

**City of Burlington**  
**Get Involved Burlington - 2021 Budget Survey Results**  
**November 30, 2020 to January 13, 2021**

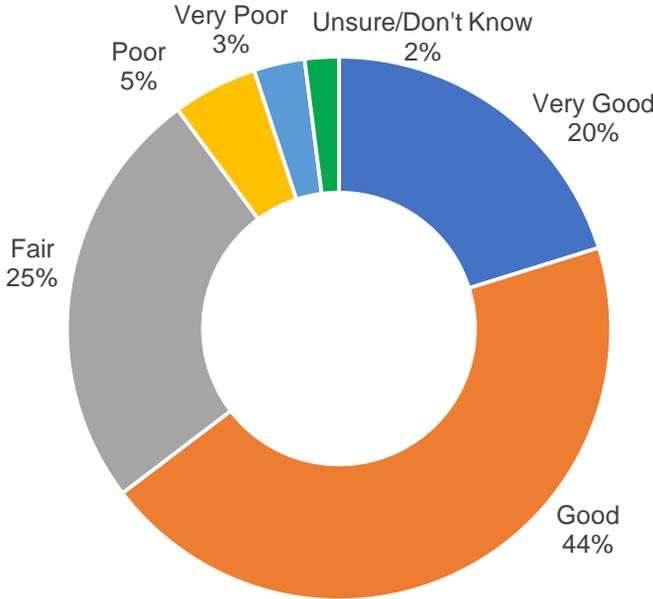
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**Question 1:**

Thinking about all of the programs and services provided by the City of Burlington, how would you rate the value you are receiving for your tax dollars?  
(as a reminder Halton Region is responsible for garbage/recycling pick up, police, public health and paramedic services)

Very Good	20	20%
Good	44	44%
Fair	25	25%
Poor	5	5%
Very Poor	3	3%
Unsure/Don't Know	2	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	

Note - 1 participants did not answer this question

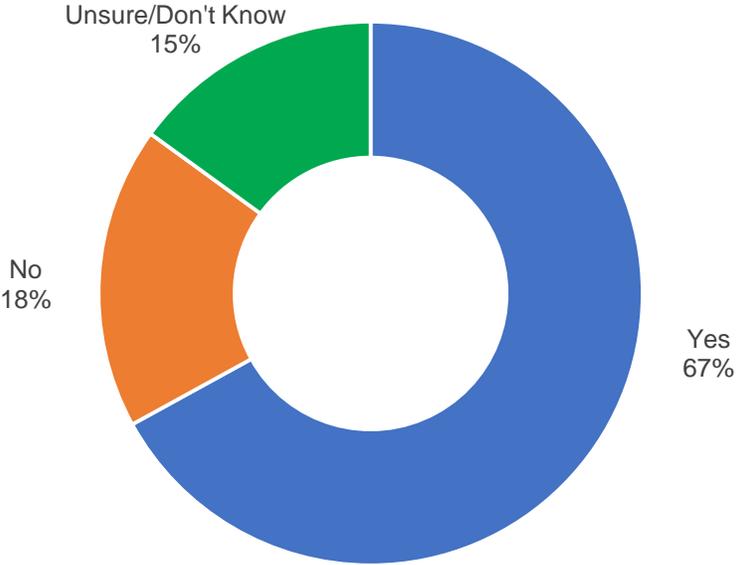


**Question 2:**

Infrastructure renewal is a priority in the City's budget. Roads, bridges, and facilities like arenas and community centres need repairs and updates to maintain existing service levels. Over the last number of years, significant investments have been made to support growing renewal needs like the revitalization of Angela Coughlan Pool, repaving our roads and the renewal of our parks and playground equipment.

Have you seen a positive difference in the infrastructure such as road maintenance, recreation facilities etc.?

Yes	67	67%
No	18	18%
Unsure/Don't Know	15	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

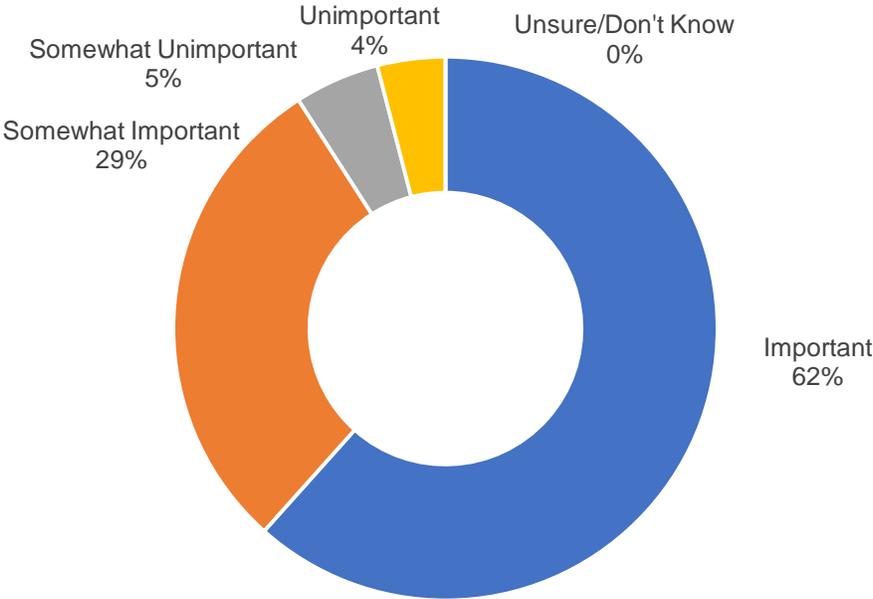


**Question 3:**

How important is it to you that funding be set aside to replace infrastructure such as roads and buildings to ensure they continue to meet our community needs now and into the future?

