

# Budget Survey 2, 2024-2027

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## SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

03 October 2023 - 19 October 2023

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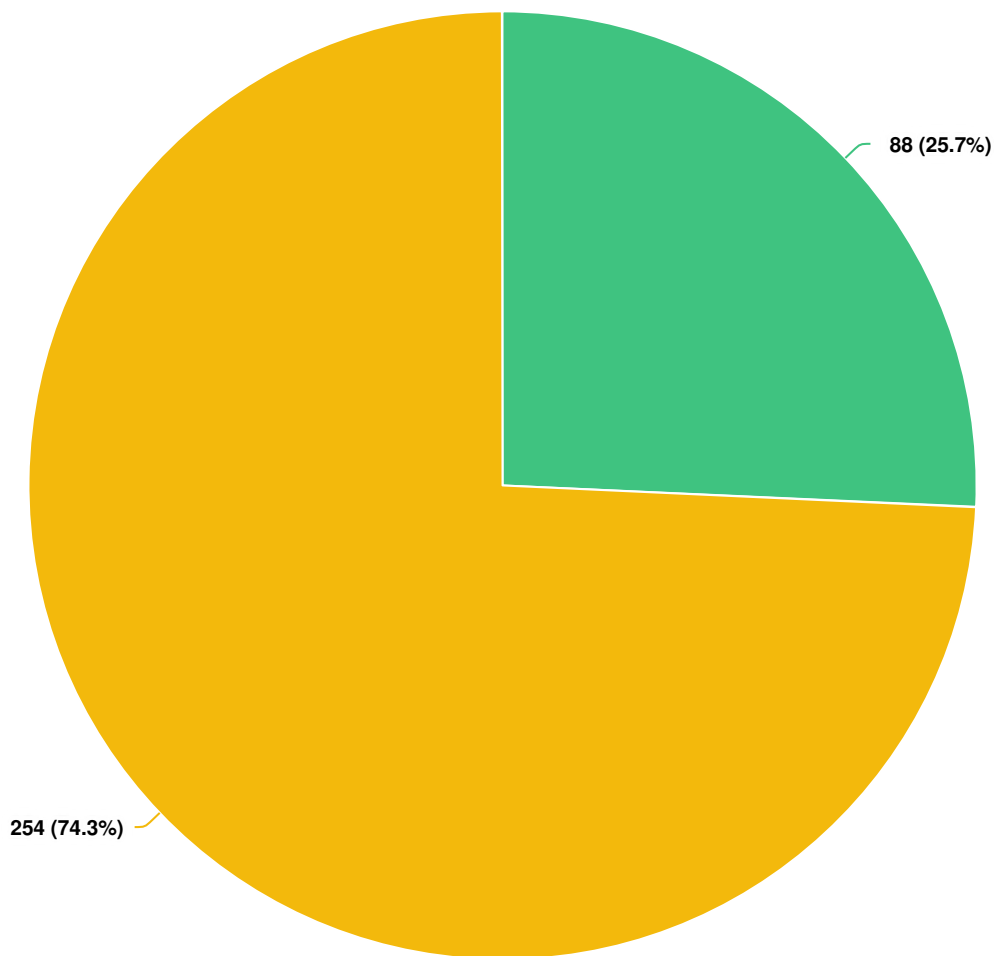
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# SURVEY QUESTIONS

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**Q1** The Municipality of Chatham-Kent continues to operate an emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness. To date there have been no willing community partners who are able to take on a project of this size. Despite the need, the Municipality has relied on reserve funding for its operation. This reserve funding will be exhausted by 2025 and without a new funding stream the shelter will close. Do you support an increase in municipal property taxes to fund the ongoing operation of the emergency shelter?



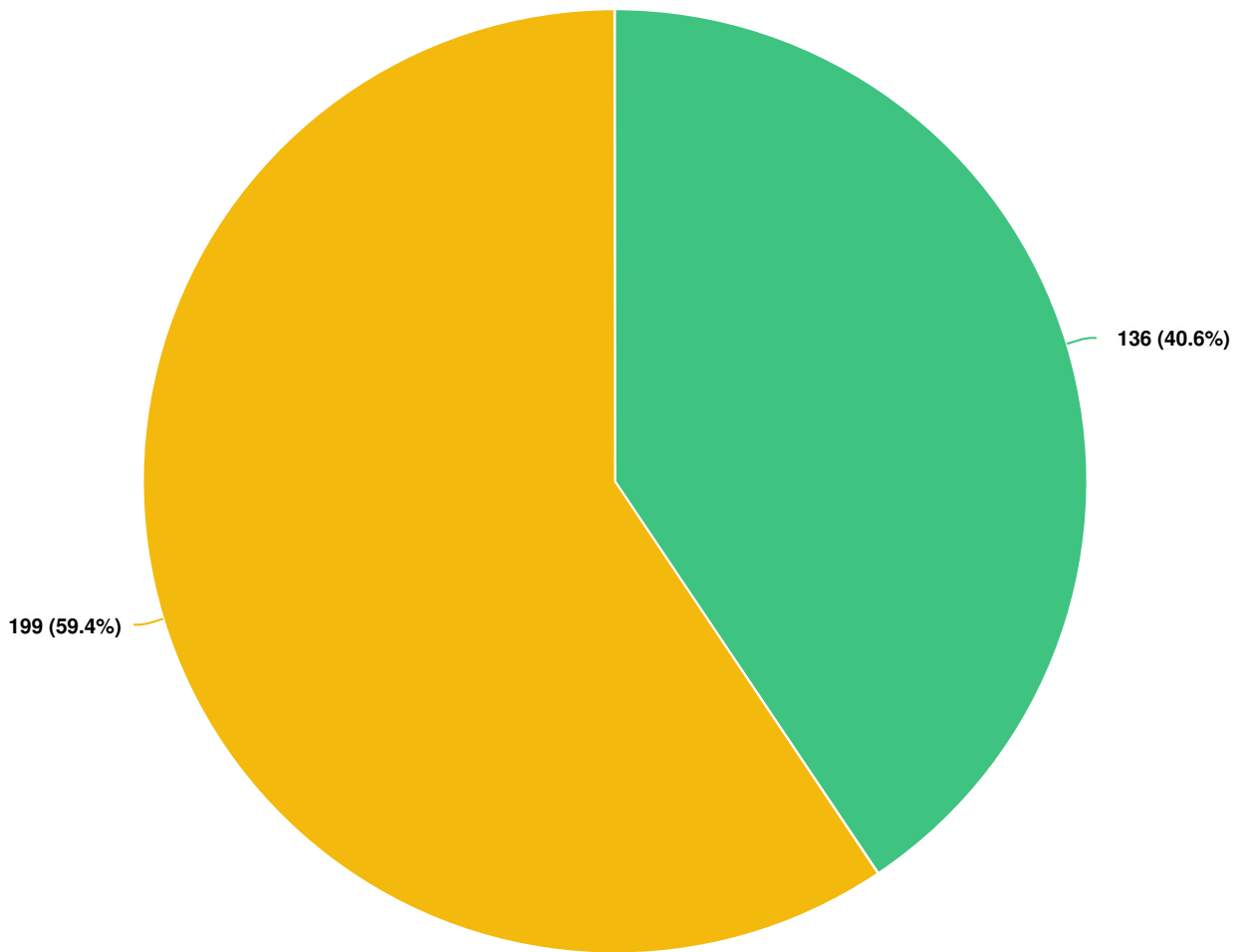
**Question options**

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- No

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**Q2** Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (335 response(s), 9 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q3 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 11:53 AM

I believe a permanent solution needs to be developed for this. The housing crisis and homelessness situation is not a short-term problem. This issue needs to be address for the health of the people involved as well as for the community. A permanent emergency shelter should be created and either operated by the municipality or by the public.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:09 PM

The real costs to the taxpayer is associated with homelessness and the underlying causes. A shelter is only part of a remedy, and either way, issues around homelessness needs to be budgeted for somewhere.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:29 PM

As in the City of Windsor model, it would be better to have a dedicated Non-Profit Organization directly under the control of the Municipality to provide affordable housing to various target groups (Chatham-Kent Community Housing Corporation). The idea would be to formally work as an organization with annual operating/capital budget to provide housing to various target groups. Since I worked in the Windsor region, I am aware about the capital/operational aspects of how the organization works and managed.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

If there were a viable way to operate the shelter, without it solely being Municipally funded I would support it, but the tax payers are already taxed exponentially higher than surrounding municipalities and some for less services. Support those who support you.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 01:54 PM

We need to support those that are looking for help.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:03 PM

Citizen who work hard, pay off educational debt, trying live a decent life do not have to pay taxes for those who dont make the effort to contribute to the economy. Working class is highly taxed and the rising inflation is not making it easy to continue a decent living.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:25 PM

Housing is important no matter what the cost. It should be made a top priority. There are many areas within the budget that are not as important. If taxes must be raised, then so be it, but there are other areas where cuts can be made to make up the cost. CK needs more affordable housing! Convert some old schools and other buildings.

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Something has to be done.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:25 PM

My tax dollars should be decreased. The municipality does not pay my mortgage or rent, personal accountability and responsibility need to be addressed.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:10 PM

You have done so little to retrofit the community utilities, with a prime example of the Wheatley water treatment plant. Now thousands of us have been on a boil water advisory for weeks, with an expected date of a resolution some time 12-18 months from now? Washing clothes, washing dishes, all with water that has a foul smell. All because the community of CK is led by a bunch of fools. No. I don't want taxes increased for a homeless shelter. You're running the community into the ground as it is. Do better. Shameful.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:28 PM

Everyone is struggling these days. We don't need to keep raising taxes

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:53 PM

I believe it is a little premature to commit a Municipal tax increase for this issue at this time. The Municipality should continue to pressure the upper levels of government for funding as well as searching out other funding options before committing local money.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

The crime increase surround all the homeless shelters the municipality has chosen over the past 3-4 years, exponentially. Around the Bradley Centre was disgusting, with police constantly there. The people they have shipped to Ridgetown Inn contribute to the spike in crimes there. And there's no increase in police manning these areas.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

Housing is a provincial issue not a municipal issue. Funding should come from the province.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:54 PM

If we continue to absorb this over head cost. How will you stop city line Toronto giving their homeless a one way ticket to a small community as our that has continue to flood our streets If in the future there less home owners to off set these required fundings

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

No tax increase, reduce expenses first.

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:07 PM

Our taxes are high enough for what we have. Do what other municipalities do, send them somewhere else. I know this is harsh but we can't afford higher taxes to house people who won't help themselves.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:12 PM

There are several community agencies that are govt funded who need to step up. They just deal with the compliant easy individuals and not the complex

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

Fund the emergency shelter. Find that funding somewhere else within existing budget.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

We pay more than enough now Learn how to spend our money

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

Options for cities are limited but doing nothing will only lead to more people sleeping in parks, getting desperate and turning to drugs. Were seeing the impact of decades of poor decisions by all governments. We can't fix this but we also cant wash our hands of it and need to be at the table doing our part.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:35 PM

Employers are searching for employees. Let's set up a program to get these folks a job.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

Emergency shelters don't solve the problem. Address the underlying problems and implement necessary changes so emergency shelters are no longer needed.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

In an empathetic society, it's always a good idea to help people who need help... it would be terribly cruel to turn our backs on these people...

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:09 PM

There should be money allocated for this...not a new building for workers...they have heat, hydro and water use it

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:42 PM

The emergency housing program in Chatham is a disaster and not a single dime of tax payer money should be spent to support the drug addicts and drug dealers, criminals who steal and have terrorized our community

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:54 PM

The government needs to revisit opening facilities such as St Thomas and the once Southwest Regional Center. Where patrons can be more closely monitored and assist them to be retrained to or assisted to be reintroduced back into society after kicking their habits. This facility here is not helping anything when drug houses and encampments are only a short walk in several directions.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:29 PM

I have to personally drive my son 29kms each way to school and back daily to get him to the French Immersion school in our district because we don't qualify for a bus. So either his education opportunities suffer or my van does in kms, gas and wear and tear. Nobody wants to assist with this issue of our future generations being denied the right to a french immersion education but they want to throw money at homelessness and drug shelters etc. It's ridiculous.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 11:01 PM

I support the shelter and housing for the homeless population but it isn't taxpayers responsibility. It is the federal and provincial gov that created this mess they need to provide the funding. Taxpayers are struggling to take care of their own basic needs.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:34 AM

Could we also try to fundraise maybe during community events such as crowfest, ribfest to help?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

Upper levels of govt should help fund as this a national problem.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:04 AM

People are struggling financially in CK. Homelessness is a huge problem. Landlords will pass this expense on to their tenants which will result in in more being homeless.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

I have worked at this shelter and have personally seen the positive and life-changing impact it has had on people's lives. The last time I worked there, someone came up to me, so excited they'd found housing through the program offered there. They truly need these supports to find housing. Besides that, though, there are many dangerous realities in Chatham that these people face daily when they are experiencing homelessness. The shelter offers them protection from this. It ensures there is food in their bellies and keeps them alive, offers access to showers, a safe place to sleep, protection from inclement weather, a place to be found to ensure their medications are taken, a close proximity to access clean syringes at



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the Wish Centre, on-site safe disposal containers, etc. These things not only impact their lives positively, but help our community. Not all homeless use substances or have mental health struggles, People in the community often forget that. There are families experiencing homelessness. There are the elderly, veterans, and single persons experiencing homelessness, many of whom have little or substantially less access to funding than others in our community simply because they do not qualify because of their age or marital status. They are there as a last resort. They've run out of options. They have no one to help them. Can you imagine your Grandpa living under a bridge in areas most people wouldn't walk at night, or even during the day? Just because someone isn't paying taxes now, doesn't mean they've never paid taxes, or that they will not in the future, if given the right supports to help them find housing and employment. How does one find and keep employment without access to the internet, attend an interview without access to clean laundry, a shower, a way to tell time, food to give them the energy to work a shift, the ability to sleep through the night and not be awake in fear for your safety, whether from dangerous people or from dying in the cold? I see this as we have one choice, to fund the shelter, or every time a person loses their fingers to the cold, we could not have said we did everything we could to prevent it. How do we tell a family they must sleep with their children in a car, or under a bridge? How do we prevent them from being separated simply because a parent lost a job? The situation with homelessness in a housing crisis can only change when we offer supports that change their lives. Ignoring the problem doesn't make it go away. These are real people, members of our community, and they need to matter!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

What would the increase to the individual tax payer? What would be the annual increase to taxes thereafter? Please provide metrics in your survey question in the future. Knowing what efforts cost help make decisions.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

For decades you have telling me you have been keeping our taxes high to pay down debt. If true you should have plenty of money available to keep programs such as this going without any more tax increases. Debt should be down substantially by now! That is assuming you have not been lying and or are financially incompetent.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

Get them a job and housing so more are not encouraged to work.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:30 AM

Not my responsibility to pay for this. I have enough on my plate trying to keep my family going.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:32 AM

The federal gov't. Is aiding this problem and should be approached to resolve and fund.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:36 AM

Not my job to pay for everyone else. Take a pay cut.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

Only if the people using the shelter are willing to move forward from either their addictions or unemployment or mental health issues or unhoused situation and get support for recovery in all these situations to become independent and productive citizens

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:04 AM

We are currently living month to month. I will never willingly encourage the municipality to take more more from my house hold.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

Take it from another revenue stream already budgeted...as in cut elsewhere to fund it.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

CK is not unique in this issue - it is true in every municipality across the land, no matter the size or demographics. Emergency funding from property taxes is / was at best a bandaid - time to stop that, otherwise you are just pushing more taxpayers to the edge & anger, while doing nothing to address the underlying issue.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:30 AM

It is hard to answer this question when we don't know the cost of the project (i.e. how much is it costing the city annually) and the impact on taxes to fund this (i.e. how much does that translate to homeowner's taxes?)

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:40 AM

The municipality should continue to apply for additional funding to cover these costs by other government agencies.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

Without this refuge being available the homeless population will create makeshift locations throughout the municipality creating unsightly, unhealthy living areas and increase the burden on emergency services to provide services to these encampments. I accept that no one wants a homeless shelter in their neighbourhood or community however the reality is, if this issue is not addressed on a going forward basis the issue will only get more expensive to address as it grows in size.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 11:46 AM

This is not new,the issue of no community partners willing to take on this project. When the Bradley Centre was closing down the shelter,they moved to the Travel lodge and wore out their welcome there. Various motels have housed some, the Super 8 conversion to CK temporary housing has proved to be unsuccessful as a launching point. The school on Murray, St. at great expense was reno'd into a shelter and now is reaching end of life. How much more in taxes are we going to pay for an issue that is escalating and apparently endless,unlike our pocketbooks.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:13 PM

Do you support an increase in municipal property taxes to fund the ongoing operation of the emergency shelter?.....This statement is so flawed and indicates a bias towards a budget increase. I do support the continuation of an emergency shelter. I DO NOT support an increase in taxes to allow it to happen. There are many places in the municipal budget where adjustments can be made to find financial room for "must do's" like the operation of an emergency shelter.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:51 PM

Perhaps they should try working, I did for 43 years and now you want to increase my property taxes to look after them, get serious. We have given those individuals a title and call them homeless, and yes they are, but why?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

We pay too much tax and receive zero services as is. I don't need to pay for anyone else problems. Already do enough of that with all the other tax I pay the government each year.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:30 PM

I do believe there should be investment in longer term housing solutions. I am not convinced that an emergency shelter should be a solution for a person experiencing homelessness long term. Further investments should be made to integrate these individuals back into the community. Could the municipality possibly purchase land/buildings for affordable housing?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:15 PM

As a community, we can't complain about the increasing visibility of homelessness without being committed to paying to help.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:22 PM

I understand this is a provincial jurisdiction, but in the absence of leadership on the issue from the provincial government, I feel it is incumbent upon Chatham-Kent to take leadership role and develop a

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comprehensive strategy as homelessness is projected to increase significantly in coming years.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:23 PM

If anything, the effort should be spent on the reason why these people are homeless in the first place, instead of throwing more money at the end problem.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:30 PM

I would have no problem having to increase my taxes, provided that the taxes would be used solely for that purpose and that purpose only ..... but I would also like to know what extent my taxes would have to increase before giving this the go ahead, as my wages aren't going up in the same instance.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 PM

Other levels of government needs to step up and help. Chatham taxes are always higher than other surrounding areas without this extra burden

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:08 PM

Free housing will not fix the problem. Stop handing out money...I would be happy to pay more for infrastructure work that has been neglected.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 12:18 AM

I do NOT support the funding for continuation of the shelter at 185 Murray Street, Chatham. Shelters do not meet the needs of their residents or the community. Indwell, an organization that provides affordable rental housing for formerly unhoused people reports a 92% retention rate after one year. Their success is based on an agreement that tenants make healthy choices, a provision for in-house addiction and mental health supports, the development of a strong sense of community and provision for tenants to have their own rooms. Shelters do not include these parameters as part of their design and the outcome has been disastrous for both the Tecumseh Park neighbourhood and the adjoining businesses downtown. A shelter is not a good fit for a residential area as demonstrated by a 53% increase in calls for service. (fire, ambulance, police) in the Tecumseh Park neighbourhood where the shelter arrived in June of 2022. Families and children also do not feel safe with multiple nearby encampments having developed as a result of the shelter, including an encampment on the Tecumseh Park bandshell and another encampment directly in front of the shelter at a house on Prince Street. A survey of 70 downtown merchants and shoppers revealed that 100 % of those interviewed believe that the daily challenges of homelessness, vandalism, theft and drug addiction have worsened with the shelter move from Hope Haven, downtown Chatham to the

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Tecumseh Park neighbourhood. Downtown Business people report not feeling safe, some keep their doors locked, others are worried about their bottom line, and others have moved or are considering moving from the downtown. Some cited specific concerns with greater numbers of transient people. According to home cameras and multiple eye witnesses in the TPN, shelter and encampment people travel to and from the downtown twenty four hours a day. I do NOT support an increase in taxes to support the continuation of the shelter at 185 Murray Street, Chatham.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 05:59 AM

The location of the emergency shelter needs to be moved. I would not support paying a single cent in taxation towards the emergency shelter where it is currently located. Emergency shelters should NEVER be located in a residential neighbourhood and should NEVER be located near a school.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 11:09 AM

as necessary as this shelter is for Chatham-Kent residents, it appears to be pulling in homeless from a much wider area. As you have stated, we can't afford this service without external funding.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 02:00 PM

A community church or organization needs to take on a project like this. Homelessness is an issue but increasing taxes is not the answer.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 04:19 PM

There is still a Downtown in Wheatley in shambles, need to help with ppl getting back into their homes and get movement going on the structure damaged buildings

Anonymous

10/07/2023 06:21 AM

I already pay over 6500.00 why? No sewers bad roads to drive to work on every day Chatham Kent should not have to support homeless. federals should bring in more people into country without affordable homes move them into tiny homes. Make permanent homes somewhere in Chatham on surplus lands and service them with police garbage and water.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

The devastation caused by homelessness is real. Whether it is caused by poor personal decisions or means beyond the control of the homeless, homelessness needs to be addressed. That being said, the municipality has tools in place to address the issue. Funds are available. A preferred scenario is to set up a system where those who are homeless can get themselves into some type of housing. This may require that people find employment of some type, or equip

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themselves to gain employment. Rather than throwing money into the abyss, let's use any more funding to help people get back on their feet again.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 12:57 PM

While I support a reasonable tax increase to fund this shelter the real solution is support from all levels of government.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 04:38 PM

We are seniors and our taxes are up to \$550. a month now, any more increases and we will be having to move out of our house.

Anonymous

10/09/2023 04:58 PM

If the city resident increase their taxes and the rural has no increase. Then Yes.

Anonymous

10/10/2023 08:27 PM

Perhaps we get some walk in clinics and care for young families rather than housing the junkies to terrorize neighborhoods. Taxes are high enough we don't need anymore drug addicts or

Anonymous

10/10/2023 08:29 PM

This facility is harming more than it's helping. The cost to tax payers is high enough when the people running it are making way too much money

Anonymous

10/10/2023 08:29 PM

Absolutely NOT

Anonymous

10/12/2023 01:39 PM

I understand there is a need for emergency shelters but there are alot of jobs that are open and available in the municipality.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 03:40 PM

A homeless shelter shouldn't be in a residential neighbourhood, directly behind a school.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:58 PM

We pay enough and get so little in Tilbury,

Anonymous

10/12/2023 05:43 PM

No tax money should go towards the shelter until it is removed from a residential neighbourhood. An emergency shelter does not belong in a residential neighbourhood.

Anonymous

I live on Stanley Avenue and I know firsthand how our neighbourhood

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10/12/2023 05:55 PM

change the minute they opened the homeless shelter on Murray Street. Crack fights on the street druggies sleeping on the lawn at the courthouse. Bikes being driven on the streets at night with no lights and they're wearing dark clothes makes driving extra cautious. If it's not locked up, you can consider it gone. I even lock my lawn chairs with cable ties. The Muslim Children's school is just a few feet away from the homeless shelter! When my family and friends come to visit, I'm embarrassed because what they see when they drive here. My one girlfriend calls this area sketchy. This homeless shelter should've never been opened up in this neighborhood. This homeless shelter has reduce the value of my property and reduced the opportunity of selling in this neighborhood. I do not support Any money going towards this Homeless shelter on Murray Street!

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:30 PM

The municipality has had years to address the issue of homelessness. How about building permanent housing that helps end the problem instead of temporary assistance. The temporary shelter is supposed to close or relocate by 2025.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:30 PM

The homeless shelter has brought drugs, theft, litter, tents in backyards to my neighborhood. 27 Princess St has had multiple tents set up in the back yard and the city has little power removing it!! There is a Muslim school just down the street!!! I see now that the school has put up a large fence to protect it from the homeless strays that walk up and down Murray St. Bike riders at night have no lights and wear dark clothing making it very difficult to drive around them! Crack fights are now common on the streets and often you will find a homeless person sleeping on the courthouse lawn on Stanley Av. In the summer the homeless sleep in the woods at the end of Stanley Ave. Fires are lit and stolen copper wire is burned to remove the plastic coating. The smoke is so toxic that windows in the house must be closed and the AC turned on!!! They not only diminish the value of my home with their presence but they even effect the quality of the air I breath!!!!

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:54 PM

The shelter has brought additional problems to an already troubled area ( 27 Princess) . Local residents had this forced on us and it costs us real money in property devaluation, theft, vandalism etc. We were told that the shelter was temporary until 2025. I would suggest the city owes us a tax rebate for what they stuck us with. Is the city capable of keeping its word? Show us

Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:13 PM

I do not support any homeless shelter that is located in a residential area!

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Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:27 PM

this shelter was forced on our neighbourhood,we didnt ask for it and our concerns were ignored.now we are expected to pay more for something we didnt want!!!!!!

Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:48 PM

The shelter was to close in 2025 , neighbours were told by municipal dignitaries at meetings held prior to its opening . We had no say in whether we wanted said shelter in our neighbourhood. We were told it was a done deal and to live with it . The shelter has inflicted much property damage, theft and expense to neighbours , especially those living closest to the shelter. It should close at the ending of the promised term and no monies forwarded to the further operation of it at its present location. To operate without consequence to others it should be moved to a non residential area. I'm not in favour of any proposal to perpetuate its operation in my neighbourhood. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:57 PM

No comment is necessary. The answer speaks for itself. Our taxes are too high already for the services we receive.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 09:42 PM

Yes within reason (not a 5% increase).

Anonymous

10/12/2023 10:08 PM

Get this out of a residential area. I alone called the police over 30 times this year.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 10:11 PM

The current emergency homeless shelter is located in a residential neighbourhood that has two daycares, a residential school and many young children. Since the shelter opening the children in our neighbourhood have been exposed to public incidents of domestic violence, people suffering addiction issues and having mental health brake downs. Often this has occurred as they are waiting to board their school buses, a great way to start their day of schooling to be sure.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:28 AM

Despite what Polly Smith will lead the public to beleive, this shelter, for the most part, does not help families. There are not families, down on their luck, going here and trying to get back on their feet. It is meth heads. It is. And it's in a residential neighbourhood. Check the stats from CKPS, I'm quite confident they'll tell the story of before and after the shelter. Society is going backwards. Similar to what we are seeing in schools (no accountability, no consequences), we are using tax



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dollars to fund this. Helping poor people, helping homeless people, helping those that want help, helping anyone who is disadvantaged, I am an advocate for. Meth heads using a shelter that is 100 yards away from a meth house? In a neighbourhood? Somebody make some logical decisions please. \*I understand not every single user of emergency shelter is an addict. But Polly Smith manipulates the situation with her words to make the public believe there are families staying here. Please stop letting her speak

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:42 AM

You've taxed us enough and you waste our money. Budget better

Anonymous

10/13/2023 10:05 AM

no budget money should be given to the shelter until it's moved to a non-residential area. Naturally, you may have your own comments as to why the shelter has got to go. You would rather spend Millions on a stupid tennis court even though we already have one in Chatham.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 12:30 PM

I live at the end of Murray Street, right across the street from the homeless shelter. I believe that there should be NO FUNDING until this shelter is moved to a "NON-RESIDENTIAL AREA". The Municipality did not even take into account what the shelter in the present location would do to the entire neighbourhood. No one takes care of all the garbage left by the homeless even though I suggested the shelter put out garbage containers that could be emptied on a weekly basis. There was supposed to be an increase of police patrol but it is very sporadic and lately almost non-existent unless someone calls from the Shelter. The Municipality brought these people into my neighbourhood but do not attempt to keep the area safe. Steel posts and a chain across the entrance to keep out trespassers but they must mean "us". What a waste of money. All I could think about is good luck on the huge snow plough getting in the parking lot this winter because the entrance is too small. Did anyone even think about this? I think not. They just were trying to keep out any cars that may need to use their parking space even though they only use about 1/3 of the parking lot. I could go on but you, the Municipality, never listened to any of my neighbours before and you probably won't now. Again I reiterate "I believe there should be NO FUNDING until this shelter is moved to a NON-RESIDENTIAL AREA!!!!"

Anonymous

10/13/2023 12:36 PM

NO BUDGET MONEY should be allocated to the shelter until the shelter is moved to a non residential area.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 12:42 PM

No increased money should be allocated to an emergency shelter that is in a residential neighbourhood.

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Anonymous

10/13/2023 12:58 PM

the Shelter does not belong in a residential area.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 04:26 PM

I am not against the idea of emergency housing as such, BUT this shelter needs to be moved out of a residential area where it is causing serious harm and until that time the municipality should definitely not be funding it.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:29 PM

Taxes are way too high now we don't need any higher

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:37 PM

My property taxes are obscene with little in the way of service from this city. It is embarrassing how money is being spent. The lies told about the shelter by the municipality to the residents are ridiculous. Be more responsible. That is not a solution that is working. The problem is not the people that can be in the shelter, it is the others who have not desire. Publish stats. How often is it at capacity? How many are turned away? A poor use of funds.

Anonymous

10/14/2023 11:27 PM

I think we should focus on finding a charity to take it over.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 11:06 AM

With the number of employees on site at Vic Park and in administration and the funds provided to Rock Mission as well as \$ spent on police , fire , ambulance social services etc I ask is my money well spent ? I see no results in improving the lot of those who chose to be homeless . This community continues to give hand outs but no hand up . Who are the winners here ... Polly Smith , Rob Myers and the gang . Perhaps Andrew Thiel and D Caniff ? It is not coincidence that the influx of your so called homeless began once these so called shelters began .

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

I do not support paying MORE taxes toward the homeless shelter unless it is moved away from a residential neighborhood. What you are asking is you want the people within the neighborhood to pay more taxes they cannot afford to support a homeless shelter in order that they may be subject to increased crime; break and enters; stolen property; manipulated cars for the selling of parts; numerous accounts of trespassing; increase of weapons in neighborhood; arson; aggressiveness toward people when homeless are asked to remove themselves from sleeping right on lawns; mentally ill people threatening harm; and lots of fear and worry of what may happen

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next. Let's shave the foolishness of comfort speeding zones and place that money toward more geared to income housing.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 01:14 PM

I answered yes but would still expect a full review of how and where money is spent. People need access to resources to help get them on their feet again.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 02:56 PM

No budget money should be given to the shelter until its moved to a non-residential area

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:52 AM

It's important to continue the work in finding a community partner. If one can not be found then it is the responsibility of the municipality to ensure our citizens are safe and that requires the shelter.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 12:06 PM

Although there are always emergencies, money would be better spent in developing housing situations that are of benefit. If the housing was an apartment, it would be beneficial to have at least one individual who is available to assist residents as required in such things as financial planning, looking for ways in which to make a dollar stretch farther and time management.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 01:18 PM

In my opinion, no budget money should be given to the shelter until it's moved to a NON-RESIDENTIAL area.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

A temporary shelter isn't going to fix the problem. We need a long term goal of rehabilitation, not just a bandaid

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:57 PM

No budget money should be given to the shelter until it's moved to a non-residential area. Since it's opening there are many things young children are seeing that should not be seen by them. As was stated it was a three year solution that would give the municipality time to make a plan to deal with this problem. Residential area is not the solution.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:04 PM

If no one in the community steps up to take this on, it's on all of us to take care of those experiencing homelessness.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

We have a personal and civic responsibility to support the homeless.

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Anonymous

10/16/2023 08:51 PM

I think the focus should be on how we can lower housing costs instead of costing home owners more or making it impossible for people to afford for a place to live.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 10:59 PM

No budget money should be given to the shelter until it's moved to a non-residential area. The location of the current shelter is temporary and I do not support a tax increase to be used to fund a homeless shelter

Anonymous

10/17/2023 11:29 AM

We bought a house near shelter ( real estate didn't tell us) A lot of issues to residents We We were robbed first week Many drugged addicted roaming thru night around On properties Not a good spot I understand lots of good homeless And lots of drug and mental health do have houses But there are many people around with issues This is creating possible dangers for your residents Nobody cares We have cameras and sleep in living room We are planning on moving and sellong

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:44 PM

The emergency homeless shelter was opened in 2022 without any prior consultation with the people who live in the Tecumseh Park Neighbourhood. It is for this reason that I do not want my tax dollars to support the operation of the present emergency shelter, but if there is a municipally run shelter, I want it moved to a non-residential area. Since the shelter opened, our residential neighbourhood has seen calls to police services increase. For example, during the 12 month period from June 1, 2022 (shelter opened) to May 31, 2023, calls to police increased by 281 calls or 54.4%, when compared to the 12 month period June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022, prior to the shelter being located in my neighbourhood. It should also be noted that encampments have increased as well in and around our neighbourhood and the shelter, not just on public lands but also on properties where known drug houses operate. If you have a chance, take a walk from the shelter a few steps down Princess St. N. to see the full extent of this encampment on our neighbourhood and the impact the municipally run shelter has had in keeping the numbers of these encampments from happening. I have many questions on the reporting regarding VPP aka the shelter, but here are a couple for consideration: If the shelter does not house families and children, why are these numbers listed under the services provided by the shelter? If 54% of the people using the shelter have had no previous stay in the emergency housing programs, does that mean that 46% are repeat stayers? If so, why? Is that a provincial average? Is that a measure of success in that it looks like the program/services/participants fail at an alarming rate?

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Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:45 PM

Our tax paying citizens in the residential area being adversely affected by the current situation need consideration. The shelter MUST BE MOVED out of a residential area and the homeless with their myriad of problems need appropriate support. The city MUST DEMAND through our local MPP that Provincial action be taken to adequately support the needs of the mentally ill, the drug addicted without further burden on the tax payers of Chatham Kent.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:59 PM

Taxes should not be raised and no budget money should be given for this endeavour. This can be up for consideration once the shelter has been moved out of a residential area and when there are appropriate in house supports and supervision for the clients. The emergency shelter should be shut down and the municipality needs to stop bringing individuals in from other cities without adequate supports.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 01:19 PM

A shelter in a residential area with no support system is totally unacceptable. Many feel this "residence" had little thought process and once embarked upon the council just washed their hands of the problems that it has caused. You had to know there were other options If Chatham is receiving people from outside the community . Send them back to their original home area. People with an original Chatham Kent base will then receive more care with the dollars we have. Indwell could teach council on how to do a good and caring job in this situation.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:43 PM

No new budget monies should be added unless the shelter is moved to a NON residential area. Ongoing crime in the neighbourhood has greatly increased since the shelter was moved into the neighbourhood. The neighbourhood was promised extra street lighting as well as extra policing but we have not seen any of of that. So no extra funding until the shelter is moved to an area that does not affect a residential neighbour hood.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

I believe we require an emergency shelter, however, there is a lot of land (Keil Drive) where a permanent location could be housed. There needs to be rehab and mental health services included in any/all housing for the homeless as the majority of them have either or both issues at the same time. We also require more affordable housing for displaced individual. There needs to be development of less expensive apartments for individuals on fixed incomes. Allowing all the new units with an average cost of f\$1700+ in rent per month is ridiculous. The average pension in CK is just over \$2,400 per month....do the math.

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Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:57 PM

I support a shelter where residents receive support from an anchored location, however, I think this present area, is not the best location in Chatham-Kent for all involved. Tucked away, it is, isolated and forgotten, as if left alone. Community groups, churches, residents of Chatham-Kent would be encouraged and reminded to serve ,if the shelter was on a main road like Grand Ave. or Keil Dr., mindful of lots of green space, with walkways all around Chatham. This then, might allow itself to be a more unifying place where all service groups, clubs, etc. could reach, participate and serve in a more concrete way how to support the work of the Shelter in Chatham Kent. This may be the first step in growing us all together into a positive, more caring, healthier community. Let's encourage all of us in our highest good, together. Isolation, isn't whats called for in that regard. Lets back up our tax dollars with careful considerations to all. Thanks for the good work the shelter has already begun. Thank you for your consideration,

Anonymous

10/17/2023 03:11 PM

We just moved here in March. Within two weeks our place got broken into. Nowhere I have lived had this problem. We live hear it and it has been nothing but problems since the start. It should be shut down. Stop advertising people to move here. It's worse than Detroit in terms of safety. Getting threats on the daily basis. It's lawless. Of course not all homeless people are a problem but this community isn't safe. We don't feel safe at all. We have been trying to move and are still trying since we been robbed in March. That leaves a great impression on new residents. Shut it down

Anonymous

10/17/2023 04:24 PM

I am supportive of this need but would like to see a corresponding reduction elsewhere vs funding the increase.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 04:51 PM

If an emergency shelter was NOT in a residential area I could see funds being used to help out.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 07:51 PM

This issue needs to be addressed at the provincial and federal levels. Municipalities cannot afford to tackle the problem alone. Drug abuse, mental illnesses and home unaffordability are not at the municipal level. Legislating the rights of squatters and ignoring the rights of law abiding citizens has to stop.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 09:14 PM

NO Budget money should be given to the shelter until it is moved to a non-residential area and until there are in-house supports for the clients". You may have your own comments as to why the shelter has

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got to go; so please feel free to include them.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 10:08 PM

If a shelter is in a residential area, with schools, preschool programs, etc. it puts all residents at risk - dealing with drug trade, theft, overdose deaths, use of weapons and increased violence. With any shelter, there must be in-house supports for the clients using that shelter. People with complex issues such as mental health and addiction, need supports for their mental health and addiction or we overload the emergency services and fail to support the neediest of these people.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 10:14 PM

Since the arrival of the emergency shelter, there has been an increase in the drug trade, theft, overdose deaths on our streets, use of weapons and increased violence. People are afraid to go downtown, our downtown has a terrible reputation. The City has not shown they are capable and committed to operating a shelter and being respectful of residents, and our commercial downtown businesses. Why is the feedback you hear always, the City won't do anything! How can a person feel comfortable funding this? 2025 is when the existing agreement ends with the City and business partners now owning this shelter building. 2025 is also the date funds run out, this shows me the City has no plans or ideas of their own. We will be right back where we were, no Taskforce in place, no City forethought except need to increase taxes. How can a person feel comfortable funding this? NO Budget money should be given to the shelter until it is moved to a non-residential area and until there are in-house supports for the clients". Citizens are not mentally equipped or safe to take care of these mental health and addiction issues that exist on our streets. The numerous daily calls tax our ambulance service, our police department, our hospitals, our doctors, our nurses adding to City expense and it does not break the cycle or solve issues. A facility is needed with in-house support. These initiatives could help your budget in the long term.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

I don't know why we are just hearing about this now.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 10:15 AM

Thank you for this opportunity. Such visible illness and disease is difficult. The outcomes painful. These people are the same as us. it is not a question of who they are, I think, rather it is a humble realization that if enough were taken or lost we would also find ourselves in this need. While a separation of ourselves from others can be reassuring, we do so at the expense of our humanity. I think the struggle is best left to a just humanity rather than just money or just opacity. These concerns have existed in Chatham, as everywhere, and we

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are accepting when we do not have to live with it. So to speak, as long as it is not visible. The problem is a human one, their suffering is ours, our children, our parents, our uncles and aunts, our neighbors. The esteemed members of city governance are equally susceptible to tragedy. They may be in this struggle now, and the visibility of that suffering offers an opportunity to ease where we can. Many things have been tried. This is a complex issue. I appreciate your efforts. All and only the best,

Anonymous

10/18/2023 11:27 AM

No more funding should be given until the emergency shelter is moved to a non residential area. As well, there should be no more funding until there are appropriate in house services for the individuals that they require.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 11:59 AM

No budget money should be given to the shelter until it is moved to a non-residential area and until there are in-house supports for the clients".

