

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SILVER SANDS
AGENDA - ADDITIONS

Friday, November 29, 2024 at the Fallis Hall (located at 53303 Range Road 52)
and via Zoom commencing at 9:00 a.m.

(As per bylaw 341-2024 Council and/or Council Committee meetings may not be
filmed or voice recorded.)

1. Call to order

Treaty 6 Territory Land Acknowledgement

The Summer Village of Silver Sands acknowledges that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and on the homelands of the Metis Nation. We acknowledge all indigenous peoples who have walked these lands for centuries. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

2. Agenda:

3. Minutes:

4. Delegations:

5. Public Hearings:

6. Bylaws:

7. Business: g) Summer Village vs Village Status – attached are two reports related to the municipal status change survey that was posted:

p1-18
p19-37

- Survey Results and Analysis report
- compiled survey results report

Consultant Dwight Moskalyk will attend the Council meeting to review these documents and discuss next steps with Council.

(direction as given by Council at meeting time)

8. Financial:

9. Councillors' Reports:

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10. Administration Reports:

11. Information and Correspondence:

12. Open Floor Discussion with Gallery: (15-minute time limit)

13. Closed Meeting (if required):

14. Adjournment

Next Council Meetings:

- January 31, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting
- February 28, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting
- March 28, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting

Other Meetings:

- March 1, 2025 SVLSACE (Yellowstone is host – alternate date Feb. 22, location tbd)
- March 5, 2025 ABMunis President’s Summit on Civility (Westin Hotel, Edmonton)
- March 6 & 7, 2025 ABMunis Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus (Westin Hotel, Edmonton)
- May 9, 2025 Regional Municipalities Meeting (Alberta Beach Senior Facility)
- June 11, 12, 25 & 26, 2025: ABMunis Summer Municipal Leaders Caucuses (Various locations)
- October 16 & 17, 2025 – ASVA Convention (location TBA)
- November 12 to 14, 2025: ABMunis Convention and Trade Show (Calgary TELUS Convention Centre)



Summer Village of Silver Sands Municipal Status Change Engagement

Survey #1 Results and Analysis

PRESENTED IN COUNCIL NOVEMBER 29TH, 2024

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“Should Council undertake the required public engagement and financial impact studies to fully assess the pros and cons of a status change?”

- THE BIG QUESTION

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Survey #1 - Engagement Plan

- May 2024 Newsletter - Background and Initial Information to Residents
- October 31, 2024 - Letter on Survey #1 and Open House
- October 31 - November 27, 2024 - Survey #1 is "Active"
- November 20, 2024 - Open House in Fallis Hall (In Person and Virtual)
- November 25, 2024 - Reminder of Survey and Q&A Responses From Open House Published
- November 27, 2024 - Survey #1 is "Closed"
- **November 29, 2024 - Survey Analysis Presented to Council**
- Additional Engagement - Plan for "Next Steps"

*“Summarize the Data and Use
Analysis to Help Council
Determine Next Steps”*

- GOAL FOR TODAY

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Respondent Demographics

Questions #1 - #4

- **95 “Responses” – 92 Provided Actual Comment (3 Had No Name and 2 Skipped All Answers)**
 - Name check on all 92 “passed” (assumed to be all valid responders)
 - The one anonymous responder is a “no” response to Q5 (we kept the answer in the analysis)

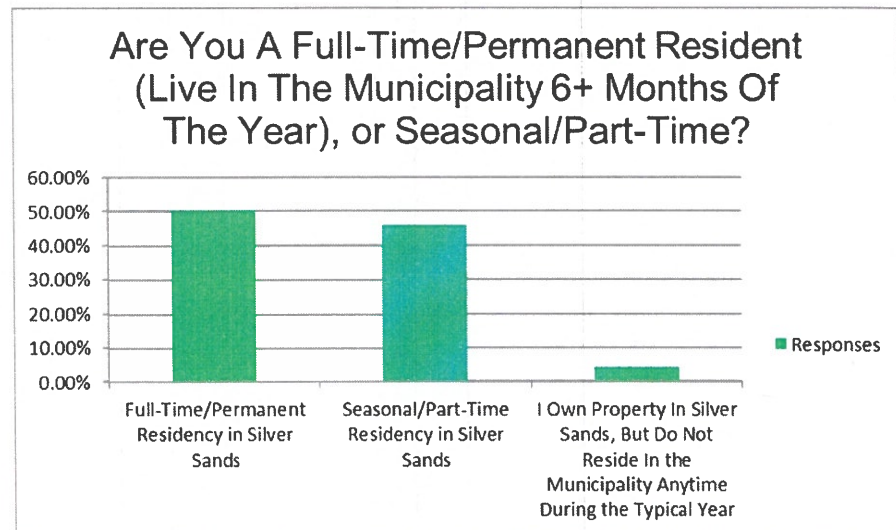
- **93 Responses Provided Addresses**
 - 89 different addresses represented in the survey
 - Some duplicates (joint owners), some multi-parcel owners
 - (roughly 30% of lots in Silver Sands)

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Respondent Demographics

Questions #1 - #4

- **Roughly 50/50 Split on Residency**
 - 50% Full-Time
 - 45% Seasonal/Not Full-Time
 - 5% Owners, But Never In the Community
- **97% of Respondents Are "Owners"**
 - Others are Renters or Non-Titled Spouse/Dep.



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Question #5

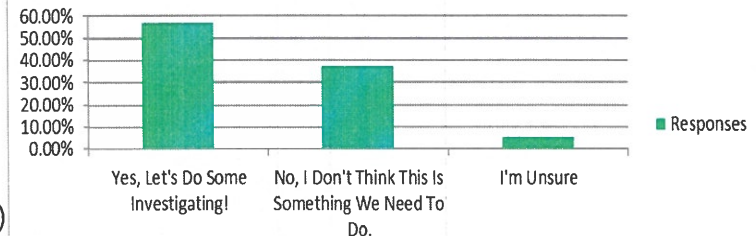
- **57/37/6 Split on If Council Should Get More Info**

- 33 Full-Time and 18 Seasonal - "Yes"
- 9 Full Time and 21 Seasonal - "No"
- 1 Full-Time and 4 Seasonal - "Unsure"

- **Interesting Observation:**

- Expected the Full-Time/Seasonal Break For and Against
- Did Not Expect Seasonal Responses to Break 50/50
- Suggests a Moving Demographic (Future Orientated Minds)

