

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN**  
**Corporate Services Committee**  
**REGULAR AGENDA**



Thursday, November 21, 2024  
11:00 am

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<b>A.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b> <u>RECOMMENDATION</u> THAT the Agenda for the Corporate Services Committee Meeting of November 21, 2024 be adopted.		
<b>B.</b>	<b>2024 Regional Survey Results</b> <u>RECOMMENDATION</u> THAT the Regional District conduct further review of the 2024 Regional Survey results and consider implementation of recommendations.		2
<b>C.</b>	<b>Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA)</b> <b>Resolutions</b> To discuss issues for resolutions to be forwarded for consideration at the 2024 Annual General Meeting of SILGA.	<b>Call for</b>	179
<b>D.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b> <u>RECOMMENDATION</u> THAT the meeting adjourn.		

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** November 21, 2024

**RE:** **2024 Regional Survey Results**

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**Administrative Recommendation:**

**THAT the Regional District conduct further review of the 2024 Regional Survey results and consider implementation of recommendations.**

**Purpose:**

**To provide survey results and recommendations for consideration.**

**Reference:**

2024-10-16\_General\_Regional\_Surveys  
2024-10-16\_Pass\_Code\_Regional\_Surveys  
2024-10-28\_Comments\_Regional\_Surveys

**Business Plan Objective:**

- 2.1 To provide a high level of customer service
- 2.2 To meet public needs through the continuous improvement of key services

**Background:**

The Regional District conducts a Regional Survey annually. The 2024 Regional Survey included statistically significant results based on 224 responses received from approximately 1,800 invitation letters sent by regular mail. The survey was available online via an access code provided in the invitation letter. General survey responses were received from 327 individual respondents. Paper copies were available upon request. Five (5) paper copies were submitted.

**Analysis:**

The 2024 Regional Survey was conducted online between Wednesday, September 10 and Friday, October 4, 2024. The survey was promoted on all RDOS web and social media channels and sent to media and partners via email. Marketing materials included a poster, information release, and short [video](#). Online advertisements were also placed.

**Survey snapshot:**

**Do you use email and/or social media?**

Pass code: Email – 98.65%, Facebook – 60.99%, Instagram – 27.80%  
General: Email - 96.33%, Facebook – 79.82%, Instagram – 39.76%

**In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing your local government; that is, the one issue you feel should receive the greatest attention or advocacy from local elected officials to the provincial or federal governments?**

Pass code: Health Care – 11.31%, Homelessness – 10.41%, Water quality and protection – 9.95%

General: Health Care – 13.46%, Water Quality and protection – 12.23%, Taxes – 11.31%

**How would you rate the level of service provided by staff at your local government?**

Pass code: Average – 42.99%, Good – 29.44%, Poor – 13.08%

General: Average – 45.14%, Good – 25.71%, Poor – 13.48%

**How do you prefer to receive information about local government services, projects, and initiatives?**

Pass code: Email – 53.85%, RDOS website – 42.08%, Voyent Alert! – 26.24%

General: Email – 53.82%, RDOS website – 40.98%, Voyent Alert! – 34.25%

Recommendations for actions that can be taken based on survey results and comments:

- Initiate a service analysis and review
- Create a checklist for the building and planning divisions
- Provide educational material about RDOS programs and engagement opportunities
- Prepare a quarterly newsletter and distribute via email and regular mail (upon request)
- Produce a monthly video segment featuring information and discussion about RDOS programs and services. Participation via web and telephone.
- Activate RDOS Instagram and Threads accounts
- Engage a professional research firm to conduct a statistically valid survey in 2026. The estimated budget is \$13,00 to \$15,000, depending on the scope of work.

**Financial Implications:**

Marketing, preparation of survey invitation letters, and postage: \$4,000

**Alternatives:**

Status quo. Provide further review of survey results and comments.

**Communication Strategy:**

An information release providing links to survey results and recommendations will be posted on RDOS web and social media channels, including RDOS Regional Connections.

**Respectfully submitted:**

“Erick Thompson”

E. Thompson, Communications Manager

**Endorsed by:**

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C. Malden, Corporate Officer/Deputy CAO

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Regional Survey 2024  
Regional Surveys

220  
Contributors

224  
Contributions

## Contribution Summary

### 1. ENTER PASS CODE Required

Short Text | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 224 (100%)

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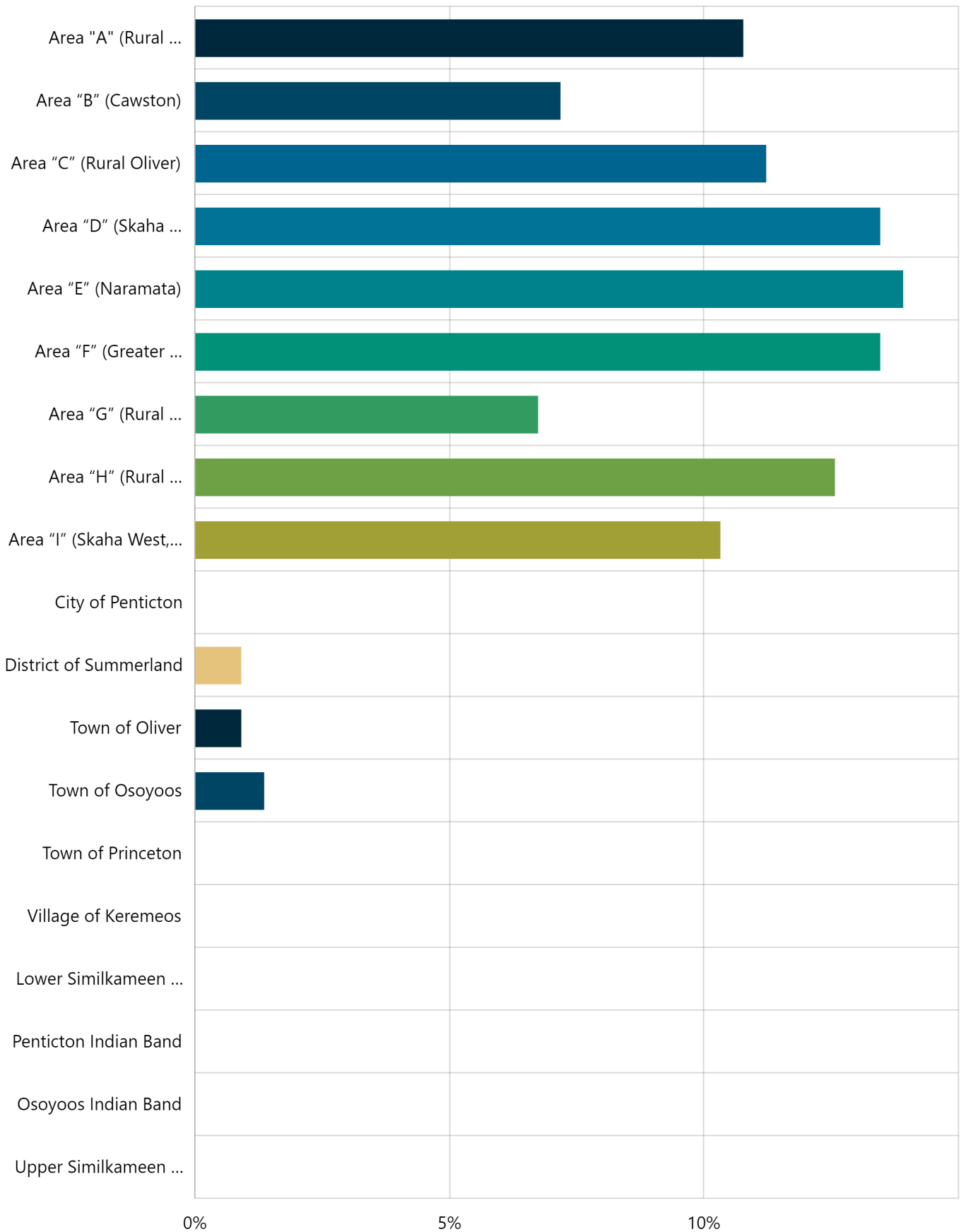
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## 2. Which electoral area, municipality or sylix Okanagan community do you reside or own property?

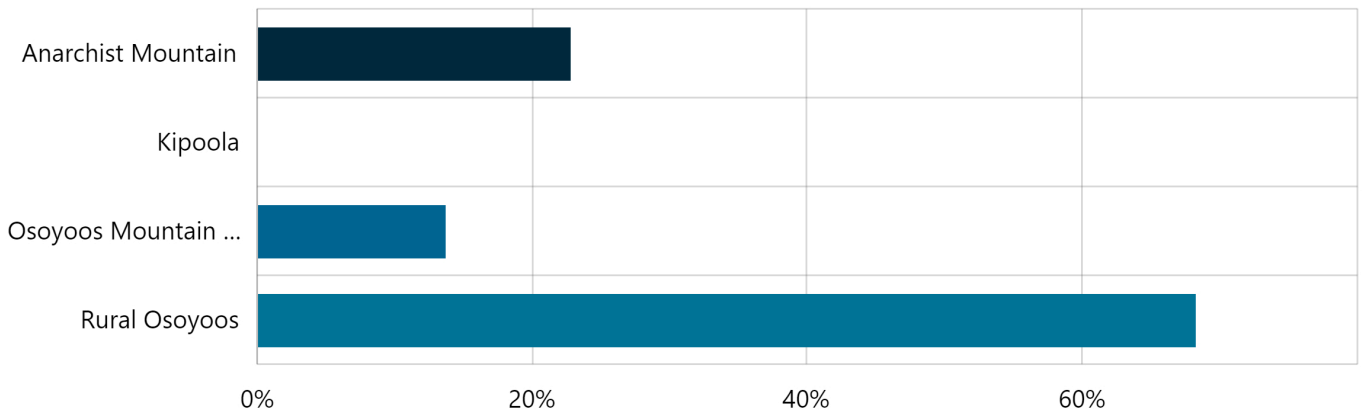
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<b>Answer choices</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Count</b>
Area "A" (Rural Osoyoos)	10.76%	24
Area "B" (Cawston)	7.17%	16
Area "C" (Rural Oliver)	11.21%	25
Area "D" (Skaha East, Okanagan Falls)	13.45%	30
Area "E" (Naramata)	13.90%	31
Area "F" (Greater West Bench, Rural Summerland, Okanagan Lake West)	13.45%	30
Area "G" (Rural Keremeos, Hedley, Olalla)	6.73%	15
Area "H" (Rural Princeton, Tulameen, Coalmont, Eastgate)	12.56%	28
Area "I" (Skaha West, Kaleden, Apex)	10.31%	23
City of Penticton	0%	0
District of Summerland	0.90%	2
Town of Oliver	0.90%	2
Town of Osoyoos	1.35%	3
Town of Princeton	0%	0
Village of Keremeos	0%	0
Lower Similkameen Indian Band	0%	0
Penticton Indian Band	0%	0
Osoyoos Indian Band	0%	0
Upper Similkameen Indian Band	0%	0

### 3. Which community best describes the area where you live?

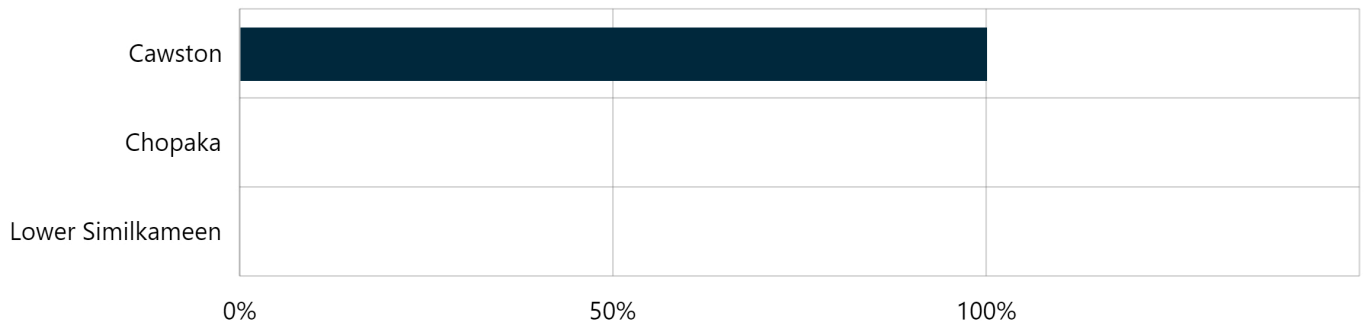
Multi Choice | Skipped: 202 | Answered: 22 (9.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Anarchist Mountain	22.73%	5
Kipoola	0%	0
Osoyoos Mountain Estates	13.64%	3
Rural Osoyoos	68.18%	15

#### 4. Which community best describes the area where you live?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 208 | Answered: 16 (7.1%)

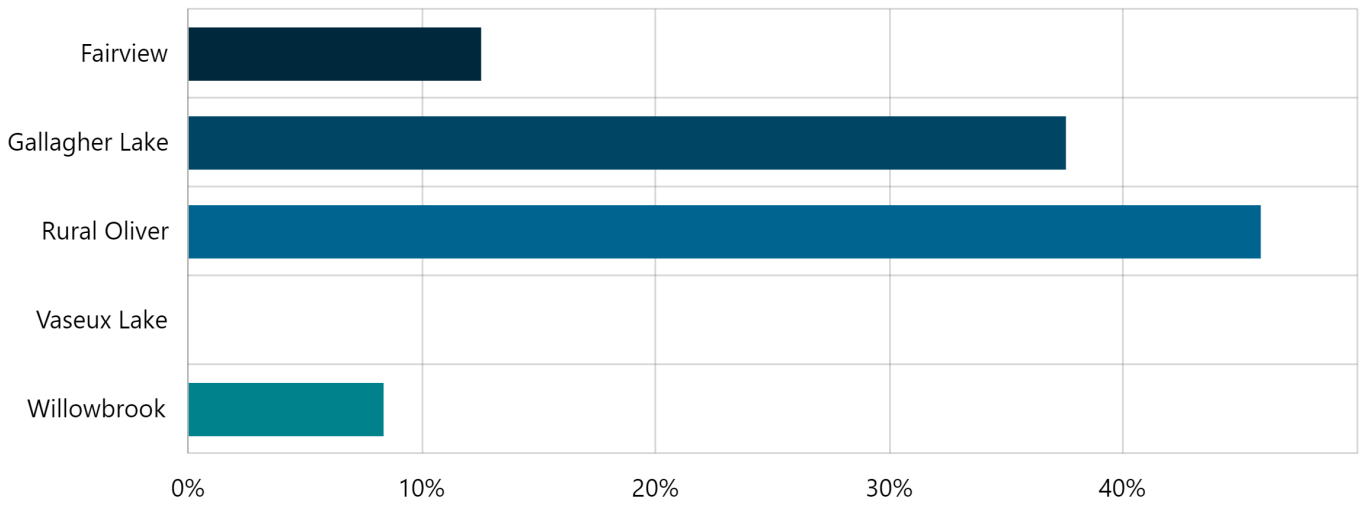


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Cawston	100.00%	16
Chopaka	0%	0
Lower Similkameen	0%	0



### 5. Which community best describes the area where you live?

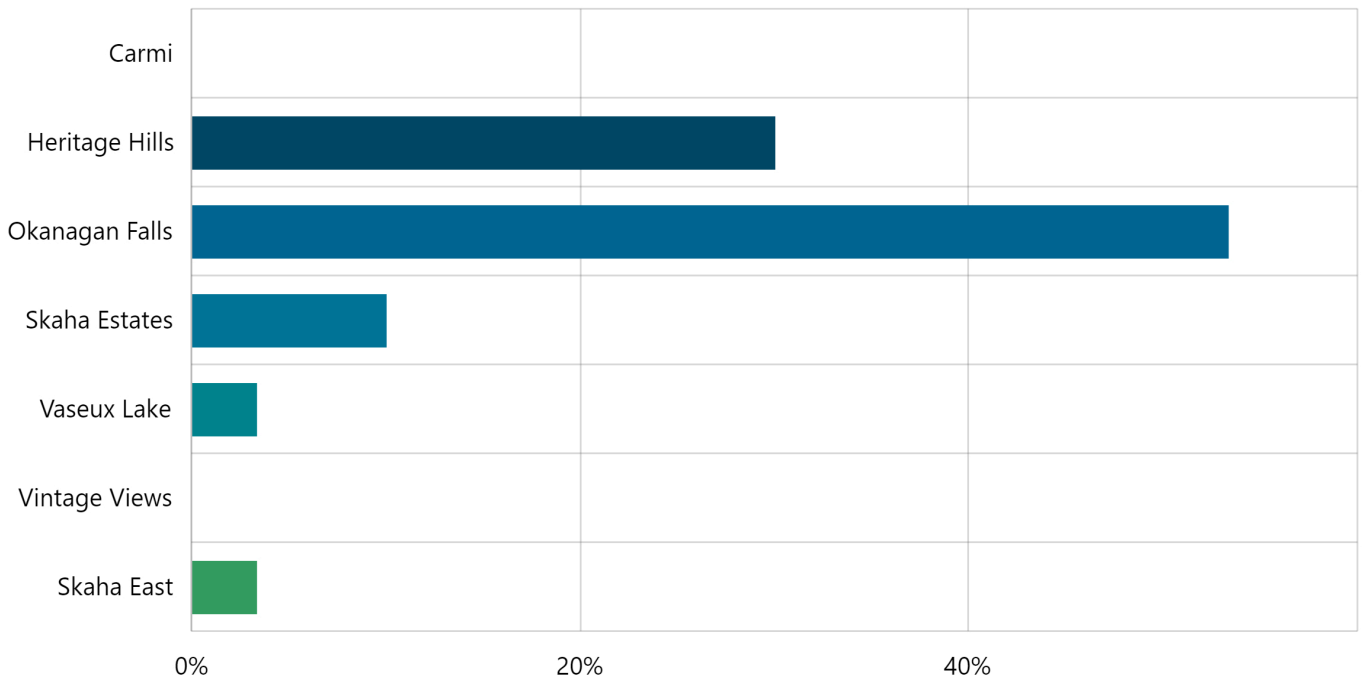
Multi Choice | Skipped: 200 | Answered: 24 (10.7%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Fairview	12.50%	3
Gallagher Lake	37.50%	9
Rural Oliver	45.83%	11
Vaseux Lake	0%	0
Willowbrook	8.33%	2

### 6. Which community best describes the area where you live?

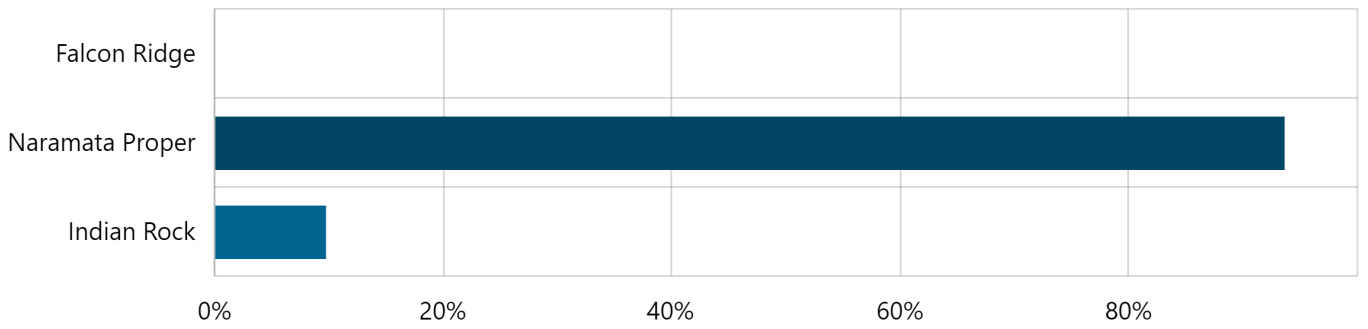
Multi Choice | Skipped: 194 | Answered: 30 (13.4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Carmi	0%	0
Heritage Hills	30.00%	9
Okanagan Falls	53.33%	16
Skaha Estates	10.00%	3
Vaseux Lake	3.33%	1
Vintage Views	0%	0
Skaha East	3.33%	1

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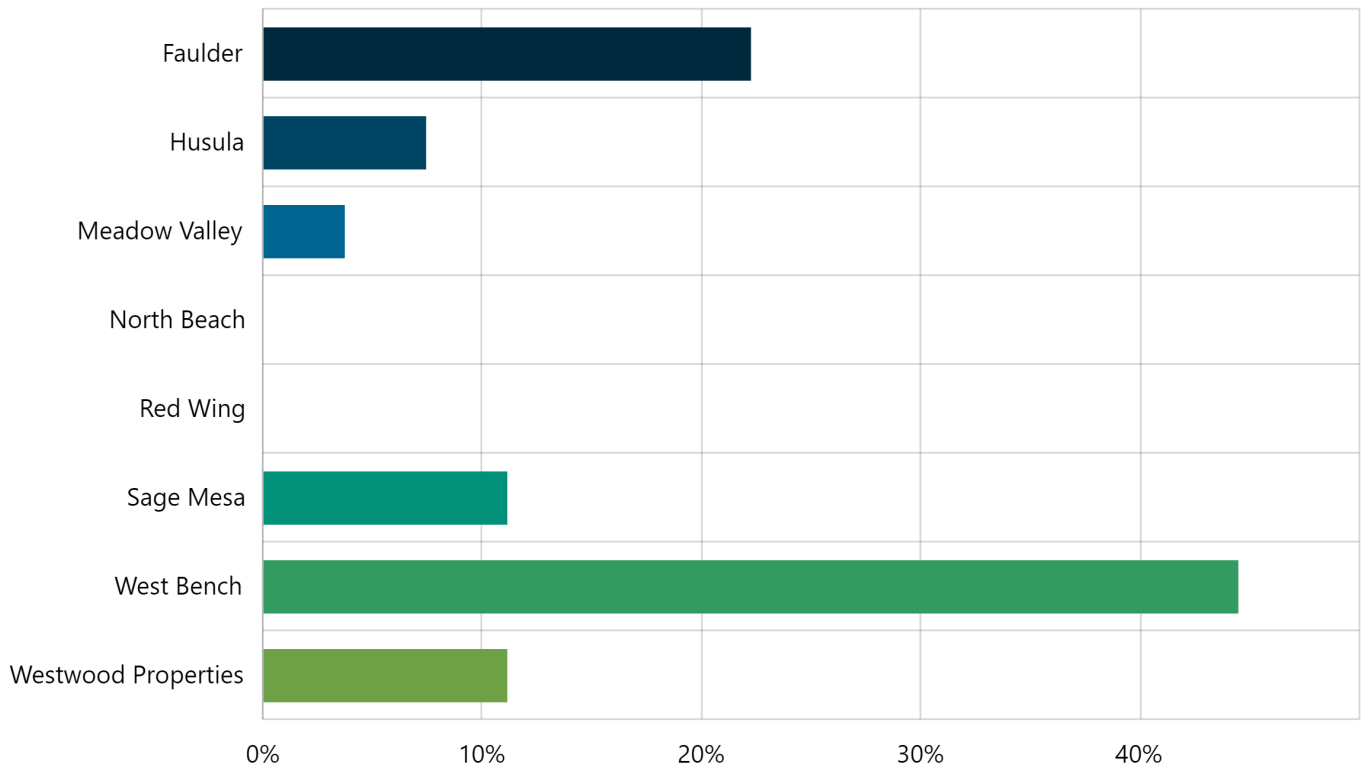
Multi Choice | Skipped: 193 | Answered: 31 (13.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Falcon Ridge	0%	0
Naramata Proper	93.55%	29
Indian Rock	9.68%	3

### 8. Which community best describes the area where you live?

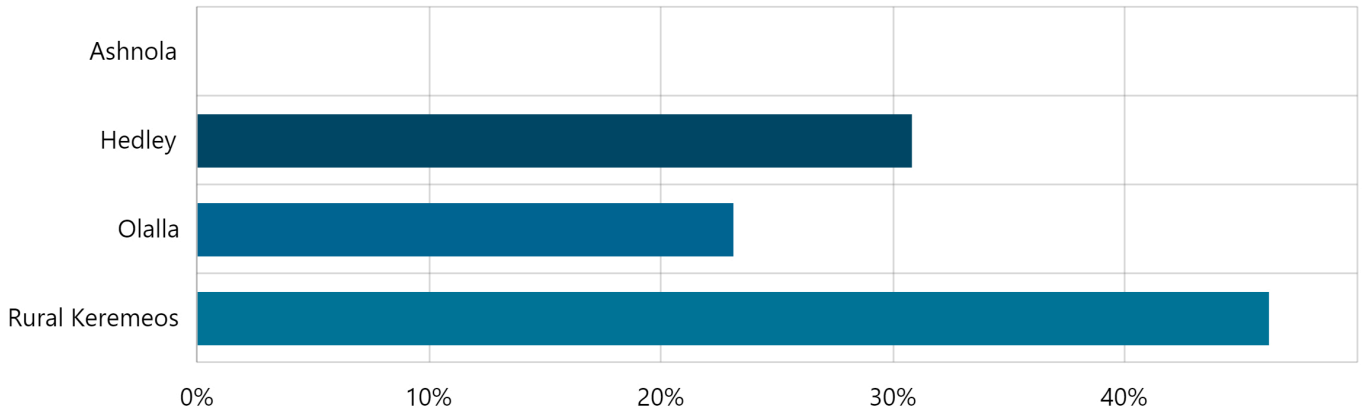
Multi Choice | Skipped: 197 | Answered: 27 (12.1%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Faulder	22.22%	6
Husula	7.41%	2
Meadow Valley	3.70%	1
North Beach	0%	0
Red Wing	0%	0
Sage Mesa	11.11%	3
West Bench	44.44%	12
Westwood Properties	11.11%	3

### 9. Which community best describes the area where you live?

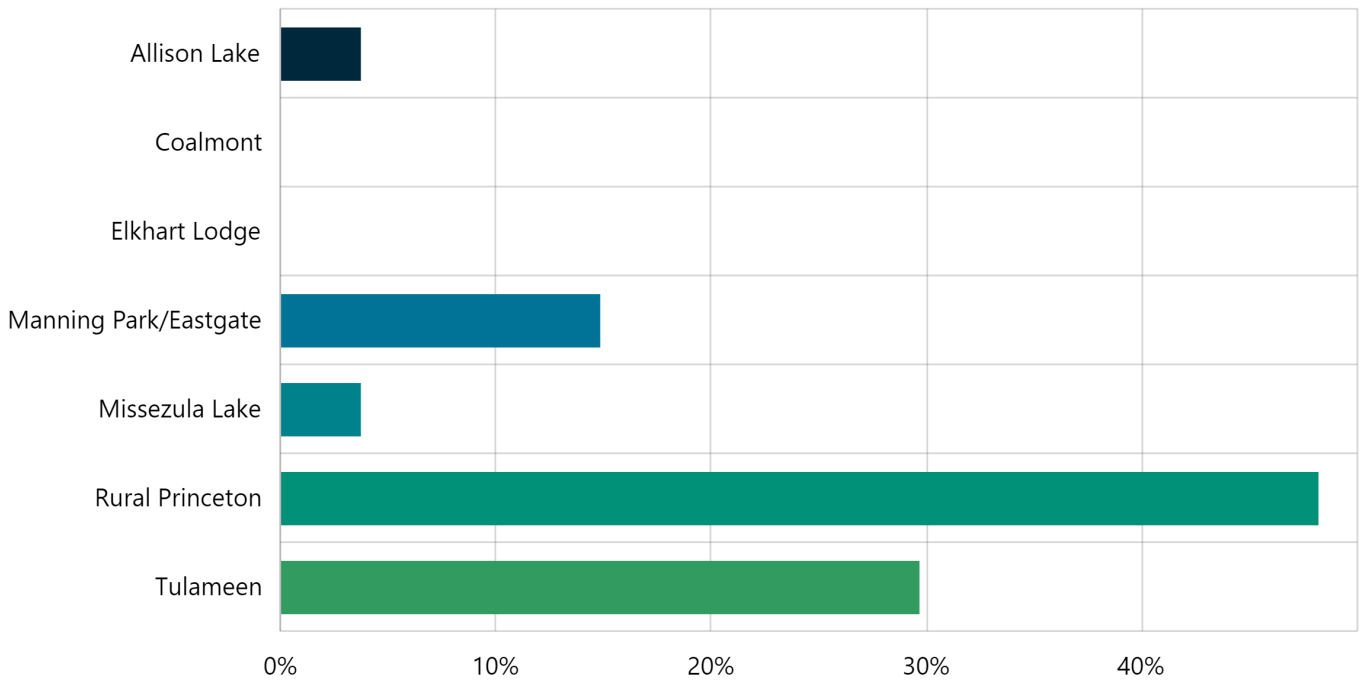
Multi Choice | Skipped: 211 | Answered: 13 (5.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Ashnola	0%	0
Hedley	30.77%	4
Olalla	23.08%	3
Rural Keremeos	46.15%	6

### 10. Which community best describes the area where you live?

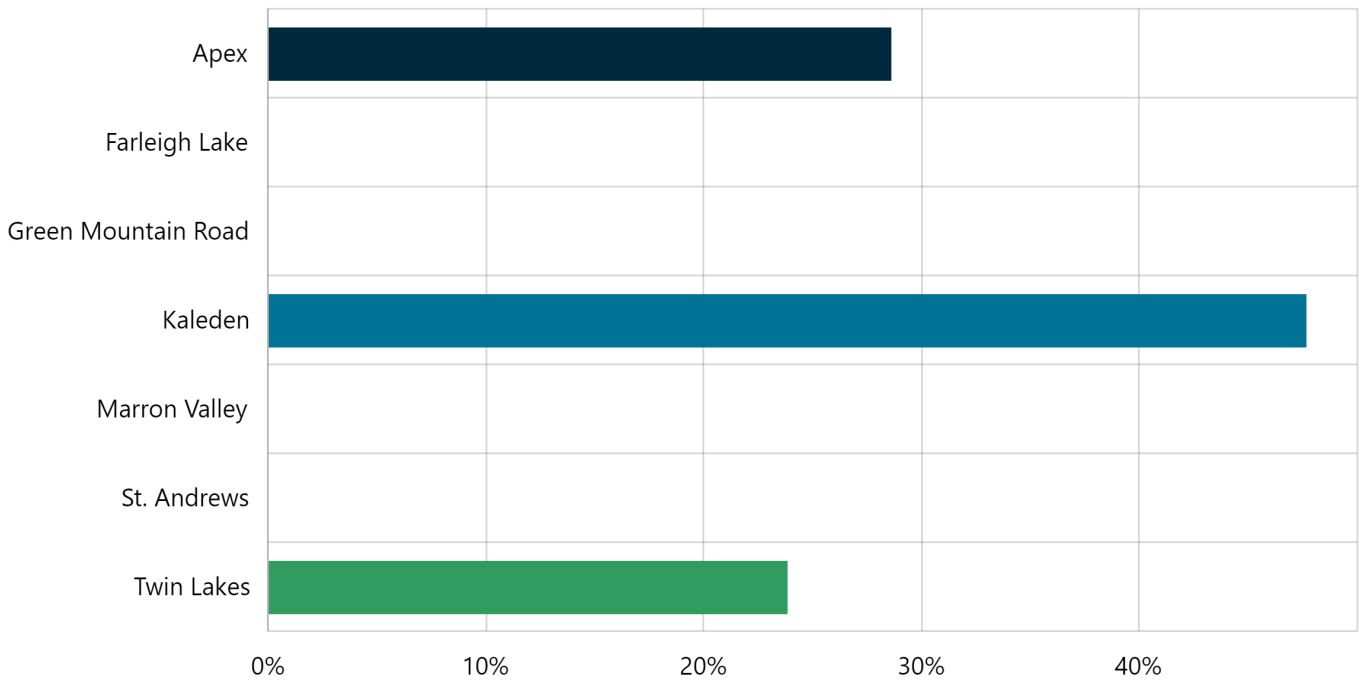
Multi Choice | Skipped: 197 | Answered: 27 (12.1%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Allison Lake	3.70%	1
Coalmont	0%	0
Elkhart Lodge	0%	0
Manning Park/Eastgate	14.81%	4
Missezula Lake	3.70%	1
Rural Princeton	48.15%	13
Tulameen	29.63%	8

