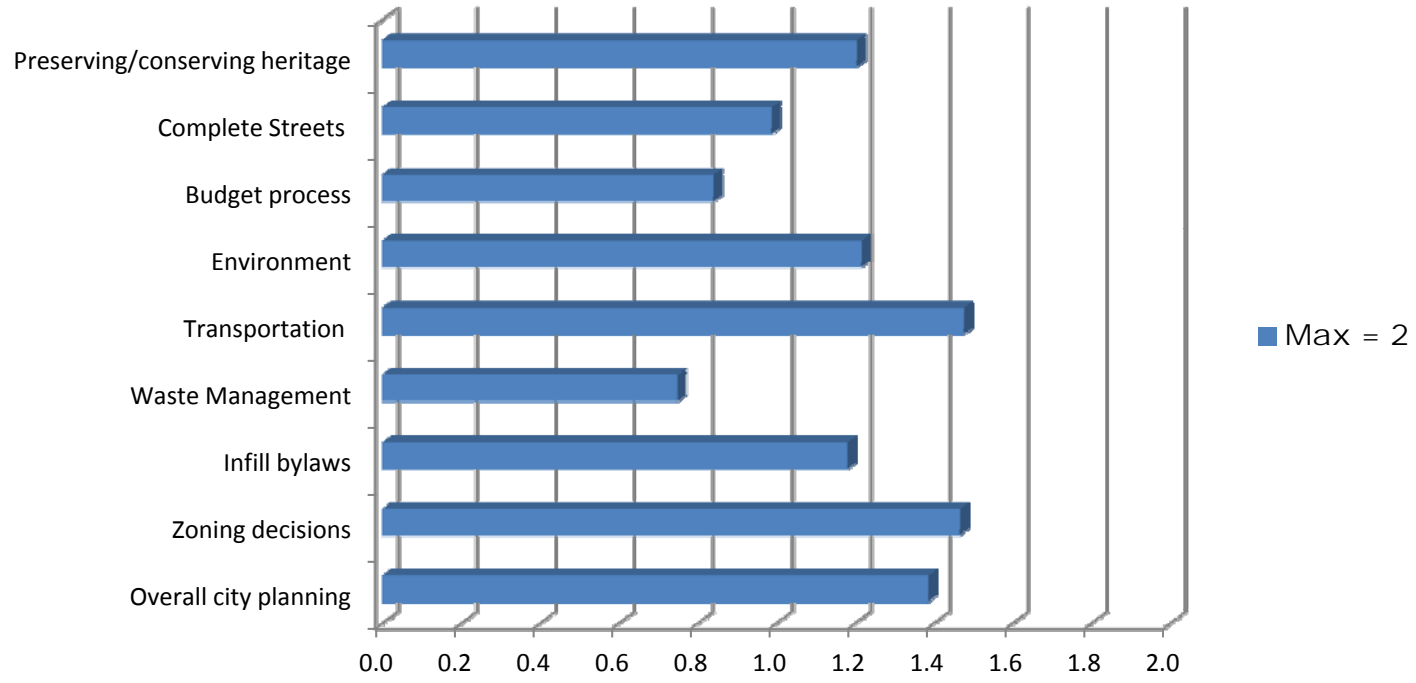


Notes & Analysis

Scores for listed priorities

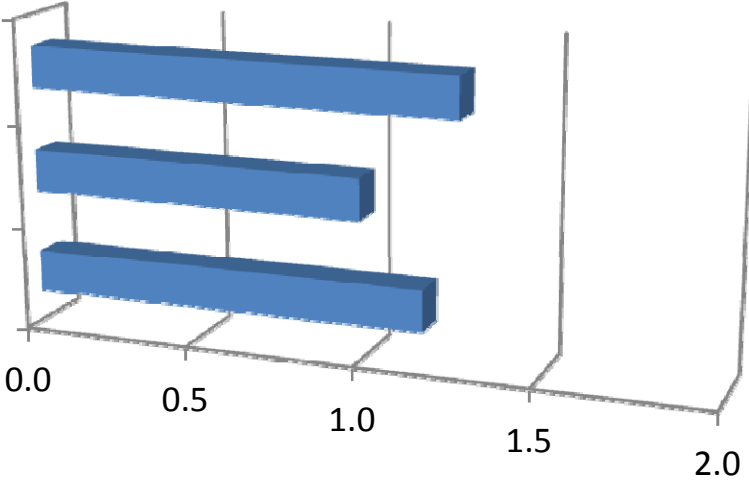


Budget Improvement Options

CAs, councillors work on budget decisions that affect their community.

