



2023 CITIZEN SURVEY

CITY OF WEYBURN

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE
2024-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

WHAT WE HEARD
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Project Overview

In 2022, Weyburn City Council, in collaboration with Senior Leadership, began the process of developing the foundation for a Strategic Plan. A SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat) analysis led to the establishment of a mission, vision and values for the City.

Based on insights from the SWOT analysis, citizen input and staff contributions, Council drafted Strategic Objectives – Areas of Focus. These strategic objectives were consulted with community partners and stakeholders for further input. The wider public engagement phase was initiated through a citizen survey.

This report outlines the information and themes gathered from the Citizen Survey. Council and City administration will use the data collected through the survey, as well as the input from community partners and stakeholders, to develop a comprehensive strategic plan that will guide the actions and directions of the community over the next four years.

The 2024-2027 Strategic Plan will encapsulate these collective efforts and is expected to be approved by City Council in fall 2023.



City of Weyburn

Vision

A community for all.

Mission

Growing through opportunity.

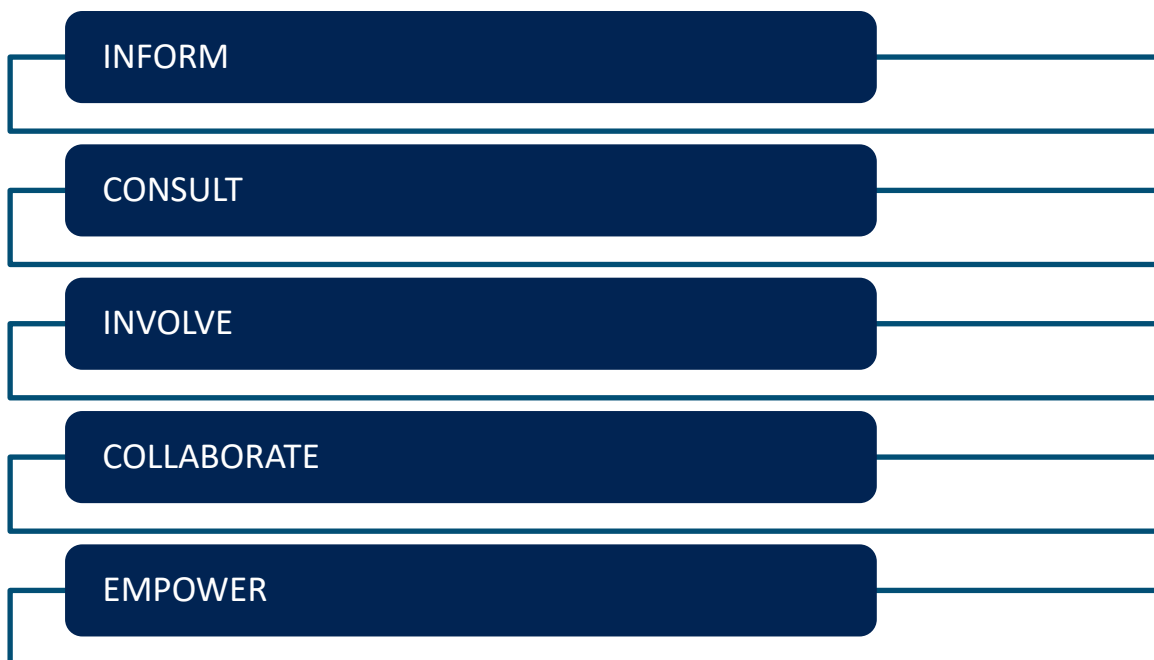
Public Participation Summary

IAP2 Framework

The City of Weyburn employs the IAP2 framework for public participation to guide its community engagement initiatives. Each project, decision and action are categorized according to appropriate participation levels.

The citizen survey was positioned within the consultation phase of the public participation spectrum.

Public Participation Spectrum



Goals

The City of Weyburn engaged in public participation initiatives with the following goals:

- Gain insight into public sentiments about living, working and/or owning a business in Weyburn.
- Validate and refine Strategic Objectives – Areas of Focus.
- Identify if anything is missing in the strategic objectives, and what is important to the public/stakeholders in achieving each focus area.

Who We Heard from and How

In June 2022, Weyburn City Council and members of the City's Senior Leadership Team identified primary areas of focus, informed by a SWOT analysis, insights gathered during the 2020 campaign

period, conversations with residents and discussions with City employees. These preliminary Strategic Objectives – Areas of Focus would be central to the Council’s 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

In March 2023, City administration initiated a public participation plan to help inform the draft strategic objectives:

March 7, 2023

The first stakeholder engagement session occurred on March 7, 2023 at the Credit Union Spark Centre with members from the following community partners in attendance:

- The Weyburn Chamber of Commerce
- Weyburn Regional Economic Development
- Holy Family School Division
- Southeast Cornerstone School Division
- Southeast College

Members from the RM of Weyburn and Saskatchewan Health Authority were invited to participate but were unable to attend. The purpose of the stakeholder engagement session was to gather input and feedback from community partners on the draft strategic objectives to ensure that the Council's preliminary areas of focus resonated with the perspectives and sentiments of stakeholders.

March 30 – April 18, 2023

Insights gathered during the March 7 strategic engagement session were used to develop a multiple-choice survey designed around the draft strategic objectives. The survey was sent to community stakeholders including new Canadian and Indigenous organizations, seniors groups, the business community and other community partners.

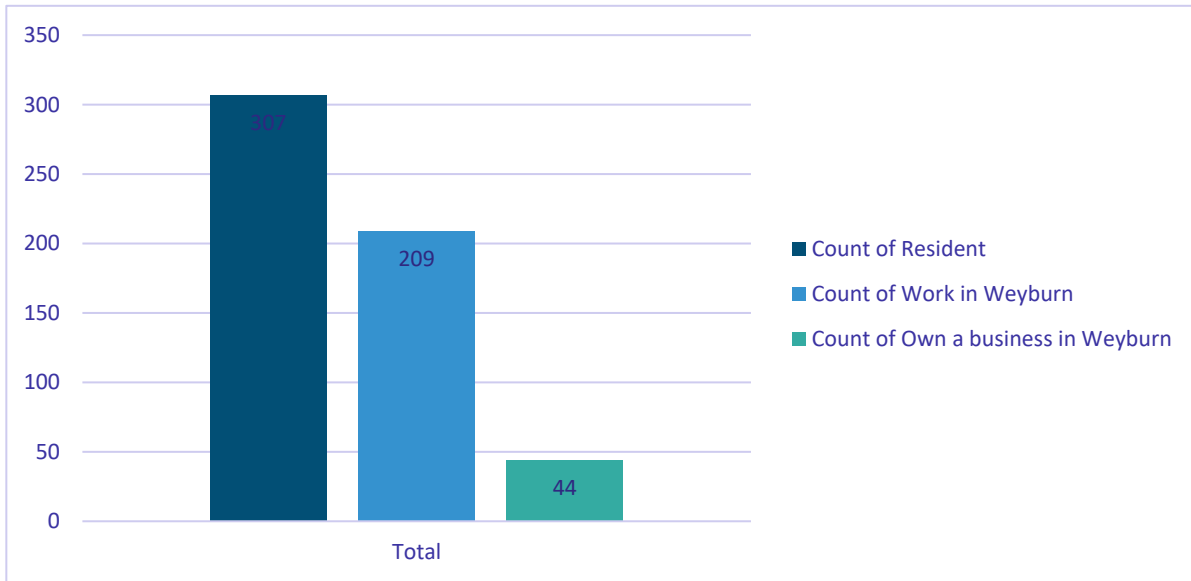
May 29 – June 16, 2023

A citizen survey was conducted to gather additional data from citizens, partners and business owners. The survey was advertised on the City of Weyburn website, social media pages, COW HERD (intranet), local media, via Council meetings and the City’s notification system, Voyent Alert.

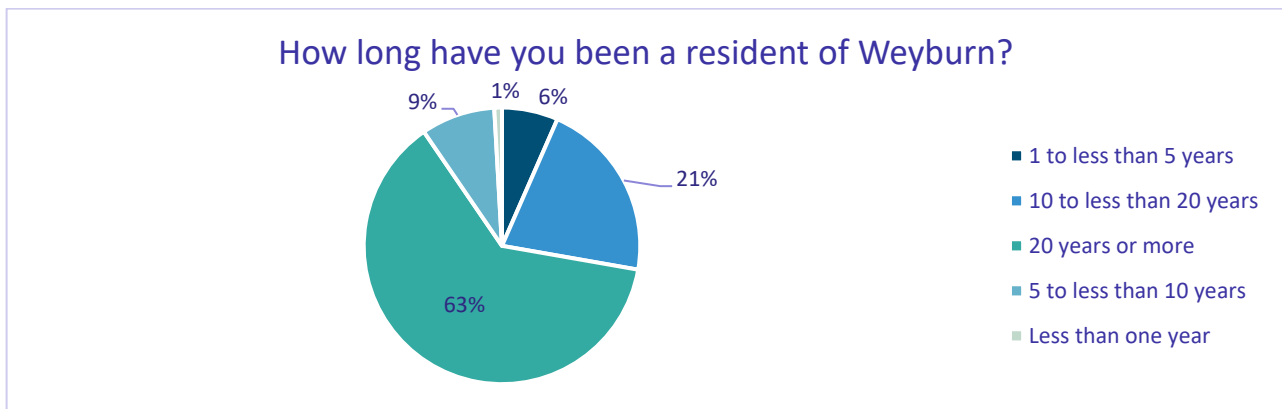
In total, we heard from a total of 375 members of the public.

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In-person Council and SLT participants	In-person stakeholder engagement participants	Targeted Demographic Survey participants	Citizen survey participants

CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS



- 307 survey respondents are residents of the City of Weyburn
- 209 survey respondents work in Weyburn
- 44 survey respondents own a business in Weyburn



- 63% of survey respondents have resided in Weyburn for 20 years or more
- 21% of survey respondents have resided in Weyburn for 10 to less than 20 years
- 9% of survey respondents have resided in Weyburn for 5 to less than 10 years
- 6% of survey respondents have resided in Weyburn for 1 to less than 5 years
- 1% of survey respondents have resided in Weyburn for less than one year

Weyburn's Greatest Strengths

According to Survey Respondents, Weyburn's greatest strengths are:

- Community Safety (17%)
- Location (proximity to Regina/US border/along CanAm highway) (14%)
- Parks, trails and open spaces (13%)
- Community spirit and sense of place (11%)
- Affordability (11%)

Please see [Appendix – Greatest Strengths](#) for more information

How do people generally feel about the City of Weyburn as a place to live, work or do business?

- 14% of survey respondents are very satisfied with the City of Weyburn as a place to live, work or do business
- 55% of survey respondents are satisfied with the City of Weyburn as a place to live, work or do business
- 20% of survey respondents are neither satisfied or dissatisfied with the City of Weyburn as a place to live, work or do business
- 9% of survey respondents are dissatisfied with the City of Weyburn as a place to live, work or do business
- 2% of survey respondents are very dissatisfied with the City of Weyburn as a place to live, work or do business

Please see [Appendix – The City of Weyburn as a place to live, work or do business](#) for more information.

When asked what would make the City of Weyburn better, the most common themes were:

- Improved transportation (better roads, sidewalks, walking paths, public transit).
- Increased opportunities for entertainment/recreation.
- More options for shopping (retail, grocery, etc) and downtown revitalization.

Please see [Appendix – In your opinion, what would make our community better?](#) for more information.

Respondents rated the overall quality of services received from the City of Weyburn:

- 7% of survey respondents reported they are very satisfied with the overall quality of services they receive from the City of Weyburn
- 45% of survey respondents reported they are satisfied with the overall quality of services they receive from the City of Weyburn
- 29% of survey respondents reported they are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the overall quality of services they receive from the City of Weyburn
- 15% of survey respondents reported they are dissatisfied with the overall quality of services they receive from the City of Weyburn
- 2% of survey respondents reported they are very dissatisfied with the overall quality of services they receive from the City of Weyburn

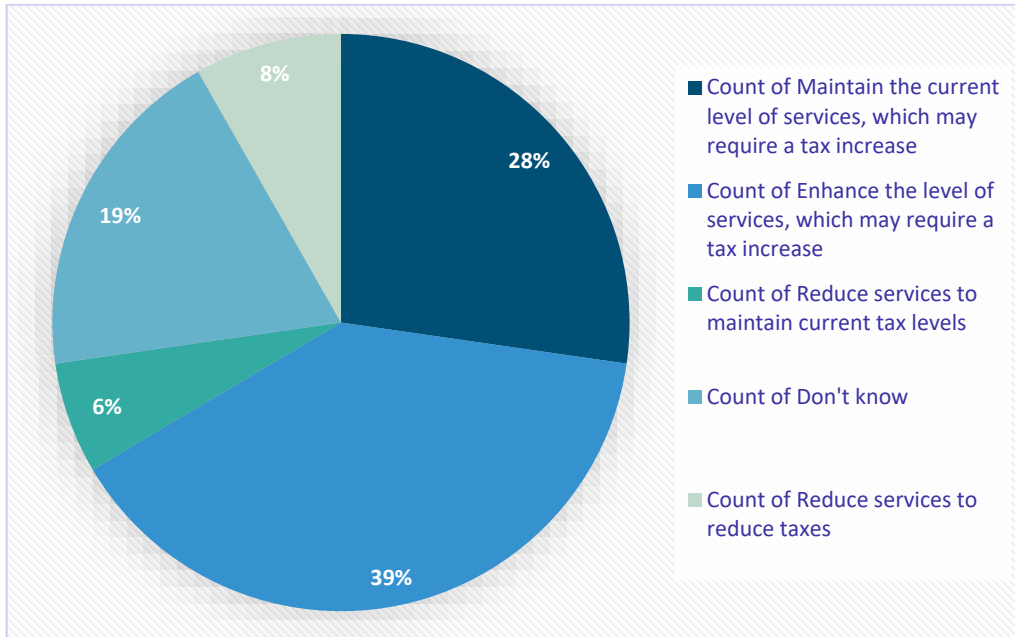
Please see [Appendix – Rate the overall quality of services received from the City of Weyburn](#) for more information.

Is the amount of tax paid reasonable in relation to the services received?

- 37% of survey respondents do not feel the amount they pay in taxes is reasonable in relation to the services they receive.
- 32% of survey respondents somewhat feel the amount they pay in taxes is reasonable in relation to the services they receive.
- 30% of survey respondents feel the amount they pay in taxes is reasonable in relation to the services they receive.

Please see [Appendix – Is the amount you pay in taxes reasonable in relation to the services received](#) for more information.

Which of the following tax strategies do you support?



What are the top issues Weyburn will have to deal with in the next four years?

Survey respondents were asked to choose the top three issues they felt City of Weyburn will have to deal with in the next four years. The top three issues according to survey respondents are:

- Aging infrastructure (239 votes)
- Affordability/cost of living (157 votes)
- Taxes/user fees (129 votes)

Please see [Appendix – Top Issues the City of Weyburn will have to deal with in the next four years](#) for more information.

Survey respondents feel Council’s focus should be on the following *(ranked according to number of votes received):*

- Improving streets/infrastructure (265)
- Investing in leisure facility upgrades, replacements or additions (128)
- Improving city services and modernizing processes (123)

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- Financial sustainability (115)
 - Economic development (82)
 - Community engagement (49)
 - Variety of housing (41)
 - Building a more inclusive community (35)
 - Community accessibility (31)

Please see [Appendix – Council’s focus for the future](#) for more information.

