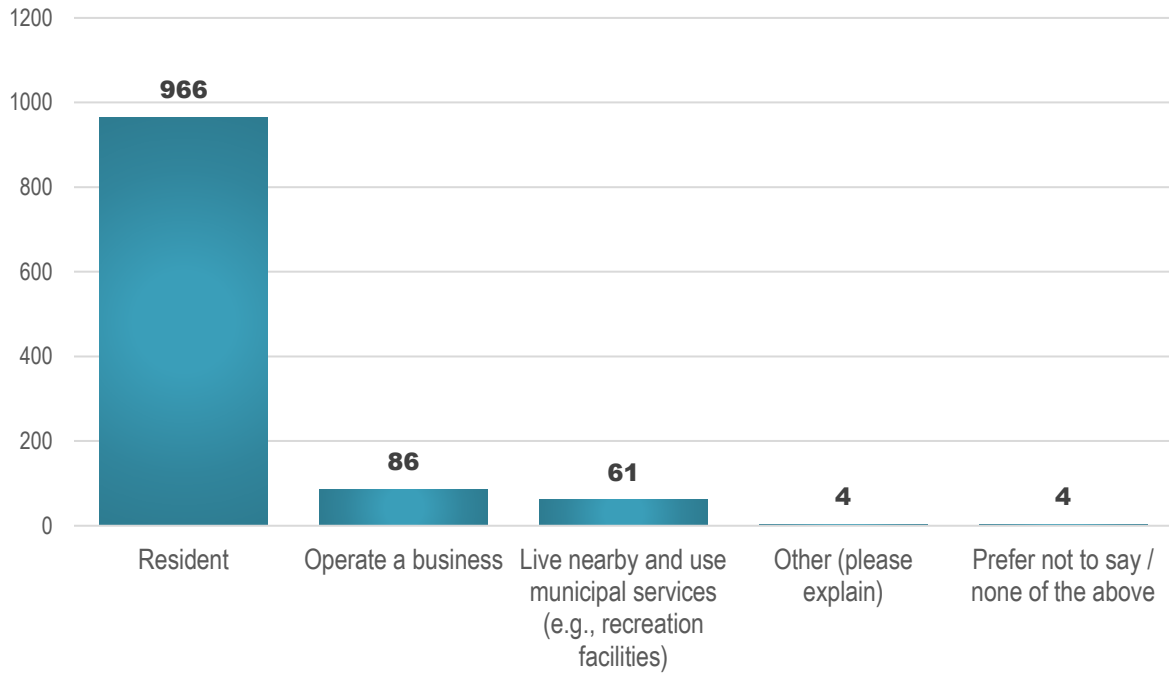
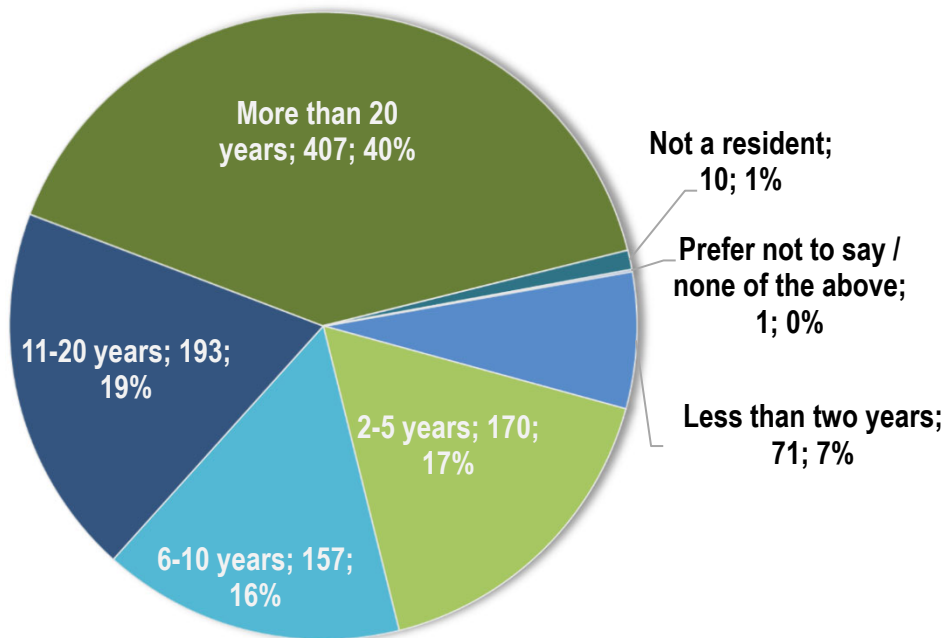


**Let’s get to know each other. Understanding who you are will help us determine who in our municipality contributed to building this year’s budget.**

**Q1** Which of the following statements describes your connection to *your Township/Town/City*? Please select all that apply.

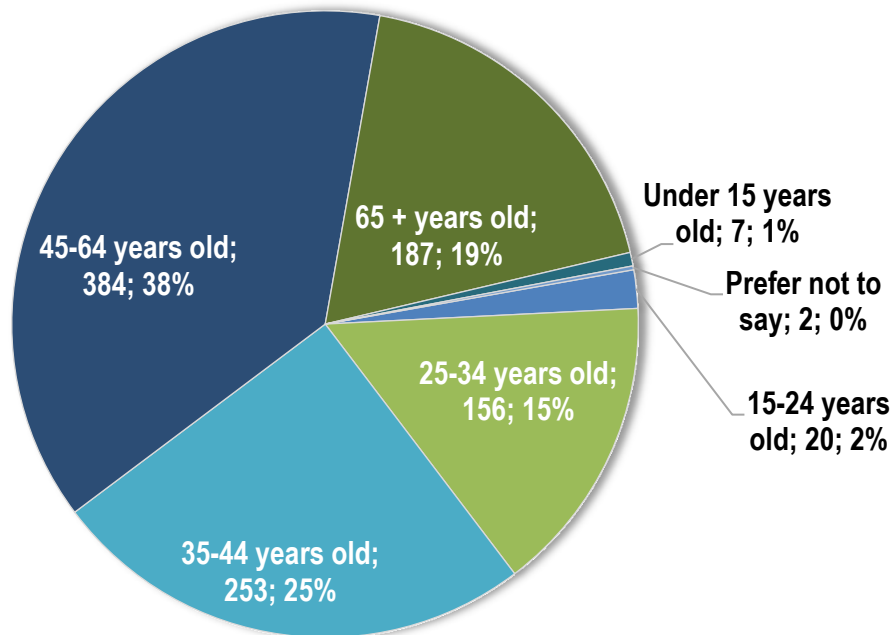


**Q2** How many years have you lived in the *your Township/Town/City*?



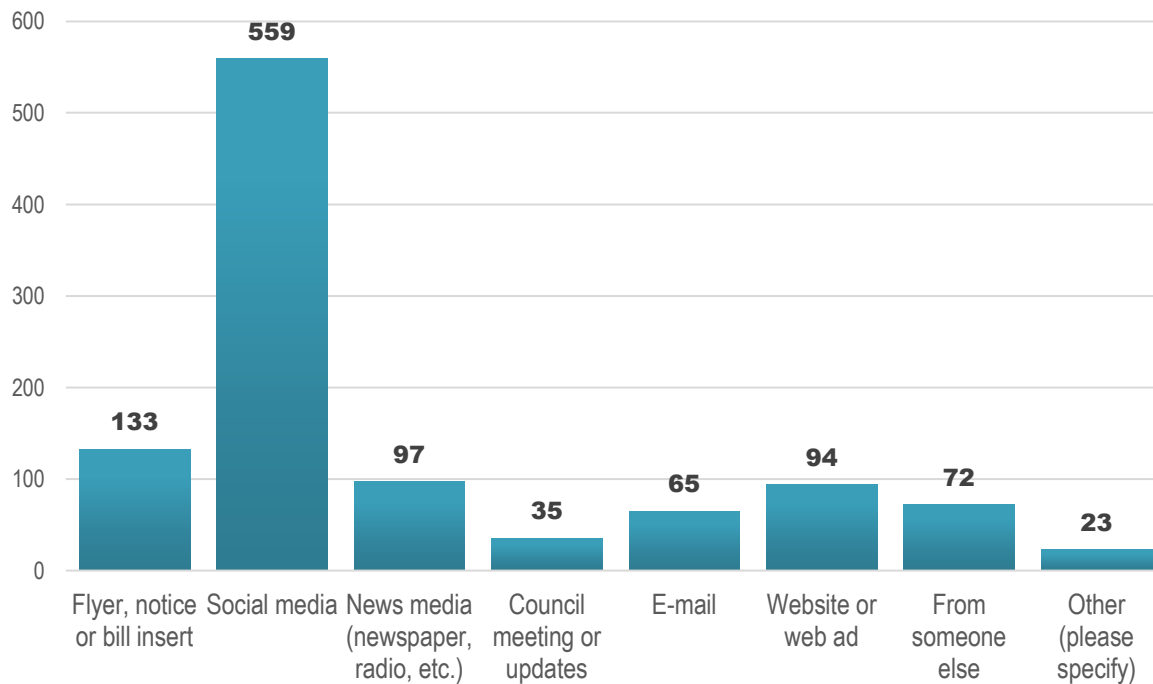
**Q3**

In what age category do you fall?



**Q4**

How did you hear about this survey? Please check all that apply.

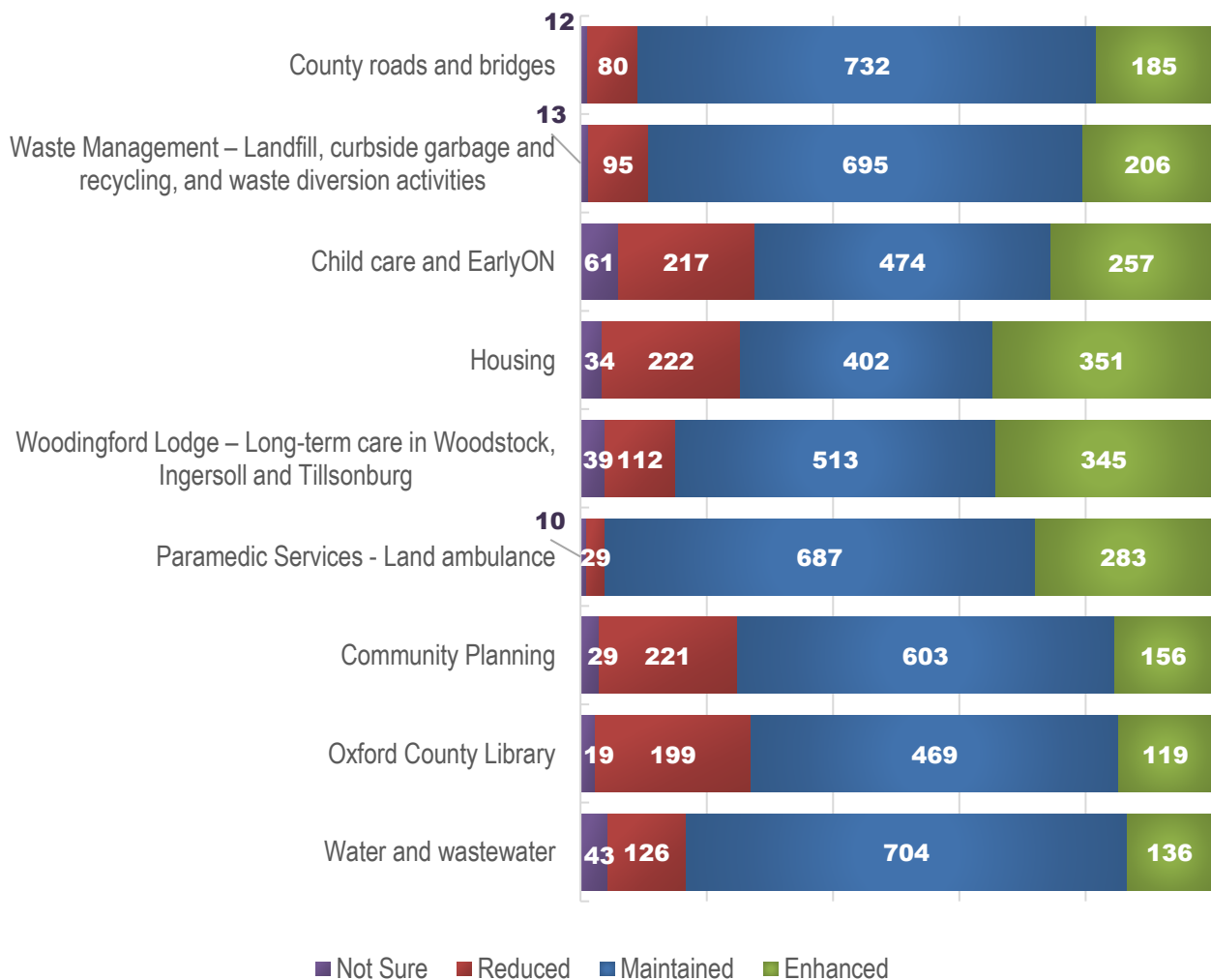


**Q5**

Oxford County provides a wide range of services to support residents. The following questions are about services that are funded through Oxford County tax dollars and delivered by the County.

In 2024, should the following Oxford County services be:

- > **Enhanced** (increase service level or funding)
- > **Maintained** (same amount of service level or funding)
- > **Reduced** (decrease service level or funding)



*See comments attached for each municipality*

Anonymous

6/16/2023 10:36 AM

County Roads department should increase or change their hours of service for night shift snow removal. Ie add an 11 to 7 shift or change the afternoon shift to 7pm to 330am. This would cover the snow removal operations more efficiently.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 09:20 PM

Provide Princeton a hydrant for fire services

Anonymous

6/20/2023 02:05 PM

The quality of the water provided in relation to the cost is unbalanced. The water quality must be improved specifically in the town of Plattsville

Anonymous

6/21/2023 01:47 PM

Water rates need to be even throughout the county. One town should not have higher rates than another.

Anonymous

6/21/2023 11:01 PM

I am really happy with the services provide.

Anonymous

6/23/2023 08:28 AM

Water needs to be improved

Anonymous

6/27/2023 10:43 AM

I would like to see a composting program in the township to reduce waste.

Anonymous

6/28/2023 10:25 AM

Water service rates are extremely high in Blandford Blenheim. Extreme difference around county. Should be fair equal costs for all. There is no Culture and Heritage program in the county or lower tier municipalities. Funding for these types of programs should be provided like other counties in Ontario.

Anonymous

7/19/2023 04:13 PM

Garbage bag tags are ridiculous as we already pay for sanitation services. Also COMPOST pick up weekly like KWC and other areas should be utilized.

Anonymous

7/21/2023 08:43 AM

Stop making us buy garbage tags. Just increase our taxes by the amount a bag a week costs. It's a pain in the [REDACTED] to buy the tags. Also start taking yard waste.

Anonymous

7/21/2023 07:16 PM

I support the library, but the balance in spending seems a little off. \$93/year rate vs. \$107 for housing and \$12 for childcare seems

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slightly disproportionate, without diving deeper into the numbers.

Anonymous

7/23/2023 01:03 PM

Water and sewer rates in Drumbo are ridiculously high. Please reduce these rates.

