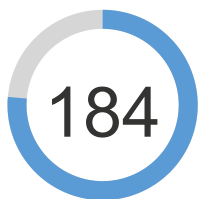


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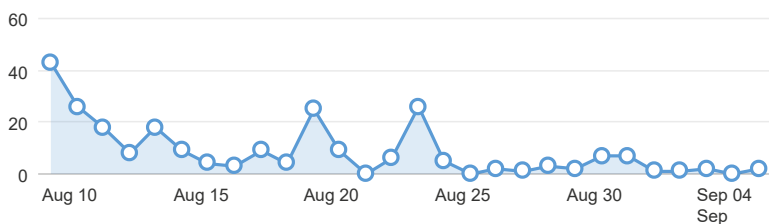
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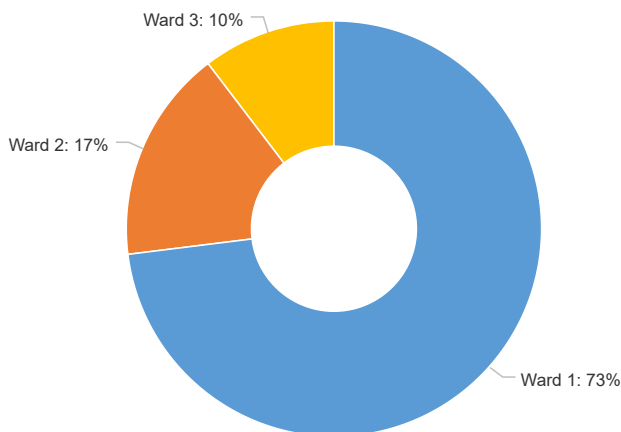


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N 241

Where in the Municipality of Kincardine do you live? If you're not sure, please refer to the map.



N 241

Which of the following forms of communication would you find useful to stay informed and involved in the budget process? (check all that apply)

	Count	% of responses	%
Online surveys (like this one)	169		73%
Municipality of Kincardine Facebook page	139		60%
Municipal Webpage: www.kincardine.ca	110		48%
Council meetings	68		29%
Municipal Engagement Forum: www.kincardinetalks.ca	30		13%
Municipal App	30		13%
Other (please specify)	15		6%

N 231

Which of the following forms of communication would you find useful to stay informed and involved in the budget process? (check all that apply) - Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)	Report
Instagram	↗
How about radio ads and sending out letters.	↗
Email	↗
direct communication from my council person!	↗
Snail Mail	↗
Kincardine Record, Kincardine News, Owen Sound Sun Times etc.	↗
Davidson Centre table	↗
Monthly emails	↗
Email	↗
Direct communication w councillors where they speak their opinions & perspectives & reasons for such on any issues	↗
Direct e-mail	↗
Personal	↗
A news letter should be sent through the mail for those that don't have electronic devices	↗
Mailouts to tax payers homes.	↗
Mailings, dont keep web page up to date.	↗

N 15

In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid a total of \$2,257 in municipal taxes to support total municipal operations. How would you rate the overall value received for your local Municipality of Kincardine tax dollars?

	Count	% of responses	%
Excellent	6	<div style="width: 3%;"></div>	3%
Good	41	<div style="width: 19%;"></div>	19%
Fair	63	<div style="width: 29%;"></div>	29%
Poor	101	<div style="width: 46%;"></div>	46%
Unsure	8	<div style="width: 4%;"></div>	4%

N 219






Please provide further comments.	Report
The condition of Bruce Ave is deplorable and is not acceptable given the high taxes we pay. Recycling options should be expanded and there should be green bin pick up to reduce landfill usage.	✍
I find this really hard to believe. My taxes are almost 6k	✍
Bruce Ave is the main road to my house. It has been closed for part of the year and is now open with gravel.	✍
Our property taxes is almost 3X this amount!	✍
As a recently built house, my assessment values continue to be higher than others. MPACs reassessment for others need to occur to balance costing appropriately across the municipality.	✍
During the time of 221-2022, municiple buildings and many resources paid for by tax payers were not available to those without COVID -19 vaccines, without compensation. For that time period it was a complete waste for the money that went to those areas. For 2023 the current state of the town is a complete disaster (I understand the need for development) but to plan this during the entire summer was a mistake not only for tourism but also local business desperately need revenue after lockdowns. The roads are needing attending to, especially Bruce Ave & why that is taking so long is very disappointing.	✍
My taxes are 50% higher than the average, and yet I get NOTHING of value for the taxes I pay. What justification was there for a 6.07% increase in my taxes for 2023?	✍
Very little benefit to rural areas	✍
I pay town taxes but i have no sidewalks, no sewers, no streetlights, no parks to maintain, and no policing. I am subsidizing the town proper amenities.	✍
Looking around the municipality it seems our infrastructure is crumbling or old technology. Roads that use to be paved are now gravel.	✍
Municipal fleet is looking excellent this year!!	✍
I paid more taxes then this, live outside of the town of Kincardine and had poorer access to municipal services.	✍
We have limited garbage service in the winter and our road is not assumed so no maintenance or snow removal	✍
I fail to see value for dollars spent	✍
we don't really receive a lot of neighbourhood services for our tax dollars. We pay extra for water. Our parks have minimal amenities. Our beach in Inverhuron receives little attention, and is still awaiting replacement of water safety signage that disappeared during the high water conditions during COVID,tillsafety	✍
The public beach is not cleaned up after winter for residents and tourists to enjoy. Trees that have fallen down along Albert Street path and along boardwalk are not cleaned up.	✍
we as tax payers are watching things like trails, boardwalk, roads, buildings all fall further into disrepair, not really much money left to do projects after so many layers of Management wages.	✍
More communication with the tax payers, let us know what's coming for shopping and housing	✍
There's too much top heavy waste.	✍
It's apparent that some things are not as well kept up as before	✍
For the love of all things holy, please include the garbage pick up	✍
Took away services, downloaded end user fees example bag tag increase. Roads suck, beach sucks, town could make money from other streams like parking at the beach rather than forcing taxpayers to pay more for service. All the while we watch employees do nothing really...poor moral terrible council table with hidden adgendas and ridiculous concerns. Previous council did a much better job under [REDACTED]	✍
Kincardine provides basic services to it's residents- there are no special service or programs that differentiate us from other towns - hence my rating of fair / I was considering a poor rating	✍
Living on the south end, I rely on Bruce Ave daily. Not only am I frustrated to see tax money thrown away trying to keep it temporarily drivable but my car is definitely going to need repairs sooner. There's no way Durham or Russell streets would be left in this shape until next year.	✍
Beach, trails, parks poorly maintained. Bylaws not enforced. Councillor not getting back to me with answers to my questions. Volunteers mistreated. Double curb downtown a waste of taxpayers \$. Town employees special perks. Roadways not maintained	✍
It's great that infrastructure is being updated as it is much needed but it is so awful that many other areas are being neglected. For example our parks and trails are in horrible condition.	✍
Ward 2 receives nothing even though we are subjected to the windmill noise and flashing lights and the dollars received from them are used for other wards	✍
Taxes going to pay for beach, clean up, toilets, parking etc for non-residents who pay no taxes and buy nothing in the municipality. We need to charge for parking as do the surrounding towns. ie Goderich, Pt. Elgin, Saugeen etc.	✍
This statement may be misleading. What about garbage bag taxes and water/wastewater taxes.	✍

Please provide further comments.	Report
taxes keep going up but services dont. people who dont work at bruce power or have pension from a high paying employer are getting priced out of being able to live here	🔗
Please stop with the continued increases	🔗

