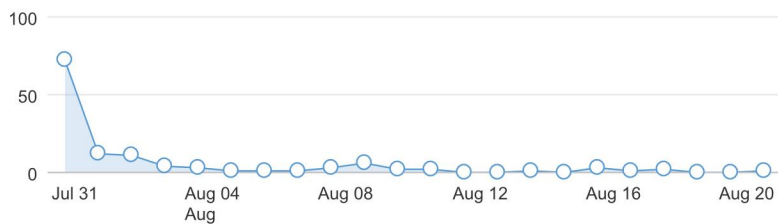
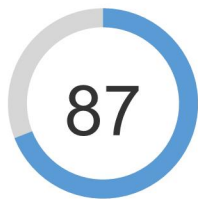


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Respondents

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Response timeline



N 126

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

	Count	% of responses	%
Ward 1	75	<div style="width: 60%;"></div>	60%
Ward 2	32	<div style="width: 25%;"></div>	25%
Ward 3	12	<div style="width: 10%;"></div>	10%
Other (e.g. non-resident local business owner)	7	<div style="width: 6%;"></div>	6%

N 126

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)	77	<div style="width: 66%;"></div>	66%
Municipality of Kincardine Facebook page	70	<div style="width: 60%;"></div>	60%
Municipal Webpage: www.kincardine.ca	49	<div style="width: 42%;"></div>	42%
e-newsletter	39	<div style="width: 33%;"></div>	33%
Council meetings	35	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>	30%
Other (please specify)	3	<div style="width: 3%;"></div>	3%






N 117

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
Would like MoK to set up an RSS feed for updates	Report
Text message	Report
News	Report






















N 3

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	1		1%
Good	20		19%
Fair	45		42%
Poor	36		33%
Unsure	6		6%

N 108

Please provide further comments.

Please provide further comments.	Report
Not enough investment into the rural areas of the municipality. Too much focus on Kincardine and drawing tourism. Tiverton seems to be an after thought.	
Too many dollars spent on consultants	
I find garbage and record below my expectations for the amount of taxes and bag tag cost.	
Our street and many others need repair. The beauty of our town has faded greatly.	
Municipality allows shoddy work (Main Street), uses too many consultants, fails to consult ratepayers (planters on Main Street too large), parks are a mess, too much unproductive high-paid help.	
I should have to pay to have my garbage picked up, especially when I need to drive my cardboard to the dump	
You've bent over to pick up the Pennie's and dropped the dollars. Gouging residents for things like garbage bag tags and you've downgraded other end uses fees - shame on this term Glover did much better!	
I continue to see lack of investment in our municipality. For example. Bruce ave extension, lack of maintenance of flowers and grass, state of the track	
-to much of our tax dollars go into MoK employee wages	
We pay way more for property taxes at our location	
The town is clean and well maintained	
We live in the forgotten area of the municipality.	
Road infrastructure needs to be greatly expanded. The situation turning onto highway 21 from Russel street should have been fixed years ago. The entire road infrastructure at Broadway street and highway 21 is a complete mess particularly around McDonald's and shopper's drug mart. Cardboard should also be picked up with the recycling. Composting services should be included as well with garbage pickup. Housing development fees should be decreased and the permitting process should be streamlined to the greatest extent possible to encourage as much new building as possible. As a resident, my number one priority is seeing more new single family housing construction in Kincardine. A review of the regulatory and permit process for new housing construction should be undertaken to get rid of any unnecessary regulation, permits and other red tape.	
We're rural and our services are limited to roads, garbage/recycling and fire.	
We are overtaxed and get nothing for it.	
I have no children. How much school board you pay should be based on how many children you have	
Many but not all essential services are being provided. Gross misuse of funds are spent on things municipal government should not be involved in.	
Our taxes are over double the average and roads around us are falling apart	
A lot of programs are good, but we spend too much on road maintenance and policing. Would like to see those reduced in favour of more pedestrian infrastructure and community programs.	
No municipal services (other than garbage - which we still have to buy bag tags!!) Why are my taxes as high as the neighbours who has services??	
Massive waste, complete lack of services for money paid	

