



OCP OPEN HOUSE

Questionnaire Summary

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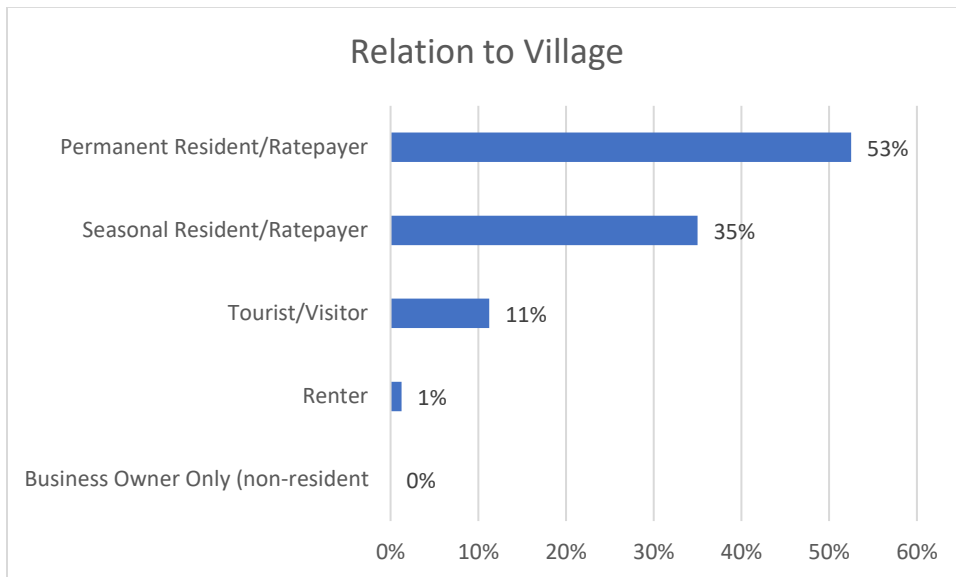
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OVERVIEW

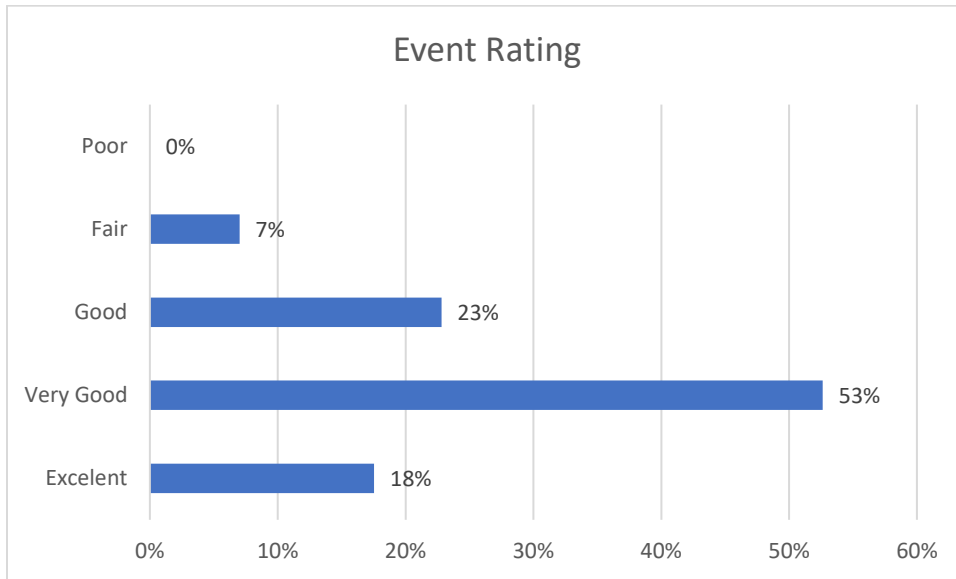
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GENERAL QUESTIONS

Q1 - I am a:



Q2 - Overall, how would you rate the event?



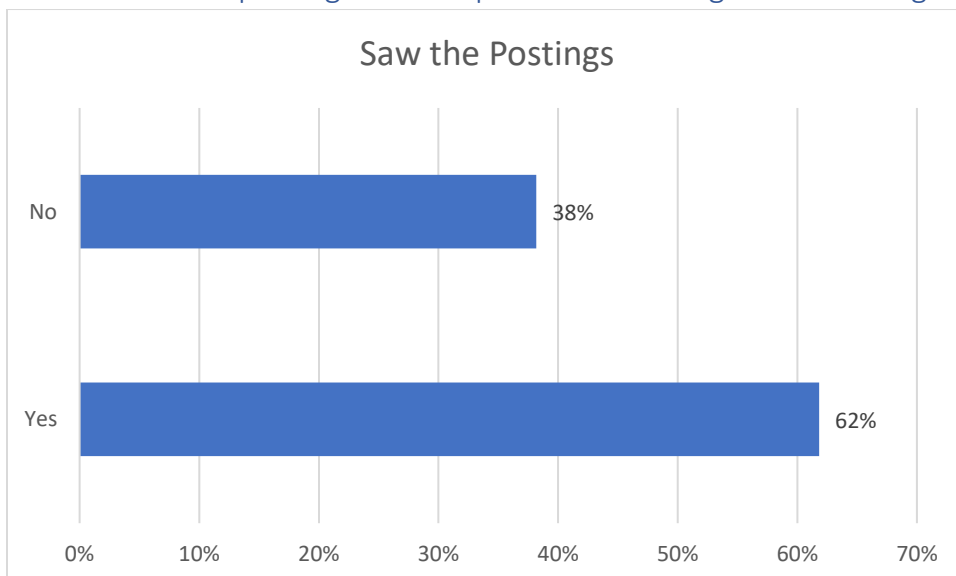
Q3 - What did you like about the event?