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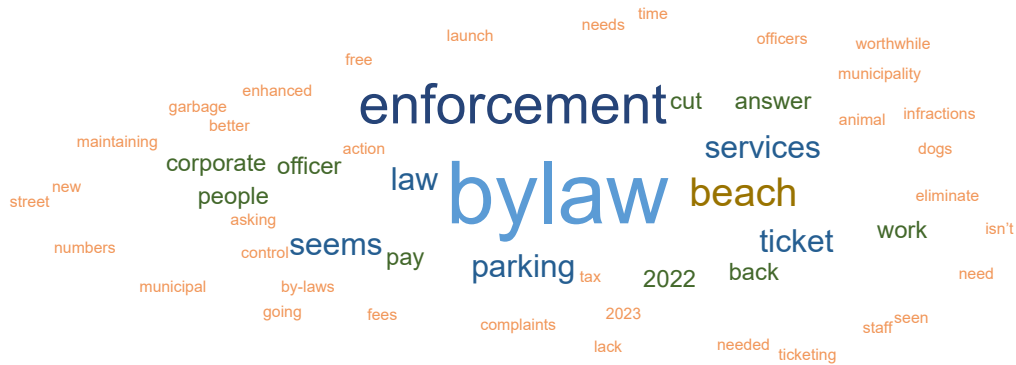
N 62

In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid \$150 in local municipal taxes to support Corporate Services, including By-law Enforcement. Should this service be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	35		16%
Maintained	81		38%
Reduced	33		15%
Not sure/need more information before deciding	57		27%
Does not matter to me	7		3%

N 213

Please provide further comments.








N 38

Please provide further comments.

Please provide further comments.	Report
I would like to see a return to a hired Municipal By Law officer who lives within the community and get rid of 3rd party bylaw enforcement.	🔗
I haven't experienced or observed any issues that I believed needed more attention	🔗
Live broadcasting of council meetings is often highly erratic. Needs to be improved.	🔗
What corporate services ?	🔗
It would easy to say 'Enhanced'. But that doesn't mean I would pay more taxes for it.	🔗
Switch from James for Bylaw.	🔗
I'm not sure what this question is asking. Are you asking if I'd be comfortable paying more? If so, then answer is yes.	🔗

Please provide further comments.	Report
By law enforcement is very unproductive as several homes on my street don't cut there grass and nothing gets done about it. Many yards littered with garbage that sits for months before action happens.	✍
OPP bylaw enforcement is almost non existent, we will have to do it Municipality. Fewer warnings more ticket.	✍
There should be punitive action for false bylaw complaints. There should be penalty for misusing municipal services.	✍
The only time I saw Bylaw at work was on the beach ticketing. There are other bylaws to enforce.	✍
I heard bylaw officers were cut back. Going to the beach on a weekend is a disgrace. People use it as a camp ground	✍
My wife and kids are scared of dogs and they are afraid to use the beach or the trails because of dog owners who let their dogs off leash. We go to the beach in Southampton because by-laws are more enforced there.	✍
By law seems redundant	✍
Animal control I understand, over 2,000 in by-laws patrols seems excessive and when I have interacted seems like 1 to 2 people just walking around town	✍
Work more efficiently. Eliminate fees that don't cover the cost of collecting them. Combine multiple fees to single parties.	✍
The bylaw agency that was contracted did not call me back after a few attempts to get a complaint addressed about people living in trailers on the 20th side road between Bruce concession 6 and 8.	✍
More IT investments could improve efficiency and provide better services.	✍
Desire more details on what type & aspect of enforcement is happening	✍
needs to be maintained or enhanced	✍
Did the municipality not cut bylaw officer in 2023 so 2022 numbers will not be the same - I have never seen one this year! I contacted them in 2022 and I wasn't impressed with their customer service/communication	✍
How many staff are in corporate services performing these duties and are they looking to or wanting more staff ?	✍
By-law is useless. I'd prefer to take that \$ to pay workers to empty the garbage on a Sunday.	✍
It should be enhanced at least back to the 2022 level but this is hard to answer due to the lack of new numbers since the budget cuts with this new term. You have failed to show me the comparisons so I can make an educated answer	✍
Bylaw enforcement is severely lacking for realtime response to noise complaints and other infractions - an officer isn't necessarily available to respond, but then bylaw says they can't issue a ticket if the perpetrator isn't caught in the act	✍
Weak value currently provided- parking by local contractors & service providers makes driving dangerous . Seems this is being ignored therefore if we are not going to address it- just reduce or eliminate the efforts	✍
Bylaw officers ineffective	✍
See a lot of comments about lack of bylaw enforcement ticketing. Looks like a free for all. More information needed to decide if worthwhile keeping them.	✍
Will be different picture in 2023 report as only 1 bylaw officer this year...	✍
Need better ticket enforcement for street parking during the winter	✍
Corporate Services processes tax & utility bills? I thought that was treasury dept?	✍
By law enforcement poor, definitely decreased in recent years.	✍
Administrative work seems worthwhile, but bylaw enforcement is a low priority for me	✍
More bylaw	✍
Due to many coming to our free parking at beach we need by law to ticket people not following rules to generate more money to clean up after visitors, maintaining their waste and maintaining public washrooms. Stop camping at beach, parking infractions, liter, and animal control, also charge for launch. Tax payers should not have to pay for launch, or parking like Goderich	✍
Have seen no indication of bylaw enforcement	✍
Bylaw should be reduced. If they are only handing out 1 ticket per 7 hours of patrol, more targeted deployment might be required to make them worth it.	✍
It does not seem like the by law enforcebemt are actually doing anything with their time. Despite bylaw showing up, they are not issuing fines particularly at the beach.	✍

In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid \$128 in local municipal taxes to support fire and emergency services. Should this service be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	39		19%
Maintained	145		69%
Reduced	9		4%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	15		7%
Does not matter to me	2		1%

N 210

Please provide further comments.



N 20

Please provide further comments.

Please provide further comments.	Report
I think it'd be worth considering the payments that 'volunteer' firefighters are making	↗
Burn permit charge increased from \$10 to \$20 , municipality are now issuing permits virtually if physical conditions do not change seem like another tax . Perhaps municipality should consider one time charge.	↗
Provide only necessary response, limit all available resources to appropriate situations.	↗
To improve accessibility within the fire stations for staff	↗
Very happy with the emergency services as we have used them in the past and we're very happy with response time and ability to solve the situation	↗
Fire services use Bruce Avenue frequently to get to highway 21. The current condition of the road is likely doing damage to their vehicles and risks stranding a fire truck in the ditch or flat tire when they are needed.	↗
Why would need a full time chaplain, how could we work with local parish leaders to utilize what is already within the community	↗
Our local volunteers are valued contributors to our area.	↗
Preparation for fire is important but with so many volunteers members why so much for maintenance and system readiness? I think there's a mentality of 'make work' within the FD	↗
A group we can be proud of.	↗
Seems like not very much money per household	↗
My property is serviced by Paisley Fire Dept and it's a user pay system. My insurance company will be invoiced for any services rendered to my property.	↗
There is \$ to be saved here!	↗
Emergency services are satisfactory	↗
Fire police and ambulance are priority	↗
Happy with the level of service from fire dept. If they needed inxrease, would have no issue especially if response times could be improved in harder to reach areas..	↗
Too much staff to run this facility. Fire department does not need to respond to all 911 calls Along with Police and Ambulance	↗
More fire fighters is always a plus, so maybe more advertising	↗
WHY 2 PART TIME DEPUTY CHIEFS	↗
Not sure how to do it but some of our fire trucks and maybe equipment need replacing. Very expensive but should be a priority for council in budget.	↗

In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid \$589 in local municipal taxes to support operations, broken down as follows:• \$401 to support road maintenance, including snow removal• \$116 to support fleet and equipment• \$31 to support bridge and culvert maintenance• \$25 to support municipal airport operations• \$16 to support cemetery operationsShould this service be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	54	<div style="width: 27%;"></div>	27%
Maintained	110	<div style="width: 55%;"></div>	55%
Reduced	24	<div style="width: 12%;"></div>	12%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	10	<div style="width: 5%;"></div>	5%
Does not matter to me	1	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1%

N 199


Please provide further comments.