### 11. Which community best describes the area where you live?

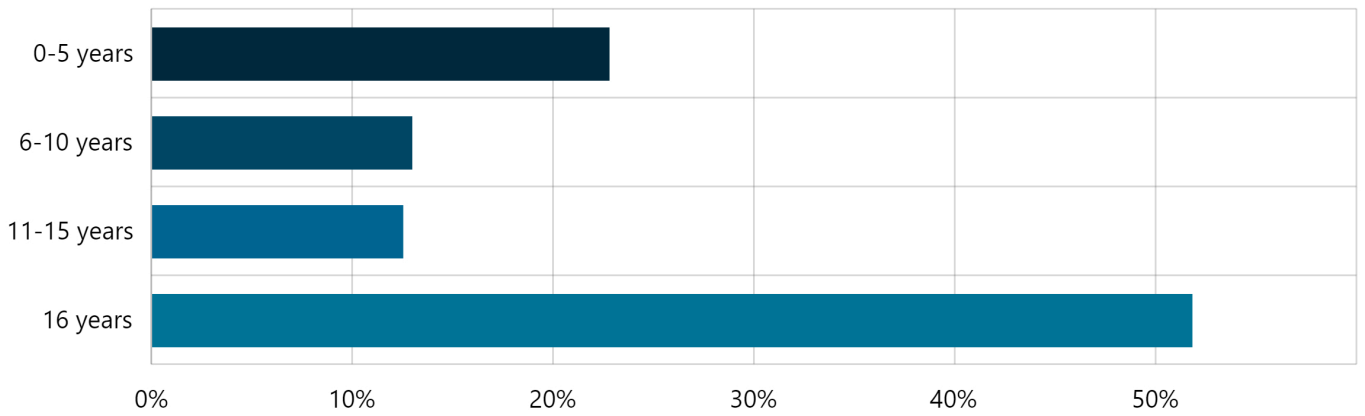
Multi Choice | Skipped: 203 | Answered: 21 (9.4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Apex	28.57%	6
Farleigh Lake	0%	0
Green Mountain Road	0%	0
Kaleden	47.62%	10
Marron Valley	0%	0
St. Andrews	0%	0
Twin Lakes	23.81%	5

## 12. How long have you lived or owned property within the RDOS region?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 224 (100%)

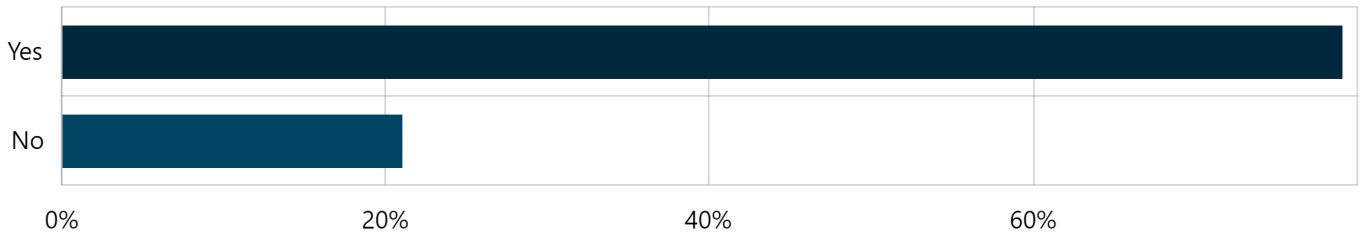


Answer choices	Percent	Count
0-5 years	22.77%	51
6-10 years	12.95%	29
11-15 years	12.50%	28
16 years	51.79%	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>224</b>



### 13. Is your principal residence within the RDOS region?

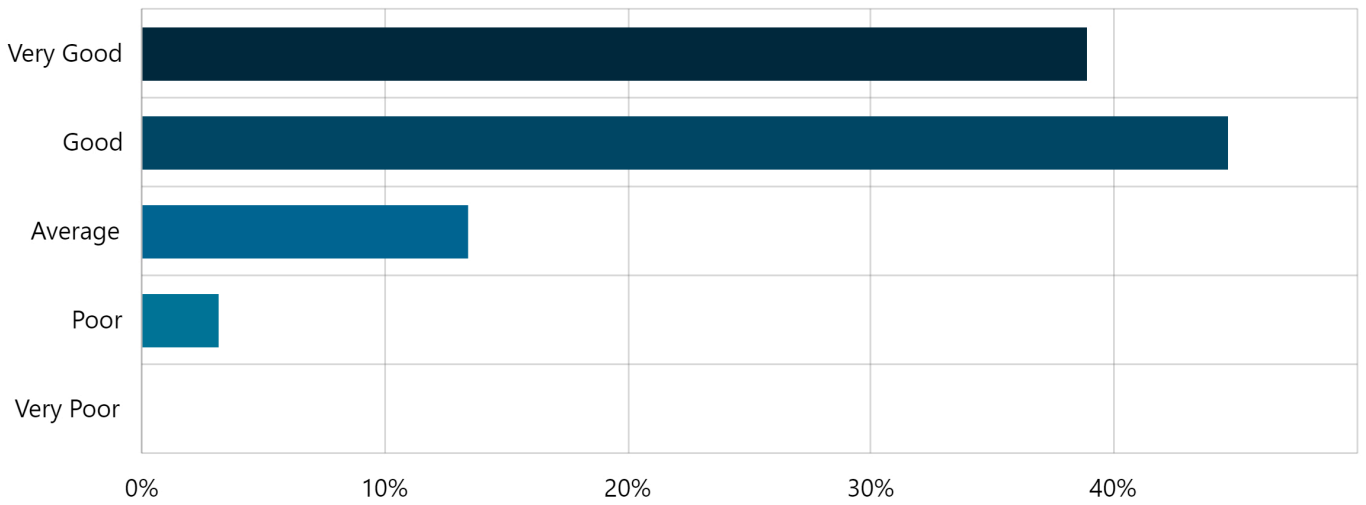
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 224 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	79.02%	177
No	20.98%	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>224</b>

### 14. How would you rate your overall quality of life in your community?

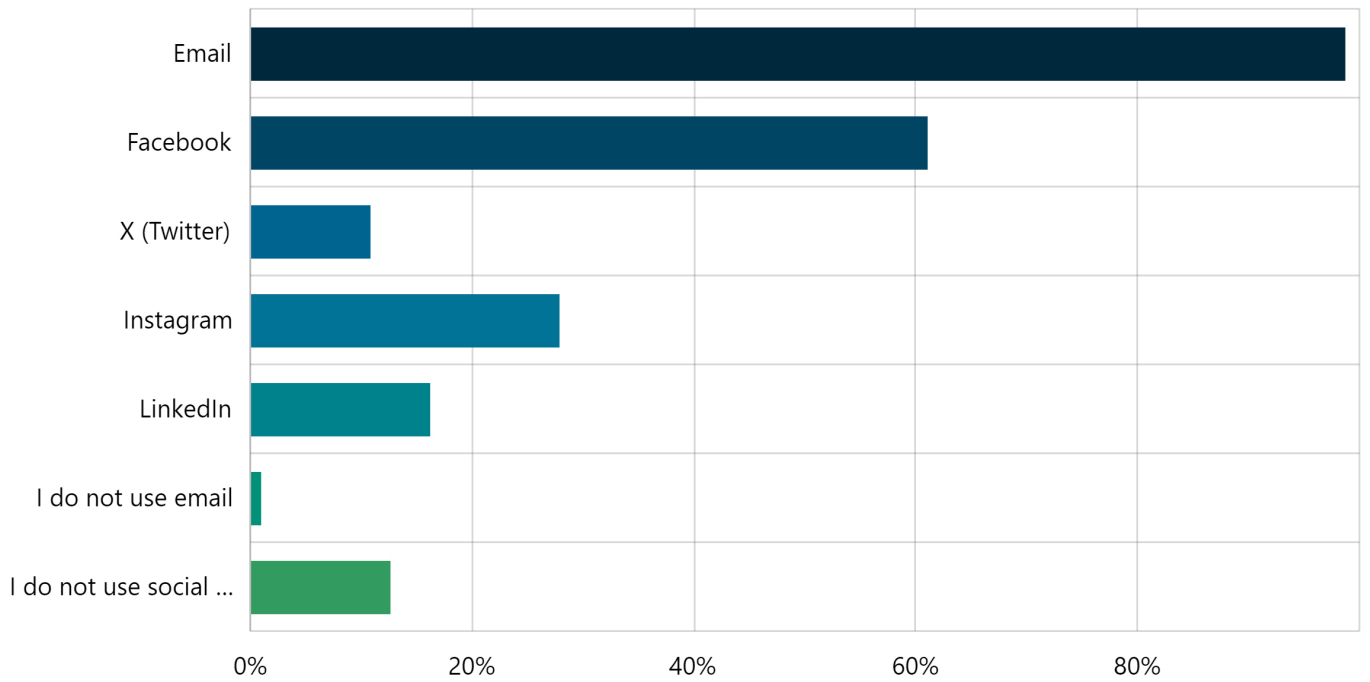
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 224 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	38.84%	87
Good	44.64%	100
Average	13.39%	30
Poor	3.13%	7
Very Poor	0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>224</b>

**15. Do you use email and/or social media? Please select all that apply.**

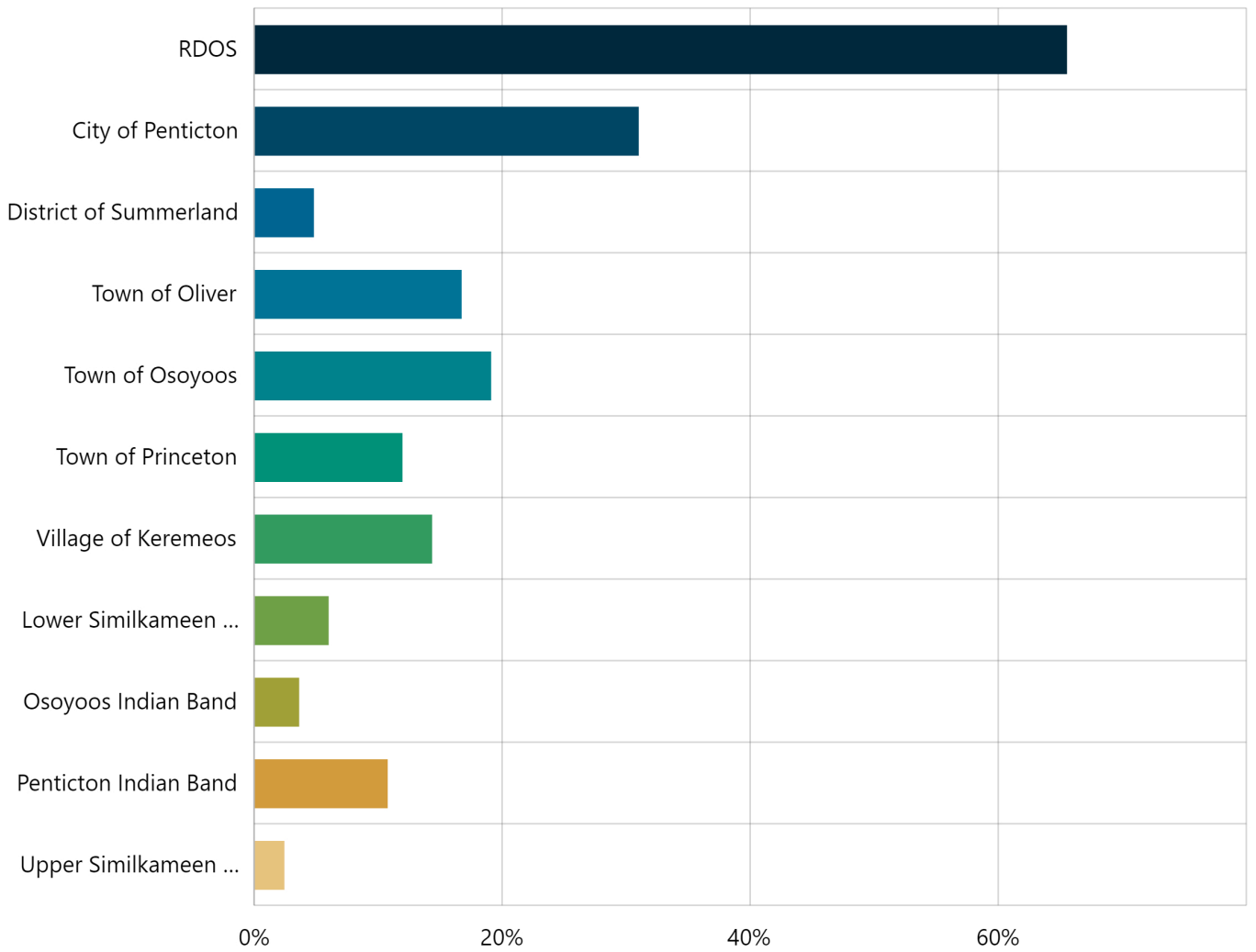
Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 223 (99.6%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Email	98.65%	220
Facebook	60.99%	136
X (Twitter)	10.76%	24
Instagram	27.80%	62
LinkedIn	16.14%	36
I do not use email	0.90%	2
I do not use social media	12.56%	28

**16. Do you follow any of the following on social media? Please select all that apply.**

Multi Choice | Skipped: 140 | Answered: 84 (37.5%)

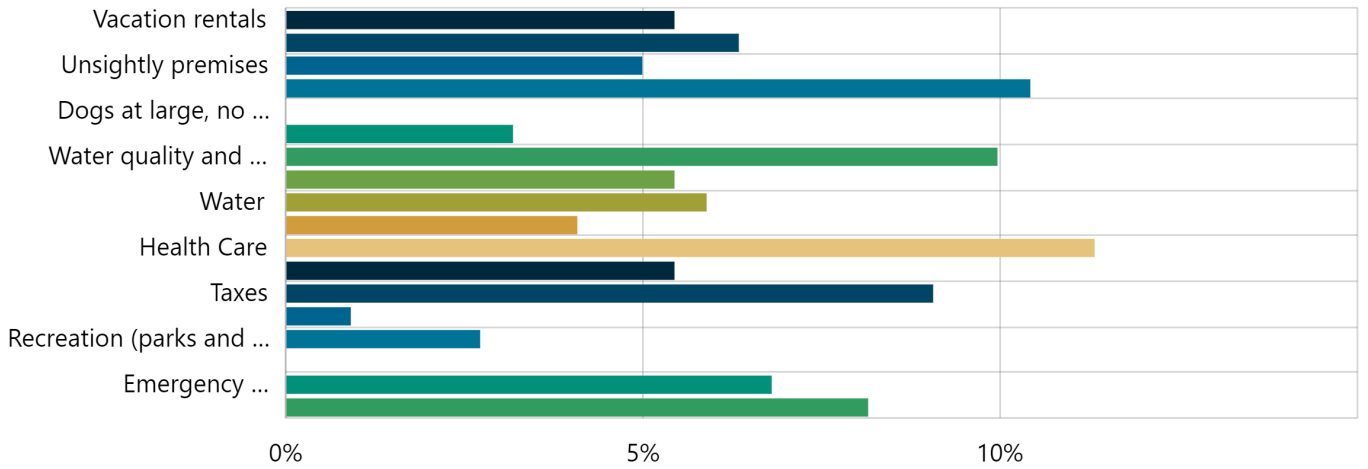


Answer choices	Percent	Count
RDOS	65.48%	55
City of Penticton	30.95%	26
District of Summerland	4.76%	4
Town of Oliver	16.67%	14
Town of Osoyoos	19.05%	16
Town of Princeton	11.90%	10
Village of Keremeos	14.29%	12
Lower Similkameen Indian Band	5.95%	5
Osoyoos Indian Band	3.57%	3

Penticton Indian Band	10.71%	9
Upper Similkameen Indian Band	2.38%	2

**17. In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing your local government; that is, the one issue you feel should receive the greatest attention or advocacy from local elected officials to the provincial or federal governments?**

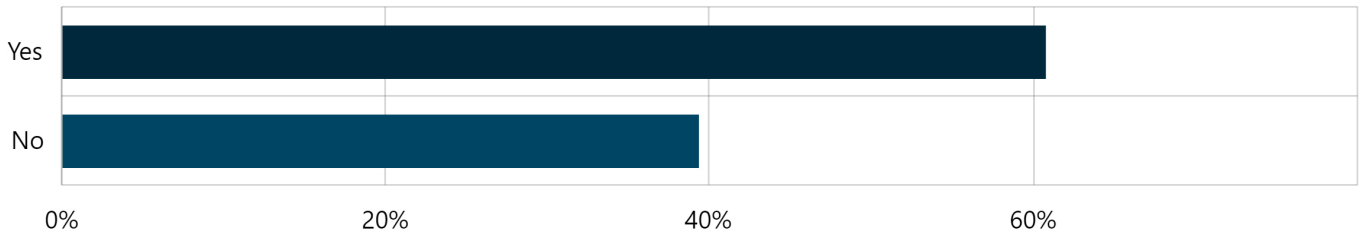
Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 221 (98.7%)



<b>Answer choices</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Count</b>
Vacation rentals	5.43%	12
Climate change	6.33%	14
Unsightly premises	4.98%	11
Homelessness	10.41%	23
Dogs at large, no clean up, barking	0%	0
Residential growth	3.17%	7
Water quality and protection	9.95%	22
Crime prevention	5.43%	12
Water	5.88%	13
Sewer	4.07%	9
Health Care	11.31%	25
Land preservation/agriculture	5.43%	12
Taxes	9.05%	20
Environment	0.90%	2
Recreation (parks and trails)	2.71%	6
Recreation (programs)	0%	0
Emergency preparedness, planning, response	6.79%	15
Other	8.14%	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>221</b>

### 18. I am aware of the mass notification system Voyent Alert!

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 224 (100%)

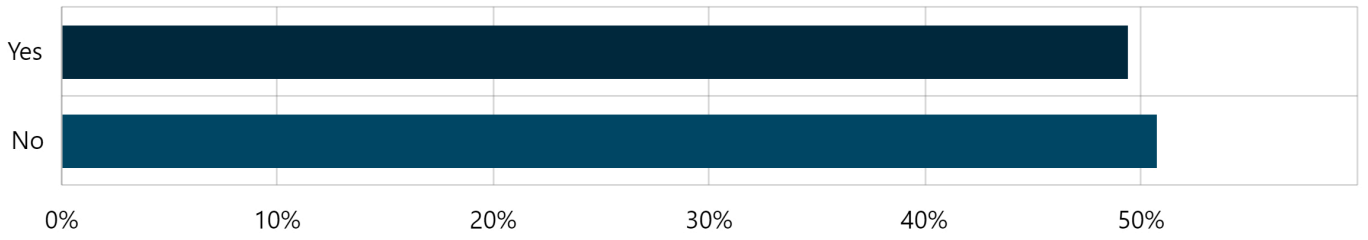


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	60.71%	136
No	39.29%	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>224</b>



### 19. I have signed up with Voyent Alert! to receive informational and emergency notifications

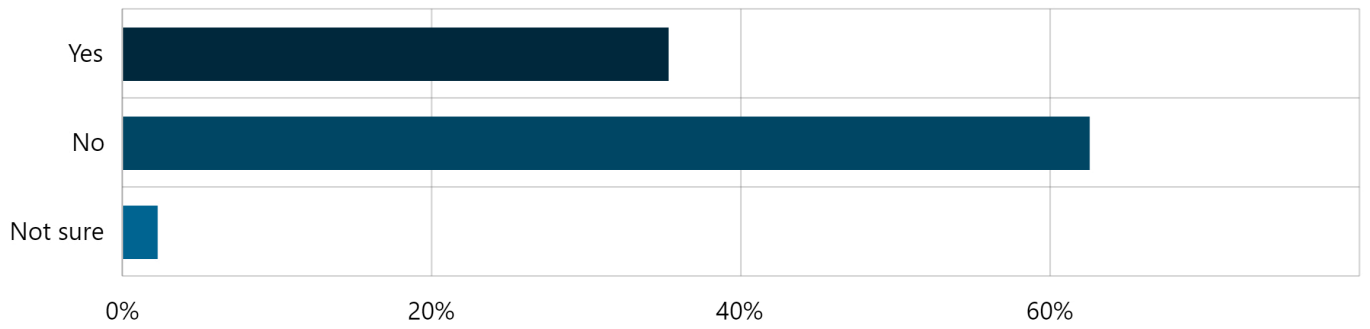
Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 223 (99.6%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	49.33%	110
No	50.67%	113
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>223</b>

**20. Have you contacted local government staff or an elected official within the last 12 months?**

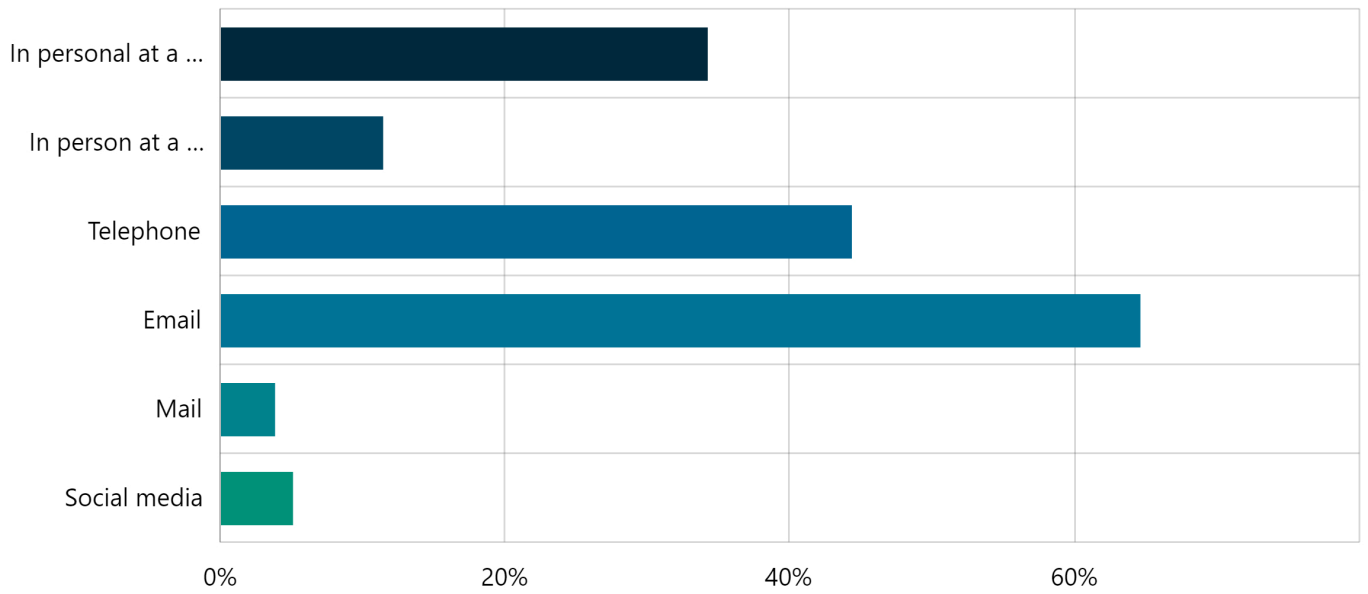
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 224 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	35.27%	79
No	62.50%	140
Not sure	2.23%	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>224</b>

## 21. How did you contact your local government?

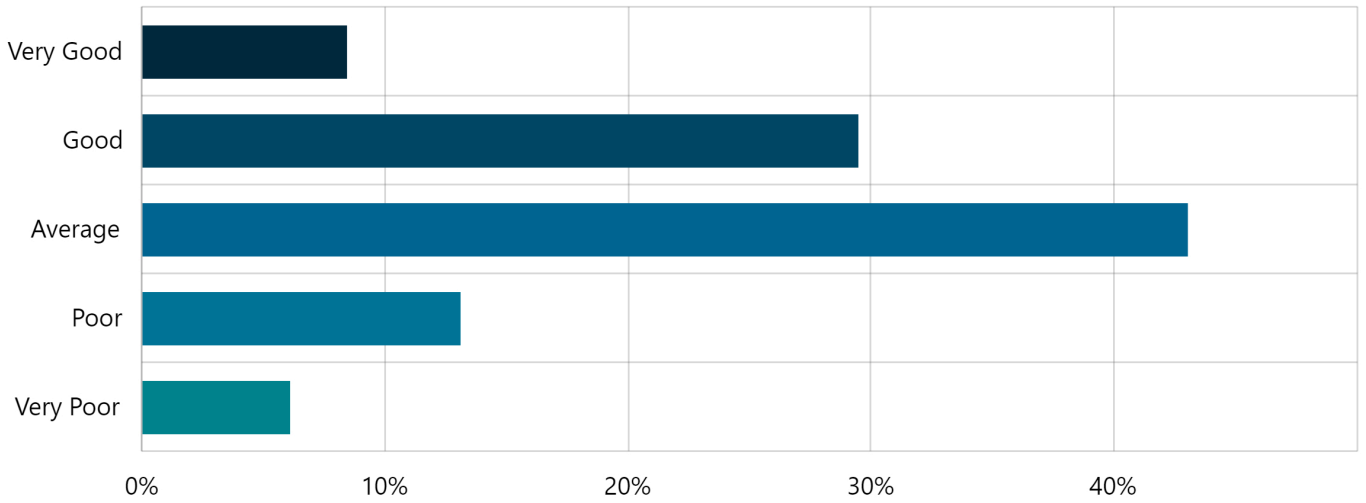
Multi Choice | Skipped: 145 | Answered: 79 (35.3%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
In personal at a local government office	34.18%	27
In person at a community event	11.39%	9
Telephone	44.30%	35
Email	64.56%	51
Mail	3.80%	3
Social media	5.06%	4

## 22. How would you rate the level of service provided by staff at your local government?

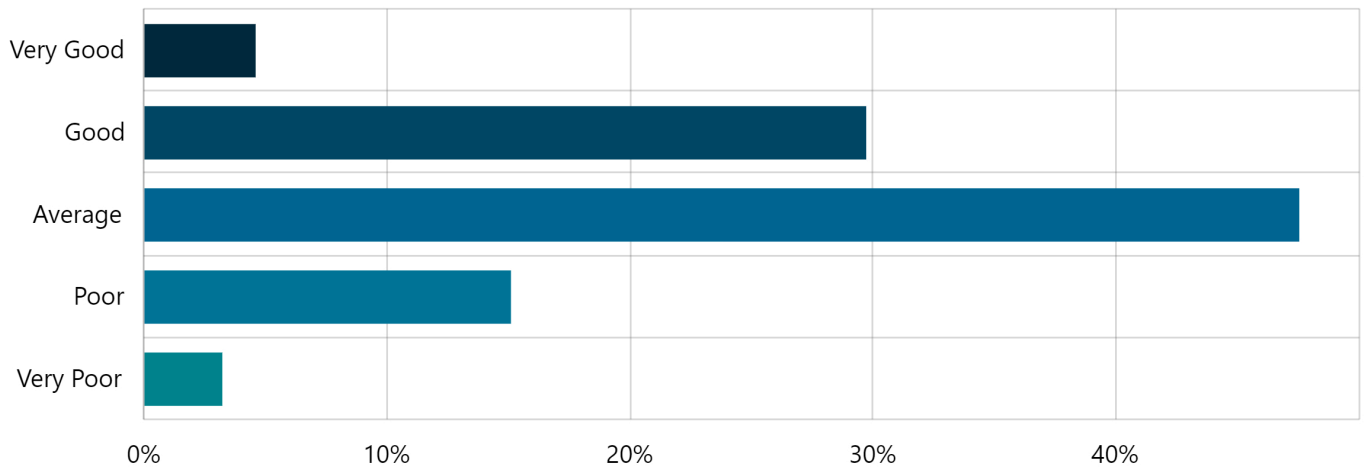
Multi Choice | Skipped: 10 | Answered: 214 (95.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	8.41%	18
Good	29.44%	63
Average	42.99%	92
Poor	13.08%	28
Very Poor	6.07%	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>214</b>

### 23. How do you rate the level of programs and services provided by your local government?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 5 | Answered: 219 (97.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	4.57%	10
Good	29.68%	65
Average	47.49%	104
Poor	15.07%	33
Very Poor	3.20%	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>219</b>

**24. Please provide any additional comments about programs or services.**

Long Text | Skipped: 127 | Answered: 97 (43.3%)

**Sentiment**

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**Tags**

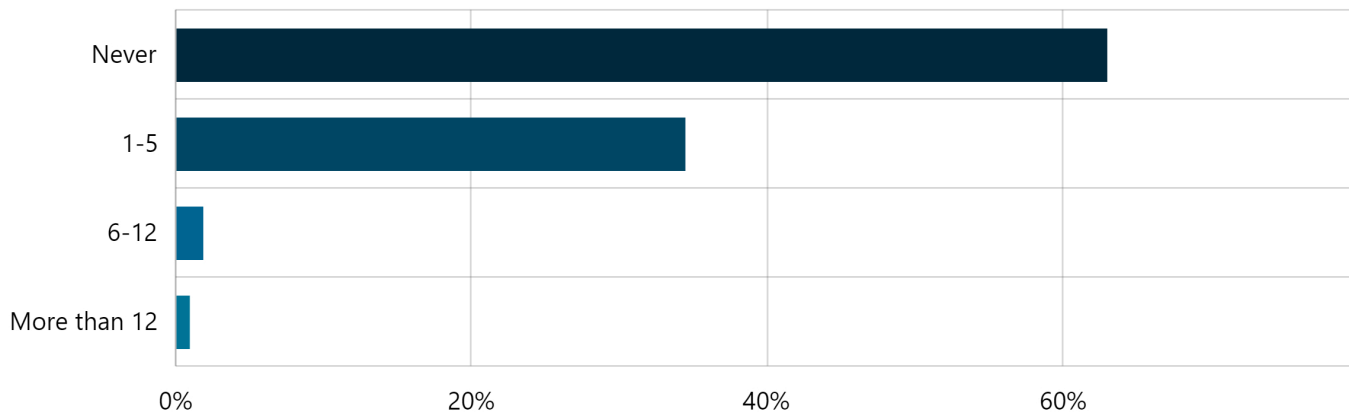
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**Featured Contributions**

