

TOWN OF LAMONT

TELL US YOUR PRIORITIES SURVEY REPORT

**The Future
of Policing**

**Capital
Planning**

and the survey says....

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Survey Overview

Council requested that Administration host a survey to gather information and feedback from ratepayers regarding Capital Planning and the 'Future of Policing' for the Town of Lamont.

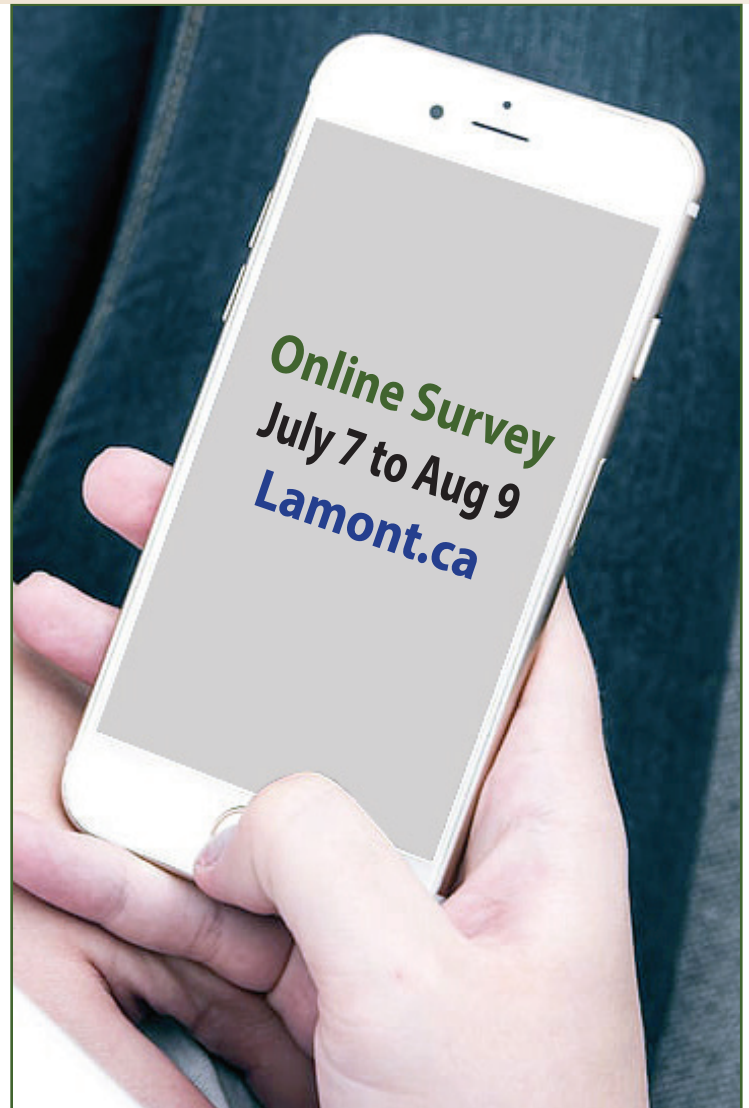
The Alberta Government has proposed a plan to replace the RCMP with a provincial policing service and long-term capital planning involves looking ahead to see what the community needs will be in years to come.

Decisions made in both of these areas impact the town ratepayers and Council wants to know your priorities.

The survey was available online from July 7, 2021 to August 9, 2021. 52 submissions were received, all online; 46 residents and six business owners.

Views expressed in the survey will assist Council and Administration during budget planning and help with future capital funding decisions.

The Town contracted a third-party vendor to design, conduct and report on the survey data.



Survey Promotion

Traditional and digital advertising methods were used to promote awareness of the survey and inform residents and business owners. These methods included the following:

Social Media • Facebook

• Lamont.ca • Utility Inserts

Media Relations - Lamont Leader

Newspaper Advertisement • Media Release

Road Signs • Sandwich Board Messaging

Capital Planning & Policing Priorities

The Town of Lamont offers many of the services that ratepayers use on a regular basis – parks, community facilities, water, wastewater, storm utilities, roads, and sidewalks. All these services require ‘bricks and mortar’ to function, like buildings, underground pipes, asphalt, and people.

