



TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

Phase 1:
Vision Survey
Engagement

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ABOUT THE VIEW ROYAL 2050 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is a blueprint and will help define what we envision for View Royal over the next 20 years. As a key municipal document, it reflects community values and guides decisions on land use, housing, transportation, parks, environmental stewardship, economic development, and more.

The OCP is a living document, updated periodically to stay relevant as the community evolves and grows. View Royal's last comprehensive OCP update was adopted in 2011. While the current OCP has served our community well, there are opportunities to review what policies, objectives, goals, and guidelines within the Plan are working, what isn't and what we need to do to prepare for our future needs and wants.

Process

View Royal 2050 is a multi-year process with three phases. The review and update of the OCP began in January of 2025, and is expected to conclude in 2027/2028. In each of the three phases, there will be a focus on key topics and content that will be reviewed to update the OCP. During each phase there will be consultation that includes both in-person events and online tools. This approach balances technical analysis with community feedback to shape a long-term vision and policies that reflect residents' needs for the OCP.

We are currently in Phase 1, focusing on confirming the draft vision statement and goals.



OCP Engagement Touchpoints

The first engagement touchpoint (Visioning and Guiding Principles) took place from January 24 to February 18, 2025. What we heard during this engagement period is summarized in the [Phase 1: Visioning and Guiding Principles Survey What We Heard](#) report.

The second touchpoint (Phase 1: How We Grow) took place from March 7 to April 4, 2025. What we heard during this engagement period is summarized in the [Phase 1: How We Grow Engagement What We Heard](#) report.

The third engagement touchpoint (Vision and Goals) took place from July 18 to September 7, 2025. During this engagement period, participants were invited to review three draft vision statements and eleven draft goals and provide their feedback. This report summarizes what we heard and will be used to confirm and refine the final vision statement and goals.

The following section provides a summary of the Town's Communications and Engagement Strategy for the OCP review and update.

OVERALL OCP ENGAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

The guiding objectives and principles of the OCP review and update include the following:

- **Inclusive:** offer multiple methods or platforms for engagement, including online and in-person;
- **Educate:** provide and share information to educate and inform the community to help them understand how their involvement shapes their future community;
- **Engage:** identify, engage, consult, and listen to a range of stakeholders;
- **Establish:** objectives, guidelines, and policies that are measurable and actionable;
- **Demonstrate:** active listening by staff and Council, by incorporating feedback;
- **Transparency and accountability:** open dialogue between stakeholders and decision makers;
- **Address:** challenges that pose risk to our community and opportunities that pose a reward;
- **Communicate:** clear, concise, communication which avoids the use of jargon to ensure all those involved understand and participate in the process; and
- **Adaptability, learning, and improvement:** openness to learn and improve with the understanding that stakeholder and community interests and needs and wants change.

AUDIENCE

- View Royal residents
- View Royal business owners
- View Royal community organizations
- View Royal staff
- View Royal Mayor and Council

The project team also encouraged people that may not live in View Royal but work and play in View Royal to participate in the process. This approach recognizes that View Royal is located between many neighbouring municipalities and serves as both a corridor and destination for those that live outside our municipal borders.

ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

The consultation process was designed in alignment with the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum and core values. For more information on IAP2 visit: www.iap2.org

The engagement process for **View Royal 2050** aims to engage at the “consult” level on the IAP2 spectrum of engagement. Council has previously endorsed the use of IAP2 principles, which will guide public engagement through the OCP review and update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMITMENT

The project’s Communications and Engagement Strategy identifies the need to engage with the community across three levels of public participation, including “inform”, “consult”, and “involve”, which follows the IAP2 spectrum of public participation. The project team is committed to ensuring that participants in this process are informed and are heard, and that concerns raised, and feedback received will help inform the review and update process moving forward.

WHAT WE DID: ENGAGEMENT TOUCHPOINT 3

The third engagement touchpoint focused on reviewing the draft vision statement and goals for the Official Community Plan. Using input from the first engagement touchpoint in early 2025, staff developed three draft vision statements and eleven draft goals for the community to consider. During this phase, participants were asked which vision statement they preferred and were invited to provide open-ended feedback on the draft goals. Input was collected through an online survey.

What we heard will be used to confirm and refine the final vision statement and goals.

Engagement Touchpoint 3 Objectives

The objectives of this engagement touchpoint included:

- Providing information that is relevant and easy to understand, particularly about what an OCP is and how it will be used in the future;
- Raising awareness of the project and of opportunities to provide input;
- Sharing the draft vision statements and goals to gather feedback and support; and
- Demonstrating that the project team has listened and incorporated community input gathered during the engagement period.

How We Spread The Word

Multiple methods, both digital and print, were used to inform the community of the OCP update during this engagement touchpoint. A list of all methods are included below:

- View Royal 2050 webpage (engage.viewroyal.ca/view-royal-2050);

- Town's official website (viewroyal.ca);
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky);
- Inside View Royal e-newsletter;
- Engage View Royal subscriber campaigns;
- Posters;
- Project 'business cards'; and
- Stakeholder e-mails.

The following section provides a summary of the outcomes from the tools used to promote this engagement touchpoint.

PROJECT PAGE ON ENGAGE VIEW ROYAL

The View Royal 2050 project webpage was updated on July 18, 2025, to outline changes to the scope and timeline for the OCP Review and Update, and to announce the launch of the third round of engagement.

After the survey closed, the webpage was updated again to thank community members for their participation and to outline the next steps in the OCP update process.

Between July 18, 2025 and September 7, 2025, the webpage received 886 views from 627 visitors. Over the same period, 23 people subscribed to follow the project page, bringing the total number of subscribers to 129.

Since the project launch on January 24, 2025, and the close of the third round of engagement on September 7, 2025, the project webpage has received 3,684 views by 2,102 visitors.

The webpage can be found at: engage.viewroyal.ca/view-royal-2050

TOWN'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE

During this engagement period, the OCP update was prominently featured on the Town's website homepage, viewroyal.ca. A "What's Happening" notice was also sent to subscribers on July 18, 2025, to support ongoing promotion and awareness, providing an update on the scope and timeline for the OCP Review and Update and announcing the launch of the Vision and Goals survey.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Between July 18, 2025, and September 7, 2025, posts were shared on the Town's social media accounts to promote the project and encourage public participation.



11 posts

views: 19,625
reach: 5,435
interactions: 993



11 posts

views: 658
reach: 312
interactions: 49



8 posts

likes: 4
shares: 0
comments: 0



Sample Social Media Post

INSIDE VIEW ROYAL E-NEWSLETTER

The July and August 2025 editions of Inside View Royal, the Town's monthly e newsletter, included an article about the third round of engagement that encouraged community members to take part in the survey. The July edition also share changes to the scope and timeline of the OCP Review and Update.

POSTERS

Posters with information about the second engagement touchpoint and a QR code linking to the website were created and posted at community boards, parks, and bus stops throughout View Royal. Members of Council and the Town's OCP Review Advisory Committee also received the Vision and Goals engagement poster to circulate in the community.



STAKEHOLDER EMAILS

During this engagement touchpoint, an email was sent to approximately 250 stakeholders with information about the third phase of engagement and the opportunities to participate. The project team also contacted school administrators at View Royal Elementary, Eagle View Elementary, and Shoreline Middle School to request their support in sharing details about the survey with caregivers and staff.

WHAT WE HEARD: ENGAGEMENT TOUCHPOINT 3

Vision Survey

The Vision survey was launched on July 18, 2025. The survey focused on the review of three draft vision statements, and 11 draft goals. Respondents were asked to provide comments on each vision statement and select their preferred option. Respondents were also asked to provide comments and feedback on the 11 draft goals. The survey aimed to provide much needed information to inform the update to the Official Community Plan's vision statement and goals. Updating these ensures the community, Council, and staff have the required high-level direction and understanding of how the community wishes to evolve in the future. The Vision survey built on the previous Vision and Guiding Principles survey, conducted from January 24 to February 18, 2025.

