Innisfil

Your Budget, Your Innisfil
What We Heard Report



About the engagement project

The Town of Innisfil is committed to making Innisfil a better place for you to live, work, and play. We believe a sound financial plan is critical for delivering municipal services in an affordable and sustainable way that responds to our current needs while preparing for future ones. To this end, the Town of Innisfil develops a service-based budget every two years.

On April 16, 2024, the Mayor gave direction to Town staff to prepare the 2025/2026 Town Budget. This process includes referring to municipal strategic and master plans, guiding financial policies, user fees and charges, and community engagement to help inform our decision-making.

Recognizing that community input is crucial in helping us create a Town budget that reflects the priorities and needs of our community, "Your Budget, Your Innisfil" was added to the Town's community engagement platform, Get Involved Innisfil. The purpose of this project was to compile community feedback through a 2025/2026 Budget Survey and a community forum.

Engagement overview

"Your Budget, Your Innisfil" was advertised through the monthly Get Involved Innisfil e-newsletter and received a total of 466 visits. The survey was available online at getinvolvedinnisfil.ca/yourbudget from June 3 to July 5, 2024, and in person at all three Innisfil ideaLAB & Library Branches and Town Hall. We received a total of 196 survey responses.

How is this data being used?

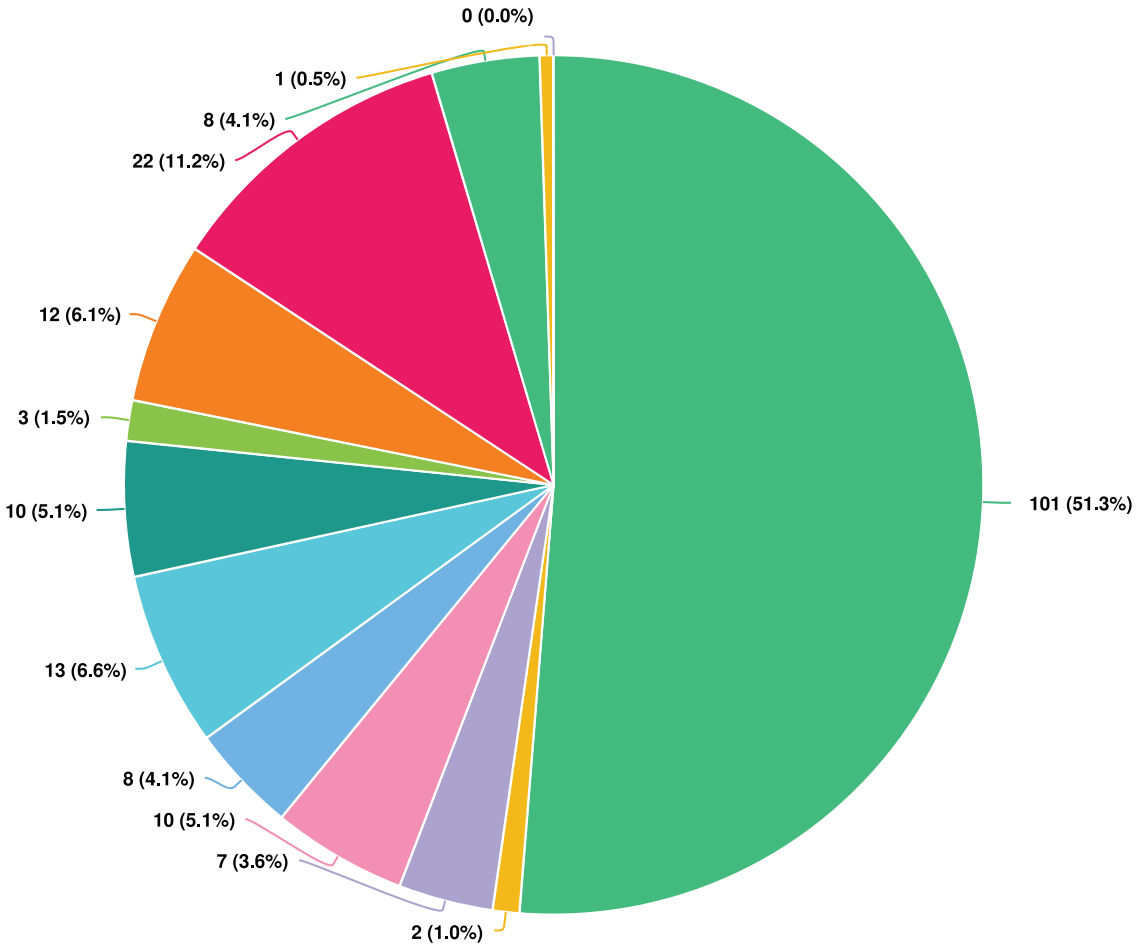
We asked community members to provide input on different Town services and the use of their tax dollars. This report provides a summary of the responses received. It was circulated internally to the Budget Team and Town leadership to help inform a budget direction.

All answers provided by survey respondents were kept precisely as provided, except for edits made to ensure the anonymity of respondents and adherence to our community guidelines.