Policing and Capital Planning are foundational components of our municipality and the annual budget. Feedback from residents and business owners will assist Council and Administration during budget planning and help with capital planning decisions.

Policing

The future of policing is an important part of the town’s future. Ratepayers were asked about their community safety priorities and level of familiarity with the ‘Fair Deal Panel Review’ which is a proposal from the Alberta Government to replace the RCMP with a provincial police force.

Capital Planning

Long-term capital planning involves looking ahead and the development of a five-year Capital Plan. Ratepayers were asked to rate the level of importance of the town’s Capital Assets and rank their priorities for investments.

Part of the Capital Planning process is determining which of the town’s existing facilities and infrastructure need special attention and what future considerations are required to serve the community well in the years to come.

Survey Comments

The survey concluded by asking participants for any additional comments. Overall the comments were constructive or neutral in nature, with the majority of the comments followed the themes of existing utility and transportation infrastructure improvements..

On the following pages, the survey data is provided including an appendix where data charts can be referenced and comments can be reviewed.

and the survey says....

Part-One Results: Policing Priorities

Are you aware of the proposed changes by the provincial government as part of a 'Fair Deal Panel Review?' The panel's recommendations include replacing RCMP with a new Provincial Police Service.

65.4% YES

Would you like more information about this proposed change?

61.5% YES

Do you think the province should keep the RCMP in Alberta?

75% YES

How do you feel about the current state of safety and crime in the Town?

26.9% Feel good about the current state of safety and crime.

Rate your community safety priorities:

- 1** Crime Reduction
- 2** Traffic Safety
- 3** Youth Engagement
- 4** Substance Abuse
- 5** Domestic Violence
- 6** Inclusivity and Diversity

Would you be interested in being part of a "Community Policing Advisory Committee"?

11.5% YES

Part-Two Results: Capital Planning Priorities

How familiar are you with Capital Planning?

9.6% are very familiar, while 46.2% are somewhat familiar

Do you own and operate a business in the Town of Lamont?

11.5% of respondents are business owners

Did you participate in the 2021 Budget Survey last year?

44.2% participated in the 2021 Budget Survey

Please rate the level of importance of the Town's Capital Assets

1 Water Distribution

4 Transportation

7 Buildings

2 Sewer Collection

5 Parks & Outdoor Spaces

3 Storm Management

6 Equipment & Fleet

In the last Budget Survey, nearly half of the survey respondents chose to invest more infrastructure dollars now, to work towards improving town infrastructure condition and level of service. Do you agree with this statement?

80.8% 

38.5% Strongly Agree / 42.3% Agree

In the 2021 Budget Survey, respondents chose to increase funding and service levels in: Road & Sidewalk Maintenance (Infrastructure), Protective Services and Economic Development. Do you agree?

86.5% 

51.9% Strongly Agree / 34.6% Agree

A long-term Capital Plan is typically funded by grants, reserves and debenture borrowing. Do you agree with borrowing funds at a low interest rates to replace, maintain and support town infrastructure?

67.3% 

25% Strongly Agree / 42.3% Agree

Please rank your priorities for investments in the following three areas of importance.

