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MDP**

RENEWAL PROJECT

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

Spring Survey

May 2026

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Municipal District of Willow Creek is undertaking a renewal project focused on updating the current Municipal Development Plan, Bylaw 1765, first adopted 2017. As part of the process, Council approved an online survey to gather input from residents and businesses within the MD. Surveys are a proactive component of the planning process, designed to bridge the gap between technical experts and the community, thereby fostering transparent and informed decision-making. By gathering direct feedback, they ensure that land use policy aligns with local values, needs, and aspirations.

The survey was delivered online between April 27 and May 15, 2026. The public was notified of the survey in several ways, including social media posts, print advertisements in the local papers as well as through the May 2026 MD newsletter. The web link and QR code were provided for easy access to the survey portal. In addition, an information video was prepared and shared on the MD's Facebook seven (7) times, which garnered approximately 2438 views. As well, the April 28 post accumulated over 36,600 views which are likely not local.

A total of 45 surveys were completed. While not statistically significant, the survey responses can be helpful in gaging the values and priorities of the residents of the MD. The survey responses were analyzed and a statistical breakdown with commonalities and recurring themes are summarized below.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Question 1: 36 % of respondents were between the ages of 60 to 69, with nearly 70 % over the age of 50.

Question 2: 57 % of respondents own land and have a primary residence in the MD

Question 3: The highest number of surveys were completed by residents who reside or own land in Division 4 (29 %), followed by Division 6 (18 %) and Division 2 (13 %).

Question 4: 44 % of respondents live on a farm or ranch, followed by 29 % that live on acreages.

Question 5: Over half of respondents (53 %) work in the MD.

PLANNING DOCUMENTS:

Question 6: Over 81 % of the respondents have read or used the Land Use Bylaw and 38 % have read or used the Municipal Development Plan.

Question 7: Most respondents look for information regarding planning on the MD website, social media accounts and the MD newsletter.

VISION:

Question 8: Over 76 % of the respondents agree or strongly agree with the Vision Statement for the MD.

Question 9: Respondents identified what makes the MD a great place to live, work and play:

- Rural Lifestyle (9)
- Beautiful / Open Space / Nature (6)
- Agriculture / Farming / Ranching (5)
- Community / Friendly (4)
- Location (3)

Question 10: Respondents identified what they would like to see **MORE** in the MD:

- Road and Infrastructure Improvements (7)
- More Business and Economic Growth (6)
- Importance of Water in Land Use (6)
- More Community Collaboration (5)
- Responsive Government and Low Taxes (4)

Question 11: Respondents identified what they would like to see **LESS** of in the MD:

- Acreage and non-agricultural development (7)
- Taxes and less Regulations (7)
- Renewable energy and Tech projects (7)
- Traffic and Signage (6)
- Fewer outsiders (5)

Question 12: Respondents identified barriers to growth and development, including:

- Restrictive bylaws and processes (12)
- Communication with MD (5)
- Lack of Water (3)
- Lack of Roads and infrastructure (2)

GROWTH:

Question 13: Top Three Agricultural Priorities:

- Protecting agricultural and grasslands from conversion to non-agricultural uses (86 %)
- Supporting value-added agri-businesses and agri-tourism initiatives (42 %)
- Supporting more sustainable agricultural practices (30 %)

Question 14: 65 % of Respondents would like the MD to provide more direction for the siting of Confined Feeding Operations, focused on location, setbacks, water resources and density.

Question 15: Over 70 % of respondents agreed that Development Permits should be required for buildings associated with an approved NRCB permit.

Question 16: 60 % of respondents agree with the current policy of allowing first parcel out subdivision with an existing farmyard and dwelling.

Question 17: 45 % of respondents disagree and 39 % disagree with the vacant parcel subdivision policy in all areas of the municipality.

Question 18: Respondents identified the Top Three areas for residential development:

- Hamlet of Granum (41 %)
- On existing lots near Pine Coulee (36 %)
- Hamlet of Orton and Parkland (27 %)

Question 19: Respondents identified the Top Three Housing priorities:

- Providing a rural / remote lifestyle (60%)
- Ensuring new development is appropriately serviced (55 %)
- Increasing resiliency of housing to floods, fire, and other natural disasters (36 %)

Question 20: 48 % of Respondents felt there was inadequate housing for seniors in the region.

Question 21: Nearly 45 % of Respondents are not familiar with FCSS programs and services while 13 % are very familiar.

Question 22: 77 % of Respondents agree with the MD investigating opportunities to develop a waste-to-energy project.

Question 23: Respondents rated services provided by the MD as follows:

- Road Maintenance – Good (40 %)
- Bylaw Enforcement – Average (38 %)
- Emergency Services – Good (57 %)
- Landfill and Garbage Disposal – Good (42 %)
- Planning and Development – Average (47 %)
- General Administration – Good (49 %)
- MD Website – Good (50 %)

Question 24: Respondents identified the Top Three Water priorities:

- Protecting water quality (77 %)
- Protecting water supply (77 %)
- Ensuring water consumption of future development does not impact current development (65 %)

Question 25: Respondents identified the Top Three Natural Environment priorities:

- Protecting and enhancing shelterbelts (65%)
- Protecting native prairie grasslands (63 %)
- Protecting riparian areas (40 %)

Question 26: Respondents identified the Top Three Transportation priorities:

- Improving local roads and intersections (73 %)
- Dust mitigation (49 %)
- Maintaining bridges (42 %)

Question 27: The majority of Respondents had no opinion on the improvements to infrastructure in the Hamlet of Granum, but those who did responded felt that the improvements were Good.

Question 28: The top recreational facilities used by Respondents in neighbouring municipalities included:

- Rodeo grounds / Agri-plex (65 %)
- Pool (55 %)
- Ice arena (49 %)

Question 29: Respondents visit recreational facilities located in Claresholm the most (82 %), followed by Fort Macleod (47 %), Nanton (30 %) and Stavely 25 %.

Question 30: 34 % of Respondents visit a recreational facility between 11 and 20 times a year.

Question 31: Within the Hamlet of Granum, Respondents utilize the walking trails (53 %), playgrounds (47 %) and golf course (27 %) the most for recreation.

Question 32: 35 % of Respondents did not believe additional recreation and park space is need within the MD of Willow Creek.

Question 33: Respondents identified the Top Three Employment and Economic priorities:

- Retain existing business (73 %)
- Support at home and small scale on-farm operations (66 %)
- Attracting new business to the MD (57 %)

Question 34: Respondents believe that the MD should prioritize industrial growth in close proximity to urban municipalities as identified through joint planning (51 %), in the Willow Creek Business Park (40 %), and with the Hamlet of Granum (27 %).

Question 35: Respondents believe that the MD should prioritize commercial growth in close proximity to urban municipalities as identified through joint planning (57 %), in the Willow Creek Business Park (31%), and in isolated location along major highways (25 %).

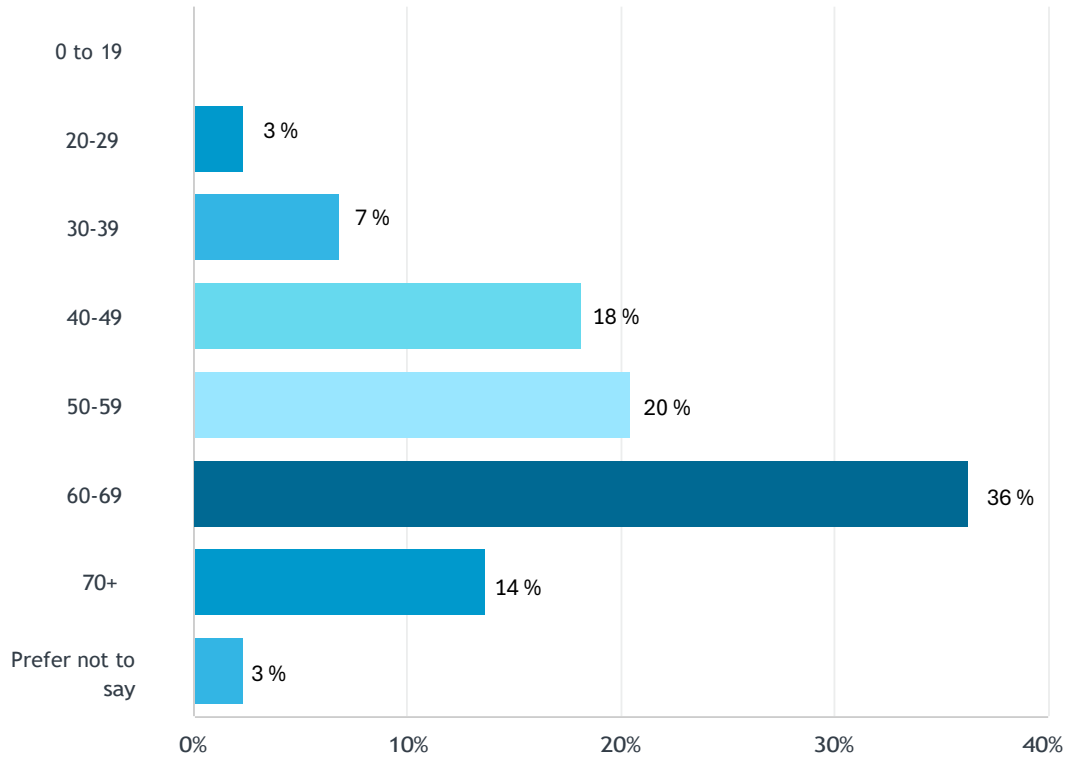
Question 36 and Question 37 responses are found in full in the complete results section.

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Question 1: What is your age?

Answered: 44

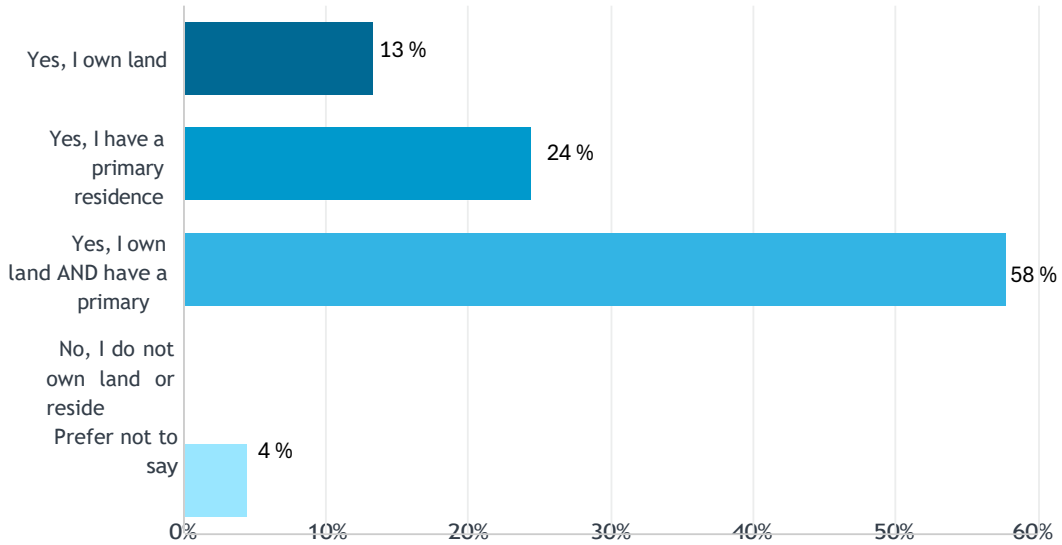
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 to 19	0.00%	0
20-29	2.27%	1
30-39	6.82%	3
40-49	18.18%	8
50-59	20.45%	9
60-69	36.36%	16
70+	13.64%	6
Prefer not to say	2.27%	1
TOTAL		44

Question 2: Do you own or live on land within the MD of Willow Creek?
 Please select the option that best describes your situation.