Respondents liked that the displays looked professional and were informative. At least 11 respondents commented on being pleased to be able to provide input.

Q4 - What did you dislike about the event?

Respondents were looking for an introduction and a conclusion. Some of the presentations were described as lacking depth. The lack of financial details was also noted.

Q5 - I have seen postings of the Open House throughout the Village



Q6 – General comments about Open House topics

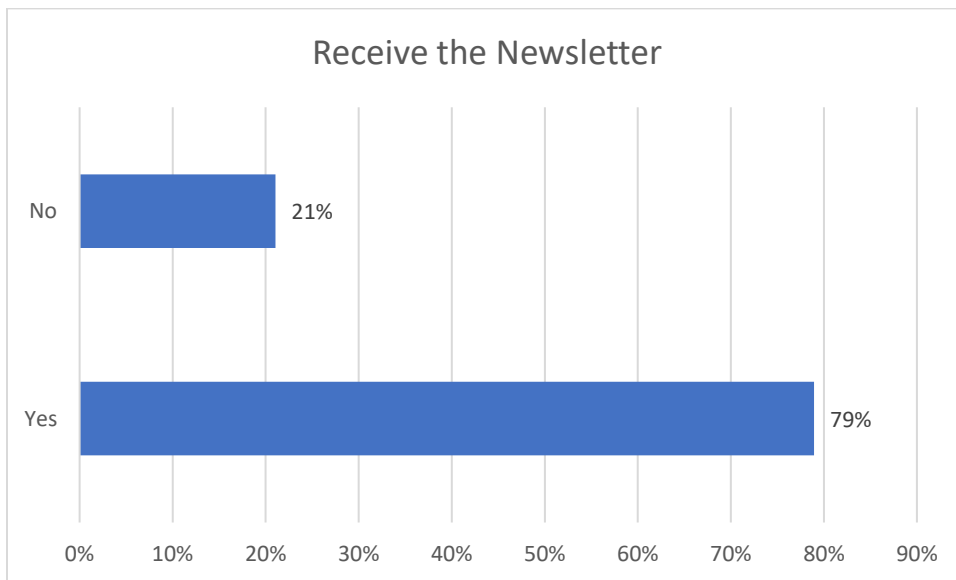
Respondents generally tended to comment on the good variety of topics presented and the willingness of council open and transparent.

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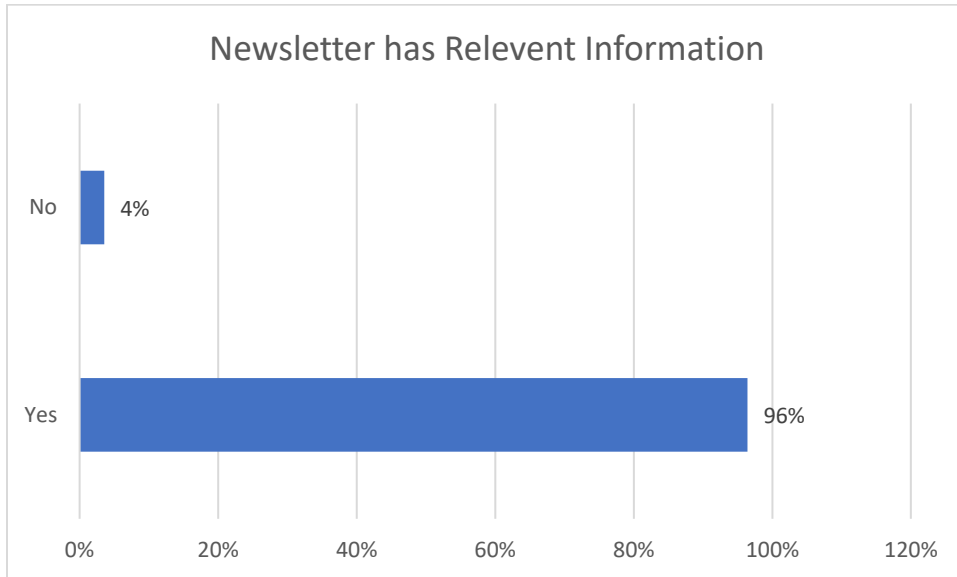
- Good that the community is looking for feedback for various projects.
- I think that council has been listening to concerns from the forum prior to election and are working toward fulfilling the wishes of the ratepayers.
- It seemed to be issue specific and missed working toward developing a planning basis.

