

Procedural By-law Review Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

26 August 2019 - 30 April 2023

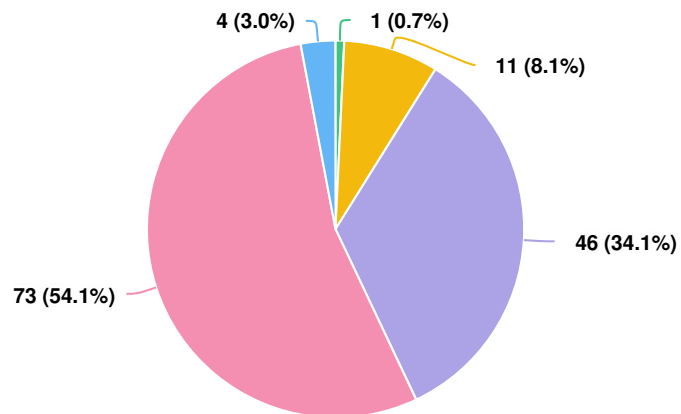
PROJECT NAME:

Procedural By-law Review



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | What is your age?

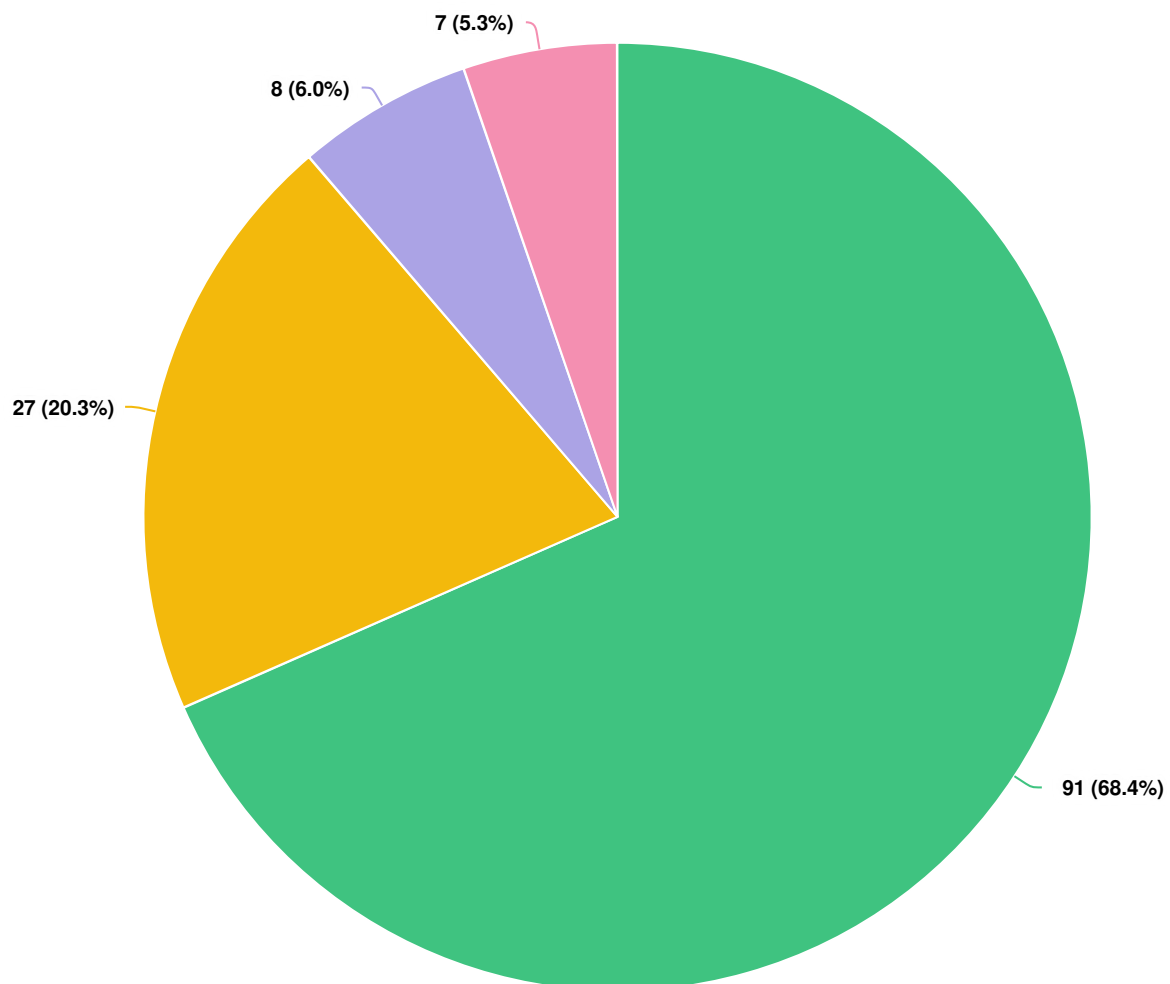


Question options

- Below 17 years 18 – 35 years 36 – 55 years Over 55 years Prefer not to say

Optional question (135 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 | Where is your primary residence located?

