



City of Burlington Community Survey 2021

Survey Results Presentation

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The purpose of the 2021 Community Survey was to:

- Measure resident opinions about the City's service delivery
- Guide future actions and decisions of the City of Burlington
- Monitor ongoing progress since the 2015 and 2019 Community Surveys
- Learn opinions about transportation options in Burlington
- Identify preferences regarding communications from and involvement with the City



The survey used the following methods

- The survey was conducted using Computer Aided Telephone Interviews (CATI)
- Respondents were randomly selected from the city's population using a mix of landlines and cell phone numbers
- Numbers were dialed between 5:00pm and 8:30pm, September 13th to October 18th, 2021
- We reached a total of 755 completed interviews, each taking approximately 18 minutes
- The margin of error was +/- 3.6% with a 95% confidence interval
- Responses were weighted based on the population by age and ward in the City of Burlington



Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing

- Survey questions are programmed into an online VOXCO environment and interview responses are entered directly into the electronic system
- Ensures the statistical representation of the community through random-digit dialing
- Statistical representation allows the accurate measurement of community perceptions using a sub-sample of the population





The survey used several scientific response scales proven to capture metrics accurately.

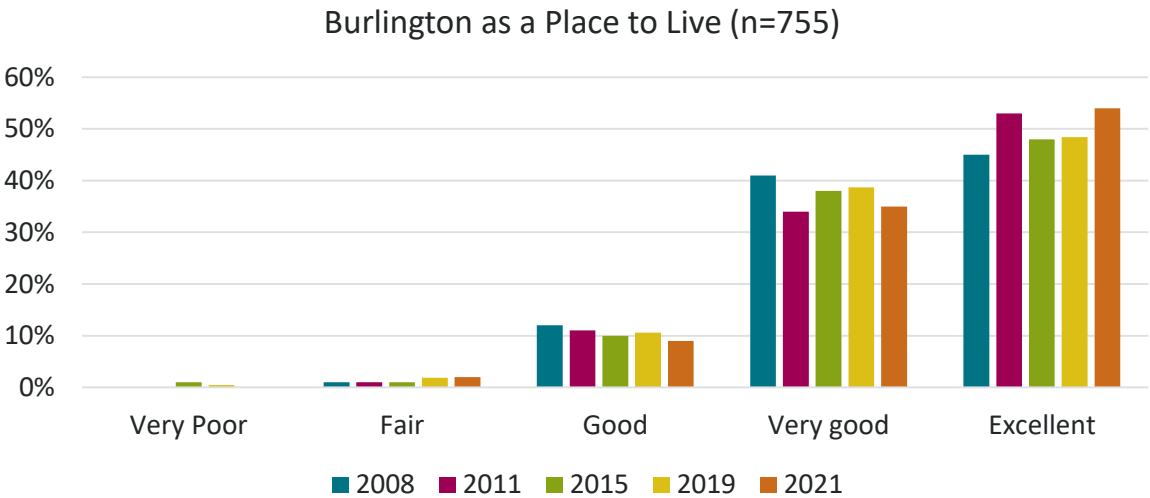
- 4-point Likert scales, used throughout the survey, remove the mid-point and nudge neutral community members to respond either positively or negatively:
 - Satisfaction Scale: Very Satisfied, Somewhat Satisfied, Somewhat Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied
 - The only exception is the 5 point scale used for rating overall quality of life for tracking purposes.
- ‘Select one option’ and ‘select all that apply’ scales are used when respondents should compare multiple items and choose the most relevant/best option
- Open-ended responses are used for exploratory analysis and idea generation

Analysis of findings



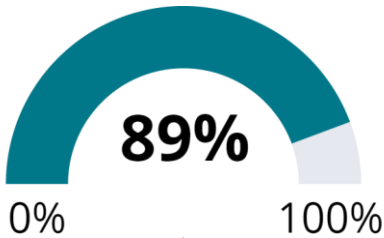
Burlington as a Place to Live

89% of respondents rated Burlington as an excellent/ very good place to live in 2021.



