



2026 Capital Budget & 10-Year Plan Phase 2: Public Engagement Report

Background & Objectives

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A municipality's annual budget is an important policy document that dictates how the City will collect and allocate resources to best improve and maintain City services and infrastructure for the community.

The City of Belleville's budget is broken down into two components: capital and operating. While residents have always been welcome to take part in the budget process by providing their feedback to their council representatives, there has been a significant effort in recent years to encourage more thorough public engagement in the process.

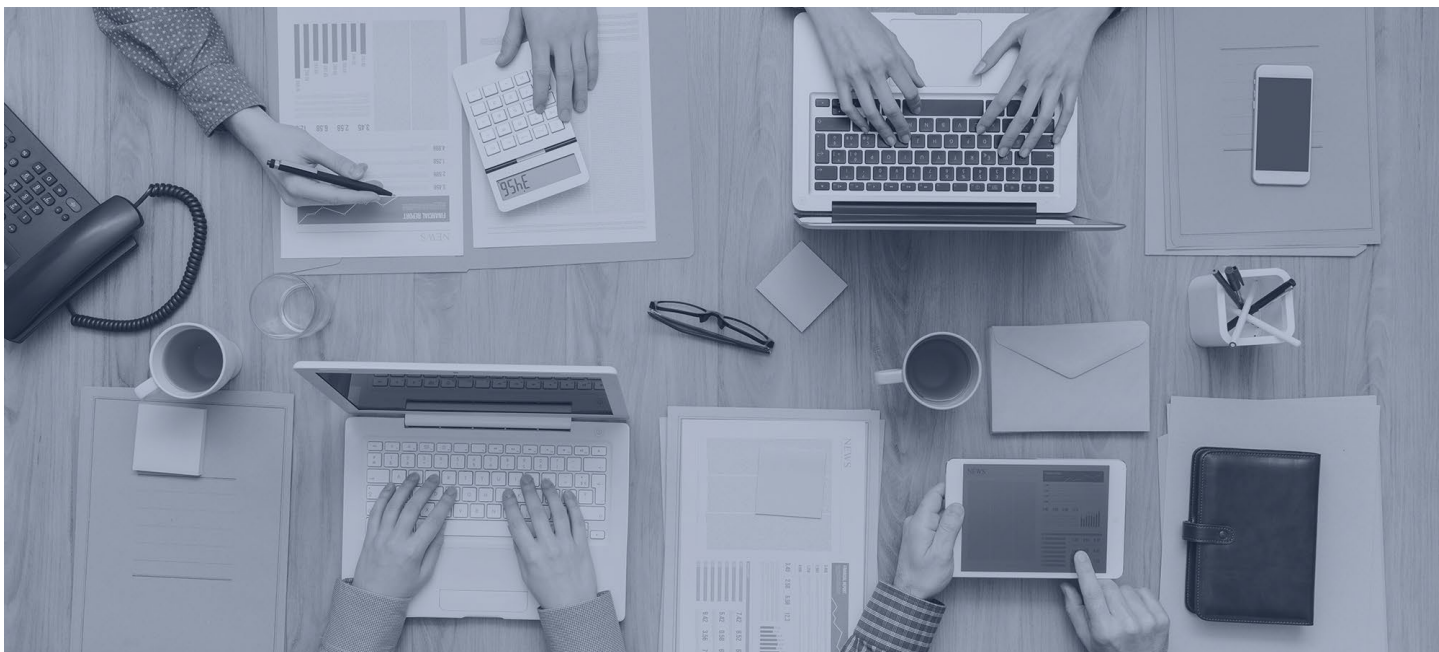
The first phase of the engagement process for the 2026 capital and operating budgets consisted of a short, high-level Preliminary Budget Survey to gauge residents spending priorities. Questions in the survey looked at ranking and prioritizing City services. Feedback collected during this phase was used to develop guidelines for budget preparations.

The second phase in the engagement approach entails a detailed breakdown of the proposed budgets. The draft capital budget and 10-year capital plan were made available to the public on Oct. 6. Members of the public were asked to review the draft documents and provide their input on specific items identified by staff in their draft budgets, in the form of a survey. A similar approach will be taken for the draft operating budget once it is available in January.

Objectives

The goal behind this year's communications and engagement strategy was as follows:

- Provide residents with additional educational material and resources around the budget process.
- Encourage direct engagement from as many residents as possible.
- Provide council and staff with public feedback to help shape a budget and plan that best serves their residents.



Engagement Strategy

Timeline

- May – Preliminary survey to gauge residents' budget priorities.
- June to August – Presentation of feedback received & adoption of budget guidelines.
- October – Draft capital budget posted and public survey released to obtain feedback.
- November – Capital budget council meeting and presentation of feedback received.
- January – Operating budget posted and public survey released to obtain feedback.
- February – Operating budget council meeting and presentation of feedback received.



Tactics

Communications has used a number of channels to inform and engage the public through this first phase of engagement, including:

- Budget Webpage
- Online Survey
- Budget Summary Sheet
- Comment Card
- Direct Mailouts in Tax Notices
- Media Release
- Email to News Subscribers
- Website Alert
- Social Media (Paid & Organic)
- Community Press Ad
- InQuinte/Quinte News Ads
- Digital Billboard
- QSWC Marquee
- Budget Newsletter
- Belleville Updates Newsletter

2026 Capital Budget and 10-Year Plan

The proposed 2026 Capital Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan are now available and we want your feedback! View the draft documents and provide your feedback through our online survey before Nov. 3 to have your say.

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Budget | The Proposed 2026 Capital Budget is now available and we want your feedback! View the summary and provide your input.

View the Proposed 2026 Capital Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan Summary: <https://bit.ly/4n5uQVw>

Provide feedback through our online survey: surveymonkey.com/t/TXBN789

Belleville's Proposed 2026 Capital Budget is here!

Proposed Capital Budget at a Glance

Category	Amount
Total Proposed 2026 \$55.5 Million Capital Budget	\$55.5M
Asset Maintenance and Replacements	\$44.1M
New Assets	\$11.4M

Funding

- User Rate Reserve Funds - 31%
- Grants - 23%
- Capital Reserve Funds - 23%
- Loans - 10%
- Long Term Debt - 1%
- Donations - 1%

Key Projects

- Bridge St. East (Phase 2) - \$5M
- Surface Treatment/Road Resurfacing - \$6.3M
- North Riverfront Trail Extension - \$6.3M
- Five Bus Replacements - \$4M
- Two Firetruck Replacements - \$1.9M
- Quinte Sports & Wellness Renewals - \$1.4M
- Water and Wastewater Pipe Relining - \$4.3M

Have your say, take the survey today!

Belleville.ca/GetInvolved

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NEWS & NOTICES

- Start Your Job Search at the Work in Quinte Career Fair**
The next Work in Quinte Career Fair takes place Oct. 15 from 1-5 p.m. at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Center. Meet local employers from different sectors who are looking to hire. Don't forget copies of your resume! Learn more and register today at: WorkInQuinte.ca
- Draft 2026 Capital Budget & 10-Year Capital Plan Survey**
You are invited to provide input into the draft 2026 Capital Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan! Feedback received will be considered prior to adoption of the budget. Review the draft documents and take the survey before Nov. 3 to have your say. Belleville.ca/GetInvolved
- Important Information Regarding Postal Service Disruptions**
We would like to advise residents to avoid putting any time-sensitive documents or payments in the mail until further notice & consider signing up for online services where possible. Learn more: Belleville.ca/PostalServiceDisruption
- Cherryway Days Are Back Oct. 18 and 19**
Cherryway Days are your chance to get out of pent-up items that you no longer use! Place items at the curb starting at 8 a.m. with a "FREE" sign for your neighbours to take. Learn more: Belleville.ca/CherrywayDays
- Festival of Lights Sponsorship Opportunities**
The Festival of Lights is back Nov. 14 and we are now seeking donations from individuals interested in supporting the beloved holiday tradition for another season! All donors will receive a charitable tax receipt. Learn more and donate: Belleville.ca/FestivalOfLights
- Spooky Season at Glenmore National Historic Site**
Get your tickets for spooky season at Glenmore! The Creepy Curioles exhibit runs until Nov. 2, with Family Night at the 300-seat taking place on Oct. 24. For event details and to book your next visit to the museum, go to: Glenmore.ca

Belleville's Budget 101

Draft 2026 Capital Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan Now Available

We are now seeking final comments and feedback on the draft 2026 Capital Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our preliminary survey earlier this year. Your input helped develop guidelines for the draft budget and 10-year capital plan.

We encourage you to review the draft documents and take the 2026 Capital Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan Survey before it closes on Nov. 3 to have your say on the finalization of both documents!