In total, 85 survey responses were received.

In review of the comments received, the project team has redacted comments that threaten, intimidate, or may cause humiliation, which is in accordance with WorkSafeBC Regulations. The employer has a duty to take steps to prevent or minimize comments towards a work that would cause that work to be humiliated or intimidated.

Also, according to the Town of View Royal's Workplace Bullying & Harassment Policy #2600-037:

3.0 Employees may be subjected to workplace bullying and harassment by outside parties. In those circumstances the Town of View Royal acknowledges its responsibility to support and assist employees subjected to such harassment.

4.0 The Workplace Bullying and Harassment Policy is not meant to stop free speech or to interfere with everyday interactions.

Draft Vision Statements

The existing vision statement in the 2011 OCP is approximately one page in length and was identified as a section of the OCP that could be made more concise and clear. Three draft vision statements were prepared based on the feedback gathered through the *Vision and Guiding Principles survey* and direction from Council.

The draft vision statements presented to the community are as follows:

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| Option 1 | <i>View Royal is continuously thriving as a community to live, work, and play, that is identified by its distinct characterful neighbourhoods that are accessible to all. The</i> |
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| | <i>community is known for its pristine green spaces and is recognized as a local leader in climate action.</i> |
| Option 2 | <i>View Royal is continuously evolving as a community for all that live, work, and play here. Green space, amenities, and services are accessible to all, and are in close proximity to each neighbourhood. Thoughtful stewardship and climate action protect our natural environment for future generations. The Town offers a diverse and affordable range of housing options and economic development opportunities, while maintaining neighbourhood charm.</i> |
| Option 3 | <i>View Royal, located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the lək' wənən speaking peoples, is a flourishing community. View Royal continuously strives to have coastal and forested landscapes, commercial services, and recreational amenities within walking, rolling, cycling, driving distance, or public transit from each neighbourhood. Through thoughtful environmental stewardship and forward-thinking climate action, natural amenities are preserved for current and future generations. While retaining its charm, the Town provides diverse and affordable housing types and economic development opportunities, which enhance the overall community wellbeing. As a gateway community in the Greater Victoria region, living in View Royal is accessible and attractive for all.</i> |

Draft Vision Goals

Eleven draft goals were developed based on feedback from the *Vision and Guiding Principles Survey*. The draft goals are listed below.

Mobility & Connectivity

Goal: Provide a variety of transportation options within a well-connected network to support mobilizing all ages and abilities.

While private vehicles are still the primary method of travel, the Town continues to strive towards the creation of an improved transportation network. Developing a well-connected regional network will ensure that residents are able to get where they need to go via different modes: walking, cycling, rolling, transit, and vehicular use. The Town will work closely with the Capital Regional District and nearby municipalities to address ongoing traffic challenges and streamline local and regional connections.

Diverse & Affordable Housing

Goal: Provide diverse, attainable, and affordable housing types for all residents.

Encouraging the development of a wide range of market and non-market housing options will ensure existing and future residents can continue to call the Town home. Emphasis will be placed on housing that supports aging-in-place, multi-generational households, and the creation of more rental and home ownership opportunities. Where possible, these options will be within close proximity to everyday services and amenities.

Growth Management & Community Character Preservation

Goal: Maintain the unique character of each neighbourhood as they grow.

As a desirable community to live in, View Royal must balance opportunities for growth and the need

for infrastructure services while preserving the existing charm and character of the Town's neighbourhoods and natural amenities. The Town recognizes these attributes are highly valued and will maintain them for existing and new residents to appreciate.

Preserving & Protecting Natural Amenities

Goal: Preserve, protect, and expand the Town's natural assets and amenities.

Parks, trails, and green space are regularly identified as some of the greatest benefits of living in the Town. Ensuring the coastal and forested landscapes are preserved and protected for the enjoyment of current and future generations is a community priority. These efforts will include ensuring a balanced approach to growth and adopting strong climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies.

Community Well-being

Goal: Enhance community well-being by providing safe, inclusive, and accessible spaces, while integrating arts and culture into everyday life.

Community well-being is achieved when every member feels safe, included, and has access to essential services and opportunities. It means embracing diversity and ensuring that all voices are heard and valued, creating a sense of belonging for everyone. Integrating arts and culture enriches our community by celebrating creativity and heritage, fostering a vibrant and dynamic environment that brings people together and enhances the quality of life for all.

Community Safety & Security

Goal: Foster a safe and secure community to live, work, and play that is prepared for emergencies.

Community safety and security is achieved when people feel that their needs and quality of life are a priority. It means working collaboratively to better understand what community safety and security means to View Royal residents and business owners. Preparing and responding to health and climate emergencies, such as pandemics, climate disasters, earthquakes, etc., will strengthen the community over the long-term.

Climate Action & Resilience

Goal: Undertake climate adaptation and mitigation efforts to support the community's resiliency.

As a forested coastal town, View Royal is particularly vulnerable to wildfires, coastal storms, flooding, and sea level rise attributable to the changing climate. In response, the Town is taking initiative to become a low carbon community, reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, and adopt climate adaptation and mitigation strategies to continue maintaining a high quality of life for everyone.

Economic Development

Goal: Identify and incentivize opportunities for mixed-use and non-residential development to support local and regional economic priorities.

Encouraging non-residential growth through development incentivization and policy amendments will support View Royal's economy and further develop employment lands, including the Western Gateway Corridor and Transit-Oriented Development areas. By attracting investment and business

into the Town, this additional economic activity will support local demand for shops, restaurants, and services within walking distance of neighbourhoods and create a vibrant and sustainable community for all.

Reconciliation

Goal: Establish a strong relationship with the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations to collaborate on key priorities and continue to advance the Town's reconciliation efforts.

View Royal is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the ləkʷənən speaking peoples. To support community interest in advancing reconciliation efforts, the Town will continue to build a relationship with the Esquimalt and Songhees' peoples. Emphasis will be placed on facilitating increased collaboration, celebrating values and culture, and fostering partnerships.

Community Input & Governance

Goal: Ensure View Royal community members are meaningfully involved in the advancement of community goals and priorities.

As View Royal grows and evolves, the Town will continue to seek feedback and input from the community. Through good governance, community leaders will steward decision-making processes and ensure they remain transparent.

Regional Partnerships

Goal: Continue to strengthen the Town's relationships with Capital Regional District stakeholders, including member municipalities, on regional matters.

View Royal is a gateway community bordering seven jurisdiction within the Capital Regional District. Maintaining strong relationships with these local governments and First Nation communities is important to ensure alignment on regional priorities, such as the enhancement of regional transportation management and connectivity.

OVERALL THEMES

Respondents were asked to indicate which vision statement they preferred. Of the three options provided, [Option 3 \(42%\)](#) was the most preferred, followed by [Option 2 \(29%\)](#) and [Option 1 \(13%\)](#). Approximately 10% of respondents indicated they did not like any option, and 5% indicated they were not sure how to vote.

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support with the 11 draft goals. Overall, the majority of respondents were supportive of all goals.