1 Existing Utility & Road infrastructure

2 Core Service Equipment & Facilities

3 Future Investment Planning



APPENDIX

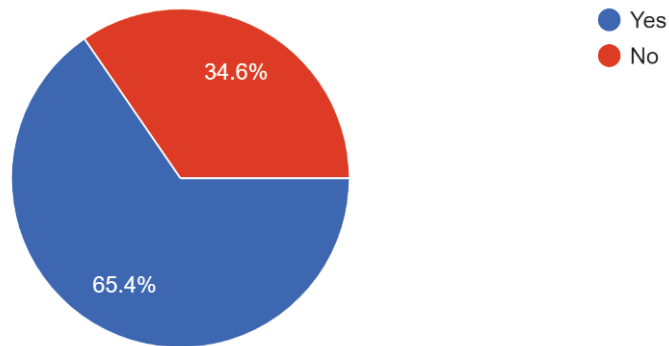
Tell Us Your Priorities - Two-Part Survey

Part One & Two Data Results & Comments

- **Future of Policing Priorities**
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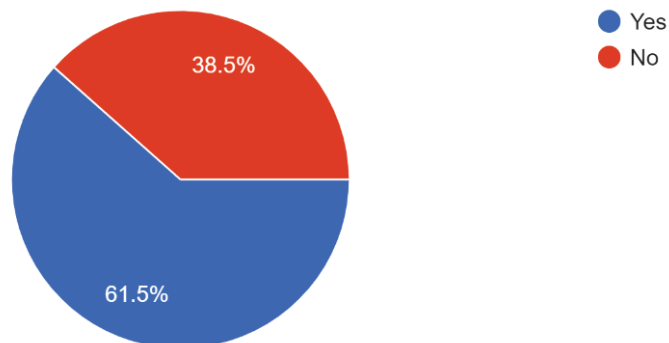
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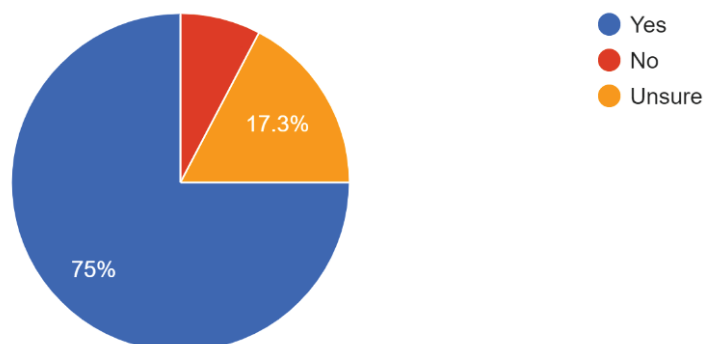
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52 responses



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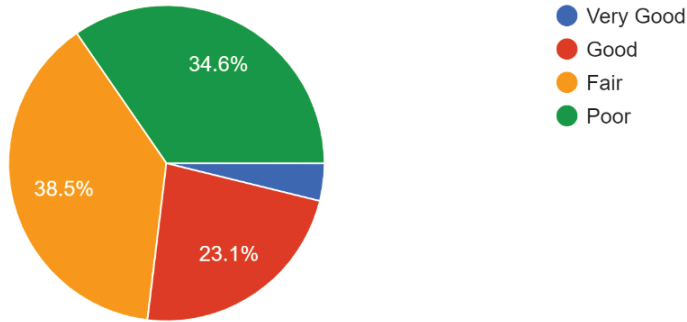
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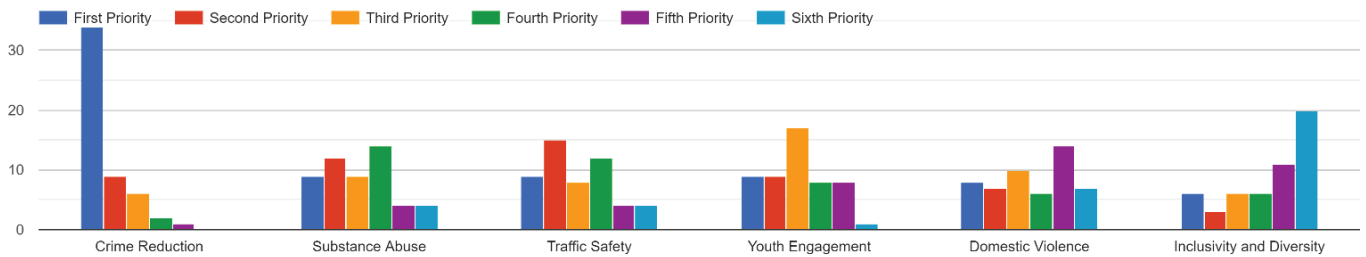
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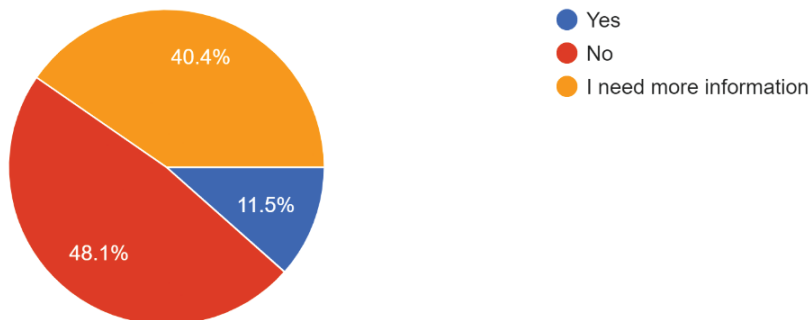