Anonymous

7/24/2023 10:48 AM

Many of these services do NOT apply to Blandford Blenheim residents; most especially the rural citizens.

Anonymous

7/24/2023 12:40 PM

The paramedic services are top-heavy, and the money and funding does not go to where it should. The management of Oxford County Paramedic Services are well known to waste money and be incompetent managers. When it comes to housing in the county, instead of wasting money, the way it is now, offer grants to real estate investors that are residents of the county only. These grants should go towards investors willing to densify already existing structures (converting a single family home into a duplex)

Anonymous

7/24/2023 04:09 PM

The roads are in terrible shape. They should be paved/tar and chip so that it will save money in the long run. And our vehicles will last longer.

Anonymous

7/24/2023 06:09 PM

Fix all the steel bridges to eliminate the dead end roads in the country by platsville, bright, Haysville

Anonymous

7/25/2023 11:09 AM

I would support installation of sewer system in Princeton

Anonymous

7/25/2023 01:27 PM

no

Anonymous

7/26/2023 10:10 PM

Stop the waste water ponds from causing extreme odours

Anonymous

7/31/2023 08:30 PM

Need to be more efficient and spend our money more wisely.

Anonymous

8/02/2023 12:45 PM

An awful lot is going to county roads and bridges and the roads and bridges don't reflect the value being assigned.

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Anonymous

8/07/2023 11:44 AM

As stated earlier, my road is a thorn in my side very often , with periods of it being ok. The huge trucks go quite fast considering how narrow the road is, making it unsafe, noisy and very dusty when Roslin has busy times.

Anonymous

8/08/2023 09:13 AM

Compost collection should be added to the waste pick up services in Princeton.

Anonymous

8/17/2023 01:16 PM

Attainable housing and increased LTC should be priorities for the county.

Anonymous

8/28/2023 08:01 PM

Drop bag tag program and start green bin pickup.

Anonymous

8/28/2023 11:11 PM

A composting program is needed

Anonymous

8/30/2023 09:39 PM

Worst water in Ontario! Way too expensive for the way we can use it. TREAT it! RO and many bags of salt add to the cost which is already way too high.

**Optional question** (27 response(s), 46 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q5 | Do you have any additional comments about your ratings for these service levels?**

Anonymous

6/19/2023 05:12 PM

Get rid of garbage bag tags dumbest thing ever

Anonymous

6/20/2023 08:16 AM

Paramedic Services clearly need to be increased. Growing residential and an aging population

Anonymous

6/21/2023 08:15 PM

Continuous increases must stop. More thought must be put into controlling, if not reducing, ongoing costs. That is the only way we have been able to stay in our home after retirement.

Anonymous

6/22/2023 10:16 PM

Tavistock has grown a lot. We need to see more services in Tavistock as transport to Woodstock is not an option for everyone. Community housing on Maria Street needs dire improvement. There is substantial need for childcare and senior activities. Green bin program would be great. Expanded library services, more community engagement events, not just online.

Anonymous

6/24/2023 01:09 PM

Pleased with services except access to child care is very poor in this county

Anonymous

7/02/2023 06:25 PM

Yes I do.. to start with garbage, we pay for tags so why are we going to pay more for a service? Water and waste.. we also pay for per household so why should we get taxed more Library?? Never been to one in 20 years, why should we have to pay more taxes once again as we all have internet now of days?!? Housing? Just because I worked myself out of the gutter that took me 25 years to finally purchase a home I should have to pay for crackheads to have a place to live... once again on my TAX dollar... yeah no thanks... I moved here 2 years ago with my property taxes at 2500\$ for the year and now it's 4600\$ for the year... I might as well just move back to kitchener and deal with those crazy prices as your making people pay here now... Unfortunately your making this place like every other [REDACTED] in ontario.. great job

Anonymous

8/09/2023 07:58 AM

Community gardens, compost initiatives, fix Beachville train tracks

Anonymous

To much money being spent on Woodingford lodge . To many top

8/12/2023 12:05 AM

office workers getting overpaid wages !!! Cuts need to be made . To much being spent on child care , Govt has bumped up the tax credit payments they get . Also I know personally 3 parents that have kids in the daycare program and they don't even work !!! . Time to cut back on welfare , they can work and there are jobs !! Also you need to look at subsidize housing ... Many are working full time. and pay cheap rent , and brag about it ... Time to clamp down on the abusers !!!

Anonymous

8/16/2023 09:54 PM

Rate of population growth in Oxford means we need to allocate more resources to planning

Anonymous

8/29/2023 10:06 PM

We need to stop accepting homeless from other jurisdictions. The OPP drop them off and the more we provide for them the more they come. They are completely destroying our towns.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 08:39 PM

Oxford county is having a childcare crisis, families are having to leave their jobs to stay home as there is not enough childcare centres in the county. The childcare organizations are also struggling with staff and closing their doors for weeks at a time as they don't have enough staff. The county needs to focus on our ECE shortage and childcare crisis we are in.

**Optional question** (11 response(s), 15 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



Anonymous

6/16/2023 09:24 AM

I was very upset to see that our library hosted a Drag story time. Why cant we focus on non- controversial programs. My family and I visit and use the library a lot and normally the programs are great. Whoever authorized this needs to resign. I have no issue with LGBTQ+ people but there shouldn't be a program specific to them. Just like there shouldn't be programs to other religions.

Redacted

6/23/2023 11:26 AM

I have indicated enhanced for many of these services. These services need to be enhanced to provide better care for vulnerable citizens in Oxford County. The waitlists for housing is 2 years plus. More and more people are struggling with homelessness because there is no longer rent controls. They need affordable housing!!! The Paramedicine program needs more funding for personnel and ambulances to continue to provide this invaluable service. I will sing it's praises. We pay far too much for water/sewage in this county. Ingersoll's water is foul to drink. So much money has gone into trying to improve the taste/smell to no avail. Put in a program for Ingersoll residents to buy an R/O system/installation at cost. WFL- try to get funding from the Ontario government to expand the Woodstock and Ingersoll sites. Tillsonburg site is landlocked. Many county roads need to be re-paved and refurbished. Older bridges replaced. ECE it's great there is funding but we need spaces for the children to receive ECE.

Anonymous

6/23/2023 12:02 PM

County could make improvements in terms on long-term planning.

Anonymous

6/27/2023 12:23 PM

The water really needs to be improved.

Anonymous

6/30/2023 08:13 AM

Long term care and housing must take precedence over roads and bridges. Though I understand the need to maintain this crucial infrastructure, people are homeless and seniors are unable to receive the care they need. Even if for a short time, we need to increase these two areas as a priority and they should be receiving by far the greatest portion of our tax dollars.

Anonymous

7/04/2023 08:34 PM

I don't like buying garbage bag tags. At. All. I shouldn't have to pay for my garbage to be taken away.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 09:46 AM

An enhanced level of service to housing is the fact that more lower income housing is required in Oxford County. Perhaps, more private public partnerships. And as the population ages, the pressure on long

term care increases over time suggesting an enhanced level of service is justified.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 05:13 PM

When a (crappy) one bedroom upper apartment is listing for \$1600, maybe somebody should seriously do the math on that one. No single person I know can afford that. If rent is supposed to be around 40% of your income, that's a job that pays \$4000 per month, take-home. There ya go, there's the math. Next time you're at Tim Horton's, ask an employee if they take-home \$4000 per month.

Anonymous

7/28/2023 02:53 PM

Don't appreciate changing waste management companies. A company that takes less recycling products in a time when we as a community should be decreasing our garbage waste.

Anonymous

8/12/2023 10:30 AM

Ingersoll has the worst water I've ever tasted and the quality needs to be enhanced

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:45 PM

Water is way too expensive here for residents

Anonymous

8/16/2023 05:21 PM

An increase to youth sports needs to be a high priority with this council. Sporting facilities are quickly disappearing for use in Ingersoll and there is no concrete plan to support youth athletics going forward. We need a designated plot of land for a baseball complex for over 13yo and up level baseball. We do not have ball diamonds that meet the requirements of the OBA. The golf course is going to be converted, the arena is decrepit and less than three years from being condemned and we have no plan in place to promote and sustain future athletics. What is the plan?

Anonymous

8/16/2023 07:48 PM

34 beds in a nursing home is pathetic

Anonymous

8/28/2023 09:34 PM

Housing - we can't afford these subsidies anymore. We're trying to maintain a system that can't exist anymore. These programs are putting the rest of us under.

Anonymous

8/29/2023 08:33 AM

Water & sewage charges are too high & water tastes awful. Needs better treatment. Garbage fees are too high for tags. Could decrease garbage pickup to every 2 weeks to decrease costs.

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Anonymous

8/29/2023 01:30 PM

Bag tags should be gone

Anonymous

8/29/2023 04:52 PM

Waste mgmt needs to expand recycling and urban services should be looked at separate to rural. Green bins may make sense. Explore having No Municipalities under 20,000 residents Time to merge some of the municipalities before the province merdes on us

Anonymous

8/29/2023 07:55 PM

We need to move forward in composting as most households do not compost at home

Anonymous

8/31/2023 10:09 PM

Some services need to have audits to see if they are fiscally viable.

**Optional question** (19 response(s), 135 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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<p>Anonymous 6/16/2023 08:22 AM</p>	<p>Similar to comments made re Township \$s for roads and bridges....Do we really need "excellent" roads?...Does this encourage speeding and reckless driving? What else suffers when so much money poured into roads? Perhaps more money needs to be allocated/shifted to other services eg Wastemanagement, Housing, Childcare.</p>
<p>Anonymous 6/20/2023 06:22 AM</p>	<p>housing major problem , as waste mangement for the Norwich area</p>
<p>Anonymous 6/22/2023 07:10 PM</p>	<p>Woodingford Lodge should be charging a more appropriate rate for lodging and relying less on funding from county taxpayers</p>
<p>Anonymous 6/22/2023 07:19 PM</p>	<p>Woodingford Lodge should be more self supported</p>
<p>Anonymous 6/22/2023 08:59 PM</p>	<p>More ambulances, more childcare spaces. Less waste on roads having the same repairs 2 yrs apart. Less on water bc when there is a problem the homeowner foots the big anyway. The waste at these levels is atrocious. More minions, less supervisors.</p>
<p>Anonymous 6/23/2023 09:06 AM</p>	<p>garbage pick up should be more consistent in pick up times</p>
<p>Anonymous 6/23/2023 01:10 PM</p>	<p>Garbage pickup is not great</p>
<p>Anonymous 6/26/2023 10:46 PM</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/01/2023 03:42 PM</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/13/2023 06:41 PM</p>	<p>More bedside care is needed at WFL. Recently there's been an increase to management positions but more frontline staff are required.</p>
<p>Anonymous 7/17/2023 02:59 PM</p>	<p>County Road 14, needs total Repaving as it is So Ruff, due to all the trucks and traffic going to 401/403 and Toyota Plant. (it's as busy as Highway 59, which has been repaved several times) County Rd 14 Needs more than tar and gravel to fix the Ruff road situation. No</p>

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major attentions in years. Please come take a drive on it to see for yourselves.

Anonymous

7/25/2023 07:16 PM

Again. Get a plan started to start paving more roads.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:22 PM

High importance should be given to Woodingford Lodges. Too many on the waiting list now and the need is on the increase! Senior citizens have paid their way and should be entitled to a respectful place to live out their final years! Paramedic services need to be expanded. With the situation of our healthcare system we need to fully utilize all services available!

Anonymous

8/18/2023 06:27 AM

We pay more then snout taxes and employees get paid more then average. Would be nice if taxes wouldn't get used for high income for employment

Anonymous

8/23/2023 01:43 PM

Oxford County should not prioritize road maintenance and paving for just towns. Paved Roads in rural areas should be a high priority going forward. The tax base will increase as infrastructure (like paving roads) improves. It's a win win for everyone. The County of Brant is a good example of roads being paved (or tar and chip) throughout the county.

**Optional question** (15 response(s), 62 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:19 AM

Woodingford Lodge was initially built for residents of Oxford County requiring long-term care assistance. I realize the Provincial Government has provided funds for a portion of construction etc for these facilities, however, would like it explained to the taxpayers of Oxford County why, when tax dollars from Oxford County residents are used to build these facilities and there is such a waiting list for residents to get into this long-term care facility, why people from outside the County of Oxford are being accepted over our own people who are forced to go elsewhere in the Province.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:18 AM

Plan for the number of seniors in SWO

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:30 AM

Paramedic services is growing as the population is growing. Need more resources

Anonymous

6/16/2023 04:18 PM

survey flawed no enhanced category showing

Anonymous

6/16/2023 04:56 PM

Your rating system says maintained twice and there is no enhanced option.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 10:17 PM

It is hard to pick enhanced when you have maintained 2 times in a row. I picked the top position for enhanced.

Anonymous

6/17/2023 10:59 PM

Sewer system in Mt. Elgin should have been piped to either Ingersoll or Tillsonburg. The gray water system is a poor system for the extensive number of new builds in the 'village'.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 10:53 PM

We need more licensed daycares. Families are suffering because they cannot find appropriate daycare.

Anonymous

6/25/2023 11:54 AM

already said my peace

Anonymous

6/28/2023 09:52 AM

not at this time

Anonymous

7/02/2023 07:46 AM

I am opposed to tax dollars being used to promote indoctrination of a segment of our society's lifestyle upon our children. For one special

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interest group to demand such influence and celebration is discriminatory and divisive. The line has been crossed from awareness to forced celebration that disrespects the convictions, ethics and morals of others. And to be clear, disapproval is not hate. No special interest group should require forced approval of their personal lifestyle choices upon others.

Anonymous

7/02/2023 01:15 PM

I think there is an error in the first response in this section. You have 2 'maintain' and no 'enhanced'

Anonymous

7/06/2023 12:40 PM

I am not on township water or waste which makes it nol for me to comment but I jace heard some townies say thwy can not deink thier tap water due to osour and taste. Also I would like confirmation that those not on town water/ waste are not paying for those services in thier property tax payments

Anonymous

7/06/2023 03:41 PM

Focus on core services and infrastructure, tax dollars are collected for these items and not for social activism.

Anonymous

7/11/2023 05:05 PM

Water and wastewater rates and billing practices needs a thorough examination.

Anonymous

7/16/2023 03:20 AM

Have my own systems. So why would I be required to pay for water & sewer

Anonymous

7/22/2023 10:36 AM

Why is the library so much \$? Inefficient heating and cooling costs?

Anonymous

7/28/2023 11:01 AM

I think we have too m uch chlorine in our water suppl. Why is this necessary?

Anonymous

7/31/2023 10:53 AM

We have county water and in the summer the toilets get a lot of film build up and sometimes smells. Library I say reduce because today you can get books online to read. So not sure how many use the library since I do not know of anyone in our area. Roads again need to be repaired or replaced since the county would not be covering the cost of vehicle repair due to rough roads especially at train crossings.

Anonymous

7/31/2023 12:23 PM

As there are so many facing homelessness at present, they need to be building more affordable housing, that is close to services, stop

building all these huge homes in subdivisions that are not close to services and require at least one vehicle to access anything. The long term care system needs to be totally overhauled, the present system of privatizing does not work. These private companies are only interested in the money not the residents care. It's totally revolting what is happening in these homes. Wait list for admission is far too long.

