GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

REPORT COMMS-2025-02
October 28, 2025

SUBJECT: **Budget Communications and Engagement**

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE receives for information COMMS-2025-02 Budget Communications and Engagement.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN –

This recommendation is aligned to Council's strategic priority of ensuring "**Liveability**" by creating a sense of belonging while enhancing mobility by improving access to recreation and community events, ensuring adequate housing options, encouraging job growth, and improving ways to efficiently move people throughout the city.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To strengthen transparency and community participation in the 2026 budget process, the City of Welland launched a series of new engagement tools and activities designed to make budget decisions more accessible and resident-driven. Staff recognized that municipal budgeting can often feel complex and disconnected from residents' daily experiences. While the feedback collected through these tools is not statistically representative of the entire community, it successfully achieved its primary objective of public education. The engagement activities helped residents better understand how municipal budgets work and provided valuable qualitative insights into community priorities. These perspectives, while not definitive, offer meaningful context to help inform Council's decision-making and demonstrate the City's commitment to transparency and inclusive participation in the 2026 budget process.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Welland is committed to fostering an open, transparent, and inclusive budget process to ensure that the annual financial plan reflects the priorities and needs of its residents. Welland has seen significant growth in recent years, necessitating careful financial planning to address rising demands for services, infrastructure, housing, and economic development.

To support this, the City implemented a comprehensive budget engagement process between September and October 2025, aimed at educating the public and gathering community input to guide the development of the 2026 municipal budget. This initiative aligned with Welland's ongoing efforts to enhance civic participation and transparency in decision-making, recognizing the importance of including diverse voices in shaping the city's future.

DISCUSSION:

The primary objectives of the budget engagement were to:

- **Increase Public Awareness:** Educate residents and stakeholders on how the city allocates resources and the impact of budgeting on service delivery, infrastructure, and long-term planning.
- **Gather Community Input:** Solicit feedback on budget priorities from the community to ensure their concerns are considered in financial planning.
- **Foster Transparency:** Provide a clear and transparent breakdown of where municipal funds are allocated and what the proposed budget entails.
- **Promote Civic Participation**: Encourage active participation in the budget process by offering multiple platforms for engagement and feedback.

This year, throughout the month of September, the community was invited to participate in several tools (some familiar, some new) to provide input when it comes to budget priorities. The Budget 2026 on Engage Welland invited Welland residents to engage meaningfully in the City's budget-making process. It aimed to make the budgeting cycle more transparent and accessible by providing clear background information (e.g. what a municipal budget is, how decisions are made, where tax dollars go), a detailed timeline of upcoming steps, and frequent updates as staff and Council advance through the process. It also offered interactive elements to allow residents to voice priorities, explore trade-offs, and follow how their input is used.

Four opportunities to share input were provided: survey, fund it tool, plot a project, and the bin there fund that activation. Overall, participation on for the 2026 budget through Engage Welland looked like the following:

Budget 2026 Engage Welland	
Views	1738
Visits	1481
Visitors	1079
Contributions	185
Contributors	151

- **Views** = how many times your project was *seen* (think "impressions").
- **Visits** = how many times people *came to engage* (think "unique sessions").
- **Visitor** = someone who views your engagement page — they might read information, watch a video, or browse tools, but not engage.
- **Contribution** = A contribution is an individual piece of feedback or input submitted by a contributor.

- **Contributor** = is the person (or user) who provides input or feedback through the engagement platform.

Survey
The City of Welland's Budget 2026 Survey gathered feedback from 43 residents across all six wards to understand spending priorities and perceptions of the municipal budget. Respondents emphasized core service maintenance and fiscal responsibility amid widespread cost-of-living pressures.

Infrastructure—particularly roads, bridges, and sidewalks—emerged as the clear top priority, followed by public safety and winter operations. Residents showed less urgency for cultural and administrative investments but valued continued support for parks and recreation.

With nearly nine in ten households reporting economic strain, the survey reflected a strong preference for practical, needs-based budgeting rather than new program spending. Most participants engage through digital channels, underscoring the success of Welland's online-first communication strategy.

Overall, the sentiment was constructive and forward-looking: residents trust the City's fiscal management and want resources focused on reliability, affordability, and visible improvements to everyday services.

- Infrastructure tops all priorities — Roads, bridges, sidewalks, and trails ranked #1 for investment, cited by 77% of respondents as the most important service area.
- Public safety and winter operations followed closely, highlighting residents' focus on core, essential services.
- Economic strain influenced attitudes — 88% of respondents reported negative impacts from the rising cost of living, reinforcing a cautious, fiscally conservative outlook.
- Digital communication dominates — 63% of participants rely on social media for City updates, showing success of the City's online-first engagement strategy.
- Sentiment was pragmatic and constructive — Residents expressed trust in City operations and emphasized maintaining service quality over expanding programs.

This year's survey result, while still lower in terms of responses than would be preferred and is not a sample size we can consider statistically valid, outpaced last year's results.

Survey	2025 budget survey	2026 budget survey	Increase/Decrease
Views	123	119	-3%
Visits	84	109	**30%**
Visitors	74	95	**28%**
Contributions	59	43	-27%
Contributors	9	42	**367%**

Fund It Tool
The *Budget 2026 Fund It Tool* results demonstrate that Welland residents value a balanced, service-oriented budget focused on maintaining parks, roads, community programs, and safety. The simulated allocations reflect a pragmatic public mindset — emphasizing reliability, infrastructure stewardship, and accessible amenities over major new investments.

- Average Projects Funded per Person: 6.5 of 8
- All participants (100%) supported at least one project; 8.6% funded all eight.
- Roughly 60% of total dollars went to parks, infrastructure, and community programs.
- Public safety and economic development held strong mid-level support.
- Environmental and customer service areas lagged but still attracted majority participation.

Fund it Tool	
Views	354
Visits	306
Visitors	233
Contributions	35
Contributors	34

Plot a Project

The *Budget 2026 Plot a Project* tool invited residents to share location-based ideas for local improvements through an interactive map. With 69 contributions from 38 participants, it achieved the highest conversion rate (18.6%) of all engagement tools.

Participants focused on tangible, community-level investments — park upgrades, trail connections, traffic safety, and accessibility. The quality and specificity of feedback demonstrated residents' detailed local knowledge and civic pride.

Social media proved the most effective engagement driver, helping reach new voices beyond typical civic participants. Overall sentiment was highly positive, and the initiative reinforced Welland's commitment to collaborative, place-based planning that turns local insights into actionable project ideas for the 2026 budget.

- Strong participation and idea diversity — 69 project ideas submitted, with nearly 1 in 5 visitors contributing, the highest engagement rate of any Budget 2026 tool.
- Parks, trails, and public spaces dominated submissions, reflecting residents' interest in active transportation and outdoor recreation improvements.
- Traffic safety and accessibility were recurring themes, including calls for sidewalk links, lighting, and calming measures.
- Social media outreach drove engagement, accounting for over half (57%) of all traffic, indicating successful community reach.
- Tone was collaborative and solution-oriented, with residents providing practical, location-specific suggestions rather than general commentary.

Plot a Project	
Views	279
Visits	242
Visitors	178
Contributions	69
Contributors	38

Bin There, Fund That
The City trialled the "Bin There, Fund It" in-person engagement campaign in partnership with Open Arms Mission. Residents were invited to "vote" with non-perishable food donations by placing them into bins each labelled with a different City service area. While participation did not reach the target level—likely due to timing and awareness—the initiative provided a fresh way to engage the community and will serve as a foundation for future activations in future years.

CROSS-TOOL TAKEAWAYS

1. **Infrastructure and core services lead –** Roads, maintenance, and safety dominate funding and ranking results across all tools.
2. **Community amenities valued –** Parks, recreation, and facilities received consistent support.
3. **Affordability drives caution –** Widespread concern about cost of living shaped residents' expectations for restraint and efficiency.
4. **Digital-first engagement worked –** Over 60% of survey participants and 40% of site visitors engaged via social media.
5. **Balanced sentiment –** Feedback reflected *trust, practicality, and satisfaction* rather than polarized views.

All project and tool results from the Engage Welland page are attached to this report as Appendix I.

Social media was used to promote the City of Welland's budget engagement. Through Facebook and LinkedIn, the City shared posts with easy-to-understand graphics and updates, encouraging residents to take part in the online tools. These platforms allowed for direct interaction, making it easy for people to ask questions, share feedback, and stay informed about the process, ultimately increasing community participation.

Of the 23 Facebook posts related to the budget throughout September, there was a 2% engagement rate, which is above average based on a recent public-sector benchmarking source (Orlo) of an average Facebook engagement rate of 1.62% for local government organizations.

To complement social media, posters were displayed at City Hall, the Welland Community Centre, the Market, Arenas, WIFC, and library branches, displaying a QR for members of the public to be taken directly to the Engage Welland page.

Combined, these methods allowed for a fulsome approach and broad reach to engaging the community, asking them to participate in the process.

FINANCIAL:

There are no financial impacts of this report as it is meant to inform the budget process.

