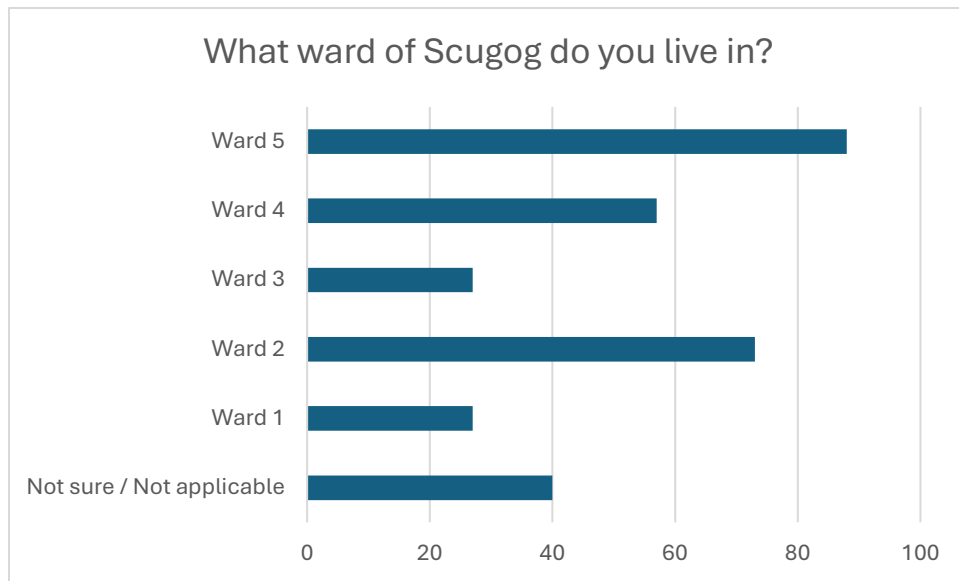


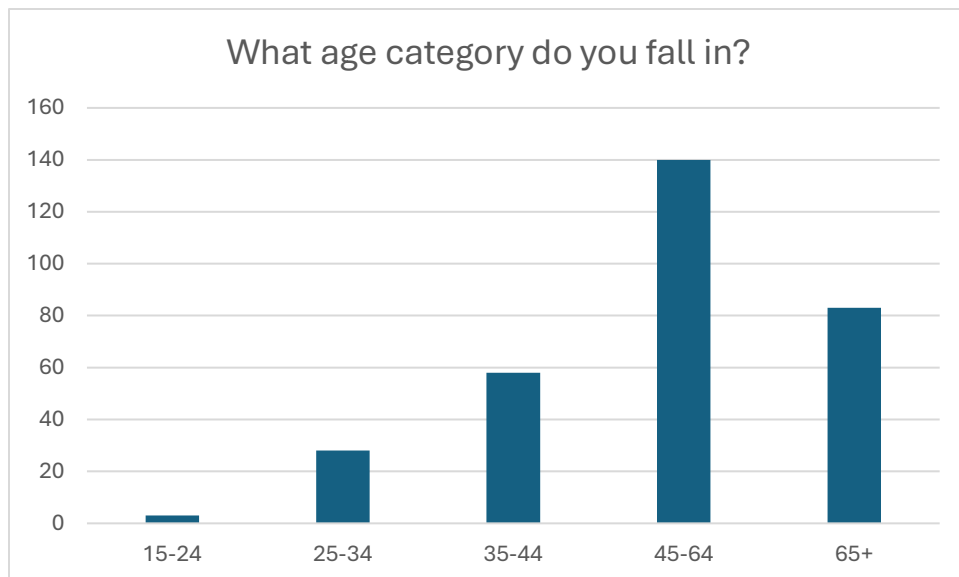
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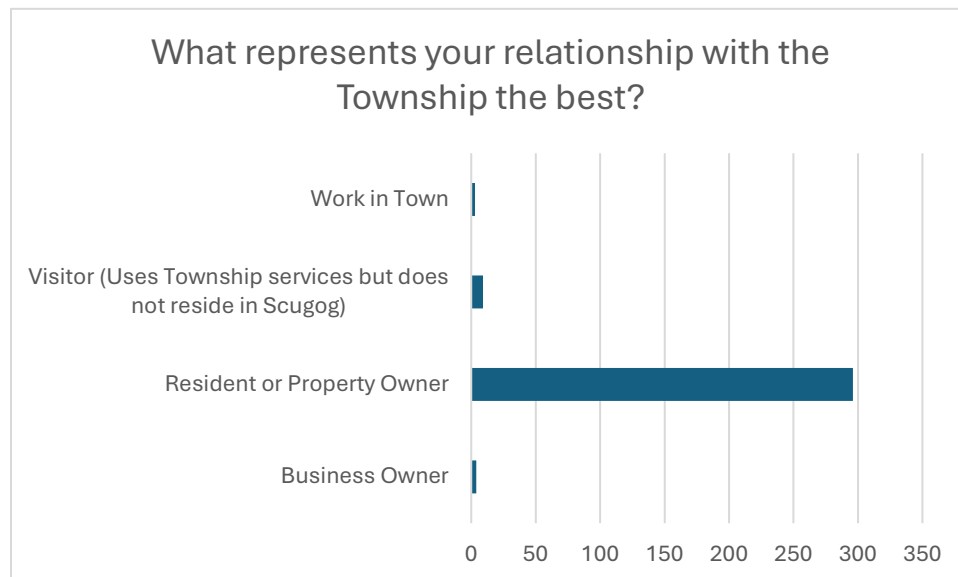
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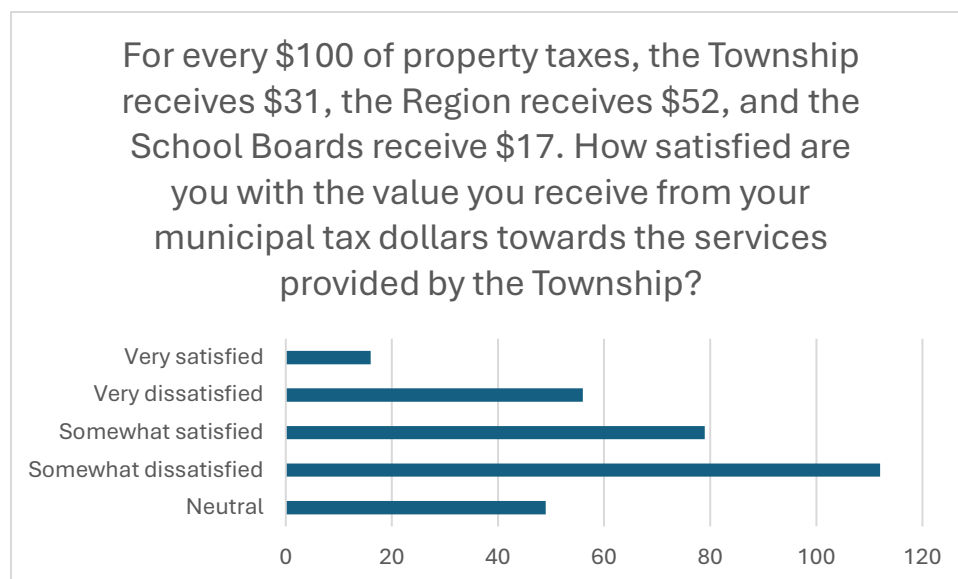
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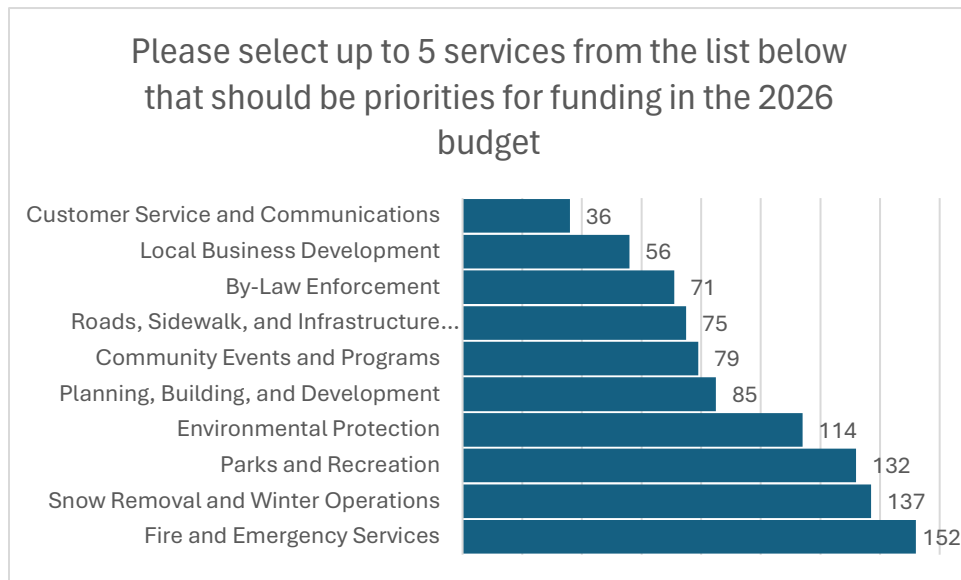


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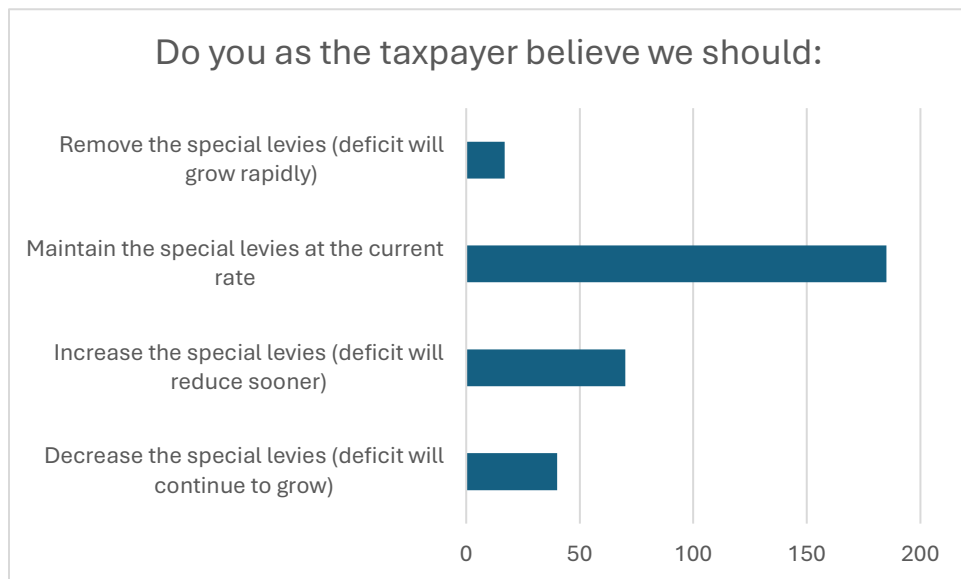