2024 Budget Priorities

According to survey respondents, the focus for 2024 budgetary decisions should be:

- Attracting new and/or supporting existing businesses;
- Opportunities to reduce City spending;
- Maintaining or increasing Capital spending; and
- Increasing the current level of City services.

Please see Appendix – [2024 Budget Priorities](#) for more information.

City of Weyburn Draft Strategic Plan

What the public said about the Draft Strategic Plan:

Considering the strategic areas of focus, 73% of survey respondents feel they include all the priority areas the City of Weyburn should be focusing on. Please see [Appendix – Draft Strategic Areas of Focus](#) for more information.

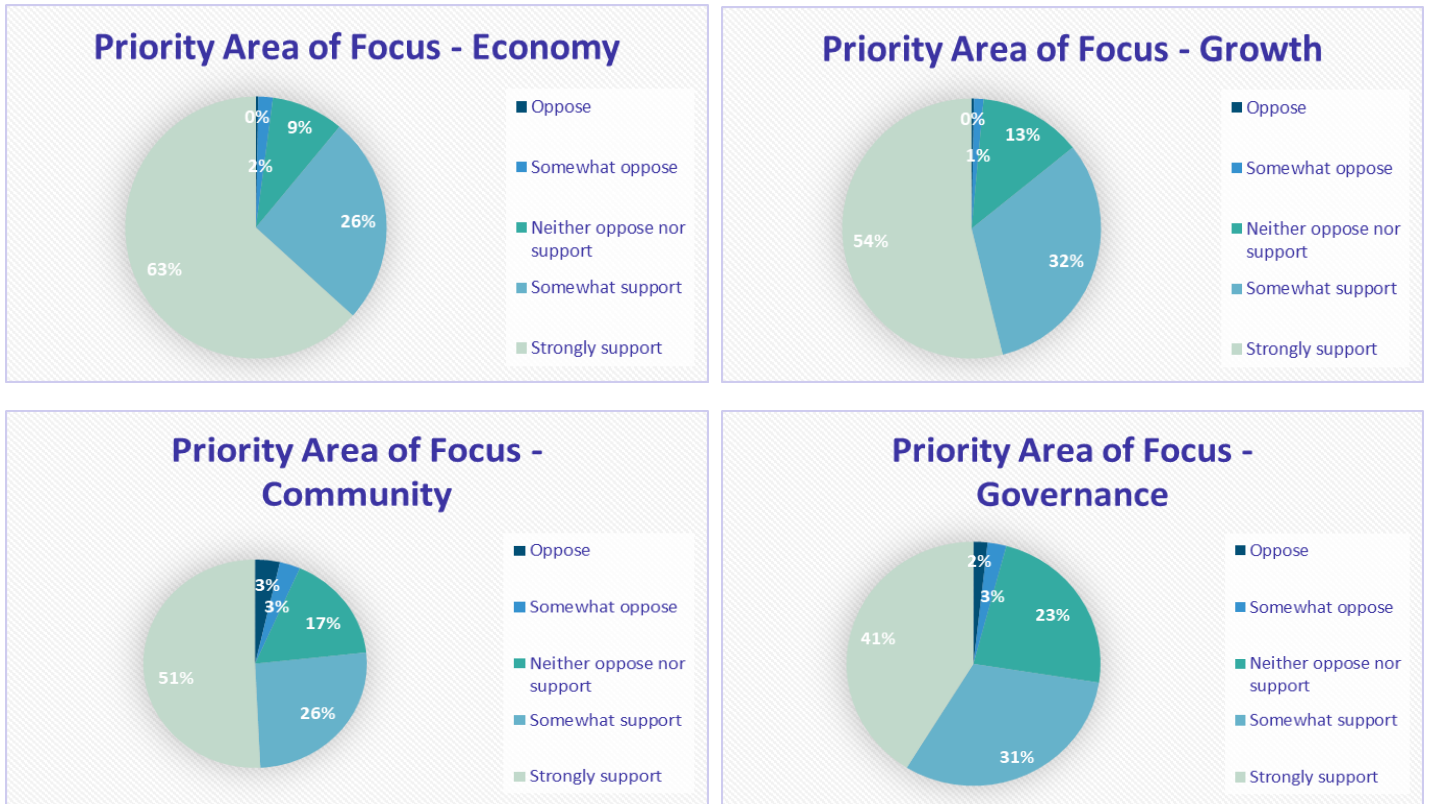
The top three themes survey respondents felt were missed in the Draft Strategic Plan were:

- Infrastructure (plans to repair roads, sewer, etc).
- Controlling/decreasing costs
- Healthcare

Please see [Appendix – Draft Strategic Areas Feedback](#) for more information.

Support for Areas of Focus in the Draft Strategic Plan

The charts below indicate survey respondents level of support for each Area of Focus of the Draft Strategic Plan based on the descriptions provided (see [Appendix – Draft Strategic Areas of Focus](#) for more information on each area of focus).



When asked how survey respondents would prefer to receive important information about City programs and services, the top three methods in order of ranking are:

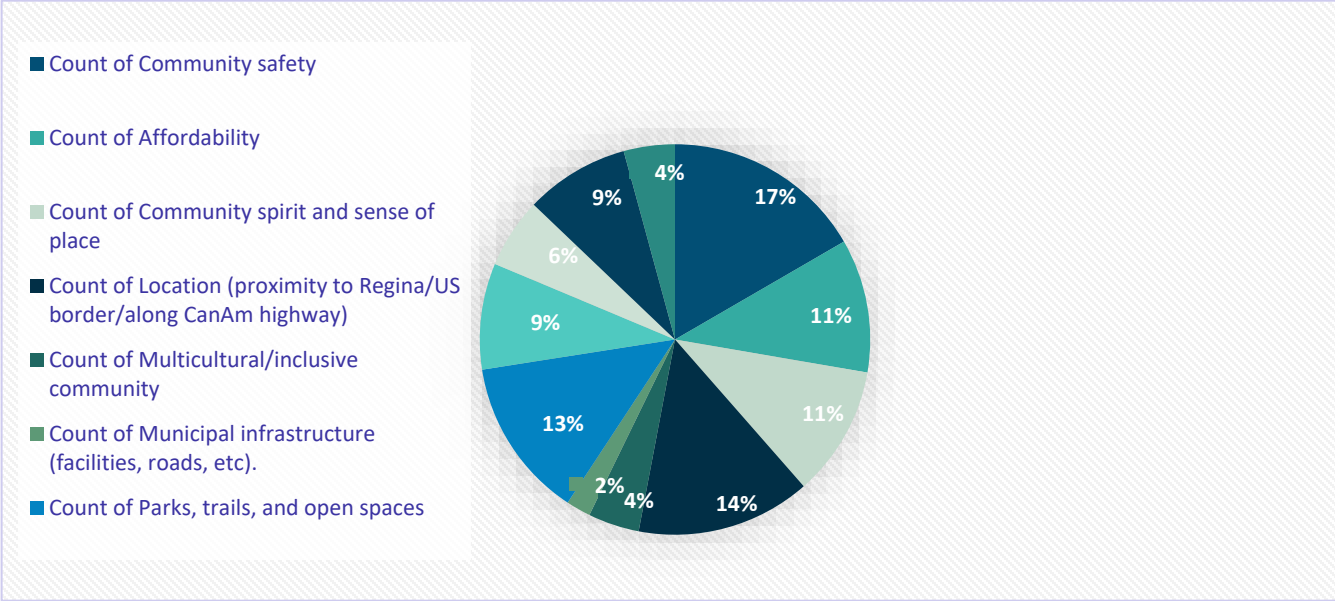
- Social media
- Email
- City of Weyburn Website

Please see [Appendix – Communication](#) for more information.

Disclaimer

The opinions expressed in the Appendices belong to the survey respondents and do not reflect the official positions of the City of Weyburn or Weyburn City Council. These comments have been included as part of our commitment to an open and transparent public participation process. The inclusion of these comments is aimed at upholding a transparent approach in sharing information and fostering meaningful community engagement.

Appendix – Greatest Strengths



Appendix – The City of Weyburn as a place to live, work or do business

How do you generally feel about the City of Weyburn as a place to live, work or do business?



Appendix – In your opinion, what would make our community better?

Pave roads rather than parking lots and back alleys

More stores, more things for kids to do

I believe Weyburn is thriving with a sense of community. I believe the largest problem with the city lies in where money is spent and on what.

Traffic lights versus 4 way stops. At least a 4way stop at the intersection of 18 and 5 as there is a stop going thru city but not leaving entering city there is a walking path and close proximity to a school. Affordability of our rec facilities. Concerned that not all can afford the spark center. How do we rate with prices elsewhere as I think we are highly priced. Why is the prices higher on days when no school. Why are the prices always different? Consider opening our summer pools and programs earlier. Consistency in paddling pool hours. Consider work bees for jubilee park. You started cleaning up the vegetation during Covid and it looked great now no progress. How about development ie tourism by the river. See what other cities are/have done. This is an untapped opportunity. An outdoor music venue in jubilee park available for musicians theatre etc in our summer months - anything available in that centre area where those rocks are. We have a wonderful city. Let's keep enhancing it. Thanks

Continue/complete the bike path on the southeast side. Kayak and peddle boat rental IN WEYBURN at River Park.

a transportation system for folks who do not or cannot drive. a community centre that does not require fees for people to attend

Better/safer roads!! Vehicles getting damaged which cost lots of \$\$ to fix.

We could use a few more shopping opportunities.

Better shopping opportunities for youth items, better racial inclusiveness,

Weyburn doesn't like to see people succeed. Weyburn doesn't support local business. Oftentimes the city will outsource purchases of city equipment instead of buying local. Weyburn is stuck in a time warp. Too many old people with old, stagnant ideas. The youth are leaving in droves because of this. It's quite possibly too late to save this place.

We need a stronger downtown core. Also, parents should have more opportunities and options for things like swimming etc

More employment, other than that I think we do well for our community as it is

Fix the roads, and finish projects in a timely fashion. Create new opportunities for all ages and abilities. Transportation services for seniors and those with disabilities beyond the caravan service would help.

Making living more affordable to support small town businesses. Helping out new businesses get off the ground, as it's very costly to start a business & to maintain yearly costs/income when we try to bring quality services the community...but also rely on community to invest in our local businesses.

More businesses like sport chek or winners.

Family events

Control of weeds- dandelions are very bad in parks- sport fields etc— Do fall control

No comment

- Road repair (not temporary fixes) - New rink facility - New "mall" ownership - Backyard Chickens - New/Different restaurants (not pizza/fast food) - Better mental health resources - New/Different grocery stores with more variety

No opinion

Community involvement to review government decision to eliminate maternal/newborn services in the new hospital!! There is NO plan for this in the future- how can the community be attractive to young families and grow without these services. Include active recruitment of GP/ anesthesia services and GP surgeon. Also, plan for replacement or renovation of the indoor pool! Consider a separate sport pool for user groups: Artistic swimming / water polo / speed swimming. Would allow for increase availability of pool time for these groups and hosting of major Provincial events. Would expand the possibility of new users such as diving club, etc. Decide on an area for shopping development or revitalization of our downtown core? Decisions made with the failed mall! Demolition or city purchase and develop?

One aspect to work towards is an updated pool and leisure centre. The spark centre was a great start and now it can continue with the pool and athletic areas.

More opportunities to spend money within our community (entertainment and shopping)

Pride week is great. More multi cultural events

We need more activities for youth ages 10-20. Not organized activities like sports teams, but things for them to 'do' - places for them to hang out.

Try not to focus on more more more and worry about maintaining what we have Weyburn doesn't have to grow we are thriving so let's make what we have functional, practical, and appealing

No

I just moved here last year, but I am impressed that this city has everything I need within a 6 min drive. Other than that, I noticed some fairly large potholes over the winter. But they've since been filled.

Stomp out the illicit drugs in our community, it endangers citizens lives (fentanyl laced products) and breeds other illegal activities which affects much more than those who are using/abusing.

Make spark center more affordable to everyone.

Road repairs. The main roads through the city are getting really rough. A truck route that would not bring semis through the city. More trees along the highways coming into the city and in the existing walking areas/paths around the city. Shade and protection for the elements would be really great in the paths all over the city. More than one Grocery store open late. More after school programs for school age kids. More after school programs with children with special needs. Monthly recycling and garbage throughout the whole year. More swimming programs/and trained staff to run these programs. Fix the stairs in the arena -Crescent Point Place- the existing stairs are uneven and there are no railings on many of them. This is a huge hazard and a danger to people using the facility. Adding a side walk or path out to Canadian Tire and Walmart. People walking or riding their medi-chair, bike etc are at risk on the road as there is alot of traffic. Something safe for people to be able to access these services would be fantastic. Maintaining the trees on Main Street. If trees have died or been removed replacements should be planted. Having access to bathrooms during sporting events in Jubilee Park. Access to the public bathroom that is there or having access to the Spark Centre washrooms from the east side during busy nights in the park would be appreciated. Adding in a pump track for kids and adults. Adding a kayak or canoe loading dock at Riverside Park.

Better financial choices made by the City, better city planning, better opportunities for businesses, better access to decent shopping (shouldn't have to drive an hour away to shop at decent grocery stores or clothing stores), better planning and usage of City resources like snow plowing, road repair, etc.

More diverse councilors

Better roads, more shopping and businesses

Allowing and promoting employment for those with disabilities. There are kids that are capable of more than just working for Sarcan.

Better roads in the community, more awareness of events.

More trees! I would love to see the walkways area behind the Wholesale Club to the dog park filled up with trees. Line the East side of the walking trails by Riverpark with trees to block out the ugly industrial view of the businesses by the highway. Place more trees along the walkway on the north side of weyburn (5th) to provide more shade to the people walking/running. Trees will make our city BEAUTIFUL

More grocery store options More duplex housing for seniors

Not sure

Theater is finally coming ...hospital may get started.

more options for things to do for entertainment after 6 pm

The city should be more receptive to new businesses interested in residing in weyburn.

Recreation facilities open to all and not just citizens with higher income. Funding for emergency services need to be addressed to deal with shortfalls. Business incentives to those opening new business in the downtown core.

Fix the roads.

Time to beautify downtown. The planted flowers look pathetic! If they cannot be planted in a timely and more beautiful manner then it is time for the city to step in and get it done!

More areas in the parks for day use. Regina has areas with picnic tables and little fire stoves for cooking that get lots of usage. Jubilee has no areas to just hang out with friends or family. Seems like it's only used for sports. Get some more multicultural events going for food etc.

Roads and infrastructure need work.

Improving roads, water pressure and quality. Repair the leaking roofs at the Tom Zandee sports arena and the library

Fixing the roads. Not having so many pot holes.

Street paving improvements

Lower tax. Better streets. Spend my tax dollars where it should be spent.

Revitalize the downtown. Many buildings downtown just left to deteriorate.

Road maintenance. Weyburn promoting businesses, hosting events to draw people and boost economy

Invest in your buildings, infrastructure and employees. The Bob Smith / Vanbetu mantra of never spend money ever and have an enormous bank account works in private industry, not public service.