[Complete the Survey!](#)

Results & Metrics

Communications around the 2026 Capital Budget & 10-Year Plan Survey have garnered the following results:

Webpage

Total estimated views of webpage during survey period (Oct. 6-Nov. 3):

- Belleville.ca/Budget – 451 (126% increase compared to previous period of Sept. 8-Oct. 6)
- Get Involved 2026 Budget Webpage – 850 (377% increase compared to previous period of Sept. 8-Oct. 6)
- News Release – 38

Social Media

Social media metrics during survey period (Oct. 6-Nov. 3):

- Facebook (Organic) – 2 Posts Total with Average Reach of 4,115 and Engagement of 64
- Facebook (Paid) – 1 Boosted Post with Reach of 28,040 and Engagement of 895
- Twitter – 3 Organic Posts Total with Average Reach of 233 and Engagement of 10

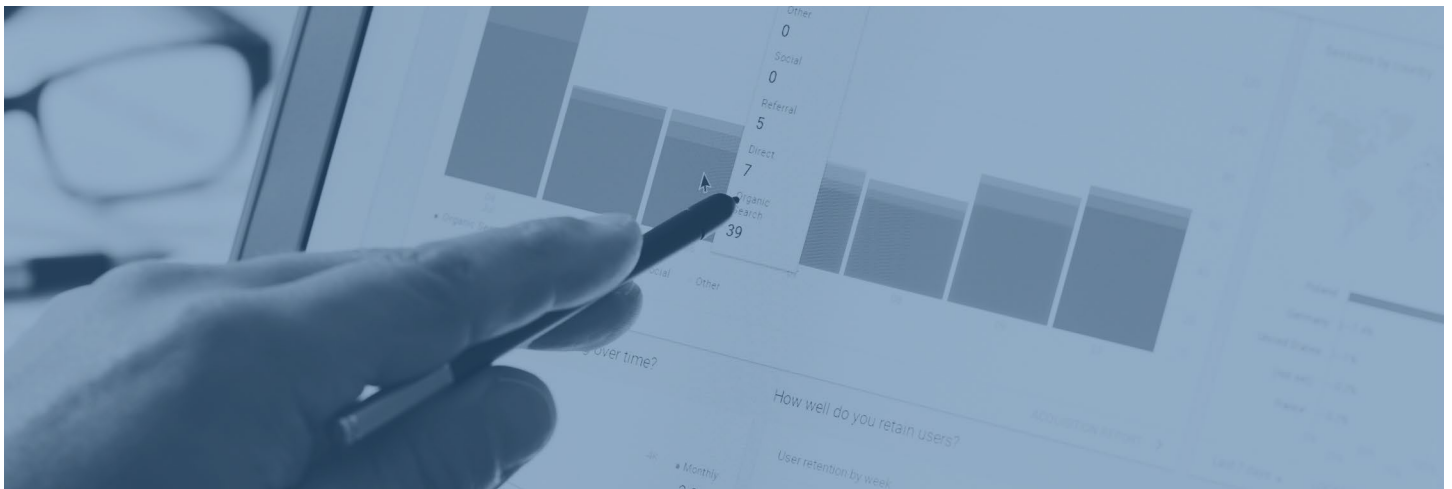
Digital

- Email to News Subscribers – Reached 394 Subscribers
- Belleville Updates Newsletter – Reached 433 Subscribers
- Budget Newsletter – Reached 167 Subscribers
- InQuinte Digital Ad – 32,124 impressions and 99 clicks
- Quinte News Digital Ad – 584, 262 impressions and 212 clicks

Print

- Community Press Ad – Total Reach of Approx. 18,553 Belleville Households
- Informational Buck Slip – Mailed to Approx. 22,000 Belleville Households in Tax Notices

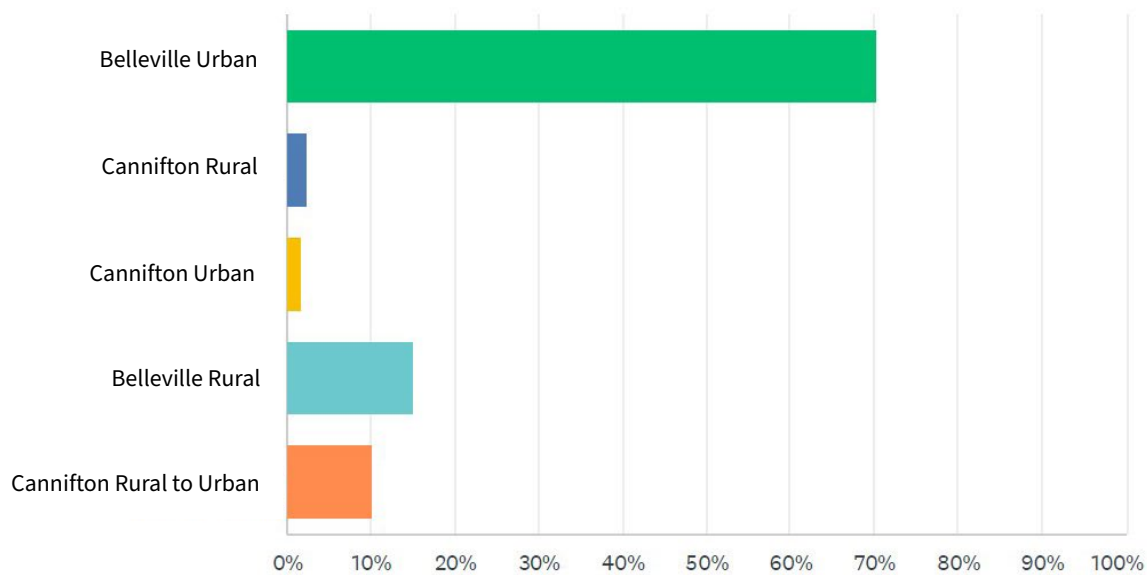
The results above were collected using Google Analytics, Meta Business Suite, Twitter Analytics, iCreate reporting and annual average daily traffic (as last reported in 2014).



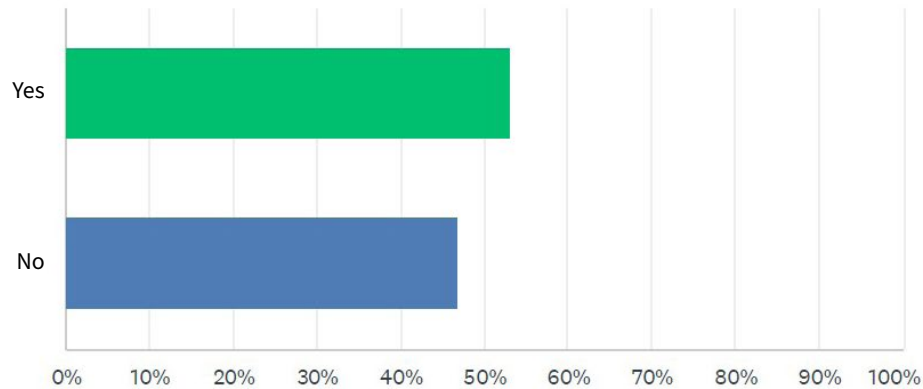
Survey Summary

The 2026 Capital Budget & 10-Year Plan Survey ran from Oct. 6 to Nov. 3. Below is a summary of the 449 total responses and feedback received through the survey period. Highlights of comments under “Please Specify” for questions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 can be found beneath each question. See Appendix A for detailed responses.

Q1: Which tax billing area do you live in?



Q2: While considering the above-noted guidelines, are you generally satisfied with the projects included in the draft 2026 Capital Budget?



Highlights/trending responses under "Why or why not?" for question 2:

Opposition to trail extension spending

- Several respondents feel the North Riverfront Trail Extension is unnecessary at \$6 million.
- Funds should be redirected to more urgent needs like roads, housing, and homelessness.

Concerns about high taxes and debt

- Repeated calls for lower taxes and avoiding new debt.
- Residents fear affordability issues and question why property taxes keep rising.
- Some suggest cutting services instead of increasing spending.

Infrastructure and road repairs are top priority

- Roads (Sidney Street, Bridge Street, urban areas) mentioned frequently as critical.
- Calls for long-term fixes, not patchwork, and prioritizing high-risk infrastructure before failure.
- Several believe roads should come before recreational projects.

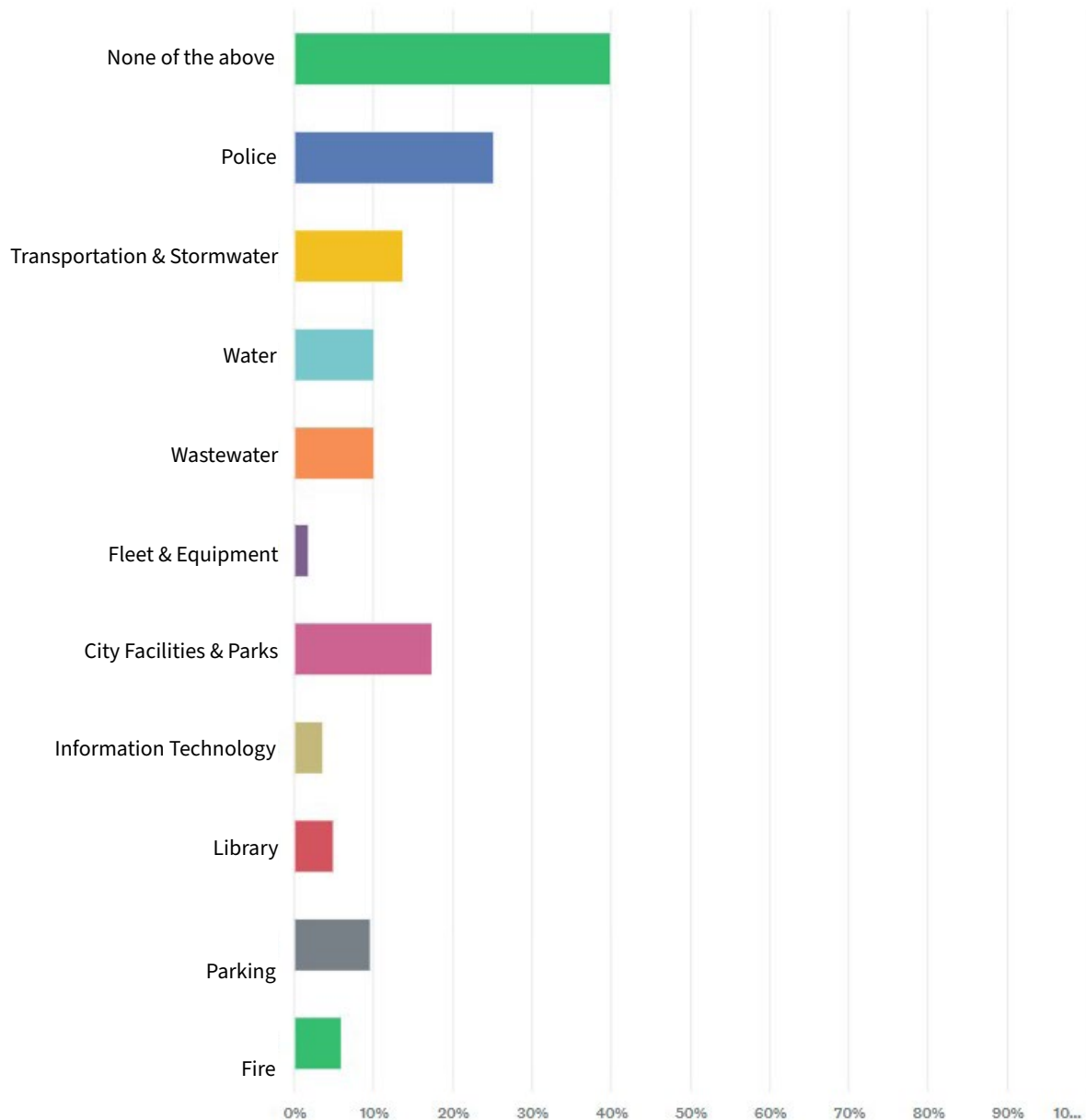
Addressing homelessness and social issues