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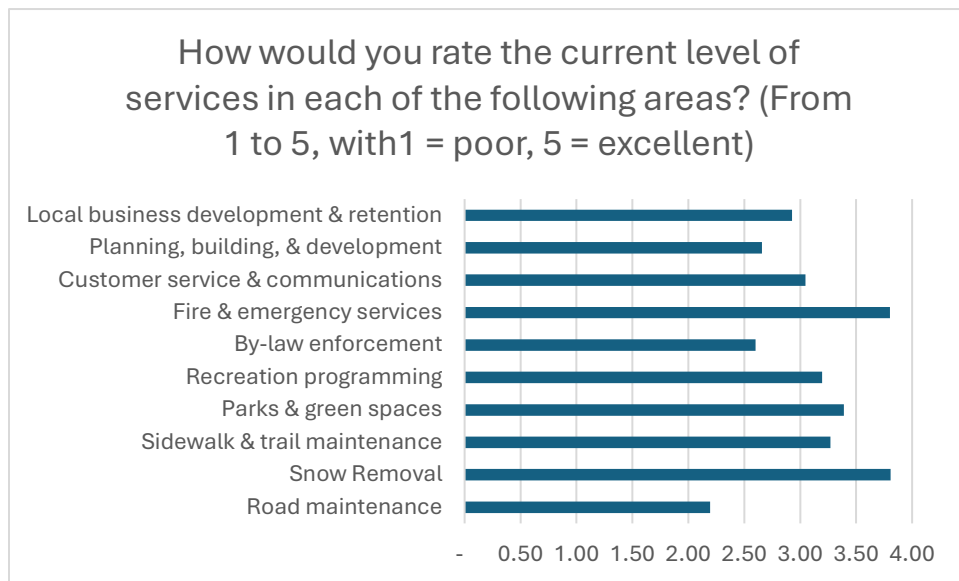
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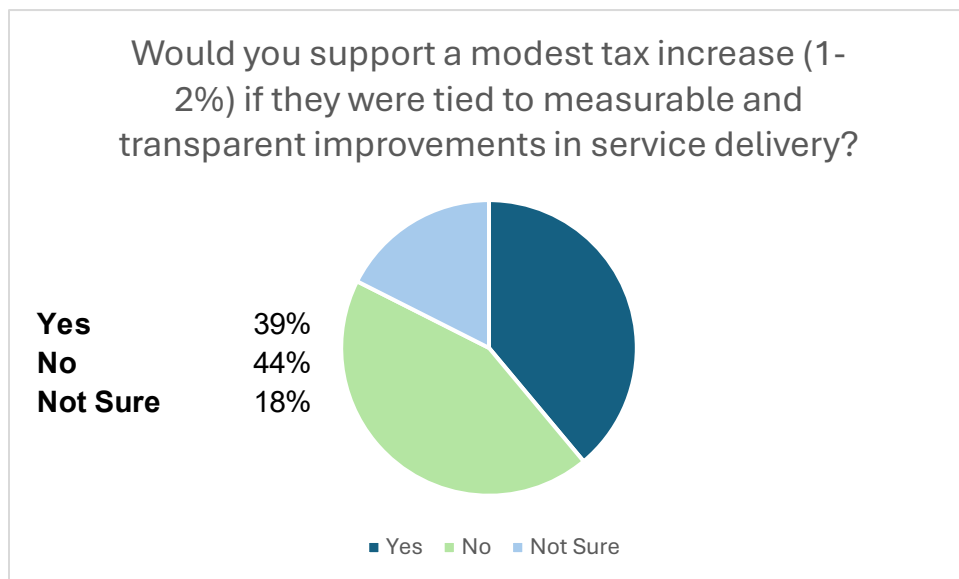
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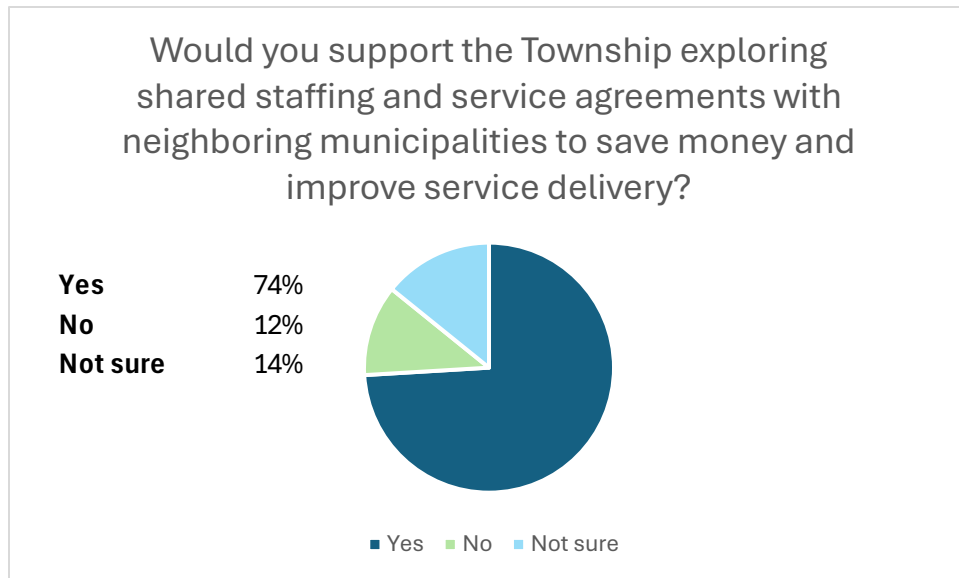
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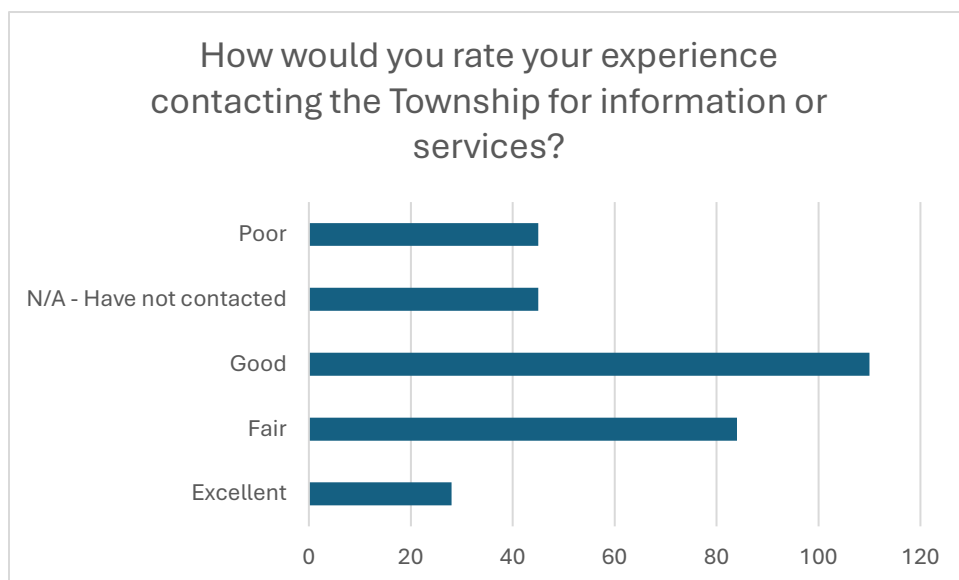
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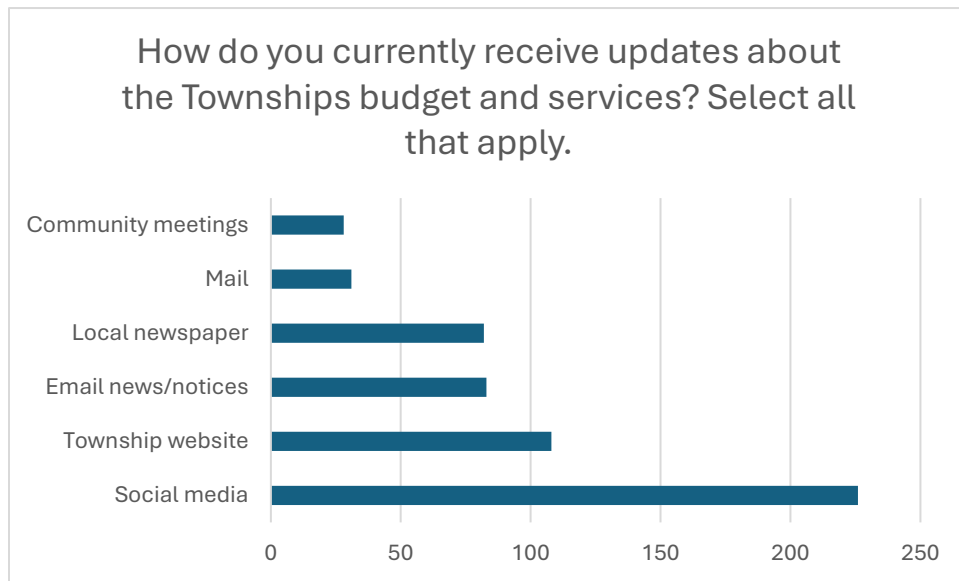


Question 11: How would you rate your experience contacting the Township for information or services?



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Question 12: How do you currently receive updates about the Townships budget and services? Select all that apply.



For Questions 8, 13 & 14 please see Attachment 2.

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Question 8: Improvements Suggested to Township Services

Infrastructure:

- roads fixed and maintained and a better bylaw department
- Finish sewers on old Simcoe road!! Other septic systems are end of life
- Please pave Scugog Point Road! It has so many patches and potholes. Every other road near us got repaved except ours.
- Plan to repave roads
- Apply for government grants to improve roads. Have bylaw officers enforce no fishing, no fires in parks, fees for tourists parking on weekends in particular.
- Make sure roads are fixed and look after make sure parks are cut and toilets clean clean weeds in town intersections make sure down down sidewalks are clean and free of weeds and overall cut 15 % to 20 % out of your budget
- Repair more residential sidewalks & roads. Spend less money on the park, especially for children's amusement!
- "Sidewalks to nowhere (main busy blocks) hospital, schools, clinics, etc. Waterfront too congested as a greenspace. By-law seems to never be around enforcing the most needed by laws in regard to safety!!!"
- Roads: Rosa St & Old Simcoe & Balsam St. Recreation / Pool for young to ageing for health.
- Repairs of Roads Affordable Houses
- Concession roads are not cleared of snow/sanded when they used to be! Snow fencing seems to be used less. This is a safety issue for me. Relying on residents to police by-law issues seems an inefficient way of enforcing by-laws. Particularly building permits. Planning is critical to ensure the municipality has managed growth.
- Repave Roads No Salt - sand only.
- I feel the township needs to improve its maintenance of infrastructure. There needs to be more long term plans instead of patchwork maintenance. We need to attract more business to out township to generate more tax revenue.
- Being in Ward 1, no sidewalks almost no street lights, no curbs, no sewers but pay extraordinary high property taxes. We have lived on same road for 21 yrs and it is so poorly maintained and so saturated with pot holes that are comically "fixed" a few times a year. It is so bad it is a sprained/broken ankle hazard every time we walk the dogs. Winter plowing is a joke, the frequency is fine (school bus route) but because the road is in such disrepair and uneven that plowing is futile, lots of snow/slush remains on road, then turns to ice further creating hazard for walking. Zero meaningful repairs in 21 years. Brutal.
- Roads fixed.
- Improve roads. Sidewalks
- More road repairs

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- Get these roads in town fixed! Old simcoe & queen intersection, crandell st, alma st, caleb st, sexton & union intersecction... these are disgusting!
- "I would like to see some of the Township roads maintained better.
- The by-laws surrounding lawns and green spaces is so out of date as to be ridiculous. These need to be updates so residents that want to do their bit toward mitigating the impacts of climate change can do so and be supported by the Township.
- We need to continue to prioritize the health of the Lake in everything that the Town does and especially with respect to new development near the lake. Residential development is vital in all municipalities but locations close to an already stressed lake is not the right location. The Town needs to find other underused lands, like the fairgrounds.
- The downtown of Port Perry is such a wonderful place with lots of independent, locally owned businesses. The Town must work hard to keep it so. Other towns have allowed big box stores, corporate chains and government offices to take over their once quaint main streets. It is incumbent on the Township to keep Port Perry one of the greatest towns in Ontario."
- " - fix the roads, they're crumbling so bad its embarrassing
 - we need more parks and green space (and bike trails)
 - need to invest in Queen street business development (shops and restaurants) for tourism and waterfront"
- Roads are being repaired when not required. For example, several kilometres of Simcoe road is under construction and it was perfectly even and smooth. Tax dollars were wasted on this and it causes months of heavy traffic, making all of us late for work.
- Actually fix the roads
- Roads repaved (lakeview)Street lights installed lakeview and simcoe
- Ward 4 seems to be the last to get any improvements. I assume it's because part of View Lake (my community) is shared with City of Kawartha Lakes. I would also like to see an amendment to where and how docks are put on our waterfront.
- A higher percentage of budget to roads and infrastructure.
- "Roads in town require paving.
- Sidewalks to nowhere need to be finished.
- Public indoor pool
- Full time fire department
- Hire contractors that finish the job properly (sidewalk repair was a joke)
- Snow removal on ALL in town sidewalks"
- Roads seems to be a priority in your pan, but for 10 years in ward 4, more needs to be done beyond patching holes.
- Need a special levy to get roads up to standard

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- There are many residential roads in and around Port Perry that are in dire need of repair. Patchwork no longer gets the job done, instead they should be getting newly paved. Rosa Street, Balsam Street to name a couple.
- Transparency. Significant funds were spent on a new splash pad in Palmer Park which is worse than the previous. Roads are in terrible shape. Attention is needed to a better procurement process and seeking feedback on priorities and giving that feedback back to residents. Use funds wisely and enforce rules, whereas currently residents get poor service from Scugog and are directed to developers who run wild.
- "Should be an unable to assess category for the above areas."
- Roads and damage to our cars us a regular issue. Too many patch jobs that don't fix long term as well."
- Would like to see roads repaired and maintained especially in the hamlets such as Caesarea, Nestleton and Blackstock. The state of the roads, particularly in Caesarea, is atrocious with MANY potholes, uneven patches and loose/broken areas. It is difficult for anyone with a cane, walker, stroller or bicycle to navigate. Far overdue being addressed.
- The carwright field parking lot needs to be fixed permanently..PAVED.. grading is not working and its causing damage to vehicles. Or move the boxes. I speak on behalf of a community group not just myself. I have been conversing with the mayor and town for almost 3 years and they keep saying they will put in budget yet keep FORGETTING. Someone needs to be projecting and planning for 20-30 years not just their current term and next 5 yrs. Come up with new and other ways to cut costs (maybe let go of some of the top end mngmt) and get income other than rising the taxes as people cannot afford anymore they are losing their properties. Have constant outgoing communication with the community. Have staff take kindness training. Hire people who will stay and if they leave there is a financial penalty.
- Road maintenance and repairs for failing rural roads. Parks in ward 4 are limited. Would love a dog park fully fenced.
- Fix the roads. They suck. Find a partner to fix the old mill. Get on with the lake improvement project. Move tennis courts to the fairgrounds and build a pool / gym. Stop build in so many houses. We are starting to look like Mississauga
- I'd like to see a focus on building up infrastructure to meet current demands before moving forward with mega housing developments.
- Road reconstruction is needed on old scugog rd shirley rd. and many side streets in Blackstock and Port Perry. Better snow removal and salting for 7A , Old Scugog and Shirley road.
- REPAVE THE SIDE STREETS! The residential side streets are atrocious and in HORRIBLE shape. If you have left them in such horrible shape to slow traffic down then include speed bumps instead. All the side streets in Port Perry and Prince Albert makes this area look under developed and poor. It's not just

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residents driving side streets but tourists as well. Tourists take the side streets as short cuts and it makes our town look awful. It also damages any vehicles that drive on them.