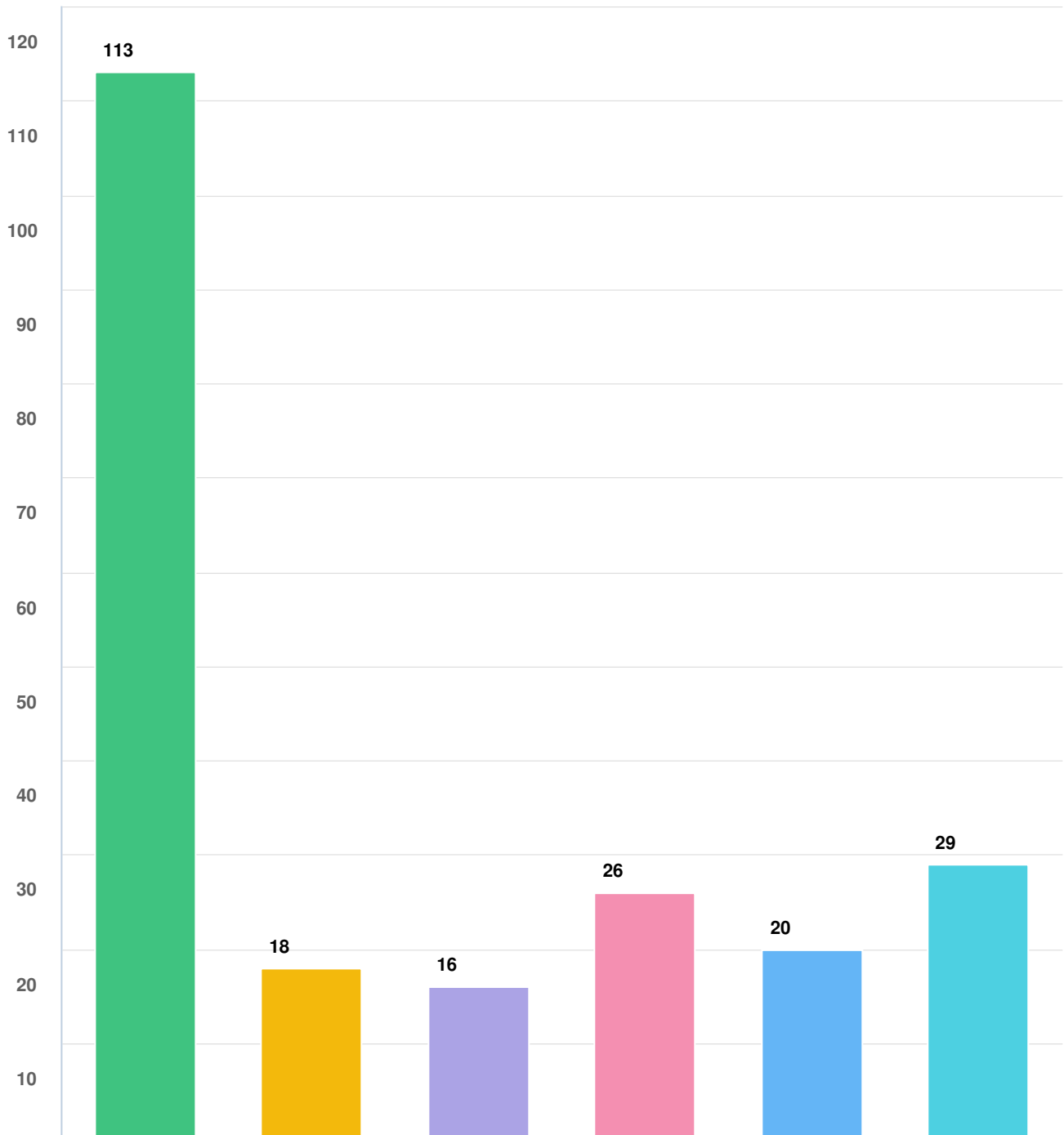


Question options

- Port Hope - Ward One (Urban Area)
- Port Hope - Ward Two (Rural Area)
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (133 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q3 | How would you best describe your relationship with the Municipality of Port Hope?
(select all that apply)**

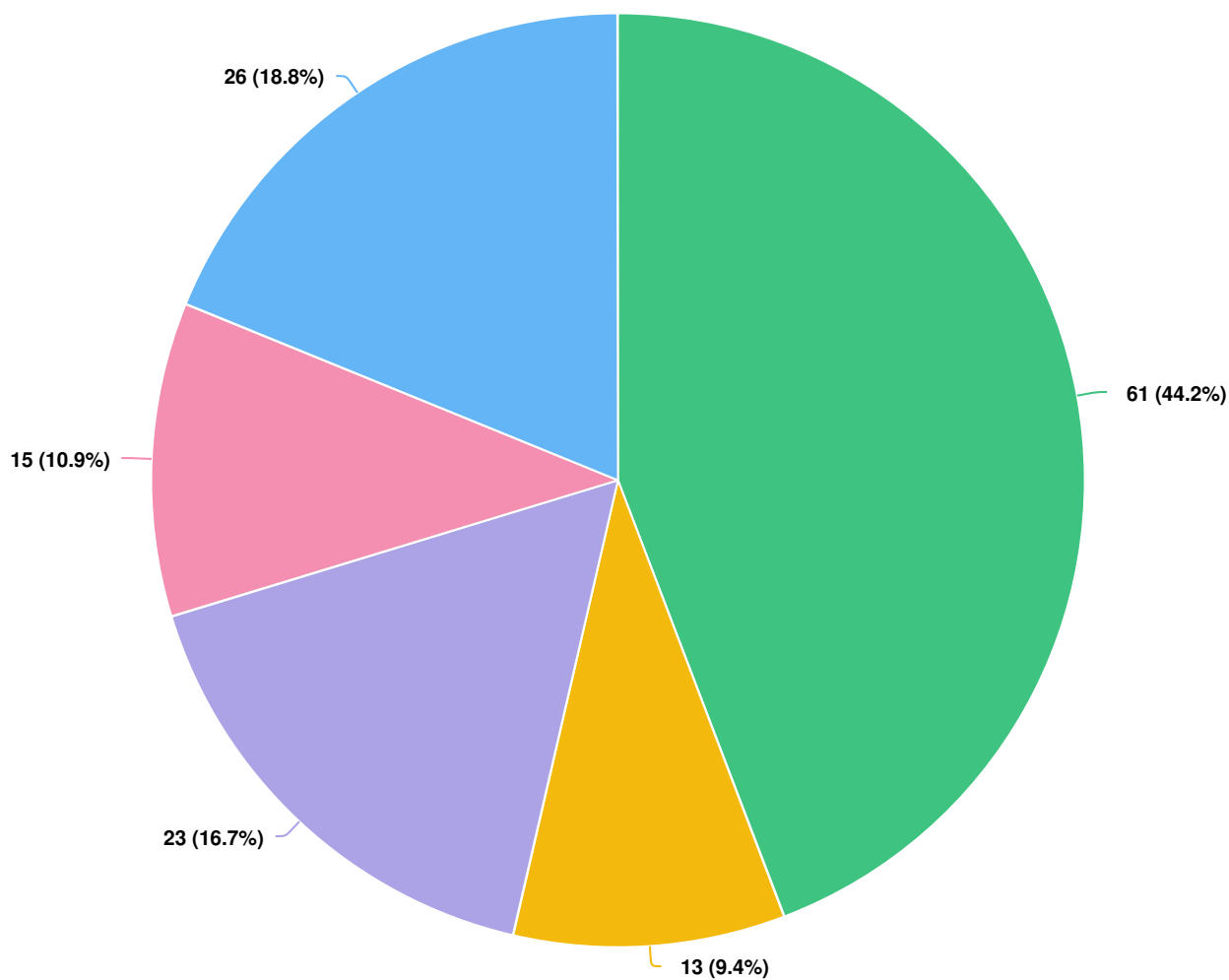


Question options

- I am a resident of Port Hope
- I am employed in a business in Port Hope
- I am part of a community/non-profit organization in Port Hope
- I am a volunteer in an organization in Port Hope
- I own a business in Port Hope
- I am part of an advisory committee or board in Port Hope

*Optional question (134 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q4 Please select which of the following best describes your personal preference for meeting times:

