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Summary of Pulse Check Survey: 2026–2027 Municipal Budget

Chair McIntosh and Members of the Finance and Administration Committee of Council.

On behalf of the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, I am providing an overview of the results of our recent pulse check survey on the proposed 2026–2027 municipal budget. The survey was conducted to understand local business perspectives on property tax increases, spending priorities, debt financing and confidence in City resource management.

Given the short timeline before budget deliberations begin, our members had just under two weeks to participate.

A total of 48 Chamber members participated, representing a small but diverse cross-section of the business community. The largest groups were professional services (38 per cent), manufacturing/industrial (19 per cent) and non-profit/social enterprise (17 per cent). Geographic representation was strongest from businesses in downtown Sudbury (27 per cent), with notable participation from New Sudbury and the South End (nearly 19 per cent each).

Full survey results are available in **Appendix A**.

Key Findings

Property Tax Proposal

A strong majority of respondents expressed concern about the proposed property tax increase. Nearly 70 per cent indicated the increase is too high, while about one in five described it as concerning but understandable. About 10 per cent felt the increase was acceptable given current pressures.

Investment Priorities

When asked to identify areas most deserving of municipal investment, respondents overwhelmingly prioritized roads and core infrastructure (nearly 63 per cent). Other priorities included economic development and business support (38 per cent), public safety and emergency services (31 per cent), housing (27 per cent), and downtown revitalization (25 per cent). These results suggest that respondents place particular importance on foundational infrastructure and initiatives that support growth and community safety.

Opportunities for Efficiency

Respondents identified several areas where they felt the municipality could reduce spending or improve efficiency without significantly impacting services. The two most common responses were administrative costs and overhead (69 per cent) and staffing levels or wage costs (65 per cent). Procurement/purchasing was the next most frequently cited area (35 per cent).

Several respondents offered additional suggestions, including reducing red tape for businesses and lobbying other levels of government to eliminate duplication of services.



Debt Financing and Major Projects

Views on debt financing for large capital projects were mixed. Half of respondents expressed significant concerns about reliance on debt, while nearly as many (46 per cent) considered it either a good way to fund major projects or reasonable if debt levels remain viable.

Support for specific downtown projects also varied. More than 60 per cent expressed support for the event centre, while 40 per cent supported the cultural hub.

Business Confidence and Perceived Value

Responses to questions on value for tax dollars and confidence in City decision-making highlighted some challenges. More than half of respondents (52 per cent) rated the value they receive for tax dollars as poor, with 10 per cent describing it as good.

When asked about Council's attention to business concerns, 44 per cent felt very little attention has been paid in recent budgets, while only six per cent believed business needs have received enough focus. Trust in the City's resource management was generally low, with nearly 70 per cent expressing low confidence that staffing, services and programs are being managed efficiently before taxes are raised.

Opinions were more divided when asked about budget decisions as they relate specifically to the business environment. Half (50 per cent) reported low confidence, but 44 per cent expressed moderate or higher confidence. These results suggest that while skepticism is common, there is optimism that could be strengthened through greater transparency and responsiveness.

Awareness and Participation

Awareness of the proposed budget was moderate. More than half of respondents (56 per cent) had skimmed the document or read highlights, while one in five (21 per cent) were aware of it but had not read it. A further 10 per cent were unaware of the budget entirely. Respondents' participation in the City's pre-budget survey in October 2025 was limited, with nearly two-thirds (63 per cent) unaware of the opportunity.

Conclusion

The survey provides a snapshot of local business perspectives on the proposed 2026–2027 municipal budget. Respondents emphasized the importance of infrastructure and economic development, while also identifying opportunities for greater efficiency and transparency in fiscal management. Overall, the results highlight both areas of concern and opportunities to strengthen confidence, offering Council insight into how budget decisions are perceived within the business community.

Thank you for considering these results as you undertake your budget deliberations.

Sincerely,

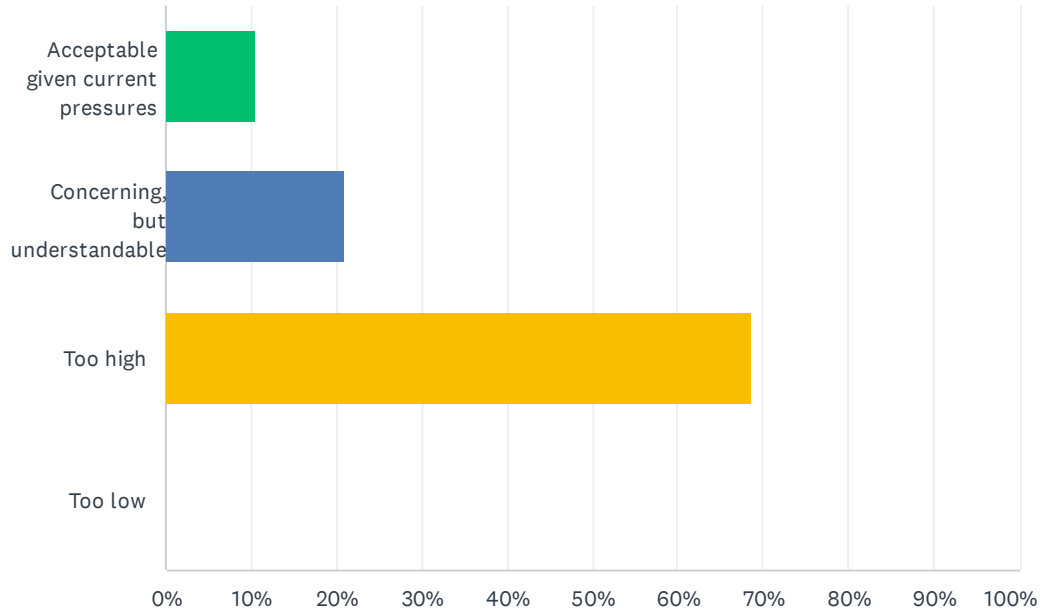


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Q1 The proposed budget includes a proposed 5.2 per cent property tax increase in 2026 (reduced from 5.7 per cent as a result of the revised police budget) and a 5.9 per cent increase in 2027. How do you feel about this proposal?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Acceptable given current pressures	10.42%	5
Concerning, but understandable	20.83%	10
Too high	68.75%	33
Too low	0.00%	0
TOTAL		48

