

FACILITIES STUDY SURVEY

Cheltenham Chamber of Citizens

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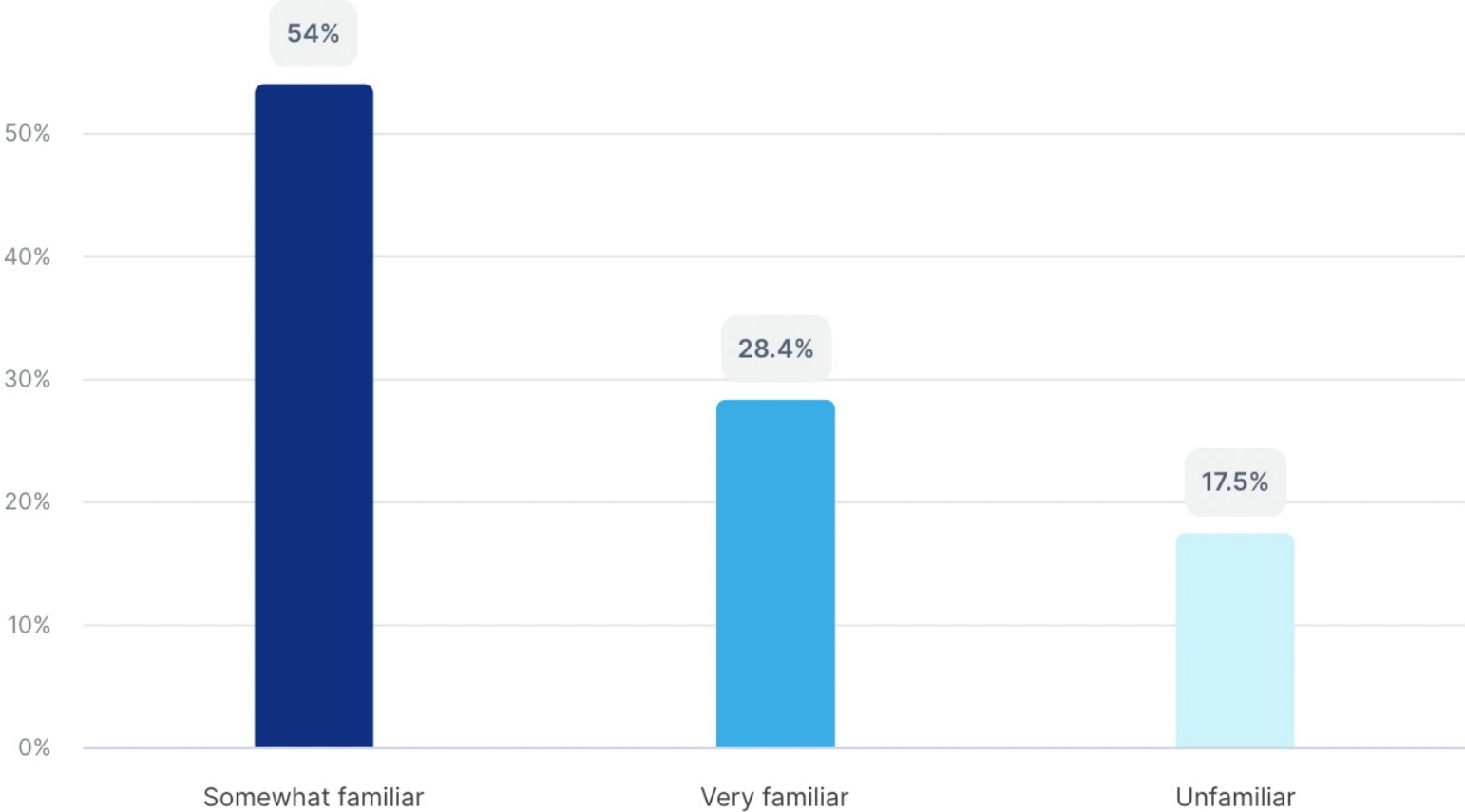
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The CCC surveyed residents about the ideas proposed in the Facilities Study presented in July 2023 and related matters.

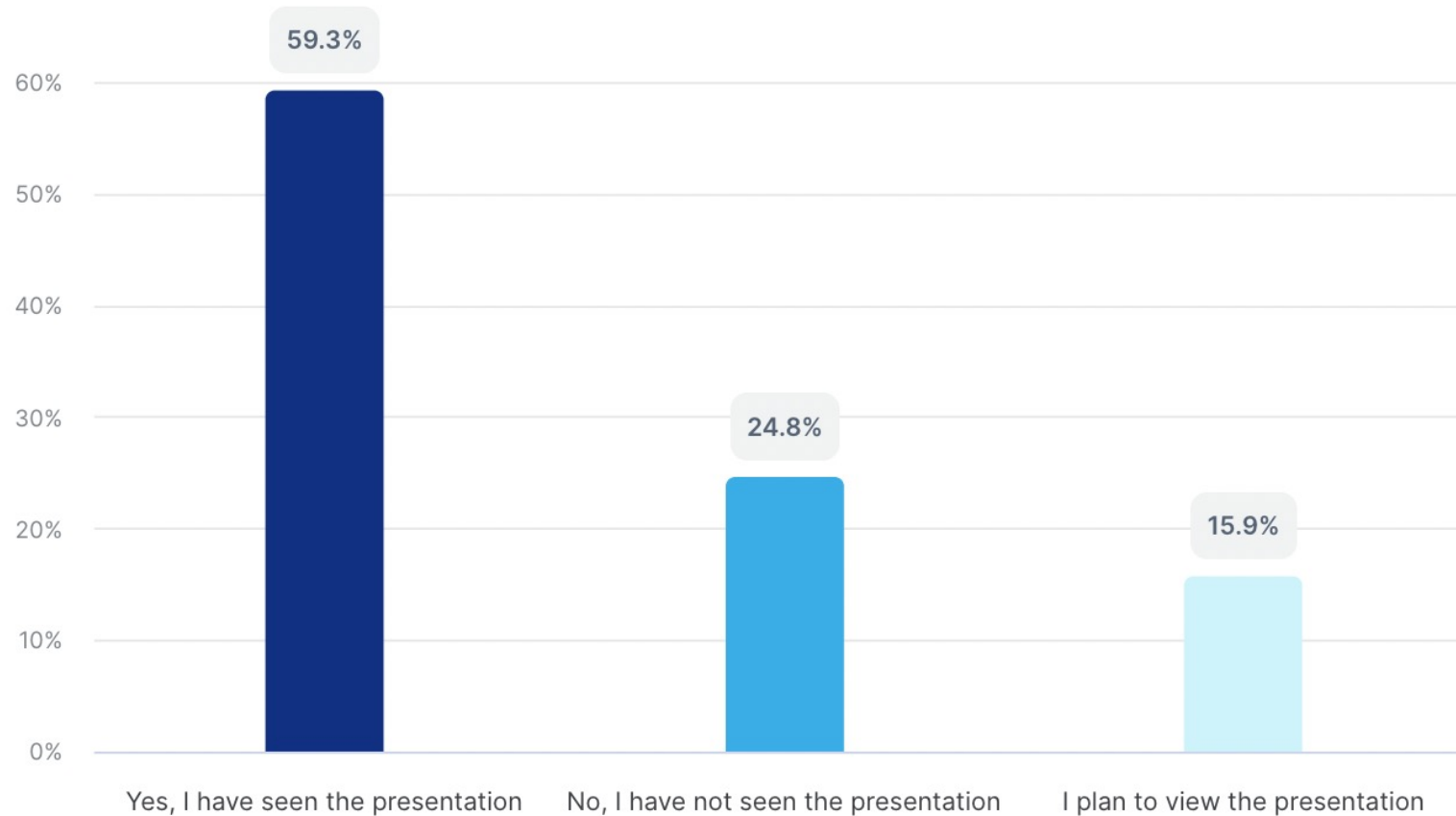
The results of the 359 respondents follow.

Resident comments were too numerous to include here. They were emailed to Commissioners separately.