Please rate your community safety priorities – one (1) being top priority, and six (6) being last.



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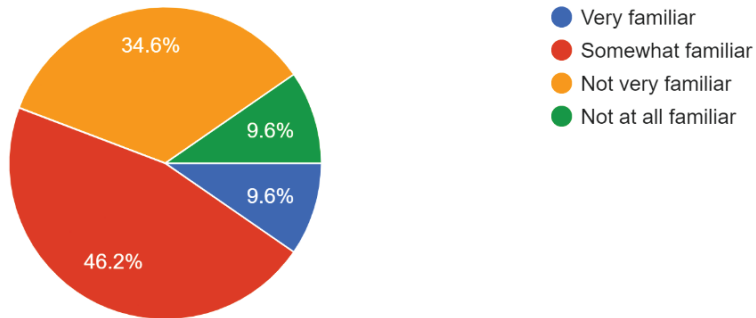
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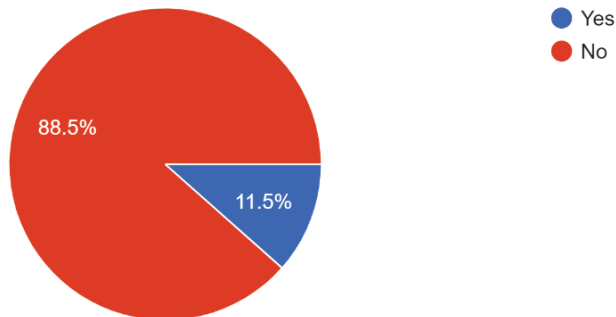
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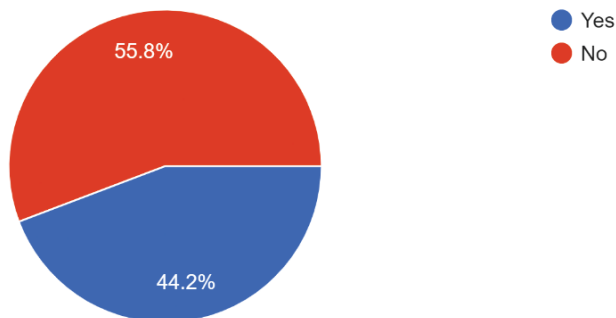
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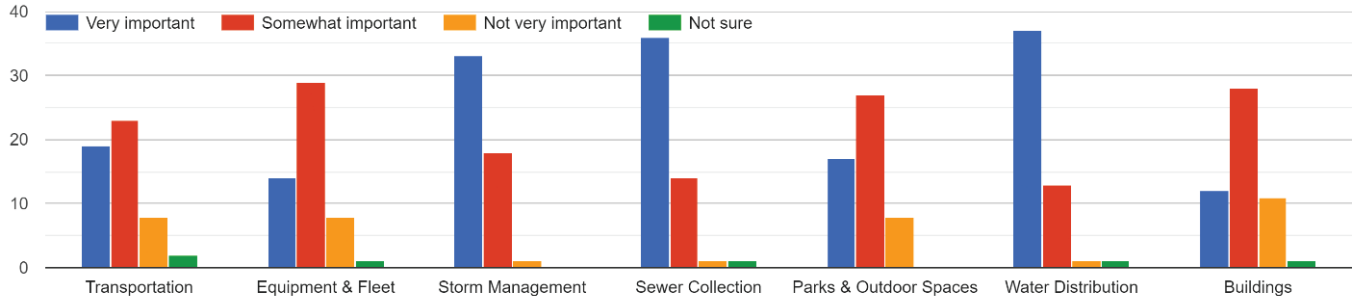
