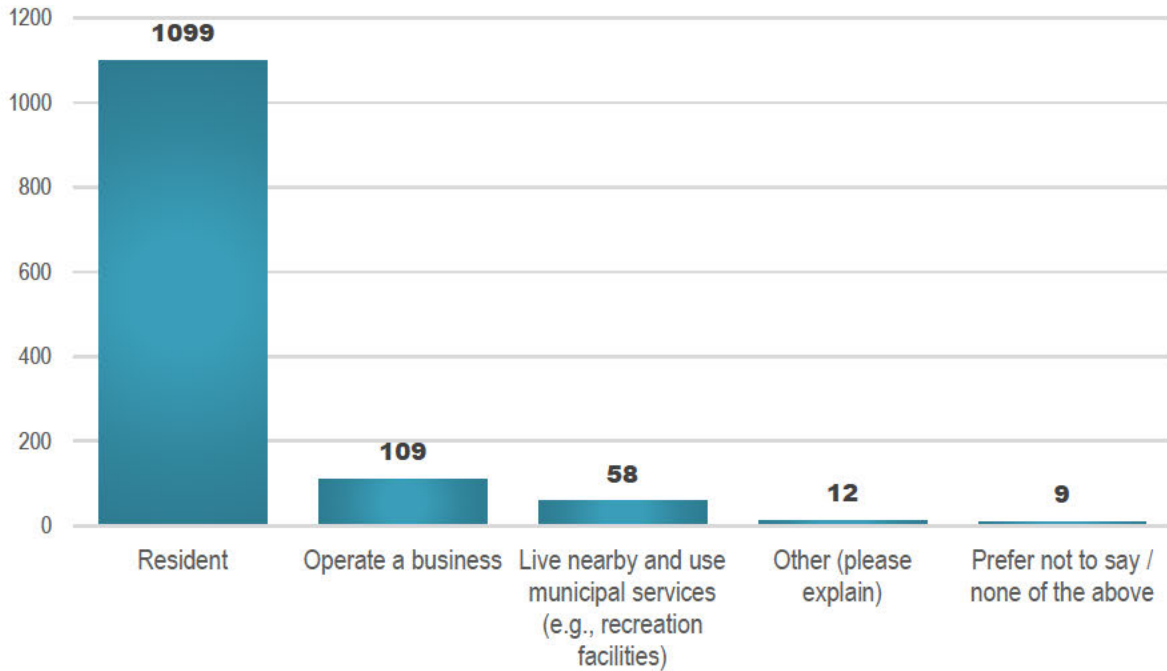


Let's get to know each other. Understanding who you are will help us determine who in our municipality contributed to building this year's budget.

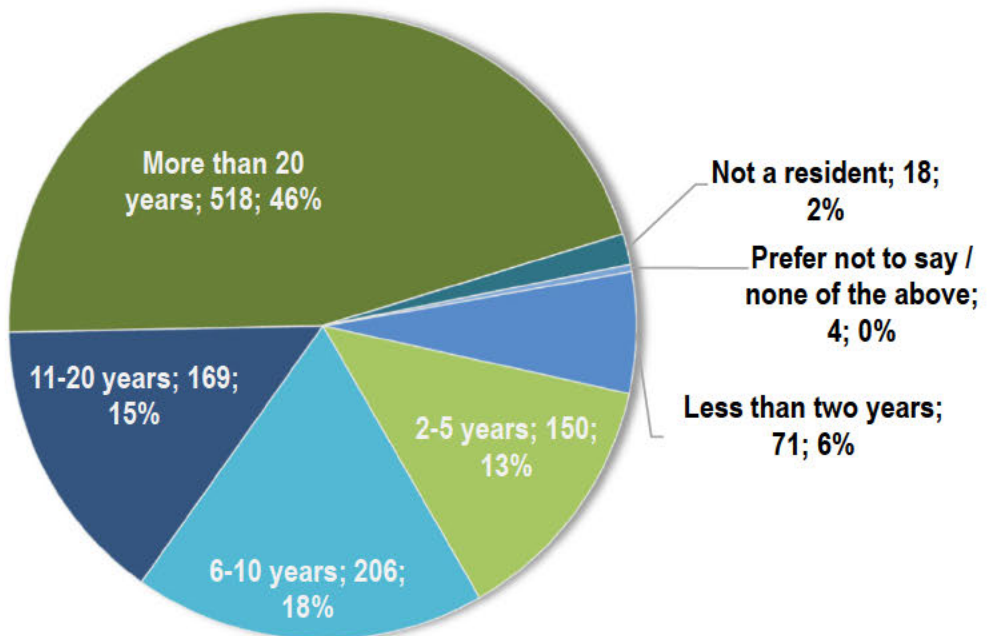
**Q1**

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



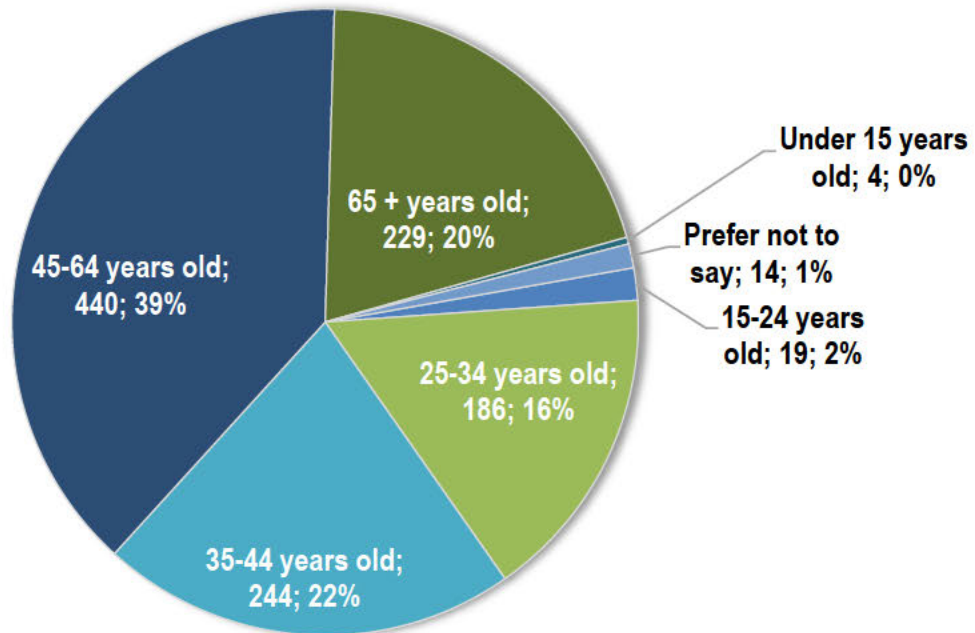
**Q2**

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



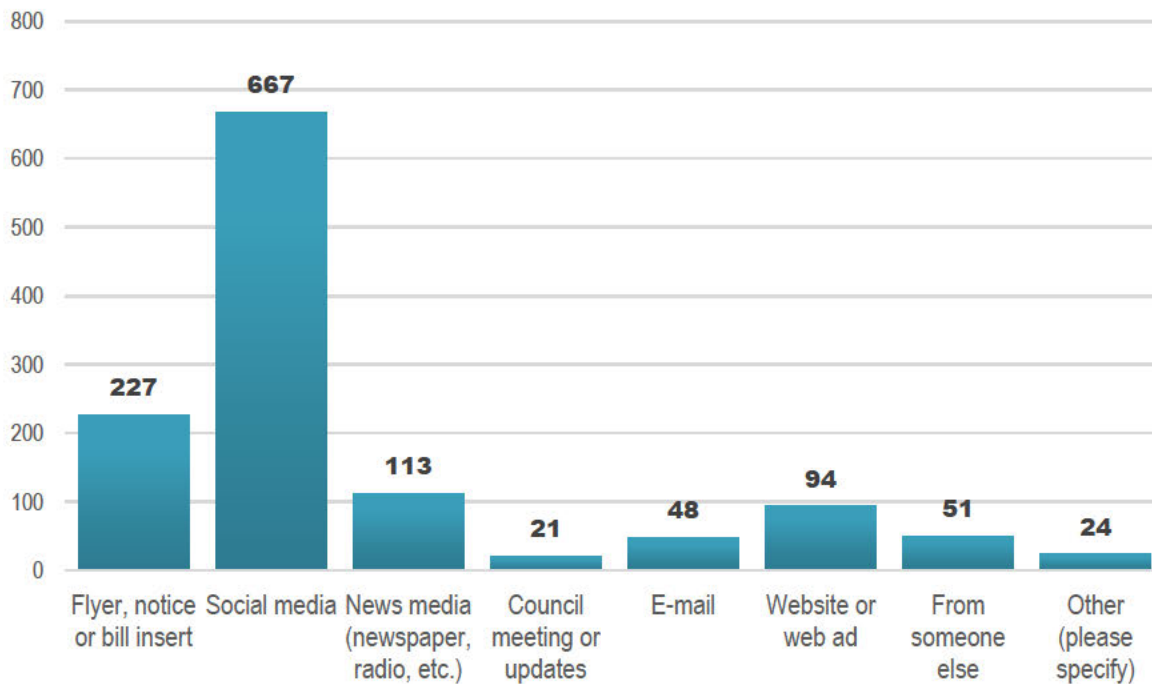
**Q3**

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.

Please note: Municipal water and wastewater rates (charged through your utility bill) fully pay for water and wastewater services in all of Oxford's area municipalities.

**Transportation Services - County Roads and Bridges**

- Transportation Services is responsible for transportation planning, traffic calming, and maintaining roads and bridges on Oxford's major roads and highways.

- In 2023, the County maintained 1,335 lane kilometers of road, 163 bridge structures/ culverts, 39 signalized intersections, 5,562 regulatory and warning signs, and 13 controlled pedestrian crossings.

- In 2023, 40 km roads were repaved, and staff responded to 54 winter events that either met or exceeded municipal service level standards.

- According to the current Asset Management Plan, the condition of roads is rated as excellent and bridges are rated as good.

- The 2024 Budget includes over \$12.2 million in capital contributions to the road network: Roads, Bridges and Stormwater. Capital reserves are built based on the lifecycle needs of existing assets identified in the Asset Management Plan.

**Waste Management (Garbage and Recycling)**

- Waste Management services include curbside collection for garbage and recycling, drop-off depots, large item collection, and services at the Oxford County Waste Management Facility in Salford.

handled was diverted from the landfill, including 16,710 tonnes of finished compost and over 7,900 tonnes of blue box recyclable materials.

- The estimated remaining life of the municipal landfill operated by Oxford County is approximately 27 to 32 years.

**Human Services - Child Care and EarlyON**

- Child Care plans and manages quality child care through external partners across Oxford County. In 2023, 563 families and 649 children received assistance with their childcare fee.

- EarlyON delivers free programs for parents and caregivers with children 0-6 years throughout the County. In 2023, 3,289 unique individuals were served through EarlyON programs, with 27,175 visits by parents/caregivers and children.

**Human Services - Housing**

- Housing offers a variety of programs to help people who don't have suitable housing. According to the 2021 census, 4.8% of owner and tenant households in Oxford County are in core housing need, meaning the dwelling is considered unsuitable, inadequate or unaffordable, and whose income is such that they cannot afford alternative suitable and adequate housing in their community.

- In 2023, the Housing program funded 628 Oxford County-owned public housing units, 656 not-for profit housing units, and 538 affordable housing units. The My Second Unit program was also supported.

- In 2023, 48 rent supplements were provided and 60 applications for Canada-Ontario Housing benefit (COHB) were completed. These programs bridge the gap between the actual rent and rent affordable by the family/individual.

- The Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) is a 100% provincially funded, outcomes-based program that offers supports to prevent, address and reduce homelessness, including chronic homelessness, by improving access to adequate, suitable, and affordable housing and support services for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. This program has helped up to 1,500 people per year and has assisted with last month's rent; preventing evictions and utility disconnections; funding emergency shelter services at The Inn, Salvation Army Emergency House, motel and hotel stays as necessary; Supportive Housing programs; Community Outreach Services; and other agencies involved with housing and homelessness response throughout Oxford County.

### **Woodingford Lodge - Long-term Care in Woodstock, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg**

- Woodingford Lodge is an Oxford County owned and operated long-term care facility providing personal and healthcare services. Ontario's upper tier municipalities are required to operate at least one long-term care home under the Fixing Long Term Care Act, 2021, with the number of beds approved by the province.

- In 2023, Woodingford received 35% of its funding from Oxford County property taxes, 49% from the Government of Ontario, and 16% from the long-term care residents who live in the home.

- Woodingford Lodge provides a person-centred, resident-first model of care to 160 residents in Woodstock, 34 residents in Ingersoll and 34 residents in Tillsonburg. There are approximately 1,250 people on the waitlist between the three Woodingford Lodge homes.

- Data from the 2021 Census shows that people 65 years and over represent 20% of Oxford's population.

### **Paramedic Services**

- Paramedic Services provides emergency care to stabilize a patient's condition, initiates rapid transport to hospitals (ambulance), and facilitates both emergency and non-emergency transfers between medical facilities.

- Paramedic Services land ambulance receives approximately 50% of its funding from the Government of Ontario. The Community Paramedicine program is fully funded by the Government of Ontario.

- In 2023, Paramedic Services responded to 19,297 emergency calls for service and 4,088 patient interactions in the Community Paramedicine program.

### **Community Planning**

- Community Planning provides professional advice and services to Oxford County and all eight Area Municipalities on the use of land, including but not limited to, planning for growth (i.e., residential, commercial and industrial) and the protection of agriculture and the broader natural environment.

- Some of the specific services provided include developing and maintaining the Official Plan and Area Municipal Zoning By-laws; undertaking planning related special projects and studies; responding to development inquiries; professional planning review services for all development applications; maintaining planning related data and information; and development of mapping and other planning related resource materials.

- Community Planning processes approximately 500 applications annually.

### **Wastewater Services**

- Oxford County operates and maintains 9 wastewater treatment plants, more than 630 km of sanitary sewers /force mains, 38 sewage pumping stations, and two odour control facilities across 11 different municipal wastewater systems that service more than 37,000 customers.

- In 2023, 13.6 million cubic metres of wastewater was treated.



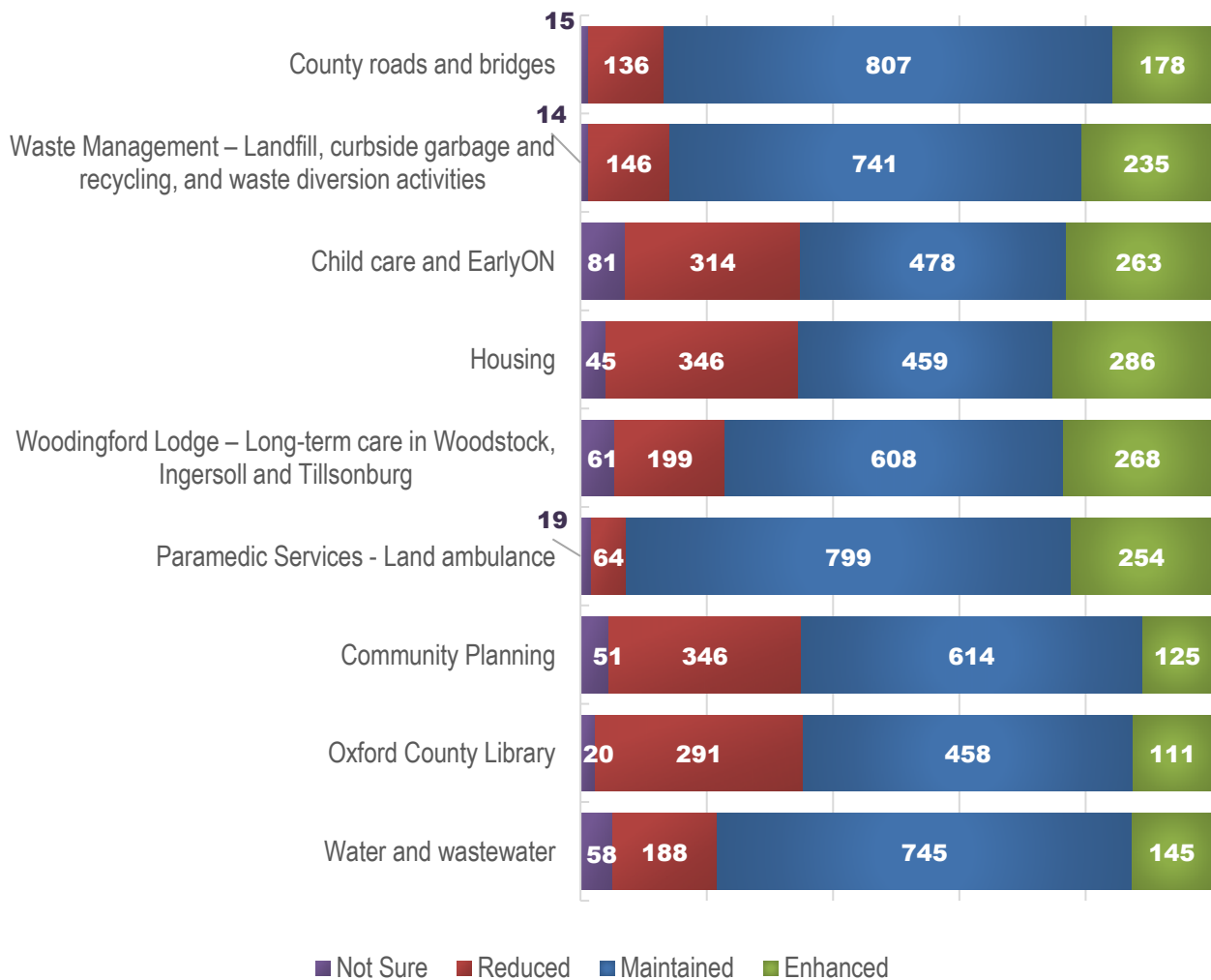
## Water Services

•Oxford County operates and maintains 62 water supply wells, 17 water treatment systems, more than 753 km of watermains, 42 water reservoirs/towers, and 7 water booster stations across 17 municipal different drinking water systems that serve 21 communities across Oxford County.

•In 2023, 10.7 million cubic metres of water was treated for both residential and commercial consumption.

In 2025, 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*

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

Screen Name Redacted

6/12/2024 08:24 PM

The county is over staffed. Eliminate remote work and get people back to the office or inspecting construction projects. Oxford Road 2 is now a patch job a year after it was paved, Oxford Road 17 just received another patch job after settlements. Something doesn't seem right. The cost for library services is disgraceful when comparing it to emergency services. Make the hard decisions.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 08:45 AM

Oxford County should not be in the long term care business unless the province decides to make all long term care homes municipally owned and operated

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 06:28 PM

Expansion of childcare services outside major centres. Tavistock for example could use service.

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 01:32 PM

Services will have to be cut or cost savings found to keep any tax increase for 2025 below 2%. The tax increase for 2024 can't be continued in future years.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 08:17 PM

Im on a well and septic, wastewater doesnt apply. EarlyOn is a great resource for my family and we use their drop in program for our toddler weekly. Library is irritating as woodstock is excluded from the oxford library options to non residents.

Screen Name Redacted

6/22/2024 10:15 AM

A municipality needs to focus on core issues that relate to the proper function of community. Infrastructure, water, sewer and garbage collection. Libraries and recreational facilities are part of that. Social issues like homelessness are largely driven by affordability issues which are difficult for local governments to address because they are predominately caused by Federal Government policy which continues to overspend and cause inflation by printing and borrowing money we don't have. This directly impacts the people on the lower end of the income scale because basics of life become unaffordable! We have to remember that there is only ONE! taxpayer regardless of which level of government the money comes from. Focus on CORE delivery of services, the larger social issues are driven by the broader mis-management of our Country at a Federal level. Thankyou.