COMMUNICATIONS

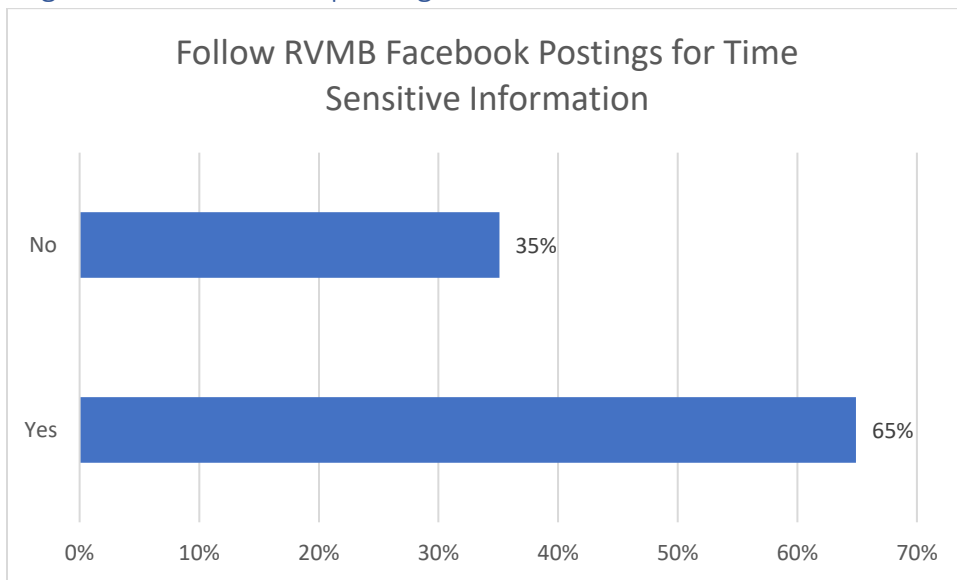
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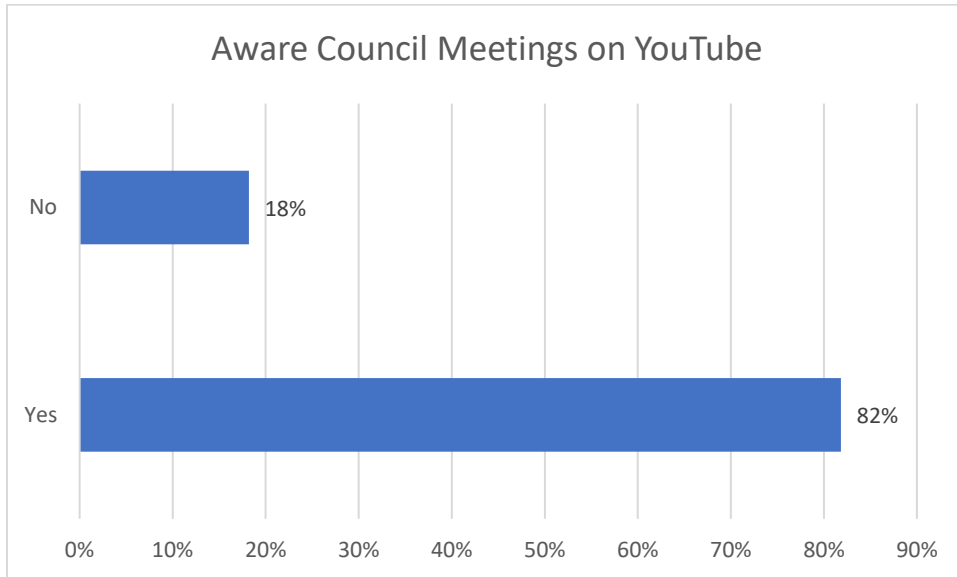
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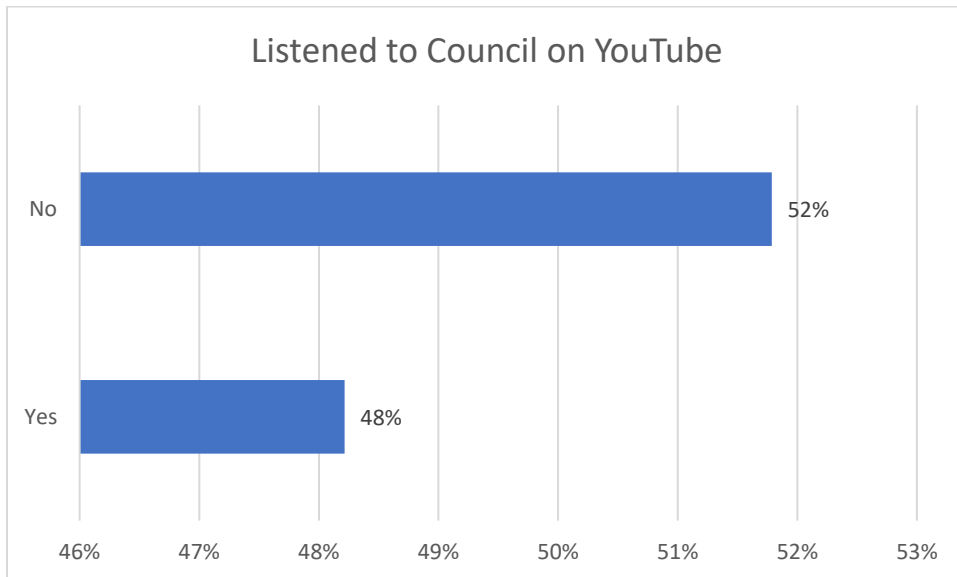
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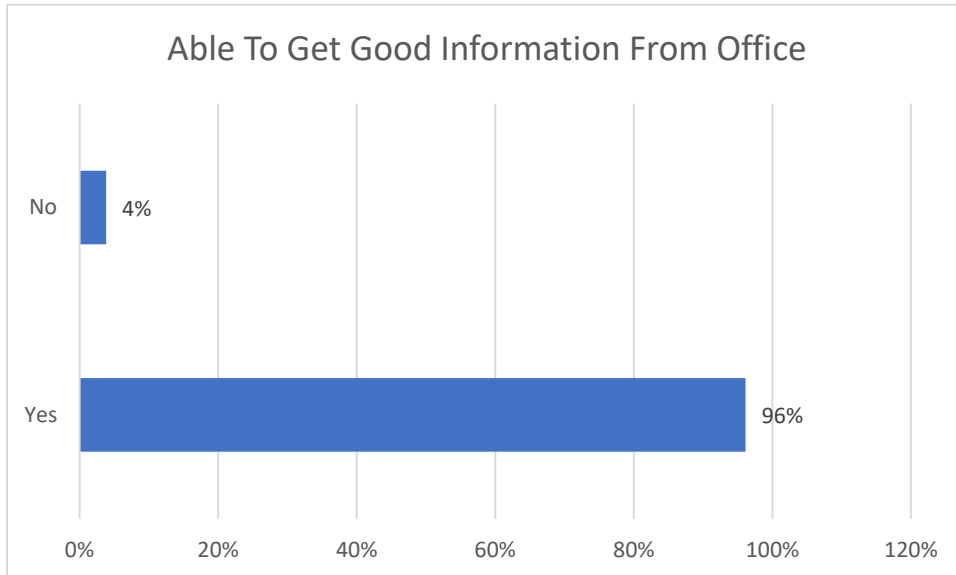
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ROADS