N 60

Please provide further comments.

Please provide further comments.	Report
I live in a small town for a reason and adjust my expectations accordingly. They are doing a great job and I don't need perfect.	🔗
Snow repair is vitally important and yet side streets are often poorly maintained. I would pay the same amount with less to the airport and fleet costs to increase snow removal	🔗
I am paying much more than that, and I now live in town on a dirt road because the town won't fix our road. Our roads not a necessities over say fixing the roof of the theatre downtown? This is ridiculous where is the money going. The mismanagement of funds is beyond problematic if we can not fix a road!!!	🔗
Need to also get crews maintaining the trails.	🔗
Reduce inflated managers income to enhance essential work.	🔗
I'm very happy with the in-town snow removal during the winter (especially with sidewalk clearing)	🔗
With surrounding municipalities selling airports I believe Kincardine should do the same. Allow private enterprise to own ,manage and maintain.	🔗
Why do we support airport when 99.9% don't ever use it's not a town need steel property and develop for housing	🔗
More plows/ more operating hours of plows	🔗
Few concerns. Regarding paved roads Bruce Ave comes to mind. Also wondering what is the plan to address the worsening conditions of the concession roads? Why are all the municipal trucks brand new Ford 150s?	🔗

Please provide further comments.	Report
Winter plowing has be minimal the past few years, time and savings can be targeted to grooming or other projects.	
Sell the airport or increase fee for use. The average citizen should not be subsidizing the elite who use it.	
Bruce Ave is an embarrassment	
I dont have a sidewalk where i live	
Bruce Ave should have been paved immediately. It is and extremely busy road and the gravel condition is poor at best. It's extremely dangerous	
Bruce Ave road conditions	
Graders need to be utilized on Bruce Avenue.	
The sidewalk plow declines to plow the sidewalk for kids taking the bus and the road going to our subdivision is a dirt road. For \$7000 a year in taxes you can do better	
The state of Bruce Ave is worse than "poor", I spent many years in rural Ontario and I've never come across a gravel road that is as awful as Bruce Ave. The constant 'band aid' is not working, this road is horrible and causes some drivers to swerve into oncoming lanes causing a safety concern.	
Enhanced enough to provide the residents of Stonehaven neighbourhood as well as anyone who uses the soccer fields and dog park a paved road to drive on.	
Please pave Bruce Ave.	
Situations like Bruce Ave should be prevented. The condition of that road should never have happened if there was proper funding and maintenance	
Our roads in Kincardine are terrible and need major improvements	
Bruce Ave to be paved from hwy 21 to Weick Blvd	
Don't turn roads into dirt roads	
A concerted effort on development at the airport needs to occur.	
Airport	
This is the primary responsibility of the town.	
Quality equipment makes for efficiency and effective service	
22 pickup trucks sounds like a lot of trucks to me!	
What's with Bruce ave? When is this going to be addressed?	
Assume our lane and maintain it.	
Uncertain what is happening with airport to justify the costs.	
Snow removal efforts satisfactory. Road surface conditions are deteriorating	
We certainly have an awful lot of pick up trucks going around including some that sit in driveways	
We need roads and streets properly maintained. Some of the streets in Ward 1 are a disgrace.	
Better sidewalk coverage is needed, most times the ridge area isn't done at all.	
the roads are getting worse, look at the condition of some of the fleet, older units likely needing lots of repairs. Sell the airport, it only benefits a select few, to much tax payers \$\$ spent looking after and the manager gets \$100,000 plus just to be there, does he do snow removal or grass cutting with that wage or is that taxpayers money to keep it open? how many flights are recorded in each month at the airport verse to cost to have it. most other mun. are selling theirs.	
Unload airport operation, or at least privatized	
Those maintaining the roads in the winter need to be commended. (3:00/4:00 a.m., freezing weather, doing an awesome job of clearing the snow, THANK YOU to the workers)	
Continue as the population grows	
Please, please, please have the sidewalk plow clear the sidewalk through McPherson Park from Lambton St to Harbour St. So many winter walkers trudge through the park on a daily basis. It is dangerous and slippery most of the winter.	
Please train the snow plow operator to not chew up our corner every single year.	
Sell the airport and increase snow removal and road repairs	
Enhanced only for road maintenance and teach the munc workers how to do it properly...enough of the sink holes already	

Please provide further comments.	Report
Keep hearing not enough staff? Seems to be municipal trucks go past my home several times a day. Maybe too many vehicles. Need or wants?	Report
Airport does not serve enough tax payers for the cost to keep it going.	Report
Why do we need a municipal airport?	Report
Focus on road maintenance! It's a complete disaster. Bruce Ave for example. Not sure why the average person is concerned with airport. Also struggling to understand why the town feels 22 pickup trucks in their fleet is necessary.	Report
What does the average resident get out of the airport? That's an easy \$25 to save everyone.	Report

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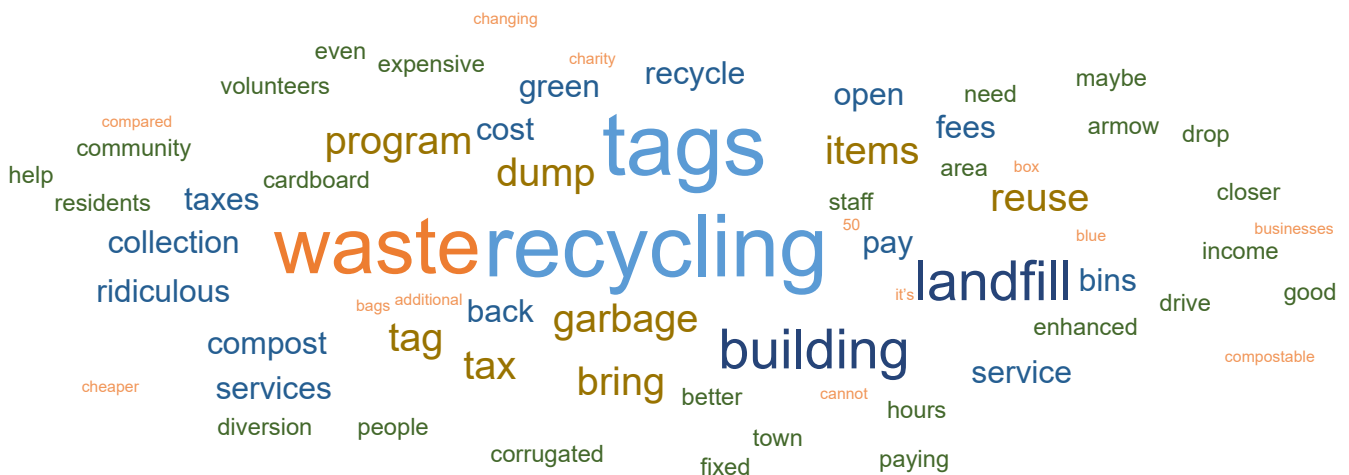
N 60

In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid \$38 in local municipal taxes to support waste management services, plus the cost of bag tags. Should this service be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	60	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>	30%
Maintained	105	<div style="width: 53%;"></div>	53%
Reduced	27	<div style="width: 14%;"></div>	14%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	6	<div style="width: 3%;"></div>	3%
Does not matter to me	0		

N 198

Please provide further comments.