Screen Name Redacted

Let's get something clear. I paid for my house. I also paid for my

6/23/2024 08:51 PM

children's day care while I worked 1 full-time job and 2 part-time jobs. My wife also worked full-time so we could afford to raise our family. I DO NOT feel I should also be paying for other people's home"s or Day care too. I am sorry I simply don't feel I owe it to others..

Screen Name Redacted

6/25/2024 07:40 PM

Use our money efficient and wisely. Use common sense in all departments. It's our combined money your spending so don't overspend.

Screen Name Redacted

6/26/2024 09:24 PM

Water and waste water delivery charges are way to high.

Screen Name Redacted

6/27/2024 10:59 AM

Put in more roundabouts to reduce accidents, pave shoulders and plant wildflowers instead of grading, adding gravel, cutting weeds and grass along roads.

Screen Name Redacted

6/27/2024 11:19 AM

I said reduce the funding for houseing. I said this because of all the drug addicts in woodstock, I dont want any incentive for them to say or come from other cities, they make our town worse.

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 09:35 AM

An ambulance base in Tavistock and building additions onto the 3 Woodingford Lodge locations (if possible). This could be building up or out or even a complete new building somewhere.

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 11:27 AM

Green bin program needs to be implemented

Screen Name Redacted

7/06/2024 10:27 AM

Garbage transfer station in EZT, very far to go to landfill facility. Bring in Green bin program faster than planned!!!! Bring in garbage and recycling totes that are paid through property tax and no bag tags, similar to Perth East.

Screen Name Redacted

7/08/2024 07:06 AM

Maybe EarlyOn should advertise their services better? Same with mobile library, don't know its locations but maybe should go to Huntingford, Hickson and other areas not serviced directly by a library branch

Screen Name Redacted

7/17/2024 12:44 PM

Would like to see large article pick up more than once/year No close access to early ON learning centre

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2024 10:06 AM

Taxes are crazy high and there's a lot of waisted money being thrown around like it grows on trees. We the taxpayer worked hard for this money, we deserve to have it spent wisely and cautiously.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2024 11:18 AM

Composting is necessary to avoid rats that are starting to appear in our neighborhoods.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2024 12:02 PM

Get rid of bag tags if my taxes already support waste management... Also, waiting lists for child care this long is whack. Someone should tell pregnant women to put their child on the list the second it's conceived. I've been on the list for almost a year now and have received nothing.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2024 03:39 PM

Having a water treatment plant should have been built before building more residential homes around lagoons. Brilliant

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 12:54 PM

Need drastic overhaul og curbside garbage collection. The timings are erratic and garbage bags get ripped by reptiles. Need Peel region type garbage and recycle bins with claw style levers on trucks to unload the bins.

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 03:55 PM

People should pay for their own child services. We had to. Money would be better spend on waste services and better local access to city dump or waste transfer station. We have to drive 45 minutes to access the county dump.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 01:25 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 05:32 PM

Re: "Transportation Services is responsible for transportation planning, traffic calming", please see my notes in earlier section, thank you.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 06:52 PM

I would like to know what the off-load delays are like for paramedic services. What hospitals are paramedics transporting to from Tavistock? What is the average response time for paramedic arrivals to patient home? Have there been instances where no paramedic ambulance is available? Without this information it is impossible to comment on paramedic services. If the responses reflect a deficit in any way, would indicate that enhanced services are needed.



Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2024 11:35 AM

I would like to see East Zorra-Tavistock do away with the garbage bag tags which are a nuisance to have to go and purchase.

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 02:11 PM

Watering bans for lawns period. Unless it presents a fire hazard.

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 05:08 PM

Re: roads and bridges - infrastructure is on the decline in ontario except for some of the 4xx highways it seems. Add more cost to the road maintenance and improvement. Re: Woodington Lodge - i suggest maintain but we need more longterm care support and locations for local access to family. Re community planning - I suggest maintain but we need to do better planning to force developers to do more recreational trails and space than existing compared to many other municipalities (i.e. no trails and bike paths and walking paths in Tavistock). Wetland spaces are not being integrated as people spaces. Why?

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 08:07 PM

I have seen too many people taking advantage of subsidized housing while the own properties that they rent at the going rate.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 06:24 AM

In Innerkip we have a parking issue at the Post Office. You have allowed 2 new houses to be built opposite the Post Office making it more difficult to park on the street. Could you not put in several parking spots next to the Post Office at the Park entrance driveway

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2024 01:23 PM

Why are we funding a transit system. I only see 1 or 2 people on the bus.

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2024 01:29 PM

With our aging population we need more Ambulance people. Why does Drumbo and Embro have an Ambulance while we wait longer for help. Are we not important enough.

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2024 01:36 PM

Why is the Township Office so large and why are you driving around in an electric truck. Don't tell be the Office was built to grow into as we all know the City of Woodstock will be taking significant portions of the Township in the next few years. You are spending like drunken sailors

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 07:32 PM

I personally believe that rating whether each area should increase or decrease in funding is simply not good enough because we need to

also be able to express how that money should be used.

Screen Name Redacted

8/21/2024 04:22 PM

With our elderly population we need more care homes and more paramedic services

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 06:34 AM

Improve our water

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 09:39 AM

We should be using green bins to recude the amount of waste going into the landfill. It's been proven how effective it can be. But you need to supply education with the implementation of green bins.

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 12:41 PM

Not at this time

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 04:14 PM

As our population increases the demands on all of the above will increase and there will be a greater need to prioritize the requirement on each category. Will we have enough water and wastewater capabilities? Very questionable. All infrastructure will have to be evaluated. Will our road network handle the demands of the future - appears to be struggling as it is. The number of serious accidents shows that there is already a problem in some areas - or is it driver attitudes or a combination of both? The federal government is to blame for some of the stress and therefore should have to assist in covering some of these costs. Of course that just comes from tax payer money so we are paying for it one way or the other.

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 08:04 AM

Why do we have an electric truck. What a waste of money.

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 11:04 PM

Most other municipalities allow large garbage collection more than once a year. This needs to be changed in EZT....going to the dump is too far.

Screen Name Redacted

9/02/2024 10:09 AM

Plan on, build and enforce a bypass route east/west for Tavistock. If nothing else, then at least trucks. The noise, congestion etc is both annoying and potentially dangerous, particularly when combined with a road side business that has no parking and congests the street. Someone is going to get hurt.

**Optional question** (42 response(s), 126 skipped)

Screen Name Redacted

6/12/2024 02:31 PM

We need more child services in the area for daycare

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 11:13 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 08:19 AM

The green bin program can be funded to bring it in earlier than proposed in my opinion

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 01:23 PM

The elected representatives will need to make tough choices on service levels as taxpayers can't afford more increases as we have seen in 2024. My reduced service levels are the only way to keep taxes from increasing more than 2%.

Screen Name Redacted

6/23/2024 11:10 AM

Woodingford Lodge needs more beds for Blandford Blenheim. It is not enough care for the Elderly. Or build new Nursing Homes. There is going to be a crisis with the Baby Boomers getting older now. We need the care & the Staff to look after the Elderly..

Screen Name Redacted

6/26/2024 08:01 PM

There are far too many manager positions making well over \$100,000 a year at the Paramedic Services. The number of positions could be cut in half for the management.

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 06:53 AM

I cannot support an increase in tax dollars

Screen Name Redacted

7/08/2024 11:46 AM

Where does the tax money covering stupid stuff like painting the walk ways for pride and a flag and any other special interest that I think property tax should not be used for including the county or provincial budget. Tax money should be used for maintenance and local hospital only.

Screen Name Redacted

7/08/2024 03:21 PM

We need Green Bin services!

Screen Name Redacted

7/08/2024 04:06 PM

We need better water treatment

Screen Name Redacted

7/08/2024 04:11 PM

Please get rid of the garbage tags. This is a nuisance. I would much rather you increase my property taxes by a couple hundred dollars and save me the pain of having to buy sticker tags. If you allow each

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household 1 bag per week included that would be fine and ask for payment for garbage above the one per week. There should also be a large item pick up twice a year not just once. One in spring and one in autumn.

Screen Name Redacted

No

7/08/2024 07:38 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Garbage, need more then one large pick up a year, leaf pick up

7/08/2024 07:43 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Would like to see the Master Plan for the Water Treatment Facility in Plattsville moved up so water quality is better.

7/08/2024 08:15 PM

Screen Name Redacted

N/a

7/08/2024 08:24 PM

Screen Name Redacted

No

7/08/2024 08:58 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Water bills in Drumbo are outrageous in relation to other centres in Oxford county. The crazy high water and sewer costs more than make up for our so called lower tax rates. The cost of water and waste treatment should be shared by the entire population of the tax area. Not just Drumbo.

7/08/2024 09:09 PM

Screen Name Redacted

More daycares and before and after school childcare

7/08/2024 09:21 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Waste water fee- ridiculously high addition to water bill EarlyOn- we don't even have a program for before and after school care currently so why is money going here?, or a public daycare available whatsoever in plattsville (for example at the public school). These services are desperately needed as most houses these days are double income/double working parents. For licensed daycare spaces at centres, you must drive to either ayr, new hamburg, Baden or KW.

7/08/2024 09:54 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Green bins

7/08/2024 10:24 PM

Screen Name Redacted

More focused on green bins and recycling plus water management

7/08/2024 10:24 PM

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 06:43 AM

Oxford County had an opportunity to open a landfill in Beachville. The tax dollars recieved (along with tipping fee percentage could have reduced residence tax bills)

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 03:07 PM

I'd like to see our old truss bridges brought back to life and in use for vehicles

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 03:28 PM

Water supply needs to be upgraded. It's the worst part of living in Plattsville.

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 10:39 PM

Would love to see green bin introduced which would cut down on garbage

Screen Name Redacted

7/11/2024 01:39 PM

Improve water quality as it's very hard in Plattsville. Also have city collect separate for compost

Screen Name Redacted

7/12/2024 11:12 PM

We live on a County Road and are aware of the \mount of traffic which goes by our home. Agricultural land needs to be preserved. Growth should be via intensification ...upward not huge lots for large single family homes.

Screen Name Redacted

7/17/2024 03:10 PM

Please get the homeless housed and the rehabilitation services they need.

Screen Name Redacted

7/20/2024 11:05 AM

Water cost in Ingersoll are insanely high

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2024 11:02 PM

Each sector should state what more or less funding would hypothetically look like otherwise the questions are vague

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2024 10:30 AM

Fix brights, insufficient, and unsafe water

Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2024 11:45 AM

Libraries should be maintained. Mobile library should be reduced pending user numbers.



Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2024 05:12 PM

This issue pertains to the County level...Building permits for Bright should include a service charge to help pay for the Water project that is designated to start between 2029 and 2033. There are 17 homes approved, and more to come. These homes will strain the Bright system even more. Trucking water is not a good enough backup plan. Residents of Bright currently experience defficient water pressure; washing machines and dishwashers cannot run full cycles due to the weak water pressure . Resdients also experience smelly water and brown water in Bright. (as recently as July 22, 2024)

Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2024 09:19 PM

Why do I pay taxes to support village sewage and water while as a rural resident I get nothing?

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 04:18 PM

We need better bridge services, there is also something closed in Blanford Blenheim. Our waste program is terrible too. We need yard waste pick up. Finally our water isn't even worth paying for. The amount of salt needed to make it usable is disgusting.

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 06:52 PM

Fix our water in bright please and hydro

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 08:23 AM

There must be a more proactive approach to waste diversion. More focus on holding manufacturers, and retailers accountable for the products they use could significantly reduce waste going to landfill. I hope you publish the result of the agricultural plastic recycling program.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 12:23 PM

Would the township ever consider making a dump spot for garbage as opposed to the two dollar stickers? I really don't have a spot to keep the garbage while I wait for garbage day so I normally end up taking it to the cambridge landfill when I go to work

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2024 08:32 AM

The need for water treatment in certain communities need to be addressed.

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2024 10:44 AM

Get the water in Plattsville fixed and get the lines in to pump it to Bright.Get it done in the next year. We should not have to wait 4 more years for the work to begin.Oxford County needs to treat Bright better .

Screen Name Redacted

Homeless folk should be a priority. Also housing costs/rent.

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7/31/2024 05:45 PM

Screen Name Redacted

You need to work on reducing wasting money and reducing taxes

8/02/2024 06:41 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Paramedic services need to service people that live in Oxford County and take them to Oxford county resources instead of Brant county. If I pay my taxes to Oxford County then I should be ALLOWED to go to use those services. Not my problem you can't get my address to be Oxford instead of Brant. Otherwise change our address.

8/06/2024 05:54 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Would like to have municipal compost collection to reduce waste.

8/11/2024 11:46 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Implant pedestrian crosswalks in Princeton per Ontario Traffic Manual.

8/12/2024 01:58 PM

Screen Name Redacted

We are in the country and are on well and septic so we don't use either service and we pay for garbage tags already so why should those areas be increased. If your increasing my taxes based on garbage collection offer green bin and or free bags

8/13/2024 05:30 PM

Screen Name Redacted

We should have green bins and then we would have less garbage

8/14/2024 07:44 PM

Screen Name Redacted

County needs to contribute. Just as federal government helps provincial governments. We shouldn't be putting off clean reliable water for residents. Every deserves clean water. It's unbelievable to think that we have to wait until 2029 for the project to start.

8/22/2024 05:05 PM

Screen Name Redacted

The taxpayers should not be responsible for taking care of other peoples children. If their parents are incapable of providing them with a good home environment, they should be made wards of the state and put with families that can provide for the children.

8/25/2024 02:57 PM

Screen Name Redacted

no

8/29/2024 09:22 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Water is terrible in Blandford-Blenheim

8/29/2024 05:33 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Bright needs better water pressure

8/30/2024 06:49 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Should Housing and Community Planning work jointly together?

8/30/2024 07:53 AM

Screen Name Redacted

No

8/30/2024 11:15 AM

**Optional question** (54 response(s), 110 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 11:04 AM

The library is a very important service to me.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 04:25 PM

1. Waste Management. I'd like to see it enhanced to offer a green bin for the towns. 2. Housing I would support paying more taxes toward continuing to tackle homelessness. More high density housing needs to be built in Ingersoll and Tillsonburg. 3. The Ford government has been putting out new housing policy every quarter it seems and I would support bolstering our community planning to better tackle the changing priorities. 4. Oxford County Library: it seems like the Ox on the Run library bus has been in "pilot" forever. I would like to see this made permanent in the 2024 budget. The library is an incredible resource in my community, specifically I've seen Ox-on-the-Run around the County every day. They work hard and I will always support enhancing the library's budget.

Screen Name Redacted

6/14/2024 11:46 AM

Water is too expensive - it should be much less - water is a human right, why do we have to pay for it

Screen Name Redacted

6/14/2024 12:25 PM

love the library so much!

Screen Name Redacted

6/14/2024 01:10 PM

The library is such an important public resource and many people rely on it being the one free place they can hangout, use a bathroom, access heat and AC, use technology, and not be expected to pay for anything. The library is becoming the place where people go for social services, tech help, free resources, and the library needs to be funded to be able to adequately staff and attempt to meet the ever increasing demand for help and service in this community.

Screen Name Redacted

6/14/2024 05:36 PM

Every effort must be made to maintain or reduce costs

Screen Name Redacted

6/15/2024 10:23 AM

If we pay for waste collection through taxes, why do we have additional charges per bag

Screen Name Redacted

6/17/2024 10:56 AM

The library is the heart of your community, and never gets the funding it deserves. Oxford County Library is doing incredible work with limited branch hours and budget. Increase the budget, continue to

offer your services, and expand the Ox on the Run program.

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 03:07 PM

I suggest the town provide curb yard waste pickup every two weeks, please! older residents like myself struggle to get our yard waste to Pemberton St.

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 04:17 PM

Improve waste management program

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 04:55 PM

Would like to see a green bins program to add to the longevity of the landfill and be more environmentally conscious

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 04:59 PM

In my opinion the library doesn't serve the community as it once did. The availability of the internet has made the library obsolete in some ways. I haven't been in the library in over 25 years. Tell me what I'm missing? I think the tax payer would benefit from the library tax dollars going towards other more important issues of modern times.

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 09:57 PM

We should look at charging a bit more for volume and less for monthly service charges - Users that use less - seniors and frugal folks that care are penalized for using less as a percentage of their bill

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 10:18 PM

Waste Management (Garbage and Recycling)...I pay every week for this already, why paying more. Why should I pay someone's child care no one pays mine, why should I pay someone's long term care no one paid my family's, why should I pay someone else's housing, this is all very bizarre what you have allocated money to. Do we have a say in the recipients of this money?

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 01:34 PM

Would love a different water treatment option in town. Town water is absolutely disgusting

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 01:54 PM

Childcare is severely inaccessible to oxford county and is much worse in 2024 than it has been previously. There are families on waitlists for 1-4 years which causes employment issues for most families.

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 03:24 PM

I would like some of the budget allocated to county roads and bridges to be used for safety assessment for problematic intersections. There



are many intersections with highway 19 and highway 6 that could be either 4-way stops or traffic lights, and there have been a number of serious accidents in the past year. Additionally, I would love to see a green bin service implemented to reduce food waste in landfills. I understand this is something that the county is pushing for, and would like to increase funding in this area to aid that process. Lastly, I think that the Ox on the Run pilot project should be made permanent with a more consistent rotating schedule. I've come across the vehicle at various community events and the service they offer is very valuable to communities that do not have a library branch, such as Beachville.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 01:16 PM

Allow one garbage bag without tags. Raise taxes to cover the cost. Additional bags require a tag.

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 08:35 PM

Waste soring cleanup is always done early may which I think should be moved to late may early June jot april

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 12:12 PM

Actually receiving municipal bills consistently would be a bonus instead of needing to call. Also, estimated bills are ridiculous, read the meter, and send the bill.

Screen Name Redacted

7/06/2024 08:54 AM

When assisting with housing and homelessness I believe a working element for the individuals needs to be included. There are always things n the town and county that need to be done.

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 07:18 AM

Water/ wastewater charges are outrageously high!

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 09:25 AM

I am absolutely against changing the garbage system. I DO NOT want it reduced. Garbage/recycle collection should be on the same day every week.

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 11:20 PM

Taxes are high enough. Get rid of the garbage bag tags.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 12:25 PM

There needs to be more day care centers

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2024 03:47 PM

Terrible value, lower taxes

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 10:58 AM

Reduce areas as specified and put towards finding businesses to come to Oxford county.

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2024 09:18 PM

EarlyOn is terrible. Not enough services, not enough support. I don't know what the answer is. The people I interacted with a few years ago had no interest in babies / toddlers with their caregivers at programs. None of the instructors spoke to me, they did not offer any parenting suggestions or assessments (is my baby OK, are they developing normally, is this how you breastfeed?). So I stopped going.

Screen Name Redacted

8/20/2024 11:16 AM

How many homeless persons have travelled from outside Ingersoll? Having spouses go to the top of the waiting lists for local facilities has created an unfair advantage. Persons in need of care have been put further down the wait lists for local facilities.