- Goal 1 – Mobility & Connectivity:
 - 64% of respondents selected Strong Support and 27% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 5% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 2 – Diverse & Affordable Housing
 - 53% of respondents selected Strong Support and 35% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 10% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 3 – Growth Management & Community Character Preservation

- 40% of respondents selected Strong Support and 38% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 19% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 4 – Preserving & Protecting Natural Amenities
 - 81% of respondents selected Strong Support and 15% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 4% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 5 – Community Well-being
 - 64% of respondents selected Strong Support and 26% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 9% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 6 – Community Safety & Security
 - 87% of respondents selected Strong Support and 11% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 2% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 7 – Climate Action & Resilience
 - 53% of respondents selected Strong Support and 39% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 7% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 8 – Economic Development
 - 45% of respondents selected Strong Support and 43% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 8% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 9 – Reconciliation
 - 51% of respondents selected Strong Support and 32% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 12% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 10 – Community Input & Governance
 - 69% of respondents selected Strong Support and 28% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 4% of respondents selected No Support.
- Goal 11 – Regional Partnerships
 - 56% of respondents selected Strong Support and 36% of respondents selected Some Support, whereas 5% of respondents selected No Support.

WHO PARTICIPATED

- 96% of respondents are residents of View Royal.
- The majority (24%) of respondents live in the Helmcken Neighbourhood.
- The majority of respondents are between the ages of 35 to 39 years old (14%), or the ages of 60 to 64 years old (14%).
- 67% of respondents live in a single detached house
- 84% of respondents own their home
- 28% of respondents are new residents of View Royal within the last 5 years
- The majority of respondents (44%) found out about the Vision Survey through social media

- 54% of respondents said they had completed the Community Growth Survey, 41% said they completed the Vision and Guiding Principles Survey, and 40% of respondents indicated that this was their first time engaging on the View Royal 2050: Our Future View Official Community Plan Review and Update.

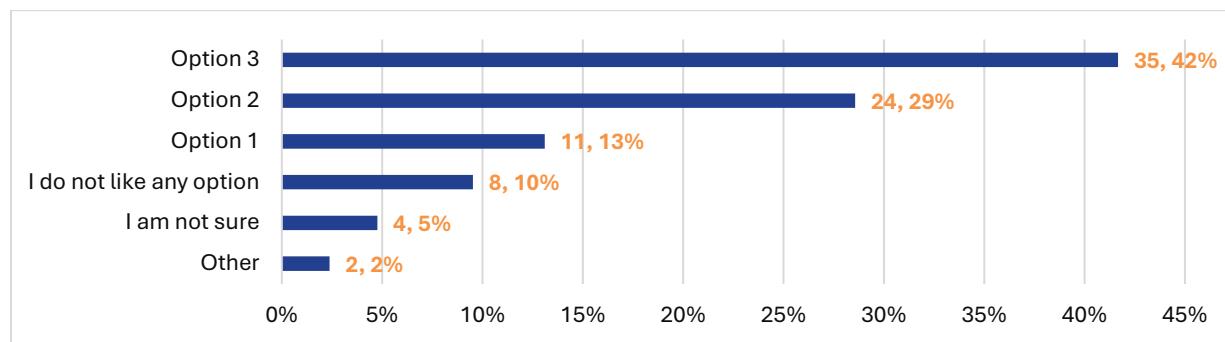
SURVEY RESULTS

The following section summarizes the results for questions 1 to 34 in the Vision survey and includes all verbatim comments. To better understand the comments provided, themes were identified based on the comments provided. These themes are based on review and analysis of common words and phrases in the text. Given the quantity of responses and the large variety, identifying clear themes was more challenging for some questions.

Question 1: Please identify which draft vision statement you prefer (Option 1, 2, and 3)

Findings:

The majority of respondents indicated that they preferred Option 3 (42% support), whereas 29% of respondents indicated that they preferred Option 2, and 13% of respondents indicated that they preferred Option 1.



Other (please specify):

1. Human well being should be emphasized more. View Royal offers superior access to health care facilities, clean air and healthy lifestyle opportunities.
2. Option 1 but with the land acknowledgement

Question 2: Do you have any comments you would like to provide on Draft Vision Statement Option 1?

1. awkward phrasing and we are not known for its pristine green spaces, nor recognized as a leader in climate action. We actually follow. When I mention View Royal, they say "where"?
2. If you want to control climate action you need to control traffic congestion and maybe enforce speed limits and stop building I don't think anyone understands that the more you build the more you contribute to global warming and stop raising taxes seniors can't afford it.
3. no

4. local leaders in climate action? in what regard? adding too many bike lanes that cause traffic jams every morning and after 2pm
5. I do not find anything in your statements that relates to the overall health and wellness of the people in our town. While I think taking care of our environment is extremely important I find it is also important to take care of the health of our citizens. So many do not have a family physician. The elderly do not have an organization that looks after them in their old age. The closest nursing home is the Priory which is very depressing and has four bed rooms! It is time we do something to make this situation better.
6. Doesn't have a land designation.
7. "The characterful neighborhood" line does not flow well
8. Lose the climate action statement and replace with "The municipality strives to be a recognized leader in efficient, low-cost governance, committed to maintaining the smallest possible annual rate of inflation while delivering high-quality services to the community."
9. It seems too simplistic, so we do not choose this.
10. Too sparse.
11. Keep the green spaces. For all 3 options: climate action, green spaces, housing taking into consideration above are all great goals.
12. Should be shorter and more concise
13. 1 is simple and elegant but 2 is best
14. not quite sure how View Royal sees itself as leader in climate change Again it the
15. Saying you are recognized as a leader is not something that explains your vision. I wouldn't say that in a vision statement.
16. Add a land acknowledgement
17. I would like to see a land acknowledgement in this statement if chosen.
18. Keep it as short as possible

This option was the shortest so I liked it most however it too is still too long. All are a bit much. It should be short and memorable
19. Every vision statement should include a territorial acknowledgment, and this is not something that people should get to vote on or not. It is our obligation as settlers on this land. Also, vision statement option one is missing that things like green spaces and amenities are accessible to all.
20. The last statement feels false. How are we recognized, by whom? By what metric? We are a small community with a highway splitting it. Letters sent into the void of X isn't climate action.
21. Vision statement should focus on the town as a whole. The statement "that is identified by its distinct characterful neighbourhoods" does not resonate. Many people in the CRD don't even know that the Town of View Royal exists, let alone that there are distinct neighbourhoods within the town.
22. distinct characterful neighbourhoods that are accessible to all.

That's a lie, statement is not inclusive, they're snooty neighborhoods and the "low income" neighborhoods as outlined in a previous VR report.

The gazebo is not accessible to all nor is that neighborhood friendly or inclusive

No access to the gazebo
23. Brevity is good, but in this case too many concessions have been made for it. "Continuously thriving" isn't a vision, it's a hope. While I appreciate the nods to accessibility and green spaces and climate action, the word "characterful" makes me think of Oak Bay's aggressive opposition to implementing repeatedly proven improvements. Also, the mention of our local first nations in option 3 should be in all three options.

24. Option 2's "continuously evolving" is far superior to "continuously thriving" in Option 1.
25. Not sure we are continuously thriving
26. No mention of preserving natural assets. No mention of increasing tree canopy.
NO mention of climate action.
27. The first sentence- is not a sentence and makes no sense. Vision statements should describe the principles and values used to produce the guiding document. This just states random things as they think it relates presently- this document is meant to inform the future.
28. I really don't think it's a local leader in climate action. Why don't we just leave that bit out?
29. The grammar is just ... no. There is no such word as characterful. Ugh.
30. Never heard the word "characterful" before. The whole first sentence is structured awkwardly. My version would read - "View Royal continues to thrive as a Compassionate Community in which to live, work and play. Full of character its distinct neighbourhoods are accessible to all. Noted for its pristine green spaces the community is recognized as a local leader in climate action."
31. Add something about goose trail and ability to access waterway

Question 3: Do you have any comments you would like to provide on Draft Vision Statement Option 2?