- The intersection of Old Simcoe road and Queen desperately needs repair.
- Roads are in terrible shape. More adult recreation facilities. Get new counselors who have education in town planning and how to react to town needs and not pander to visitors.
- The township must begin local road rehabilitation. Non -regional roads have become horrendous due to being way overdue for replacing road surface. They have been neglected for so long that now nearly every non regional road needs re surfacing. Never mind old simcoe for example is fairly highly trafficked road and it is a washboard as well surrounding roads.
- Install snow fencing to prevent drifting snow. A community fitness center would be nice to have.
- Blackstock roads need repaired especially Sunrise Drive and Old Scugog Road from Shirley Road into the town of Blackstock. Keep Blackstock Rec Centre open and keep the ice pad. It's great for kids. Police patrol around here more at night. Unruly kids moved into Blackstock. Water mains needed repair for years. Why did it take so long. Water pressure is not good. We don't need more houses built here. Humane Society needs to take in more cats. Township needs to create & enforce cat licenses. Why just dogs? Hate the new talk to nobody at Scugog Township. A person answering the phone would be great. And when people come to meetings and voice their opinions on 5G. It would be nice if the mayor acknowledged their concerns instead of her getting better cell reception at her house. We had better things to do than go to a meeting and be ridiculed.
- Much more, and much faster, road restoration. Our roads are a bad joke.
- More road maintenance
- "Why is there not a n/a option, some of the above I have no experience with.
- We would have more money in the roads budget if we actually patched roads properly, not in the rain, and not the dirt shoulders.
- We are still waiting for debris removal from the ice storm because public works can't determine who owns the land, shows brutal lack of accuracy in our tax rolls"
- "improve traffic flow. Widen Scugog & Simcoe to 4 lanes. pave roads that need repair. more housing. more downtown parking. Build 3-4 storey stations.
- Move old mill to Island by museum & replace with high end retirement home."
- The roads are really bad and need major improvement. If there is development make sure it is thoughtful and done the right way by ethical companies and take into consideration our lack of doctors, parking, traffic congestion....
- more focus on road repairs and maintenance
- Old Scugog Road and some other roads around Blackstock are in serious need of repair

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- Greenbank ditches and roads especially Ianson St. It is like 4 wheeling down to the school. Greenbank pays the same taxes as Port Perry yet we still have a contaminated airport and terrible services. We seem to be forgotten and have lived here 37 years and it's getting worse. Please remember us.
- Roads need major work around the town. I pay for snow removal in property taxes but don't receive that service.
- The roads are horrendous and planning does not actually align with need. While certain roads may have been added to a capital plan earlier than others, that plan needs to be subject to a true-up prior to prioritizing underused roads over other higher use roads.
- More focus on getting the roads into proper condition. In many cases, the town is failing to meet the provincially mandated MMS, based on conditions.
- "Too many streets have fallen into serious disrepair. It's beyond appalling - beyond embarrassing. Many are way past the provincial standards, which opens the Township up to potential legal actions.
- By-Law needs to work evenings and weekends - this is when most infractions happen."
- Infrastructure management and maintenance is terrible here. Some decisions about improvements are questionable (picnic shelter, e.g.) when there are parks with 20-year old equipment. Assets like the old grain elevator are left abandoned, some of our greenspaces are terribly maintained, and we still can't come to some agreement with Brock's about parking.
- Targeting roads that actually need to be re paved and not doing patchwork on Old Scugog and Old Simcoe. Waiting until 2029 is not acceptable.
- Our roads are in need of much repair. Continued patch work on most residential streets are not working.
- Please finally pave Union Avenue so it isn't the worst road in the township - 50 years and it looks the same every year. Old Simcoe is almost as bad now as Queen Street. It's ridiculous the roads can't be maintained properly.
- The roads are in disrepair! There are minimal recreational trails for walking. Why did the township feel the need to replace the playground three times in the last ten years and build an overpriced pavilion instead of repairing roads properly and not with patches. There is hardly anywhere to walk in this town. Many other towns and cities provide ample recreation trails and green space, Port Perry is lacking severely. More by-law enforcement for out of town fisherman and woman who leave garbage everywhere and go to the bathroom in public places and leave their used toilet paper all over. Start charging out of town people for parking if you need more revenue!
- Our roads are terrible !!
- Fix the roads, residents would be fine with a tax increase to fix them if they actually focus on getting them fixed. Increase funding for fire and emergency services, hire full time firefighters to lower response times

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- Road conditions are terrible. This is an ongoing issue which we do understand. Our taxes have continued to increase (have doubled in 21 years).
- Road maintenance. There are so many roads that are in rough shape!
- Roads. Has anyone read the 2019 study on roads in Scugog. Paved/hardtopped roads are cheaper to maintain. Wasting money on maintaining dirt roads, equipment and personnel continually. Just pave/hardtop now and save in the long run. No one wants to be the pay now while im in office to get rid of dirt roads.
- More bike lanes in the area to bring tourism and encourage locals to leave cars at home. On and off Island. All roads into town. Along Bloomington lots of bike groups would make the ride to town for lunch etc.
- "Vastly improve road repair and maintenance.
- Regarding development, survey residents and incorporate feedback into planning, before dealing with developers. Council needs to be more transparent, and communicate with resident at every step of planning.
- Rules regarding fishing and parking in the downtown core need to be enforced."
- More focus should be placed on road maintenance. As we all know, our roads are in a horrible state. Would love to see more focus on landscaping of areas outside of Main Street, Port Perry. The corner of Reach and Old Simcoe is ugly. The sidewalk all around the Fairgrounds is horrendous and ugly. I never see any Township of Scugog landscapers around. Where are they? More garbage bins (hire some high school students at minimum wage to empty them in the summertime).
- Road maintenance is horrible pot holes and crumbling sidewalks throughout the town. Parks in the south end of town are in bad shape and were supposed to be updated years ago. Programs for children do not have enough spaces and should be offered to residents 1st then opened up to non residents. We badly need better recreational facilities. Development has been expanded without expansion of infrastructure or water supply.
- Certain roads such as Old Scugog Road south of Church St in Blackstock, and Sunrise Drive/Trewin Court really need to be fixed. It would also be great if when new restaurants that come to Port Perry, which is the hub for surrounding areas, would consider the wants needs of customers, for instance we don't need 7 pizza places. More adult recreational activities would also be great.
- Better road upgrades. Live in Caesarea and all they do is fill potholes by throwing a bit of asphalt & hope it compacts. How about paving some of our roads on Summit and Cedargrove. Also, overgrown trees are taking over Summit & hitting our vehicles as we pass. No one maintains them.
- Many township roadways are a mess - Old Simcoe in particular has some areas that need immediate attention - in Prince Albert and south of Queen in particular. There is plenty of room available at the soccer field area to put two or three

outdoor pickleball courts for us seniors that do not drive, so we are not begging for rides to play in Greenbank and Uxbridge during the summer!

- Roads. They are terrible! And more activities for people evenings and weekends.
- Other than snow removal and driving on township roads in very poor condition I don't use any township services so I would like to see these improve and cut spending to nice to have until this is fixed. Increase revenues from out of town people through parking and lake access
- Road maintenance is poor relative to other municipalities including the Region. While this an expensive item, it's hard to feel your high taxes benefiting some areas of the Town
- Improve roads in Prince Albert specifically Hurd Street
- Road maintenance and trails/ pathways are lacking north of Reach Street
- Would like to see more money being put into fixing roads that have been in horrible state for dozens of years.
- Proper repaving of roads instead of letting them deteriorate to the point of no return by minimal efforts of filling potholes when large sections of the road requires proper paving.
- Our roads are crumbling throughout the town. Until a standard level of maintenance can be achieved on them, other services need to be cut or budget reduced. An ongoing special levy that doesn't even provide enough funding to fix the roads is clearly not working, the roads get worse year over year yet our taxes go up year over year.
- More tax dollars should go directly to support residents, not visitors and tourism. Especially lacking in rural areas. My road is a mess and completely neglected, despite the premium charge for road maintenance. Most of my tax dollars go to support the beautification of the downtown core and attract tourists.
- Roads seem to be a big issue within the township, this must be improved. More business and industry would be great to increase jobs available within the township, and provide additional tax revenue. Parks/greenspace maintenance is poorly lacking, why create beautiful gardens and spaces if it can't be maintained (ie Palmer Park shore line).
- I have seen little evidence that the township provides any road maintenance - many roads are full of potholes and dangerous. Yet Water Street was torn up and replaced last year when it was even in bad shape? The priority seems to be on making things look better for tourists (well, except for that Brock's parking lot issue which is a giant eyesore and I don't really blame Brock's.....) rather than actually improving things (such as roads) for residents. So, I am saying improving/changing the priorities, making residents rather than tourism a priority, would be a good start to making better use of the exorbitant amount of taxes we pay.
- 1. Road improvement every couple of months 3 men and a truck fill the pot holes this has been going on for years. I'm thinking repaving would be less expense. 2.

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I would like to see more attention paid to the wants and needs of the taxpayer vs tourists. 3. I would like to see the Fairgrounds left as it is. 4. When I go to the township office I would like to be acknowledged instead of ignored. When I sent a request to the township I would like a response. When I send a follow-up email after several months I would like a meaningful reply not put up signs to slow traffic. The township can send monies on redoing the waterpark 3 times but we can't have an indoor pool or have Birdseye pool covered. You can give approval for builders to build condos on Old Simcoe and Chimney but the Condos that the builders wanted to build in Cawkers Creek wasn't approved I guess they have more sway. When I go to the library on the weekends I should be able to park there but the spaces are filled with tourists. Not sure of the by-laws but are you really allowed to BBQ in the park by the library."

- Roads need to be a big priority. Our rural roads in particular are getting worse and worse.
- I would like them to plow both sides of the road on Robin Trail when it snows. I would like some attention to our old worn park with no bench to sit after it was removed due to vandalism. I would like some benches around the trail around the storm water pond at the Herbert A. Bruce Park. Perhaps the grass could be cut or even some beautification done on the sides of Union Avenue between Victoria/Earl Cuddie and Forestlane/Robin Trail. We have been in a construction zone for too many years.
- The roads department needs to be out cutting the grass along the roadside because at some stop signs you have to pull way out onto road. Also learn how to patch the roads properly.
- Windrow clearing for seniors in the winter
- Roads are a huge issue. Our vehicles have been damaged because roads have not been repaired
- I think road repair should be a priority. With less focus on tourist related spending.
- more road maintenance on back roads "Marshall Rd & Scugog line 6, Old Simcoe by hospital " pave the entire road. More bylaws officers to enforce illegal parking at schools, and the amount of chickens at residences.
- re pave all bad residential roads and not fill holes every two weeks.
- The roads in Scugog are in very poor condition and need more thorough maintenance. It gets to a point in which filling pot holes each year only does so much.
- Better roads
- Focus on the main services. Roads, GARBAGE pickup should be weekly, especially in the summer.
- Proper resurfacing of local roads. Responsible recognition of required maintenance of street lighting, silted over drainage culverts, dead or dying trees. Bylaw enforcement of street parking and vehicles parked on lawns year round

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and enforcement of private property foliage that obstructs view for vehicles at cross streets.

- PLEASE REPAVE OLD SCUGOG RD FROM CHURCH TO SHIRLEY. IT IS EMBARRASSING HOW MUCH MONEY IN TAXES WE PAY TO HAVE THE MAJOR ROAD OUT OF BLACKSTOCK IN THAT CONDITION.
- "Lower taxes
- Fix roads they are awful and dangerous"
- Roads maintained. A proper recreation centre with pool. Water front needs to be properly maintained.
- "Roads in horrible shape and need repair.
- Very unsafe. Filling pot holes is not an acceptable way of maintaining roads."
- Fix the roads in Port Perry and Prince Albert.. especially, McDonald Street, Old Simcoe and Union Avenue. Please also put in a cross walk or 4 way stop at McDonald/Rosa. Someone is going to get hit by a vehicle - terrible intersection and blind spot with buses. Kids safety first!
- Better road upkeep, when planing developments utilize space better - there is no need to approve giant houses being developed when the space could be better put towards more duplexes or more affordable and beneficial options
- The roads are terrible, there is very little to do in the town, there have been no new facilities built, the waterfront is basically unusable for residents without children and my taxes keep going up. For what? I don't understand where the money is going, but it's certainly not into anything that improves or maintains my quality of life here.
- Sidewalk repair and snow ice removal. Better bylaw enforcement on Paxton st at the hospital people park and stop all over there. Also the hospital east circle is always with people stopping and parking and leaving their vehicles there. Definety a problem there in case of fire. Better street parking enforcement.
- "Better roads - having to pay for wheel alignments due to potholes on old Simcoe is not appropriate.
- By-law - neighbourhood is STILL unassigned by the town yet we have been here for 5 years (the things people are getting away with in new neighborhoods is against all the values of port perry, and there's no enforcement so it's rapidly getting worse).
- Slow down building/developments and fix what's broken before more expansion - more doctors are needed, more fire trucks.
- Keep up the good work in the winter with snow removal and storm preparedness.
- Thanks!"
- Roads so many pot holes all over
- The roads need to significantly improve. By law needs to attend to out of town issues and not locals parking infront of their own homes
- Fix road on edgerton

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- "The roads need to be fixed. Old Simcoe Street is one of the main collector roads in the town and is a disgrace. Cold patching can only be done so much - it is time to fix the road.
- The Township also needs to seriously consider a new community centre that includes a public indoor pool. Access to swimming lessons all year round is incredibly important especially for children. Is it possible to partner with a developer(s) to lower the costs in building such a facility, or put cash in lieu of parks from developments towards this?
- Less focus needs to be on maintaining just the downtown core of Port Perry. Tourists flood the town, but how is this benefiting the average citizen that lives in the Township of Scugog. Paid parking must be implemented, especially during high tourist months for non-residents."
- Roads are increasingly dangerous with the poor conditions.
- Where I live I get garbage and road maintenance. No sewage. No water. What am I paying so this much in taxes for?"
- -The roads are deplorable - its unfortunate that those who did not set aside monies over the years cannot be held accountable.
- Road improvements around hospital access from old Simcoe, and roads leading to downtown port perry.
- Caleb and Crandall St are in desperate need of resurfacing and repair. It's interesting that the streets with large houses (Bigelow, Ella, Cochrane) were all resurfaced over the years and surrounding streets that were far worse have not been touched.