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0

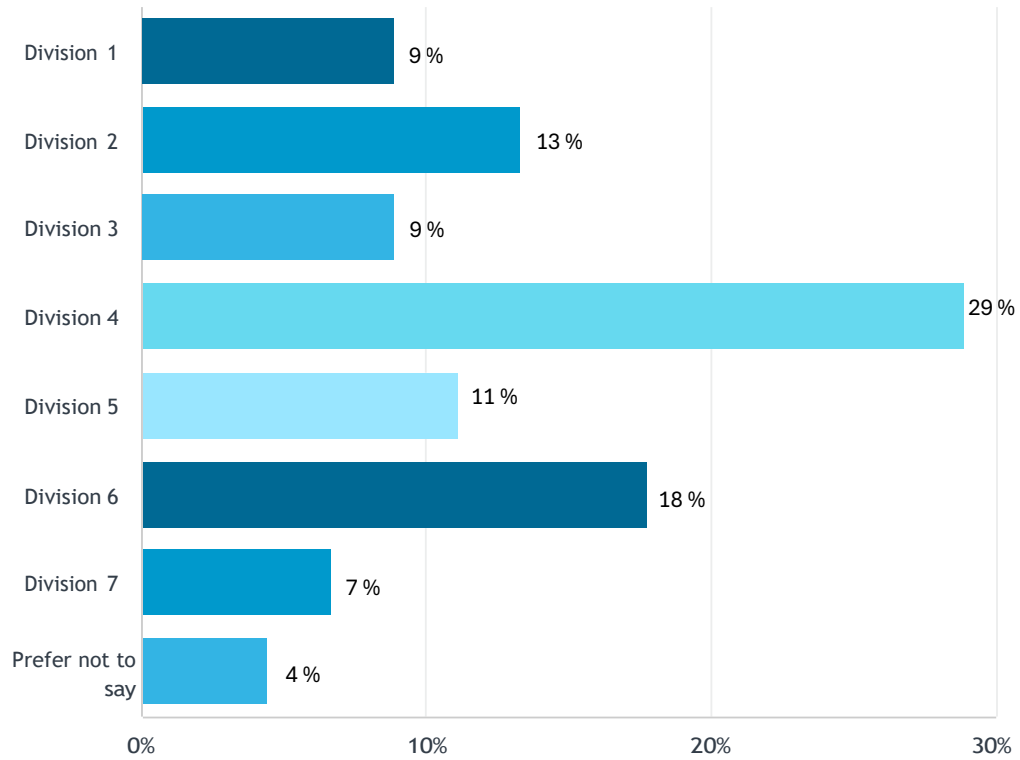


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I own land	13.33%	6
Yes, I have a primary residence	24.44%	1 1
Yes, I own land AND have a primary residence	57.78%	2 6
No, I do not own land or reside in the MD of Willow Creek	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	4.44%	2
TOTAL		45

Question 3: In what Division do you reside or own land in?

Answered: 45

Skipped: 0

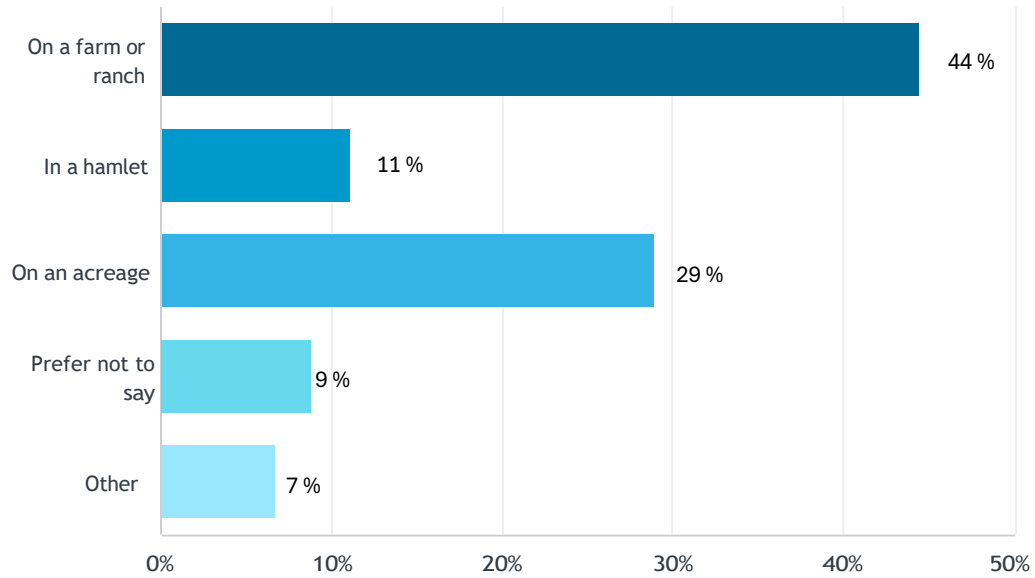


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Division 1	8.89%	4
Division 2	13.33%	6
Division 3	8.89%	4
Division 4	28.89%	13
Division 5	11.11%	5
Division 6	17.78%	8
Division 7	6.67%	3
Prefer not to say	4.44%	2
TOTAL		45

Question 4: Where do you live?

Answered: 45

Skipped: 0



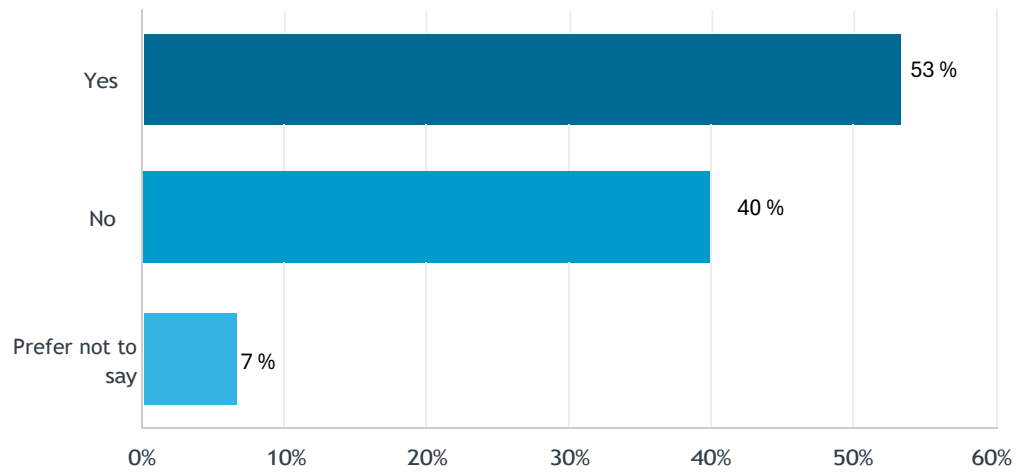
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On a farm or ranch	44.44%	20
In a hamlet	11.11%	5
On an acreage	28.89%	13
Prefer not to say	8.89%	4
Other	6.67%	3
TOTAL		45

#	OTHER
1	Claresholm
2	Claresholm
3	Town

Question 5: Do you work in the MD of Willow Creek ?

Answered: 45

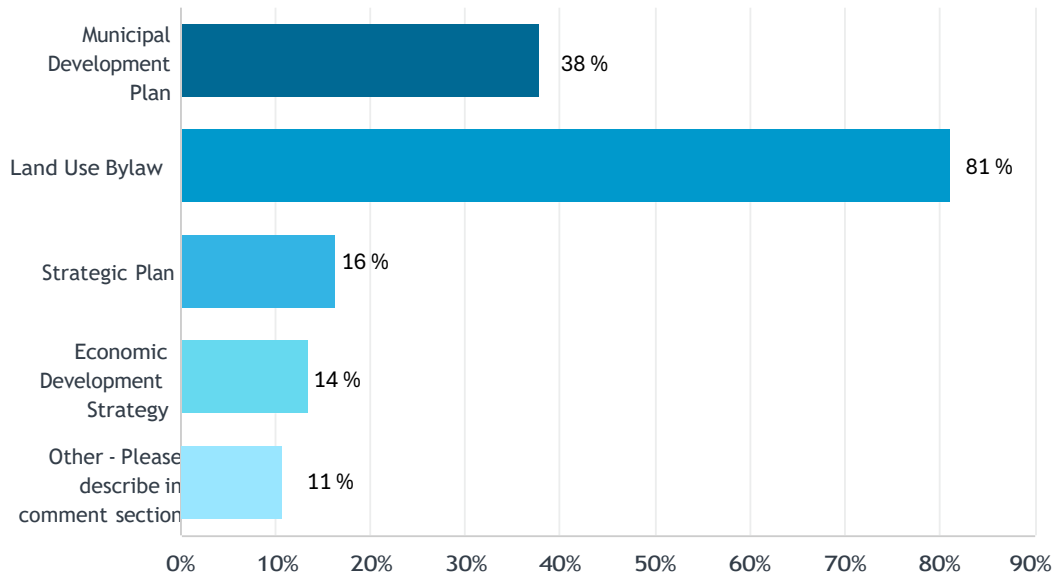
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.33%	24
No	40.00%	18
Prefer not to say	6.67%	3
TOTAL		45

**Question 6: Which of the following MD planning documents have you read or used?
Please select all that apply.**

Answered: 37 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Municipal Development Plan	37.84%	14
Land Use Bylaw	81.08%	30
Strategic Plan	16.22%	6
Economic Development Strategy	13.51%	5
Other - Please describe in comment section	10.81%	4
Total Respondents:		37

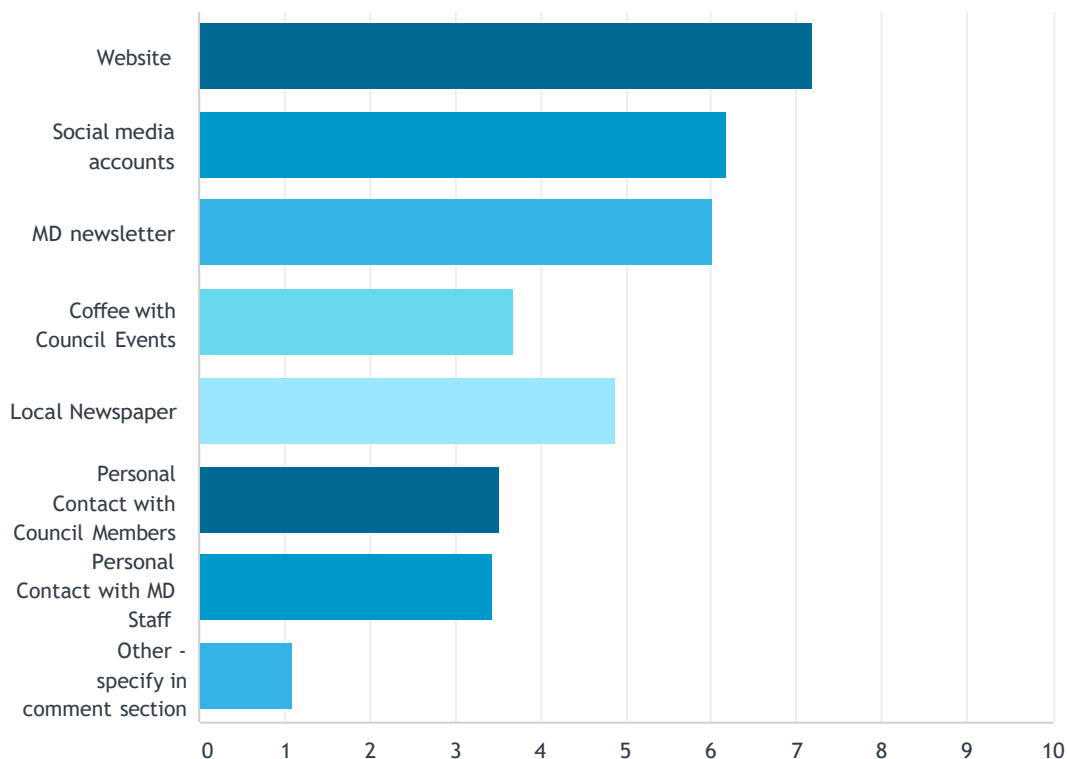
COMMENTS:
None
Newsletter
Intermunicipal Development Plans ICF
Try to talk to Glen at church
None
None yet
None of them.

Question 7: Where do you look for information about planning in the MD of Willow Creek?

Rank in order of most used to least used. Use the arrows on the right hand side to move your selections into the order you prefer.

