

Lax Kw'alaams Physical Development Plan

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

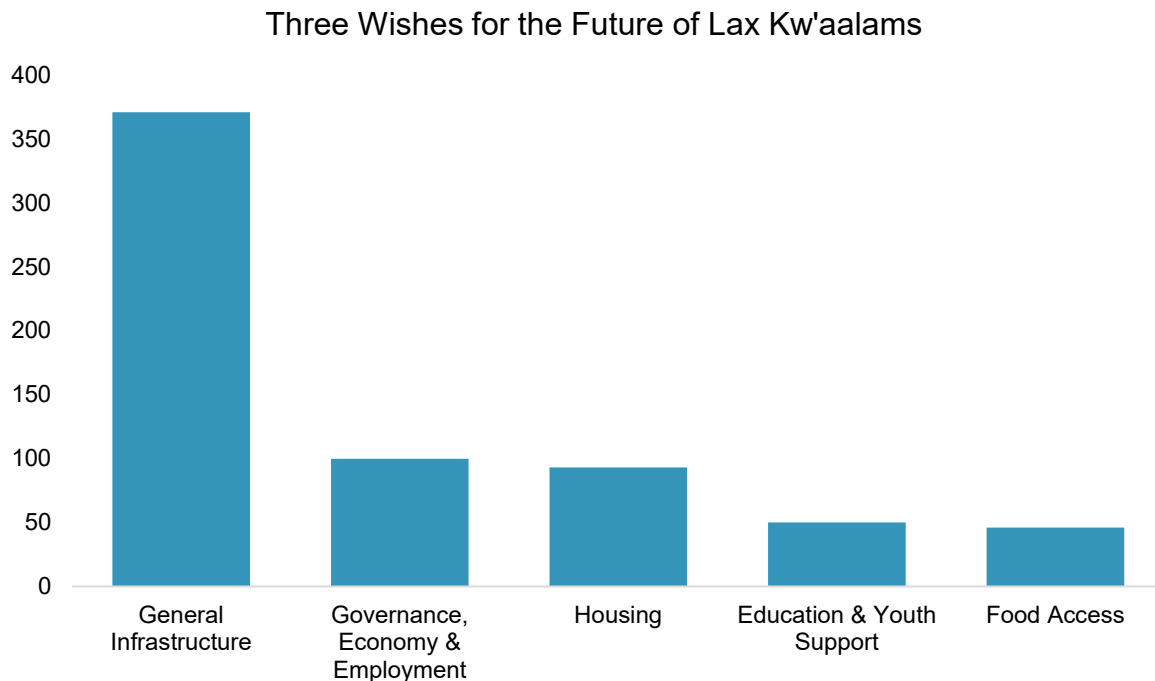
In November 2021, the Lax Kw'alaams Band asked their members to complete a survey to inform their updated Physical Development Plan (PDP). The survey was completed over 6 weeks and 342 members responded.

The survey was available on-line and in paper form and the results are summarized in the following document.

GENERAL & DEMOGRAPHICS

1. What 3 wishes do you have for the future of Lax Kw'alaams?

Survey participants shared their 3 wishes for the future of Lax Kw'alaams in the form of open-ended responses. These open-ended responses were sorted into the themes; as shown in the chart below, the most popular theme referenced general infrastructure improvements, followed by governance and economic improvements and improvements to housing conditions and affordability. Some examples of answers within each category have been included on the following page:

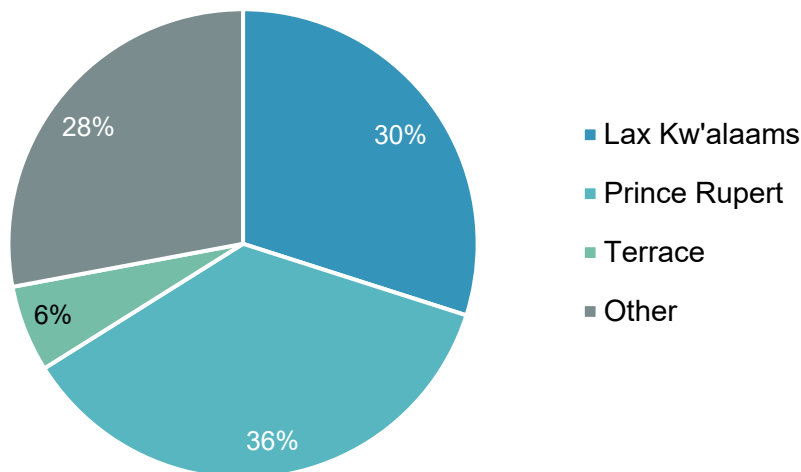


General Infrastructure	Governance Economy & Employment	Housing	Education & Youth Support	Food Security
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “A community power generator again” • “Cultural heritage education centre” • “Trails built for public to walk” • “New park” • “Highway to Rupert” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “More tourism industry opportunities” • “Take money that the band has and start investing money into businesses that will create full time work not just part time jobs” • “Have more resources [and] funding for school” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “New housing off reserve for our people” • “More housing for Elders” • “Housing for all residents and off-reserve wanting to relocate someday” • “Apartment buildings, as many families or adult children are living at home with nowhere to rent.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Youth programs to run full time 7 days a week and through winter holidays mainly for the 13-18 age range” • “Great daycare” • “More activities for kids” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “A huge greenhouse – veggies, fruits etc.” • “More fishing options” • “A coop store with reasonable food prices” • “Restaurant/ bakery”

2. Where do you live?

The chart below presents a summary of where survey respondents live. The greatest number of survey responses came from members living in Prince Rupert.