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 09:55 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 07:35 PM

Why I selected "enhanced" for the Housing and Woodingford Lodge/Long-term care categories: That 4.8% of Oxford County owner and tenant households cannot afford suitable and adequate housing is shameful. That homelessness has become a visible issue in the urban centres of our county is shameful. That more than a thousand people in need of a room and care are currently assigned to a waiting list at the three Woodingford Lodge facilities is shameful. I realize that the County of Oxford has programs to try to address these challenges. But it needs -- we all need -- to do better. Why I selected "enhanced" for the Community Planning service category: More planning resources need to go towards the protection of our county's agricultural lands and natural environment. These lands should be considered sacrosanct by Oxford County's planners and its politicians. There is too much influence by developers in the planning process. I distrust developers because they rarely have the long-term public interest at heart. Withstanding their pressure requires political will and a stronger Official Plan, particularly where it involves Oxford County's farmlands, woodlands and wetlands. These irreplaceable areas will continue to be chipped away at by developers unless this county comes up with a vision and a solution for how to allow for "growth" while also curtailing urban sprawl. Maybe part of the answer is encouraging the building of more multiplexes and higher-rise housing and apartment structures within the current urban boundaries. Mass-produced subdivisions of ugly, cookie-cutter, single-family homes and McMansions on what were previously

working farms is outdated thinking and should be restricted. At the very least, in any new subdivision project, mixed forms of housing (e.g., multi-family dwellings along with single-family homes) should be permitted and supported. The idea here is that if land is to be sacrificed for housing, an effort will be made to lessen this sacrifice by seeking densification (which might help to avoid the sacrifice of other lands elsewhere). Lastly, if it doesn't already have one, the County should hire an environmental planner to help vet development applications and ensure that Oxford's natural heritage is always protected in the planning process for the citizens of both today and tomorrow. An additional note regarding question 10: I have given only a "fair" rating because of the 15% increase in the County of Oxford's portion of my property taxes for 2024. This seems like a shocking escalation. But then I have no clue about the reason for this increase, as the County has, in my opinion, done a less than adequate job in presenting its rationale to taxpayers. Could it not have at least provided some kind of insert in a utility bill explaining its position? I know there are inflationary pressures on government services, but I hope such an extraordinary percentage tax increase doesn't become a trend. After all, as a senior with a limited income, I'd like to be able to afford to remain in my own home as I continue to get older.

**Optional question** (31 response(s), 86 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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

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6/17/2024 12:22 PM

2024 Tax % toooooo high from the County. Reduce it for 2025. Pressure the province for more assistance to off set cost of increased housing and road expenses. Historic downloads need to be corrected/modified.

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 11:56 AM

It would be great to see less waist and more bang for the tax dollar. I realize everyone wants everything and no one wants to pay for it but in todays economy extra care and caution has to be taken not to be wasteful.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 12:41 AM

I really wish we could change the garbage system to one free bag weekly and then charge a higher tag fee for extra bags.

Screen Name Redacted

6/23/2024 06:11 AM

The childcare program is for the poor and the rich. Blue collar workers do not qualify for subsidies. This entire program needs a makeover. When applying for subsidies, this should go by guaranteed work hours as it does when attaining a mortgage, car loan etc. Not by one's notice of assessment.

Screen Name Redacted

7/04/2024 03:37 PM

Community Planning funds must go toward maintaining our #1 industry - farming - Woodstock needs to solve their problems without bringing Norwich township's rich agricultural land into it.

Screen Name Redacted

7/04/2024 07:12 PM

Bag tags are not necessary. add that to the taxes. Makes way more sense.

Screen Name Redacted

7/04/2024 10:22 PM

Why do I have to pay a fee to use the Woodstock library when I live on the north edge of Norwich township closer to Woodstock than the Norwich library and all libraries are supported by Oxford County funding.

Screen Name Redacted

7/19/2024 06:20 PM

The library offers crucial services to the community as does EarlyON. We need more childcare in the community

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2024 04:31 PM

Again, way too much government interference! Community planning? Are you kidding? Stop planning our communities. We are just fine as

we are. This is social engineering! We don't want it!! As for libraries, I'd generally support that, if it weren't for the fact that they are not filled with woke propaganda, especially directed towards our children. Shameful and abusive!

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 11:34 AM

Waters and waster water don't apply to me

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 08:26 PM

Too much is being spent need to reduce costs, get out of retirement homes

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 08:03 AM

We get funding for children already. The childcare program shouldn't be funded my taxpayer dollars. I have to pay for my own childcare.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 06:01 AM

We need to better the recycling program-bring back that we can recycle plastic, styrofoam. I would like to see the green box program come into effect in our area. We also need affordable housing for the young and old-no one can afford 1/2 million plus homes in this day and age with prices of gas, groceries, utilities continuously going up but our Old Age Pension or wages don't go up.We also need more old age/retirement homes in our area. Waiting 5 plus years on a waiting list is unacceptable for those that need it.

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2024 06:55 PM

Would like more shopping options in Norwich. Grocery store... Fast food etc

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 05:32 PM

I like the early on program but having it summer in zorra at park with no bathroom is ridiculous.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 06:24 PM

Get the planing department figured out, many people have applied for permits and denied no comment or reason

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 11:23 AM

In Otterville, on septic and pay for garbage tags, not sure why the cost is so high and with the 11% increase to property taxes what we are getting out of it

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 01:11 PM

Woodingford Lodge -too many chiefs, stop adding high priced managers that just go off on stress leave anyways. More \$ for front line care, cut high salary spending!!



Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 02:22 PM

I can't believe Norwich doesn't have a water treatment plant. If the winds are high and from the east, I can see the waves splashing out of the lagoon.

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 06:05 PM

Reported a drain sink hole in March of 2023. County put up an orange hazard cone. Still there! Nothing more done. Burgessville , Church Street, east end of sidewalk! Why do I pay for such poor service?

**Optional question** (20 response(s), 32 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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

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6/15/2024 04:01 PM

Again, these services waste our tax money and aren't using what they have effectively. I don't agree with many of their purchases and practices.

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 11:41 AM

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6/21/2024 09:50 AM

You need to improve the Villages walkable spaces so people can walk to find what they need, instead of people driving for every need. We all need to walk or bike and reduce the number of vehicles on the roads. This will improve health, reduce emissions and cost of road repairs. Hopefully it would be safer.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 01:56 PM

no

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 03:37 PM

How much use are the rural libraries getting? I love the library but wonder about one like Burgessville

Screen Name Redacted

7/02/2024 05:36 PM

green bin service would be nice, as well as added library hours in outlying areas such as Brownsville

Screen Name Redacted

7/04/2024 09:41 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 06:57 AM

I am not optimistic about "full producer responsibility" for recycling and think it will have a negative impact during and after the transition from municipal responsibility under the current provincial plan. Rural branch libraries need to have extended hours to provide access to all, but especially teens and seniors, to safe places to find friendship and information, to use information and communications technology.

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 08:15 PM

Have recycling done easier, with large containers that have lids on them. This keeps it tidy and organized. Also have recycling available for farmers' plastic that is easy accessible, i.e. have dumpsters like Norfolk Disposal that are solely for farm plastic and pick them up monthly

Screen Name Redacted

7/13/2024 06:27 PM

Seems like some services i.e. housing, long term care, ambulance, could use more funding to improve services/service more people. I would be fine with paying higher property taxes to support such services. Having MPAC assess property values closer to actual market value as opposed to raising the tax rate seems logical if municipalities have any interest/ability to influence those MPAC assessments. (For reference, our MPAC property value assessment values our property at about half of the price we paid for the property 6 years ago, this seems illogical to have MPAC assessments and market values to be so misaligned.)

Screen Name Redacted

7/16/2024 03:31 PM

Again more money wasted on areas that are hoarded by the county and used for county workers that do horrible jobs . mismanaged departments and overpaid workers for the work they do . Very disappointed with SWOX.

Screen Name Redacted

7/22/2024 07:29 AM

Sewer system in Mt Elgin is a complete waste of money

Screen Name Redacted

7/23/2024 07:23 PM

no

Screen Name Redacted

7/24/2024 12:27 AM

Waste management: expand blue box items (we can no longer put plastic bags & styrofoam into blue boxes. That's on Oxford County...actively look for businesses who use recyclable items). Green bins are a must. Early On...the number provided is okay but don't reflect specific locations and attendance of. If these programmes don't consistently have more than 7 children attending at various locations, then the service should be eliminated at those locations. People WILL travel to venues where Early On has a better attendance. Stats are important but can be skewed (& very often are in Oxford County) Woodingford Lodge: Province should pay more. Residents should pay less. Tax payers should definitely pay less. Another residence or two should maybe be constructed to assist with the backlog. Norwich, Thamesford & Tavistock are larger communities that would probably benefit from a new residence. Community Planning: C- at best. Farm land is being swallowed. There are vacant buildings & lots in towns & the city. Build up, not out. Even in villages/communities, this rapid growth of mini-mansions is appalling. Why aren't affordable townhousing/row housing/condos being built in SWOX. Money talks. Deal with the homeless and those near to losing their living accommodations because of rent increases & cost of living. The water & waste water systems (such as they are) don't seem to be adequate

for the growth (Mt. Elgin specific and perhaps in other villages). Someone messed up. As for by-laws. A permit (free) just to have a backyard campfire? Probably because someone complained. Ridiculous. Not allowing dogs to bark or have a radio/tv playing too 'loud'....if a neighbour can hear it? Ridiculous. Yet, anyone can fire up a tool or lawnmower as early as 7 a.m. Water/waste-water: very expensive. Some people are penalized by having to pay outrageous costs because they haven't yet put in an outrageously priced 'sewer' holding tank. Library: On the whole, satisfied. An item of question: Ox on the Run. It was an innovation as a pilot programme for UNDERSERVICED areas (ei: Drumbo, Hickson, Oxford Centre, Kintore & Beachville....all branches that were closed in 2005 without warning or community input prior to). Ox on the Run doesn't need to be in communities where a library exists. They don't need to be at many functions within towns/villages that have a library or are very close to one. They should be in UNDERSERVICED & vulnerable areas (ei: north side of Ingersoll, south side of Tillsonburg, &, perhaps some villages that are further away than most from a library). Again, not enough information with the numbers. 3600 people engaged but what are the individual location numbers? Again, numbers appear to be able to be skewed to better suit various levels of governing entities.

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2024 07:18 PM

I would very much like a consistent garbage/recycling day instead of an 8 day cycle where it changes days every week. It's hard to keep track of sometimes.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2024 07:51 PM

Increased socialism is not the right path. Residents (and non-residents locating to the county) must take the responsibility for managing their monies to cover their living expenses. Parents must be responsible for raising their children - not the county. Likewise with housing. The county provides the infrastructure for transportation and utilities. The county staff spend too much time and money managing and revising land use planning in the townships.

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 02:49 PM

For smaller townships that don't have any housing available for homeless/residents in need, I don't feel like we should have to pay for these additional services.

Screen Name Redacted

8/01/2024 10:34 AM

With a huge increase in residents in SWOX it would behoove municipal decision makers to keep residents safe with appropriate waste water treatment systems that accommodate ALL locations in the region (not just the ones with existing treatment FACILITIES). We don't want to have another "Walkerton" situation on our hands due to

poor planning and short sighted decision making.

Screen Name Redacted

8/03/2024 04:57 PM

The county should be investigating alternative options for the landfill like garbage incineration which could be used to generate electricity for residents of Oxford County while reducing the amount of material that goes into the landfill which would extend the life of the landfill by decades. There are numerous examples of clean garbage incineration being utilized around the globe. With the information provided about long-term care, it is evident that the current level of service is nowhere near meeting the demand needed by a local residents. That demand is only going to continue to grow. The county needs to expand these Services dramatically to meet the need as our population continues to age. Housing availability is a major issue across Canada and certainly in our area as well. The ability for Builders and residents to obtain building permits for smaller square footage homes is essential to be able to build affordable starter homes for young families. A young couple starting out does not need an 1800+ square foot home yet it is virtually impossible to obtain a building permit for a home under that square footage. These policies only exacerbate the housing crisis we are experiencing. When demand outpaces the supply, prices soar.

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8/06/2024 03:44 PM

Read report on page before

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2024 07:26 AM

The increase last year was completely unacceptable. You cannot keep increasing taxes and instead need to reduce services or cut costs.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 12:53 PM

Concerned about overflowing ditch leading to creek in Delmer. Works Dept of Municipality of Southwest Oxford (Dereham Line) does not return calls. It takes a couple of tries and any suggestions are disregarded, and any response for a solution is ridiculous. A general concensus, apparently. To date, nothing has been acted on to prevent the problem. This has gone on for years.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 12:53 PM

Landowners have complained for years about drainage issues and the flow of water to the creek. The responses they have received from the works department have been ridiculous and nothing is done.

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2024 12:20 PM

no



Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 02:41 PM

As for water and wastewater it does not apply to households with a well and own septic in SWOX.

**Optional question** (25 response(s), 72 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 05:09 PM

Please don't bring more people here rather please utilize existing structures to properly house those who need it please keep our Town small do not further develop rather please focus on services needed like doctors and emergency responders

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 05:11 PM

Housing maintenance needs a revamp. They don't care about mold, dirty siding, root issues, water pressure problems, pest issues, hard water build up etc.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 06:24 PM

The community is growing so these services need to be enhanced to account for the growing population.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 07:03 PM

Waste Management in our county is ridiculous. We pay enough in tax that we should not need bag tags. It's a horrible nuisance. The items that are not recycled are ridiculous. We should have a green bin program. We are decades behind other counties. Friends who live in other municipalities pay similar tax rates and have WAY more services and do not pay additional costs for garbage. With record amount of growth our county has seen there should be no problem covering additional costs

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 07:25 PM

Each community should only be responsible for their own infrastructure. Tillsonburg residents should not be subsidizing smaller communities.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 07:41 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 08:25 PM

I feel the County needs to significantly cut the number of top tier Management personnel. This issue continues to be the most significant extravagance and unnecessary cost of the County. Also seeking out and applying for more of the vast amount of available provincial and federal grants would prove extremely beneficial to slow down or halt further tax increases

Screen Name Redacted

I would like to see more accessible water fountain stations throughout

6/13/2024 09:35 PM

Tillsonburg. A place to get a drink for you and your furry friend

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 09:54 PM

A two tier government is completely inefficient re duplication of services, access to services and, especially, passing the buck.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 10:05 PM

We need more geared to income/ low income housing.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 10:20 PM

Housing and social services. I work 50-60hrs a week for an average of \$33/hr and cannot afford my housing expenses alone.

Screen Name Redacted

6/14/2024 10:35 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

6/16/2024 06:31 PM

N/a

Screen Name Redacted

6/17/2024 08:19 AM

No I do not

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 03:59 PM

There needs to be major investment to infrastructure by all levels of government in Tillsonburg, services, roads, waater and hydro are all lacking by a considerable margin. Many Tillsonburg residents feel the does not invest in Tillsonburg as much as it does north of the 401.

Screen Name Redacted

6/27/2024 01:51 PM

County is well run with a broad scope of responsibilities. The County is not the enemy but a valued partner. We need to work together for everyone.

Screen Name Redacted

6/30/2024 01:10 AM

N/A

Screen Name Redacted

7/02/2024 05:51 AM

No.

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 11:44 AM

don't like the presumption of a tax increase...need to manage efficiency so a tax decrease is on the table

Screen Name Redacted

I answered according to info given. More info would help give a more

7/05/2024 04:14 PM

informed answer.

Screen Name Redacted

7/07/2024 04:23 PM

I would like to see more child care options available to Tillsonburg residents. I would also like to see more funding for the library in Tillsonburg. They provide great programs and services, but are limited due to size. With Tillsonburg expanding at the rate it is, I don't see how the current library will be able to provide the collections and space for programs.

Screen Name Redacted

7/08/2024 09:12 AM

no

Screen Name Redacted

7/12/2024 09:50 AM

When we moved here, garbage was 2 dollars but we had free dumping disposal, so it balanced out. Now we pay for dumping at a high rate. Everyone goes to Salford. Bring back the free dumping or allow more than one free big pick up per year. The increase in 2024 was astronomical. This year's taxes should be extremely low, as 2024 was way too high and I was told it was a one time high increase so there had better be a very low one this year. In fact it could even be zero. Remember the new residents bring in property tax money as well.

Screen Name Redacted

7/22/2024 11:11 AM

mainteneace of roads is awful concession st for example has not been touched in 9 years that i have been here the fees for delivery charges for water and electricity is ridiculous and not even close to being fair as is evident in other municipalities i have resided in the service fees are more that the usage ??? why conserve when the service fees are most of the bill anyway

Screen Name Redacted

7/22/2024 08:52 PM

I would like to propose an investment in the GO Transit system by government to enhance transportation options and connectivity. Specifically, connecting the lines between Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Kitchener, Mississauga, and Toronto would be highly beneficial. This improved public transit network would facilitate easier commutes to major employment hubs and education universities in Mississauga and Toronto. Additionally, connecting Tillsonburg through these transit lines and enhancing road infrastructure would significantly contribute to the city's development and growth. This strategic investment in transportation infrastructure would not only improve accessibility but also drive economic development in Tillsonburg and surrounding areas. Thank you for considering this proposal.

Screen Name Redacted

Set up garbage disposal area that residents can drop off garbage and

8/01/2024 02:00 PM

food waste ( i.e grass/tree cutting) if you want curbside garbage and recycling, pick-up charge a fee.

Screen Name Redacted

Nope

8/02/2024 05:26 PM

Screen Name Redacted

No

8/02/2024 06:43 PM

Screen Name Redacted

What about medical and hospital services? Emergency care is severely restricted, wait times for a doctors to see emergency care patients are far too long. Most patients must wait between 6 and 12 hours. Family doctors are retiring and it has become near impossible to obtain a replacement family doctor.

8/06/2024 04:04 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Property owners shouldn't have to pay for every thing, why don't people pay for what they use, life is already getting expensive enough as it is.

8/06/2024 04:30 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Tillsonburg needs to reduce spending on wasteful things. Get rid off Opp and go back to town police. Less on art.. instead of having services such as grass cutting and snow removal around municipal buildings and complex, contracted out. Have town employees complete those things. Instead of driving around doing nothing. Possible too much management

8/06/2024 07:29 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Please remove any green initiatives from the budget, not worth the cost. Reduce the amount of new hires to the FTE compliment.

8/07/2024 07:24 AM

Screen Name Redacted

There should be a goal of decreasing waste so that taxes can be lower..the assumption of there will be an increase just how big is wrong

8/07/2024 10:42 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Need to start reducing \$\$\$ amounts and finding more creative ways ie Fund raisers to raise money to build or rebuild Pool/City hall - not always going after the property owners pockets. Bring back town police services that we're less expensive

8/07/2024 05:14 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Tillsonburg needs more water.....

8/08/2024 07:16 AM

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 06:27 PM

For residents who have never had children in the school system to have to pay the same property tax as a family seems unfair. Also to increase the residents property tax to make up for the County of Oxford's shortfall is really unfair. For what we receive in the maintenance of our town it is way over-priced. One thing we need to get rid of is the \$2.00 a bag for garbage. We could at least have one free bag a week. We pay a lot for our property taxes and utilities for what we actually receive. In the Winter the snow removal on our side streets and sidewalks is extremely [poor].

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 07:06 AM

Maybe why the same question wasn't asked for the Town of Tillsonburg services on the previous screen

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 10:16 AM

Long term care homes need to be increased considering the number of people needing these resources

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 03:56 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 09:45 PM

Aging population in Tillsonburg will need supports, along with lots of new and growing families with young children. Would be nice to see some more programs for both age ranges, and care for both.

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2024 09:09 AM

Our waste management services are long overdue for an upgrade. Why do we still have to pay for garbage bag tags when so many other regions don't? Why do we not have more frequent large article collection? Why do we not have bi-weekly or at least monthly yard waste bag collection? I'd love to see improvements in all of these areas and I know a lot of others would as well (not to mention this would help with people dumping garbage all over).

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2024 07:54 PM

hard to answer when Tillsonburg blocks out option 1 and 2 on survey for town spending We have an excess of town vehicles and too many driving about trying to look important when I asked why 5 people work at cementary young man replied takes 4 for a game of cards and someone to go for coffee not what I want to hear when it is my dollar paying

Screen Name Redacted

8/20/2024 07:58 AM

In general municipalities continue to increase wages which in turn increases the end users taxes. Wages are not the only thing to consider when trying to retain and hire staff. Perhaps other areas

need to be looked at such as performance, is everyone working to their fullest abilities? Those are the types of questions that need to be asked rather than increase the \$. 5% increase in Tillsonburg last year was way too high, this should have been a gradual increase over a few years so not to impact the tax payers are heavily.

