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## Town of Tecumseh 2021 Budget Survey Results

The 2021 Budget Survey was made available to residents from September 24-October 16, 2020. The survey was advertised in the Council Connect news release, the 2021 Budget process news release, linked in the carousel on the home page of the Town's website and linked in several social media posts throughout the period it was available.

This year's survey garnered 79 responses, 11 less than last year. Full results have been provided to Council and Senior Administration for review and consideration in the 2021 budget development process.

The following is a summary of the 2021 Budget Survey results:

1. 32% of respondents have 2 people in the household; 30% have 4; 18% have 3.
2. 35% are between the ages of 50-59; 21% are 40-49; 15% are 30-39; 15% are 60-69.
3. The survey was split 50/50 between males and females.
4. 44% of respondents obtain their budget information from social media, and 35% use the website.
5. Respondents predominantly wanted services maintained. The three main services noted as requiring enhancement are: storm water management (85%); sanitary sewer system (63%); and, road network-ease of getting around (50%).
6. Comments from residents on services they wish to see enhanced include (in order of number of responses):
  - a. Increased police presence
  - b. Roads/sewers and flood prevention
  - c. Addition of trails on Riverside Drive and improvements to the roadway
  - d. Rodent control
  - e. Addition of bike lanes throughout Town
  - f. Improvements to Manning Road from Riverside to St. Gregory's and the addition of a crosswalk to Lakewood Park
  - g. Designated Town center to attract investment
7. 22% feel they have excellent value for tax dollars; 41% of respondents feel they have good value; and 29% feel they have fair value.
8. Additional (individual) comments on the survey predominantly revolve around the following themes:
  - a. Bike lanes/trails - The Town should add more bike lanes/trails: Riverside Drive, Tecumseh Road, Lesperance and in general.
  - b. OPP - The Town needs better police service, improved traffic enforcement, more fines and greater visibility of officers patrolling.
  - c. Flooding – The Town should look for a permanent solution and not temporary fixes for flooding and climate change.
  - d. Rodent control - The Town should resolve the rat issue.
  - e. Road network - The Town should improve Manning Road from St. Gregory's to Riverside and fill in the ditch; fix traffic light timing at night; embrace roundabouts; add traffic calming measures needed on Riverside Drive.