Please provide further comments.	Report
Ward 2 residents get 0 value considering Kincardine is getting windmill money off our backs..we need yellow lines repainted on our roads	✉
snow removal is great. upkeep of roads varies - some good, some full of potholes. recycling leaves a lot to be desired. endless surveys/consultation with expert by council is a huge waste of money. tiverton is generally treated like an afterthought	✉
Roads are falling apart. Would like to see money spent on actual things that need fixing. The beach and Victoria park are fine.	✉
Investment in municipal facilities is needed. The Davidson Centre offers fantastic programs but the facility needs updating. The pool area is very old and the staff clean the change rooms but they look dirty because the tile is so old and stained. We can do better with a new facility.	✉
To be honest, I'm not sure what we're getting for our tax dollars. We had a trail put behind our home a few years ago, I don't know how much it cost the tax payers, however, it doesn't get used much at all anymore due to the fact that it's not being maintained properly and it is getting overgrown in some areas. The worst part being is that taken over by poison ivy. I had mentioned the poison ivy issue when they were looking at where the path should go. I also complained about the poison ivy two years ago. The town solution was to put up a sign to warn people of it. This is not a solution, it needs to be dealt with properly. Every year it gets worse and every year it gets closer to my property.	✉
Beaches, boardwalk and washrooms look terrible.	✉
I live in Tiverton and definitely feel we are receiving less than we should	✉
The consistent hiring of consultants to make decisions that council is more than capable of making is A inefficient use of taxpayer money	✉
We pay much more, yet continue to deal with the poor condition of Bruce Ave.	✉
Stanley Street Inverhuron needs work, reported and nothing done.	✉
Our taxes are going up and the maintenance and care of our town is going down. I don't mind if our taxes go up, if I can see where it's being used. Sadly it's going to too much upper management in this town that are not making good decisions to improve our town.	✉
Roads and bridges are a mess. Plowing and street cleaning is abysmal. Basic needs are not being met.	✉
I think there has been some wasteful spending and would like to see our tax dollars being spent in wiser ways such as updating infrastructure, etc.	✉

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N 34

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	18	<div style="width: 17%;"></div>	17%
Maintained	39	<div style="width: 37%;"></div>	37%
Reduced	24	<div style="width: 23%;"></div>	23%
Not sure/need more information before deciding	18	<div style="width: 17%;"></div>	17%
Does not matter to me	6	<div style="width: 6%;"></div>	6%

N 105

Please provide further comments.











Please provide further comments.	Report
Separate officers to double the area covered	🔗
Council passes bylaws but few are enforced which makes a mockery of the town	🔗
Community resource officers should be back in schools as well. Stupid current term of council with these cuts last year, again picking up Pennie's and dropping dollars	🔗
Bi-law officer went and issued Parking tickets at 2am on Christmas Eve when there was no snow. Where is the common sense and or empathy for the holidays. Other occasions bi law officer just cruising around town.	🔗
More bylaw enforcement is needed	🔗
I see pairs of bylaw officers walking a circuit around town nearly every day, presumably looking for people to ticket? This disproportionately affects the people on their little walking route. Seems like they could be doing something more useful.	🔗
This service does not apply to us we don't live in the town of Kincardine— we are the last road in the municipality and most people don't know we are apart of the municipality	🔗
Reduced to the greatest extent possible.	🔗
Massive amount of traffic infractions (bylaw) witnessed daily	🔗
In 18 years, i have asked for one bylaw to be enforced. No action was taken.	🔗
We should reduce the amount we spend on bylaw for property standards enforcement. Waste of money to be measuring people's grass.	🔗
140 dollars x 12 000 residents is almost 1.7 million dollars. For corporate services is insane.	🔗
We DO NOT have a by law officer on staff. It is a company out of Owen Sound...this is horrible for a larger municipipty. Other (smaller) municipalities have their on staff by law officer!!	🔗
We seem to be getting more "managerial" positions and fewer "ground floor" workers. We are "over managed".	🔗
How is bylaw not self sustaining? Ticket the people at the beach? Charge for parking!	🔗
enhance by making more efficient. area is growing so of course there will be building permits to issue etc but for many of us the cost of living is getting way out of hand and increases in taxes would cause hardship	🔗
Smaller government. Look at using modern tech like AI to automate the mundane and trim the fat so to speak	🔗
What were the by-law tickets issued for? Parking, noise complaints, unkept properties?	🔗
I haven't seen the bylaw officers actually do anything. Just walk around	🔗
By law is sub par at best. Nothing is done, they walk around in pairs and don't address issues	🔗
If bylaw is not sustaining or nearly sustaining its self with ticket and infraction revenues then they should be reduced.	🔗
I need more information/data on the outcomes of the By-law officers. I see them walking around, but unsure of the purpose and the good they are doing.	🔗

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	20		20%
Maintained	68		67%
Reduced	1		1%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	12		12%
Does not matter to me	1		1%





N 102

Please provide further comments.

Please provide further comments.	Report
With the potential population growth these calls are only going to increase. Consider enhancing this resource	
Paisley services a portion of Kincardine; consider including Paisley's stats for comparison.	
I'm not sure why we need a chaplain? Maybe I'm misunderstanding what that job is...	
(I believe we are contracted to paisley fire department)	
With emergency rooms closing, ems demand will rise	
again make efficiency the first choice not just increasing taxes	
Unless the town starts to grow.. the service is fine as is	
Depends if they need to add more equipment or hire another paid firefighter	
Our fire and emergency services give a lot of time to their community being on call 24/7 they should be compensated accordingly	
This is an essential service, and the need will only increase with new residents. Better to be prepared.	
































N 10

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	18		18%
Maintained	56		56%
Reduced	13		13%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	13		13%
Does not matter to me	0		

N 100

Please provide further comments.






