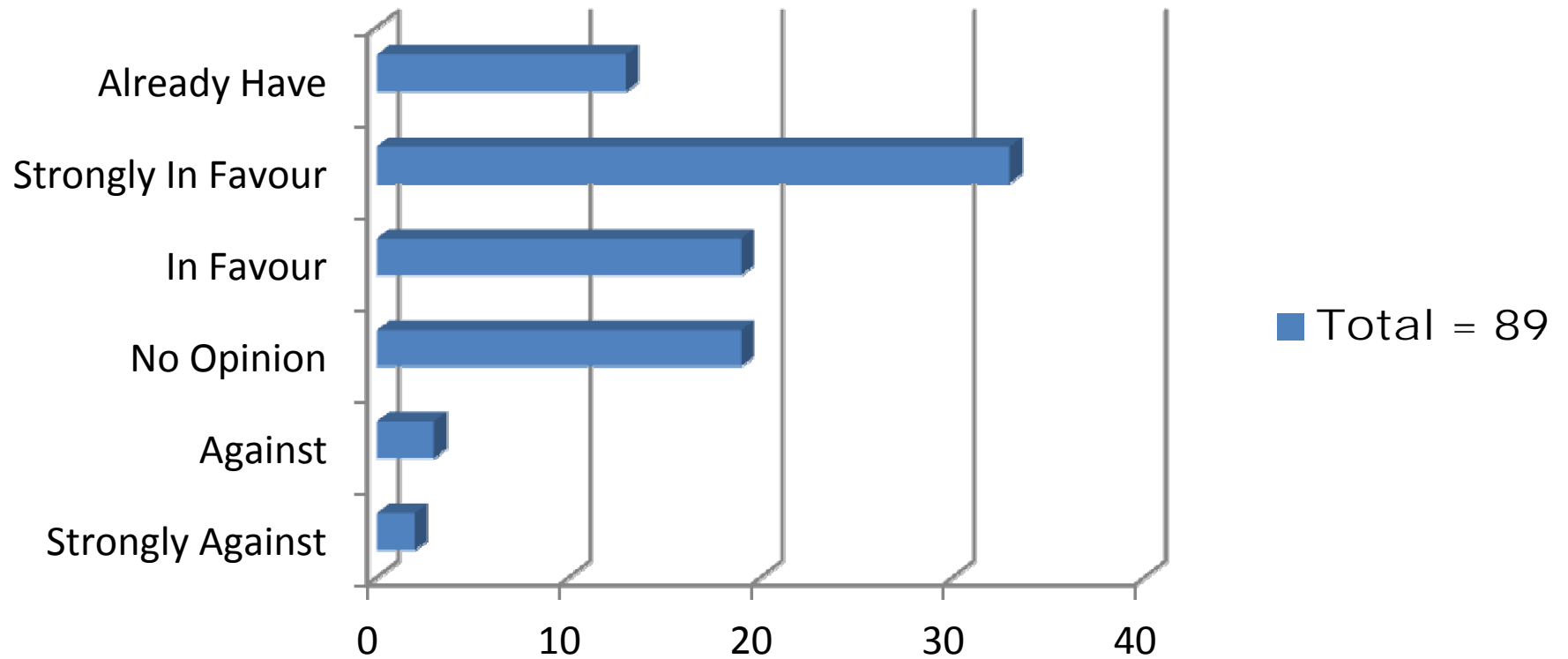
More oppportunity for public involvement in budget

More open, transparent budget



■ Max = 2

Ward Councils



Areas that are of interest to you

- FCA recruitment, FCA nominations, partnerships with e.g. Volunteer Ottawa, other federations and Centre for Governance.
- One FCA item for Budget -- e.g. upgrade and expansion of low or no cost community meeting places across the City.
- Improving public and Community Associations access to City information to help inform City decisions and actions
- Continuously collecting information from the public (via Crowd-sourcing) as input to informing Community Associations positions and City decisions and actions.
- Child care, transit, political process, budgets
- community development, recreation
- Cycling
- Ecologically important areas and any treed areas, trees in general, wetlands, green spaces,. parks NCClands; Development charges; metropolitan transportation planning and co-ordination (National Capital area). Environment especially woodlands and wetlands and other green areas and the health of our rivers and streams.
- Good planning and design
- Governance & Accountability Budget Process Intensification Transportation Infill 2
- heritage parks culture
- Heritage preservation
- I will wait to see the outcomes of this survey. You have serious credibility issues.
- Implementation of bylaws
- Planning and development. Heritage.
- planning for active transportation
- Planning, Zoning, Public Participation
- Planning/zoning; city governance issues
- Safety
- Transportation and development