Place of Residence

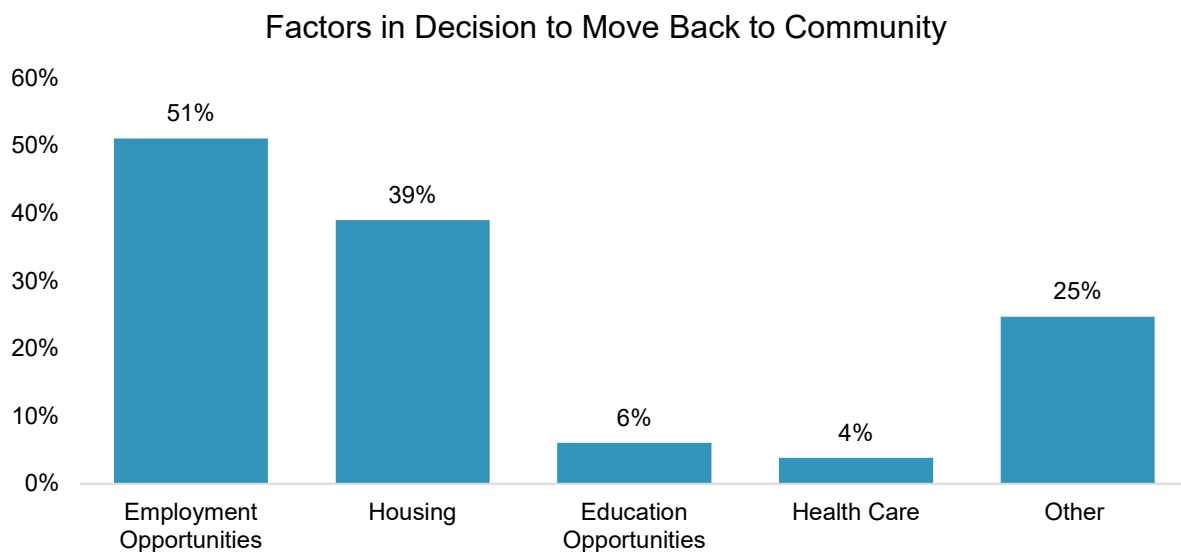


3. If you don't already live in the community, would you like to move back to Lax Kw'alaams?

32% of respondents (100 households) who don't already live in the community were interested in moving back to Lax Kw'alaams and 32% were unsure. 76 respondents said they are interested in moving within the next 5 years. At an average size of 3.3 people per household, this represents 250 people.¹

4. What would attract you to move back to the community?

Among all respondents, employment opportunities were the most important factor for moving back to the community, followed by housing.



Many respondents who selected 'other' clarified that all the listed community attributes were attractive and would play a role in their decision to move back to the community. Some examples of the 'other' responses are included below:

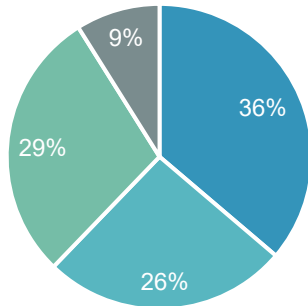
- "It is my home...my heart belongs there. I grew up there. If I could find work there I may move"
- "I would love to move back home if there were a promise of a nice home and a job in my field available"
- "Housing and infrastructure development to enable reliable remote employment (work from home over the internet, etc)."
- "To see my children in a rural setting. To be by the ocean. To teach my kids their culture to keep it alive."

¹ Average household size was calculated based on the 342 survey responses

5. How many people live in your house and what are their ages?

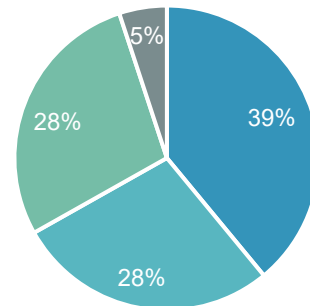
When comparing members who live in the community and those that live outside the community, the survey suggests there may be more Elders and fewer youth living in the community.

Lax Kw'aalams Residents
Population by Age Category



- Youth (0-19)
- Young Adults (20-39)
- Middle Age (40-64)
- Seniors(65+)

Outside of Community
Population by Age Category



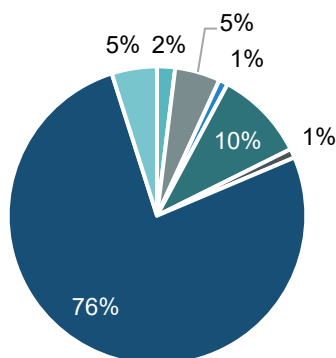
Average household size for survey respondents in the community is 3.7 people per household compared to 3.3 people per household outside the community.

HOUSING

6. What type of housing do you live in, and how many bedrooms do you have?

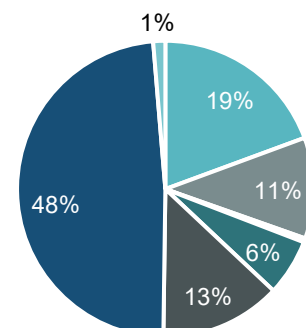
Respondents living in Lax Kw'alaams were more likely to live in a single-family home, while respondents living outside of the community reported living in apartment buildings, duplexes, and rowhouses/townhouses more frequently.

Lax Kw'alaams Residents
Housing Type



- Apartment Building
- Duplex
- Fourplex
- Other
- Rowhouse/Townhouse
- Single Family
- Triplex

Outside of Community
Housing Type

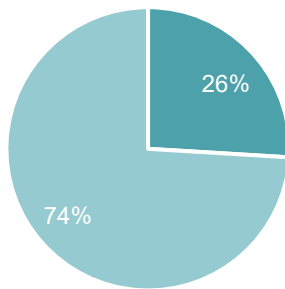


According to survey responses, members living in Lax Kw'alaams are more likely to live in a single-family home with 3 or fewer bedrooms. Considering the average of 3.7 individuals per household, this could indicate possible overcrowding in some households in Lax Kw'alaams.

7. How many families live in your house?

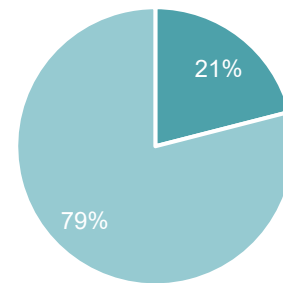
26% of respondents (27 households) who live in Lax Kw'alaams report living in a house with more than one family, compared to 21% (50 households) living outside the community.

Lax Kw'alaams Residents
Families per House



- Households with more than one family
- Households with one family only

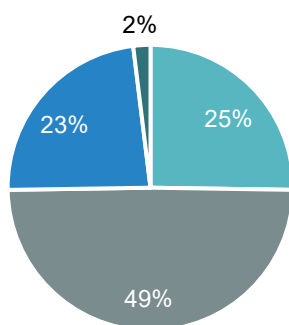
Outside of Community
Families per House



8. What condition would you say your house is in?

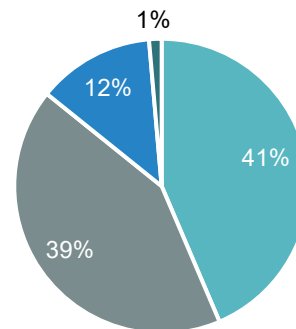
Reported housing conditions varied significantly between members living in Lax Kw'alaams and members living outside of the community. Only 25% of members living in Lax Kw'alaams (compared to 41% of members living outside the community) reported that their housing was in good condition. 23% of Lax Kw'alaams residents that responded to the survey reported that their housing was in poor condition, and 2% reported uninhabitable housing.