Q13 – General comments or suggestions regarding VILLAGE roads

The comments on roads were varied. Some positive and some negative. Three areas of focus were apparent in the responses. These are:

1. general maintenance,
2. pavement vs gravel, and
3. pedestrian safety.

Positive Comments

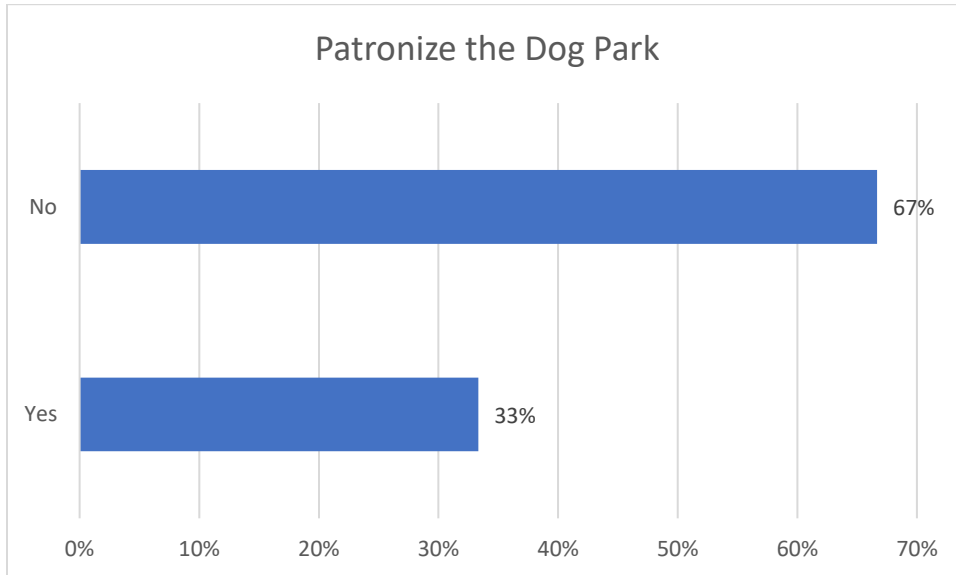
- Good job at snow removal.
- Staff are doing a good job and are very responsive to any issues we bring up.
- Bad roads equal slower cars equal safe pedestrians.