	2008	2011	2015	2019	2021
Top 2 Box (Excellent/Very good)	86%	87%	86%	87%	89%
Number of Responses	750	752	771	757	755

Top 2 Box:



Burlington as a Place to Live 2021



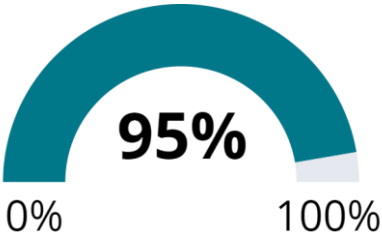
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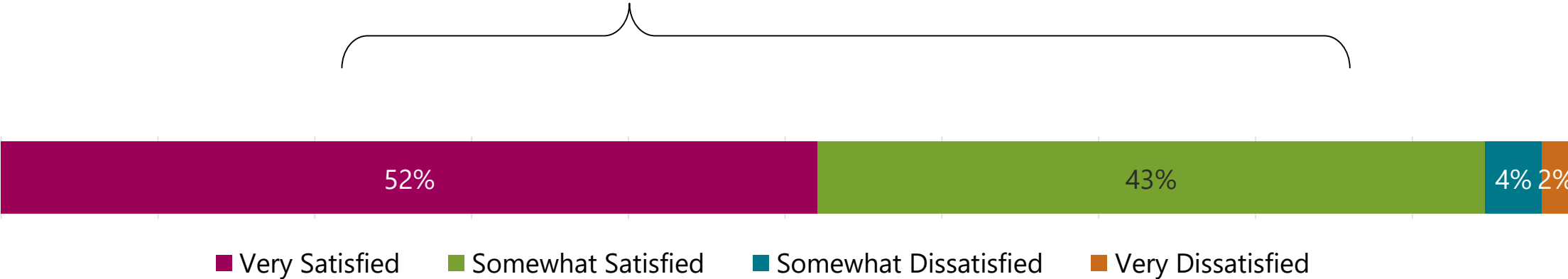


Overall Satisfaction

KPI:



of citizens rated their overall levels of satisfaction with City Services as 'Very Satisfied' or 'Somewhat Satisfied'.



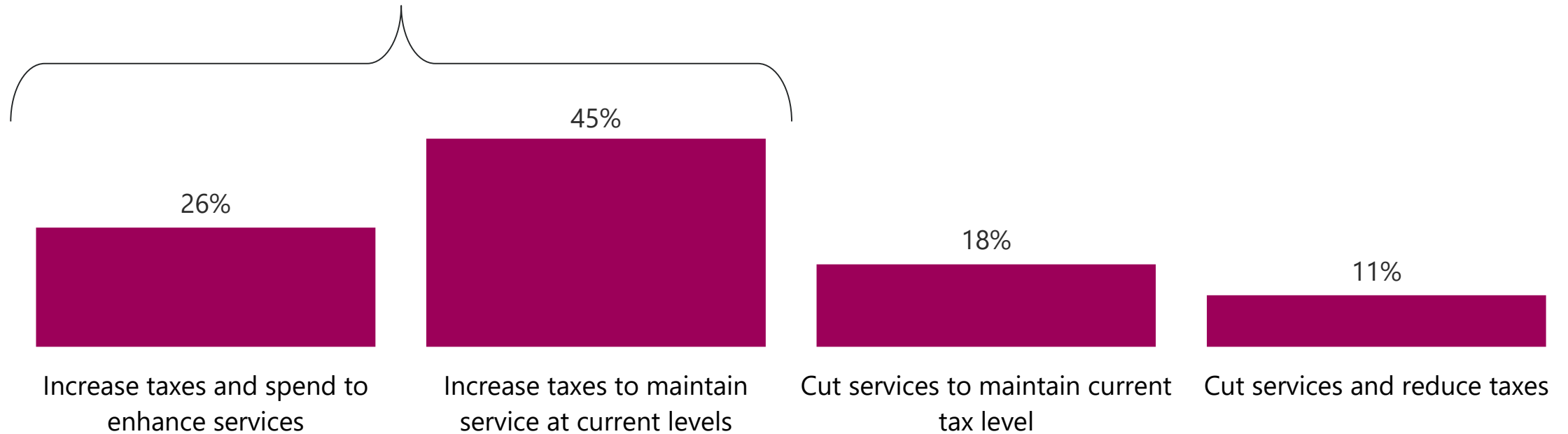
	2008	2011	2015	2019	2021
Top 2 Box (Very/Somewhat Satisfied)	95%	95%	89%	93%	95%
Number of Responses	750	752	771	757	755