1. I feel it best matches a reasonable, pragmatic approach towards a managed growth which still honours, respects and safeguards the values of our sensitive ecosystems and the reason why people want to live here: Charm, ambience, safe, and a sense of belonging.
ACTUALLY, we should add A SAFE COMMUNITY.... Protective services is always highly ranked by its residents, and must be part of our OCP Vision.
2. Appreciate the inclusion of diverse and affordable range of housing options.
3. no
4. no affordable housing. old houses are being demo'd for condos.
5. I like this option as well if it included a territory acknowledgement.
6. We need a health centre similar to that in Colwood. We are ideally located with the Victoria General Hospital right here along with the excess land that is owned by VIHA. A health sciences building could be built on the parking lot land if no other space is found. A nursing home that is up to date and not overcrowded would be nice as well as an organization that makes well visits to seniors living alone. Think about the people who live here and their wellness.
7. Preserving natural green space and forest is deemphasized. Climate action should not be at expense housing and economic development.
8. The vision statement should build on the strengths and address the weaknesses of an organization. We have a strong health hub in View Royal that could be enhanced. A serious weakness is that many of our residents do not have access to a family doctor. Our vision should be to have a family doctor for every citizen.
9. Doesn't have a land designation. This is key for our relationship with our neighbours.
10. All the goodies in this version are hooked into what it feels like is what the town wants: not the current homeowners.
Can we not have green space and stewardship, without making dramatic changes to housing options?
11. I like this one best - it recognizes green spaces, amenities, and services are accessible and the need for stewardship.

12. Keep the green spaces - economic development means loss of green spaces. People will continue to work outside of View Royal. Can't expect them to all work here.
13. Should be shorter and more concise
14. Please protect harbour view neighborhood charm
15. again it the thoughtful steward ship and climate action that I question. I see View Royal planting trees along boulevards and new developed areas which is a good start, but they are planting tree's that probably won't survive the future droughts. It's been documented that we should be looking at plantings in northern California for ideal plantings, this does not include Dogwoods.
16. This is my preferred statement. But I would include something on how you want to attract and grow economic development.
17. I would like to see a land acknowledgement in this statement if chosen.
18. Toooooooo loooooooong
19. This would have been my first choice except that option three has a territorial acknowledgement.
20. Revise final clause.
"-and economic development opportunities, supported by established and growing neighbourhoods."
21. The statement: while maintaining neighbourhood charm, could be removed. It sounds like a NIMBY statement that would be used to prevent any change in the town.
22. I like "continuously evolving" much more than "continuously thriving". I would have chosen this option if it had mentioned the first nations.
23. Option 2 is the "good enough" option for those who don't want to engage with the subject of reconciliation — but as we are neighbors to two reserves, "good enough" in this way feels a lot like a pointed snub.
24. Proportionally we don't work in our neighborhood
25. This is the best balance between the options.
26. I hope the "thoughtful Stewardship" will be spelled out in fine detail
27. Again states things that are an opinion on the present, not fact, and not a vision. The wording need to be adjusted to paint the picture ie- Building inclusive neighbourhoods that provide sustainable economic development, diverse housing options, increased local recreation and natural area access, alternative transportation modes, that supports unique neighbourhood character, and builds strong and engaged communities.
28. Same as one just has more jargon
29. This is both descriptive and aspirational. Grammar checks out. Reasonable length. Covers the bases.
30. Last sentence would sound better if structured differently - "While maintaining neighbourhood charm, the Town of View Royal offers a diverse and affordable range of housing options."

Question 4: Do you have any comments you would like to provide on Draft Vision Statement Option 3?

1. WAY WAY too long! Just say "active transportation". "Gateway" is another word for "bottleneck". Accessible, but not as accessible as other CRD municipalities ... we need to raise the bar. No need to preface with traditional territories... ALL of the CRD is that! This vision

is trying to be all things to all people, with a known fact that we dont have the budget to do it all! A costly apple pie.

2. I like this option because it include the important land acknowledgement.
3. I like the acknowledgement in this option, as well as the stress on inclusiveness
4. The acknowledgement of living on ancestral indigenous lands is imperative. The rest of the text is the most comprehensive of the 3 options.
5. Include tree canopy. Eg While retaining its charm and urban canopy, The Town ..
6. Would like to add something about View Royal's tree canopy:
While retaining its charm amidst its verdant urban tree canopy, the Town provides diverse and affordable housing types
7. no
8. land acknowledgments are non inclusive to the majority of people actually living in view royal. this last one screams woke liberal.
9. Please include the Town's Tree Canopy : "While retaining its charm AND TREE CANOPY, the Town provides...
10. It is very general and not easily defined. I don't really see the new apartments as being affordable. They are merely new. The ones on Helmeken and Burnside look like a rabbit warren and would be soul destroying to live in.
11. This is good but wordy.
12. #3 This of course sounds like the one we are baited to choose.
While providing "diverse and affordable housing types" we are also destroying the current charms and culture of our neighborhoods
—those that have evolved slowly, over years.
Now we will be forced into extreme densification, clogging of streets with vehicles, and trampling the parks with our dogs and and general overuse— of everything. Each new home build will become 4 or 6 builds on a single foot print—a private yard and room for kids and pets to play will become a tiny patch of the past, and close beside yet another neighbour. We will hear each other's arguments from proximity, and our trees will be replaced with buildings and tiny gardens. Watch what you agree to and ask for people.
A number of affordable supported community towers in a designated area would be great affordable starter homes—instead of tearing up life as we know it in all of our traditional communities, and under the guise of this Utopian D(r)raft Vision.
13. Remove the land acknowledgement -- this belongs with the BC Treaty Commission, not in our town's vision statement.
And why does living in View Royal need to be accessible and attractive to all?
14. Can't retain charm/green space with new housing and economic development - though it would be an "ideal" situation. I see how development is getting higher, native tall trees (as well as non-native) are being lost and its all going to be the same maple? species everywhere and more concrete.
15. Should be shorter and more concise
16. 3 is too woke
17. Option 3 is inclusive to all.
18. I do not think land acknowledges need to be included in the vision statement. View royal should be about more than the climate and natural amenities. Have more focus on economic development and job creation.
19. Waaaaayyyy tooooooo looong. I think I fell asleep reading this.