Negative Comments

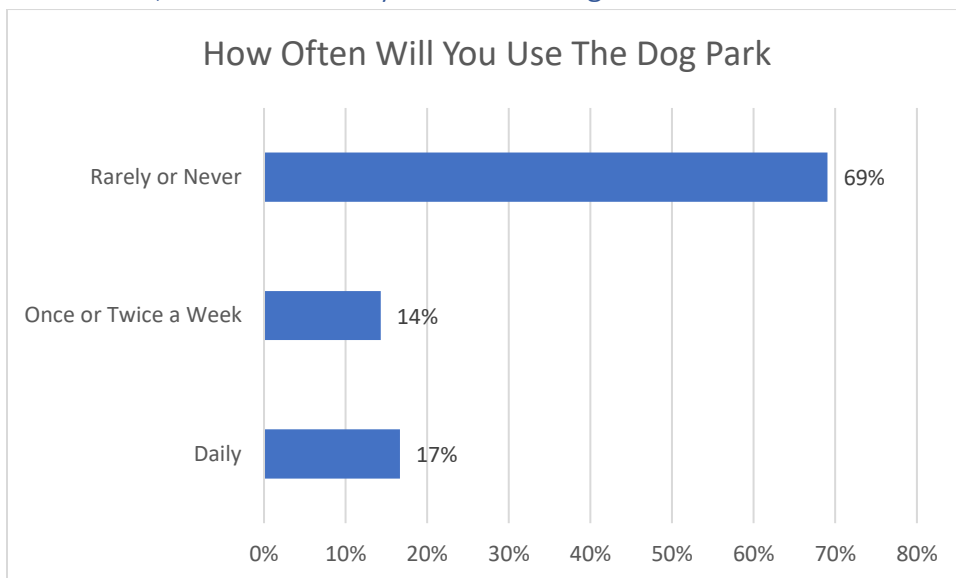
- The roads are atrocious. They need to be graded immediately and then a regular schedule of maintenance established.
- Trees too close to streets in some areas. Streets are not straight.

DOG PARK

Q14 - Will you patronize the Dog Park?



Q15 – If so, how often will you use the Dog Park?



Q16 – What do you like, and not like, about other dog parks?

This question was answered with multiple conflicting answers. The separation of dogs based on size and the inclusion of an agility section are two example points with strong opinions on both sides.

Likes

- All sizes and breeds playing together.
- A designated area for off-leash.
- The large space and natural

Dislikes

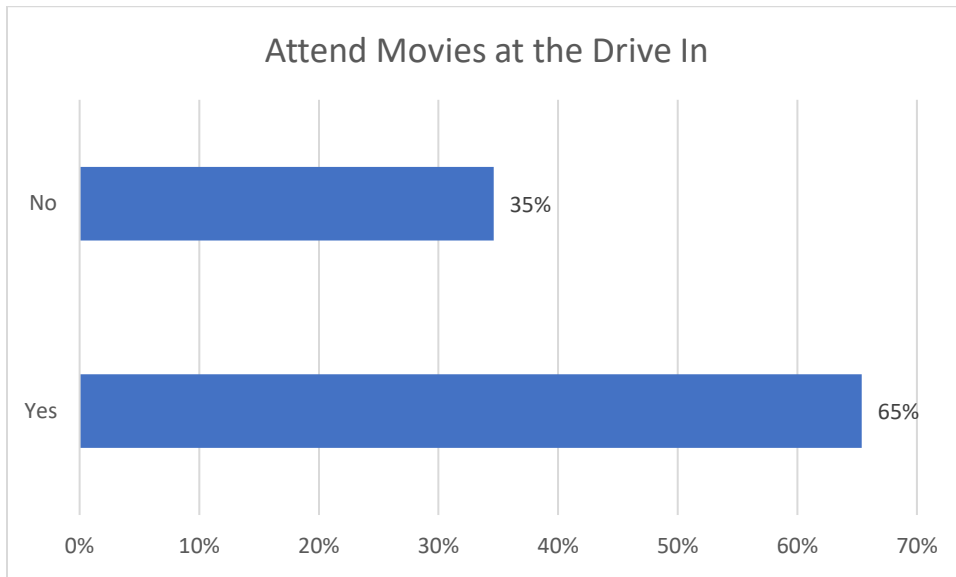
- People not picking up their dog's poop.
- Grass too long (ticks).
- Some parks have a separate small and large dog area. That would be nice to see in the future.