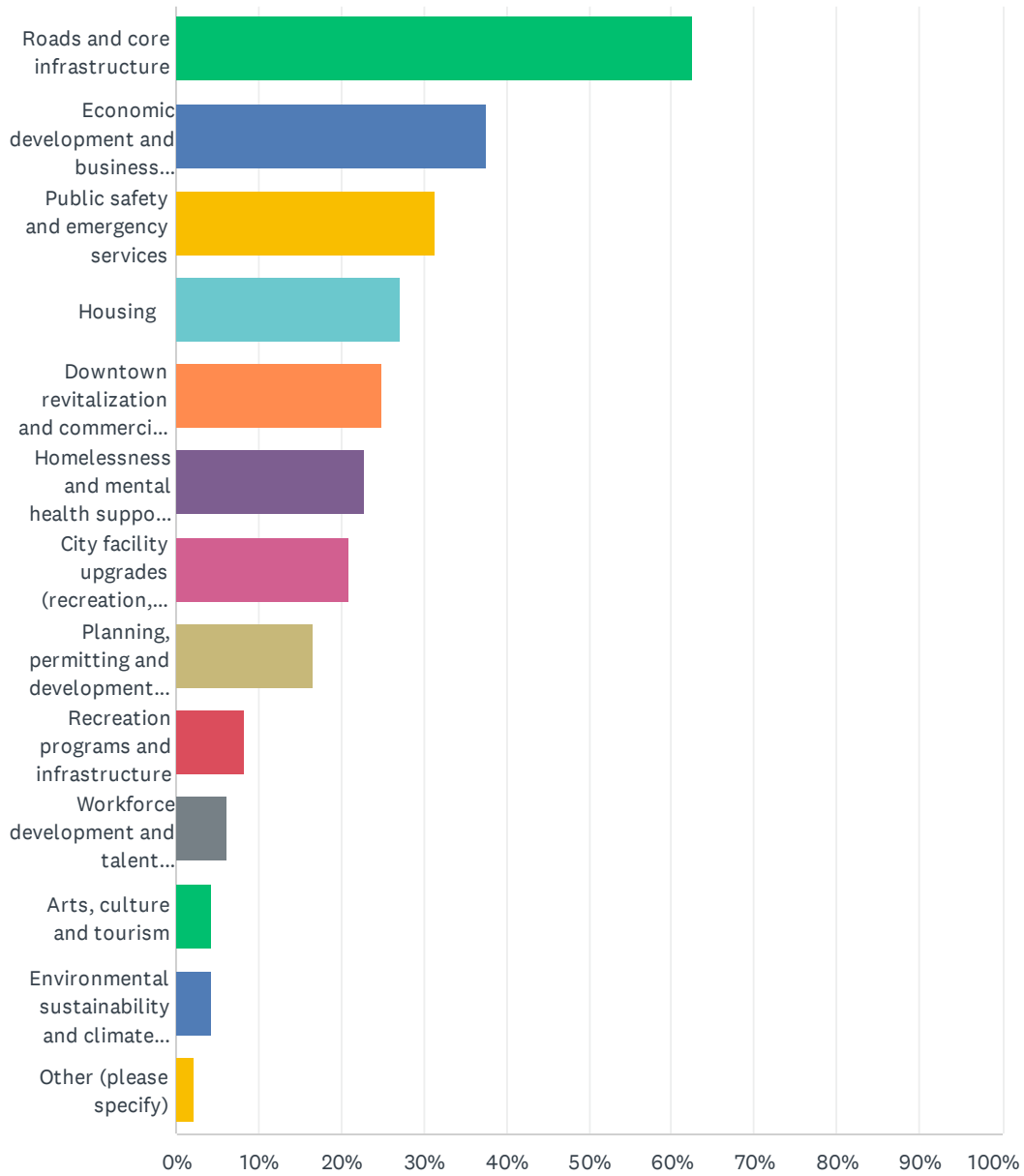
#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	City personnel continues and operating costs to grow but service doesn't improve.	11/21/2025 5:14 PM
2	Stop spending money that is not there. If the city can not afford projects, look to private sector	11/20/2025 6:58 PM
3	The proposed budget, which includes a 5.2 percent property tax increase in 2026 and a 5.9 percent increase in 2027, raises some concerns. The properties we currently hold were already taxed at the time of purchase, meaning initial financial obligations were met. Furthermore, those who are still paying mortgages are already burdened with interest charges. This additional tax increase could place an undue financial strain on property owners, especially those managing mortgage payments alongside other living expenses. It is important to carefully consider the justification for these increases and assess whether the benefits truly outweigh the financial impact on homeowners.	11/18/2025 7:22 AM
4	Wages are not rising at comparable rates and our city taxes are making it unaffordable for many	11/17/2025 10:11 AM

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5	My taxes have increased just shy of 40% over the last 10 years. It is absolutely unsustainable.	11/17/2025 8:14 AM
6	Affordability is out of control. We cannot afford more taxes. With inflated real-estate, tax income is ballooned anyway. Spend less, cut taxes.	11/17/2025 8:13 AM
7	Sudbury's cost to operate is 100% higher than most other municipalities, \$4950/person, vs \$2500/person. Sudbury seriously needs an efficiency audit.	11/16/2025 4:49 PM
8	I understand costs are increasing. However, very few people are seeing pay raises, and cost-of-living is exploding for everyone. basic costs of living, housing, food, transportation are becoming unaffordable. I understand this affects the city, but people are falling down and workplaces are incredibly precarious right now. I say 'understandable' because I think I can afford it. not everyone can say that.	11/15/2025 4:06 PM
9	The police budget is out of control, out of 450 employees 300 are sworn officers and 150 suits, there are too many suits at GSPS. They just hired 24 additional officers the past few years, where are they?	11/15/2025 3:42 PM
10	I would rather see the required services be available and ample than cut funding to move the city ahead.	11/15/2025 12:57 PM
11	.	11/14/2025 9:24 PM
12	I believe the staff of the City, Public Health, and the Library are all doing hard work to limit the growth of the budget during difficult times. I am comfortable with those increases. I think the capital levy is smart investment. I am frustrated by how every year the Policy come and demand huge increases, and then threaten danger to residents if they don't get their increase. I don't see any cuts or efforts by them to manage their budget better. They just keep coming back and asking for more. And now they are sending their officers out to arrest homeless persons and drug users. The police exist to fight real crimes, not lock up people who are struggling, as unpleasant they make our downtown. Let's cut officers from the GPRS, stop harassing homeless and disadvantaged persons downtown, and get the policy to rethink how they deliver services so their costs stop exploding.	11/14/2025 8:15 PM
13	Too many years of rate increases above inflation rates.	11/14/2025 7:40 PM
14	Policing increase of 10.21% is far too high. Crime has been decreasing over the past few years in Sudbury. There is a literal contagion of police forces asking for enormous increases right across Canada and one presumes Sudbury Police Services is feeding into that. Crime prevention through identification and programmes for youth at risk would likely decrease crime - these are not policing budget issues. More officers at higher pay, probably not.	11/14/2025 5:45 PM
15	a lot of money in service management. have efficiencies been reviewed and cost benefits proposed in any of the operations. behind every dollar of capital investments and infrastructure (should be more, really)	11/14/2025 5:12 PM
16	our property taxes in sudbury are some of the highest in ontario. when compared to other cities that have more amenities, better roads, more services etc; it's disgusting how high our taxes are. the money spent on helping the drunks, addicts and the resources that they are taking up is awful. they don't want the help yet we have to give it to them. where did they come from; why are they here using up the money WE pay for. I hate to sound ungrateful as I have a lot but I have worked VERY hard for what I have	11/14/2025 4:44 PM
17	I only click acceptable for the City - I would click 'too high' for policing.	11/14/2025 4:31 PM
18	I support more funds for the police provided there is an effort to combat theft and harms from illegal activity that is directly affecting the ability of businesses to operate profitably.	11/14/2025 4:26 PM
19	If had not had not increase for ten years would not need this now	11/14/2025 4:14 PM
20	You can't outpace inflation every year. The City needs to work earnestly at cutting costs and waste instead of constantly going to taxpayers. The City also needs to focus on revenue generating or revenue enabling ventures - core infrastructure, lowering or removing development charges, fast-tracking permits, etc., instead of perpetual cost items such as the new library proposal.	11/14/2025 4:10 PM
21	Value for dollar not being recieved for services, especially for outlying areas.	11/14/2025 4:06 PM

Q2 Which areas do you feel should receive the highest priority for municipal investment in 2026–2027? Select up to three.