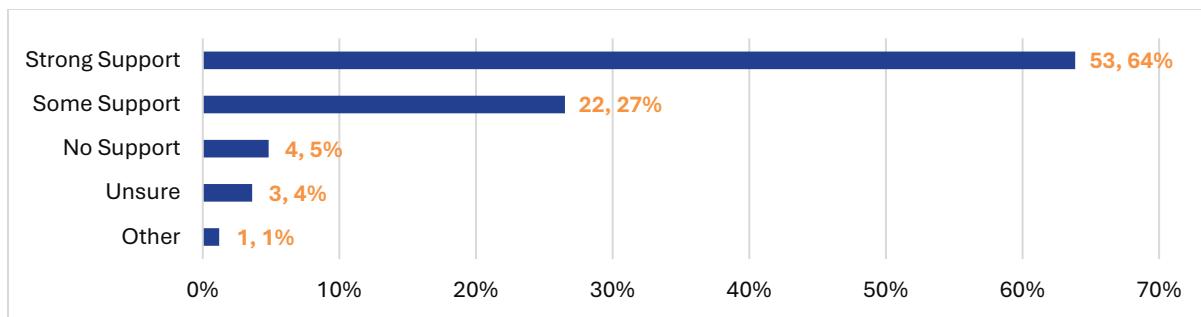
20. Option two is my first choice, except that it's missing a territorial acknowledgement. Again, this should exist in every vision statement. I don't think you need to say what is enhancing the overall community well-being, if we're preserving nature, providing economic opportunities, supporting people with alternative transportation then that is well-being.
21. Hand over the land or stop with the empty acknowledgements. Engage with the nations that once lived on this land. Coordinate your long term planning. There is a shameful level of damage to the coast and near sea lands of this town, the runoff poisons ancient shellfill beds, and the people cannot engage more than to swim or sail on the waters.
22. Territorial acknowledgement is good and could be added to all vision statement options. This statement is too long overall. This part resonates best "the Town provides diverse and affordable housing types and economic development opportunities, which enhance the overall community wellbeing. As a gateway community in the Greater Victoria region, living in View Royal is accessible and attractive for all."
23. No reference made under future for the tree canopy study underway
24. While I'll admit that this is a bit wordy, I do like having things called out so clearly.
25. A bit long, but it's forward facing in a way that can inspire. It gets my vote.
26. Sums up our community now. No real town center - but not sure that it is critical for a small municipality
27. I am not keen on more development opportunities.
28. Far- to - long and says nothing.
29. Do we really need land acknowledgement and this thing? Either give the land back or shut up
30. Nope, too many buzzwords, too much word salad. This one is trying too hard.
31. My version - "View Royal, located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the (Ilekongwen) speaking peoples is a flourishing, caring and compassionate community. Through thoughtful environmental stewardship and forward thinking climate action the Town strives to preserve coastal and forested landscapes for current and future generations. Natural and recreational amenities as well as commercial services are accessible for all. While retaining its charm the Town provides diverse and affordable housing choices as well as economic development opportunities. View Royal is more than a gateway community - it is the "hub" of the Greater Victoria "wheel"."
32. Over the top

Question 5: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Mobility & Connectivity Goal: Provide a variety of transportation options within a well-connected network to support mobilizing all ages and abilities.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (64%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Mobility and Connectivity Goal, whereas 5% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 91% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Other (please specify):

1. All of the goals are worthy, but the number one goal should.... See in following box

Question 6: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Mobility & Connectivity (Goal 1)

1. “well-connected, well designed, safe network to support mobilizing all ages and abilities. “ This means bus shelters, addressing accessibility issues for the disadvantaged, providing walking lanes as well as bike lanes on regional trails, enforcing safe speeds on motorized bikes, scooters
2. Carbon neutral mobility options should be prioritized
3. Safe transportation
Eg Admirals road needs bike lanes on both sides; Helmcken/TCH bridge needs better bike lane markings only and Helmcken at Centennial park needs better traffic circle safety for cyclists.
4. We need safer transportation routes: ie bike lanes on both sides of Admirals, better bike lane markings on the Helmcken/TCH bridge, we need a better traffic circle at Centennial Park for better safety for cyclists.
5. no
6. NO MORE BIKE LANES!
7. Safety is paramount. Examples include Admirals Road needing bike lanes on both sides; the Helmcken/TCH bridge needs better bike lane markings; and Helmcken at Centennial Park needs better traffic circle safety for cyclists.
8. There are no busses on my street on the weekend – only Monday through Friday. How is that useful? I guess the buses are just for school children and people who work. What about shopping and appointments on the weekend?
9. Not clear. Does this mean better bus routes, bike lanes and public transport or does it mean more roads for more cars.
10. All of the goals are worthy, but the number one goal should be to have accessible health care for every resident, so they need a family doctor or other type of link to access needed health care.
11. We have already done a great job of this in VR
12. NEED increased bus service in area
13. No, just please do it with common sense and some affordable ideologies.

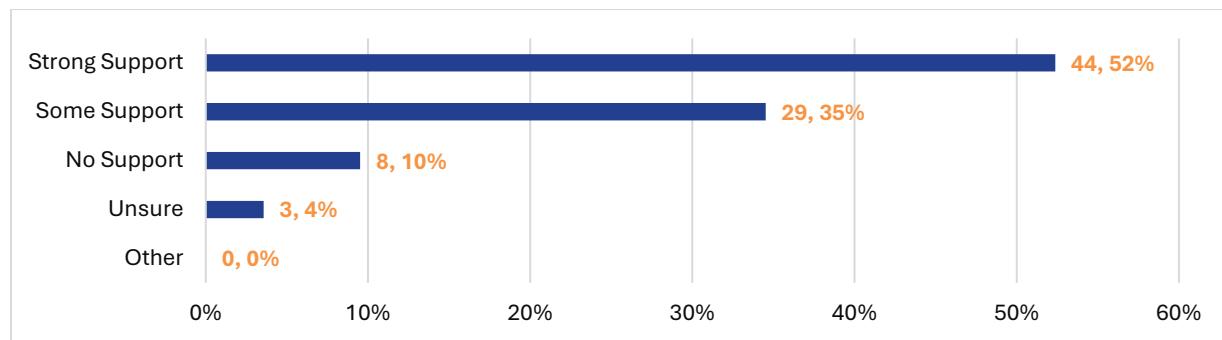
14. Do more to increase uptake of non-traditional vehicles: e.g. allow electric scooters on buses, allow golf carts on slower streets, have a path that connects WSPR to the Galloping Goose trail, etc.
15. while a nice goal – does it mean paving over current green areas? Plus making flat. Both ruin character and greenness.
16. You might want to temper this somehow as I am not sure how this will be possible given increasing traffic. And it is a concern that people will be sceptical of all of the goals if they think the very first one is not doable.
17. Protect our schools and daycares with traffic calming
18. goal 1 works for all the people who live here.
19. You need to improve traffic flow, not eliminate lanes.
20. Use the railway for light transit
21. I think this is a great goal, hopefully we can work towards sidewalks to make walking in our neighbourhoods safer
22. Provide future goals to increase mobility through future bike trails
23. Support infrastructure around existing paths of travel, such as water stations, toilets, maps, and bike lockers. Don't depend entirely on E&N or Goose pit stops maintained by the CRD or others. Bins along the main roads that are clearly sorted and maintained. Repair stations at reasonable intervals, in partnership with new developments along the Burnside corridor, Helmcken, Admirals, and ECV.
24. Galloping goose is not a safe mobility option for all nor inclusive for all , the e bikes travel too fast and are reckless , also weekend road warriors , too fast , not an inclusive nor safe space for all
25. Yes please, this is a good goal. (Let's get some progress on fixing Admirals Hallowell to Craigflower, please!)
26. Connect local roads to highways keeping cars out of the community.
27. This goal requires a lot of collab with transit, adjoining munis & CRD planners. But it's absolutely critical if we want to even marginally increase density without also making traffic worse.
28. I would like to see all new planning include access for many modes of travel but inclusive of making sure roads are also built and upgraded to deal with the increase in traffic from the large increase in population in the westshore. Vehicle traffic should be as important as other modes of transport.
29. Integration of the network with the transit system and the school system.
30. Need more protected bike lanes but not two way bikeways.
31. I like the goal, but would like to see option include things other than just bikes. Such as programs like Langford evo, or rail support.
32. Yes, this includes cars too. Let's not have all the Looney policies that other areas seem to have with bike lanes, et cetera.