N 62

Please provide further comments.

Please provide further comments.	Report
Waste management needs to be more extensive. If we are paying more for garbage removal, I believe there should be more waste diversion programs. Also, the Reuse building at the dump was an important resource for many, but was not at all properly managed by dump staff and building was not ideal for storage. Often the building was wet inside creating issues with items being damaged.	Report
I would love to see a year round, non bagged compost disposal area	Report
I would love a compost collection program to help offset waste to the dump.	Report






Please provide further comments.	Report
This is where the cost has been put back on the residents and still we are paying for the services - you pay to use the dump/bag tags/etc - not sure how there is still such a gap between taxes and cost that so much has to be put back onto the homeowner. Our blue box doesn't even take all recyclable items.	✎
Would like enhanced recycling and compost services	✎
Better waste reduction services in town or closer to town. Armow is too far of a drive for basic recycling and compost / leaf disposal.	✎
The cost of bag tags are too high, seniors on a fixed pension I'm sure felt the price hike.	✎
Supply more bag tags & there will be less littering which is more expensive.	✎
this should be part of municipal taxes, not as a bag tag. This would reduce litter in our community. I would also like to see an enhanced recycling and green-bin program	✎
Our town chargers way too much to bring waste to dump which is not easily accessible for many. Lower our fees ... check out rates of other communities in area. Much cheaper elsewhere.	✎
Encourage Thrift, charity stores to come in to reduce waste to the landfill, since the Municipality stopped this service.	✎
We should have a green box program for compostable kitchen waste.	✎
Get a better recycling program such as the big bins Goderich uses. We can barely recycle anything here (and a good chunk of it we have to drive to access)	✎
The community re-use building at the landfill should remain open	✎
Bag tags are way too expensive	✎
It would be nice to have the seasonal compost sites open for longer.	✎
We pay too much in taxes to have to pay for bag tags it's ridiculous	✎
Bag tags are not a way to make up for revenue. Our recycling program is way behind other municipalities.	✎
Services need to be improved. More recycling options and yard waste drop offs needed	✎
Bring green bin pickup to the area.	✎
Start corrugated cardboard pickups with recycling pick ups, it's annoying to have to bring it to a seperate location	✎
I'm willing to do more segregation of waste at source IF the municipality was willing to accept it.	✎
The 2nd chance coverall building closure was a poor decision. Its purpose was recycle and landfill diversion. Should be reinstated	✎
An increase in waste diversion	✎
we need more hazardous waste days. one day a year is basically useless and encourages people to dispose of hazardous waste improperly.	✎
The additional bag tag fees aren't helpful to family's with small children who are already struggling to make ends meet. This addition fee on bag tags is no different then carbon tax - paying money doesn't stop pollution.	✎
Provide better services for blue and green bins. Consider changing to the large bins that home owners purchase. Picked up by a truck, not a person. \$3.50 per bag tag is ridiculous and weight limits are prohibitive. I end up taking my bags to the dump. Costs more in gas, but at least I can fill the bag!	✎
Garbage pickup for Sunset Drive north of 12th Concession - we pay the same taxes and the road is plowed	✎
Dedicated permanent yard waste depots required. It's ridiculous to have to drive to the landfill which is very eco unfriendly gas/emissions wise.	✎
Recycling programs at WMC are excellent.	✎
For years and years I have filled this out and told numerous councillors that our garbage shouldn't be picked up every week! That would have savings!! We are always looking at other areas for the way they do things well look around! And pick up on one side of the road - less stops time saving saves money! 3.50 per bag is ridiculous!	✎
I thought bag tags paid for this service. Why is it on my tax bill at all?	✎
Better recycling and garbage programs are needed. Cardboard should be picked up at the door, green bins for food waste should be implemented and larger garbage bins.	✎
look at changing hours a bit to help compensate closing Bruce, stay open 1 evening till 8, stay open till 3 on Sat ?? the reuse it building was helping recycle items, could have looked at charging for everything even if leaving there, profit could have gone up and if people threw trash in there it was paid for ?	✎
Enhanced, to include residential pick-up and recycling of plastic bags and corrugated cardboard and wet compostable foodstuff.	✎
Reopen the reuse building at the landfill site. Provides an opportunity to keep some items out of the landfill, which is a very good thing.	✎

Please provide further comments.	Report
The bag tags should be also factored into the number. Its way more than \$38. The recycling program is also sub par compared to other places.	↗
The landfill is poorly managed. All vehicles should be checked at the scale house to ensure every bag has a tag on it. The revenue from the bag tags would pay for an additional staff member checking for tags. Reopen the reuse building.	↗
1) Enhanced recycling for more products (aluminum foil, more plastics, etc.) 2) Food waste recycling program	↗
PLEASE roll the bag tags into our taxes. Also the Armow Mall is a worthwhile endeavour. Maybe volunteers could man it?	↗
Drop the bag tags again!! If someone hauls their own garbage to dump they should get in for free! Bring back reuse it and step up your recycling items	↗
Bag tag cost increase was just a tax grab - curb side service is acceptable	↗
Compist pickup	↗
Bring back the recycling building...the problem with junk being deposited which staff is cleaning up can be rectified by having fixed hours awith an employee oversight for 3 hours a week	↗
We require an offsite depository for yard waste that is closer to town.	↗
Bag tags are now pricey and should consider reducing the cost.	↗
Increased recycling and green bin pick up. Longer weekend hours at armow dump.	↗
please return the 'Armow mall'. you want people to dispose of unused items responsibly but you take away a resource that helped with that. municipality claimed staffing/cost of overseeing donations was an issue. would there be an opportunity for volunteers to step in here? our former community had a fabulous charity shop run completely by volunteers - kept countless items out of landfill	↗
Re open the reuse building so much stuff is now in the landfill that isn't garbage because of this short sites closer. The small operating cost of this building is a drop in the bucket compared to the service it provides especially for low income residents	↗
Reopen ward 3 dump for township residents !	↗






























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N 62

In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid \$410 in local municipal taxes to support Community Services.Should this service be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	61		31%
Maintained	87		44%
Reduced	30		15%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	14		7%
Does not matter to me	5		3%