Other Priorities Volunteered

- a better grid of connected bicycle networks, not only downtown but also in the near and far suburbs. An eye for developing around paths for active transportation rather than an afterthought.
- Accommodating the needs of rural youth.
- Although you may have been including it when you listed "overall city planning", I think the Community Design Plans are very important and should be respected in the decision-making process.
- city governance including ethics ranked voting for 2018 campaign contribution reform -- no contributions to those who do business with City Hall (e.g. developers, city unions, construction companies)
- Community design plans and Secondary Plans Transportation and Infrastructure EAs Committee of Adjustment applications Development applications City building policies and applications safe streets policies and programs and priorities affordable housing youth services and senior services parks planning and renewal recreational facilities and programming heritage policies
- Community safety eg. crime prevention
- conservation of trees and parks and public greenspaces, especially any NCC lands considered as : "other" in the urban lands study, (This last affects only a few communities).
- Consultation with community as part of process for all city decisions
- creation / expansion of parks; ensuring adequate recreational facilities; traffic mgt
- cycling & pedestrian infrastructure; Energy East proposed tarsands pipeline; water environment strategy; trees and emerald ash borer / greenspace (is this all under 'environment issues'? 2017 anniversary
- Democracy and local governance, community character.
- Governance and Accountability at City Hall
- Governance, in particular the reporting relationship between staff performance and council objectives.
- Governance, Transparency, Public Engagement and Consultation
- Governance. Everything flows from governance. The FCA Governance Committee spent a lot of effort and time fighting the City's consolidation of power in themselves over the last four years. Its something we need to continue voicing our concerns over until the City is cleaned up and starts using operational and managerial best practices. Why is Governance not even included in this list? After attending the FCA meeting in September, I am getting the impression that there is a lack of institutional memory with the FCA Executive in terms of what has been achieved over the last four years. For instance, I was surprised to hear Gary call for the creation of a working committee only to have Sheila Perry stand up to say that the FCA Planning Committee had already worked on the issue (I believe the issue being discussed was Infill related). Many of us have done a lot of good work. Please make sure it doesn't go to waste simply because not everyone knows what has been achieved. Obviously, Past FCA President Graeme Roderick knows. Please ask him or Bob Brocklebank, Governance Committee Chair, or even Agnes Warda, member of the Governance Committee and FCA Executive, what action the Governance Committee took during this last term of Council. Another issue I have with this list of issues is the way Environmental Issues are lumped together in a very nondescript way, as if everyone will know what they are. Waste Management, by the way, is an Environmental issue, as is sewage flowing into the Ottawa River, the death of millions of ash trees in our communities, etc. To give important environmental issues such a bland and non-descriptive name will surely produce a negative response on this survey.
- Green Bin use is very important

- I have no idea what Complete Streets policy above means
- I would assume that that issue involving cycling would be looked at. I am the Citizen's for safe cycling rep for FCA
- I'm assuming Environmental Issues includes parks and green space. Recreation?
- Implementation of active transportation facilities
- Implementation of bylaws
- Implementation of the City's Public Engagement Strategy Establishment of Term of Council Priorities for the new Council
- infrastructure renewal, particularly recreation and parks
- Not at this time
- Para-transpo for rural residents. Currently they cannot go from a rural address to a rural address. i.e. A disabled senior living in Dunrobin cannot receive a drive from their home to their doctor in Carp.
- Parks and recreation; schools and healthcare facilities
- parks...maintenance and renewal and naming public art...selection and placement cultural events...
- Planning - Developing and Maintaining Pedestrian Networks to safely connect Residential areas to Work, Commercial and Open Spaces. Supporting and Incorporating the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement in City Plans
- Provincial matters-Provincial Policy statements, Planning act changes, OMB changes, Development Charges Acts , etc. NCC policies and changes such as Urban Lands study
- Recreation and Leisure
- Schools and seniors are also very important.
- Social integration of new and recently arrived immigrants is an area which I feel is 'very important' for community associations if we want to contribute to a safer and healthier City.
- The City of Ottawa seems to suffer from a lack of any real vision. I think community associations could and should be encouraging the City to have a more long-term vision.
- The image of this Group is NOT positive... you need a rebuild of your "public face".. You reputation as engaging partners is held in very low regard by the City. Take a more positive approach, change Leadership, and start to gain the confidence of strategic partners. Otherwise, you do not have credibility!
- The topics above are too generic. They also miss the point that while the written policies may be good, the interpretations by staff are skewed by other non-written priorities.
- The transparency and predictability of the planning process Lobby for developer donations to councillor's campaign illegal
- Waste management is listed but there should be another point identified - creation of landfills. However, we are told that the City does not have any power besides the zoning when it comes to landfills. And the City does not want to refuse the zoning application because they are afraid of having to go before the OMB.
- Working with ward-wide groups to build consensus on priorities with involvement of the councillor.

