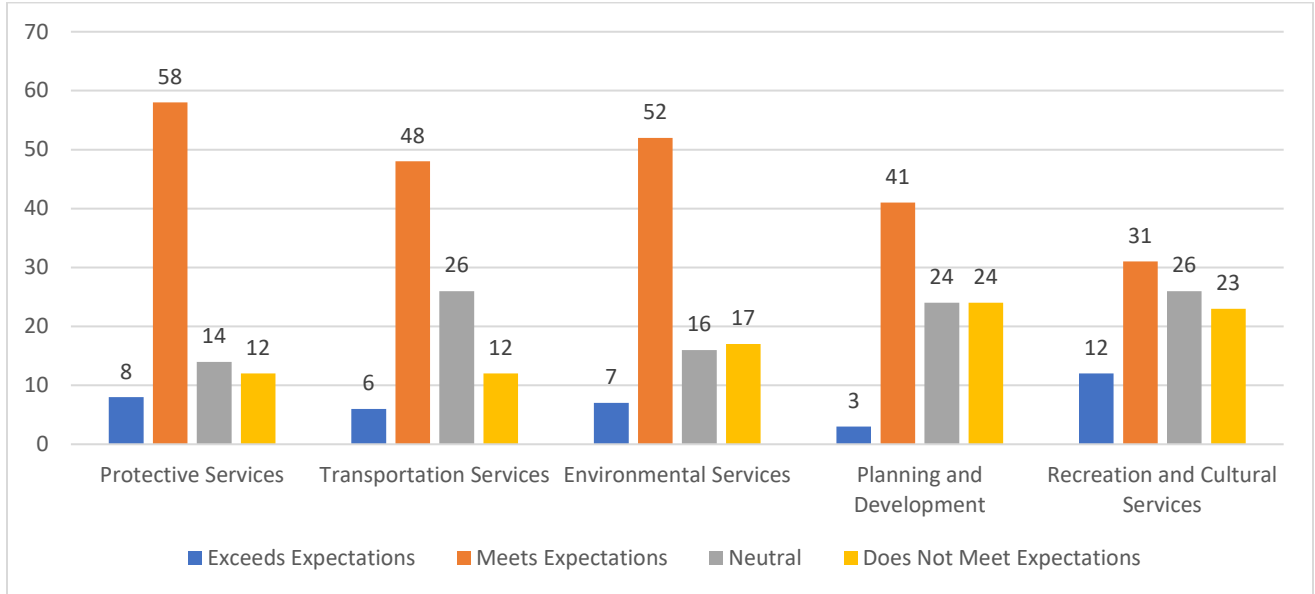


2. Based on how you described yourself above, how long have you lived or owned a business in Lambton Shores?

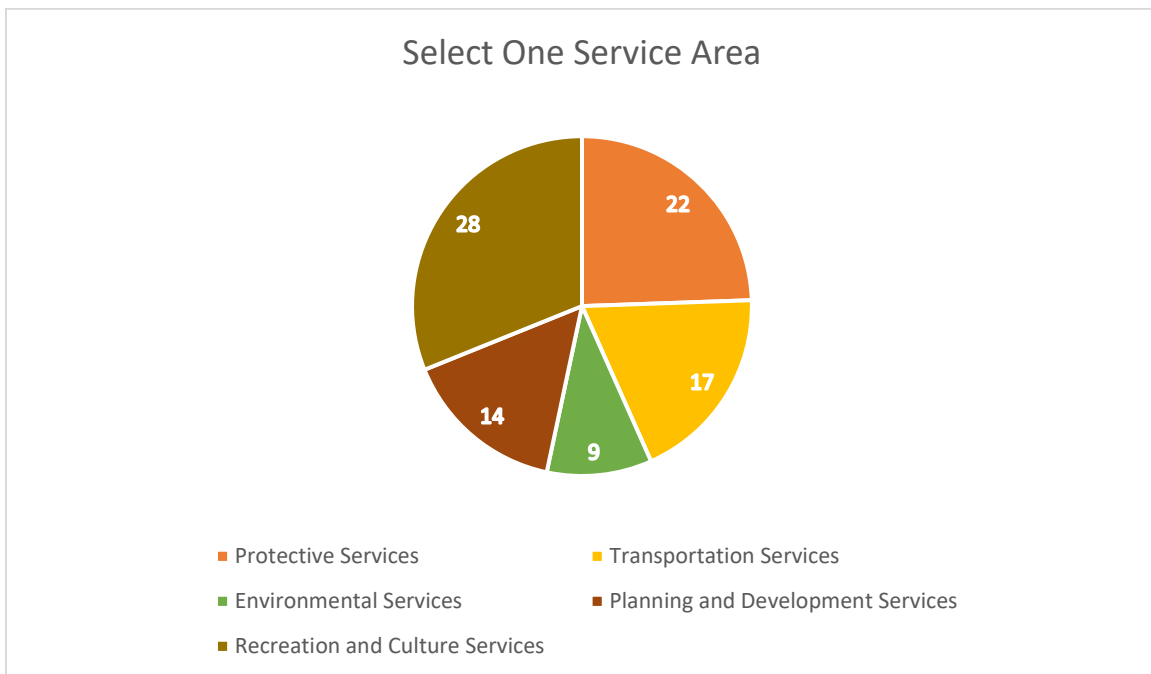




3. Using the information above, how well do you believe the Municipality offers the following municipal services?

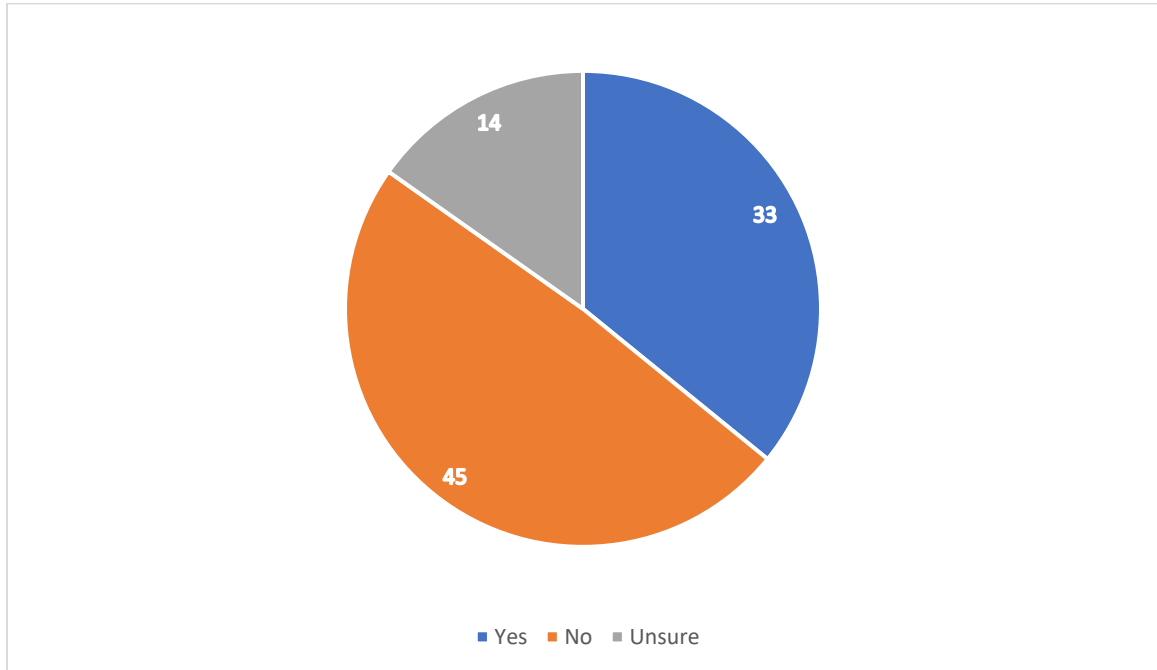


4. In the 2025 Operating Budget, which municipal service area should receive the most priority for funding? (Select one)





5. Would you support an increase in municipal property taxes if it improved and/or expanded municipal services, including the priority you indicated above?



6. When Council begins their budget discussions, what do you believe should be their top priority for the 2025 Municipal Budget?

- Another arena
- More investments in our parks and recreation services. Improvements to existing facilities, potential new facilities, and improvements to the maintenance of our parks
- The tourist areas struggle to manage crowds and meet their needs. Portable washroom, change room trailers for Grand Bend and Ipperwash would ensure no waiting and more access. Affordable housing is needed to allow employees at year-round business a place to live. They feed us, wait on us but can't live here.
- Cut wasteful spending. Cut upper management positions and put more money into infrastructure and protective services such as fire protection
- Fire department upgrades
- Fix Roads not council lived in roads.
- Maintenance of the town and expansion to facilities in Forest. Too much has gone to grand bend.