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:02 PM

The homeless shelter should not be in a residential neighbourhood and there should be supports and strict rules. AS well we should not provide assistance to people from other communities. They should return to their own community for assistance

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

There is enough Federal Government Grants to cover the homeless shelters. You also have to turn down free volunteer, because it is a paid position. Please reconsider the Volunteers. Current homeless population also is made up of many from other municipalities, I know this as the homeless tell us they were they been given a ticket from London or Toronto.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:23 PM

I don't want this in my neighborhood....! I am totally against it ...my neighborhood is looking like crap! Garbage all around ...burning wire between sunset to sunrise...burning garbage...by the time this establishment is closed our neighborhood is garbage...I take a vote we move the shelter in the Mayor's neighborhood...when I moved here 37 years ago it was an awesome area to live...everyone kept the yards up ...all I see now is people in their homes...Dealing with what the Council has voted in ! I am a tax paying citizen...and a home owner!! how be I Quit Paying my Taxes! This is a Shit Hole!

Anonymous

10/18/2023 08:12 PM

Ch taxes are already some of the highest in southern Ontario, only surpassed by northern communities



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Anonymous

10/18/2023 09:25 PM

No funding for an emergency shelter until it is moved to a non residential location.

Anonymous

10/19/2023 08:47 AM

We need a detailed, costed plan before we undertake such a large project. What supports from provincial and federal governments are available? No complete plan; no money.

Anonymous

10/19/2023 03:01 PM

Please know that I am speaking from an outside perspective, but am I not correct in that Hope Haven wanted the funding and to hold the shelter in the downtown core but business owners advocated for the shelter to be moved to the old school? I apologize if I misunderstood the situation but Hope Haven is well established in the community (more so than the emergency shelter that homeless individuals at time avoid)

Anonymous

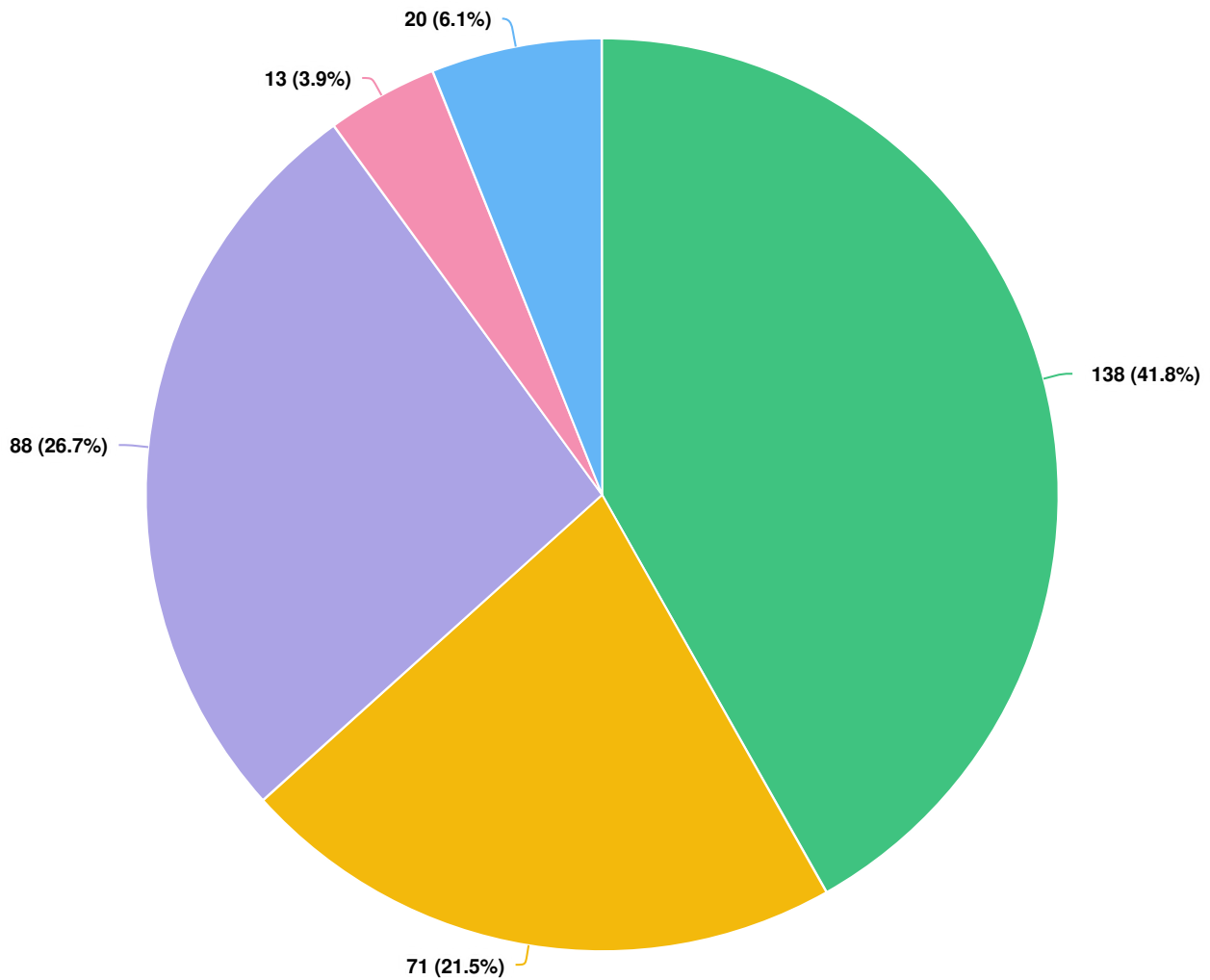
10/19/2023 07:46 PM

No budget money should be given to the shelter until it's moved to a non-residential area.

**Optional question** (135 response(s), 209 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q4 CK Recreation Services aims to offer high quality summer camp experiences at an affordable rate for families. The average rate for summer camps across Chatham-Kent is \$150 per week. As part of Chatham-Kent's commitment to support families, all municipally-provided summer camps have received significant funding through municipal tax dollars, with the remaining cost coming from the users of the programs. Would you support a shift in this cost share, with the users paying a larger percentage of the registration fee? Subsidy assistance would still be available for families in need. The goal is to offer high quality programs at an affordable price, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to participate. With this in mind, what percentage do you feel is the right balance between affordability for users and the ability to maintain high quality summer camp experiences?**



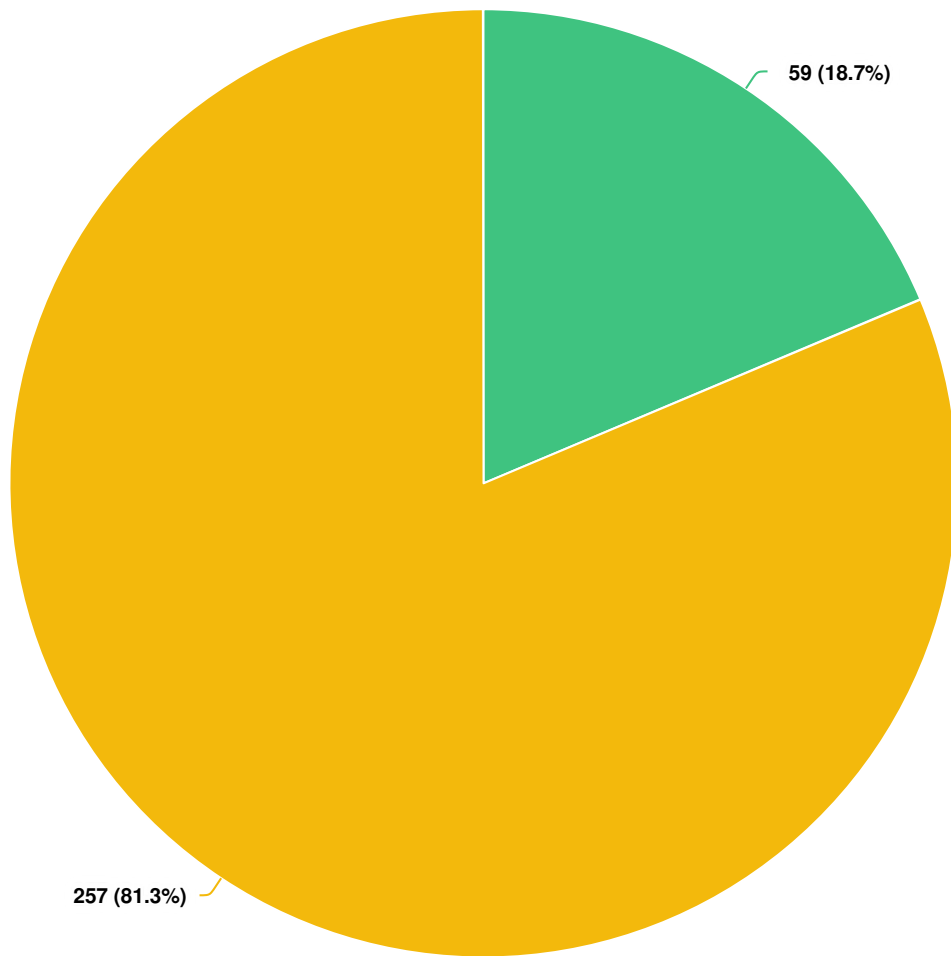
**Question options**

- 100% paid through user fees
- 75% paid through user fees 25% through taxes
- 50% paid through user fees 50% through taxes
- 25% paid through user fees 75% through taxes
- Other (please specify)

*Optional question (330 response(s), 14 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q5** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (316 response(s), 28 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q6 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:09 PM

If programs are popular and always and easily being filled, the fee should increase to reflect demand. This may allow funding to add programming in the future.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:29 PM

Even though I mentioned a percentage of the share from the users, it would be best if there is a cap amount associated with the camp. It is a great opportunity to attract people to come live in the community which makes the municipality grow. As from the topography of the region, there is great potential for Chatham-Kent to grow with vase land available for agriculture/industrial/residential/institutional growth.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Obtain a different option, such as grant availability for low income individuals. Instead of TAXING the public even more.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

There are community organizations which would provide support to the families.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:28 PM

Like when I was a kid. If you can't afford and pay to go you don't go.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

Subsidies are available for low income families. Child tax credits are substantial for low income families. If you can't afford \$150 for your child to attend camp, you probably can't afford to have children in the first place. Don't keep having kids and expecting everyone else to finance them so they don't miss out.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

Offer a number of spots that are funded by the user fees for those that may not be able to pay the full fee.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:54 PM

I would think for those who work and are in need of childcare Should be made a priority At full cost to them Then open it up on a equal availability for spots For those in need of subsidized however note As the government t has already clear provided lower income families with financial benefits It falls in the parents or household to have the burden to budget ahead With in respect to the need of their family

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

No tax money for this.

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

Again, tax increases should be kept to an absolute minimum. As a tax payer, I would expect council to look for productivity savings within the existing budget.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

Support or funding should come from community members either through fundraising or the various organizations that fall under the 'charity' umbrella.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:27 PM

If I don't have a child ever involved in this why should my taxes keep getting higher. Your pricing people out of the area! Summer camp is a privilege. And there are geared to income things for those in lower wage

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

We income test so many programs, why not income test this? I can afford to pay 100% but have no problem knowing a family with lesser means can get some support.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

See above

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

Lack of funds should not be a barrier for poor children to have enriching experiences...

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:09 PM

It should benefit everyone...some families cant both work full time with kids...work does not help family sickness days...how do u get daycare for two parents working midnights? You need a babysitter for the shift as well as time to sleep...think about that

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:29 PM

I've tried to use subsidy as our family income last year was basically nothing and yet it's a fight to get anything done. Each person I talk to gives me different answers and requires different things. The only people who have time to fight to get subsidy are the people who are sitting around doing nothing else with their day and then why should I pay for them to get more benefits when I can't even get it and qualify because I don't have the time to go back and forth arguing with each different person who touches my file.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:31 PM

I am never eligible for any subsidy programming due to income thresholds. I have always had to pay out of pocket for all my

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children's extracurriculars. While I believe children should have fair access to programming, their parents receive thousands of dollars a year in untaxed federal supplements. This money should be used to pay for their child's extra curricular activities, not my tax paying dollars.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 11:01 PM

The gov has increased child tax credit and there is also funding through different avenues. Taxpayers can't be responsible for footing the bill for everyone and everything. If members of the elected public and higher management of the city want to fund programs maybe they should take a cut in salary and use those funds towards activities. Look at the sunshine list.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:04 AM

People need to save throughout the year if they want to send their kids to camp. If a person skipped eating out even 1 time a week they could afford to pay full rate of camp. If it is that important for their child to attend camp parents will find or could find the money to cover the fees.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

User pay.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

If you use it. Pay for it. It is always Chatham and outsiders can't get access.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:30 AM

Again not my responsibility.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:36 AM

Not my job to pay for everyone else. Take a pay cut.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

Yes assuming the number of children bedding subsidy is 25 percent

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:04 AM

We are currently living month to month. I will never willingly encourage the municipality to take more more from my house hold.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

Put any savings towards the homeless shelter.

Anonymous

Sharing equally in the overall cost is a fair balance, the community

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10/05/2023 09:25 AM

has a vested interest in ensuring these camps are available, safe and engaging. For individual families of lesser means there are additional funding avenues through assistance programs - both private and public. The default should not be to completely subsidize all of it, that is unsustainable and unfair to competing demands on the property tax payer.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:30 AM

I believe that it is important to offer assistance to families in need, while maintaining choice for other families (i.e. there are other camps kids can be sent to, and some churches even offer free programming, I don't believe it is up to the city to be the main provider of summer recreation services and it would be better to reduce taxes).

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:40 AM

We need to continue to provide recreation programs at a reasonable price and to keep local people employed.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:56 AM

I think you need to revisit the answers to this with more information about the estimated cost for families based on each of the scenarios. Taxpayers without children in this situation would be better able to understand the tax implications of each scenario.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:04 AM

People that need the help can usually get it. We are teaching families and kids not to donate or give to charity, everything is a handout. That needs to stop.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 11:46 AM

I agree for families who need the subsidy with legitimate proof of income etc. I don't agree with an across the board fee when they have the financial means to send their children to camp.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:21 PM

users should bare the costs of these programs, there is plenty of other supports parents receive through other level of gov'ts

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

Ridiculous that other people should pay for your kids to do something. Pay for it yourself.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:30 PM

I do believe that families should have to pay a fee for their child to attend camp. I think a 50/50 split would be fair. Fees under \$100 for a week would be similar to most licensed childcare providers.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:30 PM

I would like to know what happened to all the Special Populations Fund Raising Monies that were collected via the Bowlathon prior to covid happening etc?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:08 PM

If you chose to raise children, other people shouldn't have to the bills.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

Keeping in mind that those in need are to receive subsidies, it is important to note that it is not the municipality's responsibility to raise children. This is the work of the parents. If you offer anyone something for nothing, they will likely take it. The same is true for summer camp. Let's spend our tax dollars on things that the municipality should be in charge of. Summer camps in not a municipal responsibility.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 12:57 PM

No change. Maintain current %. I find it deceptive that you choose not to share that as part of the question.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 04:38 PM

When I was young, my parents couldn't afford to send us to camp and we would just spend the summer with our friends playing in the neighborhood, also we worked in the fields to help out.

Anonymous

10/10/2023 02:52 PM

Recreational services funding should be paid via user fees, this will allow the municipality to monitor the amount of usage and make changes to services in real time.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:13 PM

I support programs that benefit the youth of CK and their families that contribute financially to CK.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 03:47 PM

Please advise what the current percentage is so we have can better answer the proposed possible percentage contribution by user/taxes.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:37 PM

Youth job opportunities should be a factor in the funding formula. Hiring enough staff is crucial. And making sure the kids working at the camp get breaks and lunch.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

I think those that are suffering financially should receive more funds toward things that matter such as food and help with heating costs and rent. The monies should be geared away from 'summer camp' to financial aid in helping to clothe and feed those families that are



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fighting to keep food in their fridges and a roof over their head. I don't think we can afford such luxuries anymore. What help is camp for a week, when the child doesn't have a proper home to go to once camp is completed.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:52 AM

It is hard to answer this question without knowing the current ratio. I am guessing the current rate is probably good enough to stay pat.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 12:06 PM

It must be perfectly clear that subsidies are available to those in need. How that need is determined should be available to those who request assistance.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

Still cheaper than any other form of daycare. Also shows a commitment from the parents. If it were completely funded there's no responsibility, and a spot could be taken that isn't used.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

What is the rate of subsidy currently. That should have been included in the information about the program.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 08:51 PM

There are too many abusers that take advantage of having low income in order to get all of the discounts and the families that make an average income with two working parents that barely scrape by are expected to pay full rates with no subsidy. Perhaps a tailored scale for those that have a tough time compared to those on all kinds of social assistance that abuse all aspects could be created to accommodate things.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:44 PM

Can't answer this survey question because you haven't told me what the municipal/user split is now.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:45 PM

Not enough information to give an informed opinion. Is \$150. Per week the cost of the camp or is that the amount after a subsidy has already been made? Perhaps a sliding scale could be implemented depending on the finances of the family with a further reduction for each additional child. My feeling would be 100% user fee but subsidy, as needed, up to 100%.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 01:19 PM

See above

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Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

People with children cannot afford \$150 per week per child!!!! I am a senior and believe that there should be a fair and equitable to all.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 03:11 PM

As long as there is 100% subsidies for people with low income then I support shifting the rest to more user fees

Anonymous

10/17/2023 04:24 PM

Clarity in the current funding arrangement would have helped better inform my answer

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

We have tried to support the program by supporting fees for students who can't afford it. Each year we are put on a waiting list. This program needs to be expanded

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

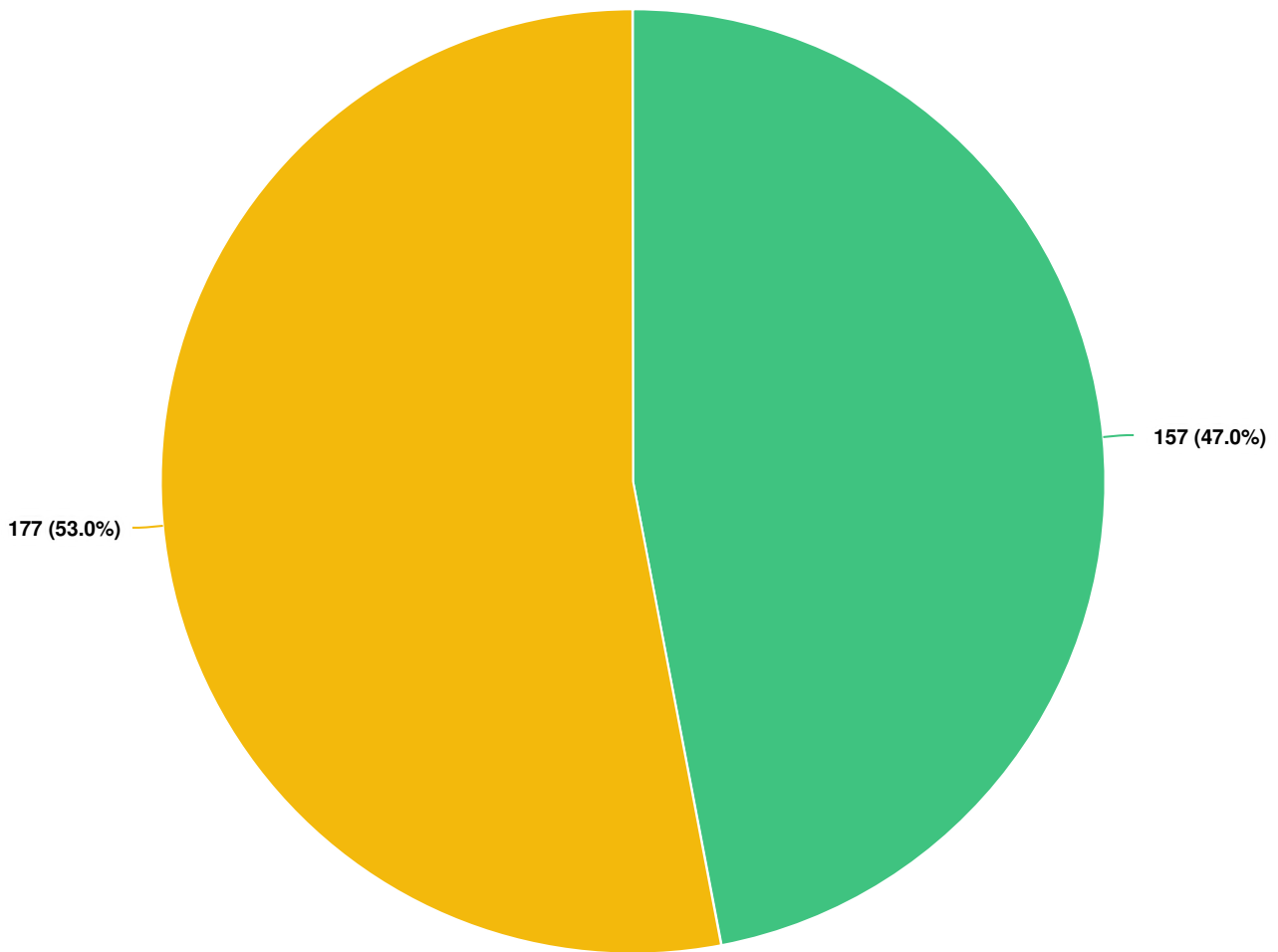
I believe that low income and working poor need these service and these child also may only have this opportunity to go to camp if the public help them .

**Optional question** (59 response(s), 285 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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**Q7 Public Health is funded through both municipal and provincial dollars. The province has guaranteed a 1.0% increase over the next 3 years. This increase will not cover the cost of the inflation and programs, and services may be impacted. Would you support an increase in municipal taxes to ensure programs and services remain at their current levels?**



**Question options**

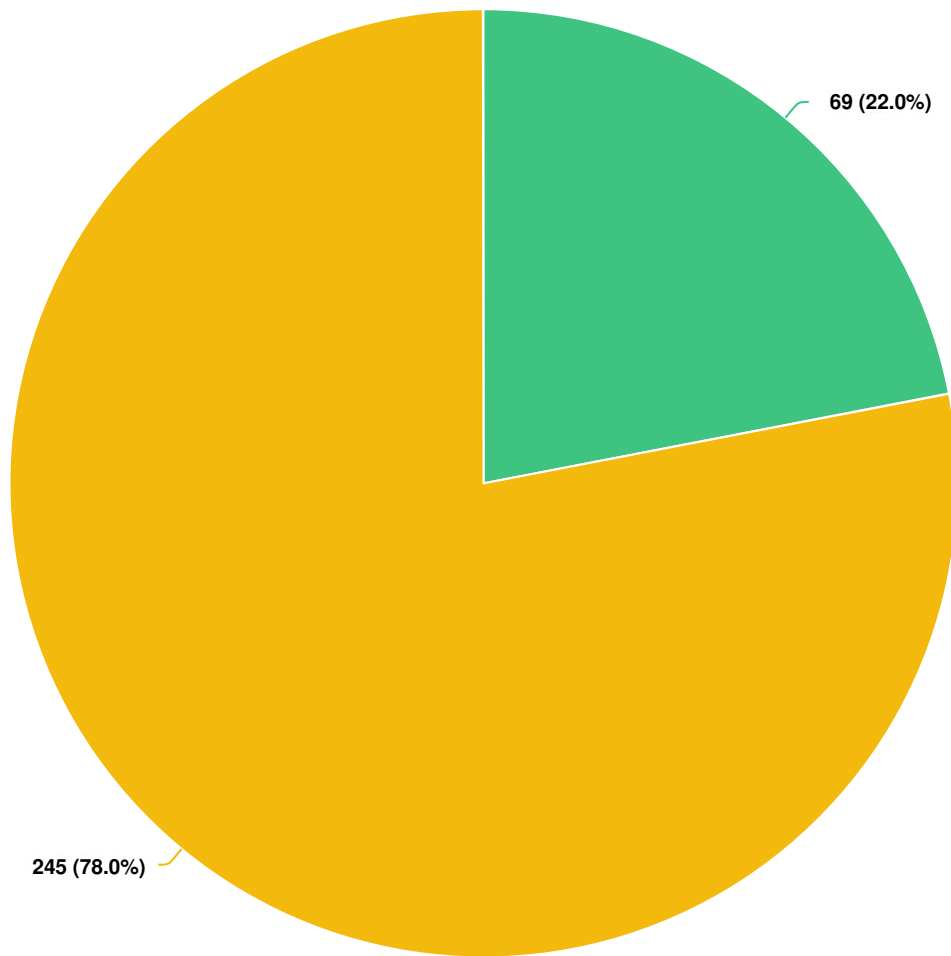
- Yes
- No

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*Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q8** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (314 response(s), 30 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q9** | Please leave your comment

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:09 PM

Chatham-Kent needs to maintain reasonable property taxes. Programs should be optimized within a similar increase to the budget as the Province.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 01:54 PM

Please continue to fund public health. It is very important.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:10 PM

WHAT have you done in the past to commit to maintaining public health? Go back to my comments about the ongoing issue with the Wheatley water treatment plant. Bare minimum to keep the plant maintained to, clearly, what should have been a satisfactory level of service should anything go wrong. Disgusting.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

Public health lost my trust during covid because municipal councillors decided to play CMO one day. Useless organization if council likes sticking their nose there.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

My family does not rely on Public Health for any of its programs. I disagree with my municipal taxes going up to support these programs.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:53 PM

I disagree to an automatic commitment to increase local taxes without some program/usage/benefits analysis being completed. The Provincial funding formula of 1% may change by next year but our tax increase would stay.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

I would support this if we as a community were given the opportunity to examine the scope of the role of Public Health and ensure that we were not the victims of downloading.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:54 PM

We can justify the need that our community has needs for those 65 and older who have less income then those on ODSP Dental for denture is something always that should be consider Or added expenses as eye glasses and exams

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

No tax increase reduce your expenses.

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:07 PM

Yes, but not any more. The Ontario Government gives the municipalities funding. Use that!

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:10 PM

If the government would increase the seniors amount of there pension then I might change my mind

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

Any incremental increases for health services need to be offset elsewhere within the existing budget. That is what responsible businesses/homeowners do.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:02 PM

The health care system is broken and as painful as it is it MUST be fixed we cannot keep throwing money at the system and having less medical aid. find the cracks and fix them before we have nothing but super rich health care workers and no medical care,

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

Go after the province to cover the cost, It's too easy for you to come after us You were hired and elected to be our voice Get busy

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

Work within the budget or lower management and raise hands-on staff. Too many chiefs.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

I can't support covering every download that the province is doing. I can however support active public awareness campaign that these cuts are happenign and that we are losing preventative services that will cost us more down the road because the province is washing their hands.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

Reassess programs and their effectiveness and participation. Eliminate ones with poor results or consolidate with others. Maybe there are some programs that overlap another. Other public health agencies have lotteries and don't rely solely on municipal and provincial funding.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

Good health care is one of the crown jewels of life in Ontario... it should be supported in as many ways as possible...

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:09 PM

We are getting hit with prices everywhere...so buy one apple or bag of chips...what works for a family

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:26 PM

Our taxes should not have to be increased to maintain our level of care. You need to trim the bureaucracy that is eating our money.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

Users should pay a fee at the time of use

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

I support an increase the same as provincial government at this point. A 1% increase from provincial government states they feel the program are worth keeping as it is far below the cost of inflation. Governments at all level need to agree on the programs to support and to support them properly. 1% increase tells the tale.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

For decades you have telling me you have been keeping our taxes high to pay down debt. If true you should have plenty of money available to keep programs such as this going without any more tax increases. Debt should be down substantially by now! That is assuming you have not been lying and or are financially incompetent.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

Public Health has lost all respect for anything along with council. Defund untrusted advice from public health.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:36 AM

Can't buy food, not my job to pay for everyone else. Take a pay cut.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

As long as it is for keeping people (children) up to date with mandatory vaccinations and making health situations better

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:04 AM

We are currently living month to month. I will never willingly encourage the municipality to take more more from my house hold.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

You need to first detail what existing programs are, their unique goals, current performance and longterm outlook before asking for an open ended blank cheque increase from property tax payers - that is a basic element of all legitimate funding requests in the private sector - and hopefully someday in the public sector too.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:30 AM

It depends on which services are impacted, and how.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:56 AM

It isn't possible to leave an educated answer to this. What is the cost to taxpayers if it remains the same? Answers with a estimated \$ amount and/or estimated % increase would make more sense.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

Following the roll out of the COVID response which saw Doctors who did not comply with governmental/oversight boards being banned from practice's, people losing their jobs over not receiving the vaccine, the ever changing information from "those" who know best about the effectiveness of the vaccine I personally have lost trust in our health care oversight by those in power. Most aspects of our health units are good and necessary however unless they are allowed to challenge those who provide funding to them, I see no reason to give them more funding so they can be apart of what we all just experienced.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:13 PM

I might support an increase if I or anyone knew what programs and services are and what level they were at. How can you ask the participants in this survey to provide comment without adequate background information?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:51 PM

My wife is in long term care and has been for over 2 years and I pay 100% of that cost.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 01:43 PM

As public health has changed its own definition and extended its own controls wildly, they need to be returned to previous levels and powers. Reducing funding is one way to accomplish this.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:21 PM

province should cover full funding.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

Once again being in a small town we don't get any services from your programs, so no I'd rather not pay more for Chatham to have maintain their services.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:30 PM

Investing in public health, especially in provinces like Ontario, is crucial because it forms the foundation of a healthy and productive society. By allocating funds to public health initiatives, you're essentially investing in preventive measures that can curb the spread of diseases, enhance overall well-being, and reduce the burden on the healthcare system. We have seen this with the COVID-19 pandemic and how crucial CK Public Health was needed. Increasing municipal tax dollars for public health ensures timely responses to



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emerging health threats, robust vaccination programs, and community-focused interventions. This, in turn, leads to a healthier population, decreased healthcare costs in the long run, and a more resilient society capable of handling unforeseen health challenges effectively. It's an investment in the well-being and future productivity of the community. CK Public Health is already working at minimal staffing levels and at maximum capacity. Further investments to cover inflationary pressures would be needed to remain status quo and not impact staffing levels & essential services.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:15 PM

The amount of resources wasted to provide clean needles to drug users, taints my entire view of public health. Show me a decrease in Hepatitis infections. No decrease? This program is a failure.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 PM

The provincial government continues to under fund health care. They need to step up and pay at least the amount of annual inflation instead of 1%

Anonymous

10/06/2023 12:18 AM

Public health has taken a back seat with the loss of walk-in clinics. Public health should be accessible for everyone.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 02:00 PM

If current taxes do not cover these services then programs or services need to be cut.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

Public Health is a massive employer. It is also a solely government funded employer. These two truths suggest that there is massive waste of government funds through Public Health. In times of financial difficulty, like what we are now experiencing, it is not a time to ask for more funds. It is time for Public Health to tighten the budget and even to possibly make some very tough decisions as to where to cut expenditures.

Anonymous

10/09/2023 02:47 PM

I do not benefit from healthcare in general. I have not had a family doctor for over 15 years.

Anonymous

10/10/2023 02:52 PM

If the Province has determined that only a 1% increase is sufficient we should cut what is required to maintain that amount of service and show how insufficient funding from Province creates issues.

Anonymous

Public health wastes money on free needles to drug addicts. As a tax

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10/12/2023 11:17 AM

payer I do not support this and don't want to pay for it

**Anonymous**

10/12/2023 05:55 PM

Public health is at a minimum already. If we don't put funding towards it, we're only going backwards.

**Anonymous**

10/12/2023 06:30 PM

police, fire departments and Health Care should be our first priority!

**Anonymous**

10/13/2023 09:42 AM

Cut bureaucracy and you'll save money. Our taxes are high enough

**Anonymous**

10/13/2023 10:05 AM

We have just had a significant tax increase. Sort your budget out correctly. Even though you will just do what you want to do. We are living right now in very hard times and you cannot keep raising tax's.

**Anonymous**

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

What public health coverage do we have now? Teleprompter doctors and young nurses with no experience that are left with the doctoring because all walk in clinics have now turned George Jetson. The hospital waiting times are impossible. No doctors in area - have been waiting 7 years for a doctor. If you are talking mailing out pamphlets and developing websites etc let's put that money toward getting more doctors in the area.

**Anonymous**

10/15/2023 01:14 PM

I would not support an increase unless there was a full review of services, how they are provided and managed.

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 06:52 AM

Public Health can continue to operate by finding areas to cut costs.

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 12:06 PM

Not enough is being done to address the Public Health issues. It is imperative that all levels of government as well as local delivery services do more together to sort out ways to provide the necessary programs and services.

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

I think our healthcare is one of the most important aspects of our community.

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

Existing programs should be reviewed to confirm continued relevance, benefits & value.

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Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

We can't keep raising taxes. A review of programs offered needs to take place and cuts made.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 08:51 PM

Public health programs are important especially for youth.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 10:59 PM

While I do support a tax increase to support PH, I do believe this should be limited amount and efficiencies within programs and service levels should be considered.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:45 PM

Only as a last resort. Our present PC provincial government NEEDS to address this issue and the mayors and our local MPP should be advocating on our behalf .

Anonymous

10/17/2023 01:19 PM

Once again the lack of information pertinent to making a good decision is missing . Thus a no answer is my only choice.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

We pay municipal, provincial, federal and sales taxes.....stop the insanity.People need to

Anonymous

10/17/2023 06:55 PM

The province should be paying more.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 07:51 PM

It's about time the province start to take responsibility for public health. No more downloading cost and responsibility. Not fair to Municipalities.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

What has happened to the 90/20% split that used to be the share paid by the province

Anonymous

10/18/2023 11:27 AM

There is a significant amount of money being spent on non essential services. Cutting out waste and becoming efficient would be the first step.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

The Hospital do fund raising and if I paying through taxes I'm not giving to Fund Raising!! As that double dipping.

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Anonymous

10/18/2023 08:12 PM

Reference answer above about taxation level in CK

Anonymous

10/19/2023 08:47 AM

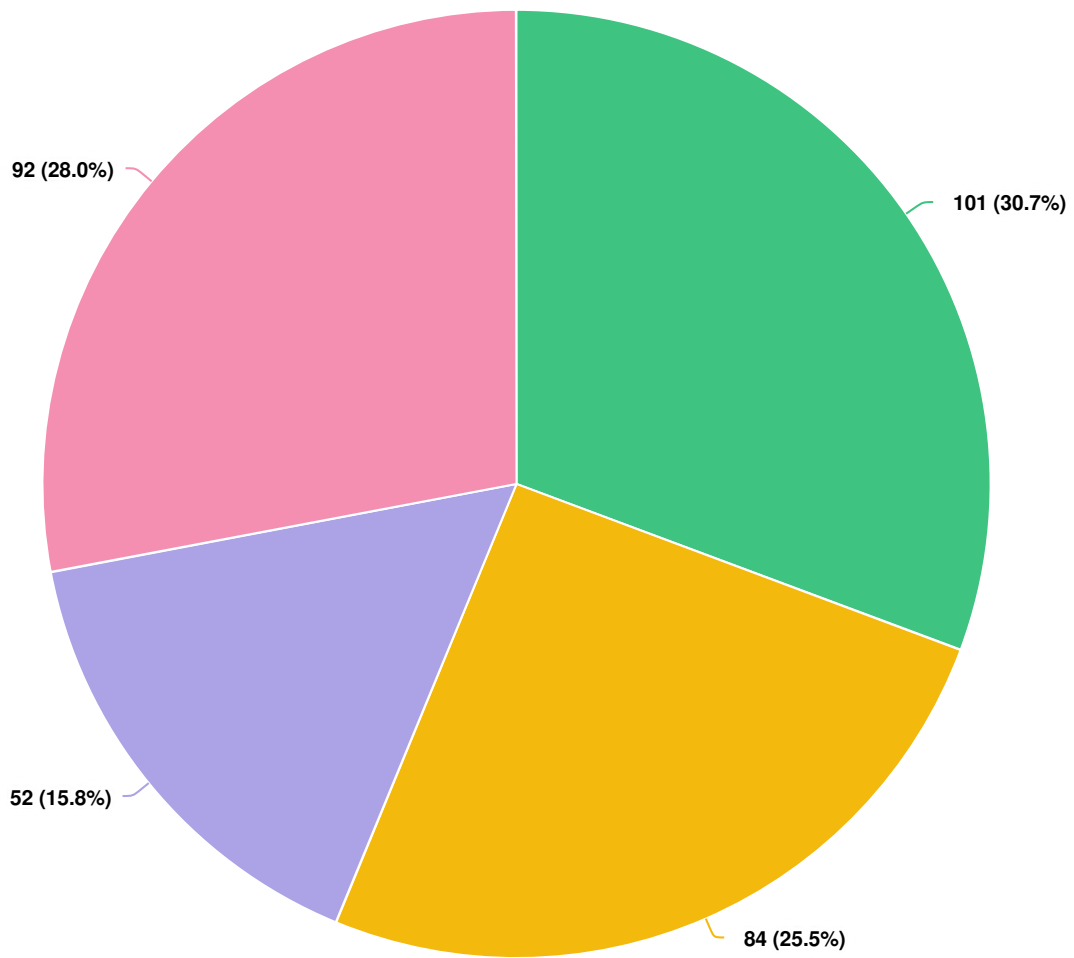
How much of a shortfall is it ? How much is the Hospital foundation able to commit? What existing revenues can be diverted to this need?