Parks

- Better care and maintenance of green spaces like the field on the east side of poplar park. More naturalized & connected trails throughout the town.
- "Palmer Park needs no littering signs.
- Paid parking 100%. This could go towards enforcing our by-laws.
- Lakeview Drive - reduce speed limit / posts on road to reduce speed / speed bumps / local traffic only. Anything please as the traffic cuts through and there are children playing, some motorists are going 100km per hour."
- I would like to see improved maintenance in the dog park, a quicker response when inquiries are made the township and more road repair as some areas are shocking (Old Simcoe in particular)
- Maintenance of parks needs to be a top priority. Thousands of people visit every year for ball tournaments, yet ball diamonds are the most neglected asset Scugog has. It is a disgrace to the volunteers who work tirelessly to create programming and events for the youth, a disgrace to the participants, and an absolute embarrassment to the town that we are not maintaining and operating these facilities with dignity.

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- The flower beds are a mess. The Township has planted some lovely trees, shrubs and flowers and then does not care for them. They often are full of weeds. Very poorly kept after planting. Very sad, a waste of money and very unattractive.
- Designate the shoreline in front of Palmer Park as no fishing. I can't walk my dog there bc of the hooks and line left behind
- "Maintain parks, gardens and garbage in the downtown. Trail along waterfront underwater most of spring. Easy fix!
- Garbage in the downtown from busy times is very unpleasant to the residents."

Planning & Development

- "Support growth with good advice rather than saying no and putting up roadblocks to most good ideas.
- Consider applying for many of the less traditional grants available to use to offset planned expenditures giving money for new and popular things.....and then communicating those achievements"
- More larger stores needed
- There needs to be better communication with the residents as to why the services are not improving with the amount of new property taxes coming from the developments. Development is too fast and crowded. The town is much too busy.
- An educated council who knows how to ask for available provincial and federal funding. More housing is not the answer. Zero transparency and pandering to developers is killing what was once a wonderful town, and council encourages this downhill slide.
- "Slow down the building permits until we can plan for traffic, water,
- Water filtration is still a problem-
- You need to communicate the water issue with home owners who are wasting water.."
- poor thought to strategic development. Rampant development at whim of developers. Completely un-affordable housing, destruction of green spaces, horrific urban sprawl.
- More social media of what is being done in planning and dev.
- Stop ridiculous expensive housing development, that does nothing except bring more unwanted people to this town Port Perry has lost its' charm as a small town No more tourists Crime, traffic and city idiots ruining it
- We dont need anymore housing. Port Perry os a zoo. Infrastructure should come first. All those townhouses on 7a and you cam even widen the road. We need a community centre like Lindsay with a pool.
- Fewer building permits
- Better communication and consultation with the public on all subjects and before projects are decided on and completed. Protect our lake and green spaces. Better management of tourists and visitors abusing our parks and trails. Better

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bylaw enforcement and ticketing (I've lived here for 35 years and never seen a ticket issued for anything. If bylaw ticketed that would increase town revenues. Stop spending money on road round-a-bouts and splash pads and more on infrastructure and town Esthetics. Charge visitors for parking (provide parking passes for residents - good revenue stream). Keep the heritage fairgrounds and bring back rib fest!!!

- While I'm not an expert in municipal development, I would like to advocate for thoughtful planning that prioritizes the long-term wellbeing of our community. This could include incorporating more green spaces, playgrounds, recreational facilities, or investing in existing public infrastructure when considering new developments. Ensuring that growth aligns with community needs will help maintain the character of our town while making it more livable and inclusive."

Recreation

- "Expand recreation & community events.
- I also think we desperate need a full time, year round curator for the museum. The turn over of staff has negatively impacted programming and the artifacts held there. The addition of a generator to protect the buildings from flooding would also be a much needed upgrade.
- Create a disc golf course and instruction.
- Co-operative art circle space
- Coffee & Connect for residents
- Sports loaner kits for families.
- Additional Pickleball Facilities indoor & outdoor.
- Better utilization of the Rec centre in Blackstock- more programming, more community centred activities. Involve local community members to be a part of this.
- Year round indoor swimming pool
- Would like to see outdoor pickleball courts.
- Request outdoor pickleball courts be built
- "I would appreciate it, if an outdoor pickleball court(s) Port Perry could be built.
- Pickleball is a very good sport for everyone, but especially for seniors."
- More recreational facilities - pools, sports facilities, pickleball courts
- I would like to see outdoor Pickleball courts
- Outdoor pickleball courts
- Outdoor pickleball courts.
- Parks and Rec facilities are severely lacking.
- Would like a better recreational community centre/ pool
- Outdoor pickleball court lines should be painted on the tennis courts by the water in port. There are a lot of people who would use the courts for pickleball yet the tennis courts always seem to be unused and empty.
- Indoor pool for swimming lessons for kids

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- Need more funding for recreational facilities such as indoor pool, outdoor pickleball courts.
- Outdoor and indoor pickleball facilities
- We desperately need pickleball courts in Scugog Township. Take a look around. We are very late to the party.
- 1. I'd like to see money being spent on more pickleball courts (preferably indoor), but outside at a minimum. 2. I'd like to see zero money spent on promoting Pride month/Season. This is taxpayer money which is being spent on a project that divides our community. Let's rather spend the money on promoting Canada, which all Canadians can take pride and pleasure in.
- Create more programs and places for seniors.
- Pickle ball courts outside
- outdoor pickle courts, indoor swimming pool and gym
- More activities such as pickle ball courts
- Please provide outdoor pickleball courts in port perry. Every township around us has dedicated outdoor pickleball courts except port perry. It's a hugely growing sport with many players living in Port Perry.
- Indoor Swim pool
- Outdoor pickleball
- Safe hang out places for teenagers, recreational etc"
- Improvements to parks and recreation that is targeting residence NOT tourists. SCUGOG has done a great job with park improvements for tourists.
- "Recreational Planning. Not just changing the cover on the Recreational magazine each season.
- As a tax payer, I would like to see some proper outdoor pickleball courts. I shouldn't have to seek out a grant. Oshawa and Whitby don't ask their tax payers to do so. If the Municipal Council is so reliant on grants then have 1 of 2 grant writers on staff. Quit wasting thousands hiring consultants to write your grants, that often go nowhere!"
- Would like to see outdoor pickleball courts to compliment the tennis courts and ball diamonds at the waterfront.
- Addition of outdoor pickleball courts
- More recreation opportunities
- Same thing I have been asking for my entire life of living here. An indoor pool
- Indoor pool
- Better communication. Get on social media!
- Supplement taxes for income. Taxes are too high."
- Provide more recreational options. Build pickle ball courts. Make more use of the fair grounds which sit empty most of the year. Allow for digital voting.
- More youth recreation programs

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- A community centre, catering to the actual community and not just hockey players. We 100% should have an indoor pool.

Taxation

- Raise funds from other means beside raising taxes. We are maxed out!
- Find savings in how things are done. Changes are needed so that taxes do not always go up every year.
- The Township of Scugog gives 52% of the taxes to the Region of Durham, this is a black hole. Please remove yourself from Durham Region and imagine all the funds the Township would have to repair the roads!
- Without increasing costs do more to save monies as we all have to so your funds go further. Reduce overheads
- Cannot keep raising taxes every year
- I'm still waiting for a call back from the town re tax bills from June.
- Stop taxing me out of my property, on well and septic, road is never plowed when I go to work, not 1 streetlight, no sign to indicate my road is coming up so I have people driving up my rear end thinking I'm joking about turning right, and almost rear ending me. Raise my culvert, it's absolutely useless and is wrecking my new \$12,000 driveway, again.
- You are missing the boat with this questionnaire. Instead of removing or throwing tax payer's money at something. Other ways to save money should be considered and the increased proper applications for grants be of greater focus.
- Fiscal responsibility would be a nice addition.
- We need just the bare basics in order to keep tax increases under control. You can not keep coming to the land owners for all the funds. Time for more user fees for specific services targeted at the users, not the broad tax base.
- Increase the special levies modestly and tie the increase directly to the findings of the Asset Management Plan. Communicate clearly that this is an investment in protecting essential services, maintaining safety, and avoiding more costly repairs or borrowing down the road.

General Feedback

- Would like to see the fairgrounds remain a public park that can be utilized better.
- Weekly garbage pick up.
- The Regional Councillor should negotiate harder to have our 52% tax rate going to DR reduced. That is an appalling rate for the level of service residents are provided by comparison. North Durham is not a cash cow for the south!
- Reduce full time employees at office.
- I paid my tax bill in person and I was the only client there. We do not need 5 ppl working in an empty office.
- Visitors should pay for parking.
- 311 service should actually result in service

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- Garbage everywhere needs to be addressed... by law should fine far too many residents don't use garbage cans and animals get in. Also waterfront park you can actually see people just throwing garbage on the ground and in the lake. Lets have more user based fees like library cards. We need revenue so let's find some"
- "Fix the road, not down town. If your fixing down town put in paid parking for visitors. Get bylaw more involved in boat launch take over since you can't launch a boat because people fish off the launches and refuse to move.
- Rec programs are good but lack of places and options are horrible. More money goes to other places because they offer more services.
- Use paid parking from out of town visitors to increase the revenue for the township and so increasing my taxes."
- Retain family doctors. Look into speed cameras on hwy 7A
- None, but I think the rating should have a zero, to indicate neither poor or excellent. As it is I have rated most of them poor, but I do not mean that, they are fine as is, but do not interest me.
- It all seems much more distanced from the general public. Staff are helpful but we seem to have lost the small town trust connection between the township Council and employees and the public.
- Increased efficiency and cost effectiveness, elimination of services that are not being utilized, focus on residents' needs rather than visitors' and consider using volunteer labour or services where appropriate to reduce costs.
- I think that you need to rely less on online applications because most people have questions that they can't get answered online .
- Answer citizen questions when emailed or in person
- Reduce friction in interaction with township across the board.
- Provide more daycare options
- I would create a 48-hr response policy for residents (having placed 3 calls over a 1-yr period and twice to the tax dept over 4 days, and got no response to either. I would ensure each councillor has a FB page and uses it regularly to update residents on town business, to increase their visibility and improve communication.
- - Numerous boulevard trees in Ward 2 are dead or dying. Does the Town monitor / replace / trim / treat them? The Town should consider sharing the costs of a tree service with Uxbridge.
- I have strong concerns about the new restructuring of departments within the Town. Combining Parks & Rec with Public Works will certainly spread the Director too thinly. Each of these are large portfolios that require much focus. Residents can now expect a greatly reduced level of service, as the attention to detail is simply far too much for one person to oversee."
- I feel that parking for visitors need to be paid parking. In Durham, Scugog is the only region that has squatters who come to Port Perry to get free parking. Most

people come with picnics and buy ice cream. You could have BIA/businesses validate parking for those who spend a certain amount. I am tired of trying to park at the library or the CIBC on a Saturday when all the squatters have taken parking that is clearly marked at CIBC 'for clients only'. Where is bylaw enforcement and why are we allowing this. It is extremely unfair and downright disrespectful for me in Ward 4 to have to 'pay' my taxes for squatters to get free parking. It's time to change this and not feed off the taxpayers back for people to come and sit in the park, get upgraded washroom facilities, people to clean their garbage, etc. You need to start charging them. We do NOT have the tax base to support giving away freebies because the BIA is afraid to do so. See Oshawa charging for parking (and \$20): <https://durhampost.ca/non-registered-visitors-to-pay-for-parking-at-lakeview#:~:text=Five%2Dmonths%20of%20paid%20parking,allowed%20to%20park%20for%20free.>

- Services provided focused on township residents versus tourists. Increase costs for tourists to use our town, such as parking, etc, bylaw enforcement, and do not have these costs come out of the residents taxes to improve the services that they use. Such as the gazebo and bathrooms.
- Could we not find ways to implement some funding from tourist through paid parking for non residents like Uxbridge has ?
- Trimming the money from the top as its 100% not passed or used for locals who pay the taxes. Also, I have heard rumors that the town wants to stop the fair and sell fair grounds, as well as stop santa claus Parade... Those are literally the only things our town has carried for years. As a child, Port always had amazing events on ...long gong are those days....."

