

COUNCIL REPORT

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Date: Wednesday, August-14-24 **Subject:** 2025 Budget Survey Results

Background:

To prepare for the 2025 North Perth Budget process, North Perth residents were invited to provide their input on their priorities and preferences for the annual budget through a budget survey available on the municipality's online engagement platform, Your Say North Perth.

The public consultation was advertised through social media, the municipality's website, local print, and radio. Paper copies of the survey were available at the North Perth Municipal Office and at all three North Perth Public Library locations.

The survey was live from June 24th to July 21st.

Comments:

341 surveys were received, including one paper copy. This is an increase from the 154 surveys that were completed as part of last year's budget process. 341 responses are approximately a 2.1% response rate from the population of North Perth.

The feedback from survey respondents mentioned well-maintained parks, excellent library services, and expressed interest in more green initiatives. Feedback also highlighted challenges that the respondents feel North Perth is facing, particularly infrastructure and public services.

Many respondents mentioned the need for better traffic management, and the lack of public transportation options in the community. Respondents feel that the shortage of affordable housing is a critical issue, especially for seniors and low-income community members. Healthcare was identified as a significant concern; respondents share concerns about the shortage of healthcare professionals and an inadequate amount of healthcare facilities to meet the growing population's needs.

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Respondents would like to see a higher level of police presence to contribute to community concerns about safety in North Perth. Many noted that there is a deficit of youth and senior programs and affordable community spaces.

Although the survey results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of the North Perth community at large, they provide valuable information for Council to consider during the 2025 budget process.

Financial Implications: (Include amounts and funding source)

None

Recommendation:

THAT:

The Council of the Municipality of North Perth receives the results of the 2025 Budget Survey as information.

Reference Material Attached:

2025 Budget Survey Presentation

Corporate Strategic Plan:

The information and responses provided in this report are consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's approved Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan.

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