



2021 BUDGET SURVEY

Help Shape the 2021 Budget!

Welcome to the Budget Survey!

Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in the 2021 Municipal Budget Survey. Your feedback will help guide Council to set priorities for the 2021 Operating and Capital budgets and help the Town of Lamont to prosper! Responses will be kept strictly confidential and the results of the survey will not be used to identify you or your responses.

This survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete.

1. Are you a resident or business owner? If both, please fill out each survey. *

Mark only one oval.

- Resident *Skip to question 2*
- Business Owner *Skip to question 13*

Town of Lamont Residents

2. In which age category do you fall?

Mark only one oval.

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 or over

3. Do you own or rent your primary Town of Lamont residence?

Mark only one oval.

- Own
- Rent
- Prefer not to disclose

4. Please describe your understanding of how municipal budgets are prepared and applied.

Mark only one oval.

- Full understanding of the process
- Some understanding of the process
- Little understanding of the process
- None, I'd like to learn more

5. Please rate the following topics and the level of importance to you:

Mark only one oval per row.

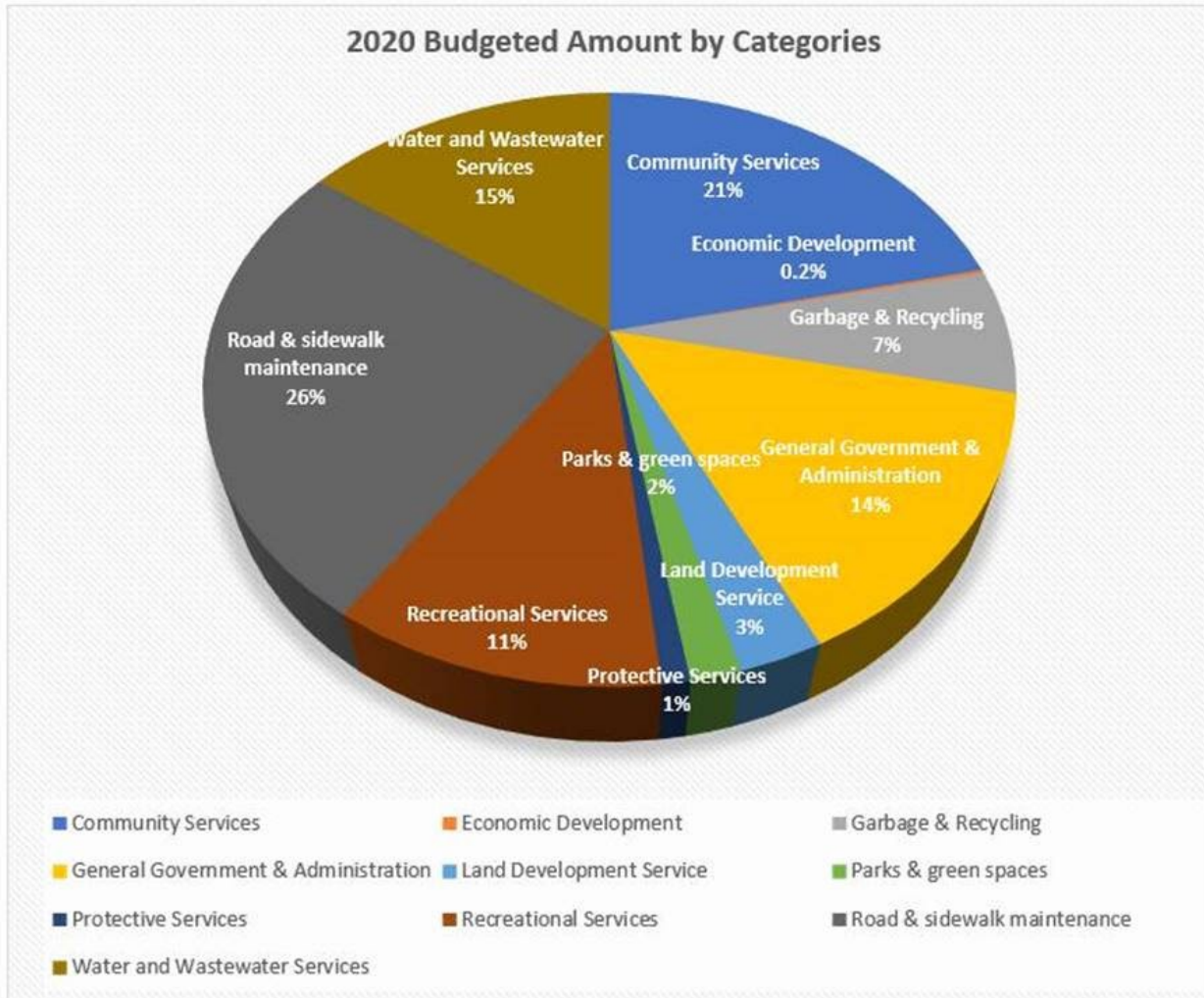
	Very important	Somewhat important	Undecided	Somewhat unimportant	No opinion
Economic Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garbage & Recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General Government & Administration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks & Green Spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protective Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road & Sidewalk Maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water & Wastewater Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land Development Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Please consider each of the following services and priorities. The 2020 Budget figures are posted with each category and on the pie chart below for reference. Do you think they should be funded more, funded less, or are receiving an adequate amount of funding?