Municipal Taxes

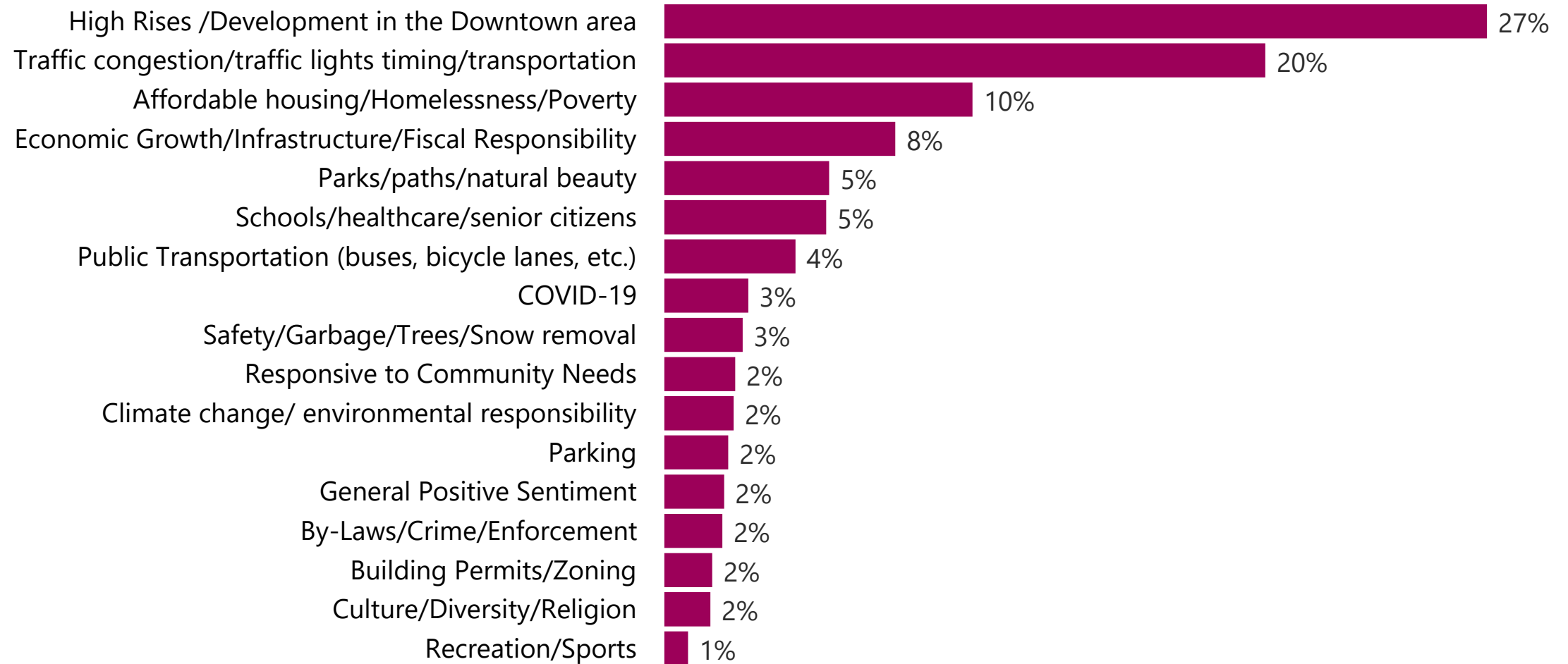
Which of the following four options would you prefer the City to pursue?

