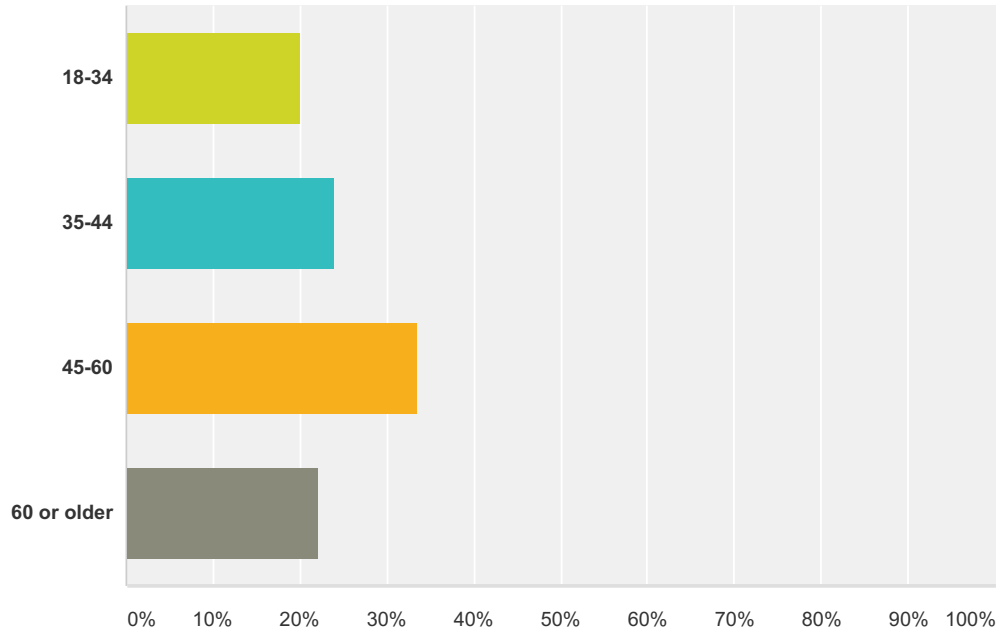


# 2015 Budget Survey

## Q1 How old are you?

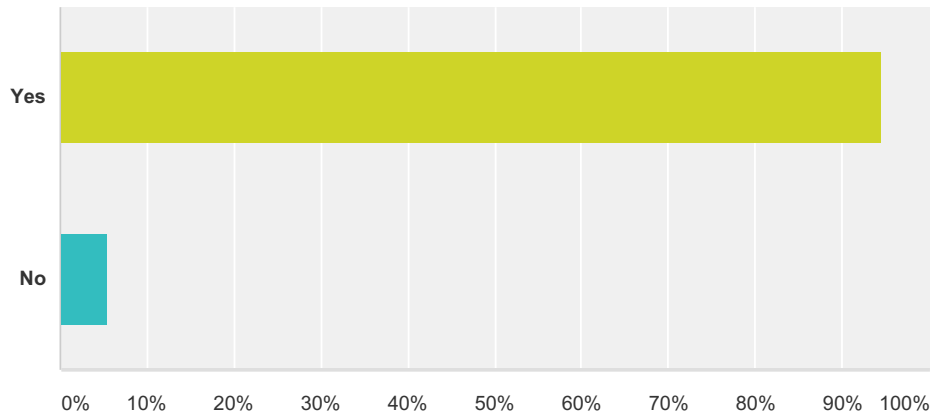
Answered: 469 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
18-34	20.04% 94
35-44	24.09% 113
45-60	33.69% 158
60 or older	22.17% 104
<b>Total</b>	<b>469</b>

## Q2 Are you a resident of the City of Port Alberni?

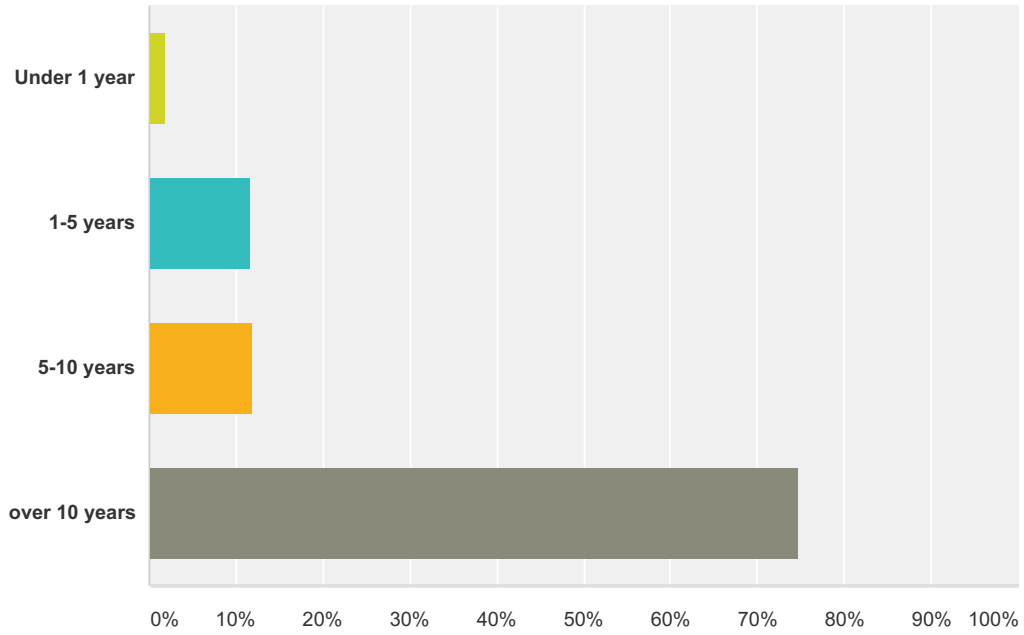
Answered: 462 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	94.59% 437
No	5.41% 25
<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>