N 197

Please provide further comments.	Report
I think this is a very large portion of our taxes and needs to be scaled back. This is a want not a need. Our municipality needs to find ways to cut costs during this time of economic uncertainty.	
Increase support and facilities for people with disabilities	
"Front desk" isn't needed at Davidson centre, marina should be pay for use (average citizen should not be paying for the elite to use)	
I believe [REDACTED] is the head of this and so many bad decisions have been made by her. Talking to many people, I have not heard one positive about her. Our trails are shit now, the ball diamond is embarrassing. I think higher ups need to stop making so much money and that money needs to be put back into the town, instead of people a lot of management 6 figures who do not even live in kincardine. The boardwalk is also is bad shape.	
Parks in my neighborhood are mowed by neighbours because town never shows up to do them.	
Sell the arts center. Drain on town money.	
A community this size needs more ice surfaces. The ball diamonds and water front are embarrassing.	
Some of the trails are in disastrous shape, they need to be maintained before someone gets seriously hurt.	
Another ice pad and or better hours for Tiverton.....Marina dock upgrades.	
The kincardine ball diamonds are in terrible condition. The infield has poor drainage which cause games to be cancelled hours after it rains. Infield is rarely maintained and the the batters boxes become deep trenches early in the season and are never repaired. The kincardine diamonds are some of the worst in the area. The Ripley fields are cared for and don't have the issues that Kincardine does.	
I'm happy to put forth this amount as long as it available to everyone, when we start restricting access and still collect revenue, that is just wrong.	
Wow, \$410 is a lot a money. Some of this work is done by volunteers. Recreation spending is discretionary.	
i have none of these services in my are except for one run down park.	
The Marina is maintained by the KYC, not the municipality. Trails use to be maintained by volunteers until the municipality decided to take them over and they are now NOT as well maintained!	
why is the water off to the showers at the south end of station beach?	
Disappointed with the reduced access to the Davidson Centre pool in the summer with reduced hours.	
It would be nice if the municipality considered zone 3 residents as equils to zone 1 folks. It would be nice for some funds to go towards enhancing the community centers in Tiverton/Underwood.	
Facilities are not accessible for everyone. We need to make this a priority.	
Center for the Arts should sustain itself, not funded by tax revenue, especially considering its limited use by the average taxpayer.	
There is a pay per use for many of these facilities. Again there needs to be a controller	
Do it more efficiently!	
Better utilization of resources is required. For example we observed a couple of guys erecting orange fence and landscaping fabric before last winter along the beach and 2 days later it was ripped to shreds or falling down. The new garbage bins aren't large enough for people to put in a small bag after a family outing so they are leaving it outside the bin which attracts animals.	
A lot of these services should have fees attached so that the user pays for their upkeep	
if this makes up 20% and 80% of buildings, parks, boardwalk, trials where is the money going from the \$140 per home owner? trails are now a disgrace, boardwalk will need at least \$1.5 million, building are patched up. and now advertising on every flat space is a price to rent, more \$\$ but nothing really getting done. maybe more workers less people behind desks ? not sure very sad no one looks like they care	
Dedicated pickle-ball courts are badly needed.....	
Let the volunteers continue to maintain the trails and stop with the roadblocks in this area and all other areas where volunteers have been involved.	
Increase trails maintenance increase as the population grows	
Please contain yo provide maintenance on the trails. They are overgrown in some places	
Clean up the beaches (remove rocks/trees/debris). The shelters and picnic tables at Dunsmoor Park are pathetic. I understand that they slated to be torn down, but spending our tax dollars on paint and labour to put lipstick on a pig is a waste of our money. We had a family reunion at one of the shelters this summer (and yes, we purchased the \$50 permit). It was embarrassing- the shape they were in. We need to take pride in our waterfront. Regarding the trails... again - embarrassing the shape they are in. Perhaps a solution could have been agreed upon BEFORE they were let go. So sad to see. Especially after all the hard work the volunteers have done.	
Trails have gone to crap? ?	

Please provide further comments.	Report
We need to put more funding into our local healthcare	
Stop spending money to compete with other communities for physicians	
We need doctors. Badly.	
I just lost my family doctor. The family health team could (and should) function as a team, with a walk-in clinic and additional funding for more nurse practitioners. Given that council determined that teaming up with Bruce Power & Saugeen shores was inefficient, I would expect that we'd be doing better now than we were before. If not we should reconsider joining that team.	
Need more doctors and nurses, enhanced medical services available locally.	
\$200,000. Is not enough when you are spending \$2,600,000. on recreation. Health trumps recreation. Reality check.	
Too many families do not have a doctor!	
Our family doctor has just left the community. All of her patients need a new doctor along with everyone on the already long wait list.	
More doctors needed for our area as more are leaving and many are close to retirement	
The doctors practicing at the clinic should be paying for the clinic.	
Spend more money and get more doctors. Start poaching them from Port Elgin, that'll show'em.	
Health Care is a provincial responsibility.	
It would be better to put money towards health care vs collect more money from bag tags.	
Healthcare is a provincial issue. Why do our local tax dollars have to fix a provincial problem?	
Need a greater focus on nutrition & physical mobility toward aspects of healthy living	
Our community is growing and it is important that residents can get health care in their own community.	
not really clear why the taxpayers are now paying the doctors office manager and Dr. recruitment person, when the Dr. used to pay the office manager and Bruce power used to pay most of the recruitment position, was good thing and got thrown away. what is or did happen with the family health team that was here for 10 years ? nothing going on there and it was mainly funded by the province, why did it stop and tax payers no contributing to nurse practitioner?	
Physician Recruitment is underperforming.	
Support increase the size of the hospital and get more doctors coming here including specialists	
not sure recruitment is a good use of the funds though	
A lot of people north of Underwood use the Southampton hospital and doctors in Saugeen Shores	
Critical issue. Way more important than making sure an RV gets moved along when the same [REDACTED] calls 9x on a Saturday night.	
Doctors should pay for their own expenses build included! Doctors have [REDACTED]. Doctors currently are the reason no other doctors will come to the town as well as the fact that Kincardine has NoTHING to offer a new resident just high taxes for nothing! And doctors who make the most money asking for the most handouts. Sell the locum house too. Physicians recruitment is a ridiculous expense. I do believe we are the only municipality for miles that offered this sweet of a deal to doctors and yet we can't attract them at all. Municipality should hire its own NP and doctors should have no micromanaging controls over that person. Also time to increase the rent on those doctor's significantly to that of the rates small business owners would pay for their space. Doctor take and are draining the town.	
The nurse practitioners are a valuable asset. Municipalities should wean themselves & newly graduating doctors off of the idea of physician recruitment. Health care is a provincial responsibility yet municipalities find themselves in bidding wars in order to obtain the services of young physicians, who seem more interested in getting the sweetest deal than practising	
Physician recruitment has been effective & meaningful to the town - good job	
I'm lucky to have a family doctor but it's devastating for families who have been waiting 5 or more years. Our population is growing rapidly and we do not have the health resources to support it.	
Service that is used by all taxpayers and therefore, should be a priority.	
Why are we paying for a nurse practitioner?	
we NEED more doctors. as someone without a doctor I know what the experience is like.	
How is this working out for us? What exactly is being done to recruit? Seems to have been a problem since the beginning of time and have not seen any improvement	
Continue to have a doctor shortage	
Those residents who do not use these services shouldn't be charged on their municipal taxes.	

Please provide further comments.	Report
We still have an inexcusable lack of medical care here. Not everyone is a cottager or wealthy pensioner who can afford to go to the city for their GP.	Report
Need more doctors	Report
Health care should not be a municipal responsibility. Funding is Fed/Provincial mandate.	Report
MORE DOCTORS NEEDED	Report
I do not believe recruitment should be paid for by municipalities. This makes municipalities fight against each other for physicians. This responsibility should solely be on the provincial government.	Report

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N 41

In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid \$69 in local municipal taxes to support Strategic Initiatives. Should this service be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	31	<div style="width: 16%;"></div>	16%
Maintained	86	<div style="width: 44%;"></div>	44%
Reduced	59	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>	30%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	18	<div style="width: 9%;"></div>	9%
Does not matter to me	1	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1%

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Please provide further comments.



N 43

Please provide further comments.