Anonymous

8/02/2023 07:55 AM

Garbage once per week specially during hot days of summer . Green waste recycling and plastic and styrofoam recycling.

Anonymous

8/02/2023 10:07 AM

This planet is doomed.

Anonymous

8/07/2023 02:48 PM

Some communities do not rely on these services and the costs they incur for septic and wells is greatly increased due to their life cycle, rain fall - that is rapidly affecting certain areas due to climate change, alongside other factors that are causing a lack of fair tax intakes from these properties.

Anonymous

8/09/2023 03:35 PM

Library costs are far too high. As is general government (which isnt on the list), however, we need to be reducing staffing levels and finding ways to be more efficient. The county portion of taxes is growing too high and isnt justifiable. we cannot simply always continue to increase taxes and expect people to pay it while everything else is already rising.

Anonymous

8/14/2023 02:22 PM

Need more resources for young kids, they are the future. Needs staff in social services to show compassion

Anonymous

8/15/2023 09:46 AM

town staff from what I've seen should be doing a better job at maintaining cleanliness of town?

Anonymous

8/16/2023 11:26 AM

Homeless ness is an issue. More should be done to help get people off the streets. More is needed in the county for a county REHAB for drug addiction, after care housing increased and MORE FUNDS GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY OUT REACH PROGRAMS NOT ONLY COUNTY CONNECTED BUT FAITH BASED AS WELL. a REHAB IS NEEDED.

Anonymous

With the extremely high cost of garbage tags, I would love to see the

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8/17/2023 12:14 AM

implementation of a composting program, similar to Guelph or even including a specified number of garbage tags per household per annum as other municipalities, like Thames Centre.

Anonymous

8/24/2023 09:23 AM

We would like to see the traffic calmed from the Beachville Museum to Foldens Line. The speed limit is 80km/h for less than a km of road. A lot of people go over the speed limit in this area which isn't safe for the families and small children that live on that stretch of road.

Anonymous

8/29/2023 03:28 PM

I generally think that housing and environmental issues should be given some more priority at this time.

**Optional question** (30 response(s), 73 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q9 | Do you have any additional comments about your ratings for these Oxford County service levels?**

Anonymous

6/16/2023 09:14 AM

Eliminate recycling programs.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 02:24 PM

There should be a June - September 40% reduction in waste water charges for residential properties.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 02:41 PM

Increased capacity of reservoir or added additional wells to accommodate growth in Tburg

Anonymous

6/19/2023 03:54 PM

Garbage tags are a money grab! No other county I have heard of charges to get rid of your garbage. And now charge at the transfer station on top of that. You are encouraging illegal dumping. How many new homes have been built here in the last few years? More tax and permit money coming in and the council still takes user fees from the residents. Should be ashamed of their work.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 03:49 PM

Please stop the fees for garbage bags tags

Anonymous

6/19/2023 04:17 PM

It's ridiculous we pay so much in taxes and still have to pay for garbage bag tags. Proper green bin would also increase the life of the landfill. Where is this money going. Taxes are so high here with little to show.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 04:53 PM

Am not pleased with my paying or even the price it costs to take a small car and small load to the dump.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 07:06 PM

No

Anonymous

6/19/2023 10:17 PM

More consideration to what is needed versus pressure from developers across all of Oxford County is important.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 10:40 PM

Water in Tillsonburg needs major improvements. Why are we the only community in Oxford County with restrictions. Landfill and garbage

collection needs improvement in Tillsonburg to bring levels compatible with other communities.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 11:11 PM

There will have to be increased costs to deal with expansion of development.

Anonymous

6/20/2023 01:20 AM

I don't understand why the duplicate services which would mean double the tax on special collections in Tillsonburg while we have a Transfer Station already that we are paying for?????

Anonymous

6/20/2023 03:23 PM

The ambulance paramedicine visiting program is a duplicate of visiting nursing program. We already have a nurse that comes and then they come and ask the same questions. Kinda a waist

Anonymous

6/21/2023 12:53 PM

With the massive influx of new homes being built in Tillsonburg, there needs to be a significant increase in child care, amenities, and community services to the public!

Anonymous

6/21/2023 10:21 PM

In Tillsonburg, I disagree with large item pick up. Years ago when we had large item pickup, we had more thefts throughout our neighborhood during these pickup times. Scavengers we're going through the large items placed out on the front of homes and leaving them a mess. My child's toys were stolen out of the yard several times. This not reported to the police as the value of the items were not that high, but the sentimental value on the items was great. With the not putting people in jail for thefts these days, I think that this will increase crime in the area. The second issue I foresee, is the water management. We have increased building new homes, but the present homeowners are only allowed to water on certain days. Can we not be prepared as we were taught in boy scouts and have the proper tools in place before we build these new homes? We cannot eat the steak before we buy it!

Anonymous

6/23/2023 04:39 AM

The Town of Tillsonburg is no longer the nice small town I moved to many years ago. The development over the past few years has been fast and drastic making this town a nightmare to move around in, not to mention I don't believe that utilities can keep up with the massive growth

Anonymous

6/23/2023 06:54 AM

Ambulance response times are too long. We need MORE ambulances in town!

Anonymous

6/23/2023 08:40 AM

There needs to be less focus on building more and more homes in Tillsonburg and more focus on the existing needs of the residents. There also needs to be concern for wildlife, green spaces and preservation.

Anonymous

6/24/2023 02:25 PM

Refuse funding that leads to 15 minute cities

Anonymous

6/26/2023 10:50 AM

No

Anonymous

6/26/2023 06:25 PM

Roads have not kept up with growth, need better traffic flow and some long range planning to ensure better traffic flow

Anonymous

6/27/2023 04:31 PM

If I had any indication water supply was an issue in Tillsonburg I would have looked to retire elsewhere. I am not confident at all that the planning for wells is in step with the new residential construction planning.

Anonymous

6/27/2023 05:09 PM

Currently, we find the trails towards and across Broadway are not maintained and they should also be policed as there are problems with that area constantly involving young adults and teens. Also, the dangerous plants are not cleared away. The only thing I've seen done in 3 years is a bit of tree trimming. Furthermore, where are the police on the weekends in Tillsonburg. They are most certainly not readily available judging by the amount of racing and street shinanigans and noise going on until the wee hours of the morning.

Anonymous

7/01/2023 05:45 PM

Need rental accommodations that are affordable to all citizens not just seniors or odsp

Anonymous

7/01/2023 08:17 PM

Housing should be a priority.

Anonymous

7/03/2023 09:17 AM

I understand recycling etc has been changed by Ford in Norfolk and Oxford is next...it is terrible system denying too many people service. Get it back! You have done a good job with it.

Anonymous

In my opinion, the property tax is too high to have to pay more for

7/03/2023 02:26 PM

garbage services.

Anonymous

7/03/2023 04:06 PM

Concerned about water services. We are in a water ban situation even though we have had lots of rain over past weeks. What will happen when all of these approved houses are built & occupied?

Anonymous

7/03/2023 06:51 PM

There is a way to capture the amount of waste that each household is producing. Unfortunately this won't happen with apartment units which should also be captured. This amount should be divided by the persons in the house hold so that each person can see how much they are producing or not producing. Reduce reuse and recycle starts with each individual. Business, manufacturing and construction also should be included in this.

Anonymous

7/04/2023 10:32 AM

I find the costs to handle waste is ridiculous compared to other towns and counties. the large item pick exclusions outweigh the inclusions and costs for the local transfer station are not fair and sustainable. If we must pay to get rid of waste fine but be on par with the landfill. For my street trotter drive the services we get provided for the taxes we pay is not fair/on par with other areas of town.

Anonymous

7/06/2023 12:23 PM

I have concerns about the municipalities ability to maintain water, sewage, and hydro to keep up to increased population

Anonymous

7/06/2023 03:44 PM

Stop spending on environmental and social justice causes. The majority of rate payers want the money spent on roads, water, and other services.

Anonymous

7/06/2023 09:55 PM

Housing and long term care most be enhanced and expanded . it is already in a crisis situation and there is no choice but to increase the funds so people of all ages have a home and old age care.

Anonymous

7/08/2023 11:59 AM

The town of Tillsonburg does not keep up with road issues with the current budget which is to high as it is, why give more money when the town wants to increase the management level ie parks and recreation (adding another layer) .

Anonymous

7/10/2023 07:38 PM

The OPP are virtually useless in this town. We need our OWN Oxford police dept. There is almost NO speed enforcement... Or meaningful

presence by the OPP.

Anonymous

7/12/2023 04:41 AM

Why is water and waste water on the budget if the budget isn't paying for it...we are! It's crappy to see that we pay high property tax and then get charged for everything on top of that...water/wate garbage disposal, water park entry. Everything has a fee. Yet tax is still high

Anonymous

7/13/2023 06:31 PM

Current property taxes are High ! All effort should be made to reduce taxes. Thanks

Anonymous

7/14/2023 11:39 AM

Housing costs need to be addressed, food waste should be added to garbage and recycling, we need need a full time police service as we grow.

Anonymous

7/21/2023 09:16 AM

due to increased aging population-- senior condo apartments thus allowing their homes to be sold and slowing down construction for new ones and saving land cost purchases and development..

Anonymous

7/23/2023 12:01 PM

Help the homeless through treatment options, assistance, employment guidance and affordable housing.

Anonymous

7/27/2023 07:17 PM

Need to have a better recycling in place. A lot of things are put in the garbage that can be recycled, eg. some plastics, styrofoam, etc.

Anonymous

7/27/2023 04:13 PM

I want more information on the annual cost per client for Woodingford Lodge and how many people per community are on the wait list and why has this become a community responsibility to own and operate????? I also want information about the demographics of each community and projections for future need of these beds.

Anonymous

7/28/2023 03:13 PM

Improve the community gym by building a walking circuit, bigger facility for exercise equipment, cycling paths. Also portable toilets and 365 complimentary garbage tags

Anonymous

7/28/2023 06:17 PM

Why is the County charging tax payers of the Town for using the transfer depot????

Anonymous

Ensure ample water supplies for drinking. Look at future use of brown

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7/31/2023 04:12 PM

water. Educate and encourage home owners to rethink passive heat sinks by protecting existing mature trees, by reducing and repurposing lawns to reduce excessive attention to lawn maintenance. Provide incentives for tree plantings. Expand, instead of reduce public green spaces and green belts.

Anonymous

8/02/2023 06:13 AM

stop developing subdivisions that strain the infrastructure

Anonymous

8/02/2023 07:22 PM

Taxes are very expensive very difficult to live in this town.

Anonymous

8/03/2023 01:53 PM

This Town has been overbuilt and we are all paying the price - long lineups, too much traffic and still they are building. Who is going to be the one to put a stop to this madness?

Anonymous

8/03/2023 03:46 PM

Bring back the transfer station, for tillsonburg residents. This is to prevent the slippery slope of garbage in our ditches.

Anonymous

8/06/2023 11:27 AM

Not sure if this is included in this survey, but it seems like Woodstock gets alot of funding and Tillsonburg gets left out. Think this should be addressed

Anonymous

8/09/2023 08:49 AM

Please look at how Hwy 19 (North Tillsonburg to Hwy 401) can be improved. Major increase in users over the last 5 years of population growth.

Anonymous

8/14/2023 06:32 PM

No

Anonymous

8/15/2023 11:34 AM

Green bins More childcare spots

Anonymous

8/15/2023 06:34 PM

Make sure all planning and bylaws are consistent across county

Anonymous

8/16/2023 04:32 AM

Dissolve the County to many layers of government let lower tiers become single tier

Anonymous

Tillsonburg has extremely high residential taxes. This town will always

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8/16/2023 04:09 PM

cater to seniors. No real forward thinking.. The Mayor does not even live in town or pay her taxes to Oxford County. She is Norfolk. 😞

Anonymous

8/17/2023 08:38 AM

increase health services and bring more facilities to the hospital . Increase staff and decrease wait time. Health care in Tillsonburg is a joke

Anonymous

8/17/2023 07:01 PM

Our fire department needs more funding. How does park/Rex have more than our first responders?

Anonymous

8/17/2023 08:04 PM

Quit screwing over Tillsonburg !!!

Anonymous

8/18/2023 06:31 AM

We need more affordable child care so people can go to work. All the spots are full, and I've been on a waitlist since before my daughter was born.

Anonymous

8/23/2023 11:29 AM

Don't like that we now need to pay for the transfer centre

Anonymous

8/28/2023 07:47 AM

We shouldn't be paying to dump our garbage at the transfer station ? We pay taxes and that should be enough ? It always has been

Anonymous

8/28/2023 06:33 PM

Lifestyle and development need to be in alignment.

Anonymous

8/28/2023 10:38 PM

Pipe line from Lake Erie to Supply all of Oxford county. Will increase more industrial base with a much more secured water supply.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 08:15 AM

Our water needs to be improved. Why did Tillsonburg have restrictions this summer and yet the rest of the county did not. With the increase of homes being built in town the water systems need improvement. We have had brown water a few times this summer which has never occurred previous.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 08:30 AM

drinking water quality is to be improved. Water supply and wastewater services require more investment.

Anonymous

There has been a huge increase in residents in the past few years

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8/30/2023 08:35 PM

and most are young families. Water is essential for all and managing it properly and maintaining what we have is essential. There definitely needs to be more funds put into attracting new businesses (especially groceries, clothing, etc..) and with certainty we need better physician recruitment efforts as many many families in town have no primary care provider.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 09:14 PM

Tillsonburg should have the same garbage and landfill provisions as the rest of Oxford county. There is a lot of building happening in and around Tillsonburg and builders should be responsible for ensuring there is sufficient water supply to avoid the water shortages experienced this past summer.

Anonymous

8/31/2023 06:11 AM

The programing at the tillsonburg library is a joke. They had Halloween pictures up just in time for valentines. The unhoused population of tillsonburg's sons and daughters need proper services. All the help goes to woodstock. We get nothing or told go somewhere else. It's pretty unbalanced. There is virtually zero services available in tillsonburg. The general idea seems to send our problem somewhere else. Affordable housing is becoming a real disaster. It's only going to get worse. And the fact that they may do something in woodstock doesn't help at all. County means all of us in Oxford not just woodstock.

**Optional question** (69 response(s), 172 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q5 | Do you have any additional comments about your ratings for these service levels?**

Anonymous

6/15/2023 05:06 PM

I would like to see an enhancement in services that are used by all residents (water and waste management) that will require improved funding to meet changing regulatory requirements and climate/environmental commitments made by the county. Matters of public safety should be maintained (roads and paramedic services) and have additional funding / grant options available that can increase the service without increase in funding.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 06:51 AM

Get rid of the County's HR dept, or at least the leadership. Everyone in that department is useless and on sick leave

Anonymous

6/16/2023 07:31 AM

The childcare section it is my understanding that \$10/day daycare is being funded by the federal/Provincial government so there is no need for the county to also be subsidizing it.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:20 AM

It would be nice to have an organic waste collection program to divert from the landfill and bag tag cost.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 05:19 PM

No

Anonymous

6/20/2023 08:22 PM

\*Hard working individuals, pensioned individuals are drowning in costs as well, and would prefer to pay for a "hand up", not a "hand out" for others. With respect to housing and assistance, there should be more strict rules for eligibility. Those who are able to work, able to enter treatment, able to contribute in a meaningful way, must be willing to do so, in order to receive this assistance. We won't be able to afford to help everyone in need, if we allow too many free rides in the mix. \* With respect to seniors, and Woodingford Lodge, these people have worked all of their lives and are now in a position of need, where they cannot further help themselves. With a growing number of people in this age group, we need to make sure we have enough available spaces, in good repair, with excellent care givers and proper oversight. With their very specific needs, there aren't a lot of options, as there are with other age groups, so some housing funding should be directed here. Seniors are not disposable, and should be treated with dignity and respect.