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2024 11:14 AM

I am paying more property taxes per month than my grocery/transport. Something is not correct. Either it is poor management OR incompetency.

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2024 09:56 PM

Service levels are terrible.. You can't expend the town and add housing k without improving infrastructure.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 08:47 AM

If the Libraries are going to continue to host these sickening drag queen events then we don't need them.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 08:40 PM

The town should provide pick-up service for compostable materials, as do many municipalities to encourage composting and reduce waste and garbage.

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 10:22 PM

Work on reducing taxes by reducing waste..the presumption of an increase is not how how to start

Screen Name Redacted

8/30/2024 03:36 PM

The mayor and council need to listen to the people not just to their staff yet it looks good by having a survey as if they are. Their is no transparency as it will always go the way they want unless you have the means to fight them. There should be a mid point accountability of elected officials to see how they are doing and a cap of employees wages and benefits as to what we pay for is not what we get!!! They have an attitude to the citizens who ask for accountability and they also change policies and procedures to how they see fit and how it works in their favor. It shouldn't be so hard to talk to them.

Screen Name Redacted

9/01/2024 05:35 PM

Ensure bylaws are consistent and enforcement will cover costs with fines. Poor planning and adaptation to climate change impacts. Design for 100 year storms of future now to reduce costs and future risks Ensure LID and exceed building codes to reduce energy consumption Follow environment standards or exceed them as outlined in oxor d's strategy consistently across county Need for heated therapy pools at all community centres and dual ice pads Enhance green space, preserve and protect and enhance natural

areas and features

**Optional question** (50 response(s), 100 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



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

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6/12/2024 12:04 PM

Transportation Services has been a disaster in Woodstock. Within a couple months of moving to Woodstock, the major through-way North-South was closed, and so were several of the detours. What's the purpose of a detour if it also needs a detour? Someone needs to plan this better. There are many older (retired) Woodstonians but there doesn't seem to be much effort in enhancing the community to be welcoming to young people and families. More needs to be done to make the city feel inclusive and a great place to raise a family.

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6/12/2024 01:30 PM

Deeply affordable housing - with and without supports - is a crisis and can only be addressed if the Federal Gov, Provincial Gov and County step up to make significant investments. Housing is a basic need and is the foundation for ensuring a healthy community with an adequate workforce as well. That also applies to Long Term Care - people can't wait for years to get in. The pandemic taught us that privately owned for-profit homes do not provide appropriately for the seniors in their care.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 06:33 AM

More for homelessness Bring in a green bin program for the cities, we don't all live on farms with plenty of land

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 07:01 AM

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6/13/2024 07:30 AM

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6/13/2024 08:48 AM

Although I have only resided in Woodstock for under 2 years, I wonder how many households including Condo Units & apartment buildings, recycle and have compost bins. Perhaps the City of Woodstock could look into having a pickup of items that would go into a compost bin in addition to recycle and garbage containers. A green cone program for food waster would be also provide less waste going to the Land Fill. Woodingford Lodge in all 3 locations are wonderful facilities however, I feel consideration should be given to those who live in Oxford County should be given priority rather than those outside of the County. I do realize the Provincial Government does dictate regulations for this facility

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6/14/2024 05:43 PM

The County needs to increase Development charges to help offset the increased burden on existing and proposed infrastructure

Screen Name Redacted

6/17/2024 05:00 PM

Enhance the services that apply to the growth of our community.

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 03:47 PM

Property taxes in woodstock are to high and need to be reduced. 2024s budget seen a massive increase in the property taxes there should be no increases in property taxes for at least 20 years.

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 02:18 AM

We need more not for profit housing units.

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 10:04 AM

People are hurting financially.

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 07:13 PM

What service overlaps exist with County

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 08:41 PM

We need the YMCA pool back and up and running. This I know for sure. What's the problem???

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 10:22 AM

Community planning is laughable in Woodstock. Your mismanaged on road closures shows how incompetent the those in charge of said department is at their jobs causing grid lock in such a tiny city. The undue hardships you've caused with this last nightmare increase in taxes in going to have ppl homeless!! Get a grip!! You're so blatantly out of touch spending money on nonsense for a trashy place like Woodstock where ppl have to go out of town for everything!! Your puff piece of downtown instead of common sence.

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 10:31 AM

Transportation Services: The condition of roads is rated as excellent and bridges are rated as good, I think this would be reason to not increase/enhance the budget next year. Waste Management: Eliminate Garbage Bag tags and put a bag limit on pickup instead to encourage people to recycle more and use green bins, and therefor have less waste. Adding a green bin pickup and increasing recycling days to be weekly. I would also like to see the Enviro depot hours increased. There are SO many places getting this right, I think this is a great area for improvement. Human Services – Child Care and EarlyON: I think the subsidized program is great, I was only able to use it the first year of my child's life(due to my income being lower

due to EI) but then was not qualified when our income increase because I went back to work. Daycare is expensive for everyone, not just for those with lower income. I would like to see all families be able to get a break with cost. My family have two full time working parents who have very long working days because we work out side of the city, unfortunately there is no break for us on daycare costs. This is a huge economical issue affecting women primary, preventing them from going back into the work force after having children. I believe focusing more on the financial well being of children/women in general will fix a lot of your other budget area's now and in years to come. Human Services – Housing: With the amount of older homes in Woodstock and the rising cost, I hope the city is planning on how to encourage or help people be able to afford the upkeep as renovations are expensive. I would hate to see the city run down in 10-20 years because theses homes in the downtown area are over 100 years old and gone past repair. New builds aren't happening fast enough to support all the unhomed people. Woodingford Lodge: 1,250 people on the waitlist between the three Woodingford Lodge homes...this is an interesting statistic. I wonder if this goes hand in hand with the amount of people using the paramedic services. I'm curious as to if the money will be redirected to getting these people into homes where they can be taken care of on a regular basis. Paramedic Services: 19297 calls a year, averaging 52 calls a day? That seem excessive for such a small city, but only 4088 patient visits...if the same people are using these services multiple times a year, there seems to be an underlying issue that's not being address. I'm also curious if the same level of trained/qualified individuals are doing both emergency and non-emergency runs. Thank you for the opportunity to complete this survey. I appreciate all the work you are doing for the children, homeless and elderly. I think it's important for us full time working people to support our non working community by paying taxes. I won't lie that it does sting sometimes not to see how it directly affects us, but this survey did shed some light on a lot of programs and services I didn't realize we were contributing to and benefitting from.

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 11:31 AM

Our property taxes are quite high compared to surrounding towns and cities, yet we have to pay for garbage "bag tags" and have an underdeveloped downtown area. I don't believe what we're getting aligns with our tax rate.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 10:50 AM

Future planning is crucial. Not a surprise to anyone, we are growing and need to put plans and bylaws and roads in place for future growth. From a transportation perspective, let's be a KW and definitely not a London. And we need more workers and we need supports so more can work, that means better/more child and elder

care.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 01:05 PM

More housing for the homeless and much more low income housing, if you are on say ODSP, you still can't afford rent much less the basic necessities of life, non-resident landlords up the rent to Toronto standards!

Screen Name Redacted

6/22/2024 03:00 AM

Supporting low income seniors and families is crucial to prevent more homelessness. Food support programs may become necessary.

Screen Name Redacted

6/22/2024 07:26 AM

We need less government controll ing the people wasting there money how can people get ahead financially with government controlling there life and there money

Screen Name Redacted

6/22/2024 08:26 PM

garage should be free. At least 2 bags.

Screen Name Redacted

6/23/2024 07:36 AM

We need to add compost pick up

Screen Name Redacted

6/24/2024 09:55 AM

This city has the worst Waste management. Please get rid of the garbage bag tags! It is a waste of resources and we pay enough taxes that we shouldn't have to buy stickers for our garbage. At the very least allow each household to have 1 free garbage bag and other subsequent bags need a tag. Also recycling should be weekly. Please please implement these changes!

Screen Name Redacted

6/27/2024 11:32 AM

I support an increase in housing, child care options, and community planning to INCLUDE an improvement in our parks and to open more parks as the community grows, community gardens, and native plant gardening, etc. I would like to see our unhoused population have access to low-income housing, and for child care options for working families to be increased. We don't want to see people have to leave the workforce because they need to stay home with their children due to unaffordable daycare services.

Screen Name Redacted

7/04/2024 08:11 PM

I'd like to know how much money is wasted on staff that hardly does their job or receives bribes for allowing things to pass inspection.

Screen Name Redacted

We need to improve programs and housing for seniors

7/05/2024 12:19 AM

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 02:19 AM

There are too many unused roads being maintained like they belong to billionaires. Go north and look how roads are maintained and how they work in winter where it snows regularly maybe near but not in Sudbury and North Bay. Notice grade similarities.

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 07:27 AM

Our seniors and children need more funding to provide them with better care. Our housing needs to be more realistic in rent costs.

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 08:20 AM

Waste- improvement to add collection of green waste. System like Simcoe County

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 11:56 AM

Are Woodstock Police not funded by community Tax Dollars? I am wondering why they are not included in the list above. I would like to indicate a reduced or at least maintained level of funding. Not an increase. Please do not increase the police budget and invest in community supports instead. Please.

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 02:47 PM

Recycling should be weekly.

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 06:07 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

7/15/2024 01:11 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

7/15/2024 02:36 PM

As the current owner of two properties in Woodstock paying exorbitant taxes, I have been disappointed over the years by things closing (ie-recreational swimming facilities, local businesses, schools, etc), projects cancelled (ie- outdoor pool), the number of main arteries in the county closed repeatedly every single year for construction (when nothing seemed wrong with the roads to begin with and/or they had just been redone), lack of communication in planning between the city and county, and lack of apparent improvements we care about (availability of daycare, environmental efforts, decreased garbage pickup, increased frequency of recycle pickup, more items being accepted for recycling, compost initiatives, etc).

Screen Name Redacted

I can't believe we have to buy garbage tags. Got rid of sidewalk snow

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7/15/2024 03:00 PM

removal. You raise taxes \$250 every quarter for what? It is just applied to your taxes not even phased in. No doctors here. You call Woodstock the friendly city, are you nuts? [REDACTED] with miserable people and to many homeless. I hate that I moved here. A lot people have the mentality of hicks. No competition with businesses they can do whatever they want to the customer and who cares attitude. They redo roads that were done the year before. Never see they working on the roads just equipment sitting there. If you have kids pay for your own daycare. Why do I have to pay? This is a terrible city with terrible people running it who I hope get voted out next election. Fed up with Woodstock.

Screen Name Redacted

7/15/2024 03:09 PM

Need additional long term care facilities to what we already have

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2024 09:43 AM

I believe there is a lot of waste, unnecessary rules and regulations which apply to everything which should only apply to certain situations. I realize many regulations are Provincial and Federal but we should be able to tell them we don't want or need something.

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 05:01 PM

You guys have a lot of nerve to ask for a 16 percent tax hike last year, how greedy will you be this year?

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 05:47 PM

Water/wastewater rates continue to rise even though there are far more commercial and residential taxpayers

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2024 01:49 AM

Paramedic services are being wasted/over run by drug users. Most of which REFUSE treatment. It's a waste of medical resources especially when at other's expense! Not just taxpayers expense but medical resources and wait times that can be better served. Taxing people into homelessness and creating more crisis within our health care system. The sheer number of people responding to each Over dose ridiculous waste of man power! Unnecessarily driving up costs! Especially when this is a choice! Drug users are CHOOSING to use drugs! Some save up for hot shots in order to end their suffering and will do it again and again until successful because they are living in hell on the streets in torture. There is NO affordable housing, no shelters, no treatment! There's no hand outs unless you're an immigrant. People are now unable to find jobs, losing their jobs, their homes and now turning to drugs more and more just to cope with survival on the streets. Housing should be reduced as usual there's NO plan for REAL AFFORDABLE housing!! Eventually you will tax us all to the point more will be forced to sell and then what ?! There's no [REDACTED] affordable rentals you morons!

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2024 06:14 AM

Sell off Woodingford

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2024 08:39 AM

No

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8/07/2024 09:22 PM

More recreational services for families such as pools, splash pads, arenas etc.

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 09:19 PM

Reduce funding for housing. Create programs to boost wealth and job creation. Mandate drug free homes and rehab programs prior to housing funding.

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 09:49 PM

There are not enough childcare spots or Educators to support the growing number in the Woodstock community. No childcare equals fewer parents able to work. This results in lower incomes and families relying on financial assistance in other areas of their life (i.e. housing; food etc).

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 07:21 AM

1250 on a wait list for LTC is a big number that will likely get much worse as baby boomers age. Extra funding towards beds and services in LTC is much needed.

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2024 03:37 PM

I don't have enough information to know if these services are underfunded so my responses are based on the level of importance that I believe that these services have

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2024 08:46 PM

Too many staff at both county and city that does the same job.

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2024 12:12 AM

Better communication and notice when closing roads

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2024 09:58 AM

Progressive infrastructure maintenance is imperative let's not be Calgary and Montreal. . Compost program is long overdue in the county to reduce waste.

Screen Name Redacted

I used to like living in Woodstock. Then all the new people moved to

8/17/2024 05:59 PM

town during the housing boom. That's all fine but with them came LOUD CARS back firing cars high revving engines with total disregard for everyone in this city. We are woken up every night by street racers with no exhausts. Where are the police services. Why are they doing nothing about this. Quality of life in Woodstock is rapidly declining, the peace is gone. We no longer visit downtown for diners and lunches because every five minutes some kid in a car with no exhaust goes by echos off the buildings and makes it impossible to even have a dinner conversation. I see them do it while passing cops and the cops do nothing. Enough! I understand the city gree faster than police service did and there is a gap. I get that. Catch up, the cars needs to be ticketed or pulled off the road because they don't even pass the legal safety standards for a motor vehicle. If you're going to increase spending increase it on marked police cars that are out there visible in the community and doing something for the city

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 03:53 PM

Get the green bin program implemented ASAP

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 04:05 PM

I would like to see more shares go towards recreation, especially to maintaining Southside Pool and Splash Park. As well as updating Lions Pool. More to education as well and healthcare.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 05:01 PM

Woodingford Lodge provides excellent care and family transition program should be funded and more access for residents on the waiting list is needed. Childcare is unaffordable and inaccessible and innovation and partnerships with healthcare and community services are needed to address homelessness. We need a compost program in a city this size.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 07:59 PM

My peeve is what I feel are exorbitant rates for the delivery of services ie: water/electricity. Unsure of whether this is the appropriate place to vent, but that's my 2 cents worth. Seems a licence to steal

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2024 08:02 AM

We already pay for garbage disposal through our property taxes. So you need to come up with a better plan, other than charging us again with bag tags ... And now saying you'll increase our property taxes with an enhancement.

Screen Name Redacted

8/20/2024 08:33 PM

Municipal composting would be good Dire need for housing since waiting lists are at least 8 years I have been told



Screen Name Redacted

8/21/2024 04:28 PM

With the homeless, druggies and aging population we need more paramedics to keep pace

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2024 11:18 PM

-Enhance better opportunities for youth to have a place to hangouts ex ingersoll youth centre - outside pool and waddling facilities ( splash pads don't entertain ages7 plus)

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 09:31 AM

Need to increase what can go into blue boxes. Need to add green garbage pickup & recycling

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 03:11 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 09:12 PM

Our city is growing much too fast

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 11:56 PM

Even if the services are needed, I just don't have any more to give.

**Optional question** (63 response(s), 193 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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

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6/13/2024 07:22 PM

User fees could offset reduced tax portions. Ie. ambulance calls, woodingford lodge and early years programs.

Screen Name Redacted

6/14/2024 07:07 AM

The level of service provided by community planning is not commensurate with their compensation. The backlogs and wait times are currently unacceptable for the level of tax dollars that get spent in this department. In a time of a housing shortage it's unacceptable that employee vacation and four day work weeks take precedent over bringing a planning application to the land division committee. Considering this committee only meets once a month and has a limited number of applications to get through it's quite possible that projects can be stalled at the administrative level for months which ends up costing the end-user more money. Everybody Talks about affordability but nobody wants to address the fact that soft administrative costs have increased over 900% in the last 10 years. This could have something to do with the significant spending going on at the municipal levels on buildings, vehicles and employees. The use it or lose it budget mentality of municipal employees has spiralled costs out of control and is not in any way affordable or sustainable. And example of this would be the significant money being spent on a brand new county building in Ingersoll to change it from reliable natural gas heating to unreliable wood pellet heating. The spending on Oxford County Public Works vehicles has spiralled out of control over the last few years which includes purchasing Ford lightning trucks and service vehicles that are over equipped. Any local business or construction company would be lucky to have the yearly budget that the county does to spend on trucks and equipment. Why does a budget have to be increased every year? Why can the county not look into cost saving measures and maintain a budget or even reduce it to help in the fight against inflation?

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6/14/2024 10:28 PM

Improvement to roads

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 10:37 PM

Need better road signs and better drivers on the road. To many accidents

Screen Name Redacted

6/22/2024 01:14 PM

More money should be spent on the rural area of Oxford.

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 12:00 PM

Look to increase recycling and waste diversion along with composting ability. Need to do a better job of community planning in respect to maintaining natural cooling of community with trees. Unfortunate that all new sub-divisions start by clearing any growth away which leads to higher temperatures. Better use of water supply. Start building in water retention for fire suppression and stop using wells to provide water for pumping to treatment plants.

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 05:57 PM

if i wash a car why do we pay a sewer charge also ? not right . why are they always plowing the roads with no snow on them . just wasteful .

Screen Name Redacted

7/04/2024 08:30 PM

we are spending too much on social programming. What about contributions to board of health, other agencies. Not in favour of property tax on farmland going towards most of these services as no benefit comes back. Why not reassess residential properties to market value and let them support more of the burden.

Screen Name Redacted

7/07/2024 04:29 PM

With Thamesford and area growing exponentially, there needs to be a plan in place to accommodate the influx of children. We can't just put them all in portables. A new school needs to be put in the works now.

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 12:17 PM

The garbage pick up is ridiculous. We personally have to consistently buy new garbage bins because ours are getting destroyed. Call to see if something can be done and told too bad. Wait till new contract and at that point they won't do anything.

Screen Name Redacted

7/12/2024 08:33 PM

Really need to reassess residential zoning allowances for personal food production

Screen Name Redacted

7/12/2024 10:09 PM

Hard to say about Community planning. On the one hand they failed to understand the difference between a "road" and a "street" on Middleton st. In Thamesford. Somehow approving a large density of additional driveways spilling out onto a main road people use to travel to other areas & facilities in town. It's created such a predictable mess it makes people wonder if someone was paid off by a developer. So maybe community planning needs more funding if it were due to incompetence? Or maybe they don't deserve it due to negligence, tough call.

Screen Name Redacted

We need to do a better job with what we have..It's not substantial to

7/15/2024 12:31 PM

keep raising taxes at this rate. I will not be able to live in my current resident.

Screen Name Redacted

7/15/2024 03:25 PM

Would like to see less waste going to landfill. Encourage more compost and/or green bin pickup.

Screen Name Redacted

7/15/2024 07:59 PM

Our roads need to be upgraded to ensure the safety of all users. Housing is a concern for all of us. More rental properties are needed and with an aging population, more LTC beds are needed also.

Screen Name Redacted

7/16/2024 11:23 AM

Children are the responsibility of the parents. If they want daycare they should be paying all of it

Screen Name Redacted

7/18/2024 08:52 AM

How about lowering taxes for seniors. You want us to stay in our homes but the tax increase this year is certainly pitying hardship on myself a widow with low income.