More places for families to shop. For the business owner less building rent costs (ex:utilize the Mall!!) price of rent I've heard is Calgary rates! Families usually stay 1-4 yrs and move away, job opportunities is very low for single parent household trying to make a decent wage (even with education)! More places for youth to explore their hidden skills (maybe a learning a trade or art skill). Doctors don't stay long in this city either! Make a 5-10 yr contract. The ER is getting slower and slower also. Wait list to see a doctor is insane too. More education for them! I've had very bad experience with not informing more of injuries. Get top rated doctors with range of expertise. Get more than pediatricians (specific for children's health). You also need more parents on city council. Maybe make a regular meeting for parents/families for an open discussion night. Also, more appealing entrances to the city. The city limits between the new 7eleven and Creekside Carwash is needs some serious work. What is the partially finished foundation? Or city sewer dump station area? Why there? I have many more ideas that I will think of. But I have been raised in weyburn for over 20 yrs and this isn't an Opportunity city anymore honestly, it is sliding farther away for some businesses that want to start and get "chased out of town" or don't see a chance to even afford it. Also wages shouldn't be bare minimum here, encourage growth and an employment by balancing business owners budget (rent costs) so they can pay their employee more. That will encourage more to come to this city. It's great you have Spark Center now but rates for using facilities flex, it's hard for low income families to support & have their kids play here. There should be a reduced option for low income. Also the roads in this city should be assessed -major potholes and wave ridges, I know this is a large cost but so many including myself are getting vehicle repair bills due to this. Also I suggest paint cross walks on scheduled early in the year. Also lines at train crossing where to stop. Anyways, there is a random list. But my family doesn't find this city has opportunity, it is falling short and maybe invite more parents in on Board seats for a different perspective and also senior citizens.

The roads and sidewalks in alot of neighborhoods could use repair. I often had to walk my stroller on the road because the sidewalks were atrocious. I could see it being a big problem for people in a wheelchair.

We need an assortment of businesses for shopping and eating. How many pizza places does one city need?

Better road repairs.

Enforcement of bylaws particularly yard upkeep

More consistent and targeted approach to street and sidewalk maintenance

Push more industries, clean up the parks and facilities we already have before building new ones. With the city growing our infrastructure needs to grow with it. Example the new school is already full. The hospital will be under built. I know these are these are provincial responsibilities but the city needs to communicate these things to the provincial government

More attention to infrastructure (road conditions)

More options for those who are struggling financially (e.g. food bank, community meals, etc.)

More targeted recreational programming for specific age groups.

More openings for swimming lessons. It's too hard to get in and swimming is a life survival skill that everyone should be able to take. The spark Center is a nice facility and has added quite a bit to Weyburn but the other facilities all fall short.

Enforcing a speed limit on King street, especially due to traffic volume Road repair, all streets are in terrible shape, with the main streets - truck route being terrible. Does someone think sending all heavy trucks to the shoulder at intersections may have been a poor decision, the roads were never paved or built for that constant weight at the curbs.

Upgrade highway 13 traffic lights. They are the same as they have been since the 70's or even longer.

Less focus on inclusiveness ie. pride month ... what people do in the bedroom is no one's top concerns and if it is... they need to re-prioritize their life. Instead focus on infrastructure and community events. Less virtue signalling is always a plus.

Better roads

Wheelchair accessibility to all businesses

More/better sidewalks; fix streets that are crumbling/full of potholes; more things for kids to do

Consideration of dead space (shopping mall, waste piles at Riverwood). Attention to pedestrian options (the path between McDonalds and Walmart - seems to be used by someone, why not make it something nice).

Making sure that we DO NOT become a 15 minute city

Keeping taxes low

A wider variety of businesses and activities. People seem to stick with the same old and it's nice to have a change

Don mitchell paddling pool should be open in AM - as it used to be! It is too hot for toddlers in pm and most nap at that time.

As far as inclusivity in our city there is not an issue I can guarantee that if you change things like other cities have to make things more inclusive you will create nothing but more division and hatred all I recommend is bringing in more shopping

Lower taxes. Fix the streets.

Weyburn is a great place to live, I feel one of the problems is the lack of diverse shopping. I feel the amount of traffic leaving Weyburn daily to go to Regina to shop is a shame. There just isn't enough here for people to spend their money in Weyburn. It is getting better but has a long way to go.

In my over 20 years living and working in Weyburn one thing and one thing only remains a top priority...we need to cut down on the number of shitty pizza places and get a couple of good quality pizza places.

Improving infrastructure, more community events like the outdoor concert etc.

Curbside composting, more pathways

More inclusive? We have never had a problem with inclusivity. There is nothing here to attract people to come to our city for a visit.

Better hospital and doctors

Better roads

Less drugs

Better roads, actually build infrastructure so that the road lanes make sense.

Better shopping

More spaces for youth/young adults

I love the idea of more green space and parks especially with so many people owning dogs. Improved road conditions. A shuttle or some type of public transit to help our marginalized population especially with the hospital and community health services building being on the edges of town now. A community newsletter monthly or quarterly via email to keep residents aware of city programs and events would be awesome because not everyone uses social media

Improve communication, roads, facilities etc

Some form of public transit (in demand or limited schedule)

Clean the streets before there's 2 feet of snow on them. Everyone in this town knows dozens of people who work night shifts as part of their regular duties. It's absurd that the city won't have workers pull 5 night shifts a year to make sure the taxpayers can get to work.

More kid programs Better street maintenance More stores or opportunities for people to open stores

More accountability

Fixing more of our roads this is the worst they have been.

Shopping and health care needs for everyone. Affordable. Could have an MRI machine in new hospital. Expand on the health. People will spend in weyburn. Like they do in Regina when they go to appointments. People spend a lot of money when on regina

Properly maintained streets, more shopping opportunities

Fixing the roads

Using tax dollars appropriately and not to just buy new equipment.

Hold the people of the community into taking better care of the yards and pets that are roaming at large

Less tax

Stronger laws to protect everyone.

Better recreational opportunities that don't revolve around hockey and ball. The pool is lacking, closed more often than not and extremely costly for the aquatic programs, limiting the clubs (Artistic Swimming, Water Polo, Speed Swimming) to maintain reasonable costs and develop athletes to the same potential as neighbouring communities. There's a gap in activities or places for the 12-18 age group. Aside from higher level sports that a). Not everyone is an athlete b). Costly (grants and subsidies are great for low income, but it is the middle class "working poor" that struggle A way to bring more dr's into the community and retain them. Street sweeping and road maintenance needs to severely addressed. More inclusive community events.

More adult sized baseball diamonds.

The city actually doing some work, and helping the citizens. The roads are the worst I've ever driven on in any city, the taxes are through the roof, people can't afford to eat, little on pay bills now a days. Businesses got screwed for 3 straight years during Covid, and zero help from the city at all.

Better road infrastructure, a better variety of commercial options (grocery stores), more affordable housing and less expensive residential land (stimulate home building which would assist with lower cost of homes - supply vs demand), increased funding to emergency services (fire and police)

Make it easier for growth. Every week recycling pick up.

More things to do for activities . Theater us a good start and the bowling alley is now opened which is great. Fix the streets hard to ride a bike on a lot of the streets because of broken pavement.

Doctors, retail stores, recreation

Better roads. More options for adult swim at outdoor pool in July and August.

Better roads and stiffer penalty to offenders

We no longer live in a sleepy city- violent crimes seem to be increasing. We seem to have a lot of people with mental health issues... drugs issues are mental health issues - city of Weyburn needs offer more programming and positions to help citizens with these sorts of problems. There is a need for more police officers to help with this and community connection. Many city yards including some city property does not look well kept - more help for city to enforce bylaw would help with that. Weyburn needs to showcase culture Not "weyburn" culture but multiculturalism and all our wonderful ethnicities ... we need a better welcome... a better check in. I'd like to see the counselors be a better voice of the people - they should be out to most community events which one never sees. They need to make their rounds across all sectors to see flaws in our city, our systems and get to know our people more. Something needs to be done with our mall - where people can centrally gather. A community Center on the hill would be great. An outdoor stage and ampatheatre. Better rules with use and rental of the cugnet centre. More events and concerts in the parks. City officials who are eager and willing to be creative and stretch budgets out better who bring new events to our community. The city should showcase the department heads - they should be recognized by all for the good and or otherwise. There needs to be a change with the by election rules - total waste of thousands of dollars. If we should have a member at large included in next election who can step up in the event of a need - I realize this may be a bigger process change.

Better infrastructure, better retail,

Better communication by city to residents about what is going on in regards to city projects and plans. Like maybe on SOC instead of referring to a very pour website all the time

More people. Lots more.

Less potholes Cross walks that are painted for more than 1 week

Stop increasing property taxes, fix the roads, stop making stupid bylaws, stop charging people for every little even that goes on in Weyburn some of us want to enjoy the city without having to spend an arm and a leg.

The pool being closed half the time is ridiculous. The roads are horrible. And there is zero incentive to bring in new business. Taxes are through the roof, yet you pay 2-3 people to change the garbage cans on main streets.

Better shopping. Shoe store, children's clothing store. Men's and ladies clothing that doesn't cost a fortune, or fall apart after 3 washing's.

Better walking and biking trails. Better public skate and swimming times.

More.money spent on road repairs

More community events for all ages. Accountability and communication around the projects that are being worked on. Evaluate the viewership of the council meetings...could the highlights not be shared via social media to get more interest?

Transportation besides cabs. Very expensive if you can't drive or walk very far.

A mall, more restaurants. Things to do in the evenings.

Better policing would be a good start! I'm tired of having stuff stolen in our neighbourhood. Everyone knows who does this stuff, yet nothing gets done. Fix the roads, stop hiking taxes, enough lining the pockets of the members of council, get some stores in this city that are actually needed! I'm tired of having to go anywhere but Weyburn for what my family needs.

Better roads- way to many roads that are rough, full of holes and in need of proper repair; fixed speed limits by WCS (way too long of 30km/hr) and Railway and fixed parking situation at St. Mikes; new rink- putting lipstick on the old one that cost way too much has run its course; give businesses tax cuts to help bring in new businesses

Focusing on all citizens not just certain groups

Better infrastructure, keeping on top of road repairs especially

Help with the movie theatre. And help to increase numbers of doctors and a good walk in clinic.

Attracting more shopping stores other than private shops, we need chain stores to avoid having g to go to Regina for most shopping.

More grocery stores & general shopping (clothes, shoes, etc...embarrassment Weyburn has no place to shop besides Walmart)

Actually doing repairs on things that need repairs rather than giving the police every little thing they want

Improving the roads, incentives for new businesses, develop the mall

More police. To many meth heads

More for people to do in the 16-30 age range

Fixing the horrible roads would help the drivers and even bikers and pedestrians. They are terrible

I'm happy

A spark Center that doesn't charge \$380 to have a birthday party. We would benefit for more family orientated facilities instead of being turned away from the spark Center. Often have to go to Regina or estevan for entertainment. Build a bigger hospital than what is planned

Communication

More police services to deal with increasing drug and crime

Need drug treatment facilities as well as abuse shelter

Fixing our streets. Not just temporary fixes.

Our Credit Union Spark Centre is a great facility that provides many opportunities for physical, social and cultural needs. Another need that should be met there is mental well-being. A Sensory room with equipment that helps people relax and self regulate would be very beneficial for all of us who have anxiety, stress or depression (which is most of us). People on the autism spectrum suffer from high levels of anxiety and are taught how to self regulate to relieve this stress. An addition of a Sensory Room would create a space for mental well being for all. It would create an opportunity for everyone who wants to improve their health by strengthening their mental well-being. Please consider making room for the addition of a sensory room in the Credit Union Spark Centre.

Stop putting up road blocks for new businesses to come to our city. We need more ways to attract businesses to make us a better city.

Better streets, more free things for kids to enjoy

Cost of living has to come down. The city needs more imagination from the leaders.

Advertise how you get things brought to council's attention. Provide taped recordings of council meetings on your website so those working at the time of meetings can still be engaged. Have a meet and greet bbq outside the doors of city hall. Get rid of the rainbow crosswalk unless you also plan to celebrate black history month, Ramadan, Heterosexual pride, disabilities awareness month, and every other group/date/action with the same vigor and permanent-ness. Coordinate with the Legion and Offer to livestream Remembrance Day Ceremonies indoors at the Cugnet centre so our city can actually partake regardless of weather and disability. Reach out to the churches and schools to look into effective social programs for new to Weyburn families. Take an honest look at the landfill. Those yellow bars at the dumping bin make it completely inaccessible for those with disabilities of ANY kind.

Things to attract age 12 up to younger adults (30) & things for them to do. Weyburn seems to centered around seniors & under 12. We need things for 12 & up to keep them from being bored & getting into trouble & for younger adults so they don't want to move away.

Fix the roads!!!!

Need housing for assisted living like a community of small housing

Better infrastructure. I can hardly stand to drive in Weyburn anymore. Roads are pathetic and how inviting is that to vacationers??

We need more businesses for families because Regina isnt very far away yet people say 'shop local'. Cant shop local if items arent available.

The city needs to look at citing spending for directors and councillors in order to fund the repairs and projects needed to maintain the city better. The pool needs funding and should have been rebuild before adding the spark centre. The city should be fogging for mosquitoes more, even if it's just a couple times a summer. Residesnts should be required to keep their yards neat, the current bylaw allows yards to get out of control and then when they are cleaned up the grass abs weeds are left all over the road and sidewalk, and residents should be required to shovel the snow off their sidewalks better. For those unable to, the city should provide a list of volunteers or community groups willing to do that.

More engaged mayor and councillors

An updated or new swimming pool , that includes a section for competitions as diving and artistic swimming

Cleaning up areas left to grow long grass and collect debris, more affordable housing for seniors, activities for teenagers.

Up to daye hospital that is fully staffed and capable of doing what the old one used to.road repair. Cheaper housing. Opportunities for all people to be able to buy homes. Bring in more businesses(incentives to entice people to come)

our streets and highways improved; more pride from our residents to show that we like our city.

Better utilization of the once popular mall

Get out of being a developer

More shopping. The number of shops has decreased in the past 25 years. Many people go monthly to Regina monthly to shop.

Licensed bowling alley, Sobeys, community garden

More progressive leadership and a more dynamic, professional figure head to sell/promote Weyburn outside of our city limits.

The new hospital and more access to healthcare

Making use of empty building. ie the mall , and church halls for sports , events or services if mall prices are reasonable. Find a better building for shelter in industrial area

Never cater to woke ideologies, inclusive community is a very gray area. I respect everyone not the groups the demand it.

More options for swimming lessons and an operational pool with less issues.

More retail stores, less pot shops

More shopping choices Better street repairs

More Doctors. My personal opinion that the hospital is not a good idea as we are close to Regina and Radvil and Red Bill's new hospital cannot stop it and end up closed so what is the difference between building a new building here that's not the problem I can see a trauma center with helipad and all the labs and Etc in kind of a strip mall treat the drama ship them to Regina or whatever at least it's not as much stuffing make it a medical center

I don't think our community is very inclusive. I have seen people be outright racist and many people have no problem voicing their disgust with the LGBTQ community.

More retail business and a well occupied with variety mall

increase police

Infrastructure is falling apart. The library has had a leaking roof for years, the streets are in terrible shape, there's been sinkholes on two streets that I'm aware of. Issues like these must be addressed before spending any money to develop a new park on the Haig school property.

Places and things to do entertainment not associated with alcohol and affordable. Movies etc.