Important	61	62%
Somewhat Important	29	29%
Somewhat Unimportant	5	5%
Unimportant	4	4%
Unsure/Don't Know	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	

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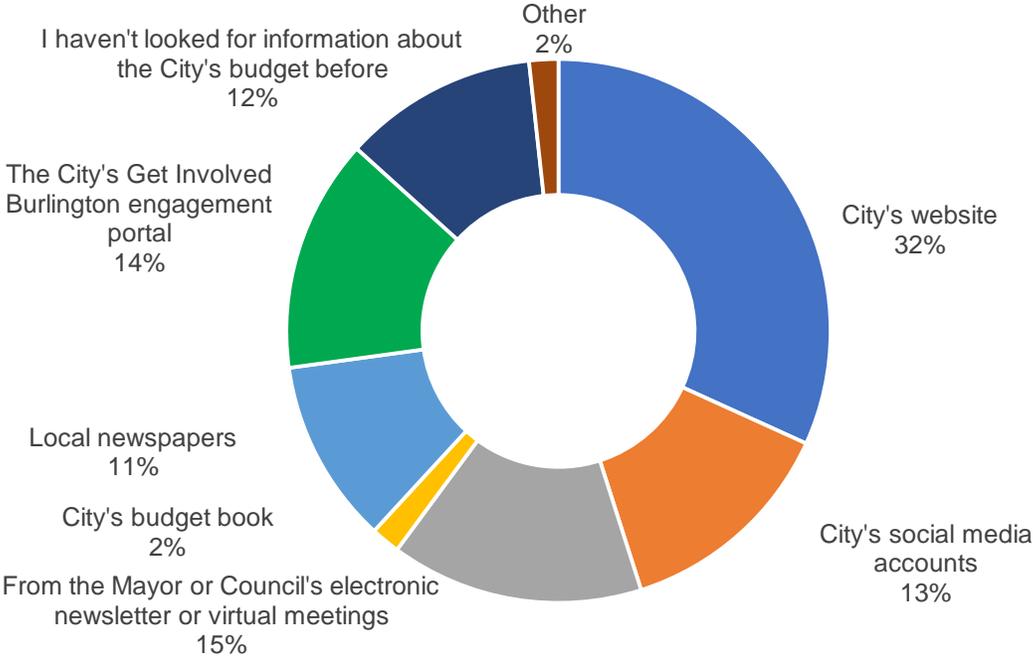


**Question 4:**

Where do you go to receive information about the City's budget?

City's website	55	32%
City's social media accounts	23	13%
From the Mayor or Council's electronic newsletter or virtual meetings	26	15%
City's budget book	3	2%
Local newspapers	19	11%
The City's Get Involved Burlington engagement portal	24	14%
I haven't looked for information about the City's budget before	20	12%
Other	3	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>173</b>	

Note - Participants were able to select more than one option

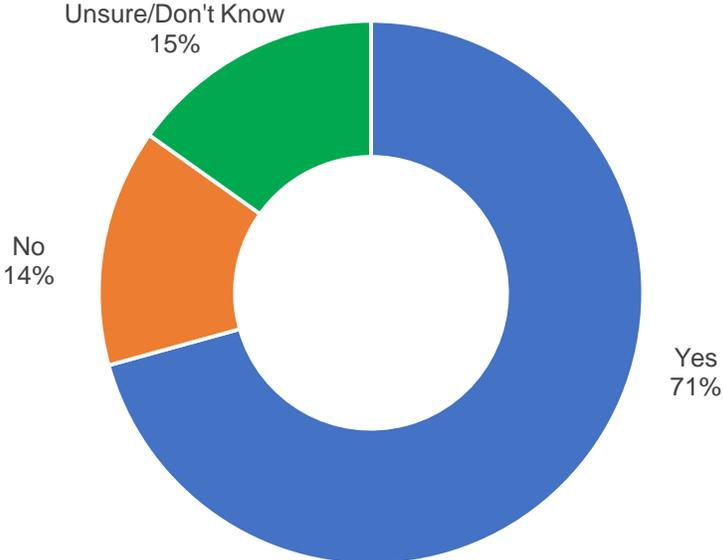


**Question 5:**

Overall, are you satisfied with the services provided by the City of Burlington?