**Optional question** (68 response(s), 276 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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**Q10 | What service level goal should the Municipality of Chatham-Kent achieve for affordable rental housing?**



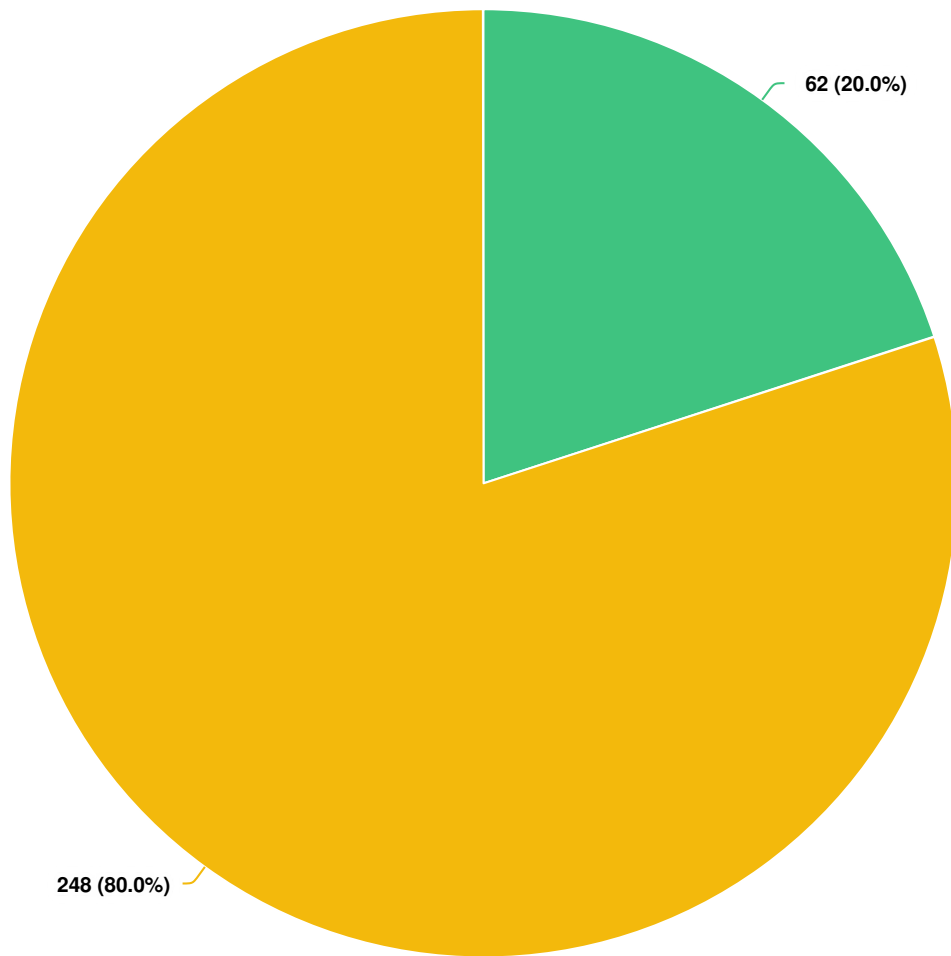
**Question options**

- Increase affordable housing options significantly
- Increase affordable housing options moderately
- Increase affordable housing options slightly
- Do not increase affordable housing options from current service

*Optional question (329 response(s), 15 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q11** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (310 response(s), 34 skipped)*  
*Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q12 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 11:51 AM

If we don't provide more affordable housing to lower income families, will we see an increase in homelessness in our community. Our wait list times are unacceptable and we need to provide support to those in need.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:09 PM

Slightly, moderately, and significantly are subjective and relative to the existing amount of affordable housing. New public housing should be cost neutral.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:29 PM

As I already mentioned above, community housing program should be a focus to resolve future demand and affordability.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:03 PM

Citizens graduated and new in the work force are paying 5 to 8 times more of the pre pandemic costs, and on the other hand wants to reduce homelessness. How contradictory can this be. How do we afford homes if the prices skyrocket. Please take immediate action on making homes more affordable. Our neighboring country is doing better with less land mass and more population and paying less taxes.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:25 PM

Number 1 priority in my mind. Take care of our residents. They need places to live. Then they can contribute back to the community instead of being homeless or stressing over where to live.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

I'm looking at all the pretty complexes announced in wallaceburg. Oh wait, there are none under construction.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:28 PM

People need to get off welfare and get a job. Lots out there

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

Do so in moderation, while dealing with all the empty buildings, the properties are are crime ridden, the properties that are unkempt. Don't let the subpar and issue filled properties rot and be forgotten while everyone is distracted by the new shiny things.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

The role of the Municipality should be to make the prospect of investing and building easier and by compressing timelines and planning for future communities.

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:54 PM

I think the municipal should be supporting more of a first time home homebuyer program based on today housing market For those who are paying outrageous rental to big out of town co operation Our community could build and provided families with more then subsidized We need also more feed to income for families working and promote getting off odsp

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

No taxes for this.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:02 PM

It is not the public's duty to provide housing, people must learn to manage their finances we can not bubble wrap everyone!!! It is important to be vigilant that unscrupulous people are not taking advantage of people in their needs but ultimately we are responsible for our own self. Many people who I hear complaining how expensive life is also sport very expensive tattoos and weird expensive lifestyles, Make your choice people. The only business that seem to thrive in chatham kent seems to be cannavis, vaping and tattoos along with fast food junk that makes everyone sick. Grow up people.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

Housing is impacting everyone in CK and the current costs are not sustainable. Leaving it to the private market wont change things. They're reporting housing starts are now lower then 2020. Invest in housing, finance it, own it and then we have assets for future generations.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

Implement affordable housing with conditions. Recipients are accepted with a plan in place to help them leave the affordable housing unit within a period of time, allowing others to journey through. Affordable housing should be partnered with progressing to a career. Interim schooling, apprenticeship, or similar should be incorporated into the program. Invest in the person. The community should wrap their arms around the person to help them to succeed. After completing affordable housing program, the recipient then mentors others and gives back.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

It's clear from the number of homeless people in town that a significant increase in affordable housing is needed...

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:42 PM

Increased costs to tax payers is not the solution to house the addicts



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Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:22 PM

I mean c'mon this one's a given.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:29 PM

The more affordable housing that is offered the more flooded chatham kent will become and next thing you know it'll be over populated and over crowded like Windsor-Essex is.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:31 PM

Social housing should have a requirement that you must demonstrate you have an ongoing need for lower rent, as well as an income threshold where you are no longer eligible to live in the apartment. I see people living in social housing units for several years (I personally know people who have lived in some units for 20 years) when their income has gone up drastically due to marriage, career change etc. Their rent is increased to "market rent" which is nothing close to what rental prices are elsewhere for say, a 3 bedroom unit. Some families are making a combined income on 75,000-100,000 or more a year, living in a social housing complex paying \$850/month for "market rent" and driving 2023 model year vehicles! They are essentially taking a unit away from someone who is living in your "emergency housing" that you also want us to fund! This is why I will not continue to support such programming.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:52 PM

Lets be smart and not charge people 20thousand before the shovel hits the dirt to build a house in the community, forbid out-of-town home builders and encourage LICENSED tradespeople to develop AFFORDABLE housing that is quality. Chatham needs better developers, noone thinks ahead.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:39 AM

Somehow cap the amount of Toronto buyers buying properties in Chatham-Kent purely for financial gain. Normal residences can't afford the Toronto rent they are trying to charge locally.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

Should be set at a certain percent of budget and kept there unless upper level govt increases their share of funding.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

Government should not be involved in renting or other non infrastructure investments

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

People are suffering, with no place to go. This is causing trauma to people in our community and compounding the social issues in our

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city. There's no where to rent and people are choosing between food and housing.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

Please explain what you mean what these increases will actually support. What does the municipality need the additional funding for? Cannot support additional spending without adequate information.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

I do not believe we, as taxpayers, get good value for our money from the taxes we pay you now. I don't believe giving you more money to handle poorly is a wise decision.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

Council chose to spend foolishly. There is money to spend to fix housing. Make it a priority then budget the remainder. Get the province to stop forcing the pay scales for staff.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:36 AM

Not my job to pay for everyone else. Take a pay cut.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

It should be a partnership with municipalities government and people who need these units (monetarily)

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

See comment above.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:30 AM

I would need more information to meaningfully comment on this.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:30 AM

Stop allowing companies like Sky Line to buy all the apartment and make the so that no one can afford the HIGH RENT even working people and seniors can't afford the HIGH RENT

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:40 AM

Builders in Chatham-Kent should be paying their fair share and supplying more affordable homes for both ownership and rentals.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

Until our various levels of government quit making not working a viable, and in some case lucrative position in our society, persons on second, third and so on and so on generations of social assistance will continue to live off government provided social assistance programs.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:04 AM

We are putting s much into new development where older places should be refurbished and used

Anonymous

10/05/2023 11:46 AM

I don't believe this an attainable goal. It's not financially lucrative for builders with the rising cost of labour,materials and paperwork involved.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 01:43 PM

Reducing housing costs is a long term project that will require more careful and less overbearing regulations that are a large part of a housing shortage, which in turn leads to rising costs. If the federal government continues to bring in large numbers of needy immigrants, then they need to cover the costs of their housing, and not put it at a local level.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

Put all this affordable housing in Chatham where the town is already garbage. Don't put any in other towns. We don't need the people that come with them. You the municipality shouldn't be involved in using our money to make affordable housing.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:23 PM

There needs to be more affordable and architecturally pleasing mini or starter homes for younger working families and and individuals. Look at European examples of smaller, modest homes, with plenty of character and a neighborhood look

Anonymous

10/06/2023 12:18 AM

What is the current service for affordable rental housing? What are the municipal plans to increase affordable housing options from the current service?

Anonymous

10/06/2023 04:45 PM

Don't make it too easy. They can get out and work also, as a single mom I went to work. I didn't get help of any kind. Maybe cap the rent increases, you will help more people.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

Without repeating the comments on homelessness above, the municipality should not endeavor to increase funding for it, or affordable housing. Affordable housing is a great pit that has an endless appetite for funds. Let the municipality be reminded that the money it receives is not its own. It is tax money, earned by the many taxpayers!

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Anonymous

10/07/2023 12:57 PM

Affordable housing is a noble goal but the municipality lacks the power necessary to make any real impact in this area. Efforts would be better served in lobbying the Provincial and Federal governments for support.

Anonymous

10/10/2023 02:52 PM

No one ever provided affordable housing for the vast majority of residences in Chatham-Kent

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:30 PM

The homeless cant afford it now, what happens if you increase it??

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:54 PM

While I support more affordable housing it is incumbent upon the city to make sure the providers are reputable. Lets not empower Marlowe

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:28 AM

In a perfect world, of course we would fix the affordable housing issue. The problem is the issue itself is super complex and not one that can just be "fixed". Specifically, we cannot just dump money at the problem. I have wondered about the future of housing, and will there be more projects that are "mini" homes. Like ones that are the shell of a shipping container. Small apartments that don't take up much space and can fit many. Would be more affordable and they are nice. Again,, this is forward thinking and would require someone from the city to do some research and do something out of the ordinary, and use our tax dollars in a unique way. So, a pipedream.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:42 AM

I would like to see a plan of exactly how the municipality would be able to increase affordable housing? Exactly how much control over this situation do they figure they have?

Anonymous

10/13/2023 10:05 AM

Chatham is well-priced compared to the rest of Ontario. Bring in more infrastructure jobs, retail stores, etc. We shouldn't have to drive an hour to London/Windsor or Sarnia just to get kid's clothing.

Anonymous

10/14/2023 11:58 PM

We cannot continue to support all these folks rents thru property taxes

Anonymous

10/15/2023 01:14 PM

I don't have enough information to answer this. What are the options currently?

Anonymous

The demand for affordable housing is only going to go up. We need

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10/16/2023 06:52 AM

to stay on top of this.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

I don't think raising our taxes is the answer to this issue. There are rising costs, and the government restricts increases as well as subsidized rentals.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

Difficult to answer Q9 without an understanding of the current situation.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:44 PM

Increase affordable housing, but do not be owners of these properties. Also, the solution should not increase our property taxes.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 01:19 PM

What is the level of support now. How is it decided. By a percentage of an income level and if so what is the percentage?

Anonymous

10/17/2023 06:55 PM

Affordable housing is a necessity!

Anonymous

10/17/2023 07:51 PM

Increasing funded housing is the only answer to the housing issue under current circumstances. Lower incomes cannot support a mortgage or the rents demanded by property values.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

A three year waiting period for affordable housing is unacceptable

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

Making Housing affordable cut down on homelessness, especial the older population.

Anonymous

10/19/2023 08:47 AM

What is the complete scale and system of housing services in CK? What gaps to that exist? What agencies in the community are providing services ? How can they be co-ordinated to be most effective.

Anonymous

10/19/2023 03:01 PM

Asking this question after the previous question of struggling to maintain an emergency homeless shelter is an oxymoron. What other option do you see that's realistic over a long period of time besides significantly increasing affordable housing options? Are some of these questions satirical?

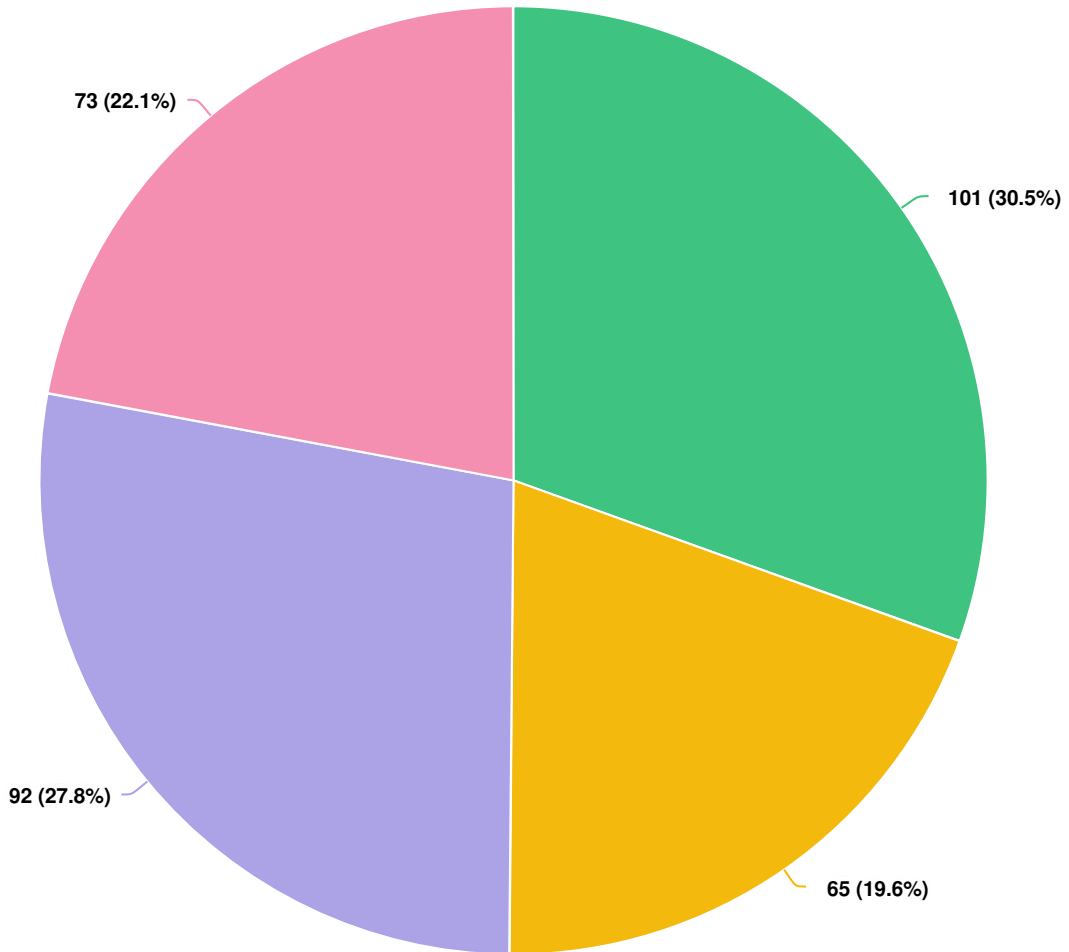
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**Optional question** (62 response(s), 282 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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**Q13 | How important is affordable rental housing to you and for the Chatham-Kent community?**



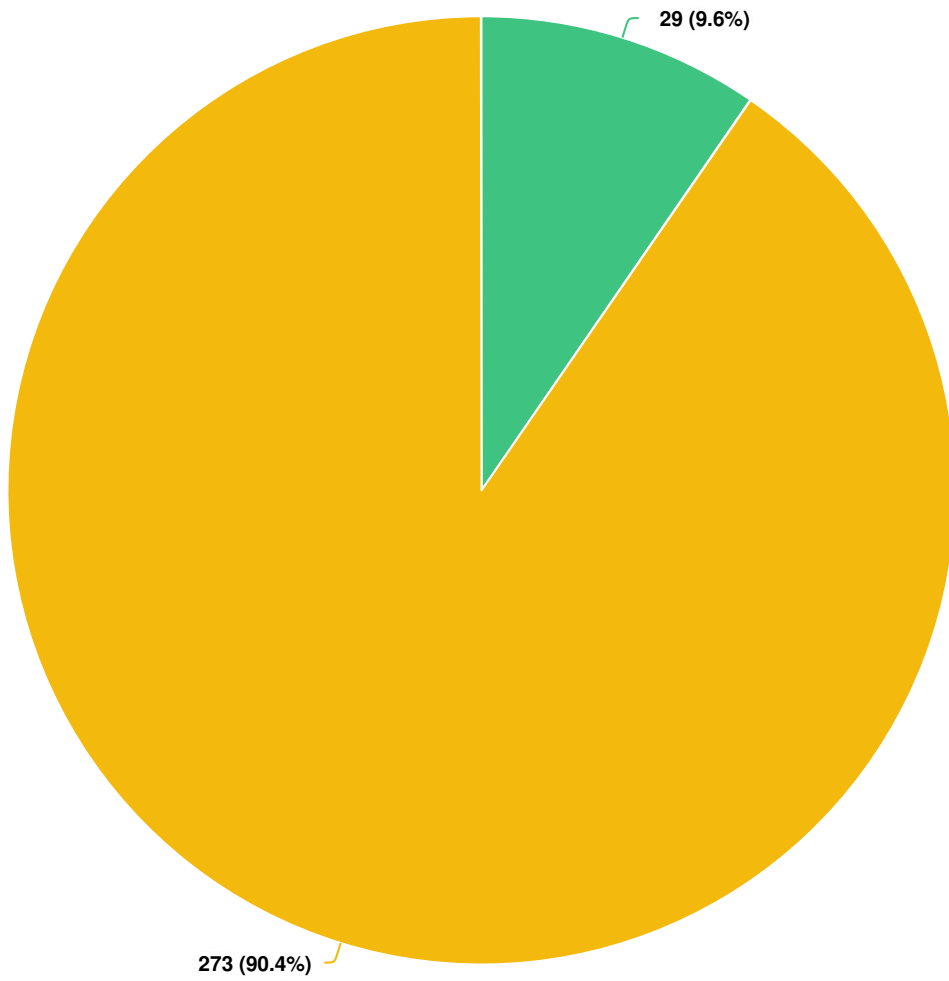
**Question options**

- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

*Optional question (331 response(s), 13 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q14** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (302 response(s), 42 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*



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**Q15 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

It is important, but giving people "cheaper" housing seems like the last case scenario. We need to be proactive as opposed to reactive and help with money management, job obtainment, etc.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:03 PM

Please learn from the other world economies who are doing better.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:25 PM

As above. Number 1 priority in CK and all over Canada!

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

Chatham-Kent is a vastly rural area with pockets of urbanization. We have industry but we have not seen great success in drawing high-tech to our community. We now have high speed fibre internet to many corners of Chatham-Kent. With remote work as a reality, we could draw companies away from the larger centres to a community that is a bit less hurried.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:54 PM

We've seen people move back to our community since covid. And the rent had tripled. The cheapest for a dump is currently starting at \$1500 plus. Families who are not educated or work for minimum wage. Have to choose roof over their family head or food. Never mind the add on. Utilities are charging more for distribution than even being used in a household.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:07 PM

Rent control needs to be brought back. Greedy landlords must be stopped. People need to be able to afford housing. Landlords living in other cities need to have their greed ended.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

At this time, I don't need to rent however others in the community are not in the same spot as I am. It is important for the Municipality to have affordable housing but the Municipality is not a welfare provider. Recipients of affordable housing should be working towards bettering themselves to transition out of affordable housing units.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:54 PM

Due to increases in cost of living lower income no wonder there is homelessness. People cannot afford to sustain a reasonable standard of living based on the significant increase in cost.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

All citizens deserve a decent roof over their head. Many will never be able to purchase a home.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

Affordable housing for all important but at what cost? How will the increases in taxation make life unaffordable for the one currently barely making ends meet today?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:36 AM

Not my job to pay for everyone. Take a pay cut.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

It is no more important than my concern for low and middle income home owners and rental residents of this community. Nor should it be more important than housing concerns of the elderly, newly arrived filks moving to the community nor those who are ok but continue to be inundated by all 3 levels of gov't as well as the charitable sector for an ever increasing demands on their steadily depleted and "so called" disposable income.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

Persons who are working at a lower paying job, the key here is "working" need to have access to reasonable rental prices. Someone trying to get ahead should not be penalized by government social programs just because they have some income from working coming in therefore they are no longer eligible for any assistance. We need to have programs which encourage people on social assistance to find any work available and move them towards a self sustainable income and a road to independence from government.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

Once again, packing a bunch of shitty homes in places is not important.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:30 PM

If we had lower income housing in our community at large, then our homeless budget would be greatly decreased with less people finding themselves living on the streets

Anonymous

10/06/2023 02:00 PM

Sometimes life is challenging. Sacrifices need to be made like sharing a residence with multiple families. This is how people survived for 100's of years. I don't believe everyone should be getting handouts. People helping people is what community is about.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 02:52 PM

After working all my life for a good Retirement Income Pension, I now find myself in a position where, if I have to move, I won't be able to

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afford the rent amounts that they are allowed to charge for a house or apartment. So, where does that leave me? On the street with all the rest that also cannot afford the rents that they are asking now? I realize that there are places that are "geared to income", but that forces me to possibly live in an area that normally I would choose not to!

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:30 PM

I live a few blocks from a homeless shelter. I see first hand how these people need a permanent home to live.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:48 PM

I'm shocked at how many unaffordable homes are being built in and around Chatham when so many want to get out of apartment living due to high rents. Can we not build homes for people who want to have their own home to be proud of and afford?

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:29 PM

Rental should be private investment

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

There needs to be some motivation for people to try harder. Everything handed to you doesn't make you work and strive harder- it encourages laziness. The people who are middle income workers who actually work and make an effort to pay their bills, be responsible are paying a penalty raising taxes for those who sit back, do nothing and reap the benefits.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:04 PM

This doesn't directly affect me but I realize that many people need affordable housing and if there's something I can do - even if it's by paying a few more dollars on my taxes - I'm happy to do it. I don't know how else to help so if increasing my taxes will help someone, let's do it.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 08:51 PM

Housing in general needs to be looked at and thresholds place on how high our houses should be priced at within the municipality.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 10:44 AM

I don't rent a home but it's important for those who do.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

It is imperative that this is no. 1 priority! Whoever allowed all the apartments to be built at such high rents is rather dumb!

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Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

The same as the above!!!

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:23 PM

PEOPLE NEED A PLACE TO LIVE...less immigrants... They can pack 6 people in an apartment...2 bedroom..yet Canadians are only allowed 2?

Anonymous

10/19/2023 03:01 PM

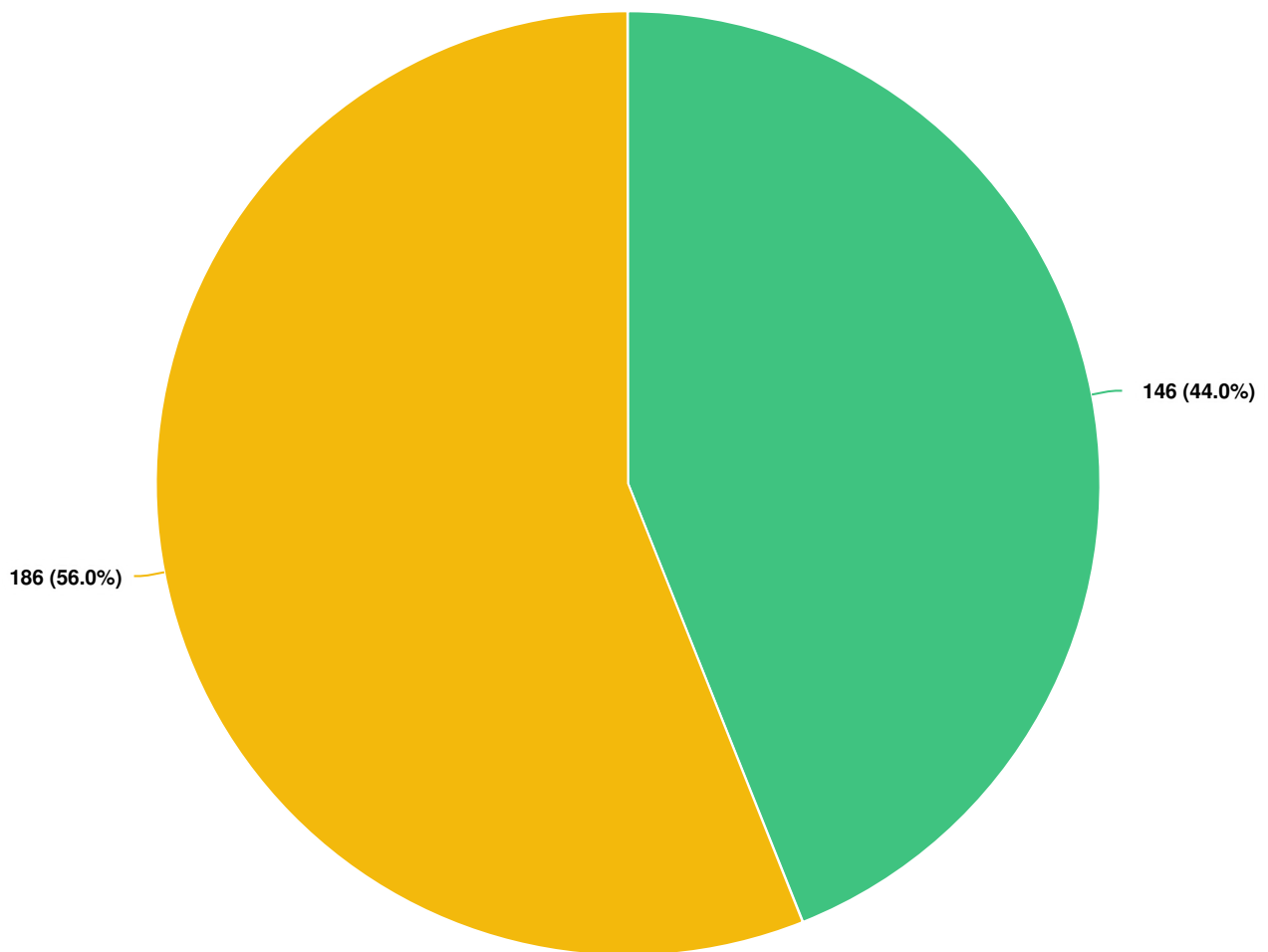
It's important to everyone in the community? I apologize for sounding rude but we're in an extreme housing crisis and seeing record highs of unhoused members of our community. While you are creating these redundant questions with obvious answers people are suffering from unaffordable housing. This survey is tone-deaf and hurtful.

**Optional question** (28 response(s), 316 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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**Q16** Did you know that over 200 special events take place in Chatham-Kent each year? The events range from Santa Claus parades and fundraising walks to large scale community events such as RetroFest and WAMBO. Are you in favour of enhanced municipal supports to assist event organizers with submitting and processing special event applications?



**Question options**

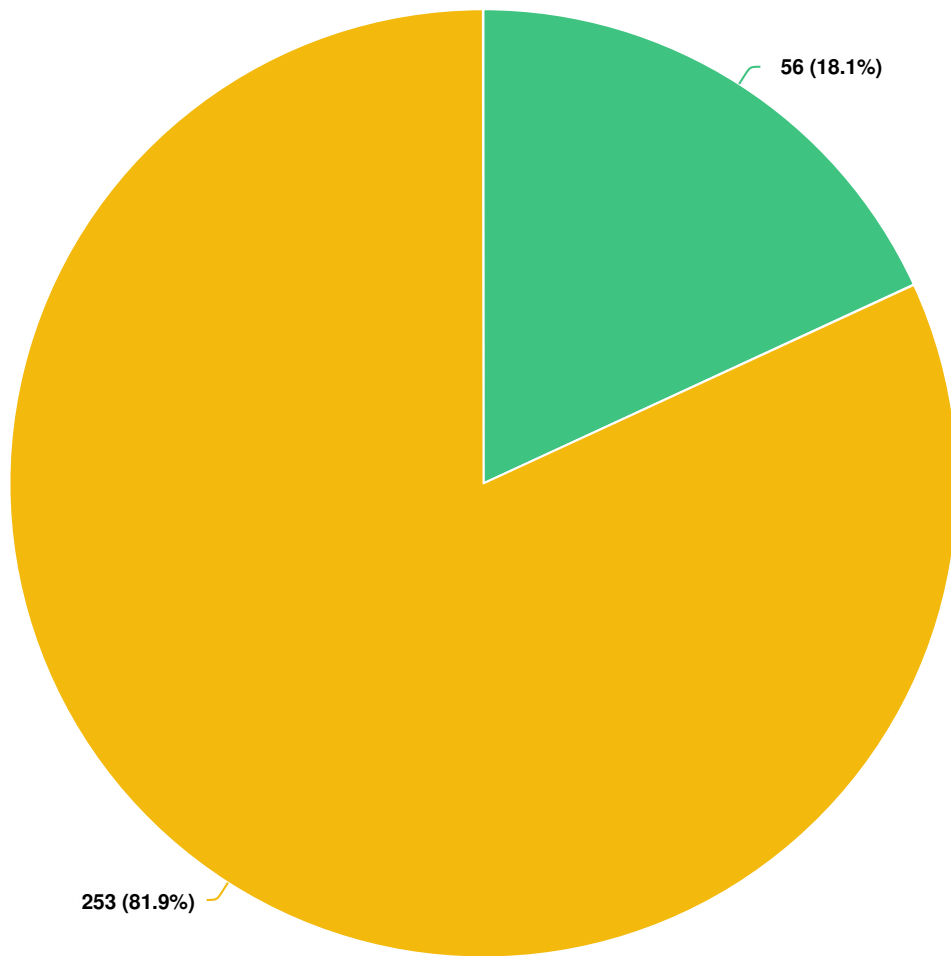
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**Q17** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

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Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q18 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:09 PM

Further support should be added if a moderate to significant increase in events occurs. With the same number of events what is the need for increased support?

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:29 PM

It will simply attract more people to the community.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Too much money is wasted on party planning as opposed to actual projects in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:25 PM

Shouldn't have to cost more money to do this. Streamline the services using departments and staff that already exist.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:10 PM

The municipality doesn't need more events for photo-ops. You all know who I'm talking about.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:53 PM

With no definition of 'enhanced supports' I can't properly answer this question. All events that I have attended have been very well organized, fun and have drawn out of town visitors.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

All not for profit organizations that host events should have zero costs and zero issues getting permits to host their events.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

I'm not aware of a current dearth of events in Chatham-Kent. At 200 events each year I would suggest that perhaps we should work towards centres of excellence and reduce some duplication over making it easier to hold events.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:54 PM

Fundraising Old school Volunteers Sponsors Donations

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

This will cost money, reduce your expenses to the vital needs we have.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:07 PM

But not more than 50%. We seniors can't afford it and do not use them anyway.

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

This is a nice to have, not a have to have.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

If you can't afford it, don't do it!!! Period. That's excellent financial advice! Let organizations and volunteers run events or they stop, end of.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:27 PM

These are private events. Again it only benefits some of the community. Why should everyone's taxes go up for these things. People are already stretched thin. Extra taxes will be crippling to many

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

Were facing a recession. Budget should be focused on core services

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

Community events are important to enhance a great place to live, work and play. It's important to have different events for many ages to enjoy. Different venues in many communities encourages people to explore events and areas they don't regularly visit.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:26 PM

I am not in favour of this because events are concentrated in Chatham. Wheatley BIA once held an outdoor movie because nothing was going on in town. Residents had to prepare the park and cut the grass. All we got from CK was a bill for use of the park.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

Provide the infrastructure and let events stand on their own

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

Please explain what you mean by "enhanced municipal supports". what are these additional services and what will they cost?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

User pay.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

Locality can raise there own money for events or don't have them. Make governments smaller as they are the problem.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:36 AM

Not my job to pay for everyone else. Take a pay cut.



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Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

As long as it benefits both residents and business communities equally

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

Homelessness is more important - use savings towards that.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

Cut the red tape and barriers to these events first, rather than just throwing money at events. Excellent learning example would be to acknowledge and learn from city smothering Firefest through a mix of obstruction followed by indifference.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:30 AM

I think it is important to simplify certain processes (i.e. not allowing any special flags, only municipal/provincial/Canadian flags) so that there isn't any time spent unnecessarily processing requests. I think the municipal supports should include making it easy as possible to organize events, not necessarily to create new jobs to help with a difficult process.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:40 AM

These events allow local residences and tourists to experience Chatham-Kent, along with spending their hard earn money here.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:56 AM

I'm in favour of supporting organizations that are not profiting personally from the events being planned. If it is for profit then they should cover the cost.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

Any special events should be self sustaining and not reliant on any government monies.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 11:46 AM

If it's to streamline the application process great but not to subsidize the events.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:13 PM

Currently I say no but I don't know what the municipal supports are. More information is required to make an informed decision.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:10 PM

There is a lot of events that happen in Chatham some of which do not seem to garner much attention. I believe there needs to be better marketing assistance from the municipality to market events but not necessarily financial assistance. More support such as providing

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police/ems/fire support, marketing, providing venues. Also less events but a bigger scale. Like what is crow fest!!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:23 PM

There are many other important priorities in C-K that require funding and support. Also, combine events that fund raise for the same or similar causes.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:08 PM

"enhanced municipal supports" doesn't mean hand them money for an event.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 02:00 PM

If events can't fund themselves we don't need them.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

All of these events should never see tax dollars. The municipality gives enough by allowing events to take place on its streets and other public places. What is the benefit to the municipality if it financially supports events? Photo opportunities? Please do not spend the taxpayer funds in frivolous ways!!!

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:58 PM

You need events to get people to come to your town . Why do you not have music on weekends like you use to!

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:30 PM

Tradition of many of these events bring in visiting communities and create revenue and a sense of community.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:28 AM

It just needs to be easier to plan events. If a person is volunteering their time to do something that is good for Chatham, we should make it easy and encouraging.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 03:47 PM

A lot of these events would not happen without the support of the municipality.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

This money should go toward affordable housing. If some particular group wants to have a special event, let them pay for it. Let's put our municipal dollars toward what is needed and less toward frivolity. Do you not see the times we are living in? We have families living in cars and young people living in tents giving up because they have exhausted all of their resources. Do those people require frivolity? No. Let's trim the fat. Let's spend our monies where they should be spent.

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Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:52 AM

Our events in ck are some of the best. However business is business and there are other way we can assist without using money.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

My opinion, no need for enhancement, stay status quo

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:04 PM

I have first- hand experience with this. We need better communication with the events team and all departments so that significant things aren't missed (like dropping off barricades on time). Better thought needs to go into how grants are dispersed. An event's contribution to the community (like its impact on the economy, environment, tourism, etc) should be heavily taken into consideration. The evaluation process should be more transparent so that all applicants have an equal chance to receive funding.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

Ensure the event application process is efficient & necessary, not bureaucratic or burdensome.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

In favour of enhanced support to assist in application process but not necessarily the funding of any event. Funding should be tied to the benefit the event has to the community.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 08:51 PM

Helps attract people and events don't run themselves. As long as it's helping the event and not padding someone's pocket.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:45 PM

Again, this question is without enough detail to allow for an informed opinion. What "enhanced " supports are NEEDED?

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

We need less red tape and more support financially. A pair person to support these events and navigate the red tape would be good for all. We have a beautiful downtown in Chatham with a park that is not used to it's fullest potential. Getting volunteers to organize and do these types of events is getting increasingly difficult.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 07:51 PM

Would love to see support for approved not for profit events.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 10:14 PM

I do not know what you mean by "enhanced municipal supports " you should describe what this entails.....

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Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

I would like to see not for profits supported so that rural communities can afford to have festivals and events in their communities

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

We should only provide the support of a person helping them process the applications, Especially if the event charges people for entering, for booths has beer tents or rides However, if the event is completely free for all, then their should be help and public or municipal advertising !

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:23 PM

We need more recreation for children in this community that doesn't cost a lot...children have no where to go nothing to do..I have an idea...build a wild zone

Anonymous

10/19/2023 08:47 AM

Streamlining the application process is a good idea.