Anonymous

Would be nice if the city hired capable people to do the road repairs.

6/20/2023 07:53 PM

If Rd 17 is a reflection of where our tax dollars go, that's a incredible disappointment. Do these tax dollar also cover the repairs on our vehicle's suspension on these newly paved roads.

Anonymous

6/21/2023 08:24 PM

People need a financial break. If there's anyway to actually get a reduction on anything listed above. Perhaps we could do that with all the money being distributed.

Anonymous

6/22/2023 11:15 AM

Likely resident's are going to suggest increases in Housing funding due to the homeless population which undoubtedly would help but additional resources from other levels of government is desperately needed to address underlying issues i.e. addiction, mental health etc. The closing of residential facilities like the ORC (Oxford Regional Centre) by the province has significantly contributed to the homeless population issues across the province. Certainly not going to be resolved by municipalities alone!

Anonymous

6/22/2023 02:26 PM

Please add green bin collection like kitchen waste to your waste management. It will help to reduce land fill and atleast there will be some good compost for community gardens There is a long wait time for day care..home you are doing something to add more capacity towards day care

Anonymous

6/22/2023 09:57 PM

I think Oxford County needs to hire several advanced care paramedics who are qualified to intubate a patient, with increasing cases of severe food allergies and asthma, it could save lives.

Anonymous

6/23/2023 04:48 AM

We really need a better waste management plan. Weekly recycling and a green bin option will help reduce waste and extend the life of our landfill

Anonymous

6/27/2023 04:34 PM

Need many more LTC beds to meet the needs of our aging community. There is a housing crisis of different proportions and demographics and the Woodingford had a proven record during COVID and the municipal LTC beds are more respected and trusted

Anonymous

6/28/2023 06:12 PM

New LTC bed are needed as well as support services for seniors

Anonymous

6/30/2023 01:59 PM

Stop enabling the homeless coming to Woodstock. They should be moved along from our parks, and public areas. They have alternatives

and many continue to live outdoors and present risks to the community.

Anonymous

7/01/2023 09:40 AM

The waitlist for Woodingford Lodge is ridiculous and it's a disgrace to our community the way people who need nursing home care are living on their own.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 11:40 AM

Your statistics aren't speaking to homelessness. This is not an us and them, this could be any one of us at any time in our life. We need to end homelessness.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 03:51 PM

I would like to see better wastemanagement. We've moved across various cities and this is by far the worst. Recycling should be collected weekly, and citizens of Oxford County or woodstock should have a reduced rate for landfill considering its not close to woodstock and we pay for every bag. Most municipalities provide at least 1 free bag a week.

Anonymous

7/08/2023 09:00 AM

Attention to reducing waste, adding a compost program can extend the life of the current landfill. Let's make sure we plan a good solution for the future. Stay far away off Walker!

Anonymous

7/12/2023 10:51 AM

There needs to be more RGI housing

Anonymous

7/12/2023 09:11 PM

I would like to see Woodstock get the same waste services as other areas of Oxford.

Anonymous

7/13/2023 02:15 PM

I do wish that Waste Management in Woodstock would be enhanced, but I recognize that this is not part of Oxford County's scope. This is why I have indicated "Not sure" for this item.

Anonymous

7/14/2023 07:37 PM

Take some funding from assistance given to the able bodied individuals and add funding to the seniors in dire need, who have spent their lives paying in for services and should be assisted now. They are not able bodied and cannot further help themselves.

Anonymous

7/17/2023 10:00 PM

Woodstock should have soft water not hard water

Anonymous

8/04/2023 09:53 AM

I chose not sure for water/wastewater because my preference would be the system and it's ownership be fully downloaded back to the City of Woodstock to ensure we are able to maintain the excellent service level we experience without the distractions of Oxford County Public Works trying to impose a " Master Plan " built around an agenda geared more toward the more costly rural users of the systems.

Anonymous

8/11/2023 10:29 PM

Emergency services need the increase as more residents. However, the growth of the city, increased tax revenues and surpluses, should be overall less.

Anonymous

8/11/2023 11:43 PM

Cut costs and unnecessary programs. Reduce staff. Permanent layoffs.

Anonymous

8/12/2023 05:34 AM

Housing is a huge concern and if other services need to be reduced or maintained in order to make it more feasible so be it. Housing definitely needs improvement. Specially services for the homeless

Anonymous

8/12/2023 11:16 PM

When saying housing should be enhanced although this is for budget, I think housing also needs to be done better in the aspect of transitional housing. Too many abuse and stay in subsidized housing too long and they don't open up for others in need But the amount of housing being offered for those in need is NOT enough especially with the growth of this city and the new taxes received

Anonymous

8/14/2023 09:11 PM

The typical citizen doesn't know much about municipal management nor do I. I do know that men dressed as women reading to children at the WPL (which I witnessed) was a disgusting pathetic travesty. STOP THIS NONSENSE.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:21 PM

There is not enough child care spaces for people to go to work!

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:49 PM

Recycling needs improvement. Consider Green boxes for organic waste that is composted and available to residents for gardening. Diverts an amazing amount of waste from landfills.

Anonymous

8/17/2023 06:53 AM

Accessible and and supportive housing must be enhanced. Disabled Lives Matter too.

Anonymous

8/17/2023 01:17 PM

Homeless people need housing

Anonymous

8/17/2023 08:30 PM

Not sure on the figure but would like to see the service level improved and cost be reduce with more effective management

Anonymous

8/18/2023 08:31 AM

County of Oxford does a great job plowing snow in winter, city of woodstock is awful at it. Please do something about the homeless people, we are being over run.

Anonymous

8/25/2023 11:51 AM

I would like to see the introduction of organic waste (compost) collection. Many residents do not use backyard composters and I recently removed mobs due to issues attracting pests. Obviously housing is a top priority everywhere and we need to act quickly to address the shortage.

Anonymous

8/28/2023 05:01 PM

The most vulnerable (children and elderly) need adequate care and living conditions. Feed the children that come from low income families. Provide free daycare so their parents can work. Everyone should be expected to work if they're able. There are plenty of jobs available. Don't give handouts to those capable of working but are just too lazy.

Anonymous

8/28/2023 04:53 PM

Housing workers need permanent positions. More housing support programs - stream line housing and support services

Anonymous

8/28/2023 09:49 PM

Woodstock lacks severely in social housing and senior LTC.

Anonymous

8/29/2023 07:27 AM

Can we go to recycle pick up weekly and garbage bi weekly. Also is there an organics program on the horizon

Anonymous

8/30/2023 06:25 PM

No

Anonymous

8/30/2023 08:33 PM

Community planning & housing issues are very important - lots of thought/planning needed. Need to consider green spaces, trees; very disheartening to see our community lands stripped of trees in order to produce these mega housing projects.

Anonymous

8/31/2023 03:32 PM

If nothing else attempt to assist with the housing crisis instead of allowing homes to be rented to businesses and rental offices rather than used for housing. Especially when the downtown core sits with empty buildings

**Optional question** (44 response(s), 159 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:55 AM

PARAMEDIC SERVICE NEEDS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER AGENCIES TO INCREASE SERVICES. WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES ARE INCREASING TOO MUCH.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 09:37 PM

I would like to see an improvement to the library including more of a connection to the rural population. Easy to say increase funding, but if it's not impactful how it's spend than a reduction would be good.

Anonymous

6/22/2023 03:59 PM

The water and waste water expenses are far too high for the small amount of water I use. Every month my water and sewage is more than my electrical. This needs to be reduced or at minimum no increase allowed for 5 years.

Anonymous

6/23/2023 01:43 PM

This may be a topic outside of this survey but in planning around housing supply, allowing lot severances from rural properties should be considered beyond the current allowance for 2 homes on one rural/farm site. A separate severed lot better allows for clear ownership and longer term residents for our rural families/communities. This can help to maintain a healthy population for our rural schools etc. and rural landowners/farmers will still have the choice to sever, or not, from their land based on their needs. Thanks for survey!

Anonymous

6/24/2023 07:39 PM

I believe there needs to be a restructuring in housing and lower income. There is those in need and those who abuse the system. I hope for a way to change that.

Anonymous

6/27/2023 06:44 AM

Water and wastewater rates need to be reviewed and reduced.

Anonymous

6/30/2023 05:20 PM

I would like the county to eliminate this crazy outdoor water policy. We already pay high water rates based on usage, why does it matter if I water on an even or an odd day? We should be able to water our gardens, bushes, trees and grass when it is convenient, as long as it is not during the hottest part of the day!

Anonymous

7/03/2023 10:33 AM

We should continue finding new and innovative ways to reduce our landfill and protect the valuable farmland/marshland/bush found in this area.

Anonymous

Town ship missed the bus for scooping up land for new school build

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7/04/2023 06:55 PM

in largest subdivision build ! Let the developers away with out their fair share and run with the money and leave residents paying more taxes for less service ! 4 on 4 off doesn't make it cheaper! Cost more for town to pay ! Lots of people hitting sun shine list ?

Anonymous

7/05/2023 10:04 AM

Not sure why we need to build new facilities for the township.office on my opinion was wasting and increasing property taxes needlessly taxes are ridiculous for the service you provide me

Anonymous

7/13/2023 12:52 PM

Libraries need to have a form of security due to homelessness in our community, to make it a safe space.

Anonymous

7/24/2023 06:17 PM

The Oxford County Housing strategy is in crisis; I feel that placing more taxpayer money into a solution that is ineffective does not meet the community's needs. Either a new strategy or reduction in fees is needed.

Anonymous

7/26/2023 06:16 PM

More childcare spots and more nursing home spots are needed.

Anonymous

7/27/2023 04:32 PM

I pay more for water services per month then hydro!



7/29/2023 09:47 AM

Why are we paying for ideology grooming of children in libraries?

Anonymous

8/01/2023 07:53 AM

The lack of emergency ambulance coverage in certain parts of Zorra is concerning.

Anonymous

8/03/2023 10:34 AM

We need our compost recycled. To much waste is going to the dump. It is not necessary. Oxford is so far behind the times.

Anonymous

8/09/2023 08:08 AM

Compost initiatives, backyard chickens

Anonymous

8/09/2023 09:10 PM

First, I feel fortunate to live on Oxfrid county, the services provided are excellent. I would like to see something done about the traffic on #2 through Thamesford. Suggest another stop light at Dundas/Stanley as it is difficult to get across (or onto Dundas) during the peak drive times associated with vehicles commuting to work.

Anonymous

8/12/2023 10:34 PM

The lack of recreation and parks in some town we are grateful for the library programs. This is how we can get our kids out in the community and would like to see them be able to provide more.

Anonymous

8/18/2023 12:30 AM

Thamesford is a quickly growing community with lack of commercial space to entice business to set up shop or even stay within the community.

Redacted

8/22/2023 09:02 AM

Enhanced housing initiatives

Anonymous

8/23/2023 10:06 AM

Roads - in winter, don't have such restrictive timelines when roads will be safe to travel (I forgot to mention this in Zorra comments). In Planning, enhancement needed to maintain Oxford County values in face of destructive actions of provincial government. Library - rural branch staff need more hours to engage communities, not just check out books and hold story time (but continue those!), also Library should be responsible for a bolstered Information Oxford - marketing and communication must be enhanced

Anonymous

8/25/2023 10:58 AM

Feel that \$\$ for new township office and daycare was not necessary at this difficult time for everyone trying to survive

Anonymous

8/27/2023 08:22 PM

Enhancement choices are based on what I perceive t be a growing need.

Anonymous

8/28/2023 04:51 PM

Depot drop offs for recycled material not collected at the curb in North Zorra/Embros.

Anonymous

8/29/2023 09:38 AM

Speed is excessive on some streets in Thamesford. Could traffic calming measures be looked into on problem streets? Would like bylaws reviewed regarding trailers being removed over months in driveways and ATVs and golf carts being kept off township roads. Also, more than one large item garbage pick up days would be nice.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 09:24 PM

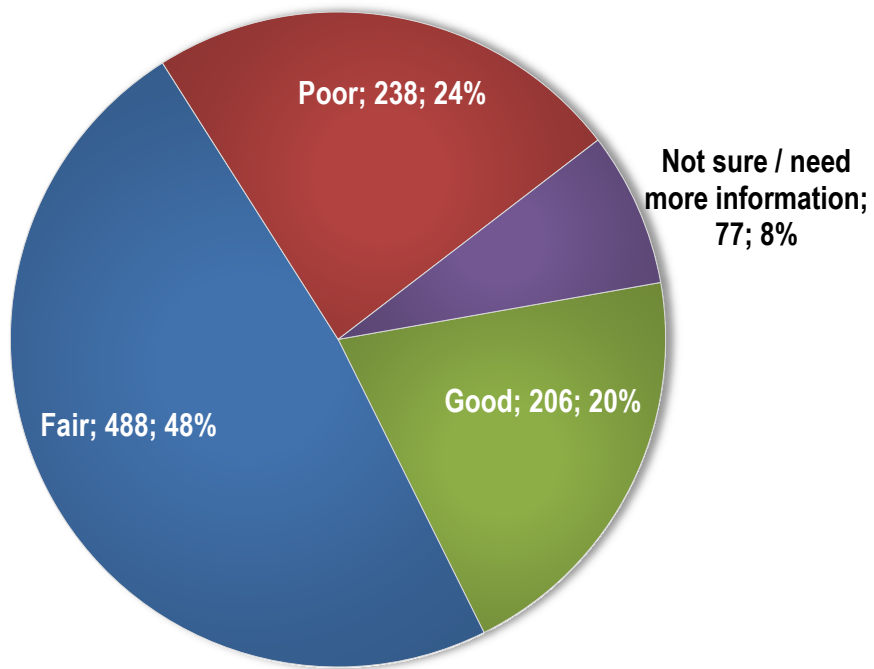
Nice to see the percentage of each department as well as the dollar value