Yes	70	71%
No	14	14%
Unsure/Don't Know	15	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	

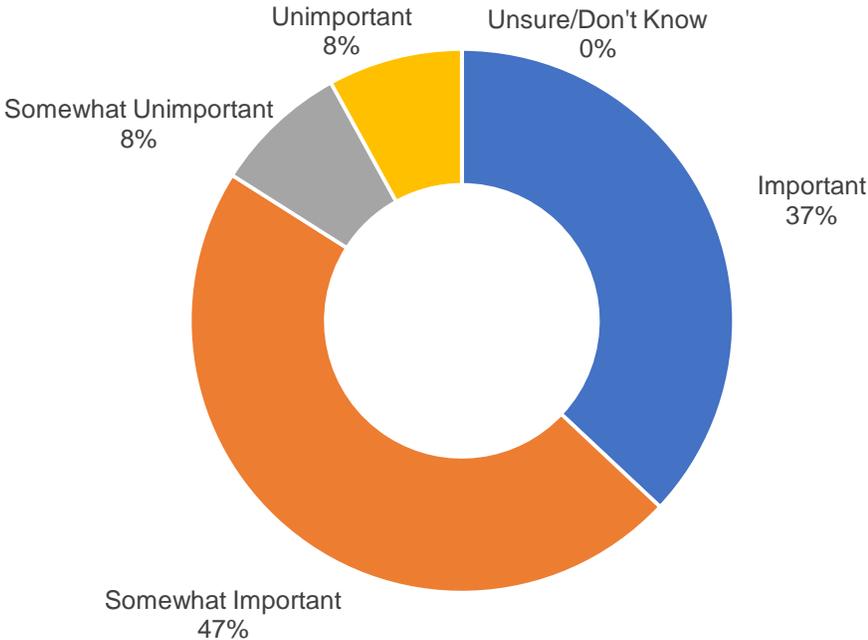
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**Question 6:**

How important is it to you that the City set aside additional funding to address potential future emergency situations like a pandemic or natural disaster?

Important	37	37%
Somewhat Important	47	47%
Somewhat Unimportant	8	8%
Unimportant	8	8%
Unsure/Don't Know	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	



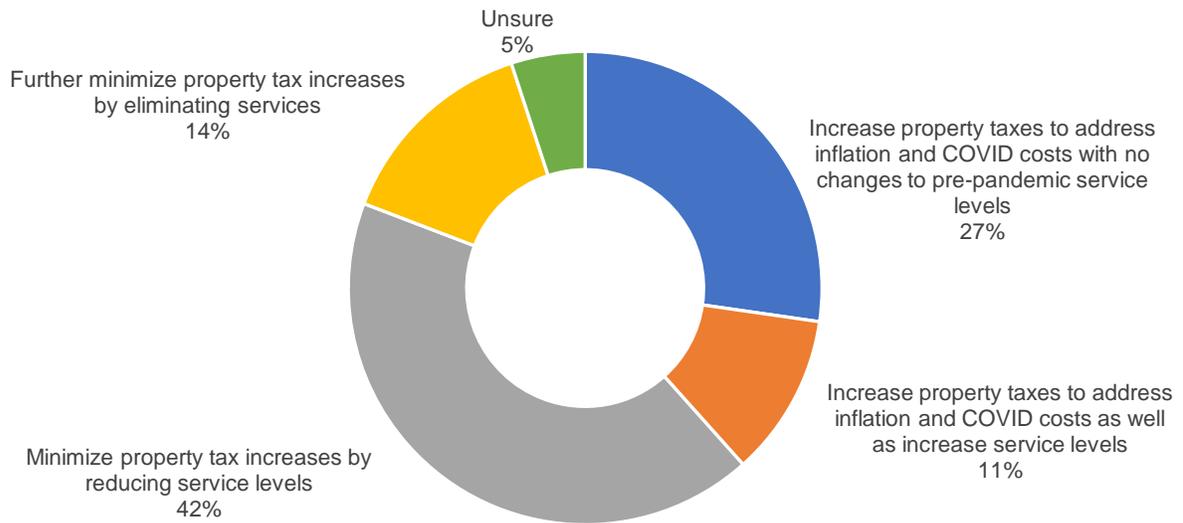
**Question 7:**

Due to the financial impact of COVID-19 and the increased cost of maintaining "new normal" service levels and infrastructure, the City must balance taxation and service delivery levels.

Which of the following options would you prefer the City to pursue?

Increase property taxes to address inflation and COVID costs with no changes to pre-pandemic service levels	27	27%
Increase property taxes to address inflation and COVID costs as well as increase service levels	11	11%
Minimize property tax increases by reducing service levels	42	42%
Further minimize property tax increases by eliminating services	14	14%
Unsure	5	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	