71% of respondents who provided an answer were open to increasing tax levels at least enough to maintain current service levels.





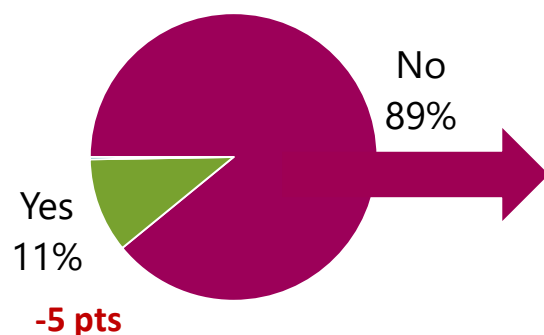
Top Issues for Residents





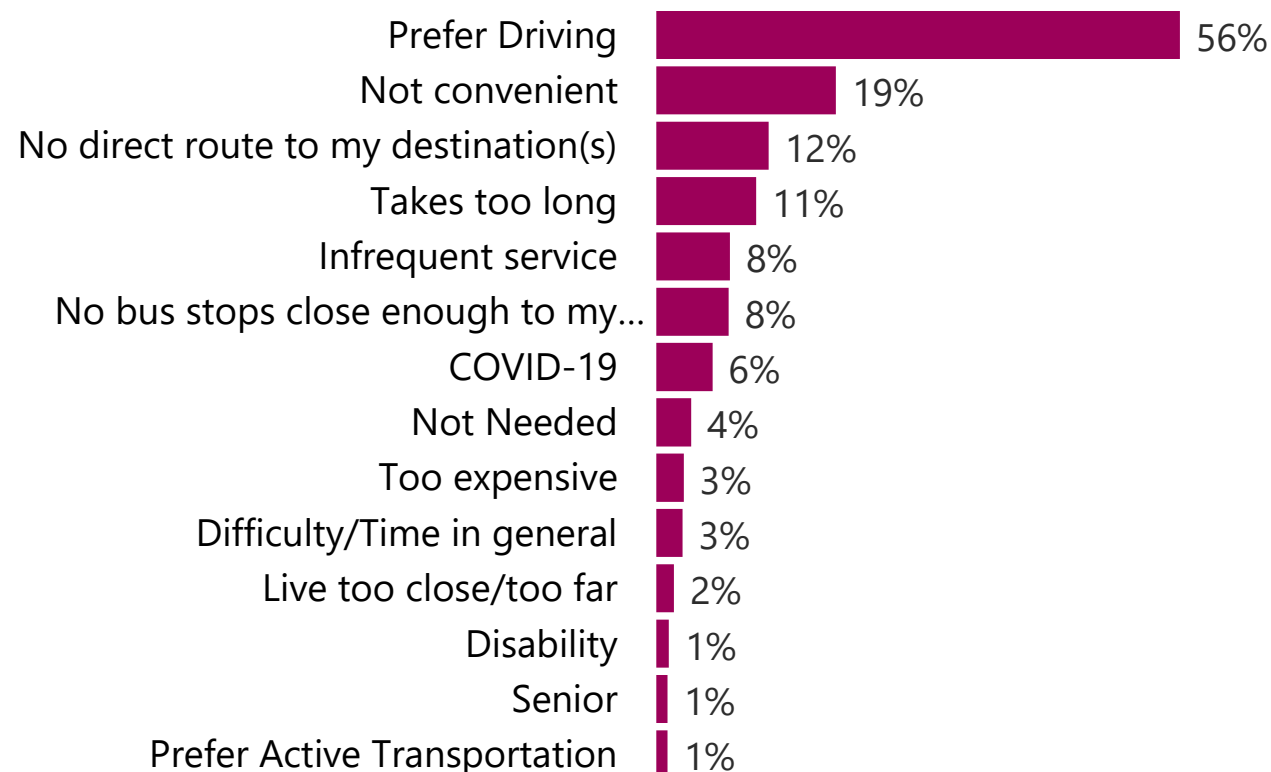
Transit use had dropped since the 2019 survey, with many individuals citing a preference for driving and inconvenience for their circumstance as the reasons.