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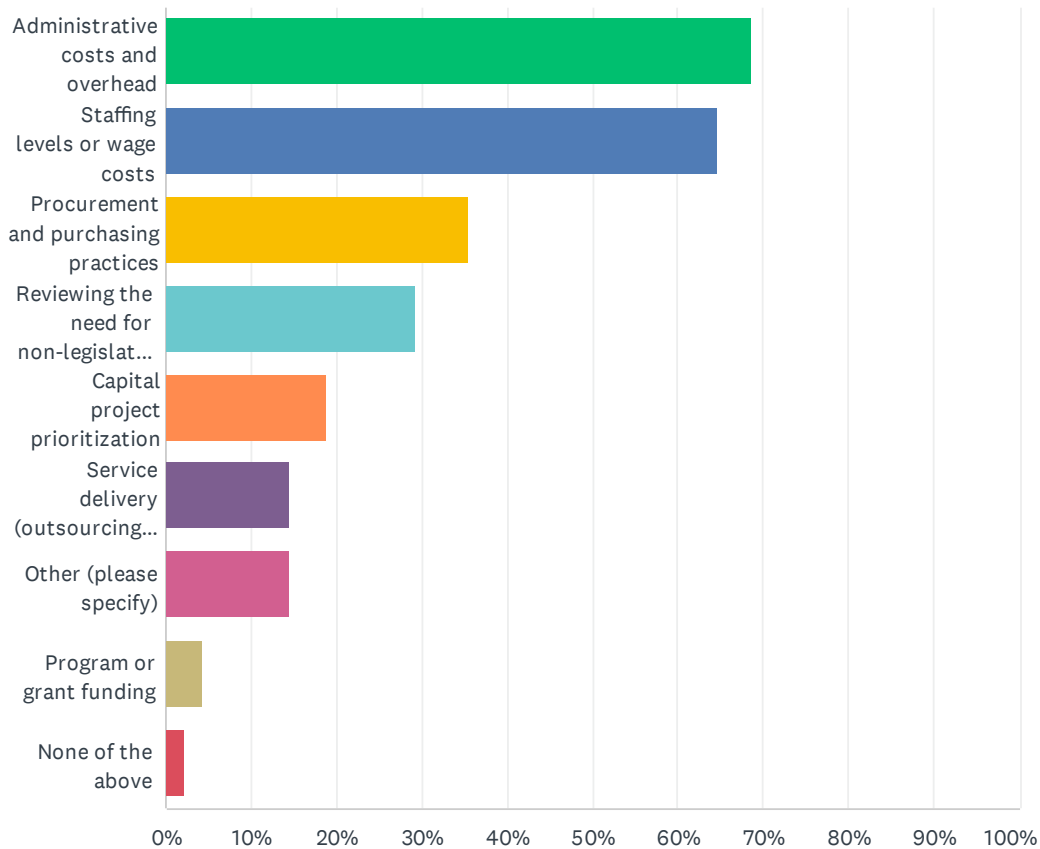
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Roads and core infrastructure	62.50%	30
Economic development and business support	37.50%	18
Public safety and emergency services	31.25%	15
Housing	27.08%	13
Downtown revitalization and commercial corridor development	25.00%	12
Homelessness and mental health support initiatives	22.92%	11
City facility upgrades (recreation, arenas, emergency services stations, etc.)	20.83%	10
Planning, permitting and development services	16.67%	8
Recreation programs and infrastructure	8.33%	4
Workforce development and talent attraction	6.25%	3
Arts, culture and tourism	4.17%	2
Environmental sustainability and climate resilience	4.17%	2
Other (please specify)	2.08%	1
Total Respondents: 48		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Public Health	11/14/2025 8:15 PM

Q3 Are there any areas you feel the City could reduce spending or improve efficiency without significantly impacting services? Select up to three areas you feel offer the most potential.

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Administrative costs and overhead	68.75%	33
Staffing levels or wage costs	64.58%	31
Procurement and purchasing practices	35.42%	17
Reviewing the need for non-legislated services (ski hills, campgrounds, long-term care, etc.)	29.17%	14
Capital project prioritization	18.75%	9
Service delivery (outsourcing, partnerships, technology, etc.)	14.58%	7
Other (please specify)	14.58%	7
Program or grant funding	4.17%	2
None of the above	2.08%	1
Total Respondents: 48		

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1	Stop building things we can not afford to build and maintain	11/20/2025 6:58 PM
2	Policing Services	11/20/2025 8:51 AM
3	Better planning. Same roads are being dug up multiple times	11/17/2025 12:59 PM
4	Not paying private contractors on their privately owned projects. There was no need to pay Panoramic to demo the old hospital, mandating it would have worked for a lot less than 1.7 Mil	11/15/2025 12:57 PM
5	Police	11/14/2025 8:15 PM
6	Reduce the police budget as per comments above	11/14/2025 5:45 PM
7	The city should look very carefully at the 'lowest bid wins' method of procurement. This is NEVER a winning scenario and always lets the community down in the longrun with EXTREME cost overruns. The most qualified team should carry great merit, not just the lowest.	11/14/2025 4:31 PM

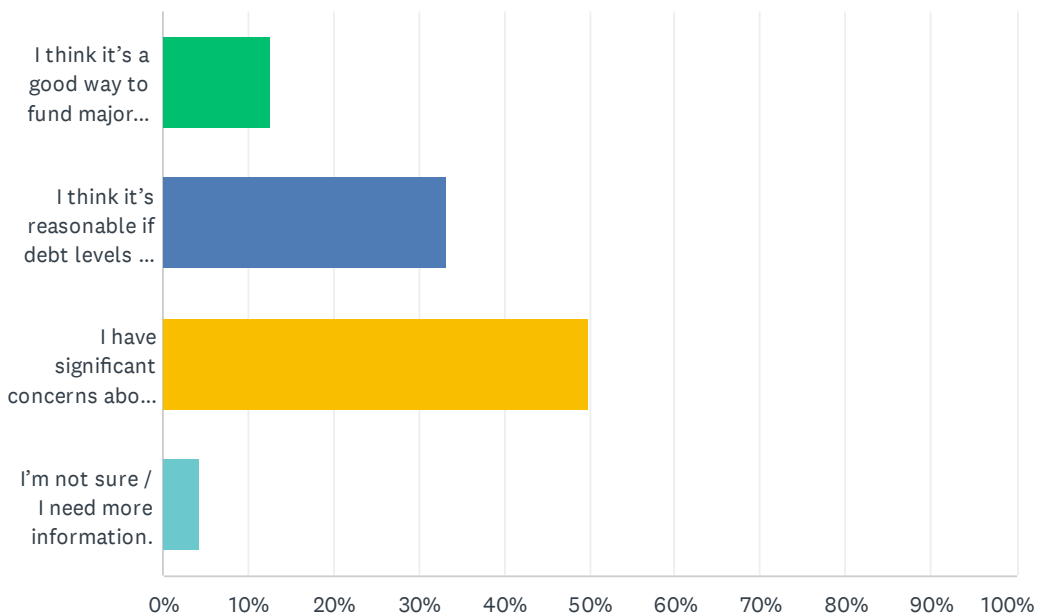
Q4 If you have other ideas for how the City could realize savings or improve efficiency, please describe them.