Note - 1 participants did not answer this question

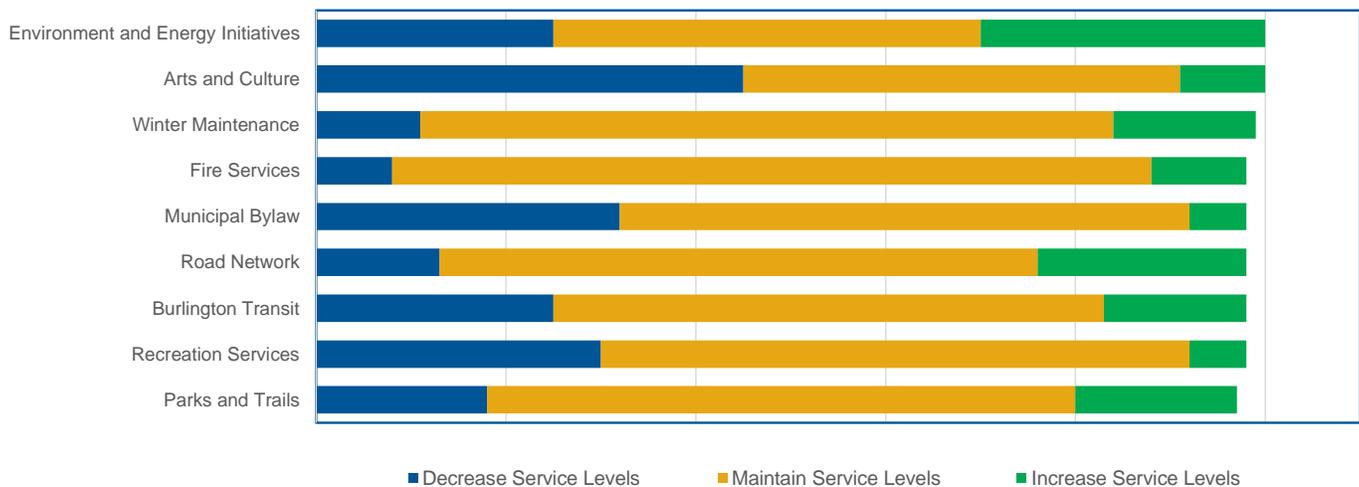


**Question 8:**

Thinking about the services provided, would you increase, maintain or decrease service levels?

	Chart Reference #	Decrease Service Levels	Maintain Service Levels	Increase Service Levels
Environment and Energy Initiatives (addressing the impacts of climate change and investing in green initiatives)	Environment and Energy Initiatives	25	45	30
Arts and Culture (public art, festivals, cultural programming)	Arts and Culture	45	46	9
Winter Maintenance (road and sidewalk plowing, sanding, salting)	Winter Maintenance	11	73	15
Fire Services (emergency response, 9-1-1 dispatch, fire prevention and education)	Fire Services	8	80	10
Municipal Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control (property standards and parking enforcement, noise complaints, animal control)	Municipal Bylaw	32	60	6
Road Network (ease of getting around, traffic flow, bike lanes, side walks etc.)	Road Network	13	63	22
Burlington Transit (service available, frequency and accessibility of transit buses and Handi-Van)	Burlington Transit	25	58	15
Recreation Services (swimming, camps, arts, adult programs, fitness, sports fields, etc.)	Recreation Services	30	62	6
Parks and Trails (multiuse paths, playgrounds, splash/spray pads, parkland)	Parks and Trails	18	62	17

Note - Not all participants answered all the questions



**Question 9:**

As a resident of Burlington, what is the most important issue facing your community, that is, the one issue you feel should receive the greatest attention from your City Council and should be a priority in the 2021 budget?

1	Climate initiatives
2	I'm really not sure. If I had to choose something from question 8, I would say Environment and energy initiatives.
3	Less funds going to density and intensification downtown, by seriously follow your words to limit climate change and invest in green initiatives to make those words a reality.K
4	Safe social/recreational opportunities, since it benefits mental health (conduct registered outdoor fitness classes, observational nature walks...). Note: Municipal By-Law services would ideal fall between "maintain" - "increase".
5	Cost control and tax reduction
6	The city needs to go back to basics and focus on core services, energy, arts, festivals are
7	Safe active transit (or public transit) to locations that matter. I live near Appleby and Dundas and usually commute via Appleby Go. What is a 15 minute car ride is unsafe by bike and nearly an hour and a half by bus to reach a place on the same street.
8	Car culture is a systemic issue. Maintaining auto infrastructure requires much higher taxes to maintain. Bike, walk, transit need to be 1st priority to enable growth & address climate. Our car culture is expensive and deadly.
9	Defunding of the police service, parking and traffic congestion in the city. Lack of proper facilities including multi purpose community centres that include ice surfaces.
10	Green Initiatives
11	Despite the declared Climate Emergency, I see little in this budget to reflect adaptataion or mitigation. Lumping bike lanes with roads infrastructure & traffic is a non-starter. Playground equipment/splashpads -low priority. New vehicles should be EVs.
12	Slow down new developments and counteract/manage traffic increase
13	Ability to get around on roads and sidewalks safely.
14	The loose leaf collection should stop. It's unnecessary and the leaves on the road are actually a hazzard. Leaves can be bagged and collected by Halton Region. Also, eliminate unnecessary upgrades to play equipment and splash pads. I even have young kids.
15	Maintaining city properties.
16	Environment related issues (recycling, tree canopy, bicycle paths, nature trails and parks, water conservation, traffic flow optimization, etc.)
17	Keeping money in Burlingtonians pockets. It has been a very hard year. Please let us decide where to spend our very limited funds. Thank you.
18	Considered development. Too many trees being removed and monster houses being built.
19	Preserving the tree canopy. Many trees are being removed from the neighborhood and have not as yet been replaced. Loss of our tree canopy impacts climate the climate emergency.
20	How to help small local business
21	downtown core needs not to be taken over by developers and become a destination for Burlington residents
22	Environment, sustainability, wildlife protection and preservation and enhancement of none of notegreen spaces
23	Maintenance of our infrastructure
24	City infrastructure whether for mobility or general services should prioritize sustainability. More bike lanes and charging stations to promote clean transportation and more solar instalments to power city facilities!
25	Enforcing measures to protect the health of all residents
26	Getting all households connected to high speed internet. People need it for communication and for business.
27	Keeping adult cyclists off of our sidewalks
28	More resurfacing
29	I support all items listed above it's just government does not know how to spend my money & will end up wasting it. Look at the Prov Lib Guv Green energy Act as proof. \$1B a year wasted to non-value add technology. Look at our pier project, \$\$\$\$\$\$ & LATE
30	Maintaining and providing outdoor play/education opportunities (ie parks, multi use path, outdoor fitness opportunities)