Q17 – What other recommendations, concerns, or comments do you have regarding the Dog Park?

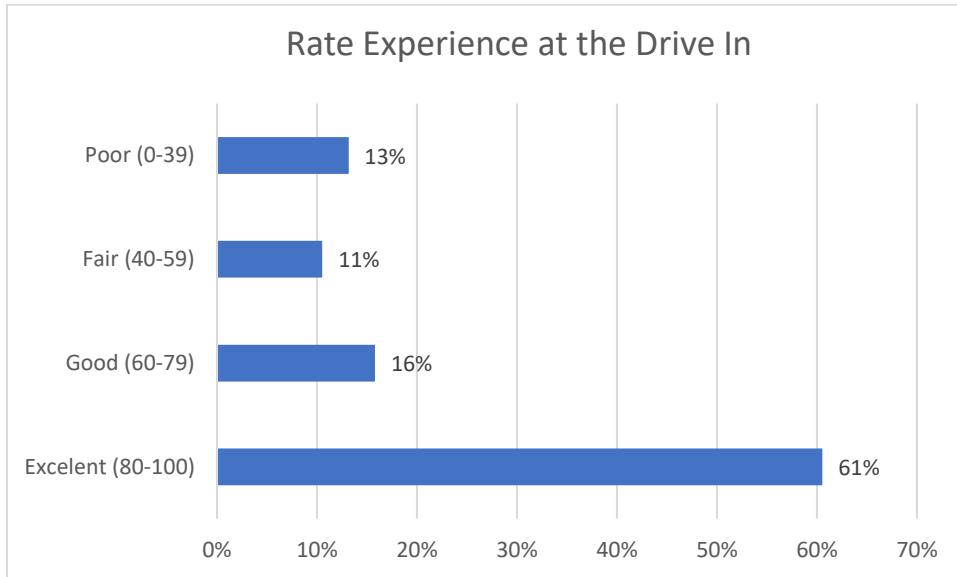
- Have two parks, one for smaller and one for larger dogs.
- Our beach is not a suitable place for dogs. Having an alternate is a great idea.
- Please use this space for sharing information about pet health practices.
- Love the idea of benches and agility being added.