Anonymous

10/19/2023 11:22 AM

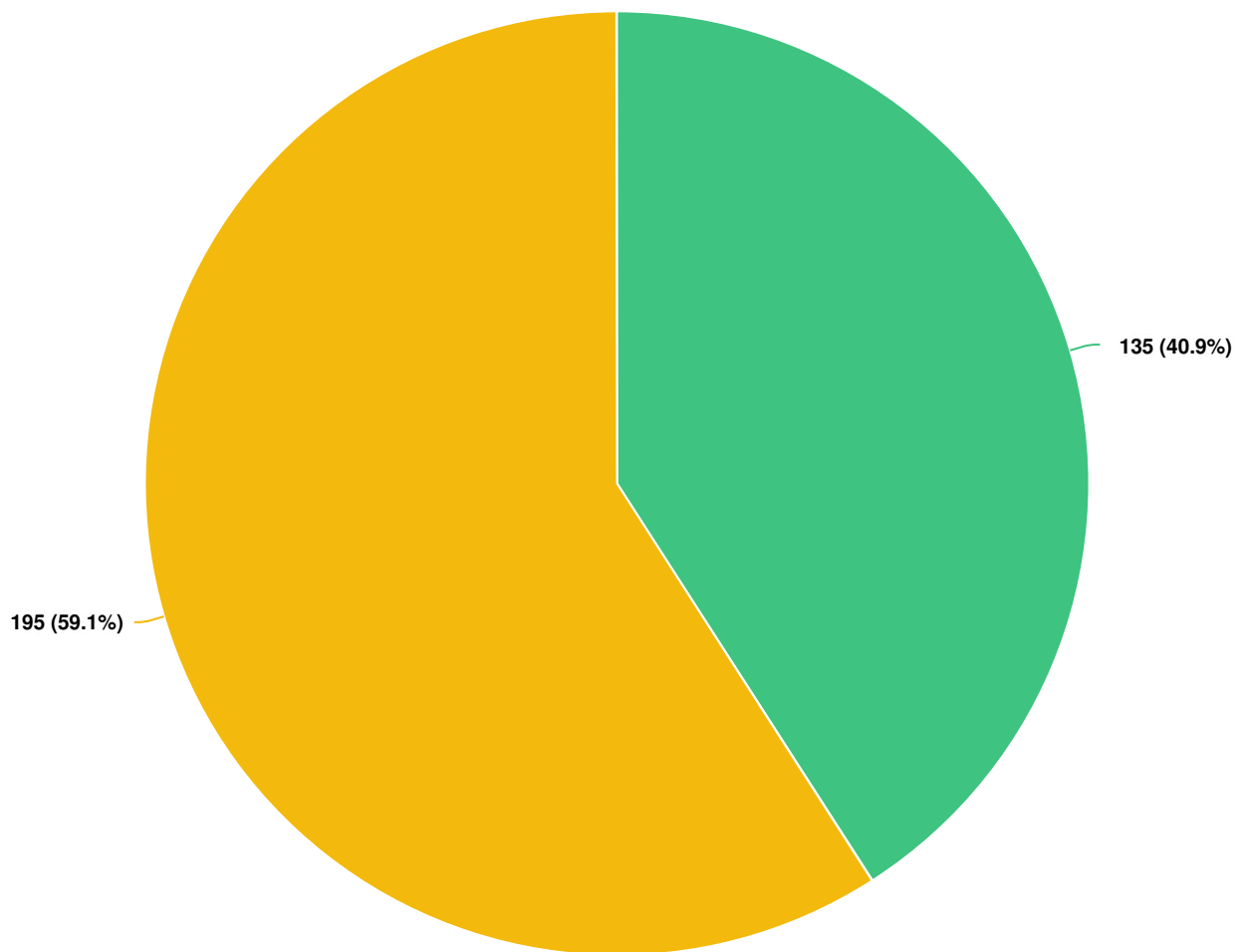
Event organizers should be paying event planners to do this. Why are we paying municipal staff to help plan or execute events? That is taking money away from local event planners.

**Optional question** (56 response(s), 288 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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**Q19 Cyber attacks are an increasing threat and can result in a breach of organizational data (financial details, personal identifiable information, property information, etc.) and a disruption to business operations. The security of our organization is of the utmost importance. Would you support a tax increase to enhance security measures within the Municipality?**



**Question options**

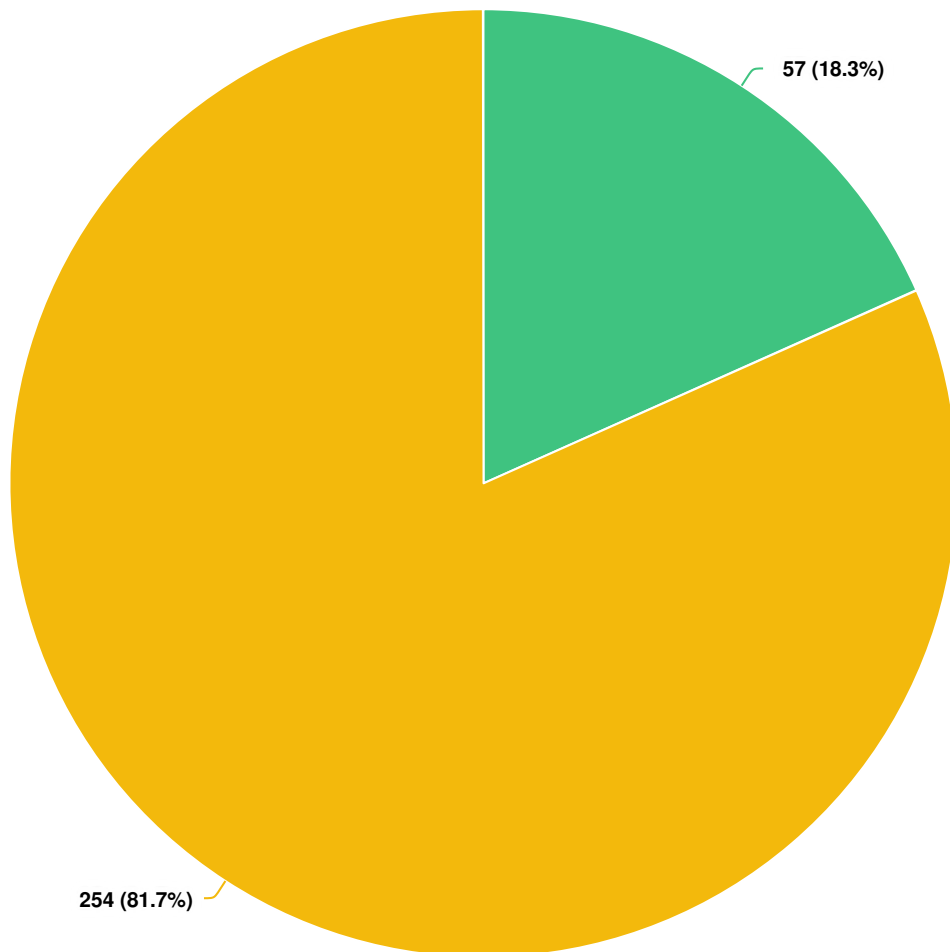
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- No

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**Q20** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (311 response(s), 33 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q21 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:03 PM

I believe the current level of security is sufficient and should not be increased at the cost of taxpayers. This is not a high priority issue relative to housing and financial security.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Hire the right people and upgrade programs as needed. There is already an abundance of unnecessary staff with the correct ones being fired, with no merit to the terminations. Get the right staff in the right place and eliminate unnecessary positions, such as ones created for people...

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:03 PM

As tech is growing so will security threats, it is very important for us as a society to be up to mark in providing security measures.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

You keep hiring IT people and no one can explain what they do. I can't figure it out. You have the necessary components but not the necessary knowledge. Stop hiring and use what you have more efficiently.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

The city employs IT people. They should be able to assist in blocking these attacks. It may be time to reorganize City Hall to find the money for all the community events and programs. Rather than calling to have a problem solved, only to be told it is not their job. Who's job is it!?!

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:28 PM

This should already be in place but only at a reasonable rate

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:53 PM

This question is too vague. What type of enhanced services are we talking about? Hardware, software, third party monitors?? Why is a 'tax increase' option and not a cost of doing business?

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

Operations can manage their overtime and capital expenditures better to ensure they job they are supposed to be doing is actually done. Throwing more money at something to be half-assed is majority of this municipality's issue.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

The safeguards against cyber threats are relatively inexpensive. The key isn't to build better walls but instead to have better plans and

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prepare for such incursions.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

No increase to taxes, reduce your expenses

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:07 PM

Hire the right people and you won't have to outsource.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

This should already be in place. If not, I would want to understand why.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:02 PM

The city is already paying huge salaries to so many experts in different fields including IT, it is part of their job if they can't do it; Quit an willing person is waiting for the job. There is work involved with the jobs not only privileges .

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:15 PM

hire more tech savy people to do their jobs well

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

Work within the budget. Instead of paying more, hire better.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

The cost of being held hostage will quickly outweigh the small cost of adequate IT for the core services the city is responsible for.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

Cyber attacks are too frequent these days. Many things are controlled remotely and a Cyber attacks will interrupt services to the community. That could be life threatening.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

The municipality should be doing this anyway... and shouldn't require increased funding to do this job...

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:42 PM

Our taxes are higher than most places already

Anonymous

10/04/2023 11:01 PM

You have a significant team in I.T. If the I.T team isn't meeting the needs hire alternate workers and hand out pink slips.



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Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

Reallocate your resources within existing budget, surely some other savings can be found to offset. Things change all the time especially tech related. you must learn to be flexible with budget

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

Get some help vs trying to reinvent the wheel

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

Government must ensure our information is safe and maintain a modern defense program against cyber attacks.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

I do not believe we, as taxpayers, get good value for our money from the taxes we pay you now. I don't believe giving you more money to handle poorly is a wise decision.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

Protect the assets . It is like insurance.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:36 AM

No amount of money paid will stop hackers. You will only slow them down making it a waste of tax dollars.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

You have the tools and training already embedded in your IT budget for this, explain why you aren't already addressing the risk rather than just throwing property tax increase money at an issue that is many years old, more \$ is just a pretty transparent attempt to duck your responsibility for current state of IT resiliency and trying to kick issue down the road - don't do that, this will bite you if you don't act with urgency now.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:30 AM

It depends on how much, and what the municipality will do with those dollars. Don't waste it.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:56 AM

My answer would be maybe to this depending on the circumstances. The IT department should always have measures in place to stop cyberattacks and hopefully they are able to do so within their current budget. As always a thorough review of budget should be the first step.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:04 AM

All organizations have to consider this as ongoing part of current budget. Municipality should be operated as a business. Not go to taxpayers as a go to solution.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:13 PM

Find the money to do the work required to enhance security measures within the existing budget

Anonymous

10/05/2023 01:43 PM

Great care must be taken in hiring for this type of service, no back-room political deals for exorbitant amounts of money. Extreme transparency!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

You probably already overpay a couple people to do this. Stop wasting money.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:23 PM

Current municipal staff should be trained in this genre, rather than hiring outside consultants.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 11:09 AM

like any other business, you should have been budgeting and implementing this anyway.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

Finally, an item in this survey that is agreeable! Our cyber security is essential. And this does fall within the realm of the municipality.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 12:57 PM

The majority of cybersecurity incidents are a result of social engineering which cannot be solved with solutions peddled by smooth-talking IT Security 'experts'. Improving the training of staff who use these systems is your best defense.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 02:52 PM

This problem didn't exist too much before the age of computers & internet and sometimes it's not always good to have "change". What is wrong with keeping some things "old school"?

Anonymous

10/10/2023 02:52 PM

I believe the size of the IT department and persons working in that area should be able to handle this issue.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 01:39 PM

we have a very high level IT department I believe they have sufficient measures in place to prevent cyber attacks

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:47 PM

WE PAY TO MUCH TAX NOW.Instead of pickle ball courts etc pay for necessary things that help all citizens.

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Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:42 AM

Seriously!!! How much can you tax people??? People are barely surviving! What the heck is with these questions?

Anonymous

10/13/2023 10:05 AM

We have just had a significant tax increase. Sort your budget out correctly. Even though you will just do what you want to do. We are living right now in very hard times and you cannot keep raising tax's.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 03:47 PM

I believe that staff in IT are qualified to mitigate cyber attacks. That's part of their job. My opinion

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

If you haven't figured out a way to keep us safe now, how will an increase in funds allow for more security exactly. Some good IT specialists at a reasonable salary should be able to cover it.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 01:14 PM

The money should be found within the current budget. I am not saying this is not an important issue but we can't keep increasing taxes to cover costs.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 12:06 PM

The skill level of the municipal employee(s) in charge of the organizational data should result in sufficient time and pay to be able to provide the security that is required.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

My answer could change if I were to know the details, what measures are being taken now?

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

Do what is necessary, not excessive.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

Moderate increase only.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:44 PM

Again, with all of these questions, show me the plan and the costs before I can make an informed decision.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

Those types of security should already be in place!!!!

Anonymous

Extremely important.

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10/17/2023 06:55 PM

**Anonymous**

10/17/2023 10:14 PM

This is an area that should already be part of your IT Department deliverable.

**Anonymous**

10/18/2023 11:59 AM

The question does not provide enough information for me to give a proper response. The survey is like asking for a blank cheque to spend money. What would the increase on taxes?

**Anonymous**

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

This should be part of the budget not a additional charge to taxes. In other works cut something else.

**Anonymous**

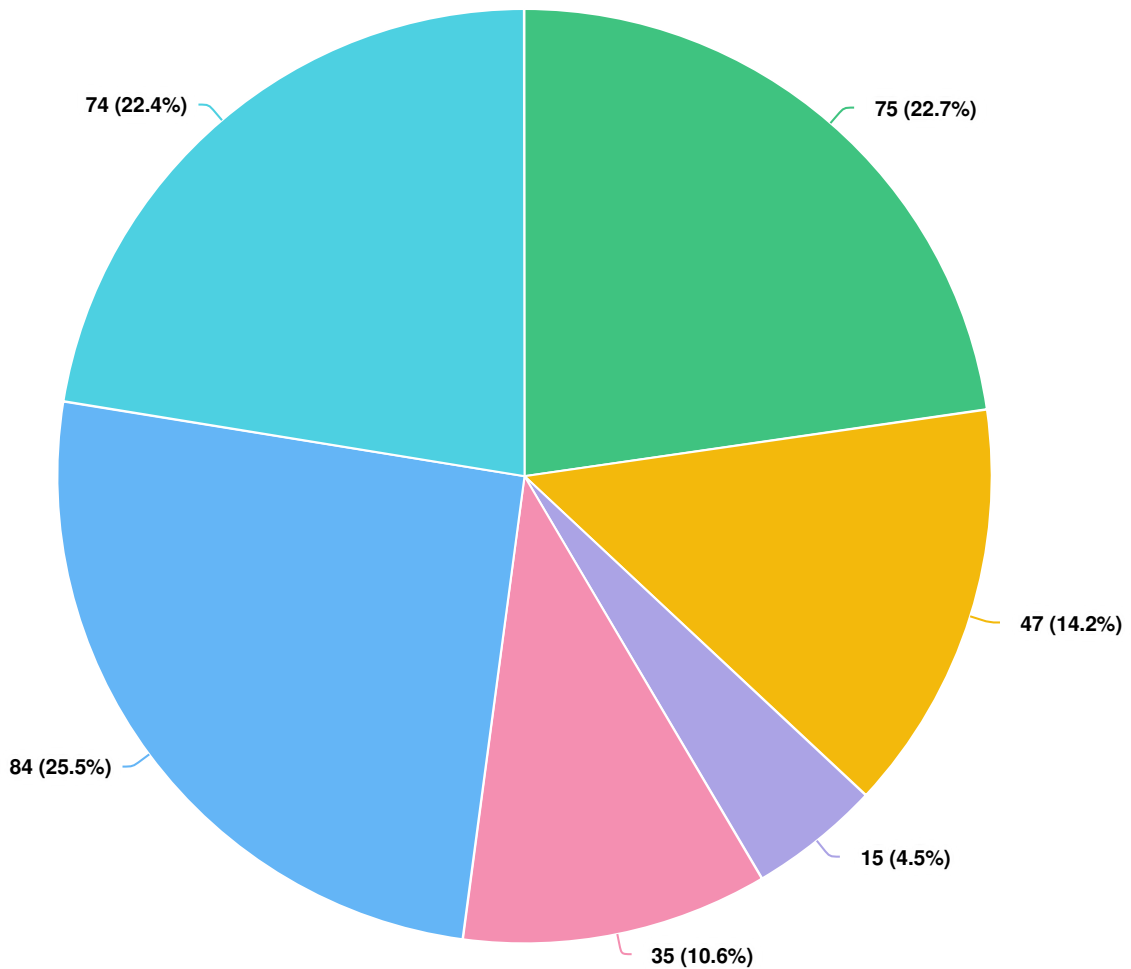
10/19/2023 08:47 AM

What enhancements are needed? What is the plan going forward?

**Optional question** (57 response(s), 287 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q22 The Municipality is currently reviewing its traffic calming policy and the ways in which traffic and speeding concerns can be addressed as part of expanded traffic calming installations. Which of the following best reflects your opinion regarding speeding and road safety as a focus for the 2024-2027 budget:**



**Question options**

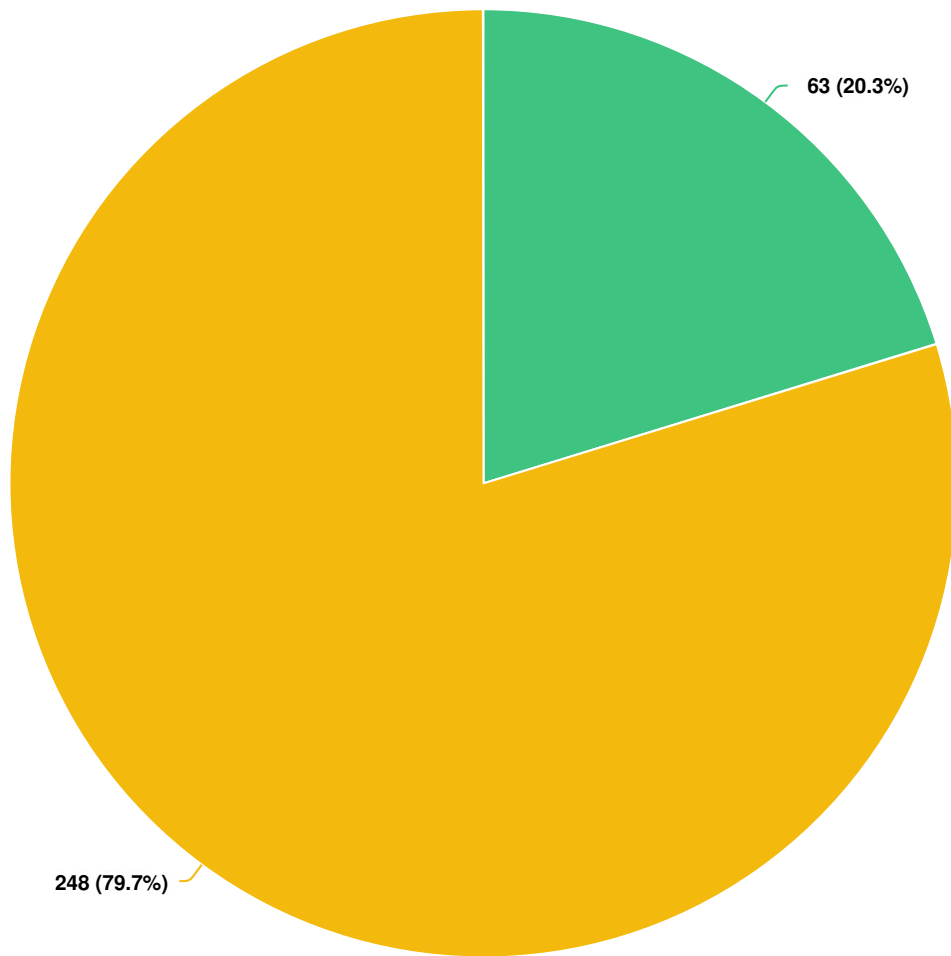
- I am concerned with speeding in my neighbourhood/community and feel that this should be a focus
- I am concerned with speeding on main roads in the Municipality and feel that this should be a focus
- I am concerned with speeding in rural areas in the Municipality and feel that this should be a focus
- I am concerned with speeding in school areas and parks and feel that this should be a focus
- I am not concerned about speeding in the Municipality and do not feel that this should be a focus
- I am not sure about whether speeding is a concern in the Municipality and whether this should be a focus

*Optional question (330 response(s), 14 skipped)*

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**Q23** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

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Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q24 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:29 PM

What I have seen is that speeding is very limited to Chatham.  
Majority of people follow speed limits.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Who is deciding there is a speeding issue, is there actual merit to this,  
or is it based on assumptions made by the public

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:25 PM

Protect the kids first!

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:05 PM

I walk my kids daily to school in Wheatley and I have seen many  
"close calls" because of speeding and people on phones. Putting up  
40km/h signs and the flashing light cross walk hasn't improved the  
situation at all.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

No more street signs. Omg. You are destroying the environment  
pretending to improve safety. It's council trying to look concerned  
while doing nothing. When my road was reconstructed, it was done  
so with highway designs in 2019. You missed the boat. It's not really  
a problem.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

It may be time to have the Police Service perform their traffic related  
duties rather than buying Drones, Command Vehicles, Armored  
personnel Carriers and being so top heavy.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:28 PM

Depends at what cost. Don't see police in my area at shift change to  
slow traffic down. Well I never see them on my street

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

There are no posted 40km/hr on Stewart st. in Tilbury, Ontario and  
that is School and Park area. Speeding Camera should be used and  
would increase revenues.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

IF they keep the roads in the subpar condition they are, it should take  
care of itself. Cars won't be able to travel at high speeds without  
causing extreme damage to them.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:54 PM

Stiffer consequences first offence Police have other important. Role to  
do

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

This isn't new, always a problem. Do not increase taxes to cover something you should have been doing in the first place.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

Live on paved road where speeding is bad, never see any enforcement over the last 22 years, police never present, google maps has caused the traffic to increase 10 fold

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

I've seen many instances of dangerous passing on Road 1 Wheatley along with Hwy2 from Tilbury to Chatham. Many times there is a near collision. It's frightening. I very rarely see any police in the area.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:55 PM

Tilbury is not policed at all. Cars, illegal dirt bikes and 4 wheelers racing up and down private streets

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:09 PM

That is the cops job...leave that to the professionals...focus on the people and their needs in this community

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:26 PM

Vehicles are constantly speeding in my town, even through the 4 corners and school zone. This includes dirt bikes doing wheelies. This is because of NO POLICE PRESENCE in small towns.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:54 PM

Maybe there should be stiffer penalties for speeders and criminals in general.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:31 PM

MICHENER ROAD and Grand Ave East are just asking for someone to be killed. We need more stop signs and a controlled intersection on Grand Ave East! Cars drive on average 70-80 down these roads. Someone is going to get seriously hurt (as if enough haven't already been hurt!).

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:52 PM

Worry more about the crackheads that roam the streets harassing people, that leave filth around town and encourage more to be here.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:53 PM

Wide Speed bumps used to slow traffic and use as people crossings

Anonymous

It was difficult to choose one. Speeding and road safety is a problem

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10/04/2023 10:53 PM

in my neighbourhood, as well as main roads and school zones.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 11:01 PM

Not if it includes increase in the police budget. I can go from one side of town to another w/o seeing one officer. I don't see any officers downtown. The officers in this town are unapproachable. They lack empathy and morality towards individuals struggling. You need a new Chief of Police. Change of cultural is needed from the top down.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

Speeding , aggressive driving, loud vehicles are also a significant issue in some residential areas too.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:06 AM

Limited options to choose from. The entire municipality is a mess of traffic violations, including speeding and disobeying traffic signs. Enforcement across the board is needed.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

We have way more serious issues to focus on!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

Hey, how about having the police do their job!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:36 AM

Police job, not my tax dollars job.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

Regular law enforcement I think is enough .and should be increased only if needed in certain areas whereas others do not . Citizens need to be responsible for themselves and others

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

This seems like a place to save money - council needs to stop spending like drunken sailors.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

Again, you need to first state your case with data, not through arbitrary and ad hoc motions sponsored at council meetings by councillors preening for their local constituents. Your question presumes problems exist in neighbourhoods, municipal roadways and rural roadways. You are responsible for the current and future state of these roads and have a traffic engineering team - get some data and a proper report with recommendations before you default to the usual "ready, fire, aim" approach now in practice.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:40 AM

I think all these areas need to be looked at, for traffic calming installations.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

It is difficult to answer this question without seeing data which relates to the question. My "in my opinion" answer above is just what I observe. I would hope that the municipality would have access to information from police in relation to this and would be proactively address the issue(s) as they arise and not waiting to see what voters think. Why not tell us what you see and have done.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:51 PM

Perhaps there should be increased Police presence, not more Officers, just more visibility.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 01:56 PM

There is already an increase in our budget for the Chatham-Kent Police and I feel that speeding should fall within their duties, not as a separate concern

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

Waste of money, other municipalities have done this already.... Doesn't work. Use money elsewhere.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:23 PM

Needs to be stiffer fines for speeders around town and regulation for mechanics/car owners who install or modify exhaust systems that create unnecessary noise.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:30 PM

We live in the village of Eberts and the people that fly yes you heard me right fly through our community is appalling ..... we have children in our community and heaven help them if they were to get hit. While I'm on the subject the emergency vehicles are suppose to use their sirens going through the village and for the most part do not????

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 PM

The municipality has already gone crazy with lower speed limits all over the place instead of focusing on the enforcing previous limits. This really impedes the flow of traffic.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:08 PM

That's why we pay cops to drive cars. It shouldn't be up to the city to enforce basic traffic law. Ask the local police service to do something about it.

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Anonymous

10/06/2023 12:18 AM

Our neighbourhood has waited ten months for school bus signs to be installed on Prince and Murray Streets, Prince and Ellwood and Prince and Stanley where children enter and exit the bus for school. One parent has left several messages for Nolan and has not heard from him or been able to speak with him since early August. Would someone please help us?

Anonymous

10/06/2023 05:59 AM

I am a runner who runs all over this municipality. I am seriously concerned for my safety when I am out running, even though I run mostly on city sidewalks. Speeding/aggressive driving is a concern, as well as distracted driving. Running red lights is routine. The number of drivers I see texting while driving is staggering. Where is our law enforcement? Do we have to wait until there is a pedestrian fatality to do something about this problem? A serious crackdown on all of the above would send an important message that such dangerous driving habits will not be tolerated.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

While speeding and traffic calming means are important, they can be resolved through enforcement. Rather than spending money on speed bumps and 4-way stops, let's hire more police officers and enforce the law! The police then will also assist with other public issues like open drug use and trafficking.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 02:52 PM

I see speeding and driving infractions every time I leave the house and sometimes I don't even have to leave the house I still see things happening that shouldn't be. Maybe if the streets and roads were policed a bit more, all the Fine Money could go towards the Police Department, thus more policing of problems. Seems to me like an easy answer to add to the Police Department's costs?

Anonymous

10/07/2023 07:56 PM

We live rurally on a main road leading into Chatham with repeated speeders. When thr 401 is closed we become the main artery and we see increased speeding. We have voiced concerns but it falls on deaf ears

Anonymous

10/09/2023 11:42 AM

People drive way too fast on gravel roads and past people walking on the roads and do not stop at stop signs

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:30 PM

When Tecumseh Park Construction is completed traffic will increase again on my street of Stanley Ave. Drivers drive way to fast down my street and we have asked for speed bumps!

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Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:28 AM

What is cost efficient? Identify the hot spots, and add signs and give tickets there? I don't know enough to say what's best. Who is the expert, and what do they think? What city in the world tackles this issue best, and can we copy it?

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:42 AM

Unless it's stunt driving, or people on their phones, leave people alone!! We have bigger problems

Anonymous

10/13/2023 03:47 PM

It is a policing issue. Granted they are funded by our taxes but I don't think there are too many other things the municipality can do to stop speeding. My opinion

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

People who speed should be penalized, not 'calmed.' A few high monetary tickets should help in helping those who speed to think better of it once they retain a hefty fine. Why should the tax payer be penalized by those who choose to speed. Ticket fines should be heftily increased, not tax dollars for goodness sakes, really.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

Have police or special constables enforce existing laws. Stop & fine drivers who speed & drive carelessly.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

Focus on speeding on main roads and other areas won't be as much of a concern.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 11:29 AM

Speeding and burning rubber nightly instead Clair Getting tailgated in Victoria. Which is a relaxing ride but can't relax driver Night dumb driving speed on st clair

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:44 PM

Show me the data. Again, what is the cost and explain the reason for focus.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:45 PM

SPEEDING on ALL roads within Chatham-Kent is a HUGE ISSUE and speeding in general needs to be focussed upon

Anonymous

10/17/2023 01:19 PM

I am concerned with more than one area of speeding. I would checked off box 1. , 2nd 3 rd and 4th aspects

Anonymous

Downtown Chatham needs traffic calming now. The noise is terrible

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10/17/2023 02:56 PM

and the revving of engines is disturbing.

**Anonymous**

10/17/2023 06:11 PM

Speed is a traffic issue that can be managed with portable speed cameras

**Anonymous**

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

Speeding in September by tomato trucks needs to be calmed on our main street

**Anonymous**

10/18/2023 12:02 PM

There are many dangerous rural intersections in CK. Victoria Rd- where I live has many such intersection. I was in a serious accident 2 years ago at the intersection of McKays Line and Victoria Rd. A driver on Mckays line failed to stop at the stop sign. This spring a woman was killed at the intersection on Gosnell Line and Victoria Rd.when a driver failed to stop on Gosnell line. Stop signs need to be enhanced by flashing lights like the one on Fairview line and Communication Rd. I called the municipality about this issue and was told there would be a traffic study done. I have heard nothing back. How many more people will be killed or injured while you study this issue?

**Anonymous**

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

You don't need a study, just put stop sign up, and traffic lights especially on road and street that have long stretches of of no signs as these roads increase speeding and racing. The study was done by us over all the years 23 years in business on Grand Ave and Van Allen. Before the lighted walk way, Mighty Jim's Variety call 911 every day we were open 365 day, and we were open at that time 16 hrs per day . About three times a day requiring police ambulance and fire trucks . Afterwards only 3 or 4 time a year!!! LOOK AT THE SAVINGS, in money and life

**Anonymous**

10/18/2023 04:23 PM

Well you already took care of the schools....

**Anonymous**

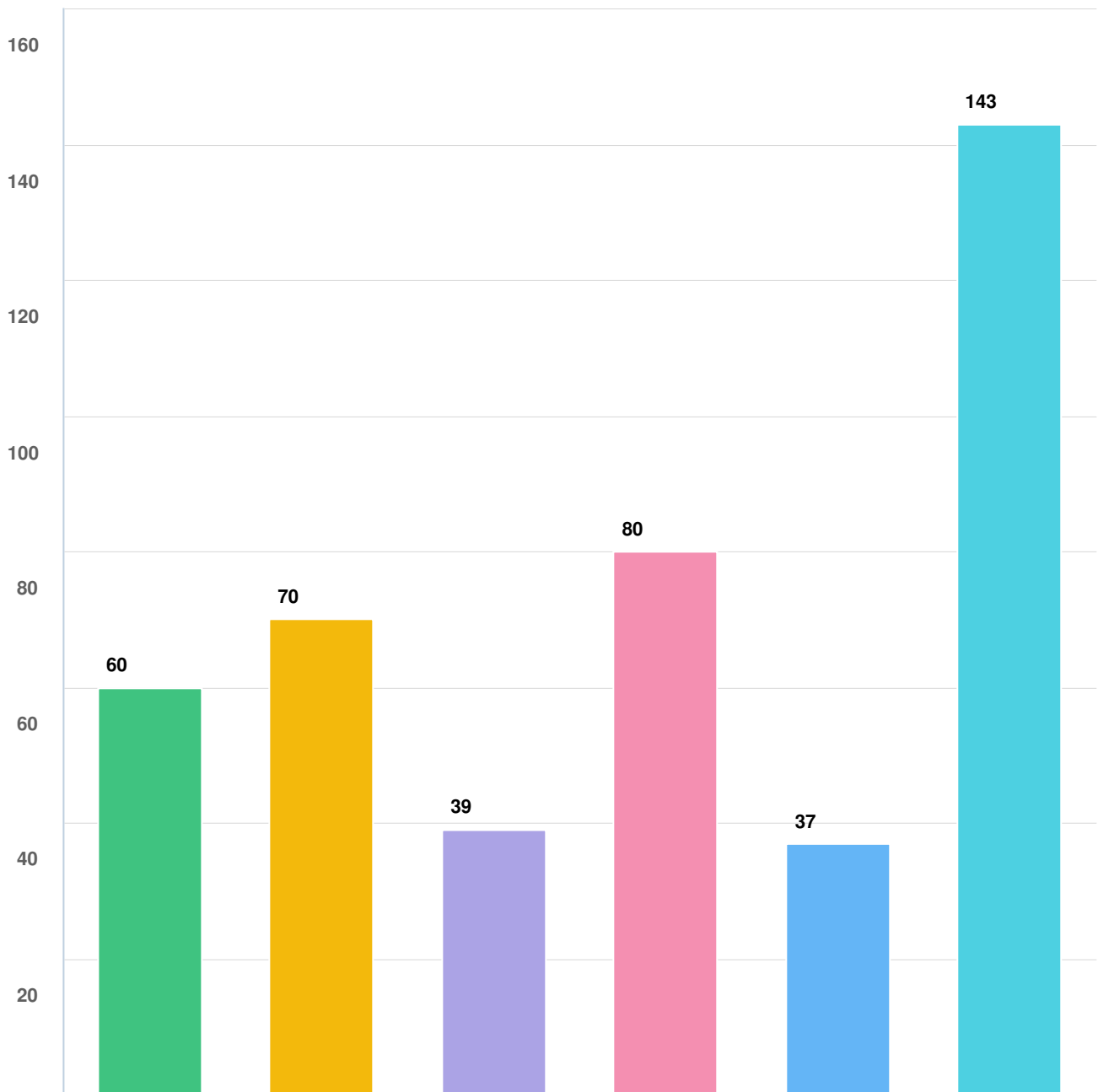
10/19/2023 03:01 PM

People speed by our street constantly. This has been going on since we moved to the community several years ago - do the people writing this surveys not live on busy streets?

**Optional question** (63 response(s), 281 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q25** Which traffic calming initiatives would you be interested in the Municipality considering in the budget? (check as many as applicable)



**Question options**

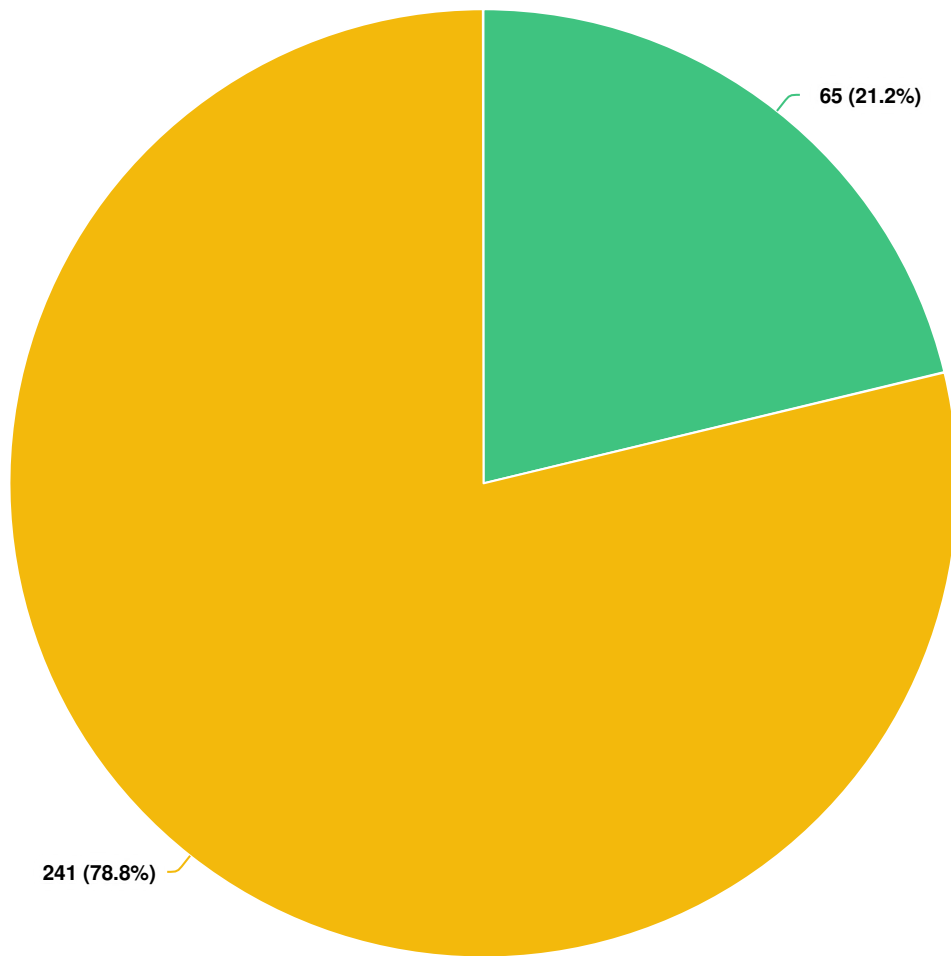
- Installing physical measures on our roads to encourage vehicles to travel slower (e.g. speed cushions, narrowed road lane widths)
- Measures that can be implemented more quickly/in more locations (e.g. pavement markings, speed display signs)
- Reducing speed limits to encourage vehicles to travel slower
- Traffic calming programs focused around school areas (e.g. park-and-stride initiatives, increased community safety zone implementations and speed reductions)
- Community-based initiatives (e.g. neighbourhood lawn signs, pace car programs, painted crosswalks)
- None of these

Optional question (322 response(s), 22 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

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**Q26** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (306 response(s), 38 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q27 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:09 PM

Good luck.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Traffic Camera's if anything, anything else like signage is a waste of time.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

I think all mean stop signs and bad fuel economy. Let's pollute the earth because parents and council get stupid and see pretend dangers.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:28 PM

We just need police going to high traffic areas at the right time. They know when. Factories get out school getting out etc.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

The high risk and high collision intersections need roundabouts.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 05:20 PM

On all two lane road ways within city residential areas should be reduced to 40 km and 50 km on 4 lane road ways like st Clair or grant ave etc.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:12 PM

Increase to police service to allow them to address this issue

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

I have no concerns about this..

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

Where is law enforcement?

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

Speeders, drunk and dangerous drivers don't follow rules. Signs etc will have no affect. Police speed traps would possibly slow traffic offenders.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:26 PM

None of these will matter if no police officers are around to enforce the rules.