Lax Kw'alaams Residents
Housing Condition



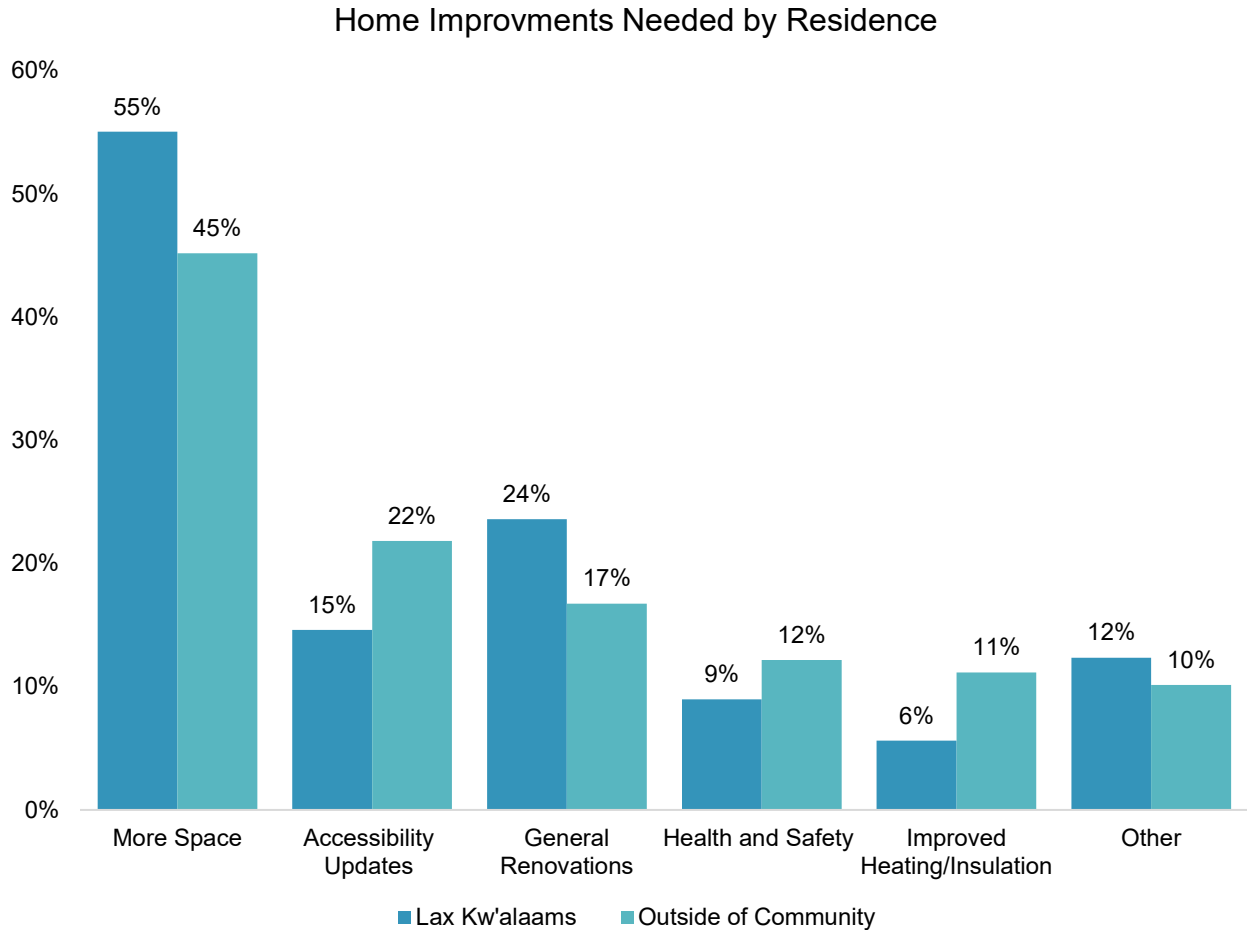
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Uninhabitable

Outside of Community
Housing Condition



9. Does your house meet your present needs? If not, what changes would make it easier to live in?

Across all respondents, 51% of households indicated that their house meets their present needs. However even respondents that said their home meets their current needs often noted changes that would make it easier to live in.



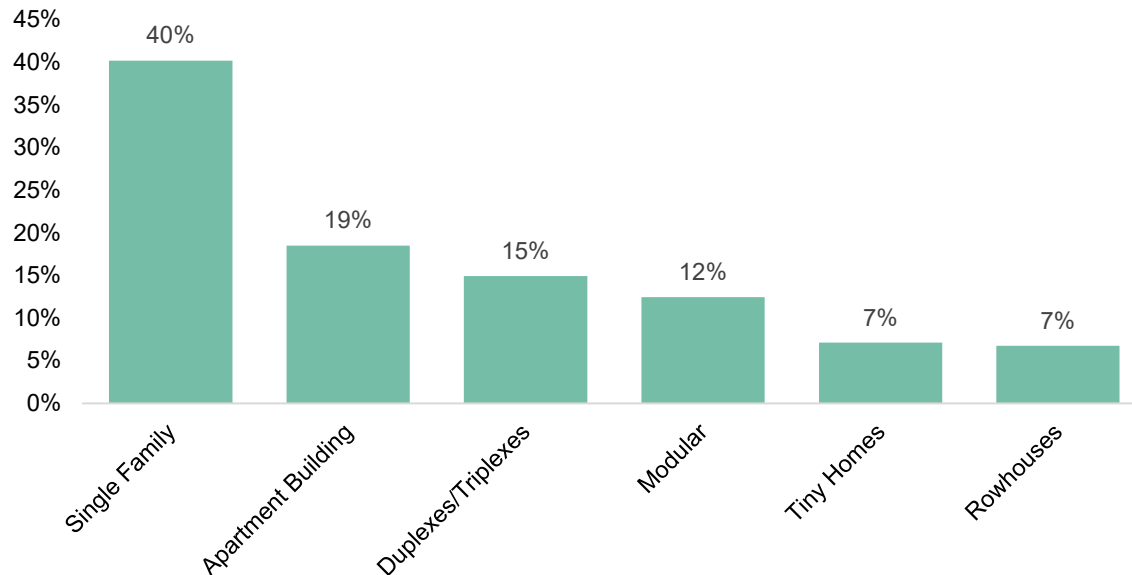
These open-ended responses were coded by type of home improvement needed. For both members living in Lax Kw'alaams and outside of the community, the most common home upgrade needed was more space.