**Optional question** (28 response(s), 104 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q6**

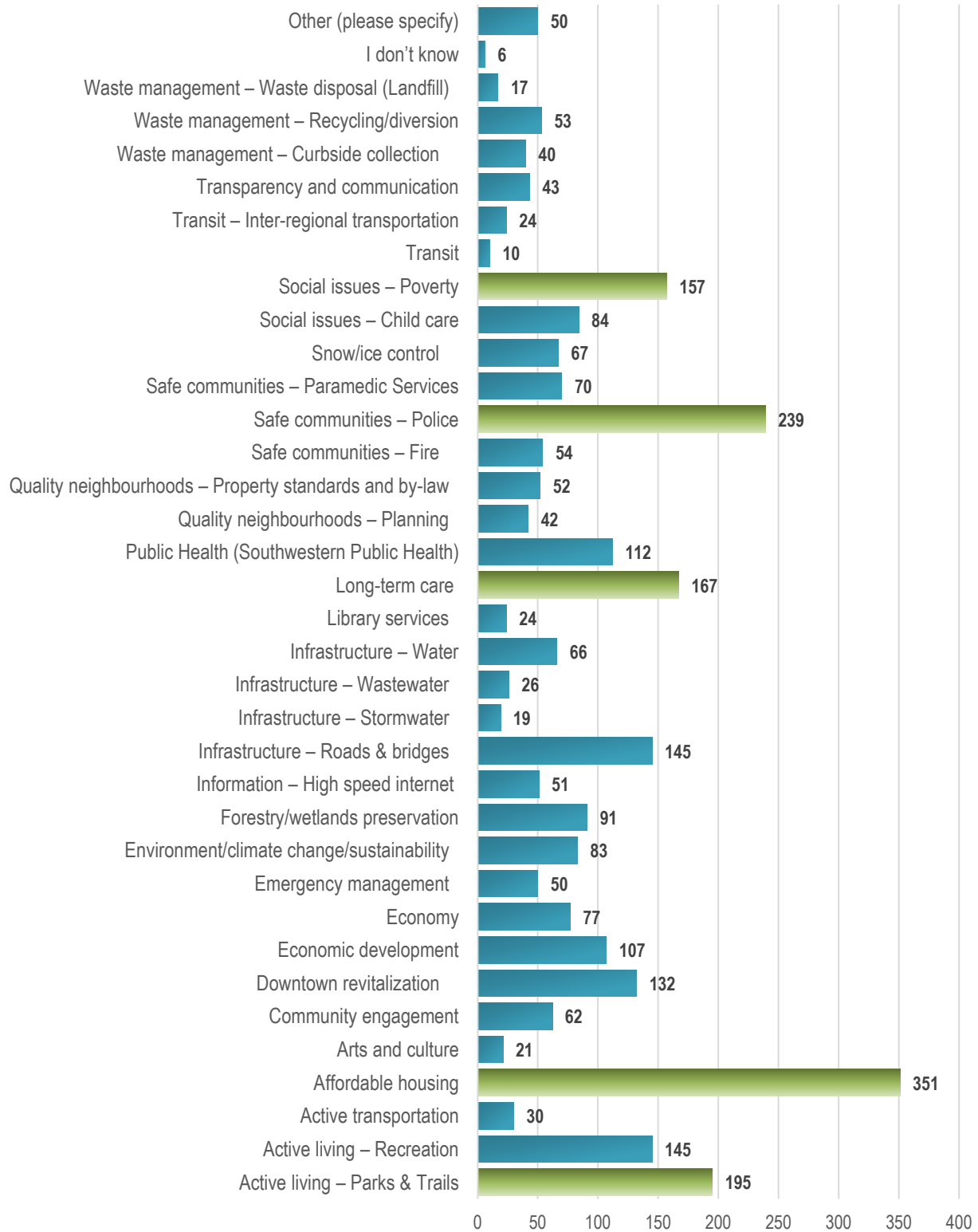
In 2023, the Oxford County share of your municipal taxes for a \$250,000 residential property would be \$1,065.\*How would you rate the overall value received from your Oxford County tax dollars?



**Other comments and suggestions. Now it's your chance to provide additional information relevant to building next year's budget.**

**Q7**

What would you say are the top 3 priorities for your community right now?



Q8

Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for Oxford County or *your Township/Town/City* budgets for 2024?

*See comments attached for each municipality*

**Q8 | Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for Oxford County or the Township of Blandford-Blenheim budgets for 2024?**

Anonymous

6/16/2023 07:21 AM

I think that there is not enough anger about Woodstock annexing farmland. As rural townships we need to stop blindly voting against our best interests. And it falls on our townships to be more engaged with other rural townships. We need to fight with and for each other. Too often the farmer creed of if it isn't happening to ME then I am not caring is going to feed urban sprawl and that is infuriating. Put money towards educating rural brains!

Anonymous

6/16/2023 10:00 AM

Enhanced services for Seniors within our community. Too many are living in poverty and struggle to make it thru the month

Anonymous

6/21/2023 11:01 PM

Thank you for the services you provide.

Anonymous

6/22/2023 02:58 PM

Start plowing highway 19 before 8am in the winter please. I am a registered nurse who travels to LHSC at 5am in some of the worst road conditions ever.

Anonymous

6/28/2023 10:25 AM

Fund Heritage and Culture programs County wide as this can increase tourism and quality of life for residents.

Anonymous

7/18/2023 09:27 PM

Controls on housing, whoever let that white elephant of a house across from the bank in Drumbo pass needs to be fired. Mark Peterson is only in it for the money, get him out!!

Anonymous

7/19/2023 04:13 PM

Please get rid of trash stickers.

Anonymous

7/21/2023 08:43 AM

The garbages tags are dumb and such a hassle. GET RID OF THEM!!!

Anonymous

7/23/2023 01:03 PM

Keep a lid on your tax increases.

Anonymous

consider municipal tax breaks for folks who are maintaining open

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7/24/2023 09:50 AM

space/returning to nature space. these are also folks who are pretty self-reliant in terms of private well water & septic systems and we shouldn't be paying for the municipality to expand & build (we really don't want more housing or traffic out here!)

Anonymous

7/24/2023 10:48 AM

There is little value received to the taxes for Township of Blandford Blenheim. Also a real lack of communication from the township office with the exception of the tax invoices received.

Anonymous

7/24/2023 12:40 PM

Get rid of some of the management positions in the paramedic services, put that money towards hiring more paramedics so there is more emergency coverage in the county. Provide grants to real estate investors that live within the county for the purpose of densifying already existing structures. This would help with the housing crisis and would be good for the economy. Stipulate only residents of the county who live full-time are eligible for the grant.

Anonymous

7/24/2023 06:09 PM

Free garbage pick up up to 4 bags and tags after that for 2 bux per tag like other townships

Anonymous

7/25/2023 01:27 PM

With over 500,000 immigrants to Ontario per year, the Federal government has created a crisis in housing and health care. I know that this is the County level, but please add this concern to your data.

Anonymous

7/26/2023 10:10 PM

Stop allowing developers buy up farm land prevent the family farm to grow. Also stop the sticky wastewater ponds be overloaded.

Anonymous

7/29/2023 12:44 PM

No more gravel pits . Use the ones that are operating before any more new ones.

Anonymous

8/08/2023 10:57 AM

Assisting homeowners to make changes that prepare for climate change should be a priority. Rainfall adaptation, greener energy sources for space heating and cooling (cold climate heat pumps), storm preparation

Anonymous

8/12/2023 08:56 AM

I support a safe injection site for Oxford county. More focus on homelessness and affordable housing.

Anonymous

The downtown areas of our villages are in need of revitalization, but



8/20/2023 01:29 PM

we aren't sure what can be done when the buildings are privately owned. We do support making them more inviting and pleasant.

Anonymous

8/21/2023 07:33 PM

Allow farmers to sever small building lots off their farm so their children can own a home and live in the community , rather than our community be one of a few landowners that tear down the old farmhouses and barns .

Anonymous

8/30/2023 10:25 AM

Gravel roads/concessions need to be kept in much better condition. The current potholes on some of the roads are unacceptable.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 09:39 PM

This is a growing town. A new subdivision is being prepared as I type! We need better police and by-laws to monitor the constant speeding and by-law infringements. Hofstetter is not a drag strip, but is regularly treated like it is.

**Optional question** (22 response(s), 51 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q8 | Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for the Oxford County budget for 2024?**

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:39 AM

Save valuable FARMLAND from development!!!

Anonymous

6/19/2023 05:12 PM

Electric vehicle charging stations are a waste of money. the county has higher priority items needed like generators for facilities. Also be looking into hydrogen / diesel commercial vehicles as they are more sustainable than electric or natural gas.

Anonymous

6/21/2023 08:15 PM

How about a seniors' discount? Most of the services are of little or no benefit to me.

Anonymous

6/22/2023 10:16 PM

There are a growing number of marginalized members of our community. Include them in the budget, include social services.

Anonymous

7/02/2023 06:25 PM

Help the homeless/ stop letting toronto bring them here... lower the taxes and stop raising them on the older homes as they have been here forever. Raise whatever you want in the new areas not the older ones as we don't have or care about the new builds that should have nothing to do with us

Anonymous

8/09/2023 07:58 AM

Option to opt out of public school funding if we homeschool our kids. Backyard chickens be allowed (they reduce waste and provide food).

Anonymous

8/12/2023 12:05 AM

More trees need to be planted along country roads , there not being replaced when the old ones are cut . PROTECT the valuable farmland at all cost ... Say NO to these developers ... More bush lots , wetlands need a wider protection zone ... ..

Anonymous

8/28/2023 09:36 PM

Would like to see police services and bylaw services greatly improved.

Anonymous

8/29/2023 10:06 PM

There is no way the City of Woodstock can afford to increase their boundaries into Oxford County. This has not been thought out properly at all by the city and is a disaster waiting to happen. They can't even maintain what they have never mind take over part of the county. The City is an absolute disgrace on the best of days with

unkempt grass areas, garbage and refuse everywhere and homeless and drugs addicts lying all over the city with needles hanging out of them. Please keep our county free-form this.

**Optional question** (9 response(s), 17 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q8 | Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for Oxford County or the Town of Ingersoll budgets for 2024?**

Anonymous

6/16/2023 09:24 AM

More community events please. Can we also advertise what soccer and baseball games are scheduled? I used to like to watch the rec leagues play but i dont know when their games are??

Anonymous

6/16/2023 03:38 PM

Child care is not a "social issue". This is an economic development issue. It would be taken more seriously and funded appropriately if it were framed as such.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 05:49 PM

Economic development, downtown revitalization, long-term care and parks/trails also important

Anonymous

6/20/2023 11:40 AM

Connect Ingersoll trails with Beechville trails that eventually connect with Woodstock. I should be able to bike to Woodstock without risking my life.

Anonymous

6/22/2023 07:30 AM

I would like to see an OPP satellite office placed in the parking lot at the 401. The police fly down our street heading to the 401. The speed they travel on our residential streets to get to the 401 is extremely dangerous. The 4 way stop at King and Harris is a busy school crossing zone. Many children walk this road everyday. A satellite office out there would be beneficial to all. The police would be right at the 401. Our streets would be safer without the speed of racing police cars.

Anonymous

6/27/2023 01:51 PM

Accessible playgrounds. My child is disabled and I would love to see inclusive swings, surfaces, and slides.

Anonymous

6/28/2023 08:14 AM

Long term care beds are needed. I would also like to see enhanced recreation as I tend to have to leave Ingersoll to be able to get my child into classes either no room or no class.

Anonymous

6/30/2023 08:13 AM

Housing must be the number one priority for the county.

Anonymous

I feel like only choosing the top 3 priorities was hard. All of those

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7/04/2023 08:34 PM

suggestions were high priority and i found it difficult to choose only 3. Landfill and social issues (children and homelessness) are also very critical.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 05:13 PM

Cancel OPP contract. Return to community policing.

Anonymous

7/06/2023 03:00 PM

Ensure railway tracks are safe and road crossing areas are maintained

Anonymous

7/09/2023 02:16 PM

Don't raise taxes. We are paying too much

Anonymous

7/09/2023 03:34 PM

I would like to see homeless off the streets To many mental health and drug problems.Injection sites r what they don't need.

Anonymous

7/11/2023 12:26 PM

Free outdoor workout equipment for Victoria park. Outdoor bikes, presses, etc for family use while kids are at the park or baseball games.

Anonymous

8/03/2023 07:19 AM

Accommodations/provisions for the unhoused community while also engaging the housed community in finding solutions that enhance dignity, mutual understanding, and respect for each other in betterment of our local society.

Anonymous

8/12/2023 10:30 AM

Flat rate for water and sewage should be lowered we need more testing ingersoll drinking water is terrible

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:02 PM

Just investing in recreation for youth

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:05 PM

Arena is a must. New baseball diamond that can handle the U15 & above leagues. Baseball & soccer fields need maintained better. Grass cutting, diamond preparation etc.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:07 PM

Put more time, effort and money into youth sports and recreational activities 25 years ago the arena was ready to be replaced. A renovation was done in the late 90s/early 2000s. It is now a complete embarrassment to the community. The baseball diamonds in the town are mediocre at best. The Victoria park community center was built in

the early 90s and has had little renovations or upgrades. Soccer fields at garnet Elliot were removed for a school and the ones at Victoria park were taken down for a splash pad. Without cami fields.the town would have no soccer. almost every other town that is of a comparable size has newer and better sports facilities. We are losing our golf course for more housing. What will bring make young families want to move to Ingersoll's if they don't have reputable youth sports facilities to offer

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:21 PM

As a mother of a child who is playing baseball for Ingersoll, I would like to see more money put towards the sports in Ingersoll. As I'm sure you are aware our baseball program can only run up to the age of 13 as the baseball diamonds in town do not have a mound for our kids after the age of 13 to play the sport in their home town. It is important to think about all these boys and girls playing the sport they love in the town they grew up in, which they cannot after the age of 13. Having kids have to play the sport they love in other towns all because the city will not consider sports and recreational activities a priority. Keeping our preteens and teens active in the summer months needs to be a priority and I feel more funding needs to be given the sports in this town.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:34 PM

Baseball diamonds need some attention, especially for older children 15+

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:45 PM

Ingersoll NEEDS a green bin system.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:55 PM

Time to start putting money into our baseball diamonds. We cannot host any leagues higher than u13 because of the poor state of our fields and inadequate equipment. That is in acceptable and needs attention immediately.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 02:23 PM

Investment into our public sports facilities. The rink is in serious need of upgrades and our ball diamonds besides victoria Park main need some serious maintenance just for safety. People do go to other centers because of this where revenue could be seriously improved if people actually wanted to play here.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 05:21 PM

Stop wasting money on special interest projects that do nothing more than shed a spotlight on societal trends. Painting crosswalks shows a complete lack of equal concern for all citizens of the greater community at large. Social driven political decisions, that at the very

core are separatist and discriminatory should have no place in public spending of tax dollars. Some people that pay taxes are highly offended by rainbow painted crosswalks. Not because of the ideology behind what the rainbow stands for but more that tax dollars that could have been donated to a greater good were used for something so completely singular and selfish.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 05:36 PM

Arena

Anonymous

8/16/2023 07:48 PM

Lower taxes as we pay more then london and have less services

Anonymous

8/17/2023 09:55 AM

This town really needs to invest in recreation. Get the kids involved and off the street. What recreation services does this town have to offer for new families.

Anonymous

8/18/2023 05:37 AM

More money for youth sports. Specifically new baseball diamonds with lighting.

Anonymous

8/22/2023 10:35 AM

The town of Ingersoll has put zero money into our baseball facilities in years. There is currently no diamond location sufficient to host a U15 and above division in this town. The existing diamonds need a facelift - new dugouts, bleachers, lighting, mounds, etc... the sport of baseball is important to many families in this community. The diamonds are used by Ingersoll Minor Baseball, men's, ladies and co-ed leagues, church leagues, school leagues... there is a need to keep putting money into them.