Please provide further comments.	Report
Please provide more support for the rural areas. Road in Tiverton neighbourhoods are degrading and there has been very little maintenance observed.	
why 24 pick ups????	
Roads are fine.	
Seems to me that things could be run more efficiently	
Don't forget about the country roads and bridges. Kincardine proper isn't you largest base of the community. Don't forget rural folks	
Not sure if grass cutting and general maintenance is included here. I have seen a lack of maintenance in these areas. Ie the new walk way in between Kincardine ave and park st. A lot of money put into making the path last year and it was over run with weeds early July.	
Sell the airport and cemeteries.	
The road maintenance is poor. To many roads have been neglected leading to major issues such as Bruce Ave.	
Some of our road are terrible	
Many local roads are terrible	
Fix Bruce ave	
The roads are well maintained	
Concession 12 is crumbling and needs repair. Other than culvert replacement, very little attention is given to maintenance (other than snow removal). This road a component of the cycle route I thought. Would like to know the resurfacing plan.	
Sell the airport.	
Looking forward to Bruce Ave being paved.	
Low density sprawl is costing us too much. Developers are turning over subdivisions which we're going to be burdened with for decades. Please prioritize pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and denser subdivisions.	
Snow removal always damages my front lawn, and also leaves a big pile at the end of my driveway. The foot bridge in town near the highschool has been closed for months. Will it be fixed by September?	
That is a lot of vehicles, the question lumps that with maintenance. I think the vehicle count is too high and should be reduced	
Stop wasting our money on paving and replaving everything.	
Why are 24 pickup trucks needed? That is excessive! Need to reduce fleet..	
again strive for efficiency. one question - why are tax dollars supporting the airport which really only benefits a select few. most lower and middle income taxpayers could never dream of owning an airplane or even traveling	
Not sure what benefit most residents get from the airport	
We should be building more infrastrucure and getting more homes and businesses in town	
Enhanced for areas outside of kincardine	
Less management more funds for workers and equipment	
Reduce pick up trucks. I am a fleet coordinator for a major utility, these trucks are not necessary, they should be driven according to a standard and no speeding especially in residential area near Bruce Ave.	
Municipality seems to have a large number of pick up trucks which are replaced very early at a very high price tag. Other municipalities such as Saugeen shores do not seem to run such large and new fleets.	
I don't believe tax payers should be funding the airport. Let those that use the airport pay to maintain operations.	
How many town employees get trucks? 24 pick up trucks seems like a lot. What are they all used for?!	
The roads, bridges and basic infrastructure should be prioritized. Increased population, increased need for maintenance. Please step this up. The Municipality of Kincardine is more than just the downtown.	
More sidewalks and bike lanes needed. Especially helping people get to stores and areas being built at highway since they are where many teens work and lower income seniors/people can shop.	

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	31		31%
Maintained	50		50%
Reduced	12		12%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	7		7%
Does not matter to me	0		

N 100

Please provide further comments.





Please provide further comments.	Report
Reduce the price of bag tags as it is cheaper to drive to the landfill and pay the tipping fee than it is to use bag tags. Bag tags are a financial burden for those who cannot afford to drive to the landfill site.	
Bring back the reuse building, it's wasteful not to have it and it would keep usable items out of the landfill prolonging its life. Also a great spot for lower income people to get useful items	
I find recycling is not adequate. More needs to be invested to get more pick up occurring. Weekly.	
Having to buy bag tags for my garbage and recycle my own cardboard is crazy when I pay taxes towards this. There is also no "big garbage" pick up day or lawn clipping day. I have to pay to dispose of these items. It would be nice to have a full garbage and recycling program	
The cost of bag tags, especially considering our recycling options are so strict, is ridiculous	
Enhanced for community by way of lower fees for garbage especially. This is a Bill Stewart dumb dumb move by he's the lead for downloading fees to the community. Stupid	
Have the dump open during times people who work can use it. Improve garbage pick up so that I can actually fill a a bag without the garbage employee leaving it on my curb.	
Bag tags are way too expensive	
Cardboard and compostable materials should be taken with the recycling.	
Should have compost garbage with bins supplied, like many other municipalities	
Do not keep reducing the level of service. We went from getting 26 free tags per year and having a landfill in Ward 3. Now i have to drive to pay \$3.50 per bag and drive to Armow for landfill access.	
Remove bag tag fees	
Would like to see a community composting program to divert organic wastes	
3.50 is too much for bag tags especially considering recycle wont even take pizza boxes/corrugated cardboard and limited plastics. Would love the reuse ce tre to be opened up again to divert less garbage from landfill.	
Our recycling program is aboulutely horrible. Bring cardboard pick up to driveways like other communities! And much more!!	
Composting and enhancements to recycling please	
Enhanced to include the cost of bags, so that we no longer need to purchase tags	
Ditch the electronic composters, develop a proper compost program.	
find efficiency. improve recycling. bring back re use centre - maybe volunteers could help including students looking for volunteer hours. do not increase bag tag prices again. without good recycling options an increase will force people to dump illegallys	
The cost of bag tags is outrageous, and you do not even pick up certain recyclables.	
Include the price of bag tags in taxes	