### Q3 How long have you lived in the City?

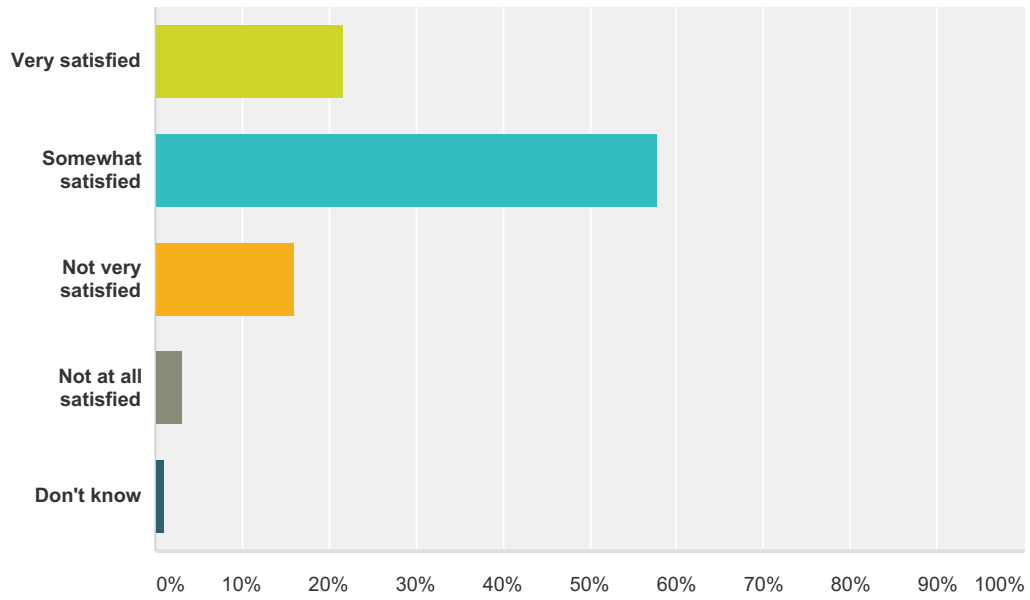
Answered: 446 Skipped: 28



Answer Choices	Responses
Under 1 year	1.79% 8
1-5 years	11.66% 52
5-10 years	11.88% 53
over 10 years	74.66% 333
<b>Total</b>	<b>446</b>

### Q4 Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with City services?

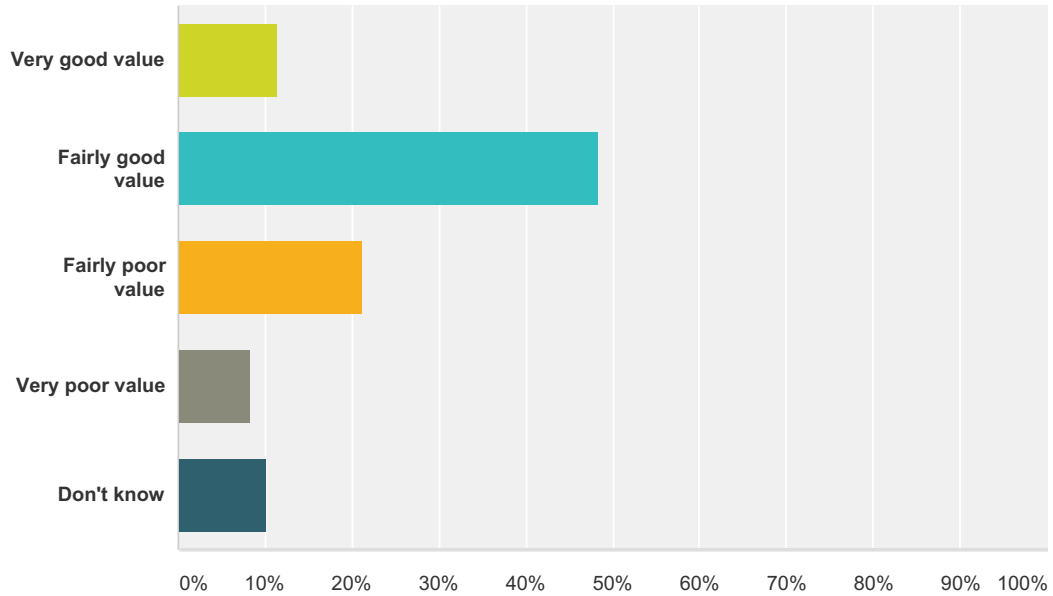
Answered: 439 Skipped: 35



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very satisfied	21.64%	95
Somewhat satisfied	57.86%	254
Not very satisfied	16.17%	71
Not at all satisfied	3.19%	14
Don't know	1.14%	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>439</b>

**Q5 A portion of your property tax bill is made up of levies collected for other public agencies, including the School District, BC Assessment, Regional District and Regional Hospital. Thinking about the portion of your property taxes that pay for municipal services, would you say you receive...**