- Strong demand for funding toward housing, mental health, and addiction supports.
- Frustration that the budget ignores the homelessness crisis while spending on discretionary services.
- Some link safety concerns and downtown decline to lack of action on these issues.

Transparency and accountability

- Multiple comments about lack of clarity on tax impacts, project costs, and prioritization.
- Requests for easier-to-understand language, citizen involvement in decision-making, and accountability for past spending.

Q3: In your opinion, are there any service areas that you think require general immediate attention but may not be appropriately reflected in this budget?



Highlights/trending responses under "Comments" for question 3:

Roads and transportation infrastructure

- Strong demand for road resurfacing and repairs (e.g., Sidney Street, Bridge Street, Tracey Street, Dufferin Ave).
- Calls for better traffic flow (e.g., lane expansion on Sidney north of Hwy 401, improved intersections).
- Sidewalks and pedestrian safety improvements also noted.

Housing and homelessness

- Multiple mentions of affordable housing and addressing homelessness/drug issues.
- Linked to safety concerns and overall livability of Belleville.

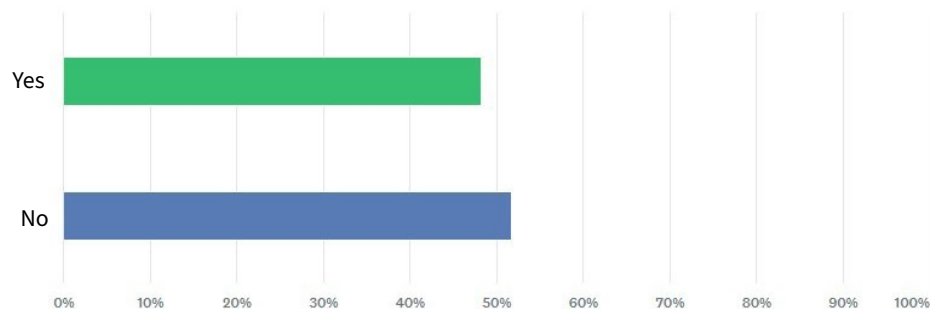
Policing and public safety

- Requests for increased police funding and staffing to deal with crime and homelessness.

Parks, recreation, and sports facilities

- Need for new baseball/softball diamonds.
- Interest in indoor sports facilities (soccer dome, turf fields) and park accessibility upgrades.

Q4: Based on the projects listed in the 10-Year Capital Plan, are you generally satisfied with the projects and/or service areas included?



Highlights/trending responses under "Why or why not?" for question 4:

Roads and transportation spending

- Multiple comments criticize excessive focus on roads or resurfacing new roads instead of old ones.
- Calls for better prioritization and addressing neglected streets (Tracey St, College/Sidney intersection).

Housing and homelessness

- Repeated requests for affordable housing projects and action on homelessness.
- Concerns that housing initiatives have failed or are underfunded.

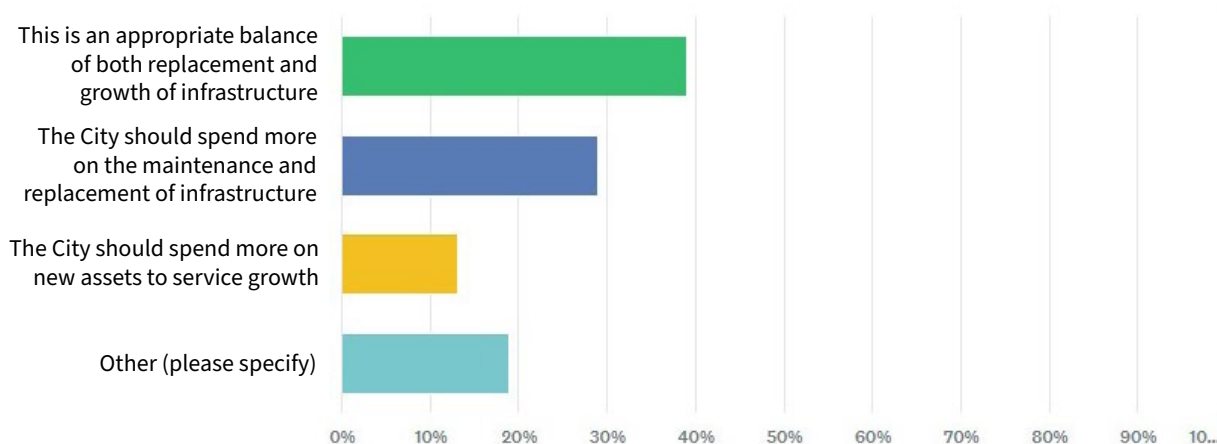
Policing and public safety

- Several comments demand more funding for police to address crime and homelessness.
- Others criticize spending on items like an armoured vehicle, calling for practical investments (e.g., hiring officers).
- A few opposing views suggest defunding police and reallocating funds to social services.

Parks and recreation

- Frequent mentions of too much spending on parks compared to critical infrastructure.
- Some support more recreation facilities (indoor courts, turf fields, ice rinks), but others want park spending trimmed to lower taxes.

Q5: Approximately 70% of spending in the 10-Year Capital plan focuses on the maintenance and replacement of existing assets, while 30% is to invest in new infrastructure to support growth in the community. When comparing these proportions to the recommendations outlined in the City's Asset Management Plan, a considerably higher investment is planned for the maintenance and replacement of infrastructure. Which of the following statements best represents your opinion on these proportions?



Highlights/trending responses under "Other (please specify)" for question 5:

Preference for higher maintenance spending

- Many respondents agree with prioritizing maintenance and replacement of existing assets over new infrastructure.
- Comments suggest ratios like 80/20 or even more toward maintenance, citing aging infrastructure and cost control.

Affordable housing and homelessness

- Multiple mentions of affordable housing as urgent needs.
- Strong sentiment that new infrastructure should include housing solutions, not just growth-related projects.

Reduce overall spending and tax burden

- Several comments call for reduction in unnecessary spending, reducing costs, and avoiding tax increases.

Growth should pay for growth

- Repeated statements that developers should fund infrastructure for new growth, not existing taxpayers.

Q6: The City adopted levels of service tied to its assets earlier this year. These can be explored on the City's KPI Dashboard. In your opinion, what additional levels of service would you like the City to report on?

Highlights/trending responses under question 6:

Housing and homelessness reporting

- Multiple comments request KPIs on housing initiatives and homelessness support.

Roads and infrastructure maintenance

- Repeated mentions of road maintenance and updates as a key service level to report.
- Includes intersections and street conditions (e.g., courthouse area, major roads).

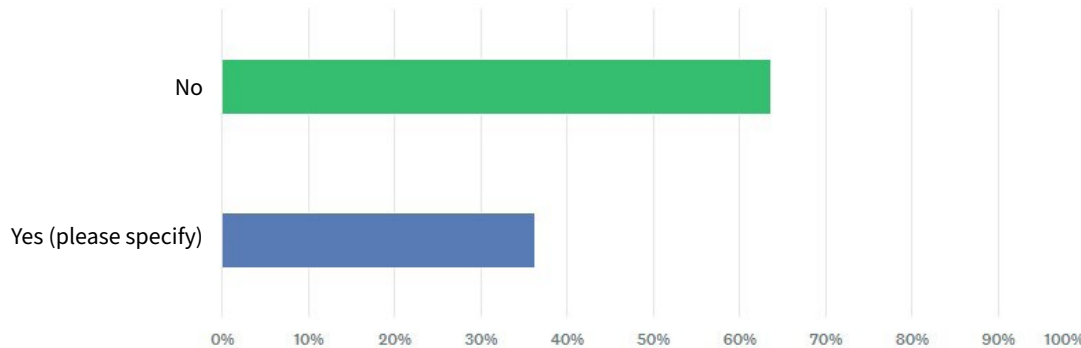
Policing and public safety

- Calls for reporting on police services, crime reduction, and accountability.
- Some comments also include fire and ambulance response times.