Please provide further comments.	Report
This is my top stress as a kincardine resident. More access to curbside large item and yard waste removal	↗
Could we reduce the amount of waste if people we able to compost? Why do we not have green bin pick up in Kincardine. Is it because of the wild life in the area?	↗
Enhance the cost so 1 bag of garbage is free and does not require a tag or introduce a green bin program. Include corrugated cardboard in the recycling program. Enhance a yard waste program throughout the whole year.	↗
3.50 bag tags is a money grab by the municipality.	↗
Anything more than maintaining the amount after cutting the free bag tags to maintain a low tax base increase would be a slap in the face	↗
We are the highest amount for bag tags in a 200 km radius. Lower them to what they were	↗
The cost of bag tags is getting ridiculous	↗
The dump hours need to be either increased or changed to include evening hours. It is frustrating as a working individual that it is almost impossible to get to the dump. As well, I still don't understand the decision to close the reuse tent and believe it should be revisited.	↗
Better recycling - and maybe green bins.	↗

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N 30

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	34		35%
Maintained	41		42%
Reduced	13		13%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	10		10%
Does not matter to me	0		

N 98

Please provide further comments.

Please provide further comments.	Report
To many over paid supervisors and not enough people to do the actual work that is needed to be done	↗
Consider running more programs out of the Tiverton fields.	↗
The local diamonds are absolutely terrible and it seems no money is ever used to maintain them, for the exception of grass cutting. Same fences and lights for 30 years, poor drainage, no infield maintenance and this leads to people getting hurt. Lights were said to be replaced but the same 4 lights have been out for years and are not properly aligned, this will cause someone to be seriously hurt. Seems that the ball diamonds are the lowest priority, meanwhile Ripley diamonds are wonderfully maintained, yet Kincardine can't be bothered? Port Elgin has a wonderful facility I, but Kincardine is trash in comparison. What does Kincardine do with all the league fees for youth and adult ball programs? Because as a tax payer and supporter for baseball & Adult Softball, i have seen zero effort put in. The upgrades to the benches were donated, so that doesn't count. Get an actual maintenance team for the infield and bring in clay to help with drainage and overall look.	↗
Please provide some dedicated pickleball facility	↗
We need another ice pad to accommodate the growing population	↗
Baseball diamonds need work and the one in tiverton and legion diamonds need care.	↗
These assets are the cornerstones of the community and should be to priority to maintain - must have appropriate budget to do so!	↗
More public/family swim times	↗
This community is full of recreational possibilities. Maintaining them is the issue. Much work is also done by volunteers in this community. Is council truly aware of that? What savings does that bring to the municipality?	↗

Please provide further comments.	Report
We're good here for another year for most except beach and roads. Roads are more in need than community centre. Doctors can pay more rent and forget recruitment that's a joke so far only replacements no new so wasted dollars	✍
Remove having someone be paid to sit at the entrance of the Davidson centre.	✍
Niche services need to pay for themselves or be eliminated.	✍
The medical center should not be paid for by the taxpayer	✍
Doing a poor job at this	✍
Ball parks are in horrible shape. Need more ice surfaces. The town hasn't changed I. 40 years. More services are needed for growing populations.	✍
The membership costs of the gym in the Davidson Centre are too high and out of line with fair/reasonable costs of a municipally-owned, community centre gym	✍
All sports fields should be maintained by the money coming in from them. Registrations are high for sports in our town. Lower them and bring more families in! Many people go outside of our municipality as it is cheaper and better fields ect.	✍
Would like to see these facilities updated!	✍
We should absolutely not have a splash pad at Victoria Park.	✍
This is an extremely high cost for the poor quality of maintenance performed.	✍
Add garbage pails to all parks/olaygrounds	✍
I think these are areas people take pride in and have a very direct benefit. Potentially can rely more on volunteers to help maintain and cut budget	✍
Beach should be combed like other areas and the grasses are taking over the beach and also growing into the boardwalk.	✍
There is a perfectly good boat launch that is accessible, but the beighbour has put rocks in front of the path for zero access. Our councillor was informed of this but like always...nothing was done about it!	✍
I am assuming fees charge for usage of these is on top of the tax of 414 dollars	✍
This town is growing. It's time the municipality "get off the pot", we need more and better rec facilities. Stop hiring companies from the city that don't have the slightest idea what we need. Stop wasting our money and use it properly.	✍
You are also responsible for many flower beds throughout which used to be done by volunteers and now are not being done at all!	✍
find efficiencies. consider improvements in tiverton. aside from the splash pad fund raised by the lions club we see no improvements here	✍
Investment in facilities is needed. Building on waterfront safety program is needed.	✍
Why are we building a skatepark. A very small percentage of the community would ever use it. It is also an accident waiting to happen, what would the liability issues be? Personally I think a 10 pin bowling alley would be a much better option and used by many more people all year round. I also think a Ninja climbing and activity centre would be great to keep kids, teens and young adults fit and out of mischief all year round.	✍
More user pay	✍
I haven't seen any maintenance ever done on the skatepark and this feels like a false statement, how much money has been spent on skate park maintenance?	✍
Our community space could be better and more available and accessible to the community	✍
Maintenance of these facilities needs to be improved.	✍
Money MUST be put into the pool and change rooms. Area needs to be refreshed and brought up to today's standards.	✍
We have great facilities and feel they need to be enhanced to attract young families and build longevity through community event for our senior population.	✍
Once all basic needs are met, look to recreation. Infrastructure should be prioritized over volleyball or even playgrounds. The Municipality has its priorities out of place, with recreation eating up an unbelievable amount of the budget compared to essential services.	✍
Do we need 35 parks and 21 playgrounds and a 2nd splash pad? I think in these tough economic times that these things should be scaled back.	✍
More naturalized spaces in parks. Better basic maintenance - maybe recruit more volunteers? More activities for teens. Please keep investing in the trails, they are vital for residents mental health!!!!	✍