Anonymous

8/22/2023 11:14 AM

our arena needs improvement! Other communities have new ones why not us? you can't just keep putting bandages on it our ball parks and diamonds are shameful - I travel all over the province and ours are the worst the washrooms at GE are terrible - you fixed the ones at Vic and someone destroyed them A pavillion at GE is long needed If you want people to particpate in sports then provide good facilities!!!!

Anonymous

8/22/2023 12:21 PM

Ingersoll needs a new multi-use recreation centre, that has multiple Arenas for hockey and skating, as well as a gymnasium, indoor walking track and community centre area. Some new baseball diamonds, such as those in Northeast Woodstock (Cowan Fields) would also be nice as they could alleviate scheduling issues with the current baseball organizations in town. These amenities will provide

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more access to children and community members to activities within the city, instead of having to drive to London or Woodstock, as well as attract events such as tournaments and fundraisers to town.

Anonymous

8/24/2023 09:23 PM

More attention by the town needs to be put into our ball diamonds for our younger generations.

Anonymous

8/28/2023 06:21 PM

We are in desperate need of affordable housing!

Anonymous

8/28/2023 09:34 PM

We are not growing, we have new housing builds but we are a junk drawer downtown. There is no rhyme or reason to planning - the ice rink is downtown, the swimming pool is across town, sick and tired of hearing the hype on the cheese museum, people are afraid to say it sucks because it's shoved down your throat that's it's good, it's a case of only believing your own press. Bring all of it together so it's easier to maintain. Time to start thinking about complete amalgamation. Staff reductions are a must.

Anonymous

8/29/2023 08:33 AM

Stop backyard's fireworks.

Anonymous

8/29/2023 04:52 PM

More for less and a MURC

Anonymous

8/29/2023 07:55 PM

Maintain diligence of our environment and up coming industry and how it will effect our community

Anonymous

8/31/2023 10:09 PM

Eliminate the extreme use of train horns at all times and slow them down when going through town. We don't need the horn blasts like Woodstock and Dorchester had theirs stopped. If "people gates" are needed at the train crossings then put them up!

**Optional question** (39 response(s), 115 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



**Q8 | Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for Oxford County or the Township of Norwich budgets for 2024?**

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:22 AM

Keep agricultural land for farming! There is a slow "creep" of allowing more and more residential housing on our rural properties/roads....which becomes a pressure point for more spending eg waste pickup, better/more road maintenance, complaints from new residents etc. Determination of "primary" and "secondary" residences seems to be interchangeable as witnessed by recent approvals given for additional housing on properties....ie the original "primary" residence becomes the "secondary" residence when request to build a larger house is made. How can that be?...Is "primary" determined by size or age of the building? Let's get the definition straight and keep it that way. Poverty/housing...good efforts have been made by Salvation Army, The Inn to assist with this.....Think more "contact points"....outreach workers "on the ground" would be beneficial to intervene early....for mental health etc assistance too. AND let's not waste time and money, if some of the stakeholders...ie Norwich Township...is not going to "buy into" strategic plan and values of Inclusivity, Diversity and Equity. Shame, shame, shame, to sit there and nod in agreement and then act in opposition. How to change this?? What measures can Oxford County take to encourage "good faith"?

Anonymous

6/20/2023 05:11 PM

Question above only allowed 2 selections, 3rd would be waste disposal

Anonymous

6/21/2023 10:00 PM

Roads are terrible

Anonymous

6/22/2023 07:10 PM

Woodingford lodge needs to rely less on county taxpayers!

Anonymous

6/22/2023 07:24 PM

Marked and labeled Bike trails? pool in norwich?

Anonymous

6/23/2023 09:06 AM

overall a great place to live Canada and Ontario flag only on municipal buildings Try to contain and eliminate the hate displayed by a small percentage of people

Anonymous

Dismiss the current corrupted elected officials. The NRC church does

6/23/2023 10:35 AM

not run our affairs.

Anonymous

6/23/2023 01:10 PM

Creating a community of caring and belonging

Anonymous

6/24/2023 08:31 AM

Dog park please

Anonymous

6/26/2023 10:46 PM

No

Anonymous

7/01/2023 03:42 PM

N/A

Anonymous

7/03/2023 01:48 PM

Please keep our beautiful county as it is! Please do not sacrifice our farmlands on the alter of idiotic climate change alarmism.! Please do not sell us out!

Anonymous

7/17/2023 02:59 PM

County Road 14, needs total Repaving as it is So Ruff, due to all the trucks and traffic going to 401/403 and Toyota Plant. (it's as busy as Highway 59, which has been repaved several times) County Rd 14 Needs more than tar and gravel to fix the Ruff road situation. No major attentions in years. Please come take a drive on it to see for yourselves.

Anonymous

7/25/2023 01:56 PM

The top priority should be to promote and provide a safe and inclusive community to all of its residents.

Anonymous

7/25/2023 07:16 PM

Make it a point in all councils to stop mixing religion and politics. You are elected to politically represent your constituents, not promote or cave to religious interests.

Anonymous

7/27/2023 03:31 PM

Make sure that people who want to live together in 1 property will be helped in getting that done, to make more houses available for other people

Anonymous

8/14/2023 12:55 PM

Stop being or trying to be involved in everything, focus on core objectives and other will come along...stop spreading thinly and not doing anything to perfectly. Build positivity that way.

Anonymous

8/14/2023 06:39 PM

Please eliminate the warden position

Anonymous

8/16/2023 06:40 AM

Can we reduce contributions to Mayor Palmer as he does not represent his community. I do not wish for any of my taxes to go to him.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:22 PM

Oxford County... maintain the drains in Burgessville. There is a sink hole at a drain .end of sidewalk... east end. You were notified in Feb/Mar of this year. A construction cone was placed there and nothing else has been done. Meanwhile the sink hole is expanding and becoming more dangerous.

Anonymous

8/18/2023 06:27 AM

Maybe better communication to the people what is getting done smith the money. With no good source of communication it's hard to know what is happening Social media or the old fashion way newspaper

Anonymous

8/26/2023 05:54 PM

I would like to see more activities and opportunities for members of the community to participate in community events. Like more street fairs. Or winter carnival

Anonymous

8/29/2023 09:29 PM

Change TGO to how Brant runs their door to door transit, much cheaper. Should collect Compost with a green bin. More trails should be built and access communities with paved bike and walking paths through the country villages.

**Optional question** (23 response(s), 54 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q12 | Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for Oxford County or the Township of South-West Oxford budgets for 2024?**

Anonymous

6/16/2023 04:18 PM

Do not feel the County gives a darn about SWOX

Anonymous

6/16/2023 04:56 PM

Better IT for SWOX. Webcam never seems to be working to allow people to join meetings from home.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 10:17 PM

3 choices above is limited and unimaginative

Anonymous

6/17/2023 10:59 PM

Too much farmland is being taken for housing.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 10:53 PM

I like the rumble strips and flashing slow down speed sign before entering Delmer. Could use more in small towns such a Brownsville, Culloden, Verschoyle where speeding is a factor. Culloden Line is a thorough way from Highway 3 to the 401 and is often presented with speeding and high volumes of traffic.

Anonymous

6/21/2023 11:40 AM

allow building lots,people want to live in the country

Anonymous

6/25/2023 11:54 AM

no

Anonymous

6/28/2023 09:52 AM

not at this time

Anonymous

7/05/2023 01:42 PM

We need a stronger CEO and Council that has a vision and overall understanding of the community needs. The current administration is poor at best.

Anonymous

7/06/2023 03:41 PM

Spend money wisely. Not every environmental or green initiative is worth the cost, especially since the impact our community makes in the world is less than a rounding error, virtually 0% of global emissions/pollution.

Anonymous

7/14/2023 07:57 AM

Create affordable housing by increasing residents freedom to use their land as they wish (create spaces for adult children without restrictions)

Anonymous

7/16/2023 03:20 AM

Hold on rail to fix the tracks properly in beachville

Anonymous

7/25/2023 12:39 PM

Please change the garbage curbside collection schedule from the current cycle to a weekly pickup (preferably the same day every week). This would aid in establishing a routine for residents. Unsure which category this fits under, but please create a policy/bylaw/legislation to protect heritage and historically significant homes/buildings/areas from demolition or major construction in our community. Very sad to see the Elgin Hall in Mt.Elgin destroyed by a builder... Please let us keep our small village that we all grew up in and loved.

Anonymous

7/27/2023 01:11 PM

cut management wages by 40%

Anonymous

7/29/2023 08:00 AM

Taxes should be gauged on ACTUAL value of properties, not an inflated housing market number. My taxes are based on a number that I would never get for my property. Already had it assessed and it fell around the \$545,000 as a sale price. You based tax calculation on \$781,000 - that's a huge difference. Furthermore - on my final 2023 tax bill - I'm being billed \$12.20 for ReynoldsCreek Dr - Stn 18+21? Don't have a clue what it is, but having my own well and septic, I am guaranteed my property has nothing to do with whatever that is. Why do I have to pay for something I don't use????

Anonymous

7/31/2023 08:27 AM

Stop the urban sprawl. The cities should be building vertically not horizontally. Southwest Oxford needs to stop allowing other municipalities to bully them around. stand your ground.

Anonymous

7/31/2023 10:53 AM

I believe it should be the residence that should vote on pay increases for the voted in councillors. Not sure how people would agree that council should decide if they deserve a raise. We voted for them so we should be more involved. Also i do not believe we have much transparency in South- West Oxford.

Anonymous

7/31/2023 10:45 AM

Keep up the good work.

Anonymous

7/31/2023 12:23 PM

No more tax increases, too many people are already struggling to meet their needs. I have noticed on our hikes that there are so many more homeless people living in the streets or in tents near the trails.

Anonymous

7/31/2023 12:19 PM

Recreation is important

Anonymous

8/01/2023 09:33 AM

I feel we need to focus more on core services. To many levels of government are focusing on soft services and not prioritizing services that we all rely on.

Anonymous

8/02/2023 07:55 AM

Better speed monitoring for vehicles on hwy 19 and mount Elgin road

Anonymous

8/02/2023 10:07 AM

Reduce the population drastically and your, and the planet's, problems are solved.

Anonymous

8/07/2023 02:48 PM

Long term care facilities require more help. Just because there is a requirement that you have one in specific area does not mean that more are not required. Our seniors deserve to be taken care of after everything they have contributed to our communities during their lifetimes. I find it ironic that we have people coming from large cities that are retiring and ultimately their needs cannot be met. We need to address this issue with the Municipal Government seeing as they are funding large cities such as Toronto yet we are not receiving the funding for their aging population. There should be a space in each community where low income families can access fair rent. There should be a space for people who are living in poverty or are working poor to have a space in some smaller communities that have excess land reserves (municipal land) with no potential to use the land made available to provide housing or community gathering spaces, dog parks, and other public spaces that allow people to gather, use, live and enjoy. There is no reason for the government to continue to have excess land that would be otherwise left to rot if there is a viable use within our communities. This is especially true of our rural communities. There are community residents that are attempting to provide other access to their fellow residents that the municipalities, instead of seeing an opportunity to help those communities are looking for a way to make money on the backs of the residents that are trying so hard to do something they cannot afford. There may be grants available for communities that they may be able to obtain. That being said, those grants are not guaranteed and it is not possible for rural communities to fundraise the greater amount of monies required

to operate them, much less pay fees to their municipality in order to utilize otherwise unused land that is not suitable for any other use.

Anonymous

8/09/2023 03:35 PM

Reduce the overall tax burden and have a decrease, people need it!

Anonymous

8/16/2023 11:26 AM

Obtain the death toll of the street people weekly/monthly. Let the community know that the rate of death surpasses what they think it is. Addiction is a disease not a moral failing. Educate yourselves on the issue.

Anonymous

8/17/2023 12:43 PM

Remove the bag tags residents are required to purchase in order to have their garbage picked up. This is an extra cost to residents, and its cumbersome to have to go out of your way to buy these tags. Other townships in Ontario don't require bag tags to have their garbage picked up. In addition, the adhesive backing of the bag tags gets disposed of. This further contributes to pollution in the environment and landfill as they are not easily bio-degradable.

Anonymous

8/25/2023 08:40 AM

Overall Property taxes are ridiculously high for the lack of services and substandard services we have.... Many smaller communities within S.W. Oxford pay for their own wells and septic systems, lack Police presence and help, roads are barely maintained....money wasted paving low traffic side roads, total lack of winter maintenance, salting and plowing are sunstandard and not done in a timely manner, 8 day garbage cycles, lack of safety and traffic calming measures even after taxpayer input....As a long term resident...taxes have steadily increased and services have decreased.... Overall Big a"F" for a FAILING GRADE!

Anonymous

8/29/2023 03:28 PM

At this point in time I think housing and environmental issues should be given more priority

**Optional question** (29 response(s), 74 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q8 | Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for the Oxford County budget for 2024?**

Anonymous  
6/17/2023 10:06 AM  
Police to reduce Tillsonburg out of control illegal truck and car NOISE throughout the town.

Anonymous  
6/18/2023 09:18 AM  
Homeless shelter available 24/7

Anonymous  
6/19/2023 02:24 PM  
Reduce waste water reserves in Tillsonburg.

Anonymous  
6/19/2023 03:49 PM  
Please remove the cost for garbage bag tags

Anonymous  
6/19/2023 04:17 PM  
Green bin pick up and removal of garbage bag tags. Transparency with the budget. Taxes are so high with nothing to show.

Anonymous  
6/19/2023 07:06 PM  
No

Anonymous  
6/19/2023 10:17 PM  
How can user fees for water become more cost effective for users. Also more important, how can our ground water only water sources become a mixture of ground water and drilled wells to provide stable water sources. Also, consideration to stricter enforcement of watering bylaws.

Anonymous  
6/19/2023 10:33 PM  
Encourage more recycling by returning the recycling depot to be "free"

Anonymous  
6/19/2023 10:40 PM  
Building in Tillsonburg is growing at a fast pace. Builders need to be responsible for ensuring infrastructure including water, sewage and hydro is available.

Anonymous  
6/19/2023 11:11 PM  
Infrastructure is busting at the seams in Tillsonburg...don't let it fall too far behind

Anonymous  
6/20/2023 01:20 AM  
Take the special collection away from Tillsonburg as we already have a Transfer Station!!!!



Anonymous

6/20/2023 09:11 PM

Affordable housing

Anonymous

6/21/2023 11:04 AM

Go back to town policing , better controlled stops (meaning more stop signs in subdivisions ) due to increase of housing . The speeds of traffic are absolutely insane . South ridge ( Bradburn ) is absolutely out of control ( trillium dr and Southridge rd ). Better follow ups on complaints and more evaluations from the town after subdivisions are completed .

Anonymous

6/21/2023 12:53 PM

Expand the community centre, and increase child care!!!

Anonymous

6/21/2023 07:11 PM

The current strong economy and development with resulting assessment growth is resulting municipal "coffers" being flush with cash. This could potentially result in municipal government feeling immune to the current high inflation economy as well as costs, which are sneakily increasing. Government should be careful to maintain control of costs and future liabilities (maintenance, etc) as the budget situation could change dramatically if growth slows (as one can anticipate with much higher interest rates) and costs escalate, which could result in a negative budget necessitating dramatic cuts. Even though things are good now, extravagant items should be carefully considered before incurring as that could change.