In Lax Kw'alaams, 24% of respondents indicated that their homes needed general renovations, which refers to repairs not included in any of the other categories, and 15% of responses indicated the need for accessibility improvements such as fewer stairs, a ramp, or other accessibility renovations in the home.

10. What types of housing would you like to see built in the community?

40% of all respondents said that single-family homes are the preferred housing type, followed by apartment buildings and duplexes/triplexes.

Preferred Housing Types to be Built in Community



11. In your opinion, which group has the greatest need for housing on-Reserve?

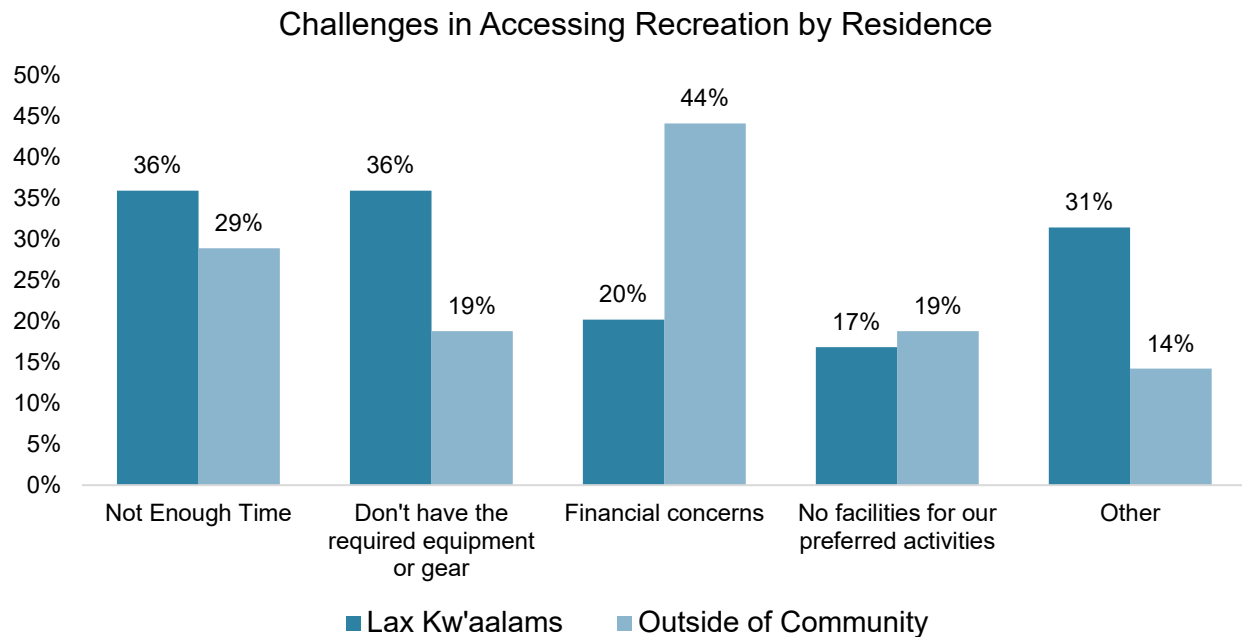
Respondents were asked to reflect on and rank which groups (from a predefined list) they thought had the greatest need for new houses. Responses indicated that housing should be built for the following groups in priority order:

1. Single Parent Families
2. Elders
3. People with Disabilities
4. Single Adults
5. Young Adults

RECREATION & COMMUNITY FACILITIES

12. Are there any challenges for you or your family members in accessing recreation opportunities?

Respondents were asked what challenges they face accessing recreation opportunities, and the most common answers varied significantly between members living in Lax Kw'alaams and those living outside of the community.



For community members, the most common barriers were not enough time and not having the required equipment or gear. 31% of respondents living in Lax Kw'alaams also selected 'other' and shared some of the following responses:

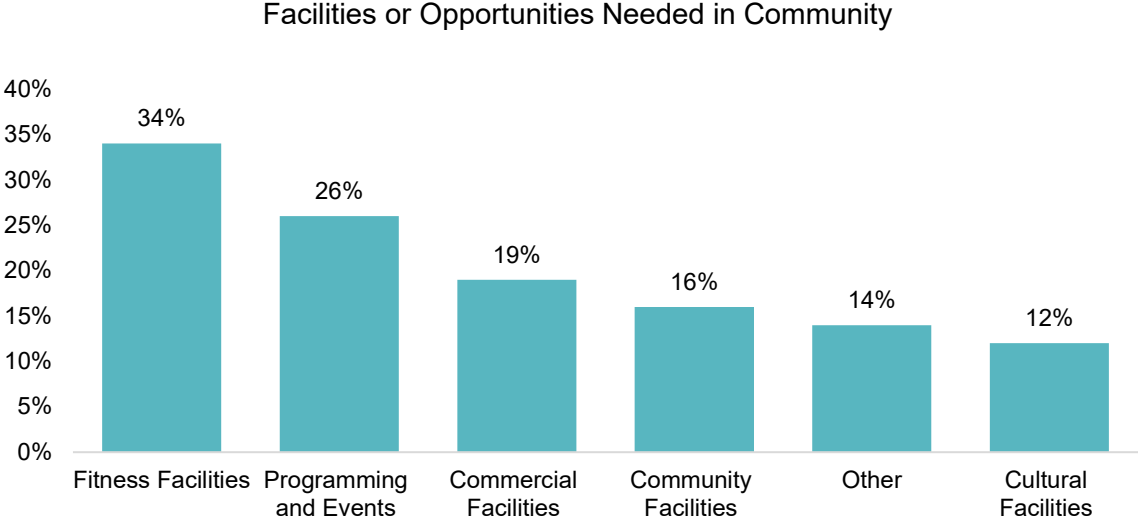
- "Facility needs to be open daily to fit people's needs"
- "Recreation center should be open early mornings"
- "Need more activities for young + Elders"
- "Youth have nowhere to go on weekends or holidays when the Rec is closed"
- "After work hours would be great and open 7 days a week."
- "No other things offered besides basketball"
- "The rec center needs to provide more than just basketball for the children"

These 'other' responses suggest the need for increased recreation centre operating hours and a greater diversity of program offerings.