Get Involved Innisfil

Survey Results

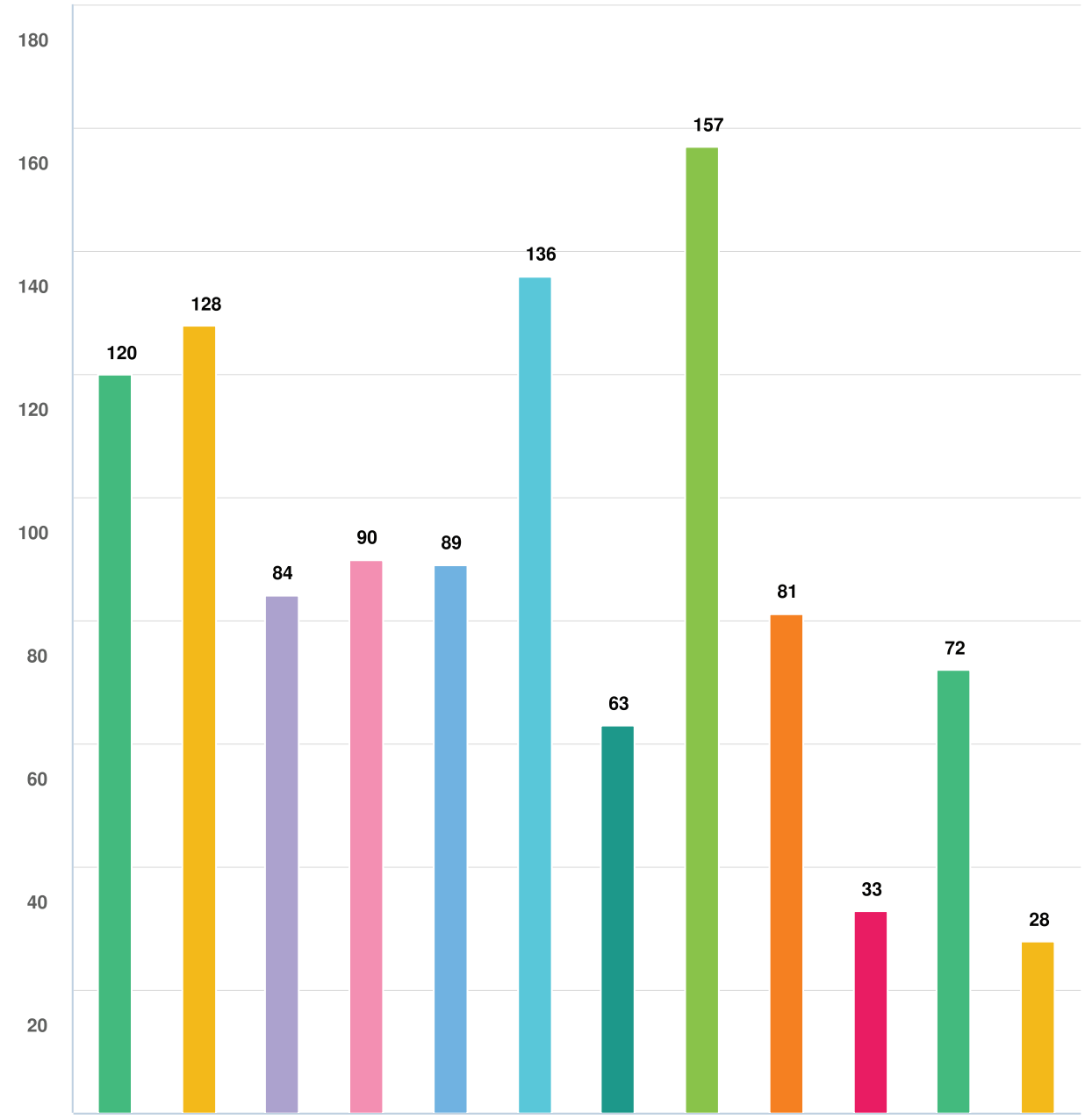
1. What area of Innisfil do you live in or are closest to?



Question options

- Alcona (51.3%)
- Barclay (1.0%)
- Belle Ewart (3.6%)
- Big Bay Point (5.1%)
- Churchill (4.1%)
- Cookstown (6.6%)
- Gilford (5.1%)
- Innisfil Heights (1.5%)
- Lefroy (6.1%)
- Sandycove (11.2%)
- Stroud (4.1%)
- Agricultural/rural (0.5%)
- Fennell's Corner (0.0%)

2. From the list below, please select what Town services are important to you.



Question options

- Fire services
- Police services
- Library services
- Stormwater management
- Recreation and culture
- Parks and green space
- Public transit
- Road maintenance and traffic operations
- Municipal law enforcement
- Building and inspection services
- Economic development
- Other

What else we heard…

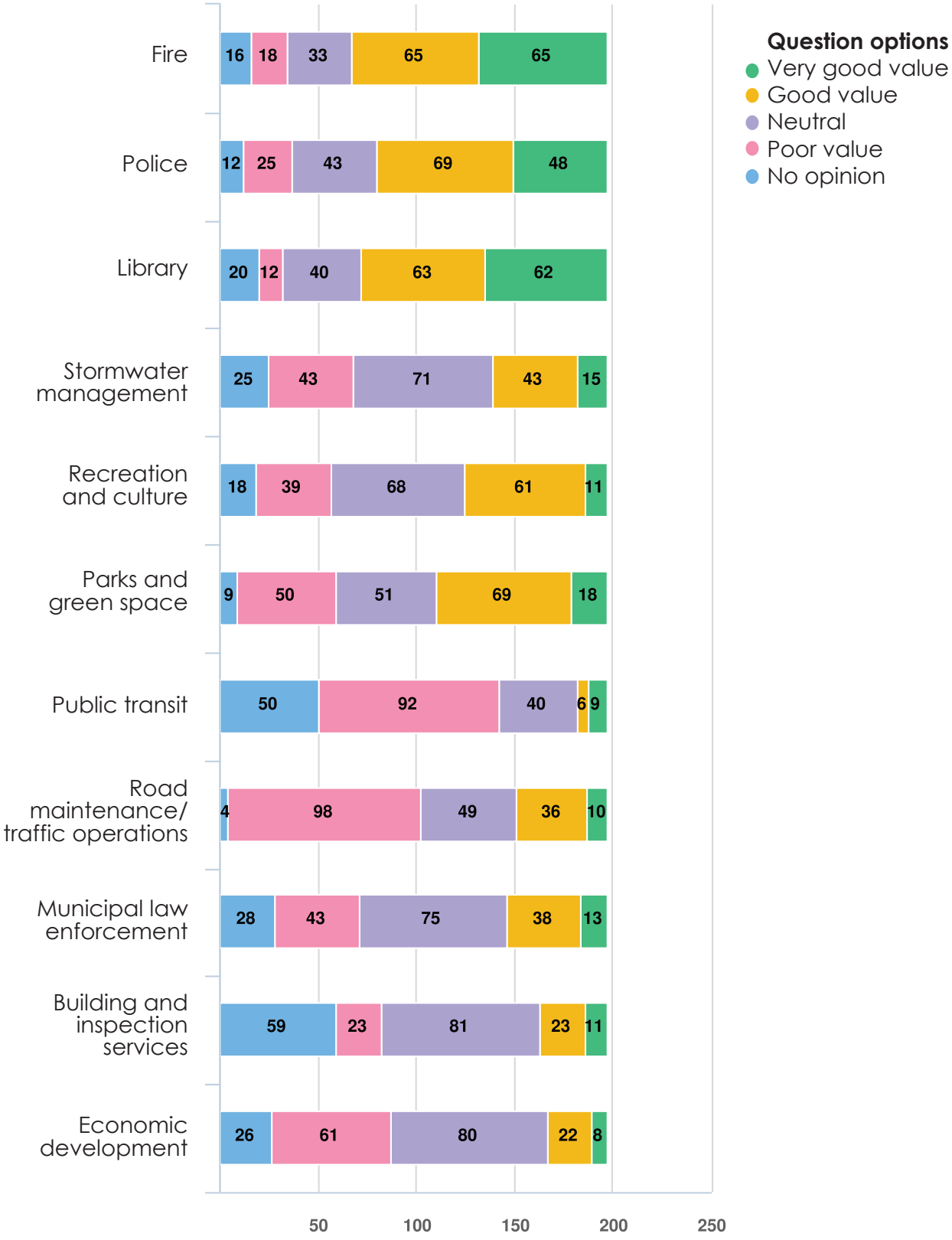
Responses written for "Other":