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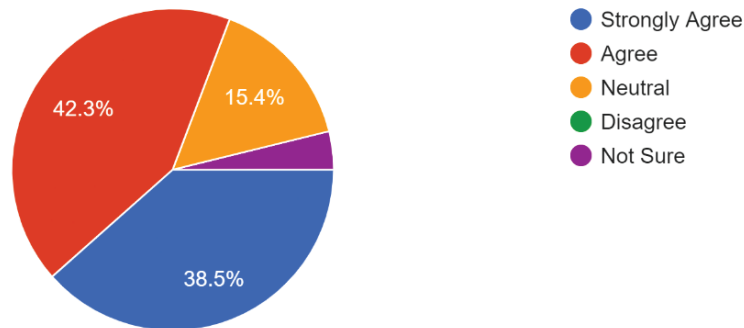
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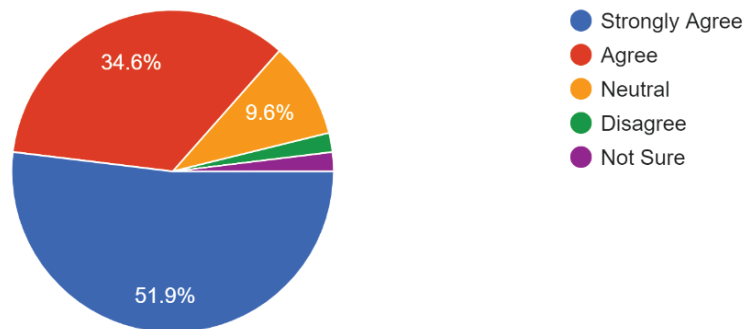
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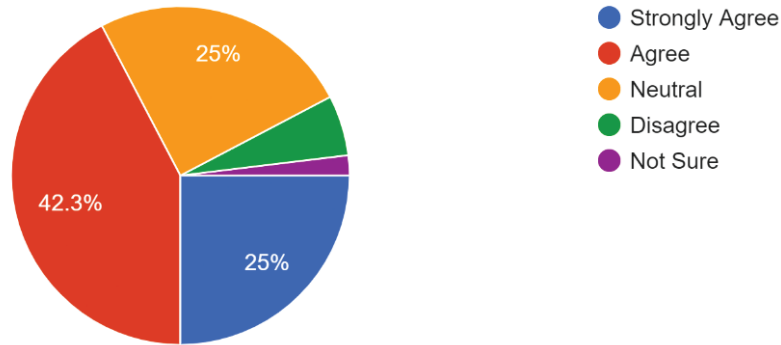
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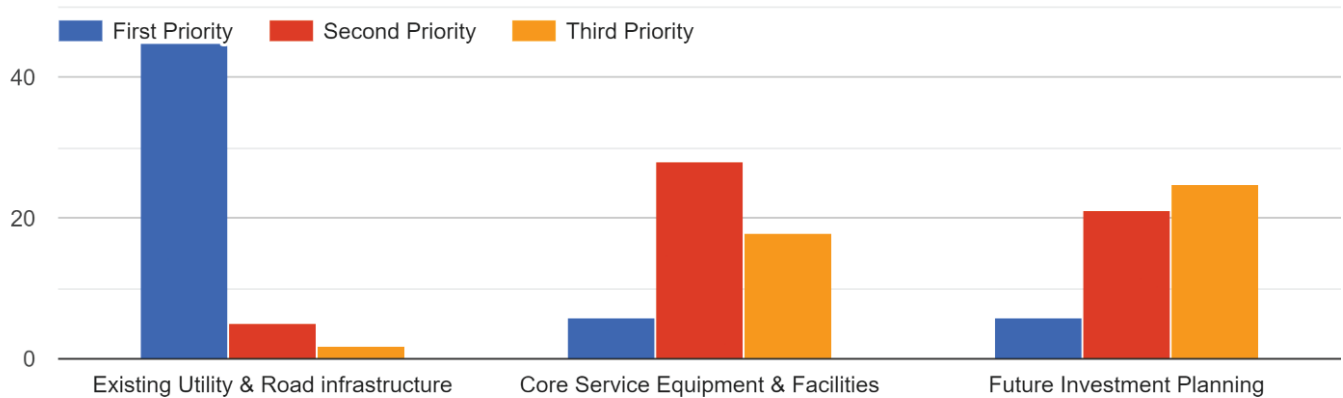
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Appendix Survey Comments