Answered: 44

Skipped: 1



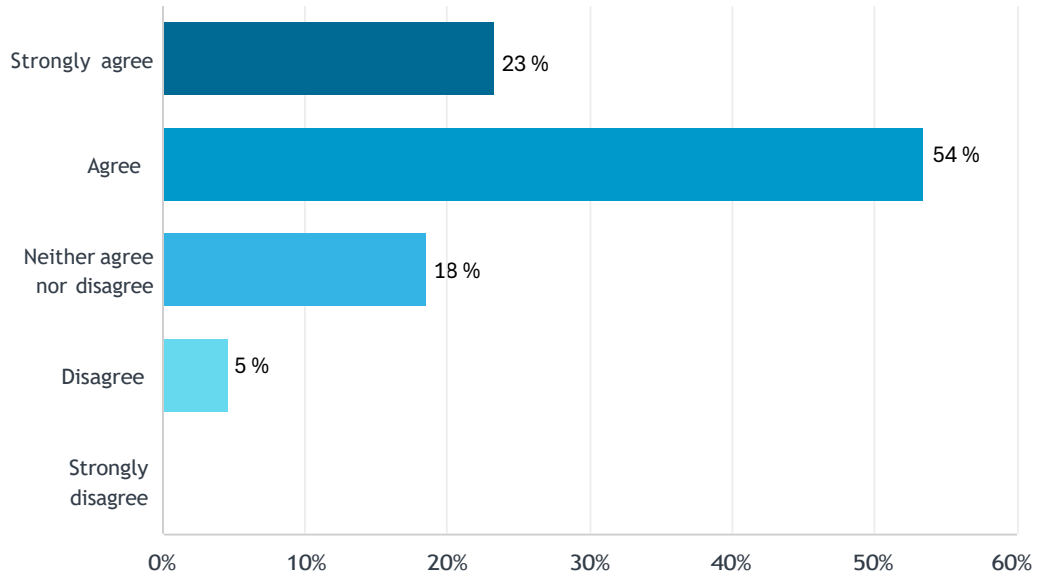
RANK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Website	61.36% 27	15.91% 7	9.09% 4	9.09% 4	2.27% 1	2.27% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Social media accounts	11.36% 5	40.91% 18	20.45% 9	15.91% 7	6.82% 3	2.27% 1	2.27% 1	0.00% 0
MD newsletter	13.64% 6	20.45% 9	40.91% 18	13.64% 6	4.55% 2	4.55% 2	2.27% 1	0.00% 0
Coffee with Council Events	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4.55% 2	25.00% 11	27.27% 12	22.73% 10	18.18% 8	2.27% 1
Local Newspaper	4.55% 2	11.36% 5	18.18% 8	20.45% 9	27.27% 12	15.91% 7	2.27% 1	0.00% 0
Personal Contact with Council Members	2.27% 1	4.55% 2	2.27% 1	6.82% 3	22.73% 10	40.91% 18	20.45% 9	0.00% 0
Personal Contact with MD Staff	6.82% 3	6.82% 3	4.55% 2	9.09% 4	9.09% 4	11.36% 5	45.45% 20	6.82% 3
Other – specify in comment section	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	9.09% 4	90.91% 40

Question 8: Do you agree or disagree with the Vision for the MD of Willow Creek?

"We are a community that preserves, enhances and enriches our evolving rural way of life for all generations to live, work and prosper as members of this farming and ranching community."

Answered: 43

Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	23.26%	10
Agree	53.49%	23
Neither agree nor disagree	18.60%	8
Disagree	4.65%	2
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		43

COMMENTS:

There is a perception that farming and ranching is becoming less important in the development decisions of the MD. Country residential and linear users seem to have more influence. Particularly along the highway 2 corridor.

I feel that there are unfair rules and restrictions placed on acreages

We are starting to lose focus on proper water access and simpler ways of life. Stop with the solar farms and do not do any data centers!!!

Question 9: What currently makes the MD of Willow Creek a great place to live, work or play? *Answered: 30 Skipped: 15*

#	RESPONSES
1	Farmland & greenspaces
2	Its location and all its amenities. Hospital parks golf course shopping. It is a very friendly volunteering place.
3	Country lifestyle, small town feel
4	Agriplex is a nice bonus
5	Lots of services and taxes aren't too bad
6	Location
7	I think it is well taken care of.
8	An abundance of open space, stunning scenery, fertile land, and good road access to most recreational assets. A generally safe place to raise family.
9	Ability to hunt and fish
10	The ability to provide a country way of life on an acreage, raising livestock and rural values
11	Family close by
12	It's a beautiful area, there is great support from council for initiatives and groups
13	Rural lifestyle
14	Location
15	Location
16	The chinooks
17	30 years ago there was less laws and MD was more agricultural based It was more of a farm/ ranch old fashioned type of place. More wild and Albertan
18	Just The community has a whole, Everybody coming together when needed.
19	Rural setting
20	The quiet, rural way of life.
21	By continuing to prioritize agriculture and agribusiness, while maintaining lower taxation.
22	Not over subdivided
23	The truly rural vibe with farm to table living. The slower way of life. Bright skies and quiet nights.
24	Beauty of the area.
25	Beautiful area of Alberta
26	Small town felling with large area for building and growth to keep our children in the area.
27	It stays true to its rural roots, and values protecting farming and ranching as a way of life.
28	The sense of community. Rural is different than urban and needs to stay that way and be preserved as well as protected.
29	Culture
30	It is mostly rural

Question 10: What would you like to see more of in your community?

Answered: 29

Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES
1	Better road conditions
2	Business that will employ people to help the area grow.
3	Healthcare growth
4	Pay less property taxes
5	Meeting places
6	Water. Resources and infrastructure for seniors and those requiring assisted living care. Water.
7	More dust control or affordable dust control
8	Openness to raising animals
9	Business as it generates tax dollars and brings more people to the community to spend money and generate money for our businesses.
10	More grass roots acknowledgement for farming generation
11	People and government mind their own business. If I'm causing a problem come talk to me but other than that if I want a sea can or something on my property with no close neighbours why does it matter?
12	Better roads
13	Better roads
14	Bigger sized acreages. Better roads
15	Less development unless we have enough water
16	Cheap endless water supply for agriculture purposes and less outside people
17	Nothing as of now.
18	Grocery stores
19	More time and funds spend on improving roadways. As a resident we pay taxes but see minimum service on the roads, ditch improvements.
20	Less potholes and country roads crowned to enhance runoff
21	Regional collaboration and events hosting that residents can participate in and bring the region together.
22	Nothing
23	More "barn raising" mentalities rather than just spending/wasting money on "grant" projects. Let's rally the residents to help with projects that matter to THEM!
24	More support from MD towards the Claresholm Agriplex. Many citizens who live in MD utilize it & also brings in revenue.
25	More business and opportunities for employment
26	More groceries stores to control prices. If you build it they will come.
27	Community events teaching urban about rural.
28	Rain
29	Policies more reflective of the wants and needs of in our communities

Question 11: What would you like to see less of in your community?

Answered: 31

Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES
1	Less acreages
2	Taxes
3	Less solar farms, less wind mills Foreign workers,
4	Illegals and crime
5	Roadside advertising and political billboards.
6	Less derelict acreages So many are run down & messy
7	Less acreages
8	Less regulation
9	Less solar and wind farms;
10	Industrial development
11	Taxes
12	Discrimination against acreage owners.
13	Taxes
14	Immigrants
15	Less small parcels, more regulations on intense feeding operations. No more solar farms
16	Immigration without enough jobs
17	Urban non agricultural newbies Less laws affecting anything I want to do
18	Less regulations and restrictions in development so our economy can thrive.
19	N/A
20	Less commercial/industrial development. Keep that near the Towns. Push traffic to the highways instead of on gravel roads.
21	Difficult to say "less" in my community, as a rural property, our nearest neighbours are near 1 mile away. Our closest community actually lies within Lethbridge County, Monarch specifically.
22	Traffic
23	Less tech infrastructure like data centres and bio digesters.
24	Less immigrants and less waste of good land for solar panels.
25	Less wind and solar projects and better management of locations of confined feeding operations.
26	Less traffic coming through town with by-pass or more lights to control speed.
27	Less campground developments, focusing less on bringing more people to the rural areas and focusing on what we have here.
28	Less acreages and less development around our dams and waterways.
29	Less confined feeding operations
30	Wind
31	Less restrictive policies

Question 12: Are there any existing barriers to growth and development that you would like to see addressed through the MDP update?

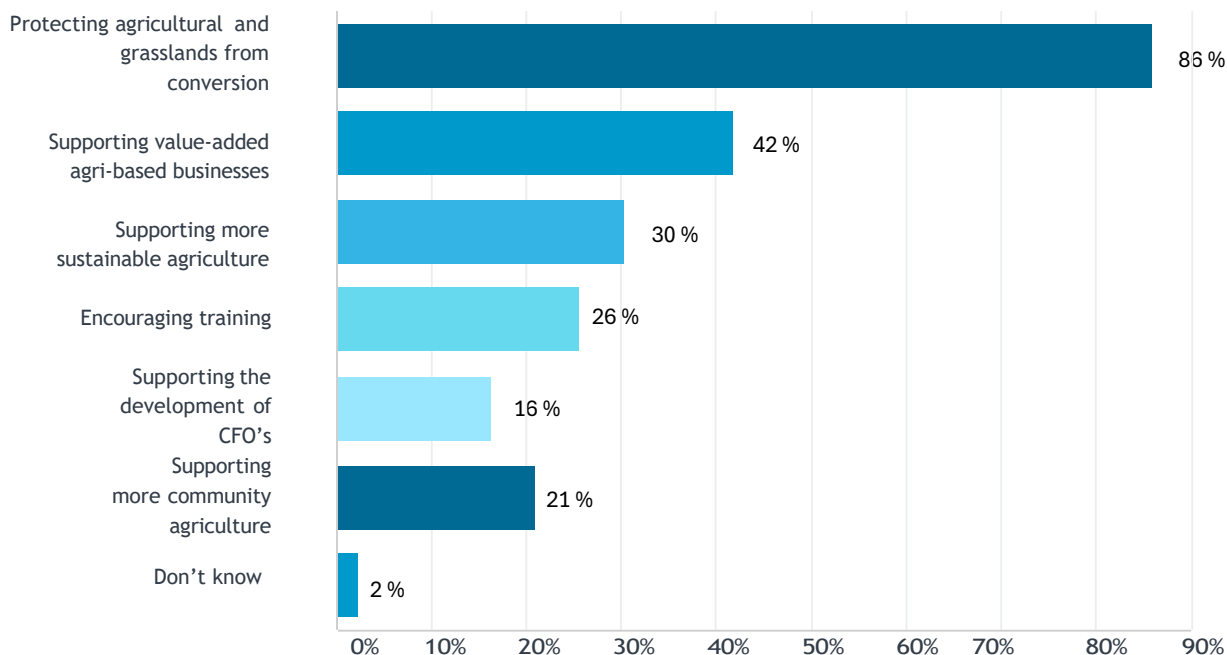
Answered: 19

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#	RESPONSES
1	Red tape and transparency
2	Some of the land use bylaws are too restrictive
3	Less red tape for new construction. More freedom with less bylaws. More control over your own property you spend your whole life paying for.
4	Water supply. Unchecked development without regard to where the water will come from to supply it is irresponsible.
5	No
6	Play fair. Let people live their life peacefully and enjoy their land. The development permit process is slow and over reaching. Sea cans are sturdy structures that are movable leads likely to blow apart from wind and great storage. Why are there rules and ridiculous fees for having one? If you want to treat small multi lot subdivisions differently go for it but when it's an acreage with no close neighbours why is it an issue?
7	Poor roads, landowners not wanting development
8	Development responses. Less red tape
9	Water and taxes
10	Lack of water
11	Extremely poor road conditions! Land use bylaw should not be a part of council decisions, or at least be more open to Confined Feeding Operations rather than listening to city folks who move to our rural communities, remember this is choice farming and ranching not a retirement program.
12	No
13	Ensuring proper alignment with other Bylaws such as the LUB, to make sure they do not conflict and create inefficiencies.
14	None I've encountered
15	I need to read it first.
16	Better communication between development staff(permits) and resident. I'm sure there is a protocol, please make accessibly easier through communication.
17	No
18	None that I know of.
19	Yes, I would like more freedoms in our communities. We are adults and don't need restrictions

Question 13: Which of the following Agricultural Priorities are the most important to you? Chose up to 3.