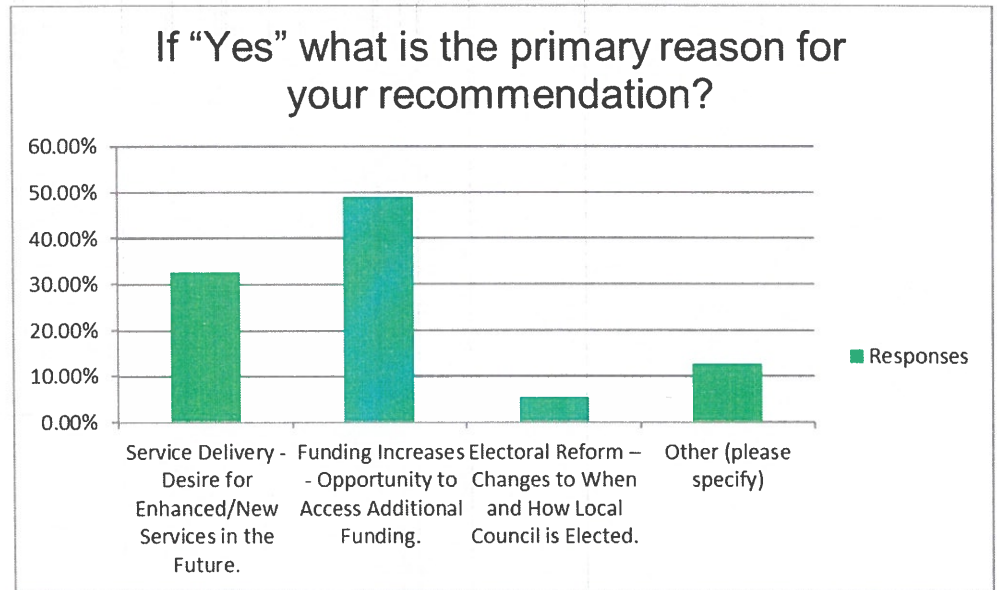
Would you recommend that the Summer Village of Silver Sands consider changing its municipal status to "Village?" In other words, should Council undertake the required public engagement and financial impact studies to fully assess the pros...



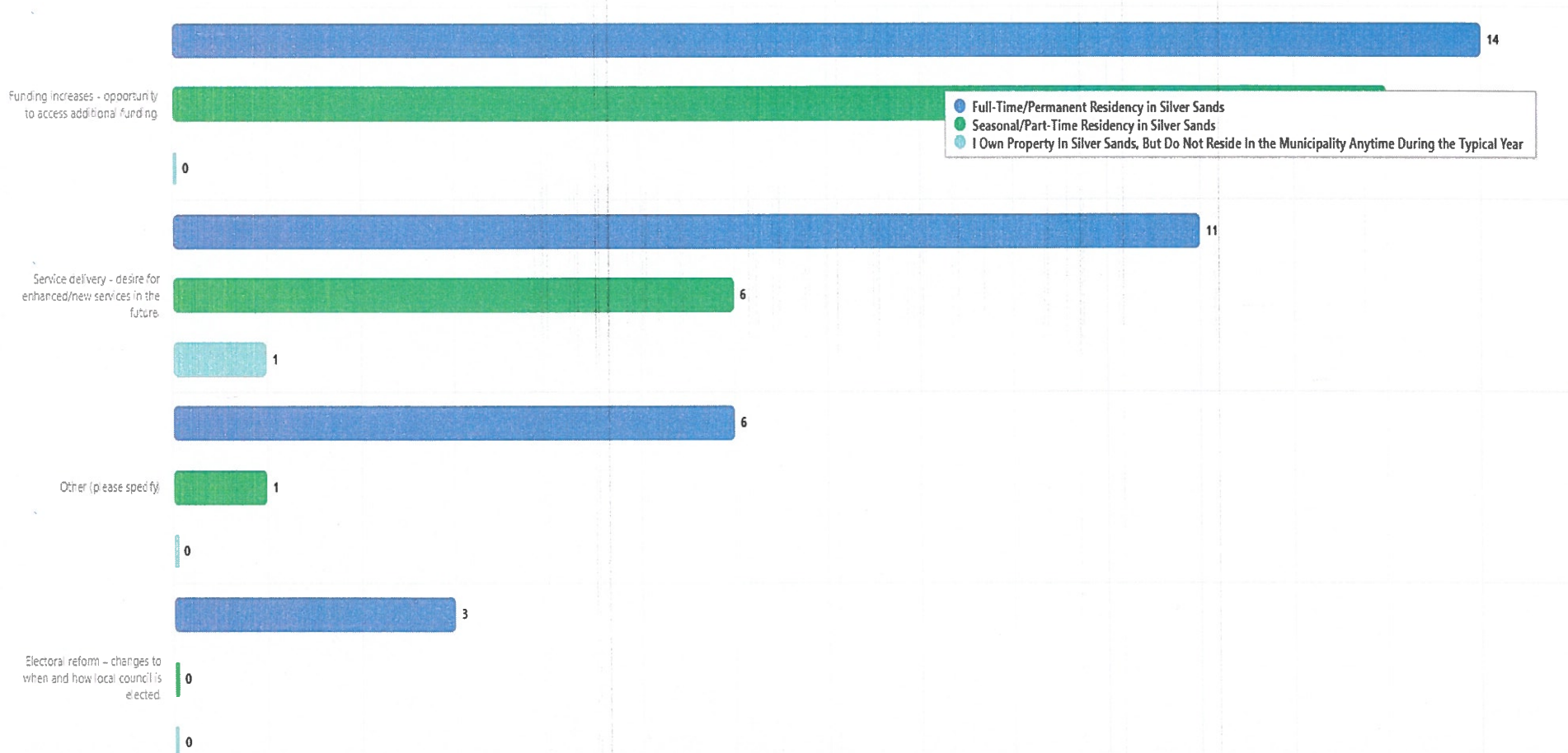
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Question #6

- **49% vs 32%**
 - More Funding (Tax Stability)
 - More Services (New/Enhanced Services)



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Question #6

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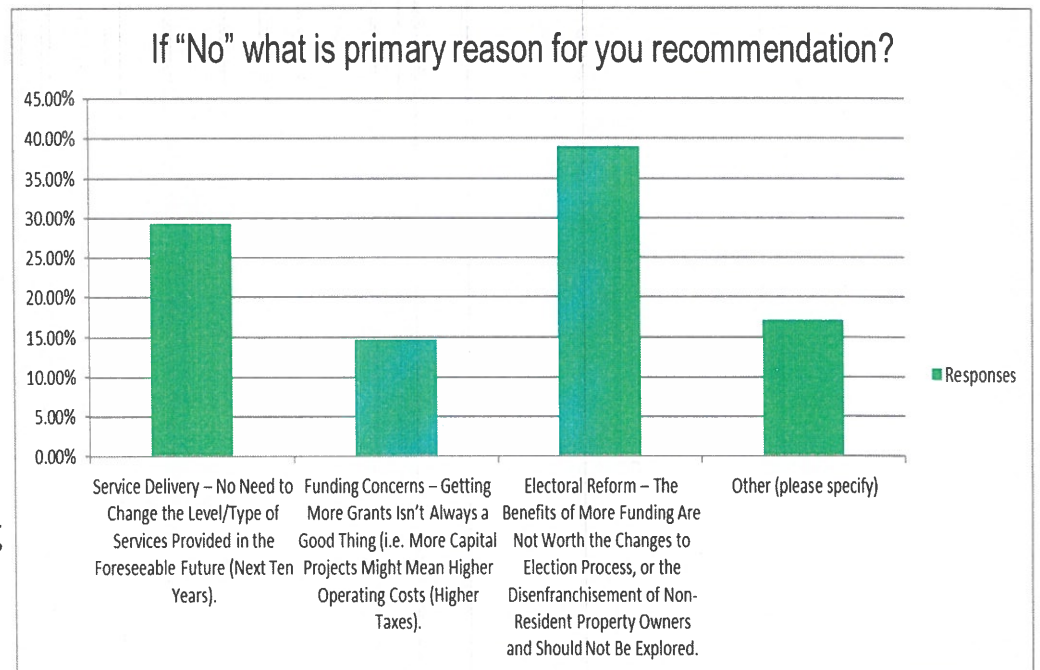
Question #7