In 2023, the average Municipality of Kincardine homeowner paid \$31 in local municipal taxes to support Health Services, including Physician Recruitment. Should this service be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	39		40%
Maintained	37		38%
Reduced	9		9%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	12		12%
Does not matter to me	1		1%

N 98

Please provide further comments.

Please provide further comments.	Report
We need more doctors	
More access to OHIP based physiotherapy	
Doctors and nurses do not want to come here...population isn't big enough.	
The are not enough hospital staff including both nurses and doctors at the hospital. Wait times are very long. There is also no family doctor taking patients. I have been without a family doctor for over 5 years. No one is willing to accept new patients.	
Way to go on signing new doctors this year. Keep it up!	
Docs should pay rent that's in line with rest of community. Closer to \$1000 a month. Forget the recruitment they're only replacing the old and if Kincardine wasn't so expensive and could attract business perhaps docs would come on their own. Well and the currents doc team is a huge deterrent to others - just go ask around Kincardine docs are known to be toxic especially some of the younger newer ones who try to control where the funds go	
This should not be paid for it by the community	
I don't have any dr here why am I paying for it	
There are constant complaints about the availability of doctors. This should be prioritised above building more subdivisions (i.e. exacerbating the problem)	
I have left the municipality for a doctor as mine was set to leave and didn't have a replacement until after I was taken on by my partners doctor in port! The service is exceptional there, someone always answers my calls, I get my children in same day so I don't have to sit in emerge for 3-6 hours	
We need more physicians to stay	
Need more doctors	
More doctors needed! 3 months to wait for an appt with your family dr is ridiculous!	
Access to healthcare is so important please help fix this	
doesn't seem like there is much progress being made if you are looking on from the position of a person without a local family doctor. lots of talk. not much action	
The need for doctors is huge. Most people that live here do not have one.	
More doctors, more nurses, more practitioners in general please.	
Health care is one of the most important requirements of any community	
Not a municipal responsibility.	
Do better	
This program is ridiculously underfunded. People need doctors, and they need them to stay here. The hospital might have a new wing, but the old one is held together by tape. Do better with basic services, please.	
We spend 20% on community services (recreation) but only spend 1.6% on health services. This is clearly ridiculous and needs to be addressed. We need much more investment in health services and are depending on charity to make up shortfalls in our health services. Please seriously address this issue.	

Please provide further comments.	Report
I understand Physician Recruitment, but I feel this is being downloaded form the Province and the Province should be paying to get Physicians where they are needed, not have municipalities fight against each other.	Report
Province needs to step up - this is not municipal responsibility.	Report

N 24

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	9	<div style="width: 9%;"></div>	9%
Maintained	41	<div style="width: 42%;"></div>	42%
Reduced	36	<div style="width: 37%;"></div>	37%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	11	<div style="width: 11%;"></div>	11%
Does not matter to me	0		

N 97

Please provide further comments.