Mental health and social services

- Requests for indicators on mental health support, affordability, and social assistance.
- Linked to homelessness and community well-being

Q7: Are there any specific topics surrounding the City's Capital Budget or 10-Year Capital Plan processes that you wish you had more information and background on?



Highlights/trending responses under "Yes (please specify)" for question 7:

Housing and homelessness information

- Multiple comments request details on plans for affordable housing and addressing homelessness.
- Includes interest in converting vacant schools, oversight on spending for homeless centers, and long-term strategies.

Water, wastewater, and infrastructure projects

- Repeated mentions of wanting more information on water and wastewater management, sewage treatment, and related capital costs.

Police spending and public safety

- Several comments ask for clarity on police budgets, what requests were approved or denied, and why.
- Interest in crime reduction strategies and oversight on spending for items like armoured vehicles.

Staff salaries and operational costs

- Requests for transparency on upper management salaries, headcount, and benefits.

Appendix A

Below is a detailed look at the responses from questions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the survey.

Q2: While considering the above-noted guidelines, are you generally satisfied with the projects included in the draft 2026 Capital Budget?

- I would like to see more investment in our sports fields, in particular, our baseball and softball diamonds. They have been ignored for long enough
- I don't agree with spending to the point of needing to take on debt. As Canadians we are well over taxed already and debt just makes life more expensive. It well overdue that we stop spending beyond our means. We need a balanced budget that lowers taxes and focuses on eliminating debt. Yes I fully understand that means we need to go without some things but some things will turn into many things the longer we continue this path. We need politicians willing to do the unpopular but necessary thing of cutting services - reducing spending - cutting government waste including unnecessary jobs.
- Yes, however why are we funding \$100K for an armoured vehicle for BPS?
- I don't think waterfront trail is a priority, when myself and all my neighbours on marshall road have had dry wells all summer and there seems like no hope in sight for municipal water.
- Need to prioritize high risk projects before catastrophic failure.
- Not easy to understand what this means...easier language please
- Need a road way leveled and better water drainage in place
- What is listed does not add up to 55 million and NONE of that money being used to help with Housing Crisis
- The strategy seems fine but no info on cost to tax payers. Taxes too high now and becoming an affordability decision as to being able to live in this city.
- An increase in contribution to reserve funds for capital projects should not increase property taxes.
- I do not support some of the spending
- I live in the heart of Belleville on Moira street west and still don't have potable water, sidewalks or street lights!!!
- what's the point of "improving" a city that is a sanctuary city for homeless drug addicts who have destroyed the heart of the city: downtown while NGO agencies give themselves huge salaries? And the usual suspects get rewarded contracts.
- Infrastructure is important
- The trail extension funds would be better used elsewhere. I understand there is no crossing on 37 but the pedestrian traffic at this time is so minimal walking there. People will not walk down from hwy 62 to use this walkway and back for a safer pass to Walmart etc. this project can wait for the 401 expansion at this time. The cost vs benefit of this project does not make sense and cannot be justified. The foot traffic over this bridge isn't there.
- I do not believe that extension on trail systems should be a priority at this point in time. Especially when there is nothing budgeted to help deal with the homeless issues within the city.
- Not enough road renewal work in urban area.

- I support the capital plans for the Wellness Centre and parks, but I'd like to see faster progress on park accessibility improvements. It's nearly winter, and the basic upgrades I requested in May still haven't been completed.
- I don't believe it's a smart use of taxpayer money to allot the biggest chunk of the budget of 6 million on extending the north riverfront trail. There are so many problems with the inner infrastructure like roads that constantly create potholes after a rain. The homeless situation is out of control with nowhere to turn to because there are no rehab facilities in the area and not enough space in the current emergency shelters. What are we helping by wasting so much money on a walking trail when there are so many other obvious issues?
- All of the listed planned expenditures will increase our taxes, stop and think how this is affecting the residents. We are now at our limit.
- Taxpayers have been paying an arm and a leg for housing that was supposed to be complete already and hasn't. And the road on Bridge Street is supposed to be complete by 2025 they said but haven't even started. And the homeless get away with [redacted], and [redacted] and getting away with it all. It's quite ridiculous
- I don't see anything that helps regular people
- Should be more funding for unhoused community; housing, mental health supports, addiction supports.
- The projects noted are important and appear to have appropriate prioritization.
- It seems to cover all aspects of community needs from essential services to recreational services.
- Seems reasonable
- Nothing said about cleaning up the garbage in the streets. How about the homeless. What about holding the Belleville police accountable for the lack of service they provide but still take their over paid yearly salary
- Next too nothing new is being added.
- Too much resources being wasted on pet projects old alhambra hall example who is being held accountable to this colossal blunder
- No guarantee on not giving downtown businesses bailouts.
- Need to rein in spending in this economy
- too aggressive in some areas....police increase and number of fire trucks
- Money spent on a trail should not be in the cards right now. We taxpayers are tapped out. Trim the fat!
- I pay 6300 per year in taxes for a terrible lack in services
- repair the roads
- Increase not acceptable
- The most costly item is Trail Extension.....to me this is almost criminal. so many people struggling to survive in this economy...losing their homes....seniors being homeless.....and you have the nerve to ask for over 6 million to expand a walking trail...UNBELIEVABLE
- Ward 1 has very old infrastructure and is in need of capital attention. Angry that taxes for Ward 1 residents is so low.
- Bridge Street West is horrible since building the god awful court house. Fix the lights on Sidney and bridge so you can safely turn left on bridge from Sidney st. Why these lights are not set like every other light on Sidney Street as beyond me. I guess the city likes all the accidents and pedestrians that get hit because they j walk.
- Facilities in Belleville require expansion. Specifically ice rinks, as a parent of a child in Belleville it's ridiculous that we have to go to Trenton or Frankford because there is no availability in Belleville. This also means that additional teams or leagues cannot form due to these restrictions.
- Property taxes are getting ridiculous, what happened to Casino money?
- Generally satisfied, but we have had concerns about the condition of our street for several years.
- Why extend the river front trail when you could spend money to actually address the homeless bums and hold the drug users actually accountable. Should put that money towards more police. More parks for children to play.

- Take the riverfront trail extension off the table, taxes are already too high in Belleville
- What about all the homelessness and drug problems? How about affordable housing!!!
- Priorities are skewed
- How can we make a full assessment when you have not told us what the impact on property taxes this will have. Is this going over what you had last year? Is this going to increase our already sky-high taxes? This detail matters.
- Nothing to address homelessness/drug crisis or upkeep/maintenance of waterfront trail.
- There is nothing wrong with bridge st e but bridge west starting at Coleman needs to be fixed
- Do not know the impact of tariffs on capital spending, buy Canadian etc
- I live near city owned environmentally protected land. The forest bed has washed away. Neighbours convert the land to private gardens. Nobody is protecting the land despite numerous reports to bylaw officers. The conservation Authority and the ministry say it's city property and can only make recommendations. Same Residents whose property back onto the environmentally protected area dump yard waste, etc which despite mounds of evidence, no effort goes into monitoring the area and issuing tickets. I was told the chemicals used to remove weeds, etc in yards have been approved by Ontario government and therefore they are safe to dump in our forested area and wetland. This is killing our habitat. Chemical's are approved for LIMITED use and this practice must stop. Why can't everyone dump their yard waste there?? We need serious education, rehabilitation and protection of our dwindling environmentally protected areas. Why have Green Teams when the easiest thing is to care for what we already have?
- Too costly.
- Our capital budget is significantly higher than other municipalities of similar populations. I don't understand why we're using radio links to link the library to city hall for example. Dark fibre could easily be leased from telecom provider or installed for a one time cost and would not be subject to weather. I question the accuracy of some of the budget justifications. as an IT professional of over 20 years a data center class UPS and installation would not be 120k.
- High risk problems are of concern while maintaining current taxes for residents
- The Police should be defunded. Funds should go to the Library. \$44 for IT is not enough. Our city IS NOT A BUSINESS. "Growth" should not be our goal. Taking care of the current population, and our health and education, should be the priority. Community doesn't only mean local businesses. Community also means taking care of the ones that need help - like the unhoused population that keeps growing.
- Too much money is going to the North Riverfront Trail Extension, and not enough money is going to the Police and Homeless Shelters.
- Nothing about upgrading the sewage treatment plant which has been on the books for years and continues to disperse odours
- Seems like projects are for long term investment of resources
- Trail expansions unnecessary when the homeless and crime/drug problem is so rampant, and clearly an emergency.
- The trails are wonderful, but as the drug addicts have taken them over, we are afraid to use them!
- While I commend what the city is planning, it would be better spent of fixing some of the roads in the city itself. There are many that are horrendous! They have been patched over and over and it's hard on our vehicles. Don't redo streets that have already been done - that's a waste of money - do the ones that actually need to be resurfaced completely! They are right downtown and to the east of Front St. and north and south of Dundas St E. Thank you.
- Must maintain infrastructure
- Blends needed maintenance with some upgrades. Really want pedestrian access from north of the 401
- Roads yes. Police equipment yes. Works dept yes. Rural fire yes. Urban fire NO.
- Keeping city clean will attract more migration resulting in additional tax collection. City should not look dead and it won't cost much to maintain so.