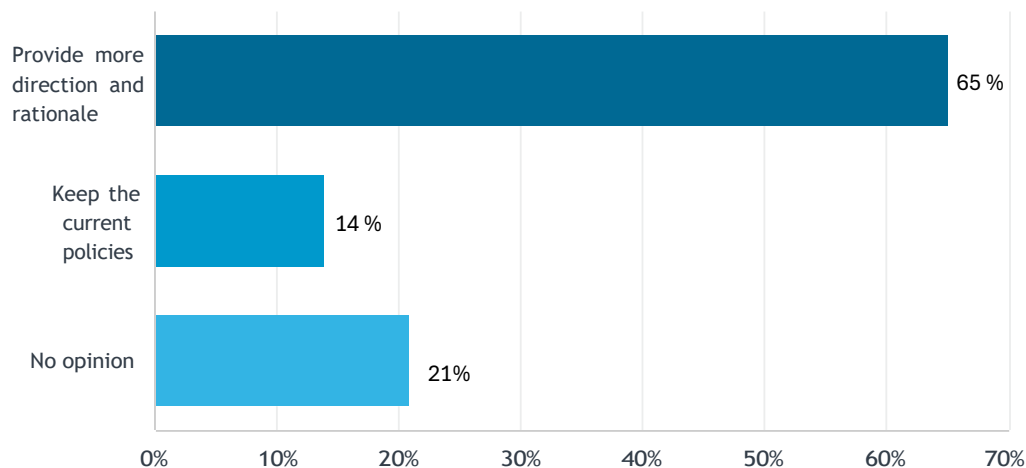
Answered: 43 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Protecting of agricultural and grasslands from conversions to non-agricultural uses	37
Supporting value-added agri-based businesses and agri-tourism initiatives	18
Supporting more sustainable agricultural practices	13
Encouraging and supporting agricultural training and education	11
Supporting the development of confined feeding operations in areas with the land base and water supply necessary to succeed	7
Supporting more community and urban agricultural activities (hamlet community gardens)	9
Don't know	1
Total Respondents: 43	

#	COMMENTS:
1	No more Hutterite colonies
2	The biggest threat is all these urban people moving to Claresholm who seems to have endless supply of water

Question 14: The Natural Resource Conservation Board (NRBC) is responsible for approvals of new or expanding Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs) in Alberta. The MD of Willow Creek has a limited role in the decision-making process and has specific policies for the development and direction of new Confined Feeding Operations within MD found within the current Municipal Development Plan. Do you feel that the MD should do one (1) of the following? *Answered: 43* *Skipped: 2*

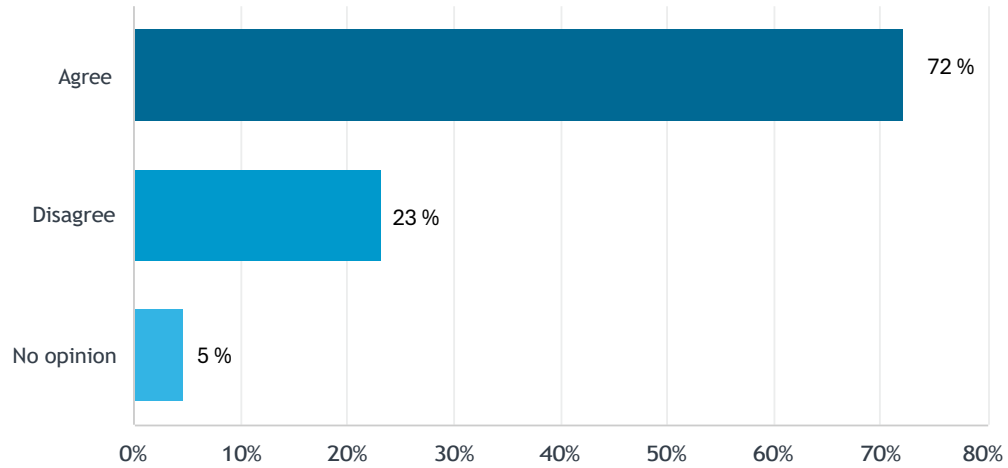


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Provide more direction and rationale for the siting of CFO development	28
Keep the current policies	6
No opinion	9
TOTAL	43

#	IF MORE POLICY AND DIRECTION IS NEEDED, WHAT SPECIFICALLY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.
1	Location, environmental impact, taking productive agricultural land out of use for facilities
2	Needs to be larger setback areas from current residences
3	It really only makes to sense to have input from stakeholders with intimate knowledge of the area to provide sensible information as to siting and whether CFOs are appropriate.
4	Management of operations, smells, regulation
5	I'm concerned about community wells running out of water or having to pay for water at community wells. I think the MD should be looking out for small farms in the MD and not worry about what's good for Claresholm businesses or big shots that already own everything in the md
6	Location, resources, water needs, winds and smell, density.
7	Water usage and land base
8	Restricting drilled well water access to confined feeding operations. Confined feeding operations should only be able to get their water from waterways and be restricted through water allocations like irrigation
9	Locations, size, and neighborhood concerns.

Question 15: Do you agree or disagree that agricultural buildings associated with an approved NRCB CFO permit should be required to obtain development permits from the MD ?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 2



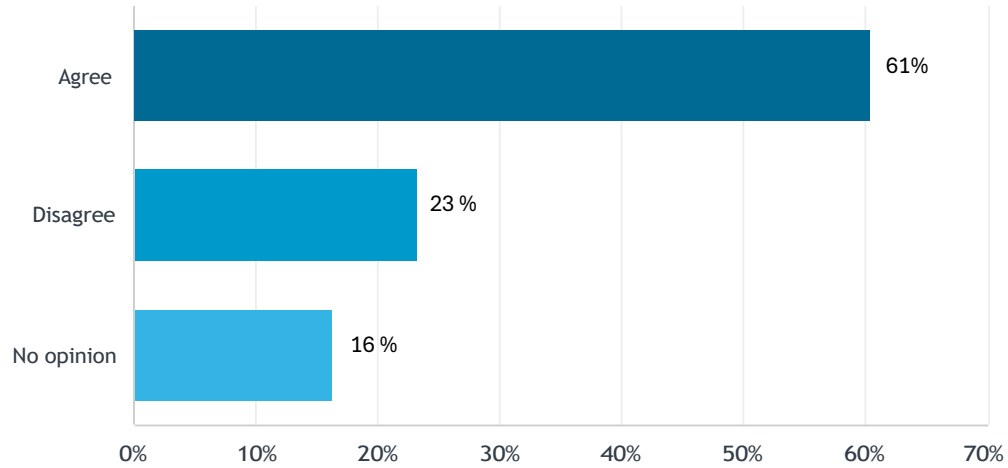
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	31
Disagree	10
No opinion	2
TOTAL	43

#	COMMENTS:
1	To the extent that if some buildings are allowed exemptions, then there's precedent that may allow all buildings to be exempt. There has to be sensible oversight.
2	The less laws for family farms the better
3	Many structures that are outside of the CFO permitting are required to obtain development permits. It creates a double standard if not all operations aren't held to the same level. While I don't mean to stymie CFO, and actively support their agribusiness, they should be held to the same processes as other ranchers as myself for my agricultural structures.
4	The MD are boots on the ground and know what happening in their MD

Question 16: Do you agree or disagree with the current policy allowing a First Parcel-Out subdivision (3–10 acres, including an existing farmyard and dwelling) in all areas of the municipality?

Answered: 43

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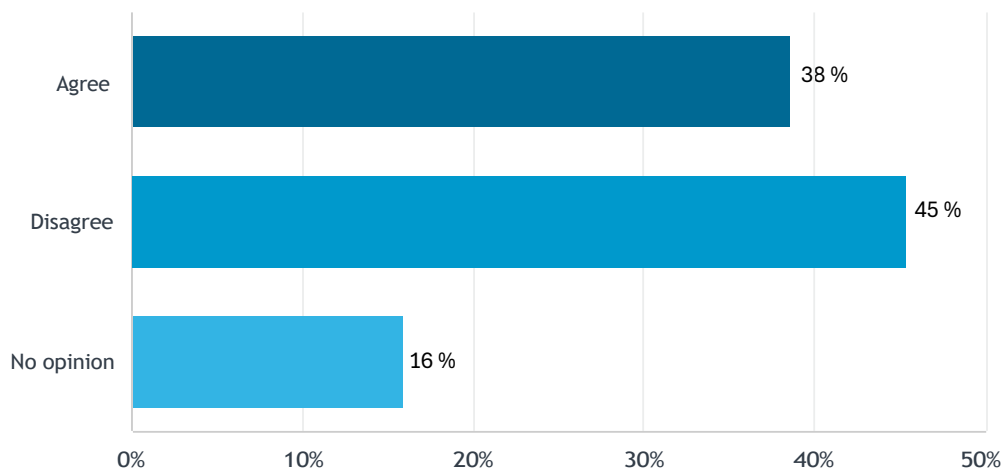


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	26
Disagree	10
No opinion	7
TOTAL	43

#	COMMENTS:
1	Should be allowed to take at least 20 acres. People want to move out here for a rural lifestyle, so to support that more acres are needed. If you only have a few acres, you might as well live by a major city and save the commute every day. This would bring more people and taxes to the county
2	Only 1st out
3	It depends on who is buying them. I'm all for families who want to work in agriculture. I don't want urban people from outside of MD trying to turn us into Ontario
4	I believe for family farms, there should be an option to potentially subdivide 2 parcels. As families tend to be larger in the region, having to rezone the property creates barriers for family's wanting to reside on the same property.
5	Each subdivision request needs to be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Not all requests should be granted

Question 17: Do you agree or disagree with the current policy of allowing a Bare Land subdivision between 3 and 5 Acres (vacant of any development) in all areas of the municipality?

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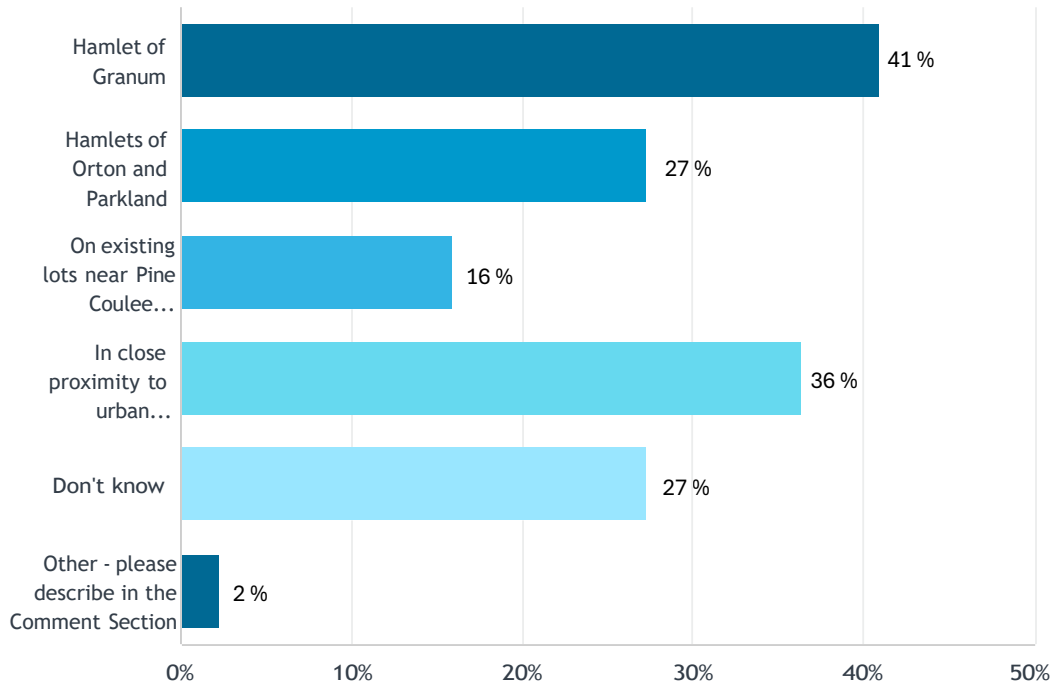


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	17
Disagree	20
No opinion	7
TOTAL	44

#	COMMENTS:
1	Should be more leniency with the natural subdivision part. For instance, I have an easement through my property because the county road was never built. So, I should be able to subdivide the pieces split by the easement
2	There are already too many junky acreages Do not add more
3	Ability to subdivide a larger acreage would allow more small agriculture operations
4	As long as there is feasible access
5	By urban areas
6	10 acres minimum
7	It depends on who is buying them
8	Keep urban development by urban centres.
9	However, it is dependent on historical values of the land, and whether it is prime agricultural land for farming.
10	Each request needs to be assessed separately. Not all subdivision requests are in the best interest of all areas of the MD

Question 18: Which areas should the MD prioritize Residential Growth?
Choose all that you support.