Better road conditions, minimize tax fees and increases support local sport facilities like the golf course.

Very glad to be getting a new hospital. Actually we feel Weyburn is a great community...we have lived here for over 40 years.

I think the city does a pretty good job in general. I wish our roads were kept in a little better shape - the pot holes are terrible. And I wish that something would be done with the lift stations since the spark center was built the north east part of the city has had issues with high ground water.

Better trails more things to do around town

Lower cost for Spark Center walking track...too expensive. I've only walked track once on free grand opening day

Additional rink, improved indoor leisure pool with warmer pool water, improved tree care and pest control (gophers, mice, mosquitoes). Increased presence of city management in the community and facilities. Work towards more police presence (increase staff) to improve community safety and community care ex: littering, vandalism in green spaces/trails, cleaning up after dogs, school zone presence often.

Better rink which is the hub of a community. It's especially not safe for seniors

I think creating outlets for teens is paramount. I think more support for local shopping and small business incentives is crucial. This community is barley holding on. Empty buildings, lack of markets, lack of food stores keeps pple going to the city.

More involvement for families with teenagers that don't involve sports.

Street paving every year like we did in the past.

Some thoughts: No mow May to help bees. Maybe an scooter program like the one in Saskatoon (but let them iron out the kinks first.)

Fix the roads and clean up the streets. Cleanup the park areas of rotting trees. No more pizza places. More activities or places for young adults and to go. More affordable housing available for people who rent.

Removing the 'old boys' club that seems to run the City. I get being financial smart but the City is downright cheap.

Weyburn in general does a great job hosting community events but falls very short advertising these events. I'm always on social media and lido to the local radio and 90% of the time I only see what was happening last weekend and nothing about what's coming up in the near future.

Work needs to continue on infrastructure, roads especially. Need to stay ahead of the curve

More housing/rental opportunities, more full-time job opportunities, more bike-friendly roadways, more support for culture/rec/arts facilities, organizations, & the work they do.

I don't feel focussing on inclusivity as such should your focus, rather treat everyone fairly.....there's a difference

Better shopping

Another major grocery store would be the biggest asset. Not only would consumers have more food choices and availability, competition would make the two existing stores price-conscious.

More variety of businesses

More businesses operating in Weyburn but that would require a population increase.

Better shopping something to do other than sitting in a restaurant/bar seems there are sports for kids, but not really much of anything for older people

More paths, parks and outdoor recreation opportunities. Development and use of empty lots (Haig and Souris School)

More work done on streets and sidewalks. Work that has been previously completed should be followed up with inspections. When jobs fail contractors should be held responsible.

Do not over charge to use the new spark centre. It is as cheap to get a gym membership as it is to walk around the centre's track

New rink

Be more responsible in spending monies to keep tax increases minimal or not at all. It is getting more and more difficult to make ends meet when expenses increase but wage does not.

Improved roads, sidewalks, infrastructure.

More community involvement and interaction. Ask for volunteers for events or even just things that need to be done around the community Maybe a page online as to where and when volunteers are needed that people can check

Roads need to be fixed

A more beautified community to the general population passing through on highway 39 may increase the chance of stopping

bring in bigger businesses and opportunities that would mean less travel to Regina, Estevan or other larger centers for services (maternity ward at hospital, more grocery options, clothing and shoe options etc)

A truck bypass roue is my number one concern. There is no need for goods not needed in city limits to be trucked through weyburn

Better streets

No pride activities

Less stop signs!

Focusing on places to come together. Shopping is spread out all over weyburn and doesn't provide a natural congregation place. I would love to see a pedestrian mall on 3rd from Railway to Coteau and a refocusing of retailers into that area.

Better roads, be open for business / attract new business

modify sparks center to incorporate indoor tennis and possibly other sports. Lots of space that sits idle for portions of the day (soccer pitches)

Parks with bathrooms and covered sitting area for shade - paved path on one side of Saskatchewan Drive for walking, biking, etc.

Volunteer work needs to be encouraged. Too few are sacrificing time to help out with community based organizations. The same people volunteer for everything. Where is everyone else?

Not sure - I think we do a fairly good job -

Continue to govern as you have been and we will continue to be great city in which to live and be proud to call Weyburn home.

Vibrant downtown

Focus on Infrastructure upgrades

Market us to our strengths and take what some feel is a weakness and spin in positive. Example: We can not attract the young crowd, they want the bigger centers. We can attract the family's or those close to settling down and wanting to start a family. Take the weakness that we are not a big center but spin it to small town feel and a short distance to the big city. Great school, sparks center attractions etc etc. If we start with this eventually it will grow to more.

To have more community oriented informal gatherings - BBQ in the parks, music in the parks Spraying dandelions on the newest paved trail

Maintenance and infrastructure. Spending money on what does good. Not necessarily what looks good. Keep things from falling apart.

Host more events. Improved street/road maintenance. Cleanup downtown - weeds & garbage.

More accountability from city hall. The Mayor is a proud pimp and known drug dealer. Confirmed.

Right allocation of resources and increase services for recreation activities for kids and families

More businesses including another grocery outlet

More kid friendly/family attractions. Bowling, Movie Theatre, better outdoor pool.

Having city workers that give a damn about how to fix potholes. Not just dump tar/gravel mix on top of the holes, drive overtop or stomp with feet & drive away. Now where does our water drain off the street, oh I know into our driveway!! City needs to clean the dirt & ash away from storm drains to help with the trees not growing around them. Having a better supervised police force, so when I call in I don't get "what do you want me to do about it".

Bypassing heavy truck traffic around the city More work in the drug issues we have in the city A better focus on winter activities for kids that are not in hockey or sports (a better and safer place for kids to toboggan on . Years ago there use to be a structure on south hill for tobogganing. The outdoor rink down town was a nice idea but not promoted well Better enforcement of bylaws for dogs at large or attacks as several attacks make it a safety issue walking around the city. Make dog owners more accountable and this is from personal experience of being bitten by an off leash dog.

Better roads and infrastructure. No large highway traffic especially in the areas of major parks and schools.

STAND UP. Stop pandering to Scott Moe et al. We can show him what a REAL community is. Funny. New hospital for up coming election. Demand back our pie health boards. We need more LOCAL decisions.

do something about all the drugs in town

Fire Mathew Warren, and Jennifer Wilkinson. Remove all the members from city council. If you don't have the aptitude to research the science before making policy, you no longer represent the community.

STAND UP. Stop pandering to Scott Moe et al. We can show him what a REAL community is. Funny. New hospital for up coming election. Demand back our pie health boards. We need more LOCAL decisions.

Being more transparent in decision making, and bringing more business to the City

The new hospital will be good if it can be staffed with the appropriate number of health care workers, nurses and doctors that our community will need.

Less religious involvement, a second grocery store, more evenly dispersed fundraising efforts- not all just funneled into one organization.

City council asking more questions to Engineers, planners, etc, too many "Yes Councillors".

Estevans walking track is free. We lack retail. Roads suck. Crime and drugs are increasingly worse

Better newspaper, one that is an interesting read..ie Moosimin Spectator

Repair the roads

As a senior I'm okay with the strong community we have

Making it cleaner- having residents actually look after their yards and downtown like they used to. Maybe bring back Golden Garbage Can competition with Estevan so the community as a whole takes pride in keeping our city clean.

Changes to some areas would make it better

Much better roads in the city. Coteau Ave, 1st Ave N and railway ave are a disaster. When they do fix holes on a street they are all not addressed and then they move on.

better water quality

Built another access to the Creeks east Weyburn other than Coteau ave. Incentives for businesses to offer better selection than 15 places that sell pizza.Lots of dollars being spent in Regina More draws for tourism.Attract a bus service in this area for access to medical in Regina and services we do not have. Location of services ie Federal and new hospital is not walkable.I asked a newcomer how she liked living here,it was a ho-hum! Too quiet!Not much for teenagers except drugs!!

Stop the woke narrative like.pride and treaty 4 garbage

Less government. We don't need to be 'inclusive' and support the globohomo WEF agenda. Definition of inclusive (adjective) - Including the specified extremes or limits as well as the area between them. Yeah no thanks.

a counsel and staff focused on retaining current residents and businesses not simply bringing in new ones, transparent governance, friendly frontline staff, lower property taxes, remove ideological rituals and ESG focus from governance, clean and safe streets

More amenities

I think a more open and progressive business environment. I often wonder why similar sized communities have so much more to offer in the way of business diversity.

Encouraging citizens to chose more environmentally friendly transportation especially commuting to work within the city. Promoting composting to reduce household waste.

Fix potholes properly not just throwing a few shovels of asphalt in them. Put summer focus on weed control and cutting grass. Ask business to co sponsor more flower planters around the city. We used to have a beautiful city, now it seems like we are just maintianing the bare minimum.

We have lots of diversity yet it is not shown in our city. We need to show case that to bring in more!

Fixing roads properly. filling jobs available in City, working together with residents and surrounding municipalities

I feel more of a budget should be set towards roads and infrastructure; such as road repairs and snow removal.

It should be safe first of all (Police visibility). Then, inclusive, welcoming and diverse. Road's condition in the winter time matter! Hospital services and doctors must be enough to get the health services done timely!

Less potholes

Save up money stop spending on grand huge buildings

More businesses and a cleaner city that provides welcome and appeal. More communications - like this survey, for example, making residents more aware about it.

Roads are terrible

Good restaurants. More doctors.

Better roads

Start rebuilding our roads instead of patching them, no use paving them if the base is no good. Spend some time resetting the catch basin, there terrible all over this town.

more activities for younger kids,better canada day celebrations,

More effort in developing our parks and rec spaces.

Fix the roads. Road maintenance is nonexistent. The best maintained road in Weyburn is the back alley behind City Hall.

Start a new area for businesses to come in (by new 7 eleven). More grocery stores. Revitalize the downtown area. Improve roads and fix more than one or two a year.

encourage a diverse economy.

More investment into infrastructure

Getting rid of the base tax

Increasing our population so we can gain more businesses & services.

Better street maintenance would make it easier to get around. The roads are in bad shape. I believe the city does a good job of snow removal. If there was a central place to register community activities, perhaps there would be less overlap of competing activities and the public could more easily see what events are going on.

We need to have leaders that understand the importance of inclusion and diversity. We would bring in/keep more people and diverse businesses if people felt supported and accepted.

Incentives to attract businesses, doctors & all health care support workers.

Roads, traffic lights, and no cost walking at the sparks centre. Daily drop in fee is way to high.

The pool needs to be upgraded, for synchro, water polo, etc.

keep the roads repaired make it easier for business

Better roads, affordable housing, better job opportunities, better walking paths as well as a better indoor pool!

Better maintenance of roads/parks, efficient snow removal, less tax increase, more grocery options, better water to drink.

Public transit. Development of the Weyburn Mall - it would be nice to see such a central location be utilized better.

Affordable housing. Less taxes

Would be nice to see more community events that were jointly put on between city and non profits. Would love to see farmers markets back in the summer, community street dance, or other event that brings people together. Need to work on bringing businesses to the community - revitalize the mall. Create more of a downtown community with events.

More things to do. There is nothing for teenagers and adults. Have to go to Regina for a night out.

I would like to see the Spark Center be less expensive and more accessible. It would be better to charge less and have more people use it

Walking trails on the east side of the city need to be completed to the highway. Traffic needs to be stopped before 1st Ave and 16th. That 4way stop is awful

The community events can be displayed on major LCD screens at traffic intersections.

Better roads Better care of facilities More food stores More clothing stores More healthcare

More options for people in their late teens and 20s to do with friends ie. Bowling, axe throwing, pool, escape rooms, etc.

Cleaner streets/residential areas (summer months especially) jubilee park should have picnic tables/areas for residents to have picnics/BBQs, more green space, the river should be beautified more

Make sure we remain a strong oil and gas supporter. Make it easier, not harder to have a home business. Make sure residents remain free to express themselves. Make sure ideologies from large cities and foreign entities remain out of our city. Support local residents to find work instead of hiring international workers. Encouraging businesses to remain open instead of closing.

More shopping - another grocery store choice, clothing store , stand alone drugstore, bakery, new swimming pool connected to sparks so more reasonable pricing to do anything in that facility. Example Medicine Hat leisure centre pricing . Coffee shop in the NE. Fitness activities geared to seniors.

Another sportsplex which includes another pool and indoor rink would help ensure that all children interested are able to take part in extra curricular activities.

A new working pool and a new hospital!

More clothing stores and shoe stores for men and kids. Another grocery store also to give competioto the one we have.

More green spaces/outdoor sport facilities such as tennis courts, outdoor rinks, and parks

More transportation for disabled, elderly, etc.

Quit wasting money on trails being paved and back alleys down town and fix some of the roads being destroyed by all the driver training semis in town

Improved work on infrastructure - many roads and sidewalks in the community are very poorly maintained. An additional indoor ice surface, and a new top-class baseball facility.

Not much to do for people over 50 new theatre will help hope you support this any way you can. The walking track should be free for all to use everyone can benefit from walking! But it would need to be monitored better

Better road systems. Don't be so quick to tear down still viable buildings, reconsider on-road parking especially per inner-city highways, consider a mini public transit system.

Double #39 highway from queen street to 16th street.

I am a senior, and feel that what I need is right here.

More funding for infrastructure, new rink and pool, more funding from provincial and federal government

better roads in the pot holes could fix

No new hospital. We are close enough to Regina and radville build a strip mall with a trauma center and labs and x-rays and a trauma center

Industrial & Commercial Growth, which will create jobs. This will give us population growth, then in turn would increase our tax base and our retail sector.

Roads, infrastructure, leisure facilities

Do more to stop the increasing crime and drug use

More money spent on roads and sidewalks. They are not in good condition.

This town needs entertainment. There is very little to do here, especially in winter. Shopping is lousy, no movie theater, etc.

It would be great if community events were advertised better. Half the time I hear about an event maybe a day before it happens, and often days after it's ended. Richer communities within the city are very clearly prioritized when it comes to things such as snow removal (which is already kind of laughable.) Pot holes take forever to be dealt with, and overall, quite little is done to even deal with people speeding or driving distractedly. So driving in town often feels dangerous. More to the point, there is nothing at all being done in the city of Weyburn to actually attract residents. There's no events or businesses opening up that attract anyone. Most of the town takes their shopping and recreation to Regina. As someone without kids, a majority of the events in town are meant for families, teens, and small children. Why would I want to continue living somewhere that offers very little for me? I've been wanting to move out of Weyburn for years. The only thing holding me back is money.

This is an aging community. There isn't enough affordable housing, and a poor track record for attracting new businesses to the area. Also, the speed limit should be brought up to 50 km/h throughout town, as almost nobody does 40 anyway. The elderly in town should be made to take driving tests as most of them are unable to even drive half the speed limit, or we need better public transportation for them.

More shopping

Making ALL sidewalks in the city (including South Hill) wheelchair accessible. Repairing the streets, including residential areas.

Improving structure in our community that makes sense, Weyburn has great potential but poor facilities. The businesses in town need to broaden their vision to have items in their stores so people aren't travelling to other cities/ towns. Not saying "well, you can just order that online".