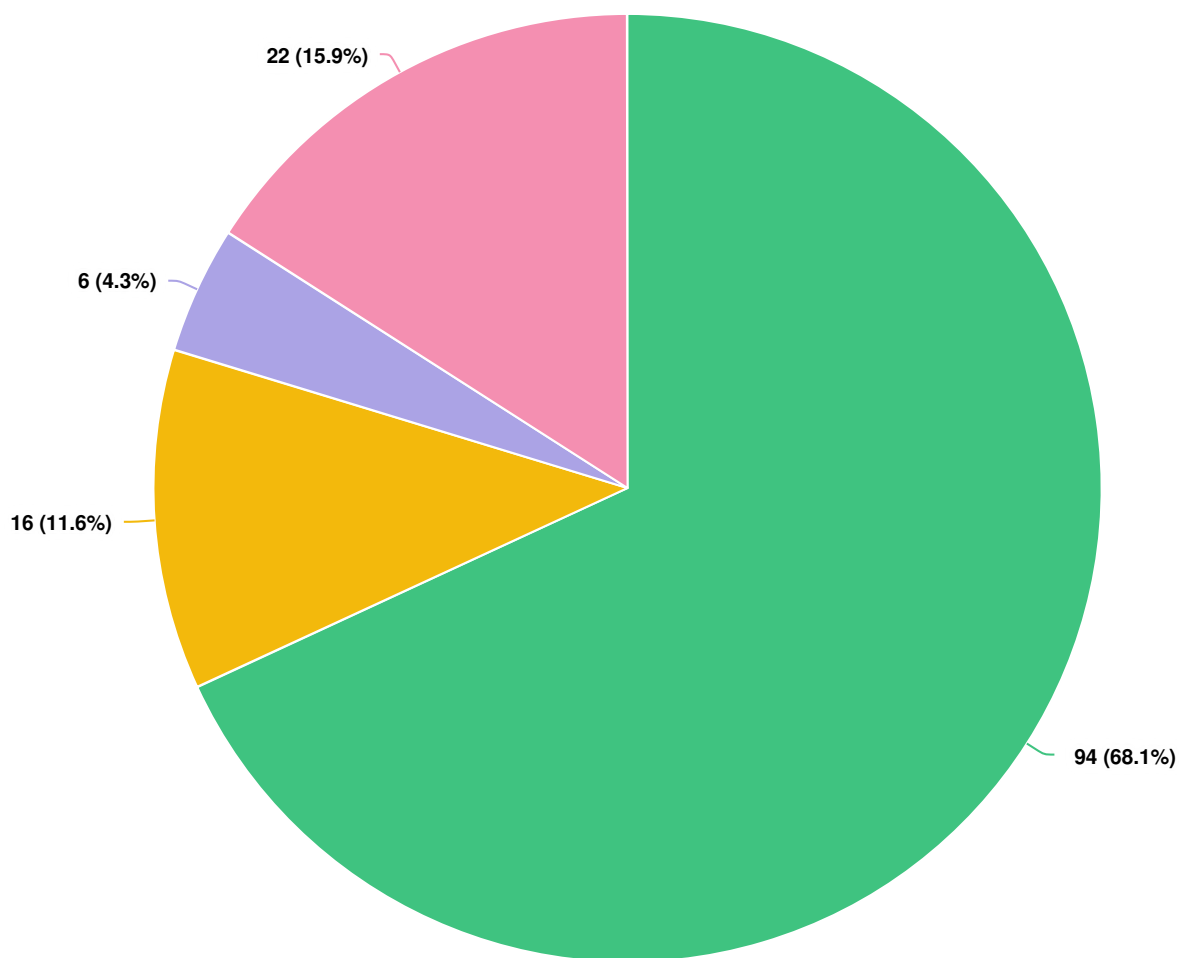


Question options

- I am satisfied with the current schedule with meetings commencing in the evening at 6:30 p.m.
- I would prefer if meetings are held earlier in the evening before the current start time
- I would prefer if meetings are held during typical working hours (e.g. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- I would prefer a mix of meetings that are held during typical working hours and in the evening
- I do not have a preference regarding when Council meets

Mandatory Question (138 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 Please select which of the following best describes your personal preference for meeting locations:

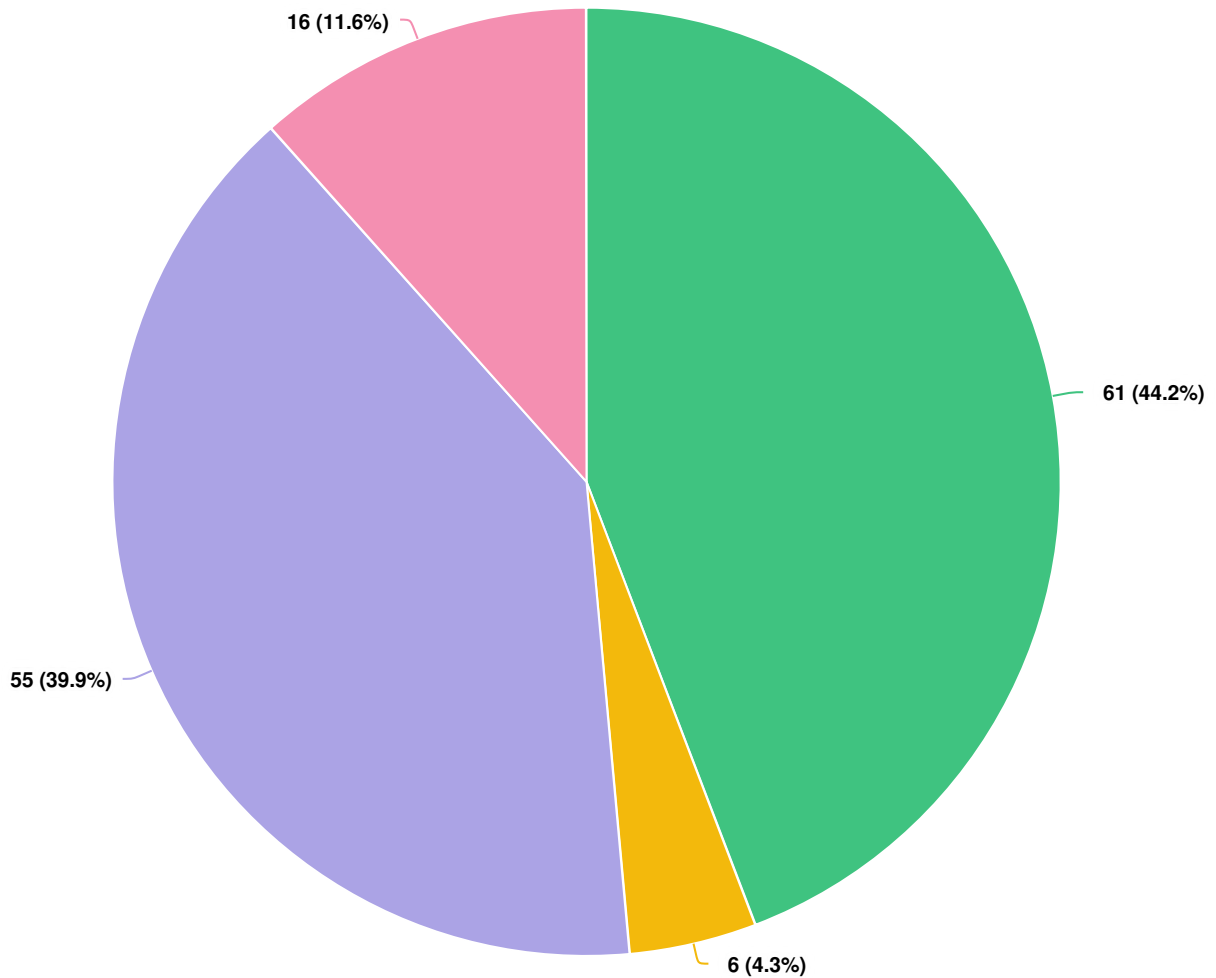


Question options

- I am satisfied with Council meeting in Town Hall
- I would prefer if some Council meetings are held at the Port Hope Community Hub, even though they may not be live-streamed*
- I would like Council to meet at other municipal facilities throughout Port Hope, even though they may not be live-streamed*
- I do not have a preference regarding where Council meets

Mandatory Question (138 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 | Implementing hybrid meetings in Port Hope comes with resourcing and capital costs but does allow participants to attend a meeting remotely. Please select which of the following best describes your preference:

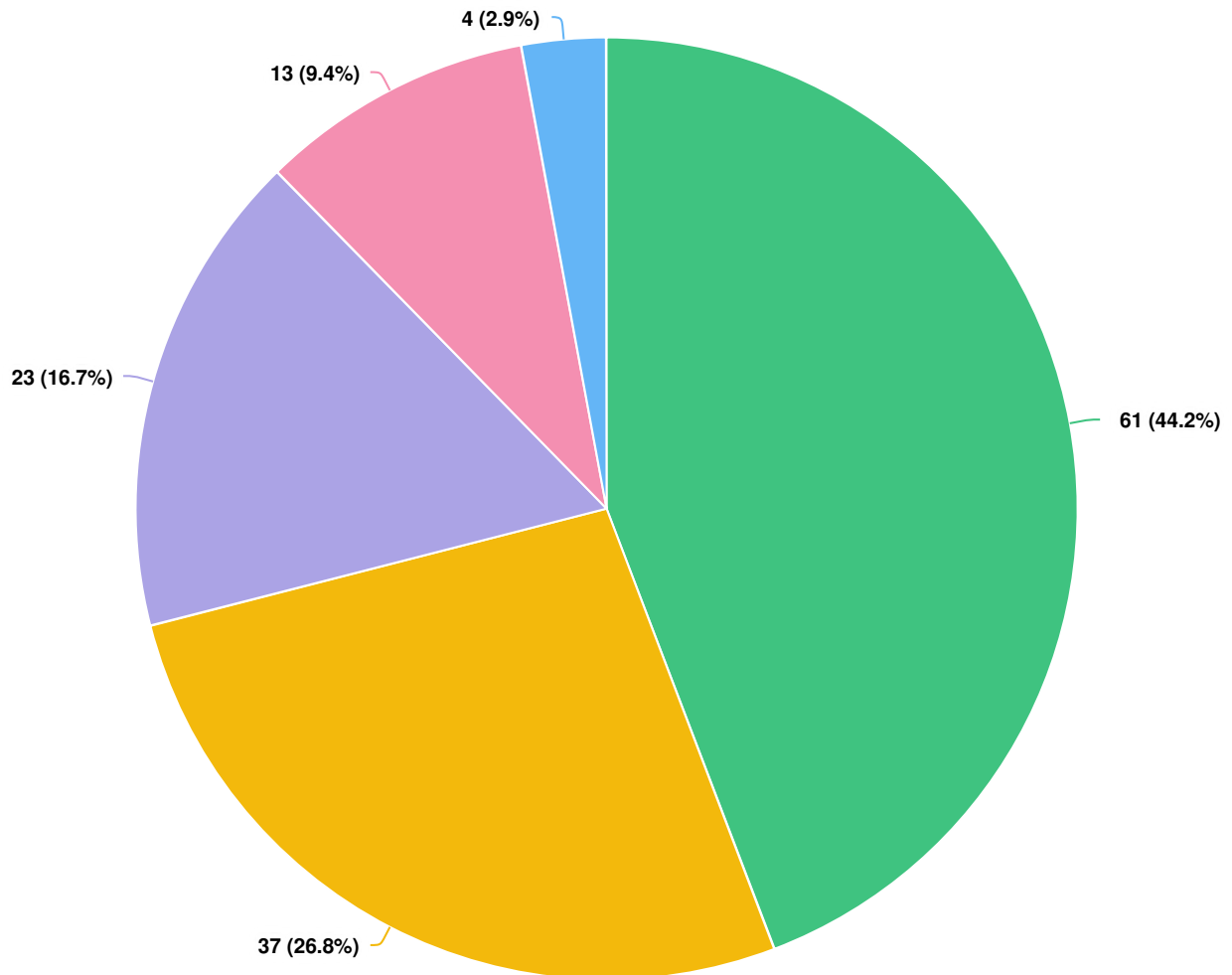


Question options

- I am satisfied with the current practice of meeting in-person with meetings live-streamed
- I support a hybrid format, where Council, staff or delegates can participate remotely, but the general public looking to participate must attend in person
- I support a hybrid format where Council, Staff, delegates and the general public can participate remotely or in person
- I do not have a preference regarding whether Council meets in-person or in a hybrid format

Mandatory Question (138 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 Please select which of the following best describes your personal preference with respect to the practice of Question Period at Council and Committee of the Whole:

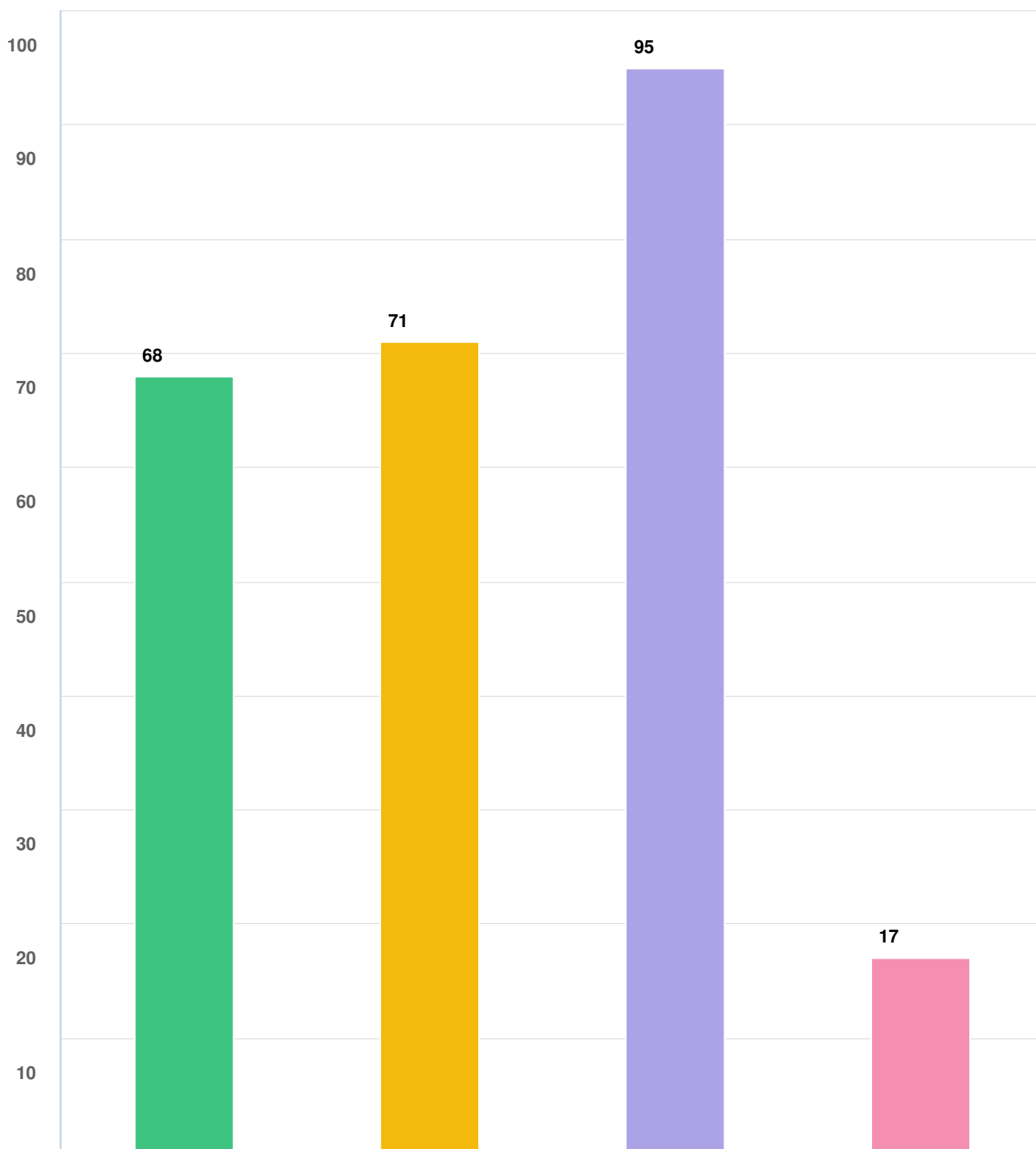


Question options

- The Question Period works as is and should be open to all topics
- The Question Period should be specific to an item on the agenda, and should be limited to questions only
- The Question Period should be removed. There are better options to engage with Council including: regular Town Halls, Mayor's Corner, and providing feedback through surveys, social media, and email communication.
- I do not have a preference ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (138 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 What types of public presentations by outside organizations or individuals are most appropriate to present at Council or Committee meetings? (Select all that apply)

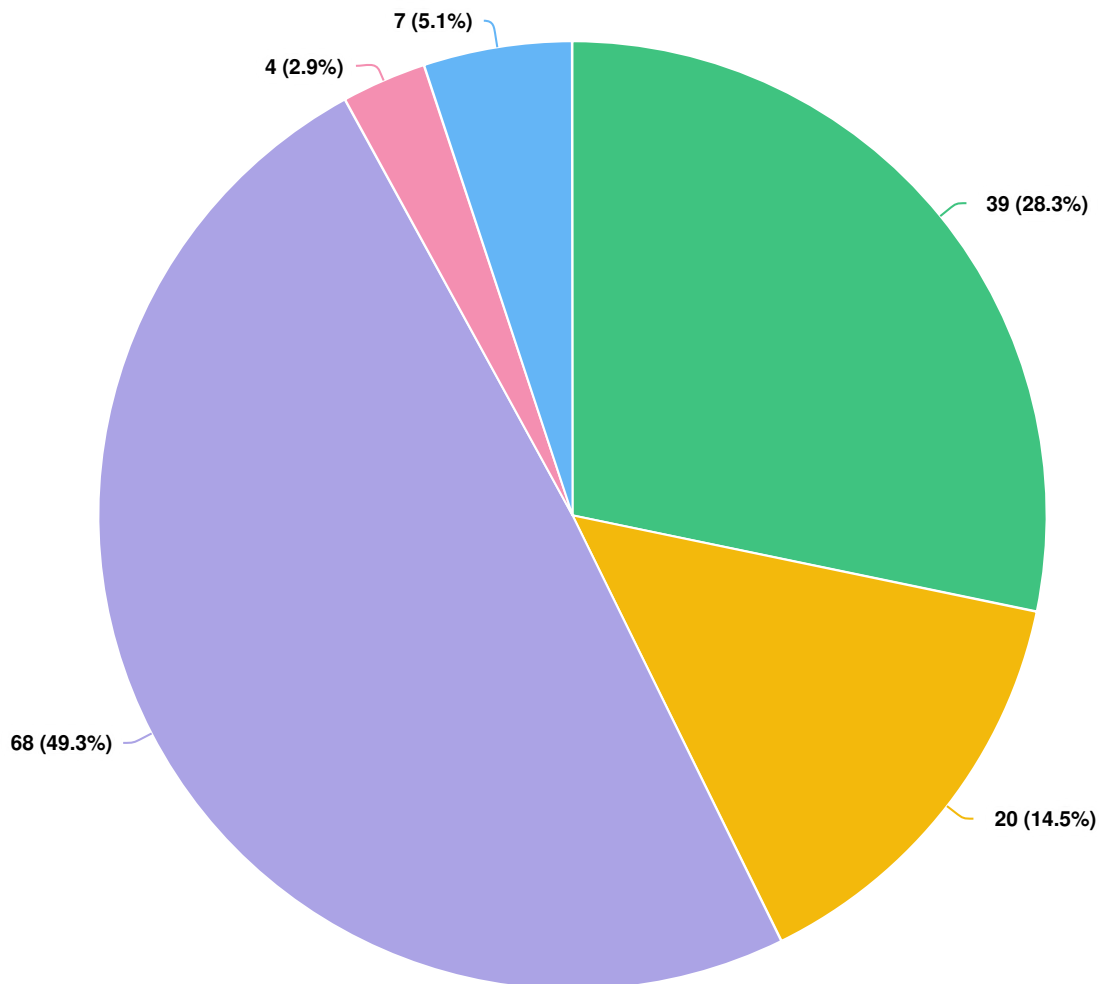


Question options

- Celebration of a milestone
- Dates/Months of Significance (i.e. Breast Cancer Awareness Month)
- Not-for-profit community support or initiative profile
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (138 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q9 What is an appropriate time limit for public presentations?