DRIVE IN

Q18 – Do you attend movies at the Drive In

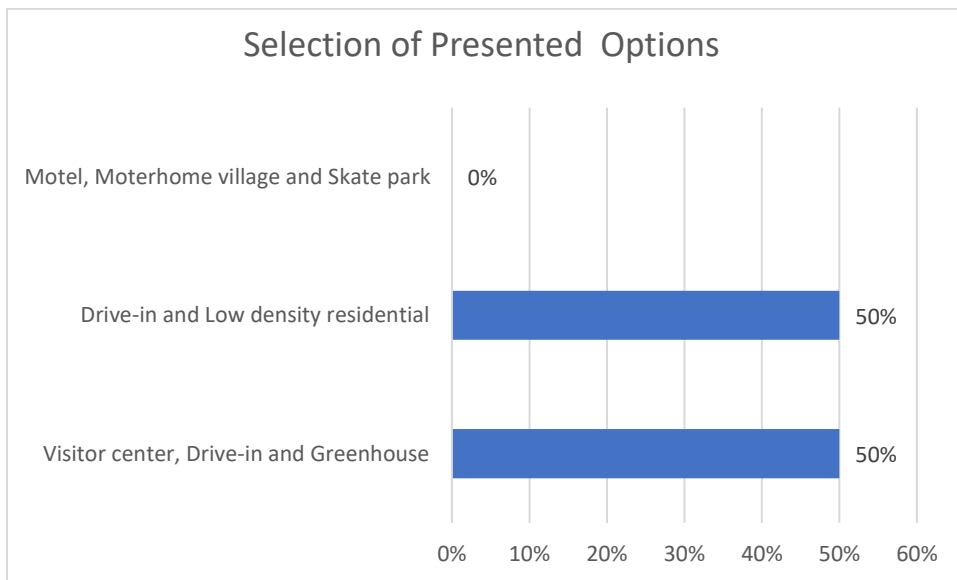


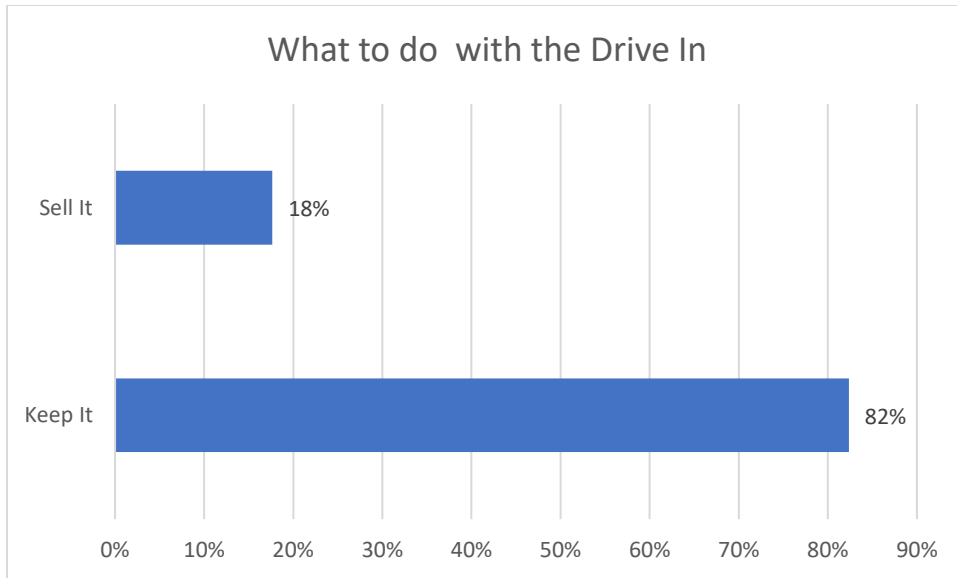
Q19 – If so, how do you rate your experience?



Q20 – Which subdivision scenario on the board would you support?

The responses to this question are difficult to quantify. Of the 42 responses only 9 stated their preference from the list of options. For the most part people spoke for or against keeping the theatre, 18 of the 42 responses.





PRESENTATIONS

Q21 – Health Hub Presentation

Several people suggested that this presentation was vague.

Negative Comments:

- Too vague, are these just statements or actual plans.
- A clearer layout of their action plan would be helpful.
- Seems to be focused on one private business.

Positive Comments:

- An organic market would be wonderful.
- Any effort to draw health-conscious people here and develop events/programs that will interest them is beneficial.
- Looks like good forward planning.

Q22 – Uhmman Centennial Park Presentation

Most of the comments were positive to very positive.

Negative Comments:

- Could see parking as an issue here.
- Needs regular lawn maintenance.

Positive Comments:

- Fabulous! It's a beautiful space and I hope to see it utilized more.
- This Park continues to improve and offers a venue for outdoor concerts and theater.

Q23 – Wellington Park Presentation

The comments were divided with many people expressing strong positions.

Negative Comments:

- My fear is that we will lose what is best about Wellington, with too much development.
- Wellington should be preserved as it is. No painted trees and little ornaments throughout.
- The Village doesn't have to fill every open piece of land with "something".

Positive Comments:

- The idea of expanding the picnic area and the fairy garden is one of our favorite parts.
- I like the idea of three areas, gazebo, entrance and loop.
- Current facilities in the park are badly outdated. Really liked the idea of a stone patio.

Q24 – Gravel Pit Presentation

A few people saw no issues with the pits and felt they should continue to be used. The majority were looking for some sort of remediation plan.

Select Comments:

- I think it would be a mistake to close the pit to those who wish to dump branches.
- I would like to see a cost estimate to stabilize and revegetate the slopes.
- I don't see any issues with these pits.

Q25 - Recreation Board Presentation

The response to the Recreation Board's presentation was overwhelmingly positive. It showed appreciation for the efforts.

Select Comments:

- Fantastic to see all the areas the rec board supports. Grateful for the efforts.
- Well done. Displayed a wonderful vibrant community.

Q26 – Ponds and Trails Presentation

The response to the Trails and Ponds presentation was overwhelmingly positive. It showed appreciation for the efforts. Some comments both pro and against the "Rebar Man" statue.

Select Comments:

- Great presentation. Trails provide a great health benefit to community. Would like to see walking/bike trail to Watrous.
- Developing the skate pond was brilliant. This can be the hub for wintery events and maybe some summery things too.
- Agree that vehicle access to the lookout point needs to be restricted.

Q27 – Arts, Culture & Heritage Presentation

The response to the Arts, Culture & Heritage presentation was overwhelmingly positive.

Select Comments:

- This brings the community together so its all great.
- I would like to choose the art that I enjoy. Please no polka music at 8:00 am in the park.
- It is good to have a purpose and direction for what art goes where and why but it is more important to keep the momentum of getting people out to see what we already have.

Q28 – Chainsaw Committee Presentation

The response to the Chainsaw Committee presentation was overwhelmingly positive.

Select Comments:

- A very clear presentation. The vision and mission are aligned. Events like this enhance life at the beach.
- More information on context would help (the growing reputation of the event and its relationship to similar events).
- I think once every two years is sufficient for chainsaw carving. Would also suggest totem pole carving as this would tie in with Arts, Culture & Heritage.

Q29 – Watrous Manitou Marketing Group Presentation

The response to the Marketing Committee presentation was mixed.