Have you used Burlington Transit in the past 6 months?



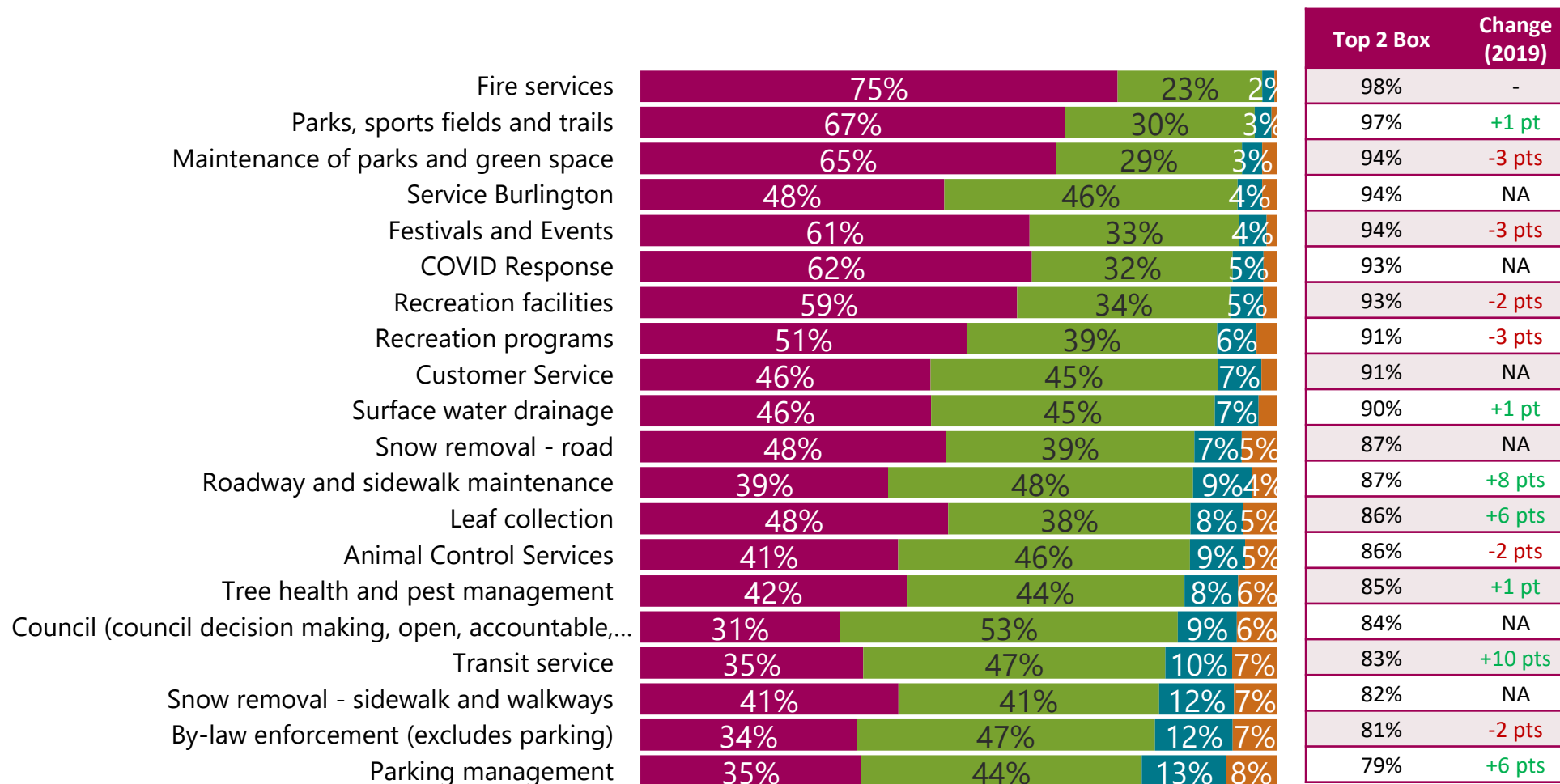
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Which factors do you feel prevent you from using Burlington Transit?