Screen Name Redacted

7/22/2024 06:50 AM

the 2023 property tax increase was excessive. Spending needs to stay within inflationary rates.

Screen Name Redacted

7/22/2024 06:33 PM

The library should not be used to push destructive ideology. NO drag queen story time!

Screen Name Redacted

7/23/2024 03:12 PM

Traffic calming and speed issues on County roads that need to be addressed especially the villages in Oxford County

Screen Name Redacted

7/23/2024 07:10 PM

Potholes on roads have been an issue

Screen Name Redacted

7/23/2024 08:12 PM

Would like to see Embro benefit a little more . Thamesford seems to get more

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2024 09:06 PM

Pertaining to community planning. I don't want " Diversity Equity and inclusion " policies developed in any municipalities. It is a federal/provincial matter and I'm really getting sick of it! Pertaining to libraries, I don't want to see any more of those disgusting "drag queen story hours" , do not allow that garbage in public places with vulnerable children in the audience. What were you thinking??!

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 09:43 AM

I thought Childcare is now supplanted by a federal program, \$10.00 per day daycare. Why is this paid/supplanted by municipal taxes.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 08:29 AM

I shouldn't have to be taxed for homelessness, yes it's sad but I work to pay for my family and can barely get by making 100000\$ . 75% of the people in these homes could work ! Keep giving to these people and it will Only get worse as the population grows . Start taxing gravel pit owners for damaged roads and maintenance, there making millions on our resources around our community, they can pay to access as well

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 02:18 PM

Perhaps it's not Zorra's job to find solutions or even to have the funds to do it since I know I'm struggling every year to pay my tax bill but the wait lists for human services sounds terrible whether that be affordable childcare or senior services or whatever but a look at all this is definitely called for. I'm not sure what snow removal services fall under but I can't help but wonder how the determination is made for a plow to run the streets of Thamesford. Is the person paid regardless of whether they plow or are they paid only when they plow. It feels super wasteful on so many levels to watch each winter as the plow races down my road as soon as a few flakes fall. The wear and tear on equipment and the road has to create a cost in itself. If a salary doesn't exist for the plow operator, it might save much more in the long-run to offer that than the costs of operation when there is negligible snow out there. Sorry, that sounds like a rant. Perhaps a focus only on main thoroughfares and such could be suggested if there is nothing to be changed about when plows go out.

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 01:59 PM

Water and wastewater cost me more money a month than electricity this needs to be addressed way to much money for the minimal amount of water that I use.

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2024 10:58 AM

Municipal governments should not be involved at all in services such as library, health care, parks & recreation. I believe the private sector could provide these services more efficiently and less costly for citizens.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 06:53 PM

Surrounding counties have the imagination program. This needs to start in our area. Please support the library in implementing this program.

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2024 08:07 PM

Spend less money on child and senior care buildings and more \$ on benefits to keep them home with family caregivers.

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2024 11:46 AM

Community planning dropped the bomb on Middleton Street housing. This road is one of THE busiest streets in Thamesford as it leads to a busy sports area. With cars continuously parked on either side of the street, making it very dangerous. Would have been better if access to housing was on a street East of Middleton ...just my thoughts

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2024 12:10 PM

We are rural and receive no benefit from water/waste water systems. Our garbage collection is inconsistent and poorly executed.

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2024 08:31 PM

It seems a little imbalanced that we spent more on 228 residents (not necessarily from Oxford County) then we do to support housing. Hopefully there is a business review completed to ensure the home is ran efficiently. It seems very easy to blame the province for not funding long-term care properly when I don't believe this is where 100% of the problem lies. For library, I would love to see more electronic books on overdrive, less branch hours and cutting Ox on the Run to save money. I love the direction of partnering with schools for future builds. Great way to share resources.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 06:50 AM

Roads should include making them safer. 37th line (county rd. 6) is not safe. Roundabouts or 4 way stops need to be heavily considered.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 05:23 PM

Would like to see an elimination of all these extra fees - like the bag tags, water and sewer fees and extra levies. Our property tax bill does not fully reflect all the costs we incur living in Zorra. Why are we paying for long-term care homes! Isn't this a responsibility of the province and federal government?

Screen Name Redacted

8/27/2024 12:01 PM

Start paving roads and also put real gravel down. Zorra graders go out just before major rain or during or just after.... Don't make sense

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 04:35 PM

No

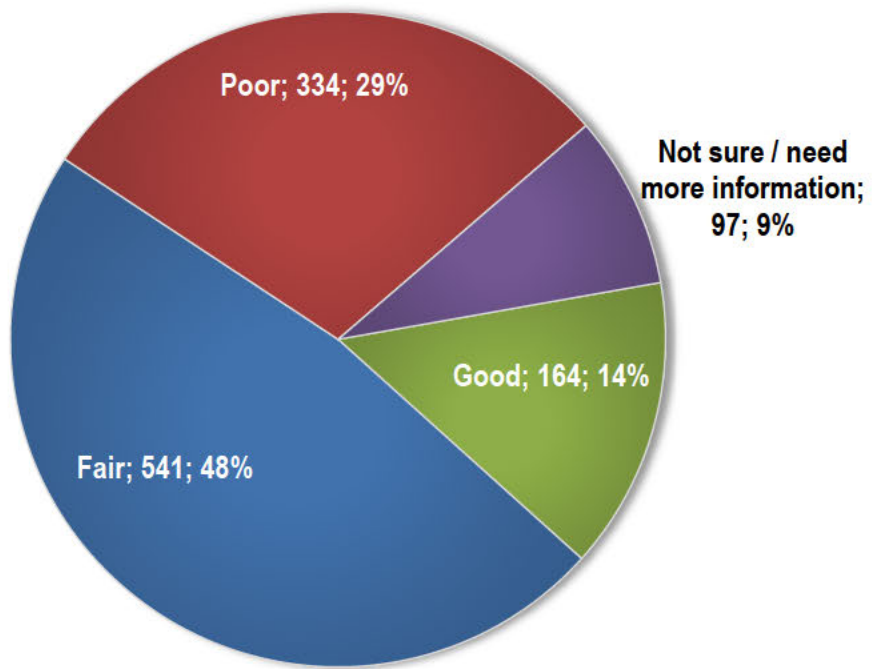
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8/29/2024 08:49 PM

Should be maximum of 2 libraries per municipality

**Q6**

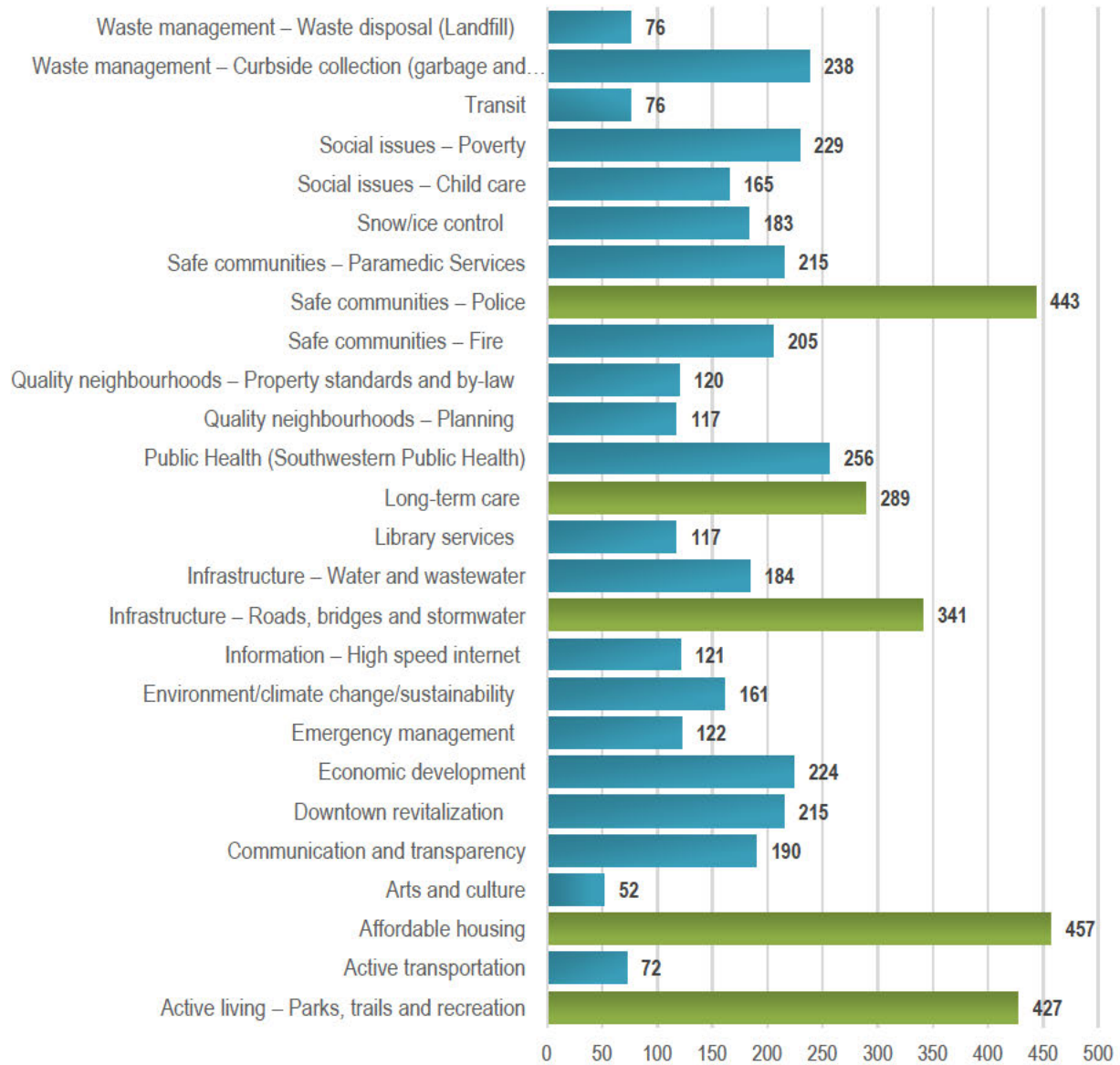
In 2024, the Oxford County share of your municipal taxes for a \$250,000 residential property would be \$1,225.\*How would you rate the overall value received from your Oxford County tax dollars?



**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 5 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 2025?

*See comments attached for each municipality*

**Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for Oxford County or the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock budgets?**

Screen Name Redacted

6/12/2024 05:17 PM

I would like too see a pool built for the community. I think it's outrageous that there is not one pool, except for Southside indoor were the young kids can keep busy. I'm tired of seeing playgrounds at every corner, the city need a pool,like we had at lions club.

Screen Name Redacted

6/12/2024 08:24 PM

It's time to make the hard decisions. Significant tax hikes are not sustainable. There should be no tolerance for liberal spending at the County level while everyone works from home and spending spirals out of control. Staff numbers ballooned last budget cycle, maybe it's time to look at resource management instead of approving requests for more staff.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 12:15 AM

Green bins for garbage needed

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 08:45 AM

Budget reduction by sharing corporate administration

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 09:55 AM

I'd like to see the City of Woodstock put a hold on growth and urban sprawl. There services are seriously falling behind and can't keep up . We NEED to protect the rich valuable farmland that we're lucky to have. We should get a better waste plan set up , our landfill will only last so long , then what ?

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 08:34 PM

Quit hiring excessive staff when volunteers have successfully done the job I the past.

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 06:28 PM

We need to build the foundation now to support social issues. We cannot wait for the problem to happen in smaller areas and then respond. Housing, transportation, and income related services need to be developed now. This is from someone who would support but need to use these services.

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 06:13 AM

Fix the parking issue you create in front of the post office. 2 houses were built and now then Tim Hortons. I suggest several parking spots in the driveway to the park

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 01:32 PM

You have missed adding the most important issue facing residents of Oxford County: Property Taxes!

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 07:14 AM

Would like to see some money set aside to review parking on side streets in Tavistock. There are some problematic areas in town. Allowing street parking in front of the Maples is causing bottlenecks. With Hwy 59 being closed near Woodstock, William Street is becoming busier as people head up the street to catch Maplewood Side Road over to Line 16. When you go around the bend on Halliday Drive (coming from Centennial) there are almost always cars or large vehicles including campers parked on the right hand side of the road just past the bend (sometimes on both sides of the road). It makes it hard to see traffic coming around the bend both ways. Several neighbours have expressed concerns that someone may get hit by a car as there have been a couple of instances of kids running onto the street and due to the parked cars, not being seen until the car gets around the bend. If going a high enough speed, the vehicle may not stop in time. As a driver, it's also hard to see other vehicles coming, especially for those backing out of houses along or close to the bend.

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6/22/2024 09:56 AM

You should consider reducing services and keeping taxes affordable. This isn't the economy for increasing taxes.

Screen Name Redacted

6/22/2024 10:15 AM

Affordability folks, maintain core services, look for opportunities to increase efficiencies and save money. Shed non-core services, hold the line on taxes. There is only one taxpayer.

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6/24/2024 09:49 AM

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6/25/2024 06:22 PM

Capital project listing should be included in this survey to allow input from residents. I would particularly be interested in active living and recreation and active transportation initiatives planned for the next 5 years. Thanks!

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6/25/2024 07:40 PM

Making sure the building department doesn't have to much red tape and use common sense.

Screen Name Redacted

6/26/2024 09:24 PM

Focus on education funding and adding more trails for mixed users (bikes, wheelchairs and walkers)

Screen Name Redacted

6/27/2024 11:19 AM

Dont let any wind mills be built in our township, And stop offering support to drug addicts that make our town worse in every way.

Screen Name Redacted

7/17/2024 06:51 PM

I would like to see more development in the community towards public pool, parks and etc. With the growing community it would be nice to have more options around the township.

Screen Name Redacted

7/23/2024 04:14 PM

The creek that runs thru Hickson should have better maintenance and some old trees need to be trimmed or cut down. Grass should be cut down to limit spread of ticks and mosquitoes Lots of people like to walk along side of creek and kids play there also. What are you doing with old township building. Bigger post office would be better with room to park?

Screen Name Redacted

7/26/2024 11:18 AM

Find solutions for the homeless.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2024 08:26 AM

Childcare and infrastructure spending to support the new housing is critical. Attention to detail on the productivity of paid personnel is also important as in any for profit business.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2024 03:39 PM

I would like to see EZT take a common sense budget approach to spending money to save money in future infrastructure. I would also like to give an example of exactly what I mean by common sense; did we really need to spend so much on a new oversized EZT office when the old office did the job just fine.

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 12:54 PM

Focus on economic development, shopping malls, new departmental stores to make county an attractive desitnation for home buyers and inverstors.

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 06:31 PM

It's shameful for Oxford county to approve a 16.7 percent tax increase in a time where people are struggling to make ends meet. The huge tax increase should have been spread out over 4 years. Living in the country we don't benefit from the majority of services.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 09:04 AM

More parks and recreation areas for Tavistock

Screen Name Redacted

Why are we funding a bus. I rarely see more than 1 person on it. It

7/30/2024 10:25 AM

would be cheaper to just pay for a taxi. If you choose to live outside of a city, it is your problem to find your own transportation. Total waste of taxpayer money

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 11:15 AM

I believe with the climate changes we have had in previous and currently years our schools should have air conditioning in them,if we want our children to learn they must have comfortable temperatures inside as most of their day is inside.I am not sure why this hasn't been addressed yet

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 11:16 AM

Additional child care funding and activity areas for youth.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 01:25 PM

Supervision of landlords who are given money to build and provide subsidized housing. Many don't follow basic LTB laws.

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7/30/2024 05:32 PM

Re the item "Social issues -- Child Care", consider re-purposing the Tavistock Schoolhouse, currently on the People Care property This would surely provide a much-needed service, to many new families moving to Tavistock. The School itself is of distinct historical architectural merit (ie bricks quarried in Tavistock, bell-tower), and should be valued as highly worthy of preservation.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 06:52 PM

It is essential that the township and county maintain its small town, rural essence, however, I would like to see a daily mini-bus service (even if just a couple of times per day), particularly to serve seniors who need access to medical appointments. It should also connect to long distance bus and/or rail access to facilitate travel.

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2024 11:35 AM

The intersection in downtown East Zorra-Tavistock takes a long time to get through. It would be nice if a roundabout was considered as an alternative so that traffic is constantly flowing. In the longterm I would love to see East Zorra-Tavistock's downtown become more full with local business like coffee shops and restaurants with less empty storefronts that are falling apart. East Zorra-Tavistock is a beautiful growing town and I would like it to be more of a place to enjoy rather than a commuter town.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2024 05:06 PM

Proper recycling rules and regulations and bringing in the green bin initiative.

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 08:45 PM

As much as I'd love for many services to get budget increases my preference would be for my overall tax bill to not go up, as with many around, our personal budgets are tight enough.

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 05:08 PM

in question 11 we are asked to pick the top 5 priorities but we fund all of these options in the list. The options selected reflect where we need attention and investment. Infrastructure (roads) need to be safe in the Oxford and EZT with considerable heavy truck traffic - not just ad hoc city street routes for biking, e-bikes and mini e-cars that will predominate in the future. I'm not sure what active transportation means. As to climate change, there are new threats that we can't begin to comprehend - downpours, drought, heat and humidity. It is hard to assess the threat but it is harder to assess whether municipal response is remotely sufficient to prepare for worsening conditions. Spending money wisely in this area is important - how can you engage the community that may have ideas? Regarding child care - we need to support families more than ever. \$10 day care - what a joke. Find a way to support viable day care that meets the needs of the people not the (Fed) government rules. Fund sensible small/medium scale providers to do a great job rather than a few home child care scenarios that will happen regardless. Re: poverty - Tavistock has TAP. Provide them some money - they help people directly with no overhead. Fund what goes to the needy rather than some administration that absorbs the contribution. Re: transit - great investment with the public transit between local towns in EZT. Maintain even if ridership is low. We will never have mass transit so spend more on the local needy for such transit

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 08:07 PM

I find it wasteful that the garbage collection truck must pass up and down my street twice. It would be a simple matter for me to take my waste across the street.... or my side one week and the other side next week. I am thinking of the cost and the environment.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 06:24 AM

The intersection of Oxford Rd 4 and Oxford Rd 17 is extremely busy and needs changing to make it safer. You allow 100s of home to be built but do nothing to improve traffic flow. Why are all the road in Woodstock now 2 lanes and bike lanes from nice 4 lane roads. I rarely see bike using the lanes, and when I do it's a homeless person towing a trailer full of stolen property.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 05:43 PM

Parking and traffic flow is terrible with the new Tim Hortons due to the private school that is allowed to run out of someone's garage and the lack of parking spaces at the post office

Screen Name Redacted

8/10/2024 10:21 AM

4 way stop signs through the township are not going to totally prevent accidents. Possibly a committee be formed to suggest ideas.

Screen Name Redacted

8/10/2024 12:17 PM

Hire someone who does not grade our rural roads flat.

Screen Name Redacted

8/11/2024 10:07 AM

The park in Innerkip is very poor. When there is a large tournament the parking is a safety hazard. Lazy people park everywhere making it extremely unsafe for a pedestrian. Cars are lined up blocking pedestrian access and safe passage. Also the walk way from the new street is blocked by an orange snow fence. It looks terrible and is blocking what could be used as a pedestrian walk way. Opening this up would create a much safer way to enter the park. You keep slowing this and someone is going to get hurt

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2024 01:23 PM

Do something about the parking by the post office and park entrance in Innerkip. You allowed 2 extra houses to be built opposite the post office which took away several street parking spots but created no additional parking. When the part is busy and the additional Tim Hortons traffic crossing the street is hazardous.

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2024 01:29 PM

Get rid of the bus. Total waste for taxpayers money.