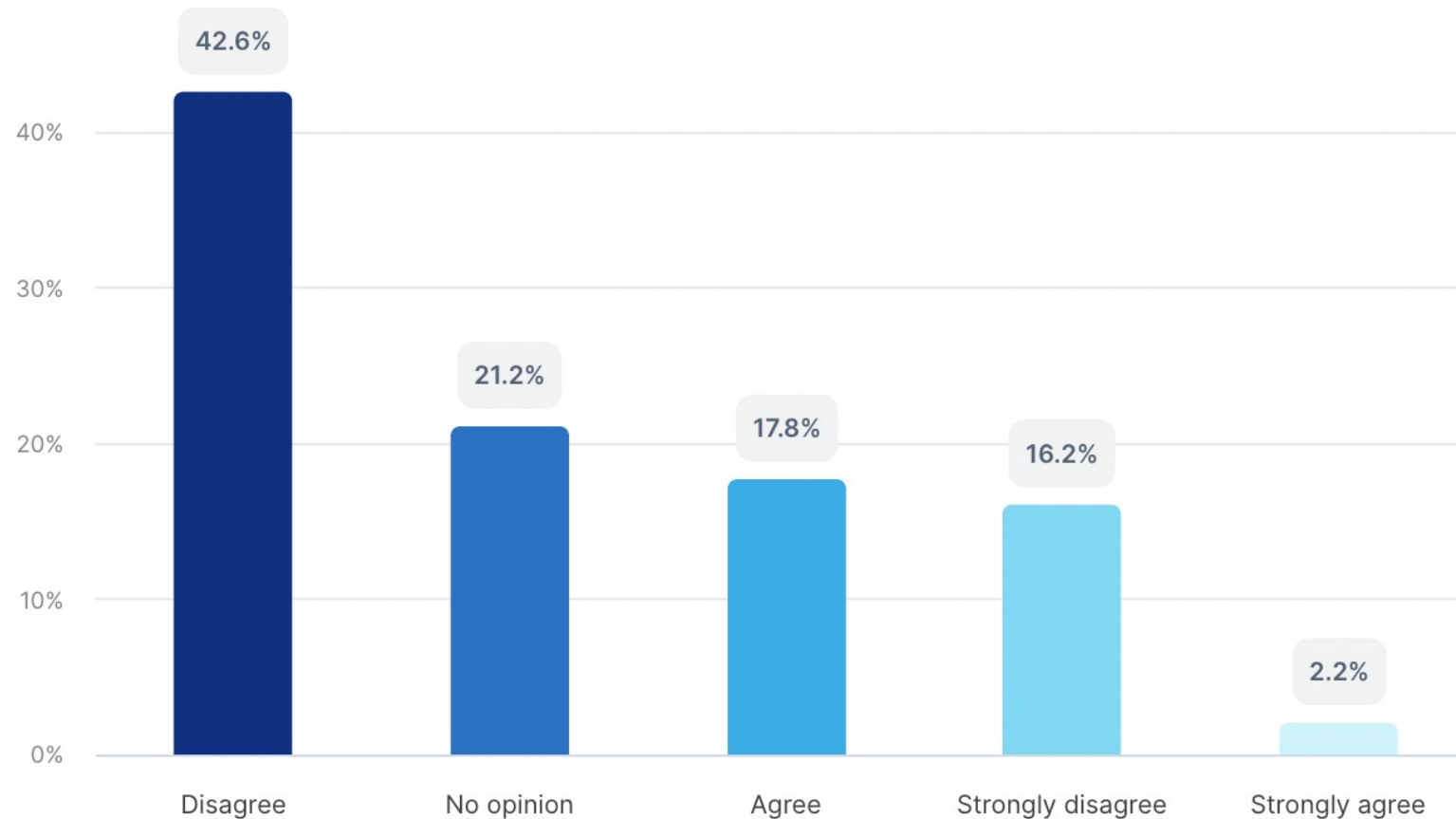
1. How familiar are you with the Township's ideas and concepts to change, renovate, relocate, demolish, or rebuild many of our facilities?



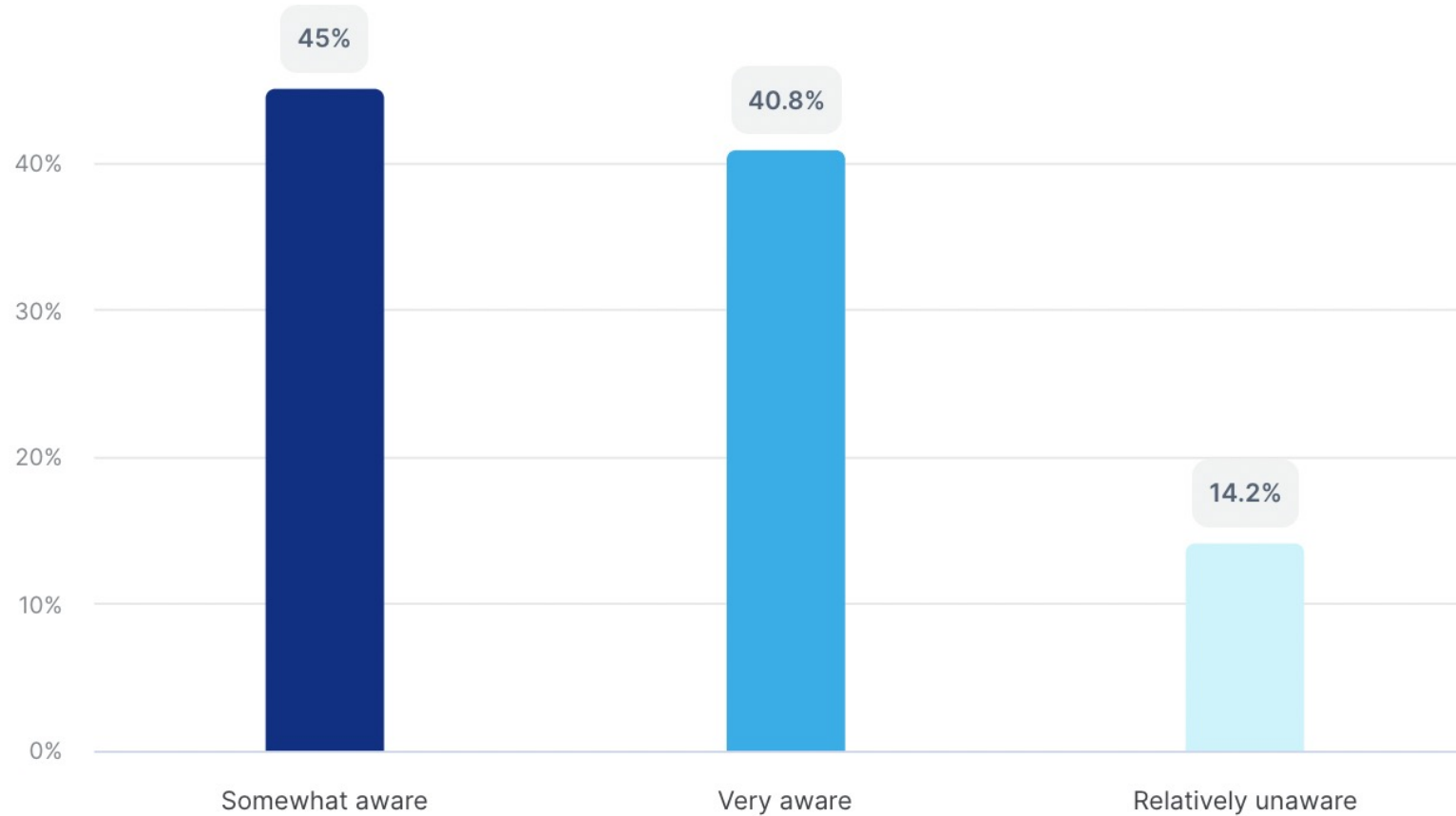
2. I have seen the July 26 Facilities Study Presentation that outlines proposals for our Township buildings and services, including our libraries, pools and community centers.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asj3H0zVDIU>)



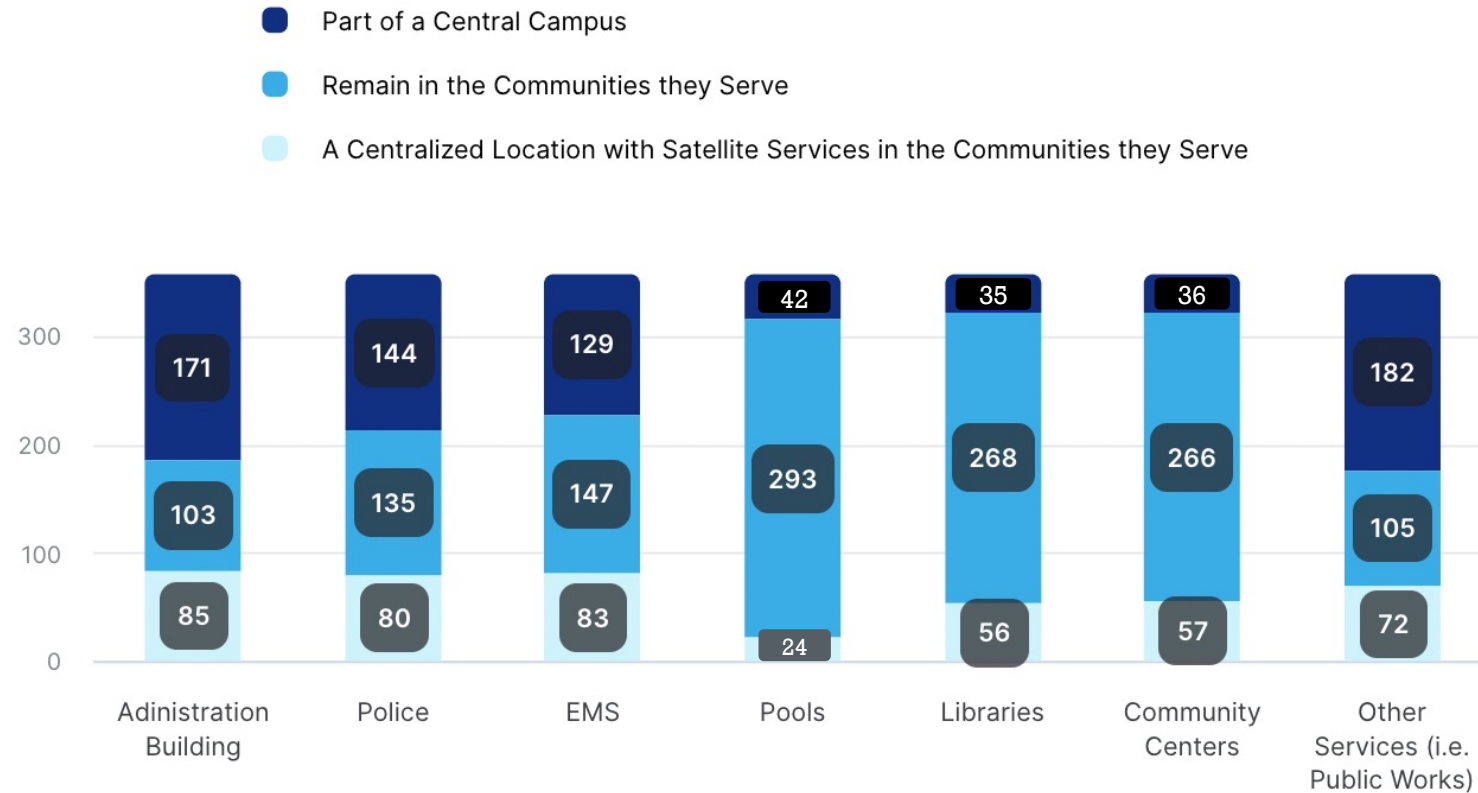
3. The Township has been effective in disseminating information regarding the Facilities Study concepts and ideas.