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**25. How many times have you attended a public meeting about local government matters within the last 12 months?**

Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 221 (98.7%)

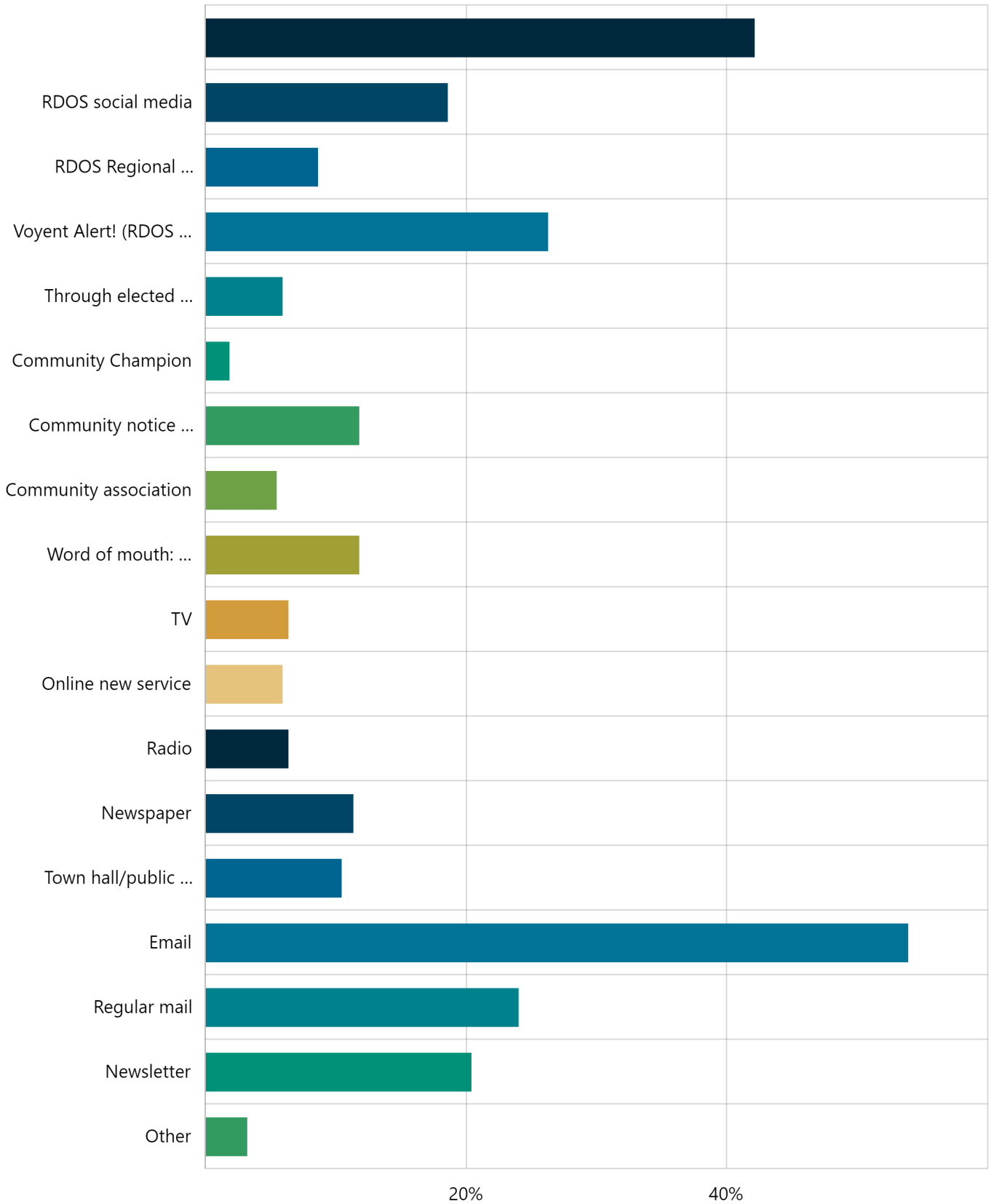


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Never	62.90%	139
1-5	34.39%	76
6-12	1.81%	4
More than 12	0.90%	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>221</b>

## 26. How do you prefer to receive information about local government services, projects, and initiatives?

Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 3 | Answered: 221 (98.7%)

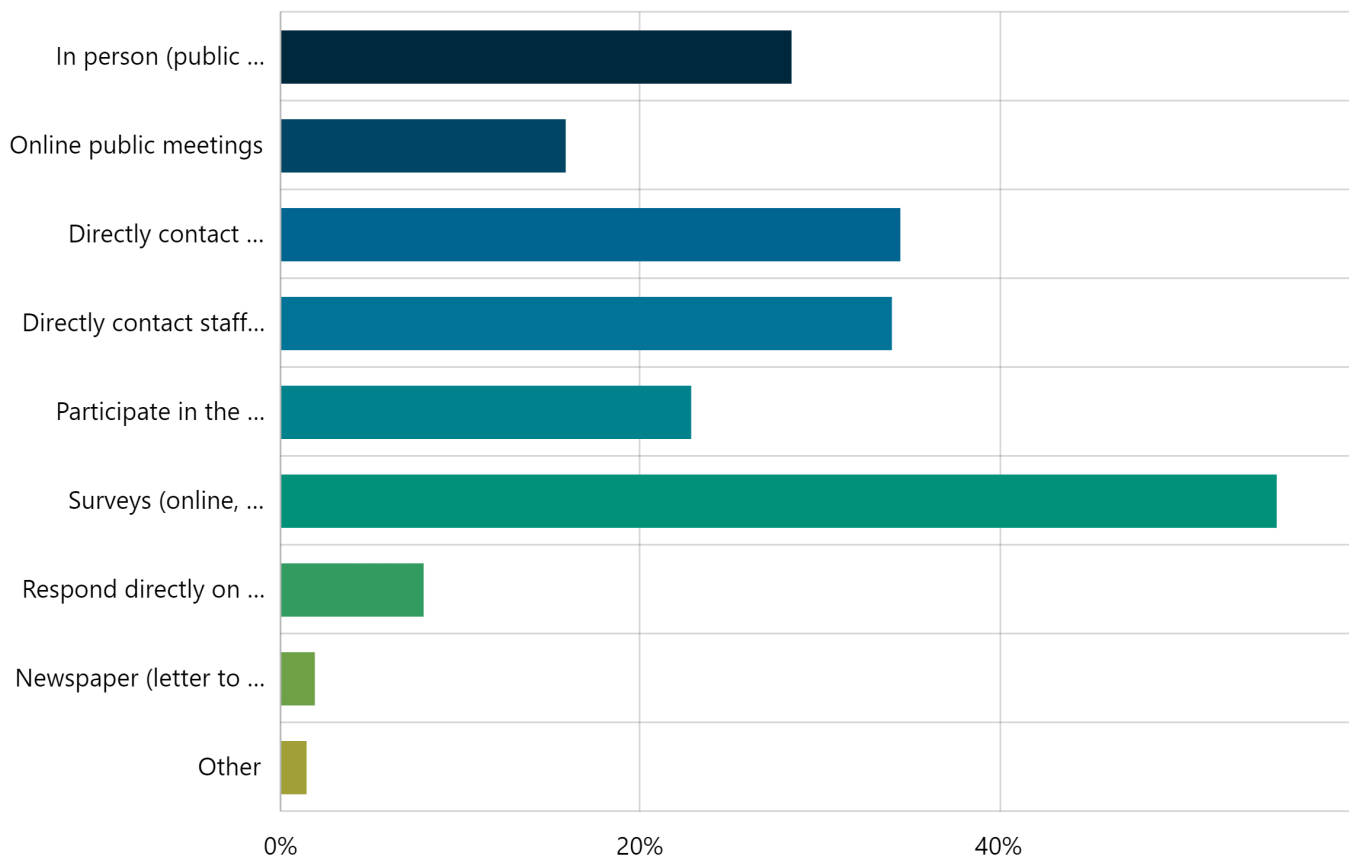




RDOS website	42.08%	93
RDOS social media	18.55%	41
RDOS Regional Connections ( <a href="https://rdosregionalconnections.ca">https://rdosregionalconnections.ca</a> )	8.60%	19
Voyent Alert! (RDOS informational and emergency notification system)	26.24%	58
Through elected official personal web page or blog/social media	5.88%	13
Community Champion	1.81%	4
Community notice board	11.76%	26
Community association	5.43%	12
Word of mouth: neighbours, friends	11.76%	26
TV	6.33%	14
Online new service	5.88%	13
Radio	6.33%	14
Newspaper	11.31%	25
Town hall/public meetings	10.41%	23
Email	53.85%	119
Regular mail	23.98%	53
Newsletter	20.36%	45
Other	3.17%	7

## 27. How do you prefer to share your feedback or ask questions about local government services, projects, and initiatives?

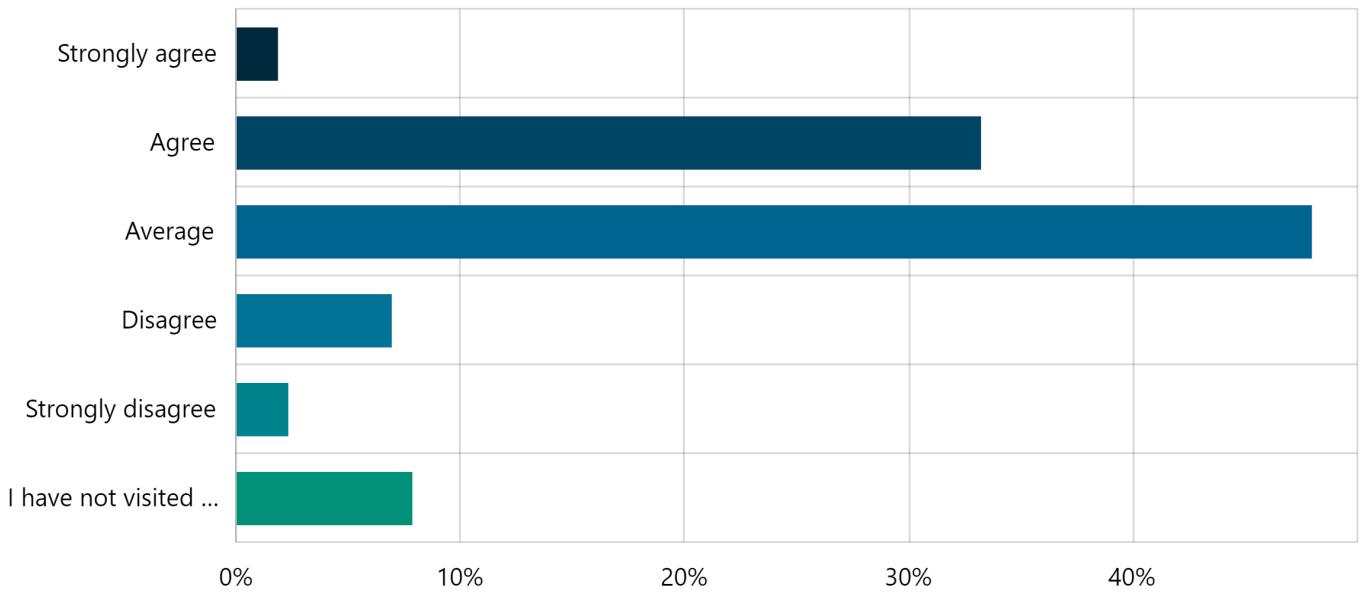
Multi Choice | Skipped: 9 | Answered: 215 (96%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
In person (public meetings, open house events)	28.37%	61
Online public meetings	15.81%	34
Directly contact elected official (phone, email, in person)	34.42%	74
Directly contact staff person (phone, email, in person)	33.95%	73
Participate in the official website or interactive public engagement website: <a href="http://www.rdosregionalconnections.ca">www.rdosregionalconnections.ca</a>	22.79%	49
Surveys (online, phone, paper copies)	55.35%	119
Respond directly on social media	7.91%	17
Newspaper (letter to the editor)	1.86%	4
Other	1.40%	3

## 28. Your local government website is easy to navigate

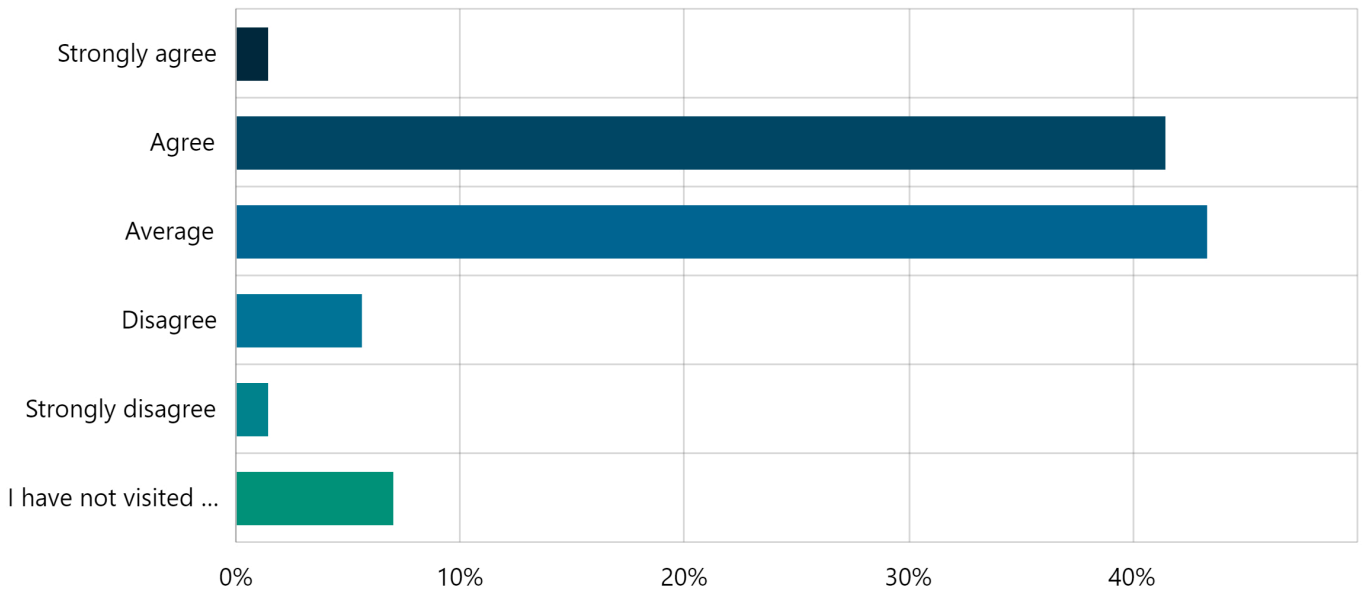
Multi Choice | Skipped: 7 | Answered: 217 (96.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Strongly agree	1.84%	4
Agree	33.18%	72
Average	47.93%	104
Disagree	6.91%	15
Strongly disagree	2.30%	5
I have not visited my local government's website before	7.83%	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>217</b>

## 29. The information on your local government website is useful and relevant

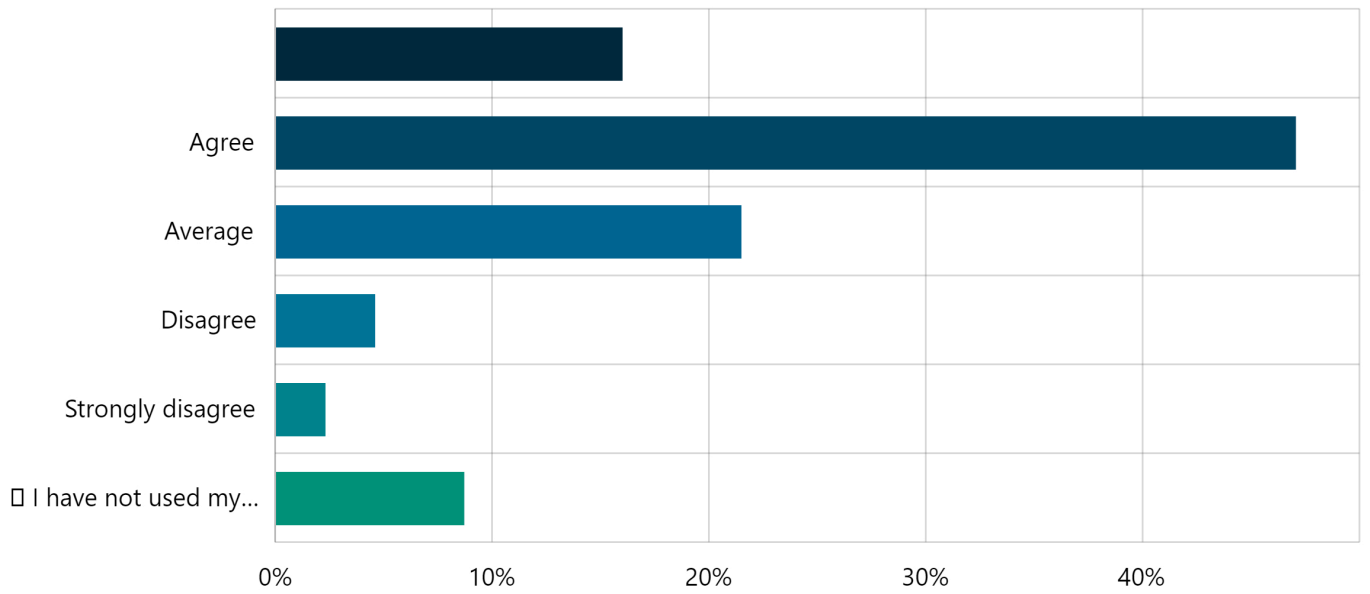
Multi Choice | Skipped: 9 | Answered: 215 (96%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Strongly agree	1.40%	3
Agree	41.40%	89
Average	43.26%	93
Disagree	5.58%	12
Strongly disagree	1.40%	3
I have not visited my local government's website before	6.98%	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>215</b>

### 30. The online payment system is an easy and convenient option to pay my bills, taxes, other

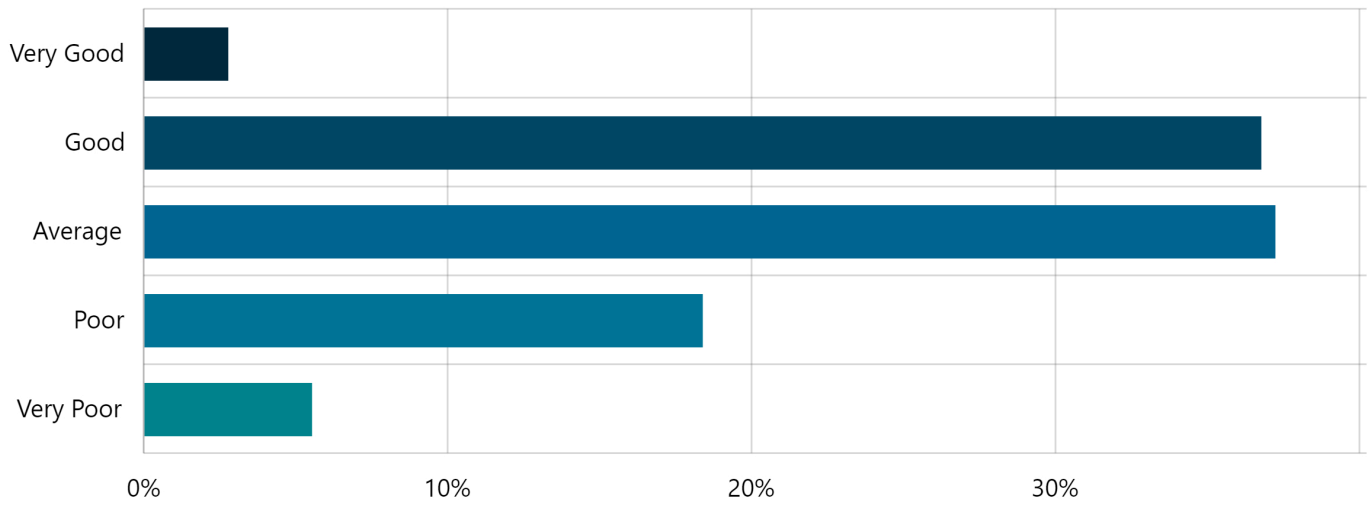
Multi Choice | Skipped: 5 | Answered: 219 (97.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Strongly agree	15.98%	35
Agree	47.03%	103
Average	21.46%	47
Disagree	4.57%	10
Strongly disagree	2.28%	5
<input type="checkbox"/> I have not used my local government's online payment system before	8.68%	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>219</b>

### 31. Informing you of important information and decisions

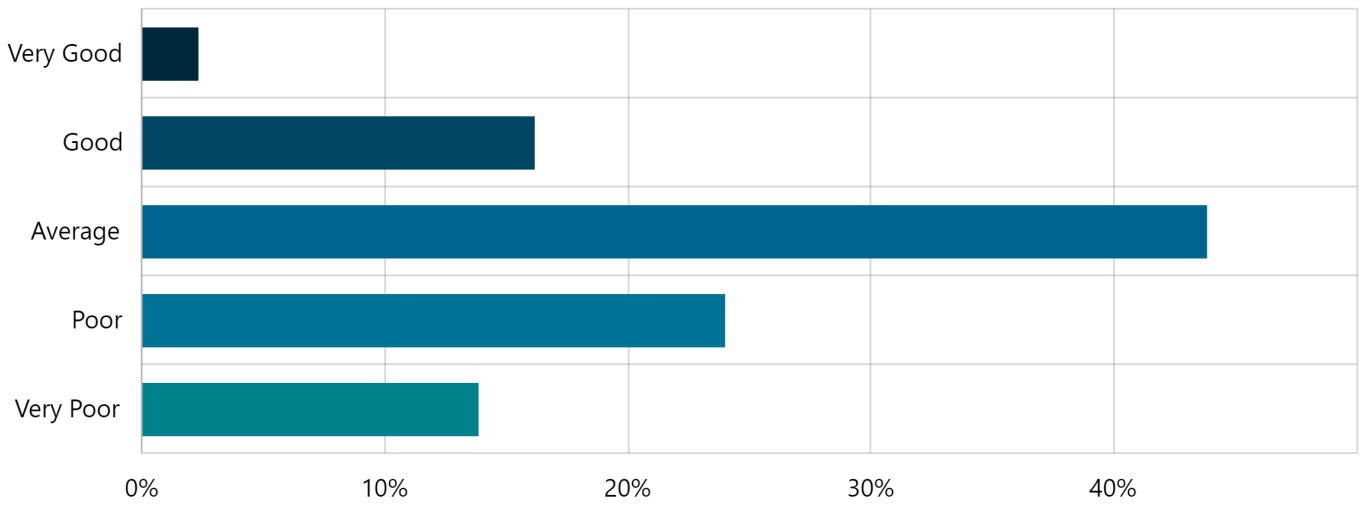
Multi Choice | Skipped: 5 | Answered: 219 (97.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	2.74%	6
Good	36.53%	80
Average	36.99%	81
Poor	18.26%	40
Very Poor	5.48%	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>219</b>

### 32. Involving you in the decision making process

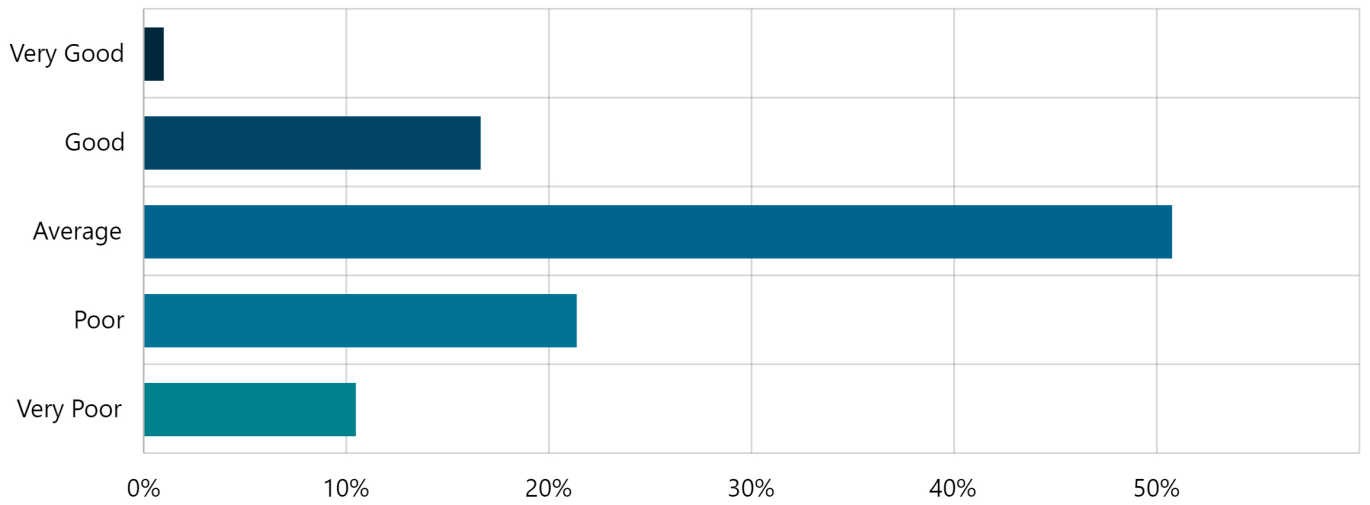
Multi Choice | Skipped: 7 | Answered: 217 (96.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	2.30%	5
Good	16.13%	35
Average	43.78%	95
Poor	23.96%	52
Very Poor	13.82%	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>217</b>

### 33. Responding to your feedback on topics and decisions

Multi Choice | Skipped: 13 | Answered: 211 (94.2%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	0.95%	2
Good	16.59%	35
Average	50.71%	107
Poor	21.33%	45
Very Poor	10.43%	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>211</b>



**34. Please provide any additional comments you would like to share.**

Long Text | Skipped: 152 | Answered: 72 (32.1%)

**Sentiment**

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**Tags**

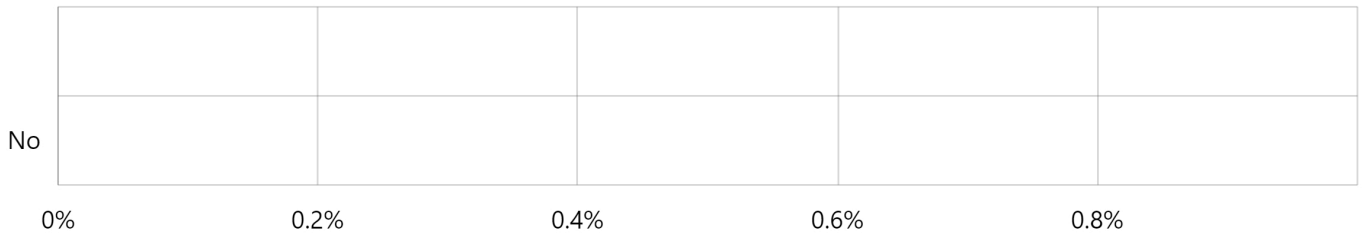
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### 35. Continuing to prohibit short term rentals where the property owner is not on site

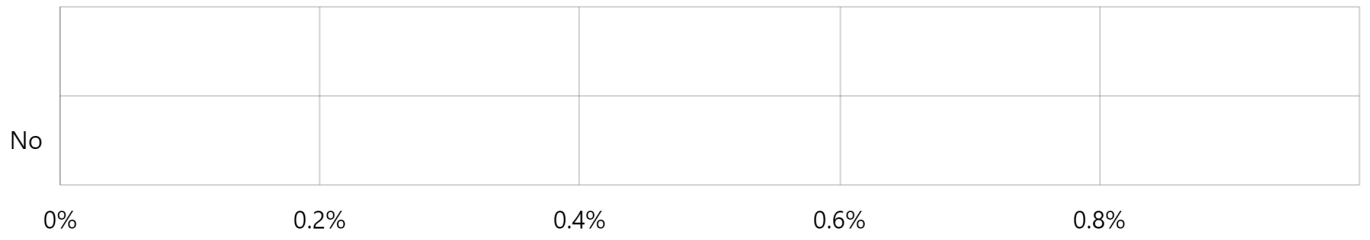
Multi Choice | Skipped: 224 | Answered: 0 (0%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	0%	0
No	0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>

### 36. Imposing penalties for vacant storefronts in commercial areas

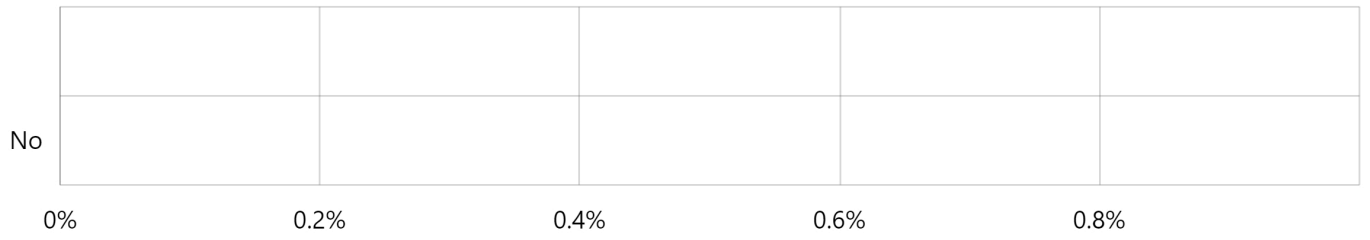
Multi Choice | Skipped: 224 | Answered: 0 (0%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	0%	0
No	0%	0
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### 37. Investing in heritage preservation

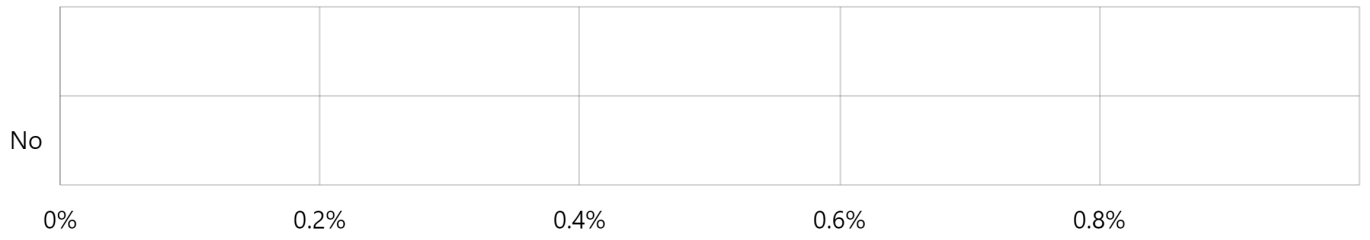
Multi Choice | Skipped: 224 | Answered: 0 (0%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	0%	0
No	0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>

### 38. Investing in civic facilities for dogs, including dog waste stations and supplies

Multi Choice | Skipped: 224 | Answered: 0 (0%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	0%	0
No	0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>

**39. Please provide feedback for the Village of Keremeos**

Long Text | Skipped: 224 | Answered: 0 (0%)