Screen Name Redacted

8/12/2024 01:36 PM

Get rid of the OPP we never see an officer. We even pay for an extra Officer to patrol somewhere else. Ridiculous

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2024 09:59 AM

Seems to be excessive staff at all levels of government. Maybe it is time to look to see if all positions are required and that our tax dollars for administration is being used to its best ability.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 04:53 PM

I live in the border if east zorra Tavistock, do all my shopping in Woodstock, where recreational facilities are non existing , or don't meet demand by any means. I hate that if I want to take small items to the waste depot( where the grass depot is) they want me to pay? They want me to go to salford?? It all depends on who you get!! Very frustrating. As far as police. I find that they ignore people with non taillights conditions of vehicles , I came from a big city where if you have a light out, you were pulled out. I find it ridiculous that a small accident no one hurt, 5 police cars show up to talk? But when people are getting broken into or the homeless are on the streets in front of people walking by, there shooting up drugs or you get threatened and



nothing gets done.

Screen Name Redacted

8/21/2024 04:22 PM

Get rid of the extra OPP officer. Waste of money. Fix the parking at the post office in Innerkip. Someone is going to get run over

Screen Name Redacted

8/21/2024 10:21 PM

I would like to say , keep farmland in farmland!! And build apartments for the growth in population!!! In other words GO UP NOT OUT !!!

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2024 09:32 PM

Adding new "Welcome to Innerkip" signs entering the village. It doesn't give a good first impression, it's embarrassing.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 06:34 AM

Dog park

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 09:39 AM

We should have green bins for food waste. Reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill.

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8/28/2024 12:41 PM

Traffic lights on main roads to calm traffic down when busy.

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 04:14 PM

All municipal governments have to be very prudent and trim the fat wherever possible in order to meet the demands of their communities. Remember, a large percentage of the population is struggling to meet the demands of day to day life. Food, mortgage, heat, hydro etc etc. The current economic times are not great for a variety of reasons. You have to bare that in mind and be very cautious about your spending and take advantage of and prepare for future better economic times.

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 08:04 AM

Be more financially aware. We are watching. Less bike lanes. I rarely see anyone in a bike lane. The criminals even ride on the sidewalks. Why do you do construction all at the same time. Plan better Fix the rail crossing at Oxford 4 and 17. It's a bone shaker

**Optional question** (54 response(s), 114 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



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

Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2024 02:31 PM	Childcare needs to be a priority
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2024 11:13 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 6/20/2024 01:23 PM	My number one priority that is not shown is to keep any tax increases below 2%. The tax payers can't afford to be adding more services or increasing expenditures.
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2024 11:10 AM	Keeping our communities safe & having a place for the Homeless people to go to. The heatwave right now is going to be very hard on them. Find an empty building and supply them with the necessities of life..
Screen Name Redacted 7/08/2024 11:46 AM	Keep money for maintenance and rest Rick money to special interest groups. We need to stop tax increases.
Screen Name Redacted 7/08/2024 03:17 PM	Ease off development standards to attract business and residential in rural settings on a case-by-case basis to increase our ability to increase tax dollars on land use.
Screen Name Redacted 7/08/2024 04:11 PM	Please DO NOT implement garbage bins. That is a waste of money.
Screen Name Redacted 7/08/2024 04:40 PM	We need green bins
Screen Name Redacted 7/08/2024 04:51 PM	Enough with the expansion of plattsville. Starting another subdivision before the last 2 are complete.
Screen Name Redacted 7/08/2024 07:30 PM	Greenbin
Screen Name Redacted	No

7/08/2024 07:38 PM

Screen Name Redacted No mention of cemeteries ?

7/08/2024 08:07 PM

Screen Name Redacted N/a

7/08/2024 08:24 PM

Screen Name Redacted No

7/08/2024 08:58 PM

Screen Name Redacted The cost of water and sewer in Drumbo is worth moving out of the area over. \$1500-\$2000 a year for a family is insane.

7/08/2024 09:09 PM

Screen Name Redacted Green bins for organic waste

7/08/2024 09:48 PM

Screen Name Redacted Get rid of pink tags for garbage and go a similar route to Waterloo region. Implement green bin program. Recycling and green bin collected every week, garbage every other week with maximum of 2 bags.

7/08/2024 09:54 PM

Screen Name Redacted Green bins

7/08/2024 10:24 PM

Screen Name Redacted There are so many younger families and couples moving to the area. Please try and keep them in mind when creating this budget. The world is far too expensive as it is... please don't make it any harder on them.

7/08/2024 10:35 PM

Screen Name Redacted Roads grass cutting on shoulder of gravel roads hours cutting a foot

7/09/2024 03:57 PM

Screen Name Redacted Would love to see walking trails. When building ensure council is asking for a portion of land and not money. We need green space as the community grows.

7/09/2024 10:39 PM

Screen Name Redacted Woodstock has too much control over the rural townships!

7/14/2024 07:35 PM

Screen Name Redacted

7/17/2024 03:10 PM

Do something about the homeless!!

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2024 10:46 PM

More transparency when property taxes increase over \$1000 year over year.

Screen Name Redacted

7/27/2024 10:30 AM

Supply daycare for growing communities

Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2024 08:41 AM

Concerning waste management, there's way to much that arrives at the Landfill, too little recycling. Some countries in Europe are setting amazing examples of what is possible.

Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2024 05:12 PM

When \$\$ comes from provincial and federal governments for RURAL WATER SUPPLY, use it for small villages instead of for the cities.

Screen Name Redacted

7/28/2024 09:19 PM

Who is paying for the reconstruction of the railroad bridge in Gobles?  
Who was responsible for the original screwup?

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 08:19 AM

Tree trimming. Especially at intersections. Pave gravel roads. Need some local health care facilities badly. Like ayr has .

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 01:18 PM

Tax rate increases must be predictable and reasonable

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 08:23 AM

Several times I have attempted to find volunteer information. I even filled out an application once, and never received a response. As a result, I volunteer in Brant County. You may wish to broaden your scope on volunteerism, or somehow make it more user friendly.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 12:23 PM

Would the township ever consider making a dump spot for garbage as opposed to the two dollar stickers? I really don't have a spot to keep the garbage while I wait for garbage day so I normally end up taking it to the cambridge landfill when I go to work

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2024 08:32 AM

Treatment Plants and quantity water access.

Screen Name Redacted

Get to work on fixing Plattsvilles water in 2024 and get the pipeline to

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7/31/2024 10:44 AM

Bright done .

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2024 03:16 PM

Both levels of government need to improve economic development to grow local jobs and the tax base since tax increases, like 2024, are not sustainable.

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2024 04:58 PM

I think all of blandford blenheim should hav access to high speed internet and natural gas. At this current time I have neither. And our brant neighbors are getting high speed internet and I can't.

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2024 05:45 PM

Please pave my road

Screen Name Redacted

8/11/2024 11:46 AM

I would like to see municipal collection of compost to reduce waste

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2024 05:30 PM

Our closest landfill is well over an hour away which forces us to go into Waterloo region we already pay for garbage tags. And our "big collection" once a year has so many things that you can't put out to be collected.

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2024 05:05 PM

Clean reliable secure water, now. Waiting for a well to deteriorate is poor management, planning

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 09:22 AM

no

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 05:33 PM

Roads- bike lanes on every new pave job

Screen Name Redacted

8/30/2024 07:53 AM

Can money, time, and care actually be put into assessing the redevelopment of residential areas to change them into multifunctional high density spaces if we're going to keep pumping people into the county?

Screen Name Redacted

8/30/2024 11:15 AM

No

**Optional question** (44 response(s), 120 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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

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6/12/2024 12:38 PM

SAFE COMMUNITIES should NOT be broken down to Fire - Police - Paramedics - - these 3 services often work together and should be considered one option (NOT THREE) I selected one - - BUT - - if I wasn't restricted to five selections, I would have selected ALL three. WASTE MANAGEMENT already put out their own (long overdo) survey so really shouldn't be included in this survey - - again, the restriction of five choices meant this one was not included by me BUT waste management in Oxford is the pits and really needs to be brought into the 21st century.

Screen Name Redacted

6/12/2024 03:56 PM

Social issues- pocerty also important and intersects with affordable housing and community planning. With regards to roads in particular, I have gotten feedback that the curbs are still not accessible for wheelchairs and not easy to get onto and should be a priority to ensure everyone can enjoy the Town and access to businesses and needs

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 11:04 AM

Downtown definitely needs a facelift. More social places would be nice.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 04:25 PM

I would like Library to expand their evening hours and make Ox-On-the-Run permanent, if I recall I first saw "ox-on-the-run" at a festival working out of the back of a pick-up truck in 2018, and then it was a "pilot". More housing density in Ingersoll, I would like to see more small houses, row-houses and apartment buildings. I would like more done for the homelessness issue in our communities.

Screen Name Redacted

6/14/2024 01:21 PM

We definitely need affordable housing in Ingersoll and a viable solution to the homelessness situation. We have neither in Ingersoll and a lack of planning and implementation as well.

Screen Name Redacted

6/15/2024 07:30 PM

Invest in servicing additional areas of the communities in order to ensure we're landing industrial investment which will increase tax assessment allowing for additional services.

Screen Name Redacted

6/16/2024 12:25 PM

Focus on doing what ONLY governments can do and leave the rest to the private or volunteer sectors

Screen Name Redacted

6/17/2024 10:56 AM

Keep the momentum going with the great work being done in Oxford around social services.

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 04:17 PM

Switched to binned garbage including green

Screen Name Redacted

6/19/2024 09:57 PM

Release the BMA reports to atleast council Quit hiding behind risk management when proposals come from the community - Do better public meetings and bring the public and council back in to budget discussions

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 01:34 PM

Ingersoll is a beautiful town that is poorly managed. Let's move on from this conservative nonsense and get with the times!

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 03:24 PM

The Town of Ingersoll Parks department does a fantastic job maintaining the public spaces and parks. The town always looks very attractive and the spaces are well-kept and very inviting.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 01:16 PM

Improve support for mental health and less fortunate citizens.

Screen Name Redacted

6/28/2024 11:33 AM

Im stuck in Ingersoll with no affordable transport!

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 11:43 AM

Taxation increases but see little change or improvements. Seems like there is limited accountability for raising taxes.

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 12:12 PM

It would be nice to see garbage collection vehicles not spreading glass through neighborhoods, and actually not letting paper items fly throughout

Screen Name Redacted

7/06/2024 08:54 AM

Small fees or donation boxes for free services for those that can afford it usually won't cause a stir and most are happy to contribute what they can.

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 07:39 AM

Suggesting a satellite office at the roundabout on the 401 for police and ambulance. I live on Harris St and the speed of the OPP flying down this street to get to the 401 is insane. The 4 way stop where

many children cross for school is at high risk of a catastrophe. A satellite office would have these services at the ready for the 401, which is likely 90% of their calls.

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 01:48 PM

What makes Ingersoll is the small town feeling, however we are slowly losing this feeling with mega housing developments that do not meet the needs of its current citizens, but looking for outsiders to come and pay top dollar for homes that in 15-20 will no longer make sense. The fact the local developers are not creating starter homes for the coming generations to afford should be enforced when application for proposals are submitted.

Screen Name Redacted

7/11/2024 07:58 AM

Together build a murc

Screen Name Redacted

8/03/2024 11:32 AM

AFFORDABLE seniors' housing/long term care.

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 05:45 PM

The needs to focus replacement or water rainwater/ groundwater diversion Culvert's that are undersized in these modern times due to climate change increases in rainfall amounts as witnessed in the last three to five years, being on the main part of a floodplain and not able to get home insurance due to floods is a serious cause for concern and loss of a home at the expense incurred of having to replace everything if the home is totally flooded plus not being able to reside in it due to E coli and/or other contaminants from flood water penetrating into the living spaces . The danger of flood water coming into a lower part of a basement and possibly taking someone's life that resides down there as it is living space for family members as well. 60 plus year old culverts are not size appropriately for it these modern-day rainfall amounts which are only going to increase. Also in regards to Farmers Fields being tiled, there should be a regulation on that , and a reevaluation of many that have been done without an evaluation , as the county does not require that, at this time , Which would lead to homeowners seeking legal recourse against the township or town for known repeating flood problems . For the township and town to take into consideration the amount of flood water they contribute to tributaries and how much they are overloading them during heavy rainfall and also combined winter melt off.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 12:25 PM

With the amount of growth in younger couples moving to ingersoll there should be more services and incentives directed to them

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 07:12 PM

More County run long term care beds in Ingersoll. Not private run long term care facilities.. Ingersoll seniors are being placed in out of town and out of county long term care facilities . They are forced to leave their community where their family and friends reside. Not fair, seniors paid taxes for years in Ingersoll and Oxford county, they deserve facilities built by the county and the town.

Screen Name Redacted

8/14/2024 10:36 AM

I think the town should promote the green cone to help reduce the amount of garbage going to landfill. Doing so should make it possible to only have garbage pickup every other week.

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2024 03:32 PM

Many of the above categories, like social issues, should be funded by charity. Not on the backs of struggling taxpayers.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 10:58 AM

New bylaw that empty store fronts need to be sold, cleaned out and/or filled after so many months vacant. Remove painting sidewalks and spend the money towards bringing back events to Ingersoll. Cycling trail along the river. Clean up the overgrowth along the river. Plan road closures with resident feedback. Putting new sidewalks on the right side of the street. Ring road?

Screen Name Redacted

8/20/2024 11:16 AM

I think the Counsel should find ways to get Alexandra Hospital back to the level of care it provided in the 1950's. Many may be surprised what hospital services residents were able to access that are no longer available. Improving and maintaining economic opportunities the hospital services are vital assets. Too much of the budget is spent on new sport facilities and not enough on maintenance facikuy budgets.

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 09:46 AM

There is a 7 year waitlist for housing if you are homeless

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 09:55 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 07:22 AM

Ingersoll definitely needs to get more industrial plants and definitely needs a larger, 2 pad arena with items the elderly could use

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 07:35 PM

I would just make a request to Oxford County and Ingersoll politicians and staff to please be sensitive during their respective budget discussions to the fact that property tax increases resulting from their



decisions can have a real impact on those who are on a limited or fixed income but who are also blessed to have a house. Affordable housing is not just an issue about those who are facing the difficulty of acquiring a home -- although that issue is serious -- it is also about those who may be worried about the financial ability to stay in a home they already own. Steep property tax increases only exacerbate this worry and can threaten to turn it into reality. As for the problem of homelessness in Oxford County, might the building of a dormitory, possibly through a public-private partnership, help to contribute to a solution? The dormitory could be akin to a university residence hall, with a small room assigned to each individual occupant, and with a communal kitchen or dining room available for meals that are made by the residents. Each individual room would have enough space to accommodate a single bed, dresser, desk and window. Safe, separate areas in the building would be provided for different genders. No drugs or alcohol would be permitted on the premises. For some residents, this living arrangement might be a temporary step until they feel prepared and confident to fully reintegrate into their community. For others, it might offer a long-term stay. For all, it would at least provide a roof over their heads and a refuge from the elements. I don't have a funding suggestion for such an idea, but hopefully both the provincial government and the private sector would get involved and provide support in dollars or in kind. As for the issue of affordable housing, could the use and promotion of "tiny homes" be part of the answer? These dwellings could be an entry point into the real estate market for some people (e.g., single persons, young couples, etc.) who are without the funds to buy an average-sized house. I have seen photos of these "tiny homes" and they can be quite tasteful in their design. I don't know why they couldn't be incorporated into subdivision projects; they would only need the zoning or by-law support of Oxford County and/or area municipality councils. If I could make one final suggestion to the County and the Town of Ingersoll, it would be this: Find a small place in your budgets every year for the planting of trees. By that I mean native trees (not exotic species or native cultivars) and lots of them. As much as some would choose to deny it, we humans are in the midst of climate change, and there is almost nothing that can help mitigate the negative effects of climate change more easily than the carbon-absorbing and oxygen-producing entities that are trees. They are simple to plant and cheap to buy (or grow from seed). And everybody loves them. (Well, maybe not civil engineers.) They benefit our communities in so many ways. And they can live for centuries. What a gift to ourselves, to future generations and to our planet.

Screen Name Redacted

8/30/2024 07:21 AM

each household in Oxford county should be able to out out 1 bag of garbage per week Without a tag! tags should be \$1 per additional bags. we pay too much in taxes for Zero bags without tags!!

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

Screen Name Redacted  
6/17/2024 12:22 PM

No More Tax Hikes for awhile.....Too High in 2024. Brainstorm/think tank other ways of funding some of the community needs...Are any of the following possible???.....Pressue on other levels of government, grants wherever possible, private legacy/estate funding, industry/commercial donations, individual or community group intitatives/participation. ....

Screen Name Redacted  
6/20/2024 09:30 AM

Stop wasting money on frivolous items and use each dollar more carefully. Use preventative maintenance when possible to avoid overspending millions on "emergency" situations that could have been avoided by planning ahead.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/20/2024 02:55 PM

Pedestrian cross walks

Screen Name Redacted  
7/04/2024 03:37 PM

Plan for our future - maintaining farmland to enable us to feed ourselves and have an environment that isn't polluted more than it already is.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/04/2024 10:22 PM

more patrols by police - perhaps more OPP presence is required. Our road ( Old Stage) is a road used to get somewhere fast. Speeding and no patrols even when we have suggested it to them.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/06/2024 09:41 AM

Purchase of additional public recreational lands for varied use including hiking, hunting, mountain biking etc.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/06/2024 09:33 PM

Save our money, and leave things as they are! We're happy living in rural and small town communities! If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

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7/15/2024 10:47 AM

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7/15/2024 01:09 PM

No

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7/19/2024 06:20 PM

More funding for childcare and library services

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2024 04:31 PM

You are all slowly but surely ruining our precious rural county by towing down to provincial bullying. Stop it! Enough! It is your duty as elected officials to protect what we are so blessed to have, not ruin it!

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 11:34 AM

Affordable housing has to be at the top of the list so we can get those that want to contribute to society working and taken care of. The homeless crisis after that will be primarily caused by sickness and drugs so help for those come next and then the rest left behind for the most part are bums

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 08:26 PM

TGO is terrible, need to have a service more like Brant where it is point to point.

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 08:03 AM

The gravel roads are garbage. Either you need to hire someone who is able to grade them correctly so water washes off the road and not create potholes or pave them. Drive anywhere else and we are the only ones with roads that are dusty, full of potholes and so gravelly. Compared again to other townships most of us care about our properties and it would be nice to have road surfaces that reflect that.

Screen Name Redacted

8/15/2024 06:55 PM

A dog park would be nice. Many residents in Norwich have dogs and it would be a nice way to meet other community members

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 05:32 PM

Why does the top public health managers get ridiculous pay increases? What is the reason seniors pay for recreation? Other places have trillium funds. Communication with groups such as pickleball doesn't happen even though there are leads at both sites. Listen to what player say and want or they move to other locations.

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 10:21 AM

I would like to see more funding for lgbt+ resources in Oxford County in general, but more specifically for use in Norwich township. Because of the high degree of intolerance certain groups and individuals (including current/former members of council) have shown towards them. They deserve to feel safe and welcome in that community as much as anyone else. I would like to see this happen. Thank you.

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 10:54 AM

Free municipal parking in more areas, since my townhouse parking does not accomodate us with three vehicles. Where do U leave a third vehicle, without having to walk @ 6am to get your vehicle for work?

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 11:23 AM

Please consider how unfair it is for these increases to property taxes.... Hoping to not see any increases in the coming years because we truly gain and have no benefit from the increases to these services

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 06:05 PM

Bring back yard waste depot in Burgessville!