Community involvement, events put on by the city, example Dances, street fairs,

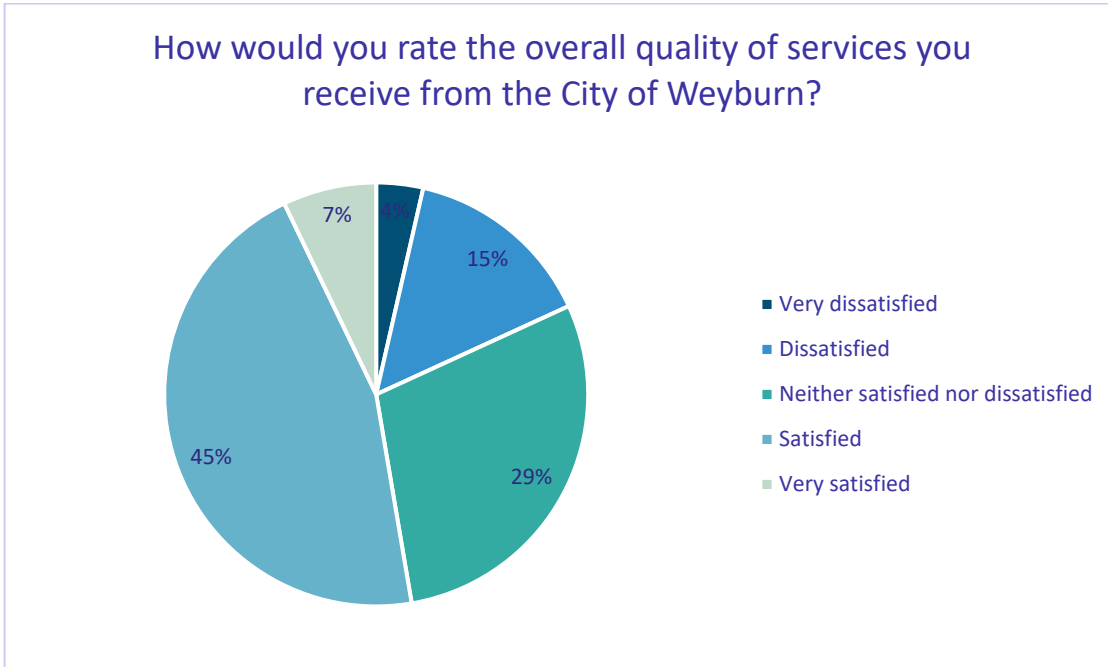
our streets need to be looked after better than they are now. stop wasting millions of dollars of things like the spark center and put more focus on more infrastructure repairs.

Better shopping Better effort and management of parks and green space Fix the streets

More stores like clothing, shoe stores. And one or two more grocery stores to give competition for the coop.

When was the last time there was a death in weyburn from a drunk driver???'m betting there's been none in weyburn and a couple or three in the rural in the last 50 years!!! How many drug overdose deaths in weyburn?probably close to 2 a month especially in the last 10 years!!! Why you ask?? It's all because the cops have forced everyone to stay home instead of going uptown to see people and mingle and have some fun!!!as far as I'm concerned the cops are serial killers

Appendix – Rate the overall quality of services received by the City of Weyburn



Please explain.

Services suck here. Why keep granting pizza places, hair places. We need places for kids, more stores

Snow removal on 6th street. It's used A TON for travel to work and schools and is NOT plowed. The snow ruts were a foot high for months. An elderly lady spun on the ruts and got hung up perpendicular to them in -40 windchills. This year I was spun on these high ruts three times and landed facing north instead of south.

Snow removal is a joke. If a storm happens on a weekend, the main streets don't get plowed until Monday because nobody wants to work weekends. There has been NO maintenance to the streets. Might as well have dirt roads since the city can't/won't maintain the streets. Very embarrassing. But didn't council approve a wage increase for themselves?? Weyburn is a dying town. We have nothing but pizza places.

Such a variety of activities to select from.

I wanted to add that I think the utilities (electricity and gas) are quite expensive in the winter. However, I'm extremely satisfied that despite the extremely cold temperatures, my electricity hasn't faltered even once. I was able to stay warm the entire winter.

Police, Fire and garbage pick up are good. Never enough police officers to go around though. Spark Center and pool is great ...but expensive for some families.

Business opportunities are slow to be developed

There could be a great improvement to infrastructure such as streets. You could be dealing with eyesores such as the "empty" mall.

Roads in bad shape and have been left for a number of years.

Water bill is now ridiculous! Now use 3/4 less consumption in this house (have been in same house for 30 years) and my bill has gone down \$5. Yes I keep track!

Could be better in some ways. Maintenance of parks has gone downhill in the past couple years. Snow maintenance on our street is sometimes sub par in winter.

Roads are falling apart. Need to draw more people to the city

The city doesn't spend money on upkeep. The structures in jubilee are crumbling as are the roads. The existing buildings are old and problematic. The roof at Tom Zander is nothing shy of a joke how much it leaks. How do you become an economic hub when you can't even look after your own properties? It tells me you can't and there is missappropriations in budgeting. It's embarrassing. Mel Vanbetu's mantra of don't spend money on anything ever is what's causing this problem. He thinks that it's saving money. It isn't. It's deferring the problem to my children and stunting growth. Much worse, John Corrigan's inexperience is being exploited by Vanbetu. Fiscal responsibility is important but refusal to invest in your buildings, infrastructure, services and employees is killing the city. There was a 100yr+ old round house still used up until a few years ago, this is absolute failure of council, the mayor and past city manager. Where was the strategic planning and budgeting for this?

I usually have to be transferred a few times when calling in to ask questions.

Weyburn offers a lot of great services. We have an excellent library system, the pool and tot lot are great to have.

Very high taxes for the services we receive or rather don't receive. Very poor snow removal and the roads are horrific. In the last ten years, there has been very little work to the roads in Weyburn.

Everyone always wants or expects more or better services but you can only get what you pay for. Based on current tax base, we're getting a decent "bang for our buck".

Roads are the worst in the province - they were not maintained properly

I feel That the city does not do enough to bring in more businesses And more shopping. The red tape that businesses have to go through it's a little over the top and deterring for new businesses to try to start or get established in town

The streets are a wreck. The street cleaning sucks. Where does our recycling go?

Infrastructure is horrible. Roads with potholes and collapsing corner sewer drains, water that tastes awful especially in summer, horrible smell from the sewage ponds, wasted money on the sparks center when we had a chance for a new complex like Estevan. Snow removal is almost non-existent for people who live on side streets.

It's just ok

Except roads

Price of utilities has gone up but they do seem reliable with recent upgrades. Nice walking trails but could have more garbages directly along trails for dog excrement, and could be plowed better in the winter. Spark centre is a beautiful centre and an asset, but price to use the walking track is too high and could use resistance training equipment. Muscle mass is important for the chronic disease/cardiac rehab program

Need more accessible and affordable shopping for families, seniors etc. The older you get the harder to get to Regina. Which is another area. Health care. Think about what it is like to be a senior to travel to appointments in regina or Saskatoon. New hospital is not catering to the needs of the public. Enough weed shops and fast food places.

The roads are horrendous, there are zero trees in the park next to our house(park is 15 years old). Dont support the weyburn golf club financially when every other major city in saskatchewan uses tax dollars to ensure they have a nice facility.

I live on a city street, which should be paved and it is not. Dust is absolutely terrible. They do oil it but it doesn't last long. We have to drive through that oil until it dries and makes a mess of vehicles and garage floors and driveway. For the taxes we pay we should have a paved street. It is partially paved . Just little passed the bowling alley. 2nd Ave SW. This road is highly busy with traffic. Others pay less taxes and have paved roads . Every residential road in Weyburn should be paved.

The streets are full of pot holes and very dirty, residential streets weren't swept

The quality of services could be improved. While the Spark Centre is a great addition to the community, it is costly for all residents to be able to appreciate. The pool is fantastic- when it's open. Swimming lessons are great- if you can win the rat race to get registered. There are great parks and walking/running paths, but garbages and pet disposal bags are hard to come by. Recycling is promoted biweekly but there's no public recycling bins in the city parks. There's one community garden, and plenty of potential space and demand for more. The pot holes are atrocious and no communication as to what are the priority streets for the year. There's space that's been partially developed but no communication as to what is happening, or accountability to land owners to develop the land. The accountability around bylaws could be better.

Taxes are always going up and our street only gets ploughed once per winter. We pay school taxes and we homeschool so none of those taxes benefit us.

4 years in a row I have had to call about tree branches so long, that they were hanging over the sidewalk. They hit at shoulder height on a person. The group home who always walks by had to walk on the road to avoid the tree branches. When the city finally did send someone, they cut branches off a different tree. Not to mention the lilac bush that protruded into the road where people park. Finally last year it was contracted out and someone came and cut it down and ground it down. But they left a mess and it's coming back again. The roads are TERRIBLE! Potholes that wreck vehicles....eventually they put a bandaid fix on it that lasts a couple weeks. Pathetic. Property taxes going up every year, yet nothing is repaired or even kept up. This city is run by the blind and deaf.

Roads are a mess, facilities are a disaster, council spends money as they please as stupid things such as paving back alleys behind City hall and the mayor's business. Also the mayor is never in the office and is always doing City work from his place of business.

The city usually seems to be working diligently when they can to fix any problems but the roads and lack of snow removal are problematic.

Bylaws being followed with stray/loose animals would be wonderful. Repeat offenders actually being fined is important.

1. There seems to be very little direction given to staff in especially the Works and Parks departments. Thus very little work gets done. 2. Most problems are dealt with after a complaint not proactively 3. Communication is poor. For example I got the email for this survey on the last day. And the information that came with the current water bill was incomplete regarding watering days so only confuses people. 4. When I email about issues many times the emails go unanswered. 5. In general I have lost confidence in the operation of the city I was born and raised in.

Medical services are in chaos. Hospital will be nothing but a fiasco.

Grat efforts in some areas. Others severely lacking. Sending this survey out mid afternoon with it to be completed at business days end is utterly ridiculous. Its only from my day off that I was able to respond.

Terrible condition of streets & roadways. The roads that are not being redone need potholes & cracks filled so they are drivable.

Our roads are terrible

Depends on what services you are talking about. Grocery stores are lacking, but there is a weed and pizza place on every corner.

Look at the roads - disgraceful So Many buildings have leaking roof Lack of businesses Mall is empty - work with owner Councillors & mayor visibility

Our city used to have pride in its appearance. Our roads are the worst they have ever been since I have resided here we have good services in the community, however, it would be nice to have more choice and selection.

Dissatisfied with traffic flow and road conditions because you have most traffic driving in poor shoulders

Have to go to Regina for many items

Taxes and water bills are increasing but streets are in TERRIBLE condition.

Spark center is so expensive and not enough entertainment options for teens or adults outside of pub or bar.

Taxes, increases to frequent. Taxes too high for services received.

Roads are horrible so are the sidewalks. Most of the curbs are not user friendly if your handicap the curbs they're putting in on 5th look like a joke. The sewer systems can't keep up with the rain we get.

I think our city services are satisfactory but never seem to excel in what is done.

Roads are in rough shape but I recognize that we came from a winter that was very hard on them with a lot of freeze and thaw

I find the lack of businesses here, the lack of family activities and the lack of youth support sad

Overall it's not bad but you have to rethink your snow removal program, I understand clearing main roads is the priority but there should be no reason you can't clear the impassable residential roads after main roads but before you scrape main roads right to the pavement.

Garbage collection for condos has to be done privately, in spite of the fact we pay taxes.

Toddler pools need to open at 10 each morning, staggering start up times only confuses people on when it's open, mornings are for toddlers active time

Happy enough but things could always be better.

Garbage pickup twice weekly during winter is fine for retirees and bachelors but people with kids and families need weekly pickup

Very frustrated by sewer backup twice in my house because of issues with city drains and infrastructure. Now insurance went up drastically and limited coverage. If nothing has changed what happens next time it rains a lot.

Poor Management Lack of communication Growing the community? what does this mean to the city of Weyburn? does this align with what the community feels is required to grow the community.

When I moved back to Weyburn in 2002 my property taxes were \$400/yr and my water bill was \$30 every 2 mos. The amount of increase for what we receive does not add up. This is more than inflation. Seems like there is no affordability any more.

During winter time, roads are kept loaded with snow making it hard for travel, not being cleaned on time.

Street cleaning has improved

Roads are terrible and have been neglected for year Sidewalks are in bad shape Taxes go up but bigger issues don't get taken care of other than the salary increase of city council members.

I have been both satisfied and dissatisfied

Tax increase. Terrible streets. Sparks centre is one huge tax payer money pit. Mishandled pandemic 🤔

Covid response - Masking and Vaccination policies (lies from Mathew Warren and others). Services that I receive for my taxes are shit, i.e., not one pothole has been repaired in 3 years. City is looking more like Estevan every day.

Tax increase. Terrible streets. Sparks centre is one huge tax payer money pit. Mishandled pandemic 🤔

However the city should always be looking at ways for improvement and more ways to be efficient. Letting the road and sidewalk infrastructure lag for so long was not a good choice as now it will cost significantly more to get them back to acceptable.

City streets are pathetic. Sidewalks are turning to gravel.

water quality sucks back alleys are a mess bushes at street corners are overgrown even after being reported 2 to 3 times every year for the last few years and having kids hit on bikes at them

Taxes are high..streets are a mess.The mall establishment allowed to operate is an embarrassment to our community.Whereas there is a total waste of other buildings torn down particularly schools of yesteryear and the example of A school renovated then wasted.

see above explanation.

The conditions of city streets are atrocious. Potholes and broken pavement everywhere. City parks look overrun with weeds.

The hospital emergency waiting time is long but not worse. We need to recruit more health workers and the city must find ways on how to attract new workers and convince them to stay for good like providing more recreational venues, cinemas, more amenities that their families may enjoy.

I would like to see more garbage cans in the city open spaces and paths as well as outside of businesses to make our city more appealing.

Weyburn offers a lot for relatively low taxes.

streets are terrible(potholes everywhere),in the winter rarely get streets cleaned

Snow is removed in residential areas once a year and I am ok with this. I also think the crews do a good job with snow removal after it snows to keep essential services open. I wish more money and attention would go towards road improvements.

Some services could be a little better

City seems unwilling, or unable to repair roads properly. They don't appear to have enough workers to do the necessary work.

Fix the roads. They are in desperate need of repair. The traffic lights need replacement.

Roads, snow removal, how covid lockdowns we're handled, grocery/shopping options, restaurant options, tax increase...these are a few things I find dissatisfactory.

Roads are a mess, residential sidewalks are not maintained by residents, parks are lacking amenities for residents.

I don't like the change to the water treatment. I think the roads could be taken care of better. Snow clearing must improve

Roads are BRUTAL

Roads are terrible. So many potholes. People shouldn't be parking on highways like Government Road or 1st Avenue. Being so fast to tear down Souris School which could've been an excellent community services agency or location.

Coming off the pandemic, I felt very grateful to be living in Weyburn, we got services we needed at the time. Need to work on the roads,

Proximity to Regina has affected retail strength over the last 20 years. Regina is a good/bad thing.