Question 7: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Diverse & Affordable Housing Goal: Provide diverse, attainable, and affordable housing types for all residents.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (52%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Diverse & Affordable Housing Goal, whereas 10% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 87% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Question 8: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Diverse & Affordable Housing (Goal 2)

1. add "affordable, safe, energy efficient and innovative" Safe so the secondary suites are not fire traps, counterfeit lithium batteries won't burn the place down, the high rises have two fire exits,
2. New multi-unit residential building permits should all include a reasonable % of low cost rentals
3. I don't think there is any affordable housing with increased cost to buy anything, insurance rates keep rising property taxes keep rising.
4. Include sustainable, below market, co-op and supportive housing.
5. Include sustainable, below market, co-op and supportive housing.
6. no
7. affordable housing keeps going to those who have just secured their visas or are new residents to canada. not helping the actual locals who need the help. PLUS, getting rid of trailer parks where there are people on low fixed income and pensions is not the solution either.
8. Include sustainable, below-market, co-op and supportive housing.
9. The new housing being built is very depressing. The buildings are too close to each other and only offer a view of other buildings. How is that in keeping with the idea of View Royal being such a green community?
10. View Royal needs to find ways to create housing on already developed land rather than cutting down more forest.
11. We have a good mix and need to increase our tax base, not add rental buildings or CRD housing
12. More densification needed, too many million dollar detached homes
13. Diverse is fine, but put them together in a community area, not all jumbled up and spoiling all communities with tree removal, towers or 6-plexes on a lot, right next to single family homes.
14. Yes there should be a variety of housing types, but increasing affordable housing at the detriment of community character should not be our goal. And wi

15. Nice goal - but in order to be "affordable" it means high density blocks - which may not be affordable in the end. Too many people moving here, price of construction = high prices for sure. As throughout the world - a desirable place is an expensive place
16. Green light garden suites this will generate affordable housing
17. Affordable housing is hard to define for lower income people. House hold incomes under \$100,000./year will be out priced in our rental market at the going rate of inflation. How are these people going to continue living on the lower island
18. Good idea but we will need to address the road infrastructure.
Right now It's hard to get in and out of View Royal.
19. Reduce red tape and regulatory burden for developers
20. More 3+ bedroom units for affordable family housing- townhouse with yards preferred
Short term rentals approval for municipality to allow families to build their worth. Also we are a hospital community for the island and should have homes/ suites available for those requiring medical care while at VGH to not have to be in hotel while recovering/receiving treatments
21. I would love to see more "missing middle housing". I live near burnside and helmcken where the new aspire apartments are going up. It would be nice to see more developments similar to those on Avanti place as well to provide a middle option between single detached and condo/apartment style living. I previously lived in Brisband which had a fabulous mix of single detached and complexes with 4-8 units intermingled in neighbourhoods that still left the character of the neighbourhood feeling homely.
22. Diverse and affordable housing if accessibility to transit and non-intrusive in established neighbourhoods
23. Without updating the land use policies past what the current Government has legislated all I see are delayed spot rezonings which dont ensure family homes like townhomes are built.
Why are we not encouraging this on our arterial routes?
24. We need diverse types of Council. I wish this Council would stop with the anti development rhetoric. We need density in the appropriate places such as our major corridors.
25. Unrealistic goal so not worth spending staff resources on this.
And attainable and affordable same thing
26. Mixed classes and categories of building. Stepped frontage with pedestrian level improvements like separated bike lanes, sheltered bus stations, and planting at the roadline. Taller builds, higher density flanking the transit corridor. Break up massings for light and sea views, and fill out aging neighbourhoods around VR Elementary. Start planning now to triple that elementary school. Add childcare zoning (limited speeds, high visibility, playgrounds, schools, daycares, after school care, etc.)
27. Too vague new housing should be spread out in VR , not concentrated ,
28. Ensure builders include affordable housing
29. Not sure what practical steps the municipality can or should take to achieve or support this goal that's within its scope & mandate, but whatever we can do to help improve things is worth trying.
30. Over densification of the old island highway corridor near 4 mile pub is going to strip the area of its charm
31. I would want to make sure that any low barrier housing being considered is placed in appropriate locations near support systems and transportation hubs.
32. We need homes now.

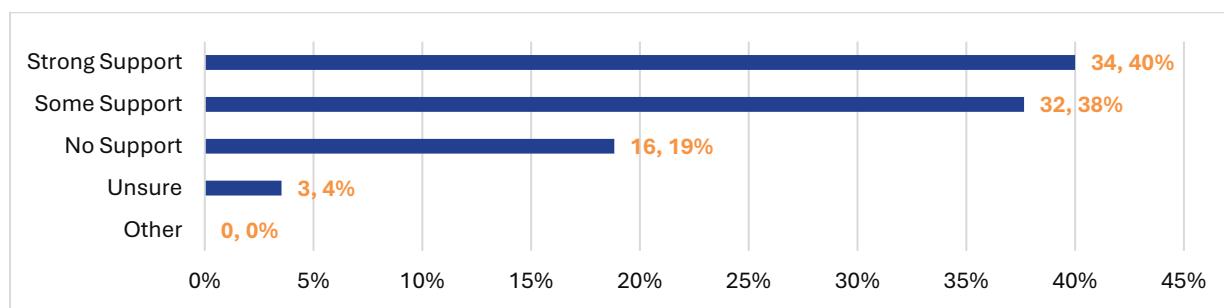
33. The only affordable housing will be government supplied. The market does not do affordable. I would like to see MURBs kept to 6 stories or less.
34. Affordable is the key, would like to see ability to stratify houses, co-ops projects, registered bc housing projects and protection for sites such as fort victoria which provide affordable housing required most.
35. Yes, but let's not have concrete jungles full of high-rises. That just leads to ghetto and Crime.
36. Let's remember that the town doesn't build the housing - we zone and permit it.

Question 9: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Growth Management & Community Character Preservation Goal: Maintain the unique character of each neighbourhood as they grow.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (40%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Growth Management & Community Character Preservation Goal, whereas 19% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 78% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Question 10: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Growth Management & Community Character Preservation (Goal 3)

1. I support this oxymoron. Keep the tree canopy, the spacious backyards, the walk-able streets with green swales, with no sidewalks, curbs or centre lines.... Is this a goal under Bill 44? No.
2. Maintaining unique character seems to be code for resisting change and development. Do not support this goal.
3. Encourage gentle density and VR's small-scale housing
4. Encourage gentle density and VR's plans for small-scale housing
5. no
6. each new build looks the same. Big boring condos with the same cheap siding; no different than the garbage being built at royal bay. Nothing special nor unique and certainly not built with quality in mind
7. Please encourage "gentle" density and small-scale housing

8. I hate that the government says multi unit housing can be inflicted on a neighbourhood without any discussion by the residents who are already invested in living there. I will vote against that government when given a chance.
9. View Royal has a nice charm now and needs to stay this way
10. Shouldn't come at the cost of development. We need housing!
11. Yes. Please do not allow the ruination of neighbourhood with densification.
12. Keep the trees that are there
13. No more condo's along the harbour view neighborhood strip please.
14. I would like to see the neighbour hood keep there charm and future development be in the corridor of Burnside to Colwood
15. Good idea but let's keep the costs at a minimum.
16. Character changes.. instead of focussing on maintaining what is there, let neighbourhoods evolve into what the people want.
17. Properties along island highway should be multifamily and commercial
18. I'm not entirely sure if this is referencing keeping neighbourhoods that are single family staying as single family detached housing areas, or more the visual characteristics?
19. The neighborhoods are ran down in many areas of the town and need reviving. Something that could work if SMUH initial have a cap on square footage that limit family size homes. I believe there will be no uptake with SMUH due to this.
20. Build it, people make the character of a place over time, you cannot control for change.
21. Could the "unique character" of each neighbourhood be written down and defined so that they are understood? If this is not possible, this becomes a goal that would be used by NIMBYs to prevent new development and change, and would go against the first 2 goals listed.
22. There is no character along the Burnside 24ccurre corridor , sounds like you want to maintain snotty neighborhoods by concentrating supportive housing along an already traffic jam packed highway , gross
23. I feel that the desire to "preserve character" is noble, but at the same time, I believe building new character is just as if not more important. In life, everything changes. So too in town planning.
24. Ensure some trees remain in place and keep removing invasive plants.
25. Where "character preservation" becomes a rallying cry against achieving housing goals, I'm against it. Where it can be maintained while also achieving other goals, it's great.
26. I think this needs to be defined in more detail in order to give it proper consideration.
27. Support to an extent but we need to add more density and do things to attract developers
28. People having a place to live and not being crushed under the high cost of living is more important.
29. Almost an impossible goal. Every bit of growth will lead to degradation of character simply due to crowding. We have no more room for more parks or roads, so what we have will get more and more crowded.
30. Neighborhood character must be allowed to evolve and adapt for those who live within it, so they identify, connect, protect and invest in its success. By preventing growth, obstructing anything"non traditional" alienates and exterminates potential. Initial quickest way to kill a community.
31. I chose View Royal to live in in order to have leafy suburbs and nice natural areas. Let's not be in a rush to destroy this.