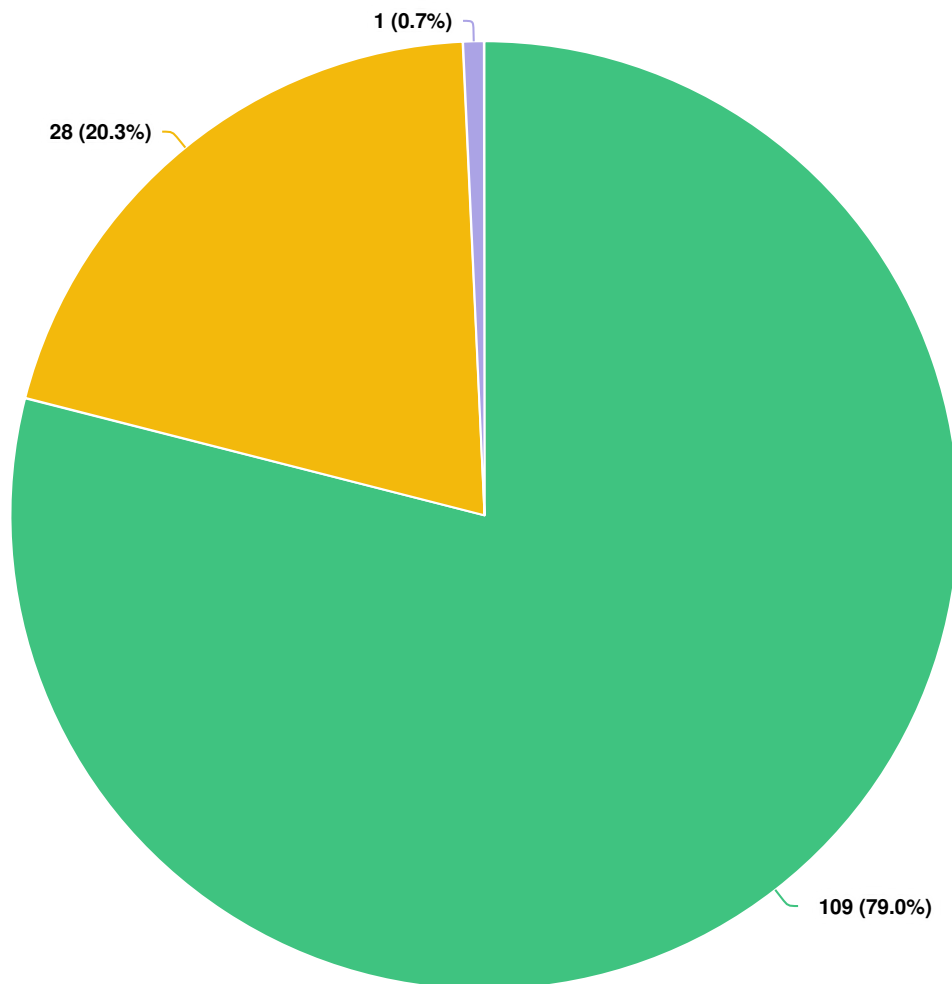


Question options

- 5 minutes ● 8 minutes ● 10 minutes ● 12 minutes ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (138 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q10 | Do you understand the Deputy Mayor role and its purpose?

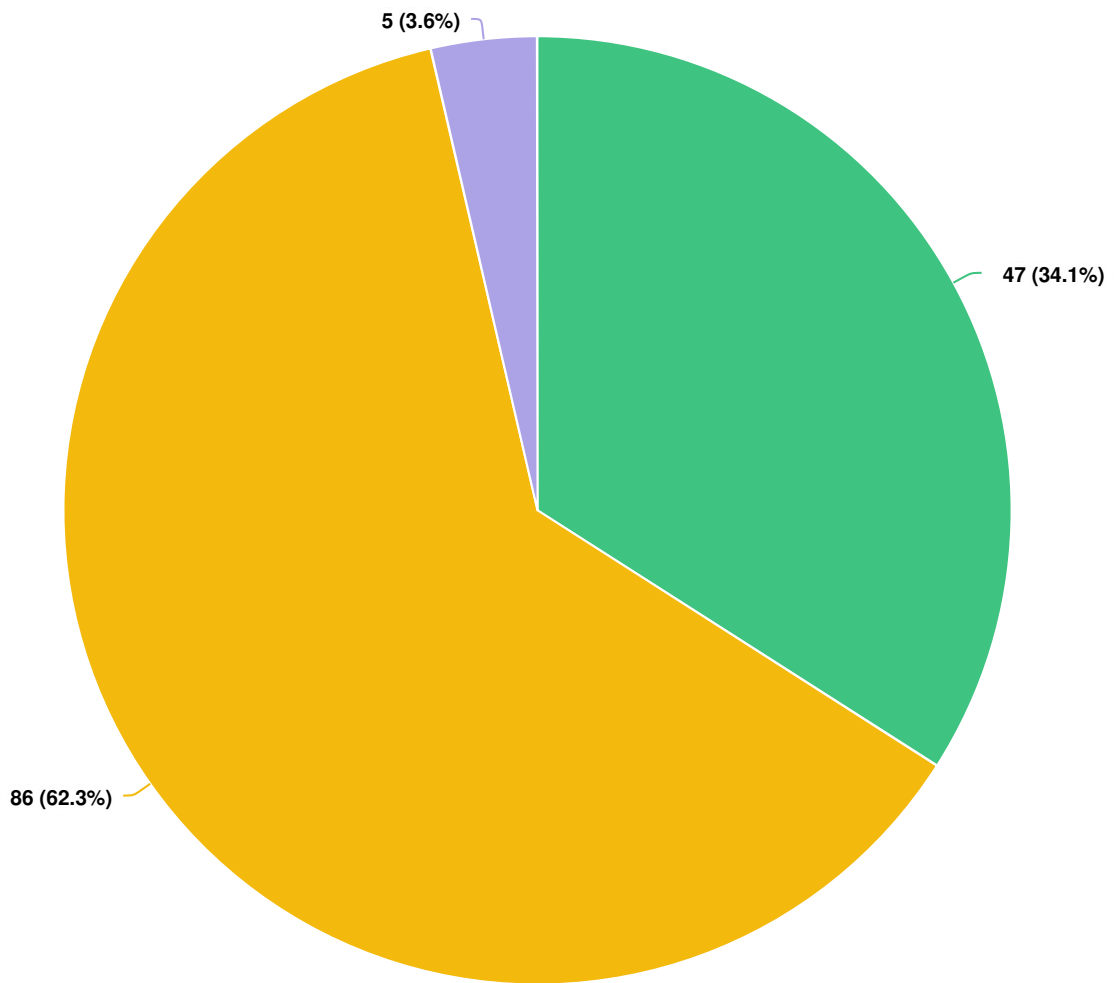


Question options

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Mandatory Question (138 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 | Would you like to learn more about the role of the Deputy Mayor?