- **39% vs 29%**

- Loss of Electoral Rights
- No Need for New Services

- **Analysis Comments:**

- 44% of “No” Voters Might Just Be Cautious
- Might Need to Get Better Info on How Funding Could Be Used



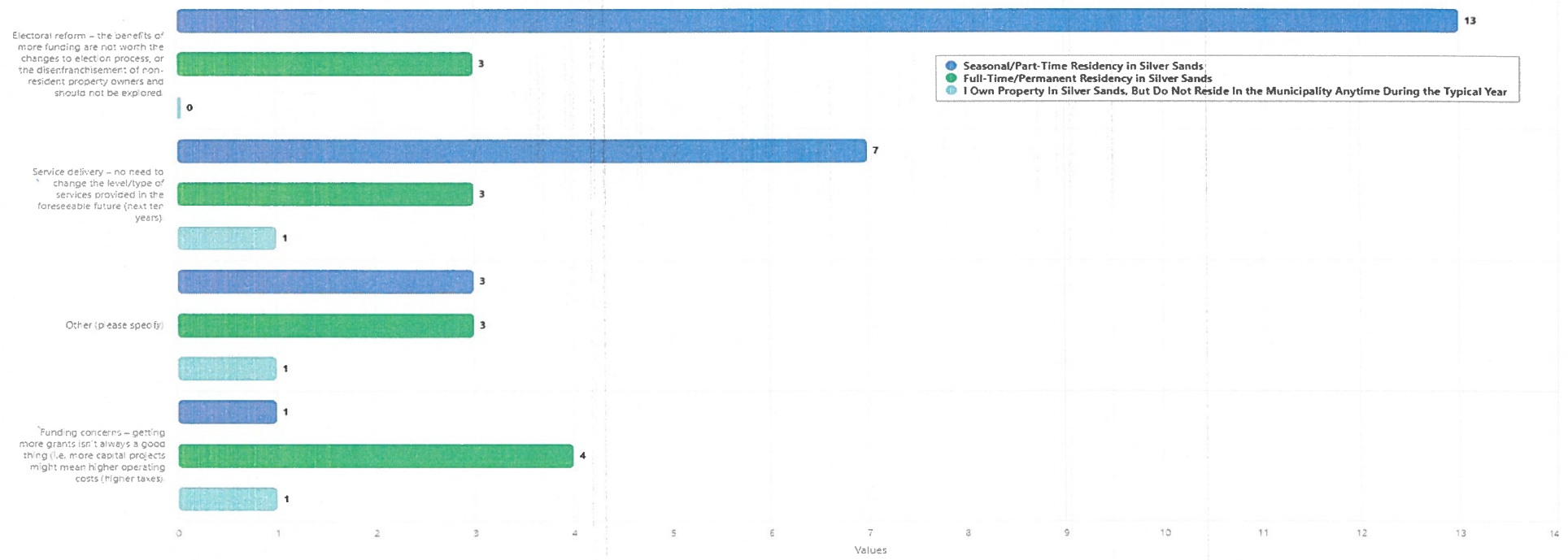
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If "No" what is primary reason for you recommendation?

Are You A Full-Tim...

Choice

Answer count



1 question

41 answers

Question #6

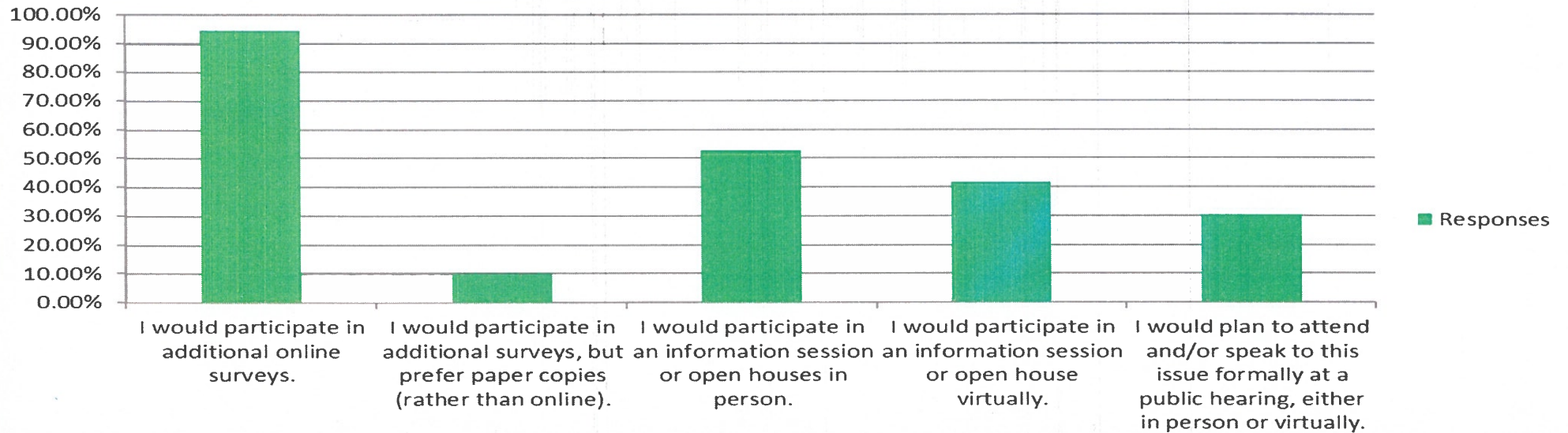
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Question #8

- What Information Could Help You Decide/Comments:
 - General Themes:
 - Needed More Notice of Survey/Issue – Lack of Communication
 - Lack of a “Plan” – People Want A Better Idea of The Logic Behind the Decision

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If Council does decide to explore this issue further, there will be additional requirements for engagement and information sharing with the public. These may include additional surveys, open houses, information sessions and public hearings. To help us bet