- Budget should be helping with homeless and mental health the roads on Everett bridge street west at corner of Coleman and courthouse up though the top of hill on highland. I don't understand why city need to do anything with the riverside park area
- "I don't agree with any pathway work right now. Extending pathways. What needs to be done is road construction. Especially down below the tracks near the water. Pinnacle street, george Street south.
- All these roads need to be updated. It's like rolling over a rollercoaster. It is sad. The city has taken so long and i've lived here all my life in this area"
- We shouldn't have a tax levy or we dont need any more increase to taxes water rates etc.
- I have a serious concern about the state of Belleville's roads; particularly Sidney Street. The condition of these roadways has deteriorated to a point that's not just inconvenient, but outright unacceptable. I don't think I've ever lived in a city where the roads are in such dire need of replacement. It's not just a matter of aesthetics; it's about safety, vehicle damage, and the overall image of our community. It's utterly disappointing that such a critical issue continues to be neglected. Sidney Street, among others, deserves immediate attention — not another round of temporary patchwork that falls apart after the next rainfall. Belleville residents deserve better infrastructure and a long-term plan to fix our roads properly. It's time to prioritize real investment in our city's foundation, literally.
- you should not draft a budget for 10 years, so much can change in that time frame, go for a forecast budget of 3 to 5 years.
- Yes the 2026 CB appears well detailed and represents a sound operating plan for Belleville. However this should be supported by a (top level), "City of Belleville, Mission - Vision - Values" statement. Has a MVV statement been created for the city?.
- Not enough details
- Lessen the number of new busses and make the transit system better instead. Lessen the Wellness Centre spending.
- Although I do like the proposal for the multi-use path in the hydro corridor, this doesn't go far enough. There needs to be more routes for cyclists to get to the east end industrial park (college street between Cannifton Road and Airport Parkway is very dangerous for cyclists. There are also no safe routes for cyclists to cross the 401, currently the best options are sidney street, which is too narrow and cars try to squeeze past and then Cannifton Road/37 which has a lot of lanes and lots of traffic changing lanes and not enough room to keep out of the way. A good option would be the bridge from university ave between Carmichael and Grief. Then there is the issue of riding along Wallbridge-Loyalist where it crosses the CP rail tracks. This bridge is very narrow and cars do not leave the required space. This make it hard for those using the cycles lanes on Hamilton Road link to the city Safely. It would possibly be easy to section off part of the ramp from Northbound Wallbridge-Loyalist to Moira Street for cycles, then have a crossing similar to that on Moira Street East just south of College street and then continue the path just to the east of the bridge in land that sits adjacent to the farmers field, between it and the bridge over the railway lines. With regards to services for the homeless, while I do agree they need to exist, I do wonder why the homeless have better access to food and medical care than an increasingly growing number of children in the area, some are going to school hungry with little to no lunch in their lunch pails. My own kids and their friends have over time frequently given food to other children that did not come to school with enough food, or any at all. I also believe that those homeless persons that refuse to take any help to get back on their feet should at some point be refused service. When reading the local news a majority of the offenders in violent incidents, vandalism, lewd acts etc. says "of no fixed address" There are areas people refuse to go, areas of downtown being some of them. The dealers that supply to those that have addiction issues in instances of overdose should also be charged with [redacted] in cases where they knew or ought to have know what they supplied could [redacted] the recipient or at least cause an overdose. This needs to happen until the bail system is reformed and lax penalties for drug crimes are toughened
- There is little to no budget or planning related to trees/tree planting or climate change mitigation

- I am, but wished highway 2 and wallbridge-loyalist got done sooner to be the major roads they are
- Too great a focus on roads. Should prioritize generational projects that can attract development and investment like creating a new riverfront downtown park (across from City Hall)
- Do not need to spend that much on riverside trail
- Na
- When is Sydney st going to be widened and paved
- Should be separate category for new development cost and charges. If cost of development not covered by development charges don't develop.
- I have not seen any return on investments as stated above just taxes going up while city funds are mismanaged
- From what I read, the city council is doing too much reading and consultations and not enough doing anything. The tax payers are flipping the bill for consultation!
- did not see any projects for the wastewater, which sinks every time I go by.
- Roads need priority
- Insufficient detail on the site for the proposed capital budget. Examples, 10 year plan map only shows work east of the Moira river. Upper bow bridge is on the map, and should be demolished, there is a modern multiple lane bridge 100 meters away connecting the major artery and all directions lane turning. Upper bow bridge is redundant.
- "I'm not satisfied with no mention of improvements to the west hill green space. Playground was planned to be replaced in 2026 until housing development started getting discussed. Just wondering how that old playground isn't a risk. Otherwise fine."
- The city has no regard for homeowners and the expenses they have with maintaining a household. The city keeps increasing property taxes to pay for everything. Start holding everyone accountable, not put everything on homeowners. We used to be Cannifton rural but that changed because the city could grab a few more dollars.
- I think some of the road work can be put on hold to avoid property tax hikes, it is becoming less affordable to live here. I'd rather have some pot holes and road issues than not be able to afford to live in my house
- Northeast Industrial Park expansion/costs should be re-evaluated based on the availability of privately owned industrial lands. The City should partner (QEDC) to promote and market those lands before investing more tax payers \$ in City owned industrial lands.
- Why is it just staff only that's prioritizing projects, citizens and committees should also be able to say what should be a priority
- Too much corporate welfare. Amazon, Halla, and Auto system jobs are not worth the tax breaks.
- Remove armoured vehicle
- Times are going to get tough let's keep the spending down
- Maintaining critical infrastructure that could be at high risk is of the utmost importance.

Q3: In your opinion, are there any service areas that you think require general immediate attention but may not be appropriately reflected in this budget?

- According to the Parks Master Plan that was adopted a few years ago we are in a major deficit for baseball and softball diamonds. If the city would like to continue generating revenue from these facilities, there should be serious consideration about developing new ball diamonds. There is a lot of opportunity to generate revenue for the entire city by hosting major baseball & softball tournaments.
- We need better laws and laws that enable the police to do their jobs with proper authority.
- Belleville rural does not pay its fair share with relation to taxation and what they receive regarding to Policing and Fire taxes they pay
- There is no tennis court or splash pad in the Cannifton area, I am mentioning specifically Staikos subdivision area. Even the park is suboptimal then the other park as we may be highest or second highest tax payers subdivision. We and our children deserve more.
- Sidewalks and pedestrian friendly roads in rural roads
- Housing
- Sidney St north of hwy 401 has become a steady stream of traffic due to increased housing and subdivisions. Going north on Sidney the road goes from 5 lanes -2 over 401. We need more lanes.
- All City Staff Employees should not receive an increase in pay/salary without the consent of all Homeowners in Belleville, Ontario.
- Sell off the electric bus and start investing in sensible solutions for our climate
- Waste management. Paying for garbage pickup when our taxes are so high is ridiculous + a dump that doesn't take many types of waste.
- "the sewage plant stinks. parking downtown should be free to get people coming back
- 67% of the maintenance budget on water and water related projects? And 2% on police? More needs to go to funding our police as well as proper services for the homeless.
- I support the capital plans for the Wellness Centre and parks, but I'd like to see faster progress on park accessibility improvements. It's nearly winter, and the basic upgrades I requested in May still haven't been completed.
- How about dealing with the homeless population
- Housing. And dealing with the drug addict homelessness
- Streets
- Parking downtown is too expensive and should be free if you want to attract customers to stores . Our water bills are far too expensive
- Mental health and housing.
- The Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre is showing its age but it certainly comes after essentials like water, wastewater and police etc.
- Our Belleville police service are useless, traffic cops is all they are. Water bills are way too high. Take money away from fleet&equipment, fleet and equip is a waste of money. City workers are lazy
- We need more overnight parking for home owners company as there is no street parking in Belleville
- All first responders in this city are way overdue for help and increased income
- Bigger budget for policing
- Our streets condition
- More police NOT a wage increase for the existing ones
- Roads have to be in good shape to attract people and investments
- Read previous notes! Have the lights on Sidney and bridge each take a turn. Like every other major intersection on Sidney st.

- Dufferin Ave., Belleville runs n-s to the BGH. It is one of the only major streets in the east end not to have received attention (resurfacing). It is “Dufferin Lake” at Dufferin & Pine Sts. after rain or snowfall. Sometimes it is patched, then becomes crumbly, and returns to large indentations and potholes. Also, better recycling is needed in city parks and trails, esp. Zwicks Pk. Also, the northeast section of Alemite Pk. needs attention to be put to better use. It basically is unused - no lighting, a few pcs of old play equipment
- Please no parking, buses or library
- Hire more police. This city is getting more and more overrun by criminals
- It's very important for Belleville to have affordable transportation to the GTA area, especially between 4 and 6 AM more kid friendly activities like Chuck E. Cheese and NEB's Fun World, and a Costco store, which the city is long overdue for.
- Housing
- I'm not seeing where waste is being allotted, specifically garbage pick up/recycling?
- 17% is this really that necessary
- More funding for programs at library
- Horrendously under funded
- We need a indoor dome facility besides loyalist sports dome for winter games. Dome rates are getting very expensive and we need an alternate option particularly turf field for soccer games. Thanks
- I think the addition of a sidewalk on Millennium Parkway from Cloverleaf Drive to Highway 62 should be given high priority in this year's budget. I don't think it's necessary at this point to extend the pedestrian walkway by the Church next to RONA until the sidewalk is added in front of the RONA store.
- We need more
- Rehabilitate and protect what little environmentally protected area we have. APPLY ALL BYLAWS EQUALLY to all residents!
- Housing
- Police budget seems to be rather low compared to others, which could maybe be taken a little from other departments to cover the cost
- Road total re-paving on Tracey street.
- Fix the roads, it's disgusting how poorly maintained they are
- If we don't boost the Police to help deal with violence and homeless folks, then tourism will suffer, and also people won't want to live in Belleville.
- As before
- Housing?!
- Not enough knowledge to make a comment.
- Resurfacing Streets! See previous comment.
- The city has grown drastically. Police and Fire need more funding just to keep up with the increase number of people in Belleville
- Not safe to walk on trails sidewalks due to homeless encampment. Won't go downtown
- Ground maintenance should be a priority.