Anonymous

6/21/2023 10:21 PM

When building new subdivisions make sure the capacity for water and sewer. Why wait until after the subdivisions are in place. Each subdivision should be required to have recreational area for kids. Small parks with some swings, and/or basketball net for the kids to play. Are schools allowing kids to use their property after school hours for physical activities?

Anonymous

6/23/2023 06:50 AM

We don't have the resources to support the rapidly increasing population. We need more businesses to support all the people.

Anonymous

6/23/2023 06:54 AM

It is time that this town acknowledge the services provided by Tillsonburg Fire and pay them, supplement them and SUPPORT them accordingly! Our Ambulance response time is crazy high. We NEED more ambulances in town! Affords housing is , and has been a huge issue. Paying Toronto rater for rent in TILLSONBURG is absolutely insane.

Anonymous

6/23/2023 08:56 AM

We need more Doctors. A Nurse Practitioner practice would be ideal. Tax dollars to fund this should be a priority.

Anonymous

6/23/2023 09:31 AM

What we need here in Tillsonburg, is more commerce and retail to handle the influx of new residents. We need a box store mentality and more entertainment venues and restaurants.

Anonymous

6/24/2023 02:25 PM

Do not partake in funding that restricts us into freedom of movement such as 15 minute cities

Anonymous

6/26/2023 03:16 PM

Continue to focus on boosting downtown businesses, keep homeless/low income out of downtown core and out of community. Consider reducing or cutting budget that goes towards assisting low income/homeless population.

Anonymous

6/27/2023 04:31 PM

Incentives for family physicians to practice in the smaller communities

Anonymous

6/27/2023 04:55 PM

Lights in the annandale 5 parking lot.

Anonymous

6/27/2023 05:09 PM

We moved in during the Pandemic and had no information available to us and no phone directory. We didn't know who managed health, policing, community information. It was pittiful trying to get information on the phone as no one was available or if someone was, they weren't helpful. There needs to be some kind of manual available to all citizens updated once every couple of years saying where to go for necessary services, who our M.P. is and how to contact. There also needs to be some kind of phone directory because sometimes one is hunting without a name to find a business or service! Very poor welcome to Tillsonburg!

Anonymous

6/28/2023 05:49 AM

Bringing back town police

Anonymous

6/28/2023 11:59 AM

Remove large item pickup and have the dump free again.

Anonymous

6/28/2023 02:53 PM

Bigger police budget, housing & social services to account to the number of petty crimes and supports offered

Anonymous

6/28/2023 04:27 PM

We want free dumping again and less large item collection

Anonymous

7/01/2023 08:17 PM

No.

Anonymous

7/03/2023 02:26 PM

Child care!!!! Schools!!! Walk in clinics!!!

Anonymous

7/03/2023 04:06 PM

Water

Anonymous

7/03/2023 06:51 PM

Regenerative Agriculture would start to answer the climate change situation. Stop maintaining lawns for alternative ways to enhance landscapes with native flora. Who in their right mind needs a weed free lawn that looks like a carpet. Weeds are not the enemy in fact where did this idea start from? Chemical companies that are watching the profit margin?

Anonymous

7/07/2023 09:18 AM

The narrative presented with this survey is unique, I think. I have not seen a comprehensive summation of services like this before. Maybe I haven't looked in all the right places. Whether you choose to send via email or social media really doesn't matter, as long as the info is available and you tell me it's available and where I can find it.

Anonymous

7/08/2023 11:59 AM

the traffic level has increased substantially as the town population has grown, the town hasn't kept up with it !

Anonymous

7/10/2023 07:02 PM

Introduce green cart. Reduce large item disposal costs in Tillsonburg

Anonymous

7/11/2023 05:35 PM

Schools are overcrowded, portables are now being brought in because of class sizes.

Anonymous

7/11/2023 08:40 PM

Make more affordable housing for minimum wage workers. No reason lifetime residents should be forced out of their town due to inflated rental prices and lack of available low income rental properties.

Anonymous

All effort should be made to budget with \$\$ available and not increase

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7/13/2023 06:31 PM

taxes. Thanks

Anonymous

7/16/2023 10:03 PM

Yes, Recreation need to be improved like introducing more tennis & badminton courts would help the community.

Anonymous

7/21/2023 09:16 AM

with a fast growing population police and fire services need attention redirect large trucks off Broadway onto existing out of town roads

Anonymous

7/23/2023 12:01 PM

Policing has increased in the last year. They are more visible working the roads and streets. Too many aggressive drivers in the Town and those who do not know the rules of the road. More police need to be out there working the roads.

Anonymous

7/24/2023 11:08 PM

Stop wasting tax dollars on leaf collection. Tired of seeing leaves that are raked onto the road and left all winter. Or left to blow everywhere.

Anonymous

7/27/2023 07:17 PM

Housing for the homeless. There seems to be a lot of homeless people now in Tillsonburg. Perhaps the churches can supply them with shelter??

Anonymous

7/28/2023 03:13 PM

Have the developers of the new home, contribute to the improvement of the Town i.e. pay for the renovations i.e. gym, affordable housing, senior accommodation etc. - if they are benefiting from building in this Town, they should contribute back

Anonymous

7/28/2023 06:17 PM

Put The Tillsonburg Transfer station back over to town controll

Anonymous

8/01/2023 08:46 AM

Generally, the private sector will take care of areas, such as economic development and downtown re-vitalization, since it's in their interests to do so. As a result, governments need to keep their eyes on future needs (planning for global climate change & its implications, eg. infrastructure: stormwater management), taking care of social needs (poverty, addictions, mental health, paramedic services, etc.), rather than helping businesses get bigger. To that end, we absolutely need to address the homelessness (linked to mental health, addictions, unaffordable housing, etc.) in this area. As it is, we have homeless people often camping out beside a playground (behind the Tillsonburg library); what are we teaching our children by allowing homelessness to go unaddressed? I recognize this is a societal issues, not unique to Tillsonburg; nevertheless, we need to do more

than we are doing now.

Anonymous

8/02/2023 06:13 AM

stop spending money on "pride" - tax dollars are much better spent on other things

Anonymous

8/02/2023 09:16 AM

Homelessness needs to be addressed and solved

Anonymous

8/02/2023 07:22 PM

The taxes overall in Tillsonburg are very expensive.

Anonymous

8/03/2023 01:53 PM

OPP: Where are the police? Cars racing up and down Broadway, night after night, backfiring and roaring their engines and not a policeman to be seen. They can't help but hear all this and yet do nothing. Time for a local police force, as the OPP have become too 'complacent' and need to leave Town.

Anonymous

8/09/2023 06:16 AM

Stop spending our money on divisive community efforts like rainbow crosswalks. I crosswalk is a crosswalk. If you're going to make a rainbow one, I would like a Toronto maple leafs one, an OFA one, and a Masons one. Think about it.

Anonymous

8/09/2023 08:49 AM

Thanks for all you do. I would like to see a report of how infrastructure has kept up with the population growth. Please refrain from allowing new housing developments to look like city low cost builds such as the north end of Quarter Town Line and those near McDonald's. No parking, too high, all cramped in, smaller roads. Its changing the 'look' of our small town which is why most people move here in the first place.

Anonymous

8/12/2023 11:03 PM

Some kind of incentive to bring more doctors and nurses to the major centres. Existing doctors aren't taking new patients, they're maxed out.

Anonymous

8/14/2023 06:32 PM

No

Anonymous

8/15/2023 06:34 PM

Follow recommendations in oxford natural heritage study Ensure infrastructure is reassessed for climate change. Specifically original drainage plans for subdivisions to account for the 100 year flood which should not be a burden on landowners Enhance recycling

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composting etc Ensure there are heated therapy pools accessible 8 to 11 PM daily in major centers Preserve, protect and enhance natural areas Develop smoke free communities

Anonymous

8/17/2023 07:42 AM

One free bag of garbage per week then pay for any additional bags. Remove fee for the transfer station

Anonymous

8/17/2023 08:38 AM

Please increase budget to health and safety and reduce where it is unnecessary. The community centre construction and the rail bridge construction is taking years to complete for no reason. Speed up the process of construction

Anonymous

8/17/2023 01:44 PM

Tillsonburg specifically I find it absurd that fire service is below parks and recreation budget allocations- repeated that to yourself and say that publicly and see what the response it

Anonymous

8/18/2023 06:31 AM

We are growing faster than we can keep up with. Need to find a balance, and focus on the areas where people are struggling.

Anonymous

8/23/2023 11:29 AM

Please allow the transfer station to be free for town residents again! We have to pay for garbage and now to use the station as well

Anonymous

8/28/2023 07:47 AM

Always consider what you spend money on ? Does it really need to be done ? Tillsonburg downtown looks great and it always has been a nice area....but I don't care who loves who but by putting that rainbow cross walk down town ? Why? this town has been a community that has welcomed people always and that was a waste of money and it has had to be cleaned because of what people did and you stirred up the town ....most of us people don't care what people do to have love in there life ...God will be the one who judges people in the end but we don't have to paint cross walk ..... or put up the Flags ...you can't stop people from not liking other people.... that has been life from the beginning but keep thing the same it does work ....we all really got along pretty good until media and the News and Facebook etc. decided to report more bad things then all the good that is out there

Anonymous

8/28/2023 04:16 PM

transfer station fees for items brought in by locals are unreasonable. A yearly fee would seem more appropriate.

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Anonymous

8/28/2023 05:43 PM

Tillsonburg needs more affordable housing for all ages not just seniors

Anonymous

8/28/2023 06:33 PM

We need to realign the boundaries of SW Oxford and Tillsonburg. Need road access, schools, more parks and rec facilities and more infrastructure to accommodate the growth. I'm

Anonymous

8/30/2023 08:15 AM

We need to look at the development going on and slow down to ensure we have the proper infrastructure along side the housing developments.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 08:35 PM

Please put money towards physician recruitment incentives, cheaper grocery alternatives, and building up the industrial sector to help young families be able to afford their property tax bills.

Anonymous

8/31/2023 06:11 AM

Assisted living. Let's do what is already working in other communities. Housing first. Then you can actually help people properly.

**Optional question** (68 response(s), 173 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q9 | Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for the Oxford County budget for 2024?**

Anonymous

6/16/2023 06:53 AM

Recreation services needs to have a solution to the lack of an outdoor pool issue/Lions Pool, and there needs to be proper funding allocated for this endeavor.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 06:51 AM

Get rid of [REDACTED]. She is going to cause the county to get sued. Watch her

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:08 AM

Stop the waste of plants in hanging baskets. Trees planted under hydro lines.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:20 AM

We need more focus/help for the homeless people in our communities.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 10:06 AM

DO NOT increase fire Department funding. Overpaid and over staffed for service they provide. Call volume is skewed by being dispatched to medical calls where they are most often the 4th service there after citizens, police and paramedic

Anonymous

6/16/2023 10:21 AM

So tired of seeing our downtown core full of homeless junkies. It's time to take action and start arresting these people. If I am caught drinking on the sidewalk, I'd be arrested. These people are seen shooting up between their toes in store fronts, and simply told to "move along". Lets stop enabling.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 12:13 PM

New rec centre needed in East Wdst.

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:28 PM

Prioritize the homeless situation.

Anonymous

6/18/2023 11:21 PM

I would want to see a indigenous friendship building. To have a place where you can connect with your culture and meet others that also have a indigenous background.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 05:19 PM

Make our tax dollars work best to your ability



Anonymous

6/20/2023 08:22 PM

Continue to try to get the most value for our dollars in these trying times. Thank you for your hard work.

Anonymous

6/21/2023 10:59 AM

-New arena/outdoor pool near Cowan Fields to be built. -Outdoor running track A Theatre for Dance Recitals or plays. Larger Catholic Elementary School

Anonymous

6/21/2023 08:24 PM

Parks and recreation can be a place of solace from the day to day but fearing for your safety with drug addicted people living in the woods keeps a lot of people from using these spaces. Active Living spaces are great but something must be done about camps being set up.

Anonymous

6/22/2023 11:22 AM

Not agreeing to 15 minute city

Anonymous

6/22/2023 09:57 PM

My daughter died because the primary care paramedics employed by Oxford County weren't able to help her - she needed to be intubated. There are thousands of people in Oxford County with life threatening allergies and asthma. Please consider hiring advanced care paramedics.

Anonymous

6/23/2023 07:40 AM

Possibly a rehab program for the bad drug problem so we can bring people back to society.

Anonymous

6/30/2023 01:59 PM

The homeless population in Woodstock presents community risk and should be discouraged from setting up encampments.

Anonymous

6/30/2023 04:30 PM

Composting bins for every house to be collected with recycling or garbage

Anonymous

7/01/2023 09:13 AM

Our policing costs seem very high and police seem unproductive. Any traffic issue or minor disturbance attracts 5 or 6 police cars.

Anonymous

7/04/2023 02:01 AM

Stop the woke agenda in our schools and businesses and local Govt

Anonymous

7/05/2023 11:40 AM

Question #8 is poorly designed, from my middle class priviledged position my choices reflect my lifestyle and my desires for my income

bracket, things I can take part in that benefit me, that are a priority to me and my family and my neighborhood community. If you added a question about top three priorities I see for Oxford County, I would say poverty, affordable housing, and information.

Anonymous

7/05/2023 03:51 PM

Although the problem exists everywhere, the homeless population in woodstock needs funding. Mental health services and shelter is needed for the homeless population.

Anonymous

7/07/2023 12:36 PM

Since the pandemic, there seems to have been an increase in the number of people who are experiencing homelessness in Woodstock. There has been a lot of theft in the area and you can frequently see people living in tents in the forest areas. Support for those people would benefit all of Woodstock because it would decrease burglary and provide a sense of safety to the community.

Anonymous

7/09/2023 08:25 PM

Make a better intersection at Devonshire and Vansitart Ave. Make it 2 lanes wide with turning lanes and a longer advanced green turning onto Devonshire.

Anonymous

7/17/2023 10:00 PM

Woodstock should have outdoor movie nights in the summer time that are free for the community

Anonymous

8/02/2023 08:34 AM

Homelessness population here is out of control

Anonymous

8/02/2023 12:56 PM

safe consumption site

Anonymous

8/11/2023 11:34 PM

If you want people to visit downtown get rid of the methadone clinic and don't allow a safe injection site. I don't come downtown with my kids for that exact reason. My kids are 3-9 years old. I don't (and I refuse to let them) see that happening as 'normal' day to day life.

Anonymous

8/12/2023 06:26 PM

Community can not be safe until drug addicts are held accountable for their actions. eg. stealing form residents and retail stores, littering of clothes etc, screaming and yelling at all hours of the day and night. Destruction of person and retail property. Oxford County has made this the new norm and it is not acceptable!!!. Ask the residents if they want to continue to support the drug addict and only take \$ from the ones that what to. I personal do not want any of my hard errand \$ to

go to promoting drugs as a way of life. This survey did not address the real issues of oxford county, this will not go away by ignoring the issue, action should of happened at least 3 years ago

Anonymous

8/12/2023 11:16 PM

I would like Oxford County to work with Woodstock city council to establish a fund and look into grants/funding for a mental health/addictions facility in Woodstock. I know we have gotten away from inpatient but with everything I have seen our new inpatient facility has become jail for many. It is terrible that a lot of these facilities are private. But on this note I think if it's going to be done it should be done right with mental health, detox/rehab portion and have other things such as life skills and coaching for finances and housing. Starting with getting them into transitional homes working into other housing. This could be done from one facility. The problem now is that you have to go to one place for mental health a separate for addiction and housing. These all link together and should be worked in together. I heard a city councillor say we were leaders in the non smoking, let's be that for the fireworks ban. But let me a leader for our citizens struggling with mental health/addiction and/or homelessness.