Fire and Emergency Services

- No need for full time fire Department and wasting my tax dollars on contracts of CAO
- Fire Chief and 50,000\$ fact checkers"
- I would like to see the Township move away from a full time Fire Dept. Uxbridge maintains a full time Chief, Deputy Chief, Fire Prevention, and two part-time firefighters. I believe this system makes much more sense than our current complement. The savings would be able to prioritize other items such as road repair.
- With a population of approximately 21,000 people the municipality should be staffed by 20 full-time suppression firefighters. This would allow 4 full time crews on a 24x7 basis to better provide fire protection services for the municipality. This would help to alleviate insurance costs through better rankings completed by the Fire Underwriters Survey.
- Full time fire services are a huge drain on the budget. And the fact that they will not negotiate with the township for their collective agreement will be even more

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costly once arbitration is finalized. Volunteer forces is much more cost effective and with the population growth the pool is greater to choose from.

- Fire dept should be moving forward and hiring more so its staffed fully 7 days a week, Town took away lights at a ball diamond and it states that when the diamond is taken away they will replace it. no plans in place to replace it
- Quicker response time for fire.
- Fire and Emergency Services need to have more full time employees for the growing demand and population. Roadways need to be maintained and widened for increase in current and future growth. Roads updated and paved to prevent damage to vehicles and for safety.
- Less on fire protection as technology has decreased the need based on statistics and facts
- Stop paying outrageous full-time salaries to full-time firefighters when our community thrived for years without. The amount being paid to those small amounts on full yim ris disgusting for such a small town.

Environment

- more environmental protection and green spaces for public use. we need more trails and parks. it would be nice to restore the lakes health so we can safely swim in it again. the tourists don't come here to stare at a swamp. less focus on business and development and more cleaning up our green spaces and improving what we have for the health of our community.
- More thorough environmental impact assessments, more thorough archaeological assessments, more strict bylaw enforcement for those that cause harm to the environment, and better consultation with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.
- Reply to residents' concerns. Listen to experts on environmental concerns (regarding new developments)
- I would like to see the development department prioritize environmental issues

By-Law Enforcement

- Another area I believe could benefit from additional attention is by-law enforcement, particularly in and around our green spaces and public areas. Better enforcement, balanced with education, could lead to more respectful use of shared spaces and encourage more residents to make use of parks, trails, and recreational areas in a safe and enjoyable way.
- Policing/bylaw enforcement. We never see police in the Viewlake area for radar enforcement. Bylaw rarely responds or deals with issues presented. Road maintenance and road allowance clearing is non existent. Poor value for money then the town takes staff away from there work for staff appreciation bbq on the tax payers bill. Poor management at it best!

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- Need tougher bylaw enforcement especially property standards, roads in ward 4 awful, and Twp appears to have “ another white elephant “ in taking over Abandoned school in Blackstock!!
- Actually enforce noise bylaws on property owners who are egregiously violating them.
- More Bylaw enforcement eg. intersection site lines within the village more proactively. Outdoor pickleball courts
- I would like to see more consistency in the enforcement of by-laws including fire regulations. I would also like to see more transparency in development projects.
- Have some people actually enforcing by-laws and checking building permits so that people are doing only what has been approved and doing it to building codes.
- We live in a tourist town and it's great to see the support revenue. However, we miss the opportunity on parking revenue and enforcing bylaws to keep the town what it is. Local residents should park free and tourism should pay. MNR is hardly present to keep the lake from being overfished and abused
- "Employ respectful by law officers, follow up on complaints/concerns through your reporting system. Have a required time for responding to constituents. Improve relationships with all small businesses not just the ones on the main part of Queen st.
- Roads, enforcing bylaws downtown. Bylaw officers need to be downtown on the weekends. Parking should be paid for non residents like neighboring towns residents should park for free. We need way more things for actual residents.... too much focus is put on ""tourists"" when many local business owners agree that the waterfront ""tourists"" do not buy in town. Our waterfront....we are one of the only places that fences the water as it's so unattractive. As children, we swam at the actual beach in town. The waterfront has gotten so out of hand. We need to do WAY better with the water.

Business Development

- I encourage the Township to consider increased investment in supporting local businesses, particularly those that serve both residents and tourists. These businesses are essential to the vitality of our town and help create a sense of community, while also attracting visitors who contribute to our local economy. Small grants, promotional partnerships, or beautification initiatives could go a long way in helping these businesses thrive.
- Business development opportunities and greater community services such as improvements to the community centre and lakefront
- The township needs to partner with businesses to thrive. We are a tourist destination and we need to continue to work at that and grow.
- I believe the township and the associated business organizations do a good job in the tourist promotion but fall short on attracting new business. Our industrial

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lands are not developed to their potential. The short sighted view of the region not promoting Scugog as a tourist destination and developing Scugog as attractive, viable location for business to relocate, ranks Scugog low on the region priority list

- Provide funding and collaborate with local business organization ie Chamber of Commerce to enhance economic development and support local business.
- Fewer pot stores and businesses along Queen Street would stop shuttering
- "Try and draw bigger business here for more jobs with better before we build more homes and People that will put a drain on our resources
- Fix the roads way too many are filled with potholes/damage"

Accessibility

- I would like to see a renewed focus on accessibility. It is dangerous to try to get around Port Perry with any adaptive device, and there are some places where people with disabilities simply cannot go.
- Improve the safety and accessibility of the change room/guard house at Birdseye pool.
- Port Perry Village washrooms for the public.

Question 13: What is the best way for the Township to involve you in future decisions?

- mail
- Sewers!
- Do not hire a consultant and waste my tax paying money. Let the community decide. No consultant needed for a visioning exercise regarding the fairgrounds.
- Email notifications and social media posts
- Social media
- Surveys
- Being open to listening and taking in what information you've given. Attended all meetings for Latcham Centre and was surprised by resistance of councilor to listen to facts. Same with wetlands meetings. Seemed like totally closed to suggestions.
- Email
- Social media
- Send mail. Take comments on social media serious
- Email
- Having townhall presentations and discussions on housing initiatives such as affordable housing, tiny homes, multi-dwelling, 6 plexus, as part of every neighbourhood in town.
- contact me at my home address by mail!!! Or by a telephone call at my personal number.

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- Focus/newspaper / alongside website and port perry bulletin.
- Focus & newspaper article alongside bulletin and website.
- email
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Website + Community Meetings
- Town Hall's
- My ward 1 councillor is helpful in communicating information.
- I would like to attend meetings
- To remember there are many seniors with no modern technology skills.
- I would like to see the community meetings continue. It gives the taxpayers an opportunity to meet council members and staff on a more informal setting. It also gives an opportunity to have questions answered.
- not sure
- We need a marketing committee to brainstorm how to bring in more revenues without just reaching into tax payers pockets. We are maxed out!
- Email.
- Please stay with in the budget
- Direct Mail for all considerations applicable to the ward in which we live. Social media is not a suitable platform to find out information about changes impacting residents.
- Digitally
- Surveys.
- We used to get e-mail updates but that stopped. Don't know why. email just deleted no rhyme or reason. Facebook is NOT a business tool and we missed the meeting on August 21st at Nestleton Hall as we did not know. Not in papers, and I had to search it on TWP website (should not be, it should be upfront). Facebook is NOT a business tool and you need to stop using it as such. fundamentally "Facebook is designed for connecting with and staying updated on the lives of your friends and family, which has been its core purpose since launch." I do not have Facebook nor do I consider the TWP 'my friend'. This should not be your primary method of communicating.
- Review best practices from other jurisdictions - this can range from pushing information such as committee reports, decisions to subscribers via email, to using social media. Communication so folks get the information is the first step to getting buy-in. Need to overcome the us-them situation with a perceived Port Perry centric approach, and instead look at things as one township.
- Town hall meetings and/or more surveys
- Facebook/email
- interactive social media posts
- Direct contact by either mail or flyer in local paper
- Email

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- continue to ask residents re: survey
- Advance notice of upcoming open events. Online engagement such as polls.
- Emails
- text message updates with links to important info
- I believe more social media posts are good. Recently I have seen posts recently directly addressing concerns and questions posted online and I think that's a great move in the right direction.
- facebook and virtual townhalls
- Email, social media, public meetings
- notify residents of meetings that are upcoming
- I have now subscribed for updates from the Town but continuing to publish in print about opportunities to be involved are welcomed.
- emails and surveys
- **LOWER PROPERTY TAXES!** The township is incredibly small, with very low population and requires very little maintenance! There are homes **DOUBLE** the size of ours in Markham that pay the same amount of tax! These tax rates are **HUGE!** These tax rates are exponentially higher than the rest of the GTA! Make some cuts, and do not take such large sums of money from all of us in this Township who already struggle in this poor Canadian Economy!
- e-mail and social media
- Port Perry Bulletin on FB. Thanks
- Facebook is about the only way. Not sure how Seniors would feel about that. Used to be able to read a weekly paper.
- Social media and or emails
- Email
- Focus on Scugog notices with links to review information
- Townhalls and surveys are fine.
- Better advertising of when and what decisions are being made and how we can get our voices heard.
- Sign up for specific email blasts. Engagement campaigns, etc. NOT Facebook or Social media.
- Broader news updates online
- Email
- Social media
- Continue with communications as listed previously.
- Email and continue to publicly share info **IN A TIMELY FASHION**
- Mail, flyer, Facebook
- These surveys are good. I would like to receive information about how/whether the survey feedback is used.
- Use the Standard or signs on the road to notify of meetings and events and even things like no water advisory. Not everyone has social media.

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- Surveys
- Surveys like this one, FB postings and other social media articles. Councillor communication to its riding constitutes.
- Get employees of Scugog Township to go door to door or send out in the mail to get feedback from residents. A LOT of senior citizens live in Scugog and can't be bothered to fill out anything online because they get confused and frustrated by computers and the internet.
- Communicate more to allow for feedback.
- Make them meaningful for me! More knowledgeable counselors.
- Email
- Mail or social media
- Online
- Send out an email regarding these surveys.
- email
- Step down and allow us to revisit polls to elect a competent Mayor. Unfortunately, this is what happens when you run against no opposition. You get the village idiot.
- Surveys like this. Email/messaging lists based on Ward/Neighbourhood to hear about items that are most likely to affect those residents.
- More surveys
- Surveys, email bulletins, local papers and Focus magazine, through our ward 4 counselor.
- "Township of Scugog Facebook account updates Focus on Scugog magazine Email"
- e-mail
- Open council meetings not behind doors discussions
- More information needs to be public not allowing people into council meetings should not be allowed
- Actually listen to what taxpayers have to say
- Share a calendar that could be added to personal calendar
- Surveys like this
- Social media and website.
- Make sure any surveys are usable. example the SDOR had an email assistance but Blackline Consulting did not respond, (Blackline should be on the Township's Deadbeat List)- do no use them again
- Unsure
- Continue what you are doing
- Surveys like this
- email, town site
- Possibly online or mail in voting
- Please mail information and use social media.

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- Regular community meetings. More face to face opportunities to engage with Council and the Mayor.
 - Request input via surveys such as this one
 - what you're doing is fine; newspaper and then on-line
 - Survey
 - Email
 - Social Media
 - Keep being transparent and maintain open communication
 - More public meeting about strategy and real projects in progress
 - Direct email correspondence
 - Post things like these
 - Mail or email
 - Continued social media posts and information. Surveys for community engagement.
 - Open meetings and online surveys like this one.
 - Put updates on the Port Perry bulletin on Facebook.
 - Actually listen to what people have to say.
 - Well, if we pay taxes you have our email address and home address. How about sending information out regularly rather than requiring we subscribe for emails?
 - Email is best
 - Surveys
 - Use SMS messaging
 - Thru effective communication depending on the topic for a decision. Scugog website?
 - Online survey and virtual council meetings
 - Surveys like this I guess
 - Do more surveys by email to reach all residents.
 - On-line opportunities
 - Same as previously stated
 - "I like the way the Township has invited comment and ideas on things like the waterfront development. It promotes "buy in".
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- Please focus on projects that unite PP residents and avoid spending money on things which are supposedly politically correct (eg Pride events and Drag Queen library readings). All they do is cause anger and resentment amongst residents who feel their tax dollars are being misused on causes they would never support with their own money."
 - Email or post on social media.
 - Keep posting
 - email

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- That's a good question; I feel quite involved. One area where it is a bit difficult to participate is that the agenda goes up so close to council (etc.) meetings, it doesn't leave a lot of time to read and make a request to speak. Either update the agenda more in advance of the meeting, or send an email to those who subscribe to get it as soon as it is ready.
- Ask for assistance
- Township website, community meetings
- Email
- This survey is a good idea. Perhaps follow up with some of the suggestions.
- Email
- Mail or email
- Social media, and email
- Email communication
- Continue using social media. It's a forum that many use and is easy to share to create more awareness
- Open council meetings. Full reporting on Facebook and in local papers
- Genuinely listen to the thoughts and opinions of residents. Listen to residents at meetings and try to work with them in a transparent and genuine manner to solve problems. Take letters sent to councillors seriously.
- Email newsletters and township website.
- Stop creeping around, would have been nice to have received notification of the 20 year in the making, 2nd island entrance coming to fruition without somebody complaining.
- Pay attention to the survey results and post community suggestions on website.
- Send notices via mail or email.
- The mayor of Uxbridge is so proactive on social media and always involved in local events, building the community. I only know of some things because of the Port Perry Bulletin and/or local posts from friends who seem to be more active in our community than anyone from the township.
- Email notices
- Email, social media.
- email or if I am not away on vacation or camping I would attend meetings
- Maybe in the email updates you could ask a yes or no question about an upcoming decision
- Email and surveys
- Post regular updates in the local newspaper, and online via the Bulletin.
- Open Townhall meetings. Do not close any meetings off to the public. More notice of upcoming meetings.
- Same as this survey
- s/b additional communication updating situation with Palmer Park 'restoration'. Additional information updating status of Fairgrounds lease or alternative use of

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that land. Use of recreational lands on Old Simcoe north of Reach. Use of land behind Rec Ctr.