- Sewers & water mains.
- Health - LED street lights are carcinogenic as are cell towers.
- Small business support.
- Leashless dog areas.
- Parking enforcement on weekends especially during high season at beaches.
- Housing for Seniors!
- Healthcare.
- We are building way too many houses, we need to protect our green spaces, inhance our parks and walking paths. Fix our roads. If anything we need to increase our commercial spaces, with businesses we actually need not pizza places and dentist shops.
- Town Government: Careful review by Council of (new) development plans for Friday Harbour and similar development. I would like to see Council make a long and careful study of requests for By-Law Amendments that ask for changes that ultimately change the face of the Town, or put the shoreline in danger due to over-development.
- Innisfil desperately needs a physical doctor walk in clinic. Why has the RVH clinic at the Rizzardo Centre not reopened?
- I would like water and sewers to the rest of Big Bay Point it would help save Lake Simcoe. Also if there is a fire we have water not pumped in water we have lost far to many homes down here due to lack of water in the time needed.
- Proper inspection of new development sites to prevent soil from Construction draining into the lake and destroying the frontage in front of Lakeside properties that prevent boats and swimming. There should be a reduction in lakefront property taxes. For example, the 20th side road construction etc.
- Accessible housing options.
- HELP WITH WILDLIFE AND CATS IN DISTRESS AND FERAL CATS NOT JUST DOGS.
- Crime and homelessness.
- Cycling lanes.
- Niche issue = centralizing the info on ancient cottage survey lines, as more and more fulltime year round residents take their places. Got to make it digitally easy to show where the original survey posts are. Plus the association-like groups that carved up a farm. Amended [concessions or benefits + burdens, agreements: relating to, a} laneway creation, b} group park and seasonal dock concessions.

Continuation: What else we heard…

- Walkability.
- Foodbank and poverty.
- Would like to see dedicated Pickleball Courts indoors & outdoors.
- Health care.
- Water and wastewater.
- Repairing town property connections to people's drive way above the towns ditches.
- Attract investments that generate income for the town to reduce the tax burden on citizens.
- A sidewalk.
- Less dead animals on the street.
- Protect environment and habitats.
- Traffic management including the expected increase to traffic on 89 in light of new electric car plant to be built in Aliston. Advocate for money from government and Honda for Cookstown bypass.
- Emergency walking clinic (urgent).
- Bring doctors to town, walk in clinics.
- Environment.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Community building across multicultural groups.

3. Thinking about the services the Town provides, please indicate the degree of value you believe you receive for the level of property taxes you currently pay.



4. What programs or services would improve your level of satisfaction with the Town and how your tax dollars are used?

We received 196 responses. The most common keywords were:



The responses are listed below, word-for-word as written by the respondent except for edits to maintain anonymity or adherence to our community guidelines.

Please, note: we did not categorize the responses by topic as many responses address multiple points and any adjustments to how this content is presented can impact the nature and intention of what was written.

- Greater variety of books and longer opening hours at the libraries would be delightful.
- Public transport.
- Public transportation to support mobility and accessibility for those who are low income and/no car/no lisence. Street lights to replace stop signs at busy intersections. Development along Innisfil Beach Rd.
- Would like to see more family oriented events like Neighbourhood Nights but more frequently than the 4 split up throughout the year, and have the library open on either Sundays or Mondays ;) Also desperately need to revamp the transit situation. It's complicated and unreliable, for those who can't get to/from to one of the ""stops"" they can't take advantage of the flat rates and discounts which is unfair. To go from Big Bay Point to Coosktown would probably cost over $50 one

way? Hoping for some change on this current transit model.

- More recreation options for adults AND youth. Softball fields, pickleball / tennis courts, soccer field. Higher police presence especially on Friday evenings for the increased cottage country traffic. There is a very low visible police presence in Cookstown.
- A higher visibility of police presence on roads around Cookstown.
- More activities for kids, public transit. More commercialization of innisfil beach rd close to the beach... bring more of a sauble beach, grand bend kinda feel.. concerts and entertainment venues.
- Improve roads. spend money receive from Gateway casino to improve the roads. So many roads are unsafe to drive on because of the major and deep potholes.
- More parks for children. A lot of children are moving into innisfil, but we have to drive to a different area to visit a playground or water park. It would be great to add swimming classes for non religious presidents who doesn't want to use YMCA.
- Work out programs for adults gets cancelled in Cookstown. I think if there are a low sign up the course should be promoted on social media. Victoria Street West in Cookstown is a pot hole mess. It would be nice to use that road as an alternative to the congested 89. Lights at the Foodland plaza and Home hardware entry ways would be nice as you can be stuck there when the Honda traffic comes through.
- Parks and road maintenance.
- Road up keep.
- Improvements to paving, improvements to walkability of the town, spending on longer term solutions instead of cheap quick fixes.
- The inspection of new development properties has to be better done so that the soil from the construction sites do not continue to drain into the lake and continue to destroy our lakefront properties. My family can no longer swim in front of our property and I can no longer bring my boat to my dock of my property.
- Acceleration of the GO Transit station's completion and opening. Building of sidewalks in old Alcona. Introduction of new restaurants, shops, etc. along Innisfil Beach Road.
- Roads dept needs to use less salt on roads close to lake and streams.
- Removal of the recently installed light that illuminates the Cookstown basketball court all night. Myself and other working people cannot sleep at nights with the late night noise (11:30pm and past midnight on week days). This issue has already been brought up by residents and not taken seriously by the works

department. Real concerns ignored by the town.