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1	vacancy management to reduce overhead over-time, reduce procurement of professional services, don't take on costs that should fall onto the province or Canada, reduce red-tape internally and for business	11/21/2025 5:14 PM
2	Having reviewed the budget, I am not convinced that Greater Sudbury Police Service is operating efficiently, especially given that they require 26% of the total budget - this is excessive to spend on one emergency service.	11/20/2025 8:51 AM
3	Need to do a full review of the administrative costs internally. Consider having arenas and services privatized. Lobby to the government to review duplication of services in certain sectors. Invest the \$ from giving the NDTRC "off to employees" into actually supporting reconciliation activities (costs to give the day off approx. 500k, invest that money into building relationships with First Nations).	11/20/2025 7:47 AM
4	Make a serious effort to identify and eliminate waste!	11/18/2025 4:05 PM
5	The city hosts numerous multimillion-dollar companies that utilize large vehicles for transporting materials, primarily benefiting themselves and their stakeholders. Considering this, it would be prudent to impose a volume tax on these companies. This tax could apply to any company in the city that relies on our infrastructure—such as roads, water, and sewage—more than the average citizen. Implementing such a tax could encourage these companies to optimize their logistics and reduce their environmental impact, promoting sustainability. The revenue generated from this tax could be reinvested into maintaining and upgrading the city's infrastructure, ensuring it can support both current demands and future growth. Additionally, it could fund public transportation improvements, creating a more efficient transit system for all residents. Moreover, by fostering a cleaner and more efficient urban environment, the city could enhance its attractiveness to both residents and potential investors, contributing to a thriving, balanced economy that benefits everyone.	11/18/2025 7:22 AM
6	I would suggest an acid test be done on all expenditures to see what is a need and what is a want. pretend your budget is going to be cut by 25% and increases are not possible. Look at what would survive in all areas and then add back the needs and remove the wants. Make Sudbury a desired place to do business in and lower the costs for taxpayers to make it more desirable. You will never please all but creating an environment where waste and excess is cut while requirements are met will move the needle.	11/17/2025 2:46 PM
7	amalgamate some departments and reduce administrative burden, contributing to smaller overall staff sizes	11/17/2025 11:17 AM
8	The city should initiate a hiring freeze for municipal staff and reduce all areas of spending by 10-15%	11/17/2025 9:38 AM
9	Decrease bureaucracy. Simplify permitting process for new built homes and businesses. Spark the local economy to increase tax revenue instead of just adding more tax. You can only squeeze so much juice out of a lemon; you need more lemons.	11/17/2025 8:13 AM
10	Eliminate the corruption in City staff	11/16/2025 4:49 PM
11	Drive housing expansion and major projects within city limits. explore more sustainable road repair materials. sell buildings/land.	11/15/2025 4:06 PM
12	Deal with the people who want to spend money: ie, ability to build through permits and actually selling excess land to create more dense neighborhoods.	11/15/2025 12:57 PM
13	Coordinate road work so that a road is not dug up 3 times in 3 months for 3 different things.	11/14/2025 4:08 PM
14	Get back to the office, more productivity, better service,	11/14/2025 4:06 PM

Q5 The City uses debt financing to fund large capital projects like roads, facilities and fleet upgrades, borrowing funds now and repaying over time. You can see the current list of projects here. The City has indicated that while interest adds to total costs, debts may help lock in lower prices during periods of rising construction costs, which could avoid inflationary increases later. As of 2025, Greater Sudbury’s municipal debt is approximately \$341 million, and is projected to reach nearly \$600 million in the coming years. How would you describe your view of this approach?

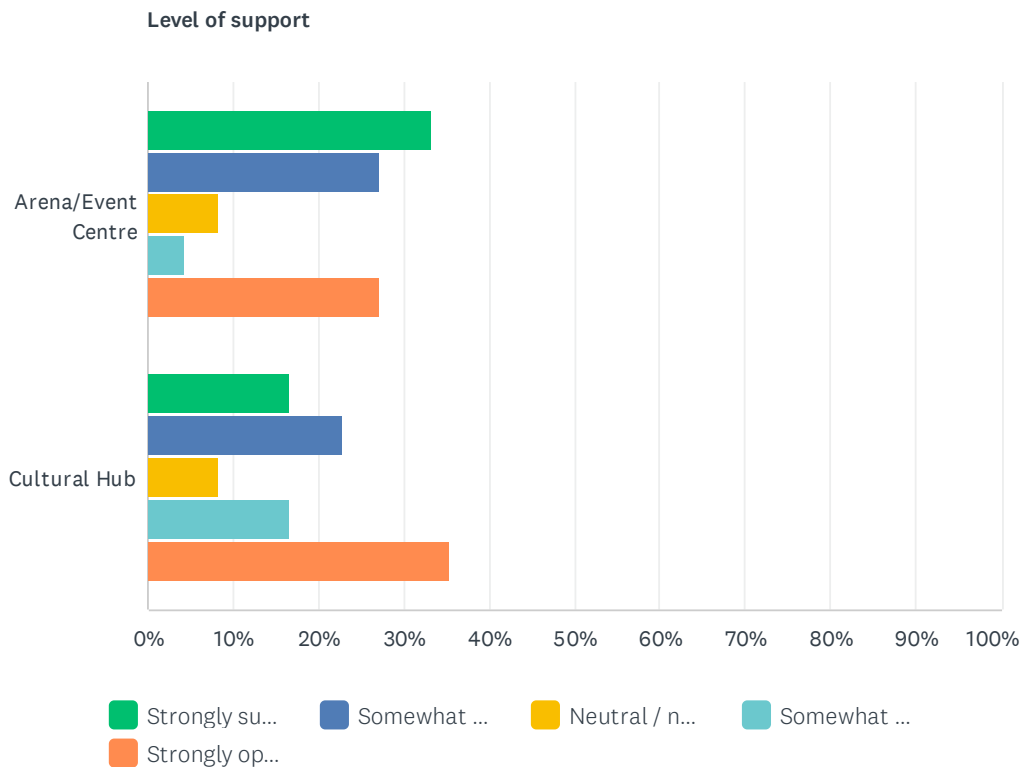
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I think it's a good way to fund major projects.	12.50%	6
I think it's reasonable if debt levels do not increase substantially.	33.33%	16
I have significant concerns about reliance on debt.	50.00%	24
I'm not sure / I need more information.	4.17%	2
TOTAL		48

Q6 As part of its broader Transformation Project, the City is investing \$265 million in two cornerstone downtown initiatives, funded in part through debt: A new arena/event centre – estimated cost \$200 million. A new cultural hub at Tom Davies Square (new main library, art gallery and the Sudbury Multicultural Folk Arts Association) – estimated cost \$65 million. What is your level of support for these investments and the use of debt to fund them?