Anonymous

8/13/2023 09:32 PM

Provide easier access to all Healthcare services and health team services in Oford County .

Anonymous

8/13/2023 10:20 PM

We need weekly recycling! We should also get 52 tags per residence a year included in our already high taxes. Any additional requirements should be at a cost to the user.

Anonymous

8/14/2023 09:11 PM

Do not follow Agenda 21. Rejected it. Carbon dioxide is not pollution. Stop assuming or pretending it is.

Anonymous

8/15/2023 05:28 PM

My absolute lowest priority is police services, and it should be considered that budget is reduced.

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:21 PM

Please start thinking outside of just the bricks, mortar and roads, and focus on the people who live, work and want to raise their families here!

Anonymous

8/16/2023 01:49 PM

Stop blaming climate change for weather events. No more windmills/solar farms. Acknowledge that there is no climate emergency. Consult "real" scientists who are not following the \$\$ to provide the desired answers according to Agenda 2030.

Anonymous

8/17/2023 06:49 PM

What are plans for closed school at traffic circle at 17 and 59.  
Property is very well maintained for an empty property.

Anonymous

8/17/2023 07:01 PM

Drug control

Anonymous

8/18/2023 10:07 PM

Please plan your construction areas and times better!

Anonymous

8/24/2023 01:37 PM

Portions of the sidewalk adjacent to the electrical wires along  
Parkinson road in Woodstock take weeks to be cleared of snow. The  
buses are always late.

Anonymous

8/25/2023 11:51 AM

Public Health is a top priority largely due to the increased levels of  
addiction and overdose deaths. I feel like a safe consumption site is  
needed but would love to see it incorporated into a centre with  
existing services (e.g. Operation Sharing, Community Health  
outreach program, etc.).

Anonymous

8/29/2023 07:36 PM

Sidewalks. Some of the sidewalks on some community streets need  
some tendering to. Walking with a stroller while sidewalk blocks are  
uneven, the "Ramps" from roads to sidewalks can cause strollers to  
come to a full stop (not low enough). If strollers are this effected, I  
can imagine the difficulty of managing a wheelchair or other  
accessibility device.

Anonymous

8/29/2023 10:17 PM

The City is an absolute disgrace. Homeless and drug addicts lying all  
over with needles hanging out of them. I refuse to go downtown with  
my children as last time we were harassed and screamed at because  
we didn't have change to give a drug user (who my children had to  
watch defecate on the sidewalk in front of them)! Don't worry about  
revitalizing the museum square until people feel comfortable to go  
there and get rid of the garbage. The OPP are consistently dropping  
off homeless from other jurisdictions, all of whom we pander to. And  
the more that come, the more follow because we hand them what  
they need. Cut off the services and the people running them making  
the huge paycheques from them. Ask any emergency worker and  
they will tell you the biggest constant issue for them is Operation  
Sharing and The Inn. Shut them down and let these imbeciles go to  
other Cities and ruin them. Also, Woodstock City can't even take care  
of and maintain what it already owns without taking over more of the  
county. This is just another stupid idea that Acchione will profit from

and will end in disaster as it had not been thought out at all. The police and ems are so short of staff for the population they currently deal with, are you willing to double their numbers and build more stations when you extend the City? I waited 2 days before a cop showed up to answer my call last year. How much longer do we have to pay outrageous property taxes and get minimum in return. Absolutely madness. This City is a joke. Do better.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 09:50 AM

A shopping mall...variety of stores are needed, in this way we can spend our dollars in Woodstock rather than other cities. It would also be a great walking space during the winter. Decrease garbage going to landfill by collecting compost as done in other cities...far too much food waste going to landfills. I still do not understand why we have to use garbage tags when our property taxes are so high.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 04:23 PM

Reduce taxes! No pay increases for City employees!

Anonymous

8/31/2023 06:03 AM

More hunting opportunities on public county land

Anonymous

8/31/2023 08:55 AM

No more money for downtown.

Anonymous

8/31/2023 03:32 PM

Help with the unhoused issue. So many unhoused people not even from this area.

**Optional question** (48 response(s), 155 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q8 | Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for Oxford County or the Township of Zorra budgets for 2024?**

Anonymous

6/16/2023 08:55 AM

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS NEEDED BUT ALSO NEEDS TO BE LOCATED IN LOCATIONS THAT WILL BEST HELP THOSE NEEDING THE SPACE. LOW INCOME HOUSING IS POINTLESS IF THERE ARE NOT AMENITIES AND SERVICES CLOSE BY WITH PUBLIC TRANSIT TO ALLOW FOR JOB, MEDICAL, GROCERY AND OTHER SERVICES TO BE ACCESSED.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 09:37 PM

Money spent (capital, recreation, parks, etc) in Zorra township should serve to better the whole township or be representative in how it is spent. I live in Embro, I am taxed the same percentage however the parks, recreation opportunities. While Thamesford is bigger and should have more parks, which they do, there shouldn't be limited funding to ones in Embro. Also to note the taxes coming from businesses, particularly farms, are very high within a short distance of Embro. Farm families use the facilities please consider this when funding services in the township.

Anonymous

6/19/2023 11:27 PM

GROCERY STORE IN THAMESFORD

Anonymous

6/21/2023 06:45 AM

Curbing the amount of stealing and break and entering

Anonymous

6/21/2023 03:27 PM

Move all school buses to electric power.

Anonymous

6/22/2023 02:48 PM

A need to consider a roundabout at the 119 south & highway 2 intersection. Also consideration for a second crosswalk at Stanley St. & highway 2. As to economic development, with the growing population of Thamesford it would nice to see council actively encouraging a grocery store to build in the town.

Anonymous

6/22/2023 03:59 PM

Don't sell off land and assets without a full study of the pros and cons.

Anonymous

6/24/2023 07:46 AM

You need to find more affordable long term care beds. I work as an RPN at a local hospital and make less money then PSW's at

Woodingford Lodge. You have people living for months in acute care beds that are brought to the hospital simply because they need nursing home care and there aren't any beds and their family has failed to plan for this stage in the geriatric patients life. Also stop taking prime farm land for subdivisions. Build up not out, utilize vacant and abandoned spaces within Woodstock.

Anonymous

6/24/2023 10:00 AM

A grocery store and another school would be great improvement to our growing community

Anonymous

6/24/2023 09:57 AM

incentives to attract a grocery store

Anonymous

6/24/2023 07:39 PM

Our school sizes are an issue. I know there are a couple schools coming but we are bursting at the seams everywhere. More portables is a bandaid not a fix. We need to pro rate our numbers and build accordingly.

Anonymous

6/30/2023 05:20 PM

Why is Zorra building a childcare center? Why isn't that being done by a private company? For the amount of money we pay out for waste/recyclables pick-up, we should get a garden waste pickup, too.

Anonymous

7/04/2023 06:55 PM

Lower the taxes on residents, every day is getting harder and harder !  
Need some tighter spending saving for rainy days

Anonymous

7/05/2023 10:04 AM

Would be nice in this time of peoples needs and the ever increasing cost of everything to for once not have huge tax increases

Anonymous

7/05/2023 06:16 PM

I wish that Elgin Health Unit did not merge with Oxford. Not as good. Less for Oxford now. Staff have to drive to both areas to support programs.

Anonymous

7/12/2023 10:54 AM

There should be more housing for seniors to be supported but able to stay in their community

Anonymous

7/13/2023 12:52 PM

Bylaw enforcement of property weed control. Downtown.  
Maintenance of buildings.

Anonymous

I'm surprised that mental health is not a noted priority for 2024, as it is

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7/24/2023 06:17 PM

an increasingly concerning issue in many facets of society. As a taxpayer, I'm noticing that there could be increases in some funding as a direct result of unmet mental health needs, such as housing, long-term care, EMS, community planning, parks and recreation, and by-law enforcement.

Anonymous

7/26/2023 06:16 PM

Green bin/organic waste program to divert more from landfill. Ideally a biogas facility that can be used to power other services (example waste water treatment facility) is needed.

Redacted

7/29/2023 09:47 AM

Drop ALL funding and actions for DEI.

Anonymous

8/03/2023 09:31 AM

It is interesting to note that the closest detox facility in Oxford County is in Simcoe or other counties. It is beyond time to address the combined problem of homelessness, mental health and addiction problems that are facing our County.

Anonymous

8/03/2023 10:34 AM

Need to recycle compost

Anonymous

8/06/2023 04:59 PM

having option were my tax for school could go to anywhere but public school system it is discussing what they are doing to the kids

Anonymous

8/06/2023 07:56 PM

Trail development in Oxford and Zorra. ATV trails? Legalization on municipal, rural roads.

Anonymous

8/07/2023 01:03 PM

Gravel roads are so poorly maintained it's embarrassing. Grading and gravel need to be performed in a more professional and timely manner.

Anonymous

8/08/2023 08:02 PM

Apply more money for identifying and preserving our heritage.

Anonymous

8/09/2023 08:08 AM

Opt out of paying for public schools if you homeschool, increasing police funding, adequate housing for the poor, not allowing the spraying of round up (glysophate), community gardens initiatives, community classes for food preservation (canning, growing, preserving), initiatives for local farmers to feed to community,



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Anonymous

8/09/2023 09:10 PM

Zorra Township rocks! Thank you to those would work for our township and those in Oxford County! We are fortunate to have forward thinkers who live and work here!!

Anonymous

8/10/2023 05:30 PM

You can stop the drag shows and pandering to special interest groups under the guise of being inclusive. Put the money towards something that benefits all residents.

Anonymous

8/11/2023 03:16 PM

Why should tax dollars be spent on child care when there are private companies that have to fund them selves?

Anonymous

8/11/2023 08:33 PM

Licenced child care in Embro is needed. There's a high demand for care and not enough supply.

Anonymous

8/12/2023 10:34 PM

More pressure on developers in sub divisions to be responsible for putting in green space and playgrounds to accommodate all the new housing development. With the increase of residents police is more crucial as well.

Anonymous

8/18/2023 12:30 AM

Curbside leaf pick up



8/22/2023 09:02 AM

The "gravel" you re getting form our owned pit is mostly a mucky clay and grit, not real gravel. The south end of the 29th Line is a mess and no amount of grading will solve a non existent road bed. Either rebuild it or pave it. And why does our county not have an ever increasing amount of paved roads, once paved, maintenance is easier. When I drive Perth and Huron counties, multiple "backroads" are in fact paved. Why not in Oxford? Also, if you even paved an approach skirt to all railway crossings, such longer paved sections allow cars to slow down on pavement instead of creating a mass of potholes by braking on the gravel section that is currently there. These skirts or aprons would help road maintenance and the drivers using the road.

Anonymous

8/27/2023 06:14 PM

Climate: every time we sit in our vehicles at a traffic light with no traffic in sight, I wonder why with todays technology the lights are not controlled to monitor traffic not just on a time sequence! Do you know how much fuel would be saved and pollution reduced? Would like to see natural gas piped to rural areas so we are not being continually gouged by fuel suppliers!

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Anonymous

8/27/2023 08:22 PM

Tough decisions to be made for sure

Anonymous

8/28/2023 09:39 AM

Responsible growth, redevelop within urban boundaries and save farmland for food production

Anonymous

8/29/2023 09:38 AM

Attracting new business to Thamesford ... ie grocery store, new restaurants, Giant Tiger.

Anonymous

8/30/2023 10:09 PM

Round about at corner of rd. 84 and county rd. 6. It's a very dangerous corner with too many accidents. Something needs to be done to protect residents.

Anonymous

8/31/2023 07:52 AM

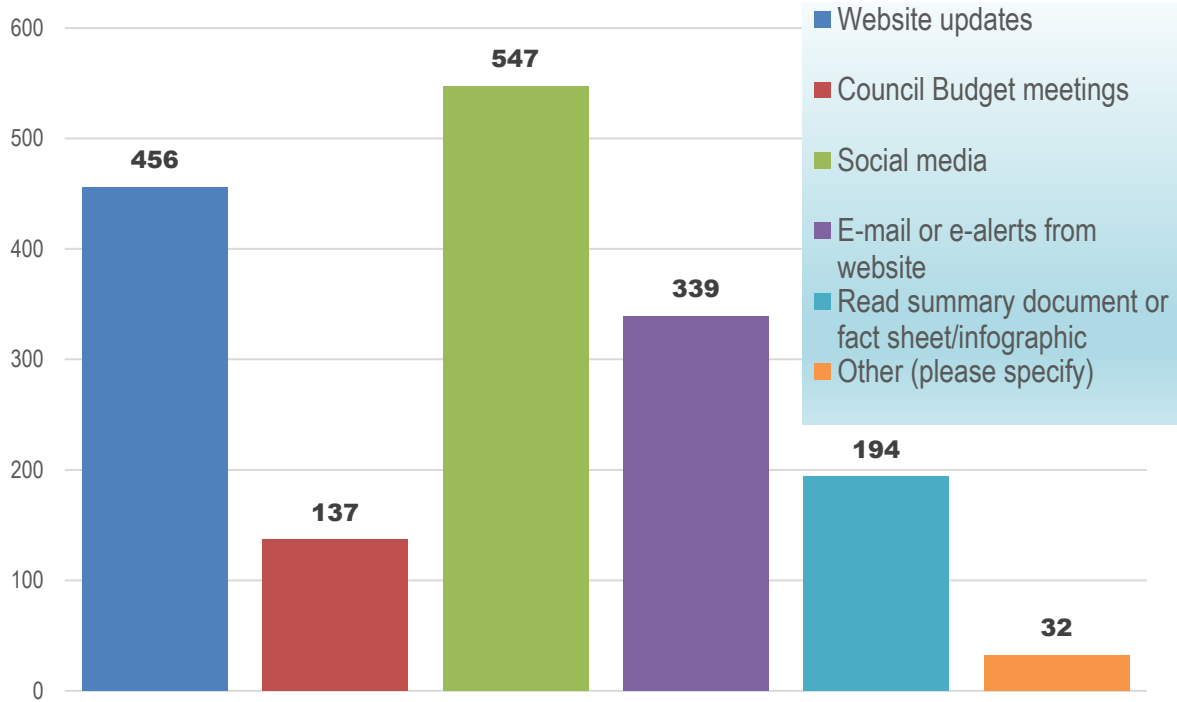
I would love to see an actual nature walking trail "loop" throughout the town.

**Optional question** (40 response(s), 92 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q9**

In addition to this survey, there are other opportunities for the public to be engaged and informed on the 2024 Budget. Oxford County and *your Township/Town/City* set their budgets independently of one another and fund various services that affect you. Keeping residents informed and engaged in the budget process is important to us. How would you like to be informed? (Select all that apply.)



**Q10**

How would you rate this survey?