32. This stinks of NIMBY. Communities evolve – it's what they do. Any actions we take to 'maintain a unique character' is stopping that evolution.

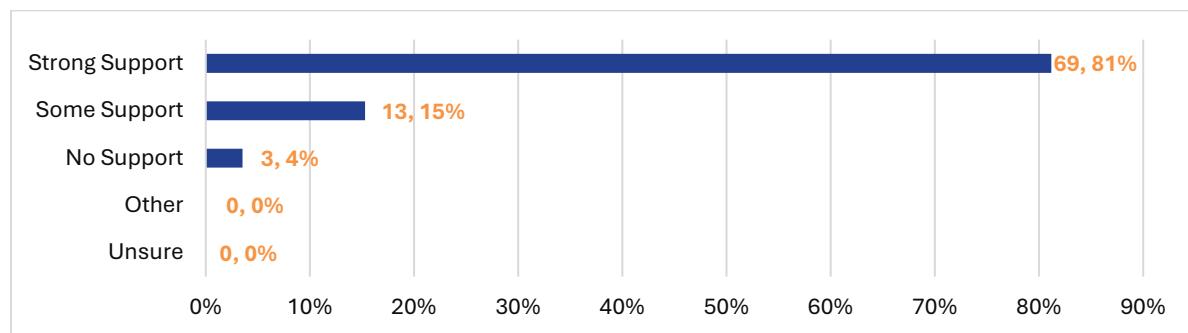
33. Well other the. We are loosing it. Little input after initial.consukt to allow that 25ccurrent development at burnside and helmecken its just gross and does not keep with co.munity plan. Those of us on burnside and helmecken have not been assisted with the gross amount of traffic being unable to leave our roads due to 25ccurre coning from other area. And when they shut down the highway and diveret the traffic up burnside we cant get out or in. This is a q2wk 25ccurrence now adays. Why can traffic be diverted to old island highway one time and burnside the next share the grieg. Better yet fix that yeils from helmecken onto the highway so there and not accidents there daily.

Question 11: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Preserving & Protecting Natural Amenities Goal: Preserve, protect, and expand the Town's natural assets and amenities.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (81%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Preserving & Protecting Natural Amenities Goal, whereas 4% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 96% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Question 12: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Preserving & Protecting Natural Amenities (Goal 4)

1. The title should be " preserving, protecting, expanding natural amenities" Preserve, protect, expand, the town's urban forest, rivers streams, lakes and waterfronts, sensitive ecosystems and wildlife.
2. Tree preservation and planting, as well as canopy measuring and protection should be part of the plan.
3. Stop building that's the only way to preserve Nature
4. Embed a Natural Assets Inventory and a Natural Assets Management Plan in the OCP. Embed an Urban Forest Strategy with a 40% canopy target in the OCP Establish a town arborist or urban forester position within parks to enhance Urban Forest and

green infrastructure outcomes.

Preserve min 40 % permeable surfaces

Establish a new park that protects riparian zones on both sides of Millstream.

Protect 1720 Wilfert Road and its sensitive ecosystems.

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Protect 1720 Wilfert Road and its sensitive ecosystems.

6. no

7. stop allowing single family homes to be demo'd in place of ugly condos and town homes where they clear cut old trees and carve into rock rides and displace the native flora and fauna that had developed on those big old lots.

8. Please embed a Natural Assets Inventory and a Natural Assets Management Plan in the OCP; embed an Urban Forest Strategy with a 40% canopy target in the OCP; establish a Town Arborist or Urban Forester position with Parks to enhance Urban Forest and green infrastructure outcomes; preserve a minimum 40% permeable surfaces; establish a new park that protects riparian zones on both sides of Millstream; protect 1720 Wilfert Road and its sensitive ecosystems.

9. Buy up land to expand our parks when available.

10. Keep our parks nice and expand on these over the years

11. Let's do this: max two homes, duplex style on large lots and smaller duplexes on small lots—not 6 units.

12. Recurring theme for me - keep the trees

13. Every single tree on municipal property has its tree flair buried in deep muck. This is embarrassing to me as someone in the industry. Also your tree bylaw position is contracted out yet double dips by securing the work for their private company while out to view and discuss permits. Huge conflict of interest.

14. Good goal. Preserve and protect our assets.

15. Trees block the view and often encroach on highways and roads.

16. Preserve parks and boulevard canopy's.

17. Be realistic about this though. Do not get into natural asset management- poor use of resources

18. if ny natural amenities were talking about green spaces?? This seems like a no-brainer given the effects of climate change.

19. We have so many neglected waterways and disconnected parks that were once contiguous ecosystems. We could do better understanding that.

20. The town's currently has great natural assets. Expansion of natural assets is not necessary, only expansion of amenities.

21. Preserve the tree canopy and include that study in the ocp

22. Access to nature seems to be baked into the town's character in every neighborhood I've visited. Preserving that access feels critically important.

23. We are lacking here. With development we are losing trees over 50 years old...and little/no follow up to residential builds that don't replace them. Need stricter compliance

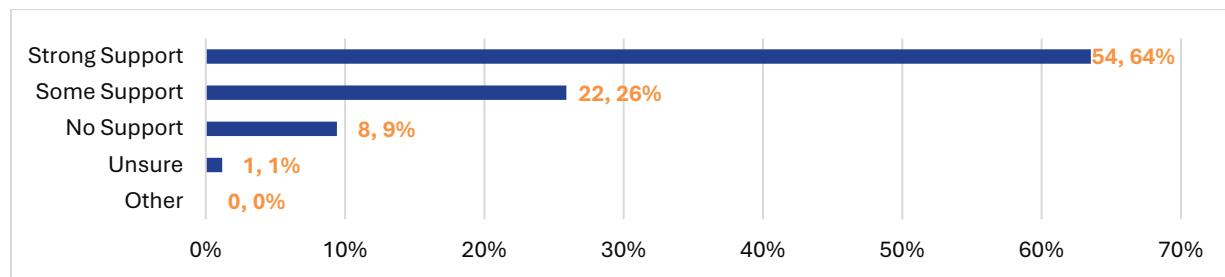
24. Before even a tiny bit more growth we need a complete inventory of our natural assets and a firm commitment to protecting them.
25. Preserve- maybe. Protect and improve- yes. Parks and green space- yes, new large development yes, average property owner- already burdened with ineffective over regulation.
26. I don't really want to expand the town's amenities
27. Obviously, our fantastic natural parks should be preserved
28. Not just parks and greenspaces but also natural stormwater infrastructure.
29. When stairs are put in there needs to be access for bikes along side them so your not having to carry your bike up and down

Question 13: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Community Well-being Goal: Enhance community well-being by providing safe, inclusive, and accessible spaces, while integrating and enhancing heritage arts and culture into everyday life.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (64%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Mobility and Connectivity Goal, whereas 9% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 90% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Question 14: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Community Well-being (Goal 5)

1. While integrating, promoting and protecting heritage, arts and culture
Heritage is far more than just paper archives... its the historic buildings too.
A strategy would be shelter during extreme weather events
2. I feel this is a high priority
3. Continued monitoring and adapting of the bike network should be a priority. A more proactive focus on the arts and artists who live in View Royal would be welcome
4. ,
5. support more local arts and culture events, find and support a venue
6. no
7. too much of this nonsense already. spend the money on more community safety issues like MORE POLICE! the crime rate is crazy out here and the homeless are moving into the area rapidly! just take a walk down the goose or drive down island hwy and youll see a knew tent

or a beggar each day. There has been aggressive homeless coming into mine and my neighbors properties for months now and the cops cant seem to do anything about it.