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Level of support						
	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	NEUTRAL / NOT SURE	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	TOTAL
Arena/Event Centre	33.33% 16	27.08% 13	8.33% 4	4.17% 2	27.08% 13	48
Cultural Hub	16.67% 8	22.92% 11	8.33% 4	16.67% 8	35.42% 17	48

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	there both worthy ventures for the city; challenge is trust in estimates	11/21/2025 5:14 PM
2	Cultural hub needs to be able to be USED.	11/20/2025 7:47 AM
3	The placement of the new Arena Project is concerning due to our outdated infrastructure and the surrounding geography of the new site raises concerns for more spending in the long term	11/18/2025 7:22 AM

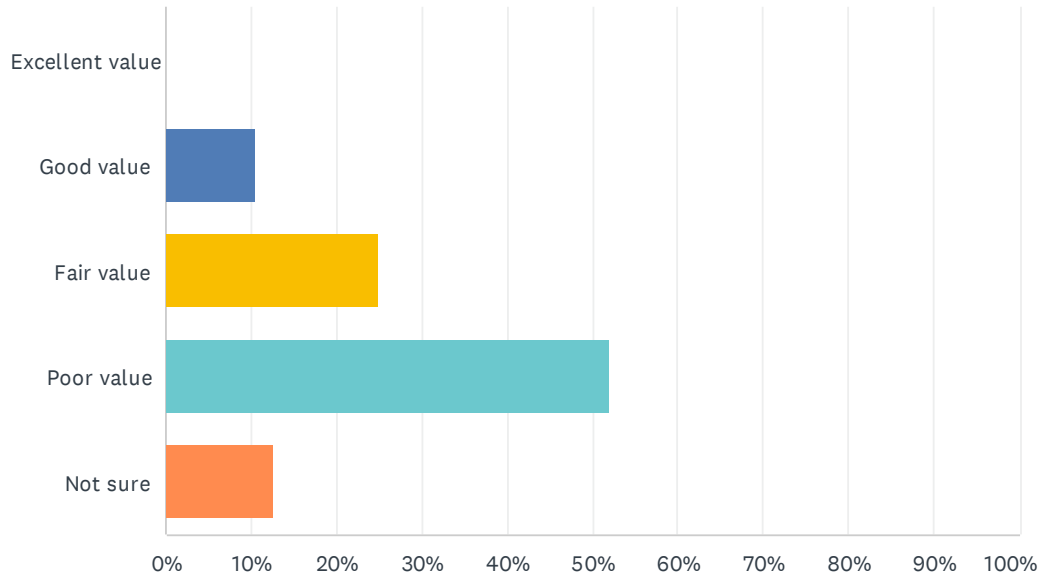
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for vandalism, security, and parking issues. Also, the site location is already congested and will sacrifice the appeal of the downtown.

4	its long overdue	11/17/2025 11:17 AM
5	Putting these expensive initiatives downtown do not make sense. No one wants to go downtown	11/17/2025 10:11 AM
6	Its a great idea to develop Tom Davies Square; but these initiatives are low priority. We need a nice downtown that attracts people and local businesses. Restaurants, premium hotels, events centers, possibly a casino, TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. We need infrastructure that will attract customers and boom the local economy!	11/17/2025 8:13 AM
7	There is no need for either project	11/16/2025 4:49 PM
8	The downtown continues to be an unsafe environment. I appreciate the efforts to revitalize it; however, if the people still won't want to go there and businesses cannot thrive there, then investing in it, will not see the desired returns.	11/15/2025 4:06 PM
9	I am glad Place D'Arts got all the funding and completed fast but when it comes to the English equivalent, it is put in an old building with minimal accessibility or style. We see where the priority is	11/15/2025 12:57 PM
10	I support these initiatives, but I think they should have more private investment, particularly the new arena/event centre. That will be used for profit generating activities by private sector actors. They should be paying for this infrastructure, and not getting a taxpayer gift.	11/14/2025 8:15 PM
11	libraries downtown are scary places these days; our downtown is the hub for homeless, addicts, crime. why would we put anything extra there...arena is already there which is fine; just get enough parking and we're done	11/14/2025 4:44 PM
12	It's a tragedy that we don't offer top of the line for both. These buildings should be completed and get national if not international attention. The City is not a 'for profit' business and we should be taking on debt to create a more attractive place for people to risk moving too. People move to sudbury for "the work" They should be instead saying, I want to live in Sudbury because it's an amazing City, what kind of work is there that might fit?	11/14/2025 4:31 PM
13	With out a plan to clean up downtown and parking neither should be downtown	11/14/2025 4:14 PM
14	We have several arts centres that are currently struggling and are a drain on operating funds. Why add another??? The ongoing operating and maintenance costs will be perpetual. We don't need another library in this day and age.	11/14/2025 4:10 PM
15	As long as it's not safe downtown, it doesn't matter how much infrastructure is build - it doesn't feel safe.	11/14/2025 4:07 PM

Q7 Overall, how would you rate the value your business receives for municipal tax dollars?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent value	0.00%	0
Good value	10.42%	5
Fair value	25.00%	12
Poor value	52.08%	25
Not sure	12.50%	6
TOTAL		48

Q8 What do you feel are the municipal issues most affecting your business costs?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	water and wastewater. theft and vandalism by homeless	11/20/2025 6:58 PM
2	taxes constantly increasing, crime, cleanliness getting worse	11/18/2025 4:05 PM
3	Roads, primarily - due to the conditions of the roads, as a transportation company, we are always having to replace parts on our vehicles. Some of the road conditions are simply deplorable.	11/18/2025 7:22 AM
4	Crumbling infrastructure, high development costs and high taxes. Our employees find the cost of living high while home ownership is out of reach for many. Our roads and infrastructure is in tough shape yet as a city we are looking to fund projects few will use or enjoy. Create flexible event and cultural spaces for everyone to use and make one central library in the same building. Share facilitates and close the rest. Maintaining multiple areas around our greater Sudbury with little usage details does not help the city as a whole.	11/17/2025 2:46 PM
5	homelessness and overall lack of cleanliness in key areas	11/17/2025 11:17 AM
6	Directly related to business operations, I cannot think of anything major. Accessing our business can be challenging/tricky with a small vehicle due to very poor road conditions.	11/17/2025 9:40 AM
7	Housing / downtown core / homelessness	11/17/2025 9:39 AM
8	The increase costs incurred from vandalism, theft and increased securitiy	11/17/2025 9:38 AM
9	Permitting.	11/17/2025 8:13 AM
10	Exorbitant fees, too many bylaws restricting the economy	11/16/2025 4:49 PM
11	The delayed response to complete the renewal of key cultural and recreational infrastructure and create economic development in the community will continue to stall growth of our business.	11/16/2025 12:37 PM
12	Housing. I cannot recruit people to Sudbury because they cannot find affordable, quality housing.	11/15/2025 4:06 PM
13	Poor infrastructure	11/15/2025 12:57 PM
14	Property Taxes	11/15/2025 12:34 PM
15	Homeless situation	11/15/2025 7:46 AM
16	.	11/14/2025 9:24 PM
17	Illness by staff (public health), mental heath challenges	11/14/2025 8:15 PM
18	High water/wastewater rates.	11/14/2025 7:40 PM
19	road conditions, taxes high, cost of warehouse space	11/14/2025 6:06 PM
20	Poor roads, poor garbage system,	11/14/2025 5:45 PM
21	we need MORE tax payers NOT tax increases	11/14/2025 5:12 PM
22	Property tax being too heigh	11/14/2025 5:00 PM
23	too much money going to help addicts, homeless, crime from those mentioned.	11/14/2025 4:44 PM
24	As a downtown business owner, we pay taxes to the City as well as a BIA tax. I appreciate some of the events they hold but I do not feel great investment comes from the BIA premium. The BIA should be absolutely hustling to figure out how to attract developers, chains,	11/14/2025 4:31 PM