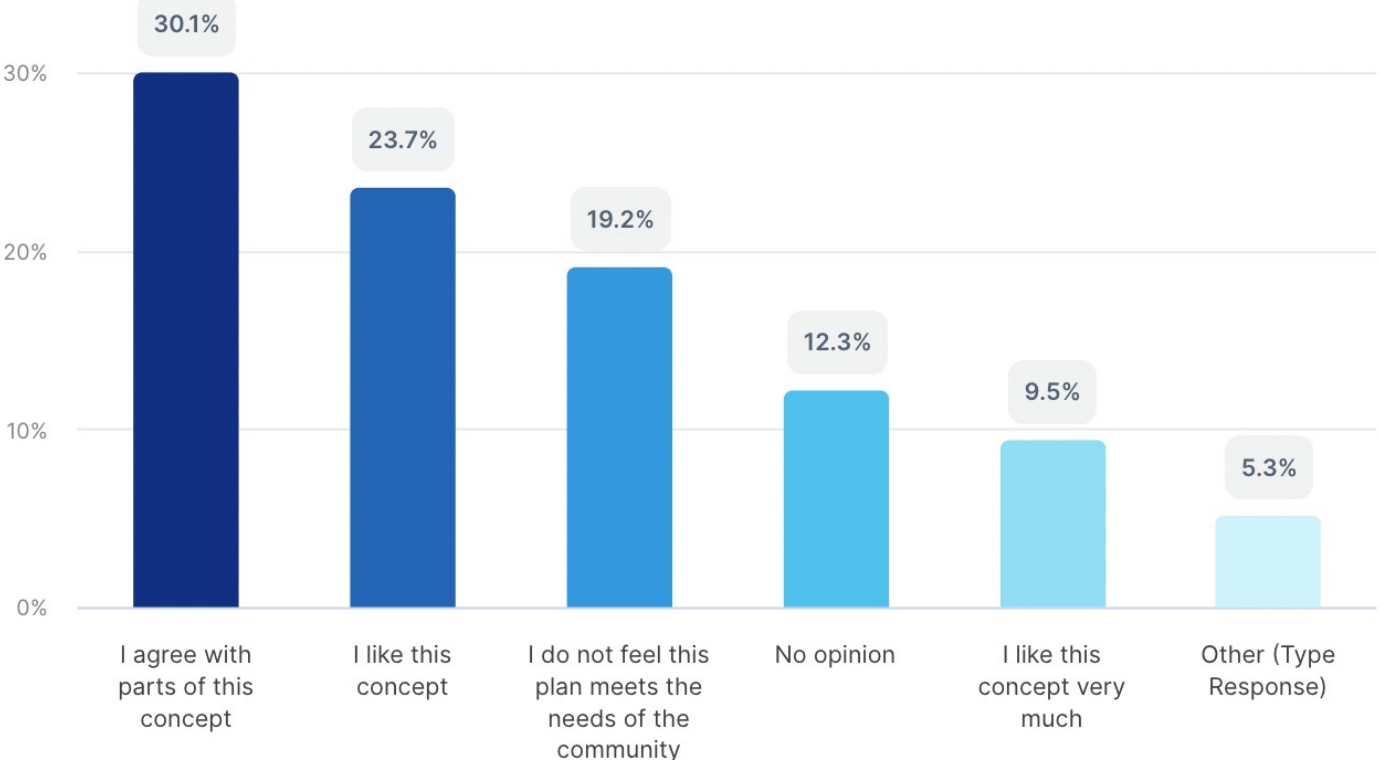
4. How aware have you been about the deteriorating condition of the facilities?



5. The Facilities Study proposes centralizing and/or creating satellite centers for some services. Please chose your preferences for each.



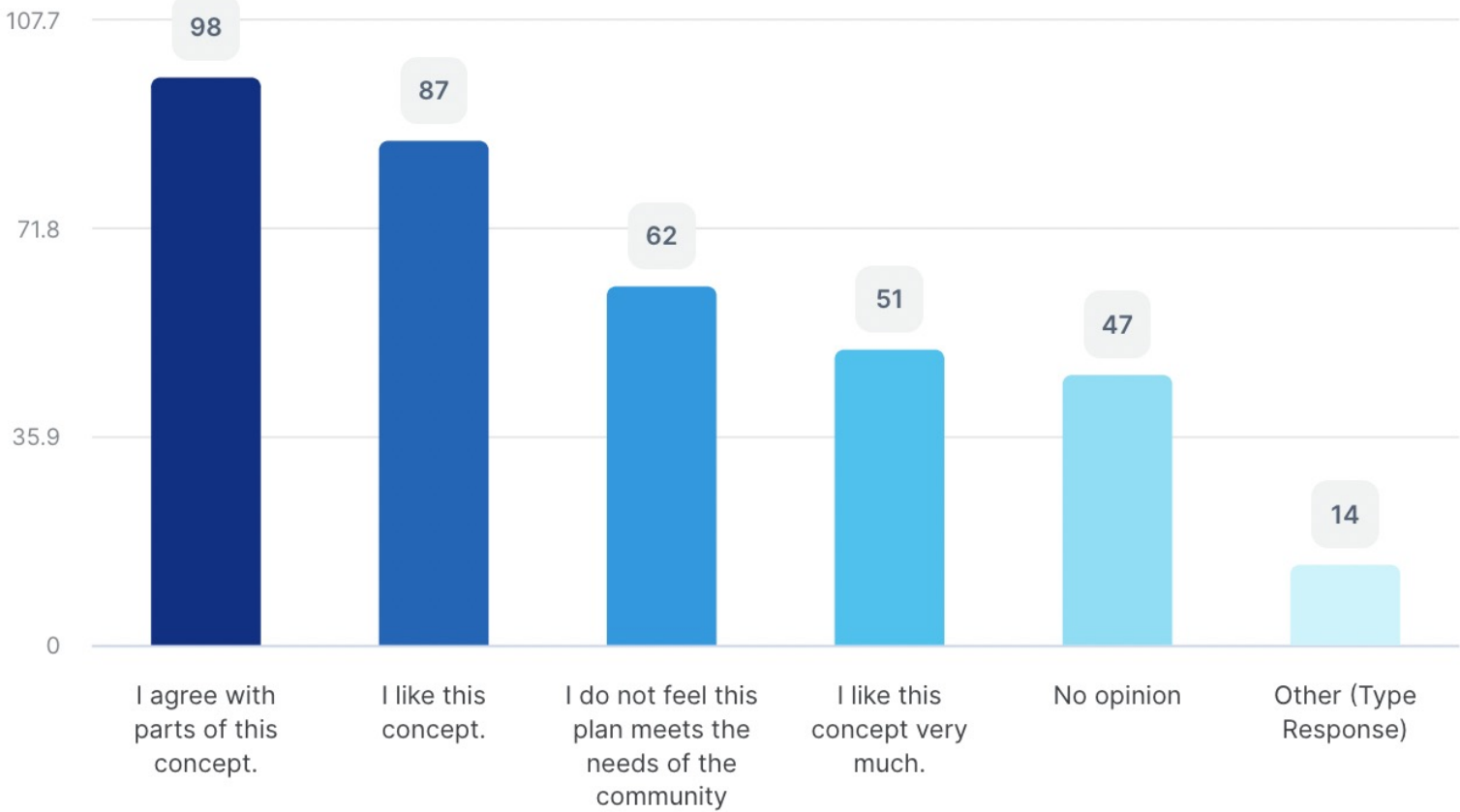
6. Rowland Community Center Concept: Demolish part of the existing facility and renovate the remaining area. Provide a Community Room, Satellite Library, Splash Pad and relocate the Arts Center program to the building. Chose the response that most closely reflects your view of this concept.



Question 6 “Other” Responses

- Sell the land. The building is too old and beyond repair because of no upkeep. To be honest, very few people walk to the community center anymore anyw
- What alternatives are there for neighborhood center?
- Sell Cheltenham Center for the Arts building
- Keep the library
- folks, this is fiscal irresponsibility. You may have to say no to some pools, libraries, community centers.
- If the libraries were to stay in their current locations, I do not think the satellite library would be necessary.
- how many people really use a splash pad?
- Do we really need a splash pad when we have a community pool? Also questioning the satellite library.
- Repair the Boiler!! How much would that cost???
- Sell part of this property to a For Profit Business for added tax revenues
- I'm not familiar with the current purpose of this facility
- what exactly is a splash pad?
- Stop spending money the township doesnt have.
- Need more information on Community Room activities. No information shared about community programs. I think the splash pad is a glorious waste of \$.
- sell building. Never intended to be a community center.
- The entire building should be demolished and sold for income for the township. Library/Comm Room should relocate to building on Central/Ryers Ave.
- I think small satellite libraries are important for neighborhood children and seniors who may not drive.
- I'm not familiar enough with Rowland to have a useful opinion.
- Do not remove pools. Splash pads not an answer

7. LaMott Community Center Concept: Renovate the the upper floor. Provide a Community Room, Satellite Library, History Center, Pavilion and Splash Pad. Chose the response that most closely reflects your view of this concept.