**Sentiment**

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**Tags**

No tag data

**Featured Contributions**

No featured contributions

# RDOS Regional Connections

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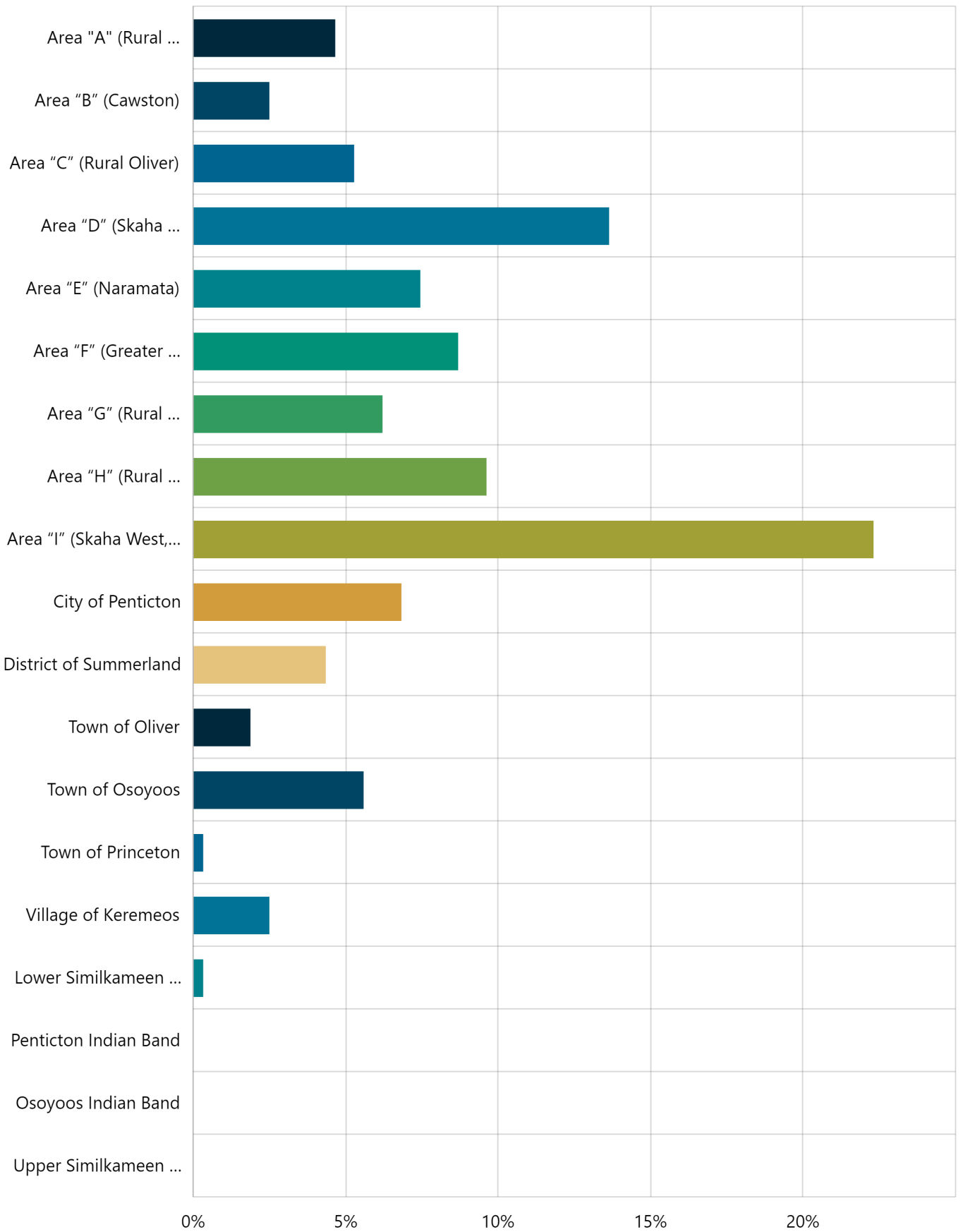
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## Contribution Summary

### 1. Which electoral area, municipality or syilx Okanagan community do you reside or own property?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 4 | Answered: 323 (98.8%)



Answer choices

Percent

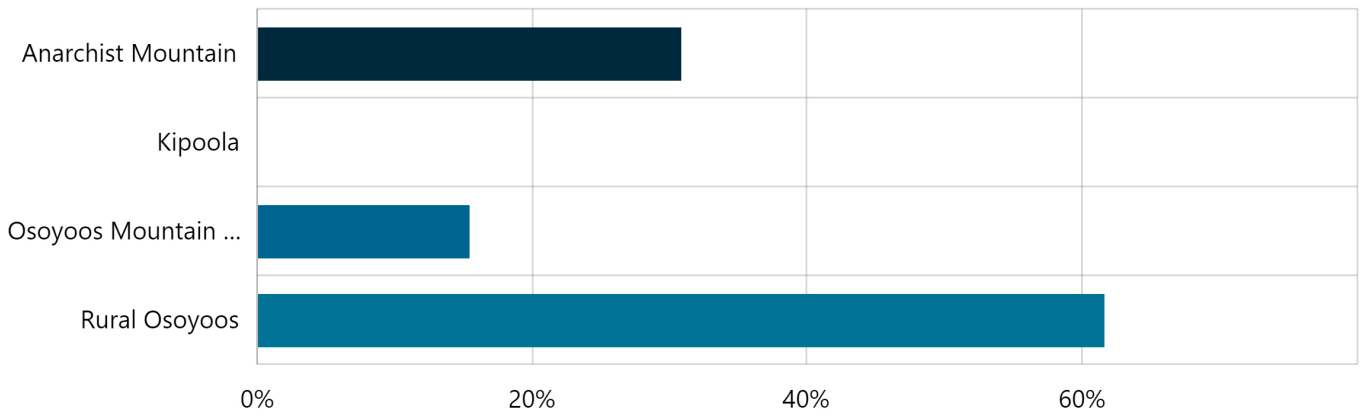
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Area "A" (Rural Osoyoos)	4.64%	15
Area "B" (Cawston)	2.48%	8
Area "C" (Rural Oliver)	5.26%	17
Area "D" (Skaha East, Okanagan Falls)	13.62%	44
Area "E" (Naramata)	7.43%	24
Area "F" (Greater West Bench, Rural Summerland, Okanagan Lake West)	8.67%	28
Area "G" (Rural Keremeos, Hedley, Olalla)	6.19%	20
Area "H" (Rural Princeton, Tulameen, Coalmont, Eastgate)	9.60%	31
Area "I" (Skaha West, Kaleden, Apex)	22.29%	72
City of Penticton	6.81%	22
District of Summerland	4.33%	14
Town of Oliver	1.86%	6
Town of Osoyoos	5.57%	18
Town of Princeton	0.31%	1
Village of Keremeos	2.48%	8
Lower Similkameen Indian Band	0.31%	1
Penticton Indian Band	0%	0
Osoyoos Indian Band	0%	0
Upper Similkameen Indian Band	0%	0

## 2. Which community best describes the area where you live?

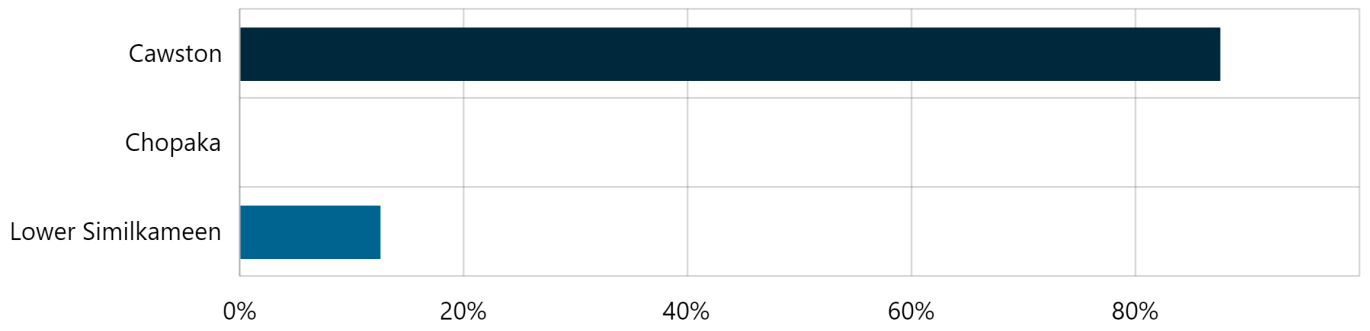
Multi Choice | Skipped: 314 | Answered: 13 (4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Anarchist Mountain	30.77%	4
Kipoola	0%	0
Osoyoos Mountain Estates	15.38%	2
Rural Osoyoos	61.54%	8

### 3. Which community best describes the area where you live?

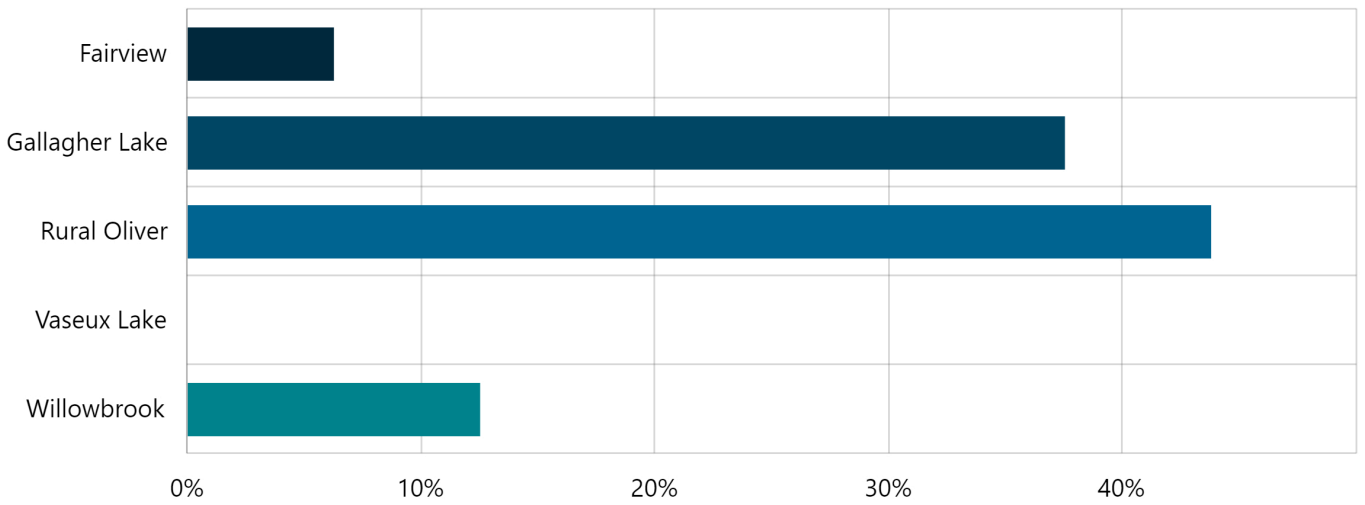
Multi Choice | Skipped: 319 | Answered: 8 (2.4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Cawston	87.50%	7
Chopaka	0%	0
Lower Similkameen	12.50%	1

#### 4. Which community best describes the area where you live?

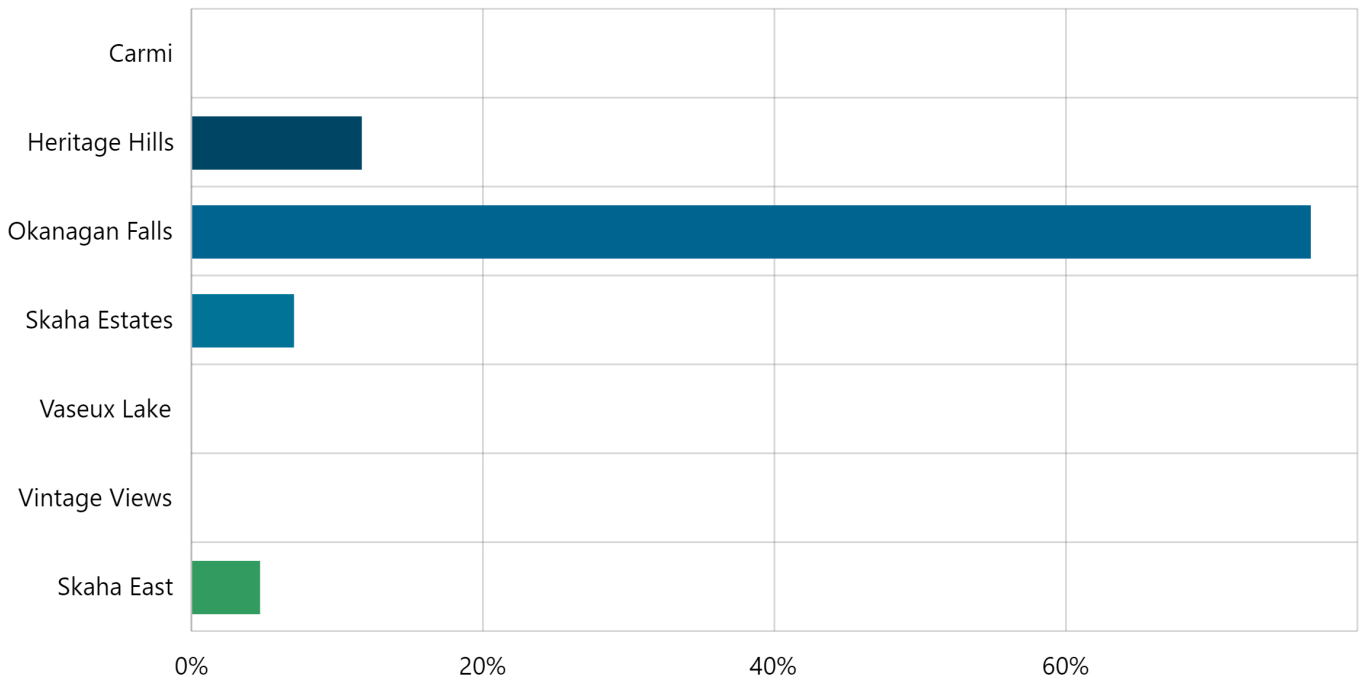
Multi Choice | Skipped: 311 | Answered: 16 (4.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Fairview	6.25%	1
Gallagher Lake	37.50%	6
Rural Oliver	43.75%	7
Vaseux Lake	0%	0
Willowbrook	12.50%	2

### 5. Which community best describes the area where you live?

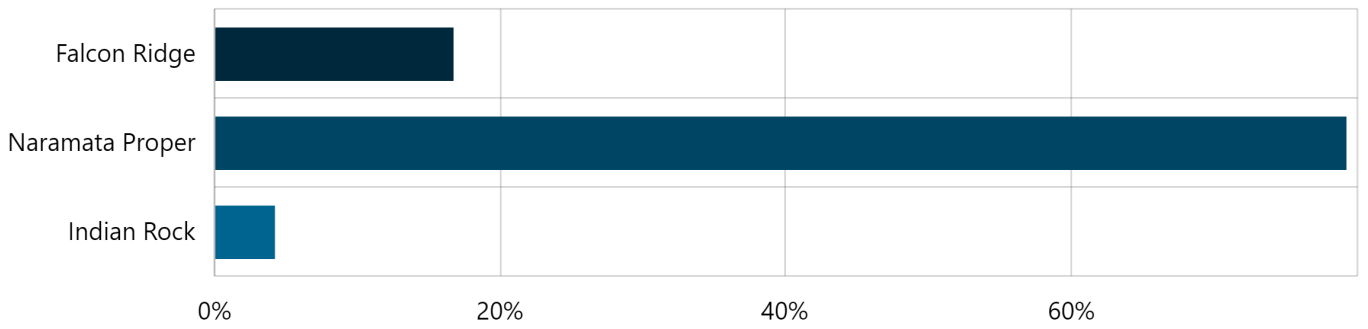
Multi Choice | Skipped: 284 | Answered: 43 (13.1%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Carmi	0%	0
Heritage Hills	11.63%	5
Okanagan Falls	76.74%	33
Skaha Estates	6.98%	3
Vaseux Lake	0%	0
Vintage Views	0%	0
Skaha East	4.65%	2

### 6. Which community best describes the area where you live?

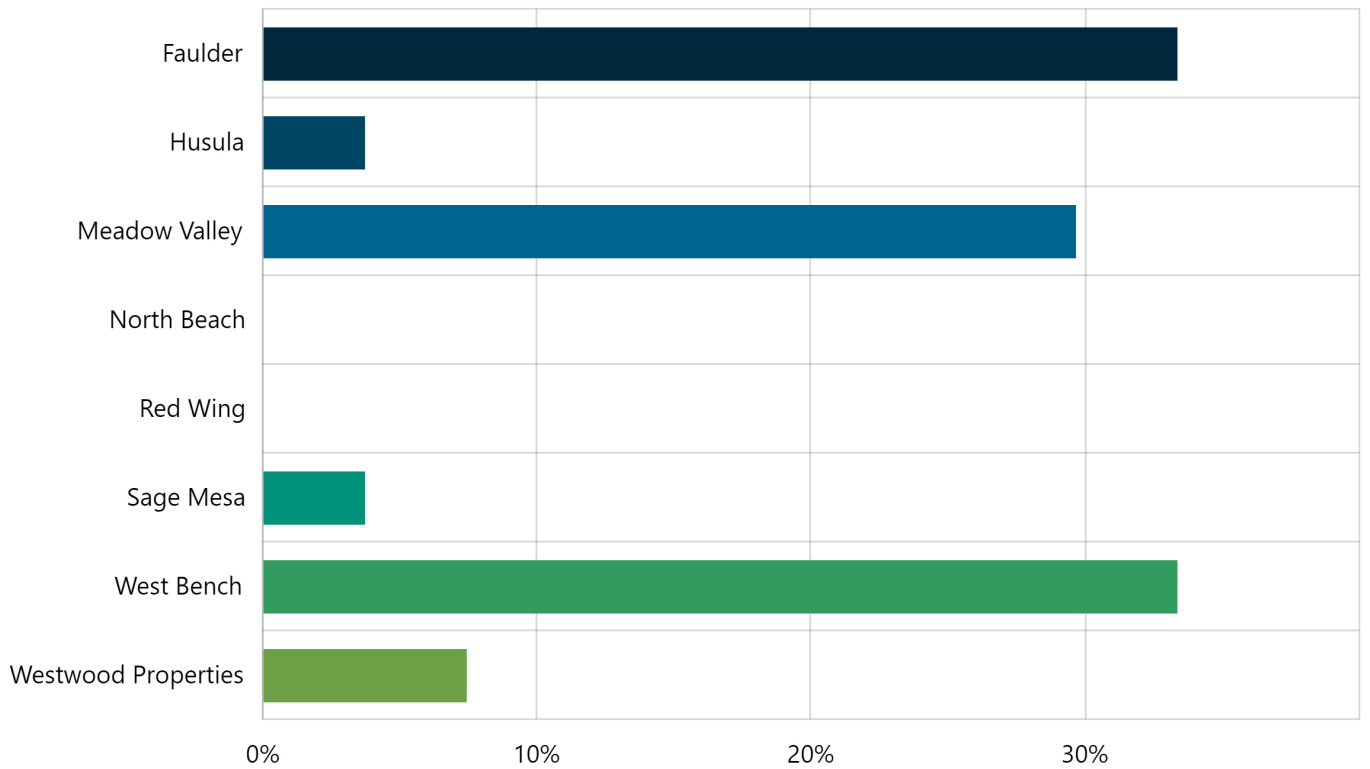
Multi Choice | Skipped: 303 | Answered: 24 (7.3%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Falcon Ridge	16.67%	4
Naramata Proper	79.17%	19
Indian Rock	4.17%	1

### 7. Which community best describes the area where you live?

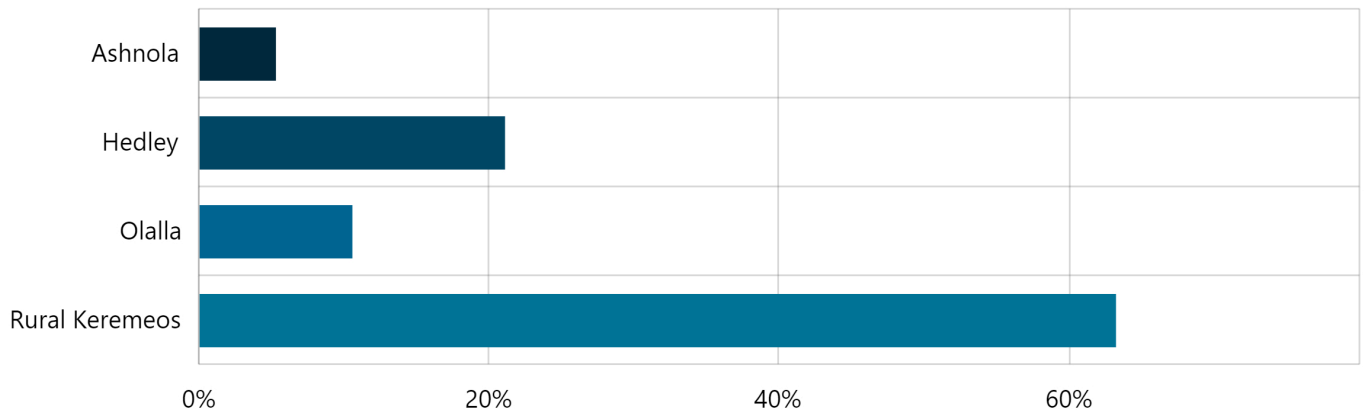
Multi Choice | Skipped: 300 | Answered: 27 (8.3%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Faulder	33.33%	9
Husula	3.70%	1
Meadow Valley	29.63%	8
North Beach	0%	0
Red Wing	0%	0
Sage Mesa	3.70%	1
West Bench	33.33%	9
Westwood Properties	7.41%	2

### 8. Which community best describes the area where you live?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 308 | Answered: 19 (5.8%)

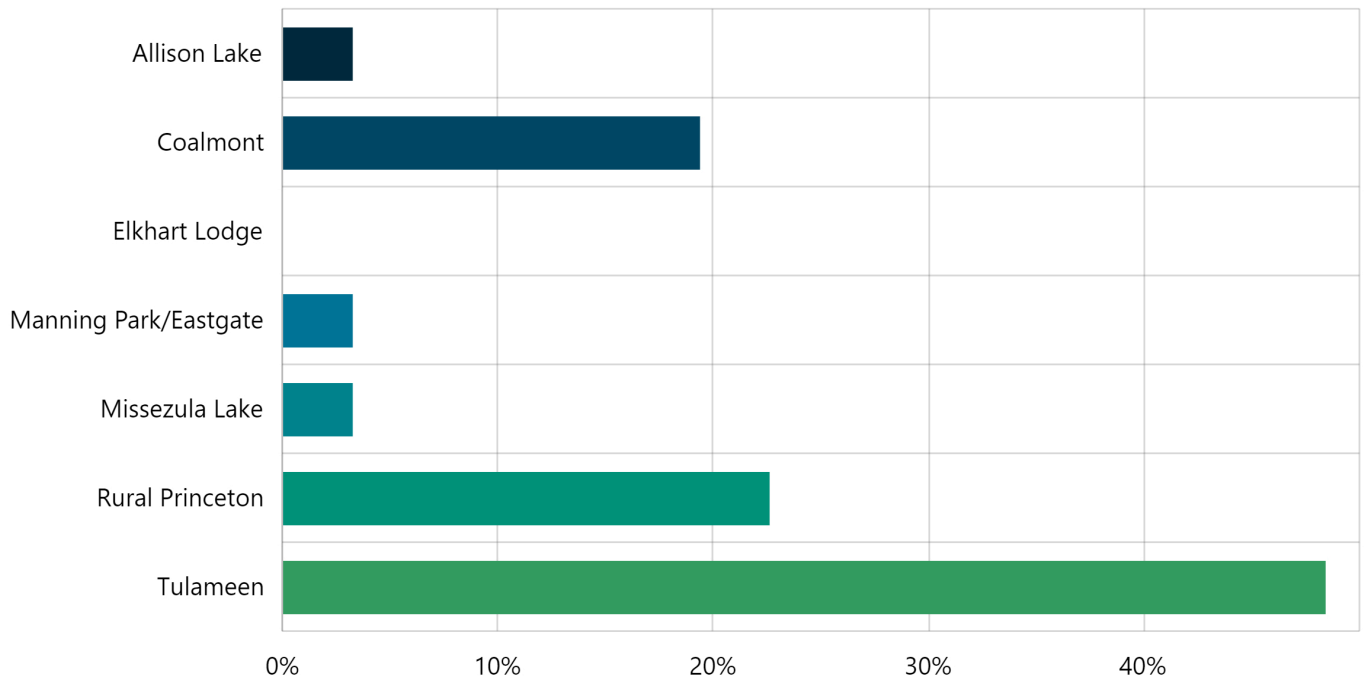


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Ashnola	5.26%	1
Hedley	21.05%	4
Olalla	10.53%	2
Rural Keremeos	63.16%	12



### 9. Which community best describes the area where you live?

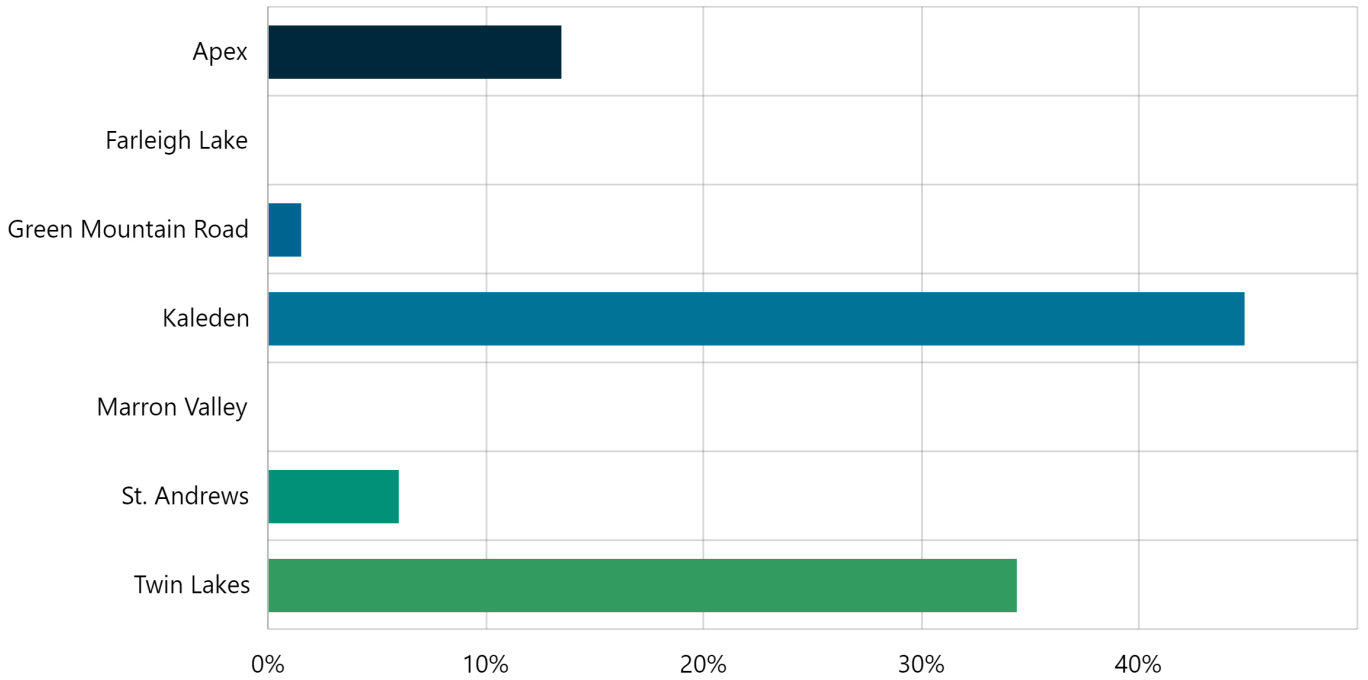
Multi Choice | Skipped: 296 | Answered: 31 (9.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Allison Lake	3.23%	1
Coalmont	19.35%	6
Elkhart Lodge	0%	0
Manning Park/Eastgate	3.23%	1
Missezula Lake	3.23%	1
Rural Princeton	22.58%	7
Tulameen	48.39%	15

### 10. Which community best describes the area where you live?

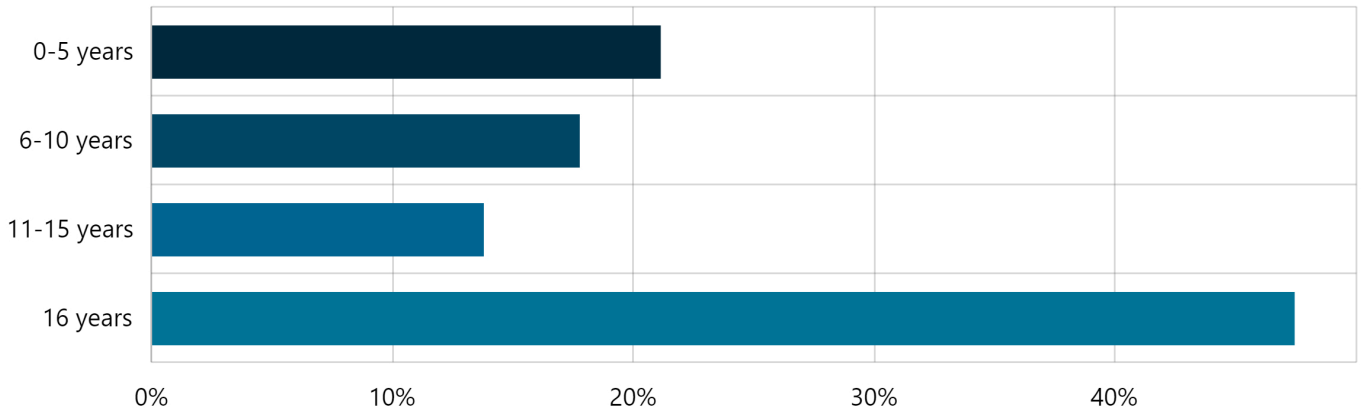
Multi Choice | Skipped: 260 | Answered: 67 (20.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Apex	13.43%	9
Farleigh Lake	0%	0
Green Mountain Road	1.49%	1
Kaleden	44.78%	30
Marron Valley	0%	0
St. Andrews	5.97%	4
Twin Lakes	34.33%	23

### 11. How long have you lived or owned property within the RDOS region?

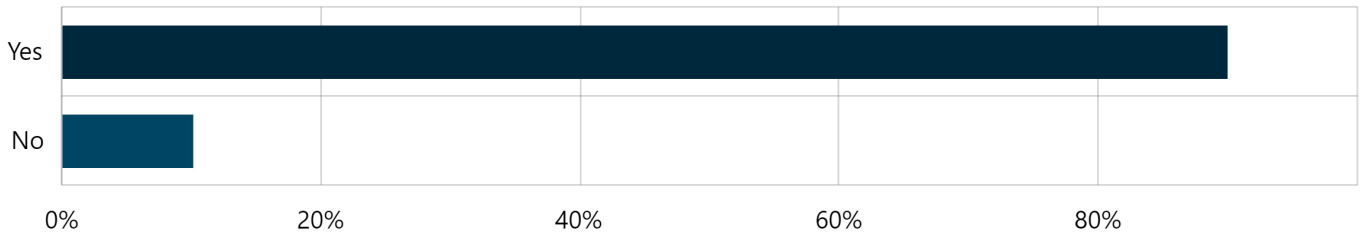
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 327 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
0-5 years	21.10%	69
6-10 years	17.74%	58
11-15 years	13.76%	45
16 years	47.40%	155
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>327</b>