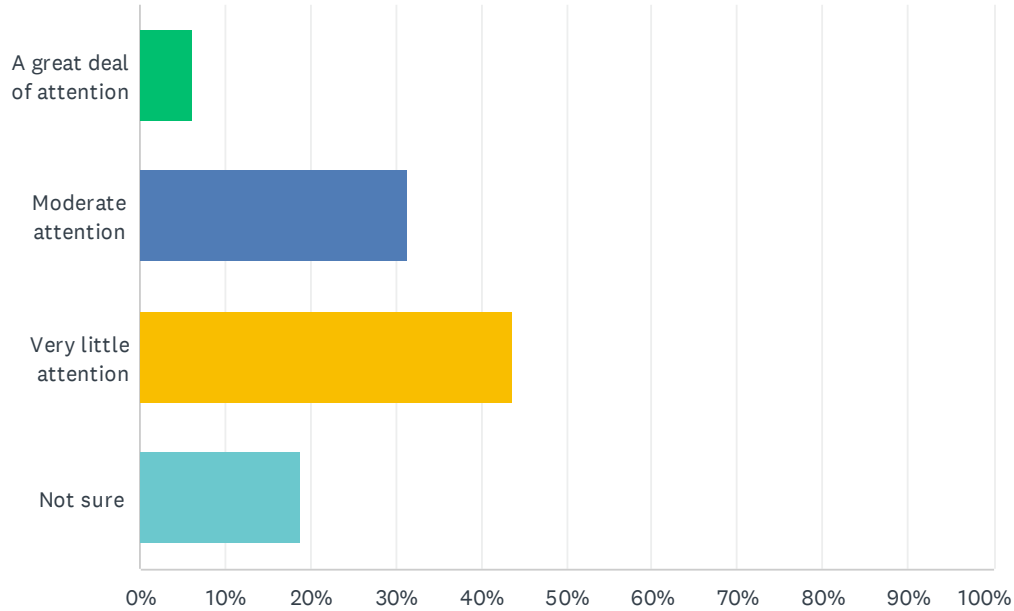
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ANYTHING to come into the downtown. I dont' see vision or strategy for the amount of money we must invest in them.

25	Lack of control over theft, vandalism, open drug use, homelessness, and mental health issues.8	11/14/2025 4:26 PM
26	Drug use, panhandling, lack of rent geared to income properties	11/14/2025 4:14 PM
27	Permitting is still a struggles. The planning department should be measured on permits granted, not permits denied. We will have to push the edges of the "planning" guidelines and move at the speed of business.	11/14/2025 4:10 PM
28	Overall permitting and planning decisions take far to long affecting our client relationships and professional fees which do not account for delays and multiple submissions. Pronto system not worth it.	11/14/2025 4:06 PM

Q9 In your view, how much attention has Council given to business concerns in recent budgets?

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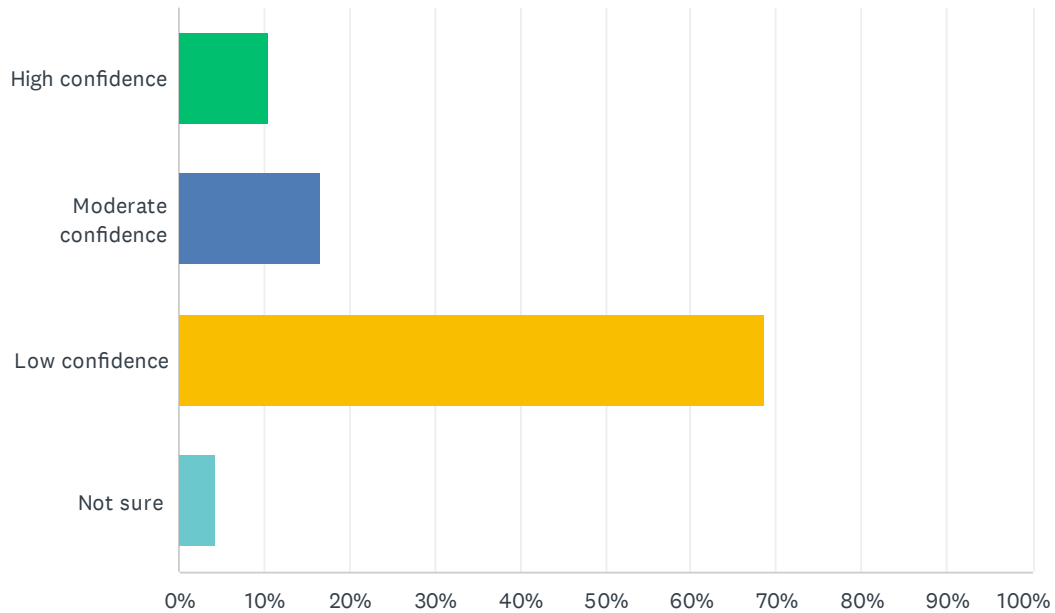


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
A great deal of attention	6.25% 3
Moderate attention	31.25% 15
Very little attention	43.75% 21
Not sure	18.75% 9
TOTAL	48

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	words there, need actions	11/21/2025 5:14 PM
2	Stop making things complicated. Lower taxes. Decrease permitting. Promote building.	11/17/2025 8:13 AM
3	City keeps strangling business with fees	11/16/2025 4:49 PM
4	I appreciate the council is trying to address complicated issues. I don't think good solutions have arisen.	11/15/2025 4:06 PM
5	they talk about it... but some major decisions need to be considered to a shift in the way we do business. treat their business like any business would treat theirs.	11/14/2025 5:12 PM
6	It's open season for criminals to steal from local businesses with little to no support to stop it.	11/14/2025 4:26 PM

Q10 How would you describe your level of confidence that the City is managing resources (e.g. staffing, contracted services, equipment, program delivery) efficiently before increasing taxes?

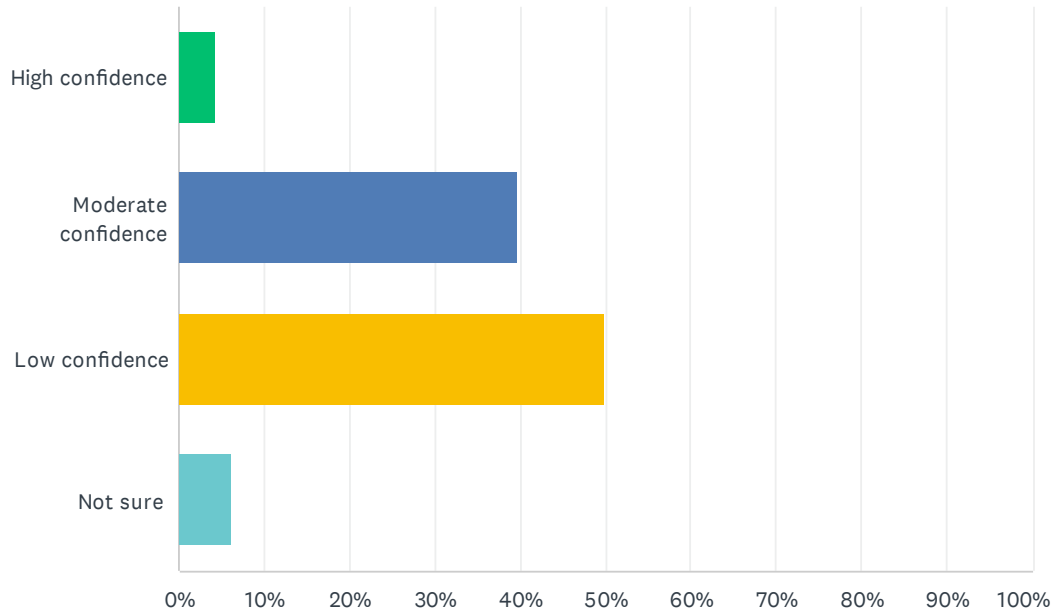
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
High confidence	10.42% 5
Moderate confidence	16.67% 8
Low confidence	68.75% 33
Not sure	4.17% 2
TOTAL	48

Q11 How would you describe your level of confidence in the City's budget decisions as they relate to the local business environment?