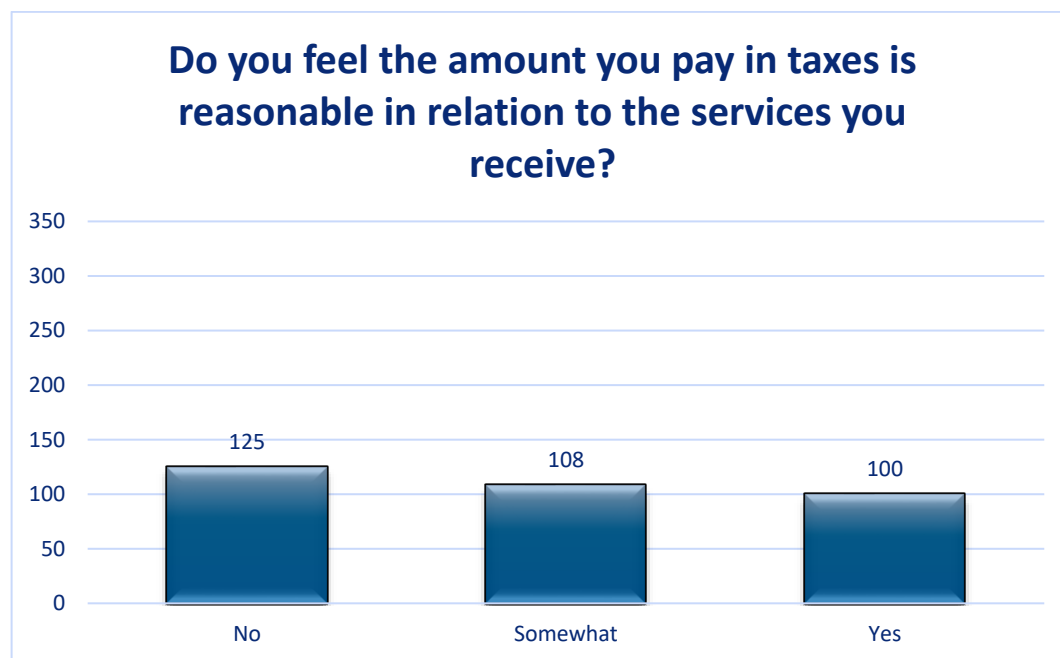
The grader goes down our back alley more then the street out front. Snow removal can occur more then once a year in residential areas.

Garbage/ recycle bins aren't always fully emptied.

Green areas fill of dandelions Streets and sidewalks are the worst I've ever seen them

Streets all need paving! And the snow removal on the streets this winter was hoendous!!! Whose brain dead idea is it to haul the snow off the residential streets???before this hauling snow off residential streets the streets could be all cleared in about 5 days!!! The whole city was cleaned when the snow was pushed to the boulevard in about 5 days with little cost!!! Now it takes a month to clear the city with a horrendous cost to city taxpayers!!! And yep I'm guessing a 10% increase in taxes to city residents all because of incompetent brain dead city councillors and mayor!!!!!!!

Appendix – Is the amount you pay in taxes reasonable in relation to the services you receive?



Please explain.

Paying to much

There needs to be a complete overhaul and revamp on how things are done. Money is not being spent wisely and things are not being completely efficiently or to the best they can be. Inefficiencies need to be addressed, the patchwork needs to stop. The amount of taxes that are being paid by the residents should be properly going into taking care of infrastructure and services.

It would be great if it was reduced- but it is understandable that costs continue to climb unfortunately

What costs the most is protection. Police, fire are what costs us on taxes. Weyburn doesn't need a city police force. RCMP would be fine in a town of this size. There needs to be a steady tax increase every year to maintain infrastructure. Everything goes up in price. If there isn't money to pay for repairs, things are left to deteriorate...which has been left to happen in this town.

Weyburn seems to have very high taxes in comparison to other larger centres , yet the services offered are not at the same level as other centres. Even the fees for the Spark Centre etc seem high , just for a visit to a play structure

Weyburn used to take pride in the look of the many green spaces in the city. This seems to have changed in the last couple of years. Many of our streets need repairs and this doesn't seem to be happening or a half hearted effort is made. As a taxpayer I'd like to say I'm proud of where I live, not avoid streets and certain areas because the streets are so rough or the weeds are out of control.

I pay taxes for many services I don't utilize, which is expected. There are other services that I would like offered that will come about in time.

The roads in this city are the worst I've ever seen them absolutely horrible

I'm actually not sure what services I receive in relation to the taxes I pay.

Our taxes get raised but so do the salaries of city government employees, thus the raised taxes are not going towards city services.

Taxes have increased alot over the years but I don't find services have.

Services such as policing need more funding so services are not cut back.

Stop sweeping my street over and over and over (3 times this year already)! Get those workers out of those vehicles. Trim all the sucker shoots growing on the mature trees. Dig out the stumps you left behind that have now turned in "city boulevard bushes". And REPLACE the trees on South Hill that have been destroyed by wind and lightning with new trees! Stop ignoring South Hill!

Over taxed for services we receive and disrepair roads are in.

Piss away money in the wrong places

Business owners pay large taxes for no service no garbage pick up, no recycling pick up. Snow removal slow so have to remain closed while they clear walking paths.

I own properties in Regina. Our taxes here are very reasonable, for which I am thankful. However I would pay more for a better city.

I rent

Aside from garbage pick up and recycling pickup I do not use a lot of the city services.

See previous comment

Our roads are terrible. The Sports Arena was just refurbished and leaks whenever it warm all winter. Half the showers cannot be used as they are too cold our hot. That was lipstick on a really fat pig. We should have built new. The indoor track needs to be more accessible to seniors and the public. In Estevan the indoor is free.

For the amount of taxes I pay... I shouldn't see an increase in anything considering nothing besides snow removal is ever done in my area

I don't think the services support the payment

Really have no idea where the taxes go because streets are awful, a lot of sidewalks are hard to use for those with disabilities and the street cleaning isn't great. Winter 21/22 I couldn't use my vehicle for 2 weeks as my street was so deeply rutted

I see the city spending money on equipment that is not reflecting into savings as compared to hiring a contractor to do it

I fee for a city weyburns size we could be getting more

The streets are a wreck. The water for summer should be less. Why does the city water during the day and so long at nights in the park

We DO NOT get the services we deserve with what we pay in taxes now, yet you want to increase our taxes to increase our services? The previous question to this one is a joke.

But it's appalling that the taxes collected for roads so far as done nothing . Be better city of weyburn

Taxes are reasonable, but the services seem slim. Better roads, routine sewer checks to prevent sewer backups would be nice. Trash pickup weekly would be nice. Trees on main roads need to be maintained so that the sight of motorists is not blocked. I honestly think we have too much law enforcement for the size of our community.

More expensive than other communities of similar size

My taxes have recently had a substantial increase and if the road conditions were better, especially byrailway and highway 13, I might agree with this more. I also understand that the Saskatchewan Health Authority is in control of the new hospital, but I am very disappointed that services will remain in the community health services building and primary care wing of the special care home. The initial promise was all services under one roof but that's not what's happening and will result in more trips and inconveniences for residents and health care workers alike

The amount is fine, the allocation is ridiculous. The proposed tax hikes which would have resulted in \$900,000 in extra revenue is palatable. The fact that \$550,000 was earmarked for the police is an absolute joke. We don't have an issue in Weyburn that would require the police services to need 55% of a tax hike for them to solve.

We pay too much tax and ruin our vehicles because the city hasn't paved main streets in years

We pay almost \$5000 annually and like o said dont have a single tree in the park beside our house and as a golfer would like a course that the community can be proud of.

The clearing of snow in the winter should be increased instead of having our residential streets only be cleaned 1 this year

I have had my street cleaned in the winter about 3 times in 7 years that I've lived here. The city had parked equipment in my business parking lot numerous Of times to fix pot holes in back alleys, but won't fill a couple pot holes in my parking lot, all while taking up my parking lot giving my customers no where to park. They push snow in the middle of my businesses street causing no one to be able to enter my business as well.

I would pay more for snow removal if snow was removed prior to 8 AM when everyone is heading to work.

We don't have a paved street. It is partially paved. I used to live up on 5th street N Payed as much taxes up there as I do here . I had a paved street there. Others also pay less taxes they have paved streets. Every residential street should be paved. I now live 2nd Ave SW. As I down sized

Crappy roads

Not sure I think taxes should increase yearly

I am willing to pay more taxes to fix roads and parks and rinks etc. Just not through money at the police.

Too many potholes, dirty streets

Streets are in horrific condition.

I believe taxes on residence should increase every year to keep up with improving of the city. Taxes based on the value of your property and the amount of street view your property has.

Our street is t ploughed in the winter and we also have reduced garbage and recycling services in the winter. School taxes are high and we homeschool.

Not even close!!!

Poor roads, poor recreation path that is not smooth, police shortage, hospital taking way to construct, and parks that are full of weeds

Not applicable

The taxes are too high in my opinion

Absolutely not. In the winter my street get cleaned MAYBE twice. Due to water flowing towards the river, to access my back alley I have to call the city every year to fill in the end of the back alley.

Property tax went up \$800 in one year when we just bought the house a year ago. Not okay at all. Especially with blown in roads and low water pressure

The roads explain it all.

In the last question there was no opportunity to comment so this applies to question 8. There was no option to enhance the level of services and reduce taxes. This could be an option if everyone within city hall and all city departments thought outside the box. Look for savings in everything you do. Don't just automatically do what was done before. Does it make sense to do it that way? How can we do better? Ask these questions!

Taxes go up and services stay the same or worsen.

I can't answer the previous question because you haven't said what or which services you are referring too. This question is so broad that any data collected from it is subjective at best.

Improve the streets! Residents in new areas are paying close to same amount of taxes as residents in older ares with old houses. A lot of people can't afford to improve their property or homes because of high taxes high , cost of living etc.

Sports are taken care of in Weyburn but what do non sport minded families do in Weyburn?

I feel that ta

We get the essentials. But as previously noted we are lacking services

Pot holes, poor street sweeping leaves the dirt on the street

Everything is too highly priced already. The taxes are already too high for what we get.

no one likes taxes and we will always want more for what we pay. Overall, we need to strategize WHAT we want and plan HOW to pay before we buy it.

Compared to other cities Weyburn is on par

now is not the time for a tax increase for our city and it's residents.

Personally - my household consumes the minimal of services the city provides; having said that I appreciate the city at a whole has different priorities. I prefer a pay as you go model - as opposed to broad tax sweeps. So my concerns are more related to the taxation model than specifically how Weyburn administers & spend taxes.

I don't feel overtaxed as long as services received is maintained Roads , snow removal.

Taxes seem high but things don't get maintained. The roads in town are horrible. City workers stand around a lot. Seems like money is spent places that it maybe doesn't need to be.

Paying for recycling bins when it's forced upon you

Live in a condo with no garbage pick up etc but still pay full taxes.

I am paying into funds that I will not use like the sewer fund. I have insurance that covers that already

We pay higher taxes than those in other areas of city and receive the same services. Fees should be based on # of residents numbers. More people in house hold more taxes. Stop collecting for school taxes when they don't have kids in school.

Again refer to above answer need better roads and sidewalks and the deer system ungraded my street was only cleared once I repeat once this year. I was flooded out 3 times last year.

Our taxes are very high and our front road is not maintained the same as other citizens

The snow removal is dismal, the pool constantly being shut down, the roads are horrible, and spending money to replace perfectly working lights seems like such a waste of money. This town needs to be revived. To draw families in. Many people don't want to live in big cities. They do because they offer more. Small towns have the ability to create the best of both worlds.

I'm not happy with the blue bins as I believe the recycling is not happening and they are being dumped in a landfill.

Just wondering where all the extra tax money goes from all the condos in town.

I wish garbage and recyclables were picked up more often, especially in the winter.

The roads are actual garbage in town. Where is my tax money going if it isn't fixing the roads?

Other comparable cities in SK, specifically Estevan, pay more in taxes and get similar services.

I feel most people would be more accepting of a tax increase if it was to come with enhanced services as opposed to an increase just because on inflation

It is but I am also in favour of increased taxes to maintain our community and services, can't go backwards

Upset that condo dwellers receive no garbage pickup.

I think city administration is doing a good job of managing expenses. I do question the number of police officers and the police budget but am not informed enough to criticize.

Seem to be getting less and less services for the amount of taxes we pay.

\$ amount is reasonable, but areas of investment could be improved.

I don't agree with taxing residents for road maintenance, I would also like to see compostable curbside bins

I believe in the social contract for services, but I want the City to be accountable to making good decisions to better the community.

Taxes on condominiums are too high. Assessments no longer reflect market value appropriately

Wish there was a comment section for #8, as this question would be based on the meaning of enhance level of services. Some past decisions have not reflected well. #9 For the most part yes some areas can use improvement; some of those improvements may be cost based other are not. The city has done a great job managing snow removal this winter; thank you for that.

I would like to see more money spent on roads and sidewalk maintenance (infrastructure).

It's a large sum collected and given to people who don't necessarily have a budgetary background or can manage their own expenses deciding what to do with the communities money.

See above. going from under \$400 to over \$2000 per year in a few short years with no increase in services is very questionable.

I don't understand the increase in property tax and where does it goes to?

Those who pay the highest taxes tend to receive the least services because of the age of the neighbourhood. Old neighbourhoods tend to require more repairs so why do they pay the least in tax?

I don't know what the breakdown is in the taxes, meaning what percentage goes to parks or reserve fund to repair water/sewer lines, etc. this would be nice to know before a better answer can be given.

Pay more but less interest in roads and sidewalks. I do not use most facilities so does not concern me but would appreciate getting around the city better is my big issue.

The city slacks on fixing things. The sparks center is nie but my tax dollars went into a facility that is limited to few things and few times.

NO. LOOK AT OUR STREETS. OUR infrastructure is beyond. No curbs on so many streets. You had the opportunity to create a complex like Estevans. But nope. You creating the tax sucking sparks centre. Plus. It's soooo obvious you're biased.

I don't use the Spark Center, the pool, the rinks, water tastes like shit. I drive the streets, and expect my garbage to be picked up. Not seeing any value to what I receive.

NO. LOOK AT OUR STREETS. OUR infrastructure is beyond. No curbs on so many streets. You had the opportunity to create a complex like Estevans. But nope. You creating the tax sucking sparks centre. Plus. It's soooo obvious you're biased.

I think the service has gone down some from years prior even though the taxes have increased

City expenditures are NOT targeted in proportion to residents usage of services.

I lived a block away and after selling and buying a newer bigger house, same lot size, same number of people, my taxes DOUBLED.

The roads should be fixed or at least an effort to fix them with the amount I pay in taxes

I think the city has cut back so much on services but contract most things out- which costs way more- instead of having decent workers who used to do the work. The staff are all nice- but it shouldn't take 5 of them standing around watching 1 person do a bit of work, and then they're all on break for awhile (which happens a lot right now).

water quality sucks back alleys a mess bylaws are not being enforced overall appearance not being looked after

Just too high for our lot 50 x 100

Taxes are too high and streets are falling apart

The city has gross inefficiencies everywhere, see explanation in question #5. People keep saying that Weyburn has one of the lowest taxes in the province. Yeah? Compared to what? A steadily increasing average is not a good metric to use as a comparison.

Cutting services is not the only way to save money. Get innovative. Learn stretch your dollars.

Honestly for what we pay in taxes I struggle to see where all the money gets spent. The roads are terrible, and in winter our street only gets cleared a few times when it needs to be done more frequently.

Allocating funds available to the proper spots is key as the taxes paid are only a portion to the City.

Sometimes real property taxes are too high in comparison to the value of the property.