## 12. Is your principal residence within the RDOS region?

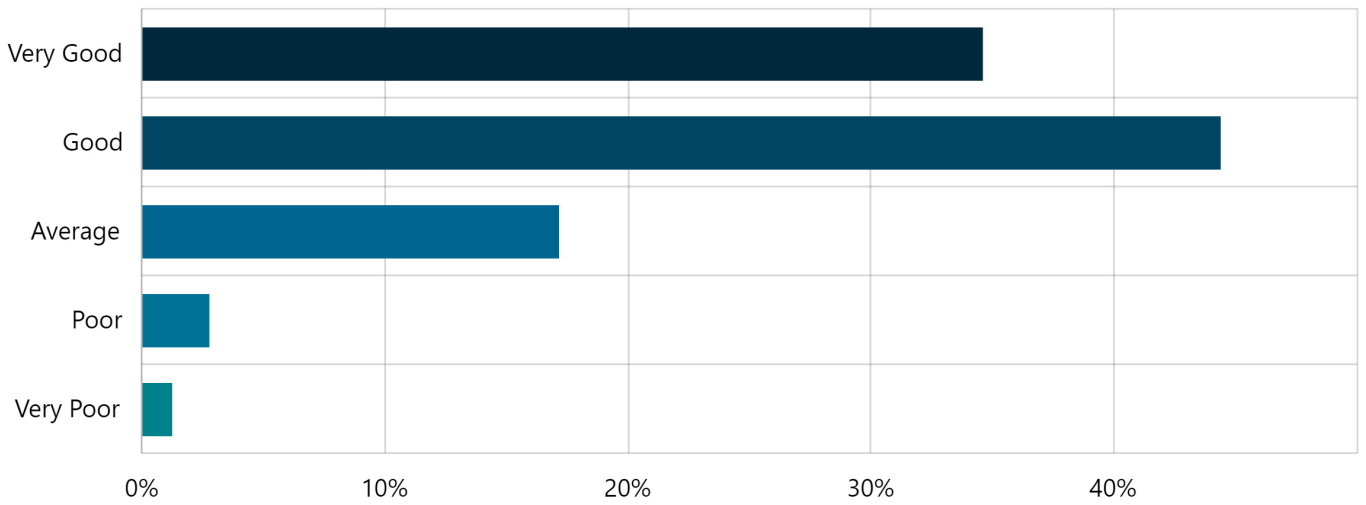
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 327 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	89.91%	294
No	10.09%	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>327</b>

### 13. How would you rate your overall quality of life in your community?

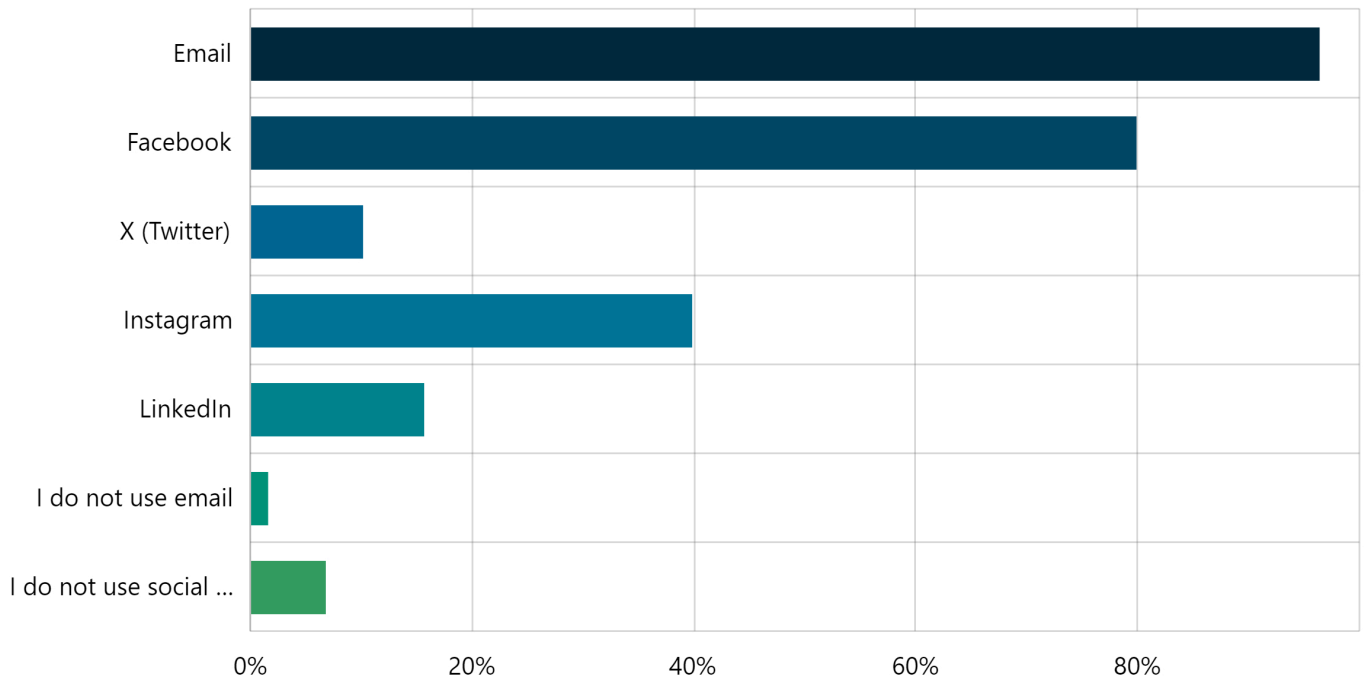
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 327 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	34.56%	113
Good	44.34%	145
Average	17.13%	56
Poor	2.75%	9
Very Poor	1.22%	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>327</b>

**14. Do you use email and/or social media? Please select all that apply.**

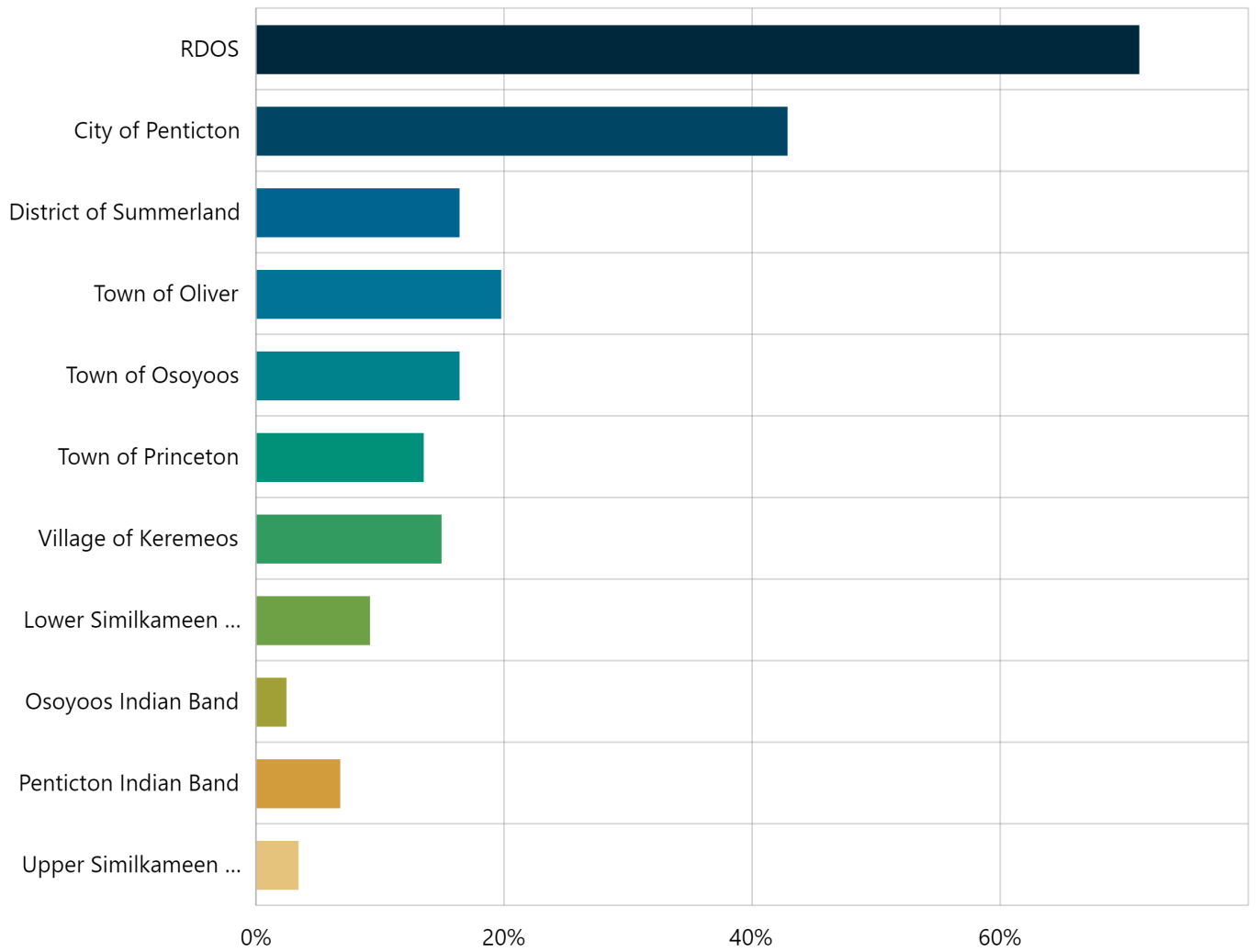
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 327 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Email	96.33%	315
Facebook	79.82%	261
X (Twitter)	10.09%	33
Instagram	39.76%	130
LinkedIn	15.60%	51
I do not use email	1.53%	5
I do not use social media	6.73%	22

**15. Do you follow any of the following on social media? Please select all that apply.**

Multi Choice | Skipped: 119 | Answered: 208 (63.6%)



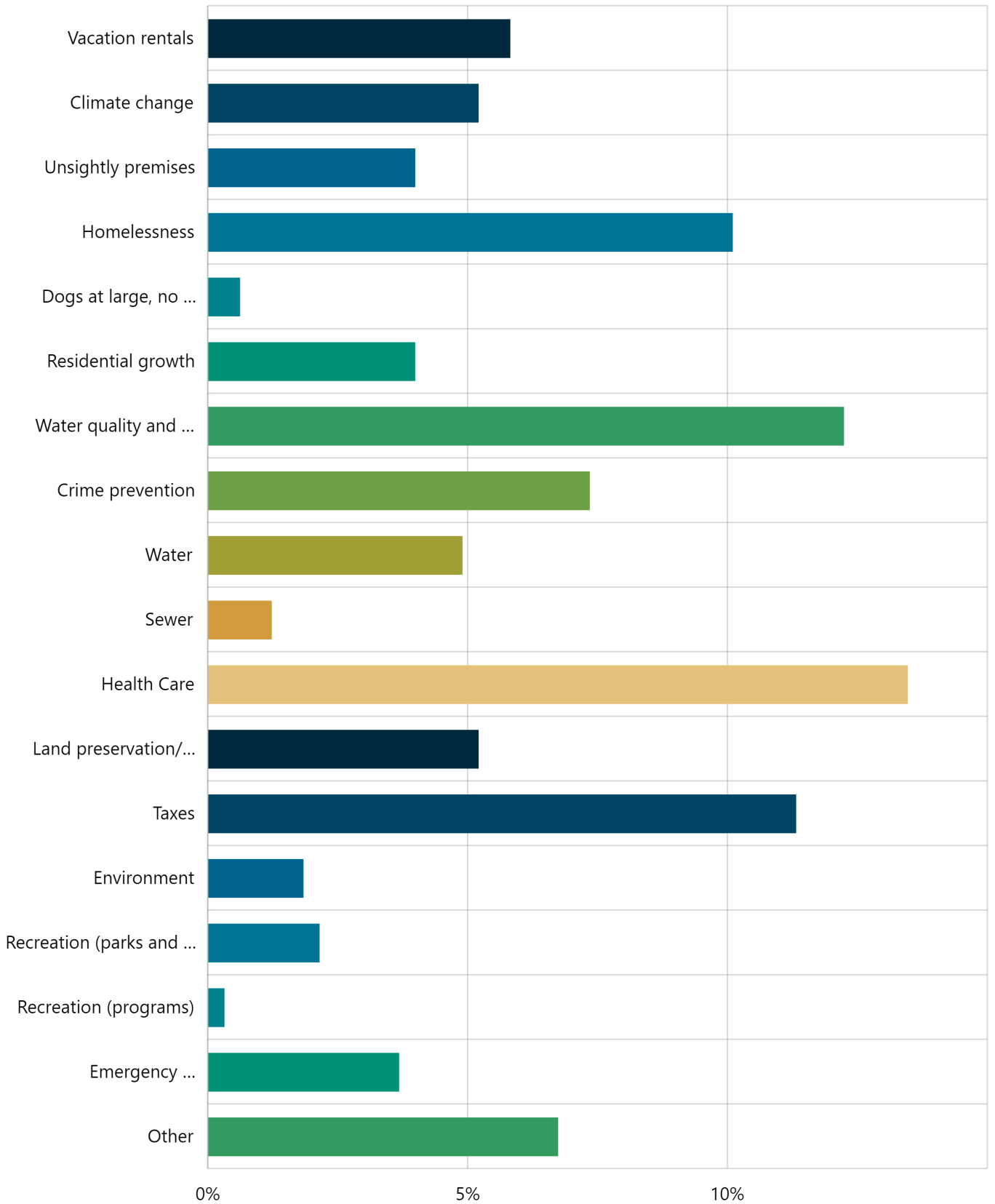
Answer choices	Percent	Count
RDOS	71.15%	148
City of Penticton	42.79%	89
District of Summerland	16.35%	34
Town of Oliver	19.71%	41
Town of Osoyoos	16.35%	34
Town of Princeton	13.46%	28
Village of Keremeos	14.90%	31
Lower Similkameen Indian Band	9.13%	19
Osoyoos Indian Band	2.40%	5

Penticton Indian Band	6.73%	14
Upper Similkameen Indian Band	3.37%	7



**16. In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing your local government; that is, the one issue you feel should receive the greatest attention or advocacy from local elected officials to the provincial or federal governments?**

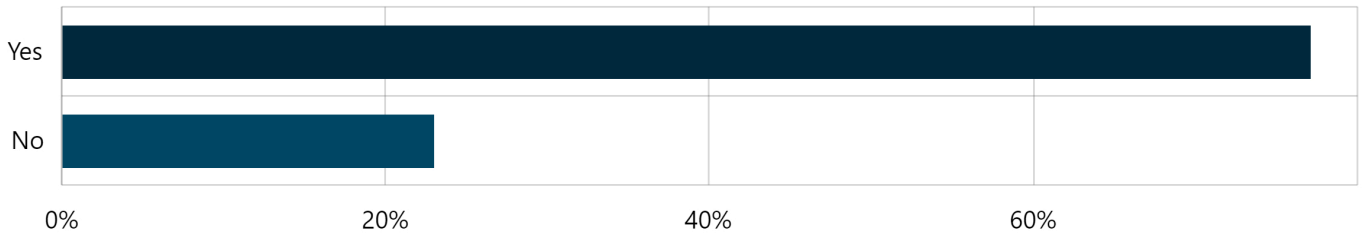
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 327 (100%)



<b>Answer choices</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Count</b>
Vacation rentals	5.81%	19
Climate change	5.20%	17
Unsightly premises	3.98%	13
Homelessness	10.09%	33
Dogs at large, no clean up, barking	0.61%	2
Residential growth	3.98%	13
Water quality and protection	12.23%	40
Crime prevention	7.34%	24
Water	4.89%	16
Sewer	1.22%	4
Health Care	13.46%	44
Land preservation/agriculture	5.20%	17
Taxes	11.31%	37
Environment	1.83%	6
Recreation (parks and trails)	2.14%	7
Recreation (programs)	0.31%	1
Emergency preparedness, planning, response	3.67%	12
Other	6.73%	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>327</b>

### 17. I am aware of the mass notification system Voyent Alert!

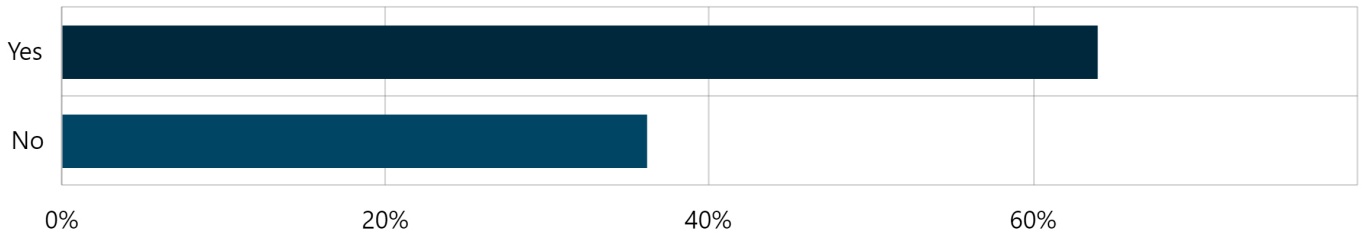
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 327 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	77.06%	252
No	22.94%	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>327</b>

### 18. I have signed up with Voyent Alert! to receive informational and emergency notifications

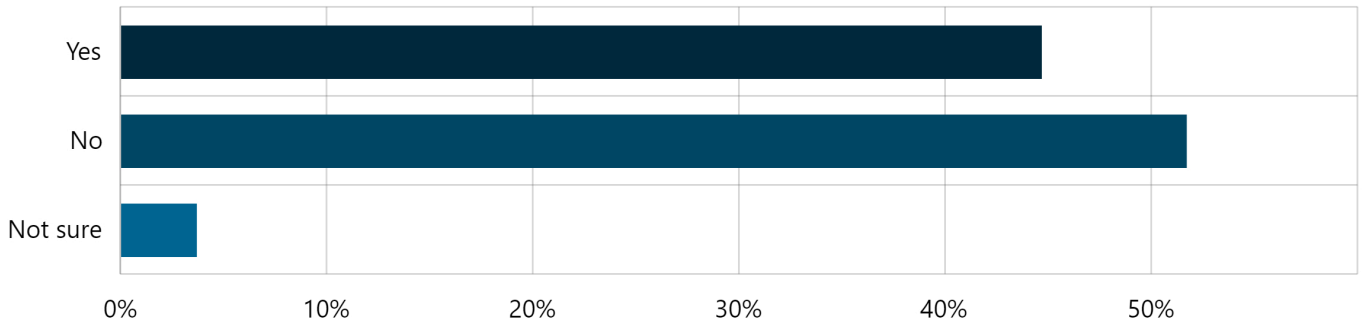
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 327 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	63.91%	209
No	36.09%	118
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>327</b>

### 19. Have you contacted local government staff or an elected official within the last 12 months?

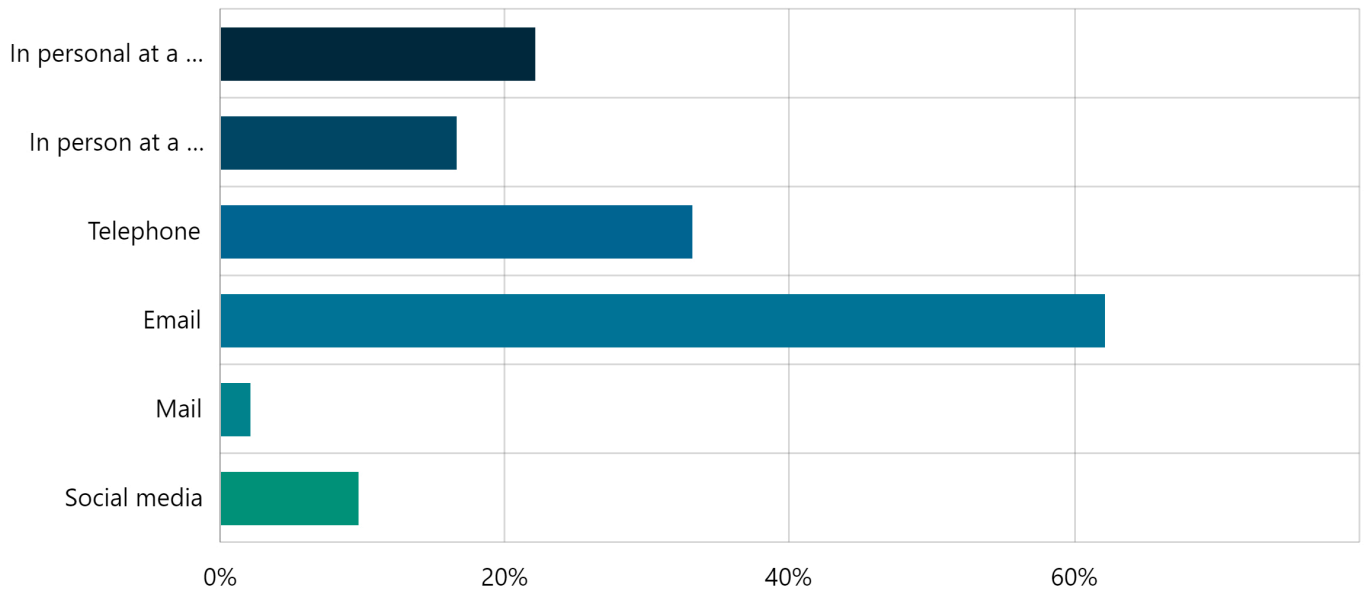
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 327 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	44.65%	146
No	51.68%	169
Not sure	3.67%	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>327</b>

## 20. How did you contact your local government?

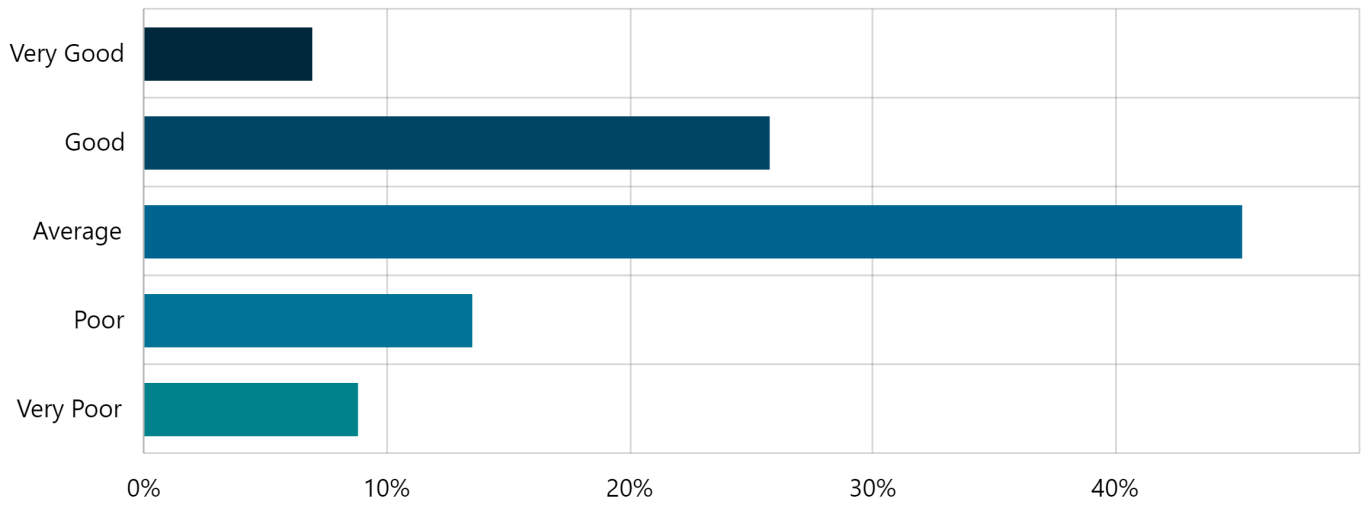
Multi Choice | Skipped: 182 | Answered: 145 (44.3%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
In personal at a local government office	22.07%	32
In person at a community event	16.55%	24
Telephone	33.10%	48
Email	62.07%	90
Mail	2.07%	3
Social media	9.66%	14

## 21. How would you rate the level of service provided by staff at your local government?

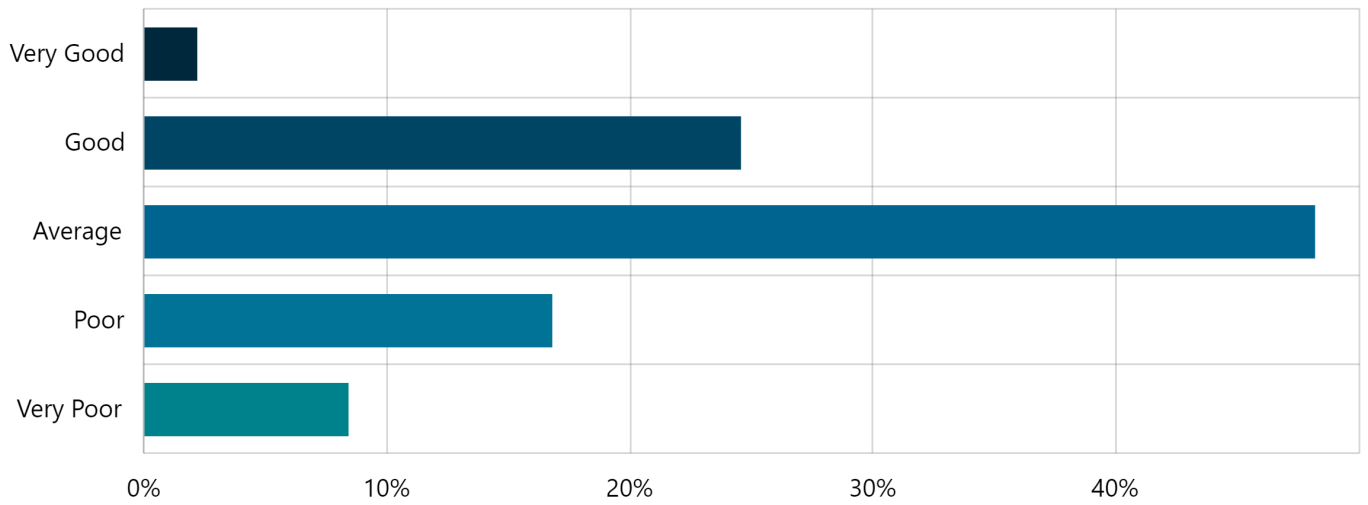
Multi Choice | Skipped: 8 | Answered: 319 (97.6%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	6.90%	22
Good	25.71%	82
Average	45.14%	144
Poor	13.48%	43
Very Poor	8.78%	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>319</b>

## 22. How do you rate the level of programs and services provided by your local government?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 5 | Answered: 322 (98.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	2.17%	7
Good	24.53%	79
Average	48.14%	155
Poor	16.77%	54
Very Poor	8.39%	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>322</b>



**23. Please provide any additional comments about programs or services.**

Long Text | Skipped: 201 | Answered: 126 (38.5%)

**Sentiment**

No sentiment data

**Tags**

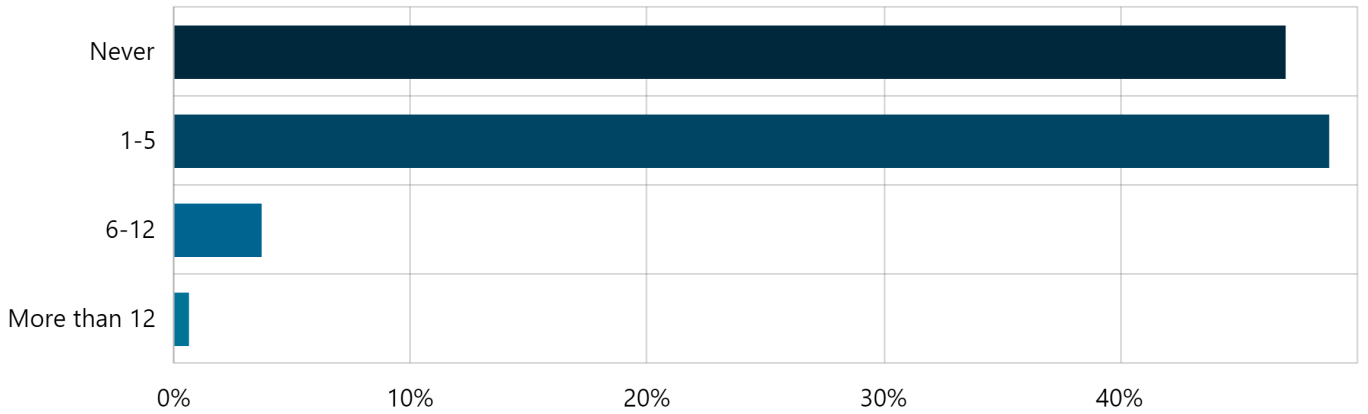
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**Featured Contributions**

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**24. How many times have you attended a public meeting about local government matters within the last 12 months?**

Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 326 (99.7%)