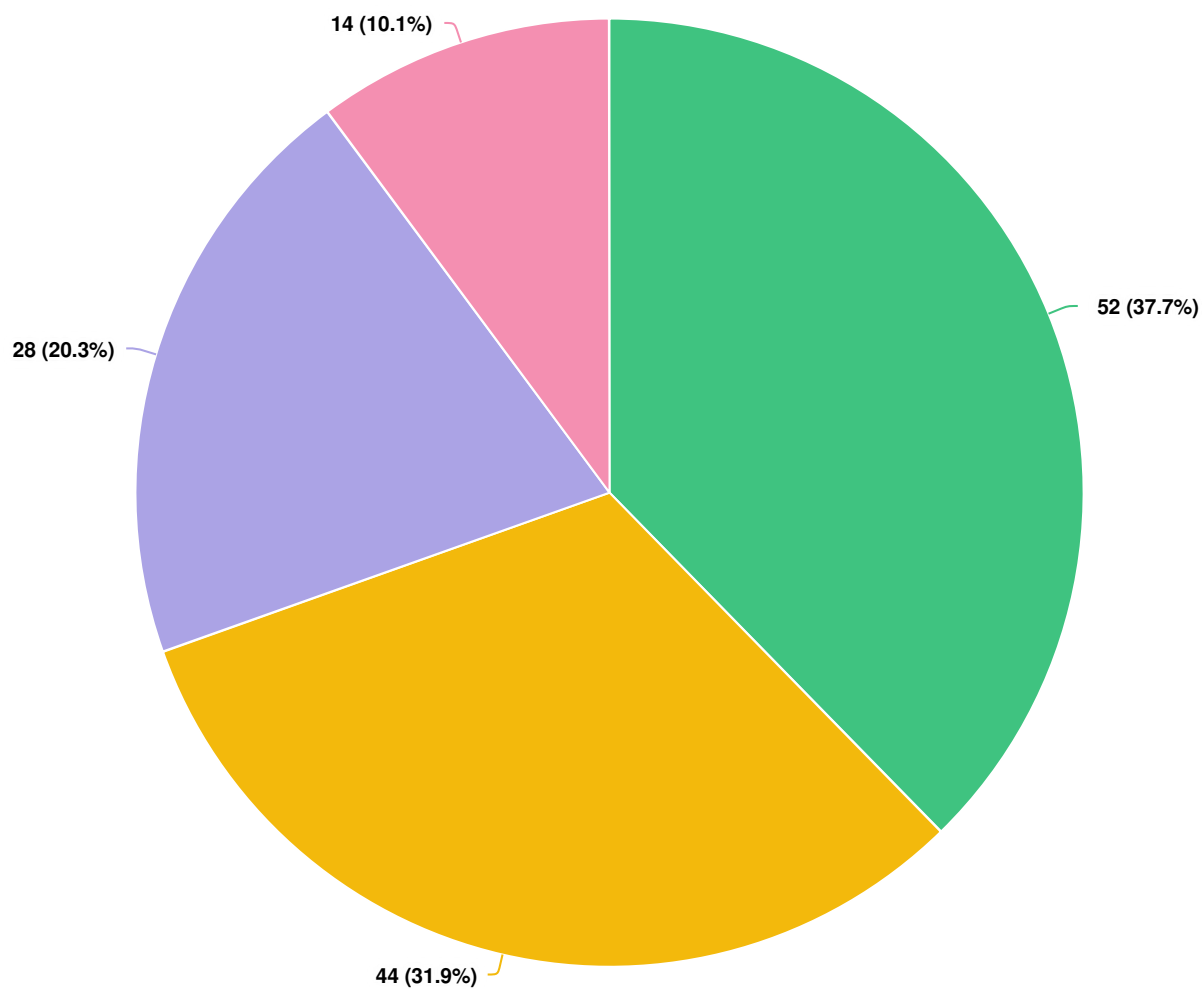


Question options

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Mandatory Question (138 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 Please select which of the following best describes your opinion regarding the Deputy Mayor appointment process.



Question options

- I prefer the rotating appointment for the Deputy Mayor role, where all members of Council, except the Mayor, serve as the Deputy Mayor
- I prefer a four-year appointment of the Deputy Mayor
- I do not have a preference
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (138 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q13 | Do you have any other comments regarding the Procedural By-law Review?

Anonymous

3/31/2023 12:57 PM

I would like to see council one week and committee of whole next week. Meetings are too long and late for me. I would definitely attend if every week format reinstated

Anonymous

3/31/2023 01:41 PM

We need a way to talk to Council. Could do regular Town Halls and meet and greets.

Anonymous

3/31/2023 02:02 PM

Working people can not attend meetings during working hours. Elected officials should serve the interests of the electorate not the other way around

Anonymous

3/31/2023 02:19 PM

Council and COW should be held separately on alternate weeks as in the past. Holding both in one night is relatively recent. Sounds efficient but means meeting far too long at one time. Best meetings last one hour.

Anonymous

3/31/2023 03:05 PM

Council could use some training on how to structure clear motions and how to chair the meeting. There appears to be a lot of time being wasted in understanding what they're being asked to do when motions are made on the fly....sometimes they should just move to the vote even where there is no consensus rather than just going around and around and around an issue. The chair should take the reigns and keep things on track. There could and should be more clear information on the website for residents to understand how decisions are made - does everything go through committee of the whole? When does it actually become law? Where are the opportunities for public to have in pout or try to influence a decision, etc.

Anonymous

4/01/2023 08:26 AM

I was appalled that staff were obstructing a councillor's attempt to make an amendment to a staff report at a meeting I attended. In my opinion the role of staff is to help council (especially a new one) do the business of this municipality. Councillors are the elected Chief Executive Officers of the municipality. Staff take direction from council. Perhaps that needs to be communicated better

Anonymous

4/03/2023 11:06 AM

We need to leverage technology and be more efficient!

Anonymous

4/04/2023 07:04 AM

can council and COW not be separated when agendas are big or there are topics that are going to consume time ?? they used to be separate nights - so presentation and discussion and then if staff or the community needed to provide more information the time was naturally in place for it to be next meeting..... also - if delegations are scheduled why not put them at the beginning of the Council meeting, prior to COW - in case the Council portion consumes excessive amounts of time

Anonymous

4/04/2023 12:38 PM

longer time to doing delegation

Anonymous

4/04/2023 05:21 PM

None at this time

Anonymous

4/04/2023 08:59 PM

Try not to mess with the location of meetings, especially if the times/frequency changes. Too much to handle for some.