- surveys like this each year
- Social media or invitation to attend meeting. I am in the 1% of tax contributors in this township.
- communicate / continued internet communication
- Email blasts to taxpayers
- Be more open. Address the concerns from this survey.
- Everyone receives a tax bill, cannot you not attach it to that.. which should be entirely electronic through email..
- Posting updates on social media is very helpful.
- Send out surveys like this but provide follow-up on outcomes.
- Provide a reliable form of communication for updates, meetings and feedback
- Email and social media
- Timely announcements of meetings - not the week of for example - timely announcements of meeting with agenda items at least a month ahead so the population can attend or submit reports
- Knowing the dates of meetings of any Township issues and being more transparent about where and what the taxes are used for before proceeding. Knowing who to contact for specific issues, as currently, employees have not been able to effectively answer questions.
- Perhaps be at the farmers market once a month it provide an update to community members and key upcoming events/decisions.
- Town meetings with sufficient representation and detail and/or online surveys with sufficient detail that are limited to Scugog taxpayers.
- Facebook post Perry bulletin, mail
- Social media
- Surveys like this
- Updating communication model and better community engagement.
- Reach out directly using email and social media
- Website
- Share to community groups on Facebook
- Social Media
- Transparency for high budget items. Via internet, newspaper etc.
- Social media but for elderly people, mailings and emails should be sent to tax payers.
- Survey is a good start but difficult to measure if things actually come to fruition
- Town Hall Meetings; Emails
- Social media. Interactive communication. Facebook groups. Nobody has time or works during meeting times. It's not realistic to attend.
- Town halls

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- Mail
- Social media is working great, keep posting things there.
- Surveys are helpful, but questions should really allow for N/A in some areas that do not effect everyone. Hard to stress areas that matter to an individual in the current form. I want attention to rural roads that are falling apart and to stop my money going to increase tourism in the area. I avoid town altogether from May to September as it is.
- Through social media, local media and township website
- Email/Facebook/The Focus.
- Ask. Surveys like this are helpful.
- Social Media and email
- Communicating from inception through all steps through email, social media and website updates.
- Email
- Newsletter
- Not sure
- Email & social media
- Surveys are great
- Actually ask
- Survey such as this.
- Surveys, town halls
- Surveys like this help as long as the results are followed.
- Stop having closed meetings. Every township meeting should be open to public. The public should have the final say. All current reps care about is growing, building more houses and tourists. we are slowly losing port Perry and ending up like Brooklin
- surveys
- better open communication
- Increase communication via social media, signs, flyers, etc
- Mail
- Zoom
- Social media
- The mayor not acting in an unprofessional manner during town meetings when the public do not agree with her agenda. Threatening to Clear the public Chamber because of feed back is not a positive approach.
- Facebook
- Webcast municipal meetings
- Facebook posts
- Please just fix the road.
- Social media, Website, Mail
- Email, mail notice, flyer

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- Facebook
- Targeted social ads (paid, not just organic posts), asking restaurants and grocery stores to hand out info pamphlets/flyers from time to time, etc.
- Via internet
- Surveys. Votes
- Mail or Facebook or email
- Put information in the Port Perry Bulletin.
- Social media surveys
- Surveys, some sort of comment section on the website
- Mail
- Mail
- by email and newspaper
- Email
- A weekly article in the local newspaper focusing specifically on Town business.
- Surveys
- Continue posting through social media.
- Email and these surveys

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Affordability

- As an active senior the housing situation for those of us who are on our own is woefully deficient. Since being widowed several years ago, I have become aware that there are great numbers of widows/widowers, and also senior couples, who are living in and maintaining our own residences. Because there is virtually a huge lack of accommodation that we can relocate to and release our own properties for the use by young families or new residents. There are a number of well known builders in Port Perry who could assist with this problem. Ideally, what is needed are apartments buildings not restricted by the 3-storey only rule, so elevators can be permitted. Something needs to be done to remedy this situation, as surprisingly, and in order to continue with health longevity in our senior population, who can maintain an active lifestyle and live within their means, this issue does not appear to merit any priority. Sorry for the book!
- Compared to other small towns, we fair well with a healthy downtown. I am worried about petty crime which has increased. We desperately need affordable housing and condos.

Budget

- Cut costs increase revenue from user fees and parking. Residents should have parking pass
- Lessen the money spent on frivolous events. Put on more public events in the park.

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- "Value for dollar!! Each Department needs to go through their needs and eliminate the expensive areas. It is time for restraint while encouraging growth - not an easy task. Transparency is very important."
- The Township should investigate borrowing money (possibly from the Region) to complete comprehensive road reconstruction (converting all gravel to paved and fixing all road deficiencies) and maintenance Township wide. Once complete, maintenance would be easier and cheaper and the road levy could be used to pay the loan down. Also, the Township should partner with a developer and develop the fairgrounds into housing with 50% "affordable" and look for a land donation from a rural property owner to move the fair to a property outside the urban limits.
- programs or services that impact or assist residents instead of increasing staff and salaries of township employees.
- The Township does a great job with limited resources. Keep doing what you're doing.
- Cost increases are not yielding transparent results. Hold developers accountable, step up in terms of communications and engagement and revisit your current procurement process. Paying higher taxes than Pickering for this level of service is brutal.
- Everyone is struggling with costs and making cut backs. Is like the town to also do this and not simply ask for more . Get creative
- Our biggest concern and has been for years is the cartwright fields mailbox situation. The parking lot is ALWAYS a mess. Not even a week after the grade everything is returned to how it was. Either move the boxes or pave the lot ... BUDGET for it I also notice work in Scugog is done and within a year is redone ! Roads , parks etc and /or town is working in area and something needs to be done 200 feet down the road and it is left for another time - I understand budgets but someone needs to be seeing the big picture
- I think the Township should sell the land & building occupied currently by the Tennis Club. They are not paying fair market value to occupy that space. The tennis courts always sit empty. Why not take that sale revenue and build a recreational facility for all ages to use at the fairgrounds or behind the arena. Build a multi-purpose recreational zone like so many of our neighbouring towns have done. That is prime waterfront land that is being occupied for only a select few people that are using it. You drive by in the morning any day of the week and no one is playing tennis! Makes no sense to me why the Township is not taking this property back fully and selling it.
- Cut down on staff there is too many people working there and hardly doing anything and return to work in the office 5 days a week
- More information on how the 31% is currently being spent
- Stop excessive spending and focus on priorities. Paid parking for non-residents as a revenue stream. As a local resident, I can't even enjoy my own town on

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weekends because everyone from our of town sets up shop in the green space and doesn't buy anything from local businesses. The town needs to step up with the paid parking and enforce it - along with folks who park in accessible parking and don't have a pass. Easy \$500 ticket right there - let's work smarter not harder please.

- The property tax increases are not being visibly justified by improved infrastructure or services. Reduce unnecessary expenditures, focus on core needs and streamline the township administration to provide the most cost-effective suite of essentials, and only the essentials, to the residents of Scugog.
- First, stop wasting my money on a 20 year Enviromental/Feasibility study for the 2nd entrance to the Island. As well as the "new" road to connect Ma Browns and Pine Point. There is a road. Give the owner a break and move it a little so it doesn't go between his house and the barn. Way cheaper than what your doing.
- You are pretty good at not wasting money , keep that up !
- More financial responsibility on expenditures. Where has the money gone from recent development in the town. More transparency is needed
- New ways to save money and to obtain it should be considered (the application of different grants) and cutting some redundant jobs. Taxing hard working and/or the elderly and disabled through property tax is not ok. Also I'd like greater clarification where tax dollars truly go, not just these broad untraceable large categories. Develeopers should be taxed much more, if they want to build up here as they only do it for profit.
- We need to invest in the future with some more long term thinking and not adding to structural deficits. For example, working to dramatically invest in our waterfront and lake - the crown jewel of our community - by long term deal for marina, building a pool, boardwalks, dredging etc.
- Be a government who is ACTUALLY Fiscally responsible. People are sick of tax increase and government pay increases with nothing to gain from it. The only people who gain are the people who work for the township.
- live within our means, learn to run like a business that is for the people, not raise taxes every year way beyond inflation. start to reduce taxes to get affordable services.
- I think less money should be spent on tourism (ie. Palmer park) because it's the residents who have to live here all year round and are not happy with huge percentages of tax dollars benifiting people who live outside of Scugog, as opposed to spending money on fixing peoples roads.
- It's frustrating to see huge amounts of money be out into things like a picnic shelter at Palmer park when that money could and should have been spent on any number of more useful things - like improving the shoreline or road upgrades. I'd really like to see money out into the Scugog shoreline in town. If the goal is to attract tourists, we need a shoreline that isn't toxic. The plan with Lake Stewards and the CA should have been followed through.

Single Issue & Misc.

- There needs to be a more proactive approach to business development, ...seems business is being scared away by development fees, permit process. Need to expand the tax base within the township. Seems to be a lot of wasted money going into 'kids splash pad' by different councils.
- Improve the safety and accessibility of the change room/ guardhouse at Birdseye pool.
- Such a lovely town... we need to keep it that way !
- we need an indoor swimming pool that offers year round access to swimming lessons for all ages. Can also provide year round fitness classes
- Increase library hours
- We need more money for schools in the South end of Port Perry and better transportation in and outside of the city. Thank you for your attention to these, and all matters.
- I am writing in response to the Township of Scugog's 2026 Budget Survey to respectfully request that a portion of the upcoming municipal budget be allocated toward installing accessible playground equipment for children with special needs, including those who use wheelchairs. Accessible playgrounds are vital in ensuring that all children-regardless of ability-can enjoy their childhood, engage in meaningful play, and build social connections. Many families in our community face barriers when trying to find safe, inclusive spaces for their children. By investing in thoughtfully designed playground structures, sensory play areas, and wheelchair-accessible equipment, the Township can create environments where children of all abilities can learn, play, and thrive together. Ontario's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and provincial inclusion and diversity standards set clear expectations for municipalities to provide equitable access to public spaces. Implementing these improvements would not only fulfill these requirements but also demonstrate our community's commitment to compassion, inclusion, and respect for diversity. I strongly urge Council to make this a priority in the 2026 budget. Such an investment would be a lasting gift to our community's children-ensuring that every child is seen, valued, and included. Thank you for your time, leadership, and thoughtful consideration of this important initiative. I look forward to seeing the Township of Scugog take steps toward creating truly inclusive spaces for our youngest residents.

Environment

- Need more environmental protection! Lake health is important.
- Take care of the Lake - without it we have nothing. Grow the community responsibly Transparency from the Council - some things feel sketchy
- The waterfront for all of our township needs to be looked after and I don't mean put up more buildings. View Lake has a boat launch that is disgusting. I would suggest it be paved for a parking lot, and charge to launch your boat. I want the

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ByLaw updated for people to be able to have a dock on township road allowance and accesses. Charge for a permit to cover the cost of "Liability".

- Make roads and lake health a priority. Consider making the lake a non-motorized lake or limit size of motors on lake to ensure future lake health.
- Protecting our fairgrounds and wetlands should be priority. Getting out on the lake and attending events at the fairgrounds is what my family loves about living in this town. We are also a tourist town and what I have seen other municipalities do is provide all local members a parking pass to park in public spaces and charge a small parking fee for tourists in our public lots.
- We need to look at making our lake healthier

Fairgrounds

- Leave the fairgrounds alone
- End this fairgrounds stuff and just sell it already
- Do not sell fairgrounds.
- No more houses, keep the fairgrounds as is!
- Keep the fairgrounds public.
- Why don't we use the Fair grounds all year? If you put in a simple bathroom you could open this land for a dry campground all the time outside of Labour Day weekend. There are no good campgrounds around and many people ask all the time for camping options in Port Perry. Revenue generation and have student man gates in the summer on Canada summer student job grants to offset the cost.
- Please keep the fairgrounds as a community resource not a housing development

Fire & Emergency Services

- "I would like to see a better composition for the Fire Dept and a move away from full time staff. An honest exploration of alternate compositions is needed.
- Also, I would like to see increased funding to the museum and see the hiring of a full-time, year round curator. A generator at the old schoolhouse would also be a great addition to ensure flooding does not reoccur in a power outage. More care to the conservation as well as access of artifacts and research files there would be appreciated."
- A serious look is needed at the way fire and Emergency Services are delivered
- De-fund full time fire department.
- Do not permit additional building permits if you don't have emergency services to support the growth/results in reallocation of funding from existing developments.