- Road and public transportation development, more schools and recreational centers. Hospital, walking clinic. We need shopping mall, more grocery stores and restaurants. As well better lakeshore place.
- More municipal by law enforcement officers to ensure compliance.
- [This comment has been edited] Less programs that teach children about other genders beyond male and female.
- Public transit, Road conditions need immediate attention . Traffic lights need upgrade.
- Condition of roads and drainage aren't great, too; ATVs flying down roads as well as vehicles excessively speeding in 50km zones; Building inspections not done properly (poor grading, poorly plumbed septic tanks, culverts not properly install., etc.); etc.
- Nothing new, just actually utilizing the current programs. For example snow removal, 4 years ago I'd see snow plows everywhere, now I rarely see one.
- Roads. Ie IBR.
- Road improvement, not patches. Road and sidewalk snow removal. Lower hydro bills.
- Unknown at this time.
- If we could have any level that would would be a huge step forward. The current police may as well not even be there, they do less than nothing. Placing garbage cans along heavily traveled routes would be a big benefit as the entire town looks terrible with garbage everywhere. Living along a route kids use to get to school sees a big amount of garbage left behind with no one cleaning it up except residents. As an additional note to question 5, I'm not sure we could take services away any further as they are already at an extremely low point for the money paid department. Real concerns ignored by the town.
- Better use of spending. A lot of money is wasted on poor long term planning. 9th line beach park was not correctly done. Water management of that park goes right through the property instead down the property line so much of the space is not useable and the water doesn't flow through the storm water collection area. Remove the off-leash dog park to another area of the park. I am so upset the town gave up a beach to give it to dogs who don't pay taxes. The entrance to the beach is dangerous for entering at Roberts rd. We used to be able to enter before the sharp curve in the road but now the ugly fences for the dogs is there. Most towns try to preserve the beauty of the lakeshore

but the fencing is so awful. What a bad decision. That was a beach we used all the time. Now I can barely walk or drive past it because it is so upsetting and dangerous for my kids to access the park. LGBTQ emphasis is over emphasized. A Canadian flag is inclusive enough. Drag Queen library time - I don't want my tax dollars going into the program or to pay for policing the event(s). Put that money towards keeping the boats out of the swimming area at the beach instead. LED lights on the streets are NOT safe. They are carcinogenic. So are cell towers, especially 5G. Keep those things out of our town. Remove the lights. Do not sign us up for 15 min city experiment.

- (1) There is inadequate initiative on environmental issues. Innisfil should strive to become a Bee City like so many other towns in Simcoe Region, at the very least. There's much more that can be done. What IS being done should receive more recognition and a higher profile. (2) Innisfil is wonderfully multicultural, but I know of no organizations or programs that bring people from different backgrounds together. Why not? Retired people (I am one) want to remain active and participate and contribute to their community. But there are no volunteer opportunities for community building for of this kind (3) More should be invested to encourage unique and independent businesses. We don't have a single independent coffee shop, nothing that supports local artists and artisans, and while our only pub is excellent, its space and menu are scant. We need to support our small business people, yet space is non-existent.Innisfil is lacking some retail options other than ctc and HH where basic clothing/footwear could be purchased. More safe trails linking parklands would be awesome.
- I would like to see more investment in parks and roads.
- Support local community events.
- Fix the roads and include a shoulder for bicycles.
- Provide more help for those seeking building permits.
- Transit to reach all for non drivers.
- Innisfil Beach Park: added maintenance, cleanup and monitoring of people who use the park during summer weekends.
- Better roads.
- Improve services like transit, road maintenance, parks and green spaces in the new are (Belle Aire Shores)
- More recreational programs, a recreational centres (not YMCA), areas to youth socialize safely and securely.
- 1. More 55+ programs for free or low cost. 2. Better winter roads. Where i

live the dirt goes only in the middle and not edges so i slip quite a bit.
- All listed in question #2.
- Fix the 20th side road.
- Public transport is pretty lacking in the stroud area, as in there is none outside of the go bus. It would also be nice to have more programs at the local library in stroud as it feels considerably more neglected than the one in alcona. In fact, most of what we have in stroud is neglected compared to alcona.
- Better retail business attraction to the area - More community events.
- More options for outdoor activities and events throughout the Summer.
- 1. Better, more efficient, dependable transit. 2. More available healthcare (clinics, doctors, RN's to take some of the load) 3. Stop giving Friday Harbour everything they want. It's time they started paying their fair share because they aren't a resort.
- Roads.
- More speed radars, keeping with Stroud's personality (small, charming town).
- None at this time.
- Off road vehicles on roads and town lands are out of control. The soccer field and park on Warrington Way are being torn up and my backyard sounds like a motor park. Kids do wheelies for hours in front of my home. I hope no one gets hurt, please help by-law and police.
- Road maintenance.
- Rein in the runaway spending. People are suffering from the high cost of living, and increasing taxes doesn't help. Tha area is in a high growth phase, and additional sources of taxation are available through this explosive growth. department. Real concerns ignored by the town.
- I appreciate the efforts put into movies in the park, I think more communication could be provided - we recently had the Holi celebration and didn't know about it until we heard the music. I really like the subsidized transit - I have a high school student and Uber is safe/efficient and affordable. The library does nothing in stroud all programs are either in cookstown or Alcona - more could be done there. Programs for school aged kids - not just toddlers.
- Quality medical & Diagnostic Services. Dining & Entertainment options in Alcona. Some creative boutiques/shopes established.
- Increased police, fire, road maintenance funding.
- Use good construction services not ones you are using now!
- Snowplows are late coming into Churchill. The buses were not able to properly drive up the hill on Meadowland during a snow storm. There were two storms that the AM

Bases were sliding backwards down the hill.

- Having Ubur actually available after 12 am. In the big bay point area. And not be gouged 45 $. As they say it's FH.
- Municipal law enforcement Road maintenance, public works.
- Better road maintenance near my home, but I believe that will be done this year. The construction has been pending for a number of years now on Lockhart which means the road has not been well maintained toward the lake.
- It would be nice to see some more Town run community events
- Snow plow service has dropped considerably in comparison to 6 years ago. Plus (in Churchill) we had a house burn down on Gimby because the fire hydrants were inoperative? And last year the storm water management project on meadowland st. Had to stop because the grading was all wrong?? How many dollars would you have saved if both of these services were actually managed correctly in a proactive manner?? Yet I have to pay an additional tax for rain water?? If you're planning to have the small town of innisfil grow properly and safely..... put the correct people in charge. Another small example...go for a walk on Meadowland St. by the storm water reservoir... millions of dollars spent for NO ONE TO CUT THE GRASS! And as far as question number 5..... manage our money properly and you might actually save some budget money.
- Storm water management and flood protection.
- Better money management.
- Need to keep the roads in better condition. Pot holes can not be filled when they are full of water. It does not work. Waste of time and taxpayers money.
- Road maintenance of pot holes, increase bylaw enforcement, reduce build of houses and pizza places and develop low cost housing.
- Build some outdoor pickleball courts.
- Bylaw enforcement, permits for building take in consideration the land.
- Road maintenance & parks services.
- More recreation for mid teens. Walk in clinic. More pavilions, service at the beach.
- Improved road maintenance, improved maintenance of parks with garbage and recycling stations.....not just in the larger parks. Policing of all areas of town especially for speeders and those who don't give room to pedestrians or cyclists.
- Better town planning, road works chaotic.
- Road maintenance, especially with potholes. A lot of money is wasted on patchwork repairs and holes are