- So some economic development. All I hear about are more and more rules that stop development and scare off tourists. Let businesses operate and stop making ridiculous rules. Keep the community safe and roads clear and get out of the way otherwise.
- Quit wasting money in grand bend. Like your million-dollar self cleaning toilet. What a shame!!!
- Council needs to upgrade fire department apparatus that is past its expiration time. As well, firefighters' compensation needs to be increased to a level that makes it attractive to potential new recruits. Moral on the department is at an all time low and they need more than lip service to get it back.
- Fiscal responsibility should be a priority. I feel that a lot of the expenses for maintaining the beach, harbour and community operated facilities should come from the people that use them through user fees. It costs considerable monies to operate facilities. I see many tourists come to town with coolers of food purchased elsewhere and the only money spent locally is parking. The municipality should either increase parking fees or charge to use the beach.
- Improved recreation facilities
- The municipality needs to make it easier for businesses to start up AND the amount of funds that are designated for recreation and culture a portion needs to be allocated to bringing the community together. This should not solely be put on the backs of community groups; it should be a partnership with the municipality.
- More services for residents. There is a surplus. Support services for RESIDENTs of grand bend- not tourists Look at the parking and taxes from GB and invest for RESIDENTS. So not toilets. Not parking spaces. Not a bridge. A community centre and dog park
- Businesses on the strip require enhanced (late night) transportation services for staff during the busy summer months. There are not enough local workers, or places for summer staff to live, so staff who live out of town must be hired.
- Use what they already collect in a more fiscally responsible way
- Ensuring emergency medical services aren't cut as proposed in the EMS master plan.
- Community Centre
- Advocating for more registered childcare spaces. It helps young families financially. It might entice more young families to move here, knowing that childcare needs are met.
- Advocate for more not for profit childcare centres spread across the municipality instead of just in Forest and Grand Bend
- Protective services (fire, police, bylaw officers) are a top priority for me, especially considering the influx of tourists. The conservation of our natural resources (the lake water, beach areas, forests) is also important, especially with respect to waste management. Garbage and recycle containers, strategically placed, and with regular pick up is essential. The lighting along the pathway next to the Walker Drain and the Legion is long overdue.





- [By-Law Enforcement] could learn how to reply to the online bylaw submissions. It requires copious calls and communication to get replies. While he seems like a very nice man communicating is not a strong point
- Stop using all our tax money for grand Bend
- Keep Huron Shores Area Transit going, great service. More into the Legacy Centre and, fix the sink in the referee's room.
- Roads outer drive has too many dips in it that need fixing.
- Planning and Development with more recognition of needs and wants of residents. E.g. proposed two parks being removed for parking, and construction of large condos, etc. Also, there should be a periodic large item garbage pickup for residents, so garbage is not left in fields. Regular tree management for older trees to avoid power outages and encroachment on private property, e.g. in Huron Woods. Police traffic control at main intersection on busy weekends to avoid traffic backlog.
- Continue with the proposed recreation centre. Have provisions for future development of Grand Bend.
- Identify areas where drainage is a problem and improve it.
- All areas.
- Motorists disobeying stop signs, often far too fast, need to be stopped. Fines will help self fund policing & what else found in the stop to be illegal could (will) be amazing. If we're serious about stemming crime this is a partially self funded method. Illegal operation of motorized bikes, skateboards, scooters, dirt bikes, golf carts, & ATVs needs to be stopped. We need once a season (4 times a year) a curbside pickup of material not acceptable in our regular disposal program.
- Maintain the character of Lambton shores with public access to municipal recreational areas such as Port Franks Marina maintaining it as a publicly owned property, The river, Port Franks Beach and Forest.
- This is probably not what should be their top priority, but I would like to see a scheduled garbage pick up for large items that do not fit in the bins. This could be done once every 3 months or whatever could be accommodated in the budget. It is very difficult for most people (especially the elderly) to get to the dump and is quite expensive. Thank you for considering this.
- Adequate health care to meet the growing and aging population
- Caring for the homebound with personal assistance provided
- Their top priority should be managing with the property tax fees as they stand without further unnecessary increases to residents of the community. Our property taxes are already high.
- To provide a fair and equitable tax to taxpayers, to show what Lambton County provides for their share of the tax collected in Lambton Shores, to provide fair collection of yard waste and hazardous goods to all residents and not just those in Forest.