Satisfaction with City Services



■ Very Satisfied ■ Somewhat Satisfied ■ Somewhat Dissatisfied ■ Very Dissatisfied

n=755

*Differences are shown in percentage points (pts).



City Service Priority Areas

Parking management, by-law enforcement and transit all identified as priority areas.

	Importance	Performance	Priority Rank	2019 Rank
Parking management	8.1	79%	1	2
By-law enforcement (excludes parking)	7.8	81%	2	8
Transit service	7.7	83%	3	4
Snow removal - sidewalk and walkways	7.2	82%	4	-
Council (council decision making, open, accountable, transparent local government)	8.2	84%	5	-
Tree health and pest management	7.4	85%	6	7
Animal Control Services	7.7	86%	7	
Leaf collection	7.4	86%	8	
Roadway and sidewalk maintenance	7.6	87%	9	
Snow removal - road	7.6	87%	10	
Customer Service	8.2	91%	11	
Surface water drainage	7.5	90%	12	
Recreation programs	7.4	91%	13	
COVID-19 Response	8.2	93%	14	
Recreation facilities	7.7	93%	15	
Service Burlington	8.7	94%	16	
Maintenance of parks and green space	7.8	95%	17	
Festivals and Events	6.9	94%	18	
Parks, sports fields and trails	7.6	97%	19	
Fire services	6.9	98%	20	



Resident Engagement

Resident satisfaction with...

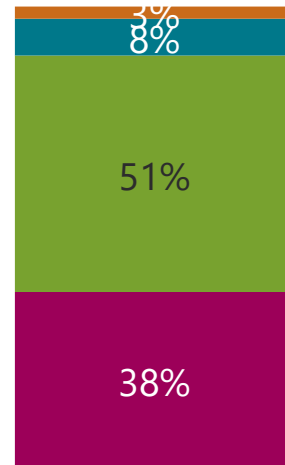
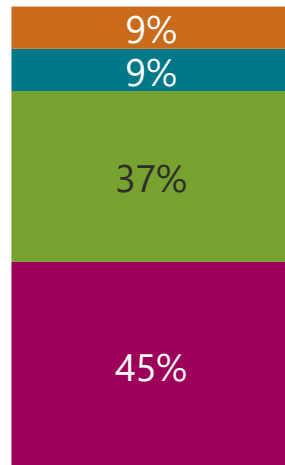
Most recent
Interaction with City
Staff (n=525)

Overall City Information /
Communications (n=729)

Top 2 Box:

82% -3 pts

89% No Change



■ Very Satisfied ■ Somewhat Satisfied
■ Somewhat Dissatisfied ■ Very Dissatisfied

Are you aware that residents can do the following... (% Yes)

Attend a council meeting

89% +4 pts

Delegate (make a presentation)
at a council meeting

69% +2 pts

Be part of an advisory
committee

66% +1 pt

Register and use the City's
online engagement portal, Get
Involved Burlington

44% +3 pts



Perceptions of City Engagement

Perceptions of City engagement improved across all metrics.

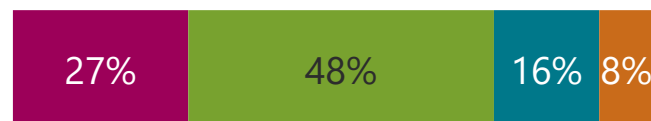
I would like to provide input to the City for the purpose of influencing decision-making about city projects and services



Residents have enough opportunities to provide input into decision-making about city projects and services



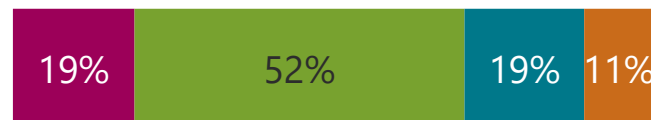
The city does a good job of engaging residents in decision-making about city projects and services