Please provide further comments.	Report
When do strait people get (day - week -month) like Pride people do	Report
A lot of these initiatives should be cut back. Enough of the DEI stuff, it's a waste of money and with the way inflation has impacted the community these should be scrutinized to provide savings to the tax payers.	Report
Most events are better run by volunteers	Report
The Canada Day parade this year was sad. There was no local participation. There needs to be more business come to town as there are vacant buildings downtown. Kincardine also needs to bring amenities for the locals who live here all year. Another grocery store is required. When shopping on weekend at no frills and Sobeyes there are bare shelves.	Report
The only thing I'd focus on would be attracting new business. The [REDACTED] under the deputy Mayor have more than drained the pot and divided the town cause in their view idea is only for blacks	Report
Kincardine is behind all of our neighbouring towns in attracting businesses. Would like to see/hear what strategic initiatives has actually done rather than a list of things what they are supposed to do	Report
Most of this division is pure fluff that does nothing for local residents. Can you imagine knocking on a residents door and asking them for even \$2 to support a journey to reconciliation? Please try, hope you handle rejection well. Cutting taxes by 4% would do more for economic development than anything this spending could possibly do.	Report
There are enough volunteers in community to cover many of these efforts.	Report
Let the nuclear companies pay for that stuff. That's their business.	Report
Businesses will come to the community if their employees have places to live, infrastructure that can support the business (roads that can handle the volume of traffic), a customer base to sell goods or services to (customer base could be attracted by affordable places to live) and if red tape is reduced as much as possible. Adding more people to the strategic initiatives unit by itself won't increase housing supply. Removing development fees, permits, and red tape will go much further to attracting housing development. The phrase "working on actions to improve housing supply" is a strange way to view the mission of building more houses. Are they improving the supply or not? What does "working on actions" mean?	Report
Canada Day and Remembrance Day need more money. Build stuff for the kids in town	Report
We don't need outside people to tell us where to put second monument	Report
This is one of the largest wastes of money in the municipality.	Report
We need better shopping ie Walmart, giant tiger, winners. Somewhere you can go for a one stop shop without having to go out of town	Report
The business owners and the nuclear industry have their own money. This funding should be diverted into community programs instead.	Report

Please provide further comments.	Report
12 000 people x 100 is 1.2 million for these services. Social media/Ontario hidem gems already promoting Kincardine quite a bit. Housing for lower incomes needs much improvement.	Report
Less fireworks and bylaw officer should be fining those who dont follow the firework by law!!!	Report
Fix and upkeep the town infrastructure first	Report
You give a very wide range of what is included in this portion of taxes. Some should be removed, some reduced, some increased. So cannot give a definitive answer	Report
Too much money spent on consultants!!!	Report
not getting much bang for our buck here. surveys done. lots of talk by a select few. no progress on essential things like AFFORDABLE housing	Report
More money needs to be sent at ensuring what we already have is in good condition. While some of the stuff above is needed, there is a lot that isn't.	Report
This seems like a bunch of BS. Tbis entire department should be scrapped. Most of those things should be taken on by private companies.	Report
Too many tax dollars spent in this area.	Report
Tax dollars should not be wasted on hosting training events related to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access. These events should be paid for and hosted by private organizations.	Report
About business attraction, I have recently talked with a couple new business owners that said the municipality is nothing but a pain in the butt, not helpful. But you go to surrounding municipalities and they are so helpful to new businesses. And you wonder why our downtown is being taken over by contractors and not stores people can shop in. It's sad.	Report
Again, the Municipality of Kincardine has lost the plot. Please prioritize basic infrastructure and health care before movie night. The new Tourism set up is a joke; they are never in the office when I try to stop in, and I live here.	Report
Every year there are more events in our municipality. We need to scale back what is being spent on these activities and invest it into health services.	Report
What about a MAT or paid parking at beaches to help pay for tourism initiatives? Short term rentals are killing housing stock so anything that can help regulate or at least get some of the revenue to redirect to low income housing has to be done or tourism industry will die because no workers can afford to live here!	Report

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N 29

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 GIS Should this service be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	11		11%
Maintained	38		40%
Reduced	24		25%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	21		22%
Does not matter to me	2		2%





N 96

Please provide further comments.

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Put that cost on the developers.	🔗
This service should be cost recovery, with zero impact to the levy.	🔗
If more homes are being built the infrastructure to support more people coming to kincardine needs to be developed. More nurses, doctors, and additional medical staff. Another grocery store is an absolute must.	🔗
Can contractors or builders pay most or some of these fees?	🔗
What is the municipality doing to attract more builders/developed. I have heard the town has been difficult to deal with.	🔗
Few should come from the cost for permits etc that company/person pays.	🔗
The ones doing the building should do the paying	🔗
Idc	🔗
Reduced as much as possible. Consider shutting this down entirely. 40 million dollars to grant permission to 29 "residential units" and issue 248 building permits? Unbelievable. This is the greatest barrier to affordable housing. Remove the permits, fees and red tape. Let home builders build so the next generation can have half a chance at living in this community.	🔗
What is 'GIS'?	🔗
Should be self funding	🔗
This department should be self sustaining	🔗
Doesn't do anything for Ward 2 residents	🔗
again strive for efficiency. of course building permits need to be issued but when there is a lot of growth the existing tax payers carry the burden until projects are completed and start contributing equally to the tax base	🔗
Why does this area have such a bad reputation to work with for development	🔗
These people seem like they didnt do much. Pay them less. Or get more competent people.It shouldnt be a key point that you supported the creation of 29 residential units in a year where there is a housing crisis. Pay them less.	🔗
What is GIS	🔗
Eliminate the gate keepers that prevent homes from being built. Reduce the amount of bureaucracy required for a building permit	🔗
More of the planning and zoning should be covered by the fees of these permits the same as they should be covering more of the infrastructure upgrades for said new building	🔗
If staff need more budget, please give them more. This is an essential part of the successful operation of the Municipality.	🔗
Consensus seems to be our town is difficult to work with for building - why? We need to grow - and all kinds of housing, not just big McMansions	🔗





N 21

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?