Please provide further comments.	Report
I believe that more needs to be done for the downtown businesses during this construction(which needed badly to be done). Many of the businesses are struggling. Also, once again if we want to attract people to our community, please move forward with housing, new business development. I have lived here most of my life and nothing seems to change. Yes, protect small business downtown, but everyone leaves to go out of town to shop because its either cheaper, supply is better or more convenient. I don't want big box stores like Walmart, but we need more!	Report
Again, I live in a small town for a reason. Bigger is not always better and I greatly fear becoming like Port Elgin.	Report

Please provide further comments.	Report
Your websites are difficult to find any actual information about what's going on. Would be interested to know what actions you're taking to attract business. Downtown Dig info was well done imo.	✍
A lot of unnecessary overlap ie provincial government. BIA has become a self governing body and has little or no accountability to council or ratepayers.	✍
Could do a better job overall in communication especially to locals (ACH/IDEA/Reconciliation) but I support the cost of them.	✍
Don't do any of this stuff until you can get houses built to accommodate the people we attract.	✍
Reduce by a lot.	✍
housing is (in my opinion) the biggest issue in the MOK. I'd be interested to know how long building permits for new builds wait before they're processed or reviewed by staff.	✍
\$444,000. On economic development vs \$2.6 Million on recreation. There's you problem. What do we need more, increased economy or tourist luring and entertainment.	✍
Some areas need to be scaled back and the money used to address our housing issue. Builders should be should be encouraged to build smaller, affordable homes.	✍
Keep IDEA and Reconciliation however the visitors aspect at the market, activities, etc almost always has no one engaging. Seems like a waste.	✍
Improving affordable housing in the community should be a top priority.	✍
I would like to hear from business on the support provided to them during the dig officially in a survey, verbally & from what I have seen this has not been good. I would like to see a breakdown of costs for the above items listed. For instance what has the town done specifically for Reconciliation and what were the actionable outcomes? What was the attendance of this training provided? This and further breakdown is required .	✍
Because the airport is not staffed on the weekend, you are missing investors who are checking out Kincardine.	✍
Housing for lower income persons to support retail services.	✍
Business attraction	✍
I don't care to see my tax dollars go towards improving downtown Kincardine, I would love information about how your actually attracting more businesses vs not allowing competition in town? Should festivals of all sorts not be supported by donations vs forced tax contribution? Why should I be required to support festivals that aren't even hoasted in my community?	✍
Economic growth and housing has been extremely limited/slow in the past compared to our neighbors, I fear it is too late to recover effectively.	✍
More money for economic development and less on tourism and IDEA, events.	✍
We already have committees and other staff doing the same work.	✍
Better planned events. Kids events are very poorly run. Not enough things to do or supplies.	✍
so why push all the non profit groups out of town this year? only supporting some events, one car show and the taxpayers own the airport ? face the facts we have noting much here, other than pizza places, no new housing being built, no plans for any, boardwalk&beaches that are in sad shape, parking nightmare, trails aren't fun to walk on anymore with very little to no maintenance, main street half full of offices, or empty lots, no affordable housing, no clothing stores for budget or reg-low income people, what do we really have to offer	✍
Get box, size stores, and chain restaurants Include notification of what may be coming here	✍
not seeing any benefit from this department.	✍
It's not done well and we can't afford it.	✍
The down town needs a focus and town tax money! BIA could increase their levy. The IDEA aspect is awful and needs much work! Since the IDEA committee came about the focus is not on the downtown but rather on cry baby issues cause feelings are hurt . If we can't afford to keep bag tags at 2.50 why would we have money for painting rainbows???? It's a want not a need! Ps I'm gay so this is not being mean or disrespectful just simple math rainbow sidewalks mean nothing but a tick box checked	✍
I think our statistic planning is very weak - home supply? We missed the boat on housing compared to Port Elgin. We need a 20 year plan . We are behind the 8 ball	✍
I agree with all of these initiatives but would rather see them done on a smaller scale or with corporate support and have money go elsewhere	✍
Taxpayers should be comfortable in their municipality and not felt shoved aside by tourists. Feeling of being taken advantage of and that most everything revolves around tourists. Doesn't feel homey any more.	✍
Kincardine has been 'withering on the vine' over the last 40 years. There is no vision for growth such as you see in Port Elgin. Businesses such as Walmart which would have created jobs and brought people from other communities into our area was not supported by our councillors. Kincardine seems more interested in supporting the building of more hotels than supporting commercial enterprises. I can't think of any new sizeable businesses other than superheat that have located here in the past 40 years. Businesses such as Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, Rona (formerly Mahood Lumber) have simply relocated from one area of town to another.	✍
all the money spent doesn't seem to make much difference. Kincardine needs decent, affordable shopping options. I am on a limited budget. I can't afford the offerings of the specialty shops in downtown Kincardine and with the excetpion of Fincher's for gifts I seldom shop there - I go to Port Elgin	✍

Please provide further comments.	Report
These strategic initiatives are vague at best. I'm failing to understand where the cost is associated with "supporting action plans." For example, how are we supporting our downtown businesses during the dig?	Report
Most listed 'strategic initiatives' are just tax payer funded pet projects, and a real easy example of where there is waste in government.	Report
Let's use some money to attract new businesses. I travel to port Elgin for many things either because I can't get them here, or it's offered in town but too expensive.	Report
Once again the majority of these events that are supported are held in the former Town. I digress!!! I think a lot of these new initiatives are not needed ... let's get back to focusing on what municipal governments used to focus on.	Report
We should be phasing out programs which support private business. They're businesses and should be making their own investments instead of pulling from the tax base.	Report
I must be really unlucky as my tax bill is 4x the average that is contained in this survey. Spending has to get under control	Report
I do not think I've ever benefited from such programs	Report
Provide services stop wasting money on feel good projects that do nothing for the greater tax player	Report
More advertising to events please	Report
Supporting special events Pride Festival, Multicultural Festival, and hosting the Monday Market in the Park	Report
A lot of duplication	Report
Increase housing, rmaintain business support, reduce everything else	Report
























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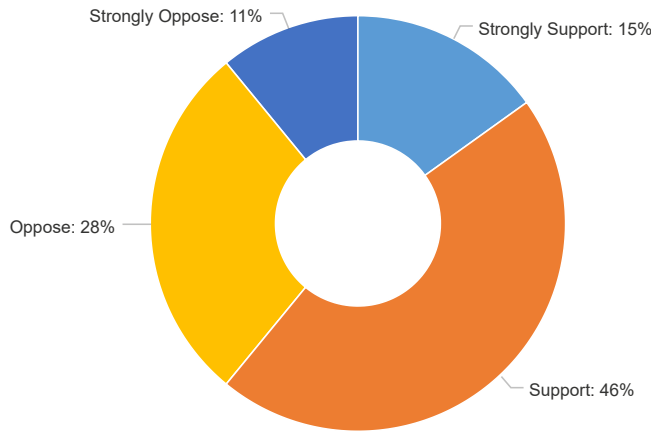
In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid \$68 in local municipal taxes to support the following programs: • \$56 for planning services, including zoning by-law amendments • \$12 for GISShould this service be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	30	<div style="width: 16%;"></div>	16%
Maintained	91	<div style="width: 47%;"></div>	47%
Reduced	30	<div style="width: 16%;"></div>	16%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	37	<div style="width: 19%;"></div>	19%
Does not matter to me	5	<div style="width: 3%;"></div>	3%