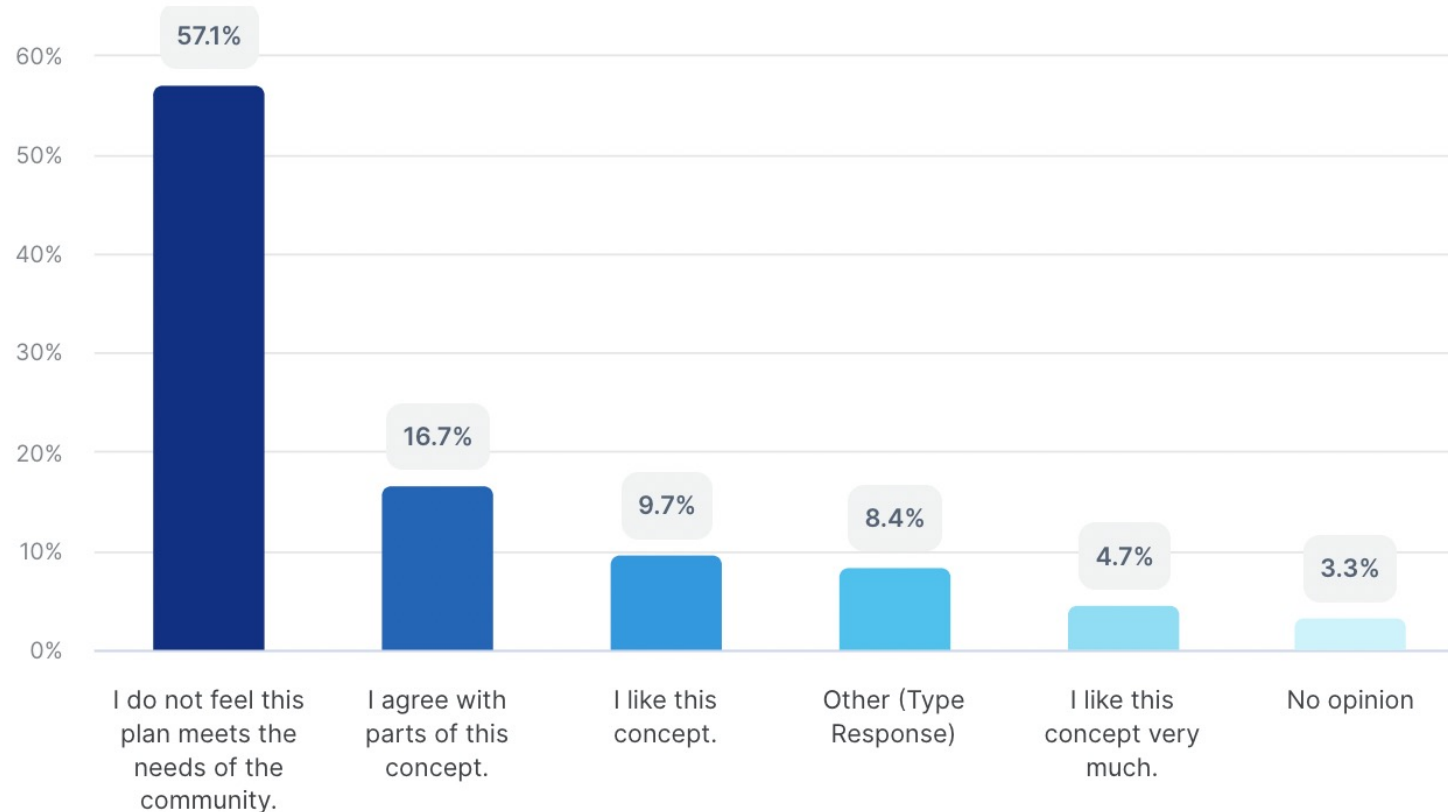


Question 7 “Other” Responses

- What is a "splash pad"? It doesn't sound like something that's needed
- I'm not familiar with the current purpose of this facility
- Keep the library
- folks, this is fiscal irresponsibility. You may have to say no to some pools, libraries, community centers
- More splash pads...
- Do we really need a splash pad when we have a community pool? Also questioning the satellite library.
- The Wall House is the Township Historic Center and should remain. LaMott is Black History only.
- Sell the property. We don't need multiple centers. Consolidate and save money.
- Stop spending money the township doesn't have.
- This survey Q inaccurately labels the pool adjacent to Glenside Memorial Hall as "Conklin Pool" which is in Elkins Park. Please correct.*
- satellite library not necessary ; everything else fine
- I don't like having to do this but can see that it's necessary.
- Adding a Splash Pad at this location would be nice but not at the expense of the other pools that serve their individual communities.
- Sell part of this property to a For Profit Business for added tax revenues

*Note: Text was corrected. Accompanying diagram was correctly labeled.

8. Glenside Hall/Glenside Pool Area Concept: Demolish Glenside Hall and remove Conklin Pool. Replace them with a Pavilion with a Stage and Cooking Facilities, a Splash Pad, and a Picnic Grove. Chose the response that most closely reflects your view of this concept.



Question 8 “Other” Responses

- It's not Conklin, it's Glenside pool*. I like the concept very much
 - Keep the pool or sell the property.
 - Do not get rid of Conklin pool! Do not need a picnic grove!

 - I agree with the demolition of Glenside Hall and replacing it with a picnic area. But keep the pools where they are and maybe look to improve them
 - All but the lack of a pool

 - Why does the community need three splash pads?

 - Pools need to stay where they are

 - I don't think taking away an entire pool to only add a splash pad isn't enough.
 - folks, this is fiscal irresponsibility. You may have to say no to some pools, libraries, community centers
 - Though I would prefer if the pool could stay. The pool is always busy and filled with people in the summer and I think it would be awful to lose that.
 - While I agree with parts of this concept, I do not think Conklin Pool (at Church and Yew) should be demolished.
 - Sell the land for income for the township

 - Very Bad Plan!!!

 - One of the great things about the Glenside Community is the pool. Families have enjoyed the pool for years. It is a safe space for kids to play!
 - Keep the pool, Sell Glenside Hall to a private for profit business to increase tax revenues
- Too expensive a solution
 - Stop spending money the township doesn't have. This facility is fine as is.
 - These 2 are in opposite ends of the township. Why are they written as if they are the same?
 - Keep Conklin Pool as is and fix the issues it has. Conklin Pool is essential the Cheltenham Township
 - This question incorrectly labels the pool near Glenside Hall as “Conklin Pool” which is in EP. Please correct this error.*
 - I strongly oppose this plan and want to see a plan to maintain the current facilities.
 - I'm fine with demolishing the hall but that's it. I'd increase parking and definitely keep the two pools. I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH ELIMINATING THE 2
 - Leave Everything as it is!
 - Keep pools where they are; cannot learn to swim in a splash pad

 - The community likes a pool in our area. Take down the hall and refurbish the pool.

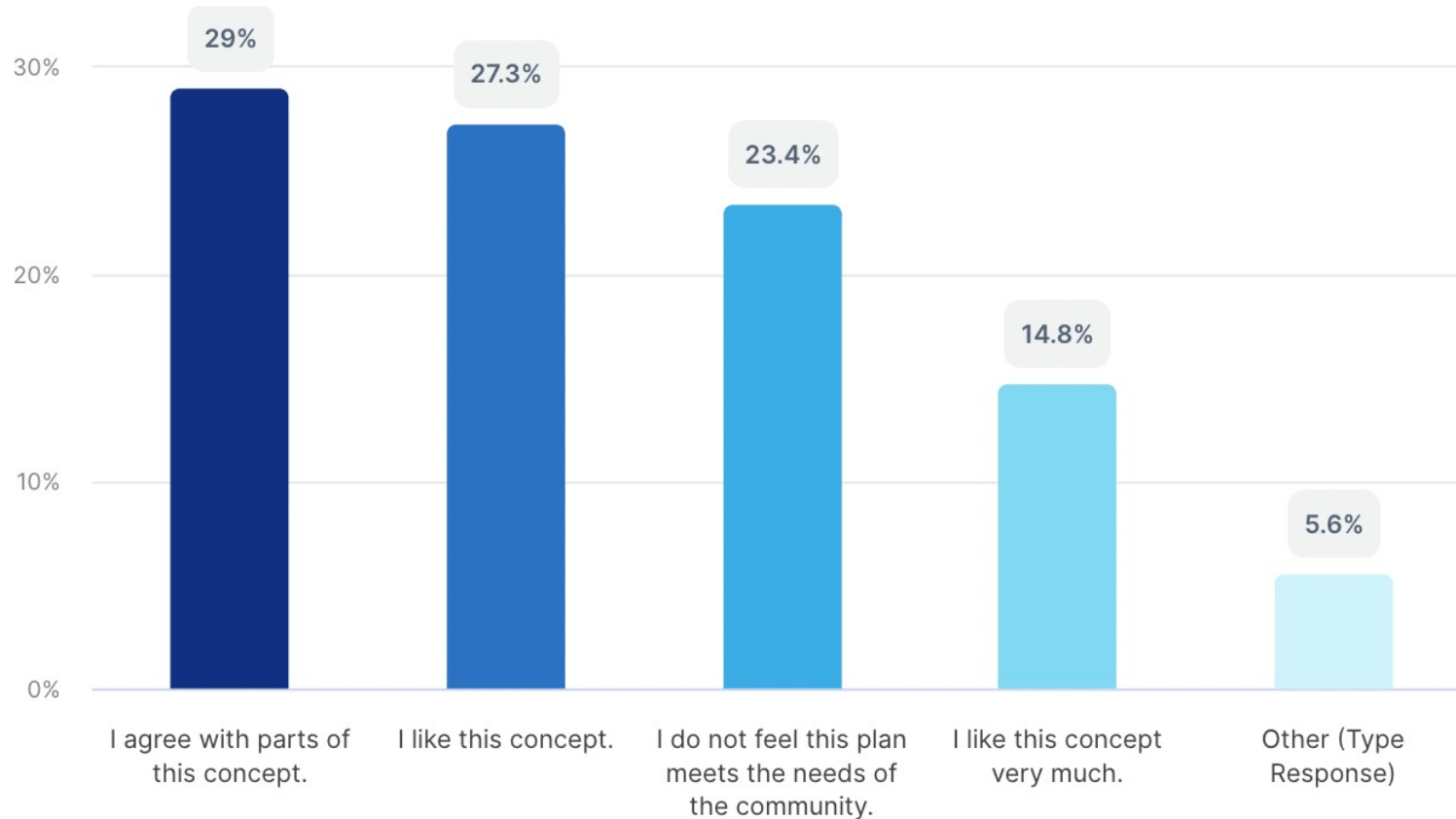
 - Horrible idea

 - Would be sad to see Glenside lose the Hall as it is an historic building - stage and pavilion and cooking facilities? Splash pad?
 - No, please please keep the glenside pool. We love it and all my kids are on the swim team there. Please keep glenside pool. It means so much to us
 - I do not agree with demolishing Memorial Hall or the pool