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Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:54 PM

How about stiffer fines

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:53 PM

I have seen physical structures be very successful at slowing traffic in school zones in other communities. Speed bumps and narrowed lanes are very effective. Our school zone also has a "no stopping" zone across from the parking lot entrance, however parents constantly park there. This causes other drivers to enter oncoming traffic to access the parking lot, increasing urgency and disregard for pedestrian students. Speed bumps would also be effective in residential areas that are often used as through-ways (ie. Michener Rd). I would like to see painted lines for double left-turning lanes. Many local drivers do not understand that there are sometimes two turning lanes and how this works. I have seen many near-misses in these intersections. I would also like to see reduced speed signs around bends with hidden intersections. It is difficult to turn out of my neighbourhood when I can't see the vehicles before they come flying around the bend. Lastly, increased police presence on main roads might help reduce the street racing and excessive speeding. \*These are all just my observations and opinions, things I felt were worth mentioning in case something hadn't been previously considered.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 11:01 PM

If any of these suggestions would require an increase in the police budget, I am not in support.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

CKPS TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT! It seems non existent, I believe it can be effective.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:06 AM

Photo radar and red light cameras would be a great addition to this too.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

Chatham already has low speed limits and excessive policing of the same

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

Increase the ticketing of aggressive drivers will slowly change the culture. There is currently no fear of punishment due to the lack of enforcement.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

Hey, how about having the police do their job!

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:32 AM

I would encourage creation of protected bike lanes throughout the municipality

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

Plant trees like on Victoria. People drive slower when it is shady. Make the roads narrow helps too. Save on pavement maintenance.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:29 AM

The existing highway traffic laws need to be policed more aggressively.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:29 AM

Ticket the speeders and aggressive drivers.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:04 AM

I feel an increased police presence would be the most effective deterrent.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

Absent a proper study, you are proposing solutions in search of a problem - learn from the foolish suggestion that recommended a traffic circle be installed on Victoria, or the mess that was made with the sidewalks that roll up and down the adjacent street, or the ridiculous lag in finally installing lights at Keil and McNaughton. Or the constant embarrassment and traffic mess made every time a bridge in the municipality is refurbished - massively over-budget with reopening deadlines missed by not just weeks - but always by months and often years. Not to mention the mess that you have coming along Keil south of Park when the new school opens there, while housing is expanding and plans call for Keil to extend to Indian Creek. Start there or wait for the accidents and headlines to draw your attention to this gathering mess.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:56 AM

A new approach is needed for the school safety areas. The reduced speed isn't working. Drivers seemed to feel that when the kids are not in school the reduced speed is not necessary. Flashing indicator during school hours might be better.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

I support any measures which do not impede the winter roads maintenance across the municipality.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 11:46 AM

All of the above!!!

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:13 PM

A proper solution would be found in adopting some or all of the measures mentioned above with proper enforcement by our local police force

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:51 PM

Same as my comments to the previous question.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

Let the cops deal with it

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:30 PM

Davies Street in Dresden becomes quite busy in the evening with families with small children. Traffic on this road travel much too fast in my opinion.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:48 PM

Police enforcement we have a traffic division for a reason.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:17 PM

More law enforcement

Anonymous

10/06/2023 05:59 AM

Police enforcement. Period.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 11:09 AM

Police it better

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

Enforcement is the answer. Hire more police

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

Have police patrol streets more often

Anonymous

10/07/2023 02:52 PM

More Police presence on the roads or more radar on police vehicles. Even a Police car sitting on a vacant lot has an effect on drivers.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 07:56 PM

Rural roads should have a voice too

Anonymous

10/09/2023 11:42 AM

More police patrol.

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Anonymous

10/09/2023 02:47 PM

Red light cameras and speed traps.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 01:39 PM

Police have the highest budget in the Municipality in CK they need to be out on the roads and doing there job...

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:47 PM

More police on traffic patrol.Red light cameras.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 05:55 PM

People don't abide by signs. Physically, slowing them down with speed bumps makes a tremendous difference!

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:30 PM

Have more tickets handed out to people speeding in Chatham Kent use revenue from that instead of only relying on raising property taxes

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:30 PM

signage and warning signs dont work. putting speed cushions in slows traffic no matter what!

Anonymous

10/12/2023 10:08 PM

Speed traps

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:42 AM

This is what I mean by wasting money

Anonymous

10/13/2023 10:05 AM

Install speeding cameras. This can be a good income for the city.

Anonymous

10/14/2023 11:58 PM

Community safety zones should be a function of the school hours.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

INCREASE THE TRAFFIC FINES NOT THE TAXES. Why should homeowners who cannot afford an increase as it is, pay for the sins of the speeders. That is ridiculous. Make the fines hurt, and they will not speed again. Make the fines hurt and they will make sure to follow the rules of the road, we are all expected to follow. Stop treating those who break the law like children who need 'calming.' Don't do the crime if you can't pay the fine.

Anonymous

We should focus on school zones and continue the current efforts.

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10/16/2023 06:52 AM

Anonymous

10/16/2023 12:06 PM

The speed restrictions currently in place in school zones impede the flow of traffic in non-school hours. Those restrictions should be in place, at most, during school days and hours.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 01:18 PM

In my opinion, more funding should go to the police so that they can catch speeders within Chatham Kent

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

signage and lowers the limits are not the answer. London has speed video in school zones to issue tickets, this is the only way you'll see a change. Traffic calming

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

Law enforcement of speeders.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

Increased police radar; increased presence of police on main roads and at major intersections; use of speed display signage

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:44 PM

I selected none of these because you have given me no information on which to make my decision.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:45 PM

Increase police present and on main roads bring back photo radar moving it within the Municipality.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 01:19 PM

Measures to ticket at a cost great enough to dissuade further speeding

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

We already have lower speeds around all schools. It is downtown that we need them.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 06:55 PM

People are not paying any attention to signs or markings. Have to put in permanent measures like speed bumps and cameras!

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

Policing would help

Anonymous

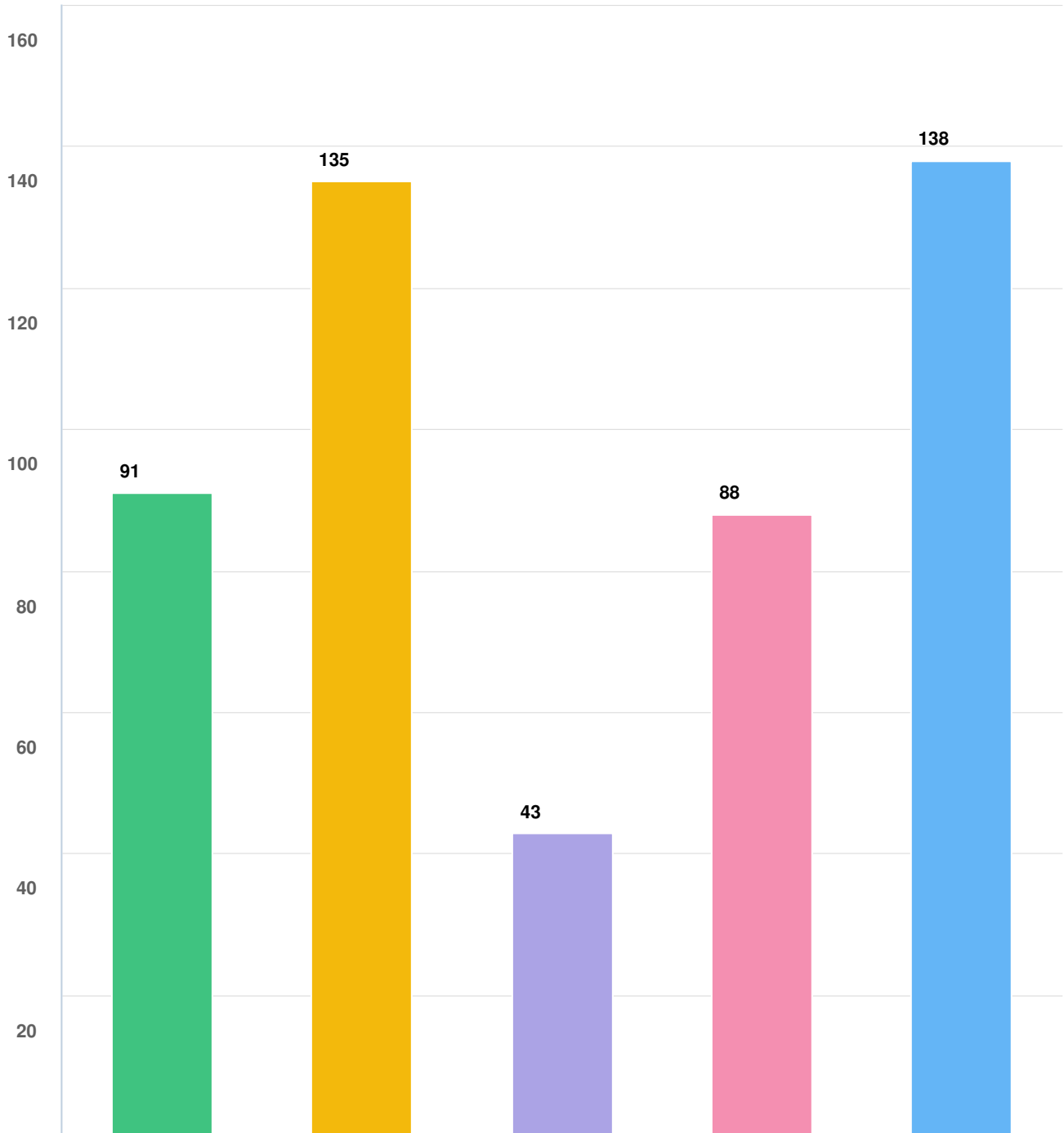
Stop signs and lights Please !!! See above reason Grading pavement

and putting bumps in road only hurt's the elder and those of us with  
back and neck injury's

**Optional question** (65 response(s), 279 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q28 The Municipality is looking at implementing additional pedestrian crossing infrastructures. Currently there are 39 controlled pedestrian crossings in place across the Municipality. Where should we consider enhancements to pedestrian crossings? (check as many as apply)**



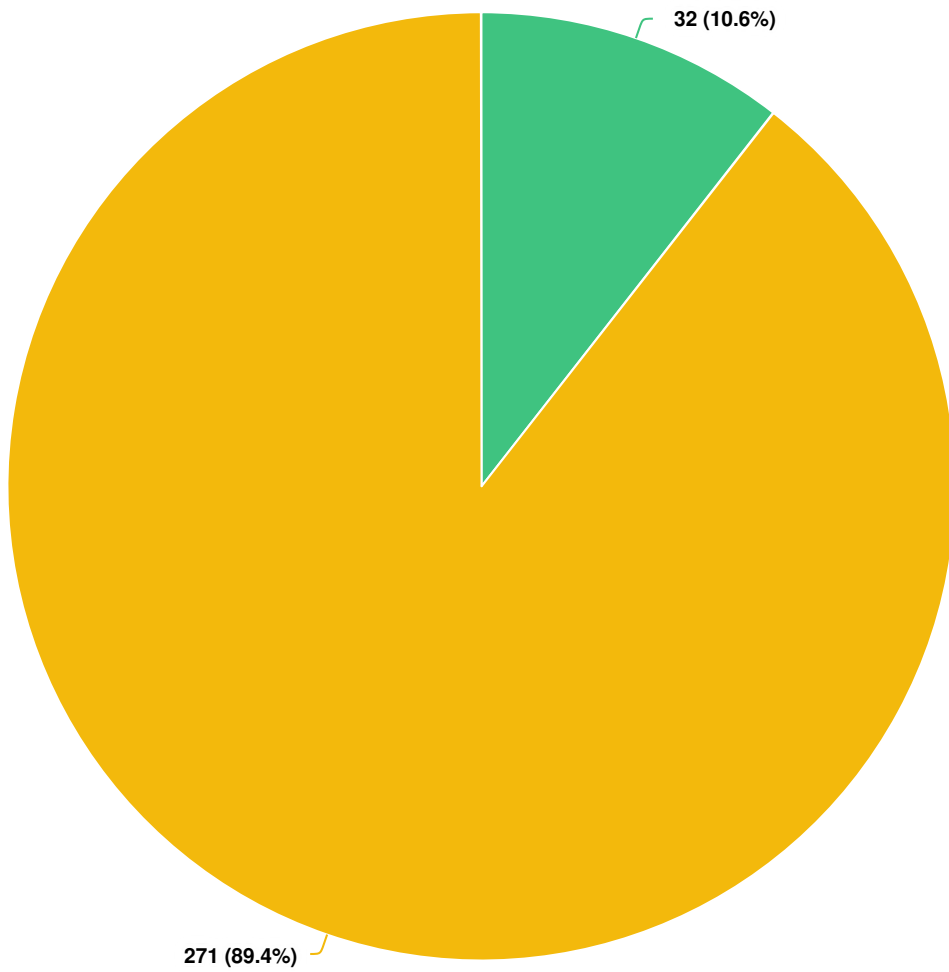
**Question options**

- In neighbourhoods/communities and around parks
- In school areas
- At bus stops/to provide better connections to bus stops
- Along busy roads to provide better pedestrian connections
- I do not feel that this should be a focus

Optional question (330 response(s), 14 skipped)  
Question type: Checkbox Question

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**Q29** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (303 response(s), 41 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*



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**Q30 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Already have an abundance of pedestrian crosswalks. We need to eliminate the light ones that stay on too long and go to flashing ones that encourage the flow of traffic once the person has safely crossed

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:03 PM

Please improve the bus transportation, making direct routes from all towns in Ck to Chatham. This is a much needed transport system from CK to grow and connect better. It currently takes 2 hours or more for an inter-urban commute, focus on reducing this to 30 mins, so that the working class, children and other who contribute to the economy can make use of the transport system.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:05 PM

These do no work. The witness it daily in Wheatley.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

Sadly, people cross where they cross.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 05:20 PM

Teach people how to look before crossing police education bring back Elmer the safety elephant

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:49 PM

There needs to be a crosswalk or traffic light at st clair estates. With Degoeys and the new gas station its maddening.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:02 PM

Stop bubble wrapping everyone; if someone doesn't know how to cross the road safely stay away. Pretty soon no one will be able to think for themselves. We have too many already.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

How can money be spent on this ? 400 people work on park ave east just past sass rd and no sidewalks on park ave to get to work

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

Have you tried to cross a busy road? Even if the light tells the pedestrian to walk, cars turning do not watch for pedestrians. Pedestrians also cross streets in the middle of a block, standing in the middle of the road until the traffic clears so they can finish crossing the street. Concerning.

Anonymous

Your pedestrian crossings at schools that replaced the crossing

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10/04/2023 09:26 PM

guards are a negligent accident waiting to happen. My husband witnessed cars blowing through and almost hitting kids because the lights were covered with snow.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:31 PM

There is not a single crosswalk on Grand Ave East between Van Allen and Prince Albert. The amount of development in that area warrants a crosswalk.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:53 PM

Use the speed bump method to slow traffic and use as people crossings

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

There are tons of lights and 40km zones already

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

Studies should easily provide the need base on a set of requirements? Why do we have them now? What problems do they solve? Do these problems need to be solve in other areas?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

How about having the police enforce pedestrians and cyclists to follow the rules, as well as drivers. I see as many rules being broken by all of them.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

Only in problematic areas

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:04 AM

We have enough intersections to provide adequate opportunities for pedestrians to cross roads.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

Stop looking for places to spend money!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

How can you ask for the solution when you have provided no study data?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:30 AM

Chatham-Kent is very unfriendly for pedestrians, I support this more than anything else. It will help people get out to walk more.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 11:46 AM

All of the above! The controlled pedestrian crossing on Keil N and Baldoon is a death trap. You need arms to come down to block the

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crosswalk and then maybe cars will stop. Someone will get hit there, it's only a matter of time.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

There's enough of these already. People should learn how to cross the road. Never needed these until recent years. Waste of money.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 05:59 AM

Drivers routinely ignore the new pedestrian crossing on King Street. What makes you think they will observe other new crossings in the municipality?

Anonymous

10/09/2023 02:47 PM

I have no idea how many crossings are enough.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:58 PM

There are some out but cars still do not stop. They need flashing lights on them.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

Take the monies for this and put it toward more affordable housing. Crossing the road isn't a conundrum. You look both ways and if there is no traffic oncoming, you cross. Come on guys and gals, let's put our dollars toward that which really counts. AFFORDABLE HOUSING so we do not have to even pay for a homeless shelter. Let's stop treating constituents as if they are children. Crossing the road has been done for centuries without 'enhanced' crossing features. We have to rise to the times in which we live. Affordable housing should be the main agenda, not whether someone can cross the road 'properly.'

Anonymous

10/16/2023 11:16 PM

Are sidewalks planned along Park Avenue West near Bloomfield - this roadway is treacherous for those walking, biking, and those using assistive devices to leave the subdivision and attain groceries, food, etc.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:44 PM

Where's the plan and data? Can't give you an informed answer without it.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

We already have a street light at almost every corner in CK. We don't need anymore crosswalks.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 06:11 PM

Would be even better to have sidewalks!

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Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

Please ensure equity in the placement of crossings at all schools

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

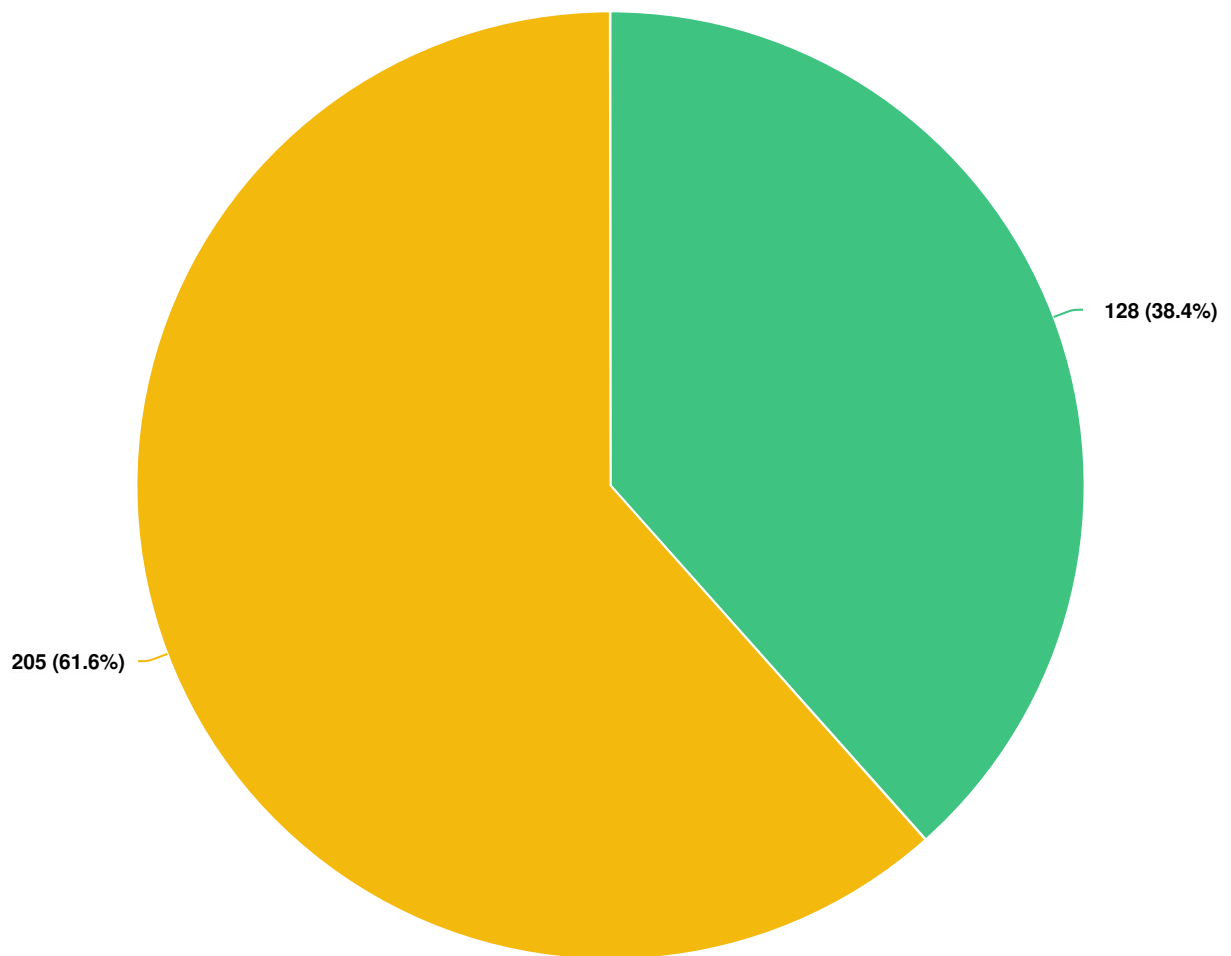
See above ! It reduces the cost of Fire, Police and EMS

**Optional question** (32 response(s), 312 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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**Q31 Each year the Tourism Department produces the CK Insider publication which includes a listing of community businesses, attractions and things to see and do in Chatham-Kent serving both residents and visitors. Do you feel that this is an important publication to continue printing annually?**



**Question options**

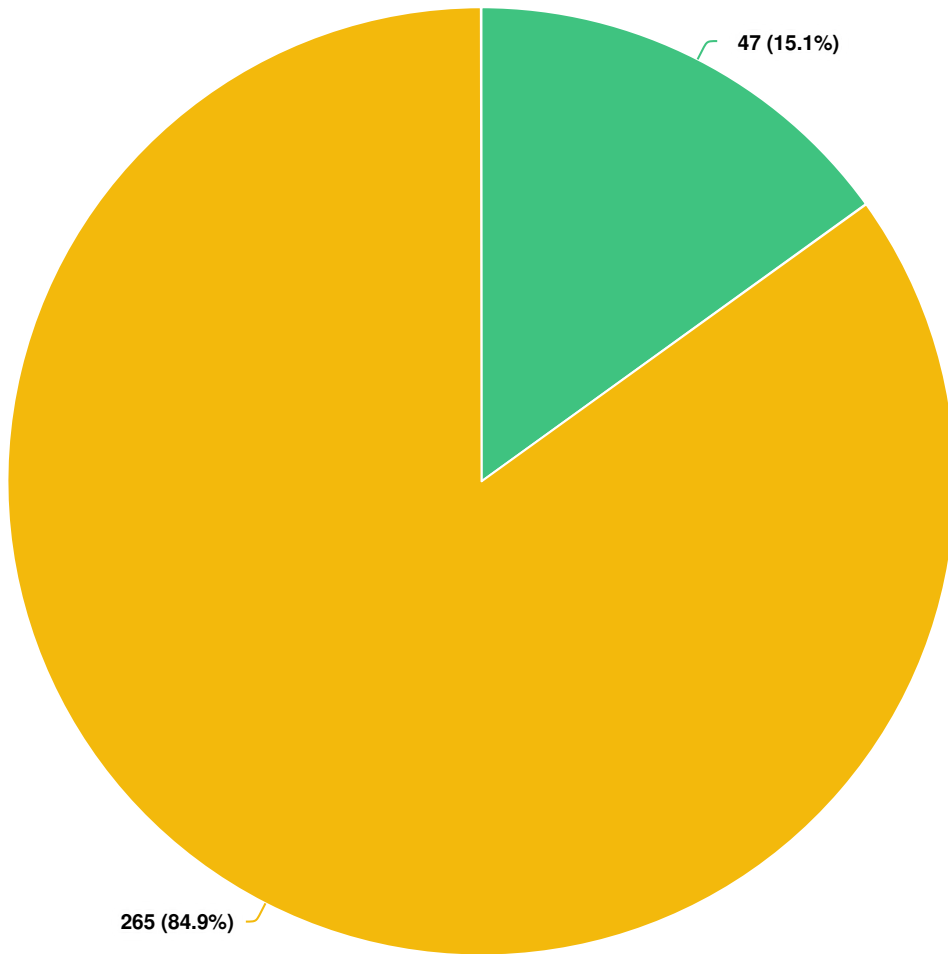
- Yes
- No

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*Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q32** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (312 response(s), 32 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q33 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:09 PM

It should be considered that this be funded by the business community.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:29 PM

Go Green initiative to use technology as a main source to spread. It is a world where smart phones are with everyone and making use of technology is imminent to bring the program information to the people.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

Show me your KPIs it works.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

Take a look around the room that you inhabit at this moment. What are the most prominent elements of that room? I would wager that you see one very large screen. Perhaps you see a number of pieces of paper. What you are highly unlikely to see is a travel guide or a calendar. Depending on the demographics and psychographics of the groups you intend to attract you may need to change your tactics. I understand that pamphlets are available at every hotel. What is not available at every hotel is a geofenced target area promoting activities around the community. How do we compete with other communities with people that do not know about Chatham-Kent? Channels like YouTube and TikTok provide opportunities to make organic information available. Link to that information. We live in a very challenging time with many tired and true tactics that don't work the same as they have in the past.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 05:20 PM

Have never seen a opt of one but sounds like it would be good as we usually never hear of events till after the fact

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

We have no money for this, find free ways to advertise.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:07 PM

Put it on the Municipality's web page

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

Your questions are leading and quite honestly, it is getting too expensive to live in CK

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

If emergencies are handled online, surely anything recreational would be, without question!

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

I would like to see a community calendar that has everything in one place that everyone can access. How about a upc code that you can scan to pull up the calendar of events. Display the code on businesses, restaurants, all community buildings and municipal web site etc.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

I don't really view C-K as much of a tourist destination... although a publication would be nice, have a different version every year seems excessive to me...

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

Do a cost/benefit analysis, if it pays off, great, keep on printing it..

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:04 AM

Most people get this info online, they Google it.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:06 AM

Unnecessary waste of money on a printed publication.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

Those benefiting from these publication can support these publications.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

The internet!!!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

Do it online and save some money.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

Are you supporting the reach and impact of this publication by researching it's use and impact among visitors (from within and beyond the community), as well as existing and new businesses and attractions - before you just do the same thing every year?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:13 PM

Let the internet do the wok on that one

Anonymous

Internet publishing only. Those interested will seek it out.



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10/05/2023 01:43 PM

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:23 PM

Go paperless with more social media presence and public wifi access.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 11:09 AM

move away from print and improve online presence

Anonymous

10/06/2023 02:00 PM

Most people don't read anymore. Is there a way to publish such a paper online at a fraction of the cost? That would be my suggestion.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

To save the taxpayers' money, the municipality should take every initiative to cut spending. The first, and easiest, way is by stopping the print version of this publication.

Anonymous

10/09/2023 02:47 PM

I have never considered CK a tourist destination.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 11:10 AM

I think online resources are more relevant than print but I understand that older adults would still benefit from print resources.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:47 PM

We should be promoting our history more.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 05:55 PM

The publication helps drive the public to these events to help create more revenue and community spirit

Anonymous

10/13/2023 10:05 AM

although there isnt much to advertise. We need to bring tourist into Chatham. Retrofest Crowfest can bring in alot of money for the city

Anonymous

10/13/2023 12:37 PM

Just put it online. Save money.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 03:47 PM

My comment here is that not all events are listed and some are very generic in the listing- no date or times I realize information needs to come from the event organizer but they may not all be aware of how to be included My opinion

Anonymous

People use the internet to find this information.

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10/15/2023 01:14 PM

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

Print is an out of date form of advertising

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:04 PM

This only works if people read it. People don't care about pamphlets and maps. They won't seek out this information on their own. Local tourism needs to be demonstrated and shown to people. Help tourism stakeholders host cool, unique, experiential events. Give people a memorable experience and they'll tell their friends and family.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

Perhaps businesses advertised in publication could contribute to cost if not already doing so.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 11:16 PM

Move it all online. No one wants paper publications any more.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 08:12 AM

Most people use on line to access information

Anonymous

10/17/2023 10:44 AM

People can find answers easily online

Anonymous

10/17/2023 11:29 AM

You need to increase your ads for tourism You need help I see marketing company but not much results We don't see tourists coming here We see drug addicted Our streets ie kingsthen up at Clair Looks like a scarey movie Zombies doing odd things Homeless Teens that act horrible

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:43 PM

you need to increase publicity and advertising for CK Events outside of Chatham Kent. Chatham-kent needs to spreading the word to all within a 500 KLM range surrounding our area.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

We need a better downtown in Chatham as an attraction. There used to be boats three deep....but the riverfront looks disgusting and nobody feels safe walking there anymore. Why? Because the municipality has done nothing since amalgamation to either rthe downtown, riverfront or Tecumseh Park.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 04:51 PM

ON-line and social media should be sufficient.

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Anonymous

10/17/2023 06:11 PM

Can be done online

Anonymous

10/17/2023 07:51 PM

As an employee I've never heard of this publication.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 10:08 PM

Online presence should be the main focus.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

I have never seen one !! Increase you computer data base

Anonymous

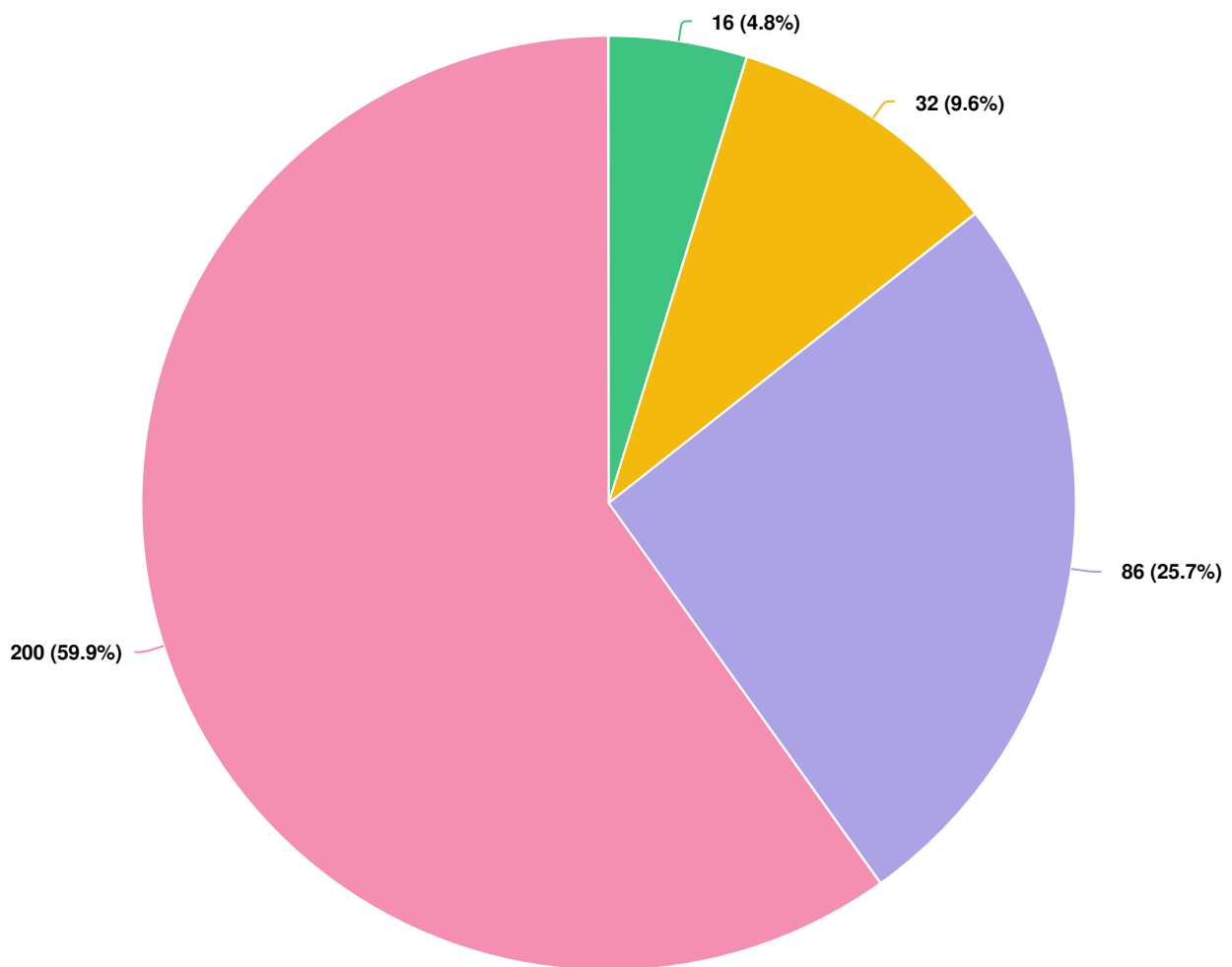
10/19/2023 11:22 AM

Make it digital. Print is dead.

**Optional question** (47 response(s), 297 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

Q34 Gateway signs are signs at the borders of a Municipality that introduce and welcome visitors to the community. The current gateway signs erected at the Tilbury and Highgate interchanges were installed in 2015. Do you feel it is important that new fresher and brighter graphics be updated to reflect an image of Chatham-Kent's vibrant, growing and progressive economy?



**Question options**

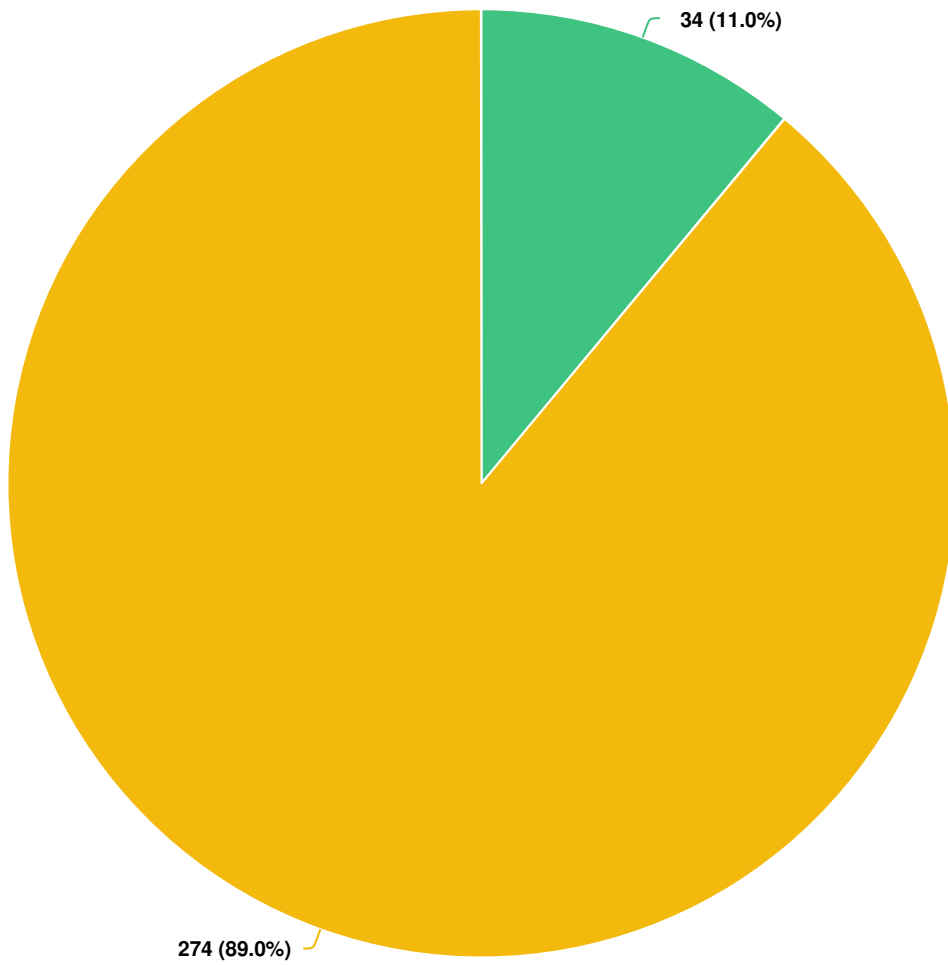
- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

Optional question (334 response(s), 10 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

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**Q35** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (308 response(s), 36 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q36 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 03:32 PM

Please quit spending unnecessary tax dollars. The signs are fine and they are well displayed.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:10 PM

"Welcome to Chatham-Kent. Please don't drink the water."

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

Show me your KPIs it works.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

Sure advertising is important, but there are more pressing issue that need funding. Great signage for a less than ideal product isn't a great plan. You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig. Make the product desired, THEN promote the hell out of it.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

If the brand of the community remains the same then the priority should be to maintain the signs but not create bigger or brighter ones. Most Canadians over the age of 5 know what a McDonalds sign looks like. It doesn't need to be the brightest spot on the landscape but the indication of where to find what you are looking for.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

Nobody cares about this, it's a vanity project, no taxes for this beyond the bare minimum. Complete waste of money.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

Seriously???

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

We are a retirement community

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

Far more important things than superficial looks. Sounds like photo op moments.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:27 PM

Stop spending UNNECESSARY MONEY.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:35 PM

Items as such can last longer then 10 years.

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

Community recognition is important to residents and visitors.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:53 PM

More signage will encourage more visitors

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

Never seen a community sign that caused me to do more or less in that community. We have the internet for that now!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

Chatham is know as a militant union town in industrial cities all over North America. Fix that and business will come.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

Only if vandalized or in obvious disrepair

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

Again, it seems like you're looking for ways to spend money when what we have works.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

Road signs - welcome to Chatham circa 1965, spend it on getting mentioned on Waze, Goggle maps, Trip Advisor, etc.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 01:43 PM

The only way to improve a community's image is by improving things within the community, not with signage. How are crimes being investigated and criminals being discouraged?

Anonymous

10/06/2023 02:00 PM

We clearly don't have money to burn. Why would we invest in signs that still work?

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

The municipality should be vigilant with taxpayer dollars. Nice signs are nice. We can't afford them. Why? Times are tough.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:13 PM

don't think this should be a priority

Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:32 PM

I don't know what the Highgate and Tibury look like right now, if they need fixing they should be fixed. Perhaps with something that will last a little longer than 8 years.