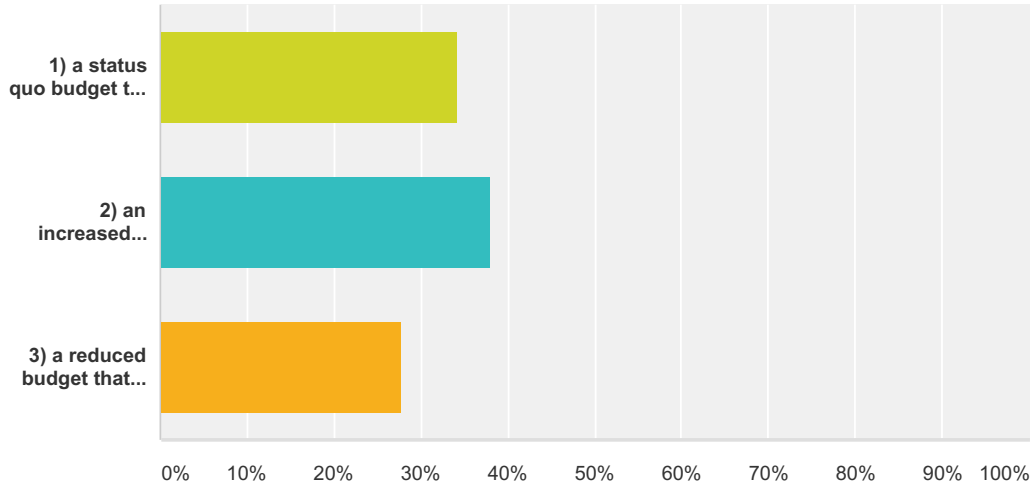
Answered: 427 Skipped: 47



Answer Choices	Responses	
Very good value	11.48%	49
Fairly good value	48.48%	207
Fairly poor value	21.31%	91
Very poor value	8.43%	36
Don't know	10.30%	44
<b>Total</b>		<b>427</b>

**Q6 City Council is currently considering three broad options for the 2015 budget. What is your initial preference?**

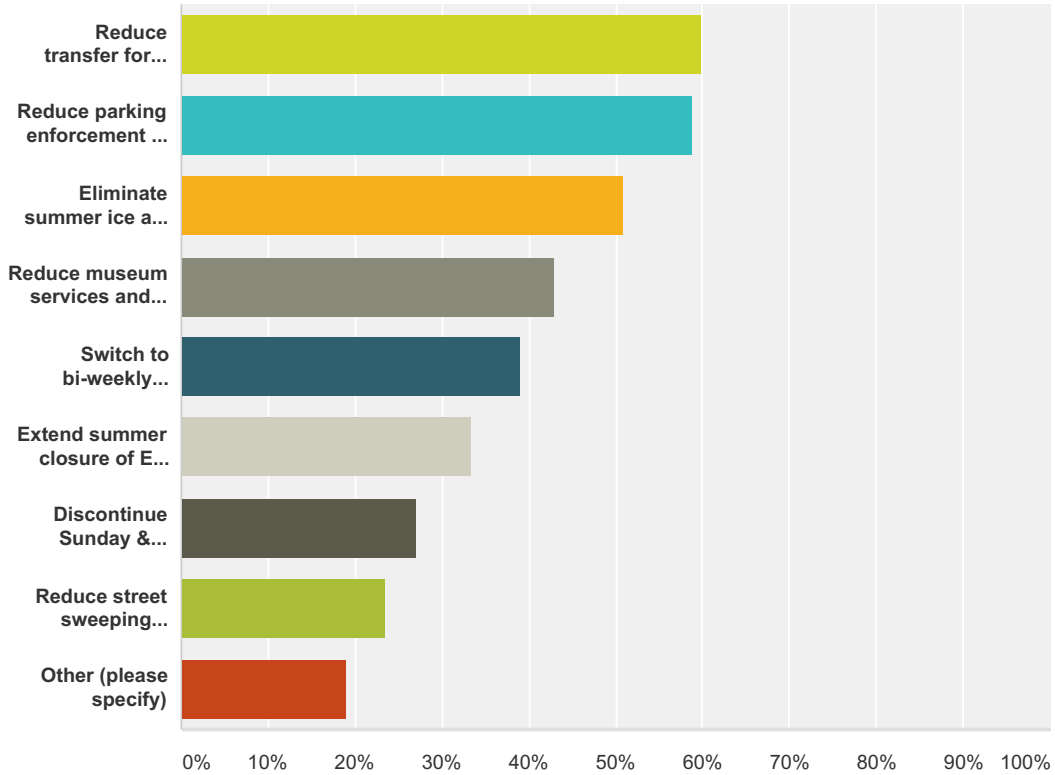
Answered: 392 Skipped: 82



Answer Choices	Responses	
1) a status quo budget that keeps services generally the same and results in a minimal tax increase	34.18%	134
2) an increased budget that facilitates specific new projects and services and results in a tax increase	38.01%	149
3) a reduced budget that eliminates or reduces certain City services and results in a tax reduction	27.81%	109
<b>Total</b>		<b>392</b>

**Q7 Thinking about a potential reduced budget and services, please select the projects or service reductions you support most:**