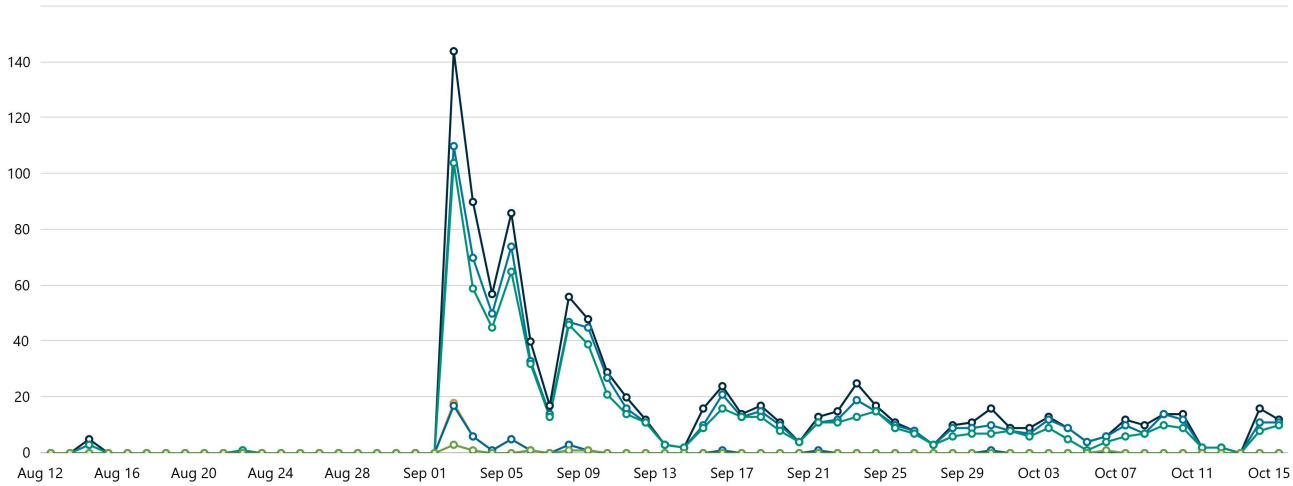
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Appendix I Budget 2026 Engagement Reports

Engage Welland

Report Type: Project
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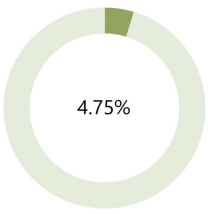
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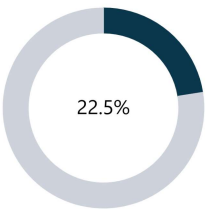
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Feedback



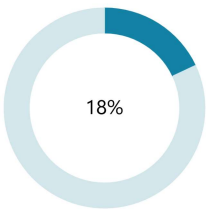
Percentage of visits where at least **1 contribution** was made.

Attention



Percentage of visits that lasted at least **1 active minute**.

Actions



Percentage of visits where at least **2 actions** were performed.

Participation

Information regarding how people have participated in your projects and activities.

Contributions by Activity
Contributions by Activity is a breakdown of contributions across each tool

	Activity	Contributions	%
	Quick Poll	38	100%

Top Activities
Top Activities is the top 5 tools that received the highest contributions

	Activity	Page Name	Contributions	Contributors
	Quick Poll	Budget 2026	38	37

Projects

The current number of published projects on your site

Engagement Time

0	9	47
Days	Hours	Minutes

Sep 3rd 2025	Tuesday
Peak Visitation Date	Peak Visitation Day

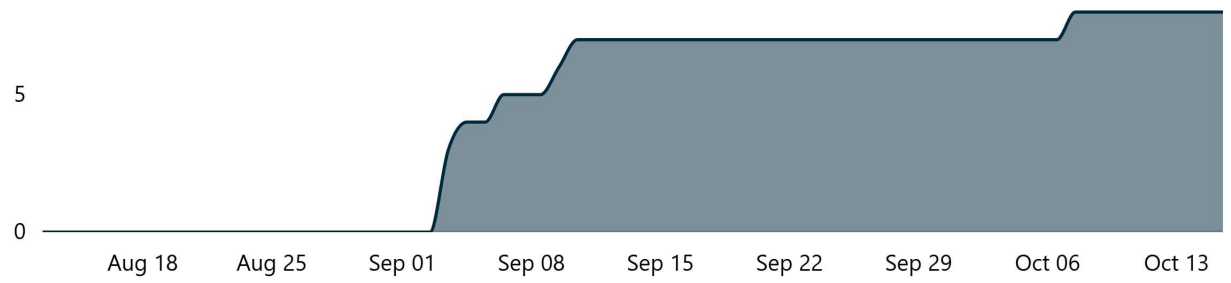
Top Visited Pages
Summary information for the top five most visited Pages.

Page Name	Visitation %	Visits	Visitors
Budget 2026	100%	786	542

People

Information regarding who has participated in your projects and activities.

Follower Activity
Information regarding the activity of registered Members who have 'followed' or subscribed to one or more projects.



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Downloads

Information regarding your downloads, the total set of unique documents downloaded, total downloads of all files, and your top downloads.

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Total Downloads

Top Downloads
Top file downloads in your selection, ordered by the number of downloads.

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Email Campaigns

Information regarding your email campaigns, your total campaigns, the total number of recipients, and your top campaigns by click-through rate (clicks as a percentage of total recipients).

1
Email Campaigns Sent

7
Total Recipients

14.29%
Click-through Rate

Top Campaigns
Top email campaigns that have activity in your selection, ordered by click-through rate (clicks as a percentage of total recipients).

Campaign Name	Recipients	Clicks	Click-through Rate
Budget 2026	7	1	14.29%

Translation

Information regarding the languages used by visitors to your site or projects.

Languages
Top 5 most used languages.



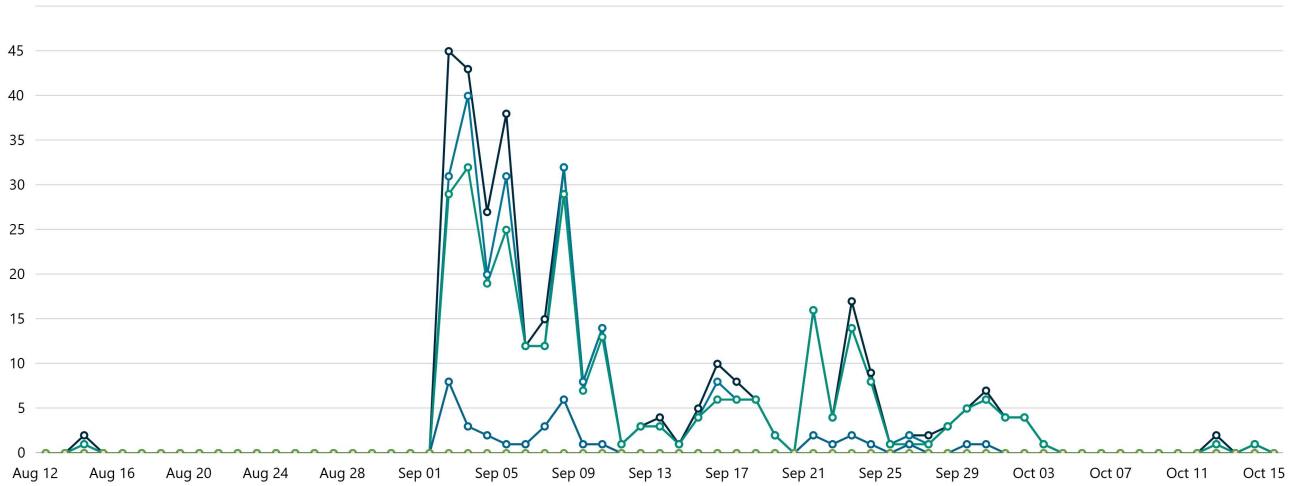
Top Languages
Top 5 languages with the number of page views

Language	Page Views
English	945

Engage Welland

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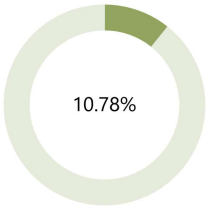
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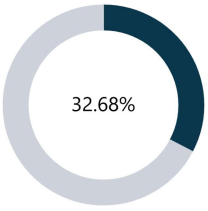
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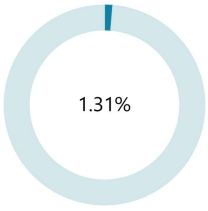
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	Fund It	35	100%

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	Fund It	Budget 2026 Fund It Tool	35	34

Projects

The current number of published projects on your site

Engagement Time

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Days	Hours	Minutes

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Peak Visitation Date	Peak Visitation Day

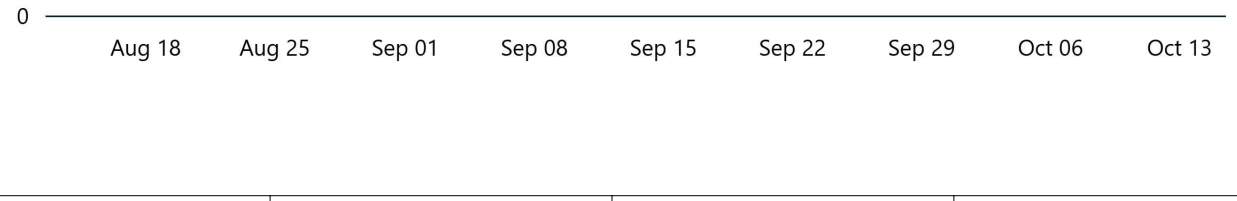
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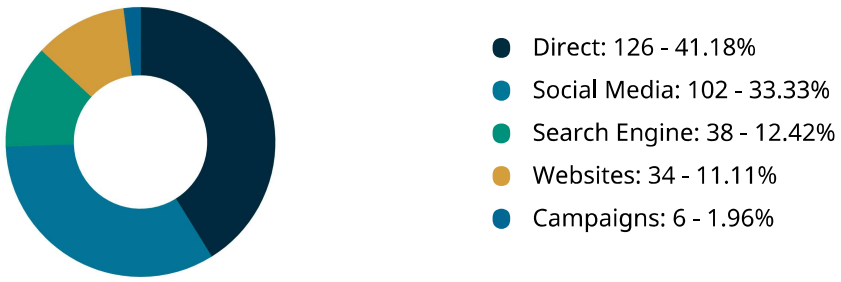


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Click-through Rate

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Budget 2026 Fund it Tool	6	1	16.67%

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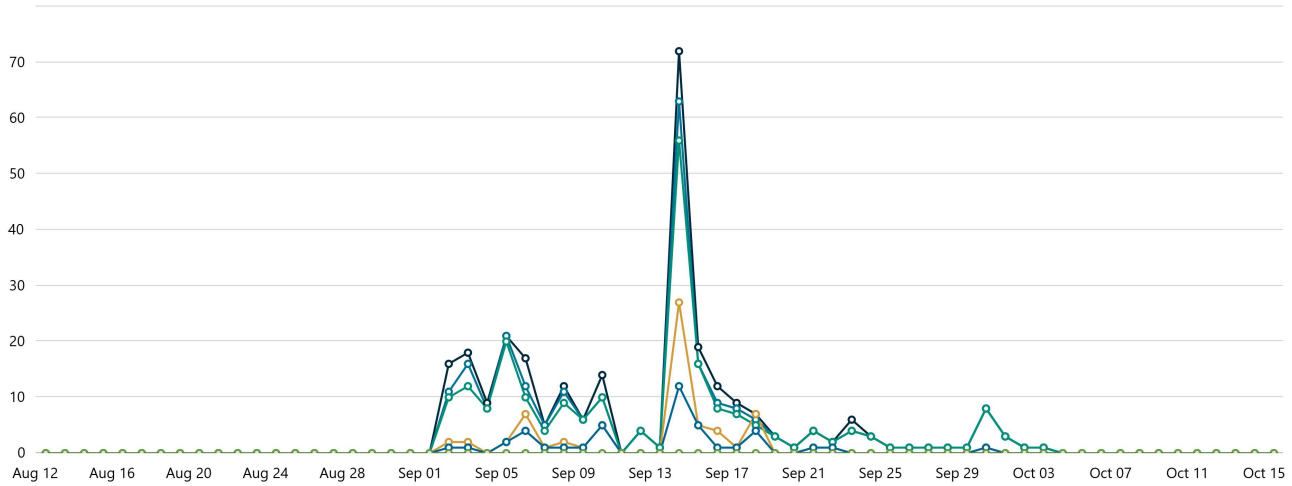
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Language	Page Views
English	354