31	My taxes are rising to the point that I am probably going to have to sell my house. I am retired and the cost of living is going up faster than my fixed income can sustain
32	Too much growth in downtown
33	stop spending and spend the year fixing city hall. As a normal person it is impossible to navigate all of the cities often [REDACTED] bylaws.
34	As we get older I realize how important it is to keep property taxes affordable for seniors. We do not want to have to move.
35	See answer to #10.
36	Continued over development with 27 storey buildings in the downtown core.
37	Senior care
38	Overall, continued sound management and focus on the core functions of a municipal government. If I had to pick one thing to do better, snow removal in my area is often not good.
39	Coordinated traffic lights, similar to downtown Hamilton.
40	We need cheaper rental units or lower rental units so people can live, universal basic income, better policing.
41	Climate Change
42	Minimize the increase of the property taxes!!! Increases the taxes is not the answer to everything, life is expensive as it is!
43	Traffic. Lots of building but not many new roads/parking downtown
44	Don't allow any more condo permits for the downtown area
45	Access and support for small businesses needs to be improved. Far less bylaw enforcement and restrictions, and full support for the city's small businesses is needed instead of more city spending and favouritism to big businesses.
46	Over development and traffic congestion. Would like to see more space reserved for parks, native trees and trails in new developments. New housing looks like cheap cookie-cutter style - no character - will look like slums in 15 years.
47	Dealing with residents and the lack of snow removal from sidewalk. It's great the city offers sidewalk cleaning, but it's useless. The plows leave a glaze on the sidewalk which becomes ice. I walk a dog, and it's treacherous walking around in my ne .
48	Subsidizing the costs of daycare
49	Growth and services, growth is good regardless of up or sprawl however city services, Emerg and roads must grow together.
50	Burlington is growing, the infrastructure is not. We will soon be smothered and council must start ( or continue) to start planning for this and developing a plan.
51	More activities things for people to do
52	Accessibility for persons with disabilities
53	Keep up the good work continuing to provide value for money.
54	Overpopulation due to increase in condo development that can lead to public safety issues
55	Green initiatives - we have a climate emergency and not enough is being done.
56	Traffic flow around the city is our biggest issue. It was before the last election and remains so.
57	The Climate Emergency
58	That city council make the tough but responsible decisions with the budget to maintain or improve services and increase the reserve fund, for future generations. Anything under a 5% increase, tells me that council is only looking after their re-election
59	Public spending on unnecessary services.
60	Public spending on unnecessary services.
61	Downtown growth and related traffic
62	The city should make a comprehensive cycling network a priority. For now at least making sure that every road has a bike lane, and eventually putting physically separated bike lanes on major roads.
63	Controlled development of the downtown core. Public health support (especially hospices) that deliver extraordinary value to the community and have to make their budgets through bake sales
64	Road condition should be improved, Road work should never start in Fall or it drags through the winter increasing total cost.