- Unfortunately, city hall doesn't want to deal with the homeless people that are camping wherever they feel like. They have taken up down in the wooded area, near the sewage plant and down off of herkimer avenue in that new pathway. Area. I understand parks and recreation are doing their best. To clean up. As per the parking down here near the waterfront, I really think that whoever's in charge of the parking area off of george street should look at redesigning that area for the boaters. There is not enough parking for handicapped transportation of the or the elderly. I have spoken to numerous beautiful city hall. High brass and explain to them how they could fix this, and they have totally ignored anything that we come up with down here as we sit here and watch elderly people. Oh, struggle to walk all the way across the parking lot. And then All the way back, because there's not enough handicap stalls down here. The city seems to waste money on plants down here. And never take care of them. Near the canteen, they have garbage cans really close to the windows when you're trying to get your food and there's been so many people and down here getting stung by hornets, and the city does nothing about it
- Winter parking should start Dec 1st to March 31st. Our winter storms do not usually fall outside these parameters.
- Lower are taxes
- stormwater is not the problem, it's the transportation that should be studied, scale down on all the city vehicles, new busses, are they really necessary , we would all love to have new vehicles, but it's OUR money that is buying them
- the low IT expenditures in later years seem very unrealistic
- There needs to be more done to move encampments before they start. Especially after what happened in Barrie. Just continually moving them on should prevent them from forming. in the first place. Taking steps to make areas less attractive to encampments. While I do see they need to be able to live, issues clearly begin when there are multiple parties congregate and get left alone thinking they can continue unchecked.
- Forestry i.e. city trees and tree planting and protection, possible private tree by-law and climate change mitigation
- See previous comment.
- Have to get back to boots on the ground.
- There needs to be more money and thought for the mental health and homeless in the area.
- need to get rid of water from housing developments instead of sump pumps running and wasting energy
- If this means fixing roads like Bridge st West
- Removal of the upper bow bridge. Serious look at the waste generated by the parks department.
- These are the places where community is built.
- Well, city Hall parking lot didn't need to ve repaved but it was done. There are certainly streets in the city who could have used new asphalt.
- 34% is ridiculous
- Another indoor soccer facility. One dome does not meet the requirements for practices, winter soccer etc. Soccer is growing at a rapid rate in this community. We need to allow our kids to have the same opportunities as other city centres.
- Not enough downtown close to many restaurants. It's a huge deterrent as it's unsafe to go.
- Remove armoured vehicle
- We have more than enough parks parking should be free firefighters are payed well enough it's not like we have a hard time finding recruits
- More lighted turf sports fields
- "The water treatment facility is an obvious concern. Need to reign in fire and police capital spending as they need to identify only critical capital needs.
- Would love to see another library location in the North or West ends of the city. Currently we only have the one location downtown on Pinnacle Street.

Q4: Based on the projects listed in the 10-Year Capital Plan, are you generally satisfied with the projects and/or service areas included?

- I don't agree with resurfacing brand new roads (Settlers Ridge, Potters Creek, Canniff Mills). Spend some more money on fixing old roads
- Need to find ways to save; this budget costs too much.
- Yes, but why are we manufacturing. How much did it cost to acquire the 685 acres of land? Now we're going to take out debt to develop the industrial park for \$57.1M to triple down on low-paying, poor quality manufacturing jobs?
- Ongoing maintenance of stormwater/sewer and transportation should be initiated, to ensure less expense in long run. Hence the drastic need in this budget. It has been on back burner far too long.
- Seems to be in order
- Have no idea what this means. This makes an assumption that the reader is involved. Clearer please
- Costs are way too high
- However, police presence in our city needs more funding. Crime in this area is increasing.
- I did not see anything for Infrastructure replacement/repair. There are many Belleville Street which require replacement/repair.
- Far too much for the fire budget that should be used for policing as the homeless and drug dealing in the area intensifies
- Stop wasting money trim your budgets hold contractors accountable and generally do a better more efficient job.
- electric buses are unsafe, they blow up. Huge buses go around empty, replace them with shuttles that do short routes.
- "Almost all road projects are in the southeast/central portion of urban area. What about the rest of the urban area? Tracey St?
- College/Sidney intersection?"
- Parking is practically non existent downtown during peak hours. The parks around town are already the most well kept and maintained compared to critical infrastructure like roads. Spending should be kept to an absolute minimum untill roads are repaired to an acceptable level.
- See previous comment on tax increases to the residents of Belleville
- Building more affordable housing should be added to this list. Enough housing so those on housing list don't have to wait 10+ yrs
- Where is the plan to relocate and keep homeless away?
- I have just returned to Belleville so I am not completely familiar with all aspects of the city. It seems to recognize all the essential infrastructure and services.
- Who picks this [redacted]
- Given the homeless as well as people suffering from from substance abuse we need more spent on law enforcement. Someone in my area used to make women feel uncomfortable at my work place, although he no longer works there but makes me feel uncomfortable because he lives in my neighborhood. Secondly we need more spent on the library because it benefits people of all ages & social classes. More needs to be spent on community resources because everyone benefits and helps keeps people out of trouble
- Property taxes are going to go through the roof and we can't even claim them on our income tax
- \$100K will not go far in parks (capital?)
- Not enough money fixing the roads

- generally it looks good....but not clear on how to fund contingency area or for example where does funding for The Hub appear
- Dump the parks for now. You've got LOADS of trimming you can do at city hall to help lower our ridiculous taxes in this city. Do that and trim the fat
- Too vague to form an educated opinion
- More facilities for recreation are needed. The city has done a great job building playgrounds in the past 10 years, but more indoor and outdoor facilities are needed for teens and adults: indoor courts and ice rinks
- Generally, but not completely.
- too much money going in to parks that really only affect people in the urban center, yet our property taxes increase in rural to help cover these costs
- Too much spending on parks, property taxes already too high
- Housing
- Why is transportation combined with waste water? How do we know which is getting what funding?
- Again, you can ask us when you haven't told us the financial impact it will have on taxpayers.
- We are paying huge sewer fees
- What is the estimated impact of the Black Bear project and increases in generation and wastewater treatment?
- The road budget is REDICULOUS. We pay a LOT of taxes for very little direct services. Not enough importance on programs and services!!!!!! Make this the BEST and most desirable place to live, not more asphalt and destruction of entitlement
- Too costly
- The city is overspending on a per capita basis.
- Our library needs more attention! And we need LESS POLICE! They do not help the population, they are aggressive and unprepared to deal with mental health scenarios. DEFUND THE POLICE!
- Need more investment in road re-paving
- I would like to see some more for the library and parks
- Too much for parks, not enough for police. Walking Trails won't help us if they're unsafe with homeless folks camping out. Also, Belleville's domestic violence is increasing and so is drug use.
- Priority on bus service is the most important thing for medium and lower income households who rely on it. Without reliable transportation, people can't be reliable employees. Job security is crucial.
- Nothing for updating the current waste treatment plant which has been on order for years and continues to emit noxious odours
- "Housing projects have been a massive failure, out pricing those who need it.
- Action needed on homelessness, to prevent crime."
- See comment for #1.
- Since we can't afford anymore taxes, perhaps just address maintenance and critical replacement.
- Good mix of maintenance and improvements
- "Urban fire racing to the rural areas unnecessarily.
- Urban fire kilometers away on the 401 is wrong."
- Libraries are the epicenter of knowledge, people with less means will have access to facilities. Old buildings are the easiest to covert. Should allocate funding for so
- City facility and parks and police