 - I greatly value the pool and library. They are integral to the soul of my neighborhood. They make it walkable, give kids independence, see neighbors.

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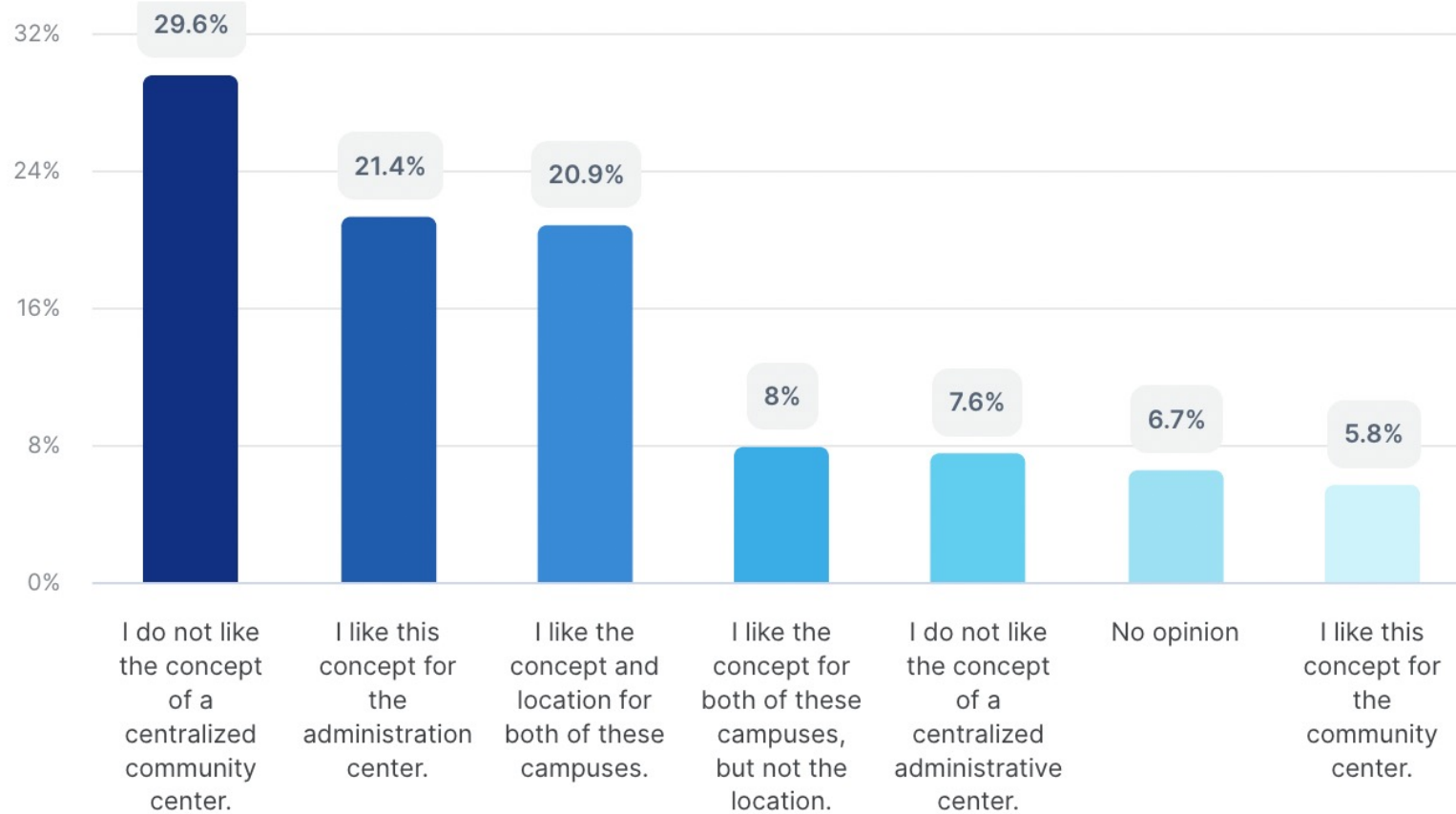
9. Glenside Library Concept: Renovate the existing facility. Provide a Community Room, Satellite library, and Environmental Education Center. Chose the response that most closely reflects your view of this concept.



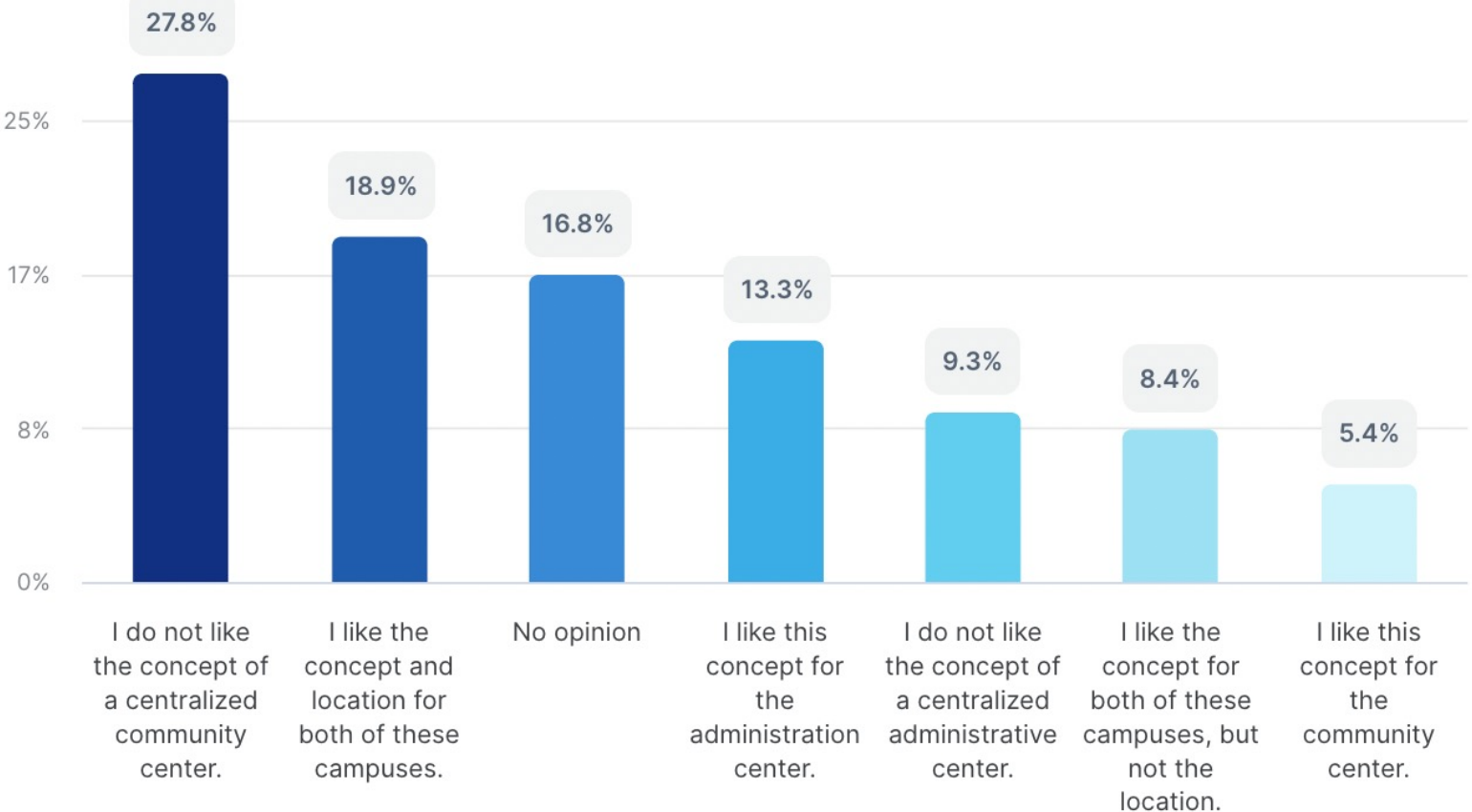
Question 9 “Other” Responses

- Please define the concept of a "satellite". Would there be books that could be borrowed? How extensive would the collection be?
- Renovate the existing facility and keep the library.
- Stop spending money the township doesn't have. An environmental center is obnoxious. You're killing the environment by doing the renovations.
- The idea that a building dedicated to an environmental center somehow fulfills our community value of sustainability is laughable.
- I just don't know
- Keep as one of TWO libraries
- I would be very sad to lose the full library here but I do like the idea of splitting it with an environmental education center
- Combine with Glenside Hall area and sell this property
- Environmental Education is Demrat political science. Ban books 1984 is here!
- I agree this building needs to be renovated. It is a Gem
- I don't live nearby this facility and I feel that my opinion would not really help
- I have been seeing a pattern Glenside facilities are never "giving up on" there is always a plan to fix what is wrong no matter what the cost.
- Not familiar with this facility
- renovating and turning this into an "environmental center" is a waste of township resources. This is an old outdated building. centralize the libraries
- can you say fiscal irresponsibility? why do we need a satellite library, a community room and environ. center?
- This is confusing- what would be the purpose of the renovated library? Please explain the satellite library
- Close the library and serve the community through appropriate grade level services in the schools.
- Would rather see a centralized library - do we need satellites?
- Please keep the library. We love it here
- Sell the property to a private for profit business to increase tax revenues