Question #9

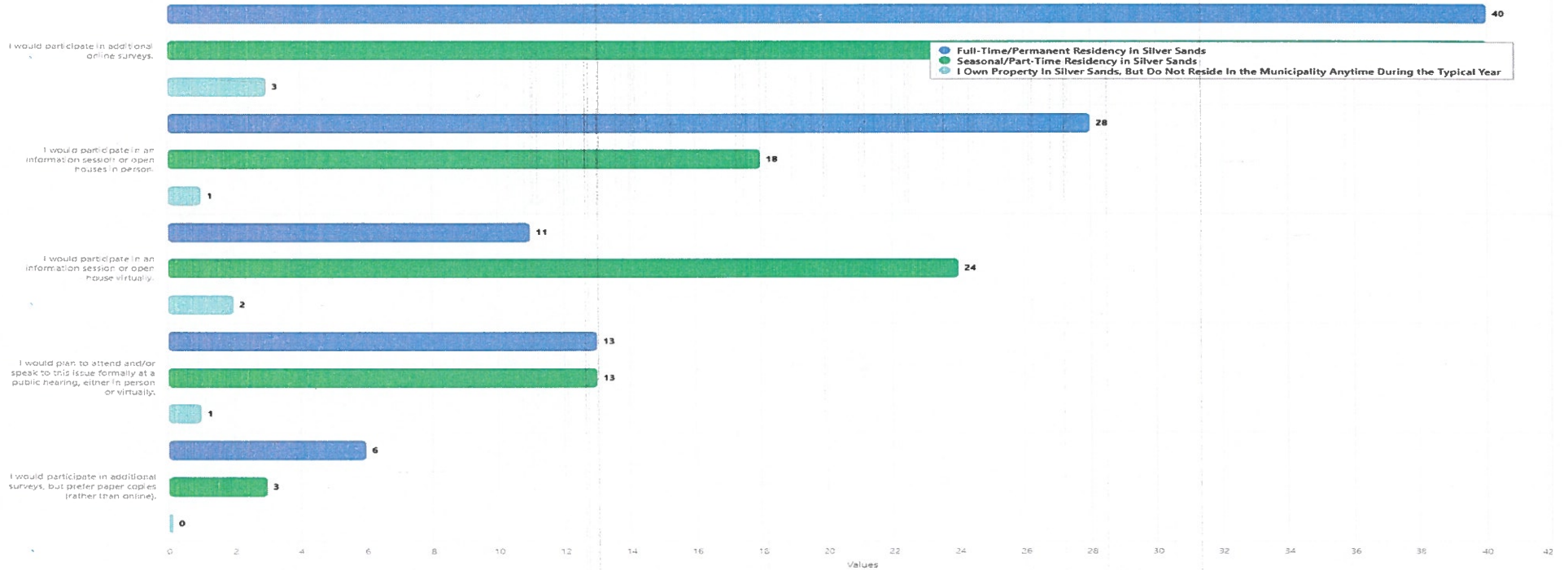
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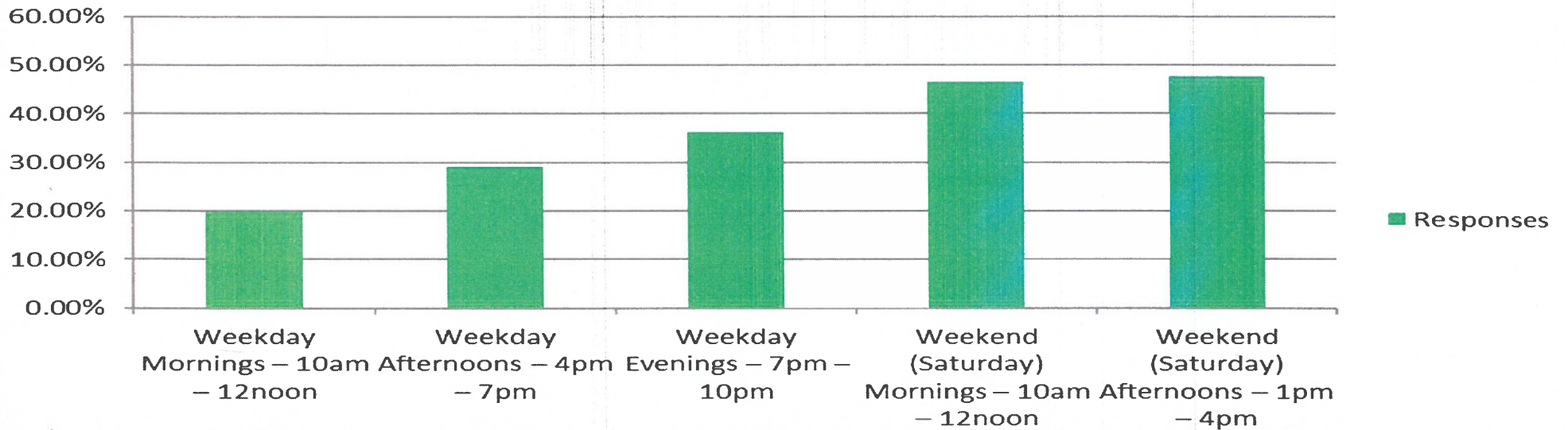
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89 answers

Question #9

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Considering your attendance at public engagement opportunities, would you generally prefer events held during the following times (you may select multiple options from the list below, check all that apply):



Question #10

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Question #11

- What General Comments:

- General Themes:

- Needed More Notice of Survey/Issue – Lack of Communication
- Lack of a “Plan” – People Want A Better Idea of The Logic Behind the Decision
- Confusion over What the Extra Grant Funds Would Be Used For/How They Would Help
- Some Very “Issue Specific” Commenters
- Mixed Reviewed on the Survey (Length, Detail, Security, Platform).

Next Steps

- **Council Needs to Consider:**

- Their Confidence in the Survey Results (Sample Size and Margin of Error)
- The Comments Received and If The Issue Is “Resolved” or “Untested.”
- If Council Wishes to Move to The Next Steps

- **If Council Decides to Move to the Next Steps:**

- May Want to Reevaluate How We Communicate/Engage (Letters/Survey/Timing of Notices)
- May Want to Rethink the Way We Do Open Houses (More Options, Different Times, Format Changes)
- Might Impact the Original Timetable for Engagement

- **Might Need to Consider Alternate Approaches/Goals – What is Attainable in 8 Months**

Thank You:

- Questions:

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Q1 Respondents First and Last Name. Please Remember to Complete a Separate Survey for Each Respondent, Rather Than Making Joint Submissions):

Answered: 92 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	[REDACTED]	11/27/2024 11:19 PM
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3	[REDACTED]	11/27/2024 7:52 PM
4	[REDACTED]	11/27/2024 7:36 PM
5	[REDACTED]	11/27/2024 7:16 PM
6	[REDACTED]	11/27/2024 5:55 PM
7	[REDACTED]	11/27/2024 4:16 PM
8	[REDACTED]	11/27/2024 3:52 PM
9	[REDACTED]	11/27/2024 3:10 PM
10	[REDACTED]	11/27/2024 1:18 PM
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Q2 What is the Property Address of Your Lot in Silver Sands (Example: 14 Spruce Crescent)? Please List Your Lot Address Below. If You Have More Than One Lot, Please List All Addresses In the Space Provided:

Answered: 93 Skipped: 2

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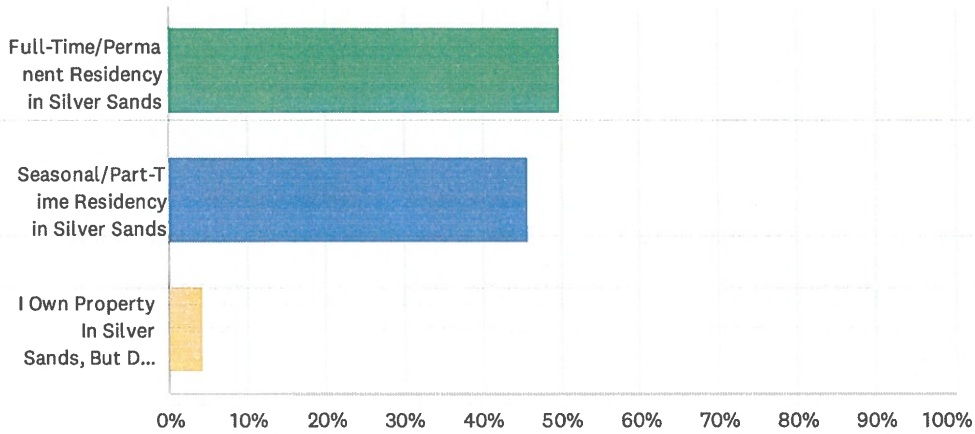
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Q3 Are You A Full-Time/Permanent Resident (Live In The Municipality 6+ Months Of The Year), or Seasonal/Part-Time?