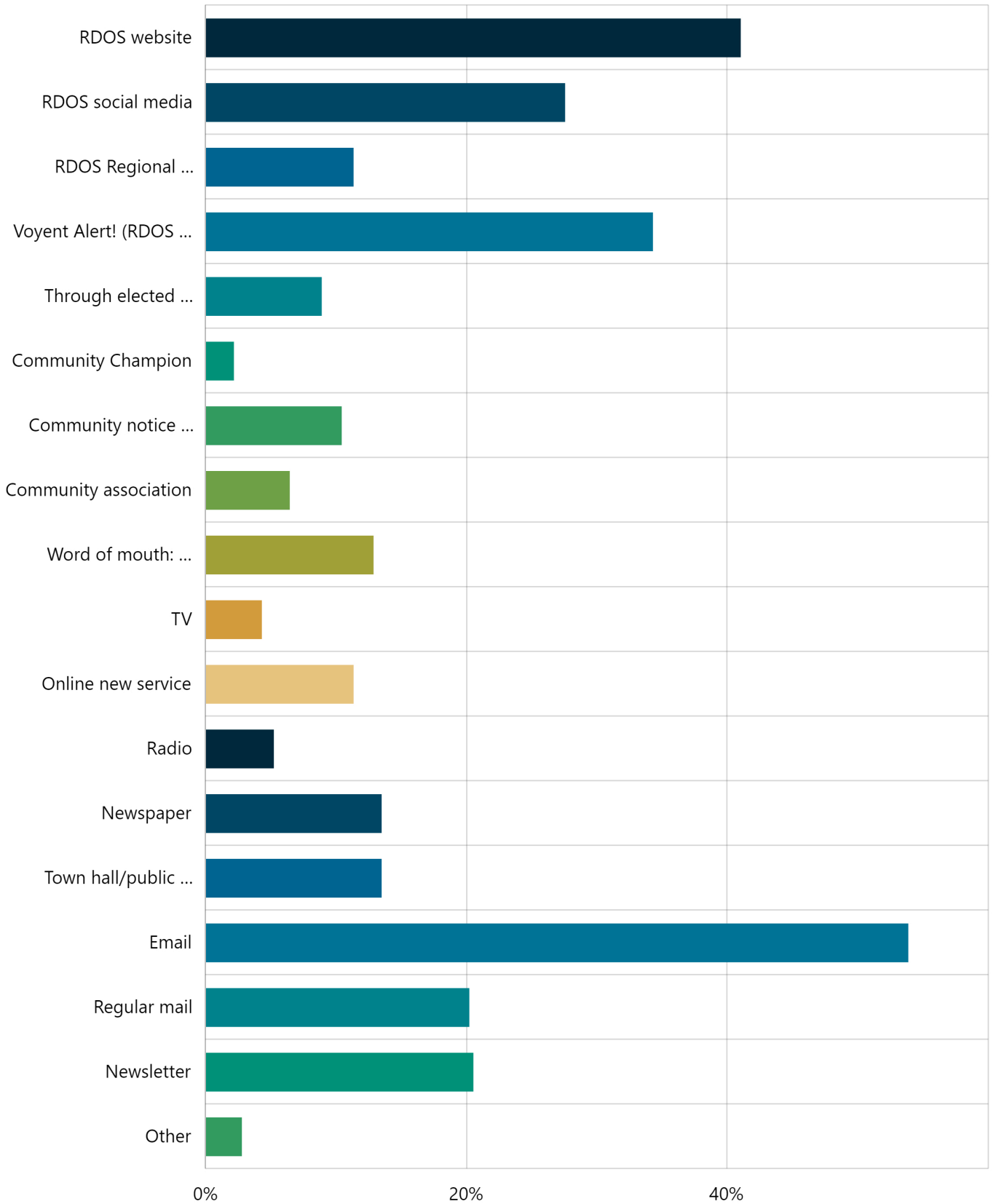


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Never	46.93%	153
1-5	48.77%	159
6-12	3.68%	12
More than 12	0.61%	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>326</b>

## 25. How do you prefer to receive information about local government services, projects, and initiatives?

Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 327 (100%)



Answer choices

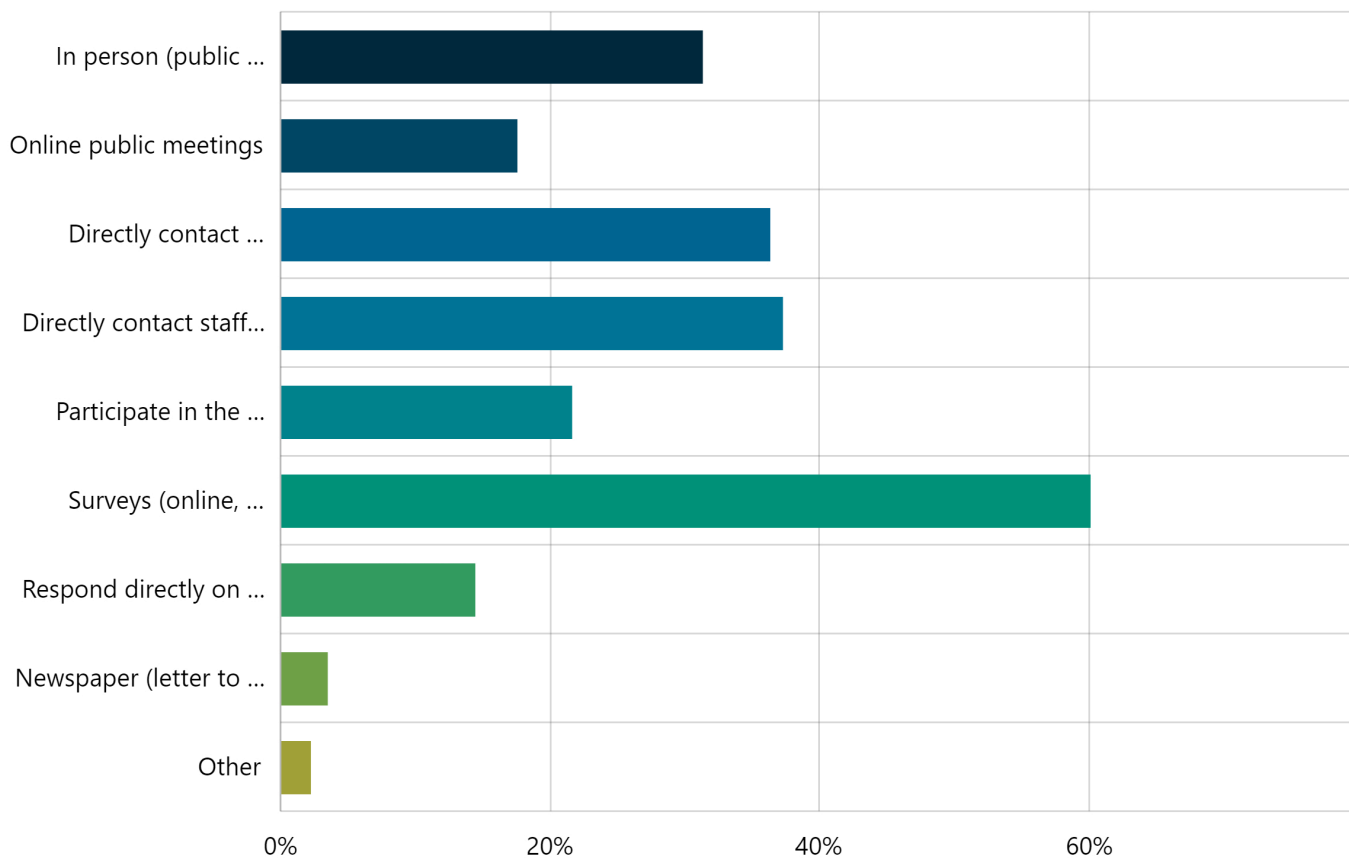
Percent

Count

RDOS website	40.98%	134
RDOS social media	27.52%	90
RDOS Regional Connections ( <a href="https://rdosregionalconnections.ca">https://rdosregionalconnections.ca</a> )	11.31%	37
Voyent Alert! (RDOS informational and emergency notification system)	34.25%	112
Through elected official personal web page or blog/social media	8.87%	29
Community Champion	2.14%	7
Community notice board	10.40%	34
Community association	6.42%	21
Word of mouth: neighbours, friends	12.84%	42
TV	4.28%	14
Online new service	11.31%	37
Radio	5.20%	17
Newspaper	13.46%	44
Town hall/public meetings	13.46%	44
Email	53.82%	176
Regular mail	20.18%	66
Newsletter	20.49%	67
Other	2.75%	9

## 26. How do you prefer to share your feedback or ask questions about local government services, projects, and initiatives?

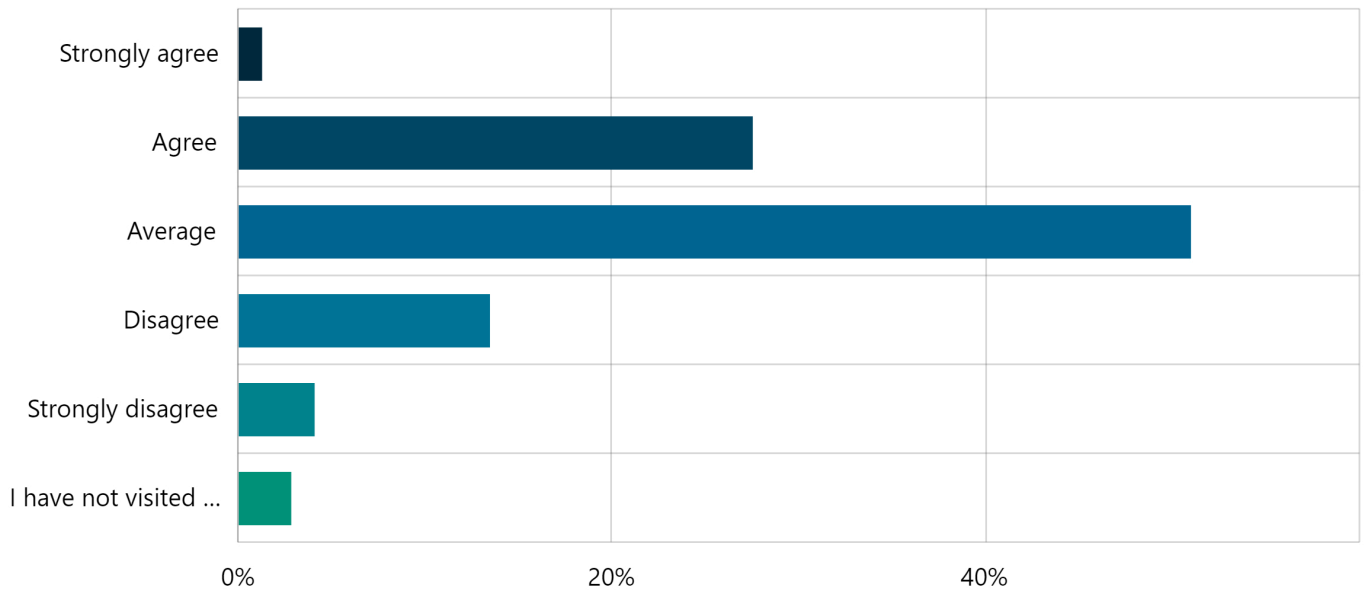
Multi Choice | Skipped: 7 | Answered: 320 (97.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
In person (public meetings, open house events)	31.25%	100
Online public meetings	17.50%	56
Directly contact elected official (phone, email, in person)	36.25%	116
Directly contact staff person (phone, email, in person)	37.19%	119
Participate in the official website or interactive public engagement website: <a href="http://www.rdosregionalconnections.ca">www.rdosregionalconnections.ca</a>	21.56%	69
Surveys (online, phone, paper copies)	60.00%	192
Respond directly on social media	14.38%	46
Newspaper (letter to the editor)	3.44%	11
Other	2.19%	7

## 27. Your local government website is easy to navigate

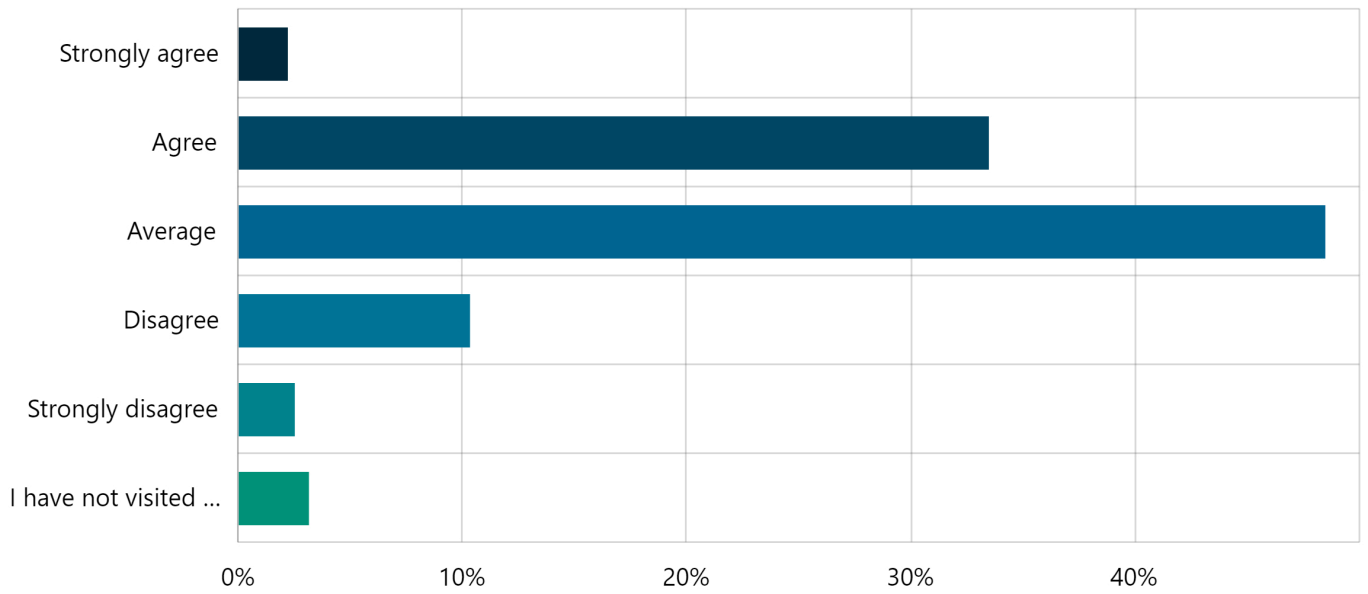
Multi Choice | Skipped: 7 | Answered: 320 (97.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Strongly agree	1.25%	4
Agree	27.50%	88
Average	50.94%	163
Disagree	13.44%	43
Strongly disagree	4.06%	13
I have not visited my local government's website before	2.81%	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>320</b>

## 28. The information on your local government website is useful and relevant

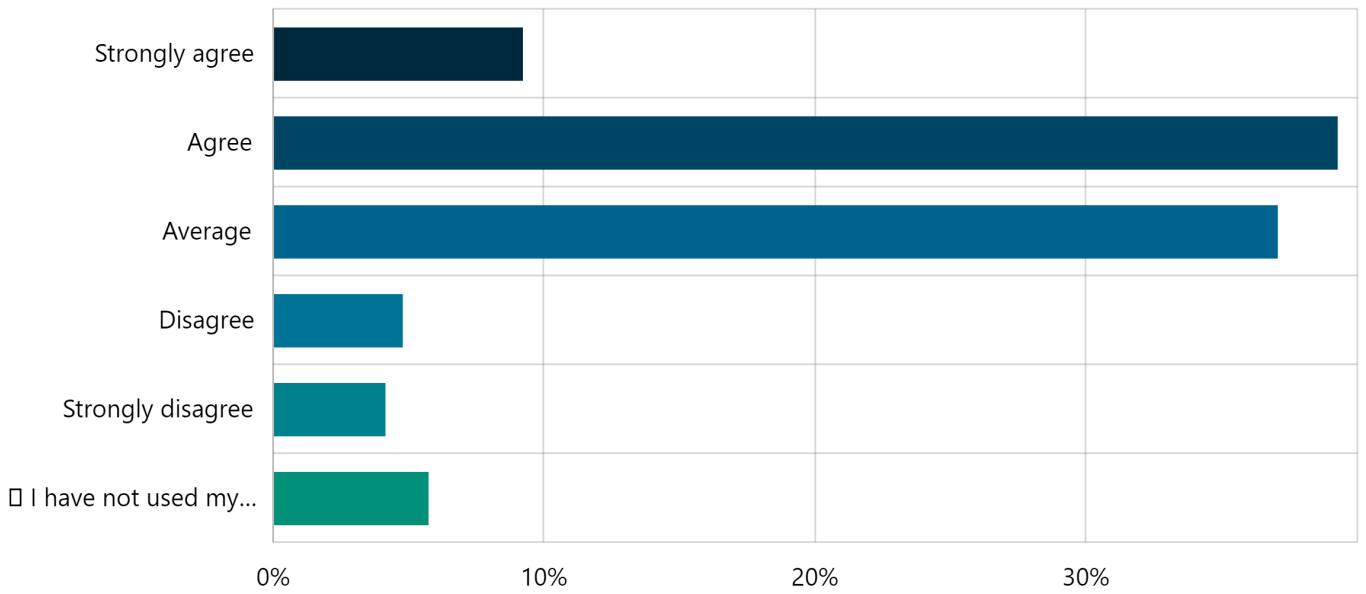
Multi Choice | Skipped: 7 | Answered: 320 (97.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Strongly agree	2.19%	7
Agree	33.44%	107
Average	48.44%	155
Disagree	10.31%	33
Strongly disagree	2.50%	8
I have not visited my local government's website before	3.13%	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>320</b>

## 29. The online payment system is an easy and convenient option to pay my bills, taxes, other

Multi Choice | Skipped: 11 | Answered: 316 (96.6%)

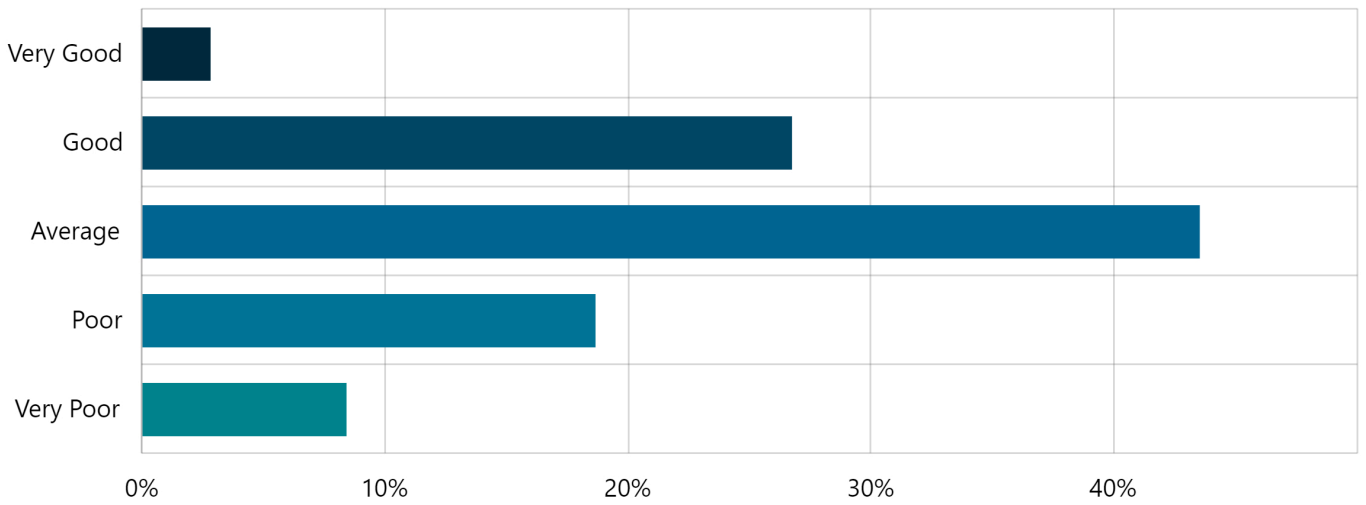


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Strongly agree	9.18%	29
Agree	39.24%	124
Average	37.03%	117
Disagree	4.75%	15
Strongly disagree	4.11%	13
<input type="checkbox"/> I have not used my local government's online payment system before	5.70%	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>316</b>



### 30. Informing you of important information and decisions

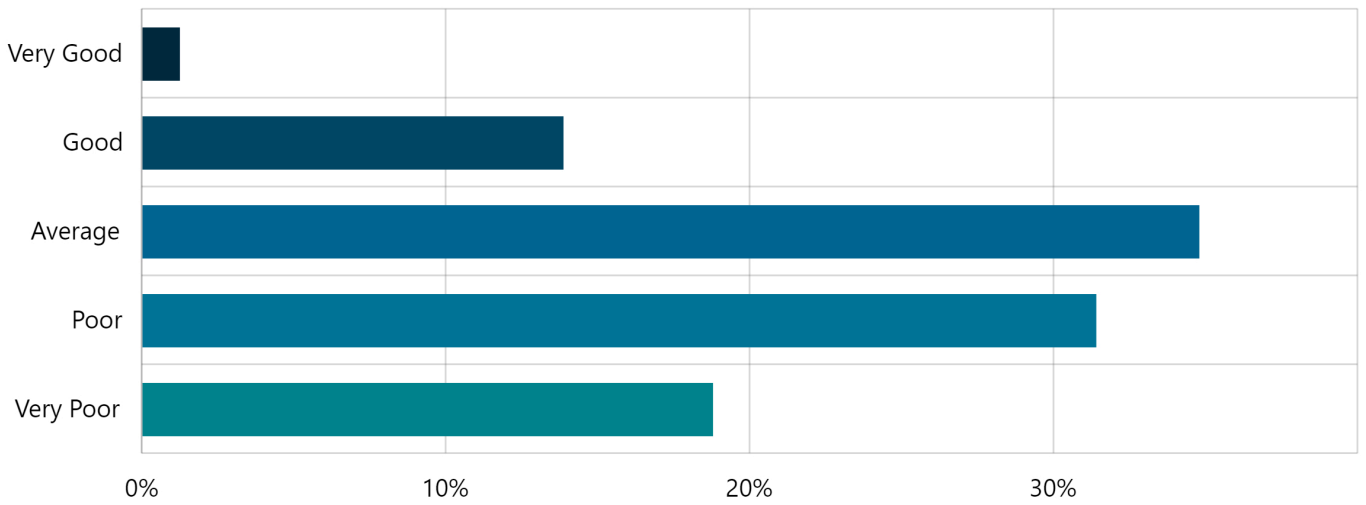
Multi Choice | Skipped: 5 | Answered: 322 (98.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	2.80%	9
Good	26.71%	86
Average	43.48%	140
Poor	18.63%	60
Very Poor	8.39%	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>322</b>

### 31. Involving you in the decision making process

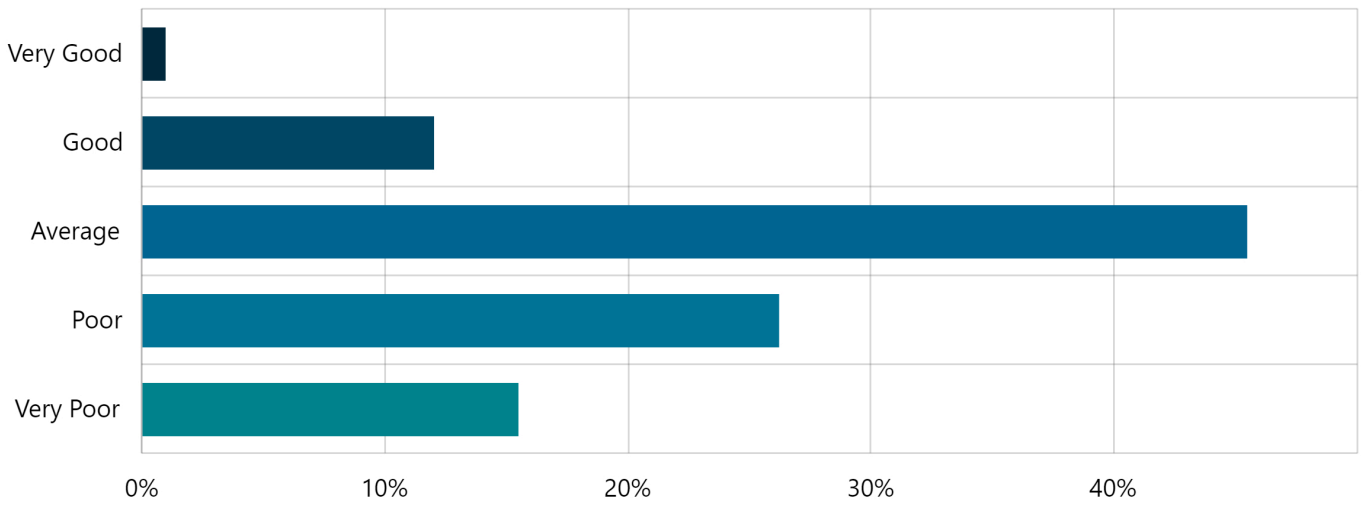
Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 325 (99.4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	1.23%	4
Good	13.85%	45
Average	34.77%	113
Poor	31.38%	102
Very Poor	18.77%	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>325</b>

### 32. Responding to your feedback on topics and decisions

Multi Choice | Skipped: 10 | Answered: 317 (96.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Very Good	0.95%	3
Good	11.99%	38
Average	45.43%	144
Poor	26.18%	83
Very Poor	15.46%	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>317</b>

**33. Please provide any additional comments you would like to share.**

Long Text | Skipped: 244 | Answered: 83 (25.4%)

**Sentiment**

No sentiment data

**Tags**

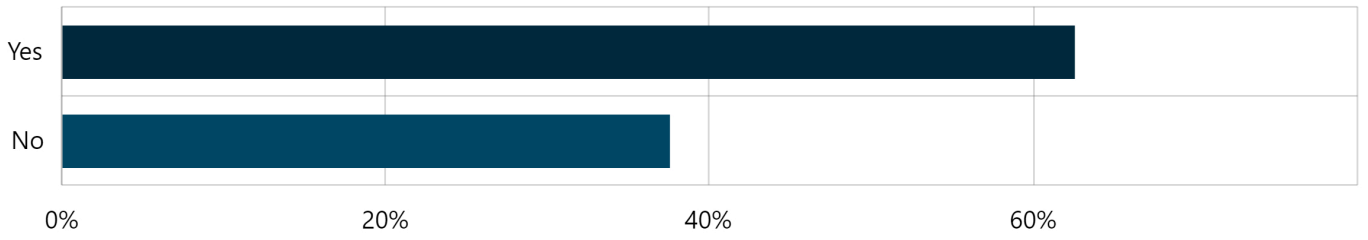
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**Featured Contributions**

No featured contributions

### 34. Continuing to prohibit short term rentals where the property owner is not on site

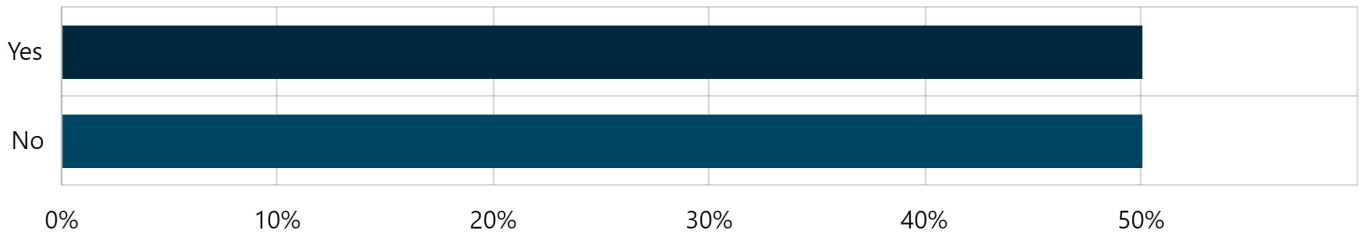
Multi Choice | Skipped: 319 | Answered: 8 (2.4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	62.50%	5
No	37.50%	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>8</b>

### 35. Imposing penalties for vacant storefronts in commercial areas

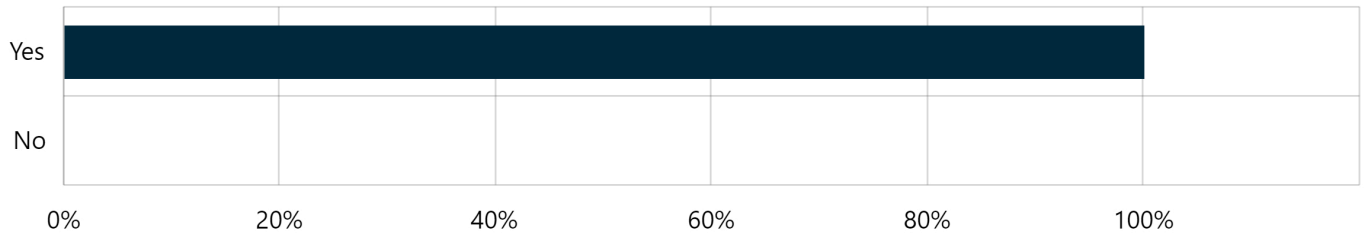
Multi Choice | Skipped: 319 | Answered: 8 (2.4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	50.00%	4
No	50.00%	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>8</b>

### 36. Investing in heritage preservation

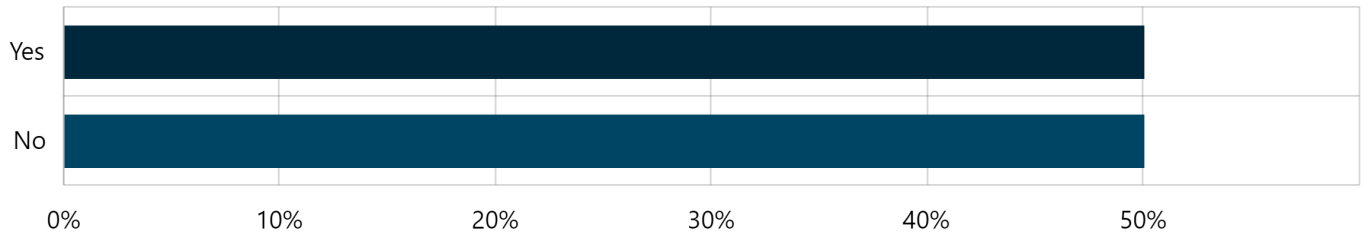
Multi Choice | Skipped: 320 | Answered: 7 (2.1%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	100.00%	7
No	0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>7</b>

### 37. Investing in civic facilities for dogs, including dog waste stations and supplies

Multi Choice | Skipped: 319 | Answered: 8 (2.4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	50.00%	4
No	50.00%	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>8</b>



**38. Please provide feedback for the Village of Keremeos**

Long Text | Skipped: 323 | Answered: 4 (1.2%)

**Sentiment**

No sentiment data

**Tags**

No tag data

**Featured Contributions**

No featured contributions

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2													1										
3								1												Most important: Water and sewer. Have to take the boil water advisory as priority and fix the problem.			
4		1																		local government out of touch with rural people's needs and too high cost in taxes and do not want increase in cost of garbage disposal, useless bin for (compost); don't need, have my own compost and produce, very little garbage and or recycle items.	Too little recyclable items.		
5	1																						
6		1																					
7									1												garbage collection on our street in the winter is sometime limited due to snow. trucks wont go down our street and have to carry our cans 150 ft to the next street. this is unacceptable particularly after the upcoming large increase we must pay. trucks should be equipped to be able to deal with small inclines especially when this is after roads have been cleared		
8			1																				

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9						1														Regulate home based businesses to reduce noise, unsightly premises, excessive traffic and parking.	There is a great need to prevent and fine people who illegally throw prunings and yard waste into the gulleys and KVR. This adds dry fuel for wildfires. This is a huge problem and nothing is ever done about it.	
10						1															Why there is not provided in Meadow Valey or folder area, wood chipping services that will help a lot clearing of properties and preparing for fire Season	Mailing information by mail. It's the best way to reach everyone especially Meadow Valey since not everyone still have access to Internet and that Valli that's a fact so some people might not even get emails only if they are in town on mobile devices because we do not have a mobile services in that valley The area, including Summerland Princeton area as well
11								1													There are no services other than fire protection	Building is one that I have a pleasure or lack of dealing with. The office has no idea of what it's doing and the inspector is off his medication. The office lost one set of drawings which held back the inspector from issuing a permit. It was a total mess
12					1																	

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13			1						1												Our Directors must be very much aware that some ideas may be attractive but that the cost to taxpayers must always be an important consideration in any decision the Board makes.	I am a map guy and I frequently refer to your mapping pages. I do find them useful.
14						1														Allowing a second residency for family, Allowing small mobile home or small cottage for a family member, especially old can live closer to the children. Very important.	A lot of Ary do not use social media sometimes they do not even use emails so they prefer correspondence for everyone is Mailing Letters	By mailing information directly to the residence is the most effective and informing otherwise people do not know because they do not use social media, especially in area since they do not have a Internet access
15									1													
16							1															
17		1																			The decision on garbage was very weak and lacked future planning. The orchard assistance with chipping was suddenly dropped with out any input from the stakeholders. With a little better planning this program could made efficient and economical. If I were a new arrival to Cawston I wouldn't have a clue who my rep was! Do nothing is not a passing grade!!	
18		1																				

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19								1													Seems to be not enough communication from local government to individual households	
20			1																			
21									1												The RDOS Planning Department is very difficult to deal with, slow to respond and bizarre decisions. Ultimately the only recourse for an Applicant is going to court, which isn't worth it. Hardly what the region needs during an acute Housing crisis.	The Engineering department could use more staff. Any Subdivision referral takes too long for them to review.
22											1									Public transit		
23											1										City hall services dependent on department. Roads rarely respond	Again I reiterate, response dependent on department
24											1										There is no communication asking what services would benefit most people.	Very little follow up on concerns or issues, promises but no follow through.
25			1																		Policing on Oliver Ranch Road while there is construction on highway 97 needs to be increased to reduce speeders.	Water restrictions shown in percentage is a joke. Show specific recommendations rather that a percentage - for example - flush your toilet 2 less times per day. Water restrictions need to be enforced with a fine for non compliance and violators need to be fined. Without enforcement the restrictions will be ignored.

