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Town of Tecumseh: 2020 Budget Survey Results

The 2020 Budget Survey was made available to residents from September 12-30, 2019. The survey was advertised in the Council Connect news release, the 2020 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 90 responses — 50% more than last year. Full results have been provided to Council and Senior Administration for review and consideration in the 2020 budget development process.

The following is a summary of the 2020 Budget Survey results:

1. 43% of respondents have 2 people in the household and 23% have 4.
2. 28% were between the ages of 40-49, and 22% between 50-59.
3. 57% were male.
4. 41% of respondents obtain their budget information from social media, and 34% use the website.
5. Respondents predominantly wanted services maintained. The only two services noted as requiring enhancement are storm water management (72%) and sanitary system (59%).
6. Services residents wished to see enhanced include (in order of number of responses):
 - a. Lacasse Park grandstand improvements (and washrooms were also mentioned)
 - b. Traffic enforcement/policing primarily for speeding
 - c. Better by-law enforcement in parks for dogs off leash
 - d. Road improvements including repairing pot holes, fixing cracks and treating weeds
 - e. Better sidewalk maintenance and repairs
 - f. Improvements to the library to bring it to the same appearance as other regional branches and to increase programming offered
 - g. Secondary plan for Oldcastle
 - h. Lights in the dog park for use in winter
 - i. More bike lanes
 - j. Better transit connections to Windsor
 - k. More garbage cans in parks
 - l. Improvements in older areas where water ponds in backyards
7. 48% of respondents feel they have good value for tax dollars, and 37% feel they have fair value
8. Additional (individual) comments on the survey include:
 - a. The Town needs to look at OPP and Transit costs and whether it is more cost effective to use Windsor Police and Transit
 - b. The Town should attract more businesses downtown to make it a more walkable community
 - c. The Town should stop approving condominiums as they reduce property values and increase sewer problems
 - d. The Town should give a rebate to condo owners who pay condo fees for waste collection, snow removal and street lights.