Suggestions for ways the community could be engaged in budgeting process

- I believe a needs analysis should be done for city facilities. Starting with the location of all city facilities and the population in each area. The areas should be the smallest level of geography available from Statistics Canada. I find it somewhat ridiculous that the LRT seems to avoid places of existing high density in favour of empty spaces - where development might take place. Both daytime and night time population should be considered. Currently we have a transit system that almost goes out of its way to avoid work places like the hospitals, airport, confederation park but manages to go into every shopping mall in the city.
- The budget process is very transparent but is also complicated. I have been at most public consultations year after year and the low attendance is shameful. After a few polls of those in attendance, the attendees tend to be a higher percentage of re-toes who vote for the maximum property tax raise in order to save services and arts and heritage programs. The FCA should send out survey monkey for residents to pass along and fill out electronically.
- The current Budget Process is focused on the vertical Departmental silos of the City. To get community input we also need a geographic view (by Ward) of the budget allocation so that local Capital and Operating expenditures of the City can be seen, scrutinized, debated and decided by Councillors, Community Associations and the general public.
- The budget process in an election year is a mess, much too rushed. It should not be up to an individual Councillor to find the funding for a good idea. If a Councillor proposes something to add to the budget, and Council agrees, it's up to staff to recommend how it gets funded, not the proposer.
- The community and their councillor should maintain good communications and regular consultation so that there will be a good understanding of the communities priorities and the councillor's considerations vis a vis other communities within his ward.
- Public should be consulted at City wide and local levels, in a kind of summit. As well, consult NCC and Gatineau transparently.
- Have periodic consultations (once every two months as a suggestion) with City staff and the councillor for our Ward over the year.
- Over time Ottawa should explore the concept of "participatory budgeting" which has been successfully implemented in some Brazilian and British municipalities.
- There are particular issues that affect local neighbourhoods, such as life-cycle renewal for local park assets, status of local roads & sidewalks, as well as services such as parks & recreation. These local issues are more relevant to community associations, whereas transit policy, childcare, waste management, the arts, etc. are more city-wide issues. The FCA should have separate strategies to deal with these.
- shaping budget decisions that affect their ward.
- The framework documents presented by staff for public review are overly complicated (convoluted) and there should be agreement with community associations as to what information is important and how it should be presented.
- reinstate public presentations to committee of the whole budget more time is not the issue; the City could spend half the time they do now on "consultation" or "engagement" and still do it much better; as proposed by most of the consultation on consultation meetings in 2013, there should be a meaningful policy on consultation -- not just an engagement strategy and tool kits not sure what is meant by the third item
- I did not attend this year, but in the past our Councillor (Eli, Ward 5) has had community information meetings with the manager of budget services. Very informative, but poorly attended.

- There should be a legal mechanism requiring consultations with community association prior to developer applications being submitted.
- Our Councillor has a boring web page - wonder what number of hits is. Our Councillor has not held one open house or spoken to one of his community associations personally. He is behind a locked door at City Hall and receptionist will "guard him" from constituents unless you have made appointment AND stated what you want to see him about.
- Community involvement in budget planning in April, May & June for the November Decisions.
- Insist that every year the draft City budget include a clear statement of recommended priorities and realistic alternative options for public consideration as to how discretionary tax payer monies are to be spent, as well as why Council have made recommended choices. Ask Council to commit to zero base budgeting at least once every four years. Develop a media and lobby strategy in support of the above.
- The major issues related to the Budget are not those that are specific to a Ward or neighbourhood. In the bigger picture, these issues, though real, are a diversionary tactic. (I remember the days when communities and councillors would go to enormous lengths debating line items that amounted to little overall.) FCA should offer leadership on the major issues: The balance in infrastructure investment (e.g., less for roads), the priorities in public transit, the room allowed for initiatives serving the poor, etc., etc.
- To be open and transparent, the budget items need to have clear and accurate estimates with their accompanying assumptions. The councillors and the communities can then discuss the relative rankings of items that enter the final budget.
- Through a strategic planning process facilitated by talented trained impartial facilitators establishing goals, benchmarks, timelines, and identification of stakeholders (who needs involvement to make it happen).
- I don't think the City pays too much attention to the views of citizens, or community associations, so it doesn't really matter. If citizens could be on the budget committee it might help.
- The KMC (Ward 9 Ward Council) asked Mayor Watson twice to share the questions and answers publicly that come in on his Public Budget email address. He didn't even respond. Getting me to do this would be a step in the right direction.
- Need finer level of detail and fuller descriptive information. Often the budget line title is all people have to go by to understand what the money is to be spent on. This is unacceptable - people simply have no information at the budget line level to make a comment. Departmental budgets need to have a full A-base review by the 2nd year into a term of council. Too much reallocation can happen within these broad budget envelopes without council and public oversight.
- Especially Time. The city takes months to create policies, budgets and development/zoning decisions and only allows the public to see ANY information a) after the decision has been made internally and b) with less than a week to respond.
- have the councillor consult beforehand with his / her highlighting what his / her priorities are as a result of the community consultation.
- regular coffee meetings ward councils public and regular communication from councillor office on ward spending - cash-in-lieu etc.