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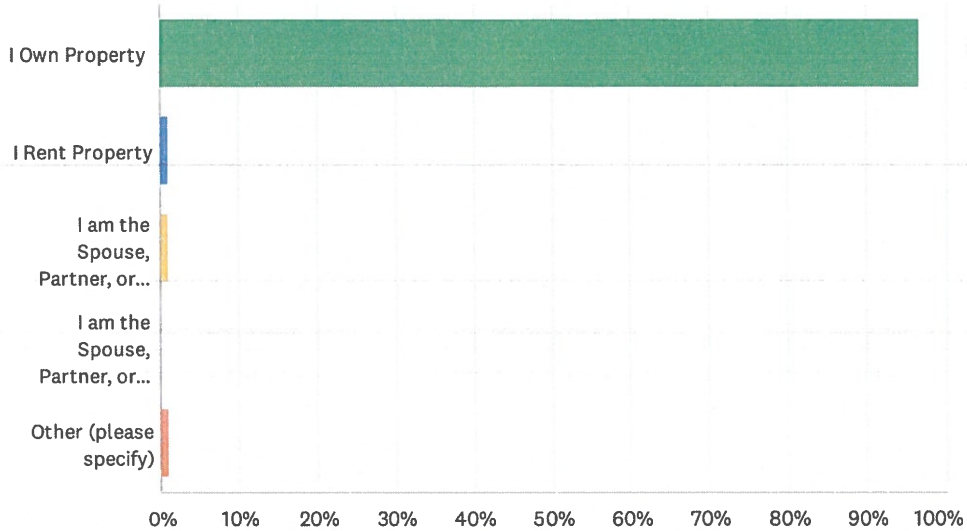


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-Time/Permanent Residency in Silver Sands	50.00%	47
Seasonal/Part-Time Residency in Silver Sands	45.74%	43
I Own Property In Silver Sands, But Do Not Reside In the Municipality Anytime During the Typical Year	4.26%	4
TOTAL		94

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Q4 Do You Own or Rent Property in the Summer Village of Silver Sands?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 1



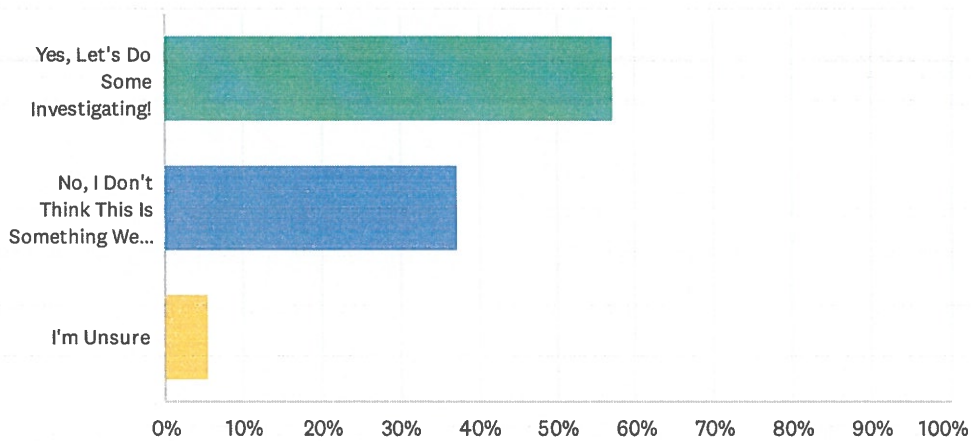
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I Own Property	96.81%	91
I Rent Property	1.06%	1
I am the Spouse, Partner, or Adult Dependent of an Owner - But Not On Title Myself	1.06%	1
I am the Spouse, Partner, or Adult Dependent of a Renter - But Not Named As a Renter of the Property	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	1.06%	1
TOTAL		94

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I own and rent property	11/26/2024 4:23 PM

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Q5 Would you recommend that the Summer Village of Silver Sands consider changing its municipal status to “Village?” In other words, should Council undertake the required public engagement and financial impact studies to fully assess the pros and cons of a status change? It is expected that this work would be facilitated by an independent consultant, and cost \$10,000 - \$15,000 dollars (which would be paid through existing reserve funds, not additional municipal taxes).

Answered: 91 Skipped: 4

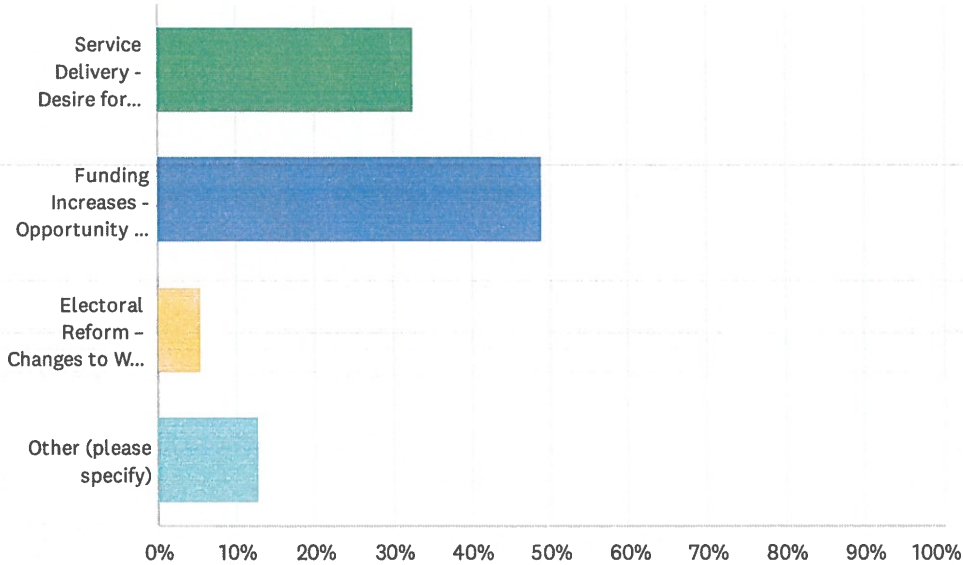


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, Let's Do Some Investigating!	57.14%	52
No, I Don't Think This Is Something We Need To Do.	37.36%	34
I'm Unsure	5.49%	5
TOTAL		91

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Q6 If "Yes" what is the primary reason for your recommendation?

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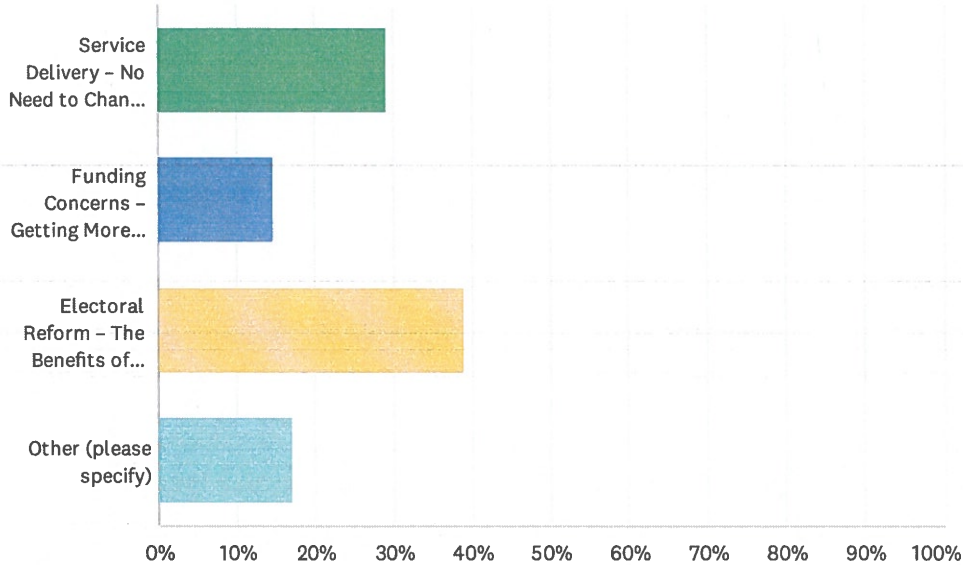