- This is supposed to be a tourism city. So it says, and we invite all tourists to this city. It's a disgrace. To see the amount of garbage that's laying around and unfortunately, the police have no backing on getting rid of the situation. Born and raised in this city and never seen it. So bad. Watching police vehicles that come in to town to drop off people that have court dates. And then take them to the bank of Montreal and drop them off on a corner is despicable. That is why we have so many people that come here to get their courts finished. And then have the authorities, just drop them off wherever they want. This is ongoing and has been ongoing for some time and it is being ignored. City hall wonders why we have so many of them. The homeless, because I, they just dropped them off here, and not only here this is going on. All across Ontario. When they finished their court date, the authorities just dropped them off even though they're not from these cities
- Just lower tax and water rates
- again, rethink the transportation, roadwork, busses etc
- We are in a cost of living crisis and should be spending far less not 4x more on things like city facilities and parks
- Has a "Mission - Vision - Value" statement been created for Belleville? An MVV statement establishes a high-level 'framework' that guides long term (10 yr) plans, mid term (3-5 yr) projects and short term (annual) initiatives for the community. Capital expenditures are the financial planning side that funds the many tactics & initiatives as defined by a 'Mission - Vision - Values' statement.
- How much will be wasted on homeless
- The resurfacing of Ashley street in Foxboro should have taken the surface to the sidewalk... now we have a center resurfaced but an old piece on the side to the sidewalk. It looks terrible
- Forestry i.e. city trees and tree planting and protection, possible private tree by-law and climate change mitigation
- Too great a focus on roads. Why is stormwater combined with transportation when there are separate wastewater and water categories?
- Na
- Not sure
- The city council leaders seem to think that there is a money tree growing somewhere in Belleville. Tax payers always end up paying for the council misleading of funds and that as a tax payer we are at the bottom of the barrel, total disregard to our priorities.
- "more should be done on waste water going into the bay of Quinte.
- money should be spent on culvert cleaning and repair to get water away from residential homes."
- Don't really understand graft
- The police do not require silly toys such as armoured personnel carriers. That is absurd. Hire more officers or kick rocks.
- "Need more money for police to clean this city up.
- People don't feel comfortable walking anymore with all the [redacted]"
- Demolition of upper bow bridge not seen on the list.
- Again, not seeing the west hill green space allotted anything till 2030
- There should be less on transportation and more on fire. With increased forest fires closer in rural areas they should have more staff and an extra truck within the next 5 years.
- Transportation spending is concerning.
- Library is not even on chart but police get war machine truck
- Police need more \$
- Remove armoured vehicle
- Keep spending down
- We need more turf fields. Work with school boards or loyalist
- It has identified waste water urgently need.

Q5: Approximately 70% of spending in the 10-Year Capital plan focuses on the maintenance and replacement of existing assets, while 30% is to invest in new infrastructure to support growth in the community. When comparing these proportions to the recommendations outlined in the City's Asset Management Plan, a considerably higher investment is planned for the maintenance and replacement of infrastructure. Which of the following statements best represents your opinion on these proportions?

- This isn't an "either/or" question - it's not grow or maintain. I want to see more "asset rationalization", not just a risk rating. Are people using the asset? Are there more IT systems that would streamline processes and save staff time? Can we build up, not out?
- We need more affordable housing and shelter beds as Belleville residents are forced out of their homes if they lose a job
- A balance of spending on both maintenance and new.
- I think it should be 80% and 20%.
- Spend less overall focus on maintenance
- Support the homeless problem
- Show the public that they're planning to spend anything on projects that will get the homeless off of our streets and out of every bit of underused park land.
- New assets to service growth should reflect the actual anticipated growth.
- Stop spending my tax money on useless crap.
- 60% maintenance & replacement 40% new assets
- Should spend less or have it as a 20 year plan
- Spend on existing VITAL infrastructure
- Again too vague to give educated opinion. I was in shock when the budget when the cost of Agriculture Society building was announced...now this 6+ million for walking trail leaves in no respect for our representatives
- new infrastructure should be more than 30%
- City should spend less
- Belleville needs more transportation facilities connected to the GTA, especially now that many residents commute to Toronto once a week for work. Without a car, managing this commute is extremely difficult and lacks reliable logistical options
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- The City should reduce spending across all departments. That this was not even an option to be considered speaks volumes to an agenda. We have absorbed yearly increases for too long. It's time for reduction, if not at least stasis.
- What is the offset cost to maintain legacy assets, and replace those assets with newer more cost efficient options?
- The city should evaluate if assets really do need to be replaced or if it would be cheaper to rent or contract out services when needed. City should also get out of the business of running a data center and leverage public cloud technology that has existed for the last decade.

- Emergencies come first.
- See comment #1.
- Two things, the city should do stop giving raises to the c e o's or management six figure sums and nothing get done. People have public works. You put in a complaint and nothing gets done. Worked road construction in a different city, big city for 21 years. And I could fix every manhole problem so that people wouldn't ruin their cars driving over them. Simple fix but nobody wants to listen, they think that we don't know nothing. Meanwhile, my father worked for the city for many years
- What process is in place to allocate capital for city initiatives & projects outside of "Asset Maintenance and Asset Replacement" ?
- I need more specifics of how you come to what gets replaced.
- Fix Myers Pier
- The city should prioritize trees and green infrastructure as important assets that need protection and growth
- Spend on existing not new growth. It new growth pay for needed infrastructure
- More on maintenance and replacement of infrastructure, while increasing density on existing infrastructure.
- I really don't know.
- spend,spend,spend....its taxpayer money they dont mind
- Curb the unnecessary spending
- The city needs to focus more on the waste , and start being more responsible with how it spends taxpayers money.
- Let growth pay for growth. Seek public, private partnerships for new assets where possible.
- City management getting way to heavy
- New infrastructure for housing growth should be paid by developers as existing homeowners have already paid their fair share.

Q6: The City adopted levels of service tied to its assets earlier this year. These can be explored on the City's KPI Dashboard. In your opinion, what additional levels of service would you like the City to report on?

- nothing, nobody looks at this dashboard
- Thank you for creating this dashboard! It's great. I see it's been added to, which is awesome. It's probably a lot to ask, but some benchmarking against comparable municipalities would really improve the usefulness of the data.
- I would like the city to report on what is doing to provide housing for our homeless population. There are older schools no longer in use that the city should be converting into housing for the homeless and low income members of our city.
- Response times for services
- Asset management
- Social support, housing,
- Housing
- These are fine.
- None
- Road maintenance
- mental health and homelessness should not be downtown, make a by-law to get services located near the hospital, away from residential and business districts. The worst small town downtown in Ontario and a crime rate per capita higher than Toronto, congratulations on massive mismanagement.
- Homelessness
- It seems extensive however hard to navigate.
- N/A
- Staus quo
- Homelessness
- We need more transport it seems as if we get left behind here. It would be nice to have a bus or coach to go to Toronto as the train is so expensive
- Mental Health and Affordability
- Road matience
- I'd love to see all city officials, police servants and all city works held accountable
- Bicycle parking at Giant Tigers and dollar amazing in the west end Plaza no where to park or lock up your bicycle as you shop even shoppers drug mart
- Ethics committee monitoring activities involving mayor & city council
- All aspects of of how this city is being run
- Tackling welfare making it temporary and doing something about crime and the homeless
- Do not know
- Corruption
- Police and homeless projects
- Trim.the fat. You've got some entitled Liberals at ciry hall
- How about looking into helping stay in there homes...and stop catering to all the wants of the new comers in our community...the ones that come from larger cities and are able to pat inflated housing cost then wanting all the faciities they lefy behind...WWho suffers??? those of us who have lived and worked here all out lives and now struggling to pay all the bills

- None that I can see
- There are streets in Belleville in dire need of repair. The intersection at the new courthouse and Saint Vincent de Paul is atrocious.
- Missed opportunities of rentals
- Housing
- I would support an oversight committee whose sole mandate is to find efficiencies.
- None. Don't waste time on reporting. Reduce staff costs and property taxes.
- N/a
- The homeless situation
- Police
- N/a
- Realize the cost of running the city is not cheap. Believe the Province and Federal government need to do more as related to per-capita spending. Toronto or Mississauga can amortize costs more effeciently than Belleville. Has there been any consideration to amagamating Quinte West and Belleville?
- Greater transportation usage for seniors and cycling /alternate methods of transportation besides automobiles.
- None at this time.
- The city should report on unemployment rates, social assistance rates, and housing quality.
- Percentage of planned activities occurring as/or before scheduled.
- Water quality
- The rates of crime that are committed by the horde of homeless people Neil Ellis has unleashed upon the city
- Crime reduction.
- All looks fine to me
- I feel that generally the city is well run.
- See comment #1.
- The indicators are good.
- Key utility access and performance
- Police Fire Ambulance Transit Roads
- Manholes, streets down below the tracks. Cleaning up the brush down near the sewage plant to get rid of squatters
- Lower tax rate .city audit on staff are we wasting money on staff that's not need etc
- concentrate on health
- Would like to see the Capital Budget process expanded beyond dealing solely with Assets. Belleville is more than a collection of assets. A positive 1st step would be the creation of a Mission - Vision - Value statement for our city. This would help define what kind of city we wish to live in, which should lead to high level objectives that support our MVV.
- Na
- Roads - maintenance & updating
- I think it's quite comprehensive
- Make it more plain language. Focus on indicators that matter to the public if it's an external dashboard - e.g. response times, permit processing, etc.
- Na
- Don't know what KPI is
- Operational spending! Capital investments are required I would like to see reports showing operational spending
- not sure , it seems fine
- None
- I didn't know this was available, and will be looking for a KPI on annual tax dollars collected per km of road lane maintained by ward.

- wasted money on pet projects that most taxpayers don't use
- Report on the wages that these city depts have
- Where and when they are looking for cost savings. Current council is spending money and not being responsible and asking taxpayers to foot the bill.
- I find the City's KPI's to be inconsistently developed. The targets in many areas seem to be set to "look good", not necessarily to meet or enhance service levels. It also doesn't seem like there is representation across all City departments - i.e. Economic Development, no KPI's?
- Fix roads
- Rental space usage
- Police and fire services are getting an easy ride. Need to deal with absenteeism and money for value of these services.
- No comment

Q7: Are there any specific topics surrounding the City's Capital Budget or 10-Year Capital Plan processes that you wish you had more information and background on?