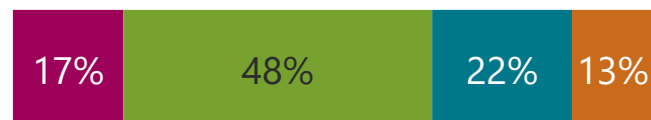
The city would welcome my opinion when making decisions about city projects and services that impact me



The city uses input from residents in decision-making about city projects and services



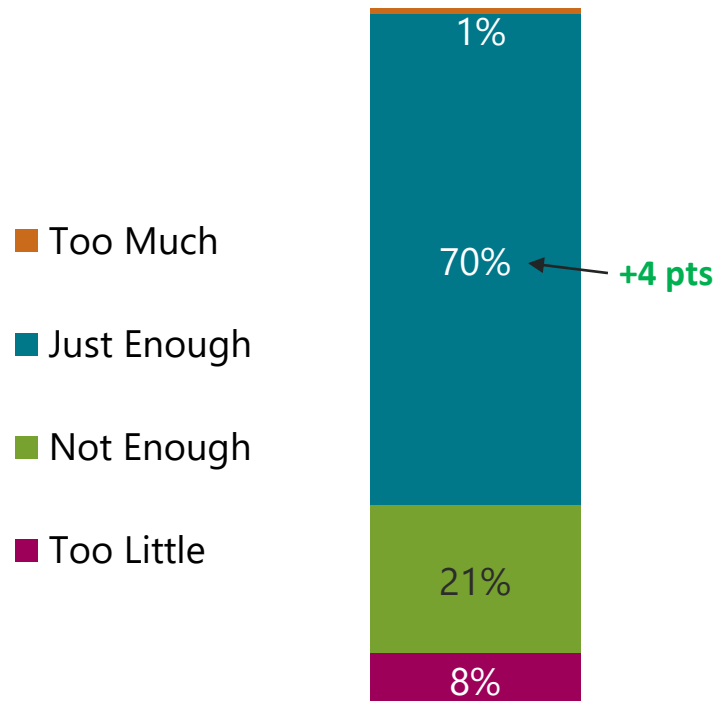
The city's decision-making about projects and services is reflective of the voice of a majority of residents