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Service Delivery - Desire for Enhanced/New Services in the Future.	32.73%	18
Funding Increases - Opportunity to Access Additional Funding.	49.09%	27
Electoral Reform – Changes to When and How Local Council is Elected.	5.45%	3
Other (please specify)	12.73%	7
TOTAL		55

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Both service delivery and funding increases	11/27/2024 8:24 AM
2	Multiple: Service Delivery, Funding increases so admin can enhance service AND keep tax increases lower to lessen the burden on the tax base for service sustainment and improvement.	11/26/2024 6:05 PM
3	Both funding and services	11/26/2024 4:26 PM
4	All Above	11/26/2024 9:13 AM
5	All the above	11/26/2024 9:13 AM
6	It does not make sense to try to fight the system just to hang on to the old model.	11/8/2024 6:02 AM
7	see if you can challenge"only allowed one vote" when owning two properties, one permanent, one residential. you own and pay taxes, you should get two votes	11/5/2024 7:54 PM

Q7 If "No" what is primary reason for you recommendation?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 54



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Service Delivery – No Need to Change the Level/Type of Services Provided in the Foreseeable Future (Next Ten Years).	29.27% 12
Funding Concerns – Getting More Grants Isn't Always a Good Thing (i.e. More Capital Projects Might Mean Higher Operating Costs (Higher Taxes).	14.63% 6
Electoral Reform – The Benefits of More Funding Are Not Worth the Changes to Election Process, or the Disenfranchisement of Non-Resident Property Owners and Should Not Be Explored.	39.02% 16
Other (please specify)	17.07% 7
TOTAL	41

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Its a summer Village	11/27/2024 11:25 PM
2	N/A to this Q- I vote yes proceed with village change project	11/26/2024 6:05 PM
3	2 areas concern me	11/25/2024 7:17 PM
4	See section 11	11/25/2024 12:01 PM
5	All above applies. No question the extra money will provide opportunities for capital projects like sewer infrastructure. Most lots already have tanks to hold sewer. If a sewer pipe is installed lot owners will automatically be charged a monthly charge way more than their cost at present. Same goes with waterlines.	11/21/2024 1:31 PM
6	n/a	11/17/2024 1:08 PM
7	I think it's great to find the Pro's and Con's for sure, but does it really have to cost so much? Albert Beach went over to "Village" status just ask the Councillors from Alberta Beach. Find info without the expense	11/5/2024 7:54 PM

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Q8 If "Unsure," what additional information would help you to better understand the issue? Enter your comments below:

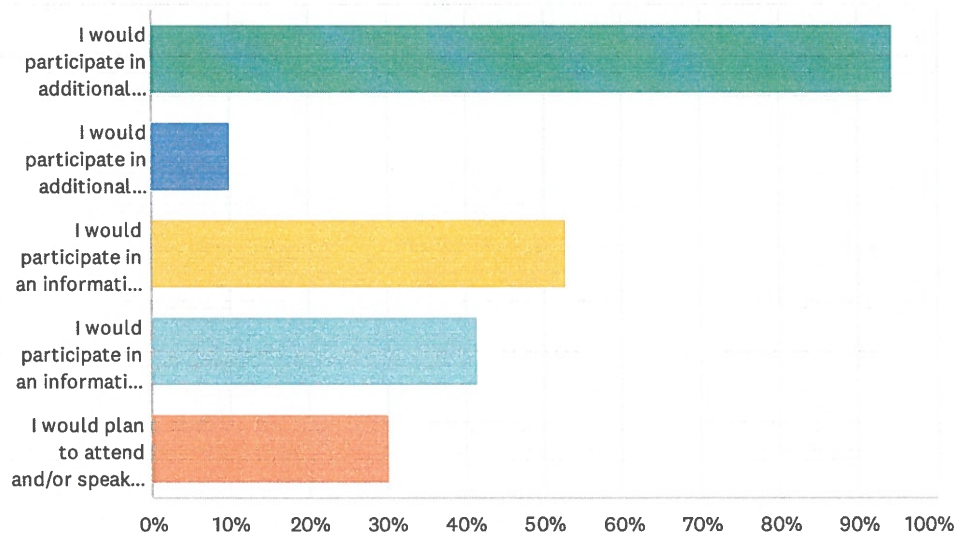
Answered: 13 Skipped: 82

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lack of Communication is an issue I was not aware of this survey until it was emailed	11/27/2024 11:25 PM
2	I really need to know of this is really best for our village. If more than 60% are seasonal then majority may not have a say in anything and that could cause a small handful of aging fulltime residents to dictate what's best for a village that needs a boost of young peoples perspectives	11/27/2024 9:13 PM
3	I am concerned about being able to vote as a part time/seasonal resident. If we stay a Summer Village how will we make up the shortfall with less government funding? If we proceed as a Village, what expanded services will that provide and will taxes be less in 3 to 5 years than staying as a Summer Village?	11/27/2024 7:30 PM
4	Can you please explain your comments regarding 'future development' regarding golf course land and the current land between the two ends of the village? What does this look like? thank you	11/27/2024 10:31 AM
5	jUST WANT TO KNOW THE LOGIC BEHIND THIS	11/27/2024 9:39 AM
6	Thank you for the information. It seems like an obvious choice for our Village to continue our growth and development pragmatically with a focus on services and the best interests of our community.	11/26/2024 6:05 PM
7	Council is doing this change for reasons not known. In other words I don't trust them and wild willow enterprises.	11/26/2024 3:01 PM
8	Both electoral and financial concerns are priorities	11/25/2024 7:17 PM
9	The little extra funding as a village does not even cover the interest of the capital cost of sewers or waterlines. Guarantee taxes will sky rocket. Use the land you already have to rentals or leases to bring in more operating money. Please keep as a Summer Village.	11/21/2024 1:31 PM
10	n/a	11/17/2024 1:08 PM
11	what capital projects are being considered and potential impact on taxes.	11/11/2024 9:42 AM
12	Lay it out in black and white. Current numbers, expected future expenditures and provincial input over foreseeable future.	11/6/2024 12:18 PM
13	I'm all for finding out the pros and cons of information but I don't think it has to be so expensive. Alberta Beach went to a Village status, ask the Council members what has been the Pros and Cons have been for them. look at other Summer Villages that have gone over to Village status and get the pros and cons.	11/5/2024 7:54 PM

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Q9 If Council does decide to explore this issue further, there will be additional requirements for engagement and information sharing with the public. These may include additional surveys, open houses, information sessions and public hearings. To help us better prepare for these steps, if/when required, please indicate your preferences for additional engagement (you may select multiple options from the list below, check all that apply):