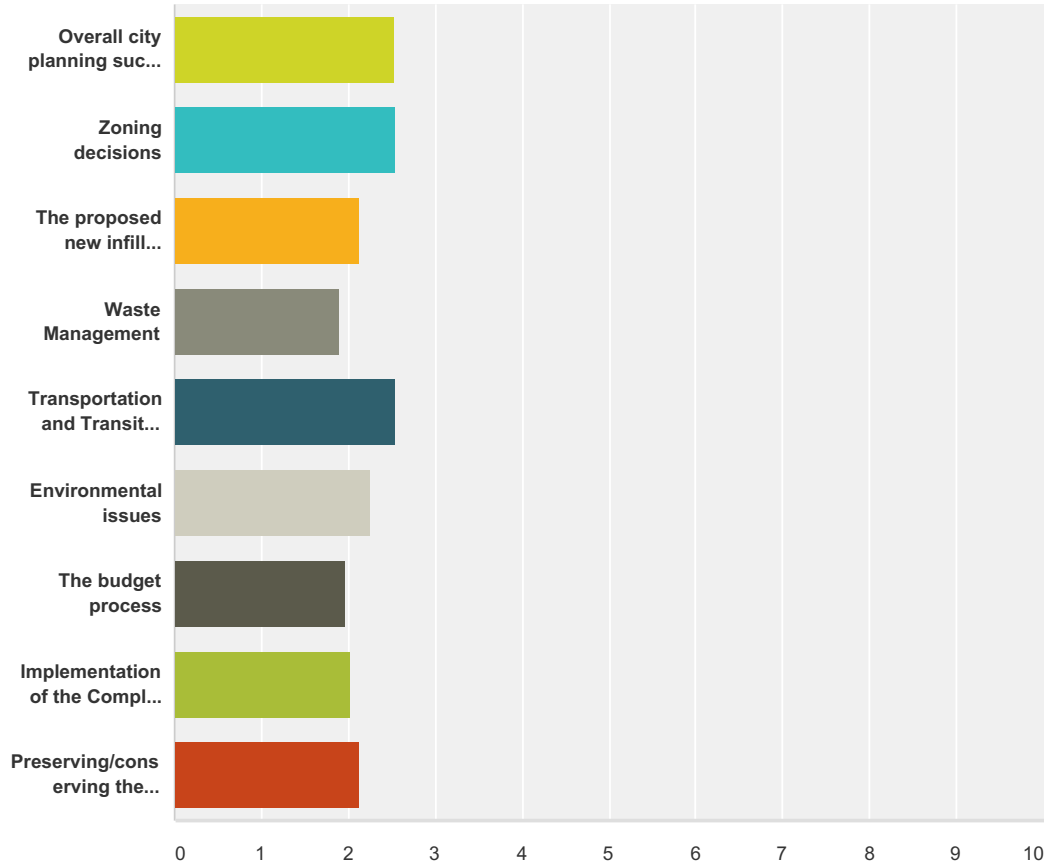
Expertise & experience on offer

- Meetings, animation, consultation, organization, community development.
- Communications, environmental and governance policy.
- Environment, trees, greenspace, invasive species, development on sensitive lands
- Our association currently is represented on the FCA and we are interested in continuing to work on issues of interest to us and other community associations.
- Public Education system / Some environmental issues, ie, Adopt-a-Stream: the health of our City`s creeks
- environment issues, coordination (and for the ward council question some of us are already working together informally, not a 'ward council' but as issues arise
- Rural issues, environmental issues.
- Making presentations to City standing committees, being a living resource about the history of City Council over the past 35 years.
- bicycling planning and all that comes with it.
- land use issues, environmental issues
- community development, recreation, governance
- Property Taxes, Water Billing, Budget, Supply and Contracting.
- Communications, events
- Planning & zoning, Infill 1, Infill 2
- Development charges.
- heritage
- President of local community association for 7 years
- Not volunteering because I have mainly retired now from community work.
- Official Plan, Crossing Guards, development rezoning process, Planning dept.
- information technology, program management, cross- cultural teams
- planning environment zoning governance
- Planning, Urban Design, Geographic Information Systems
- community activism
- Planng/zoning; OMB appeals; community communication
- some experience in Official Plan and zoning issues
- Strategic Planning Negotiation Transportation
- transportation demand management solutions, community organizing, and building relationships between city staff and neighbourhood associations in another city
- Ward councils, budget process, how City Hall works, community associations, school councils

Survey Data

Q1 With respect to setting policies and making decisions, in which of the areas below do you think it is important for community associations in Ottawa to be actively involved?