Answered: 44 Skipped: 1

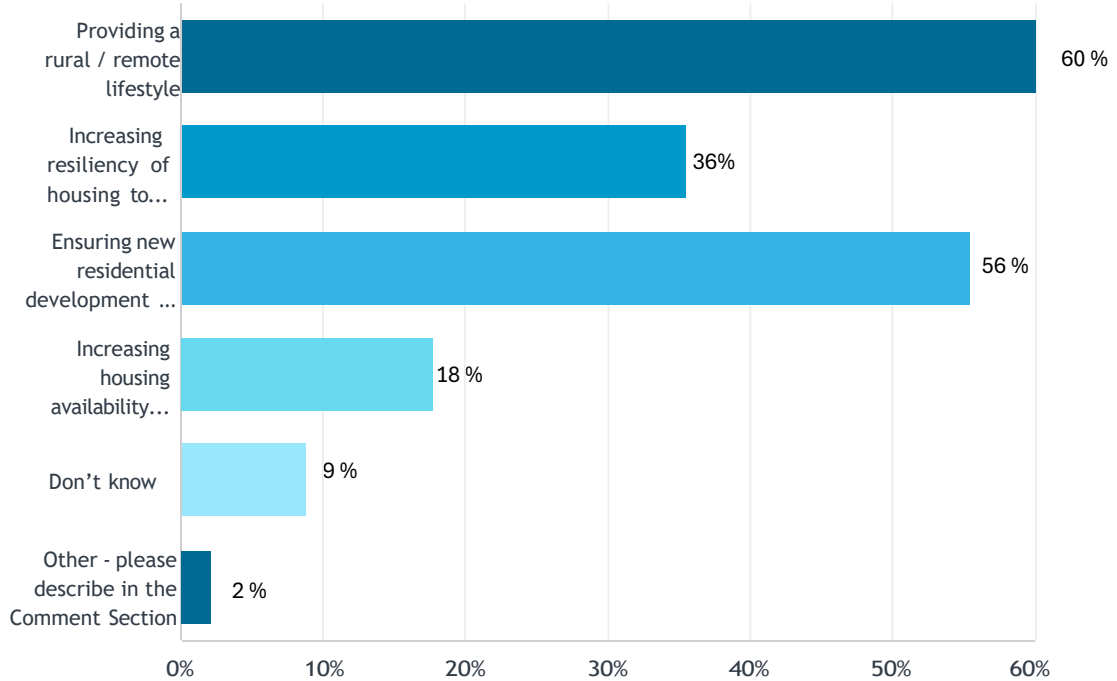


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Hamlet of Granum	18
Hamlets of Orton and Parkland	12
On existing lots near Pine Coulee Reservoir	7
In close proximity to urban municipalities as identified through joint planning	16
Don't know	12
Other - please describe in the Comment Section	1
Total Respondents:	44

#	COMMENTS:
1	My daughter building a house on our farm is different than selling off acreages to urban people from outside the MD
2	Also difficult to comment as the MD is very large and areas of focus would be limited and have minimal/no effect to 90% of rural farms.
3	Urban should stay urban and rural stay rural because of their different mindset and beliefs.

Question 19: Which of the following Housing priorities are the most important to you?
Chose up to 3.

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0



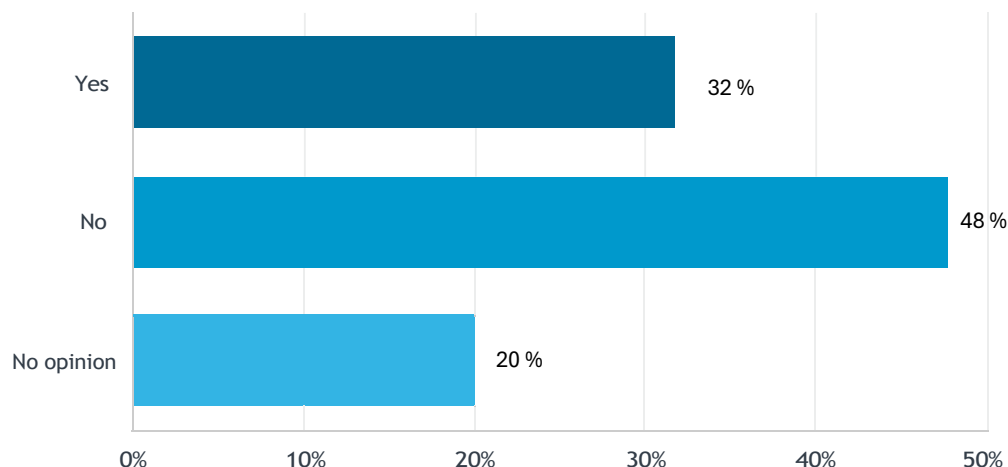
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Providing a rural / remote lifestyle	27
Increasing resiliency of housing to floods, fires and other natural disasters	16
Ensuring new residential development has appropriate servicing installed by the developer	25
Increasing housing availability in the hamlets	8
Don't know	4
Other - please describe in the Comment Section	1
Total Respondents:	45

#	COMMENTS:
1	There are enough houses
2	Development needs to be regulated due to proximity to available above surface water

Question 20: Do you feel that there are adequate housing opportunities for seniors within the MD of Willow Creek or the urban municipalities found in the MD (Nanton, Claresholm, Stavely and Fort Macleod)?

Answered: 44

Skipped: 1



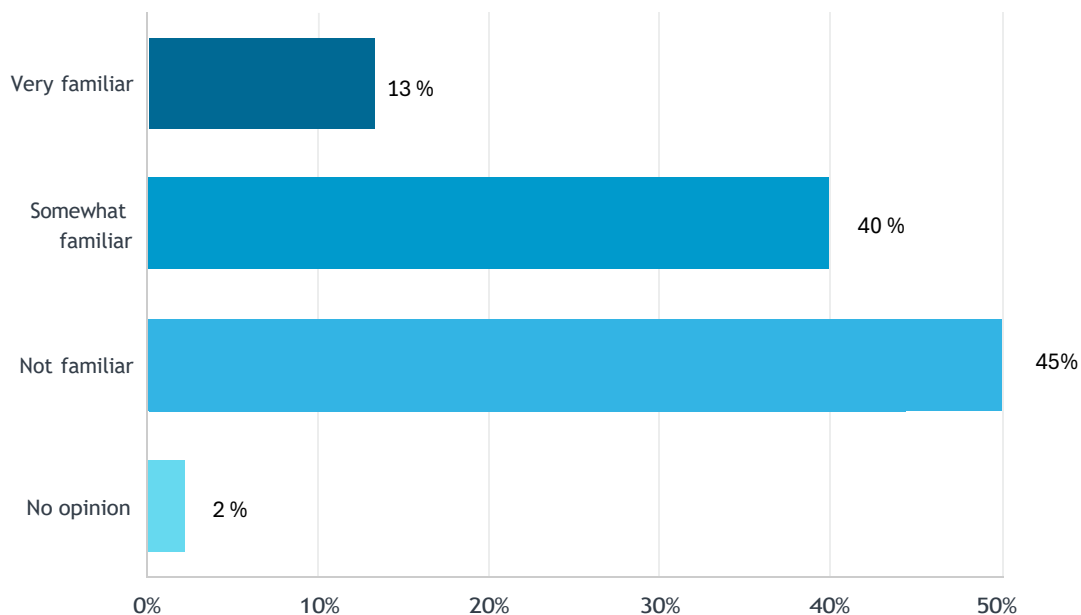
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	14
No	21
No opinion	9
TOTAL 44	

#	COMMENTS
1	Not enough housing and the property taxes are too high.
2	It will help when the next phase of the Porcupine Lodge is fine
3	Urbans need more housing or age in place areas.
4	You realize people are moving here from Calgary, Ontario and from all over the world which makes it more expensive for the ones already here
5	Always room for expansion for those moving from the MD into the municipalities. It is nice for seniors to remain in the communities in which they were a part of.
6	But the spaces are starting to become limited.
7	Need more long-term facilities for seniors in urban areas within the MD
8	As the population ages the need increases
9	With an aging population there is a need for more senior housing

Question 21: How familiar are you with the programs and services offered by FCSS (Family and Community Support Services) within the MD of Willow Creek?

Answered: 45

Skipped: 0



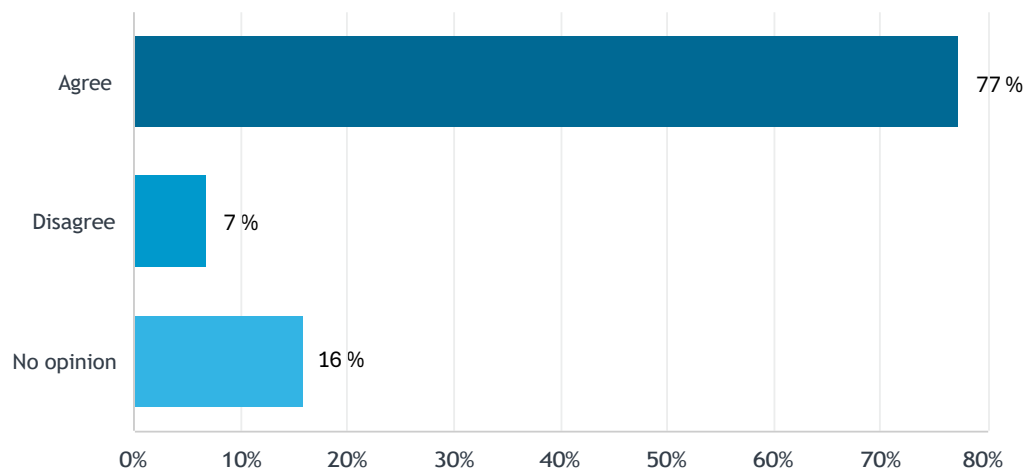
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very familiar	6
Somewhat familiar	18
Not familiar	20
No opinion	1
TOTAL	45

#	COMMENTS
1	However, working for a neighbouring municipality/town, I know of the services offered by the FCSS.
2	There needs to be more provided to rural seniors to make it feasible for them to be able to stay in the communities that they have supported throughout their lives if they choose to do so.

Question 22: Waste-to-Energy refers to the conversion of waste materials into usable forms of energy, typically electricity or heat. The MD is investigating opportunities to develop a Waste-to-Energy project within the MD. Do you agree or disagree with this initiative?

Answered: 44

Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	34
Disagree	3
No opinion	7
TOTAL	44

#	COMMENTS:
1	There would need to be more details provided to be saying yes or no
2	Needs to be financially self-sustaining or profitable
3	Canada is way behind in this! Let's do better
4	Location is vital to this success
5	If you had less new people moving here, we would have less garbage and more hunting opportunities for locals
6	Partner with an urban for location.
7	However, it should be limited to locations such as industrial areas within the MD and not open agricultural lands.
8	I would need more information on the location and what all is involved. Not located near current towns.
9	Taking opportunities to learn and see if it's a fit.

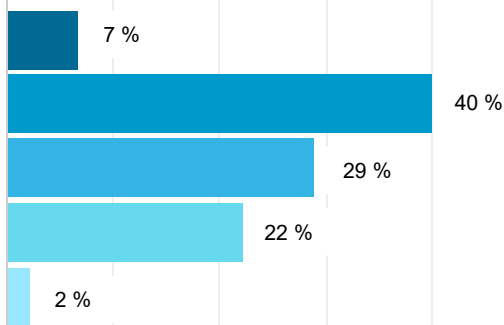
Question 23: How would you rate the following MD Community Services? (check one for each category)