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26											1										Our taxes are going into pockets of waste rather than good programs to make the streets safer, help for mentally ill and homeless street people	Summerland council meetings allow people to voice their concerns but council and mayor don't even answer. They work less and get paid more. More government waste	
27						1																	
28											1										Mental health / Addictions		
29										1											The thieves, crackers and zombies littering our streets where did they come from! And why are there new ones all the time?!	Not sure specifically what programs you're referring to. That is much too broad of a question.	We are begging do NOT allow anyone wet or dry shelters. The proposed warming shelter for this coming season is too close to our kids school!
30				1																			
31				1																	I am impressed by the services we have for the taxes I pay.	Local " government " is readily accessible.	
32			1																				
33	1																				How do I join Voyant Alert?		
34													1								Bylaw services do not return calls or emails to provide feedback on issues.	Community feedback on budget issues was ignored. Council needs to focus on water and sewer issues.	

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35									1													<p>I am hoping the new garbage/yard waste pickup is not going to be supplied bins, they are not practical in rural setting. The announcement I read of new service was unclear. One yard waste bin would not be enough, we use 5 old garbage cans plus yard waste bags regularly. They were voted down the last time we were actually asked. I have not attended information meetings because I had other commitments.</p>

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36													1								Our current Mayor, Council and Town Administration (CAO) seem to ignore what is important to the community and simply pursue their own agenda. They do not communicate with the community and refuse to consider community needs. Their only focus seems to be tourism without consideration for the people who live and work full time in the community. Money is being spent on wants rather than needs. Bylaws have been introduced that limit and tightly control any feedback from the community.	In the Town of Osoyoos, feedback is not listened to and certainly not acted upon.
37													1									Last years budget changes were very poorly handled by CAO and council.
38						1															Garbage collection is great the way it is and no change needed	
39															1						I'm answering these questions with reply to my current residential home in Richmond, BC...not at Keremeos, where I have a rental property.	The last few questions I've been referring to Village of Keremeos, not my home in Richmond, BC. The only way I've been trying to get Keremeos info is the Keremeos Review paper. It is too slow getting the info to me.



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40								1														The less government interference in our lives is the best. They must remember they work for us not the other way around. They are public servants.
41					1																	
42								1														
43									1													
44																					There is a large need for assisted living in our area	
45							1															
46							1															
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51															1						I wanted to have a secondary unit. I submitted what I wanted to purchase. Was told need to talk to building inspector. Left my dets. Called back 3-4 times and was told he only works half a day on Thursday!  No wonder nothing gets done! We want to progress but seems like the governments just want our tax money and bury us in bureaucracy!!!  Get out of the way of progress !!!	

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52							1															
53								1													Vermilion Court has lost all services since NDP came into office. Absolutely unbelievable! This building was built through the tireless efforts of Joyce Frazer and others. There is no longer a staff on site 24/7, residents no longer have access to the large lounge where they used to gather for meals and much needed socialization...Absolutely shameful.	Reinstate all services our seniors used to depend upon and enjoy! They've wo so hard and deserve to have a much better and fulfilling retirement!
54										1											Programs and services seem limited. It would be nice if there was a permanent location for Penticton Roller Skate. Whether it be an indoor venue or outdoor covered space.	Public involvement is extremely important and it feels like the city makes many decisions without any community feedback
55							1															
56															1						Cost of housing	
57							1															
58		1																				
59								1														

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60	1																				What are the programs/services in my area? In 50 years of living on this property the road has been paved once. Our taxes went up 46% in the last 3 years. We pay for garbage pu. We have our own well and septic tank. What do we get for our tax dollars. ?	I emailed the RDOS regarding dead cedars along lakeshore drive and my email was forwarded to the town. lol. I would have sent it there if I lived in town. However I do see many dead shrubs etc in town as well. Given the last fire threat, both town and regional should be on it!
61	1																					
62							1														WHAT services in Tulameen? If it weren't for the local community association's fundraising, we'd even see less. Right now we have to drive the approx 20 miles each way to the Princeton dump to take our raked leaves, banches, etc., as at times we cannot burn them! (Yet, in Brookmere there's a recycling station.) Poor us in Tulameen, Coalmont, Manning, Eastgate, Muzzula, etc. There are: no noise bylaws, no dog bylaws, no street lighting.	

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63									1												Vacation rentals put at risk the environment and livability of most communities. Long term rentals of property are acceptable and are a sensible solution to housing issues. The tourism businesses that exist in Kaleden are also acceptable because they are located in one area. Banbury point and Ponderosa Point. The turmoil caused by vacation rentals scattered all over a community end up destroying the community in my opinion.	What the heck. I already commented. Can the free lunches and frequent travel perks you guys enjoy. Why do you need so many representatives all doing the same thing. Having pointless meetings and solving nothing. R.D.O.S. for most of the people I have observed over the years is a stepping stone for the political ambitions of a lot of you who run for the position
64								1														
65					1																Rec web page very cumbersome to navigate to book a program	
66									1													RDOS cares nothing about Coalmont, and was Missing in Action during the Flood in 2021. They ordered evacuation when unnecessary, to a location that could not be reached because the road was closed due to flooding!

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67									1												I don't feel like I have enough information to answer some of these questions. I'd like to know more and be more involved in the community but limited on time after working full time and taking care of responsibilities.	You don't know what you don't know so it's hard for me to rate these.
68															1							
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70									1													
71								1														
72										1											Compared to kamloops/tnrl or Duncan/cowichan penticton and the rdos seems behind on social policy such as dog parks, social development. I am especially turned off by the xenophobic "if you see seomething, say something" signs in penticton and the lack of prioritizing housing for local families and workers in balance with tourism	There has been a lack of communication about water and utilities in the regional district where my family lives. Like less than a week door to door notice of water shut off

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73															1						Terrible communication with local politicians. They rarely engage the community, never request feedback from community about issues and make poor decisions regarding residential growth and local businesses.	Improvement needed. More community engagement. When they rarely do engage, they dismiss the feedback and make decisions contrary to majority community choices. Decision on garbage upgrade with NO community engagement was appalling. Allowing fortis to hack down trees, with no comment when community was outraged, this is complete disconnect.
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91				1																			
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94						1														The Socialist agenda that's being forced into local bylaws concerning private water systems. The Government of any level is NOT the best entity to manage a water system. We need LESS Government NOT MORE!!	In Faulder we have a poorly managed water system that costs the residents over \$5 per day. If this was run privately it would be far cheaper and run by knowledgeable people.	The RDOS needs to be dissolved. All the areas in the RDOS can self govern. We don't need a disconnected board of fools wasting tax money on ridiculous projects like electric charging stations no one wants or uses.	
95	1																						
96							1														local road awful various premisses hazardess and un sightly community basically has to fend for themselves	find our valley is put on the backburner..flood is the prime example	
97										1											Off leash dog trials need to stop immediately.		
98							1																
99																					Very disappointed in staff at RDOS who were responsible for recent garbage pick up contract management. Kaleden Volunteer Fire Department rocks- keep them decentralized and linked you our area.		
100												1											

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101								1													I am unaware of what services are available for those living in area H. No parks or trails that I'm aware of, can't use the public library unless I pay more in addition to what I already pay on my taxes. No promotion of what services are available in Area H	Are there public meetings for residents of area H?
102								1														
103								1														
104														1								
105								1														
106								1													Aside from the service of our excellent fire department, I am not sure we have much in the way of programs here in Tulameen	



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107								1													There are no programs and services. Nobody from the RDOS shows up to Tulameen or offers any programs and service beyond the local fire department which is amazing. Beyond that, RDOS is MIA, makes promises and doesn't follow through. The RDOS has a very poor reputation and relationship with the communities of Tulameen and Coalmont which only got worse during their inaction at the time of the flood in 2021.	There are no meetings or opportunities for feedback in my community. It would be great if there were regular town hall style meetings in which we were given ample notice of so we could attend. The last one was in 2022 from our MLA and we were given 24 hours notice and it was during the work day, significantly limited the people that could attend. The people that did attend asked questions and never heard answers back about it. I literally never hear updates from the rdos about things going on in my community like roadwork projects, bridge replacements, repairs from the flood, etc. It all comes in word of mouth by somebody doing the actual repairs or we just see it one day without any notice. Communication with our community needs to significantly improve!
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112								1													We never see or hear anything from our area rep. He is MIA. I don't actually know what he does other than sit in meetings. He never shows up in town, never does anything to benefit our town. Nothing.	Our town has been abandoned by RDOS. It is impossible to find anything on their website about Area H. The meeting minutes are not kept up-to-date and do not have links that one can go to for an explanation of what is being discussed. The minutes are useless to lay people. It seems things are passed through with first, second and third readings with no consultation.
113					1																	
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119						1															There needs to be some major Improvement and changes.	
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126						1															Lack of enforcement of sign bylaw.	
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131					1																Poor enforcement of bylaws, need more officers on call and local to Naramata	There are deaf ears at the RDOS. Poor leadership by elected official.
132									1											Waste management	Twin Lakes is ignored and no one in the local government knows or cares to find out how their decisions affect the people in this community.	New waste management rules will kill wildlife, endanger people, and seriously affect the health and income of the elderly in my community.
133									1													
134										1												
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136	1												1								My whole life here and a lot of programming seems to be catered to old-white people.  I've never seen any young, cultural programming in my 23 years here!	Things happen in town that I feel were never communicated or talked about and our local government leaders are not good at communicating to the public.
137						1															How do you lower taxes when you increase services/costs?	Communism seems to be the flavor of the day, pushed by liberals, the left, their government, and media. Doesn't sound good for anyone who knows different.
138					1																	
139																1						The use of Voyent Alert for not emergency communication is inappropriate
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149						1															THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE CONCERN IN QUESTION. 8 THAT NEED ATTENTION - CRIME- HOMELESSNESS-EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS-RESIDENTIAL GROWTH-VACATION RENTALS	
150											1										I selected crime prevention because it relates to other crisis topics like homelessness, so very bad. Stop the growth of the community and crazy development! Local government (staffed by developers, lawyers and accountants) is consumed with growing larger; serve the population we have, growth only leads to problems. Keep the Okanagan small.	Summerland is good at communicating. Wish I had more time to be more involved, too busy working. I wish the office were open longer hours (0830- 1900) instead of just bankers hours, should be six days a week for the money they make, feels very privileged, not focused on service to the community.
151							1														I feel unsafe in my home after my Nextdoor neighbour assaulted me & put me in the emergency room. I fear going out in my own yard & the harassment I have to endure.	

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152													1									Property taxes keep rising but the water/sewage system here is still not fixed and this has been going on 10+ years. Total mismanagement of funds on the part of the council for the Town of Osoyoos.	
153								1															
154					1																	Pressure from developers and elected officials on our remaining natural landscapes	
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158				1																		RDOS must be control RDOS has a dictature attitude RDOS spending must be revised RDOS employee must stop abuse of resources RDOS must provide services to all municipalities and stop turning tax payers away	GOV must get involve with RDOS to evaluate expanses and equal distribution of money and budget. Employees using material vehicles at our expanses. GOV must get involve in regulating city expanses. RDOS doubles cost for tax payers without any notice and treats people to be sue if they want to opt out...
159	1																					We have a problem with barking dogs, but I don't think there is a noise bylaw in our area	Poor fire information, there was a wildfire approximately 5 km south of us. We were not notified of the fire. I understand the fire was in the US, but we should still have been informed.

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160															1						By law enforcement is virtually absent	By law change to not allow wood stoves in new home builds because of one persons complaint is the stupidest reaction I have seen from any govt
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166						1															Aside from the very big over arching issues of water and sewer upgrade & expansion, urban development, and the agricultural and resulting economic slump in our area I think a very real and day to day issue is the lack of compost waste collection. It is something that should be available in our area either by pick up or drop off. Our "tax" "fee" for RDOS services rose exponentially this year with no increase in service of any type. BC likes to call themselves a "green" province but this gapping hole in the local RRR strategy is a big disappointment.	I have found the public meetings and presentations lately have been less than previously. The staff are informed but lack public engagement skills sometimes leading to fractious conflicts and time wasting. Even basic things like not having a PA at a meeting so people can hear the discussion shows disrespect and poor communication. Honestly our community lacks a good venue for public forums so online is the better choice but lacks the context and interaction of a live meeting.

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167					1																<p>1. Over Development &amp; Building codes (or better yet "the lack of them"). Naramata is getting built out with a ton of mega &amp; hideous (in some cases) homes. There is no obvious architectural control/enforcement.</p> <p>2. Roads - how will the RDOS and specifically Naramata Road (our only access) manage what appears to be "uncontrolled" expansion of net new homes and building lots? The current development on mountainside above KVR/Naramata, is not only an ugly blight on the bench, but allows "2" dwellings" per lot - a double hit. Add in the future "Spiller Road" development (beyond RDOS control) and Naramata road, will be as bad as the bridge into Kelowna from W. Kelowna.</p>	<p>Maybe a quarterly email or flyer on state of things would be a suggestion.</p>

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168				1																	We have a really nice beach area but the beach is not maintained like Skaha beach, the aster needs to go sd it is unsightly and takes up too much space. The 97 coordor is really junky looking and steps should be made to make it look appealing and not so run down.	
169												1										
170				1																	Need more street trees cut back and weeds cut down for fire prevention, pest control and unsightly areas. As well as needing an electric sign by 13th to notify drivers of the 50kms zone	Please help with slowing down traffic coming into town by 13th. It's a safety concern trying to turn onto the Hwy or crossing it on foot
171							1														It is good.	
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174									1											Waste transfer station is always used poorly by people within appropriate garbage being left there.	There needs to be some consequences to dumping of incorrect items at the waste transfer station. Every time I'm there there are new items that the faculty says it doesn't deal with (building waste, metal waste, gas canisters, oils, paints, mattresses) which I assume are billed to the RDOS by Apex so it costs us tax payers ultimately. Fining people who use the facility in such a way would quickly discourage it.	
175						1														Community services and programs, like recreation, library, family programs		
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178			1																	Region is poorly run. First year here and am surprised by how bad it is coming from another community		
179						1															Keremeos needs a indoor pool and skating rink. We pay way too much in taxes and don't get enough back from it	I have never heard back about a concern or even if I am trying to give helpful advice
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182										1											The bike lane barriers on South Main are not wanted and unnecessary.	The new 30kph rules in school zones 24/7 are not being followed, I think most people are unaware of the changes. I have unhappy drivers following too closely behind me trying to force me to go faster in these zones.
183												1									The town of Oliver could do more to encourage younger families to move to the area. The schools are great, but offering more programs for kids, like a swimming facility would be a great addition to the area	I think they do as well as any other town when it comes to involving the community and asking for opinions.
184				1																		
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186				1																	I'm appalled at our drinking water. Why would you allow a developer to build houses and not have clean drinking water? We have had to boil our water since spring now. We pay 1,300 a year for water!	
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189					1																	I feel out of the loop unless I actively look for information / notifications
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191										1											Customer service is terrible	
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195									1											The village of apex needs a proper community plan. The village is not the resort and is a full-time or near full-time home to an increasing amount of residents.	The community of apex has a little over 300 homes, Kaleden has 550 ish. The vast majority of homes in Apex pay full-shot on taxes, without any grant. The community of Apex currently lacks a coherent (and current) community plan, any community amenities or funding whatsoever, and contributes to other RDOS coffers it can never avail of. This is a year-round community, people live here with their families, yet they lack any basic funding for recreation or events because historically it has been mischaracterized as simply a bunch of "winter cabins" or associated with the resort - and to be clear, the resort wants as little to do with the residents in the area. They are generally uninterested in the full, part time community or the tourism economy outside their winter operations. This absolutely needs to change. People are moving to Apex because they enjoy the	We don't see anyone up hear except for the public engagement meetings in the winter. Otherwise, there's little opportunity for engagement. I do know that members of the APOA and ACA have struggled to get the ear of our representative this year.

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200													1								Our municipal government is an utter joke. There is so much bullying at Town Hall that stuff are quitting in droves. Our mayor thinks we are in Grade 3. There are 'open' meetings, where we can attend, but are not allowed to speak. We tried to talk to our MLA. He's MIA. Our CAO drove with Alberta plates on his vehicle for over two years. Please allow us to recall this council.	Please allow us to fire this council
201					1																I have noticed fewer community events since the pandemic have not implemented any of the previous events such as the Canada Day potluck dinner.	
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208					1																Potholes... and roads need to be better taken care of in the community.	The compost proposal in area E should not go through.
209			1																		Garbage pickup need to be improved. Just like it has in town of Oliver, with the larger garage cans that are automated.	
210	1											1									Mayor and council only seem to focus on tourism while the full time residents suffer from a failing water and sewer system.	
211					1															long-term, affordable housing for young families		
212											1											
213									1												It took 3 weeks for RDOS to notify me that they would not investigate a bylaw complaint because I would need two other complainants before they investigate. Doesn't seem like RDOS cares too much about condition of neighbourhoods, that are viewable by tourists.	
214				1																		
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217																				1	Trash collection changes are horrible	reprioritize
218				1																	Looking for incorporation to be successful !!	

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219											1										I believe the council in Summerland are only out for themselves and maybe a legacy they might lead. They sure are not focused on what the community wants or needs and they waste tax payer's money on STUPID things like 1 block of bike lane and a solar village.	
220				1																		
221										1											Please address the homelessness and drug addiction issues. As a single female we no longer feel safe in this city walking our dogs or walking alone from work.	
222				1																	I would like to see review of cemetery policies. Currently the rules are not inclusive to people's religion/culture or wish to honour their dead. They are simply based on need to make it easy to mow the lawn. Oliver cemetery is a good example of what to do. They use xeroscape with some green space and people.	
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228				1																	Love the parks and trail matinance and rec proگرامing for such a small area!	RDOS is fine if a bit slow to answer, the group pushing for ok falls incorporation only answers questions that make them look good and ignores real questions and concerns about the downsides of incorporating. Seem to care more about the wineries then about being transparent about how much taxes it takes to run a local government.
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230				1																	Far too many info "Alerts" on Voyant so deleted it. Don't need a mass alert for every RDOS Sub- committee meeting	
231				1																		
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235				1																	The RDOS should have not allowed the waste contractors rates for skaha estates.	Residents should have a say when it comes to the rates they are paying from the contracted services.
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238				1																	OK Falls is an unincorporated rural district within RDOS area D. This results in sub par government representation and many needs not being met.	Area D is large and there is only one area director. OK Falls and it's issues often go unheard.
239						1																
240					1																Questionable decisions regarding zoning and permitting.	
241					1																	
242			1																		Need a separate lane for all the bike races.	
243											1											Council and staff have their own agendas far removed from community concerns. They rarely listen and continue to ignore the facts
244											1											
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246						1															There needs to be a plan for the homeless people, constant breakins at our work. Vacation rentals need to come back to increase summer business for the small local shops.	All we see is tax and more taxes with no increase to any service all government is a waste, it is very easy to spend other people's money, the government officials work for us tax payers so when they are spending our money there needs to be better consultation.
247					1																Your 975.00 lunch meals, bullshit !!!!	



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248												1									A need for multi sport complex with all season pool, ice arena & recreational facility would multiple communities is necessary for the growth and continuity of this region.	
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250										1											The RDOS Landfill applications are a joke! There are so many hoops to jump through just to take garbage to the landfill. We have to separate porcelain from our garbage because they mix it with Concrete to bury. There is no silica in porcelain, but there is in Concrete, they should not be burying concrete at all. They charge an outrageous fee for construction garbage if you do not sort it, it is over \$600 per metric ton if You sort it and rent several different bins then you get it for about \$160 per metric ton. The costs of the bins is more expensive than the fees it makes no sense. The paperwork alone is a joke. Getting information and speaking to anyone at RDOS in regards to the landfills is an absolute nightmare!!! Good luck getting contractors to comply with these stupid rules. Any I have spoke to are so pissed off with the system. DO better!!!	There needs to be more knowledgeable staff. Staff should understand why things are done the way they are to better explain to the public. Comments like "thats just the way it's done" are unacceptable
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254			1																		Area C should keep the garbage system we have now. We were not even asked if we wanted to change. We voted overwhelmingly not to change last time , it is our money involved and we insist on having a say on who it is spent.	

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255										1											In the complicated times coming out of the pandemic, businesses have had to take in increasing costs from every direction and balance this with extreme weather events, decreased labour force and an unpredictable market. The RDOS should consider looking at the Central Okanagan Economic Development model of providing support infrastructure to the business ecosystem. Without a holistic view, and no dedicated economic development positions, our regions economy is very vulnerable and poorly supported. The ripple effect of this will impact all aspects of our community well-being. Funding is available to support developing a collaborative regional economic development group - it just needs leadership and vision to initiate it.	My comments with regards to my local government website relate to the City of Penticton website. I rarely use the RDOS website, but when I do I find it extremely difficult to use and to navigate efficiently
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259					1																	The ocp questionnaire was largely ignored by RDOS representatives. We have investors looking to change our community for the negative and politicians catering to their demands.
260						1																
261						1																Vacation rentals - not enough housing for people to work and live in the community. The garbage taht is left out by short term rentals and bears getting into the garbage. The noise and partying at the vacation rentals.
262						1																
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264									1													We have no programs or services besides garbage collection and fire protection. Unfair as we pay for services that are not provided.
265									1													Poor attitude from staff. No interest in doing any work that would be considered distasteful There needs to be consequences for poor decisions and behaviour by staff.

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266									1												Apex is highly neglected from the radar of our local governments. A lot of our tax dollars do not get seen out to use at Apex or no efforts are made for those services to be more accessible to us. The school situation for the families who live at Apex is a nightmare. We need to be rezoned in terms of schooling for our children.	
267			1																			
268												1									I would like to see a unified effort on the removal of the puncture vine. I would like to see more mountain biking trails in the Oliver area.	
269													1								Tourists are better served than residents, and put a terrible burden on infrastructure, while residents pay the costs. The businesses that profit from tourism should be paying a bigger share of the costs, and raising their prices to tourists.	
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271								1													get proper emergency services and have the hospital appropriately staffed	

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272			1																		Only service provided (garbage/sewer) is outrageous with the established 135% increase in garbage collection cost.	
273	1																				Our Area doesn't receive any press coverage for issues in Area A. There have been no public meetings for several years.	
274		1																				
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277				1																	Waterfront parks are well maintained.	Better communication on water restrictions affecting Kenyon Park water spray park was not communicated.
278									1													Regional district information should not only notify residents through social media and/or community newsletter. Residents should be contacted directly by mail or email
279									1													
280				1																	Do NOT incorporate Okanagan Falls!!	
281									1												No follow through with junky properties, people squatting on land no enforcement for them to leave. Unsightly premises. Junk, them getting free garbage pick up no permits or permits expired and no follow up.	Twin Lakes doesn't get the support as much as Kaleden. Don't feel taxes come back to our community like it does in Kaleden, eg Pioneer Park

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282			1																		I don't agree with the new garbage pickup plan that is being rolled out The increase in fees and cans being provided do not fit my needs. The new garbage cans will be a hassle and I believe will cause injury to elderly people. I gave a long driveway and cannot drag them down to the road. I can't leave them at the road either or they will be stolen.	
283											1										They are a joke, common opinion. Self-serving, unethical	
284									1													Often decisions are made and announced without advance notice
285									1													
286									1													I feel like there could have been votes taken for residents to opt in or out of the vacation rental
287									1													
288									1													You
289									1												Enforce FireSmart on all properties. It's not okay to ignore dead trees, hedges and such. Must be done or work is done for you and you're charged!  Finish the KFR trail from Banbury to Wrights Beach.	



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290										1											They don't adequately support people and unmet needs costs all sectors of government as well as individuals affected directly or indirectly. Unmet needs costs society more period.	
291									1													
292									1													Difficult to judge, based upon our lack of past involvement. Which means that the current means of contact is poor.
293										1											There must be more programs that focus on providing housing, providing shelter, etc. Less visual on bylaw officers constantly shooing away homeless people, and much more focus on MUST HOUSING people. There are barely any rentals, even for middle class people. AirBnBs should be banned. Penticton Overdose Prevention should be massively supported. Shelter and housing should be extremely low barrier. And dear God we need access to mental health services.	The city of Penticton is cruel to the poor or even lower middle class.
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298									1												Nothing in our area. We need lake access made more available and would be great for some walking areas since Twin Lakes Road is all we have and it is a narrow death trap for anyone walking their pets, kids or with friends.	We aren't asked for input on important services like garbage pick up. Who in their right mind makes garbage pick up every two weeks in an area where bears are a common neighbour. This decision was ridiculous and at a crazy increase in price. Really people, we don't get much and our garbage/recycle/garden waste pick up was one positive. Now that is changing with absolutely no discussion with those it involves.
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300									1												Beginning to feel like we live in a large gated community....our tax monies etc go to any area but here ...specifically the town proper of Kaleden for their ever growing community needs we are ignored consistently for much needed community growth ie our own firehall this is just one example many fel there is NO advocacy if a letter to the MOT or what have you needs to be sent with with a community need ...needing community leadership to address a situation on e is consistency and historically told ....do it yourself ....as it's becoming glaringly obvious and horribly apparent we are not and never will be serviced by any fire rescue services from Kaleden or Willowbrook etc it is an unconscionable situation just 1 example .....	

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301									1												Do they really supply anything? Expenses applied to our taxes include a library and recreation that no one really uses or at least only a select few. Tax expenses should only be for services designed for the entire community. The majority of taxes / roads expenses seem overdone on things that serve too few.	The only time I think a meaningful discussion occurred between the residents and Rdos was when the proposal to install municipal sewage was voted down. That was viewed as a small contingent to manipulate future building codes, to densify specific properties and enrich speculators not in keeping with the view or desires of people wanting to keep Kaleden small, rural and affordable to families. We absolutely need to scale back Rdos spending and reduce property taxes and services fees. There should be no other objective put above reducing taxes.
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304									1												Decisions are made for the few not for all. And the few seem to be people the elected official likes or knows.	

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305									1												There are no programs in Twin Lakes. None of us like the idea of having to fill out a form to complain about a neighbour about by-laws that are being broken. Not sure why a by-law officer could not just be called to come look at a situation or just drive around and see all the infractions in Twin Lakes. It is terrible here.	
306									1												N/a	N/a
307									1												Mail-in responses are lacking. The RDOS cannot depend solely upon electronic means and responses.	More surveys and referenda need to be done more frequently.
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309									1												still no sign of the breakwater promised in the design then postponed for kaleden dock area. No good designated area for owners and dogs to access the lake. No official small boat area to launch kayaks or store sail boats on land with water access. no enforcement, people without boat trailers continue to park in the area designated for boat trailers...could be seasonal as spring and late fall not as big an issue with less use. People continue to allow dogs unleashed to run around the boat launch area and water near the dock. this is safety hazard...I like dogs I don't want to run over one docking or launching my boat...find an appropriate water access area for them.	- I have attended several planning sessions in the past dealing with sewer and park. The final product ...never seems to be forwarded. I though we were getting sewer in phases all layed out then last minute no sewer approved for kaleden no new proposed timeline...what's the point of going to a meeting. Same thing with boat launch...it does not look like the final plan presented...changes were made by staff or Rdos that were not presented even as an option. Like tree removal, no breakwater, reduced trailer parking...ie less than the old gravel areas. parking adjacent to the launch was eliminated no explanation.
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312									1												Don't link our Rdos taxes to housing prices-obviously	Facebook is not the best way for mass communication.
313									1											Fire dept. for Twin Lakes	Fire depth for Twin Lakes	Movement to have a fire depth in Twin lakes
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316									1												We need a volunteer fire department. Also TAXES	

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317									1												Garbage collection is good, understand increase. Doubt profit margin had increase.  Twin Lakes should not be in Kaleden Recreation service area.	
318									1												I have no concerns.	Nothing at this time.
319									1												Housing restrictions	
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321									1												The community needs a much better system to be consulted about major changes. For example, the community of Kaleden should have had more (or a better) opportunity to consult on changes to Pioneer Park. Not everyone wants or needs massive tennis courts that only serve a tiny segment of the community but remove valuable green space. We don't want to attract tourists; we like it quiet here, so no need for fancy parking lots, massive tennis courts and WAY MORE picnic tables than we'll ever need. The RDOS needs to be much better at engaging the community (by that I mean people who actually live here, not vacation home owners).	
322									1												Too many	

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325									1												Stop adding services that raises taxes. Garbage collection 2025 will be a huge issue to creating more bear problems	They only do decisions on what makes the gov look best but not best for the residents.
326									1												Partnering with nearby municipalities vs duplicate services makes more sense for everyone but unioned employees at rdos who won't support thay	
327				1																	I recognize government services are critical but must be kept in check. Continuous expansion of government services requires continuous expansion of tax revenue.	N/A
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333											1										Although closely located to city of Summerland and impacted by the rockslide a N.Beach Rd, the residents of North beach do not enjoy the services most have. 1. no fire coverage from local fire dept, no sewer, no municipal water and assurance our well water sources are supported for information/testing etc. no garbage, no recycling. We are not that rural and people on both sides of us (city of summerland) and city of peachland enjoy these services. We lack a quality of life when not inconvenient to send a truck 10 min away for garbage and recycling at minimum!	
334	1												1								Service provided by some RDOS and Municipal staff is horrible. They do not reply to messages left on the phone, and ignore emails.	Staff seem to have "already made up their minds" and do not take additional information into the decision or recommendations to council.
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336		1																				<p>Would have liked to been involved in the decision to build a walk way along the highway that seems to never get used and is now covered in weeds</p> <p>Not sure how the information was being distributed to attend any meetings?</p> <p>And building another gas station in keremeos.</p> <p>Not sure how to have input on these matters.</p>
337			1																		RDOS and Town of Oliver could provide Health Care Facilities for Doctors to do their Residency here. Lack of housing and lack of Dr offices are a big problem.	I haven't had opportunity to respond to RDOS issues that affect me because many services are not available to us in Rural Oliver. We get garbage pickup . Recycling is limited. Other services that are partly funded by the RDOS are available only if we drive into the Town.
338			1																		Water Taxes administered by town of Oliver. My residence and commercial properties face excessive water taxes for minimal use.	Town of Oliver's Water Billing System and Arbitration are dismal. They Don't care. They just want the money they claim you owe them.
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340			1																		I am quite concerned about how the planned 2025 changes in garbage collection will be very inconvenient for many rural residents when forced to use the roll out containers. I believe the cost increase will be very significant for many, however, my greatest concern is the extra work some residents will be faced with as a result of the introduction of roll out containers.	
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342								1													I would love to have a community centre/indoor pool in the community of Princeton to attract and retain families in Princeton. Area H (including vacation properties) should support this in their taxes.	Would really like to see a large scale community wildfire fuel risk reduction project initiate soon around the Town of Princeton and surrounding area. Removal and reduction of fibre on the land base with local community and First Nation support.
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347				1																Transportation for Special Needs Adults	Our community does not have access to HandyDart. This makes it very hard for employment opportunities and to safely experience community social activities for our most vulnerable population. We want them to experience more independence and inclusion. Access to this form of public transportation would help these folks immensely.	
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351					1															Economic growth - keep creating ways to drive the economy and keep taxes low		

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352					1																RDOS Planning staff is completely incompetent (I hold a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning so I know whereof I speak). Our current elected representative does not speak up for or properly represent community interests.	I checked "residential growth" as my primary issue, but this is directly related to emergency preparedness. we have a very serious problem with emergency egress in this area. Because so much growth is being promoted and encouraged, the community would NOT be able to evacuate in an emergency. Naramata Rd already lacks the capacity to get everyone out, and with the emphasis on growth and development, that is only going to get worse. This is, of course, compounded by development along the Naramata Rd corridor through the City of Penticton.
353		1																			Other than garbage collection, I don't use services much and have no real opinion.	I rarely engage in local government.