65	Indoor recreational community facilities
66	I think dealing with the emerald ash bore should be top priority
67	We need more accountability from the bottom up. Are we top heaven?
68	Increased crime in my neighborhood due to over intensification
69	The inability of residents to safely get around our city without a car.
70	traffic flow
71	Climate
72	People who inspect building permits, or any other necessary inspections should be closely followed.
73	Traffic control
74	Security, break-ins, pan-handlers, Solid Gold not moving location, 40 - 60 Plains Rd E looks like tent city, traffic grid lock during rush hours on Plains Rd/Waterdown Rd intersections, pot holes and cracks along Plains Rd E between Waterdown Rd and Cooke
75	How the pandemic will change service delivery over the long term
76	Attracting more businesses to Burlington to help create jobs.
77	Decrease the construction of multiple living residential buildings....condominium ghettos.
78	Affordable housing - I understand this is a Halton Region responsibility but feel the City can greatly support this through the planning and approval of developments and property tax relief for these accommodation options.
79	To not increase citizens property tax
80	Infrastructure and physical assets need to be maintained
81	Keep tax increase reasonable, many people have lost jobs etc.
82	Availability of outdoor use areas this winter, while maintaining social distancing (outdoor public ice rinks/skate trails, parks with heat sources for outdoor sitting, hiking trails, etc...) Basically anything we can use so we don't go crazy.
83	Allow at least south Burlington (of QEW) detached homes to have leisure camp fires. I would even pay a \$50/year burn permit (even though in most cases in Ontario are free). This will pocket a bit of money.
84	COVID-19 and appropriate public health funding
85	Make budget decisions under the assumption that 2021 will still be heavily ruled by COVID and not increase taxes for a population of residents that have been severely financially impacted for the last 10 months. Frankly nobody has 'extra' to give
86	Come up with a Point of Interest that would make the tourists driving from Toronto to Niagara Falls stop in our City. Improve the landscape of the lake shore in front of the new Hospital. Maybe we should allow small business to open in that area.
87	Reducing utility expenses by offering incentives to create efficiencies in the home.
88	Budget needs to be cut where appropriate to minimize tax increase
89	Tickets that represent a persons' income, so scofflaws don't continue to multiply, direct funding to community gardens, which have twice as many applicants as there are gardens, limiting an invaluable essential service.

**Question 10:**

Keeping in mind the City of Burlington is not responsible for waste collection, recycling, ambulance, police, schools, health care or social housing, do you have any additional comments you would like to be considered by the City in preparation of the 2021 budget?

1	Consider scrapping the loose leaf pick up, if you can rake leaves to the curb, you can put them in a bag. We seem to be paying for this twice (Region and City). Climate emergency, why the trucks to pick up leaves, plus leaves from your neighbours are now on your lawn, they make cycling dangerous. Commit to making cycling better as a real means of getting around and make it safe and connected. Transit needs to be better in order to make it a realistic means of transportation, why take 2 hours to get somewhere by bus when you can do it in 15 minutes by car. Burlington is a great place, keep up the good work. Thanks for asking!
2	Further investment in active transportation (including transit)
3	I would like to explain answers to question 8. For those that I indicated decrease that is because I do not see a great benefit from some of these categories.
4	Keeping taxes within the boundaries of the Cost Of Living, at this time, would be the best recommendation for a unified consensus.
5	Commenting on my preference to reduce winter maintenance service, this applies specifically to sidewalk clearing. It is important in areas with a high concentration of seniors or individuals with mobility challenges, but most people in residential areas are capable of clearing the sidewalk. Municipal salting & sanding services are still important. I would also eliminate leaf collection... I believe that is a luxury service, and "when you moved into the neighbourhood, you knew the trees were there"... so I believe that is a homeowner's responsibility.
6	Defer "nice to have" items in favour of "need to have" ones
7	I would like for active transit and public transit to become safer and more useable as alternatives to reach meaningful destinations (especially Appleby Go for commuters from north Burlington).
8	I would like to see a detailed analysis / cost breakdown of the Burlington Fire Department.
9	Use debt to finance the infrastructure renewal levy for this year only.
10	Overhaul plans for the downtown core, with reduced traffic and increased pedestrian areas (close Brant St. for traffic?).
11	Consider how much money is wasted on employing people who take too long to complete work or have left over materials that go to waste. Many times we have seen city workers, sometimes 4 or 5 at a time at a site and only 1 working, the rest standing around chatting. That is not value for anyone's tax money. Recently a park was redone by my house and new sod was put down. There was a pile of sod left, that sat and died. Another waste of taxpayer money. This money could be used for things the city needs. There needs to be more oversight and/or process improvement within how work is managed and executed.
12	keep up the good work
13	Reduce fire spending as it is a significant portion and our medical calls outweigh our fire calls. Burlingtonians need our money in our pockets this year or risk things like foreclosure or closing our businesses.
14	More to question 7, I believe that the city should seek greater efficiencies and new revenue streams first before reducing service levels or increasing taxes. That said, I do not support further outsourcing of services.
15	None of note. Please note however how much I've valued our city website and virtual meetings/Get Involved Burlington!
16	Be frugal like everyone is having to be. Maintain the city, but delay any big projects.
17	Let's be thoughtful about how we use our big green spaces/parks to promote safe gathering More benches, more auditorium instalments, running paths and sports turfs, oh and don't forget the garbage and recycling bins to keep them clean (My local park sees a lot of littering as there are no garbage disposal options near the playground).
18	Keep a balance that sees all residents being supported
19	Align the traffic lights better. If we want to minimize pollution, having people idle unnecessarily is not helpful and is frustrating to have to keep stopping at every light.