often left too long before being fixed. Also line painting. I've seen the quality of this work deteriorate noticeably since we moved here 12 years ago.
- Enhance park spaces. More grass and less concrete. More road repair and in particular sidewalks.
- Roads, surfaces and congestion. The 20th needs timed/controlled traffic lights at the 9th, 10th, and Lockhart, or roundabouts. But roundabouts need a lot more geography than exists currently.
- I'm satisfied.
- Road works in high traffic areas - lakeside communities. Taxes are extremely high for area - lack of specific or direct services.
- Police services, storm water management.
- Keeping green space.
- Better road conditions. Lights at Yonge & Killarney Beach Rd.
- Public transit.
- What I would like to know is with the almost $7000 in property taxes I pay a year, am I getting a bang for my many bucks. I don't think so. Everything needs improvement, the money we pay in taxes, including a [redacted] rain tax, needs to be spent in a more efficient manner. How much did it cost to upgrade the Storm water management on Meadowland, now tell me how much of that was spent on the mistake made by the engineers. You know, the one that the contractor had to redo because the plans were wrong. We think the fire hydrants are working, they weren't working 7yrs ago in our area. We are on septic, are we paying for sewage, why? Let's talk about snowplowing, watching school buses trying to drive up the hill on Meadowland after a snowstorm is a joke. Kids are on board and we watched the buses slide backwards down the hill, how unsafe is that. As for question #5, the choices arecut back, cut back or increase taxes, what about an internal review on how the money is being managed. Mismanagement of taxes needs to be addressed now.
- More Policing for the road racers and the kids on dirt bikes and ATV's raising up and down roads.
- In regards to question 5 - what about instead of sacrificing services, the town finds a way to better manage the money? We're paying almost $7,000 a year in taxes and we don't even have sewers…why are we paying so much when the services are already lacking? There was a fire in our neighbourhood and the house burnt down because our street didn't have working fire hydrants. Seriously?! The bare minimum for safety and Innisfil couldn't meet that standard. Take a deep dive into how our tax money is being allocated and adjust. Don't raise taxes. Don't

sacrifice our services. So disappointed with the town.
- The approach to public transit is very annoying. Get rid of the ubers and bring back proper scheduled public transit. Pave more trails. There are barely any paved trails at all.
- 20th side road paving and stop lights at the intersection of 20th and IBR.
- Have a bus run on main roads.
- Any that encourage Innisfil to continue to evolve but at a slower rate to allow for infrastructure to keep up.
- We'd like to see more enforcement of speed limits in Barclay. We'd like to have water in our fire hydrant.
- More options for young families with children. Clean up our streets! Clean up the green spaces! Change the park at the library. It's dangerous!
- Better transit. More parking at the library especially for handicap spaces. I can't attend very many of the weekend events as I can not get any parking.
- Less taxes for starters. More money spent on law enforcement (drivers are very angry/aggressive). One tax bill per year and offer a discount if total taxes are paid by a certain date.
- The roads are in terrible condition in Cookstown; esp. George Street, Centre Street, Garibaldi Street, East John Street and Somers Street. New pavement, curbs and sidewalks needed. Also, proper public transit system. I don't like the [content missing].
- More traffic enforcement in Cookstown or speed cameras. Bylaw that actually enforces the laws not just give warnings. How about pest control in Cookstown? Rats are everywhere. Restaurants and chicken coops are the source and should be responsible for the solution.
- Support retail and medical growth. Support heritage community. Repair "laneway" roads. Truck BYPASS. Speed control especially going west on 89. Acknowledging Cookstown is part of Innisfil not just Innisfil and the beach.
- Money put into the ymca. For increased staffing and specific towards special needs and accessibility.
- More programs and services are needed for people with low income. Not enough support for people with mental health and/or disability challenges. Not enough family doctors in the area.
- Mostly outlined in field under question four IE: clear and easily accessible access, with help for techno PHOBIC old doles, to ancient lot survey markers and side agreement to association residents. Sometimes town tries to duck ruling if it is quasi cottage association.
- Better police response times and

traffic enforcement, better road maintenance, address stormwater issues near the lake.
- Transit.
- Road work.
- Better roads and lighting. Beautiful parks.
- Fixing roads faster snow removal and better infrastructure.
- Recreation Centres, outdoors play-ground, running track, and green spaces.
- More green spaces and improved roads.
- Better drainage and roads.
- Road services.
- Give seniors better transportation to get food. Add grocery stores to Uber. Food fridge in better locations. Put fridge at food bank. Better monitoring of fridge at ymca and library. Make sure food bank gets food first. Get a better understanding of who is using fridge.
- Fix the roads!! I can tell when I leave innisfil and enter Barrie just by road conditions in the summer and winter.
- Need to improve the Water in Sandycove. Need to help with better transportation for senior. People in Sandycove need to get individual tax bills. Make Innisfil the best place to retire... make food fridge for seniors...put a fridge in sandycove.. give each house in sandycove a tax bill not just parkbridge. Take over the water. Seniors need affordable food transportation help to stay in home.
- Improve programs, in The Lefroy area, so that children, of all ages, have options, to fill their time with. Little, to no extra curricular activities in the area.
- Fix the roads!!! Please!!!!
- Bike lanes and aiding residents to resist current developers expansion at Friday Harbour. Also more ebook lending (maybe regional joint venture).
- Health.....we need more clinics at Rizzard brought from RVH.
- Transportation. Bi-law enforcement.
- Greater transparency.
- Police services, storm water management. By-laws enforcement.
- Better road maintenance, especially in the winter.
- Have all internal department find and reduce 2% of spending or find ways to lean out town processes and resources that do not provide value.
- Land Management Practices: I don't know what the department is called that looks after the roadsides (Road Maintenance?), but I worry about this terrible Dog Strangling Vine that is growing up the trees along the roadsides. I phone the Town to ask if they spray, but they said no, only for poison Ivey. If they don't start eliminating this awful vine, they will be very sorry in the end as you have to catch it early.
- Road safety and traffic control at a

high level. I believe creating safer roads and limiting car traffic whilst increasing other options of transport creates economic opportunity in the form of places where people are attracted to, and not just "getting out of the house". Looks at Innisfil beach Rd, this road tries to also be a street with businesses along the route, however it heavily prioritizes car traffic, with 2nd hand thoughts to bike lanes (I wouldn't feel comfortable having my kids ride the bikes on Innisfil beach Rd). I think there's a bigger discussion for most of north America in how we do infrastructure and I don't preach to have the solution but I know we're creating places that are isolating by design.