If there is anything else you wanted to share about policing and/or capital planning, please comment below.

Roads all over the town need to be fixed. They are terrible. Things get torn up and then sit and don't get fixed for months. For example I drive by 50A Avenue every day and the street has been torn up and then barriers sit there for months. This happened on this exact street a year or so ago. The roads are also very bumpy causing rain to build up in lakes in front of every one's houses.

The Fire Department is in need of a new fire hall! Invest in playgrounds at the school.

The roads we have in town need attention. 47th Ave shouldn't be a gravel road that leads to a hotel where visitors from out of town stay, it's embarrassing for the town in my opinion.

This town has Zero priority on keeping people i the town by having safe roads and essential water ways. Residents of Campbell subdivision have been without water every year do to major breaks and have had Numerous roadway/sidewalk issues but they go ahead and replace a roadway in another subdivision where those Residents had zero clue it was to happen or why. Very poorly managed I'd be surprised if people stayed within town limits and these are examples as to why people leave.4000 annually for taxes and ZERO maintenance makes you wonder

mandate that the user groups of town facilities maintain and clean the areas they utilized in lieu of a reduced rental rate at risk of losing the "cleaning hourly rated" deposit.

No

It is important for the police to be visible in our community and know the residents. Personal interactions between police officers and the community members of Lamont will help build mutual trust, which is essential to addressing neighborhood problems and reducing crime.

New buildings should definetly include a new Fire Station

Nothing at this time

Would be fantastic if we had either a bowling alley or indoor swimming pool or small movie theatre

ROADS

why does the town of Lamont need so many vehicles doing the same thing 2or 3 times a day i have seen vehicles going by my place 4 to 5 times a day and all i think they are doing is wasting time and gas

If the town and particularly council are really interested in policing policy they should also be committed to enforcing their own bylaws first as well as rectifying long standing infractions of same, without first considering whose miscreants feelings may be offended by strict enforcement

The roads in this town are falling apart and you just keep patching them. The material from these patches then end up on the boulevards due to road snow removal and it's the home owner's problem to deal with. So, please either fix the roads properly or clean up your mess every spring. Also, the regrading of the alleys has caused problems with the levels of the sidewalks where they meet the alley. This also needs to be addressed asap as it is a definite hazard.

Policing should not be changed, only increased

Improving and maintaining storm water and sewer should be prioritized before money is spent on additional parks and recreation projects. Yes, maintain existing parks and rec. grounds and facilities but ensure that storm waters and sewer are not making swimming pools in residents basements. This year would have been a perfect year (very little rain and a dry creek bed) to add an additional 6' drain at the entrance to the Edna subdivision.

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