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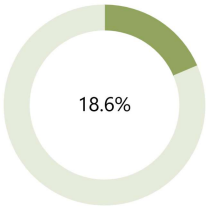
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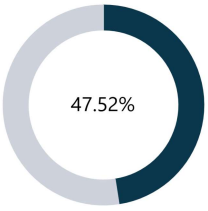
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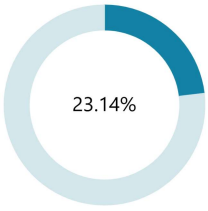
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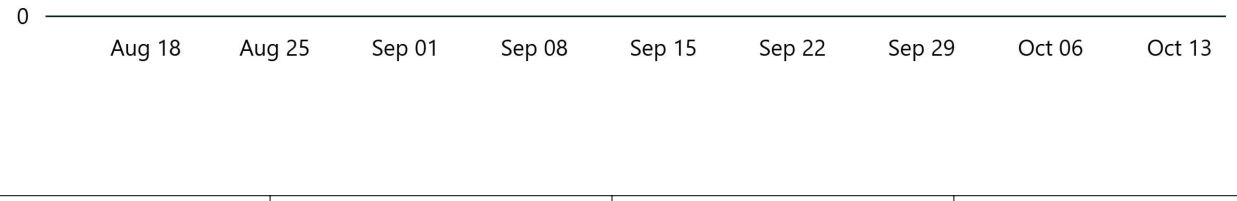
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Languages
Top 5 most used languages.



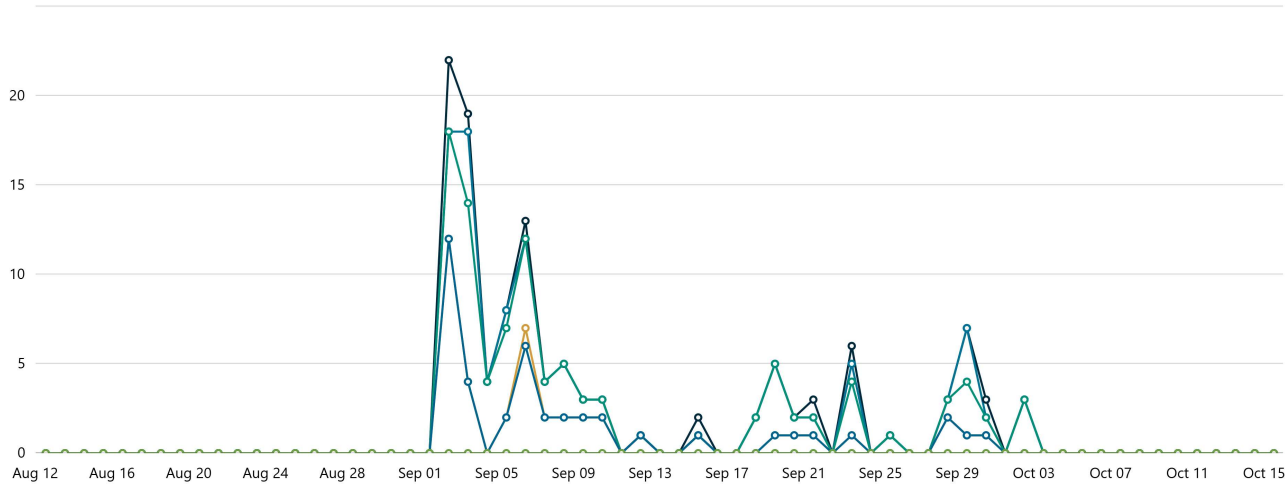
Top Languages
Top 5 languages with the number of page views

Language	Page Views
English	279

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Performance Summary
Information regarding key visitation and utilisation metrics for your Site or projects.



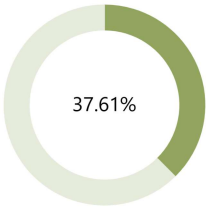
119 Views	109 Visits	95 Visitors	43 Contributions	42 Contributors	0 Followers

Views - The number of times a Visitor views any page on a Site.
Visits - The number of end-user sessions associated with a single Visitor.
Visitors - The number of unique public or end-users to a Site. A Visitor is only counted once, even if they visit a Site several times in one day.
Contributions - The total number of responses or feedback collected through the participation tools.
Contributors - The unique number of Visitors who have left feedback or Contributions on a Site through the participation tools.
Followers - The number of Visitors who have 'subscribed' to a project using the 'Follow' button.

Conversions

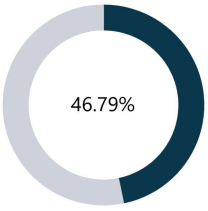
Information regarding how well your engagement websites converted Visitors to perform defined key actions.

Feedback



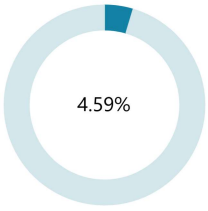
Percentage of visits where at least **1 contribution** was made.

Attention



Percentage of visits that lasted at least **1 active minute**.

Actions



Percentage of visits where at least **2 actions** were performed.

Participation

Information regarding how people have participated in your projects and activities.

Contributions by Activity
Contributions by Activity is a breakdown of contributions across each tool

	Activity	Contributions	%
	Form	43	100%

Top Activities
Top Activities is the top 5 tools that received the highest contributions

	Activity	Page Name	Contributions	Contributors
	Form	Budget 2026 Survey	43	42

Projects

The current number of published projects on your site

Engagement Time

0	5	12
Days	Hours	Minutes

Sep 6th 2025	Saturday
Peak Visitation Date	Peak Visitation Day

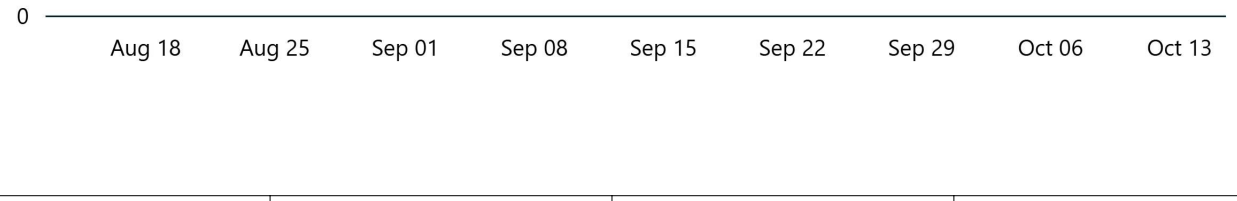
Top Visited Pages
Summary information for the top five most visited Pages.

Page Name	Visitation %	Visits	Visitors
Budget 2026 Survey	100%	109	95

People

Information regarding who has participated in your projects and activities.

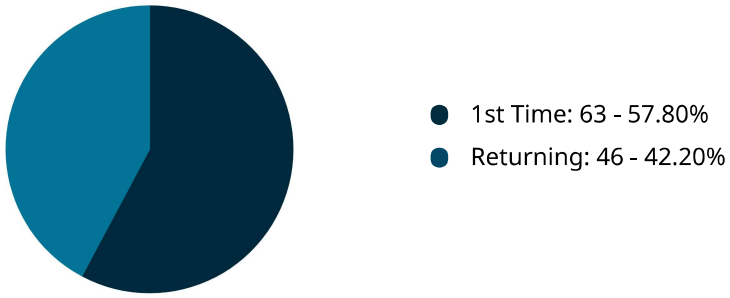
Follower Activity
Information regarding the activity of registered Members who have 'followed' or subscribed to one or more projects.



0 Total Followers	0 New Followers	0 Total Follows	0 New Follows

Total Followers - The number of unique Members who have 'followed' at least one project.
New Followers - The number of new unique Members who have 'followed' at least one project within the specified reporting date range.
Total Follows - The number of total 'follows' performed by all Followers across all projects. Each Follower may record multiple Follows.
New Follows - The number of new total 'follows' performed by all Members across all projects within the specified reporting date range.

Visit Profile
Visit Profile compares new visits and returning visits over the selected period.



First Time - The number of Visits that are visiting a Site for the first time within the reporting date range.
Returning - The number of Visits that have made more than one Visit to a Site within the reporting date range.

Acquisition

Information regarding the method by which Visitors arrived to your Site or projects.

Referral Types
Referral traffic is the segment of traffic that arrives on your website through another source, like through a link on another domain.



Direct - Visits from Visitors who enter the exact URL or click an untracked link (e.g., from emails without UTM parameters).
Search Engine - Visits from search results on engines like Google or Bing.
Websites - Visits from links on external sites, excluding search engines and social media.
Social Media - Visits from links on platforms like Facebook, LinkedIn, or X.
Campaigns - Visits from tracked marketing efforts using UTM parameters, such as email campaigns or paid ads.

Downloads

Information regarding your downloads, the total set of unique documents downloaded, total downloads of all files, and your top downloads.

0
Total Downloads

No Data Available

Email Campaigns

Information regarding your email campaigns, your total campaigns, the total number of recipients, and your top campaigns by click-through rate (clicks as a percentage of total recipients).

0
Email Campaigns Sent

0
Total Recipients

0%
Click-through Rate

No Data Available

Translation

Information regarding the languages used by visitors to your site or projects.

Languages
Top 5 most used languages.



Top Languages
Top 5 languages with the number of page views

Language	Page Views
English	119

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Fund It Tool
Budget 2026 Fund It Tool

34	35
Contributors	Contributions

Key Statistics

Top-level information about the activity.