- We have enough fire stations and law enforcement services.
- Innisfil beach park: monitor guests, more bins for garbage, monitor the bins etc., keep dogs out if the park.
- Medical walk in clinic. Pave roads properly so they do not need patching a year later.
- Less funds allocated to Alcona for development and then tear up to do again. Too much wasted money to Alcona. Cookstown is always left to a last thought approach.
- We need more playgrounds and splash pads in lefroy, not just in Alcona. More and more kids are moving into innisfil and we have to drive 10-15 min to access splash pads and playgrounds (in Alcona). Also build a library closer to lefroy area…. If possible - we need sidewalks on Killarney beach and just around lefroy area. Many kids in the area are riding their scooters and bikes on the road load beside the cars, which is very dangerous - we need to encourage more people to open up businesses in lefroy area- Killarney beach road. Coffee shops, bakery or food pick-up or nice patio for the summer.
- Can not think of anything.
- Use tax dollars wisely. The town square area was such a waste of money.
- Our bylaw enforcement should be more proactive and not only reactive. A lot of people in this town get away with things they shouldn't. It's unfair to leave it to neighbours to complain when someone could drive by canvas it the neighbourhoods from Bylaw and address obvious matters.
- Actual position on short term rentals and a way to get action on homeowners who are disruptive.
- Telephone answered by a live person.
- Fix the roads. Sidewalks along busy streets like St. John's rd. Install crosswalks at busy intersections (i.e. st. johns and 7th). Need a walk in clinic at Rizzardo agaon.
- Better communication/co-ordination

with Metrolinx when it blocks off a critical section of Innisfil Beach Rd & 20th sideroad for rail maintenance. Traffic control officers are needed to ensure that cars turning left from Innisfil Beach Rd to the 20th sideroad can get through... otherwise it causes a long line up of cars behind who are just trying to go straight on Innisfil Beach Rd. When will this section of Innisfil Beach Rd at the railway tracks be widened and improved?

- Improve Trans Canada Trail through town I.e. garbage cans with collection, better road signage/barriers, occasional seating. Skate/bmx part in Cookstown Library field. There is nothing for teenagers to do in town. Improve signal timing for lights at 89/27 when there is holiday traffic. More tree planting along the boulevards.
- Put in bicycle /walking lanes on some roads or big bay point. 20th s r. 25th. Right now you have nothing !!!!!
- I think the town needs to think more about the programs and services we currently have, fixing them, increasing them, making them more efficient, BEFORE, considering allowing for tens of thousands of more homes to be built. Roads need to be repaired now, considerations and plans for more schools are needed now - there are 2 catholic elementary schools and a third being built, but no high school for them. One high school for at least six elementary schools. No walk-in clinic. No stores/shops. No public transit - lets face it, Innisfil Uber didn't/doesn't work. All our green space is going to builders instead of being kept as green space. We moved here 12 years ago because Innisfil said they wanted to follow the model of Oakville and limiting the population growth to keep the small town feel. Instead all it is is more builders lining councils pockets, more land being bulldozed, more homes continually going up, but no infrastructure to keep up with the populations growth. For example Friday Habour was supposed to be a place for residents of Innisfil to use as well, proposed to be a boardwalk so we had something like downtown Barrie. It sure isn't that - too expensive to eat or shop, we can walk but can't use the facilities like the beach. The beach park, my husband and I were there watching the dock on Fathers Day and it was absolute chaos - no one from the town, bylaw or SSP was seen. I was born and raised in Toronto, but after moving here, I love it up here, I couldn't live in the city again. Driving up, approaching Alcona and seeing the lake is the distance is the best. But we need things fixed for those of us here now, not worrying about the thousands you want moving to the Orbit. So

focused on a 15 minute city there and bringing all the amenities there, but what about the rest of us now? Alcona, Barclay, Belle Ewert, Belaire, Cookstown, Fennels Corner, Gilford, Lefroy, Stroud, Sandy Cove? Nice centre medians we're built along IBR only to let them get filled with weeds instead of planting some nice petunias or impatiens. People talk about the tourism dollars from visitors to the beach…what tourism? There's nothing there for tourists outside of the beach area, they aren't spending money anywhere. They do their best to even avoid paying for parking!

- Speeding on innisfil beach from yonge st south to lake, speeding on yonge st north & south bound from 60 km sign to stop lights at innisfil beach road/yonge st installation of speed camera would increase revenue for the town.
- As a senior, unable to drive and living rural, some sort of bus service would be most appreciated. Even if it only ran Mon to Fri every few hours.
- Police services, Storm management.
- Police service and building inspection.
- More services and more information on community events, also hearing us at town meetings us poor folks at Big Bay Point are ignored and forgotten Friday Harbour gets everything done for them. Dead animals should be picked up when town is notified the same day.
- More resources south of IBR like retail, schools, etc.
- I wish Innisfil would work harder to get people off septic systems and onto town waste management, especially in areas where the building code has made it nearly impossible to install new septic systems. It seems like Innisfil only cares about bringing in new residents and not supporting the ones that have been paying taxes for years.
- Proper bathrooms next to the lake at Innisfil Beach Park.
- Repair pot holes and shoulders fix shoulders that are crumbled properly with the tar paper so shoulder are not cracking up, *animal control to be trained to trap wildlife and help transport and do more for missing cats posting keeping records including micro chip check EVERY single deceased cat with pictures to help family's get closure add lost pets section on web page and Facebook page need camera's in parks getting vandalized not rotating cameras : we need more low income homes /apt lot of young adults can't find place to rent so many people losing their homes ...we also need address the homeless situation we have in innisfil. TOWN CAN DO MORE BIG FUNRAISER EVENTS TO HELP RAISE FUNDS THE CASIBO GIVES US SO MUCH was

suppose to keep our taxes from going up the way they have look how many people have utilities turned off how many more people using food bank how many people behind in their taxes see the problem.