Answered: 399 Skipped: 75



Answer Choices	Responses
Reduce transfer for McLean Mill & Alberni Pacific Railway - \$25,000	59.90% 239
Reduce parking enforcement in commercial areas - \$9,375	58.90% 235
Eliminate summer ice at the Multiplex - \$40,000	50.88% 203
Reduce museum services and industrial collections - \$45,000	43.11% 172
Switch to bi-weekly garbage pickup - \$150,000	39.10% 156
Extend summer closure of Echo Aquatic Centre - \$60,000	33.33% 133
Discontinue Sunday & Statutory Holiday transit service - \$55,000	27.07% 108
Reduce street sweeping service - \$25,000	23.56% 94
Other (please specify)	19.05% 76
<b>Total Respondents: 399</b>	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
---	------------------------	------

## 2015 Budget Survey

1	None of the above, all are important!	3/16/2015 3:56 PM
2	Fire dept to be not a fully paid dept. use volunteers to supplement a reduced number of paid positions	3/15/2015 8:05 PM
3	Deputy fire chief replacement.? That in itself would trump all the savings you have listed above !	3/15/2015 1:02 PM
4	Summer months we need weekly garbage pick up but winter with no bears may be different.	3/12/2015 10:58 AM
5	reduce funding for McLean Mill to minimum federal requirements and reduce full time fireman salaries from \$75,000 to \$68,000 per annum	3/11/2015 5:41 PM
6	stor grading alleys and spend savings on street repairs and dont spend another dime on canal beach or other tourism projects airs	3/11/2015 5:04 PM
7	contract out more services.	3/11/2015 10:46 AM
8	Stream line Management and labour levels at all departments, no tax increase but use savings to increase services.	3/9/2015 8:21 AM
9	Regional District should help pay for Mclean Mill	3/6/2015 6:46 PM
10	Tax payers should not be paying for commercial garbage pickup.	3/6/2015 2:19 PM
11	Tax payers shouldnt be covering the cost of commercial garbage.	3/6/2015 2:09 PM
12	get rid of the commercial garbage.	3/6/2015 2:08 PM
13	Cut expensive police & fire salaries	3/6/2015 12:37 PM
14	Do not hire a deputy fire chief. One of the captains can cover for the chief whenever the chief is absent. Do not hire a bylaw inspector. Have the building inspector and the fire prevention officer assist in the building maintenance bylaw enforcement area.	3/5/2015 8:36 PM
15	Switch to volunteer fire dept.	3/4/2015 10:24 AM
16	eliminate City Hall upgrades	3/3/2015 11:00 PM
17	make business's on Johnson take care of their own planters	3/3/2015 11:55 AM
18	Volunteer Fire Services	3/2/2015 3:18 PM
19	City is too small for full-time fire department	3/2/2015 11:06 AM
20	city employees overtime taken in leave,not pay,city works ,parks and rec,fire hall etc.	3/2/2015 10:20 AM
21	cut city hall staff economic development does not need two people emergency prepardness should be the fire hall not an extra employee	3/2/2015 6:38 AM
22	Read your visdion statement, what items meet that	3/1/2015 3:40 PM
23	Reviess P & Rec staffing. Walk in on a weekday morning you will more that 6 people are they all necessary?	3/1/2015 2:34 PM
24	close mcleans mill&alberni pacific railway	3/1/2015 9:58 AM
25	close mcleans mill	3/1/2015 9:53 AM
26	City employees. Top down	3/1/2015 9:30 AM
27	Volunteer Fire Dept. & Reduce RCMP	2/28/2015 6:17 PM
28	Reduce McLean Mill expense by \$100	2/28/2015 5:22 PM
29	Does it take two city workers to water a single plant?	2/28/2015 8:44 AM
30	This council seriously needs to reconsider the contract with the unsustainably expensive fire department. It is a constantly increasing cost that most communities this size accomplish with a volunteer style fire service	2/28/2015 7:35 AM
31	Cut back on any study paid for that is not going to lead to an actual action.	2/27/2015 11:26 PM
32	reduce staffing overages and exorbanent salaries for highest ups	2/27/2015 8:47 PM
33	Say goodbye to the crazy expensive fire department	2/27/2015 8:41 PM
34	eliminate two people on garbage truck	2/27/2015 8:21 PM