$1,000,000.00
Average Spend
$1,000,000.00 total budget

8
Projects
0 sponsors

228
Total Votes
6.51 avg. projects funded / contribution

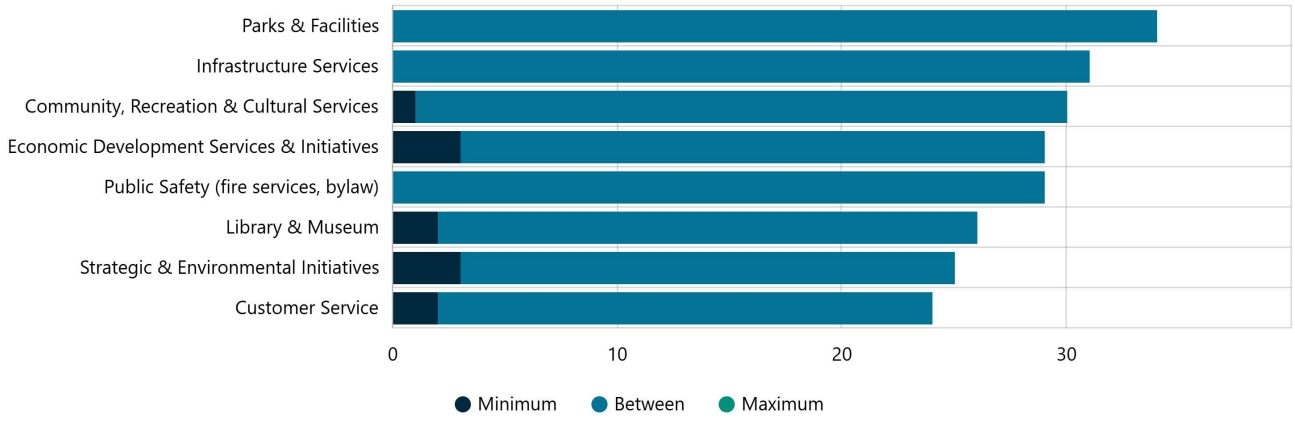
Contribution Summary

Summary of the activity including details of the included projects, voting results and more.

Project Details
Information on the projects included for potential funding including the name, cost, voting and other details.

Project Name	Funded (Total)	Funded (Min)	Funded (Above Min.)	Funded (Max)
Parks & Facilities	34 (97.14%)	0 (0%)	34 (97.14%)	0 (0%)
Infrastructure Services	31 (88.57%)	0 (0%)	31 (88.57%)	0 (0%)
Community, Recreation & Cultural Services	30 (85.71%)	1 (2.86%)	29 (82.86%)	0 (0%)
Economic Development Services & Initiatives	29 (82.86%)	3 (8.57%)	26 (74.29%)	0 (0%)
Public Safety (fire services, bylaw)	29 (82.86%)	0 (0%)	29 (82.86%)	0 (0%)
Library & Museum	26 (74.29%)	2 (5.71%)	24 (68.57%)	0 (0%)
Strategic & Environmental Initiatives	25 (71.43%)	3 (8.57%)	22 (62.86%)	0 (0%)
Customer Service	24 (68.57%)	2 (5.71%)	22 (62.86%)	0 (0%)

Voting Results
Some description for Variable.



Votes by Project Tag
Comparison showing the number of times a project tag was included on a funded project. Vote totals may exceed the total number of project votes.

No Data Available

Votes by Project Sponsor
Comparison showing the number of times a project sponsor was included on a funded project. Vote totals may exceed the total number of project votes.

No Data Available

Suggested Priorities

A prioritised list of projects based on the voting results that maximises the value of the defined budget.

$1,000,000.00
Total budget for allocated projects

100%
Contributions that include at least one suggested project

100%
Contributions that include at least half (50%) of all suggested projects

8.57%
Contributions that include all (100%) of suggested projects

0%
Contributions that supported one of these suggested projects at the maximum

100%
Contributions that supported one of these suggested projects beyond the minimum



Parks & Facilities

Cost: $158,529.41

34 votes (14.91%)



Infrastructure Services

Cost: $271,935.48

31 votes (13.6%)



Community, Recreation & Cultural Services

Cost: $169,000.00

30 votes (13.16%)



Public Safety (fire services, bylaw)

Cost: $197,586.21

29 votes (12.72%)



Economic Development Services & Initiatives

Cost: $124,137.93

29 votes (12.72%)



Library & Museum

Cost: $78,810.97

26 votes (11.4%)

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Form Results Summary

Sep 02, 2025 - Sep 30, 2025

Project: Budget 2026 Survey

Form: Budget 2026 Survey

Tool Type: Form

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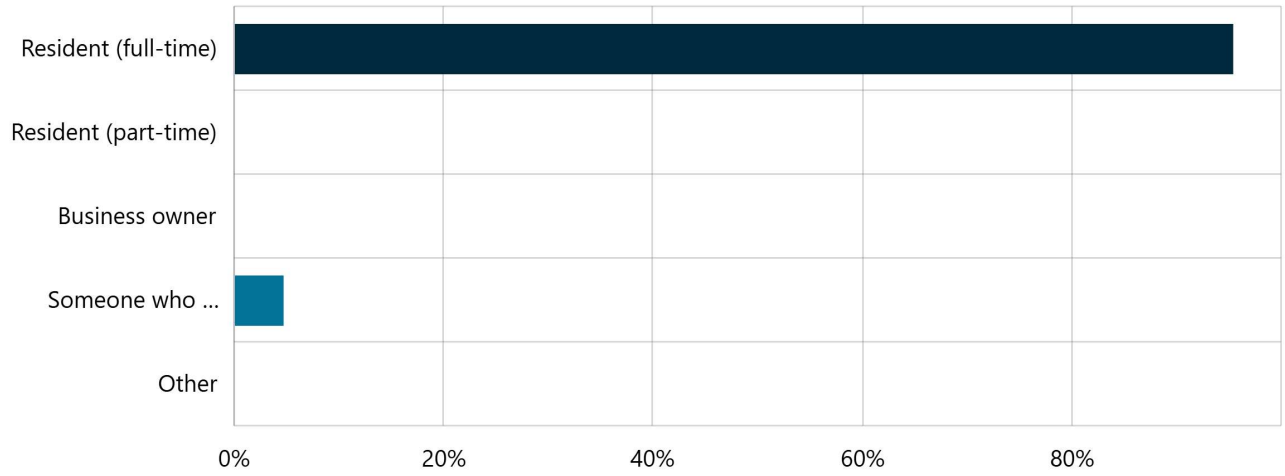
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Budget 2026 Survey
Budget 2026 Survey

42 Contributors	43 Contributions

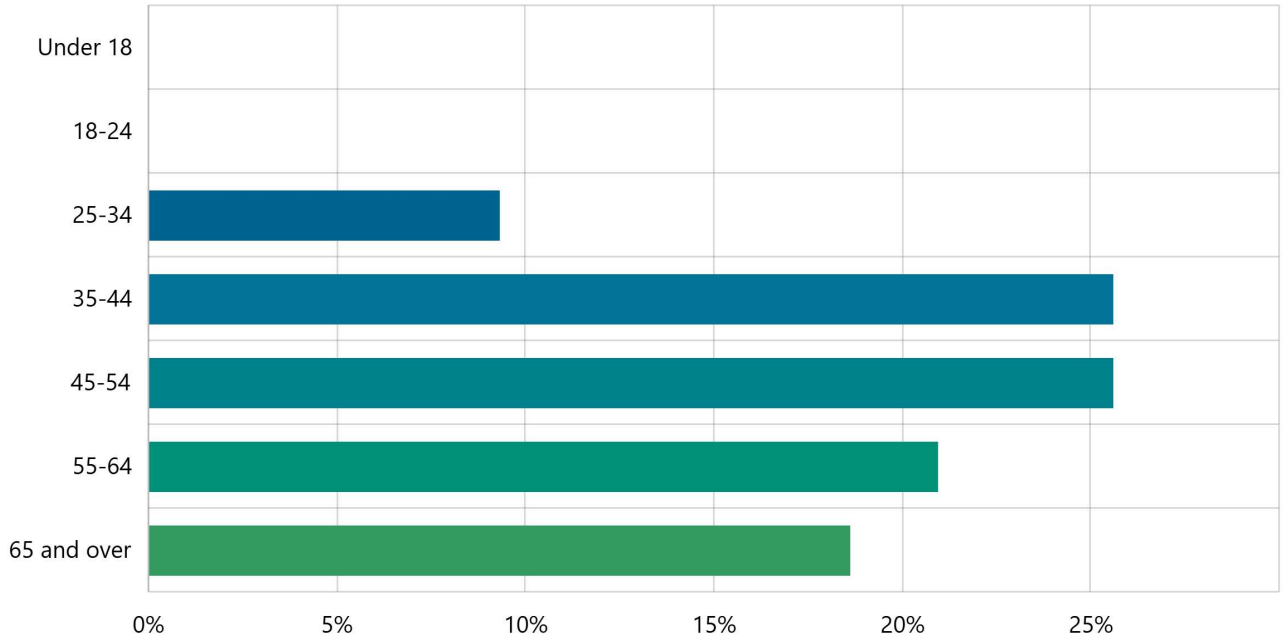
Contribution Summary

1. You are filling out this survey as a: Required
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 43 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Resident (full-time)	95.35%	41
Resident (part-time)	0%	0
Business owner	0%	0
Someone who frequently visits Welland	4.65%	2
Other	0%	0
Total	**100.00%**	**43**