- I read that Council and the Mayor were contemplating adding a "" surface "" to our property taxes .That is unacceptable . If Belleville rural paid their fair share , in their taxes , for Fire and Police there would be more monies in the coffers . It is not equitable by far .It's not like if they call 911 they only one Police officer or 1 firefighter
- Salaries of staff seem like they are high. Number of employees on the sunshine lists that are making more money than our essential workers like police fire, nurses, etc.
- "Many of the capital costs are for study and design of water supply and waste water systems.
- Instead of these capital costs with the service provided by consultants would it not be more prudent to hire one or two engineer specialists.
- There will always be a demand for this expertise on staff."
- Everything as this is not enlightening at all
- Frank St off of College needs updating and better water drainage in place
- Recreational/pedestrian path linking North side of 401 to south side of 401
- Cost of Belleville Mayor and Council
- North riverfront trail
- Infrastructure being addressed and what may be coming with new growth? What is happening with Costco after all the work that was done on Bell Blvd?
- Water and waste water management. I'd like to know how you are keeping our water tested and safe
- Water system for the Moira/palmer rd area
- mental health and homelessness needs to be addressed.
- "Why we are planning to spend so much on the trail when I have yet to see any member of the community happy with this.
- Also plans to address homelessness. Security for residents and a safe place for these people struggling. Mental health services."
- Plans for unhoused population
- The rationale behind these decisions.
- Mental health and affordability.
- Reports on every dime that is paid quarterly to the city from the belleville casino what has been done with all that money
- Tackling crime and homeless
- Long term sewage & water in Corbyville area
- see previous comment
- Only thing i want to know is when is the next election and who is running
- Most citizens have no idea how to read a capital budget. Could you please provide an Executive Summary in plain english on spending plans. Document needs to be simplified if you are genuinely looking for useful feedback.
- It would be good to have a written summary explaining how the priorities were decided upon.
- Please stop raising property taxes, Belleville is putting seniors out of their homes.

- 30 years ago, I was part of food insecurity and homelessness task forces, when both emerged as serious concerns. Now, there is another task force established to address our community unhoused residents needs. I've often wondered if the city is looking at vacant schools as a housing option that has been successful in other places. I had hoped that the City would purchase 228 Dundas St. E with its 67 units, kitchen, offices for relevant services, proximity to BGH. While the HART hub will be very helpful, at the end of each day, people will still be unhoused. It seems we've made patchwork efforts. I hope this current task force develops a sensible plan.
- police spending
- Assets need to be build with growth and better and big opportunities coming to the city
- Garbage and recycling progty
- Assets that aren't being used. Some way of tracking missed opportunities for the city. Events, unable to rent/use assets.
- Detox
- What are the plans for bridge st e
- More KPI's related to splitting out city labour, headcount and benefits. Budgets on staff as a % of total spending for example.
- Library and police funds.
- What is the city plan for the vacant high school on College street near Heartwood street.
- How much money has been wasted on the homeless centre near the train station. Millions have been poured into it yet there is no oversight on the spending
- Policing. What percentage of their requests were not approved? What are they asking for, and why are they not funded more?
- I don't see enough information or progress on low income housing. To prevent homelessness, we MUST have plenty of low income housing available. It's cheaper than emergency shelters in the end.
- Waste treatment plan
- Basic infrastructure is very important ...electricity, water and wastewater. I know spending in there areas doesn't get a lot of headlines, but we know it is important.
- See comment #1.
- Sewage treatment? Its nice to have an ice cream down by the waterfront and smell that.
- Fire spending
- School and hospitals should have their own section.
- I would love to know how much all these upper management and how many people here in upper management? There are and what they're making a year in salary. Because what they're making and how they're dealing with the public, there are two different things. Dealing with the public on situations where they should be dealt with and feel sorry for somebody that is protesting because they decided to be on the street
- health, more money, incentives to create doctors etc
- Yes. Who would take the initiative to start building out a sound Mission - Vision - Values statement for our City ? This would be a great & valuable step.
- Why are we enabling people that are not participating in paying taxes
- cycling infrastructure
- Forestry i.e. city trees and tree planting and protection, possible private tree by-law and climate change mitigation
- well presented
- Medium level of detail for projects between just the names in the summary and a full detailed spreadsheet. List with paragraph for each that describes the work and why chosen for investment.
- mental health and homeless
- Spend less on parks
- Removal, decommissioning without replacement of infrastructure. This is not necessarily capex but does provide a clearer picture on future maintenance savings on capital.

- Plans for west hill green space. Plans for
- What is included in transportation budget
- How is the city trying to save taxpayers money
- Cost and revenue from speed cameras. Cost of overtime for police , and city staff , and why.
- What are the plans to increase property taxes for industrial park?
- Get rid of armoured vehicle.
- Is there any money being allocated to our Public Library in order to have an additional location to service the growing population in the North end of the City?

Appendix B

The comments below were received through social media, email and the online comment card:

- Village Drive needs a sidewalk, even on one side of the street, so kids are not walking to school in the street, while cars speed down to avoid the Community Safety Zone on Sidney.
- Does it really matter what the community have to say about your budget? From experience, with our council and budgets, they table it and ask for input then just go ahead with the budget without any changes the people asked for anyway. Maybe the people should be able to vote yes or no to your tabled budget plans before passing them, not just giving them the chance to make comments. You were voted in by the community members, so therefore you are suppose to be working for them and doing what they think is best for their community. I wish more people would get involved with what and how their municipality operates.
- More details please on the plans for Bridge Street East and what part of the street. I would think the mess on Bridge Street West would be more of a priority, especially from Coleman up to the top of the hill. It's a nightmare!
- Ahhh yes let's spend the most money extending the north riverfront trail
- What century do you figure you will finish the sonny Clifford park?
- How about you quit raising our property taxes? Mine went up \$37 a month. I also pay more for water than I do for hydro it's getting ridiculous in this city.
- Got any extra to put towards having fully operational busses? I mean, ... it's getting a bit chilly to stand there hoping there'll be a bus to work so I can pay for the bus pass I have to buy... to get to work.
- Is the trail extension a necessity at this time. I feel there are other priorities ie. roads/streets replacements and repairs.. necessities should come before pleasure and cosmetical work
- No treatment centers,. Rehabs.. hm. Ukraine doesn't need anymore of our money, or China either. Taxes should always stay in Canada! The amount of taxes ppl pay, from speed cameras, casino, there should be a lot more being done with that kind of Money....
- Is the water and wastewater pipe relining being done at the sanitation sewer plant? If not when can we expect money to go to getting rid of the terrible stench?! The sewer plant needs an overhaul but no money ever seeme to be directed to capping the tanks so we aren't living with raw sewage smells.
- Nothing put in towards housing?
- The city needs to forget about putting more money into trails, need more housing, and fixing the homeless so people can enjoy going downtown, and fix up bridge street west.
- Ok what about housing hello I have been on the single housing list for going on 12 years it's getting sickening I have to live in a rat dump ware the landlord doesn't do anything to fix the place unless you pay the higher end of the rent so discrimination. What the heck is going on City of Belleville | Municipal Government no new single housing being built when it has been promised for years now
- Are you adding 5 more routes for those 5 new buses? How is the Casino only 6% Who cares about a trailer extension! I think that money could be used wiser! Like more water troughs
- Why are our water bills higher than everywhere else? Even when I don't use much water, it's still expensive.
- Everyone here needs to call the municipal office and talk to a person instead of filling out some stupid survey that they will just ignore and when the budget gets passed the council will say "well, we asked for input and this is what the majority wanted" without any transparency. Things need to change.
- I'm on Moira west. No portable water, no sidewalks and no street lights. Yet I pay city taxes. Any idea when a water main might be put through on Moira street?

- The ditches in front of our house flood our property and sometimes house. They are dangerous and we need sidewalks
- Ah yes, \$4 million for 5 buses. I wish I had a bottomless cheque book.
- How about a little more money for the wellness centre so they can actually heat the change rooms. No one wants hypothermia just trying to change after swimming.
- Don't forget to jack up the property tax rates of all us rich homeowners
- 6.4 mil on a walking trail? Your largest expense is on a walking trail?! That I then need to pay parking to access?? What a waste of tax dollars...
- \$200 water bill used \$36 water
- Likely for 15 minute cities
- MY TAXES ARE NOW \$5200 A YEAR FOR A CONDO THIS IS ROBBERY. WENT UP \$58 A MONTH. IM FURIOUS
- The city of Belleville doesn't care they only care about getting money back
- Forget about the trail extension and use the money for housing the homeless
- Why is there still homeless on the streets with stolen property from work and people and blocking up sidewalks. And they are down by the waters and making it unsafe for the kids ?? I don't get why their ppl sleeping in bus stops ?? And I can say more
- WHAT IS BELLEVILLE GOING TO DO ABOUT ALL THESE DRUG ADDICTS !!! OUR STREETS ARE NOT SAFE . WE WANT OUR CITY BACK
- Why is there no money in the budget to eliminate the sewer smell in our city. This is extremely aggravating for the people living in the area, some days I smell it in the west end.
- With the road repairs, do we not have enough trail? Delay trail one year and get the roads great.
- When you do your shave and pave program on city streets try not to countersink the manhole covers 4 to 6 inches below grade. I swerve around these obstacles as do many others. This increases the possibility of accidents. The city plows are all equipped with "shoes" which allow clearance of the manhole covers. Let's get it right and fix the other streets around town that you are not repairing this year. Thanks.