20	<p>the province will probably supply funding for the Covid shortfall in 2021. the dedicated infrastructure funding removal from the 2021 budget is premature. I therefore did not respond to question 7</p>
	<p>Burlington already provides a breakdown of taxes already. I want to see a further decrease in costs for services we already are already provided. This is a cost arguement until we can densify the city so we can add more condo dwellers who will subsidize property tax for us.</p>
21	<p>Burlington Transit should not be invested in until it can be proven to be a positive investment vehicle for the city. Don't give me █████ about increasing transit service because if transit was really that helpful, more people would use it already. Do not increase a broken service that noone uses.</p> <p>What does the government currently pay for that we can find innovative ways to decrease long term.</p>
22	<p>Find a way to not increase property taxes any further.</p>
23	<p>There should be user fees for the recreational services. The number of sidewalk plows can be reduced. People can shovel the walk in front of their house or the condo corp. already has it done</p>
24	<p>Burlington has growth too fast and has lost a lot of charm in process. Traffic and roads are incredibly busy and lights are out of sink. Easy fix. Get people to shovel snow on sidewalk in front of their homes like most other communities- less cost to city and it will actually get done. Priorities essential budget items from nice to have - like arts centre - nice but only wealthy benefit while everyone pays for it. Treat the budget like a family budget and cut unnecessary costs.</p>
25	<p>We are all going to have real financial pressure on our households. We need to tighten our city budget like the small businesses that have been shut down. Slash Slash Slash. Sorry but times are tough.</p>
26	<p>To make up the budget shortfall of 2020, cutbacks in 2021 would be understandable. Normal budgeting could resume in 2021</p>
	<p>Not really, since you've just mentioned virtually every service that I find important is not at the discretion of the City of Burlington. Other than road maintenance, traffic flow improvements* and those environmental issues that the city can address**</p> <p>* e.g.: move bicycle lanes off the road and beside existing pedestrian sidewalks; better light coordination (better automobile traffic flow will improve the levels of hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide levels as idling at lights will be minimized) for better traffic flow; street widening where single lane traffic hinders traffic flow--for example, the amount of traffic along routes like Lakeshore, between Maple Ave. and Appleby Ln. is horrendous and for better or worse Lakeshore remains a major artery that has been "choked off" by lane reduction that have existed for too long.</p> <p>** e.g.: watershed, loss of open areas to housing. The downtown "core" and currently established areas, I believe should be allowed to increase population density to allow current "open spaces" to be maintained as "natural habitat". It's time we learned that our open spaces provide more than recreational opportunities; that these spaces provide habitat for other species we need to better share with and provide environmental support for our continued existence.</p>
28	<p>I do not want to see significant reduction in services but budget process should include a hard look at current investment/ cost of existing services vs benefit received to ensure city is running as efficiently as possible. Small businesses will need help with paying property taxes if they are to survive.</p>
29	<p>In light of what the world has gone through in 2020, I take my hat off to the City if it can budget anything. Thank you.</p>
30	<p>My rating on "...set aside additional funding to address potential future emergency situations like a pandemic or natural disaster..." was based on the fact that such emergencies are rare ("black swan") events and are not municipal in scope: they are regional / provincial / national. So preparations should lie primarily above the city. Having said that, the city, as with other organizations, should do continuous business continuity planning (BCP) such that it has identified "vital business functions" (VBFs) and has two things to ensure that they can be delivered, potentially at a reduced level of service, during a crisis: 1) a small number of business continuity plans for readily-foreseeable continuity crises (e.g., extended power outages) and b) a sound and well-practiced crisis management team that can rapidly and effectively gather to manage crises as they actualize, either to enact existing plans or to plan on the fly. PS: as you may have guessed, I have done BCP professionally.</p>

31	Add more natural recreation spaces like parks, hiking spaces, playgrounds for people to enjoy the outdoors.
32	Transparency. Understanding the impact of increasing taxes to the individual when they are already facing high taxes and costs of living
33	We need more access to sports fields so the city's youth can enjoy more sports. Current service levels favour legacy renters who block out time leaving fields empty far too often.
34	1) Traffic congestion is getting worse every year (I've lived in Burlington over 50 years - south-east, then Headon Forest). Synchronized traffic lights would help enormously. It shouldn't be faster to shortcut through a residential area than it is to take the major route. 2) Traffic noise along Upper Middle has gotten significantly worse with many more large trucks travelling. Higher concrete barriers may help. 3) More tree planting along the roadways. This can slow traffic, improves the appearance and even improves attitudes of drivers. Burlington is getting bigger, but it doesn't have to be all concrete and steel.
35	Keep the tax increase low, and do not use covid as an excuse to increase taxes.
36	Taxes should be frozen for 2021. The pandemic has taken a bad toll on incomes, and the city needs to do there part, and freeze taxes ( reduce even better) and that may have to come at the cost of reduced or decreased service areas. You need to find savings from within.
37	Since covid wont be over for a long time, make more outdoor ice rink for winter. Easter if covid cancels it again have ppl dress as easter bunnies to go around the city of course social distancing but at least something to bring joy in these tough times.
38	Somewhat connected to #9, sidewalk snow removal often happens too late to remove snow from sidewalks. Ice ends up forming which makes it hard for persons with disabilities to walk on them. Why not do like Toronto does and create a bylaw for residents to clear their sidewalks?
39	Recover the vibrancy of the downtown once Covid is under control.
40	Scholarship opportunities for those not coming straight out of high school. For example, local people pursuing graduate studies or mature students.
41	I believe the city of burlington wastes money. We do not need sidewalks plowed in front of peoples houses, this should be the homeowners responsibility. We do not need leaf pickup or big garbage pickup every 2 weeks. The city discards park equipment that is still functional (tansley, spencer smith) rather than just adding new features over time. Then we renovate parks installing useless splash pads. If we are going to put in a splash pad make it a good one, otherwise it's a waste of money.
42	We have to many expenses related to cars moving around vs. people moving around our city. There are many simple, and cheaper things we can do to improve the experience for pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders. Given the climate emergency declaration, this is where our focus should be. I love the community funding that individuals can use to improve the city - but it seems like a lot compared to other cities. Can some of the money be directed toward other permanent initiatives? Our property taxes balanced properly? i.e. do big box stores pay higher taxes on the amount of land they use? Do more compact buildings pay less taxes? Have we considered a vacant building tax? A vehicle registration tax? Incentives for green buildings? Are there any financial measures that can be taken to discourage people from tearing down a home and building a monster home on the same property? Taking up a larger footprint is not beneficial to the climate emergency. It would be better if the property could be changed into a 2 or 3 family dwelling.
43	Eliminate leaf pick up. Eliminate residential side walk plowing (does more damage than good). Significantly streamline/reduce public transport (too many empty or near empty buses on the roads). Perhaps a new transit model should be considered (smaller buses, "uber like" service). If possible, implement a parking fee at Burlington Beach to pay for the upkeep.. New "city square" by Kelly's bake shop downtown should include better seating (muskoka chairs perhaps) and umbrellas to make it more inviting. The same should be considered for the square in front of city hall. Lighting should be installed on bike path coming into downtown. This is an extremely popular bike path but is very dark at night. Spencer Smith park needs better access to washrooms.
44	Keep on the trend of open, honest communication. And when looking at supporting local health and social service programs - please stay focused on the grass roots organizations in our community.
45	We need more public schools as Burlington's population is going to increase in coming years