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Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:28 AM

Progressive? Who wrote that? Until we have a 401 exit at Queen, and people can drive directly to downtown and see a nice city, we are kinda in a tough spot. Imagine coming from another city, and you come in through Colborne. What would you think of Chatham? Signs on the highway aren't going to do anything because when they get here they know what it is. Progressive lol seriously who wrote that. This town was full of PPC voters.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 10:05 AM

Dont need to waste money

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

We have a homeless tent city epidemic, lets focus on that for the next 4 years good people.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 01:14 PM

Waste of money where there are so many other areas competing for tax dollars.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 06:35 PM

The signs already represent Chatham Kent well. I feel that the current times we are living in, may change in the near future. It would be a tragedy to mislabel the municipality.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

time and place for everything- I think our municipal dollars need to be spent elsewhere currently

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

Redo or maybe finish the landscaped signs at other 401 overpasses. They're woefully in need of attention.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 07:51 PM

Current signs just need to be freshened and cleaned up.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

We don't have gateway signs in Tilbury except at the south entrance which saw a gateway sign replaced with a business sign instead at the east and west sections of the community. There was materials for a second gateway sign that was to be erected at the west end. What was done with these materials?

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

Please only replace when necessary, or maintain is needed not on a whim! the money is better used on other programs!!



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Anonymous

10/18/2023 08:12 PM

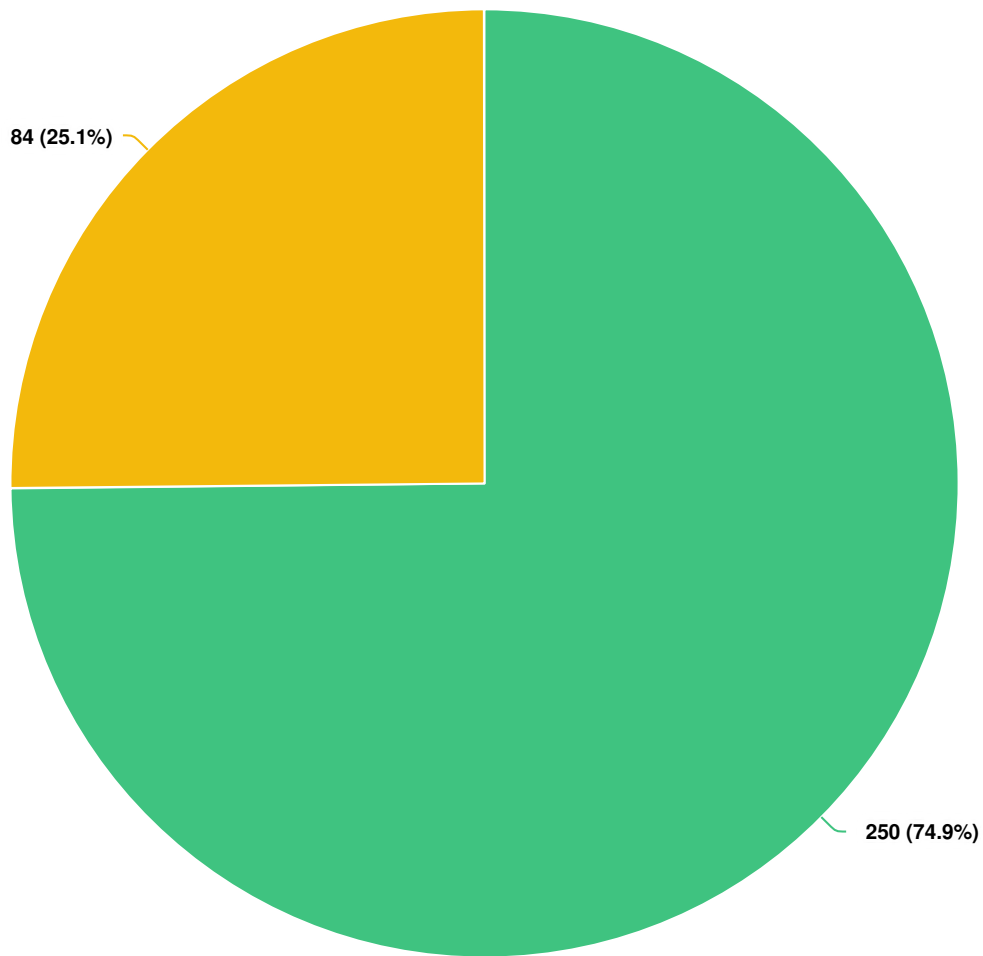
Find sponsors if this is something a counselor wants to push forward,  
don't waste tax dollars

**Optional question** (34 response(s), 310 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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Q37 Did you know that the provincial government introduced legislation in 2022 requiring mandatory certifications for all Ontario fire services operating in both Rural and Urban communities? Do you support the increased requirements to staffing levels and training to maintain our current service levels for Fire Service in Chatham-Kent?



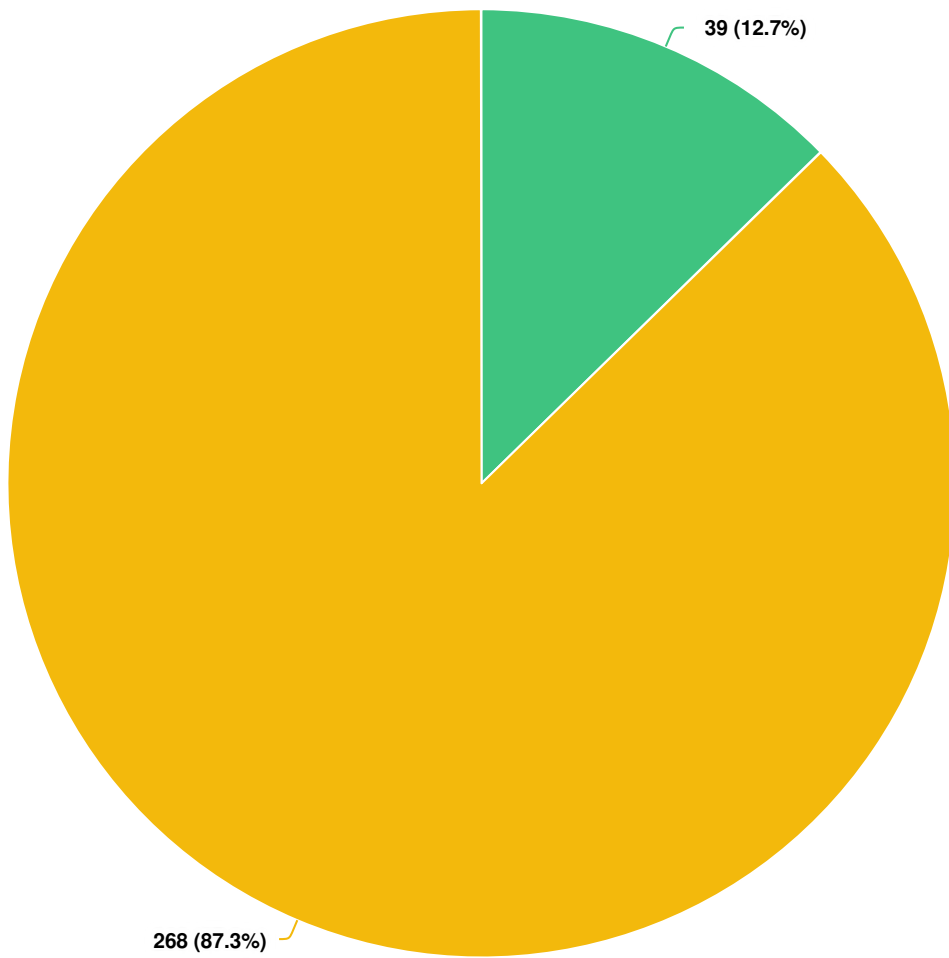
**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (334 response(s), 10 skipped)*  
*Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q38** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (307 response(s), 37 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q39 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Depending on what the objectives are in terms of staffing. The Municipality does not need more Assistant Chiefs, as we already have more than Windsor and London. If it is to actually deliver and promote training it may be worth while to do so.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:10 PM

Pretty self-explanatory?

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

As with Policing, this is another service which can be trimmed down. It is time to stop with the tiered system of dispatching only to pad the calls for service. The taxpayers are paying too much for the level of service they receive.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

Small fire departments are the last defence against devastation.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

No new taxes for this, do better with your existing budget.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

To my knowledge this should not be an issue.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:54 PM

This is important

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

Only comply with provincial regulations only Nothing extra

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

Surely someone's increased education is not my responsibility or other tax payer's. It is the responsibility of the employee and/or his union.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

I don't want anyone to die in a fire.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

I would like to see information that shows that this is needed

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:09 PM

Those fireman/firewoman are volunteers and need any incentives they can get...hardest working group of ppl around here

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

Use more volunteers

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

For decades you have telling me you have been keeping our taxes high to pay down debt. If true you should have plenty of money available to keep programs such as this going without any more tax increases. Debt should be down substantially by now! That is assuming you have not been lying and or are financially incompetent.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

Only as increased population and housing occurs to make the need arise for safety response

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

This is a regulatory and legislative issue - public sector and politicians this is your job to navigate, not the property tax payer - if you think otherwise why haven't you gone back to the province and told them they have this issue to address in their budget and taxes, your introduction paints them as the originators of the issue after all. Or maybe this is an issue for the many associations of municipalities we hear so much about our councillors attending - why would you propose a made in Chatham tax increase to a province wide issue that was raised by the province?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:40 AM

Then the provincial government should be providing more funding to the municipality to cover these additional requirements.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

Emergency services are vital to our community. If the service can demonstrate the need AND that they are cost effective in comparison to other similar communities then we need to provide what they need. I am not in favour of providing monies if they can't show they are a cost effective service provider for the community in comparison to any other available options. Your statement says it all in the need for ONGOING oversight and review annually: Did you know that although Council will be approving a four year budget it is not a one-time exercise. Every year the budget comes back to Council for an annual update process which allows for amendments if they fall into one of three categories (New Council Direction, Cost Driver, and New or Changed Regulation).

Anonymous

I think it is important to ensure a timeframe that the municipality fire

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10/05/2023 10:04 AM

department can get to a call for a fire within the rural area. This should be the priority

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:44 PM

I think the fire department should find the savings from their budget.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:10 PM

There should be more full time fire coverage extending out of the city itself. It is not fair to rely on volunteers in areas that are so close to the city

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:06 PM

Certifications and increased staffing (Fulltime) are essential for the safety of the community and fire fighters

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:35 PM

As our population has grown, as well as an increasing pressure on the EMS / ER system, there is an increasing need for additional responders.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:08 PM

I absolutely support the increased requirements to staffing levels and training needed to not only maintain but drastically improve the current service levels. The current level of service that the Chatham-Kent Fire Department is providing its community members is falling way behind the needs of our municipality. The Fire Department requires a significant investment to maintain and more importantly, improve the level of service the Fire Department provides to the community members it serves.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 11:33 PM

Full time fire fighters are responding to the rural area successfully. Staffing levels should increase to give all citizens of Chatham Kent the best protection.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 01:09 PM

Increase the staffing in the full time sector and have them assist all rural areas where volunteers lack quick response times

Anonymous

10/06/2023 01:21 PM

More full-time firefighters are required

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

Fire services are essential. Since the province made this mandatory, it seems to me that this is a must. Furthermore, the municipality should want the latest in fire prevention and safety for those on the frontlines. This is an essential!

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Anonymous

10/08/2023 07:58 PM

We need more full time Fire staffing for the safety of our community.

Anonymous

10/10/2023 02:52 PM

This new level of service does not increase manpower required to provide this service. What this legislation provides is all firefighters must be trained to a standard, which the service has never had. The legislation was approved by the Provincial Government back in 2017 rescinded by new government in 2018. Every fire department in Ontario was told legislation was coming back and if those municipalities did not make necessary changes for this training it is the municipalities fault. In the new legislation a municipality must determine what level of service that is going to be provided have not seen any information on the level of services that are available for residences to determine what level of service they would like.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:28 AM

I am ignorant on this and have no clue

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:29 PM

all of our senior staff has been grandfathered and all new employees should all have that certification at the time of hire. Fire service is all ready over staffed.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 01:14 PM

Would need more information i.e. current budget, staffing, calls, etc.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 12:06 PM

I don't know what the new requirements are, but it is important that our volunteer firefighters get this training. They need to be able to do this without having to lose pay at their normal job if that is the only time they can get qualified.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

Lifesaving measures should not be underfunded

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

If it is provincially "mandated", does the municipality have any option but to meet the new regulations?

Anonymous

10/17/2023 08:12 AM

All EMS should be of the utmost priority, including providing an incentive to hire experienced police officers

Anonymous

Our volunteer fire department does a remarkable job. More

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10/18/2023 12:23 AM

equipment is often needed. Our urban volunteer departments should get what they need to protect firefighters and be safe

**Anonymous**

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

Yes the fire department and Ems needs the recertification. All of us Business have to certify. We have to pay our cost and many of the population has to pay their own way these individual are payed enough they should also pay the cost even DR. must continue to certify The lower the income the more we the individual pays no one else pays

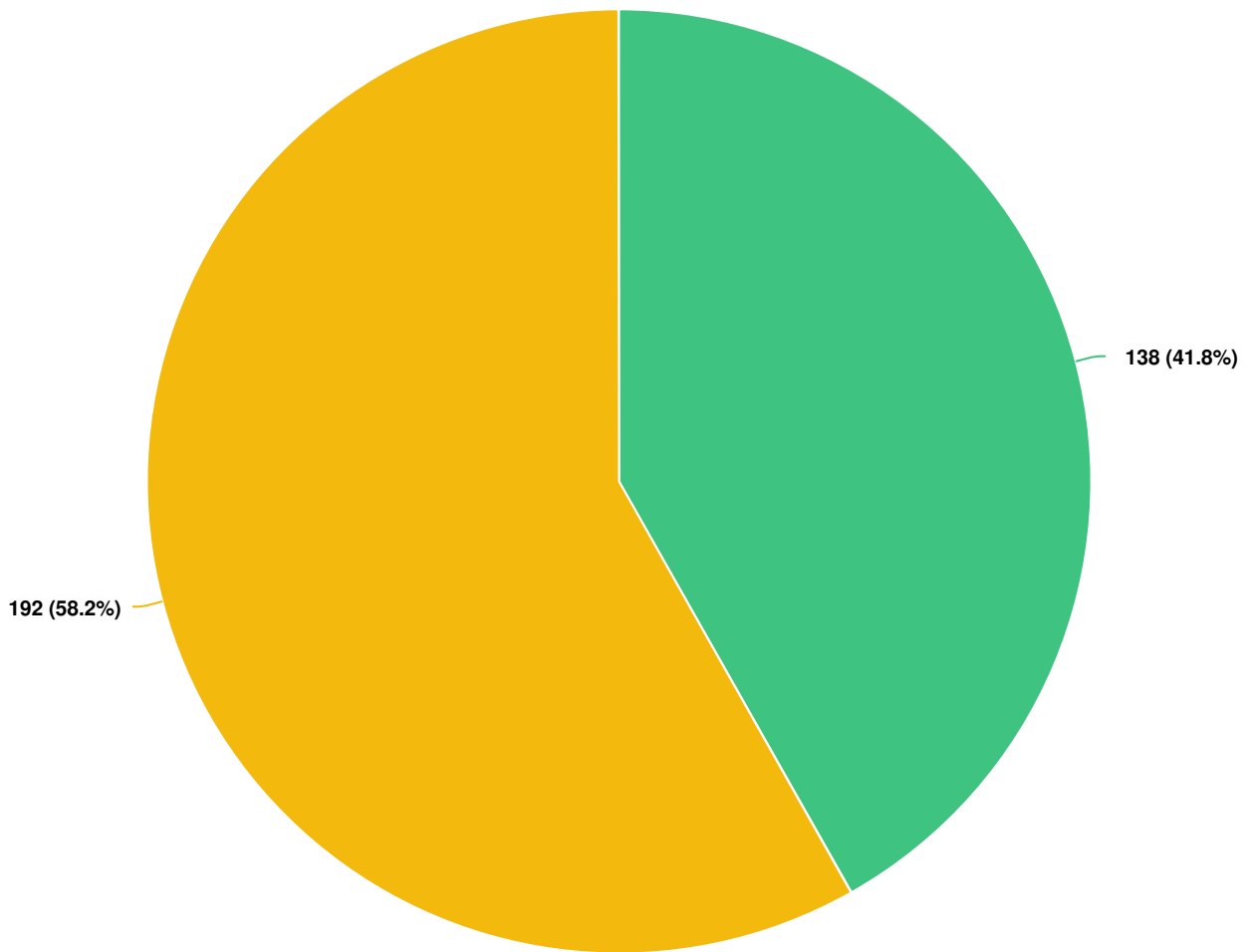
**Optional question** (39 response(s), 305 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



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**Q40** | Currently Chatham-Kent has an agreement with Windsor Fire and Rescue for Hazardous Materials response. Would you support a Chatham-Kent Fire Rescue Hazardous Materials team?



**Question options**

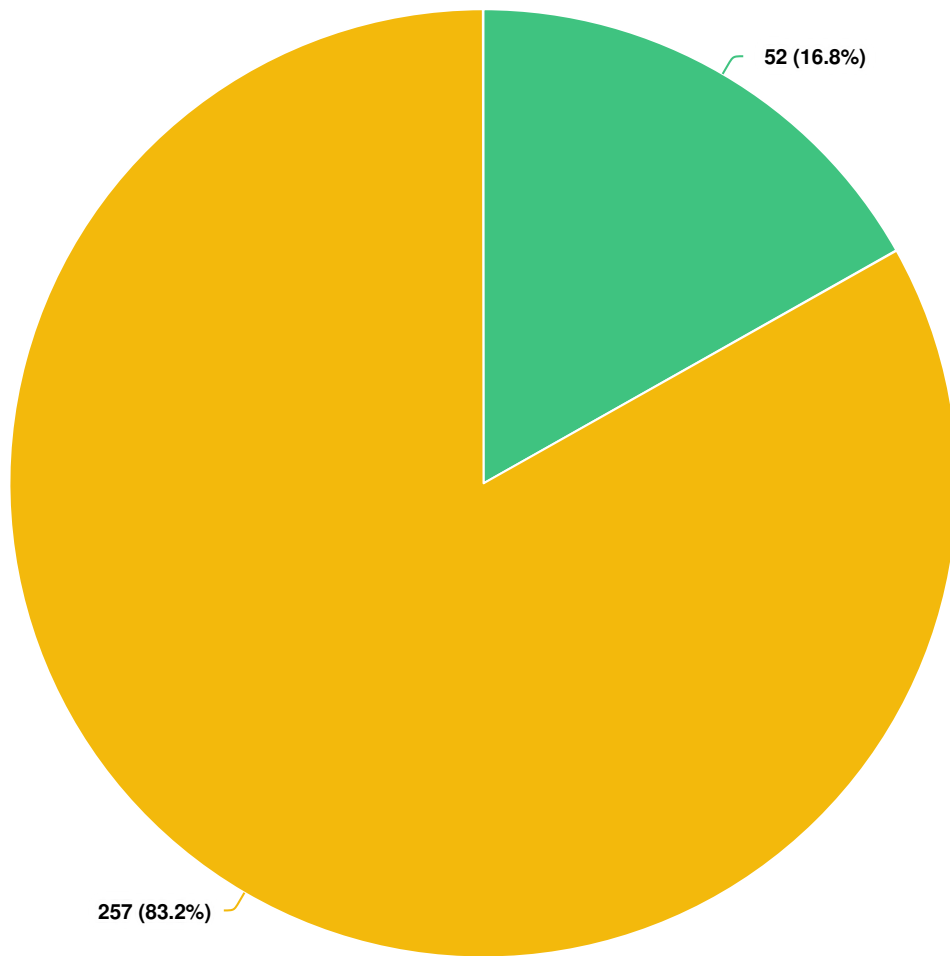
- Yes
- No

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**Q41** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (309 response(s), 35 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q42 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

However, it has to be hired for and interviewed for and all required certificates paid for by the individuals who wish to be on the team

Anonymous

10/03/2023 03:32 PM

How many Hazardous Material rescues and/or emergencies had the municipality had?

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:05 PM

Utilizing the Windsor service during the Wheatley explosion situation proved the service to be useless and costs the tax payers a lot of money. The people of Wheatley witnessed this firsthand.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

Stop trying to pretend we are like bigger cities. We do not have the call for service which require these services.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

In the case that contract services are not available to the community then it makes sense to grow our own.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 05:20 PM

What we have now works don't touch it

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

As long as it doesn't increase taxes.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:12 PM

Not enough calls for service to support a Chatham Kent team

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:54 PM

This is important

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

You need to provide details on cost , frequency, etc , Biased question

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

ONE team in Chatham or members throughout Kent too?

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

We have to be self sufficient

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

I would like to see information that this is needed... how many HazMat calls would there be in a year, and how many people and how much equipment would be required to adequately support a team like this?

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:53 PM

Yes further more our own trained hazardous team to also deal with natural disasters such as tornadoes Wheatley explosion

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

Cost/benefit analysis. IF much cheaper to do in-house, then yes. But otherwise keep current arrangement.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:04 AM

How often do we need this? It is good to share this with a larger community.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

A single service cost less then two services. Too much overhead cost to have our own services if we can buy it elsewhere.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

How about some context for this question? Can you do it for less taxpayer dollars???

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

Only depending on the need or maintaining a reasonable start up and operating cost

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:04 AM

The decision should be made according to financial feasibility.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

Only if it's a cost savings.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

My assumption is that 999 out of 1000 property tax payers - as well as councillors - have no idea what this is about, no place for this question in a general knowledge survey of this type. Pretty transparent attempt to cause some fear about safety in order to get open ended funding.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:40 AM

We should be working with other areas to supply these services the best way possible.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

Why would we pay for something on an annual basis that we may only need from time to time. Pay as you go seems good to me for some emergency services. In policing why pay for an expensive CIRT team, who's members could focus year round on community patrols when the OPP will provide free of charge the same service? The level of training and preparedness required takes away from front line service delivery to the day to day policing requirements of the municipality. Yes it is nice to be self sufficient but is it a fiscally responsible way to deliver services at the taxpayers expense?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:04 AM

Outsourcing can b more cost effective.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:44 PM

I do not think the Municipality's population supports the need or expense of this service.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

Don't think this is required. Definitely would not be needed often. Use Windsor's

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:10 PM

There are multiple highways, train line, etc within the municipality and it seems like a haz May team would be a good idea

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:06 PM

With all the trucks on 401 plus rail traffic this would be a welcome team. Again safe, effective and efficient service

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:23 PM

It depends on how often this team is required annually and the cost of additional vehicles & equipment.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:08 PM

With the current growth of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent our risk of Hazardous Materials events occurring has drastically increased. Not only do we have multiple rail lines running through many of the most populated areas of the municipality with an abundance of Hazardous Materials being transported on them daily, we are also at high risk of significant Hazardous Materials events occurring similar to the Wheatley explosion. Furthermore, as the municipality experiences more growth moving forward and more industry comes to our municipality, our risk of Hazardous Materials events occurring will increase even more than it already has. Our current agreement with Windsor Fire & Rescue for Hazardous Materials Response does not provide a quick enough response to the significant Hazardous Materials events that could occur throughout our municipality. By establishing our own Hazardous Materials Response team will we not

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only be able to response much quicker to these events to mitigate them but also be able to provide prospective companies, industries and residents assurance that if they invest in our municipality and decide to call our community home our municipality has the capability to provide emergency services to them that is not only going to meet but exceed their needs.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 01:09 PM

There is a massive expense to operate a hazmat team and the equipment. I believe we'd be better served increasing staffing to support best response times in rural areas and hwy 401

Anonymous

10/06/2023 08:45 PM

Based on circumstances that have occurred in the municipality of Chatham-Kent and I think it would be beneficial for the community

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

Since there is an agreement in place, it would make sense to keep it. How many hazmat calls are received annually? What is the response time of Windsor's hazmat team when calls do come in? Is the response time acceptable? Are lives in danger in CK if we don't have a hazmat team? Let's not pursue something unless it is essential!

Anonymous

10/09/2023 02:47 PM

Call a team in the team from Windsor.

Anonymous

10/10/2023 02:52 PM

The team in Windsor is a Provincial team that if required can be deployed to our community. The cost of establishing and maintaining such a service is not a feasible service for our community.

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:28 AM

No clue

Anonymous

10/13/2023 10:05 AM

Do we have a need for one? is there an industry around here that would require this?

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:29 PM

Not needed cheaper to out source, along with our dive team

Anonymous

10/15/2023 01:14 PM

Once again, need additional information as to whether or not this is a true need and what the current stats are- use, response time etc

Anonymous

I would support if we are experiencing problems with our current

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10/16/2023 06:52 AM

agreements with windsor otherwise this would be an unnecessary cost increase.

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

Before saying yes to this I would be curious how often the Windsor services have been utilized.

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 07:04 PM

Does this mean CK doesn't have the resources or team to deal with hazardous materials during a fire?

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

If the existing arrangement works, why duplicate it with our own assuming that's would be more \$.

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

All communities need to do a better job of sharing resources, especially those are not in great demand but are critical at times.

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 10:46 PM

Partnering and cost sharing toward a mutual outcome is an effective strategy to achieve Municipal goals

**Anonymous**

10/16/2023 10:59 PM

I've answered yes above but I do think the question requires more context. I would not support a CK response team "at all costs", budgetary context is important in these questions and answers.

**Anonymous**

10/17/2023 12:44 PM

How often is this required to date and what is the potential for an increased need for hazardous response? Again, having the costs and data would me I could provide you with an informed choice.

**Anonymous**

10/17/2023 04:51 PM

How many times per year is Windsor called upon for this service?

**Anonymous**

10/17/2023 06:55 PM

If it is working the way it is then why change it?

**Anonymous**

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

Especially if Woodbridge returns and with the expansion of industry here

**Anonymous**

10/18/2023 11:59 AM

Similar to a previous question, there is insufficient information provided. On average how many times a year has the city called Windsor and what is the cost? Do we think we can do it ourselves

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better and for less money?

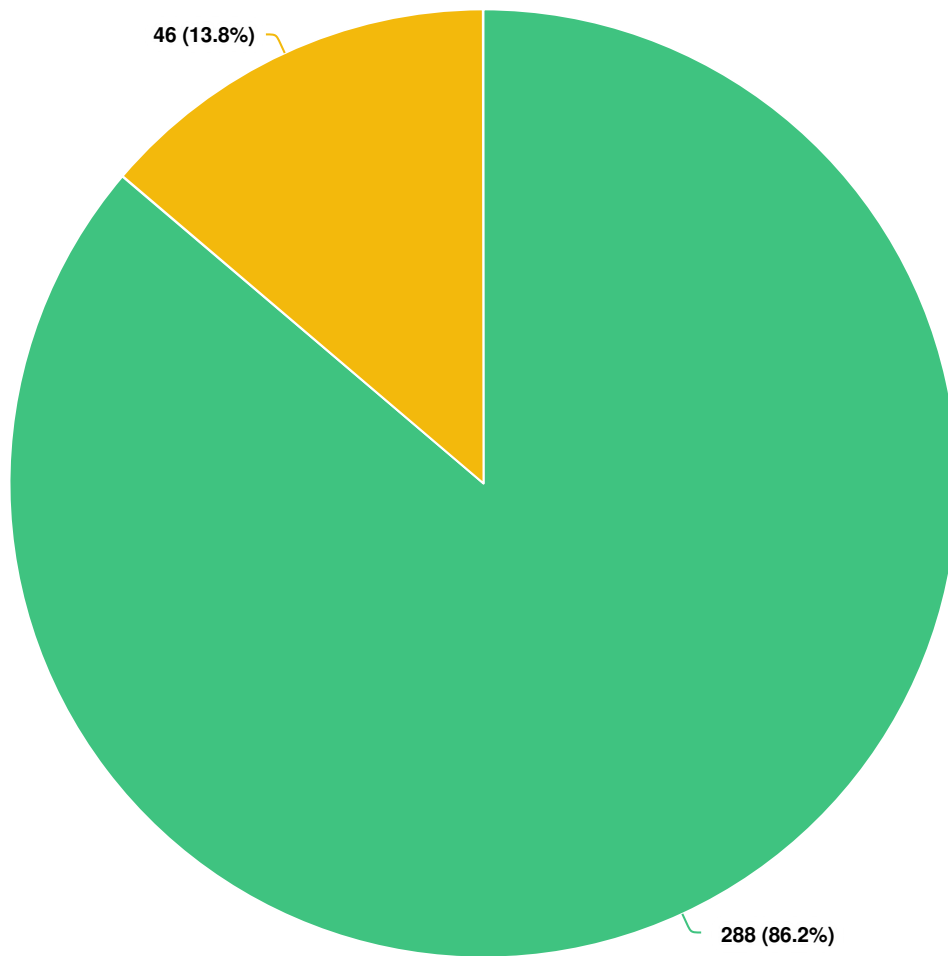
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**Question type:** Essay Question



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Q43 Chatham-Kent EMS has seen an increase in calls for service year after year resulting in additional staffing being added to the budget. Would you support continuing this increase in staffing to support the service while working with the Province to alleviate system constraints?



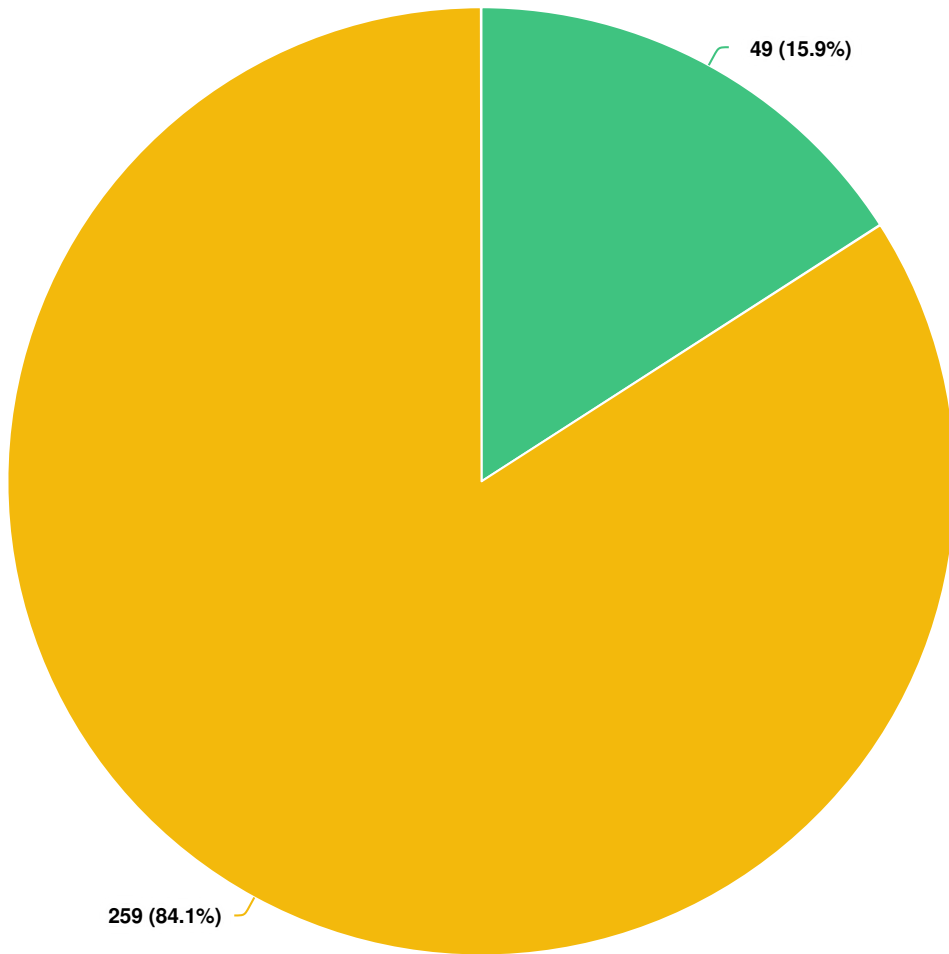
**Question options**

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- No

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Question type: Radio Button Question

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**Q44** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

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Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q45 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:29 PM

Better quality health system is crucial to reduce drawbacks from the current system.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

They are understaffed and do not have enough Ambulances for the Municipality, and the ambulances need repair. Focus on them, they are the main lifeline in Chatham-Kent for First Responders

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

It is time to provide an adequate level of support to EMS

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

Increase in calls is too broad. What area or grouping has seen the highest increase. I don't expect that we have seen an increase in falls from heights. Should we treat the cause or the symptom?

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

This is a band-aid to the problem, no money for a short-term fix.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

Find the dollars to support this.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:54 PM

This is very important

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

Temporary only, Get the police to clean up the city first, they are very well paid, then will be less strain on ems Not uncommon to see 5 police officers in a tim hortons at the same time

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

Again, less management, more stream-lined tech systems to pay for the extra EMS workers.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

Keep EMS seperate and away from Fire.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

EMS is very important for the community. It's a matter of life or death.

Anonymous

As our population increases and ages, it seems clear that increased

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10/04/2023 08:56 PM

calls can be expected...

**Anonymous**

10/04/2023 10:52 PM

Lets make a limit to how many times you can narcan one citizen in a night before they need to be detained for public threat Ems have better places to be then giving multiple doses on multiple occasions in one night to the same person.

**Anonymous**

10/04/2023 10:53 PM

Our EMS team needs deal with issues that reduce hospital medical visits

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:04 AM

EMS saves lives!

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:06 AM

A campaign that focuses on when ambulances should be called is needed. Too many non emergent calls simply for a ride to hospital consumes a valuable and limited resource. It is impossible to fund an unlimited number of ambulances and people need to start understanding that.

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

This is due to excess Covid shots. People deserve the consequences

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

Again, with no information provide to this question an intelligent answer cannot be provided!! I have one for you though. Does Lambton county reimburse C-K for the approximately 5 plus ambulance trips to Walpole Island per week they make?

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

Trudeau introduced maid. Offer it to people using the system. This is a liberal idea not mine.

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

Only if the system changes at hospital discharge of patients so they don't spend time waiting for hospital intake of the patients so they can move to another call

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

You got the order of things to focus on reversed. First you need to work with province to alleviate constraints - and once you have mastered that avenue, come to property tax payer for more open ended money requests.

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Anonymous 10/05/2023 09:30 AM	Hire more Para Medics not office staff
Anonymous 10/05/2023 09:57 AM	Aging population and the government shoving persons with mental issues out into the communities to fend for themselves says it all.
Anonymous 10/05/2023 10:04 AM	Staff need to be stationed more in rural areas so can respond in a timely manner. There are areas (ie Rondeau) that takes too long to respond too.
Anonymous 10/05/2023 12:51 PM	Definitely a very important service, especially with our aging population.
Anonymous 10/05/2023 01:43 PM	You need greater public education as to when an ambulance should be called, or not.
Anonymous 10/05/2023 03:10 PM	It is critical to have sufficient coverage, there should also be use of fire department to support them
Anonymous 10/05/2023 07:35 PM	EMS systems have been stretched to the max for a long time. Additional trucks and staff would be a great start.
Anonymous 10/05/2023 09:08 PM	What is driving the increase in calls for service? Population growth? Aging? Overdose?
Anonymous 10/06/2023 01:09 PM	The Firefighters should be utilized far more then they are now to assist ems. The firefighters have training and skills and experience to do so.
Anonymous 10/06/2023 01:21 PM	Ems should not be contracted to a for profit 3rd party company
Anonymous 10/07/2023 10:30 AM	EMS is essential. It is vital to the saving of lives in our municipality.
Anonymous 10/09/2023 02:47 PM	Attract more family doctors and this likely wouldn't be such an issue.

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Anonymous 10/09/2023 04:58 PM	Less office staff
Anonymous 10/10/2023 02:52 PM	Would to a certain extent, if off load delays at hospitals cannot be resolved increasing staff in EMS does not fix the issue just has more personnel waiting.
Anonymous 10/12/2023 01:39 PM	with the aging population in the municipality I believe that ambulance needs to be increased to put more vans on the road.
Anonymous 10/13/2023 09:28 AM	How many of those calls went to the emergency shelter? How many mental health crisis calls did they receive? We need more money for mental health intervention supports in the early stages. EX Schools
Anonymous 10/13/2023 09:42 AM	Saving people's lives is actually important. People shouldn't die waiting for an ambulance
Anonymous 10/16/2023 06:08 PM	I agree that there needs to be sufficient staff- but the staff need to be good and reliable. The reputation of our EMS in our community is not one that is reassuring or confident in their staffing measures
Anonymous 10/16/2023 07:04 PM	What else are we doing to alleviate this stress on our services?
Anonymous 10/16/2023 10:46 PM	Continually increasing costly staffing should not always be the desired solution...educating users and the Public at large on proper use of the Service should be one strategy to creatively reduce inappropriate use
Anonymous 10/17/2023 12:44 PM	With the increase in drug overdoses along with an aging population, I would say EMS and quick response times are extremely important to save lives.
Anonymous 10/17/2023 02:56 PM	Until there is a complete review of exactly who is using the extra service needs....I support nothing. I need to be convinced that there truly is a need for this before i would ever support it. \
Anonymous 10/17/2023 07:51 PM	Can we return to a municipaly ran ems system. Stop contracting this service out.

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Anonymous

10/17/2023 08:26 PM

Do not send all emergencies vehicles - fire , ambulance and police when all are not needed. This is the reason for increase fire calls.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 10:14 PM

Look at if there is a pattern in the increase in calls. i.e. I hear that issues such as mental health and addiction on our streets are a big reason for the increase of calls. This goes back to deal with the root cause - focus on need of facility with inhouse support in our City to alleviate these calls..

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

But working with the province should be the first priority with demonstrated success

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

This should only be a short term funding, as their is many Government programs that should be applied for, when they are successful acquired the funding should be stopped.