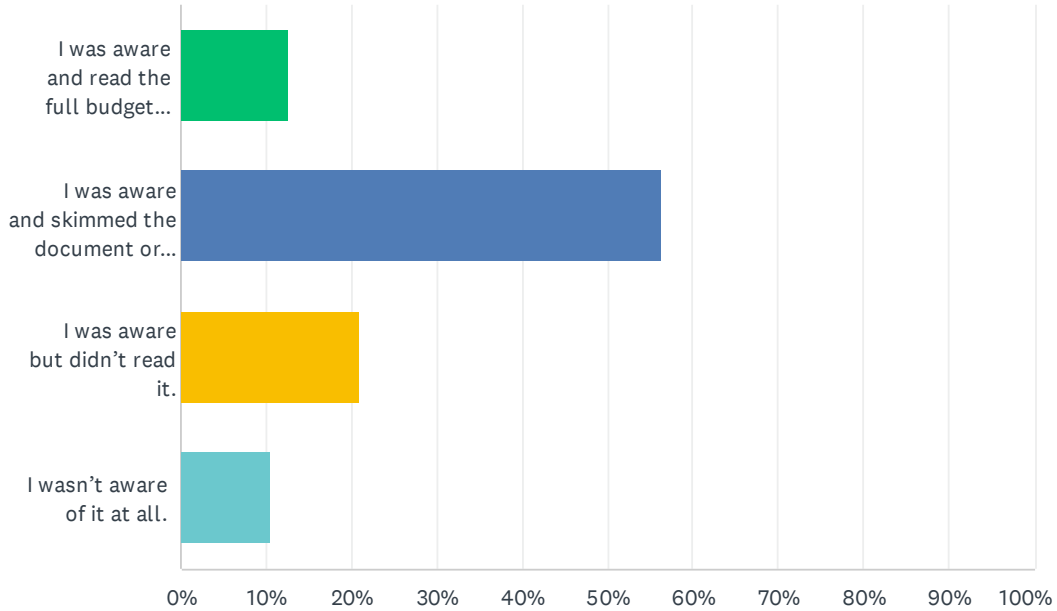
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
High confidence	4.17%	2
Moderate confidence	39.58%	19
Low confidence	50.00%	24
Not sure	6.25%	3
TOTAL		48

Q12 What was your level of awareness of the City’s proposed 2026–2027 budget before this survey?

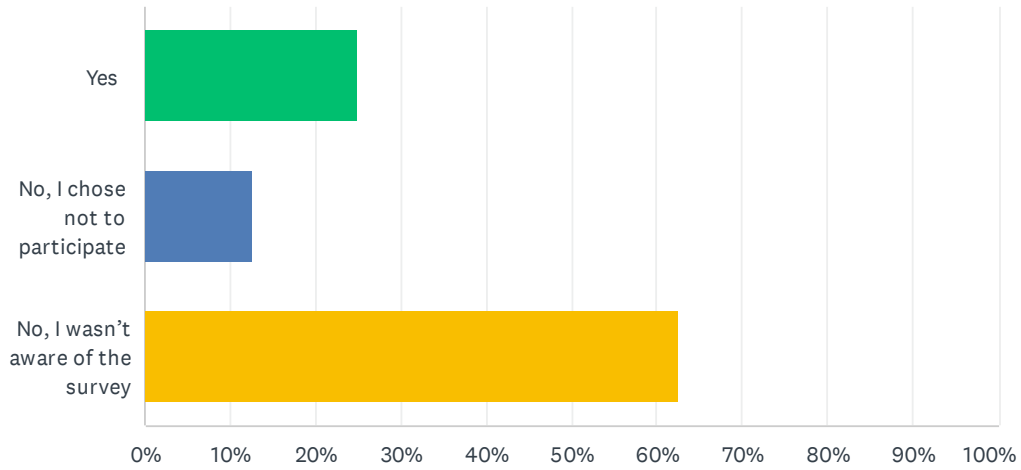
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I was aware and read the full budget document.	12.50%	6
I was aware and skimmed the document or read highlights.	56.25%	27
I was aware but didn't read it.	20.83%	10
I wasn't aware of it at all.	10.42%	5
TOTAL		48

Q13 Did you respond to the City's pre-budget survey in October 2025?

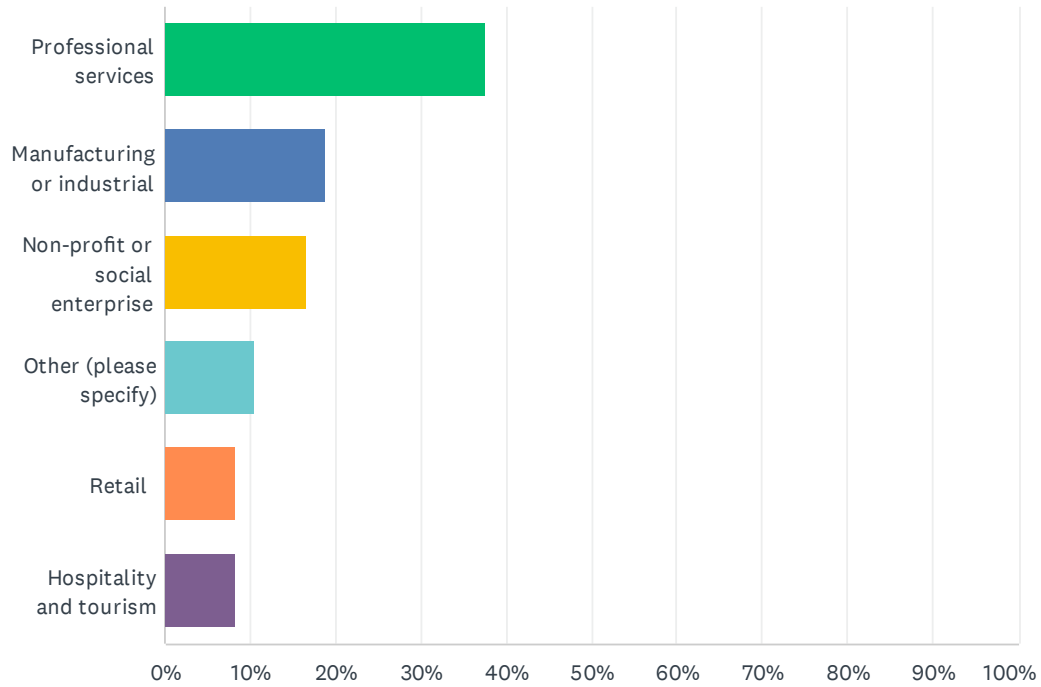
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	12
No, I chose not to participate	12.50%	6
No, I wasn't aware of the survey	62.50%	30
TOTAL		48

Q14 In which sector does your business operate?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0