Infrastructure

- Please replace Scugog Point Road!

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- Listening to what the people who actually live in Scugog need. The Scugog St crosswalk is incredibly dangerous. Despite petitions calls emails the township refuses to do anything. We need a speed camera. Please do it before it's too late. Many people in this town feel as though the township only cares about weekend tourists and not the r people who live here. All improvements to the town revolve around tourism and never the needs of the people who live here.
- Road/sidewalk and infrastructure maintenance and more frequent garbage pickup.
- "Fix roads!Trim waterfront bushes in palmer park and cleanup lake. Hire a student for summer weekends to clean up garbage cans. STOP wasting money on frivolous things like the shelter by tennis courts!"
- Roads roads roads did I say roads?
- Roads work please
- Fix the roads.eapecially major ones used to access hospital and legion and curling club. They are a. Stop spending on splash pads used by tourists that dont spend downtown
- Please increase spending on road rehabilitation and re surfacing . The conditions of our non regional roads are unacceptable. As a Durham Regional maintenance employee , we cannot even repair our sewer infrastructure due to the conditions of township maintained roads . Also the increased vehicle damage from travelling these roads daily and poor drainage off of road surfaces
- Prioritize infrastructure to reduce the deficit faster, maintain current services regarding recreation (focus on a plan for replacing the Blackstock arena), do not add any services if it jeopardizes a current service.
- Roads in this township are terrible. Do we have someone at the township regularly communicating with the province? Applying for grants? Doing everything possible to tap into alternative sources of funding? Why is it that our township has so much new housing, a broader tax base, more industry yet has so little to show for all the growth?
- I would like to see road, sidewalks, gardens, parks and trash taken care of better. Maintenance of township property should be improved. The hanging baskets put out in summer are lovely. Encourage more affordable housing and less million dollar mansions. Encourage the building of more modest apartments or condos.
- Fix the roads
- Fix our roads as they have just been repairing asphalt for years and years its now at the point that it needs to be redone and is actually hard to walk on. Carnegie beach rd which has been brought to the town in the past as one of scugogs worst roads Build new ball diamonds that are to replace the one that is being taken away at the lake
- I believe I mentioned everything above. Our Township is very much behind when it comes to road improvements. Tired of hearing the excuses. A 2% property tax hike is manageable. Anything above 2% is not manageable. Improve on the rec

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centre. Add onto the existing building to include an indoor swimming pool, indoor track and basketball courts. I'm definitely not a budget expert and I don't claim to know where all the funds are going, but I do know that last year my taxes increased by \$250.00. This year they increased by \$420.00. The rate of inflation is between 1.7 and 2.4% so the tax increases don't add up especially when we are not seeing any improvements. Help us understand.

- The township REALLY needs to improve the run down roads and sidewalks.
- Improvement of road maintenance would be great.
- Fix the roads. Old simcoe is VERY BAD.
- Infrastructure maintenance and improvements are vital for community development
- Increase communication efforts on long term planning to improve infrastructure including projects with the region. Need to focus on improving existing areas who are under serviced and still on old septic systems.
- Start with the basics. Roads have been in disrepair for many many years. Infrastructure! Possibly start using our tax monies for the people who reside in Scugog and spend in scugog.
- Please put some money to fixing our roads. Particularly old Simcoe between Queen and Reach and all around the Cawker cove area. I pay almost 11,000 a year and the roads are Horrific
- I want more attention paid to rural roads and less attention to attracting day visitors to the area. Traffic is a mess on Simcoe St and in town for 4 months of the year. More consideration for the people who live here and pay these taxes. There should not be levies to maintain our roads, more money should be directed there from taxes and cut wasteful spending on tourism.
- My two complaints are that roads are terrible and not fixed and money is spent on community events that do not align with my values. Stop pride funding especially library events for children.
- "Roads Roads Roads. More bylaws officers patrolling town"
- I've been a resident of Port Perry now for 11 years. And that time I've had to use a cane and a walker. I cannot safely take the walker down my street Wilma, because it's falling apart on the sides I almost have to walk the walker down the middle of the road which as you can understand would be a hazard to traffic. We live on Alva Street. Very very disappointed also with condition of the sidewalks I've almost tipped over several times with my walker due to the unevenness of the pavement both on the sidewalks and the streets
- Fix Williams Point and some of the small side roads outside of the main part of scugog.
- Roads need to be improved. Drinking water quality is near zero. Please focus on those two.
- "Road repaving. Old Scugog From Church to Shirley."

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- Develop infrastructure and stop green lighting housing projects. Hospital, water treatment etc.
- Roads
- reduce overhead costs and invest in maintaining our roads. Do NOT raise taxes, affordability of life is hard enough today. Maybe in a few years when the affordability crisis subsides but everything is too expensive, have our backs and please don't also jack the taxes up. This is our home!
- Roads especially old Simcoe north of Queen is brutal driving towards the medical facility
- Fix road on Edgerton
- Just hoping that Crandell is not pushed off another year as it was in 2025. Previous budgets set 2025 as the start year and then it was pushed to 2026 last year and only the design with no capital forecast (at least I couldn't find it anymore as in previous budget documents). I am requesting that a capital estimate be put into the 4-year capital forecast to do the actual work and that the design work go ahead in 2026 as indicated in the 2025 plan. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the info. I know I speak for many on the street and will be raising awareness about this issue to them. It is probably too late to get them to submit a similar note for this part of the process, but I suppose they can always reach out to our councilor.

Planning & Development

- Have developers pay to build new roads and facilities and services required when they build new subdivisions. Look for ways to decrease wasteful spending on resources that don't add value; trim the frills, (IE, fireworks...when we have a huge homeless issue, and more people are dependent on the food banks than ever to survive.)
- Keep Port Perry from growing too quickly.
- It is okay for the town to remain small. Don't overdevelop. I would be willing to pay more in taxes if the town could fix the water. On a side note, not about the budget, please don't let anyone else open a pizza restaurant.

Recreation

- We need more pickleball courts, outdoor and could use more courts at the indoor facility perhaps by adding a dome or addition to the building on the east side.
- "Request installation of permanent Pickleball Courts behind the community center with lighting and removable dome or roof to allow for year round play. Free parking for residents, paid parking for visitors same as Uxbridge"
- Pickleball continues to be the fastest growing sport in the world. Our youth are learning and playing the game in public/secondary school and

continuing thru university and college. The North Durham Pickleball Club has well in excess of 200 plus members and growing weekly. The Township has graciously accommodated our community and others with three courts in the recreation centre for 9 months. It is packed everyday with beginners to advanced players from 9 yrs to 80plus years old. I am familiar with our Region and the many communities within it and Port Perry is the only community that does not have dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. Many of us travel on a daily basis, especially in the spring/summer and fall to other communities for outdoor play. This is wrong, and not appropriate for a resident to have to go outside this wonderful community to play pickleball. I am requesting not only outdoor pickleball courts but also more indoor courts. It is needed for the health and wellness of our residents.

- Port Perry is in desperate need of new recreational facilities. We are not keeping up with the population that is moving in. Multiple use facility with indoor pool, walking track etc. Could also house a new senior citizens center. We need outdoor pickleball courts. Every other small town in the area is building outdoor pickleball courts. Why isn't Port Perry?
- Outdoor pickleball courts and a recreation centre. Smaller communities have better.
- As mentioned in previous comments it's really very sad that in our vibrant community of aging people we don't have pickleball courts. Our residents are forced to go outside our community for outdoor play.
- Build pickleball courts. Look around the entire surrounding area has built forts for their residents.
- We would like to have more Pickleball courts available for play indoors and outdoors.
- need pickleball courts
- We need Outdoor Pickleball Courts. Pickleball is extremely popular in the community. Pave the roads ie: Old Simcoe , etc.
- Please, please, please allocate money to the ball diamonds. Repair the lights at the North diamond, replace the parkette at Carolynn Best, fix the parking lot at Carolynn Best, put in better toilets at Carolynn Best, hire staff to maintain the diamonds when there are tournaments, and hire staff to clean up the garbage in the summer. This is just surface level. On a deeper level, proper maintenance of the ball diamonds throughout Scugog is essential; there have been several severe injuries due to field deficits. Ball is played by every demographic in Scugog, we need to maintain our reputation as an excellent place for ball (though I fear our reputation was tarnished a while ago because of lack of care and prioritization from staff and council.) Please fix the ball diamonds.
- Provide outdoor pickleball courts in Port Perry.

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- Allow more pickleball time at the Rec Centre auditorium on weekends and eves when it is not booked. Hockey is always being played, so why not increase your revenue at that same time. Younger players who work have not access time to weekends and after hours on days. Also, allow Pickleball to be played in the summer on the ice pads , if not in use.
- Town needs to be more proactive in advancing recreational assets and amenities
- We really need lighted pickle ball courts and new lights at the tennis courts. A new pole near the lake for the ospreys to nest is required to prevent them pooping all over peoples cars. Allowing for digital voting in municipal elections.
- Improve recreation programming and maintenance of rec facilities.
- I think the township should be considering a year round indoor swimming pool as part of the rec complex

Regional Services

- Do the sewers on Old Simcoe road. The taxpaying citizens need to either completely replace our septic systems or get sewers. We are out of time stop delaying
- Public Transit needs to be improved. We need GO bus service more frequently for residents wishing to go to Toronto for work, pleasure and medical appointments.
- It is disappointing that so much money goes into policing and there is no presence in our area. As a result we live in a lawless area and everyone takes advantage of it. Why is the region paying country roads and not maintaining residential streets? Roads in Viewlake are falling apart, road allowances are not being maintained, no sidewalks and no street lights. We still have partially cut trees on our street after the spring ice storm this year. No value for at high taxes we pay. Scugog should be embarrassed to correct taxes or even mention to raise them.
- Any tax increase should come with a complete explanation on how it will benefit the taxpayer. My taxes in 1982 were \$633. in 2025 \$5107. Services were 24/7 no limit garbage (dump) no cost for fire pit, now garbage 3 bags every two weeks, pay for burn permit. Taxes up, services down!
- Install photo radar at all arterial roads, i.e. coming into town north and south on Simcoe street Traffic is horrific and we cannot rely on the limited police resources to solve the problem Radar revenue should be provided to the town Tax tourists Install expensive parking rates for visitors Charge 50 dollars a day to visitors that hog the waterfront park Make developers pay to resurface our roads, unless they are building AFFORDABLE housing And DO NOT sell the fairgrounds Keep green spaces part of the town Limit growth!!!! Urban sprawl

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costs more money in the long term Tons of research and studies on the impact of urban sprawl Please read it

- Give less to southern Durham. Keep more of our money in our community. Be more active and transparent in our community.
- I would like to also understand what the regions responsibilities are if more than 50% of our tax dollars go to them? Seems somewhat unfair that the municipality only receives 31%. Since I don't believe that more residential development is needed until we can improve infrastructure ie: schools, doctors, water and sewage capacity. Maybe looking at business and industry could be positive tax gains.
- Increase housing for seniors.
- We need to decrease funds to Durham region and increase funds to our local area
- Transportation options need improvement

Service Delivery

- Have staff trained and aware of, and consistently apply for grants that will improve infrastructure. Have bylaw make sure our parks are safe from fires and fishing line. Make sure fire trucks aren't damaged by poor roads. Prioritize things more important than picnic shelter and splash pad. Make sure construction contracts specify builder is responsible for poor quality causing repairs. Ex. Splashpad and arena roof. Prioritize affordable housing for seniors rather than expensive housing. Regularly clear snow in winter in front of stores so people can access stores.
- Safety - Roads/Sidewalks enforcing your by-laws. Health - Continue and add recreational and green space. Ensure more info is accessible w/o technology.
- In Port Perry - washrooms for the public.
- Better communication would be helpful to know what changes are being proposed in our community
- Enforce violations (ditches filled in by owners) property standards ignored, and works dept saying it will be done and nothing happens!!!
- Increase bylaw enforcement to provide better control and generate revenue
- Listen to what the homeowners are saying. Improve ways to engage town citizens. Lack of newspaper etc. to keep citizens informed. Make counselors more visible as right now no one knows what they are doing in their job, how they vote and are they earning their pay.
- Be transparent about where and why funds are allocated to each category. Implement another online feedback survey in late October in addition to a Budget Open House. I have four kids. I don't have the time or energy to go in person to an open house in the evening.