Anonymous

4/05/2023 11:47 AM

I work nights and would love to be able to attend daytime meetings!

Anonymous

4/05/2023 12:17 PM

Let's get with the times and be more modern in our approach! Hybrid Meetings are the way to go.

Anonymous

4/05/2023 12:28 PM

THE PORT HOPE COUNCIL And The MAYOR Works of the Taxpayer so they must listen and do as taxpayers want!! Enough with all this Corruption!!!

Anonymous

4/05/2023 12:50 PM

none

Anonymous

4/05/2023 02:47 PM

The questionnaire is good but it doesn't have the same reach of topics as the video.

Anonymous

4/05/2023 07:19 PM

I would like to see more accountability for the performance of municipal staff including the directors and the clerk. I would like to see more transparency with conflict of interest in municipal staff and their influence on council decision making. I would like to see a review of their performance.

Anonymous

4/05/2023 08:42 PM

Put the Deputy mayor position back the way it was Council has been working in the past and just because the majority of the people now are new don't go changing everything

Anonymous

4/06/2023 02:07 PM

I do wonder if this 'survey' is presented in order to legitimize any changes already in the works. we seem to be perched on a precipice, watching real democracy swirl down the drain....

Anonymous

4/06/2023 02:17 PM

Nothing at this time

Anonymous

4/06/2023 02:34 PM

The meeting of March 21st was painful to watch as it derailed. Something needs to be done to support Mayor and Council and streamline the process so meetings cannot possibly go so long and late at night. It was just awful. Have not watched the April 4th Youtube yet but plan to. I do not think COW and Council should be on the same night.

Anonymous

4/06/2023 06:33 PM

I'm concerned that if you move to Council and committee meetings during the day, you'll reduce opportunities for the community to congregate, especially when there are issues of concern to the community. As well, this might prevent an individual who works full-time, or farms during daylight hours (although farmers do work 24/7 especially if they have livestock) to run for council, I understand there are concerns about the length of some of the meetings. It has always been the case, that when there have been important issues that need to be debated, reviewed, and the public's concerns heard, this may result in some long meetings... but this is no different from other levels of government who sit for long sessions in parliament. Staff can have time off in lieu or come in later next day, but don't cut off the public engagement because a few people are concerned that on occasion there are long meetings. If you feel they can't focus, you can break up the meetings and have short recess to recharge., Evening meetings have served our community well, as this encourages engagement. Pushing all meeting to 9-5 creates less transparency, and will result in the staff being in control of the agenda, and I fear council will hear less from the public. That will not sit well with the many engaged residents of our community. Thank you for asking for this feedback.

Anonymous

4/07/2023 08:34 AM

No other than we hope communication as a whole remains open, especially to small business.

Anonymous

4/07/2023 06:42 PM

I'm interested in bi laws for pet owners.I've lived on trefusis street for 10 years.Pets are welcome but must be leashed and feces picked up. (trefusis street park)ILOVE animals but have a dislike for owners who allow dogs off leash .For 10 years I've asked and complained. I'm tired of the disrespect for this little piece of heaven. Thankyou..maybe someone will hear me this time. Thankyou

Anonymous

4/08/2023 06:52 AM

Pertaining to location of meetings, if council expects a large attendance due to topic, I would support a more accommodating venue but I also feel choosing a venue with live stream capabilities very important. Curious to know what percentage of citizens currently attend the live stream and/or the recording of said live stream after the fact?

Anonymous

4/08/2023 02:55 PM

Council members need to answer questions from the public and not simply refer the question to staff for an answer.

Anonymous

4/10/2023 09:11 AM

The Chair of council should not be a voting member of council. Currently the Mayor chairs and then passes the chairing of the meeting to others as their areas of responsibility arise. It would be better if there was one consistent chair who has the proper training in Roberts Rules of Order who can run the meeting appropriately. Not all members of Council are as well versed in Roberts as they should be. The bylaw should include rules as to how many times each councilor can speak on each topic so that no one person can dominate a discussion. The chair needs to be prepared to cut someone off if they are repeating themselves or getting off topic. If no new information or ideas is being presented then the chair should be prepared to call for the vote. These types of rules would help the meetings run more smoothly and efficiently.

Anonymous

4/11/2023 10:32 AM

What (if anything) does this survey have to do with council's "top priority"/(climate change) ? Scrap the crap and stick to the knitting!!!!

Anonymous

4/12/2023 12:29 PM

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Anonymous

4/12/2023 05:49 PM

Hope it happens soon.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 05:09 PM

I feel the Review Surveys , held on a regular term be continued, thereby seeing where improvements can be made and the current

manner of review will indicated support.

Anonymous

4/13/2023 10:18 PM

Not at this time

Anonymous

4/14/2023 05:59 AM

Thanks for asking. Meetings should be moved to the day for better decision making and lower costs. People don't cpme to meetings regardless of the time and if they need to come for a particular topic they will make it work. What about shift workers who can't come in the evening?

Anonymous

4/14/2023 11:02 AM

Thank you for doing this public consultation.

Anonymous

4/17/2023 08:47 AM

Not at this time.

Anonymous

4/19/2023 12:32 PM

There should be some flexibility on the location of advisory committee meetings, some maybe more appropriate as on-site at specific facilities for certain topics.

Anonymous

4/20/2023 03:22 PM

Would this include asking for Ward 2 to have another councillor appointment. Or how about voting for all councillors seeking election in both wards

Anonymous

4/25/2023 12:08 PM

It would seem to me there should be a lot more questions in the survey if you are wanting public input to council communications and procedures.

Anonymous

4/26/2023 09:06 AM

With exception of Consent agenda items concerning organization meeting minutes, would like to see ALL motion votes recorded. All motion votes should be published quarterly on the municipal website to show better transparency of how council members are voting on issues. All Council members should declare political party affiliations and relationships with provincial and federal elected representatives, and their local organizers. Again - to the issues of transparency, perceived influence, and conflicts of interests. Get rid of the infantile and unprofessional use of calling/referring to councilors and the Mayor by their first names (i.e. Mayor Olena, Councilor Claire). It is disrespectful and unprofessional.

Anonymous

4/26/2023 05:53 PM

Correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Council should be made public through a process or file format that can be seen by the media and residents. Important announcements or comments on Municipal programs/projects from other governing bodies should be available. The recent notice of appeal to the OLT by the Garden Hill development proponent is a good example. With such an interest from residents a Notice such as this should be reported publicly immediately. Transparency and accessisibility in all municipal business should be Council's objective. Staff reports are important but should not delay the public's right to know.

Optional question (40 response(s), 98 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question