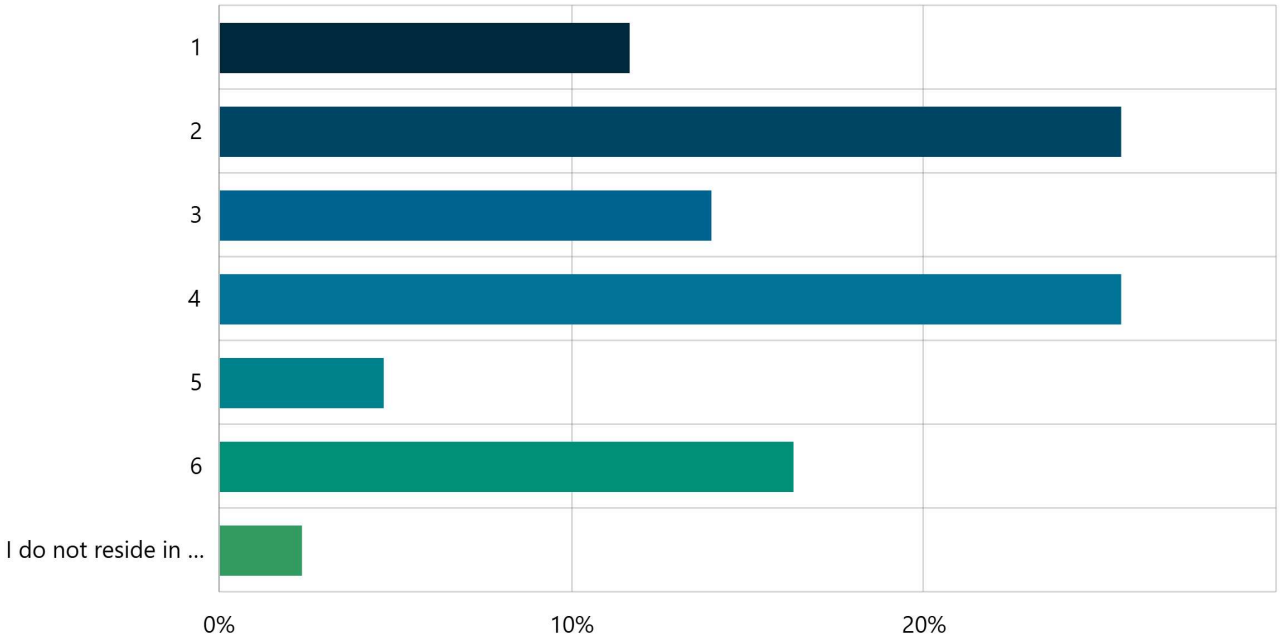
2. Which age group do you belong to? Required
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 43 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Under 18	0%	0
18-24	0%	0
25-34	9.30%	4
35-44	25.58%	11
45-54	25.58%	11
55-64	20.93%	9
65 and over	18.60%	8
Total	**100.00%**	**43**

3. In which ward do you reside? Required

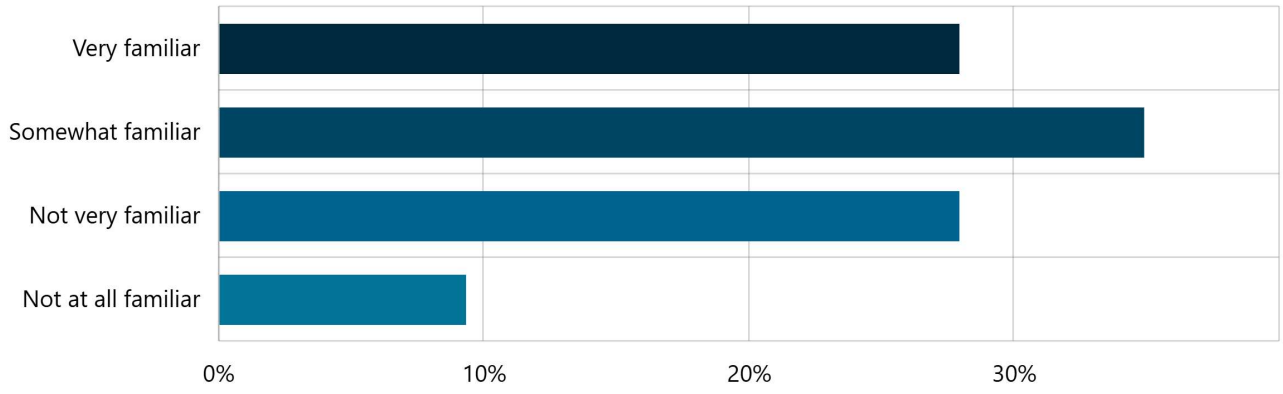
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 43 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
1	11.63%	5
2	25.58%	11
3	13.95%	6
4	25.58%	11
5	4.65%	2
6	16.28%	7
I do not reside in Welland	2.33%	1
Total	**100.00%**	**43**

4. How familiar are you with the municipal budget process? Required

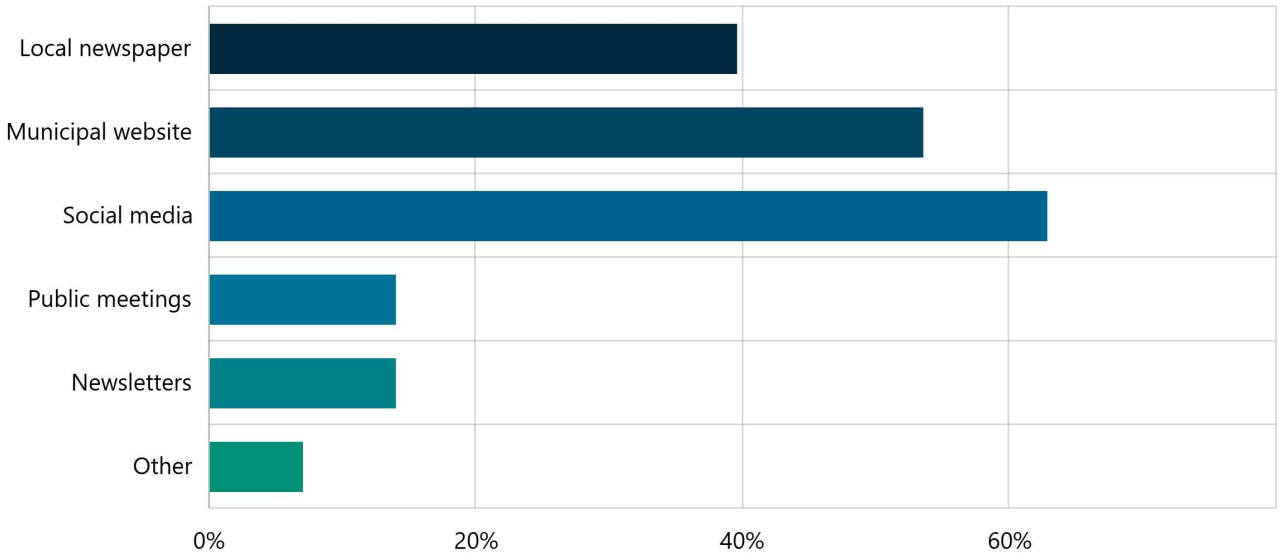
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 43 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very familiar	27.91%	12
Somewhat familiar	34.88%	15
Not very familiar	27.91%	12
Not at all familiar	9.30%	4
Total	**100.00%**	**43**

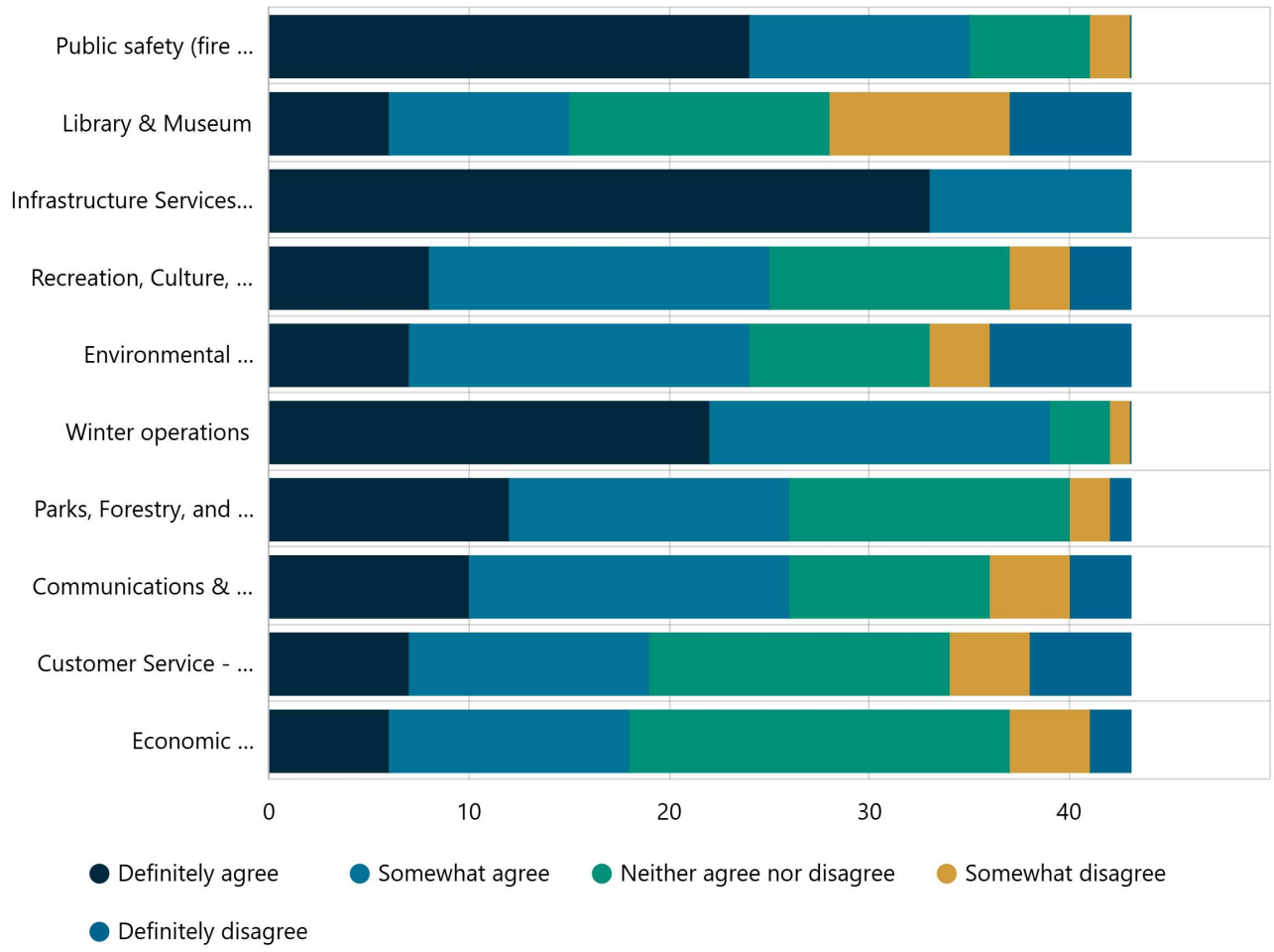
5. How do you typically receive information about municipal decisions and budgetary matters? (Select all that apply) Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 43 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Local newspaper	39.53%	17
Municipal website	53.49%	23
Social media	62.79%	27
Public meetings	13.95%	6
Newsletters	13.95%	6
Other	6.98%	3