	Count	% of responses	%
Strongly Support	18		20%
Support	41		45%
Oppose	23		25%
Strongly Oppose	10		11%

N 92

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:• Municipal facility upgrades• Road reconstruction• Fleet and Equipment• Trails• Fire Rescue vehicleShould this investment be:

	Count	% of responses	%
Enhanced	10		11%
Maintained	55		60%
Reduced	17		19%
Not sure/need to know more before deciding	9		10%
Does not matter to me	0		

N 91

Please provide further comments.

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How about we get that new school sorted out instead of forcing our kids into portables?	Report
Fix Bruce Ave, it was promised to be fixed in the Spring. So much money wasted in putting new gravel down.	Report
If money was managed properly it wouldn't need to be increased. Stop picking up Pennie's and dropping dollars. Do better, the staff needs to educate the council cause they aren't to educated most of them - on business anyways	Report
Budget seems very off. Town looks in shambles	Report
An ice resurfacer, for example, should be paid for by ice rental time.	Report
Probably the most important thing government should do is take care of our infrastructure.	Report
We need to be better at maintaining what we have so that it last longer! The one tap in the Tiverton arena has been leaking for 3 years!!!!!!!	Report
Curious as to why the comment box was not available for the infrastructure question!	Report
If we see more growth and infrastructure	Report
Spend less on mowers. We don't need nearly as much manicured lawns in town as we have. Would like to see capital investment in pedestrian and bike infrastructure.	Report
Havent noticed any renovations in washrooms library is old and outdated, bruce ave still not paved, and ive seen neighbourhoods raising their own money for playgrounds...	Report
Ward 2 sees none of our taxes paid...where is the upkeep of our roads? Need middle lines on our roads which is a safety issue!!	Report
do essential repairs. skip the pretty stuff, nice to have pipe dreams	Report
Little or no tax dollars spent in rural wards	Report
Bruce Ave should have been a priority, this is not new information that this road was deteriorating, bid went to the lowest tender with an unacceptable time line for completion yet mayor applauded the team for finding a bid under budget - awful.	Report
Municipality needs to look at maintaining what they have instead of replacing. Examples Victoria Park, Station Beach, Tiny Tots, Connaught Park (looks like a maintenance yard), pool and trails. The pedestrian bridge should be repaired or replaced.	Report
Please enhance this budget.	Report
Please finish paving Bruce road. 2 years is unexceptionable for the taxes we pay and the amount of traffic on that road	Report
We need to reduce the number of playgrounds and invest this savings into infrastructure.	Report
So many of our buildings and public spaces have been 'patched' and are completely falling down. Hard to take pride in things that are old, tired and uninspiring. We need to invest (and maybe scale back?) so we can replace and take better care of what we have!	Report

N 20





















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?

	Count	% of responses	%
Agree	43	<div style="width: 47%; background-color: #28a745;"></div>	47%
Disagree	18	<div style="width: 20%; background-color: #ffc107;"></div>	20%
Unsure	30	<div style="width: 33%; background-color: #dc3545;"></div>	33%

N 91

Which one item or project would you like to see addressed in the Municipality of Kincardine's 2024 budget?

