

Appendix D: 2012 -2014 Budget Public Consultation

2012 and 2013 Budget

Question: How comfortable are you with an additional increase above the city's current annual 0.5 per cent tax rate to address infrastructure needs? Please indicate your preference by ranking the options listed on a scale of 1 to 7. (with 1 being the increase you are most comfortable with)

Response:

Additional Tax Increase	2012 Rank 22 Responses	2013 Rank 44 Responses
0.0%	6	1
0.5%	3	2
1.0%	1*	3
1.5%	1*	4
2.0%	4	5
2.5%	5	6
3.0%	7	7

*Equally preferred 1.0% and 1.5%

2014 Budget

For the 2014 Budget, the question was more detailed as the city had recently approved a 20-year asset management financing plan.

Question: Which scenario would you prefer to follow? Please indicate your preference by ranking the options listed on a scale of 1 to 4. (With 1 being the increase you are most comfortable with)

Scenario	Additional Tax Increase (from the 0.5%)	Rank 35 responses
10-year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2.5% in 2015▪ 2.25% in 2016-2017▪ 2% in 2018▪ 1.5% in 2019-2020	3
15-year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1% in 2015-2022▪ 0.5% in 2023-2029	1
20-year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 0.75% in 2015-2022▪ 0.5% in 2023-2033	2
30-year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 0.5% in 2015-2036	4

Question: The plan [Asset Management Financing Plan] recommends repurposing decreases in the hospital levy beginning in 2018. Do you support this?

Response: Total 41 responses (including City's website)

	Response Count	Percentage
Support	26	63.4%
Not Support	15	36.6%