6. Which of the following municipal services do you believe should be the top priority for funding? Required
Matrix | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 43 (100%)

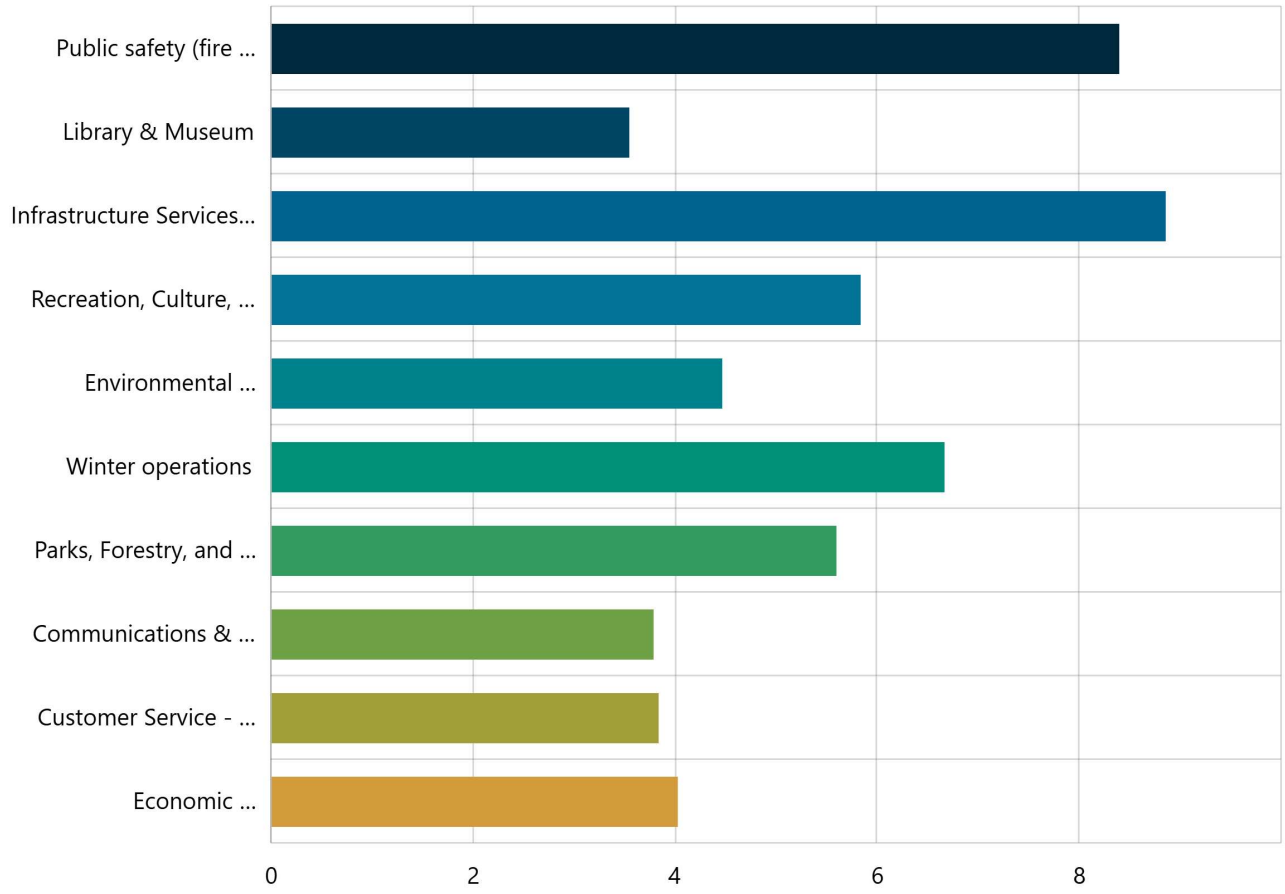


	Definitely agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Definitely disagree	Count	Score
Public safety (fire services, bylaw)	55.81% 24	25.58% 11	13.95% 6	4.65% 2	0% 0	43	1.67
Library & Museum	13.95% 6	20.93% 9	30.23% 13	20.93% 9	13.95% 6	43	3.00
Infrastructure Services (roads, bridges, sidewalks, trails)	76.74% 33	23.26% 10	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	43	1.23
Recreation, Culture, and Sport (including events)	18.60% 8	39.53% 17	27.91% 12	6.98% 3	6.98% 3	43	2.44

Environmental initiatives	16.28% 7	39.53% 17	20.93% 9	6.98% 3	16.28% 7	43	2.67
Winter operations	51.16% 22	39.53% 17	6.98% 3	2.33% 1	0% 0	43	1.60
Parks, Forestry, and Trails operations	27.91% 12	32.56% 14	32.56% 14	4.65% 2	2.33% 1	43	2.21
Communications & Public Engagement	23.26% 10	37.21% 16	23.26% 10	9.30% 4	6.98% 3	43	2.40
Customer Service - general (tax collection, licensing, service counters)	16.28% 7	27.91% 12	34.88% 15	9.30% 4	11.63% 5	43	2.72
Economic Development services and initiatives	13.95% 6	27.91% 12	44.19% 19	9.30% 4	4.65% 2	43	2.63

7. How would you prefer the municipality to allocate its budget? Please rank the following areas in order of importance by dragging your choice from the left to the right column.

Ranking | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 41 (95.3%)



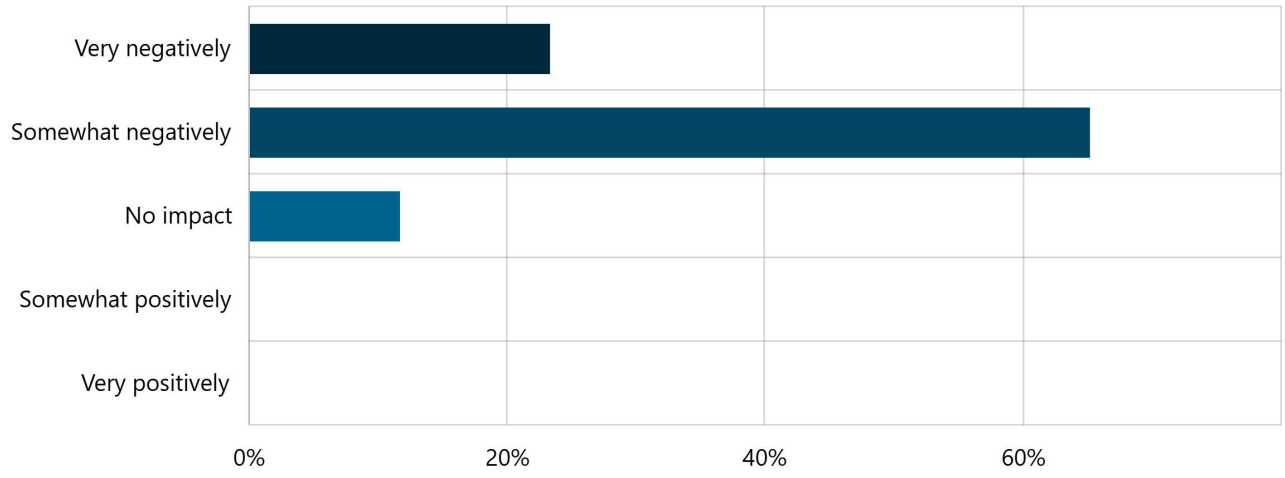
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Public safety (fire services, bylaw)	51.22% 21	14.63% 6	9.76% 4	9.76% 4	0% 0	4.88% 2	4.88% 2	0% 0	0% 0	4.88% 2	41	8.39	2.61
Library & Museum	5.13% 2	2.56% 1	0% 0	2.56% 1	7.69% 3	12.82% 5	10.26% 4	23.08% 9	23.08% 9	12.82% 5	39	3.54	7.28
Infrastructure Services (roads, bridges, sidew	26.83% 11	43.90% 18	19.51% 8	7.32% 3	2.44% 1	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	41	8.85	2.15

alks, trails)													
Recreation, Culture, and Sport (including events)	2.44% 1	7.32% 3	9.76% 4	17.07% 7	26.83% 11	9.76% 4	14.63% 6	4.88% 2	4.88% 2	2.44% 1	41	5.83	5.17
Environmental initiatives	2.44% 1	7.32% 3	2.44% 1	2.44% 1	14.63% 6	21.95% 9	14.63% 6	12.20% 5	4.88% 2	17.07% 7	41	4.46	6.54
Winter operations	2.44% 1	12.20% 5	26.83% 11	19.51% 8	14.63% 6	7.32% 3	9.76% 4	2.44% 1	4.88% 2	0% 0	41	6.66	4.34
Parks, Forestry, and Trails operations	2.44% 1	4.88% 2	17.07% 7	14.63% 6	12.20% 5	14.63% 6	9.76% 4	19.51% 8	2.44% 1	2.44% 1	41	5.59	5.41
Communications & Public Engagement	2.44% 1	4.88% 2	0% 0	12.20% 5	4.88% 2	4.88% 2	14.63% 6	19.51% 8	17.07% 7	19.51% 8	41	3.78	7.22
Customer Service - general (tax collection, licensing, service counters)	2.44% 1	0% 0	0% 0	7.32% 3	9.76% 4	21.95% 9	12.20% 5	12.20% 5	19.51% 8	14.63% 6	41	3.83	7.17
Economic Development services and i	2.44% 1	2.44% 1	14.63% 6	7.32% 3	7.32% 3	2.44% 1	9.76% 4	7.32% 3	24.39% 10	21.95% 9	41	4.02	6.98

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Score - Sum of the weight of each ranked position, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total contributions. Weights are inverse to ranked positions.
Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total 'Count' of the choice.