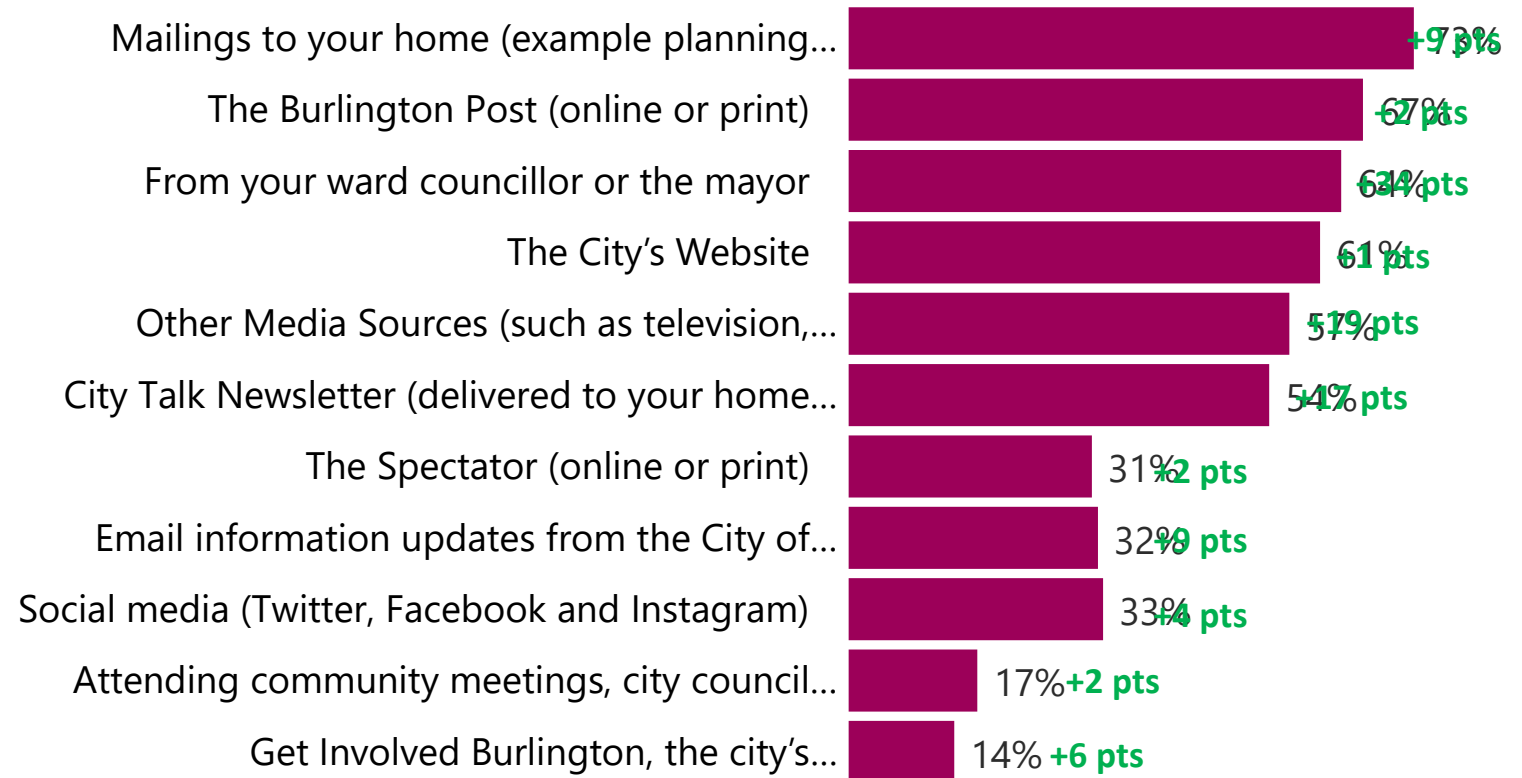
Top 2 Box	Change 2019
80%	+4 pts
79%	+2 pts
75%	+3 pts
75%	+4 pts
71%	+1 pt
65%	+2 pts



In your opinion, please rate the amount of information you receive from the City of Burlington?



Which of the following sources do you currently use to find out about city programs, services and initiatives?





Factors By Ward

Results were very positive across the wards of Burlington

Factor	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Total
Fire services	96%	99%	99%	96%	99%	99%	98%
Parks, sports fields and trails	98%	100% ▲	97%	97%	92% ▼	96%	97%
Maintenance of parks and green space	95%	99% ▲	97%	93%	92%	92%	95%
Service Burlington	92%	90%	99% ▲	94%	94%	97%	94%
Festivals and Events	92%	94%	96%	93%	93%	97%	94%
COVID-19 Response	92%	96%	91%	94%	94%	91%	93%
Recreation facilities	92%	97%	96%	89%	93%	91%	93%
Recreation programs	88%	90%	93%	89%	92%	93%	91%
Customer Service	87%	90%	91%	90%	95%	90%	91%
Surface water drainage	89%	91%	95%	94%	88%	83% ▼	90%
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Animal Control Services	89%	84%	87%	90%	85%	81%	86%
Tree health and pest management	86%	92% ▲	83%	84%	88%	79% ▼	85%
Council*	81%	83%	84%	85%	86%	87%	84%
Transit service	82%	86%	88%	88%	75%	75%	83%
Snow removal - sidewalk and walkways	85%	77%	89% ▲	83%	76%	81%	82%
By-law enforcement (excludes parking)	85%	81%	79%	83%	79%	77%	81%
Parking management	76%	77%	81%	79%	76%	86%	79%

▲ ▼ Arrows indicate statistically significant differences.

*Council refers to “council decision making & open, accountable, transparent local government”



Thank You!

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