N 193

Please provide further comments.	Report
This group could be funded from the permits that they issue.	
Lots of planning, not enough action. I can understand developers hesitating due to our regressive growth initiatives.	
Can permit and planning fees collected not offset or cover costs for this work?	
With all that money and only 43 homes? We keep spending on getting lots ready and no one builds. They come in clear cut the trees and stop!	
why is there no really building going on here, every town around us has and is growing, Saugeen shores at least doubled, Goderich growing, Walkerton, Hanover growing, heck even Huron Kinloss is grow faster than Kincardine, last two areas had trees tore out in April 2022 and nothing even started like road or anything, kinda odd ? what about serviced property north of town , 4 years and now 1 house looks to be getting started.	
Help get building done quicker	
Why don't the fees cover this?	
Poor management in this area for sure. There is no way we've built \$64 million in a year. How many permits are stagnant. New houses means more taxes and maybe mine won't jump so drastically every year.	
Kincardine Building department has a reputation of being very difficult to work with - eliminating red tape should be our focus not just collecting fees & increasing requirements for permits	
I'd like to comment on the next question re: Asset Management. I think the question provided an opportunity to provide a link to the Asset Management Plan 2022 which would have given a ratepayer the opportunity to get more information. In line with this, a "Not Sure/Need More Information" option would have been useful.	
Until there is qualified staff than increase the budget	
More low income housing for those who cannot afford rent from landlords and those catering to Bruce power workers only. More housing for people who need it is crucial so there is no homelessness	
It would be nice to know what GIS means? I have personally seen developments recommended by Bruce County, having met all environmental, traffic, medium density needs turned down by our elected representatives only to face potential legal and financial liability. I am very concerned about the Smart Centres property being considered for a ten- 45 unit housing development surrounding a common parking lot out by Hwy 21. This would translate into approximately 1000 residents in a compressed area almost a ghettoization of one particular area which could result in additional costs to the community through lack of jobs and increased public unrest. I support affordable housing initiatives but it should be integrated within our community to normalize socialization.	
I know that some aspects of planning have been changed by recent provincial government decisions. we do still need sensible planning that balances a need for growth and the concerns of established residents	
GIS? Unsure of this acronym.	
There does not seem to be long term urban planning within the municipality.	
Stop needing engineering work to get normal jobs done so more can be accomplished	
Close governance should be utilized in approval of developments,	
There is definitely something wrong with MOK's Planning & Development services when Saugeen Shores is booming and MOK is standing still!!!!	
I would like to see this enhanced but with added development costs for developers with incentives for higher density development and affordable/accessible housing.	
Need more affordable housing	
I know more affordable housing is needed. We are losing our young people because they cannot afford to live here	
\$56 for planning services, including zoning by-law amendments • \$12 for GIS	

Property taxes in the Municipality of Kincardine, in part, allow the Municipality to spend money to renew infrastructure. Infrastructure means assets like roads, bridges, storm sewers, parks, recreation centers, arenas, libraries and other facilities. In the future, the Municipality may need additional funds to maintain its assets. Please indicate your level of support for the Municipality increasing property taxes to fund infrastructure renewal and construction?



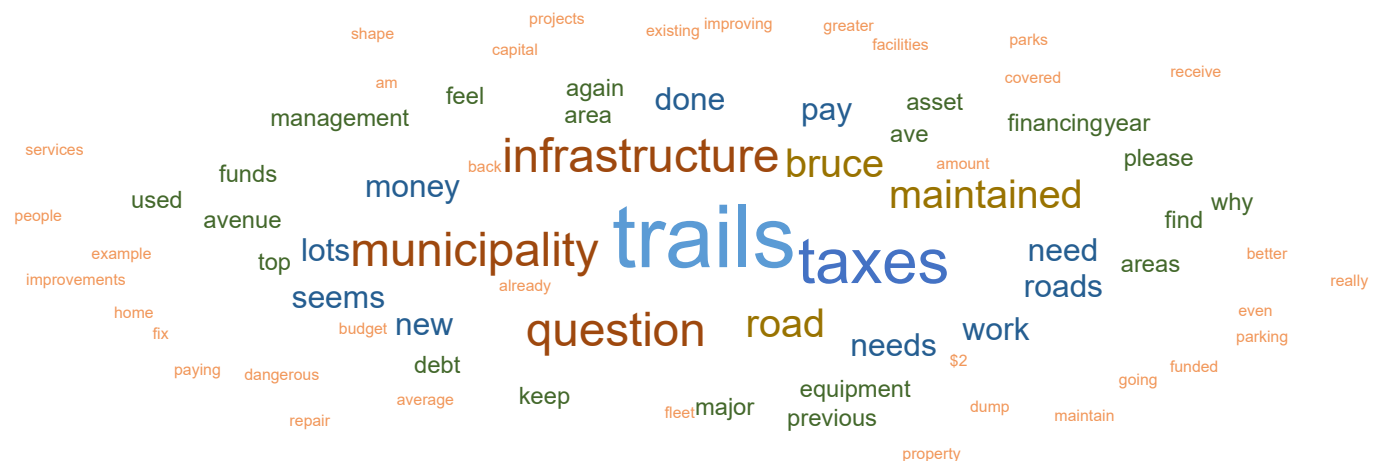
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In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid \$398 in municipal taxes to support infrastructure and capital investment, including contributions towards capital projects such as: Municipal facility upgrades, Road reconstruction, Fleet and Equipment, Trails, Fire Rescue vehicle. Should this investment be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	36	<div style="width: 19%;"></div>	19%
Maintained	108	<div style="width: 56%;"></div>	56%
Reduced	25	<div style="width: 13%;"></div>	13%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	22	<div style="width: 11%;"></div>	11%
Does not matter to me	1	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1%

N 192

Please provide further comments.



N 39

Please provide further comments.

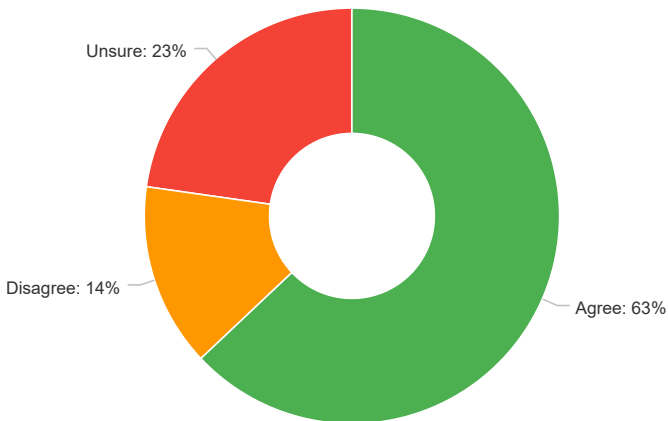
Please provide further comments.	Report
I understand the trails were not really maintained by the municipality this year and in some areas were dangerous to use.	✍
Too much is spent on facilities that should be self funded eg dog parks, volleyball courts, ice surfaces etc,	✍
This seems like double dipping? These were all covered in other sections? Why is there more on top of parks for trails, and more on top for fleet and fire equipment? Maybe the question was worded incorrectly but it seems unclear	✍
Back to my previous comment, the trails and parklands are in terrible shape. I used to take my dog to the creek in Helliwell park, and it hasn't even been mowed!!	✍
As long as the proper professionals are consulted when purchasing equipment	✍
Common theme here is trails. Lots of mention - vastly undermaintained.	✍
Remember the Municipality of Kincardine is not just downtown.	✍
There are roads in the MOK that are not usable during rain. That's unacceptable. Those issues (and the aging facilities) should be addressed before any new vehicles are purchased	✍
Again new does f150s are needed? Roads are a major concern. Concessions Bruce Ave. The patch work that was done on Huron Terrace	✍
\$2,560,732. To maintain and update our infrastructure VS \$2.6 Million for recreation and tourism. I think our infrastructure is critical to attracting new businesses.	✍
This (along with the previous question) should be funded by increased building permits similar to Saugeen Shores which has a levy which goes into a capital fund.	✍
Our trails aren't maintained properly. Our arena needs upgrading.	✍
Trails were not maintained well by staff - it would be better if volunteer groups could support endeavors again	✍
Fix Bruce Avenue please	✍
Our property taxes are three times the average amount and I do not feel our area is receiving anything of value for this. We have nothing that the average house doesn't have for the municipality to maintain.	✍
Unfortunately I feel the Municipality has fallen behind on improving our infrastructure. Lots of improvements need to be made. Bruce Ave is an example of year of neglect and now needs major work.	✍
What trail work was done?! Seriously your acting like you maintained the trails?!	✍
Funds spent paving parking lots like Tiny tots and the dump roads indicated that there seems to be lots of money in this budget.	✍
Why are there so many categories collecting money for the same things? And again what's happening with Bruce ave?	✍
Trails????? Really????	✍
Apply for more government grants	✍
need to keep improving but at what cost to the taxpayer ? can't keep taking from people that don't have the money to pay for food, look at trimming some higher wage staff? there has to be other ways to raise funds alot of people struggle to pay now and with interest rates it is going to get worse	✍
The municipality has to do a much better job of managing the tax dollars they already receive before looking at increasing taxes. Staffing for the Municipality is top heavy and not all are competent. Eliminate the deadwood/problems.	✍
nofunding for tourism. Have a parking fee for beaches in the area for non residents	✍
Find the funds in the existing taxes. Find the waste first before taking more from us.	✍
Kick the can down the road until we I prove the # of homes paying property taxes.	✍
This question seems to be somewhat a duplicate of the previous one on Asset Management. Id also like to make a comment here about the next question re: debt financing. The question implies that this debt financing is a short term arrangement, yet financing through Infrastructure Ontario does not provide the option to pay off the debt early. I would suggest that the question could have used a specific example.	✍
Ward 2 does not receive any infrastructure improvements...other than bridge on Concession 5 which is only being done to support the dump traffic from Ward 1...	✍
No ability to comment on last question regarding asset management, however, this is an area that needs greater focus/ efficiencies not greater taxes. It is a disgrace to see the mess at the end of Bruce Avenue and streets such as West street that in my opinion is one of the worst roads in town. Budgets for these areas have or should have been in place for decades. Developers pay for all roads and infrastructure in new developments therefore minimal change in existing infrastructure where a percentage of taxes are set aside for major repairs and/or capital improvements	✍
as a home owner I am faced with decisions to prioritize home improvement and maintenance projects in response to rising costs. municipality should do the same. raising my taxes and going ahead on projects as if money grows on trees only puts me in an even more difficult position	✍