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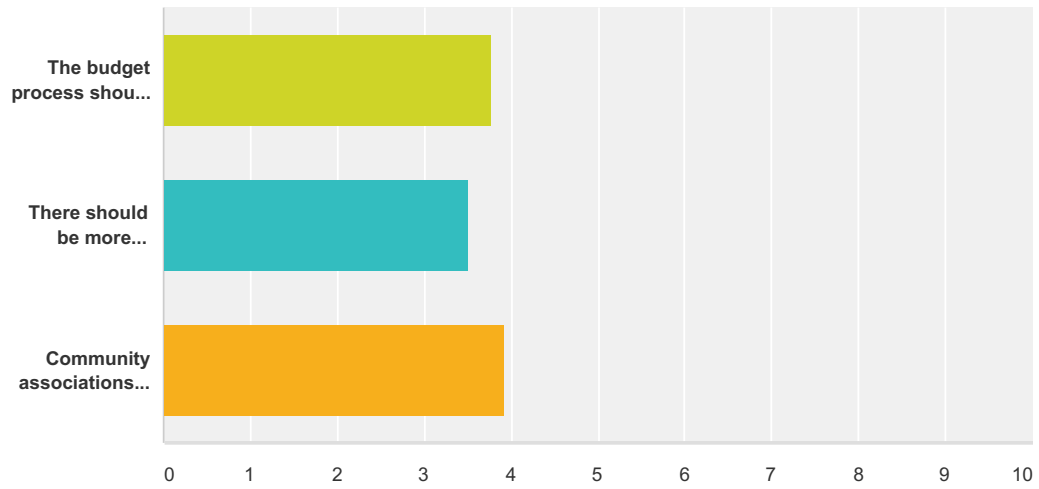


	Not important	No Opinion/ Don't Know	Important	Very Important	Total	Weighted Average
Overall city planning such as the Official Plan	4.60% 4	3.45% 3	28.74% 25	63.22% 55	87	2.52
Zoning decisions	3.33% 3	1.11% 1	35.56% 32	60.00% 54	90	2.54
The proposed new infill bylaw (Infill 2)	4.44% 4	14.44% 13	34.44% 31	46.67% 42	90	2.13
Waste Management	10.23% 9	9.09% 8	61.36% 54	19.32% 17	88	1.91
Transportation and Transit policy	3.33% 3	2.22% 2	32.22% 29	62.22% 56	90	2.54
Environmental issues	3.33% 3	5.56% 5	51.11% 46	40.00% 36	90	2.26

The budget process	8.99% 8	10.11% 9	56.18% 50	24.72% 22	89	1.96
Implementation of the Complete Streets policy	6.82% 6	14.77% 13	39.77% 35	38.64% 34	88	2.02
Preserving/conserving the heritage elements of our rural and inner city communities	1.11% 1	11.11% 10	51.11% 46	36.67% 33	90	2.13

Q2 With regard to the city's budget process, what are your views on the following statements?

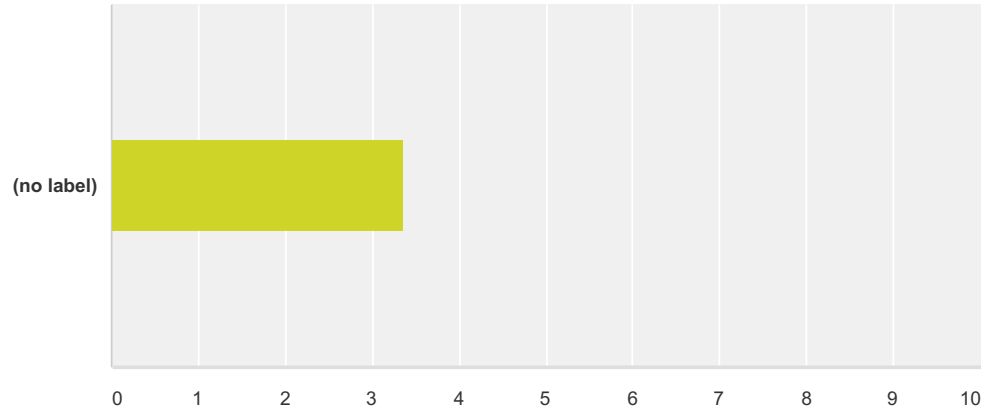
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree Nor Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
The budget process should be more open and transparent.	1.11% 1	2.22% 2	14.44% 13	40.00% 36	42.22% 38	90	3.77
There should be more opportunity and time for public involvement/engagement.	2.22% 2	4.44% 4	17.78% 16	38.89% 35	36.67% 33	90	3.50
Community associations and their councillor should be able to work effectively together in shaping budget decisions that affect their community.	1.11% 1	2.22% 2	12.22% 11	34.44% 31	50.00% 45	90	3.93