Anonymous

10/19/2023 03:01 PM

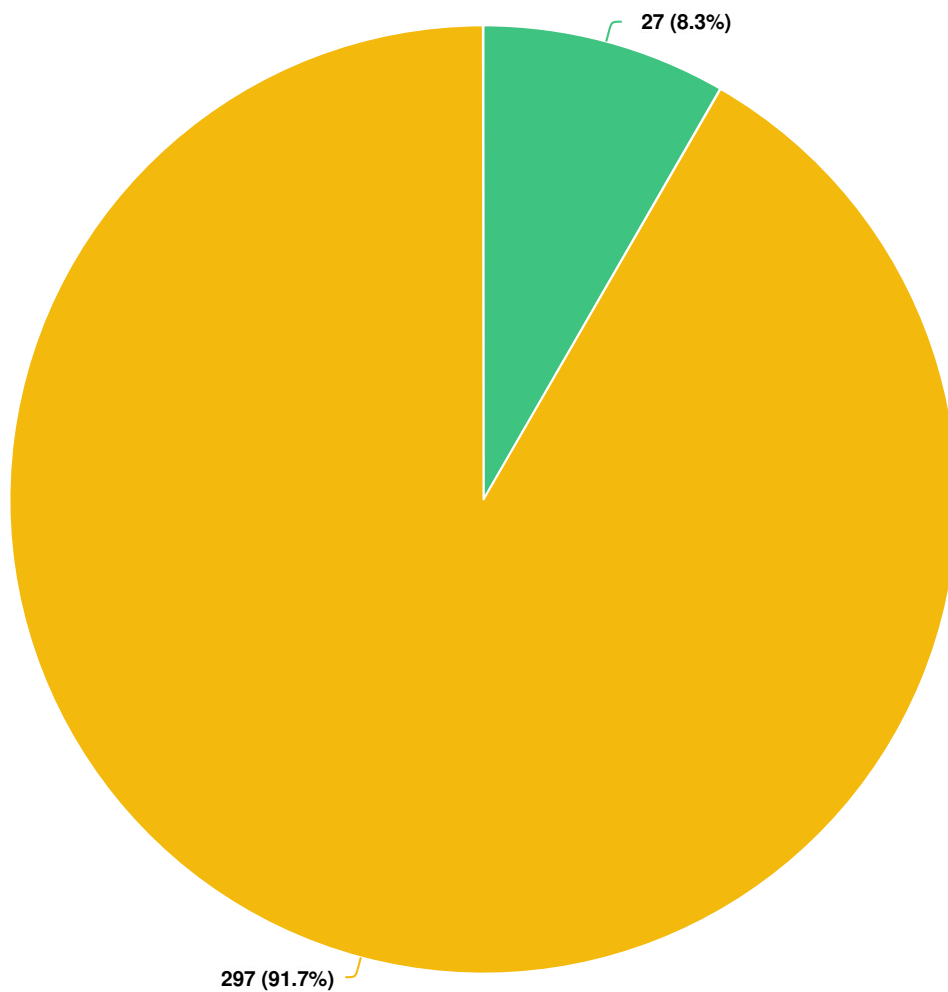
What on God's Green Earth do you think is a realistic alternative to saying "no" when asking if we need better funding for EMS services?

**Optional question** (49 response(s), 295 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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Q46 Chatham-Kent Fire and Rescue is in the final stages of completing their Master Fire Plan. At the beginning of the process, a survey was published requesting feedback from all residents. Since that process, do you have any comments to the current service levels being provided by Chatham-Kent Fire and Rescue?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (324 response(s), 20 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*



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**Q47** | Please leave your comment

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Full Time Fire Stations have been encroaching in volunteer territory in hopes of boosting their numbers to justify staffing levels. The overtime called in for full-time firefighters to operate in zones outside of their jurisdiction is outrageous. Full Time has been contracted for the CITY of Chatham and Wallaceburg. The dual hall response, including full time in volunteer zones needs to be nixed immediately. Have Tax Payers been made aware of the unnecessary calls full time have been taking? Further to this, they have been taking properties that volunteers have been operating for years, and are unsuccessfully operating in emergency situations.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 01:23 PM

Like EMS call volume is probably up. Might need to enhance service levels.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

Why does Chatham Fire have a Dive Team which requires training and gear. We call on the OPP for this service. Time to get rid of these types of teams.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

Volunteers are key to the service we receive. Don't get rid of them.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:49 PM

When and where was this? I feel residents are not actually being asked for feedback. I randomly stumbled on this survey. The municipality does a woeful job of getting information out and opportunities for feedback

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

Services are adequate.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

I don't know what current service levels are

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:26 PM

A town exploded while a couple firemen were trying to evacuate the area, then it was anarchy. Completely unfair to those firefighters. I think you have some major issues to work out.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

What are the current service levels? What was the summary from the feedback?

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:41 PM

We need a fulltime fire hall on the south end of chatham!  
Wallaceburg should have more fulltime firefighters on duty at a time.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:10 PM

The current Chatham-Kent fire service is understaffed in the city of Chatham and should be increased with fulltime staff to meet the growing city.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:10 PM

There should be more full time staff to cover a greater area of the county and some Of the larger towns, fire halls also need an update or replacement as I understand

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:06 PM

Need increase in full time staffing. In addition a new full time station is required

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:22 PM

A full-time fire station is needed on the south end of Chatham, having no station south of the CP tracks (Richmond St) is highly problematic with a growing population and industry on the south side of Chatham

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:08 PM

The Chatham-Kent Fire Department is falling significantly behind in the level of service it is providing the community members it serves. The Fire Department requires a significant investment moving forward to increase full-time staffing, increase the departments capability to respond to any call for help in our community, build new fire stations that are better located to improve response times and to replace old, inefficient fire stations, staff more fire stations with full-time firefighters 24/7 year round, improve the level of training its full-time and volunteer members receive, improve training capabilities and facilities on all fronts, increase interagency interpretability and training events that involve all emergency services and add speciality rescue teams and a heavy rescue apparatus to respond to technical rescue/hazardous materials type calls throughout the municipality. The Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the Chatham-Kent Fire Department needs to focus on doing the things necessary to drastically improve the level of service it is capable of providing the citizens of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. In doing so, the Fire Department will not only provide a more value added service to the community but also will attract more companies, industry and people to our municipality.

Anonymous

The current staffing is at bare minimum. Adding another station and

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10/05/2023 11:33 PM

increasing the station response would give more citizens a better response.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 01:09 PM

fulltime is very under staffed and isn't close to operating at IDLH environments safely. example: Fire in a high-rise building requires 18 plus for an initial response, they currently have 8 in chatham and only 4 in wallaceburg

Anonymous

10/06/2023 01:21 PM

More full time staff are required

Anonymous

10/06/2023 08:48 PM

Yes I think both the fire service and EMS is stressed and need increase in there levels.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 01:56 PM

Not enough fire fighters for structure fires and to cover the city of Chatham.

Anonymous

10/08/2023 07:58 PM

We need more full time fire staffing. They do a great job with the limited staffing they have but they are short staffed and need more full time firefighters to protect our city.

Anonymous

10/10/2023 02:52 PM

Public meetings to provide residences with what are the service levels that is provided. The master plan survey was almost two years ago or so it takes that long!!!!

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:29 PM

I think service levels should be looked at having fire trucks fly between Wallaceburg and Chatham makes no sense

Anonymous

10/14/2023 11:58 PM

We need a fire hall in the southern quadrant of the city,

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

Service levels appear to be adequate at present, especially in light of only modest community growth.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 10:46 PM

Throwing more money to arrange at an intended solution is not necessarily the best option...Good strategies in any Master Plan should include Public Education to better tool citizens to take a safer lead in community well being

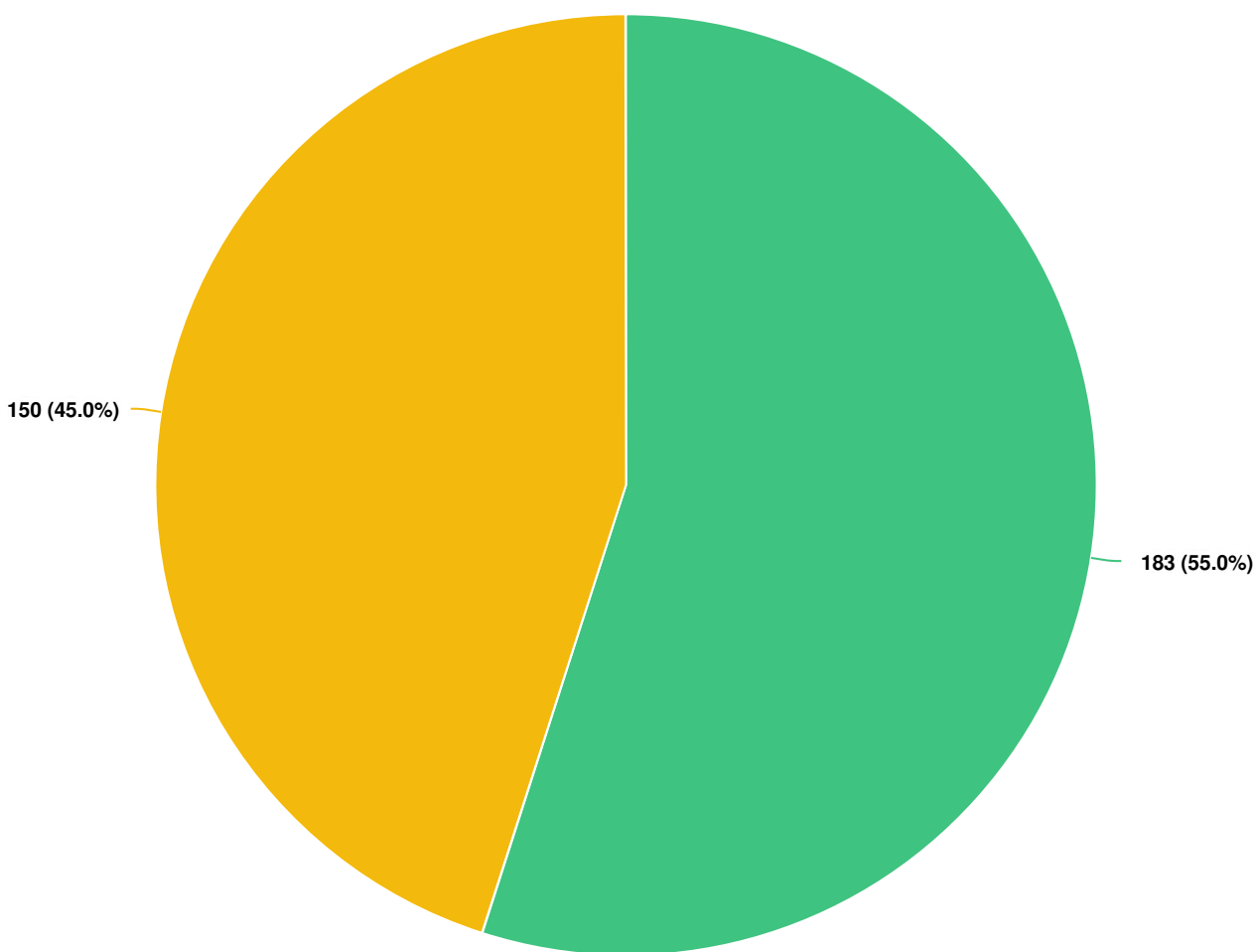
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**Question type:** Essay Question

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Q48 The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is proposing a service level increase to their Community Emergency Management Programs to include a mass notification service and additional staffing. Would you support an increase to the Emergency Management program to support emergency preparedness in Chatham-Kent?



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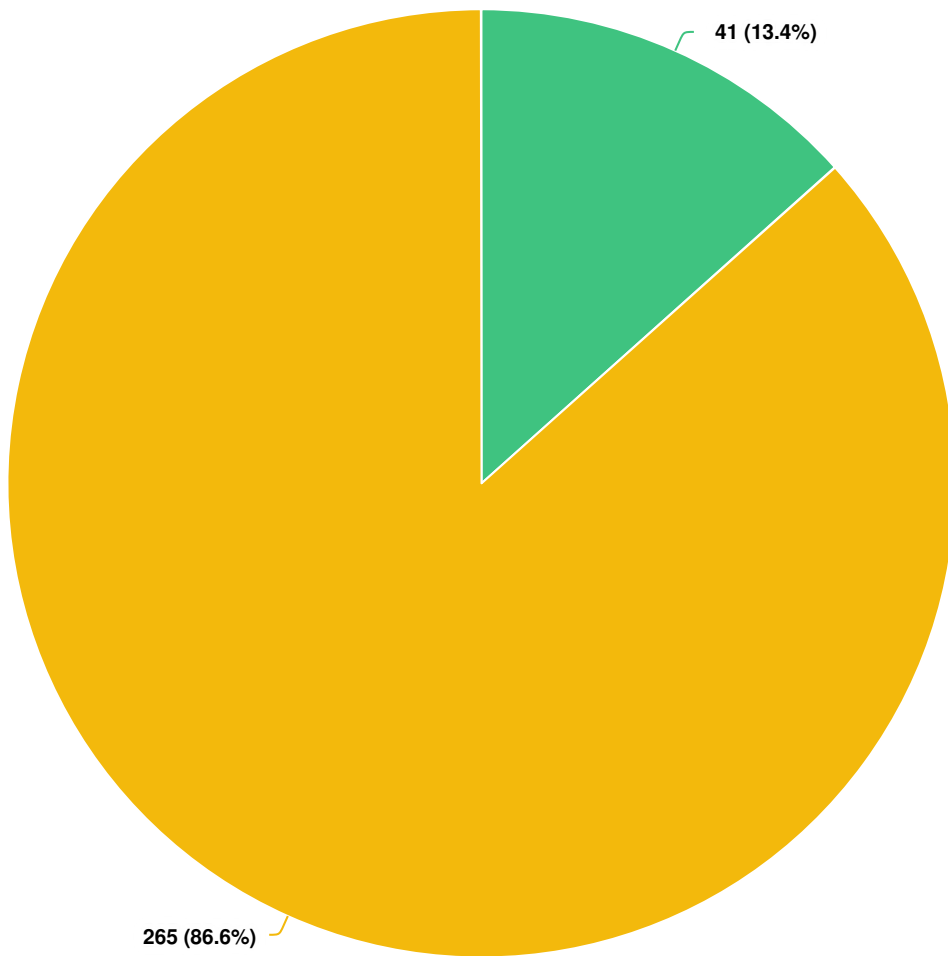
- Yes
- No

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**Q49** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

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**Q50 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

It is a way to try and justify unnecessary and over staffed positions. We currently have this but haven't prepared for basic emergencies and the potential they could occur with contingency plans in place (i.e. a fire at a water treatment plant)

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:10 PM

How were the communities affected by the boil water advisory notified? Oh, they weren't? Neat. Good work, team. Keep up the great work. Take more photos for your own ego.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:28 PM

Hopefully at a reasonable cost only

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:00 PM

The Water crisis - there was very little information early on / Tilbury & Wheatley primarily in the dark with no information on the situation

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

Tie mass notification to emergency services. I'm ignorant of the costs associated with such a scheme but it seems that safety can work two ways.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 05:20 PM

Seems like you just want to add more employees to our already bloated workforce no new hires !

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:49 PM

If this happens, there better be an opt out option.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

Again, if it's for their career, they should pay for it and get their own tax write off. Why must we be taxed to death to pay for someone else's career and pension?

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

Why do you need it increased? Give me the reasons and justify why.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:55 PM

It is clear this is required considering the fiasco that has occurred during this boil water advisory in Tilbury and Wheatley

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:09 PM

We need a way of communication for ppl with big issues...boil water advisory was a complete failure...dont tell people till next day...great job...if you dont have fb you didnt know...n all the older generation had no idea...what is that...they are more vulnerable...imagine older relatives drinking bad water and getting sick im sure you all would have complained

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

Surely for one off emergencies existing staff can be reassigned to address emergency issues. Communications-need a comprehensive plan, then implement during emergencies.Do not necessarily need to spend more money, just implement smarter.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:04 AM

Better utilize what we presently have now.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

We don't need more interference in our lives

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

While I generally support the need what are the extent of these increases and services? Where is our staff lacking now to actually send out an alert? What does our service consist of today?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

Provide context to the questions!!!!!!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

A emergency would be created to keep their jobs. No Thanks for weak people pretending they have some power.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

I think all currents depts and employees should be trained in emergency management to a small degree and should be able to shift depts , when it's needed , to emergency management when and if the need arises with proper manuals and procedures easily available in text as to what procedures should be and with proper guidance and management from the emergency management department

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

This question didn't provide enough information for me to give an opinion, but I would say increase but with the staff you already have.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

Given most emergency management issues will go beyond our municipal boundary's it would be shortsighted and a failure to put a

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"made in Chatham and only for Chatham" system in place. Again you need to think regionally to encompass the scope of these issues. Use your membership within the regional municipal associations to address this - or you build a system that is not integrated with communities east/west/north of us.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:04 AM

Should be planned within their current operating budget, need to be review full operations and what is obsolete and form budget accordingly instead of just going to taxpayers for money.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:44 PM

I can't believe a mass notification service hasn't been put into place already as part of Emergency Management Plan , it makes me wonder about the efficiency and competency of the current team. It seems pretty basic to have a way to notify residents in this digital day and age.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:23 PM

C-K should contact our neighboring municipalities for demos/reviews of their current alert systems, and synchronize alert efforts/notices during a local or regional emergency. The City of Windsor, and County of Essex, use the "Everbridge" emergency alert system by U.S. company, Everbridge. The Town of Leamington uses a Canadian-developed platform called "Alertable" that has better reviews. "Alertable" is an emergency notification system that enables a municipality or organization to send alerts to residents, businesses, employees and visitors during critical events such as fires or floods as well as for community notices such as water advisories. Alertable is a free app and works with iOS and Android smartphones, tablets, computers, or smart speaker devices. It was developed by the Calgary tech company - PEASI [www.peasi.com](http://www.peasi.com) Email: [info@peasi.com](mailto:info@peasi.com) 1-888-400-5661 Everbridge also has a free mass notification app for multiple platforms as above, with over 6,500 global clients. The company is based in Boston, MA. (781) 373-9800 [marketing@everbridge.com](mailto:marketing@everbridge.com) Middlesex-London uses a basic contact system for registered users, and does not have an app at this time. Their own "Alert London" system provides critical public safety messages to a preferred point of contact (text or voice)

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:17 PM

Boil water notification for Tilbury might of been handled better if a notification system was set up.

Anonymous

10/09/2023 02:47 PM

Sounds like more taxes.

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Anonymous

10/10/2023 02:52 PM

Believe this would be an enhancement at a reasonable cost.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 11:10 AM

I think additional staffing will be important but I think that the city does not have the technical infrastructure to support a mass notification system. The fire department's software programs are delicate at best and dispatch only has so many resources. I think a focus on bringing existing software and technology in emergency services up to standard should be prioritized before an emergency notification system.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:47 PM

We have to many staff now.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:58 PM

Notifications service yes , do not need extra staff

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:42 AM

I would prefer to see a plan explaining what this means. What emergencies? Are expecting new emergencies? Have there been increases in emergency events that the public isn't aware of?

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

I have both worked for a 'municipality' and worked for a major city newspaper which covered these types of committees and know what these types of offices are about. So, you would probably have a 'steering committee,' and another committee for the steering committee etc. How about we focus on what is most pressing. Getting affordable housing so there is not one person left wandering the streets at night or sleeping on my lawn because they have no where else to go. Of course, with the increase of prophecy ridden extreme weather we will need proper emergency response, but stay away from developing committees and developing the fire - ems - gas - electrical response teams instead.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

I can see how this would be beneficial- as long as it is implemented and running properly. If it's not done right, from the very beginning, people will not have confidence and will be a waste of time and money

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

Utilize existing staff to develop an in-house program to provide notification services.

Anonymous

Again constantly increasing budget and staffing levels are not the

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10/16/2023 10:46 PM

answers...develop CQI initiatives that provide better accountability for use of EXISTING resources

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:44 PM

Not sure there's a need for staffing, however a better notification system, one not dependent on social media, is required. I was surprised to learn it wasn't already in place. Surely other better prepared municipalities have a model you can use so you don't need to start from scratch.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 01:19 PM

This question is too open ended. What does a service level increase refer to. Higher pay scale for present staff and perhaps more staff or just to technology improvements.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

We need municipal staff and volunteers for this not increased taxes!!!! Municipal staff need to learn to volunteer their time and make a difference in their community.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

Perhaps Re-education and training as well as a policy review is all that is needed

Anonymous

10/18/2023 11:59 AM

At what cost? Insufficient information is presented.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

There is enough Federal Service in place from cell phone that ring to lottery terminal that flash note in stores.

Anonymous

10/19/2023 11:22 AM

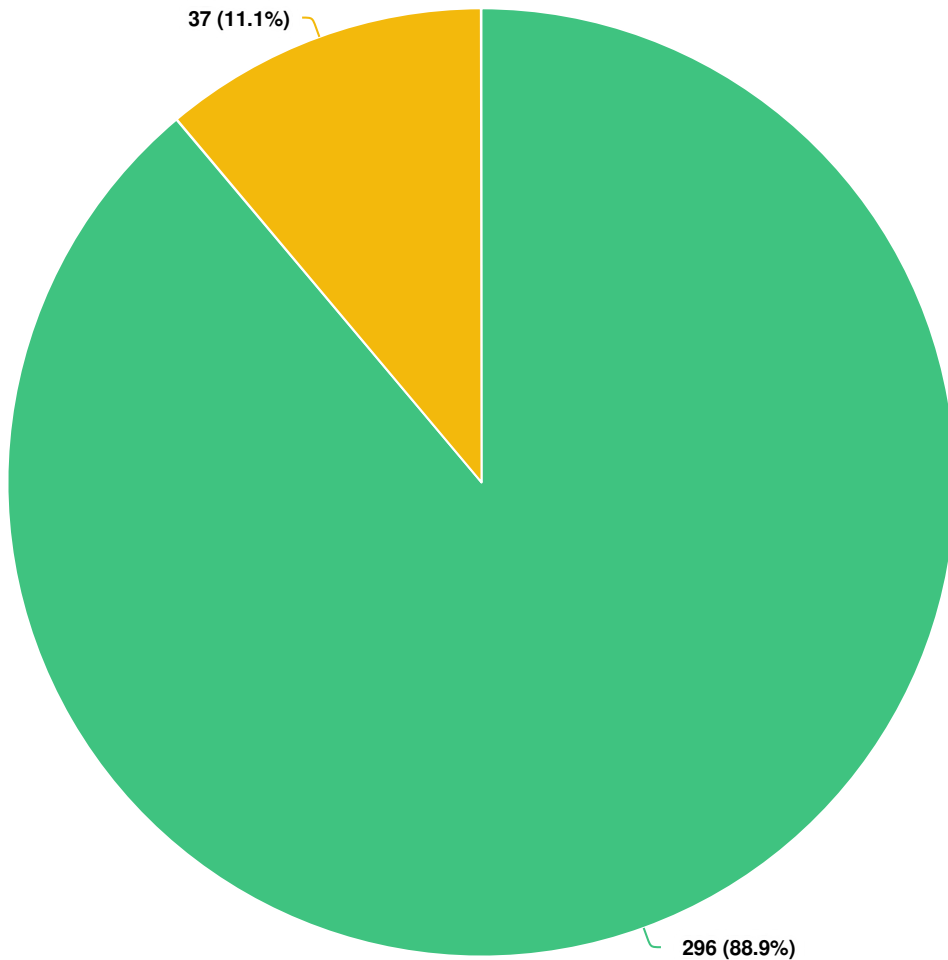
We need something like a local amber alert system.

**Optional question** (41 response(s), 303 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

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**Q51** | Would you support municipalities receiving a share of the HST to help fund municipal asset management plans instead of being funded solely by property taxes?



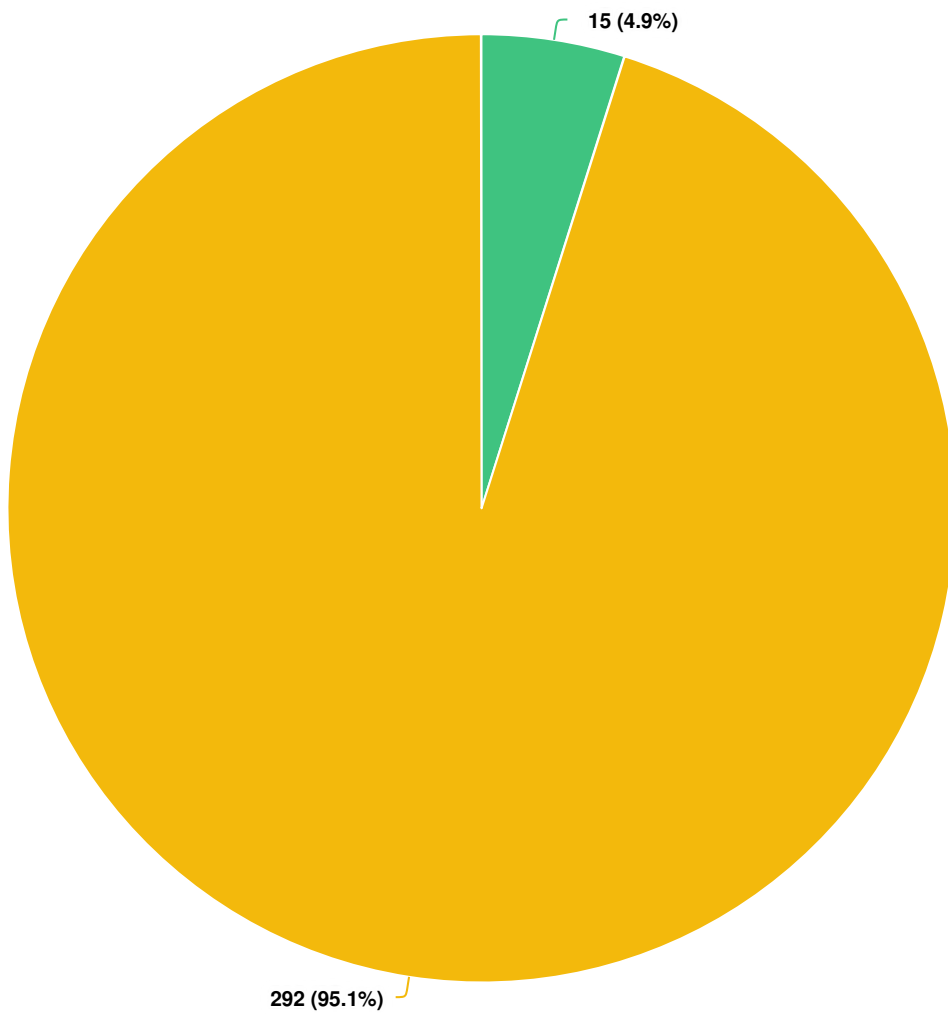
**Question options**

- Yes
- No

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**Q52** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (307 response(s), 37 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q53 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

Seems like a federal question during an election. You can't control HST allotment.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

This is a no brainer. Of course, any money to deflect cost would be a win.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

Federal program change need to be supported by their level of government and taxation.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:57 AM

Telecommunications is expensive and forever changing. Those with deep pockets can keep up others fall behind quickly and only seem to upgrade when ordered to through legislation. The old excuse of needing local people who know the area taking 911 calls is no longer an acceptable excuse for the municipality to maintain its own call centre. Technology is so advanced today that 911 calls are taken hundreds of miles away and are responded to promptly. Why is our Municipality not looking into others providing this service at MAYBE a much lower cost? This "we have to do it ourselves attitude" if looked at honestly is costing our taxpayers millions.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:04 AM

More should be done like this

Anonymous

10/05/2023 01:43 PM

what is a municipal asset management plan? terms need to be defined specifically, no government double-speak.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:21 PM

I would like to see a FULLY integrated 911 system. delays occur when calling 911 for medical emergencies and you have to be transferred from 911 operator to CK EMS.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

Yes as long as you drop that money off our already too high taxes. Don't go waste it somewhere else.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

Since the CRTC has mandated this, and it is a federal commission, it would only make fiscal sense that the money that taxpayers pay to the HST help to pay for its implementation. But really, in the end, IT IS ALL TAXPAYER DOLLARS!

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Anonymous

10/10/2023 02:52 PM

This is done in Provinces out west.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:47 PM

We pay enough tax now

Anonymous

10/12/2023 10:11 PM

Chtham-Kent is disadvantaged in not having a large industrial base to add to our property tax revenues, additional funding from the provincial or federal government would help immensely in ensuring CK and similar parts of our country have the same services available to larger municipalities with large industrial components.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 01:14 PM

Anything mandated by other organizations or levels of government should come with funding.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

Difficult to understand the financial implications of Q45. Provincial governments only have so many \$'s to contribute as well.

Anonymous

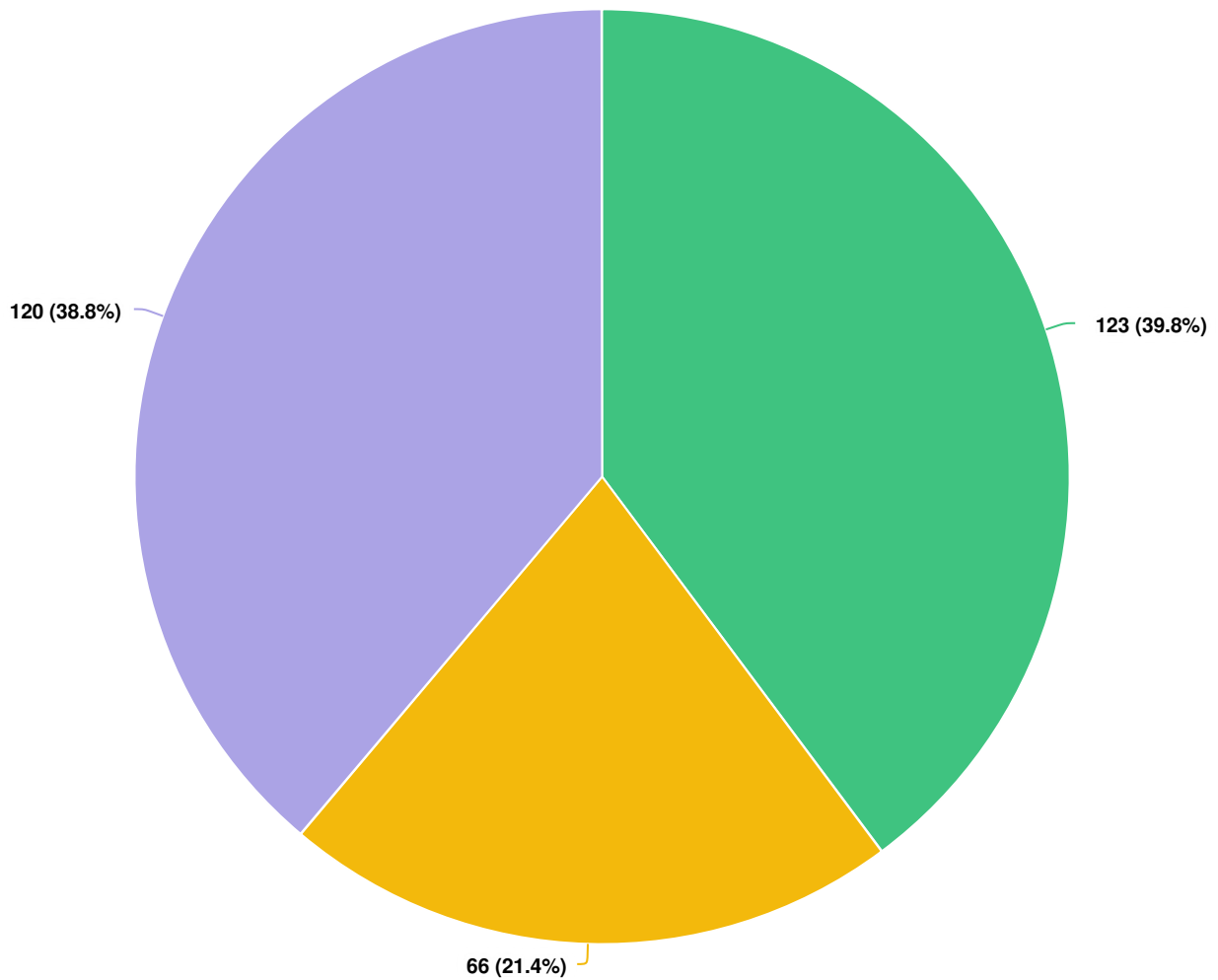
10/18/2023 12:23 AM

I do not like the trend if medical diagnosis being made o ver the phone.

**Optional question** (15 response(s), 329 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q54** Municipalities often issue long term debt to fund projects. Which of the following options do you prefer?



**Question options**

- Chatham-Kent does not issue debt to fund new capital builds and lifecycle replacement of assets
- Chatham-Kent issues debt only for new capital builds and not for lifecycle replacement of assets
- Chatham-Kent considers issuing debt on both new capital builds and lifecycle replacement of assets

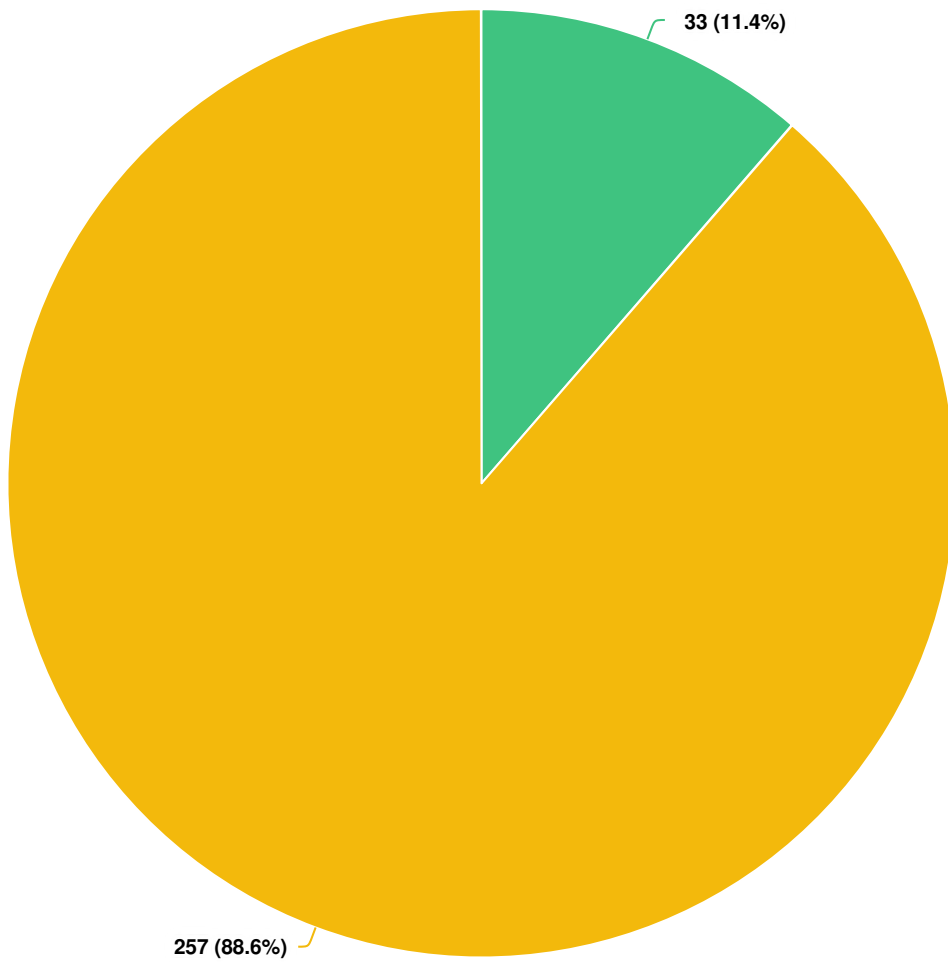
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*Question type: Radio Button Question*



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**Q55** | Would you like to leave a comment based on the question you just answered?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Optional question (290 response(s), 54 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

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**Q56 | Please leave your comment**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Some lifecycle options are a little ridiculous. If it is cheaper and more efficient to run current fleet in both public works, and emergency services, why are we cycling out millions of dollars in equipment when it isn't necessary

Anonymous

10/03/2023 03:32 PM

In light of the current economic situation everyone around the world is facing, and if lifecycle replacement of assets is not critical, maybe it should be looked at in future budgets. And perhaps we should be making do with what we have until a future budget so as to not put undue burden on the taxpayer. We are encouraged as citizens of Canada to reign in debt, not overspend and be fiscally responsible. It should be no different than our municipalities.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:10 PM

Where's the option for "does not issue debt to fund new capital builds, but does for lifecycle replacement of assets."? Clowns.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

The use of debt gives the municipality stupid ideas like pretend paybacks that only exist on paper. Show me your KPIs it works. Also, don't forget to do it on the margin. You hate margins because they show it didn't make a difference.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:53 PM

These should all undergo tight reviews and cost analysis prior to approval.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

Your question left out the option of debt only for lifecycle. Lifecycle seems to have been forgotten for communities in Chatham-Kent. We currently have a boil water advisory that will continue for a indefinite period. Indefinite. Certainly the fire was catastrophic but I expect that what is a rumble now could turn into a full blown eruption of opinion on life cycle funding.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 05:20 PM

Should be no debt make residence people pay for what we need and use . Don't make the children and grandchildren pay for it in 15 or 20 years

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:54 PM

Debt is never good

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

So long as debt remains in control and not dependent on unrealistic population growth.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

How about issuing municipal bonds to pay for a specific build? Borrow from the community and pay the community back. Lifecycle replacement is a matter of proper running of a community. Municipality should have budgeted for this over many years, knowing that things do not last forever and planning for future replacement.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:55 PM

The drainage issues in Tilbury are not being addressed and at least 2 of these projects are behind and we just keep getting more and more flooding

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

Issuing debt for worthwhile projects is fine... issuing debt for useless or dumb projects is not fine...

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:00 AM

Replacements should be funded by setting aside reserves over the life expectancy of each asset.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

There is no offsetting income from most projects so they only increase the tax burden

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

responsible financing should be a tool if needed to support the needs of our community

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

Assuming you know what you are doing, all good business use financing for long term growth and financial management.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

Consider on a case by case basis.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:25 AM

Same thing that property tax payers must do to maintain or improve their homes, and private sector does for their operations. With this huge difference: property tax payers and businesses must have discipline to pay these things off - without downloading the cost to others ( so before you do this) what guardrail is in place to keep city staff and councillors from the ridiculous view that "budgets balance themselves".