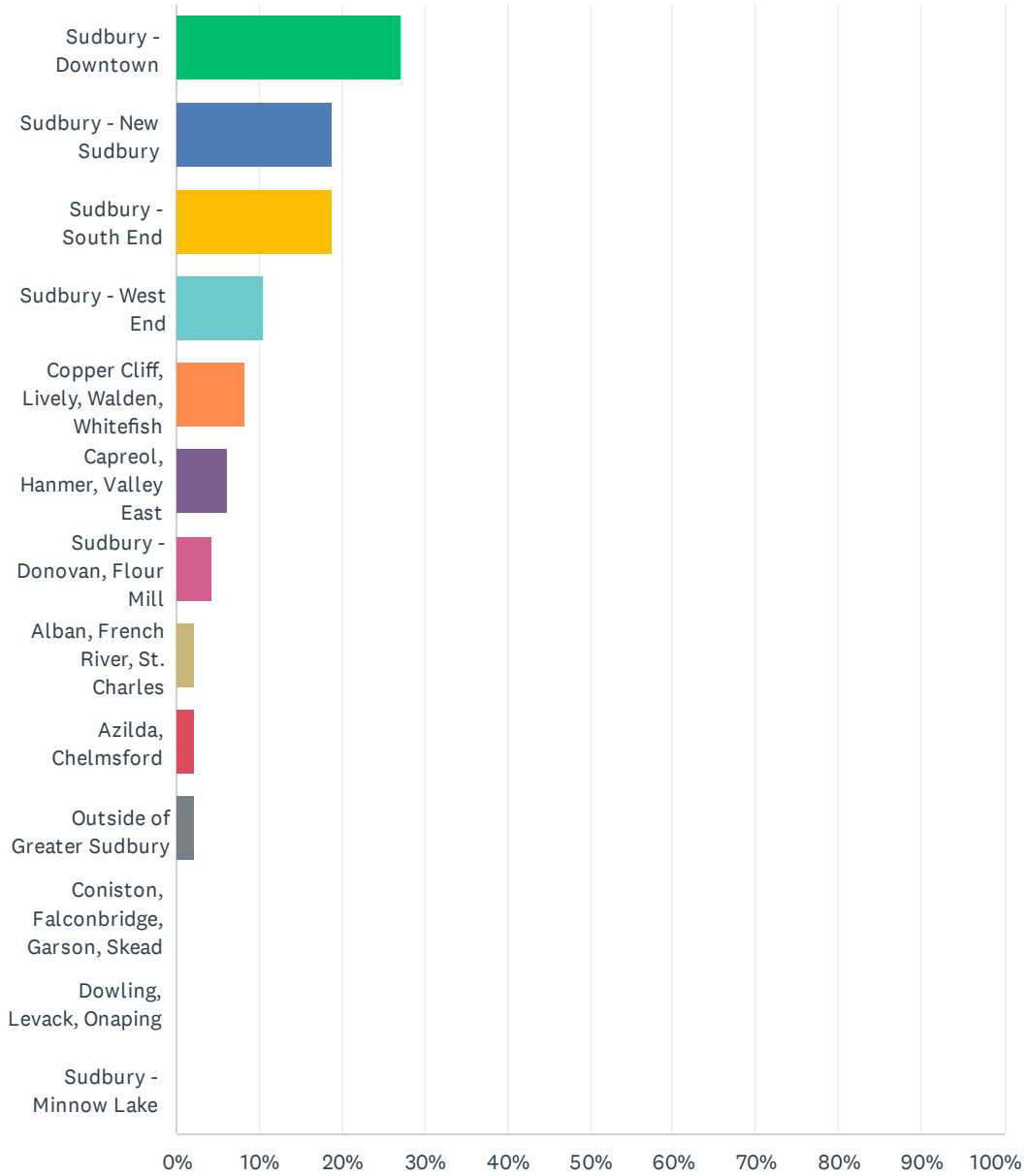


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Professional services	37.50% 18
Manufacturing or industrial	18.75% 9
Non-profit or social enterprise	16.67% 8
Other (please specify)	10.42% 5
Retail	8.33% 4
Hospitality and tourism	8.33% 4
TOTAL	48

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	na	11/26/2025 8:04 AM
2	Transportation and Community Support	11/18/2025 7:22 AM
3	Construction	11/15/2025 12:57 PM
4	Professional services	11/14/2025 4:48 PM
5	Infrastructure	11/14/2025 4:10 PM

Q15 Where is your business located?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sudbury - Downtown	27.08%	13
Sudbury - New Sudbury	18.75%	9
Sudbury - South End	18.75%	9
Sudbury - West End	10.42%	5
Copper Cliff, Lively, Walden, Whitefish	8.33%	4
Capreol, Hanmer, Valley East	6.25%	3
Sudbury - Donovan, Flour Mill	4.17%	2
Alban, French River, St. Charles	2.08%	1
Azilda, Chelmsford	2.08%	1
Outside of Greater Sudbury	2.08%	1
Coniston, Falconbridge, Garson, Skead	0.00%	0
Dowling, Levack, Onaping	0.00%	0
Sudbury - Minnow Lake	0.00%	0
TOTAL		48

Q16 Are there any additional comments you would like to share?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 37

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	My office is located in Atikameksheng and I am surprised that was not an option...	11/20/2025 7:47 AM
2	There needs to be a complete overhaul of the budget process - some spending needs to be reduced, some needs to increased and some needs to be completely eliminated. do a proper job of acknowledging taxpayer concerns and priorities. adress the uncontrolled bloat	11/18/2025 4:05 PM
3	Our city cannot continue to increase taxes at the current rate and not look at ow the could decrease spending as opposed to consistently raising taxes.	11/17/2025 9:38 AM
4	Lower taxes, we are drowning. Cut what you need to cut to do it. Lowering taxes should be priority.	11/17/2025 8:13 AM
5	Eliminate the corruption.	11/16/2025 4:49 PM
6	I don't know whether it is within the city's purview, but I think if the city could promote automatic treatment of people with substance abuse issues with prescriptions and access to methadone, suboxone. we might be able to impact the unhoused situation. given the uncertainty with U.S.A, I don't think we should be incurring additional debt; people are not going to be able to continue to suffer tax increases, given that most employers are not raising salaries and many core employers in this city have been firing/downsizing. Cambrian college/Laurentian, Vale, the Hospital...	11/15/2025 4:06 PM
7	I have high confidence in the work of City Staff. I have low confidence in the work of the police. Serious changes are needed there to become a sustainable service that doesn't view the property taxpayer as an entitlement.	11/14/2025 8:15 PM
8	keep up the momentum of action in this city, but take a good hard look in the mirror	11/14/2025 5:12 PM
9	Let's get our shit together and make this place the most desirabile region for newcomers, families, young professionals. There needs to be things to do here, great restaurants and activities, and a collective willingness to invest in ourselves. Sudbury needs to believe it can be great and with a great Mayor, active council, and the right budget, we can make moves in that direction.	11/14/2025 4:31 PM
10	Instead of a library, the City could support a waterfront development like Thunder Bay's, and allow businesses to build around one of the 360 lakes in the city! We have such opportunity and it's being actively shut down.	11/14/2025 4:10 PM
11	The City of Greater Sudbury must contain its budget. There cannot be increased taxation every year. The level of debt is simply too high. I hope that there is a long-term plan to eliminate debt entirely.	11/14/2025 4:08 PM