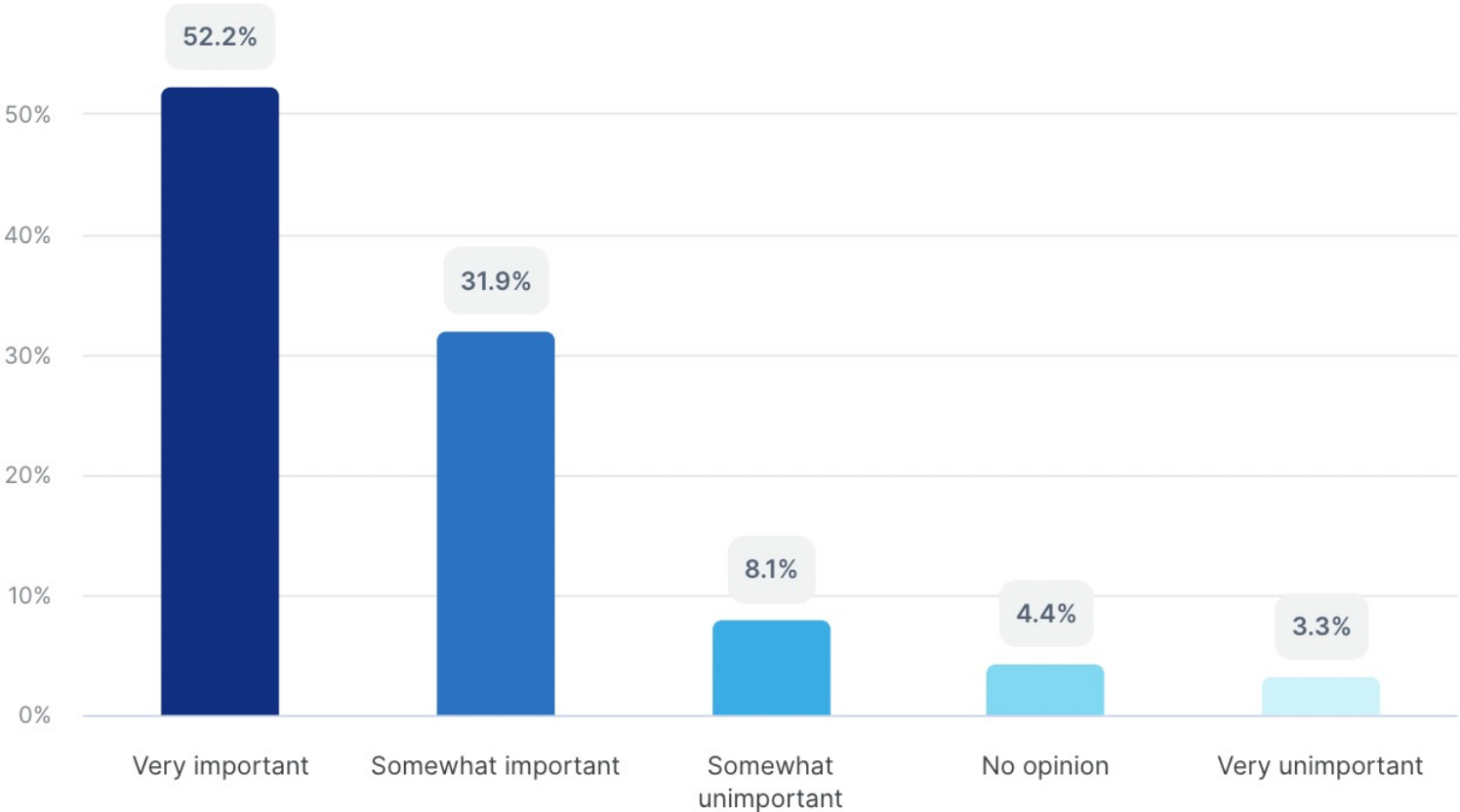
10. Municipal Campus on Breyer Estate (current site) and Community Campus at Wall Park (Church Road).



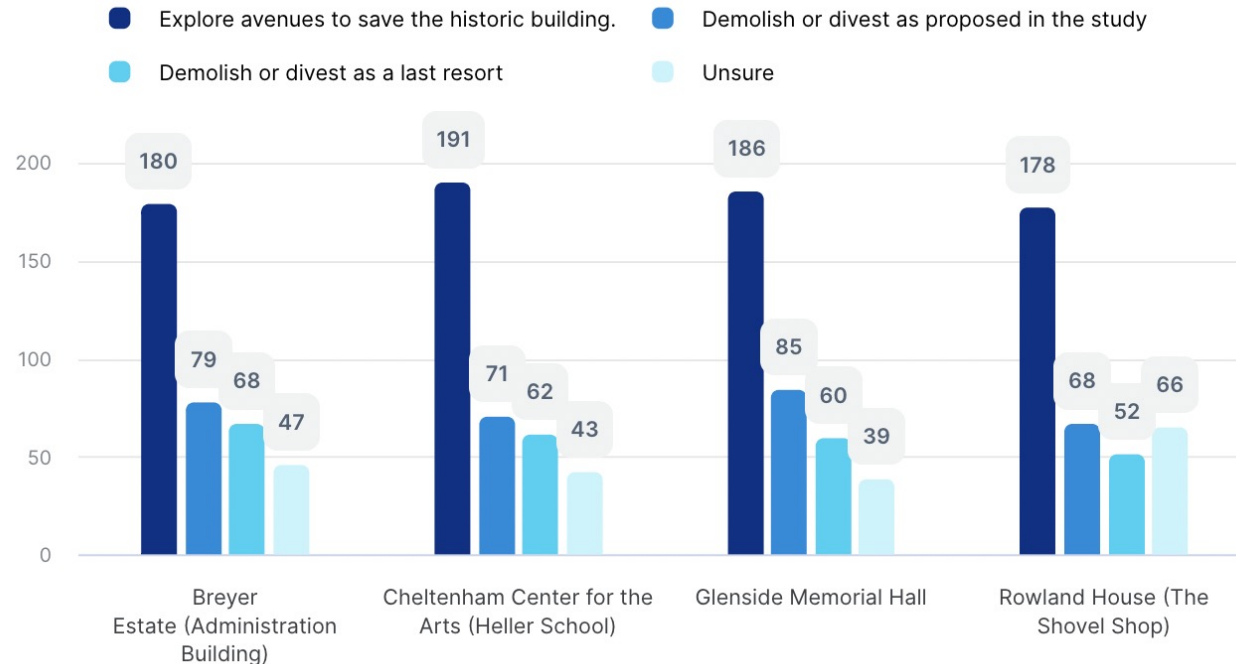
11. Municipal Campus on Penrose Ave. near Cheltenham Ave. on the Russell Park site and Community Campus at the former Tyler Campus.