	<p>1) Quick win- Update the bike stations around the city to have valves that work for both standard and thin bike valves (would cost you less than \$100 total)</p> <p>2) upgrade the water stations to be bottle fill stations. As a Burlington resident and runner I found myself planning my routes through Oakville as they were able to keep their refill stations active during the pandemic so that I could rehydrate using the stations on longer runs. I'm assuming dog owners would have a similar request</p>
46	<p>3) indoor recreational facilities - it is impossible to book any gym time in winter months in the city between 6-10pm Monday to Friday. Not enough supply to meet demands.</p> <p>4) more soccer domes. Only have Sherwood for the entire city</p> <p>5) purchase Robert Bateman and convert into a community recreation centre</p> <p>6) splash pad in burloak waterfront park</p>
47	<p>I think a review and audit needs to be done to see if staffing levels are appropriate and if some attrition needs to occur.</p>
48	<p>Savings should be found in all of the above services. If we are paying we need firm input. For example in the summer time we need weekly garbage and recycling pick up. I see toooooo many police cars sitting idle let's bring in e-bikes they can be used for atleast 75% of the year. Also city transportation is just not being used let's consider a Uber type service where the rider calls for a ride, maybe consider private contract for 12 seater buses they could also deliver groceries to those that can't get out. Trinidad has a great effective system.</p>
49	<p>Tighten down the spending to essential services only, no more nice to haves for a few years while we dig out of the pandemic costs. Things like spending more on public transit for more empty buses traveling our streets is not necessary. The Fed, carbon tax is going to increase costs on everything for each citizen. Climate change is real but there are better ways to handle it other than taxing citizens to death.</p>
50	<p>Do we have emergency escape plans for COB should we need to evacuate? rerouting traffic when main arteries are blocked? Blocked/congested traffic causes pollution (also a helpful climate change initiative)</p>
51	<p>Continue to work toward preventing extremely dense and tall buildings, and assure that housing in residential areas are not overbuilt for size of lot</p>
52	<p>Services for seniors should be increased.</p>
53	<p>Road maintenance - traffic lights installation, repair of pot holes and cracks</p>
54	<p>Show what is not being funded or what is underfunded. What are the current budget issues? Highlight poor roads, facilities or services that need additional funding. If we don't get XX% increase, what is not being funded?</p>
55	<p>Allow back yard fires. It's ridiculous that even ██████ oakville allows it and we don't....</p>
56	<p>Given the current climate, it's irresponsible to even consider increase property taxes to address inflation and COVID costs as well as increase service levels - funding arts and culture is really not a priority right now and the service should be eliminated. Any service that remotely promotes gathering and enabling people's attitudes re: COVID fatigue and not bothering to socially distance should be decreased or eliminated right now for public safety.</p>
57	<p>More support for ZEV adoption.</p>
58	<p>Over the past year, I would like to have seen a grow-local &amp; buy-local program. Grow-at-home-kits (made in Canada) should have been sent out and community gardens should have received a massive boost to multiply, not just temporary hand washing stations (which were not made in Canada). This could have increased the quality of donations to our local Food Bank and fed our locals better.</p> <p>This little Gov &amp; BIA should learn to annex and take back what the city needs, and next time someone wants a building permit, add more permanent massive parks, because those permanent massive buildings are not coming down.</p>