Answered: 45

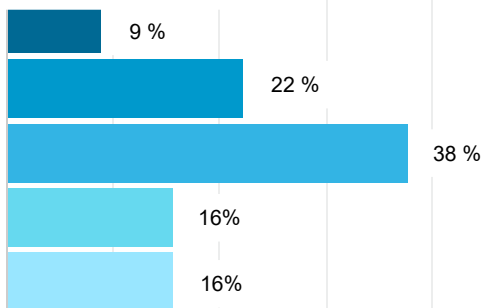
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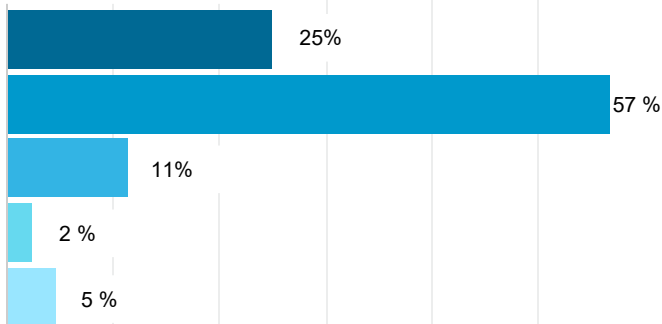
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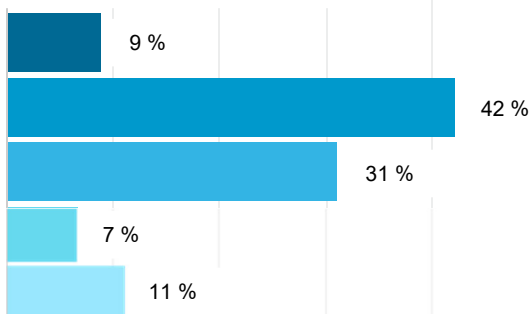
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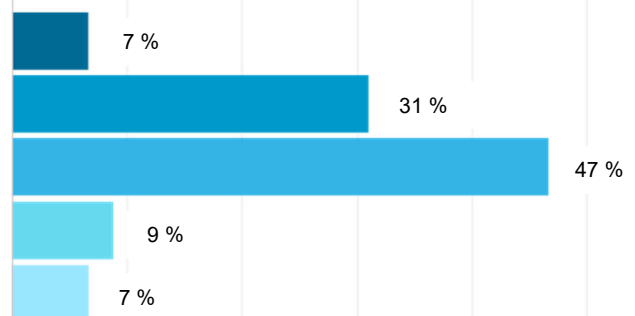
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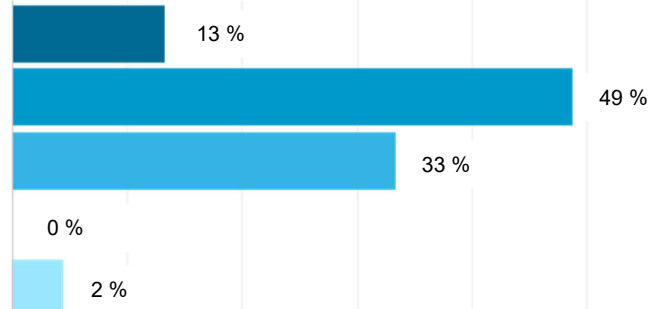
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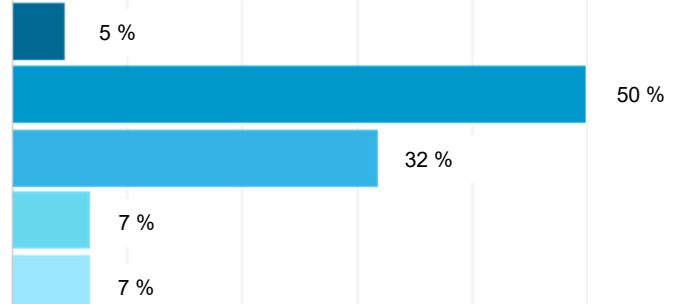
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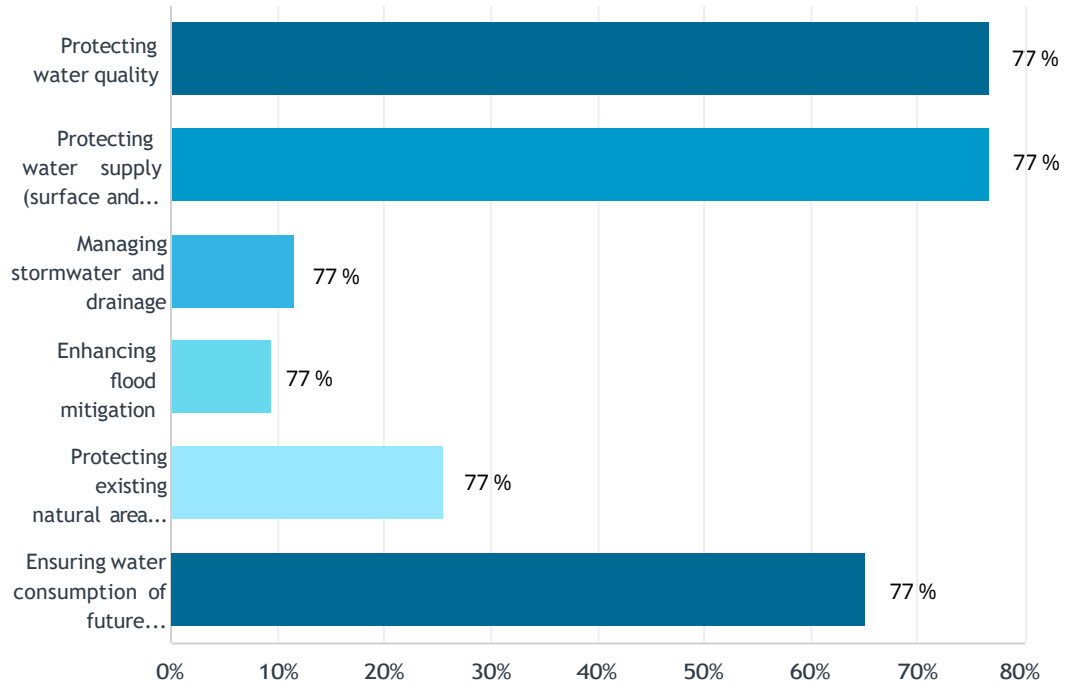
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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Road Maintenance	6.67% 3	40.00% 18	28.89% 13	22.22% 10	2.22% 1	45
Bylaw Enforcement	8.89% 4	22.22% 10	37.78% 17	15.56% 7	15.56% 7	45
Emergency Services	25.00% 11	56.82% 25	11.36% 5	2.27% 1	4.55% 2	44
Landfill & Garbage Disposal	8.89% 4	42.22% 19	31.11% 14	6.67% 3	11.11% 5	45
Planning & Development	6.67% 3	31.11% 14	46.67% 21	8.89% 4	6.67% 3	45
General Administration	13.33% 6	48.89% 22	33.33% 15	0.00% 0	4.44% 2	45
MD Website	4.55% 2	50.00% 22	31.82% 14	6.82% 3	6.82% 3	44

Question 24: Which of the following Water Priorities are the most important to you?
Choose up to 3.

Answered: 43 Skipped: 2



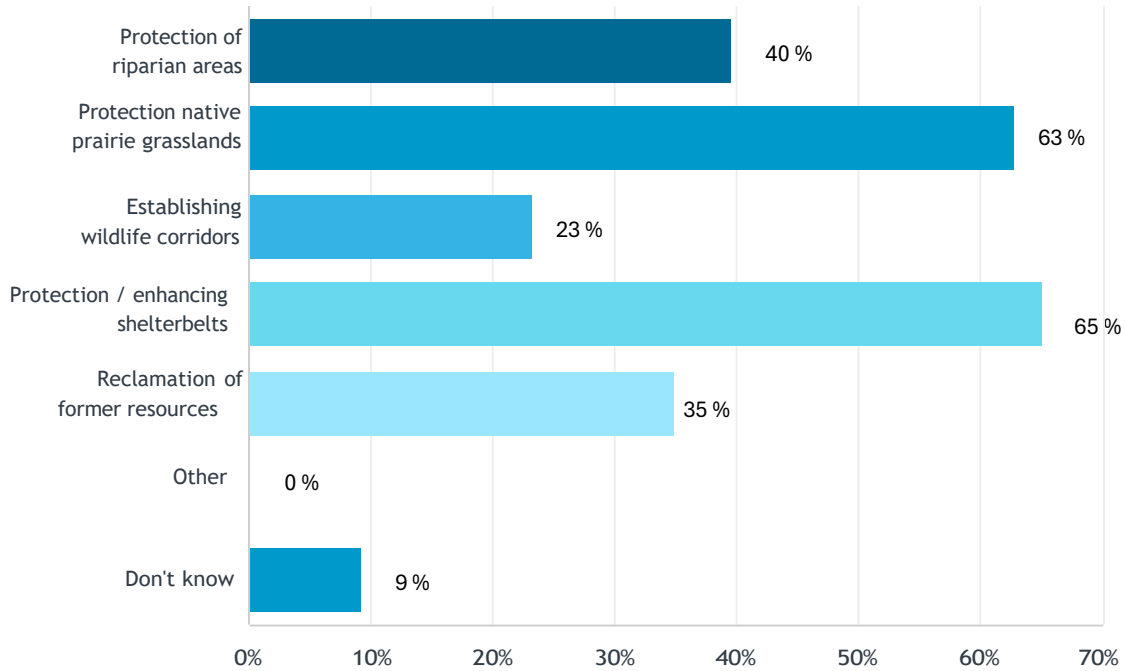
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Protecting water quality	76.74%	33
Protecting water supply (surface and subsurface sources)	76.74%	33
Managing stormwater and drainage	11.63%	5
Enhancing flood mitigation	9.30%	4
Protecting existing natural areas and wetlands	25.58%	11
Ensuring water consumption of future development does not impact current development	65.12%	28
Total Respondents:		43

#	COMMENTS:
1	Monitor water levels, stop some people from developing pivots to use water.
2	Making sure community wells are free and available in the future

Question 25: Which of the following Natural Environmental Priorities are the most important to you? Choose up to 3.

Answered: 43

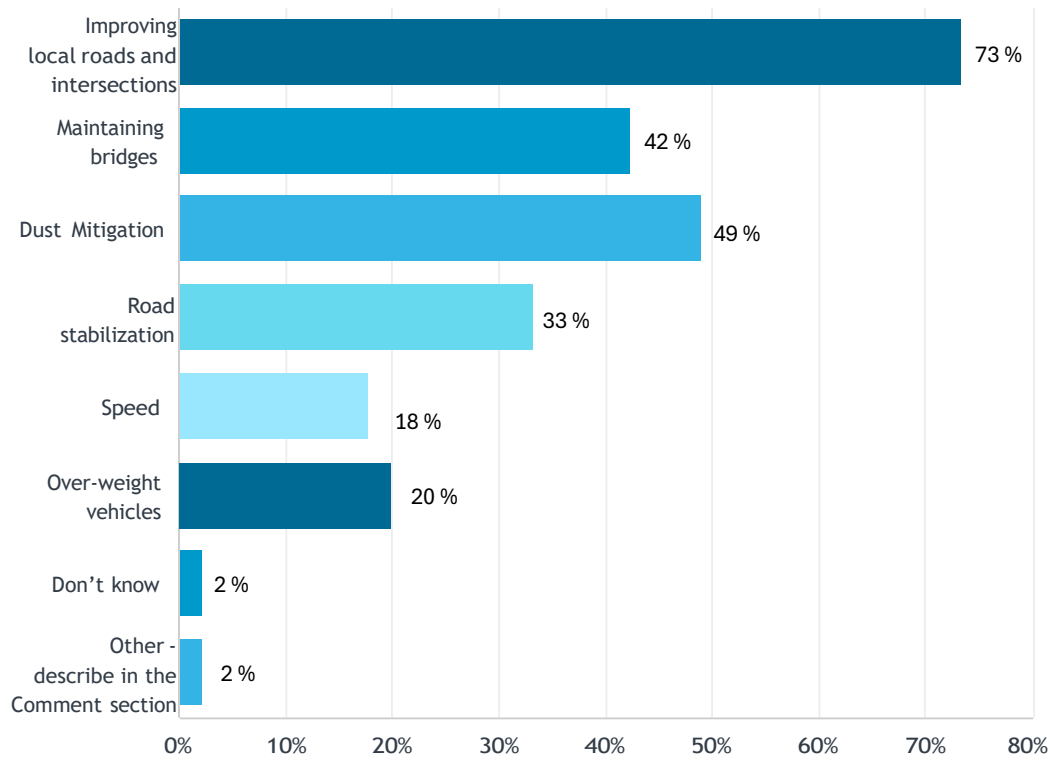
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Protection riparian areas	39.53%	17
Protection native prairie grasslands	62.79%	27
Establishing wildlife corridors	23.26%	10
Protection or enhancing shelterbelts and windrows within the MD	65.12%	28
Reclamation of former resources / industrial uses	34.88%	15
Other - please describe in the comment section	0.00%	0
Don't know	9.30%	4
Total Respondents:		43

#	COMMENTS"
1	Need a better shelter belt program
2	Open more coal mines. Tap into more oil and gas. Build more power plants
3	There has to be more done to restrict intensive feeding operations.

Question 26: Which of the following Transportation priorities are the most important to you? Choose up to 3 *Answered: 45 Skipped: 0*



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improving local roads and intersections	73.33%	33
Maintaining bridges	42.22%	19
Dust mitigation	48.89%	22
Road stabilization	33.33%	15
Speed	17.78%	8
Over-weight vehicles	20.00%	9
Don't know	2.22%	1
Other	2.22%	1

Total Respondents: 45

#	COMMENTS:
1	Road grading should be done on a as needed basis Not on a schedule- grading happens when it's too dry & not needed
2	Traveling the province, the M.D. of Willow Creek has the worst roads.
3	Less laws for farmers
4	There has to be more educational information provided to the urban population on use and rules of the road when travelling on our gravel roads. For example, when meeting on coming traffic slow down and move over etc.