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Anonymous 10/05/2023 12:44 PM	I support debt for lifecycle replacement of assets.
Anonymous 10/05/2023 09:08 PM	Another option: issue debt for lifecycle replacement of assets only.
Anonymous 10/05/2023 11:07 PM	Just like last time, this question doesn't list a 4th option, focus on lifecycle replacement.
Anonymous 10/06/2023 02:00 PM	We cannot continue to spend money we don't have
Anonymous 10/09/2023 02:47 PM	If you must fund something new build an arena please and don't attach a new city hall to it to try to trick us.
Anonymous 10/13/2023 09:28 AM	Hey how about we don't spend 30 mill to revamp the civic centre? Hey how about the councillor that has a relative that built it NOT be involved in the decision making.
Anonymous 10/15/2023 01:14 PM	I do not know enough about this topic to answer the question.
Anonymous 10/15/2023 02:56 PM	None of the above. Do you think the average citizen has any idea what you are referring to!
Anonymous 10/16/2023 06:52 AM	Interest rates are too high to borrow at this point.
Anonymous 10/16/2023 12:06 PM	Why isn't the cost for capital builds and lifecycle replacement of assets part of the budget already. It's well known that these things cost money and depreciate so their cost and replacement cost should be factored in to the budget.
Anonymous 10/16/2023 07:23 PM	The funding for lifecycle replacement needs to get to 100%, and proposed increases to the lifecycle fund should not be used to reduce the operating budget requirements.
Anonymous 10/16/2023 11:16 PM	You should consider explaining these terms to people. Most don't understand the difference between Lifecycle and New Capital builds - lots do, but give examples of each to make it real.

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Anonymous

10/17/2023 08:26 PM

Fix up the downtown! Preserve the buildings and make the area user friendly. Clear out homeless and drug abusers. Police the area regularly. The police initiative never lasts more than a week or two. There used to be police that walked the beat and the area was safer. We need better policing leadership in Chatham Kent. Our police chief is too busy working towards his next career and is disconnected.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:17 PM

We shouldn't go into long term debit unless the program can show it could be up and running quickly and helping pay the debit down .

Anonymous

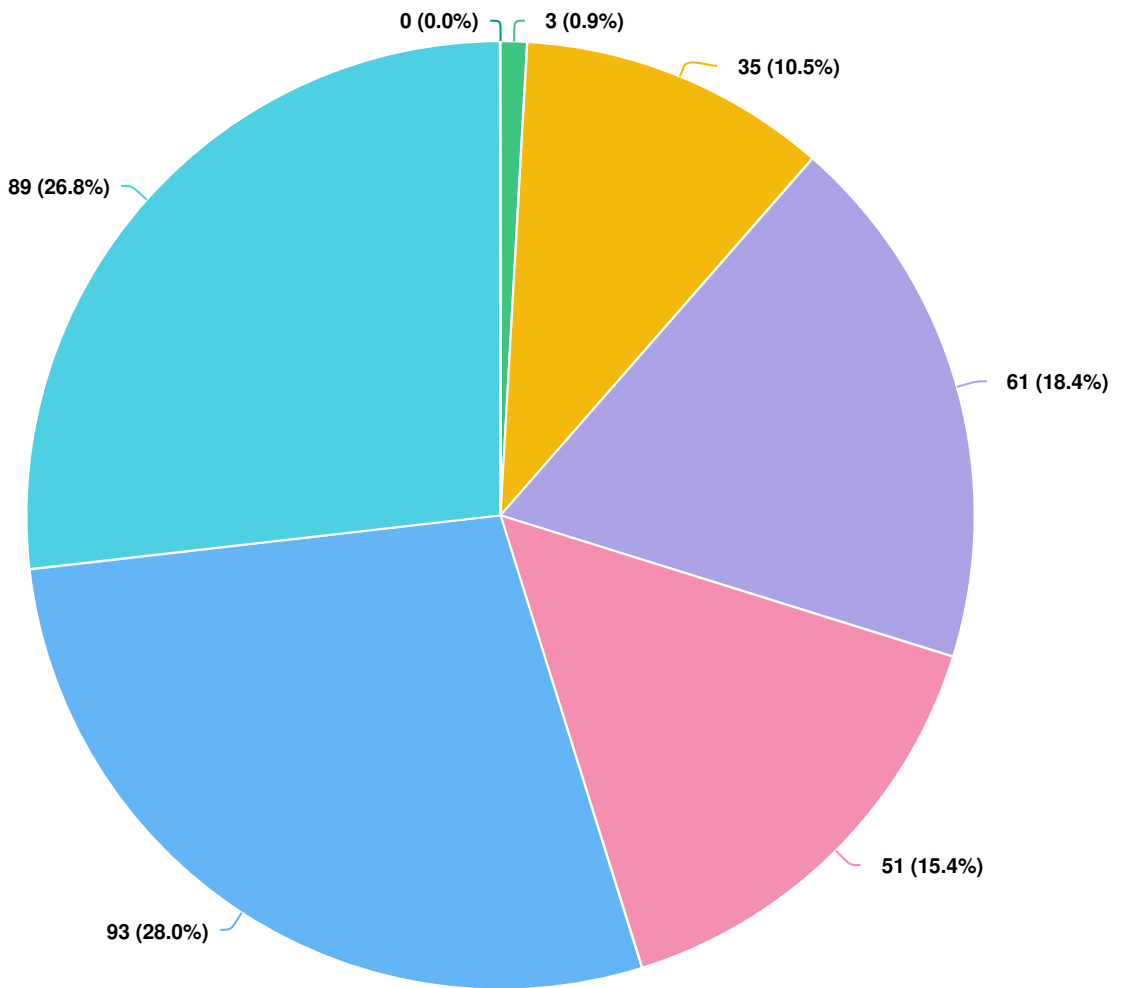
10/19/2023 11:22 AM

we cannot keep putting things off. Pay for it now and save money in the future.

**Optional question** (33 response(s), 311 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

Q57 | Age

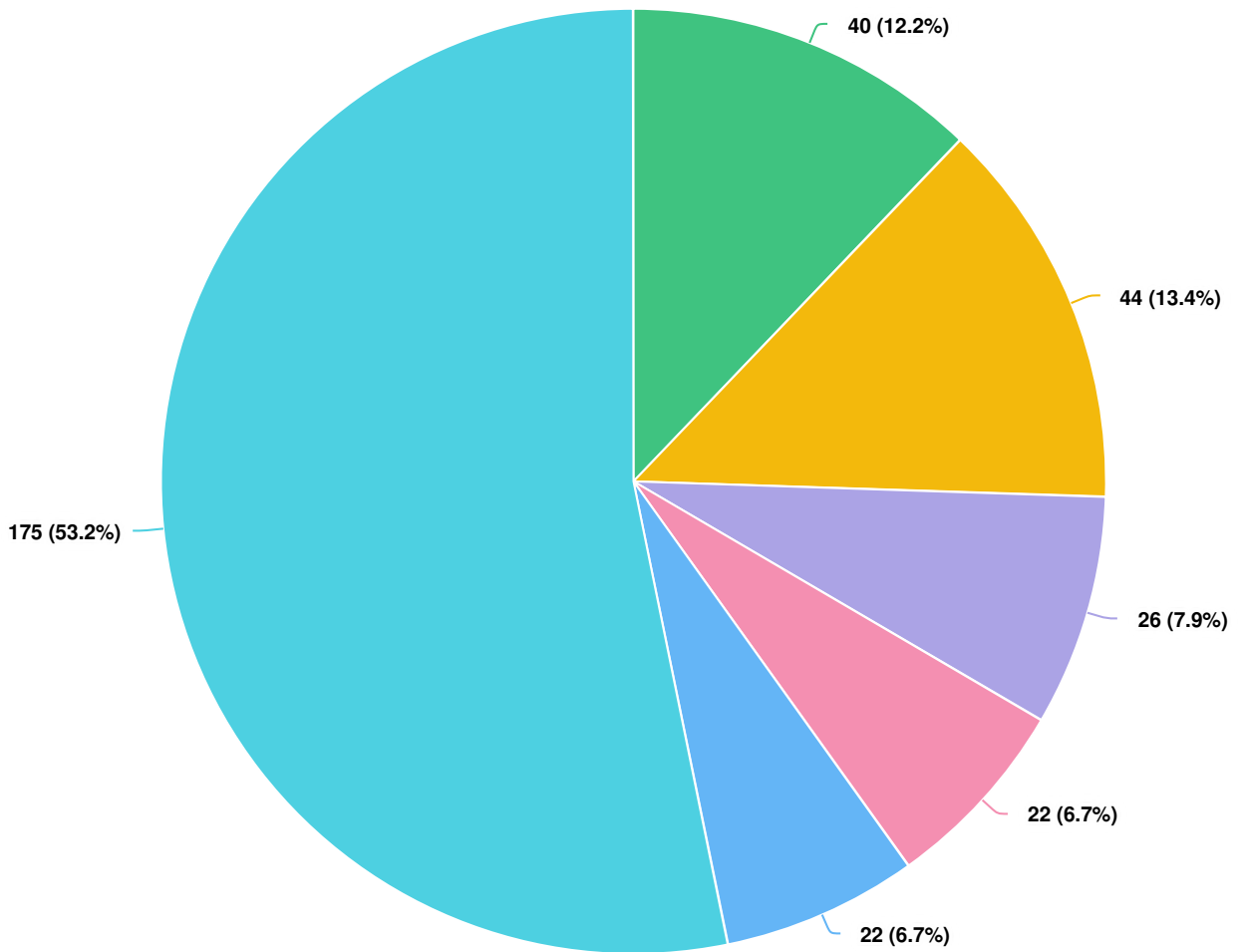


**Question options**

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and over
- Under 18

Optional question (332 response(s), 12 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q58** Which ward do you reside in?

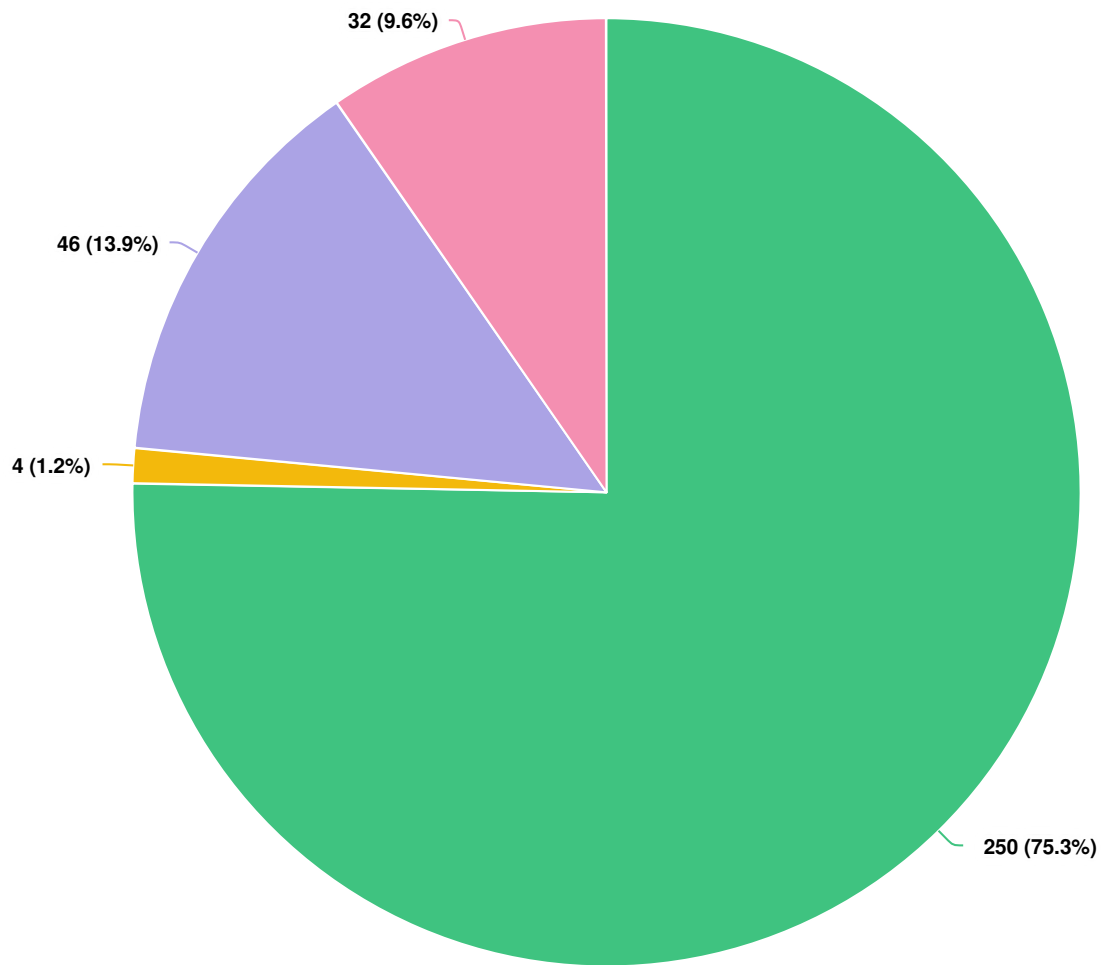


**Question options**

- Ward 1 - West Kent
- Ward 2 - South Kent
- Ward 3 - East Kent
- Ward 4 - North Kent
- Ward 5 - Wallaceburg
- Ward 6 - Chatham

Optional question (329 response(s), 15 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q59** Are you a homeowner and/or business owner?



**Question options**

- Homeowner
- Business owner
- Both
- Neither

Optional question (332 response(s), 12 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question



**Q60 | Please use the following box to provide any comments on this survey or suggestions for Administration and Council as they complete the 2024-2027 multi-year budget.**

Anonymous

10/03/2023 12:29 PM

I felt really happy to be part of this survey to express my thoughts and suggestions to bring changes to Chatham-Kent.

Anonymous

10/03/2023 02:32 PM

Eliminate unnecessary staffing (i.e. multiple managers in IT) Monitor Unnecessary Spending in Budgets just to maintain current levels (IT) Focus on critical Infrastructure that needs to be updated (Bridges, Roadways, etc.) and stop taking lowest tenders Bring contracts for grass back to local companies, and keep contracts and bids as local as possible Stop unnecessary life cycle timeframes (i.e computers, fire trucks, etc) especially if they are in working order and safe to be operated Focus on improving Chatham-Kent, not what parties to have next

Anonymous

10/03/2023 03:32 PM

Fiscal responsibility in these economic times is essential. Don't put the burden on taxpayers who cannot afford for our municipality to take on more debt.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 01:54 PM

Increase taxes to pay for the services we need, want, know and love. What's a couple dollars to help those in need? We are in this together.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 02:25 PM

Stop with the thrills and lower taxes

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:10 PM

Get your heads out of your rear ends.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:13 PM

Thanks for not reading. Build everything you want because council is lame and doesn't function well anymore. Everything goes and everything is a great idea. Hurrah.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:24 PM

Compared to other municipalities, CK is already taxed too high. It is time for the Mayor and council to actual do what they were elected to do which is find ways to reduce the tax burden. For example, reducing the policing budget by bringing in the OPP. However, they will not do this because they feel they will lose control of the "boys club" they currently have. Looking at the OPP webpage, they can provide policing service at half the current rate of CKPS, and provide

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a be quality of service. I say this because I recently had the privilege of being told by a member of CKPS that they would not be dealing with my complaint and I could speak to their supervisor if I was not happy. Real professional! I see this attitude with all the city services - collect the money but do not want to do the work.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:28 PM

Consider how much homeowners are already paying in taxes. There are alot of retired people in this community

Anonymous

10/04/2023 03:53 PM

Please keep the taxpayer in mind when allocating budgets to services and departments rather than businesses and corporations. Covid has impacted everyone and it is an unfortunate reality that some businesses will not return. Taxpayers should not have to supplement every business. If it's not profitable or necessary let it go.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:47 PM

Although I believe that Chatham-Kent can be progressive. I don't believe that taxpayers should be seen as a bottomless well of funds from which can be drawn unlimited funds to benefit the independently wealthy in our community through preferential side deals.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 04:54 PM

Homelessness and addiction is flowing in from bigger city With bigger budget hikes It's nit our to fill Cheaper to dump the problem on smaller communities Concerned we have opened the flood gates with services now not being able to continue without digging into our pockets further Especially with retirement soon alone us all with a reduce net income

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:04 PM

Our town is in shambles, negligence all around, from the explosion, to our water treatment plant catching fire. Chatham-Kent is terrible. Actually, you should be ashamed how bad you have neglected our town. We are embarrassed to live in Chatham. Reduce your spending, think bigger than just Chatham itself. If there was an award for ineptitude, you'd win.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:07 PM

Our taxes keep going up but services (current water fiasco) are still happening. Flooding in Tilbury is still happening with nothing be done.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:46 PM

Honestly, your surveys are very leading to the reader. Ridiculous! Manage the budget like your taxpayers have to manage theirs! Fed up with your request for more funding!

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Anonymous

10/04/2023 06:54 PM

Pave the 2nd Concession NOW

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:34 PM

Clean up the chatham township transfer station its a dump, does your managers ever visit the sites? Corner of darrel line and caledonia , no 911 signs on the property ( I guess the municipality is exempt from law ) how do you notify ems if there is an emergency without a 911 # Call me at [REDACTED] Be glad to show you the disgusting mess at that transfer station I can supply photos

Anonymous

10/04/2023 07:46 PM

Stop spending what you don't have, period. First priorities, necessities of life should always be first, then and only then what there is funding for. Far too much 'entitlement' on the back of the workers.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:32 PM

Most frequent topic I hear from my friends and neighbors is that the Police budget is always rubber stamped and not considered. They get special treatment and wonder why society is having trust issues with them. There jobs have become more difficult yes but there's never consideration to do things differently. For example take the increase that they will ask for this year, give it to the hospital and have them send health workers into the community with Police to deal with the growing mental health/societal problems.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:54 PM

I find it shocking that this is the first multi year budget that is being done. Great for getting it in place. I was in finance for many years and a 5 to 10 year plan was always looked at in the industry. If you fail to plan, then plan to fail, was the mantra.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:55 PM

You need to realize that you represent all of Chatham-Kent not just Chatham. There are major road issues, spot light and speed that need to be addressed. Policing in Tilbury is minimal and we need you to all do better for all the communities

Anonymous

10/04/2023 08:56 PM

Administration and Council should be very careful re: planning for the downtown center... to my way of thinking, moving the library in there makes zero sense... there is adequate space to expand the current library if necessary... a "one size fits all" solution will end up being "one size fits none", and it's that kind of thinking that led to the gutting of downtown when the mall was built in the first place...

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:09 PM

Need a new system or board in Tilbury to relay emergency messages somehow...how do people without facebook know anything...and

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more than one sign...even on a news channel...that was just plain horrible...i knew but for all those people who didnt know i told them to thank ck municipal people

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:26 PM

Where are the service desks that used to be in the libraries?  
Conveniently disappeared after Covid? With the services we receive, I cannot believe you have the nerve to suggest a tax increase for ANYTHING. You are lucky we pay our current taxes.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 09:42 PM

We do not need anymore tax increases.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 10:52 PM

Line painting accross the town of chatham would benefit visibility. Rural dirt roads dont need more gravel they need to be properly graded and not at 30km/h.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 11:01 PM

I am extremely disappointed that every year the city struggles to understand that citizens are struggling financially. People can't afford extra cost at this time. Taxpayers money is not free money. The city needs to tighten their belts and be fiscally responsible for once. If city electives and city management would like to take a pay cut to fund these initiatives because taxpayers are financially drained.

Anonymous

10/04/2023 11:03 PM

Stop wasting our money. So what we want not what you want. You don't mention wasting money on the civic center. You never mention in that proposal about the cost of a new fire hall. You hide everything to make projects look cheaper. Waste money on a round about when we all know lights are cheaper. You can't fix Talbot trail. You have Wheatley in a mess but you want to make chatham look better. Get your heads out of your butts and listen to what we need not what you want. No long term budget. Let's have a vote for new mayor and council members.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 05:30 AM

Good to see multi year initiative in budgeting

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:21 AM

Taxes are high enough, don't spend our money unwisely

Anonymous

10/05/2023 07:24 AM

In the future please provide metrics in the questioning as it allows for better decision making. We all support additions but at what cost. If the costs is too high the answer is no. or we find alternatives. We

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make these decisions in our personal life and it should be no different in government decisions.

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:26 AM

I would love to see a revitalization of Tecumseh Park to make it more user friendly and attractive to tourists and family. The Rotary park is an excellent example where it combines activities for all ages. Their weekly concerts bring together friends and neighbours and people from Chatham. We have a great dedicated concert band. It would be great if they could play in a decent and shell. Also if those listening could be surrounded by a clean, well planned area.

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:29 AM

This should not be done

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:30 AM

In these surveys you always ask questions without providing anything in the way of enough information for interested people to provide intelligent answers. I would love to see that change.

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:32 AM

Why are there no questions about support of culture, heritage and the arts? Why no questions about support for life cycle repairs of our Civic Centre? Why no questions about support of our woodlands and heritage open spaces?

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 07:34 AM

Stop pandering to get votes. We need all councilors to be honest like Rhonda J. . Now there is leadership that can make the tough decisions.

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 08:10 AM

I think the survey is a good thing for the community and it's residents!

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 08:11 AM

Taxes are to high now. I do not support any increases. I am hoping to retire next year, increased taxes will only be a hardship on me and all other fixed income residents. I have paid my fair share. Give retired folks a break.

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 08:18 AM

Give us a break!! Highest taxes and no end in sight!! Cut the recreation budget, let people pay to have their fun!!

**Anonymous**

10/05/2023 08:24 AM

With tax increases we are finding it harder to stay in our home in our retired years. We have paid our taxes in this community for over 60

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years. It is becoming harder in retirement to stay here and pay tax increases on a regular basis's. It seems like we need everything that comes along even if we can't afford it. It would be nice if our community lived within our means. You seem to think we need to increase our population, but all that is costing seniors and everyone else more money. We were raised to only buy what we can afford, It is quite clear that is not the way today and it is reflected in most of the debt.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:30 AM

Property taxes are extremely biased towards people that live in a newer home. The assumption is if you live in a nice house you should be able to pay more. That is not the case at all. I see houses being listed for 200-300 hundred thousand dollars and paying less than \$1000 in taxes a year. Compared to a home that is worth 600-700 paying upwards of \$8000. There is a huge gap here. My believe is the bottom end of housing in Chatham Kent needs a significant increase to close the gap.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 08:36 AM

The people of this municipality make 20k less than the Ontario average of 67k while the municipal and government officials make double. Take a pay cut down to our level and do everyone in the community a favour, instead of raiding my pocket. I have owned my house for almost 15 years and seen the property taxes raised almost triple my original amount and got nothing in return. How does anyone in this county retire without a government pension or old money?

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:00 AM

I am a resident of the talbot trail closure and am feeling frustrated about the lack of information provided to me with regards to the resolution of what the municipality intends to do with regards to rerouting /replacing or fixing the existing road and stop issuing building permits until this is resolved . It has gone on far too long and real estate values have been effected by this. I understand there have been council meetings discussing this issue and expensive studies done with out of province expert companies , but feel the residents of the closure have had little ability to be consulted and unable to contribute. The ebb and flow of rising Lake Erie waters is constantly changing . I understand no one can predict what future climate change will impact this but spending millions and making new roads and abandoning the residents in the closure is not acceptable. There are many proven ways to shore up the banks at the compromised location at a much lesser cost to the municipality and also allow residents to have the ability to do what is necessary for their own properties . I look to the other Great Lakes and other compromised land locations in the province and see this is being done without moving the location of the road and decreasing our

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property values . Feel free to provide information to us residents in the closure as to what is happening because I am now confused as to what is actually happening and what is to take place . We are a small group do it should require a lot of work or cost .

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:04 AM

Do not squander our money on superficial things.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:23 AM

Please look for ways to SAVE. We moved here 5 years ago and have been shocked at the tax burden. Stop spending frivolously.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:30 AM

This engagement was void of the necessary details to help make meaningful choices.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:40 AM

Thank you for providing this survey to get input from the general public.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:04 AM

I leave there should be a cap to amount of property taxes a person pays. Paying over \$10,000 annual for anyone is hard to manage. Living in rural area you also are not close for any services or recreational enhancements in the municipality.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 10:17 AM

Look for savings within the organization first. Municipal employees get paid very well for what they do, or don't do. Just look at public works on a job site.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 11:19 AM

nO TAX INCREASES! wE HAVE TOO HIGH TAXES i AM TIRED OF TAXES GOING UP YEAR AFTER YEAR 25 YEARS OF IT!

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:44 PM

After watching and living with the effects of the Talbot Trail closure and the Wheatley explosion, I do not have much faith left with CK Administration.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 12:51 PM

Good luck.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 01:43 PM

Tighten your belts, as a lot of us are having to do with the government caused inflation.

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Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:21 PM

highest priority should be on municipal infrastructure like roads and shoulder grading which is not done often and when it is, a very poor job is done.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 02:43 PM

Quit wasting money and drop taxes in smaller Communities in Chatham Kent. It's ridiculous that we pay taxes that go into Chatham and don't help our communities out.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:30 PM

Multi-year budget is an excellent idea & will align well with longer term goals and peace of mind for funding essential departments and services within the municipality. Community members can also plan accordingly with their taxes being more predictable year to year as well.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 03:41 PM

Just do repairs and stop wasting tax money. It's not your money it's our money. Spend it where we want it. You are so top heavy with staff it's insane. You say you have no money for repairs but you sure have a lot of money to waste on the idiotic ideas are so called mayor and councilors have. You don't listen to us!! You need to do better job of informing the public with up coming meetings etc. not everyone has internet.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 04:23 PM

There has been no public update since the March 2023 meeting and very little activity regarding the disaster in downtown Wheatley. On top of a recent 3 week boil water advisory, and another year or more to rebuild the town's water plant, there is plenty of frustration and disappointment. #1 Improve communications & increase transparency between tax payers and municipality #2 Inform the public of the plan & schedule to resurrect the downtown. #3 Provide the public with a detailed budget & breakdown of the \$38 million received from the provincial government over the past two years to fix the downtown disaster.

Anonymous

10/05/2023 06:11 PM

More supports needed for libraries (make them safe and pleasant for workers and patrons).

Anonymous

10/05/2023 09:08 PM

Spend on infrastructure....it's long overdue. Too much money has been wasted for too many years.

Anonymous

10/06/2023 12:18 AM

There is a need for dedicated patrols in both the downtown and the Tecumseh Park neighbourhood. Brantford uses dedicated police



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patrols in a proactive manner and report success. Could security guards be hired to do this work here in Chatham Kent? Could the budget for police increase so that more police constables can be hired so that in turn, police are able to respond more quickly to calls? There have been occasions where police have been backed up with calls and unable to respond until hours later. Thank you

Anonymous

10/06/2023 05:59 AM

Consider in future writing your questions so they do not lead readers to choose a particular response based on the information provided. Provide the facts only, and let readers/citizens draw their own conclusions. This is a very poorly written survey, designed to elicit the responses the municipality wants to see where tax increases are concerned.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 10:30 AM

I implore the municipality to discern well. The financial crunch is here. It will get worse. Now is not the time to spend taxpayer dollars frivolously. It is time to constrain, to say "No" and to be mindful of whose funds you are spending.

Anonymous

10/07/2023 12:57 PM

Keep municipal services (cultural center, library, etc.) OUT of the Downtown Mall.

Anonymous

10/09/2023 11:42 AM

It seems all these questions relate to increase our takes, everything goes to Chatham, the small communities and rural taxpayers are forgotten about. Our taxes are the same as people living in town as rural people don't have sidewalks, garbage pickup, street lights etc. the road dept does not take care of rural roads at all, no one seems to know how to run a grader properly. Also bring back the police departments to Dresden and Thamesville.

Anonymous

10/09/2023 02:47 PM

A multi year budget only guarantees that taxes will rise every single year. This past year it seemed like there was hardly any deliberation at all. Is it too much to ask council to do a budget every year? These surveys also seem to be a farce. Will it be completed mostly by city employees multiple times (Boardwalk)?

Anonymous

10/09/2023 07:52 PM

We need to stop raising taxes, people living on a fixed income or old age pensions can't afford it. Will be forced out of their homes, taxes and inflation is out pacing wage increases from government pensions. Find ways to trim operating expenses!!! and wasteful spending

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Anonymous

10/11/2023 08:39 PM

Action needs to be taken to improve storm water drainage in Tilbury. Our recent flood in August 2023 was devastating for many families and has cost the municipality money to clean up. This is not going to get better. Additional drainage for new builds is a must and infrastructure improvements must take precedence. I understand there was a study done already and you know what is needed. It's time. Please make this a priority. Thank you.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 04:58 PM

Roads need to be fixed, sewers need upgrades, tired of my town flooding every time it rains . Why can't Tilbury pool be covered in a dome to be used year round , Quit allowing condos to be built a lot of us need homes we can afford.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 05:55 PM

My husband, [REDACTED] has lived in this neighbourhood for over 75 years. He Presently lives on Stanley Avenue but was raised on Elwood Avenue. He is in shock of how the neighbourhood has turned out since the homeless shelter opened. He often shakes his head in wonder and says I've never seen this in my life! How this great neighbourhood has turned into a piece of crap. Please move the homeless shelter and put it in an appropriate spot away from children ,schools, parks Cenotaph, etc.

Anonymous

10/12/2023 06:54 PM

Would suggest council get out of the pocket of monied interests and start listening to the people who pay taxes and live here

Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:27 PM

our street lights have been out since last march!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anonymous

10/12/2023 07:57 PM

I believe that there needs to be a strong emphasis placed on new business and industry attraction and retention. At one time Chatham had many industries which added to our tax base, thus taking some of the burden off of the taxpayer. Can our economic development department not come up with some imaginative ideas to bring some new business in. instead of losing it?

Anonymous

10/13/2023 12:29 AM

Sharpen pencils and put the money in fixing sewers and roads. Stop thinking we should try to fix chatham downtown. Let the business owners maintain the downtown. Fix Talbot trail. Fix Wheatley. No round about at Merlin town line and queens line. We are not idiots. We know lights are cheaper.

Anonymous

Please pretend we have started a new society. Things are great.

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10/13/2023 09:28 AM

Everyone has agreed to chip in money to make this place run successfully. How will we use this money we've all chipped in? 30 mill civic centre revamp - well that would clearly be a no, wouldn't it? We can't spend money like it's just imaginary. Pretend it is your own. Pretend the fate of the world rests on your good decision making. Pretend we are starting fresh. Not stuck in the "well this is how it goes" cycle. Hey sidenote, why has colbourne been dug up for 5 months? That company stinks at their job. Is there anyone that cares? "It's a big project" is what I've been told by people who have no clue any specifics. IT IS WHAT IT IS is another I've heard. Ok thanks for letting me rant have a good one!

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:42 AM

Plan carefully. Consider that many people cannot handle a tax increase. Cut bureaucracy. Light a fire under municipal/government employees so that they work more efficiently and don't waste tax payers money

Anonymous

10/13/2023 10:05 AM

Is the council going to listen to what we say or just do what they want as they have backhanders from all

Anonymous

10/13/2023 10:55 AM

Fix our drainage in tilbury! My taxes went up 400\$ year. In return I get a basement full of sewage!

Anonymous

10/13/2023 12:30 PM

That you take into consideration what people can afford to contribute towards this budget. It is extremely hard when you are retired with no pension and on a fixed income!!!

Anonymous

10/13/2023 09:29 PM

Chatham Kent is getting way too top heavy with directors and managers and supervisors we need to start trimming there first

Anonymous

10/14/2023 11:27 PM

Thanks for asking our input

Anonymous

10/15/2023 11:06 AM

I yearn for the day that once again we have a Mayor and Council that make decisions based on the will of the majority and understand that administrative employees are just that ,employees first and not friends !

Anonymous

10/15/2023 12:32 PM

Let's be smart these next few years and focus on what is important. Getting the homeless off of the streets by providing housing, Placing the mentally ill and those with drug issues in residential centers place

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those homeowners at a high risk. Placing dangerous people side by side with children will not work in the long run. It didn't work in Gaza, and it won't work here. I say we trim the 'fat' and focus on affordable housing. Why not take all of that land the Murray street homeless shelter is sitting on and segregate 'tiny' homes which are the rave these days. Who cares about 'calming' road procedures that will NOT stop bad drivers or drivers in a hurry or those who are exhausted from working 2 to 3 jobs to try to pay a hugely overinflated mortgage and now increased municipal taxes. Please kindly put those monies toward tiny homes built on cleared municipal land that is not being used. Tiny taxes on these homes would then pay for themselves etc. Clear some treed governmental property. Build tiny homes and lets really dig our heels in and look for long stage solutions instead of plastering our monies unsuccessfully on short term solutions. Those who speed will speed no matter what comforting materials you develop. Please don't be foolish with the little monies we have. Let's see real change and some real smart planning and development. Let's be a model for the rest of the world. Let's change tents for tiny homes and solve this issue once and for all.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 01:14 PM

I believe this is a good idea - multi-year budgets and surveying residents but more information needs to be provided on the topic you are surveying.

Anonymous

10/15/2023 02:56 PM

The Municipality of Chatham Kent is "like a ship without a rudder".

Anonymous

10/15/2023 06:35 PM

Focus on the problems at hand before creating new ones. Take a drive around and look at the city of chatham, I believe the drug problem is out of control. It's terrifying to be honest! Good luck with your money spending !

Anonymous

10/16/2023 12:06 PM

Look more closely at how we can use the land of the municipality to help with such things as storm control. Forest management, not building on flood plains, erosion control and perhaps more complex sewage treatment plants are just some examples.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 06:08 PM

Traffic calming isn't only speed; the lack of signals, running lights and overall poor driving skills are a huge factor. I would be curious to know how much money tickets and violations contribute to our municipality? I totally feel that our police service needs to concentrate on other important things ie theft, drugs, more or less = crime. Is it possible to hire- is this allowed- a team for traffic violations. I see the municipality run as a "we want to please you" entity. However, it

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should be run as a business. Municipal taxes are not the only form of income! Are the fees and services rising in cost, the same as inflation? Are departments making money the same as a business. I feel that there are a lot of people who reap the benefits of working for our municipality but that don't bring in their worth. Honestly, the administrative is often viewed as a "joke". I know that there are a lot of hard working people, but I also know that there are also a lot of lazy/incompetent people. The lack of respect that people have of our municipality is laughable- but it's not. We are one of the highest paying municipalities with our taxes. HOW!!!??? How is that even possible? Run it like a business and people will be happy. Another note- the division of our municipality into wards and ideology needs to end. The rural areas receive cheaper taxes- but complain that they don't have equal services. It needs to be implemented all for one and one for all. The division is holding us back from growing together. It's time someone take charge and get this done. 25 plus years of complaining is enough. We don't need to have one of everything, everywhere. The large cities it's nothing to drive half an hour to get to your job, school, sports etc. When we have one central and good location for something- its much better than have 6 small and dilapidated one. Work together for the good of an outcome- someone needs to be head of this municipality and take charge or we are going to keep failing and the influx of people we gained during covid and the housing issues, we will lose them and be drastically in debit.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:23 PM

We don't need a bigger employee empire in CK, if you add more staff in one area then a reduction needs to take place in other areas. We have far too many people on the municipal payroll.

Anonymous

10/16/2023 07:53 PM

Time for our community to take tree cover seriously and pass a Woodlot Management Bylaw. Year after year we fail our community and our environment.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 06:50 AM

let's not let Chatham grow too much

Anonymous

10/17/2023 10:44 AM

What about a new Rec centre for youth and families in the community. This will promote a healthy living lifestyle and be able to host events to bring revenue to CK on many levels. You want people to stay and come back to CK. Give them something to enjoy and stop worrying about road signs being upgraded around the community. No one wants to come here if there isn't anything to offer!

Anonymous

Shelter is causing issues Need mental heal and drug places Not

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10/17/2023 11:29 AM

unlawfulness on streets Help drugs in streets Don't let more come you don't have room People getting scared in streets I see men with axes on the streets Etc Got robbed Getting threatened This town could be nice But it's scary We drive down king to get to st Clair Help your people We are planning to sell house As we have panic attacks daily

Anonymous

10/17/2023 12:59 PM

Do not increase taxes or use tax dollars to fund ineffective emergency housing in residential areas

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:56 PM

Council must be more balanced to the populations each serves. It is definitely not so and hasn't been for far too long. We need visionaries who can see beyond the "we/they" that has gone on for far too long. Downtown Chatham is an embarrassment! Our downtown park is an embarrassment! We need equity....where and who pays the most taxes? Give them equity of the dollars being spent!

Anonymous

10/17/2023 02:57 PM

Issue close to me, that I know most about would be the comment regarding the location of the shelter and it's benefit to increased taxes if a more favourable location was secured, Thank you.

Anonymous

10/17/2023 04:51 PM

One morning while out for a walk, we noticed the Canada Post mailbox on King St. at the cenotaph was tipped over. 2 Municipality pickups, each with 2 men rolled up to stand the box back up. How much did this cost us?

Anonymous

10/17/2023 05:45 PM

If you want to increase taxes for one envelope then decrease funding in others

Anonymous

10/17/2023 08:26 PM

No more homeless shelter beds - we are attracting the mentally ill from other cities. We do not have the social nets in Chatham to support other big city problems. Do not take government grants to encourage the increase in this population. Chatham is unsafe and a disgrace.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 12:23 AM

Not approving of a multi year budget at all.

Anonymous

10/18/2023 06:53 AM

I do not support any property tax raise above inflation goal of 2 %Anything above the municipality should find saving.

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Anonymous

10/18/2023 04:23 PM

Tell me more how to get rid of the homeless shelter...or I will take up the police station lines with every single complaint about Those people...I will exhaust the fire dept with the smoke that I've been dealing with ...the screaming from them all hours of the night... people walking around with sticks ...and killing my family pets' throwing items in my back yard ...or leaving it on the street for my pet to consume... just random garbage left for me to clean up...the old CCI football field is full of garbage...that the rugby team cleans up!

Anonymous

10/18/2023 08:12 PM

Again I can not state enough how high taxation levels are on any house built in last 15 years. It is ridiculous. Ever considered a budget reduction?

Anonymous

10/19/2023 08:47 AM

Don't make a budget without a comprehensive plan from each department and their programs. This survey doesn't provide enough information for people to make decisions and will lead to incorrect outcomes.

Anonymous

10/19/2023 03:01 PM

Am I a homeowner? How long did it take everyone to come up with that question after the obvious in-your-face housing crisis we're in right now.

**Optional question** (105 response(s), 239 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question