We don't need anymore sports arenas

There is a lot of bad roads

as previously stated streets are terrible, lack of snow removal

Snow removal has been good. The police and fire department budget needs to be reduced. City employee productivity needs to improve.

Not sure how much money goes towards road repairs or snow removal but it needs to be more. City workers are doing a good job, just not enough projects getting done.

unsure, I don't pay taxes here

Would like quicker snow removal.

Condos do not receive city refuse collection or recycling pickups while paying taxes that are comparable to house taxes.

Just need investment in the proper areas.

I pay taxes and nothing is done to our city or roads

As a homeschooling family a lot of our taxes go to the public schools. It seems the roads/ snow removal should be better considering how much we pay. Less focus on "community inclusiveness" and more effort towards maintaining what we already have is needed.

I rent, so don't pay taxes

We pay very high taxes for our area and do not feel we receive much for this.

Entirely too much money is put into parks and nature.

Of course you always want more! But over all I think it is fair. Please please do something with the roads!

I expect more from the kind of taxes I'm required to pay.

Almost every street in town is crumbling

Reasonable taxes and maybe too much attention to keeping taxes low. We are behind in some areas.

Question 8 does not give the option of streamlining staffing or cutting wages of managers at city hall. What does the mayor make per year? Is that really necessary for a town of 10,000? Does Weyburn really need the number of managers they have in place now? Maybe cut the administrative budget before coming to the citizens for another handout.

City maintenance feels laughable. Potholes sit and grow for years. The streets suck, businesses don't seem to either want to move here or be able to maintain themselves here. Police services seem lacking. We're STILL waiting on the new hospital. Snow removal isn't often dealt with in a timely manner. Tatagwa trails still aren't finished! What are we even paying for?

Poor snow removal, street conditions, purchases that could be avoided

South Hill does not receive the same services that the rest of the community gets (snow removal in winter, with the exception of the streets where councillors live)

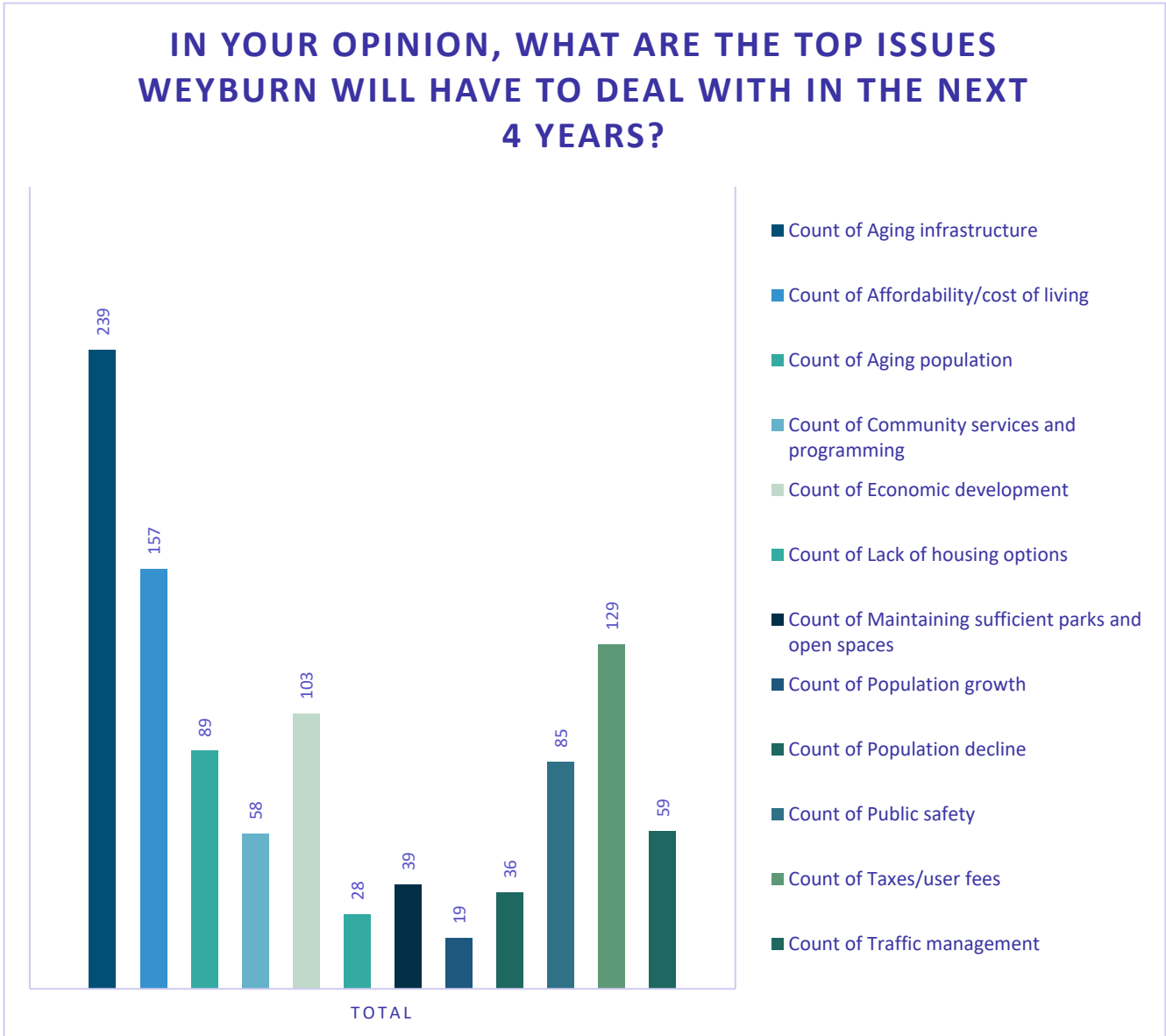
Taxes keep going up but the services have not improved.

for a person with no children and have never had children I pay way too much in taxes for garbage pick up and snow removal.

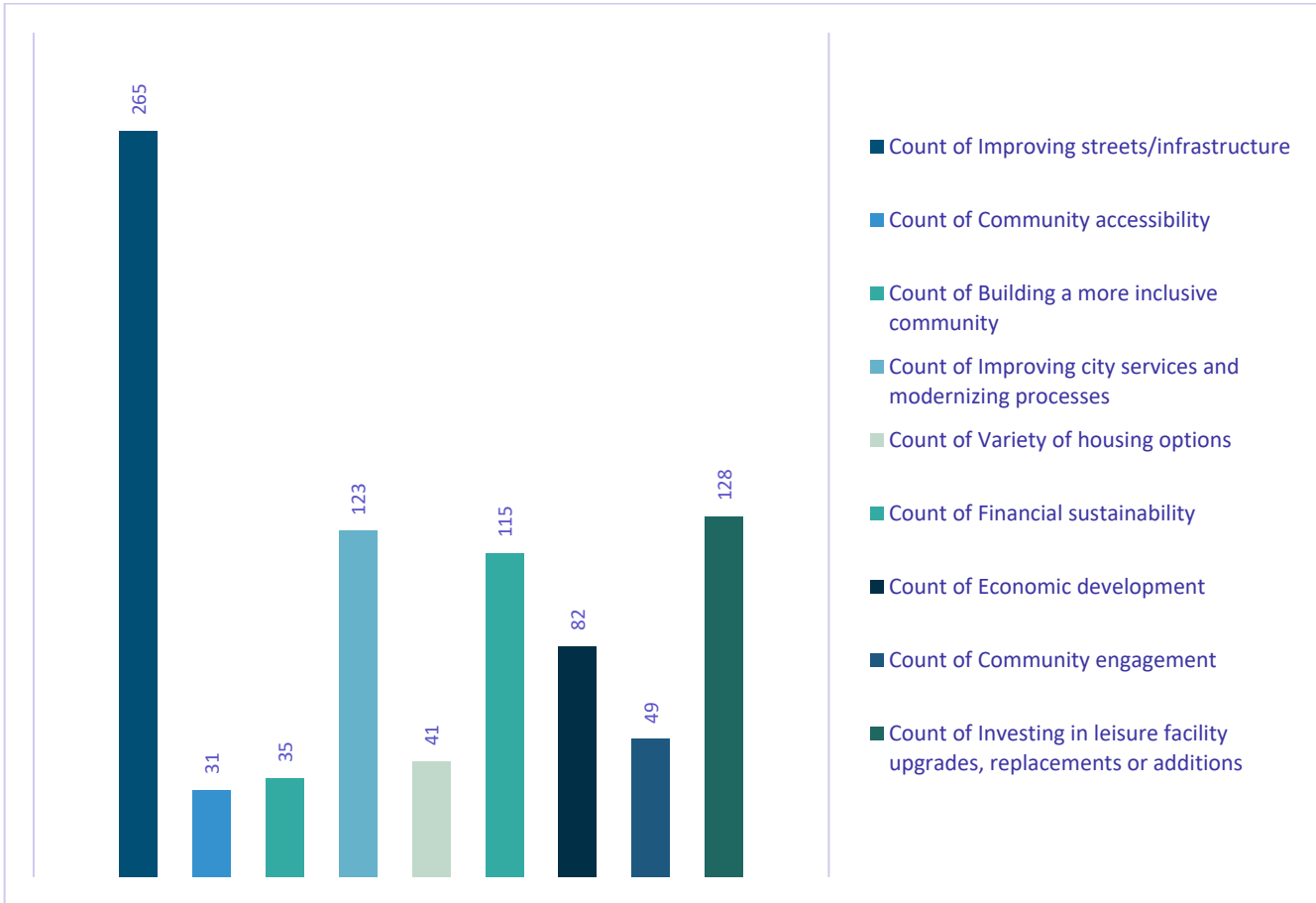
Review police costs Review public works costs

Way too high for getting nothing in return!! And I do mean nothing

Appendix – Top Issues the City of Weyburn will have to deal with in the next four years



Appendix – Council’s Focus for the Future



Survey respondents were given a list of areas of focus for the future, as determined by focus groups. Respondents could choose any of the above options in their responses.

Other (please specify)

Financial accountability.

A bus service like Estevan has would be nice.

We need more housing for seniors that are not condos!!! Many seniors prefer to rent then buy a condo!!! So a seniors rental complex would be very good for the community!!!!~

The pool has had its share of repairs!

Inclusive. Wtf

The city does not have to have everything but pick something and do it very well that everyone comes here to use the facility. Helps business, which creates jobs which creates cash flow which goes back into spending in town or on residence etc

The spark centre was a fantastic project. Things like this drive people to live here, to visit here and to work here. The pool has outlived its life span. If a new waterpark/pool is built and connected to the spark centre you will have one of the biggest attractions in the South East. Weyburn needs progress. Weyburn needs to stand out. We have the ability to do it sans the attitude of the city manager and most of council who have been indoctrinated to never spend money.

Don't worry about the leisure part of the community but focus on the streets are the worst they have been ever

A new pool! One that can accommodate both recreational fun for all ages and athletic programs.

Why are we still trying to sell town lots for \$150,000 , and we wonder why no one will build houses and move here. There isn't a lot in this town that is worth half that amount of money. The rinks are the worst rinks in the province, stop putting money towards useless sports that we don't even play like soccer and start putting money into stuff that will actually get used.

Properly fund emergency services (fire and police) - Drugs and addictions are a major issue in the community which lead to more serious criminality and property crime). Fire response is slow due to it being a volunteer based fire service.

I would say that we should add leisure services or upgrade facilities, but the maintenance of the facilities we have can be lacking. For example the pool bathrooms/change rooms are disgusting and desperately need a good clean. We need to take care of what we have.

Safety security Health and welfare (mental health) Community connection

Better medical care. Doctors are always leaving.

A minimum of two new ball parks are needed (15u and 18u size) and the city has not taken the lead in any new ball park construction; need water line and proper washrooms at Clark Park; need potable water at Tom Laing. Having undrinkable water at ball parks is ridiculous. If the city builds those ball fields then big tournaments can be hosted which means money and tourists into Weyburn.

Community safety

All of these things are important. It's common sense in some ways. It's like running a household. You have to maintain things in order to keep up the value of your property and belongings but you do it in a way you can afford.

Wish we had diff hours for watering , longer In the morning and earlier at night

Upgrading our leisure facilities should be an on-going item not once every ten years. No wonder our facilities are in the shape they are more options for assisted seniot living

More transparent council and less conflict of interest in city contracts. Tax payers came to you last year and told you that there was fear of speaking out. Not much has been done to address this. That is a huge problem. A persons name and who they know have an appearance of impacting things and that is bad publicity for the city and the council

Reducing city costs.reduce taxes.

Continue to bring in outside help to catch up on tree pruning and removal of dead tree's and replacement Perhaps an incentive program for homeowners to do improvements with yard and tree care

I'd just like council take more of a LEADER SHIP role as a posed to just going along with what ever city manager wants to do.

City hall officials should not be telling "no" to people wanting to open businesses in our community. They should be facilitating or at the very least, explain how our elected city councillors can consider their proposal and vote on that entrepreneurs proposal. Downtown core planters are 50 years old and look bad. They need to be redesigned and repoured.

tough to only pick three as others definitely important too.

What is the plans for fixing infrastructure

This is small. Could you please connect the sparks center and jubilee park. There is no accessible way to get from one to the next.

Financial transparency.

Make sure the city does not buy into governing sustainable municipalities. 15 minute cities are a step closer to the WEF, and UN taking away our rights and freedoms. Covid plandemic was part of that plan.

Financial transparency.

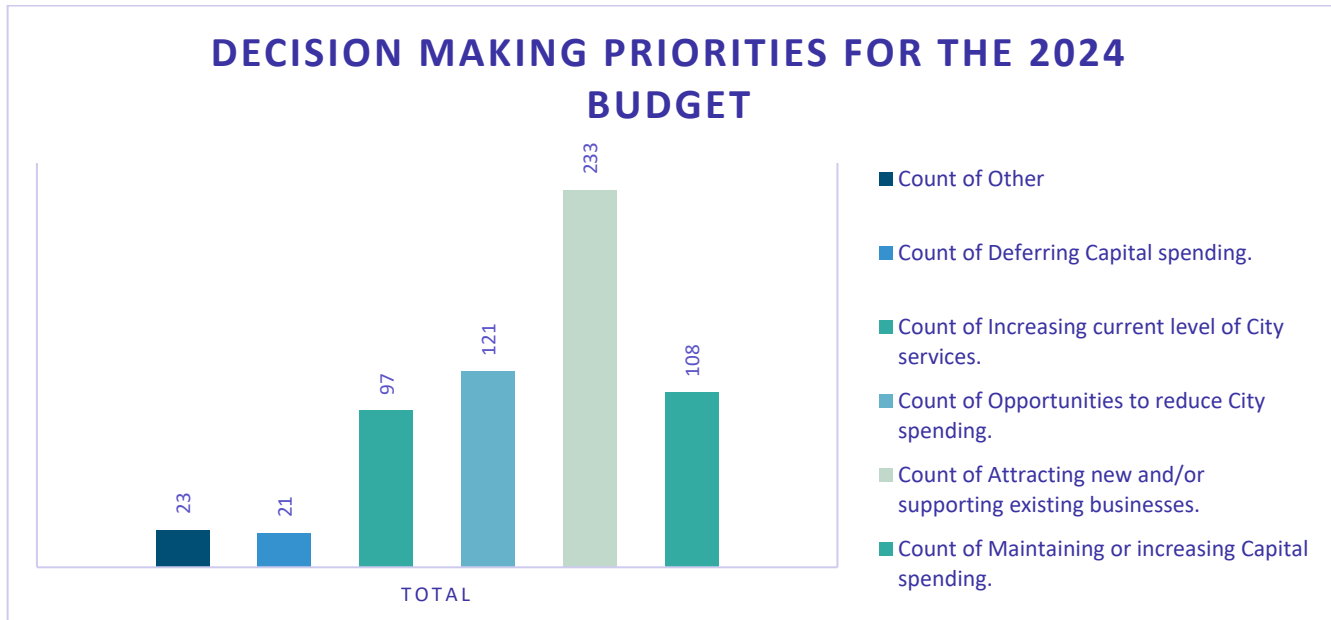
The flooding because of poor and old infrastructure is an embarrassment.