## 2015 Budget Survey

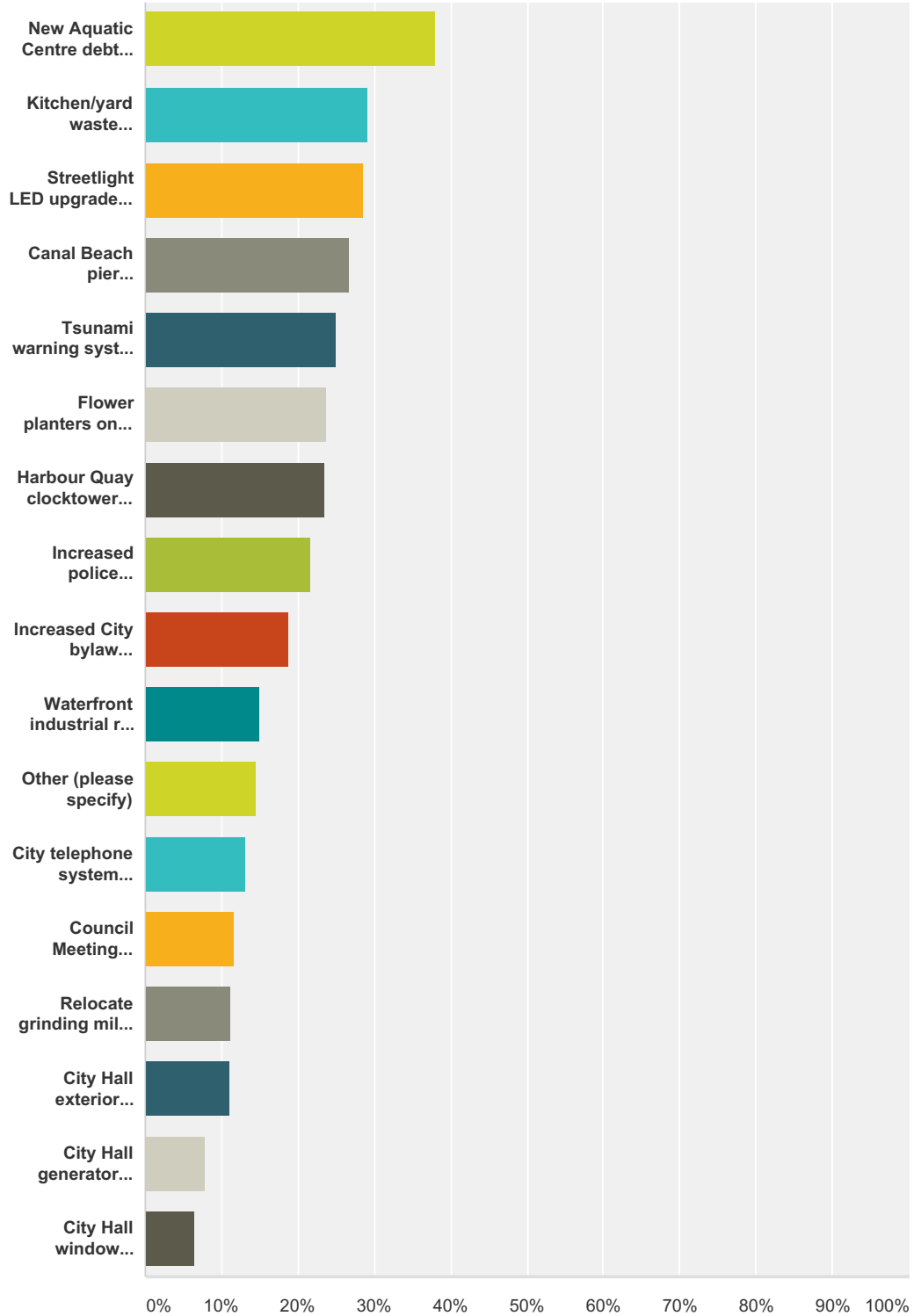
35	why are you afraid to cut at the firehall??	2/27/2015 6:35 PM
36	no cuts	2/27/2015 5:49 PM
37	City works equipment replacement time schedule. general city works efficiency. is is cheaper to contract out some work?	2/27/2015 5:01 PM
38	we don't need anymore random artwork/sculptures around town	2/27/2015 2:04 PM
39	cuts arent advised	2/27/2015 2:02 PM
40	VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and reduce staff wages	2/27/2015 1:42 PM
41	no service reductions	2/27/2015 12:50 PM
42	My caveat in reducing garbage pick up is that I would like to see recycling pickup increased to weekly, so it would likely not save money.	2/27/2015 11:28 AM
43	Volunteer fire department	2/27/2015 11:24 AM
44	Eliminate City Hall refacing	2/27/2015 10:16 AM
45	bi weekly garbage if kitchen waste pick up happens the non garbage pick up week	2/27/2015 9:54 AM
46	All these would be fine.	2/27/2015 9:46 AM
47	Stop circuit training track . A five year freeze on want list projects.	2/27/2015 9:44 AM
48	Do not reduce programs for kids -- without that we will have more social problems	2/27/2015 9:21 AM
49	less water and pesticides on parks	2/27/2015 9:17 AM
50	Status quo. Although it would be nice if McLeans mill was self supporting	2/27/2015 8:28 AM
51	Start Capping wages !	2/27/2015 7:56 AM
52	How about decrease staffing by the city. Reduce major equipment cost	2/27/2015 7:42 AM
53	I fail to see the value in a full time fire department for how much the offsetting costs are. I would love to see a partial volunteer fire department like many other communities.	2/27/2015 7:33 AM
54	I believe we shouldn't reduce anything that encourages families to stay healthy	2/27/2015 7:33 AM
55	eliminate duplicate jobs, e.g. 2 workers on commercial garbage truck	2/27/2015 7:21 AM
56	Reduction in service staffing; ie maintenance, works, fire department	2/27/2015 12:30 AM
57	contract out any city work possible	2/26/2015 11:37 PM
58	No wage increases for city and Fire department consider wage cuts.	2/26/2015 11:15 PM
59	A new aquatic centre would draw in lots of tourists, water slides etc.	2/26/2015 10:53 PM
60	I would only be in support of bi-weekly garbage collection if curb side composting services were implemented	2/26/2015 10:31 PM
61	cut spending on new city equipment and contract out	2/26/2015 10:18 PM
62	go to a volunteer fire dept.	2/26/2015 9:56 PM
63	i dont want to reduce any... if i had tobtit woyld be bus serviice	2/26/2015 9:46 PM
64	Stop funds to McLean's mill altogether	2/26/2015 9:37 PM
65	Eliminate the summer ice, but how much spin off dollars does that program bring to our town?	2/26/2015 9:24 PM
66	Eliminate watering of all city boulevards/lawn areas. Spot water gardens only.	2/26/2015 8:29 PM
67	Reduce fire service to volunteer.	2/26/2015 7:46 PM
68	reduce all city-salaried wages.	2/26/2015 7:39 PM
69	Trim the fat off the highest paying jobs in city hall	2/26/2015 7:39 PM
70	find a way to cut administrative costs.	2/26/2015 7:35 PM