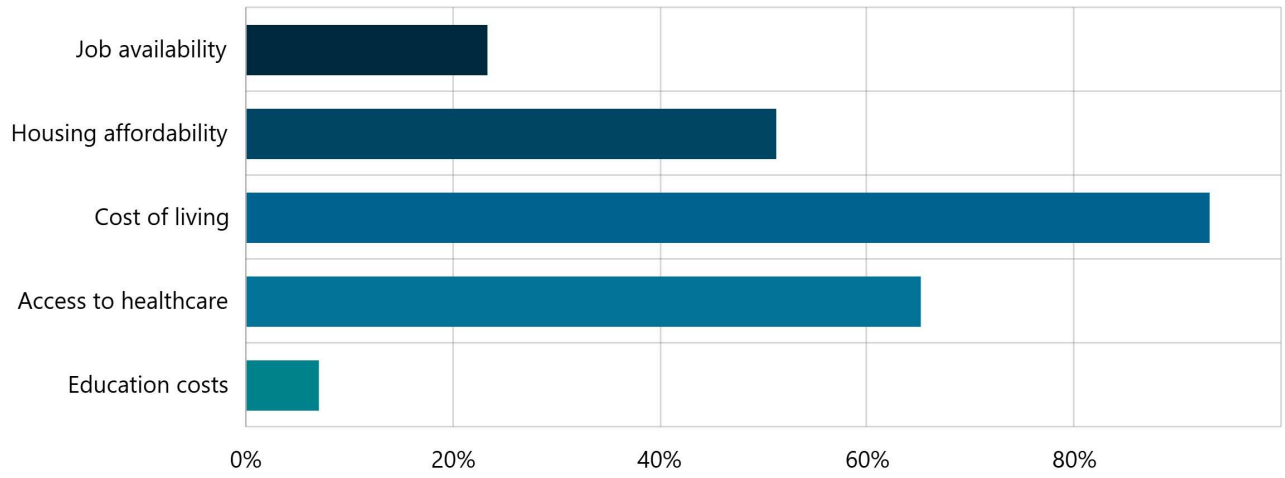
8. How has your household been affected by recent economic changes (e.g., inflation, unemployment)?
Required
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 43 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very negatively	23.26%	10
Somewhat negatively	65.12%	28
No impact	11.63%	5
Somewhat positively	0%	0
Very positively	0%	0
Total	**100.00%**	**43**

9. What economic issues are currently most important to you? (Select up to 3) Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 43 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Job availability	23.26%	10
Housing affordability	51.16%	22
Cost of living	93.02%	40
Access to healthcare	65.12%	28
Education costs	6.98%	3

10. What else would you like to share about the City of Welland's budget, its process, or what you would like to see considered?

Long Text | Skipped: 19 | Answered: 24 (55.8%)

Sentiment

No sentiment data

Tags

No tag data

Featured Contributions

No featured contributions

Budget 2026 Plot A Project

Title/Question: Plot a Project
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Contribution ID	Date Submitted	Your comment	Category Marker	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Page Language	Moderation Status
15932	Sep 30, 2025, 01	Move this appropriately, away from a school zone.	1	851 Ontario Road, Welland, Ontario L3B 5V6, Canada	42.97486779	-79.23822652	English	Approved
		Bus Service extended down South Pelham out to Quaker Road and Down to Niagara Street. Would provide a needed service to the growing communities in the area as well as drop off points on South Pelham where all the churches are located.						
15869	Sep 22, 2025, 01	Bus service on the weekends starts an hour earlier so that people can make it to church for 10 am services.	1	105 Welland Road, Welland, Ontario L0S 1E4, Canada	43.0220473	-79.28534912	English	Approved
15854	Sep 21, 2025, 03	Would love to see a playground in this area. There are no parks within a walkable distance. Lots of children moving in.	1	Highway 406, Welland, Ontario L2T 3B2, Canada	42.99865679	-79.22314516	English	Approved
15844	Sep 18, 2025, 06	Add a sidewalk all the way from Niagara St. to St. Lawrence. Many people walk there and it's not very safe with all the traffic and new construction.	1	139 Quaker Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 3G3, Canada	43.02212668	-79.24892122	English	Approved
15842	Sep 18, 2025, 09	The sign for a condo tower development has been up for a decade. It's obviously not happening. This and other investment properties in the downtown area need to be either developed or let go. Exploitative land banking on downtown properties that do nothing for years must be curbed or stopped, not encouraged!	1	1 Griffith Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 3J4, Canada	42.98851451	-79.25188049	English	Approved
15841	Sep 18, 2025, 07	This should be a formal recreational/cycling trail	1	Seaway Service Road, Welland, Ontario L3K 5V5, Canada	42.95684034	-79.23045972	English	Approved
15840	Sep 18, 2025, 02	This should be a 4 way stop as well and not just a 2 way. People will drive well over the speed limit all the way from the start of Golden Boulevard West to Lincoln street. There is lot's of kids in this area and this decreases their safety.	1	601 Hagar Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 4K2, Canada	42.98784893	-79.23000244	English	Approved
15839	Sep 18, 2025, 02	This needs to be a 4 way stop not just a two way. There's been way to many close calls. Especially when coming from Lincoln Street where the corner house's bushes are blocking Hagar street view until you're already in the intersection.	1	82 Golden Boulevard East, Welland, Ontario L3B 1H7, Canada	42.9878606	-79.22935532	English	Approved
15838	Sep 18, 2025, 02	Adding tennis courts and basketball court	1	112 Lyons Avenue, Welland, Ontario L3B 1M1, Canada	42.98864276	-79.23118589	English	Approved
15837	Sep 18, 2025, 02	Upgrading the playground	1	14 Golden Boulevard East, Welland, Ontario L3B 1H2, Canada	42.99252727	-79.22952966	English	Approved
15833	Sep 17, 2025, 11	Plant trees along the hydro field (West side already has it but East side does not)	1	23 State Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 4K4, Canada	42.98662788	-79.25270566	English	Approved
15831	Sep 16, 2025, 10	This stretch of trail needs lighting. It's the most dimly lit area of the recreational Canal trail, and needs some sort of lighting for public safety in the evenings or at night.	1	618 First Avenue, Welland, Ontario L3C 1Z3, Canada	43.02006538	-79.25999657	English	Approved
15830	Sep 16, 2025, 10	This is where the push button crosswalk needs to be installed. My marker wasn't placed right the first time.	1	140 Royal Oak Drive, Welland, Ontario L3C 5V9, Canada	43.01811332	-79.25298862	English	Approved
15829	Sep 16, 2025, 10	Please make sure new park is fully accessible. There are special needs kids in the neighborhood that have never been able to play at this park and truly deserve to.	1	501 King Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 3K4, Canada	42.98073913	-79.25208104	English	Approved
15828	Sep 16, 2025, 10	Fix this arena instead of building a new $30 million dollar one. Hire Rocco back too! Bring Rocco back to the jackfish stadium! He's a pillar of this community and does a wonderful job.	1	968 Niagara Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 1M6, Canada	43.02338561	-79.247711	English	Approved
		With the lost opportunity to increase parking on bald street and actually having now less parking spots due to the recent narrowing of the road and widening of driveways from the reconstruction of Bald st. This park land that is never used should be repurposed to provide necessary parking to support the small businesses in the area. What was done to bald street is a shame it should have stayed the same width or made wider and in return supply more parking to support the commercial properties in the area. I know the Niagara street bridge is due to be rebuilt by the Niagara Region, hopefully this park area can be repurposed as a parking lot, maybe could be included in the scope of the project as I am sure they will need to rip the park apart anyways in order to provide staging for the construction of the bridge.						
15824	Sep 15, 2025, 11	West Main St. really really needs to be fixed.	1	91 Niagara Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 1J4, Canada	42.9937515	-79.25237075	English	Approved
15823	Sep 15, 2025, 03	Better directional signage for recreational trail users, especially cyclists. I've watched countless groups of cyclists every summer confused at the recreational trail route and navigating around this corner and area. I would suggest clearer signage or painted stencils on the pavement to show trail directions and navigation around this corner, especially for safety reasons.	1	115 West Main Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 4Z8, Canada	42.99129639	-79.25472111	English	Approved
15822	Sep 15, 2025, 12	This would be an exciting rock climbing facility. Ontop could be various food venues overlooking the scenic waterways from an overhead view, while watching rock climbing. Sporters can participate in strength climb and exercise of various lengths and activity, Supporting the family and all types of professionals such as firefighters and policemen.	1	1 Niagara Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 1H8, Canada	42.99157084	-79.25262345	English	Approved
15821	Sep 15, 2025, 10	I would like better transportation so people do not to use their vehicles. A via rail, go bus.. something better than all automobiles used. Weekend and holidays included in better times for buses running. Buses today are still empty use some better marketing!! Start listening to us!!	1	12 Merritt Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 4S8, Canada	42.9957234	-79.25227874	English	Approved
15820	Sep 15, 2025, 08	Sidewalk all the way down Quaker from the stadium to the school! More lighting along the road too!	1	16 Seaway Drive, Welland, Ontario L3C 7J5, Canada	43.01426664	-79.24601396	English	Approved
15818	Sep 14, 2025, 08	Additional cross walks or safety measures in this area for the school would be welcomed. This intersection is very dangerous at pick up and drop off times.	1	105 Quaker Road, Welland, Ontario L0S 1E4, Canada	43.02233702	-79.24775528	English	Approved
15817	Sep 14, 2025, 08	Fishing docks, kayak launch	1	173 Fitch Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 4V7, Canada	42.99450361	-79.26232063	English	Approved
15816	Sep 14, 2025, 07	Push button cross walk has been approved but not installed. Would be awesome to see it installed asap!	1	18 Aqueduct Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 1B6, Canada	42.99583685	-79.24887221	English	Approved
15815	Sep 14, 2025, 06	Could we consider this spot for a skating rink in the winter? The neighborhood would assist with maintaining it.	1	315 Quaker Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 3G6, Canada	43.02219401	-79.25994862	English	Approved
15814	Sep 14, 2025, 06	I agree with the park update and some waste bins along the trails would be really great.	1	159 Page Drive, Welland, Ontario L3C 7C8, Canada	43.02010555	-79.25331998	English	Approved
15813	Sep 14, 2025, 06		1	105 Page Drive, Welland, Ontario L3C 6L8, Canada	43.01837646	-79.25322974	English	Approved