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Take so much authority away from the CAO and other management people as they are all hired by council That makes council ever employees BOSS. Not the opposite	✍
Get the new high school built.	✍
All this fluff about where our money goes and you want to increase our taxes, yet walking around town on a regular basis there's overgrown weeds growing out everywhere including main streets like Durham, Russell etc. Some of the events is to support the woke era as well and never do us residents have actual input into how our money is spent. Why is the bi-law officers not catching people who are littering. Not garbage blown around on garbage day actual litter. Why not have volunteers pick up garbage. My grandson and I picked up several pieces of trash just on Russel street alone and yet there is garbage cans located everywhere. Bags of garbage thrown out behind sobeys, get cameras and get rid of unnecessary things in the summer. I've lived in Kincardine for 30 years and have watched it decline dramatically in the past five years. I'm so disappointed and when interest rates reduce will be house hunting outside of kincardine township.	✍
Upgrades to all diamonds and upgraded maintenance programs for all diamonds.	✍
Working on actions to support business development and retention, which will create growth, diversity, (all aspects) and a better economy / outlook for all residents.	✍
Tiverton Sport Park review...	✍
Upkeep of all the trails, boardwalk, flower beds and the North and South piers.	✍
Reopening the reuse building at the landfill, it a very very very small line item on the budget and should have never been eliminated. It keep useable items out of the landfill which is great environmentally it also saves our residents money from having to purchase those items as well as extending the life of the pit at the landfill but keeping those items out of it	✍
Increased recycling collection and fixing up Legiom and Tiverton diamonds. Benches, trees planted. New fencing	✍
New boardwalk at station beach	✍
We need to entice mire companies and businesses to come here. Too many people abd not enough businesses. I go to other towns to shop. More would mean more taxes and people wanting to locate here	✍
More nurses and doctors being hired to improve staffing at our hospitals Another grocery store being brought to town	✍
Better recycling and garbage Improvements to community space like libraries - more family programming	✍
Rural roads repair. Decreased bag tag cost. Stop wasting money over all!!! Change2026 a get rid of this council!!	✍
Davidson Centre track. Next time provide a list of plausible projects.	✍
Sell the airport.	✍
By-law enforcement.	✍
More maintenance on what the municipality already has and owns. There is no need for new parks, new waterfront if the MoK can't look after what they already have.	✍
Taxes reduced	✍
Making Kincardine looks nice again . The entry signs need some attention. Our town looks deserted and sad	✍
Bruce Ave resurface and redesigned entrance to the highway with much needed speed deterrents built into the road !	✍
Facilities for families to use. Fix the water treatment issue. It's a disgrace our family play sports while smelling sewage.	✍
A living wage, lower rent costs, and greater efforts to make this community affordable for everyone, not just those in high-paying jobs, are essential. Workers at Bruce Power often treat retail employees with entitlement and disrespect when things go wrong. We are struggling, and it feels like nobody cares even though we are just trying to survive. Many people are mentally breaking.	✍
Groom the entire beach (Station Beach)	✍
A new community centre in TIVERTON! Why isn't there room for more comments? — ps fix the leaking tap in the Tiverton arena meeting room bathroom it's been leaking for years!!! (Also I love watching municipal workers do nothing!! Makes me real happy!)	✍
I have lived in this community my entire life. My family lives in this community. Over the past 10 years I have watched housing prices run away. I can no longer afford to purchase any house in the town where I was raised, near my family. A large part of why I can not afford to live here is because the barrier to building houses here has increased drastically over the years through regulation, permits, fees, red tape and opposition to new development by the residents of this community. We need a complete reset on our ability to streamline new development. We should be welcoming home builders with open arms to build neighbourhoods similar to the ones many of the residents here grew up in, or raised a family in. I want to see the next generation have the same opportunity to start a life in this town that the residents in the 70's 80's and 90's had. This starts with getting out of the way of those who want to continue building the great community of Kincardine. The current mayor was elected on a promise to build more housing. Last year only 29 residential units were added. This is not nearly enough.	✍
Properly maintain the town	✍
Ward 3 road maintenance, specifically the asphalt roads	✍
How much is budgeted for severance pay? Couldn't find it.	✍

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Tourism enhancement	
New arena and pool would be nice as the pool is in very ruff shape. Change rooms are disgusting. I know this is the school board but why has the new school not been started? Road blocks from MOK? With all this housing being built where are the people supposed to shop? Or live? These houses are not affordable for anyone who doesn't work at Bruce Power.	
The elimination of new initiatives/ programs and their associated costs. Existing programs and infrastructure are not being maintained appropriately. Do not accelerate the rate of failure across the board by introducing new items.	
Lower property taxes!	
Public transit. Would love a small bus route or open up area for Uber etc.	
Protected bike lanes connecting downtown area up to grocery stores	
Fix the walking bridge by the high-school. Maybe a cross walk by Broadway where kids cross the street.	
Permanently close the Mystic Cove gate. Remove the gate, install curbs on both sides with the planting of trees. Not once did the residents of this area receive a post winter report on the trial run. Please send this out! Stop wasting money on surveys and consultants to do the councils job! This is why they were voted in. Never did we see this prior to this horrendous council. Here we thought it would be better....wrong!!	
New schools	
New pool	
I fully support a project to set aside land for affordable housing. This land should be developed by private developers under the condition that the homes remain affordable and are available exclusively to low-income individuals. Ensuring affordable housing is essential for keeping our restaurants and shops open, as it provides our community members with the necessary places to live.	
Healthcare	
Fix properly Bruce Avenue so we don't have a dirt road as a main access to our town and residents don't keep damaging their vehicles	
Stricter bylaw enforcement	
Public parks repair and upgrades	
Rec facilities	
Middle lines repainted on the Ward 2 roads..	
Maintaining the new path along b line more often would be lovely. Reducing bag tags would increase support from locals. Creating places where teenagers have something to do would decrease destruction of property, vandalism and drug use.	
New rec facility with two ice surfaces allowing for summertime ice	
Number of management staff in the Municipality vs workers doing the work. And the wages of management. Who decides on raises and how is it demonstrated that they are meeting/ exceeding goals to merit wage increases.	
Lifejacket loaner program at Station beach	