Q3 If you do not already have a ward council, how would you gauge the interest of establishing one in your ward?

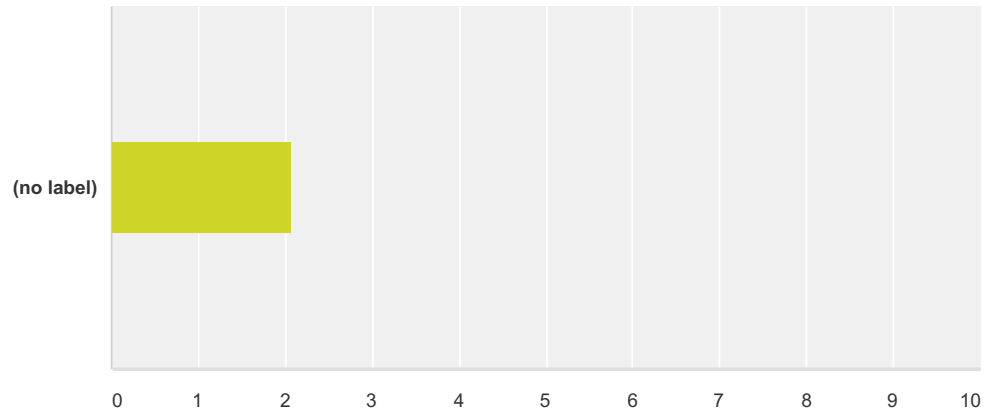
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	Strongly Against	Against	No opinion/Don't Know	In Favour	Strongly in Favour	N/A Already have a ward council	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	2.25% 2	2.25% 2	20.22% 18	22.47% 20	38.20% 34	14.61% 13	89	3.37

Q4 Would you be willing to work with others in designing, advocating for and implementing effective ward councils in Ottawa?

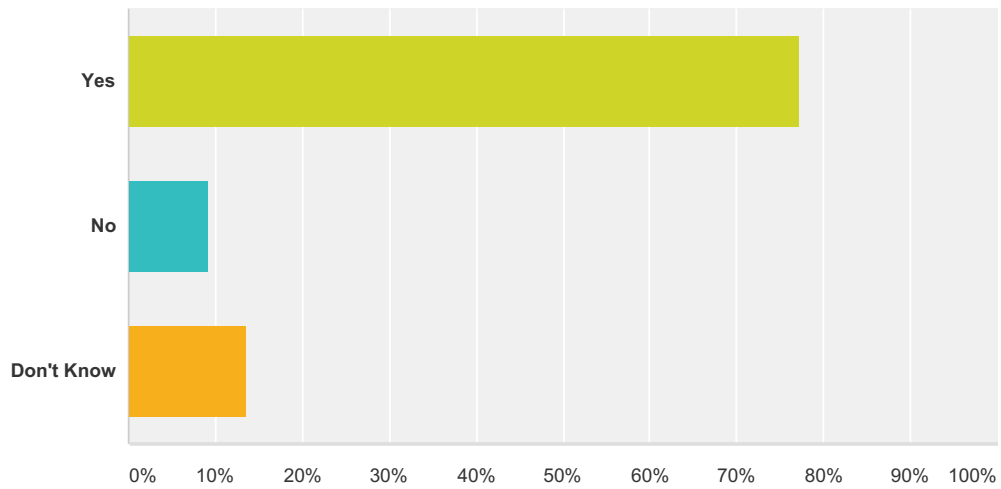
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	No	Possibly, time permitting	Yes	Total	Weighted Average	
(no label)	25.84% 23		41.57% 37	32.58% 29	89	2.07

Q5 Is your association currently a member of the FCA?