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- Make decisions with the public input instead of expensive consultants who only report what you want to hear anyways.... Initiate town hall meetings for public input
- Listen to the people who voted you in and not cater to developers
- Keep doing what you're doing. New Councils should align with the needs of the community at that time. Change is always good.
- "Improve services for residents."
- Outdoor Pickleball court."
- Make sure money is spent on maintaining the town and serving the current residents before continuing to expand.
- We need outdoor pickleball courts if the tennis club is not willing to share.
- Services? ... what about which major infrastructure expenditures are desired by the community. To spend all this time and effort to create a survey for budget creation that does not really drive what people want and need in the way of priorities for planning for sustainability in the future for the budget is missing the point. It is just self-serving and staff looking for a pat on the back.
- As previously mentioned other communities such as Uxbridge have outdoor pickleball courts... Scugog needs to invest in them also. There is a high demand for pickleball from residents and some are electing to go elsewhere to play.
- Remember there are many communities in Scugog not just Port Perry that also need support.
- Watching other municipalities taking advantage of the current pickleball it saddens me that Port Perry doesn't have or offer locations to have local residents play. I understand the community centre offers some availability during the school year but a year round facility would certainly fill a very real need for the older residents.
- The township needs a true recreation facility such as a field house. I know a feasibility study was underway but this should be the priority. We need to shift from a 400k+ picnic shelter and playground revamp to a true community centre for activity that would reach more people. Many other small communities have found the funds or received grants. Although I would love to also have outdoor pickleball courts, if I could pick one thing it would be the field house. That could support pickleball, indoor soccer, basketball, badminton, volleyball, running track, indoor frisbee- you name it! Leverage the fairgrounds real estate and current lease to improve that space and once a year hold a fair. There is plenty of room to share space instead of selling to a developer which you will try in the long run. Recreation builds community of all ages. A multipurpose centre (field house) would touch the most people.
- Money spent must be allocated directly to services and not to bureaucracy.
- Fix the roads. If people pay full taxes give them the proper service.

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- A full service delivery revue would be worth considering. I recognize the township is growing and growth is important and also helps fund/offset expenditures. However, there are many things that appear not to be working.
- The Township needs to listen to it's taxpayers and long-term residents. Councillors need to be more available and proactive - talk to their constituents more.
- The total lack of support towards pickleball courts is disgraceful. The administration payroll expenses for Scugog is way to high for the size the community. The residents are not getting good value as projects such as the waterfront and second Island access get study after study only to have the plug pulled or no progress after thousands upon thousands of dollars spent with nothing to show for it. Something needs to change the way Scugog operates.
- As with any organization, continual adjustments are part of the process moving forward.
- A nice town dock with shore power, a community pool. Stop wasting money where is doesn't need to be spent. For example, when you put that new park in Palmer park there was no need. There was nothing wrong with the original. It was the splash pad that needed to be redone. Changing the parking spaces on water street.
- Scugog does an amazing job in Port Perry with the BIA. Great job! Don't change a thing. The festive events are always exceptional also. Main street PP is perfect. Don't ever change it. Nice small town feel. Thank you!
- Listen to your constituents, and communicate honestly and fully what you are doing.
- We have a great township. Improvements are welcome, but we must be sure that if improvements mean new development (construction/expansion) do not spoil its character.
- Cut non essential spending. Incorporate AI to replace clerical jobs. Balance the budget. Increase revenues from non resident visitors. For other community events have users pay not with tax payers subsidies
- More services for residents than catering to tourists. The downtown park and picnic shelter look great but they are so busy with tourists that residents avoid the area. We have lights being removed from ball diamonds rather than being maintained and we have no pool for residents. It seems we are falling behind other municipalities. When we look at the improvements to recreation that Uxbridge does every year, I question how there is such a large difference.
- Better communication and input on actions being taken in our township and not just being told afterwards. More transparency.
- Listen to the residents and put more consideration into what's important to those that live here. I encourage the Township to continue investing in initiatives that strengthen our community and enhance quality of life for both residents and visitors.

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- Support for local businesses should remain a priority, particularly those that contribute to a vibrant downtown and serve both locals and tourists. Programs that offer small business support, beautification grants, or promotional partnerships can help these businesses thrive and reinforce a strong sense of place.
- Public spaces and green spaces are a core part of our town's character. Ensuring these areas are clean, safe, and welcoming through regular maintenance and by-law enforcement will help more residents enjoy and take pride in them.
- Lake Scugog is a critical part of our identity, tourism economy, and recreational life. However, it has become increasingly unsafe due to algae blooms and other environmental issues. I strongly encourage the Township to invest more in lake restoration and environmental protection. This could include working with conservation authorities and other partners to improve water quality and ensure the lake remains a usable and sustainable resource for generations to come.
- Future development and planning should include a stronger focus on how growth can serve the community such as more green space, playgrounds, recreational facilities, and investment in existing infrastructure.
- Finally, I'd love to see continued efforts toward community engagement and transparency. Clear communication around budget decisions and outcomes builds trust and helps residents feel more involved in shaping the future of Scugog.
- Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this important discussion."
- I would take a closer look at how busy parks and public works staff actually are. Generally speaking, these departments are provided far too much leeway to run their days, and they have eroded resident trust. I have witnessed gross waste firsthand on numerous occasions.

Service Sharing

- Why would anyone think asking shared services to reduce costs is a bad idea. Do it right now. Like at this very second - How is this even a question.
- Other than have a viable commitment to pickleball courts as Uxbridge has made. We seem to offer other communities access to our community centre for pickleball & over-burden the facility but have not invested in improvements / expanding our facilities.
- Paid Parking for the tourists who use all our services on the weekend but do not spend \$1 in our community. All townships have this now.
- Sharing services is a wonderful idea. We applaud this.
- Talk to Uxbridge. Why are they getting so much done and how. Paved roads everywhere. Look at their soccer, baseball, skate park etc compared to Scugog.

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They're getting a new indoor pool and have had one for many years. Scugog seems to be missing the grant process or where else in Uxbridge getting all these resources and others I'm probably not aware of.

- In addition both Scugog and Uxbridge should have full time Fire Services like most of Durham Region. As we expand it becomes more essential to have a more rapid response than waiting for volunteers to arrive.

Taxation

- Do not raise taxes, \$500 a month is brutal to pay for rural living. Snow plow, garbage pickup, that's all I see. Roads are falling apart. Yes money goes elsewhere but do not raise taxes even more. You're forcing people out of this wonderful place because it now costs almost \$5000 a month to live here. The cost of everything is skyrocketing and raising taxes will just cause more hardship and resentment against the mayor and council. Out in paid parking for people who don't live here, use that money to reduce taxes for the people that live here
- You should start cutting some services or may have residential properties increase their taxes if they require your service
- About time we had 0% increase or very close to it. The increases over the last 5 years is insane. I have lived here since 1999. I was away for 2019-2023. When I moved here Apr./23 My taxes were \$4800. Now 2025 they are \$5800. A \$1000 increase every year in just 2 years. We can not sustain these increases.
- Please see my comments above regarding my extraordinary high taxes living in rural Ward 1 and having to watch every step using my street be it driving or walking (no side walks).
- Much as we don't want property taxes to increase, you may need to make the bold step of increasing them.
- Taxpayers are feeling the squeeze. Our property taxes go up every year by more than the rate of inflation. This means that residents' lifestyles are falling behind. More ways to save taxpayers' money need to be investigated. Find out how other municipalities (not just in Ontario/Canada) do things and take the best of the best ideas and use them. No need to reinvent the wheel.
- I don't think we have any say in this but I would like more of my taxes to go straight to the town/education.
- we need to advocate for more tax revenues to go back directly into the municipality. Town council should be focused more on this political lobbying at the regional/provincial level rather than photo ops and events
- LOWER PROPERTY TAXES! The township is incredibly small, with very low population and requires very little maintenance! There are homes DOUBLE the size of ours in Markham that pay the same amount of tax! These tax rates are HUGE! These tax rates are exponentially higher than the rest of the GTA! Make some cuts, and do not take such large sums of money from all of us in this Township who already struggle in this poor Canadian Economy!

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- Remove the Township of Scugog from Durham Region. 31 billion for climate change? That is 43000 per citizen(not household). This is crazy. Durham Region is not God and cannot control the weather.
- Look at ways to generate revenues besides constantly asking ratepayers to cough up more.
- Request emails with tax bill payments to better communicate with township residents
- I am in favour of increased taxes
- Do Not increase taxes. We cannot afford it. Allocate spending accordingly but please for the love of God NO increase. Focus on road maintenance should be number one priority. The roads are literally crumbling.
- Frankly, I don't feel what I pay in taxes corresponds with the value I receive back. If there were some way to avoid raising property taxes and improve services I'd be all ears.
- See above. Avoid spending our tax dollars on controversial ideologies which have no place in a family friendly community.
- Our property tax increase over the last 10 years has been ridiculous.
- Lower taxes
- DO NOT increase TAXES ! with (" magic ") tariffs etc. Many (less than wealthy long time residents can't afford the annual > 3.5 % tax increases !
- "Keep taxes down
- Instead of all tax dollars going to downtown, fix roads
- Stop large developments, we don't have the Infra Structure"
- No more tax increases to justify outcomes. Find efficiencies to get things done. Stop wasting money. We really don't receive much for the amount of taxes we are paying.
- Just increase to what we need. I hate that every single year we have had ridiculous increases in taxes. Over 8 years my taxes have increased about 60%- yet I see absolutely no value. This is not the rate of inflation. Despite the massive expansion of new homes in my neighborhood- including a slated 15 unit three story monstrosity of townhomes coming across the street from my home- despite our neighborhood objections- the township showed ZERO advocacy for our concerns- and can't explain why a massive increase in revenue is not offsetting tax increases every year. In addition the township drove the community to town hall contention over the wetlands project and still tried to ram through the project despite all of the opposition. No advocacy whatsoever. I feel the constant increasing of taxes with no explanation every single year- by significant amounts - speaks to mismanagement and lack of financial accountability. You need to explain why we keep getting gouged. And show us some tangible benefits. And advocate for your constituents.

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- Taxes are too high. Focus on how to supplement income. Bring in comedians to arena for a couple shows. Dinner and dances. Rent out pickleball courts. Give volunteer organizers a tax break coupon.
- The residents are becoming very frustrated that our taxes go up year over year and there is no visible improvement to the services we receive (and for many services, such as roads and bylaw enforcement, a marked decrease in service). Most people do not have an issue paying their taxes and understand they are necessary, but there needs to be accountability and efficiency in how this money is used. Until we start to see actual value in what we currently pay, the township should not be perpetually increasing taxes every year just because it can.
- PLEASE listen to the citizens. Our taxes are so much higher than everywhere else. I understand part of the issue is a smaller tax base for a large geographical area, but tax increases are a burden many of us cannot afford. Maybe it is time to figure out a way for tourists to help support our town rather than getting a completely free pass to come here and use the facilities. There is a revenue stream there that has not been tapped. Time for the well-paid municipal employees to get creative and think outside the box to come up with some other revenue streams rather than just continue to raise property taxes.
- The Township needs to work smarter and think outside the box. I have lived in Port Perry all my life and nothing has really changed. Our tax base is larger but we still have awful streets with tons of pot holes. No new recreation facilities except for the Arena and skate park which happened years ago. I feel that all the money spent on Palmer Park was for the tourists. The Township needs to start thinking about the people who pay taxes and not the tourists. Thank you
- With the question regarding "transparent and accountable" use of a tax increase, how will this be done? If it isn't transparent and accountable will we all get a rebate? I doubt it. It was a very leading way to ask the question regarding an increase and if it would be supported.
- Our taxes went up almost 25% since we bought two years ago. MPAC said that our taxes are fair and that our neighbours' taxes are too low. As retirees, it will be hard to handle any further increases.
- See above, it's time to reduce services if the tax base does not meet the needs. Endless property tax increases are not the answer.
- Consider the people at every level who pay these taxes.
- Property taxes in rural areas are high considering unpaved roads, no sewers, and other services.
- Lower the property taxes due to several factors such as the ongoing tariffs in the US causing financial strain on people, and the never ending cost of living increases. My paycheck doesn't go up as much as the public or gov't sectors
- The rise in property taxes has been ridiculously high in the last several years. I have heard that the township is looking at a 6.4% increase for the 2026 budget. This is a concern. Is the township looking to force people to sell their homes?

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Perhaps reduce waste. Less focus on tourism. Have municipal meetings accessible remotely so people can see and hear what is going on.

- My taxes have increased significantly in the last 5 years. If they continue to increase at the same rate, my house would be unaffordable as a young family with two working adults.

User Fees

- Has council considered a fee for out of town visitors to use the town's parking / rec facilities?
- Charge non locals user fees! You'd gain a ton of money
- You need to look at amendments to you user fees to align with municipalities in and out of the region. Increase levies for items such as storm water management, infrastructure and fleet.
- Bring in parking and user-fees for the hoards of "tourists" that invade of waterfront parks. The small-town feeling of our town has steadily been ruined the past decade. We do not need more tourists or million-dollar subdivisions. Make developers pay HEAVILY. Implement traffic-calming practices into our town, which is being over-run with ridiculous "rat-race" city culture traffic. Photo radar in/out of town arterial routes, roundabouts at King and Simcoe street, etc. More 4-way stops. Everything to slow traffic down. Mayor - use the "strong mayor powers Ford created" to shut shit down. The almighty dollar is ruining Port Perry.
- "Try to generate revenue from the tourists.
 - charge parking - give residents a special tag
 - create some township food stands up downtown
 - sell items targeted to our tourists"
- Implement a tree cutting bylaw and fine land owners for cutting down trees without a permit. You can increase the revenue being brought into the township by increasing fines.
- Have non residents pay fees to park. Use park. Use facilities. Also stop the fishing on the causeway please.
- The Township really needs to consider how tourism dollars can benefit all taxpayers. There seems to be a huge focus on the Port Perry downtown core area. It is great that we have an attractive downtown and lots of tourism, but how does it translate to benefiting everyone. For example Uxbridge charges non-residents to use the trails with 100% of revenue going into a fund for infrastructure improvement/additions at the trail sites, on-going maintenance, and planned enhancement .