For members living outside of the community, 44% of respondents reported that financial concerns were a barrier to accessing recreation.

13. What new recreation/community facilities or opportunities do you think are needed in our community?

34% of responses to this open-ended question mentioned fitness facilities, while 26% of responses referenced programming and events, and 19% of responses referenced some type of commercial facility.



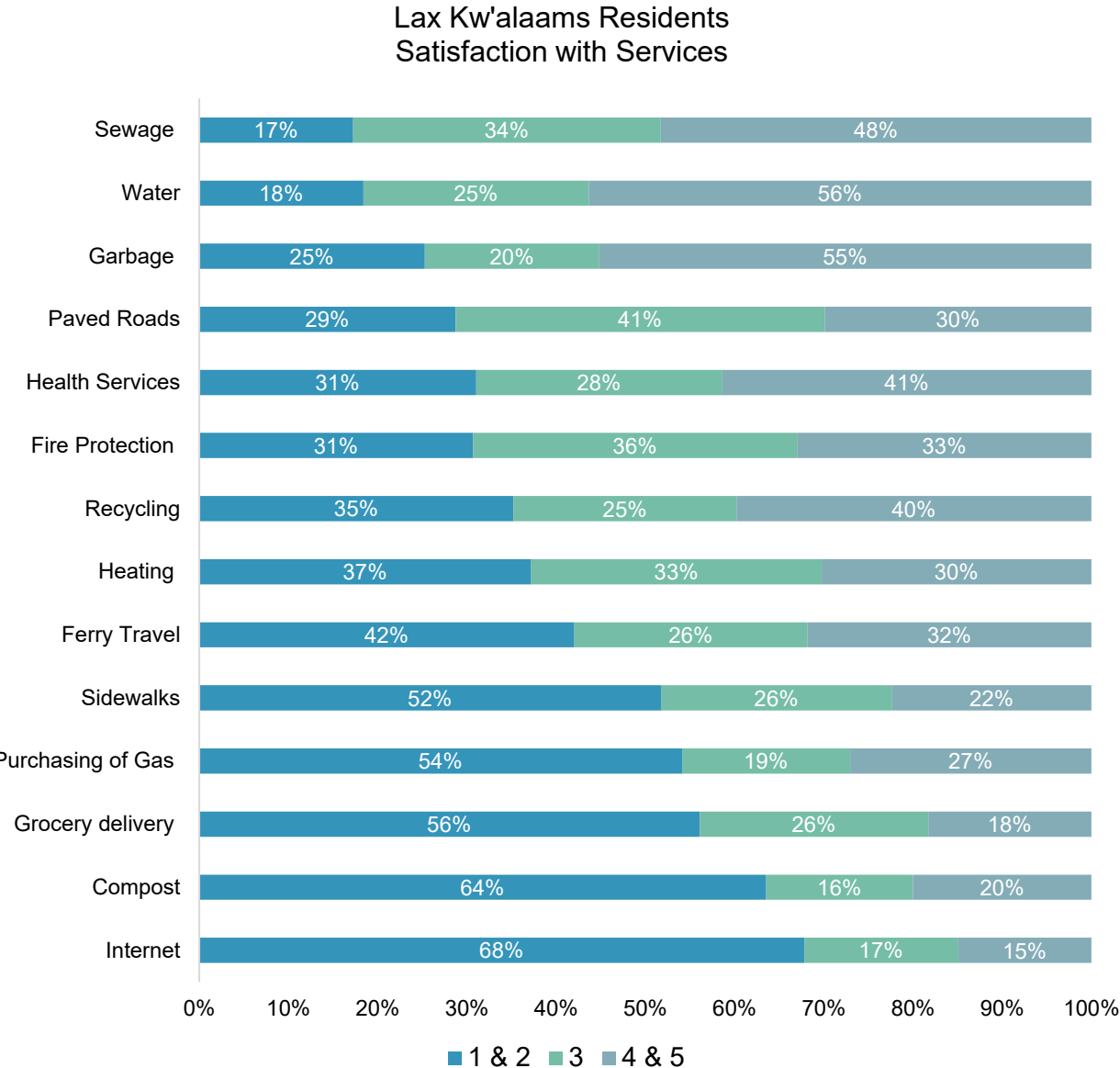
Responses indicated the desire for a greater variety of fitness spaces, both indoor and outdoor, as well as a greater range of programming offered year-round. Some examples of desired facilities and programming are included below in priority-order as determined through popularity in survey responses.

Fitness Facilities	Programming & Events	Commercial Facilities	Community Facilities	Cultural Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice rink • Improved gym (expanded hours, size & variety of equipment) • Outdoor walking, biking, and hiking trails around the community • Track and field track • Baseball field • Soccer field • Improved pool • Rollerblading rink 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids programs for all ages, including afterschool programs • Increased variety of organized sports, tournaments, and camps • Community events • Cultural skills workshops (weaving, beading, carving, dancing, etc.) • Youth programs • Fitness programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowling alley • Grocery store or Co-op store • Arcade/Pool Hall • Restaurant • Café 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated drop-in youth centre • Community Hall – for family activities and other multipurpose activities • Daycare • Children’s indoor playspace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural centre with space for dances and large gatherings as well as smaller multipurpose spaces • Theatre • Space for doing and teaching cultural crafts • Longhouse

