

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report TR 25-2020

Council Meeting Date: December 1, 2020

TO: Mayor Weber and Members of Council

FROM: Janet Ferguson, Treasurer

RE: 2021 Budget Survey Results

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report TR 25-2020 regarding the 2021 Budget Survey be received for information.

SUMMARY

This report presents the 2021 Budget Survey results.

BACKGROUND

For the last 5 years Council has issued a survey enabling the public to provide input to the annual budget and comment on any concerns, projects and programs.

The 2021 Budget Survey was posted on the Lambton Shores website from September 11th to November 15th, 2020. The results have now been collected and summarized within this report. The detailed questions, results and comments are provided in Attachment 1.

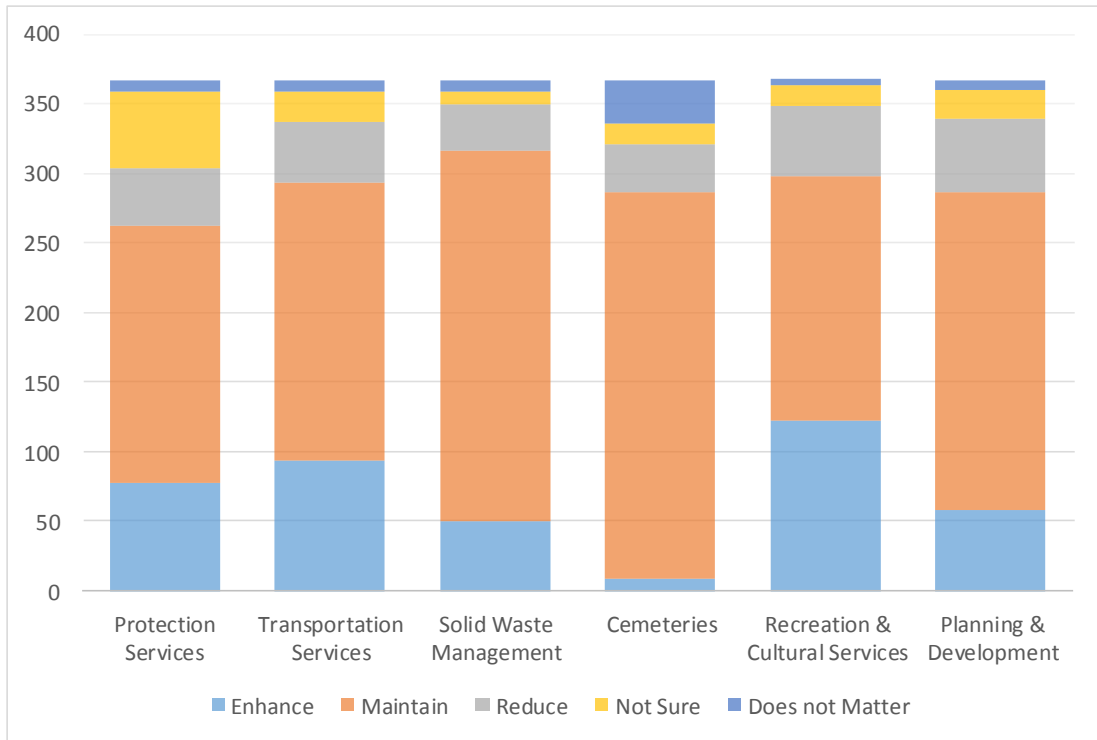
There were 367 participants in the survey, which is up from 279 last year. To summarize the demographic of the responders:

- they were primarily full time residents
- the majority were from Ward 3 and Ward 2
- they were primarily between the ages of 50-64, then 65-79 and 36-49

These general demographics are consistent with last years' results.

The survey results show the response to the "Overall Value for Tax Dollars" is that the majority of the people selected Fair to Good value.

The responses to the various business unit questions indicated substantial support for the funding level being "maintained". The following graphical chart summarizes the results for each business unit:



The survey allowed participants the opportunity to provide input on items or issues they would like included in the 2021 budget. The following list summarizes some of the repetitive comments or projects for consideration:

- Grand Bend traffic flow and parking
- Gypsy moth spraying
- Port Franks beach and parking control
- Port Franks Marina – dock and launch repair
- Bike and walking trail expansion
- Sidewalk repair and new installation
- Improvements for Arkona such as sidewalks, street lights, library, community center and daycare

The water and wastewater section has conflicting comments about sewer installation in various areas. Also, there is some confusion on the charges for the services – to clarify if you do not have the service, you are not charged for it.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

Council has the option of considering all or some of the comments provided during the budget process. Council could direct staff to include specific items in the 2021 Draft Budget for consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact by Council receiving this report. If Council chooses to implement any suggestions from the survey, the cost would have to be determined at that time.

CONSULTATION

None

ATTACHMENTS

2021 Detailed Budget Survey Results