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- accessibility on roads and sidewalks in towns
- Reducing Taxes
- Eliminate empty bus service
- Negotiate a reduced cost for waste pick up in winter
- With everything else going up, try to hold the line on taxes.
- Community Centre for Grand Bend!
- The transit bus should go from Ipperwash (Kettle point) down Lakeshore where people live (not hwy 21) to Townsend line to Forest. This way people who live along Lakeshore here can use the transit system. Forest downtown needs some signage along hwy 21 to splash pad, tennis courts, library...need to highlight what we have for tourist and new people who live here. Need more 80 km speed and NO truck signs along lakeshore rd. People are going 120 km
- Complete the Grand Bend Bridge reconstruction. Add more municipal parking in Grand Bend. Improve safety and traffic flow at the school on Gill Rd.
- Initiatives that address traffic flow, traffic management, and parking.
- Paving of certain roads, too much money being spent on way too many management positions, small scale community centre for Grand Bend which can be expanded with growth.
- Community Centre for Grand Bend
- Keeping the flow of traffic through grand bend moving
- Roads, sewers, police, EMS, in that order
- Active transportation infrastructure must be safe and consistent. Part-time lanes cause confusion and endanger cyclists, pedestrians, students, and drivers. A 13-year study showed that protected bike lanes significantly cut fatalities for all road users. Investing in a comprehensive network enables people of all ages and abilities to travel independently. Transitioning people from gas-powered cars to walking, cycling, or public transit is crucial in mitigating the effects of climate change.
- Increase the environmental services operating budget to provide 1 bulk waste collection in the spring and accept additional yard waste with the leaves in the fall. Discussions with Hydro One are required to proactively change out end-of-life infrastructure in Forest before it fails.
- Preserving our natural environment and mitigating climate change
- Increased planning / services for future growth.
- Improve Recreational / Community Center.
- I would like to see Grand Bend establish a local and permanent compost facility. Leaves, yard waste, branches etc.





- A recreational centre in town and a safe place to ride a bicycle or walk around town without having to be in dangerous proximity to semi trucks barrelling through town. A truck route would be ideal to separate pedestrians from 18 wheelers!!
- I think top priority would be protection and transportation services and then recreation services
- Make improvements at Klondyke Pickleball courts by sandwiching the wind screen between 2 layers of chain link fencing to avoid workers having to put screens back up every few weeks. Also install concrete/paved sidewalk between the pavilion & the courts as well as from the parking lot to the courts. Also, budget for the future Community Centre.
- I believe the importance of implementing the MAT tax as soon as possible should be given priority. The funds could be well spent developing tourism events off the backs of full-time residents. I.e: user pay. Another area that needs attention is the lack of OPP enforcement of rules around motorized bikes and scooters by young people i.e.: no helmets, two up riders, speeding on sidewalks. Safety being the top concern.
- Drainage in Lambton Shores
- With the increased storm frequency and severity, the drainage issues need to be addressed. Research shows that climate change intensifies many contributing factors that combine to elevate flood risk, including heavier rainfall. Increasingly frequent and severe short-duration rainfall events increase the likelihood of flash floods, especially in unmanaged drainage areas, by overwhelming area where storm drain, ditches or storm sewers and drainage systems do not exist.
- Community Center
- Infrastructure and growth planning.
- Reduce roadside cutting and leaf collection, not environmentally wise. Every neighbourhood should have two exits for safety. Several need fire roads e.g. Dalton, Sandalwood, Gill Road. This should be standard practice.
- Recreation Centre is needed, lots of nice facilities in Lambton Shores but nothing in Grand Bend. Also need closer drop off for yard waste. Having to drive to Forest is time consuming.
- Better planning of infill. Building 3 story box shaped buildings with a roof top patio adds nothing to the character of Lambton Shores.
- Public transportation
- Although I checked "recreation and culture services" as a funding priority, I'd like to see more done to support disadvantage residents in our community. Perhaps that falls more under "planning and development", particularly "economic development" such that investments are made to enhance the quality of life for our disadvantaged residents. The municipality should make a priority to seek funding/support from other levels of government to ensure all is being done that can be done.





- Unnecessary relocation of the Grand Bend ambulance and the closure of the Thedford ambulance base. This is unacceptable, unsafe and will result in increased deaths of Lambton Shores residents due to increased response times.
- Council needs to take an HONEST look at their transportation budget. If this is what was spent on the empty busses driving around, we need to think about adding a larger fare for riders. 7+ million is ludicrous.
- Council needs to adjust their sights outside of Grand Bend. The amount of money spent in comparison to the rest of the municipality on a village whose revenue doesn't stay local is enraging. Municipal Tax dollars are the only dollars that stay local with grand bend, plan accordingly.
- Examine the recently implemented bus service to determine feasibility (ridership vs. Costs)

7. What is your preferred method of keeping up to date on information about the Municipality of Lambton Shores? Please feel free to select all that apply.