## 2015 Budget Survey

71	Fire Hall	2/26/2015 7:28 PM
72	reduce fire hall budget	2/26/2015 7:17 PM
73	reduce city staff	2/26/2015 7:12 PM
74	Look at ONE fire department for whole valley. PAFD is too expensive. Only save foundations anyway.	2/26/2015 6:52 PM
75	Reduce paid Fire Department Employees. Utilize paid Volunteers	2/26/2015 6:20 PM
76	Really have to rethink what is being done at the fire department	2/26/2015 6:17 PM

**Q8 Thinking about a potential increased budget and services, please select the projects or services you support most:**

Answered: 374 Skipped: 100



Answer Choices	Responses
----------------	-----------

## 2015 Budget Survey

New Aquatic Centre debt servicing +500,000	<b>37.97%</b>	142
Kitchen/yard waste collection +250,000	<b>29.14%</b>	109
Streetlight LED upgrade +100,000	<b>28.61%</b>	107
Canal Beach pier reconstruction +250,000	<b>26.74%</b>	100
Tsunami warning system upgrade +43,000	<b>25.13%</b>	94
Flower planters on lower Johnston Road +35,000	<b>23.80%</b>	89
Harbour Quay clocktower repair +250,000	<b>23.53%</b>	88
Increased police resources +270,000	<b>21.66%</b>	81
Increased City bylaw enforcement +101,000	<b>18.72%</b>	70
Waterfront industrial road (phase 1) debt servicing. +200,000	<b>14.97%</b>	56
Other (please specify)	<b>14.71%</b>	55
City telephone system replacement ** +150,000	<b>13.10%</b>	49
Council Meeting audio/video upgrade +15,000	<b>11.76%</b>	44
Relocate grinding mill stones to Victoria Quay * +25,000	<b>11.23%</b>	42
City Hall exterior upgrade *** +35,000	<b>10.96%</b>	41
City Hall generator installation +100,000	<b>8.02%</b>	30
City Hall window replacement +\$70,000	<b>6.42%</b>	24
<b>Total Respondents: 374</b>		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	please move log/timber away from beach	3/13/2015 7:16 AM
2	make Gertrude/Spark/3rd more appealing to draw Tofino traffic up to Argyle area, instead of Johnston, which is already the only way through town and doesn't need to look nice for people to use it	3/12/2015 5:24 PM
3	INvest in enviroment, composting and cleaner air	3/11/2015 4:42 PM
4	costs are way out of line. council has to pay more attention to real city buisness not over priced flower pots.	3/11/2015 10:54 AM
5	the City Manager and his staff should be forced to cut costs to pay for increased expenditure!!!	3/9/2015 8:23 AM
6	Get McLean's Mill to cut timbers for free for Canal Beach pier reconstruction since tax payers has been footing the bill for the last how many years and use timber from City owned property.	3/8/2015 8:50 PM
7	Longer ice time to encourage spring teams not using Oceanside ice	3/6/2015 2:20 PM
8	None. We tax and spend too much already.	3/6/2015 12:38 PM
9	council on line streaming	3/3/2015 11:01 PM
10	keep our walking trails serviced some local ones are mud hols when it rains some gravel or sawdust would be nice	3/3/2015 2:11 PM
11	why when most staff have cells do you need 150,000 for a phone system	3/3/2015 11:59 AM
12	inferstructure	3/2/2015 5:43 PM
13	don't do any of them	3/2/2015 6:38 AM