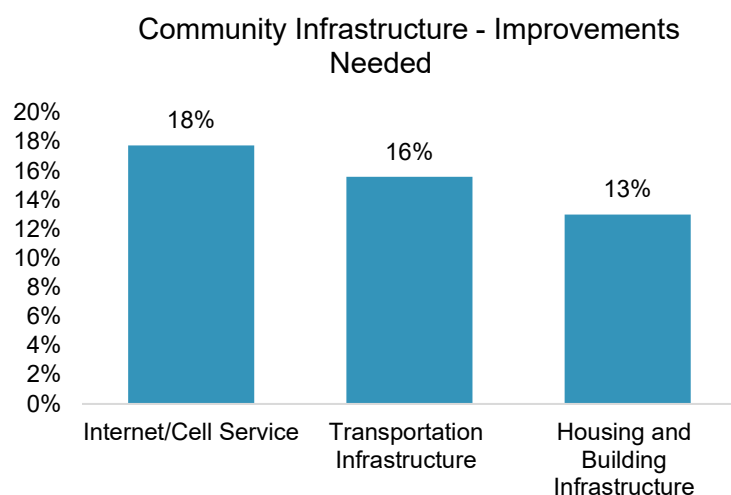
14. Rank your satisfaction with the following community services (scale of 1 to 5)

Respondents were asked to rank their satisfaction with the following community services on a scale of 1 to 5 (poor to excellent). The chart below represents responses from members living in the community.

The lowest satisfaction (services ranked with a 1 or 2 by residents) was lowest for internet (68%) followed by compost (64%), grocery delivery (56%), purchasing of gas (54%), and sidewalks (52%). The highest satisfaction (services ranked with a 5 by residents) was with water (56%), garbage (55%), and sewage (48%) services.



15. Are there any improvements that need to be made to our community infrastructure?



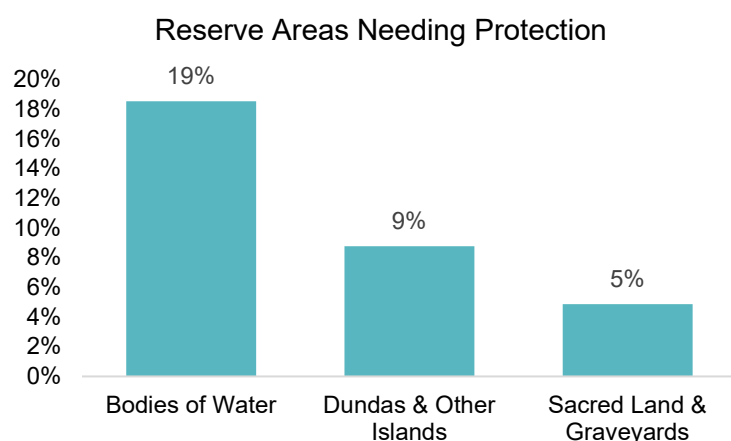
Three themes emerged from the responses to this open-ended question; the need for improvements to internet/cell service (18% of answers), transportation infrastructure (16% of answers) and housing and building infrastructure (13% of answers).

54% of responses referred to other improvements to community infrastructure, for example:

- “Back up power emergency gas that’s easy to fill up jerry cans when no power”
- “Harbour maintenance, mooring monitoring, proper recreational boat launches in the village and at Tuck”

LAND USE & CLIMATE CHANGE

16. Are there areas on our Reserve lands that need to be protected (ie. shouldn’t be developed)?



Responses to this open-ended question covered a large variety of areas and were sorted into categories based on type of area to be preserved. 19% of responses referenced bodies of water as needing protection from development. 9% of responses reference Dundas and other islands, and 5% of responses mentioned sacred land and graveyards.

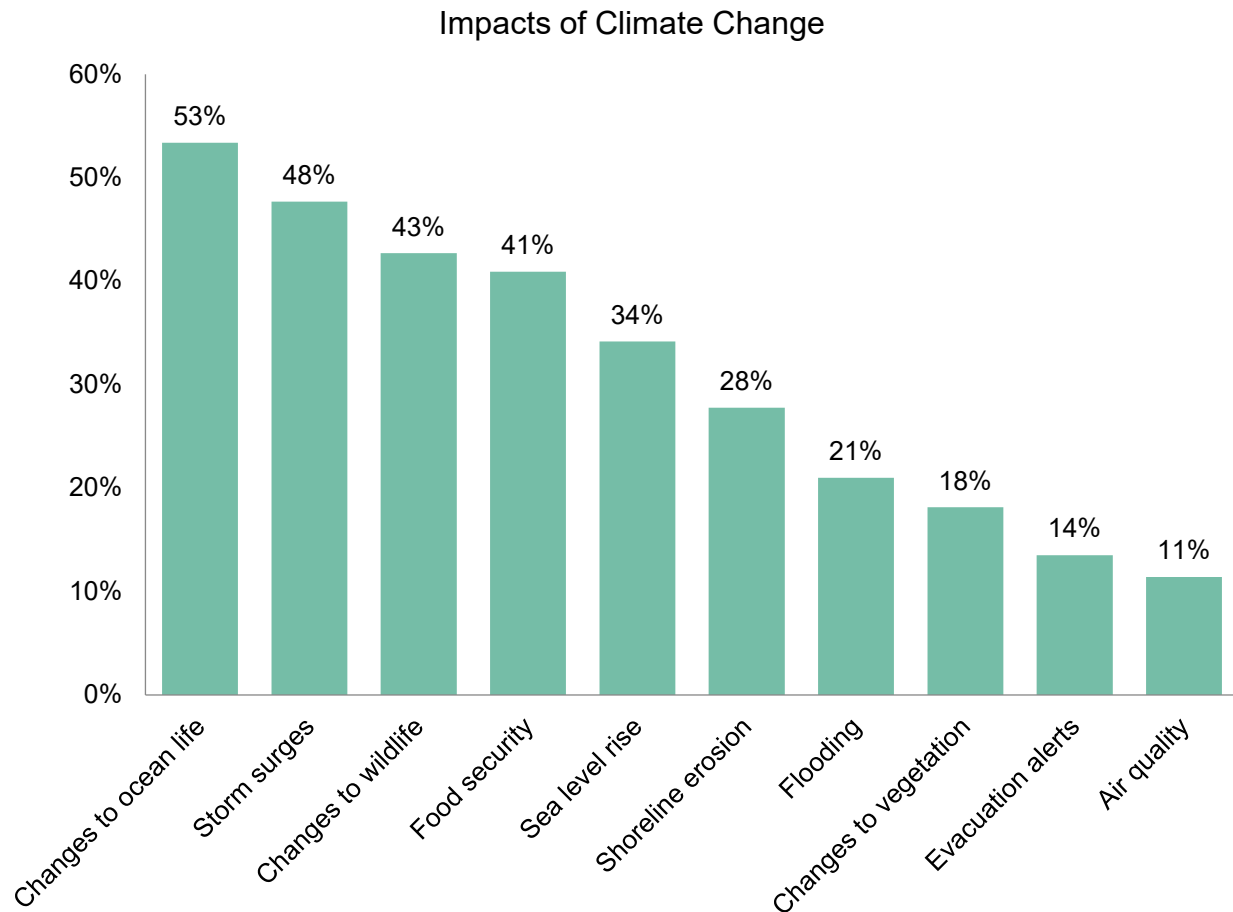
68% of responses referenced other areas or provided other comments, some examples of these comments are included below:

- “Anywhere in and around Lax Kw’alaams rainforest and the Tsimshian territory”
- “The scarce picnic area, traditional lands where we used to camp”
- “As much land should be protected as possible”

17. How has climate change impacted our community?

Respondents reported that impacts of climate change have been felt most through changes to ocean life (53%), storm surges (48%), changes to wildlife (43%) and food security (41%). 17% of respondents selected 'other' and some examples of these responses have been included below:

- “More storms have to be better prepared for community”
- “Frequent infrastructure damage from storms where no redundancy means services are unavailable or compromised for a long time”



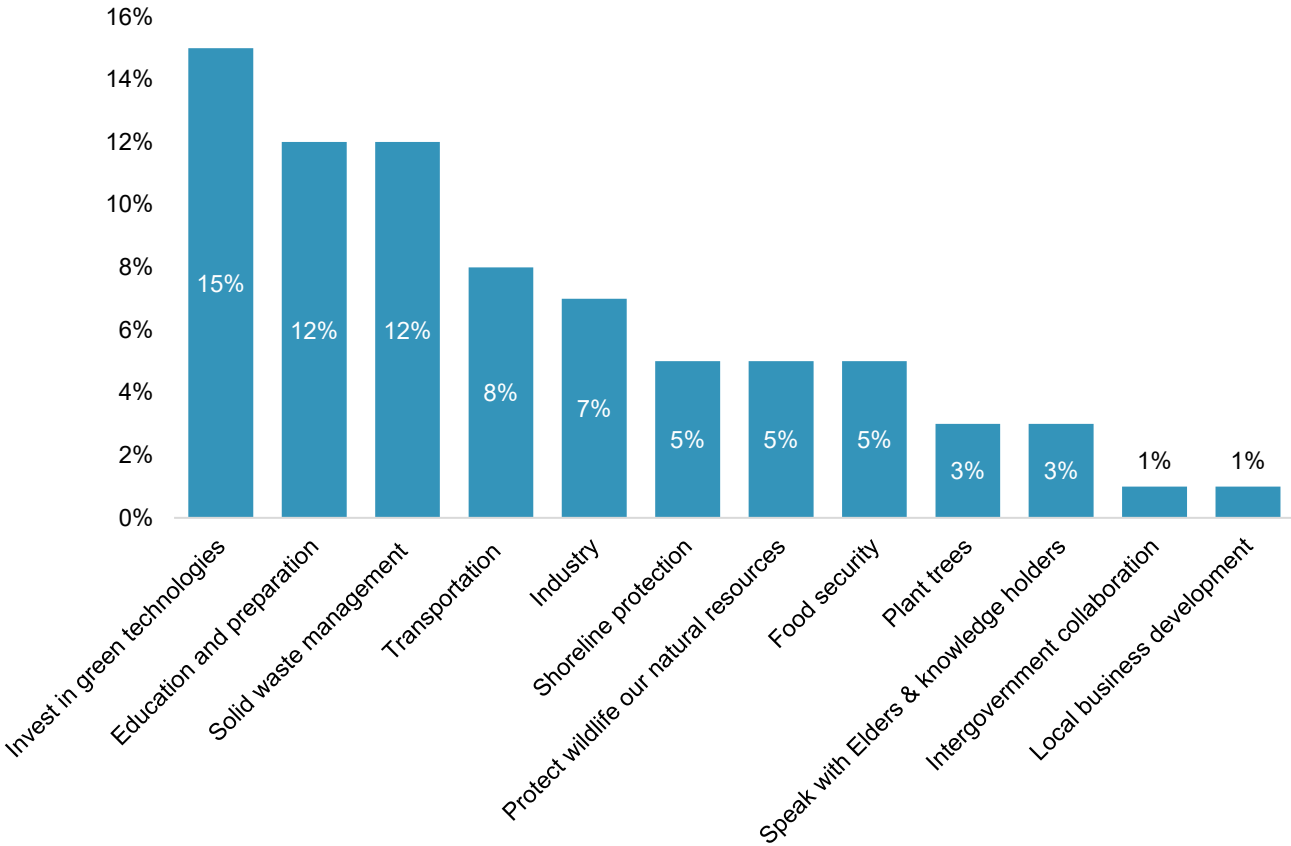
18. What measures should our local government take to lessen the impacts of climate change?

When asked what measures local government should take to lessen the impacts of climate change the top three responses were investing in green technologies (15%), education and preparation (12%), and solid waste management (12%).

21% of responses referenced other actions, and some of these responses are included below:

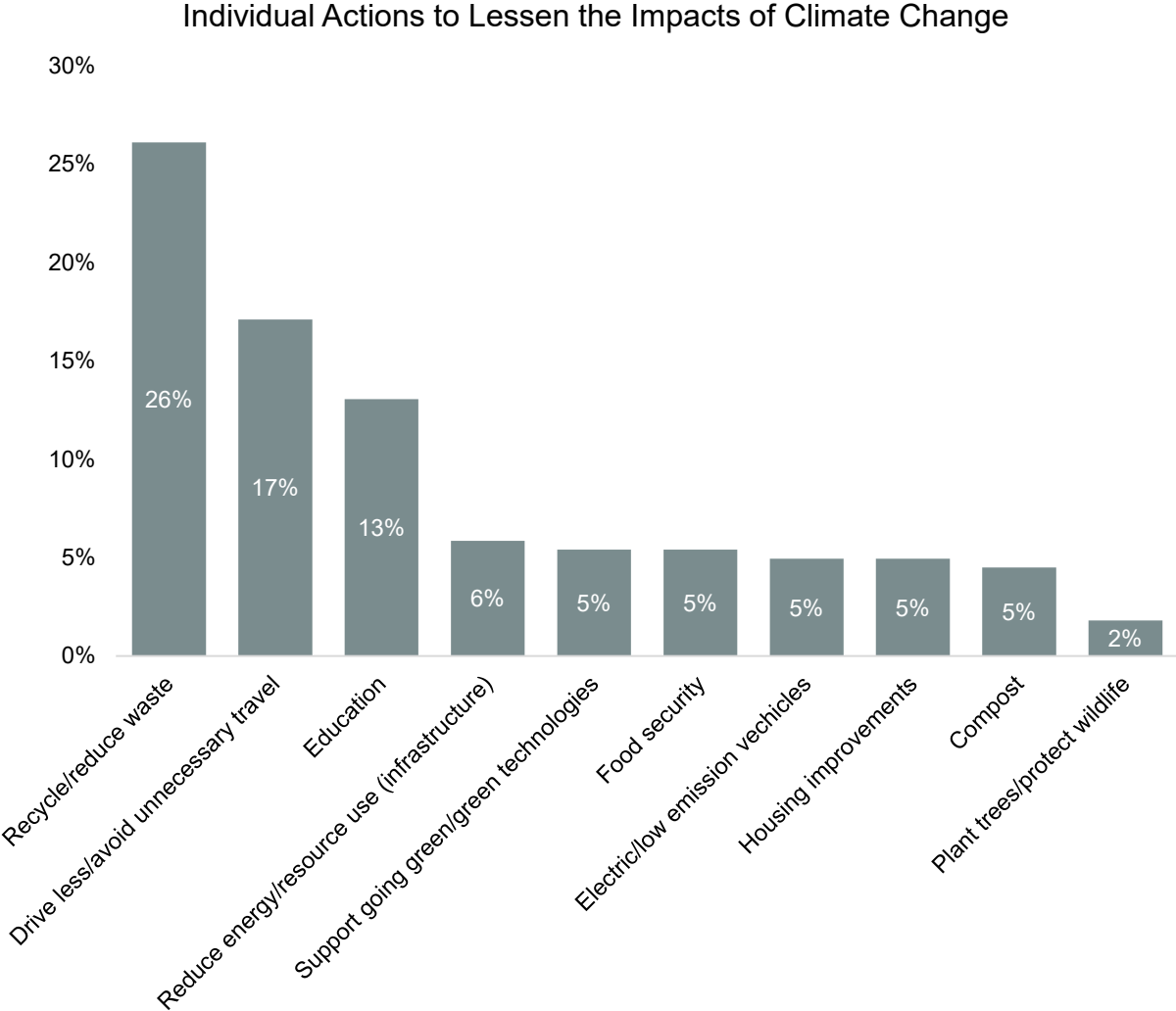
- “Prioritize health and safety of nation members through development away from the shoreline, marked evacuation routes, cooling and heating centers, limiting emissions and conserving water”
- “Move housing away from the shore, cut down brush and thin out trees to prevent any wildfire issues”

Local Government Actions to Lessen Climate Impacts



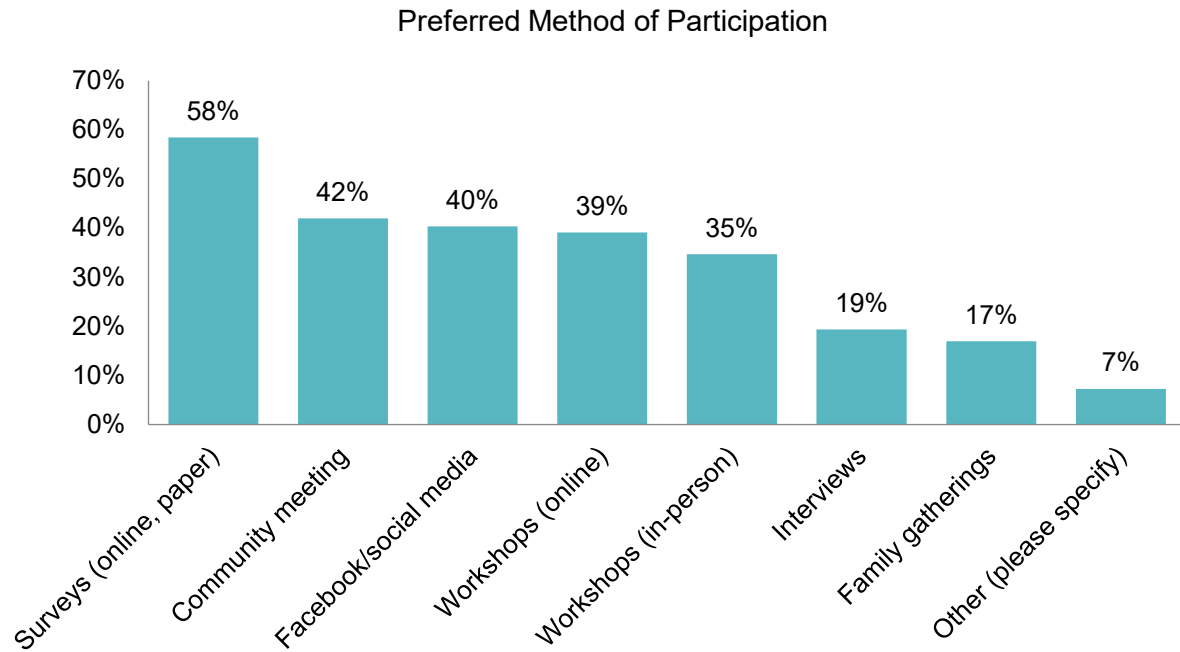
19. What can you do to lessen the impacts of climate change?

When asked what actions individuals could take to lessen the impacts of climate change, the top three responses were related to recycling/waste reduction (26%), driving less, and limiting unnecessary travel (17%), and climate education (13%). 11% of responses referenced other themes.



20. Are you interested in helping us further develop our Physical Development Plan? If so, how would you like to participate?

47% of those surveyed said that they wanted to help with further development of the plan.



Most community members wanted to participate through additional online/paper surveys. 42% wanted to attend a community meeting and 40% wanted to participate through Facebook/social media. Due to COVID-19, virtual methods may need to take precedence over in-person methods for health and safety reasons.