- Improved police presence and municipal law enforcement.
- I would like to see old furniture pickup every may long weekend like in the past.
- Better roads.
- I'm dissappointed with the lack of proper outdoor tennis and pickleball courts. These should never be combined as multipurpose sport courts. 2 completely different sports. I know about the "active" senior programs, but to me they're not very active, but I appreciate other seniors use the program. Stop giving away golf courses and leave the Innisfil Beach Park as is for residents. Get Town Bylaw to ENFORCE bylaws. Better coordination between The Town and South Simcoe Police are required. I have a very bad neighbour and when I phone police, they now say to call Bylaw who are not on duty.
- By law-traffic safety. You installed three crosswalks-only one has lights. The other two are more of a hazard then safety-have watched countless cars blow thru the crosswalk while people try to cross need flashing lights for safety. Need no parking signs at corners-Webster park is a hazard-people park right to the corner and you cannot a make a turn onto Prince if someone is coming down Prince. All corners should have no parking signs. Need by law to ticket cars parked to close to corners.
- More accessibility for the blind.
- Better, more responsive bylaw enforcement.
- Doctors!
- Lawn waste pick-up should be all summer long like most other municipalities. It's ridiculous that this services shuts down for the summer months. Weeds grow and branches fall all summer!
- Better planning for new development. The towns facilities and roads can't handle more traffic. Fix the roads and infrastructure first before adding more housing. The town is making it a nightmare for people who commute out of town for work while increasing taxes.
- More programs for children, daycare services, department store like a Walmart or winners, more dine in restaurants, better law enforcement at innisfil Beach Park- way too many people breaking the rules causing dangerous situations for visitors and getting away with it.
- Policing. Bylaw inforcement. Inequalitity of taxes in Innisfil, not based on home value. No better services if pay more taxes.

1,000 year increase is way too much Surrounding municipalities pay far less property tax ie Essa and Springwater and don't get casino money. Why is this?

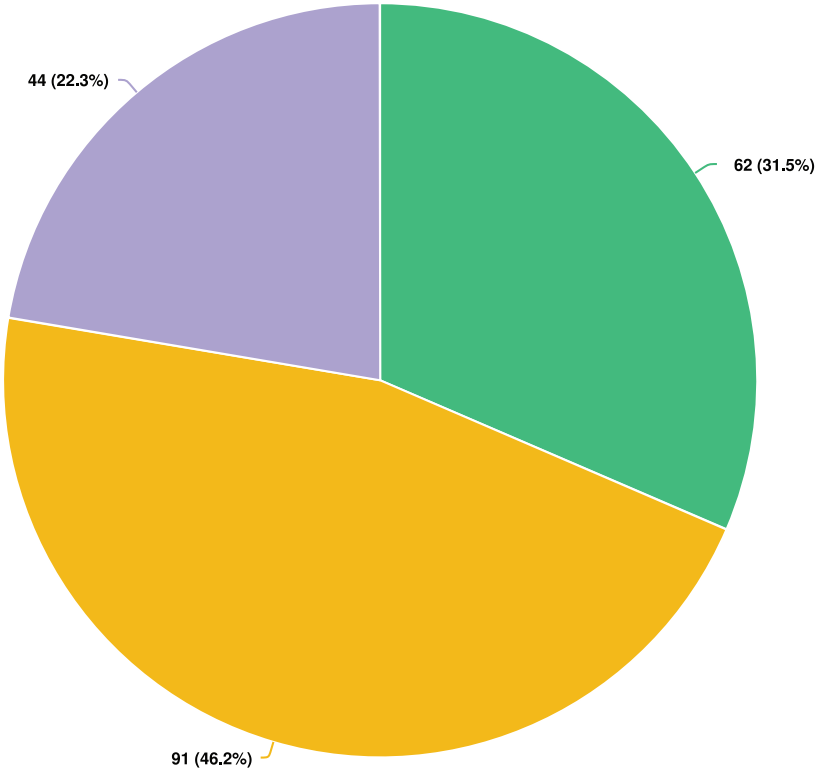
- Correctly apply tax money to social activities for children, young people and families. construction of parks/ramps for bicycles and skateboards, with safety monitoring, construction of more elaborate children's parks, the ones we have are small for the number of children there. reducing high tax costs so parents don't have to work hard and can spend time with their children without having to outsource it to a stranger.
- Would be nice to see another grocery store and more businesses coming to town. Better resources for new residents.
- I am a dedicated Pickleball player & am getting tired of fighting with the Y for more courts & more pickleball playing time. I would like to see dedicated pickleball courts both indoors & outdoors (or, something that will accomodate both). The general concensus is that the town doesn't care about it's senior citizens since we are the ones that mostly play in the area. Converting tennis courts or using them for multi purposes is not an adequate solution since the net height for tennis is different from pickleball. Also the tennis courts at Innisfil Beach Park are not in the best of shape.
- Appropriate use of the taxes already being collected. Ridiculous bike lanes, green space built in the middle of IBR then removed months later and Uber as our public transit are poor use of tax dollars.
- Everyone in Innisfil should have fire protection. No fire hydrant in many areas. People on septic's should still have storm water controls in their area. Ditches on side streets are not well maintained often plugged. The focus is all on new developments many long term residents areas are left out.
- Better clean up of Innisfil beach road and other areas. There is a lot of garbage on streets and in the parks.
- Inter city Public transportation like bus or at least let Go transit drop and pick people up in Innisfil. The train tracks exist . How hard can it be to have a designated stop station. Just 1 minute wait time.
- Well, for one this town could be more ambitious with connected trails in its newer subdivisions, as well the space around the park needs a vast natural upgrade (not a clearcut and pave job).
- We need transit, and we need more shopping.
- TAXES LOWERED...SURELY THE CASINO AND FRIDAY HARBOUR HELP OUT.

- Roads and infrastructure. IBR, creating more of a downtown feel.
- Concentrate services in recreation, policing and fire. Cut other areas if need be to reduce property taxes. Taxes are way too high given level of services we have.
- Lower the taxes. This is insane and will force people to sell and most likely become homeless. Can't afford living expenses or food.
- Somewhere to buy clothing.
- More disclosure on where dollars spent. Fewer dollars spent on surveys and professional investigations. More notice on construction. More planning on construction so the work gets completed the first time instead of doing it over and over in the same area.
- Stop raising taxes make builders pay for infrastructure. Spend wisely not always. RFP should be negotiated not just accepted.
- Increase police presence at events and set up regular speed zones, esp. on Lockhart Rd, which is turning into the Daytona 500 lately. Keep parks cleaner - maybe empty the trash bins more often on weekends. Sick of seeing litter everywhere. Too many out-of-towners without pay receipts for parking. Make sure bylaws patrols for this many times each weekend.
- Public transit.
- Town Beautifying is necessary..
- More full time firefighters. Faster turn around for inspections and permits. Reasonable permit fees. Town employees working and not at the gym during business hours.
- Public transportation, more community services, but I'd rather pay less and receive less at this point, it doesn't seem. Like we get much for the ridiculous amount we pay in taxes here. Paid less in Markham in property tax and had a larger lot. Big mistake moving here.
- Better Roads more bylaw ticketing.
- Support for poor. Recently, lots of families face a food crisis becouse of federal goverment descisions. We have a first homeless. i know few families who have to rely on good bank. And our community church food bank is below expectations. In other towns there is fresh and frozen food supply, at church only pasta and cans. Our community fridges always empty and last month i think u was the only one to refill them. I think Town of Innisfil should dedicate budget to address this issue. As food crisis may lead to increase in crime rates. I want to see our town safe and enjoyable family oriented.
- Childcare, access to Healthcare. Maintaining parks/beach and recreational programs and police and fire for keeping down safe.
- I would like to see more community events at the Town Square. Other communities such as Bradford do

weekly events, movies or concerts, it brings the whole community out. In the winter I'd like to see ice rinks in some of the parks. Again, other municipalities do this it can also be used to generate revenue while renting it out. The community is in need.