Question 27: The MD has invested in improvements to the infrastructure within the Hamlet of Granum. Are you satisfied with the level of service and the improvements completed? *Answered: 44 Skipped: 1*

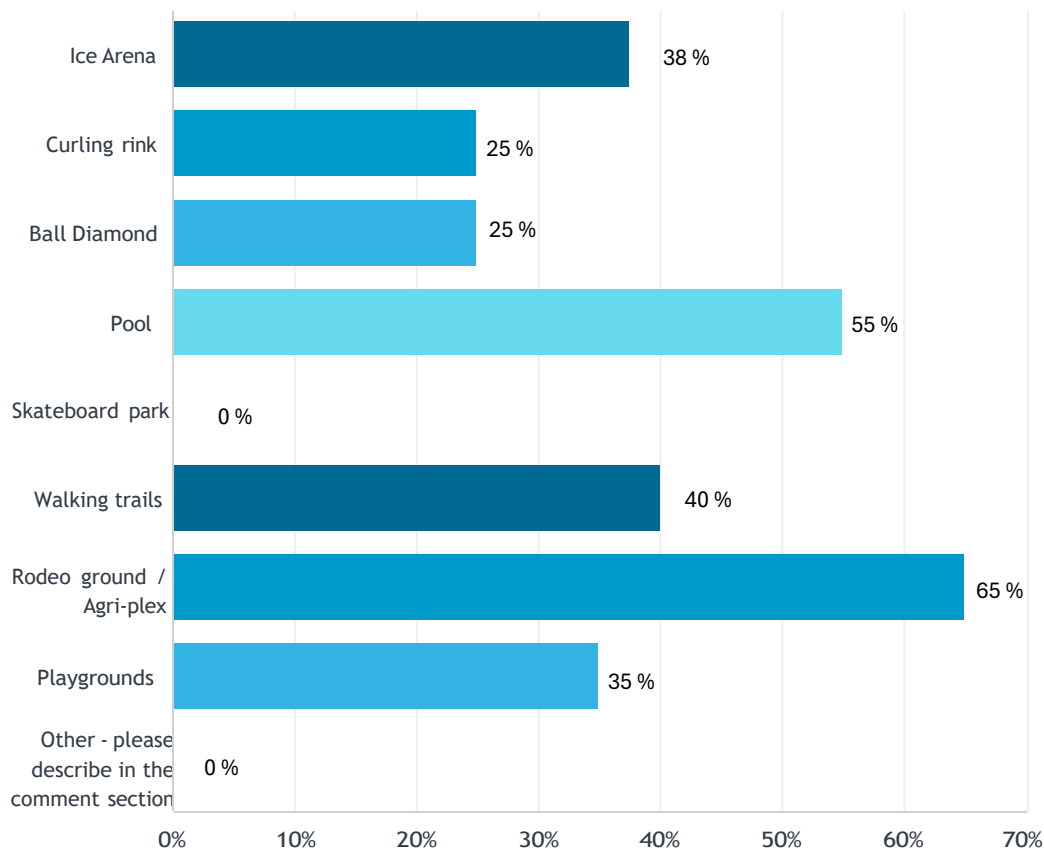
	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	POOR	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Road Maintenance	6.82% 3	18.18% 8	9.09% 4	0.00% 0	65.91% 29	44
Street and sidewalk improvements	2.27% 1	20.45% 9	9.09% 4	0.00% 0	68.18% 30	44
Drainage improvements	6.82% 3	18.18% 8	9.09% 4	0.00% 0	65.91% 29	44
Parks and Open Space	9.30% 4	20.93% 9	9.30% 4	0.00% 0	60.47% 26	43

ARE THERE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS HAMLET RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE FUTURE?

- 1 You could improve/reduce the property/special tax burden on the residents of Granum there are more than enough government taxes and grants to improve Granum. Maybe the golf course and RV park should pay some taxes.

Question 28: The MD of Willow Creek has Recreation Agreements that help fund regional recreation. If you or your family use recreational facilities in neighbouring municipalities, please indicate which facilities you visit.

Answered: 40 Skipped: 5

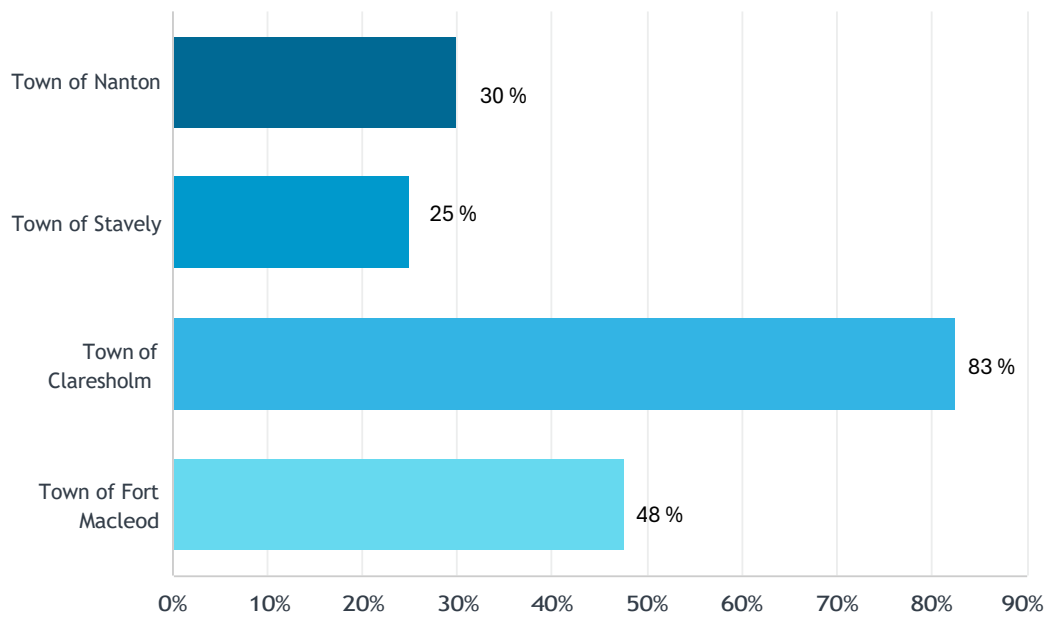


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ice Arena	37.50%	15
Curling rink	25.00%	10
Ball Diamond	25.00%	10
Pool	55.00%	22
Skateboard park	0.00%	0
Walking trails	40.00%	16
Rodeo ground / Agri-plex	65.00%	26
Playgrounds	35.00%	14
Other	0.00%	0
Total Respondents:		40

#	COMMENTS:
1	The Community Centre is a priority in our area
2	No longer use then, lack of time
3	None

Question 29: Please select the municipality that you visit Recreational Facilities in.
Choose all that apply.

Answered: 40 Skipped: 5



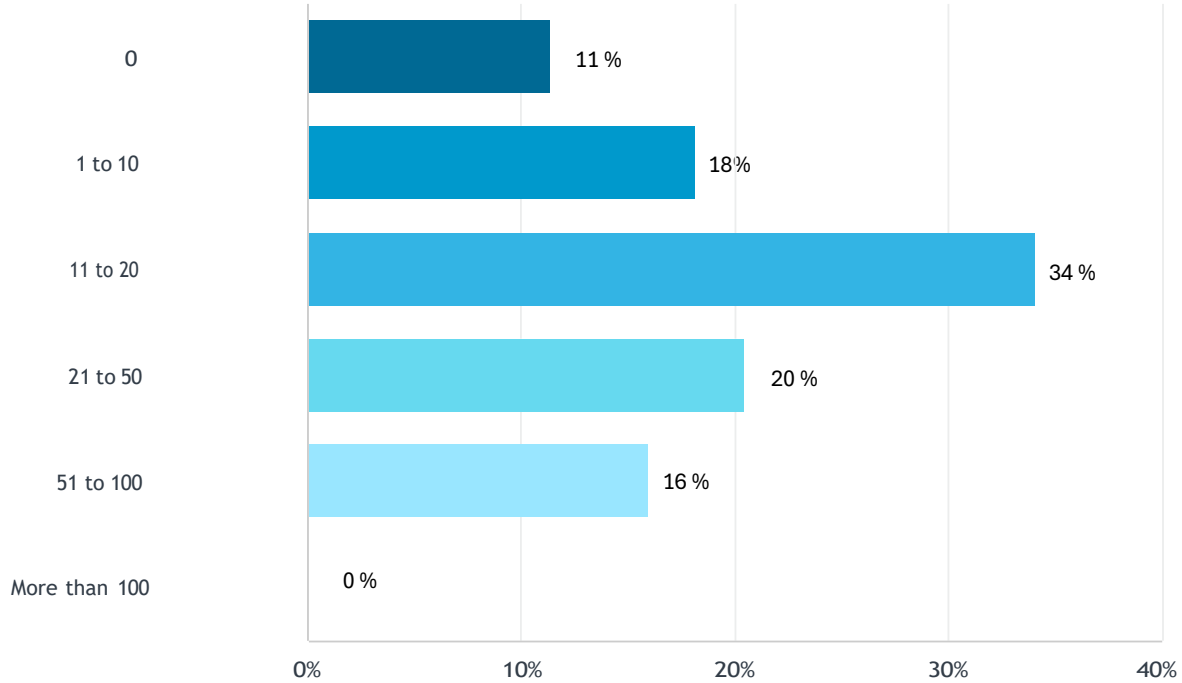
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Town of Nanton	30.00% 12
Town of Stavely	25.00% 10
Town of Claresholm	82.50% 33
Town of Fort Macleod	47.50% 19
Total Respondents:	40

#	COMMENTS:
1	None
2	None

Question 30: In total, how many visits to a Recreation Facility would you or your family make in a year?

Answered: 44

Skipped: 1

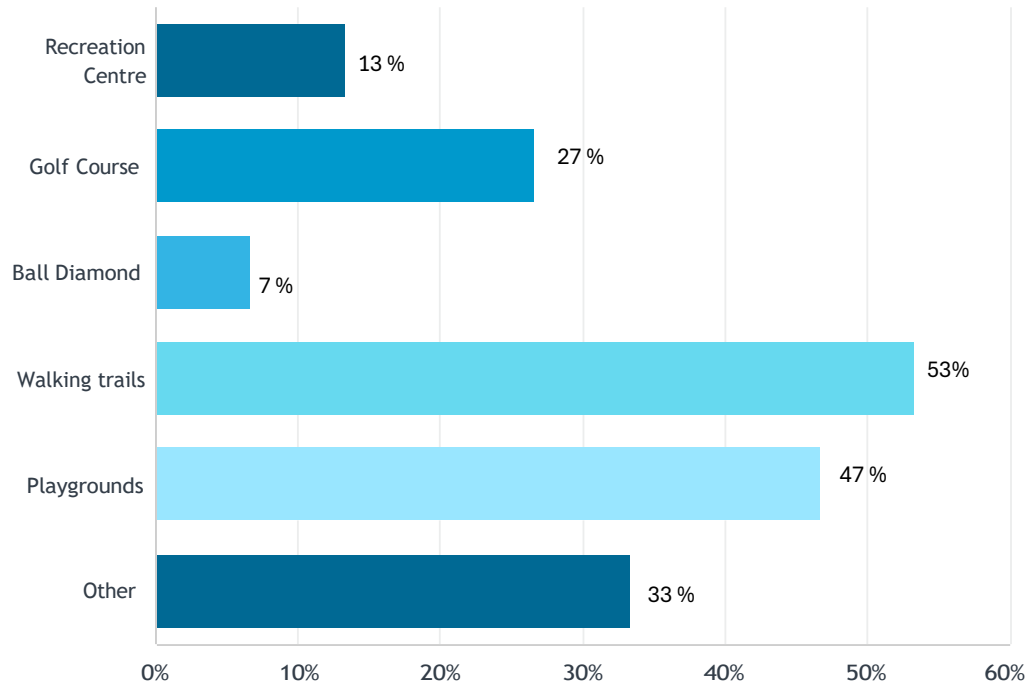


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0	11.36% 5
1 to 10	18.18% 8
11 to 20	34.09% 15
21 to 50	20.45% 9
51 to 100	15.91% 7
More than 100	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 44	

#	COMMENTS:
	There are no responses.

Question 31: Within the Hamlet of Granum, do you utilize any of the following Recreational Facilities? Mark all of the facilities that you use:

Answered: 15 Skipped: 30



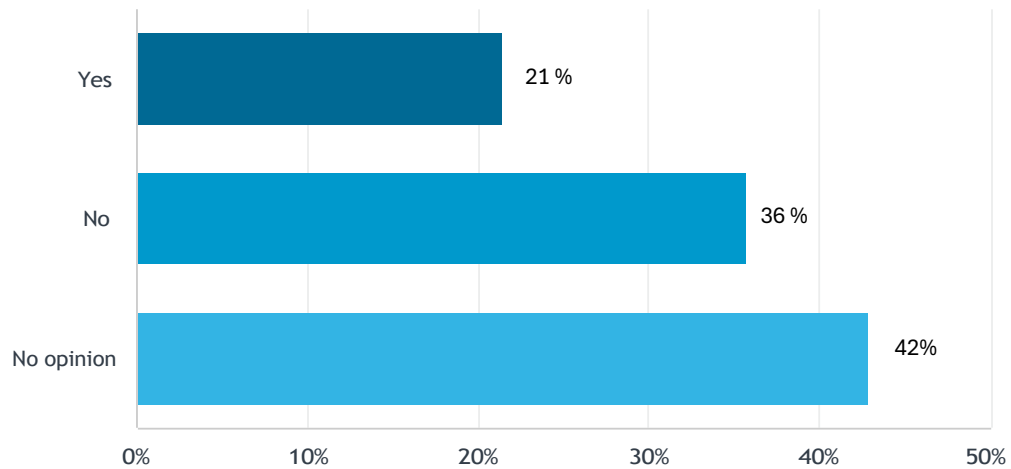
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Recreation Centre	13.33% 2
Golf Course	26.67% 4
Ball Diamond	6.67% 1
Walking trails	53.33% 8
Playgrounds	46.67% 7
Other	33.33% 5
Total Respondents:	15

#	OTHER FACILITIES
1	Park
2	Pond/lake
3	Campground
4	None.
5	No

Question 32: Do you believe that additional Recreation and Park Spaces are needed in the MD?