## 2015 Budget Survey

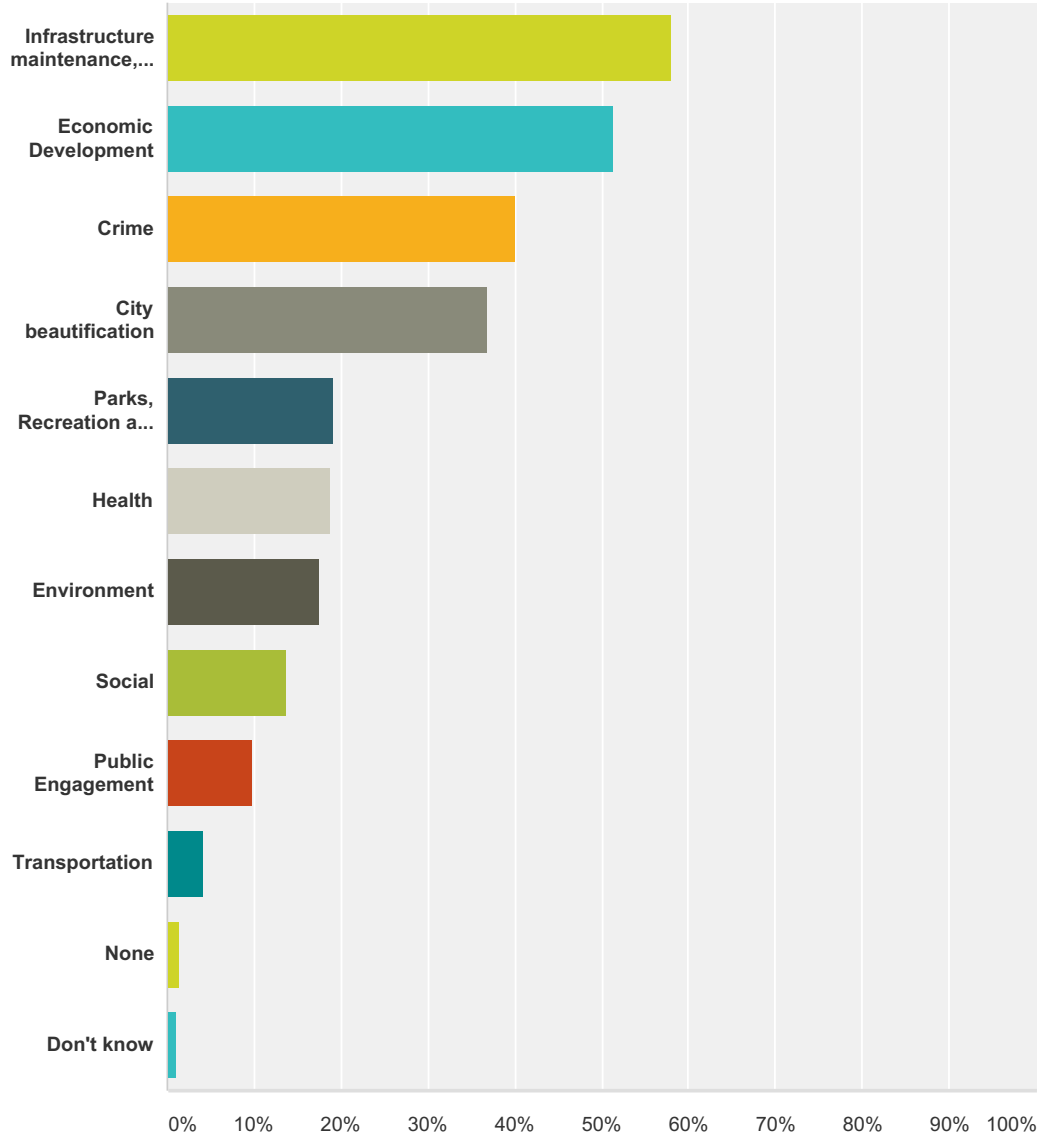
14	none	3/2/2015 6:36 AM
15	don't need any stop spending	3/2/2015 6:34 AM
16	Read your vision statement, what items support that. There are potentially other ways to do these items. Planters done by business owners. Maybe pier removed totally and simple clean beach access used?	3/1/2015 3:42 PM
17	economic developmnet	2/28/2015 7:36 PM
18	No, No, No	2/28/2015 6:19 PM
19	We need increased youth activities / resources. ever been to gyro? one of the only youth hangouts that I know of and it's falling apart.... All games and activities are broken and needs replacing. Our youth are more important than windows , telephones and almost everything on this list.	2/28/2015 8:50 AM
20	alot of the above is a waste of money ,like a beach on the canal when there are many beaches around ,quit waisting money on crap like that	2/27/2015 8:50 PM
21	quit spending money!!!! none of above are necessary	2/27/2015 8:29 PM
22	General clean up of city, streets, buildings, beautify city, make it more appealing for tourists	2/27/2015 8:01 PM
23	None of the above	2/27/2015 7:43 PM
24	a walkway from harbour quay to victoria quay along the water.	2/27/2015 6:37 PM
25	water and roads	2/27/2015 5:50 PM
26	City beautician/ finishing projects already started should be a priority	2/27/2015 5:03 PM
27	implement active transportation plan	2/27/2015 1:42 PM
28	spend more on infrastructure upkeep	2/27/2015 1:35 PM
29	more allocation of the budget to the repair and upgrade of existing infrastructure	2/27/2015 1:02 PM
30	increased water and sewer replacement and road work	2/27/2015 12:52 PM
31	improve road conditions ei. potholes and sidewalks	2/27/2015 11:52 AM
32	None of the above	2/27/2015 11:37 AM
33	Two comments: I think it's absurd that our waterfront road is used industrially, I would like to see more sidewalks and planters there to make it pedestrian friendly. Second, perhaps we can encourage personal composting at a much lower cost than\$250000	2/27/2015 11:32 AM
34	higher budget for Economic Development. NO BRAINERD.	2/27/2015 9:48 AM
35	none of these which are just your view of the issue. there are other ways to approach budgeting	2/27/2015 8:50 AM
36	Bike lanes and more sidewalks	2/27/2015 8:29 AM
37	How about a second crossing. Would open up the city for tourists	2/27/2015 7:45 AM
38	none	2/27/2015 7:35 AM
39	Greater public access of waterfront needs to be paramount. Tourist dollars are HIGHLY disregarded in this city in favour of heavy industry.	2/27/2015 7:02 AM
40	Give us a new pool	2/27/2015 6:31 AM
41	Not a time to spend for things we can live without	2/27/2015 6:13 AM
42	upgrade the Glenn wood center.	2/27/2015 1:03 AM
43	I wouldn't support any of above	2/26/2015 10:20 PM
44	change multi plex lights to LED light with grants fromhydro and gas tax money	2/26/2015 9:24 PM
45	Pedestrian/bike crossing at 10th Avenue to Johnston	2/26/2015 8:32 PM
46	Make the old part of the city more beautiful	2/26/2015 8:03 PM
47	buy a bunch of baby-monitors and hook them up on line this way we can monitor all our key interests.	2/26/2015 7:44 PM