- Residence beaches only beaches.
- N/A.
- Splash pad in Churchill. Something to replace library that was removed.
- More parks - more subsidized spots for uber transit (like supermarkets, canadian tire) - more uber drivers.
- 1) Increase stormwater budget + wastewater + water requires better utilization of all staff + increased budgets. 2) Noted building inspection is one sided. 3) Requires more new development + improved services. 4) Requires more maintenance of roads + repairs.
- Sidewalks, lower speed, more on fast police patrol, lights on street, less outages, GO train station. I've been here 20 years and still no GO Transit. Outrageous!
- We need to focus to bring the lights to the roads,parks. Putvthe Lightedhouse numbers, increase the rod size accoding to the population groving. Put water life guard on the beach for the season, make NON MOTORIZED areas for swimming. Stop wasting our taxes for the rediculas "DOG BEACH'.
- Roads.
- Public Transit, Parks and Green Space, Economic Development, and Road Maintenance/Traffic Operations.
- Infrastructure investment in the sidewalks and other hard infrastructure of Stroud. Coordinating with the County to connect our settlement area to the town campus in Barclay.
- More business so there are more jobs.
- Clean up the lake. Fix the roads.
- Get out of bed with the builders.
- N/A.

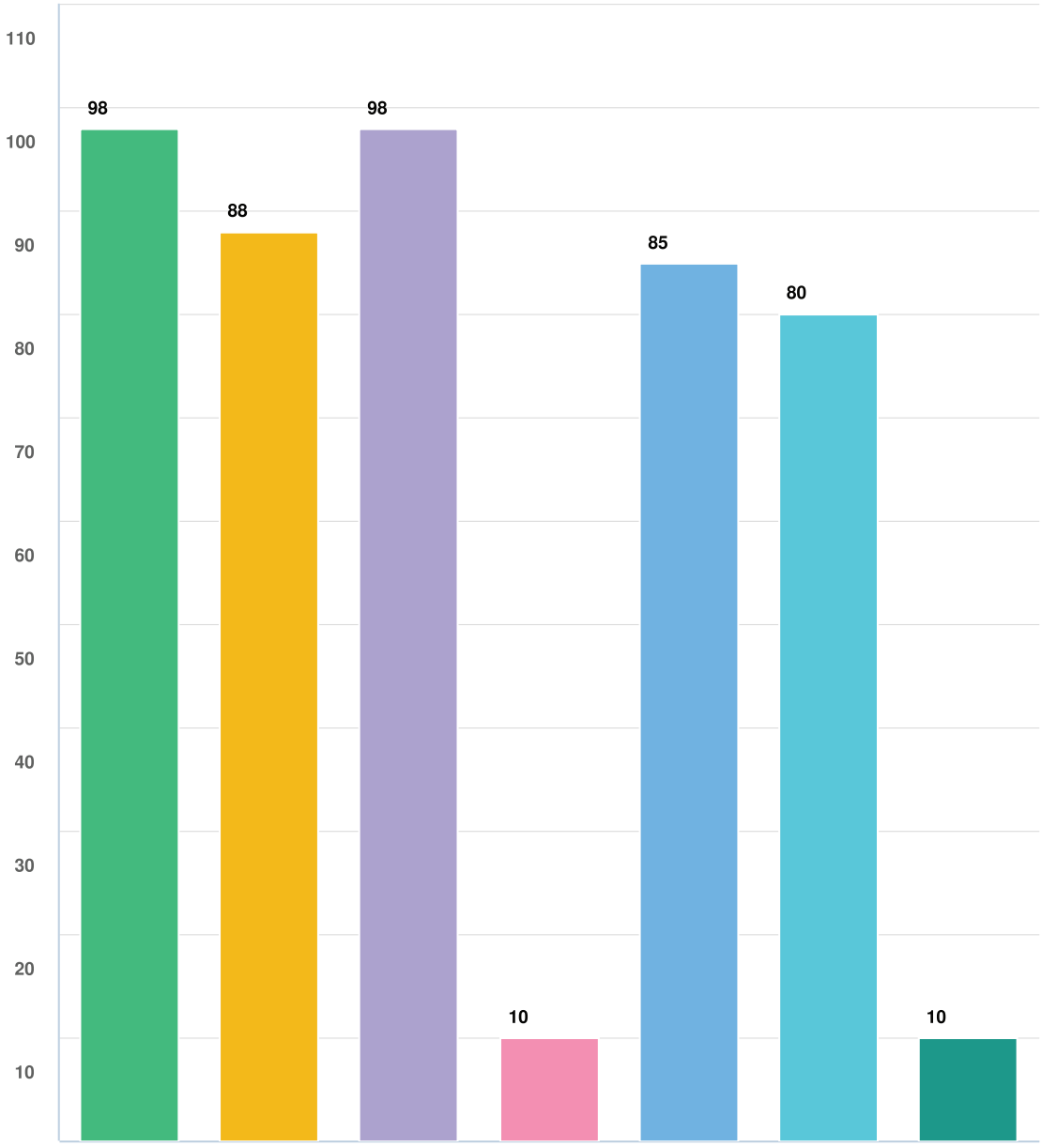
5. When the Town is developing the municipal budget, please choose which of the statements comes closest to your point of view.



Question options

- Decrease taxes and fees, even if services must decrease (31.5%)
- Maintain taxes and fees, even it if means reducing some services to maintain others (46.2%)
- Increase municipal services, even if taxes and fees must increase (22.3%)

6. How do you receive information on the Town's budget and budget process?



Question options

- Tax bill inserts
- Town website (innisfil.ca)
- Get Involved Innisfil
- Member of Council
- Local media
- Social media
- Other

What else we heard…

Responses written for "Other":

- Email.
- Talking to people.
- Email.
- What information on the budget, I don't receive that information.
- I don't receive any news and was unaware that we were able to view the process.
- I don't.
- It's never seen or offered.
- Email.
- I don't and would like to see a email list we could subscribe to.
- Mail.