15812	Sep 14, 2025, 06	Waste bins along the new trail would be extremely beneficial to everyone here.	1	56	Whiteoak Crescent, Welland, Ontario L3C 6E6, Canada	43.01935573	-79.2571101	English	Approved
15811	Sep 14, 2025, 06	This intersection gets horribly backed up. Lights might help with the traffic flow vs. the 4 way stop.	1	662	First Avenue, Welland, Ontario L3C 1Z3, Canada	43.02215573	-79.25996557	English	Approved
15810	Sep 14, 2025, 06	Right hand turning lanes are needed at this intersection	1	713	Niagara Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 1M1, Canada	43.01276286	-79.24965802	English	Approved
15808	Sep 14, 2025, 03	The sidewalks between Afton and Southworth on Lewis need to be done they're all cracking and crumbling	1	40	Afton Avenue, Welland, Ontario L3B 1V5, Canada	42.982358	-79.235314	English	Approved
15807	Sep 14, 2025, 01	More cross-park paved paths connection the various amenities for those on wheels or with mobility challenges (walkers, strollers, wheelchairs, etc).	1	56	Weller Avenue, Welland, Ontario L3C 4L6, Canada	42.99822302	-79.25840549	English	Approved
15806	Sep 14, 2025, 01	Pedestrian-initiated light/crosswalk. Something to halt traffic for crossing pedestrians. Connecting two recreational amenities, safely (Chippewa Park and canal path)	1	110	Merritt Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 4T4, Canada	42.99545454	-79.25272764	English	Approved
15805	Sep 14, 2025, 01	Parkette or small children's play equipment on the flat city land at top of the entrance to canal path.	1	18	Aqueduct Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 1B6, Canada	42.99576841	-79.2495146	English	Approved
15804	Sep 14, 2025, 01	left turn lane or two lanes. This intersection is very busy and people often make left turns onto clare leaving a long line of people behind them.	1	484	Woodlawn Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 3K1, Canada	43.01287116	-79.2802572	English	Approved
15803	Sep 14, 2025, 12	Replace the dead tree	1	52	Gram Avenue, Welland, Ontario L3C 1H6, Canada	43.01163445	-79.25153614	English	Approved
		Winstonville Park located at the end of Commando St/Hennepin ave and wavell ct. There is wasted land/space surrounding the playground located at this park that is empty and can be utilized in a positive way for families and children. There are two sections at this park that are just open space with grass. One section is big enough to have a pavilion for families and neighbourhood friends for picnics and the other empty section is big enough to have a small basketball court for children to play basketball. Encouraging playtime for the children in the surrounding area. Small community free play basketball courts should be available at all or at least most of city of welland city parks.								
15802	Sep 14, 2025, 11	There is wasted space that can be utilized for family & community gatherings. Bemus Park needs a pavilion for family and neighbourhood friends for picnic gatherings and an upgraded playground for	1	37	Wavell Court, Welland, Ontario L3B 2E8, Canada	42.98247763	-79.23823101	English	Approved
15801	Sep 14, 2025, 11	the increase in families/children moving to the surrounding area.	1	331	Fleet Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 4X1, Canada	42.98019742	-79.23981751	English	Approved
15800	Sep 14, 2025, 10	Refurbish the hall and parking lot	1	596	Lyons Creek Road, Welland, Ontario L3B 5N4, Canada	42.99437174	-79.18968156	English	Approved
15799	Sep 14, 2025, 10	Dog Park	1	630	Lyons Creek Road, Welland, Ontario L3B 5N4, Canada	42.99561744	-79.1896291	English	Approved
15798	Sep 14, 2025, 10	Would like to see this road new asphalt, new dividing and side line and would appreciate a bicycle line as this road has enough width on both sides of the road	1	298	Southworth Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 1Z6, Canada	42.973136	-79.236214	English	Approved
15797	Sep 14, 2025, 10	The old wooden boardwalk has been removed and no longer exists. Suggest changing street name to "Library Lane" to reflect current geography.	1	50	The Boardwalk, Welland, Ontario L3B 6J1, Canada	42.99223169	-79.25010325	English	Approved
15796	Sep 14, 2025, 10	Old baseball backstop should be removed. A large grassy park, but how could it be added to or enhanced?	1		Hagar Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 4K1, Canada	42.98800065	-79.23116286	English	Approved
15795	Sep 14, 2025, 10	Create accessible entranceway to Guerrilla Park. This area has a great view, would like to see a pollinator garden in garden beds.	1	29	West Main Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 4Z5, Canada	42.99114818	-79.2524218	English	Approved
15794	Sep 14, 2025, 10	Redo the playground. So many kids live in this neighborhood now and they deserve an up to date and safe playground	1	105	Page Drive, Welland, Ontario L3C 6L8, Canada	43.01866421	-79.25298866	English	Approved
		Watch for pedestrians sign/lightage approaching South Pelham on Woodlawn. Traffic is never looking to their right to turn on South Pelham where the "sidewalk" corners connect and there are a lot of near misses (and with an increasing population using this intersection, it's very concerning).							
15793	Sep 14, 2025, 10	Traffic bollards at the trail crossing on page drive would help slow down traffic on this street and	1	566	Woodlawn Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 3K1, Canada	43.01283824	-79.28491924	English	Approved
15792	Sep 14, 2025, 09	keep residents safe.	1	129	Page Drive, Welland, Ontario L3C 6L8, Canada	43.01929108	-79.25421544	English	Approved
15791	Sep 14, 2025, 09	Put a sidewalk on Quaker road.	1	210	Quaker Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 3G5, Canada	43.02234856	-79.2531646	English	Approved
15762	Sep 10, 2025, 10	Add a bike/scooter pumptrack (similar to Beamsville Rotary Park) to this park, or somewhere else in the City.	1	131	First Avenue, Welland, Ontario L3C 1Y1, Canada	42.99871867	-79.25886825	English	Approved
15761	Sep 10, 2025, 09	resurface rd from marc blvd north to east main	1	661	Southworth Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 2A2, Canada	42.96734732	-79.23603733	English	Approved
15759	Sep 10, 2025, 03	Protect the children, house the homeless elsewhere.	1	851	Ontario Road, Welland, Ontario L3B 5V6, Canada	42.97493993	-79.23787563	English	Approved
		Accessible parking closer to the pools.							
		Maple Park pool parking has no accessible spots, you have to climb a fairly steep hill to get to the ramp to get into pool building with the changerooms. At Rosie Smith the parking lot itself is a far walk from the entrance and the new Memorial park pool has no accessible parking spots. I appreciate that the pools are now all accessible to get into with the new ramps and I'm excited to							
15754	Sep 10, 2025, 12	see all the improvements. Thank you for your consideration of this idea.	1	512	South Pelham Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 3C6, Canada	42.99936644	-79.28396261	English	Approved
15750	Sep 10, 2025, 08	Fix this court. It needs repair badly.	1	14	Silvan Court, Welland, Ontario L3C 6C2, Canada	43.01036372	-79.27581668	English	Approved
15746	Sep 09, 2025, 04	Updates to the roads and sidewalks in this whole neighbourhood.	1	42	Elgin Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 4S2, Canada	42.99625349	-79.25084083	English	Approved
15721	Sep 08, 2025, 11	Invest in our downtown. It has so much potential to be a destination but currently it's an area to avoid for safety concerns	1	187	East Main Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 3W7, Canada	42.99269789	-79.24522781	English	Approved
15720	Sep 08, 2025, 11	A sidewalk would be great between Waterview court and Michelle court. There's alot of residents that walk on the side of the road and cars fly down Riverside Drive	1	255	Riverside Drive, Welland, Ontario L3C 5E6, Canada	42.98161073	-79.27017972	English	Approved
15714	Sep 07, 2025, 08	Community Garden	1	287	Silverthorn Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 5N4, Canada	42.98799708	-79.20976158	English	Approved
15709	Sep 06, 2025, 10	Beach area along canal with a few docks and picnic tables. Port a potty's near by so water doesn't become polluted.	1	65	Canal Bank Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 0J1, Canada	42.96572701	-79.25220995	English	Approved
15708	Sep 06, 2025, 10	Make a beach here. Just some sand and some docks	1	240	Colborne Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 3P1, Canada	42.9673718	-79.25639306	English	Approved
15706	Sep 06, 2025, 10	New road and sidewalk	1	106	Chapel Hill Crescent, Welland, Ontario L3C 6G9, Canada	43.00722545	-79.27561398	English	Approved
		Incentivise a younger generation of modern artists to paint exciting and colourful murals on every blank and ugly wall downtown. Look up any city in Mexico, even the boring walls have colour. Hold competition galleries with voting for the top 3 every year being made. Paint is cheap.							
15703	Sep 06, 2025, 09	Revitalize main street, it looks so ugly and with all kinds of abandoned buildings. Nothing grees, no	1	75	West Main Street, Welland, Ontario L3C 4Z8, Canada	42.99144168	-79.25356239	English	Approved
15702	Sep 06, 2025, 09	trees, just old, dirty buildings.	1	483	East Main Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 3X8, Canada	42.9934627	-79.2356916	English	Approved
15700	Sep 06, 2025, 03	Dog park	1	71	Plymouth Road, Welland, Ontario L3B 3C5, Canada	42.98216408	-79.24632627	English	Approved
15696	Sep 06, 2025, 07	Sidewalks down South Pelham Road. There is a growing number of pedestrians and families trying to walk (often with strollers) on a road that's not nearly safe enough to do so.	1	780	South Pelham Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 3C8, Canada	43.01219706	-79.28534198	English	Approved
15692	Sep 05, 2025, 06	Public Park and small strip mall with a variety store; cafe and hair salon	1	300	South Pelham Road, Welland, Ontario L3C 0C6, Canada	42.98796719	-79.28556459	English	Approved
15691	Sep 05, 2025, 06	Gay bar somewhere east side	1	489	East Main Street, Welland, Ontario L3B 3X8, Canada	42.99344712	-79.23537214	English	Approved

		repair the streets around PE elementary school for kids to be safely picked and dropped. Welland is								
15677	Sep 03, 2025, 02	not keeping kids safe these days								
15676	Sep 03, 2025, 02	play area for kids								
15630	Sep 02, 2025, 02	Add labels to each of the rose beds to identify what variety of rose bush each is.								
15624	Sep 02, 2025, 12	Add a public small watercraft dock for the south portion of the Welland river								
			1	168 Lyons Avenue, Welland, Ontario L3B 1M2, Canada	42.98599279	-79.23181483	English	Approved		
			1	404 Memorial Park Drive, Welland, Ontario L3B 5E5, Canada	42.97840464	-79.22667254	English	Approved		
			1	Somerville Avenue, Welland, Ontario L3C 4V3, Canada	42.99504809	-79.25788594	English	Approved		
			1	342 Prince Charles Drive North, Welland, Ontario L3C 1X6, Canada	42.99231319	-79.25936173	English	Approved		