**Optional question** (20 response(s), 32 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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

Screen Name Redacted  
6/15/2024 04:01 PM

Stop wasting our money. Do the job properly the first time. Stop developing, we're rural and want to stay rural.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/16/2024 10:48 AM

The Lowville subdivision appears to be quite neglected in terms of policing and bylaw enforcement. As a result it has become a "free for all" as residents drive down the middle of the road with babies on atvs, and kids driving what appear to be unlicensed atvs. Bylaw won't do anything about off leash dogs in spite of complaints made.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/21/2024 09:50 AM

Reduce traffic on roads. Make roads safer by installing more speed signs, etc. Traffic and speeding are a very real issue. Hire a recreation specialist for the village of Mount Elgin.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/21/2024 01:56 PM

curb-side collection of household organics

Screen Name Redacted  
6/21/2024 03:37 PM

Focus on the core services first so we don't end up with a disaster like the water main break in Calgary. Scrap some of the nice to haves like climate change funding and leave that to the Federal Gov. And is that rural public transport van that goes between villages and towns getting much use? Nice idea but scrap it Finally, are we getting good value for public health expenditure? How much money are they spending climate change?

Screen Name Redacted  
6/28/2024 07:08 AM

Keep life affordable. No unnecessary measures that will increase our taxes. Instead of adding to services, excel at the ones already provided. Maintain the large rural areas in Oxford. Our rural and agricultural background is such a large part of our identity and it would be a shame to lose that.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/02/2024 05:36 PM

Keep the budget reasonable, with very minor increase if you must. Although in my opinion, services are pretty good as they stand. I see no real reason to enhance any of the services.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/04/2024 07:16 AM

We need more doctors and medical specialists. The Brownsville playground needs updating and additional equipment. More variety of

stores in Tillsonburg is needed. Some side streets in older sections of Tillsonburg such as Ontario and Duncan streets need repair. More schools will be needed as there is such a great influx of new residents. The outdoor pool in Tillsonburg is far too expensive for low income families.

Screen Name Redacted

No

7/04/2024 09:41 PM

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How will both SWOX and Oxford County make the provincial government aware of its failings in the social, economics and environmental sectors? How will both SWOX and Oxford County better communicate with parts of the population which have yet to see the importance of active engagement in their community?

7/05/2024 06:57 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Have more bicycle trails and walking trails available - from one end of the township to the other end, and have it paved

7/09/2024 08:15 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Maintenance of parks, conservation areas. Making sure contracts are followed and full jobs are done ie. grass cutting. Garbage collection at these sites.

7/11/2024 04:47 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Reiterate earlier comment, MPAC assessments valuing properties significantly below market value does not make sense to me, I would be supportive of paying property taxes based on the value of my property at closer to its actual market value. It seems there must be some opportunity to better align this discrepancy to allow counties and municipalities to increase their tax revenue without having to actually increase the tax rate by just advocating for MPAC assessments to reflect the reality of market values.

7/13/2024 06:27 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Living in SWOX for many years now but new to Mount Elgin , I am disappointed in the expansion of the subdivisions with very poor water waste and garbage planning. The cost we pay for garbage and water waste is ridiculous. The cost is drowning us . With the latest jump in taxes and all we hear are you wanna do cuts but collect more. Mount Elgin if its going to be forced into expanding we need more walking trials , walking areas would be key to making the community more walkable for kids and walking pets . The Intersection at Mount Elgin rd and hyway 19 needs to be addressed. pPeople sit at that intersection for 5 minutes at a time trying to tuer left in both directions ( this needs to be addressed asap As a bedroom community we need easy and flowing access to hyway 19 . Hyway 19 needs to be

7/16/2024 03:31 PM

expanded or widened in spots for passing 3 lanes or 4 what ever is cheapest.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/16/2024 05:19 PM

The people are not listened to anyway. Politicians do what they want

Screen Name Redacted  
7/17/2024 03:01 PM

Would like to see Union Road paved

Screen Name Redacted  
7/22/2024 07:29 AM

Stop turning farm land into residential building lots

Screen Name Redacted  
7/22/2024 03:27 PM

I think Council should stay focused on CORE services.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/23/2024 07:23 PM

no

Screen Name Redacted  
7/24/2024 12:27 AM

Does Mt. Elgin need another park? The ball diamond should not be moved. The 'tennis/etc' court should be fixed. In the spring, FIVE people from SWOX works spent HOURS adding mulch (which is thriving with weeds now) to the playground at the community centre. At a guess of \$30/hr per person x minimum 3 hours. That's a lot of tax payers dollars. Sidewalks have dried up dead critters....birds, rabbits, etc. for months now. Winter sidewalk maintenance is terrible...it's a blower, not a plow and sidewalks are left icy. SWOX council meetings that are available for streaming are a joke....the audio is horrendous. Please, someone from the county....have a listen...pick one. That needs to be addressed. Better notification of local events, meetings, etc. needs to happen. Not everyone has or uses the internet & many don't know of current events.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/24/2024 08:46 AM

Would be nice to have another park in Beachville that isn't on beachville road and has parking.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/26/2024 06:13 PM

Please change our garbage pickup to a consistent day. Even if it's every other week as opposed to every week, it would be better if it was just the same day.

Screen Name Redacted  
7/27/2024 07:51 PM

Public transit must be prioritized if the municipalities wish to reduce the cost of building and maintaining roads.

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 07:48 AM

Increase in Police enforcement for traffic offences.

Screen Name Redacted

7/31/2024 10:35 PM

Please spend the tax dollars you get, with care. Realize that many of us live in the rural areas, who DON'T want to live in urban centres. We love our countryside and our farms, and please protect that. Not everyone wants to see development spilling out into our farms.

Screen Name Redacted

8/01/2024 10:10 AM

NONE

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 03:44 PM

COUNTY ROAD 18 please, please, please, please!!!

Screen Name Redacted

8/11/2024 09:28 PM

Another arena or access to more pads

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 12:53 PM

Please listen to the people who voted you in.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 12:53 PM

Listen to the citizens. These are the people that voted you in.

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2024 11:05 AM

Survey was very vague on are the taxpayers receiving value (for \$\$\$\$ spent) - There has been a noticeable decline in services, while the tax rates increases AVERAGED over the last 30 years are higher the average inflation rate. Survey was designed so council can justify increased taxes or decreased service. :( Do better!

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2024 05:57 PM

Would like to see the turn onto Union road E from Plank Line have the same type of turn off as Sweaburg Rd and Dereham Line

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 02:41 PM

Development of Beachville to remain an important part of the SWOX communities history.

**Optional question** (33 response(s), 64 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



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

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 05:09 PM

Please focus on health care, safety and the promotion of a quiet and beautiful small town do not develop do not bring more people here

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 05:11 PM

Better emergency room times, more reliable doctors

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 06:22 PM

We MUST make Healthcare out #1 priority.... doctors are essential to out community bring is more

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 06:24 PM

The growing community and trying to keep up.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 07:41 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 07:57 PM

Housing for single parent families is IMPOSSIBLE at the moment. Especially if you don't qualify for help some people make to much money for gouvernant assistance but yet not enough money to make it in their own there is no help for the middle class families.

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 08:25 PM

Evidence based up to date data to ensure equally fair distribution of funds and services across ALL the municipalities within Oxford county

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 09:03 PM

Recreation - more ball diamonds, ice rinks etc Childcare is a big one though- not enough centers here!!!

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 09:18 PM

Get rid of the stupid bag tags , very unenvironmentally friendly with the waste created !

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 09:26 PM

Get more Doctor's,

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 09:35 PM

Parking and traffic issues

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 09:54 PM

County planning for Town development fails to take into consideration the perspective of Town residents. The county is out of touch with the wishes of residents, and they don't seem to want / care to be. Waste management has been horrible due to the division of services between the town and the county. A resident who misses trash day having to drive all the way to Salford to get rid of it, and a transfer station that is only open Saturdays is a prime example. Worse is the expansion of infrastructure like the wastewater plant. I am very concerned that current residents are being hit up for costs of expanding infrastructure to address new development when all of it should come exclusively from development fees. (And I would include roads, water, hydro and all infrastructure in that scope).

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 10:20 PM

Social services

Screen Name Redacted

6/17/2024 08:19 AM

The cost of bag tags hurt families with children

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 03:59 PM

Improvement to Plank Line, it is not capable of safely handling the current volume of traffic , and no control makes accessing the road from side roads near impossible at certain times of the day.

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 08:12 PM

Economic development for more industry to lower property taxes for residents is key, along with money spent towards improvements to physician recruitment and better health care services. Also, a Canada post that is open later than 5pm (a shoppers drug mart with a Canada post would be handy). And more affordable grocery shopping in town since Walmart is way too small and always out of food items like eggs and yogurt, bread, etc. Thanks!

Screen Name Redacted

6/30/2024 01:10 AM

Discontinue the large item collection in Tillsonburg. It should have never been started again. There was a lot of work that Public Works Staff did to stop curb side collection and open a Transfer Station. Now we are noticing that residents are placing items out for collection whenever they want.

Screen Name Redacted

7/02/2024 05:51 AM

-Get the trucks out of the town. Not everyone will be pleased. We need leadership here. -Continued focus on drifters and homeless people. Especially those who are aggressive or breaking the law. -- Review the cost of human resources at all levels and improve the performance management assessments and outcomes.

Screen Name Redacted

7/02/2024 05:16 PM

We need more stores such as Winners, or department stores so we don't have to drive to Woodstock, Simcoe, London to get necessary items

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 07:57 AM

Must get the homeless problem under control. ABSOLUTELY SHOCKING how fast Tillsonburg and Woodstock have gone downhill since the pandemic with homelessness being rife. Oxford needs to take a much more firm stand against eliminating these people from our community. If they need to be placed in a homeless shelter, fine, but ensure there is control. The downtown core is no longer safe for children and is disgusting.

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 11:44 AM

like to see a report on integrity of estimates for 2023 and each year going forward

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 03:42 PM

My #1 concern would be the OPP service. It is supposed to be there to protect our residents. However, funding only allows for the OPP to concern themselves with only the most serious of incidents.

Screen Name Redacted

7/06/2024 10:29 PM

Do not raise taxes

Screen Name Redacted

7/10/2024 09:56 PM

Services might be improved without increasing the budgets by putting more boots on the ground, and paying for it by reallocating funds from management and overtime. Likewise, it would be possible to simultaneously decrease maintenance budgets and be more environmentally friendly by introducing low-mow wildflower areas along trails and in parks.

Screen Name Redacted

7/12/2024 09:50 AM

Limit salary increases to cost of living only for staff. If we all have to be taxed to death, savings could be found in salaries!

Screen Name Redacted

7/16/2024 12:06 AM

Child care is not a social issue. It's an economic issue. Please take some time to understand that people can't go to work without reliable safe child care, which means we won't have money to spend in the community, and we risk consuming additional "social" services.

Screen Name Redacted

7/19/2024 04:11 PM

I would like to add safe communities, planning neighbourhoods, infrastructure before new subdivisions are built, etc.

Screen Name Redacted

7/22/2024 11:11 AM

with all of the new housing development underway is it not enough bringing in all the new tax revenue as to give the residents of Tillsonburg a break on their property taxes or reduce them if we ran our household budgets like the town does we would be bankrupt especially with all of the senior citizens in our community simply cant keep increasing the cost to live here so you are driving them into poverty shame on you not to mention the huge salaries being paid at the top of council really??

Screen Name Redacted

8/01/2024 02:00 PM

Budget MUST be kept and or reduced as per revenue received.

Screen Name Redacted

8/02/2024 06:43 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 03:43 PM

Value for our money needs to be the driving factor not pet projects. Limit waste.

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 07:29 PM

Very disappointed.

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2024 10:42 AM

Lower taxes through increased efficiencies..

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2024 09:21 PM

Affordable housing and medical care on top of the list for improvement

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 04:52 PM

The Green Bin program seems to have "binned" itself. Any chance that this will come to fruition in 2025 considering the perplexing increase in residential taxes in 2024? My residential taxes increased over 7% while most of the important issues we have involving the environment haven't been addressed at all in this survey. Why no reference to the Green Bin Program ...?

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 06:21 PM

We need local doctors!!!!!!!

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 06:27 PM

This Town is growing too fast. We are losing our older Family Physicians and adding to the population that Can't look after the residents who have lived here for years. Very poor planning and it isn't fair to the people who have lived here for most of their lives to all

of a sudden lose their family Doctor and there aren't any taking their place. In home care for the older or handicapped population is almost non-existent. I thought our Government was trying to keep the seniors in their homes for as long as possible as the long term care homes are few and far between

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 07:06 AM

With the information provided here, it makes sense to reevaluate the TGo bus service. At approx 5000 passengers per year, that means 13.7 people use it daily, and just 0.00007 percent of our Towns population. With these numbers it may be a good financial decision to cut this service completely.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 03:56 PM

No

Screen Name Redacted

8/10/2024 08:21 AM

Slow new development until services have a chance to catch up without over spending

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2024 09:09 AM

Please strongly reevaluate our current waste management programs as they're long overdue for enhancements (out with the garbage bag tags PLEASE and offer more frequent large article collection as well as introduce bi-weekly/ monthly yard waste bag pickup through warmer months).

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2024 05:01 PM

Fix up and maintain the low income housing in Tillsonburg before you start building new ones. The ones near Earle Street are hideous for those residents. Ie. New siding.

Screen Name Redacted

8/20/2024 07:58 AM

As a resident we pay for garbage, however always had the benefit of waste disposal at the transfer station for free - which was an ok offset. Now we have to pay a minimum of \$17 even if we only have one little item at the transfer station. I think there needs to be a change to the payment structure. Or at minimum give the residents something new for the amount of \$ they pay for garbage such as a green bin program for organic waste.

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2024 11:14 AM

Taxes MUST be lowered. Provenance controlled by the Conservative Party are doing a poor job in reducing taxes .

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2024 08:00 PM

Continued maintenance of garbage collection and recycling is required.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 08:47 AM

Was nice to see a new business open up on Spruce Street in the old TRW plant. Too bad it didn't bring any new jobs as we have seen the workers being bussed in from another town.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 08:40 PM

In view of the extreme consequences of climate change all functions and actions included in the budget should be undertaken in light of climate change. They must consider avoiding and mitigating the effects of climate change. To ignore this would result in much greater costs in future.

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 10:22 PM

No tax increase

Screen Name Redacted

8/30/2024 03:36 PM

I believe the survey is just a smoke in mirrors, as the higher ups just do what they want any ways and their staff have far too much say so! Yet its our money they employs them. Not sure why we need council!! Ask the people how we like the growth of our town, the congestion in the streets and stores. We were spaced comfortably and know we are getting to be sardines. There are so many streets and services that are in need of repair but lets waste time and money for a street right outside the town offices so they have something nice to look at while the citizens are trying to make ends meet and the taxes are raised to cover someone's inflated ego!

Screen Name Redacted

9/01/2024 05:35 PM

Watching new development, homes are too close, might as well build row homes and apartments. No room for equipment to get into back yards, blocking swales with fencing. Contractors and inspectors disregard original drainage plan and lot building plan and maintaining or enhancing for 100 year storm. Impervious cover exceeded on new lots.

**Optional question** (50 response(s), 100 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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

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6/13/2024 06:33 AM

Green bin program

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 07:30 AM

n/a

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2024 08:21 AM

Have you considered owning land but then allowing developers to build apartments? By owning the land the County can dictate how many apartments are geared to income, low income, etc. Other cities are doing this-please Google for news articles.

Screen Name Redacted

6/14/2024 12:20 PM

Addiction support

Screen Name Redacted

6/17/2024 09:30 AM

I wish the county would care more about the environment and climate change

Screen Name Redacted

6/17/2024 09:45 AM

The saying rich get richer, poor get poorer and the middle class pay for everything. There are times that the working middle class take a hit, unexpected expenses when you ask for help you are turned away (food/shelter etc.) because only your income is reviewed not expenses or your situation. Embarrassing as it is that you have to seek help, you have to trump it by saying you will go to your MP just to receive assistance so you can feed your family. Who do you think is contributing to these food programs at every grocery store, and because I asked one time out of my entire existence living in Woodstock I have to fight for it....what gives!!! You don't have a homeless issue, you have a drug issue. I know its a hard decision....who do we assist the working class who maybe asks for help 1 time in 20 plus years living in the community and contributing....times are tough and costs are up....everyone is taking a hit.

Screen Name Redacted

6/17/2024 05:41 PM

Please start a green bin program!

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 03:47 PM

Make the budget stretch further to create a city that is affordable for families.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/19/2024 02:18 AM

No point in spending more money on the downtown if people are afraid to go down there.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/19/2024 10:04 AM

Stop with slush funds.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/19/2024 04:17 PM

Not cutting off the road access to mybusiness to facilitate a roundabout that is not needed...

Screen Name Redacted  
6/19/2024 07:13 PM

New services for seniors. Southsidevpool replacement.,

Screen Name Redacted  
6/19/2024 07:34 PM

We have a serious homeless, drug and crime problem in Woodstock

Screen Name Redacted  
6/19/2024 08:41 PM

The city of Woodstock needs the YMCA pool back up and running. What is really going on here.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/19/2024 09:43 PM

Arenas and pools not enough for the amount of people. Growing not enough ice time and aquatics.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/20/2024 08:38 AM

Don't waste our money. I'm a senior and hate the bureaucracy. Our roads are a mess traffic wise. I hate going out at certain times of the day . Springbank heading N at dundas , a bush hides the traffic flow sign. I've complained nothing done. I travel the perimeter of the city as much as I possibly can. Traffic flow a nightmare. I'd love to see an outdoor pool. Sure miss Lions Pool.

Screen Name Redacted  
6/20/2024 10:22 AM

Stop over calling emergency services for Overdoses, yet police can't show for regular calls. You're forcing 5 choices in these answers. I "had to" choose affordable housing but doesn't mean I want my taxes hacked to pay for it !! Yes we need affordable housing but I shouldn't be homeless to pay for it! I'm already on the cusp !!!!

Screen Name Redacted  
6/20/2024 11:31 AM

Developing the downtown area is critical - bringing in new businesses and restaurants and making it safer. I think you can get rid of the printed newsletter and make it digital and having more posting on social media about what's going on. This seems like an unnecessary expense.



Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 02:49 PM

Get rid of Ducks Unlimited or other 3rd party solicitors to look after parks and wetlands. They are not accountable to anyone and waste taxpayers dollars.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 01:48 AM

Updated play equipment in parks, Bexley st.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 07:14 AM

All aspects listed above are important, however with the population hitting 130k, which means more tax dollars, infrastructure, downtown and north Woodstock are sorely lacking in retail and services ( for some reason more bike lanes get built in a city that allows those lanes to become street parking for the most part) without creating bike locks in right place for example, people north of Dundas street have to travel to Walmart area for groceries, restaurants, services. New medical buildings are built beside hospital rather than something to support other areas of city. News highlights growth for business (vutec, battery plant in Ingersoll) but I rarely see anything about new housing. The city is spiralling rather than starting to build upwards ( use the GoodLife parking lot to build housing in the core, build new resident where original theatre was). The downtown will remain a ghost town and haven for unhoused without putting effort and money into it.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 09:30 AM

Having more childcare facilities (and the staff to work in them) it's important to me. Anything the county can do to support the development of more spaces is needed.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 10:50 AM

We'll bring communities don't just need infrastructure and safety, we need places to gather and grow. Without our parks, libraries and art galleries other places are far more appealing to live. Community building takes a lot and partnerships are crucial in making that happen. Not everything needs to be delivered in-house. Provide funding and let skilled partners deliver better services. Being a good partner and managing these partnerships becomes more important and more valuable. Comments about the survey - much improved as you provided context and better descriptions around each bucket. This helps people understand who does what. Thank you.

Screen Name Redacted

6/21/2024 01:05 PM

City crews actually do their jobs instead of hiding out on shaded cul-de-sacs

Screen Name Redacted

We need to work together to feed and house those needing help

6/22/2024 03:00 AM

including seniors, disabled and low income people.