Negative Comments:

- Some villagers need customers whereas other villagers need tranquility. Both needs are legitimate, and the community plan will be better if it clearly defines the relative importance of them both.
- Shocked to hear what the village pays each year to this group. We could pave sections of street each year with these dollars.

Positive Comments:

- Good, I think there should be a push to draw some young people with social media savvy into the group. A blend of young and more mature will produce diverse content appealing to a wide range of people.
- Good to see there is so much grant money available. I hope we have that, there is so much to do with it!
- I agree with the presentation.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Q30 – Do you have a general comment in regards to Communication?

The comments regarding Communication were mostly positive. Most of the responses stated that both communication and transparency were improving.

Negative Comments:

- Communication, in general, is hit and miss. Sometimes you get a copy of the newsletter, sometimes you don't. Not everyone owns a computer or is on Facebook. The Village should make a concerted effort to get email address or, as an alternative, use snail mail.
- We need to have a transparent financial report for all village residents.

Positive Comments:

- So much better with new mayor, council, and administrative staff. Everything is transparent and it's a pleasure to call the office now.
- Communication in our village has definitely ramped up. Keep going.

Q31 – Do you have any general feedback in regards to Tourism?

The comments were divided with many people expressing strong positions.

Negative Comments:

- Have you figured out a way to get tourists to contribute financially towards maintenance and garbage cleanup?
- I think Village Council has too much focus on tourism! You represent and are paid by ratepayers, but we often take a backseat to the push for more tourists.
- Parking is going to become a contentious issue if not planned for.

Positive Comments:

- I feel tourism is important for the community. Lots of dollars to be generated.
- We need a defining tag line to compliment "unsinkable". The focus on health and wellness is a very significant attractor in our time. We have such unique positioning to make this happen.
- Our main industry. Must be supported by the entire community.

Q32 – Do you have comments on Public Spaces?

Most of the comments about public spaces were in the form of a suggestion.

- They're lacking!! Not much beach, not much other than Wellington Park.
- Main beach could use some signs to keep the dogs off.
- We'd like to see more enforcement regarding resident's spill over junk on to back alleys and village property.
- I see our public spaces well utilized and there should be a plan for more as the demand increases.

Q33 – Do you have any feedback in regards to Council?

The comments regarding the new Council were very positive.

Example Comments:

- I appreciate being informed through the village newsletters about all the things that the council is having to deal with. It is giving me an idea of how much effort is put in by the councillors and mayor.
- The council in my opinion is truly trying to communicate and be transparent with rate payers. They have been working hard at establishing good governance. Cheers to them.

Q34 – Do you have any general feedback in regards to Volunteering opportunities in the Village?

Most of the comments about volunteering opportunities were either in the form of a suggestion or a question about opportunities.

Example suggestions:

- Committees lack diversity. Makes it hard to break into the old boys/girls' club when you are a newcomer.
- I like to "pick my spots" to volunteer. Thusly I like to hear about possible spots through the village newsletters.
- Facebook and other announcements would be an improvement over the old telephone tree as far as acquiring volunteers.

Q35 – What is your opinion about Lake Access?

This question has elicited the most detailed set of responses. None of the respondents asked for less access. The following are example responses based on the type of access.

Stairs into Water:

- With the recent addition of new stairs to help cross the berm, I think that there is plenty of access for swimmers, kayakers etc.

- The stairs along the highway are an accident waiting to happen.
- Terrible for me, can't get in with those nice stairs, too mucky ... need access where water is deeper, and bottom is sand or gravel.
- The stairs are a temporary fix, but I think we need a long-term plan.

Walkability:

- I like that they prebuilt many stairwells to allow access to the lake, however I have noticed it is difficult for seniors to access it when they must go over large rocks to get to the stairs.
- The berm from the tennis courts along to Main Beach is dreadful – no greenery, picnic tables blocking walkers along the berm top.
- Should be able to walk along the waters edge from one end of the community to the other.

Marina:

- More access for watercraft. Serious thought about a marina. Perhaps somewhere else along the lake.
- Minimize motorized vehicles on the lake.
- We need better access for boats. The current launch is a mud hole.

Beach Size/Quality:

- At one time there were 4 beach areas. Is it possible to get back to at least 2 or 3 with sand in the water?
- Please find a source of sand free of rocks and gravel to build beaches.

Q36 – Do you have any feedback on Signage in the Village?

The response to feedback on signage was primarily in the form of suggestions. The following is a selection of those suggestions.

Example suggestions:

- There is a sign in the way of the reflections sign that should be moved.
- The paper printed signs not to throw berm rocks in the lake are a joke as are the no dogs signs. No one abides by them in part because they are not seen and not enforced.
- Would be nice to see some classy signage for streets and streamlined signage in general.
- Coming event sign is on the wrong side of the highway.
- Let's not have any illuminated signs like the one on the Pepper Tree.
- Public signage (trails and public information could be consistent. (color and logo)