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354		1																			Our climate is changing rapidly and I am not aware of any real changes that are going to have an immediate impact. Crime is on the rise, our law enforcement seem to have their hands tied, and the legal system is backed up. The health system is failing. Both amenities that are paid for by tax payers and they are not supporting the community in the way that they were meant to.	I am not involved. I have had concerns and complaints in the past that I brought up with the current regional director and I didn't have a very good experience.
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358						1														Building permit completion timeliness. Residential renovations and expansions projects take too long to complete. Building permits are extended beyond a reasonable time period for completion. Unsightly and unfinished construction projects are allowed to drag on for years in some cases. With no apparent regard for neighborhood impact- both quality of living and financial impacts. Complaint driven bylaw enforcement is ineffective and makes for poor neighborhood relations.		
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366				1																	Local policing on Oliver Ranch Road to reduce number of people speeding. It is a safety issue for pedestrians. We appreciate that we have nice waterfront parks but we don't have funding to maintain current infrastructure and to upgrade existing parks.	Water restriction information was not clear. Specific recommendations rather than percentage of use would be more useful and get better compliance. Water restrictions should be sent to each household on a yearly basis to increase compliance. Enforcement needs to be implemented or the restrictions will be ignored by many.
367					1																There is little to no communication from our local representative on "things" happening around the village. Such as the development or not of Wharf Park. Lots of development signs were up for over a year then suddenly gone after the parking lot was removed and made into a dirt vacant lot.	There is a lot of talk about garbage initiative and increase in prices but, nothing official or what it means for each home.



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368							1														The new garbage collection service to be implemented in June of 2025 will cost me more, will provide less service (in my case garden waste pick up), and will increase the complexity and inconvenience of garbage disposals . Whilst well intended, separating everything, in particular the kitchen scraps, will lead to attracting dangerous wildlife, not to mention unpleasant odors in summer.	
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372							1														Recently became aware of possible safety concerns with our drinking water.	When paying annual garbage fee on line it was difficult to find the subcategory as not labelled well on paper bill form nor on line.
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378					1																There are a number of surveys but need more action to implement programs and services	My concerns: Regional Growth needs to be done responsibly and not sprawling into benchlands or north KVR. Too much pressure on local roads and inadequate infrastructure. Limit vacation rentals to create stronger local community.
379						1															Love living in this area.	
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382	1																				concerned about building inspections (new and renos) and lack thereof. It seems some construction is done with total disregard for permits. Too many loopholes, delays in approvals and after the fact approvals. When a dwelling changes hands perhaps a detailed handout on renovation permit requirements should be sent to new owner.	don't use digital media as it often has too much superfluous information. prefer paper as it is easier to sort through information
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390									1													The bylaw that says I cannot have a container on my property is a disgrace. This idea that a container is an eyesore is preposterous. It would literally be covered in snow all winter. And the only people around in the summer are construction crews. And guess what they all have in front of their job sites; a container. It makes no sense. It's my own damn property. And the fines you guys hit people with if they happen to get a container without knowing the stupid rules is extortion. You all ought to be ashamed of yourselves. Seriously, get real. Figure it out.
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392								1													The lack of service is why we don't move our primary residence. No control over unsightly properties, minimal community centres like indoor swimming pool. Only good service is our snow removal on road	

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393				1																	Need RDOS to get involved in our drinking water problem. We have been on boil water for approximately 15 months and we are not getting any credible answers on if it will ever be resolved.	
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396					1																<p>Vacation Rentals are a cancer that is destroying community life in Naramata. Young families cannot afford to live in Naramata, and half the houses are owned by non residents. Hence, not enough pupils to sustain the school and the community facilities it supports, no young people for summer employment to sustain tourism based businesses, and not enough resident volunteers to put on community events. Few community events, remaining volunteers are burned out, unhappy residents, much conflict.</p> <p>We arrived in Naramata 21 years ago, to a thriving active community. Our friends are now leaving, having had enough, and so will we unless the decline can be reversed very quickly. Drastic action and leadership is required.</p>	
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398		1																			Cawston is underserved for the taxes paid. There is more going on with volunteer organizations who are solely self funded.	There is little to no information out there regarding Cawston as a community. I suspect the elected official likes to keep it that way as too much information gets people talking and it seems many people here prefer the status quo.

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399						1																RDOS continually pushes their authority on us by coming onto our properties without permission, taking pictures of our properties without permission, implementing city ideas that dont work for a small community like SMART technology that like water meters to control our water usage when they couldnt even provide us with clean and safe un-chlorinated water and un-irradiated water for over 4yrs and were forced to find clean drinking water elsewhere on our dime without any help to pay for it while we all had to pay for water on our taxes regardless , alot of people out here have developed some type of cancer including my father that died of cancer. RDOS wants our tax money to go to a park that we will be forced to pay to maintain while we are surrounded by nature that should be looked after first. Our community should stay community based not

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400						1														Wildfires	After having worked with RDOS as a volunteer on a regional association (FARA) I found RDOS elected reps, plus staff, to be useless. Haven't seen any improvement in the subsequent years.	This survey is a waste of our time and a waste of RDOS finances.
401						1															My greatest concern is the amount of underlaying dead trees and under-brush which is built up in the tree areas surrounding Westwood Community. Not the cedar trees and other vegetation in yards.	Found when feedback is requested from the local government it has a Very Short Time for responding and seems intentionally scheduled for when the outlook of the survey would be more in favor of what they want the outcome to be. (Ei: garbage containers a few years ago.)
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403								1												Low income housing		
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408						1															No fire protection, no recreation services or facilities. No garbage collection. Road maintenance is good.	



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409		1																			I've seen a large expansion of services and activities available for youth in our community in the past 17 years that I have lived here, though there is still much room for improvement.		
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413				1																		Very concerned about the water and sewer proposals and are still confused as to what will happen.	
414								1														Did not know there was a web site for RDOS (H)	
415	1												1									lack of control of invasive weeds like puncturevine etc	
416				1																		widen the eastside road and put a rumble strip down the middle of the road to keep traffic that is coming towards you on their own side of the road. Put some signs up asking people to stay on there side of the road.	our water quality is terrible. I have had to replace two toilets because of the sand build up which hardens inside the toilet like cement. Certain times of the year the water has a bad odor even with our water filter.
417							1															Garbage pickup is to expensive, I am a single occupant and produce very little garbage and recycle, I feel I am paying away too much	
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419						1															The board or directors need to learn to work together, they operate as a dis functional group. When people jump through all the set out hoops and staff put all the work in and recommend something only to have the infighting on live meetings for their own self interest and opinions not those of who elected them and who they serve makes them all look like petty children.	
420					1															ATV, UTV and Dirtbikes tearing up the land		
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422				1																	The RDOS has failed to resolve the Lakeshore Waterworks water/sewer fiasco. Essentially holding residents hostage. Can't sell. Can't build. How anyone individual can hold water rights, potentially putting the lives of many at risk, is head shaking. That this continues is a failure of leadership. Having experienced a 'staff' interaction at your front counter, that was less than professional, I have zero confidence in the RDOS or those who manage it.	The RDOS has no respect for residents. Have done little to garner it.
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424							1															Voyent system is crap. You still have a high temperature warning on it.
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426					1															Overly obtrusive and controlling zoning by-laws		The unelected Okanagan Basin Water Board wields WAY too much power over local governments. Local governments should be limited in their power to tell us how to use our private property. There needs to be an appeal process.
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429					1				1											Sorry, can't choose single issue. All above is important.		Thank you for all you do.

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430					1																<p>Staff is overwhelmed by administrative tasks. We just successfully renewed our vacation rental permit and it took an unacceptable 5 months to go through the process on top of the initial process / application that was 3 months.</p> <p>The area director for Naramata is not following the priorities outlined in the recent OCP visioning process that was both. exhaustive and elaborate. The community wants development to be concentrated in the village and preserve &amp; enhance the rural nature of hillsides and wildlife habitat. Vacation Rentals were to be restricted to those whose homes are their principal residence and not be allowed in those that are a strictly rental property without a live-in suite or manager.</p>	<p>We love living in Naramata and appreciate that a portion of its residents were farmers at its origin. The caveat is that in the late 60s &amp; 70s many larger properties were subdivided into small 1/4 to 1/2 acre parcels so many of the orchards became small residential holdings. The problem that has risen is that mid sized AG1 zoned properties 4-5 acres (less than 2.0 Ha) properties are treated as if they are viable farms and as if they are commercial property without consultation to their adjacent low-density residential neighbours. There needs to be a balance between the so called 'right to farm' when a property isn't large enough to generate a full-time income needed to support it and the right to quiet enjoyment of adjacent residential properties.</p>
431					1															Schools, there is too much involvement where they shouldn't. Eg. sexual orientation and gender identification.		<p>On too many of these questions I needed to answer that I had never participated but I wasn't given that option.</p>
432							1														<p>We live in Tulameen. There are no garbage, recycling, water, sewer services.</p>	

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434								1													Regarding residential and recreational properties in the Bankeir area..which isn't even recognized by area H. Little to no follow up on concerns for development here. There is little regard by some property owners with respect to getting proper permits for building and waste management..particularly for people that have RV's located on their property year round	
435									1												Doesn't seem to be any inspections on housing renovations or terribly messy yards and property that definitely needs attention.example,the large castle looking house on Linden ave that has been about 4 years messy and still the same.people are living in it!	Would like to see Kaleden back to a clean community again!
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437					1															This is a badly designed survey.		We are still very angry and disappointed with the RDOS for allowing the development above Naramanta—Arawan Road. It was criminal not to inform the community of Naramata, Summerland, and anyone else near or in view. Moreover, when it was clear that this project was inappropriate, the RDOS's lack of action was astounding. This was the largest error in the history of the RDOS. To the best of my knowledge, the RDOS still has not accepted responsibility for this scorched earth project.
438									1												I object strongly to the fact that my husband and I, long term owners of a duplex at Apex, are only allowed 1 vote, while other landholders are given a vote per adult living in the property! This has resulted in permanent residents having a far greater say in what happens in our area, than seasonal residents. We pay the same costs and should have the same voice!	
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442						1															I am very frustrated with the water system. We have a sprinkler system and are allowed to water only at night. During the night time, the pressure drops so I can cover only 50-60% of my property I have tried to locate a pressure gauge with a drag hand that shows the lowest pressure to no avail. During the day time when I am not allowed to water, I get full coverage. So I tend up having do much of my lawn after 6PM to about 930PM. I see new houses being built and even a vine yard which I am sure has a water requirement. Thanks	

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443					1																<p>I was shocked that different departments within the RDOS office, do not communicate when they have doors next to each other? When contacting bylaw with concerns these issues are not shared with the planning department when permits are being requested. Surely the RDOS would have files on residences when there have been issues. It also seems that decisions are being made on our areas behalf with no resident involvement for example: garbage provider being changed at a huge increase in cost.</p> <p>We also appear to have a representative who does not listen to what the majority of full time residents wanted re: opting in to the Government vacation rental policy.</p>	<p>I have absolutely no faith in the RDOS &amp; how they do business, they certainly do not represent the full time residents &amp; taxpayers. No one appears to be listening.</p>
444			1																			<p>We are concerned about the new garbage bins as our driveway is 2 km long and I drive the bins down to the p/u site every Monday. If they are too tall they won't fit in my vehicle.</p>



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445									1													I find public meetings a waste of time. Several speakers can hijack the meeting and impose their agendas and not allow other speakers. Often they are from other areas. People from Penticton being heavily involved in Kaleden issues. Need a strong moderator and keep attendance to community members only. They are the ones impacted.
446						1														Fires		
447					1																Why isn't there a glass recycle service?	
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451												1								Roads-Better Company to maintain needed	The community needs a better company to maintain our roads. They are falling apart and in some areas are sloping and dropping causing water to enter properties and flooding of homes due to this.	Again the roads company is an issue
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453			1																		Getting too expensive.	

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454					1																Very unhappy about the limit on one yard waste bin per household beginning next year. This decision will undoubtedly increase the fire risk to the area as homeowners could build up hazardous combustible vegetation on their properties. If a proportion take their excess waste to the landfill, the queues will be even longer and many will just give up.	
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458			1																		There is a lot of garbage at the edge of our property every year. Our neighbour burns everything from furniture to flooring to pallets to black garbage bags. He also dumps a ton of fruit and vegetables to rot that attracts bears. It's a huge field but dumps it so close to our trees that he could set them in fire when he burns. Not only is it unsightly, it's unsafe and not environmentally friendly.	I have never received a request for any feedback or updates on what is going on in my community
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460								1														1) Please plow the KVR during the winter. We want to use it. 2) If a different garbage collection system is to be used, maybe study up on the terrain around here. Huge containers pose a real problem for residents.	Private vacation in-home suite rentals should not be a regional issue in Kaleden. Most residents own the property, live on the property year round, manage their property, yet are expected to get a business license. There is no justification for local interference when home owners already have regional guidelines in place, pay extra in their yearly home insurance, and pay extra in water and garbage services in return to make a short-term suite rental viable. Even the rental platform some residents use to advertise include insurance. What exactly will residents receive in return for a regional money grab for a business license?
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464				1																		We need our sewer and water government run and controlled.	All good.
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468				1																	Would like to see more services available in Ok Falls, possibly Tai Chi.	
469						1															Most services are accessed through the City of Penticton, not the RDOS	Disappointed in the application of pesticides/herbicides in Selby Park where many pets and children use the park.
470	1																				Garbage collection is spotty in winter and if we are missed due to bad weather, for example, there is no pick up until the next scheduled collection. This is very poor service. In addition, the increase in garbage fees next year is ridiculous. RDOS should have more seriously explored in-house options	It is too hard to find things on the website. Often, Voyent Alert indicates an upcoming public meeting, maybe online, about some issue, but it is too hard to find the relevant info for that issue. Should be one click, not much time spent searching.
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473																					A recent attempt to abandon Gulch Road, decommissioning it was a step backwards! Do not abandon long existing infrastructure.	
474				1									1								To many social services, I believe that is part of the reason prices are out of control	
475								1													There is extremely poor leadership in all aspects that I can see. Most leaders that I witness don't do what is best for the community only what is in their personal best interest.	My personal experience with the RDOS is to try and avoid them as much as possible. I can not trust them nor can I expect them to do their job properly

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476						1															The services provided here are very minimal, the community thankfully work together.	
477						1															I have found RDOS staff responsive over the years; no real concerns or problems.	
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479							1														Weeds and cleanup of fields or property not being used. They spread everywhere with our wind.	The list that had my biggest concern should have had more choices than one. There wasn't just one that is a concern. I could have picked at least five that are at the top.

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482					1																Our representative is not visible in our community.	No newsletter to apprise us of the issues on the table. Very disappointing.

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483								1													There are no services in rural Princeton.	Communication is lacking. Obtain more information from Castanet or Princeton Rants, Raves and Issues Group.
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486					1																We continue to have a very high level of staff turnover in the Recreation and Parks area specifically. Historically the Naramata Recreation Coordinator was a local citizen. In recent years this has been an RDOS staff position. This coupled with high turnover rates has resulted in a disconnect with the community.	The RDOS adopted an on line system for booking recreational facilities ie Pickleball courts, without consultation with user groups. The system adopted does not allow for bookings to be canceled by the user, does not allow for a view of who has booked what, and generally falls significantly short of community expectations.
487		1																				
488								1													You are allowing the filling in of flood plain lands by people who want to build monster homes.This is causing flood waters to move onto hoigher land, where it has never reached, and cause damage.The south west and north parts of the otter lake shore has been filled. Flood plains are not to be filled. Who will be responsible for the damaged caused by flood waters moving onto higher grown?	No room for my major concern. STOP FILLING IN THE FLOOD PLAIN LAND. YOU ARE FORCING WATER ONTO OTHERS PROPERTY.  QUIT FILLING IN THE FLOOD PLAINS. THIS IS FORCING WATER ONTO HIGHER LANDS AND CAUSING DAMAGE.

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490				1																	I want our water quality to improve and I do not want the RDOS to take it over which would raise our taxes hugely and make houses even less saleable. ie: Fortis power lines (which the RDOS did nothing to stop)	Not your pervue, but to have our main roads repaved with decent shoulders for walking. I would think that RDOS would or should have some influence in this regard.
491						1																I appreciate the "hands off" approach, deliberate or accidentally, of local municipal government. It's good to know you are there when needed.
492						1															User pay. Socialism is not sustainable due to the natural tendencies of human greed and laziness. Why pay for something when you can cry loud enough so others will pay for you? Why work just to pay taxes? And you wonder why homelessness and crime is booming...	Democracy is two wolves and a sheep voting on what's for dinner. I have no say because everything I have grown up to value, and respect, is now villified as "extreme right, racist, misogynist, white patriarchal, Christian, boomer, xenophobe, transphobic..." I only wish I could live long enough to watch the left eat each other alive.
493					1																	
494			1																		No comment	Don't use website.
495							1														I and my neighbours are very upset with the garbage contract which next year will quadruple our bill	We were not consulted about raising the garbage rates exponentially next year



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496					1																We like how the parks in Naramata are looked after. They also keep the roads safe in winter.	I would like to receive invitations to meetings about Naramata issues by email.
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499					1																rdos turn around time slow	the website is very outdated for building permits and variances. hard to stay in the loop on developments in the area
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502								1													We need to fix the KVR and other trails and forest service roads since the massive floods	
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504				1																	Safe walking shoulders on Oliver Ranch Road. The increasing amount of traffic on the road and no shoulders makes it unsafe to walk along the road.	
505						1		1													Being more lenient on subdividing recreational property in Area H	
506							1															The HID board has their monthly meetings, however no information is shared with the community and the meetings are usually less than 30 minutes long. Then the board will have a closed meeting where all business is discussed.

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507								1												Fix KVR accessabilty		
508						1															basic LG services (water, curb side pickup) are just fine, but other areas are . Staff responses are poor. Contact info are not up to date. This survey is also very streamlined to not allow comments or concerns compared to past year's surveys	Have had problems with staff rudeness this year, particularly planning. Am disappointed in this year's lackluster Bear Aware Program compared to other years, especially given the bear issues in our area - it amounts to little more than re-sending Provincial info, not tailored to issues in our neighbourhood; sometimes info is conflicting from one to the other. Given the low fruit yield this season, it would have been opportune to focus community on eradicating bear issues. It seems to be reactive rather than proactive. Also with respect to bylaws that create good neighbours, it would be terrific if enforcement could be proactive and send out information on what is and isn't allowed; education is a way to avoid folks breaking bylaws that they don't know exist. when it gets to the point that neighbours have to report, the repercussions often last for years. Several

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509				1																	bylaw enforcement of parking rules is very lax near all public parks as people camp and park overnight	vacation rental decisions made by a sole director is not acceptable and decision will not provide housing for low income people
510						1															I don't live full time in the region . There are no services that I can see .	
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512								1													Reacting of RDOS is slow in every regard, enforcement of bylaws, hindering sports activity and not cooperative with public visions.	We would like a more electoral area governance, rather than voting from other electoral area directors on decisions. Osoyoos is probably not so much aware of things going on in Naramata for instance.
513		1																			I don't know much about any programs	I'm concerned about all the empty houses that are owed by corporations that don't find useful to offer them to people's in need of habitations
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515		1																			Although we just recently moved to Cawston from OK Falls, we frequently drive to Penticton and the homeless situation is awful in Penticton. More needs to be done to shelter and support this individuals to get them off the streets and off the drugs. Give them some self worth and jobs so they can become an asset to society and not a burden.	
516						1															No comment at this time	No comment at this time
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518				1																	Local and provincial taxes keep going up, as does the size of government and government bureaucracy, yet services and programs see little to no improvement for constituents. Local government needs to start operating more efficiently, and providing better value in services and programs without raising taxes.	Local government feels like an irrelevant and expensive layer of bureaucracy that provides little value in return for taxes paid. What does RDOS do and why is it necessary? What value and role does it play in improving the lives of local citizens?
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522				1																	As we are summer Strata residents only we have only some interaction with RDOS services. The OK Falls Library is excellent while water and sewer services could be improved. Sediment in the water system and a poorly designed lift station at the foot of Main street being examples	
523				1																	I am very concerned with the communists that have infiltrated the City Council, as a Tax Payer I am very disappointed with the money wasted on bike lanes, this is the WEF's wet dream to turn city's into 15 minute city's, what is next? Low Carbon area's like Europe where they charge you to drive into Penticton, this will destroy business. Tax Payers should not have shoulder the burden of idiots in council and their white elephant projects. How many bikes do you see in the bike lanes? I think it is time to do a survey and count how many bikes ride down the bike lanes, because what I see is all the bikes are on East side road, where there are no bike lanes.	
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531	1																				The region has bylaws but are poor at enforcing them. Response to issues brought to their attention are not acted upon in an effective manner. Regional director needs to have better communication with residents.	
532					1																There was no immediate reply from the generic RDOS contact us forms.  There is currently no Rec coor for Naramata.	Websites are too onerous for the user to regularly pull info.  Emailing out info or newsletters are much more effective.  (Push info rather than pull).
533	1																				Unaware of what is offered	

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534						1																We have had issues with barking dogs in our neighbourhood and the response has been sketchy. RDOS could most definitely improve in this area. We have also had issues with squatters in our area with little to no response from the RDOS which is super frustrating since we are trying to go through the correct channels to deal with it and we are not getting any support.	
535						1																	
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537	1																				Sewer system needs to be installed on Osoyoos East Bench to remove septic tanks from individual homes.	Very concerned about the number of people & Rvs squatting on RDOS & Crown land	
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544	1																				City water is still unavailable in the north Osoyoos residential area, such as Roberts Point. Could we please plan and budget for installation of this critical infrastructure, like has already been provided to farm properties. Taking water from Osoyoos Lake is unsanitary despite filtration systems. Thank you.	
545		1																				
546								1													quit wasting money on PRIDE sidewalks and events and add some playgrounds and staff our hospitals.	look at the lanes in Tulameen. Some of us have our lanes open and unblocked, while others in the same lane have their property fenced off. Why should I lose 7 feet of my property depth and 55 feet of width when others are using the lane for their personal space? Its ridiculous! We are still charged property tax for it. If the lane is needed for emergencies, then the others should have to move their fences and keep it clear!
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548								1												Development Bank for infrastructure, build schools and hospitals, help farmers grow good food.	Math program is not good. Students do not know basic math. How to count money not give change. Quick Hand writing I think is important for when writing ideas.  Teachers need support to dicapline the children. Correct their behaviour, as they see it. Teachers should not be scared of parents, parents should not be scared of principal , principal should not be scared school board, as the children are not scared of anyone.	I am not aware of my local government website.
549			1																	5to 10 rdos vehicles drive up and down cedar street daily. ÑEVER is there more than one person per vehicle. Same at OK Falls office.why can't we ride together, rude share? EVERYBODY ELSE HAS TO !	Most issues resolved behind closed doors long before any "public input consultations " have been initiated. Favors played to local buddy contractors. Favoritism and lack of fair bidding. I am not a contractor that has not been awarded a contract.) Very comfy old boys club at tax payers expense.	
550			1																	We get no service from RDOS except sewer/garbage. And that is programmed to increase outrageously by 135% without any service changes. Outrageous!		

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551						1															Very concerned about the present and future of Sage Mesa water infrastructure	
552									1											Garbage collection	Garbage collection rate increase is unacceptable.	
553				1																	Events in ok falls not advertised. Water is bad, unsightly yards with uninsured vehicles, junk in yards bringing in rats. Snow plowing is always days later. Water shortage but you keep building. No explainage on water rates going up. Garbage rates ridiculous now people are burning garbage again. New costs on taxes, appraisals went down and the taxes went up again. Rdos vehicles being used for personal use. Crime here is increasing no police presence. Parks are nice. How are townhouses permitted to build on a major gas line by the cattle company.	I feel there is a lot of wasted money, in different areas. Problems don't seem to be resolved eg the water, it goes up in price water is horrible ruining taps and hot water tanks etc.
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556									1											FIRE PROTECTION/EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES	THE APEX FIREHALL IS NOT LISTED IN THE RDOS CURRENT PROJECTS YET WE CONTINUE TO PAY TAXES (FOR MANY YEARS NOW) - WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH IT	Now that the CAO has changed am looking forward to what Jim will bring to this organization.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**TO:** Corporate Services Committee

**FROM:** J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** November 21, 2024

**RE:** **Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA)  
Call for Resolutions**

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**Purpose:**

To discuss issues for resolutions to be forwarded for consideration at the 2024 Annual General Meeting of SILGA.

**Reference:**

- 2024 RDOS SILGA Resolutions (Appendix A)
- UBCM Meeting Requests Policy

**Background:**

The Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) is comprised of elected officials from 37 cities, towns, villages, districts, and regional districts in South Central British Columbia. SILGA works to connect, educate, and advocate on behalf of elected officials.

The SILGA 2025 Annual General Meeting and Convention is scheduled to be held in Merritt from April 29 to May 2, 2024, with registration due to open in mid February. Rooms have been booked at the Ramada Limited Merritt for Electoral Area Directors who have indicated they would like to attend. Directors who no longer wish to attend should advise Legislative Services prior to March 1, 2025, in order to avoid cancellation charges.

The deadline for SILGA resolutions is February 28, 2024. Resolutions not received by this date will be considered late and must go through a late resolution procedure at the Annual General Meeting.

Resolutions must be endorsed by the Board and should be relative to regional issues and should not pertain to a finite local interest. All resolutions should be ratified by the Board at the January 16, 2025 Board meeting to ensure they meet the SILGA deadline.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*“Natalie Sime”*

N. Sime, Legislative Services Clerk

*“Christy Malden”*

C. Malden, Corporate Officer

## Appendix A

### 2024 RDOS SILGA Resolutions

#### **Funding for Rural and Remote Volunteer Fire Department First Responder Programs**

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas in rural and remote areas ambulances are not able to get to medical calls in a timely manner because of distances travelled and members of community fire departments are able to arrive on scene much more quickly; And whereas when first on scene first responders of community fire departments can assist the ambulance team by accessing the patient, gathering information, taking vitals and packaging the patient prior to the ambulance's arrival; And whereas community fire departments are funded through local government taxes while BC Emergency Health Services are funded through provincial monies: Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Health to provide funding for pre-hospital care equipment, training, and call out pay for rural and remote volunteer fire department first responder programs.

#### **Complex Care Facilities**

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas the toxic drug crisis continues to surge across the province and the lasting effects of overdose can potentially lead to acquired brain injury which can include organ failure, nerve damage, paralysis, memory loss, mental disorientation, diminished motor skills, reduced physical and cognitive functioning, and behavioural changes; And whereas communities across the province are implementing many initiatives in support of all residents' safety and wellbeing such as Public Safety and Social Development Frameworks; And whereas the Province has developed a complex care framework that acknowledges the growing number of people in our communities who require housing and have overlapping health, mental health, trauma and acquired brain injuries; yet there are no established timelines and residents continue to suffer in the interim; Whereas the Province has appointed Health Authorities as the lead for plan implementation: Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask that the Province provides immediate and clear instruction to Health Authorities, inclusive of timelines and funding, to prioritize implementation of complex care facilities and the integration of complex care supports in existing or new facilities.

#### **BC Homeowners Solar Power Incentive Program**

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas meeting the need for additional power sources in BC with industrial scale wind and solar installations is expensive, potentially damaging to environmentally sensitive land, and insufficient; And whereas private solar installations would reduce these negative economic and environmental impacts; And whereas solar installation is costly and often beyond the financial ability of many property owners: Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province create a Provincial Solar Power Rebate Program for homeowners.

#### **Increased Funding for the Implementation of New Provincial Housing Development Requirements**

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas the Province provided funding in January 2024 for local governments to implement the requirements of new housing legislation; And whereas the actual expected costs of implementation have been estimated by

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multiple local government speakers at the UBCM Housing Summit to be two to three times the amount of the provided funding: Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM request of the provincial government that the initial funding to support the implementation of new housing development requirements be increased to reflect actual costs.

### **Allow Regional Districts to Become Taxing Authorities**

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas regional districts are not taxing authorities and not able to change the tax multipliers, unlike municipalities that are allowed to adjust to swings in assessments between residential and business classes; And whereas municipalities are able to change the multiplier which creates a consistency in taxes from year to year, while regional districts are not; And whereas the taxpayers within a regional district are charged by the Province a 5.25% collection fee, which for the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is over \$900,000: Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry to allow regional districts, at their discretion, to become a taxing authority.

### **Volunteer Firefighter and Search and Rescue Members Income Tax Credit (Bill C-310)**

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas Bill C-310, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act (volunteer fire fighting and search and rescue volunteer tax credit), was introduced and passed first reading on December 8, 2022, sitting 144, and has since stalled; And whereas it is becoming more and more difficult to attract and maintain volunteer firefighters and search and rescue members to rural detachments: Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the provincial government in supporting and requesting that Bill C-310 be expedited through the House of Commons and the Senate as an emergency situation. Rescinded