Answered: 89 Skipped: 6

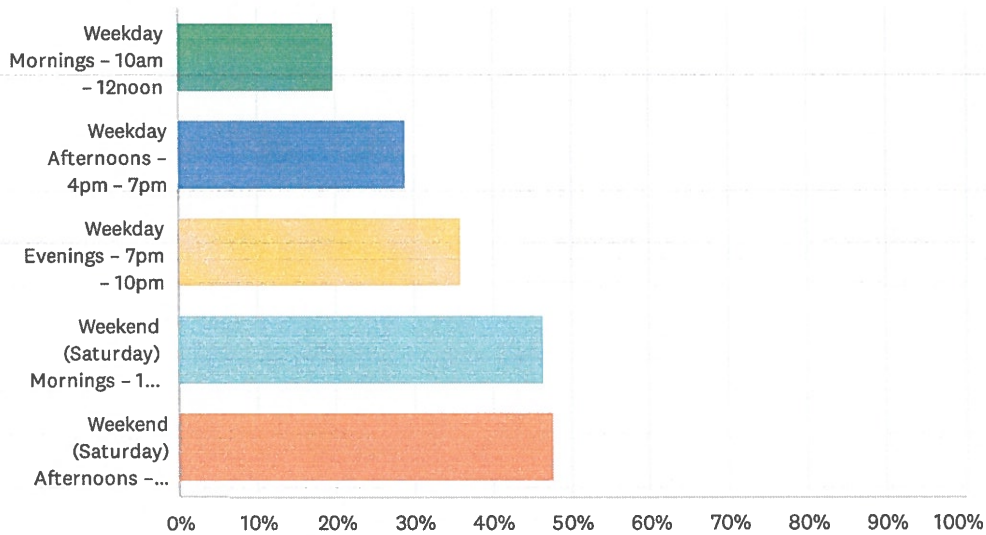


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I would participate in additional online surveys.	94.38%	84
I would participate in additional surveys, but prefer paper copies (rather than online).	10.11%	9
I would participate in an information session or open houses in person.	52.81%	47
I would participate in an information session or open house virtually.	41.57%	37
I would plan to attend and/or speak to this issue formally at a public hearing, either in person or virtually.	30.34%	27
Total Respondents: 89		

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Q10 Considering your attendance at public engagement opportunities, would you generally prefer events held during the following times (you may select multiple options from the list below, check all that apply):

Answered: 86 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Weekday Mornings – 10am – 12noon	19.77%	17
Weekday Afternoons – 4pm – 7pm	29.07%	25
Weekday Evenings – 7pm – 10pm	36.05%	31
Weekend (Saturday) Mornings – 10am – 12noon	46.51%	40
Weekend (Saturday) Afternoons – 1pm – 4pm	47.67%	41

Total Respondents: 86

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Q11 Other Comments: Before you finish today's survey, are there any other general comments on the material presented, questions we can help address in future correspondence, or information that you would find helpful to know more about during this process?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 62

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We need to do better with Communicating. Very sad to see this survey come out days before a deadline on our email. I can prove I received nothing prior	11/27/2024 11:25 PM
2	I feel our government is forcing small communities into this. We are lucky we are not at the point yet if dissolving the village all together but I feel it's the goal of our current government. And we need to be very careful. Or we will not be any village at all. We will just be part of the county.	11/27/2024 9:13 PM
3	It seems to me that this would only benefit full time residents and if the infrastructure needs to be improved to benefit full time residents only why should the costs be split equally	11/27/2024 7:56 PM
4	I would like to know what the plan is to deal with the shortfall in funding as a Summer Village, how that would impact current services and/or projects currently planned, how many full time residents we have, how many seasonal/parttime residents, how many rentals (assuming renters who consider SS their permanent residence would have voting rights if we move to a Village status), how would "Village" funding be used and are we limited to certain projects, would moving to a Village change any of our bylaws that were just updated? Thank you for all the info on the website, and also on this survey. Appreciate all the work that went into this.	11/27/2024 7:30 PM
5	I would like a greater understanding of the number of permanent residents and the number of seasonal/part time residents. Would there be enough permanent residents to provide a strong field of candidates for council?	11/27/2024 1:25 PM
6	We should not let ourselves be blackmailed by the province's money carrot dangle to get us to change our SV status. What is the province's real agenda here? Why why is the province willing to give us more money under the LGFF model ONLY IF we change our SV status? Something smells fishy to me! Why is the province pushing this status change when it will only cost them more money under the LGFF funding model? If the province can afford this LGFF funding model, why can they not provide a commensurate increase in the village's MSI funding? What is the province's real agenda?	11/27/2024 9:29 AM
7	I would require more information before making a decision.	11/26/2024 10:29 PM
8	Please expand on your comments regarding capital projects ie golf course resort and roads. This should be at the cost of the developers not the village residents. Has the 'RV resort ' added any substantial tax base to date?	11/26/2024 9:26 PM
9	My main concern is if this agenda is for the good of all residents of Silver Sands or is it a personal agenda of present council members and outside agencies that have used their influence to financially benefit themselves. The summer village is separated by East and West of any improvements and priorities for many years and has been controlled by council from whichever area they are residing in. Is this change good for everyone or the chosen few, I have yet to meet a council person that has their best interest for our West part of Silver Sands so skepticism with council's decision on changes for the good of everyone in the village is at most very questionable.	11/26/2024 8:28 PM
10	Just to thank those that are putting in all the effort to engage your residents and these topics and allowing our voices to be heard. Especially in these tougher economic times, a focus on exploring all the options to maintain and enhance our wonderful Village of Silver Sands. Now and the future is critical.	11/26/2024 6:05 PM
11	This issue revolves around what is the vision for Silver Sands looking out into the future. If we	11/26/2024 5:48 PM

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want to grow and attract more residents and commercial activity then we switch to a Village. If we want to maintain the existing character then we ought to stay as is. I am very concerned about disenfranchisement. Even though counsel can hear and take into account all residents concerns and viewpoints, the truth is that those that vote carry the day. Permanent residents can vote themselves benefits that harm non-residents. This is happening real time in Canmore, where council has adopted a plan to tax non-residents at higher rates than residents, and there is nothing that non-residents can do about it because they have no vote. This is unfair and we need to avoid putting our Summer Village into a similar circumstance.