Mark only one oval per row.

	More Funding	Less Funding	Adequate Funding in place	No opinion
Economic Development \$10,500	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garbage & Recycling \$388,511	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Government & Administration \$831,522	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks & Green Spaces \$96,688	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protective Services \$53,495	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational Services \$637,308	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road & Sidewalk Maintenance \$1,464,790	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Services \$1,228,049	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water & Wastewater Services \$864,000	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land Development Services \$163,350	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2020 Budgeted Amount by Categories



7. Property taxes collected from residential and non-residential properties are one of the revenue sources available to the Town to pay for municipal services. Please choose one of the following options you would like the Town to consider.

Mark only one oval.

- Increase taxes to enhance or expand municipal services
- Maintain service levels with no increase to taxes
- Cut service levels to reduce taxes

8. Municipal Infrastructure refers to assets such as roads, water, wastewater, sewer systems and parks. Do you feel we should consider investing more infrastructure dollars now to work towards improving our infrastructure condition and level of service, or prioritize reduced municipal taxes at the expense of immediate infrastructure improvements and a greater future cost?

Mark only one oval.

- Spend on infrastructure maintenance now
- Defer maintenance
- Not sure or need to know more before deciding
- Does not matter to me

9. Do you feel you are getting fair value for your property taxes?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure or needed to know more before deciding
- Does not matter to me

10. Should the Town use tax dollars to support community organizations and special events?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure or needed to know more before deciding
- Does not matter to me

11. How would you like to be involved in the 2021 Budget process?

Mark only one oval.

- Attend public budget meetings
- Fill out online surveys, questionnaires, or access to budget tools
- I don't want to be involved

12. Are there any additional budget-related issue(s) you would like to share with us?

Business Owners Town of Lamont Business Owners are invited to participate in this segment of the survey.

13. Thinking about the economic development services (investment attraction, event attraction, business supports, etc.), would you increase, maintain, or decrease service levels?

Mark only one oval.

- Increase service levels
- Maintain service levels
- Decrease service levels

14. Do you feel you are getting good value for your business taxes?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Not sure or needed to know more before deciding
- Does not matter to me

15. Property taxes collected from residential and non-residential properties are one of the revenue sources available to the Town to pay for municipal services. Please choose one of the following options you would like the Town to consider.

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- Increase taxes to enhance or expand municipal services
- Maintain service levels with no increase to taxes
- Cut services to reduce taxes

16. Please rank your top three priorities where you believe the Town could invest more tax dollars.

17. How would you like to be involved in the 2021 Budget process?

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- Attend public budget meetings
- Fill out online surveys, questionnaires, or access to budget tools
- No, I don't want to be involved

18. Are there any additional budget-related issue(s) you would like to share with us?

Privacy
Clause

"If you choose to include your personal information, it will be used for the purpose of this survey inline with Section 33(c) of the FOIP Act. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIP Coordinator at 780-895-2010 or general@lamont.ca

Thank you for participating in the 2021 Budget Survey.