Please provide further comments.	Report
When I say this investment should be enhanced, I do not believe we should be paying more. I do not feel this is being prioritized appropriately. From what I can tell, trails have been completely neglected and had always been maintained by a group of volunteers anyways. Fleet and equipment was covered under a separate budget in the survey and I am unclear on what facility upgrades we are referring to. What I do know is that when speaking of road reconstruction we have clearly not thought out Bruce avenue and the amount of traffic that is currently using a road that is more dangerous than before it was torn up. Continuing to try to put a "bandaid" on the problem is embarrassing. The road needs a permanent fix now.	✎
These are all included in other fees already described	✎
Trail upkeep is a big issue right now, it looks like there hadn't been any work done on the trails this summer	✎
Trails need to be maintained and not spending 120,000 on sprinklers for ball diamond	✎
Trails need work and are in bad shape, our pool needs attention! Please upgrade! Please decide and finally do something for the new senior school!	✎
When a road is dug up for repair in the winter is it unreasonable to have the town repair the road?	✎
Only hard services should be considered in the asset management plan. Nice to have soft services will have to cut back.	✎
WHY • Trails	✎
With what we pay in taxes I think the municipality need to find ways to keep taxes as they are. Is money in all areas used every year?	✎

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As per the Municipality's fiscal strategy, debt financing may be used by the Municipality to manage the timing difference between when a capital project is built and when the funding for the project is received. Do you agree or disagree that the Municipality should continue to use debt wisely over the long-term?



N 189

Which one item or project would you like to see addressed in the Municipality of Kincardine's 2024 budget?	Report
housing. I'm not sure if funding is required, or if a re-alignment of resources is more appropriate. Make sure that any developers interested in building new homes/apartments/condos in the MOK wait less time to hear back (and get support from our staff) so that it's known that building in the MOK is easier than building in another community. Make it easy for private enterprise to help us address our biggest problem. Also, the davidson centre is falling apart. We need to start planning for a replacement.	↗
Selling the municipal airport.	↗
Hospital revitalization, Housing crisis	↗
Open the reuse centre	↗
Maybe the employees should take a cut in pay and live like the Rey of us that have to live with little pay and try to afford housing and groceries	↗
Better road maintenance	↗
trails pool enhancements support for low income families	↗
Ball Diamond upgrades Concession roads long term plan for paving Management salaries wages and wage increase explained. Perhaps even a breakdown of what their roles and responsibilities are would help Bruce Telecom breakdown of management's salaries, expenses along with the long term plan. As a township member the infrastructure of Bruce Telecom is beyond repair. Failure to apply for rural grants has left us behind in a world of technology. Yet board members are making large salaries and are not members of our community. They don't have a vested interest in making it better which is very upsetting	↗
Assist with more affordable housing for lower wage earners & seniors	↗
Excessive upper tier staffing, particularly in the areas not supporting residents and taxpayer and the upkeep of our home. The 2 months of the year that our money is thrown at (July & Aug), does not support the long term growth of our community. The numbers I have used are the ones given for taxpayers 6,434 X the average taxpayer payment in each category.	↗
Improved recreational services (Pool, Ice, tennis courts, beach amenities, and parks.	↗
New pool	↗
Introduce a green box (compost) program. Work with developers to build smaller, affordable homes in our municipality.	↗
Accessibility and inclusion	↗
1) Getting rid of municipal assets such as airport and marina or at least having those items break even or have a profit. The average citizen should not be paying for the elite to use these. 2) remove barriers and indecision around new housing. The current projects have gone through the ringer to get started (eg repeated traffic studies or other barriers). 3) add premium to building permits to build capital fund. The greater number of homes should offset the need for upgraded services. Saugeen Shores has done this with great success.	↗
0% tax increase	↗
The wages upper management is paid and what exactly they do. Their wages have increased significantly and that state of our town has decreased significantly. Some investigating needs to be done!	↗
Sidewalks on every street	↗
Arena upgrade	↗
Bruce Ave re-paving	↗
Sell arts center ir reduce funding. Larfe drain for a select group.	↗
Doctor recruitment needs to spend more	↗
A better preventive and regular maintenance of the sewer systems and water systems, especially in light of the new Master Plan.	↗
Playground upgrades in the Kinhuron neighborhood.	↗
Affordable Housing and Affordable Shopping. Even No Frills prices are increased from being located in Kincardine. Everything costs more and while affordable housing is greatly needed, we can work on other areas that are easier and more attainable in the short term and near future.	↗
Downtown enhancement for retail, condo living and other business. Encourage development of a downtown grocery shopping center for those living downtown Forcing thru penalties of property owners who own empty properties to develop the properties that they acquire to proceed on development of the property to enhance the appearance and prosperity of the downtown area. The planned developments on Hwy 21 are good however it should not negatively impair traffic flow on Hwy 21. Roundabouts vs traffic lights are the way to go and consideration of over/under pass for Durham/Kincardine Ave should be considered. Want to avoid another Port Elgin traffic mess on Hwy 21. Consider fines/penalties for property owners not maintaining the appearance of their properties - standards should be met and public aware of those standards.	↗
Bruce Ave, it is absolutely ridiculous that this road has not been fixed. It is unsafe and un-driveable. The wear on my vehicle is unreal, my mechanic bill should be going to the town to be paid by them. The amount of money we spend in taxes and this road has not been addressed is unacceptable. Needs to be fixed asap.	↗
Re paving of Bruce Ave and ball diamond enhancement project	↗

Which one item or project would you like to see addressed in the Municipality of Kincardine's 2024 budget?	Report
Wieck Avenue	
Bruce Avenue repair	
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Bruce ave repaving Stop increasing property taxes Reduce bag tags back to 2.50 or get rid of them completely	

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