Screen Name Redacted

Government is taxing thr people to death stop government waste

6/22/2024 07:26 AM

Screen Name Redacted

bus should run on Sundays and should occur more frequently

6/22/2024 08:26 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Get homeless off the streets in downtown core

6/22/2024 09:32 PM

Screen Name Redacted

We need to add compost pick up

6/23/2024 07:36 AM

Screen Name Redacted

No more garbage tags! Increase safety - so many break ins and violent crimes

6/24/2024 09:55 AM

Screen Name Redacted

stop running the buses so late at night, I see them driving around day after day with no people on them, what a waste of fuel!!

6/26/2024 01:10 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Environment and Climate Change initiatives. I would love to see more community gardens, native flowers and trees being planted, and access to green spaces for all.

6/27/2024 11:32 AM

Screen Name Redacted

I think we should be putting more money towards mental health.

7/03/2024 05:57 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Please attempt to lift up those with less than the rest .. at all age groups.

7/04/2024 08:25 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Mental health issues appear to be a major contributor to a number of areas, policing, housing, health and drug abuse amongst others. The county and community has to look at ways to support this area more. There appears to be an overlap of some health care and social supports that need to be reviewed and streamlined to find a better pathway to support and reduce duplicate spending and costs

7/04/2024 07:29 PM

Screen Name Redacted

STOP allowing developers to build in our community if they will not build proper and fully accessible homes within their development. The "wheelchair accessible" units currently available ARE NOT

7/04/2024 08:11 PM

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FUNCTIONAL ACCESSIBLE UNITS for disabled people that require other adults to provide for all aspects of life.

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 12:19 AM

Improving garbage to include composting to be able to decrease the number of bags we have to pay for

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 01:09 AM

Weekly recycling, bi-weekly garbage.

Screen Name Redacted

7/05/2024 02:19 AM

Oxford County should fund some housing programs for men and women with children needing housing and not just single men and women. There is no where to go with children. The rat infestations in the city of Woodstock are problematic. Needs dire attention. Schools have mice in the eating areas of classrooms at school, hope only mice. We need more prevention. No traps aren't cruel, yes they work. There is not enough investment in events to draw large crowds to enjoy days together. Tillsonburg has excellent spaces and best uses them while Woodstock needs to try using other venues that are flatter and cleaner when hosting. More needs to take place in smaller communities to draw communities as a whole to each other. We need more investment in bus and train transportation networks. It is impossible to use services to go timely to work, school or appointments in Toronto, London, Oakville, Kitchener, Guelph, Barrie or Hamilton with run times and systems available. Southwestern Public Health inspections should be regularly at schools where breakfast and snack is offered and in classrooms where children eat. There are rodents, classroom couches stuffed with food wrappers, repeated viral infections, lice infections, food spoilage and nobody taking accountability. Need more paramedics and ambulances. Need gun violence prevention. Doctors, nurses, LTC, homecare needed badly Respite needed children mental health services seriously lacking Disability advocacy training needs to start taking place.

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7/05/2024 11:56 AM

Would love to see the waste management budget enhanced to include a green bin program.

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7/05/2024 02:47 PM

Weekly recycling pickup.

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7/05/2024 05:10 PM

Would like to see property standard bylaws enforced more actively

Screen Name Redacted

Save the money and don't increase taxes !

7/05/2024 07:45 PM

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7/08/2024 01:04 PM

I support people with disabilities for a living, and personally have an altered level of cognitive function that makes it difficult to drive. I make regular use of public transport in both my personal and work life, and I work most weekends. Though I appreciate the council's recent decision to have buses run as early as 6am on Saturday mornings, which allows me to work early Saturday shifts without the use of a taxi service, I was disappointed to see that Sunday bus service was voted against. I find it extremely difficult to do anything in the city on a Sunday, whether in my personal time or whether I'm serving the disabled community. It's a constant ongoing strain and I'd really encourage the council to reconsider this vote.

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7/15/2024 01:11 PM

No

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7/15/2024 02:36 PM

With an improved community in some areas, we may also see improvement elsewhere as professionals choose to make Oxford County their home (ie- more doctors in the area, medical professionals, daycare providers, educators, first responders, etc). Focusing on issues weighing on people's hearts and minds, such as childcare, environmental initiatives, social issues in general, and quality recreational facilities will draw in individuals who will contribute to the improvement of other areas as well.

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7/15/2024 03:00 PM

Give an explanation why the property taxes went up so high? Called the office and really no explanation given except fire department. I never hear of a fire. But they need more money, for what?

Screen Name Redacted

7/15/2024 06:32 PM

Stop trying to revitalize downtown. Get rid of the homeless and that will be accomplished

Screen Name Redacted

7/16/2024 10:03 AM

An outdoor pool for the City of Woodstock

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2024 09:43 AM

Seriously look at where every dollar is going. If any business was run like the County it would be forced into bankruptcy.

Screen Name Redacted

8/04/2024 06:05 PM

Woodstock has a ton of young families. We need to follow what other cities are building so that kids can stay busy and healthy. Why not build a complex with 2 arenas, swimming, gym, and library all in one.

London and Georgetown and some other cities have them. We would be able to host tournaments that people will want to come and spend money in our city.

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8/06/2024 02:29 PM

We need to support the unhoused.

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8/06/2024 05:01 PM

Don't be so greedy

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 05:47 PM

Removal of bagtag program - Elgin county paying similar taxes and have a no fee 3 bag limit

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 10:13 PM

A bigger budget for snow removal, plows, sidewalk plows, salting and sanding.

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2024 01:49 AM

Stop BEING IRRESPONSIBLE! PUFF PIECE BS needs to stop !  
Clearly you're all out of touch with how much people are struggling financially! And don't even get me started on who's bright idea it is to have this much cluster█ with the road closures!Theres NO reason to have the road work sitting with NO progress for weeks on end!! Start a job get it DONE! █ poor time management! Entire neighbourhoods can get built yet Woodstock can't get small sections of road work completed in timely fashion??!! Start building budgets that SAVE money for once. Not waste money. You should all be ashamed of yourselves. Disgusting. Every decision you make should be how can this be cost effective, stay on budget, and NOT hike taxes!

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8/07/2024 04:10 PM

Mental Health Services need to be a priority

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 09:19 PM

Reduce spending downtown. Community will not use the space with the homelessness problem. Attending banks and seeing tent city. Not a place for children.

Screen Name Redacted

8/08/2024 09:49 PM

Increase the wages and the quality of Educators in childcare. This will support the growing Woodstock community and their families.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 09:04 AM

More transitional housing and affordable housing. The shelter system gets bottlenecked because there isn't enough transitional housing.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2024 10:28 AM

Stop charging for garbage tags.

Screen Name Redacted

8/16/2024 08:46 PM

Too many high salary staff sitting at council meetings rarely adding anything to reports. Waste of time and my money.

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2024 12:12 AM

Need more pools

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8/17/2024 09:58 AM

Mental health and drug issues are huge. More recreation and preventative programs to help are imperative.

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8/17/2024 05:59 PM

Get the loud cars with the high revving engines off the road

Screen Name Redacted

8/17/2024 06:16 PM

Treatment centres for addiction. Not safe injection sites.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 03:24 PM

Recreational services are severely lacking. Woodstock needs more proper aquatic (pool) amenities. The 'bike lanes' are too narrow and dangerous, and are always covered in gravel or sand. The parks are gross, with discarded needles and garbage.

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 03:38 PM

A better swimming pool

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 03:53 PM

Bring all towns and municipalities in Oxford County together to share the cost and maintenance of a world class recreation facility/complex

Screen Name Redacted

8/18/2024 07:59 PM

While I'm unsure of whether the current fight to get or maintain pools & splash pads, I'm following the debate issues closely, and am firmly in the camp of those FOR an improvement in facilities

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2024 08:02 AM

Spray and play!! Please don't get rid of it.

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2024 10:51 AM

I am for putting money into building a new swimming facility in Woodstock that would also include saving the wading pool spray and

play feature.

Screen Name Redacted

8/19/2024 09:08 PM

Provide seniors with snow removal for their property that does not cost an arm and a leg.

Screen Name Redacted

8/20/2024 08:33 PM

Seems like a major low income housing initiative is needed to really address the problem. The current measures are not adequate.

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8/21/2024 04:28 PM

Why is every 4 lane road being turned into 2 lanes and bike lanes. No bikes are ever on the road, unless it's a homeless druggies on a stolen bike towing a trailer full of stolen property. Who does construction on all the major road into town at once = a fool Come on we can do better. Give all the homeless a bus ticket to Toronto or, hear is a great idea, do something about it. The city is a dump.

Screen Name Redacted

8/22/2024 11:18 PM

Safe space for homeless and addiction services Keeping streets safe ( I shouldn't have to explain to my younger children because they are seeing someone shoot up on the street or someone actually pulling their pants down to use the bathroom)

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2024 05:36 PM

Police budget is too high

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 01:37 PM

Lower taxes

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8/28/2024 10:15 PM

Would like to see more waste receptacles along the streets.

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8/28/2024 10:59 PM

What to do for the homeless ?? Food and shelter.

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 07:18 AM

Get a handle on affordable housing and homeless, addiction and mental health. These are serious issues in this town and right now you're all talk with no real solutions

Screen Name Redacted

8/29/2024 02:12 PM

Reducing taxes. Keeping taxes at an affordable rate. Smart spending

Screen Name Redacted

No

8/29/2024 03:11 PM

Screen Name Redacted

8/30/2024 08:01 AM

Stop focusing on "Economic Development", taxes need to be put into secondary services for high density populations now--Woodstock is on par with Kitchener-Waterloo and London.

**Optional question** (84 response(s), 172 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



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

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6/13/2024 02:35 PM

Stop with the DEI !

Screen Name Redacted

6/14/2024 07:07 AM

I was only able to pick one of the above categories because after improving our parks and recreational space, the most important thing that the Oxfordcounty Council and Township Of Zorra should be thinking about is austerity. Why is that not an option above? There should be a category that is "maintaining or reducing the budget". I'm blown away that that option is not included in the survey. It goes to show the mentality of the staff that spend our money. The survey in itself seems extremely biased as conservation, reduction and spending constraint are not options that tax payers can choose.

Screen Name Redacted

6/15/2024 09:25 AM

Anything that can be done to make more affordable starter homes, if not, we're going to see a generation gap for people who can't afford to live in Oxford county.

Screen Name Redacted

6/18/2024 10:37 PM

More four way stops on county road 6

Screen Name Redacted

6/20/2024 04:26 PM

Keep affordable housing in areas where it makes sense. Please make smart decisions for our communities and spend our tax money in a way that benefits those who live there and value the quality of life that we know and love in these areas.

Screen Name Redacted

7/03/2024 05:57 PM

Safer downtown , need another set of lights at Stanley and Dundas people are not slowing down coming into town when kids are trying to cross to go to school

Screen Name Redacted

7/04/2024 08:30 PM

It seems each township is trying to build duplicate infastructure eg. municipial offices. Please consider eliminating one layer of government eg. one county structure , no townships. Politicians always seem to be against this citing closeness to their stakeholders.. but how many actively engage? We have a councillor for our ward who doesn't even live in the ward and none of my neighbours know who he is. County has no accountability to the ratepayers..

Screen Name Redacted

7/08/2024 07:49 AM

Eliminate spending on promoting special interest groups

Screen Name Redacted

7/09/2024 12:17 PM

Bigger emphasis on embro needs. Not sure how to include this. But what is going to be done at the schools for the over population of students. The septic tank backing up. The school board isn't concerned with our childrens education, what can the township do to help make lives for students a bit better

Screen Name Redacted

7/12/2024 10:09 PM

The Frisbee golf in thamesford was a great idea, hope to see it expanded soon. Please plan population density better, Middleton was a mistake. Rural Canada has space, we have ample opportunity for beautiful neighborhoods with green spaces & trees throughout. Keep greed in check we don't need or want to build on literally every available square inch. Speaking of trees, why aren't there more on township/County property? The new Thamesford fire hall looks so barren.

Screen Name Redacted

7/13/2024 07:18 AM

i think municipalities are trying to be all things to all people. Create an environment for affordable living and half the list (social / enviro/ safety) becomes less of a tax burden. My monthly mun. tax obligation is now higher then my mortgage payment.

Screen Name Redacted

7/15/2024 12:31 PM

No more capital expenditures. Zorra did not need a new township office or a county shed. These are all nice but was not a necessity

Screen Name Redacted

7/15/2024 07:59 PM

support of provincial High speed rail initiatives and also inter-community public transit.

Screen Name Redacted

7/16/2024 11:22 AM

Internet for rural communities. I see surrounding communities getting fiber optics but not in my area. (Road 62)

Screen Name Redacted

7/18/2024 08:52 AM

Affordable housing bid a joke to seniord Would be nice to have someone that is concerned about Affordable apartments thst dies mot cist close to \$2000 a month Can the fat cats running our srVICES live on \$900 month? 0

Screen Name Redacted

7/22/2024 06:50 AM

Less government. Stop trying to find more services to provide, that will increase the taxes. Taxes are too high.

Screen Name Redacted

7/22/2024 01:52 PM

It's time to bring in lower property taxes, your increases have gone to far.

Screen Name Redacted

7/22/2024 06:33 PM

Immediately stop DEI programs [REDACTED]. Drop all DEI from the Safe Communities. Why are you forcing Marxist ideologies that are destructive? Stop the net zero nonsense. There is no climate emergency. Do not purchase electric vehicles or buses. The 2024 tax increase is unacceptable. Reduce services.

Screen Name Redacted

7/23/2024 03:12 PM

Photo radar! And as mentioned an extra officer for Zorra township per shift.

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7/23/2024 05:10 PM

Merger with EZt

Screen Name Redacted

7/25/2024 11:09 AM

Put a lid on spending and STOP treating budgets like a bottomless pit. There is a limit as to how much residents can afford. Stop being leftists .

Screen Name Redacted

7/29/2024 09:43 AM

Only core services should be provided. Many of the above items are above the core items, and can drive taxes up and out of control.

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7/29/2024 08:01 PM

New subdivisions need landscaping. The owners should be made to landscape at least the front. In the new subdivision in Thames Springs people are not doing anything.

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7/30/2024 08:29 AM

Back yard chickens should be aloud

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7/30/2024 01:17 PM

Reduce wasteful spending.

Screen Name Redacted

7/30/2024 02:18 PM

Despite what I said above, I believe Zorra does a pretty good job of things. I have found myself disappointed though to see a) the number of gravel pits and the damage and traffic and dangerous driving causes by them, never mind the reclamation worries after all the profits have been made, and b) the spread of Thamesford out in any directions with no new parks or or things to sustain the community and the permission for construction companies to build homes so close together with next to no consideration for parking and such. I don't want Thamesford to become London. Whatever happened to

the affordable housing that was supposed to have been built in south Thamesford? Construction companies seem to find loopholes to avoid contractual agreements and that is disheartening.

Screen Name Redacted

8/06/2024 01:59 PM

Stop trying to make cities out of villages

Screen Name Redacted

8/07/2024 10:58 AM

We saw an almost 10% increase in our tax amount this year. This is totally unacceptable. When the economy slows, you need to reduce your spending, just like we had to. That will mean cutting your work force; that's reality. Get out of areas civil government should not be involved in. Get back to the basics.

Screen Name Redacted

8/13/2024 08:07 PM

Less government overreach on private property use, equals higher quality of life of taxpayers.

Screen Name Redacted

8/21/2024 10:58 AM

Add play areas to the neighborhoods.

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8/21/2024 06:32 PM

Road shoulder improvements for safer cycling. Traffic calming (speed and noise) specifically in Embro.

Screen Name Redacted

8/24/2024 08:31 PM

Spend wisely. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this survey.

Screen Name Redacted

8/25/2024 11:03 PM

Photo radar in speed zones 60 km and under. With the proceeds going to the township the ticket was given in

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 06:50 AM

Roundabouts and 4 way stops to make county rd 6 safe for all travellers.

Screen Name Redacted

8/26/2024 05:23 PM

I hope future planners will enlarge the distance between houses from where it is now. On multiple occasions, I have seen sparks from one neighbor's backyard fire land on another's rooftop. I know it wouldn't take much for the roof to burn. During times of drought, why hasn't there been more enforcement of the restriction on backyard fires? When did it become OK to permanently install above-ground pools in the subdivision? Also, the townhouses, along Middleton, do nothing for the aesthetics of the township.

Screen Name Redacted

8/27/2024 12:01 PM

More public schools all the schools are way over full

Screen Name Redacted

8/28/2024 10:59 PM

Housing density does equal affordability nor quality. Building high density neighborhoods in small communities without services will lead to long term social issues and reduces the overall quality of life fir all residents. Rural communities should be allowed to remain rural, and agricultural lands should be protected at all costs. Housing prices fluctuate, always have. But housing will no longer matter when there's no food.

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8/29/2024 04:35 PM

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8/29/2024 08:49 PM

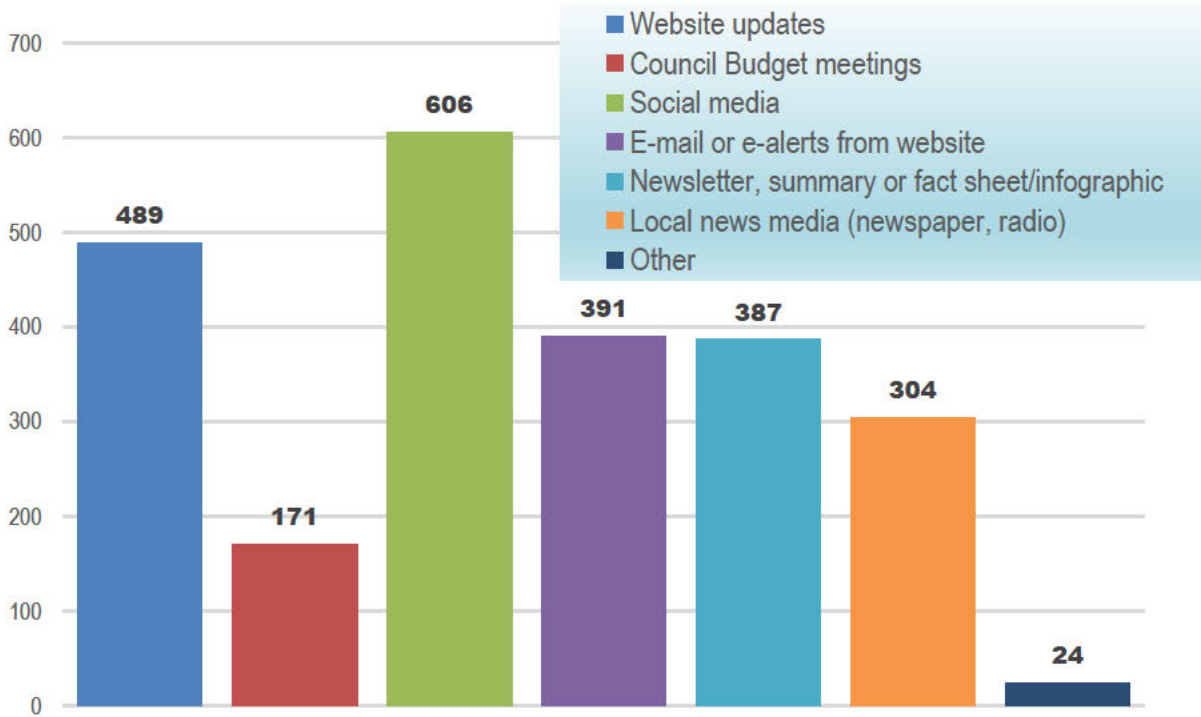
After the massive tax increases last please target a 0% increase for next year by reducing services! Stop mailing the Wasteline booklet.

**Optional question** (39 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 2025 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?