12	Why is council considered this option. Is it about changing to Village to over take Schnell lands? Changing laws/ bylaws for selling off easement land? Making it harder to elect council? Or just doing things behind the backs of tax payers without knowledge of tax payers? Wild willow needs to be fired!	11/26/2024 3:01 PM
13	This survey monkey is thoro I'm good.	11/26/2024 2:37 PM
14	I think consideration of how silver sands funds are being used in general is an important conversation to have. I am curious about how the topic was risen?	11/26/2024 2:11 PM
15	I would like an estimate on costs to provide planned changes to infrastructure which I do not feel the additional funds would come near to paying for. How much extra will property owners pay for both construction and future service fees? Plus, I would like to know the cost of maintenance and administration of the water and sewer capital projects intended. How much monthly/yearly this would entail. Finally, I have concerns about the disruption construction projects needed to complete the capital projects would have on enjoyment of our property during the years we were anticipating being in Silver Sands more permanently. It appears the plans for a relatively nominal amount of money would come at a huge cost-extra financial burden for potential benefits that our age group would not benefit from, reduced peace and quiet, plus a loss of any electoral voice on decisions that directly impact us at a pivotal time of our lives.	11/25/2024 7:17 PM
16	1. Set up a proper info session to discuss these topics with the rate payers of the village during a time when people are actually available to attend.. A meeting in the middle the afternoon in the middle of the week in November appears to be an attempt to exclude the 70% of the rate payers in the village who are the most affected by these proposed changes. 2. You talked about future growth and development in the village, can we not learn from the past? The last development in the village was poppy place, developed approx 16 years ago and up to 2 years ago had but one structure on the street(rental property) now there are 5 structures of a possible 22 lots. Most of the remaining lots have changed owners several times or have for sale signs swinging in the wind, doesn't appear to be a big demand so why do we expect this to be a different result?. How has the increased tax base from that development helped the village? Take a drive around the village and note the properties for sale or the empty lots which have not been developed, maybe an idea or plan to promote and develop the existing available lots would be more beneficial to increase the assessment value's and the tax base for the village. 3. report to the rate payers properly, recently there were discussions about increasing the taxes on consolidated properties, the idea that these lots were consolidated to avoid the minimum tax base was put out there, this is entirely False. i have three consolidated lots. the first two were consolidated 2010 as was recommended by village admin in order to abide by your policies and bylaws to obtain a development permit. the third lot was consolidated in 2020 to serve the same objective of obtaining development permits for the building of our retirement home. those plans are now on hold due to the uncertainty of the direction for the future of the village.	11/25/2024 5:53 PM
17	More Capital Spending means HIGHER TAXES at the end of the day. In my honest opinion, "do not spend what you do not have".	11/25/2024 1:48 PM
18	Security Recommendations: As an additional comment, I would recommend setting up stronger security measures for these surveys moving forward. As it stands, any bad actor could easily deploy a bot to corrupt the survey results in just a few hours. While I suspect you're aware of such vulnerabilities, they may have been overlooked. At a minimum, I recommend: 1. Add CAPTCHA: SurveyMonkey provides an option to add CAPTCHA to your survey, which helps prevent automated submissions (bots) from participating, ensuring that only human respondents can engage. 2. Email Invitation Only: Limit survey participation to individuals who have received an invitation via email. This ensures that only intended recipients can access the survey. Broader Implications of Transitioning to Village Status: 1. Financial Impact: o While the study would be funded from reserve funds, transitioning to village status could introduce additional administrative costs. A larger council, more formalized	11/25/2024 12:01 PM

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governance, and expanded services may lead to higher municipal expenses. o This shift might necessitate an increase in municipal taxes to fund the expanded services, which could concern seasonal residents who feel they aren't benefitting from the services they are being taxed to support. 2. Impact on Seasonal Residents: o Transitioning to a village could restrict voting rights to permanent residents, potentially excluding seasonal homeowners from municipal elections. This may create tensions between long-time seasonal residents and those who live in the community year-round. o The move could also alienate residents who value the more relaxed, seasonal nature of the current governance, leading to concerns about a loss of community identity. 3. Governance and Bureaucracy: o The transition could introduce greater government bureaucracy and more complex administrative procedures, which might be challenging for a community accustomed to simpler governance. o A larger council could increase political friction, especially if new services or taxes are introduced, potentially leading to a more contentious and less cohesive local government. 4. Unwanted Growth and Urbanization: o The shift to village status could stimulate development and urbanization, changing the character of the community. For residents who appreciate the quieter, seasonal atmosphere, this could be a significant concern, as it might lead to an increase in permanent residences and commercial development. 5. Uncertainty of Long-term Benefits: o While transitioning to a more formal municipal structure could provide greater autonomy, the community must carefully evaluate whether the benefits—such as improved services, infrastructure, or economic growth—outweigh the potential costs. Without a clear vision for the future, the transition might introduce more challenges than benefits, especially if it leads to a loss of community character or increased financial burdens.

19	We should choose a more secure survey option with identity confirmation, anyone could say they are a resident but aren't.	11/25/2024 11:30 AM
20	I have a few early concerns, and will probably have significant more as I research this change: - With budget seemingly being the primary concern of this change, I have to suggest that all other options be investigated at the same level of scrutiny and transparency to land owners in the Summer Village. Just as an example, as a Summer village, we are not required to have a council, therefore the question is unfortunately obvious, how much does council currently cost our Summer Village, and could this cost be avoided by no longer having a council to govern the summer village? Has the disbandment of council been investigated or surveyed as much as this potential change to a Village from Summer Village? What are the actual tangible, measurable impacts of having a council as a Summer Village, to residents and land owners, both positive and negative. Unfortunatly these are hard conversations, but all options need to be identified and pursued. - There should be a deeper look at what our Summer Village is spending the yearly budget on (do we need recreational spaces other than a park, do we need big bin days) before even beginning a referendum on the Village change. I know amenities are good to have, but in reality, not all are need to have. ALL other options should be considered before a tax increase, or a change from Summer Village to Village. - Has the summer village performed any surveys of all residents to identify what percentage of land owners are permanent residents in comparison to seasonal residents? (specifically percentage of property owners that have their property in the summer village listed as a permanent residence). This number should be known and made public so all land owners are aware of the actual impact to our voting rights, and our neighbors voting rights. If a large percentage of the property owners in the summer village are not permanent residence, this decision becomes easy, we must remain a Summer Village, to ensure the basic voting rights of all land owners are upheld. - I am DEEPLY concerned that the change to a Village will impact a very large number of landowner's basic voting rights during elections, bylaw amendments, referendums etc. The checks and balances need to remain in place, and all land owners of the summer village should have the unique opportunity to run for an elected position. My frequency or use of my land in a Summer Village, should not relegate whether I have a say in the community.	11/25/2024 11:06 AM
21	Think going as a village will really enhance Silver Sands	11/23/2024 1:59 PM
22	Do we know the percentage of secondary home owners that attend these meetings?	11/22/2024 7:58 AM
23	This seems like an obvious choice	11/21/2024 7:48 PM
24	Council have to give the seasonal owners time to review and go over the survey. Some seasonal owners are gone out of the country for 6 months. Most open house public inputs or on line surveys last over a year before any information is put forward to the Municipal Governments. All Property owners have the right to voice their concerns not just 10 percent.	11/21/2024 1:31 PM
25	Confused somewhat on whether part time owners have any voice or election privileges once the status is a Village	11/20/2024 9:53 AM

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26	n/a	11/17/2024 1:08 PM
27	none	11/14/2024 2:41 PM
28	Thank you for everything you do on our behalf. Appreciated!	11/12/2024 2:48 PM
29	I think the focus should be on how we can preserve the essence within the new model; there is room for growth here (nothing stays the same), and to become more a part of the county we are located in with the new model, instead of the disconnect and separation we now have.	11/8/2024 6:02 AM
30	Would having a village status give us a designated postal code?	11/6/2024 6:41 PM
31	Any information exploring all the angles of the issue would be welcomed.	11/6/2024 6:32 PM
32	As a weekender, I understand that I would be giving up my vote and there would be a natural tendency for Council to prioritize issues of concern to permanent residents. That is ok. The one concern is around costs related to services that benefit residents unequally depending on quantity of use. That is a risk that offsets the increased funding opportunities, and will be viewed differently by different residents. Consideration of differential taxation rates for permanent vs seasonal or weekend use could be of interest, but would be complicated.	11/6/2024 5:40 PM
33	As we move forward, cut the rhetoric and keep it in layman's terms. Leave the acronyms at the door.	11/6/2024 12:18 PM