## 2015 Budget Survey

48	Not sure what some of these choices are. The link below is no help.	2/26/2015 7:41 PM
49	Adding a light on river road and beaver creek intersection	2/26/2015 7:30 PM
50	more street lighting, would make it safer in so many ways	2/26/2015 7:14 PM
51	further repairs to old sidewalks, potholed streets and lighting on more streets	2/26/2015 7:09 PM
52	fix the outdated infrastructure before the nice-to-do items	2/26/2015 6:55 PM
53	Cannot afford much else at this time.	2/26/2015 6:24 PM
54	None of the above. Most people have to rationalize how they can live with less, maybe the City should do this too. We are all basically a paycheque away from being homeless. At what point will you realize that any sort of tax increase hurts more people than your would care to think about.	2/26/2015 6:19 PM
55	None	2/26/2015 6:07 PM

**Q9 In your view, what are the top 3 issues facing the community that you feel should receive the greatest attention?**

Answered: 390 Skipped: 84



Answer Choices	Responses
Infrastructure maintenance, i.e. roads, sewer, water, storm drainage	57.95% 226
Economic Development	51.28% 200
Crime	40.00% 156
City beautification	36.92% 144
Parks, Recreation and Heritage	19.23% 75
Health	18.72% 73

## 2015 Budget Survey

Environment	17.44%	68
Social	13.85%	54
Public Engagement	9.74%	38
Transportation	4.10%	16
None	1.54%	6
Don't know	1.03%	4
<b>Total Respondents: 390</b>		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	food security	3/15/2015 7:49 PM
2	Tap into the tourist trade. We waste money in Victoria Quay when most tourists go through and don't know it;s their. We need an attractive well run inviting camp ground to keep some of the tourist trade in our town. Beaver Creek Road near the city or River Road area would be highly visible. What draws tourists ....think.	3/12/2015 11:05 AM
3	economic development of industry not tourism	3/11/2015 5:06 PM
4	Quality of life	3/11/2015 4:42 PM
5	parks and rec have to many and over paid people, Port alberni can't afford it. We don't have M& B over paying thier taxes anymore.	3/11/2015 10:57 AM
6	improve public access to waterfront	3/10/2015 9:43 AM
7	Does "greatest attention" mean "more tax money"?	3/6/2015 12:39 PM
8	city beautification = entry area to the city from the east	3/5/2015 8:41 PM
9	Access to waterfront and nature trails.	3/4/2015 8:00 PM
10	public waterfront access	3/3/2015 11:01 PM
11	Out of control management structure	3/3/2015 12:01 PM
12	lack of affordable housing	3/2/2015 2:26 PM
13	Parks & Rec - I do NOT mean programs; I mean facilities	3/2/2015 11:12 AM
14	Where is vision?? "Vibrant waterfront community"	3/1/2015 3:43 PM
15	cities water basin, emphasis on eco-tourism promotion/dev	3/1/2015 9:52 AM
16	We need youth activities and resources besides sports and the youth Centre.	2/28/2015 8:51 AM
17	poverty	2/27/2015 7:20 PM
18	#1 stop saying this is how we have always done things at city works and find more efficient/effective ways to provide services. at least proving that you can't provide yard services cheaper by contacting would be a start	2/27/2015 5:10 PM
19	economic development through diversification and supporting small business	2/27/2015 1:43 PM
20	By economic development I mean a well rounded, innovative approach. Not simply bemoaning the old single industry glory days.	2/27/2015 11:37 AM
21	Apathy in the valley must be addressed.	2/27/2015 9:50 AM
22	sustainability, food security	2/27/2015 9:27 AM
23	Cap all wages over 75 k . NOW !	2/27/2015 8:02 AM
24	port alberni needs to address the drug and social concerns and services for families to build a strong community.	2/27/2015 7:52 AM
25	Economic development. Encourage business rather than putting up barriers ie around signage etc	2/27/2015 7:47 AM



## 2015 Budget Survey

26	I checked parks and recreation but I don't like money going into heritage. I would like to see many more families move here. For this I believe young families want many activities, but don't care so much about heritage.	2/27/2015 7:36 AM
27	New aquatic centre	2/27/2015 4:52 AM
28	Youth	2/26/2015 11:49 PM
29	My view also includes infrastructure, and city beautification services	2/26/2015 10:51 PM
30	Why is heritage linked to parks and recreation, they are completely different things	2/26/2015 10:45 PM
31	promote tourism such as allowing kite boatfing off centennial pier	2/26/2015 10:27 PM
32	getting rid of fire damaged buildings and tear downs asap.	2/26/2015 10:10 PM
33	pool!!	2/26/2015 9:48 PM
34	social and health	2/26/2015 9:42 PM
35	The fire Hall needs to be looked at...to high wages!	2/26/2015 9:26 PM
36	We could be a "Banff-Park" if we were willing to.	2/26/2015 7:50 PM
37	Social is to vague. I took it to mean programs for the needy.	2/26/2015 7:43 PM
38	water issue	2/26/2015 7:11 PM