Improving efficiency in services

I really think these three are important. With a child needing accessibility Weyburn needs better facilities to accommodate. For example: Crescent Point Place has no seating for wheelchair. No elevator after all those renovations. Sports arena is the same. There is a spot for a wheelchair to be stopped in front of glass but nowhere for caregiver to sit. We are in the minority so that is why I said investing in leisure facility upgrades. When the teams are deciding on what to do just always have accessibility in mind. This goes for seniors as well that have a hard time on stairs.

All good things to focus. Bring the city back to life.

Appendix – 2024 Budget Priorities



If 'Other' please specify.

Current processes and education on the way things are done need to be upgraded. You should be looking at how to streamline these and how to invest in some of the problems needing upgrades. Spend the money upfront to maintain longevity of the infrastructure. Stop wasting piles of money on patch work. Some examples would be roads... fix them properly instead of patching it together. Spark Center - this magnificent facility was created with nothing in it that keeps the money coming in to pay for it. Why isn't there a full gym with monthly membership availabilities? Why wasn't a arena or swimming pool built into it to keep money coming in. Instead it sits empty half of the year and the fees to use to are not worth what you get out of it. Need to start looking long term on projects.

Maintenance to city

Fiscal responsibility and operational efficiencies. The city could do better to ensure facilities are operating more efficiently. For example- a review of the rink operations (lights, temp, etc). Also- facility maintenance needs to be better. It shouldn't be hard to keep facilities clean.

If the city needs more money from taxes, it would make more sense to attract new residents and businesses, rather than increase taxes for current residents. If there are more people and business, naturally, the city will have more funds from taxes. However, I think an extremely important focus should be building a hospital here. Or at minimum, a couple of urgent care centres. The medical offices here have atrocious reviews. It would be great to attract more folks from the medical field to this city.

And making current level of City services more affordable for families

maintenance on roadways and better budgeting and planning for snow removal. appropriate road paint application (instead of applying when traffic is out, starting earlier or road block/ different product as within a few weeks hard to tell where paint was applied.

Money needs to be put intj on capital for city services such as fire and police.

Host events. When city builds something build it big enough to host thing. Spark center should have been a full soccar field not half where you can not host games all winter (soccar/lacrosse/etc)

We need to be progressive, we need to attract business, buildings, families. Status quo will have us faltering like every other small saskatchewan town.

More community knowledge of what the budget is being spent on. The tax dollars are spent but many don't know on what.

Bring in large scale businesses. Why are we not on the list for canola crushing plant.

If capital spending is required to keep infrastructure in good shape then we support it. Definitely need work on the roads!

Getting some of the main roads repaired. The cost of repair keeps increasing and won't get better as the roads keep getting worse

This is too broad. Each capital expenditure needs to have a cost-benefit analysis and the city needs to do their best to not have too many capital expenditures in one year

Fox infrastructure before we try and attract more businesses

Pave! More money to mental health. More money to Policing etc.

Fixing some roads properly. Stop blowing money on stupid things like wheat sheafs, signs that you can't even see when you pull into the city, spark center that doesn't ever get used for anything.

Safety and security Health and welfare citizens Beautify city

We pay enough taxes and don't get what we pay for. Use the services wisely and we wouldn't have this problem.

Do not subsidize new business. New business comes to Weyburn for strong economics. Not from tax breaks

Don't budget for new vehicles in all departments every budget. The money saved by using the vehicles we have can be put to better use.

Enforcing required sidewalks in New areas. We are supposed to be moving forward in a safe and green way....can't really guarantee safety trying to walk places....with no sidewalk. Also, given that the average Canadian can only read at a grade 6 level, and with our increased ESL groups...if you want honest answers, maybe provide a definition of what "capital" is for those who don't regularly read budgets and business proposals

Make improvements on roadways before spending on flowers in pots etc

Actively planning to replace the indoor swimming pool.

Don't believe our city budget has any forward-thinking

Affordable housing for the poor. More activities for the youth

offer incentives to staff and management on ways to improve services or efficiencies and with cost saving measures/ market our city, first to our residents so we realize how good we have it here, secondly to the outside populace in order to attract businesses here/ thirdly, make sure that ALL city departments realize that the prospects that are considering our city are CUSTOMERS and make sure that all front end people are friendly and welcoming.

Technology for reduced spending

Not all new equipment should be purchased at the height of inflation. Some things need to happen like the roof of the rink etc. it that is a necessity. Upgrading a city work truck or purchasing a patch machine. Probably not.

In future surveys, please provide descriptions for what each of these things mean for the average resident.

We are in a tough economic time right now so we should be willing to adjust our spending

I'd like to see more communal spaces, parks, shopping area's, etc.

Better roads

City needs to enforce derelict building bylaw downtown and pave alleys in downtown core.

Fixing the infrastructure so basements dont flood - especially in certain "pockets" within the community

Continue to invest in infrastructure and build for long term

Concentrating on what the city already has to offer and ensure it is a great experience when others come; ensure to leave a good impression. Example: clean and well maintained facilities & roads. Easy to deal with city administration when wanting to open a business, build a home or make home renovation that requires permits etc. Housing seems to be problem for new comers and current residents which reflects on Weyburn growth or lack of.

We need another grocery store. Please try and attract one without scaring them away with outrageous pricing or requests

Creating a better environment for the less fortunate.

You have spent lots on sports facilities, workshops ,fire hall now invest in infrastructure

Attract small independent business.

Sell the Spark center, pool and rinks

Attract small independent business.

When looking at increasing current levels of city services - this should include looking at ways to do so without tax increases if at all possible.

Roads, sewer, sidewalks, water, infrastructure repairs

It would be nice if we had a clothing store which is middle of the road, rather than cheap or very expensive. It would be nice to have a shoe store other than walmart

I would suggest improving the services and appearance of the city. In the current state you'd be wasting money trying to attract new people and businesses.

Fix the roads properly. Not on the cheap with short term fixes, that is throwing some asphalt around. The city has been ignoring road maintenance for at least the last 12 years.

We NEED new businesses in Weyburn - especially for groceries, and family shopping.

There has to be a way to enhance our city with the amount of taxes we already currently pay. There are things we don't need as bad as our roads fixed properly instead of patching them and laying gravel. It's embarrassing

Maintaining that which we already have, could be better.

Recarpet roads. They are in bad shape.

A sports store would be great!

Maintaining the buildings we have better. Or library leaking roof ..

Less spending on parks and trails more spending on streets

Fix the roads! And the path

Increase the quality of social housing. Find out why so many businesses leave Weyburn. Remember what the mall was like 35 years ago--quite busy with all kinds of stores. That's the Weyburn you need to aim for. Not a completely empty building save for a hair salon, a "garbage store"selling stuff no other stores can or will, and the CAA.

Pay current employees market rate!

Vitto hospital build until a feasible alternate is designed

Be smarter when it comes to upgrades. If all we're doing is making something bigger but not better or practical why are we trying to hide old issues with a new face.

Appendix – Draft Strategic Areas of Focus

Council and the City's senior leadership team have developed areas of strategic focus, based on internal and external strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Please review these four priority areas of focus:

1. Economy

- Grow the economy
- Support a stable and diversified economy
- Attract and support business

2. Growth

- Support strategic growth
- Ensure fiscal responsibility and sustainability
- Be informed and innovative

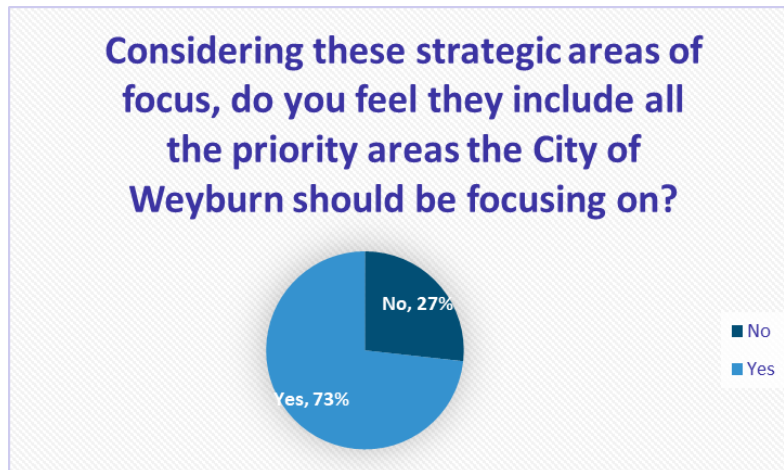
3. Community

- Provide quality programs and services
- Support a diverse, inclusive and caring community
- Support a safe and livable community

4. Governance

- Support a culture of municipal excellence
- Support organizational health
- Support engaging and collaborative relationships

Appendix – Draft Strategic Areas of Focus Feedback



If no, what was missed?

I think we have a heavy presence of upper management that doesn't focus on the big picture. I think you need to hire some good, knowledgeable people who know what they are doing. Those at the top need to have an all encompassing view and focus on making decisions based on the betterment of the community and not just the areas that affect them.

Unless its not your area to enhance...WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET MORE PHYSICIANS HERE THAT WILL COMMIT TO A TEN YEAR OR MORE TENURE.

Senior rental housing

As long as this includes and increased voice in the planning for future services in new hospital! Maternal- newborn availability in "future" Plus concern of percentage of mental health beds VS acute care beds?

I'm not sure where a hospital or urgent care center fits in, but this needs to be a focus. Not having a hospital deters new residents (who is going to want to have a baby here when they need to drive an hour to get to the nearest hospital??) AND is an issue for a city with many aging persons.

Infrastructure- particularly road safety.

Developing infrastructure. You're either growing or dying, there's no third direction.

When people drive into the community, they immediately question the infrastructure and the condition of the streets and sidewalks.

Not sure about #4??

Accessibility to the Sparks Centre. Price gouging is on a whole new level. You cannot attract people when they cannot afford to get in. You want more people to utilize it? Lower the price! More people = more money = get their friend to come = more money!

Improve what we have

Infrastructure and road repairs

A marketing team wrote all that. Sounds nice results and real benchmarks Reduce poverty by a certain percentage by a certain date, Fancy words do not mean anything.

Two of the "areas of focus" shouldn't be an area of focus at all... it's having a focus on those issues that will cost more money that will accomplish little to nothing in the community. The city needs to tackle the biggest problems the city will encounter over the next 4 years instead of the least more trivial areas that may appease the small percentage of weyburn.

These statements feel too broad to really understand what the meaning will be. Are there more pointed explanatory breakdowns?

Pizza, new rink

There needs to be some focus on infrastructure. Specifically roads. However, the rink and pool facilities also need attention. These are cornerstones of Weyburn, especially the very active sports culture.

Fix the roads !!!!!!!!!!!!!

City police should be a priority, weather it's wages, funding for equipment and supplies, the increase in theft, drugs, mental health has sky rocketed in this town since Covid and what they are paid doesn't not equal the dangers and efforts they do to keep our city safe.

We need to prepare for our aging population and provide or support infrastructure to support them and their independence.

Public safety

The city could benefit from reviewing the need for permits for everything.

Categories can be stretched so yes

Better comunicatio with residences and business

Streets streets and drainage like why should railway always be flooded

They are much too vague.

Affordability is increasing in importance. We need more affordable options for shopping, living expenses, etc.

It appears your trying to focus on pretty much everything. Which means nothing gets focused on. This all seems very political and not actually beneficial to taxpayers. Just trying to appeal to everyone, which doesn't work. Create a focus and execute.

I'm sure there are things that could be added here.

The streets

Better improved streets and sidewalks are very much needed!!

Infrastructure

Under community 'services' is mentioned along with programs. Where in the strategic plan or focus areas is the basic needs of our infrastructure. Basic evaluation and review to maintain our tax base - not6 only focused on the growth.

Bring more retail

Aging in place and accessibility for the growing senior population single people that no longer have children and are becoming seniors have nowhere to live that is Affordable as well there is many accessible issues to businesses sidewalks Parks Etc

Reducing taxes while maintaining current demand

It should be easier for people without cars to get around Weyburn.

Address infrastructure and rebuilding roads

The City should focus on creating efficiencies internally and prioritizing street/sidewalk and infrastructure funding.

Support all of them yes some need more support then others. You identified 4 that the city wants to work on, is this equal for the amount of support, time and money is allocated to these focus? Growth/Economy are high priority focus for myself.

Transparency & service. Focus on city pride & more engaged & improved communication with the public.

Better to focus on several goals and achieve rather than accomplish little

Get a by pass going so that the traffic is off of city streets, mostly 1st Ave north. Get bigger traffic signs.

Not much talk on schools

We want local decision making BACK!!!

the spending on this things we do not need. eg:New fancy signs when the roads need to fixed

We want local decision making BACK!!!

more or less yes

The MAJORITY of the population.

Keep people accountable- homeowners for their homes and yards, building owners for their rentals and businesses- help them take pride in how their places look and are run.

Uplift our small town mentality.We need to keep our \$\$ here not the outflow to Regina.

Streets and high crime and drugs are killing the city

Talk is cheap, people want to see action. The city has been mismanaged for decades and has only benefitted a select few individuals. Less government, less interference is how a city / jurisdiction will thrive.

I would like to see more focus on decreasing costs of running the city

Infrastructure does not appear to be a priority.

If the city can't fix a road how are they going to complete these strategic areas of focus. The city needs action not more strategies.

Infrastructure, such as water & sewer services & roads are not mentioned.

Streets, housing, jobs, etc

Infrastructure- roads are terrible

Urban planning by hiring professionals.

Saw little mention of infrastructure and maintenance/renewal of infrastructure. Roads and utility infrastructure are failing and need to be prioritized. Environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change impacts have not been identified and have potential to greatly impact Weyburn so this should be identified. More description of all priority areas need to be identified, we need measurables, the plan means nothing if we don't have a way to evaluate whether objectives and goals are being achieved

Support for families who want to stay together. Support for single parents with children under 6 who want to stay home with their children instead of letting daycares raise their children.

Streets are falling apart

When you realize that Weyburn has zero maternity services and that women have to dash off to another healthcare facility and will have to continue this even with a brand new 25 bed hospital. What is not acceptable is going from 41 to 25 beds plus moving 10 mental health beds from Tatagwa (which technically brings it to 35 beds but that's unacceptable if you want the population to keep growing instead of people moving to Estevan or Moose Jaw or even Regina because there's nothing in Weyburn.

The city is focusing on everything except what keeps the city moving. The employees! Please feel a focus on them and pay all city employees current market rates.

Roads need repair.

Infrastructure.

Controlling costs ie police and city works

Infrastructure improvements

Appendix – Communication