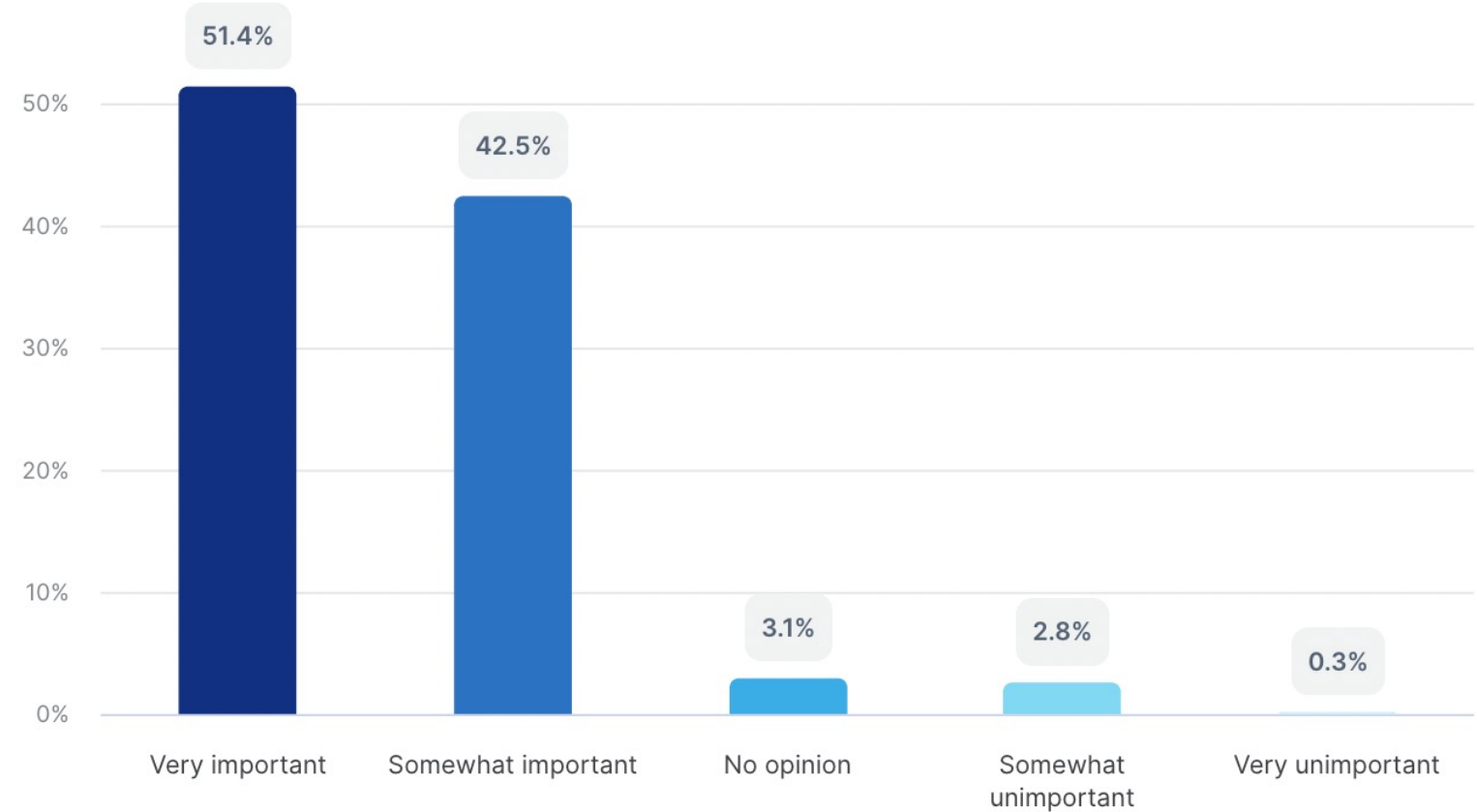
12. As the Township weighs how to address the problems in many of the buildings, how important is it to preserve Cheltenham's historical legacy?



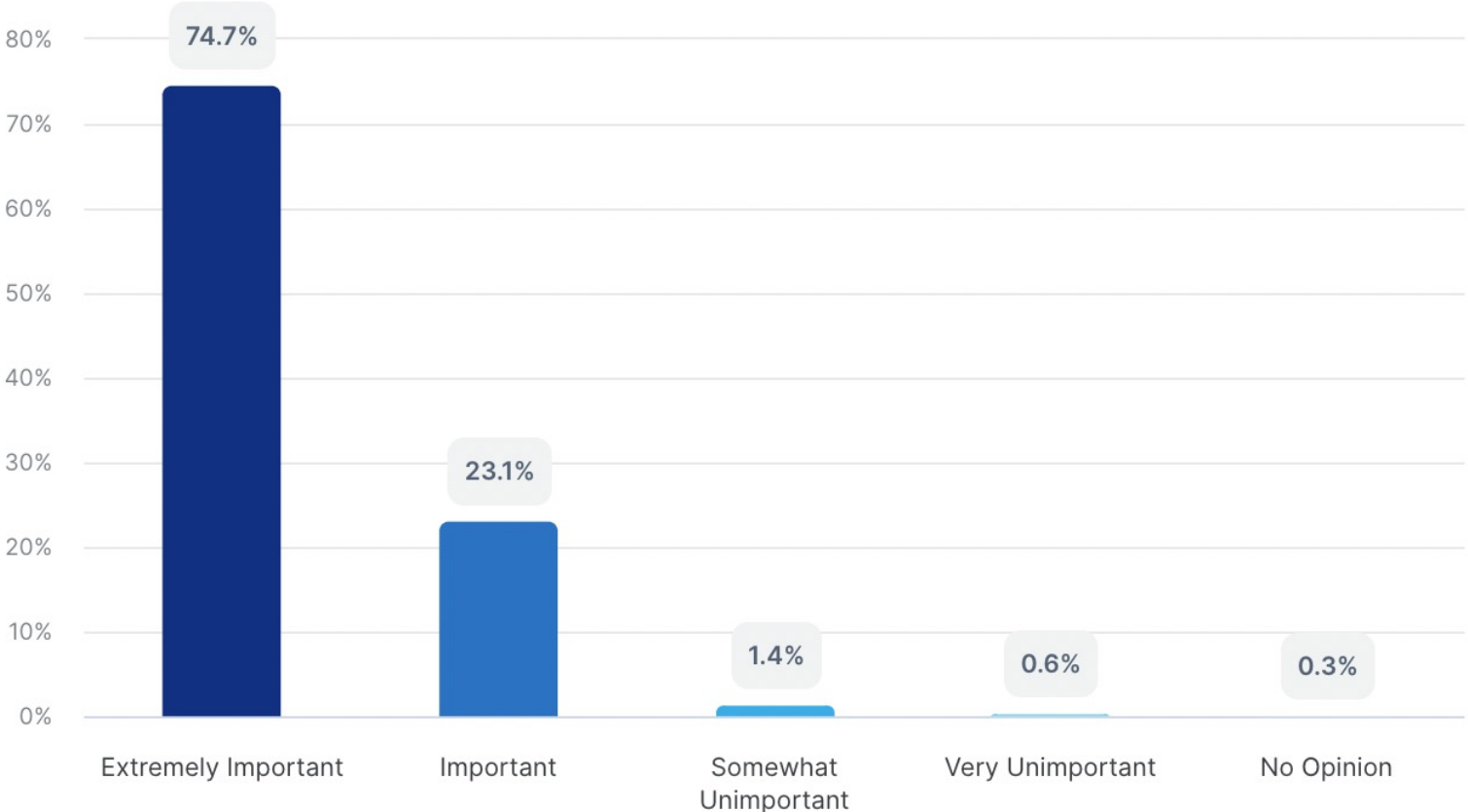
13. Certain Facilities Study concepts propose demolishing Glenside Memorial Hall and the Cheltenham Center for the Arts building (The Heller School). Also proposed is possibly demolishing the Breyer Estate (Township Administration Bldg.), and divestiture of the Rowland House (Shovel Shop). These are all historic buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. Please indicate your preference for each building.



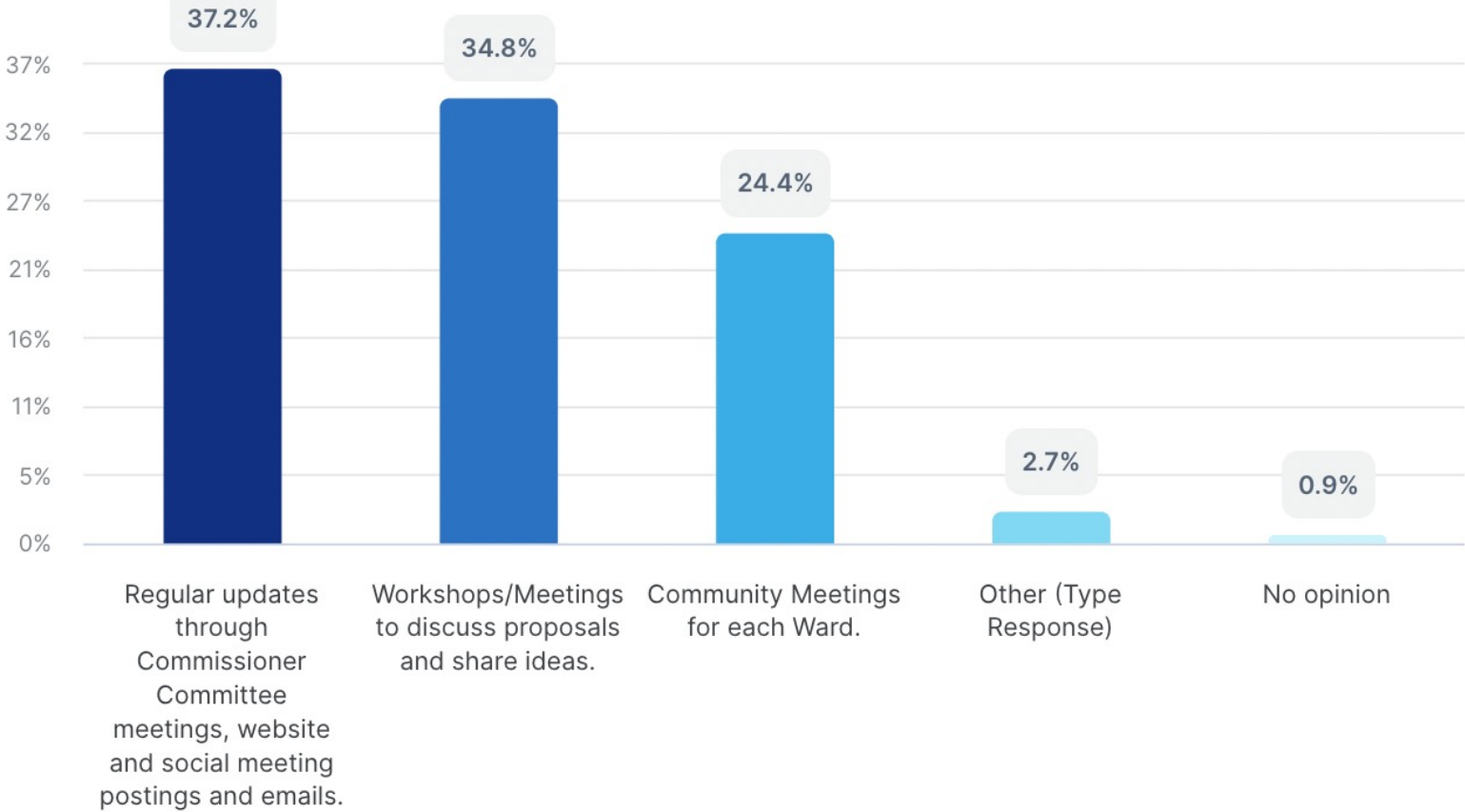
14. How important is cost in determining the township's decisions regarding renovating/rebuilding the facilities?