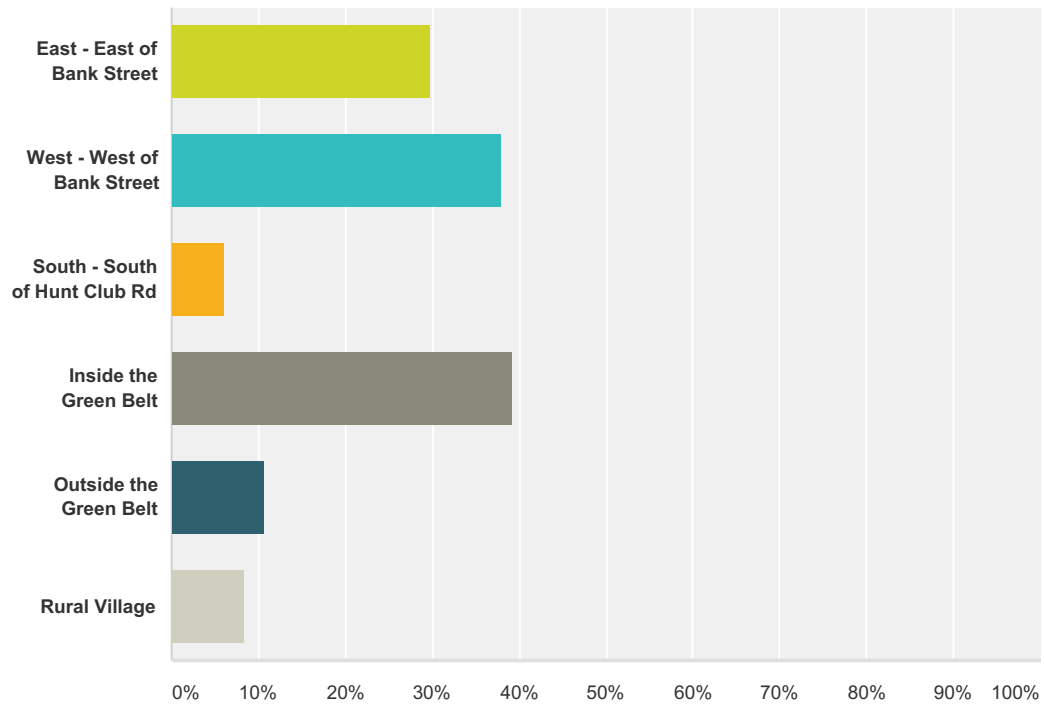
Answered: 88 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	77.27% 68
No	9.09% 8
Don't Know	13.64% 12
Total	88

Q6 Where in the city do you live? Click on as many of the options below that apply to your location.

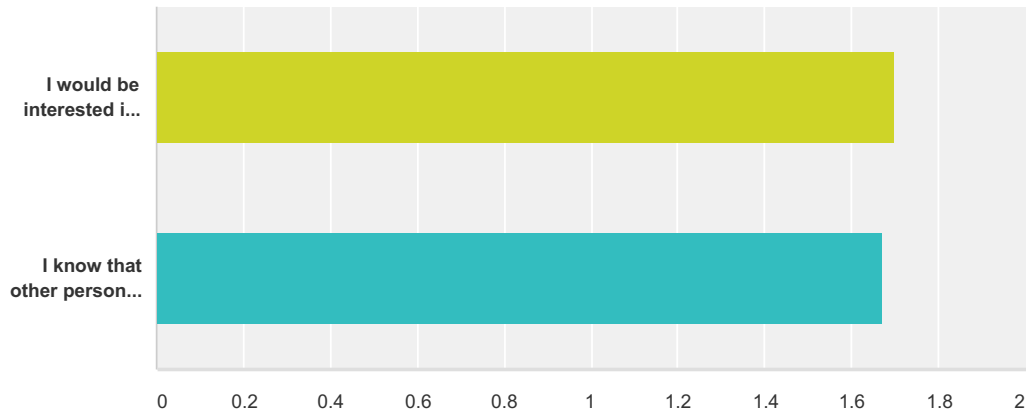
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Answer Choices	Responses
East - East of Bank Street	29.76% 25
West - West of Bank Street	38.10% 32
South - South of Hunt Club Rd	5.95% 5
Inside the Green Belt	39.29% 33
Outside the Green Belt	10.71% 9
Rural Village	8.33% 7
Total Respondents: 84	

Q7 Expertise and resources

Answered: 89 Skipped: 2



	Yes	Possibly, if time permits	Don't know	No	Total	Weighted Average
I would be interested in working with others at FCA on these issues I have ranked as important.	19.32% 17	52.27% 46	7.95% 7	20.45% 18	88	1.70
I know that other persons in my association would be interested in working on some of these issues	24.39% 20	28.05% 23	37.80% 31	9.76% 8	82	1.67