Answered: 42

Skipped: 3



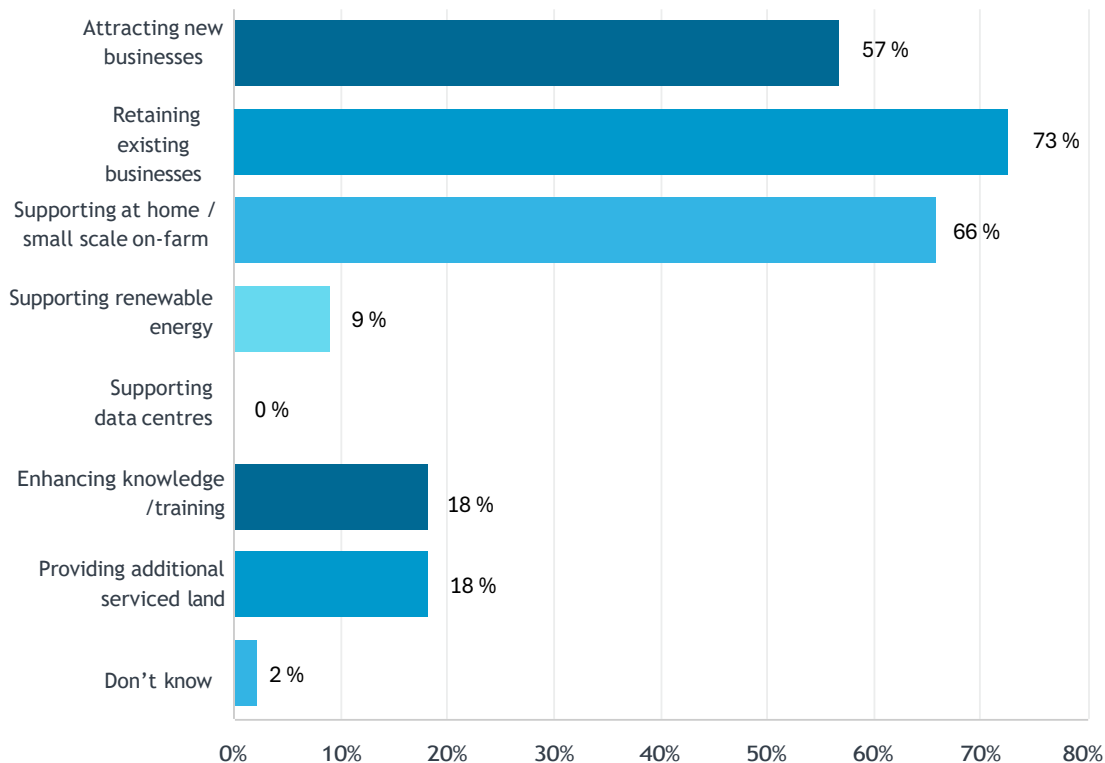
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	21.43% 9
No	35.71% 15
No Opinion	42.86% 18

TOTAL 42

#	IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE WHAT TYPE AND WHERE IT SHOULD BE LOCATED.
1	Use the Towns
2	Develop the Old Man River campground with toilets and camp kitchen. Cut back trees and shrubs fix the river bank for easier access to the river
3	The forestry is overrun because of unlimited immigration, and everyone is moving here.
4	Work with the Towns to improve their facilities instead of duplicating them.
5	I don't camp so don't know.
6	New subdivision should have parks for walking and play.

Question 33: Which of the following Employment and Economic Priorities are the most important to you? Choose up to 3.

Answered: 44 Skipped: 1



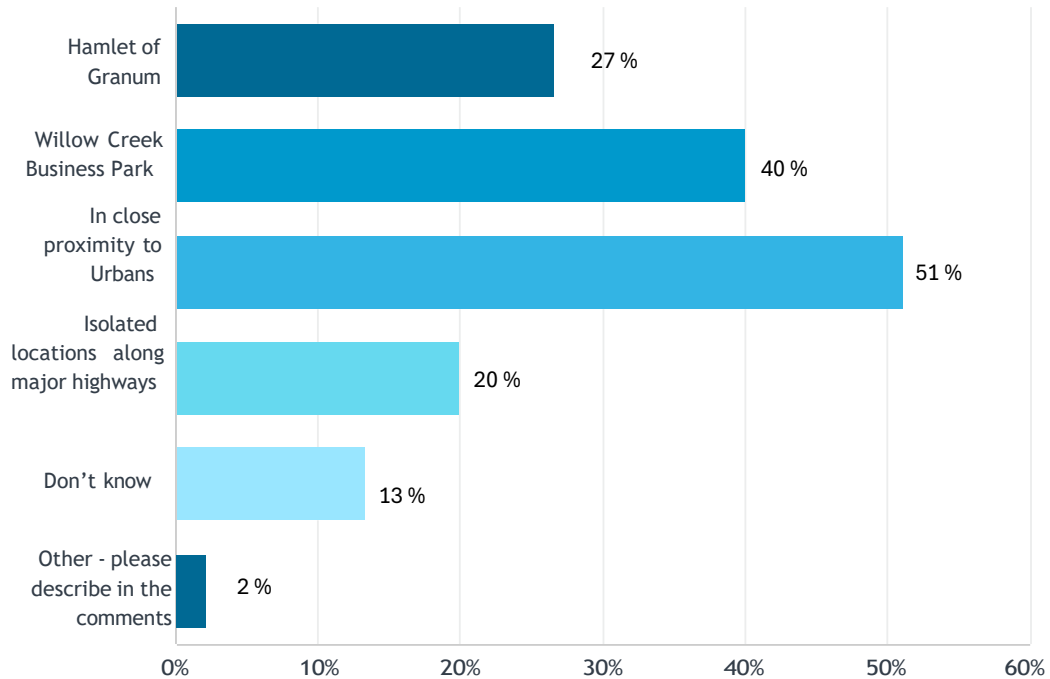
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attracting new businesses to the MD	56.82%	25
Retaining existing businesses located in the MD	72.73%	32
Supporting at home or small scale on-farm operations	65.91%	29
Supporting renewable energy operations (wind, solar, battery storage)	9.09%	4
Supporting the development of data centres in the MD	0.00%	0
Enhancing knowledge and training opportunities in the MD	18.18%	8
Providing additional serviced land for employment uses at the Willow Creek Business Park (Claresholm Airport) and Hamlet of Granum	18.18%	8
Don't know	2.27%	1
Total Respondents:		44

COMMENTS:

There are no responses.

Question 34: Which areas should the MD prioritize for Industrial Growth?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0



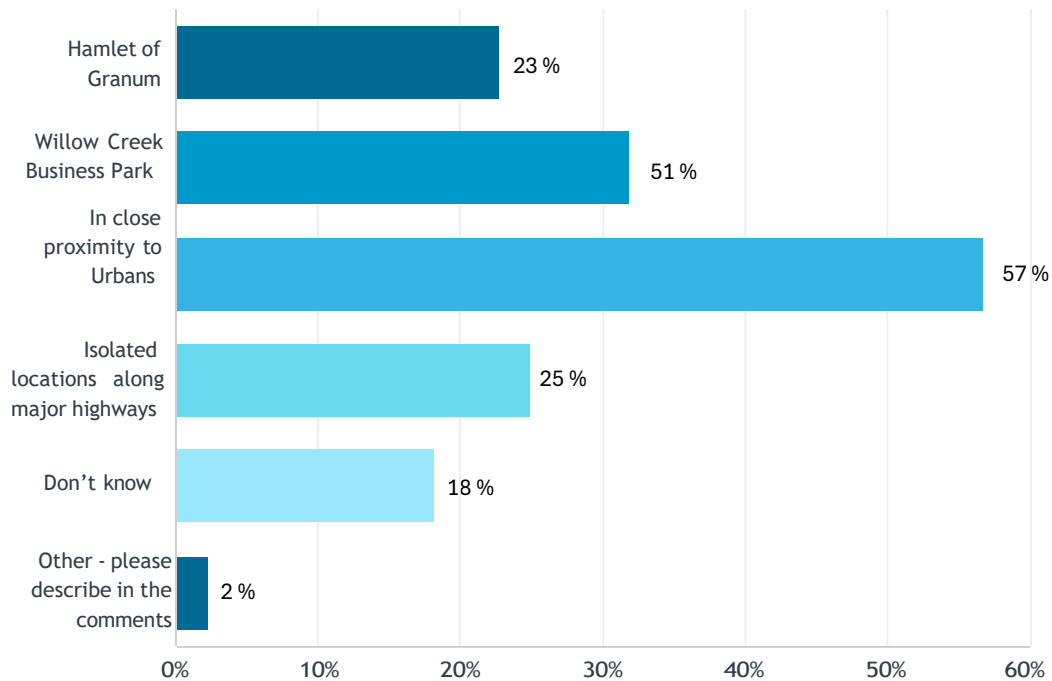
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Hamlet of Granum	26.67% 12
Willow Creek Business Park (Claresholm Airport)	40.00% 18
In close proximity to urban municipalities as identified through joint planning	51.11% 23
Isolated locations along major highways	20.00% 9
Don't know	13.33% 6
Other – please describe in the comments	2.22% 1
Total Respondents:	45

#	COMMENTS
1	No coal mining on the Eastern slopes.
2	Unless it's agricultural based it's just going to make our overstocking of urban people worse. Plus they don't hire Albertans anyway. They just bring in people from overseas to keep wages and working conditions bad

Question 35: Which areas should the MD prioritize for Commercial Growth?

Answered: 44

Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hamlet of Granum	22.73%	10
Willow Creek Business Park (Claresholm Airport)	31.82%	14
In close proximity to urban municipalities as identified through joint planning	56.82%	25
Isolated locations along major highways	25.00%	11
Don't know	18.18%	8
Other – please describe in the comments	2.27%	1
Total Respondents:		44

#	COMMENTS
1	Unless it's agricultural related you shouldn't
2	More businesses in the area would be great

Question 36: Are there any other issues or concerns you would like Council to know about ? Answered: 17 Skipped: 28

#	RESPONSES
1	I think there is a huge waste of money spent on policing the people and what they do on their own property. Maybe less government on people's private property. I didn't work my whole life to have the municipal government tell me what to do and what I can have on the property I bought and paid for. Also taxing people's property for financial gains they have not received by assessing their property for the gain of government should be illegal. Maybe try less property tax.
2	Communication about development has degraded. New permit applications should be provided to neighboring residents within a mile of development, not just those immediately adjacent. Also, there needs to be greater scrutiny of residential development hidden in outbuildings trying to circumvent regulations. There's more attention being given to c-can storage than full suites located in pole sheds intended as permanent housing. Also some more scrutiny as to adherence to the intended permitted usage of development. Residences morphing into revenue properties, day camping areas becoming permanent living sites.
3	Dust control too expensive to only last a few months. Clearlake road 260 to highway 520 is dangerous bc of huge potholes.
4	We need to get back to rural roots, issues like limiting speed on emergency services hurt us as a community
5	The Drift club is not a business that belongs in our rural community. It makes family time difficult with the noise that carries on for hours
6	I like to see fiscal restraint and limited tax increases.
7	Feel like a criminal when trying to understand the development permit process
8	Dust control, when paid for, needs to be a lot better! What exactly do we get for our taxes?
9	Road conditions
10	With all the outside non agricultural people and civilization that came with them we have lost what made Alberta great
11	No
12	No
13	Regional cooperation helps support long term economic growth and initiatives. Not just hamlets or other Towns within the MD, but neighbouring MD's. Input from them will be critical in ensuring long term strategies for the southern region.
14	No
15	Thank you for all you do.
16	You are doing a fantastic job.
17	No

Question 37: Are there any actions, projects or services that you appreciate and would like Council to know about?

Answered: 10

Skipped: 35

#	RESPONSES
1	A spay/neuter clinic. I tried to address this but there was absolutely no interest. Other MDs have done these.
2	I have to wonder why the MD has not shared any information locally for the development in Granum on the north west end, I read about it a out of province newspaper.
3	Keep our community a place of agriculture and wildlife
4	Agriculture department has some great workshops and events
5	I wish we could go back in time
6	No
7	No
8	No
9	We are grateful for the MD support in the battle against Willow Ridge wind project. And appreciate the AUC respecting the MD LUB as a minimum standard.
10	No