15. How important is resident participation in formulating the plan for our facilities?



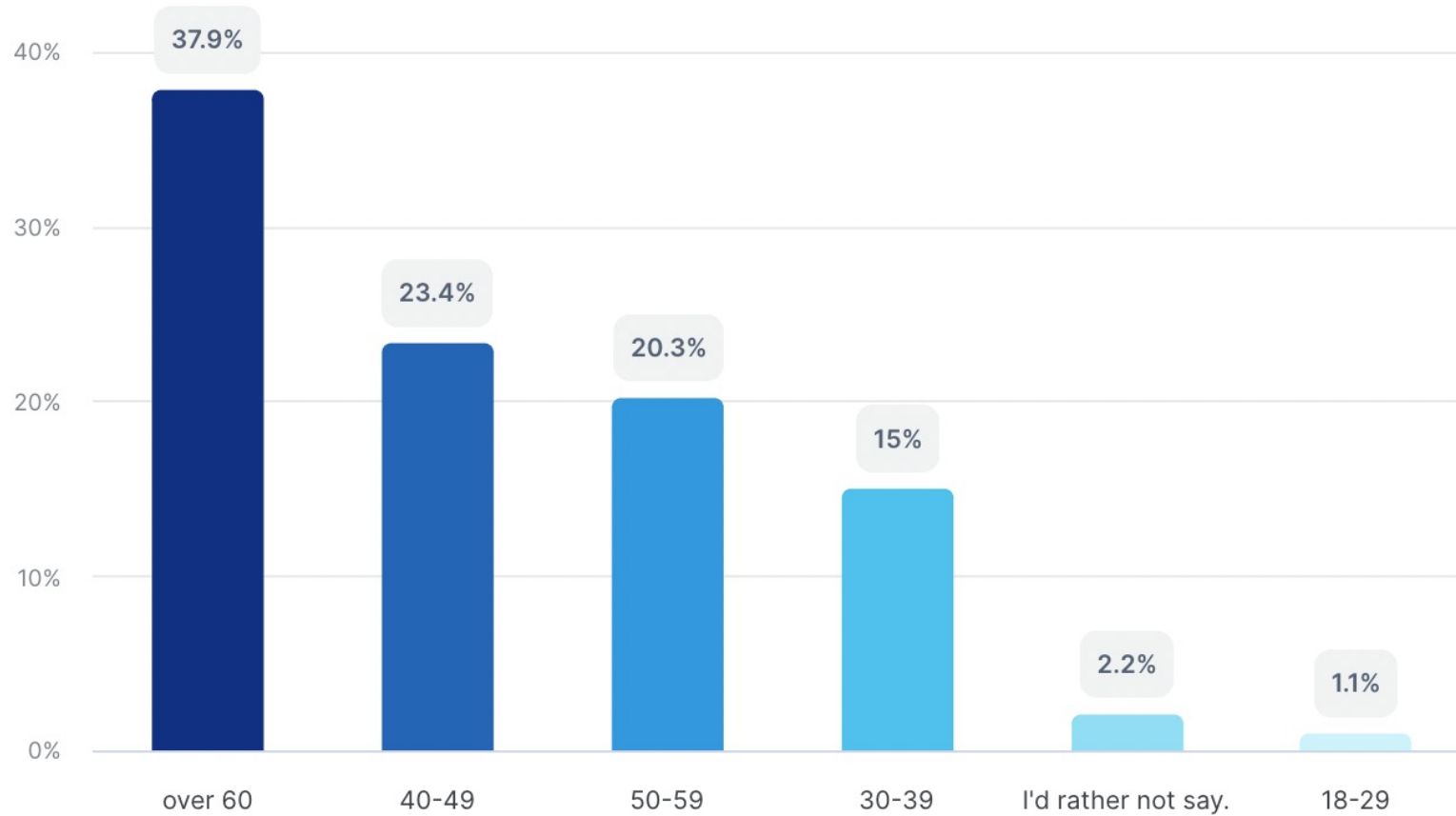
16. Moving forward, the Township's plan for resident input should include:



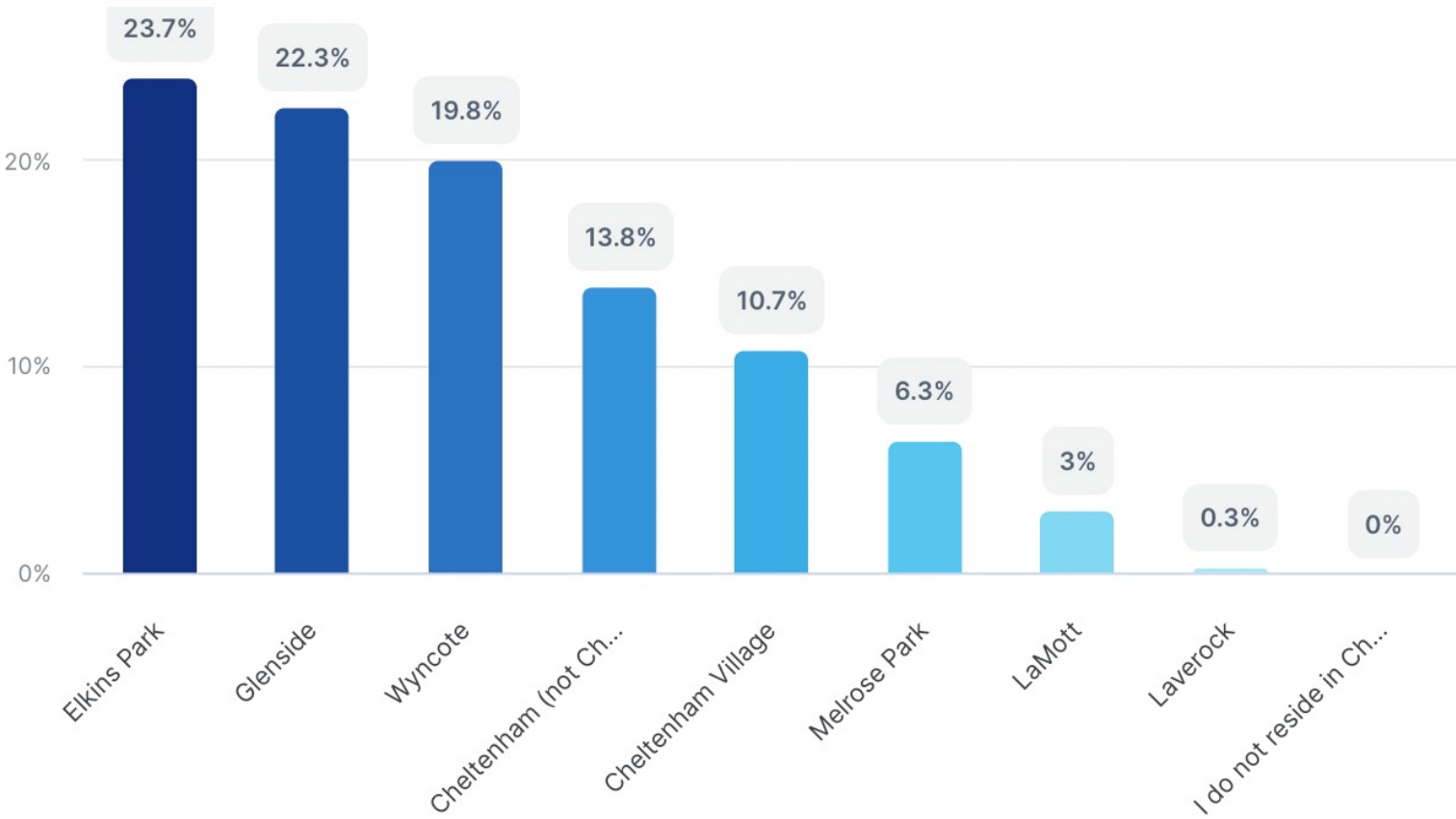
Question 16 “Other” Responses

- Meetings to discuss programming and design of the facilities at the appropriate time.
- Voting on individual aspects of the plan, with price tags and funding sources attached; including keeping the two existing pools and fixing them
- Share information and collect information from surveys like these. Meetings and workshops are not easy to find out about and difficult to attend
- All of the above and then some. A vote for these changes.
- Survey posts
- Mailing with news, email blasts
- ASK the residents what they want and to prioritize it.
- periodic mailings to homeowners with updates/meeting info
- Residents, etc., need to have open dialogue with other communities to learn how they changed & generated income as a result
- Mailing for residents who don't utilize technology
- Ballot issue. Final decision should be on a ballot
- Public signage for notice to members of the community who don't know to look for this information
- There should be monthly mailings to each residence along with ward meetings because each ward is effected differently
- Send info via snail mail, and don't make decisions before residents have time to consider, react and provide alternatives
- People in this township are not smart with money. Don't let them sway budget matters.
- Mailers (or emails) sent so people have awareness of this. I found out randomly scrolling Facebook.
- More attention to what is currently used and how much use
- Get the parents of school aged children more informed by communicating through the schools. This is your audience for pools/libraries

17. Please answer a few demographic questions. What is your age?



18. Where do you reside?



19. How long have you lived in Cheltenham Township?