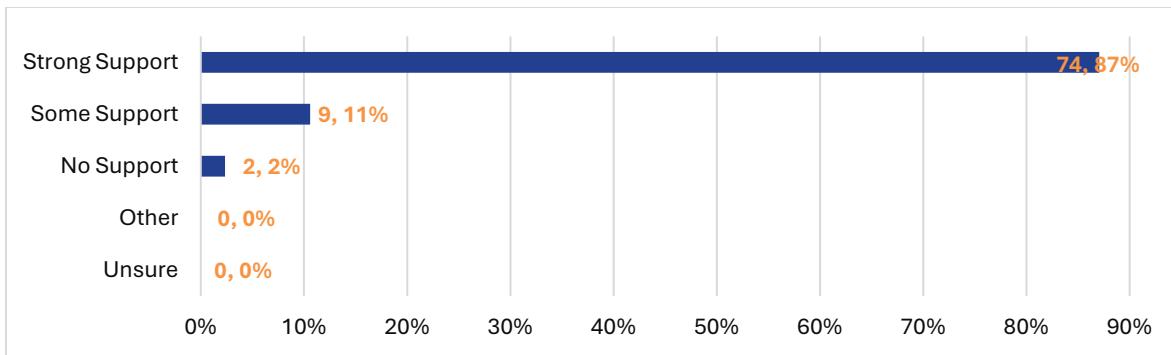
8. Foster a safe and secure community to live, work and play that is prepared for emergencies.
9. no
10. We have already done very well in this area
11. Not at this time, common sense stuff.
12. We don't really have heritage, arts or culture in View Royal right now.
13. Speed bumps and chicanes are needed to keep our children safe outside daycares and elementary schools
14. I understand the need but this is not a priority.
15. Encourage private for profit fitness facilities. Get government out of running everything.
16. I would love to see more options for small-scale commercial hubs, such as little cafes that aren't just in main commercial areas such as eagle creek. I think having smaller little pockets of commercial can really help make a community feel vibrant and connected without feeling too busy or commercial.
17. What heritage, arts and culture is there to integrate and enhance?
18. Please don't have old, white men define what safe spaces look like and feel like. If you engage youth and ask them what safe, inclusive spaces look like, then you can design it, knowing it will meet everyone's needs. We need more Indigenous art, and descriptions of how Indigenous people used these lands.
19. Get rid of the graffiti and landscape fairly throughout vr
20. Maybe a community centre one day!
21. Um ya - this community has no culture or community events - heck zoning prevents anything community based- markets, events, celebrations, festivals, farm stands, Youth entertainment, waterparks etc
22. I would like more details on what you actually mean to do here. I find this rather vague. I certainly don't want the homeless problems that seem to come with downtown VICTORIA.
23. I don't see arts and culture as being an essential part of a municipality's business. There is too much else to do, and not enough money to do it.
24. Green spaces help irradiate that spear grass getting expensive to remove from the vets especially knocken hill. It was sad there was no place to watch the fireworks up in knocken as whole area is roped off thus not allowing access to the space to sit and watch the fireworks(watched from this area for years until this year)

Question 15: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Community Safety & Security Goal: Foster a safe and secure community to live, work and play that is prepared for emergencies.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (87%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Community Safety & Security Goal, whereas 2% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 98% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Question 16: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Community Safety & Security (Goal 6)

1. Agree but a safe and secure community does not JUST "prepare for emergencies". "... that it is built for emergencies, resilient, redundant services, safeguarded for cyber attacks, dam failures, doesn't build on future floodplains with sea level rise or tsunamis, residents are trained, self sufficient,..."
2. This seems to be well managed
3. Traffic is the biggest safety concern drivers are getting more aggressive
4. Need warming shelters and cooling centres during climate emergencies.
Safety includes clean air
5. Need warming shelters and cooling centres during climate emergencies.
Safety includes clean air, we really need to tackle methane pollution.
6. no
7. MORE COPS! MORE JAILS! catch and release is not helping, they always return and are more aggressive the next visit.
8. Establish warming shelters and cooling centres for use during climate emergencies. Safety must include clean air.
9. no
10. Keeping our community safe should be on everyone's mind
11. Let's continue that, Myles.
12. Island highway is a evacuation route but it's only one lane. If it doesn't function during a regular week day surely it will fail during a disaster. Improve the flow of traffic before densifying!
13. lower speed limit signs maybe needed to enforce the safe and secure goal.
14. Increase police present. Pass a bylaw to stop the sale of cannabis within town limits.
15. Keep educating. Fire, flood, earthquake, storm, system failure, logistics failure, and war. We need a plan, and to ensure there are localized responders (volunteer and career) to handle the diverse risks to our community.
16. OCP needs to include funding for new infrastructure, schools, police, fire rescue, not just stupid highrises, remember it's about people not just creating units, provincial government has lost sight and are only focused on the number of units and parking spaces, maybe immigration at fault in 2022,
17. Ensure medical health and addictions have support in the community
18. Seems we have this well in hand now.

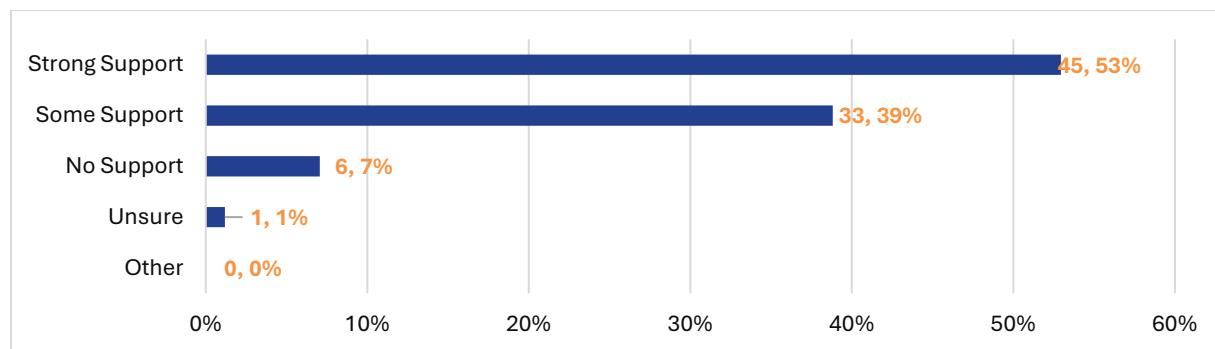
19. Let's not become the raging dumpster fire that downtown Victoria, is.
20. Can we plleeeeeeeease stop using 'live work and play'? "Foster a safe and secure community that is prepared for emergencies." There. Fixed it.
21. Take away any overnight camping have the goose trail covered by police daily to help reduce those who are stealing bikes and setting up chop shops along the trail

Question 17: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Climate Action & Resilience Goal: Undertake climate adaptation and mitigation efforts to support the community's resiliency.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (53%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Climate Action & Resilience Goal, whereas 7% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 92% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Question 18: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Climate Action & Resilience

1. "Efforts" is weak and reactive, "good enough, not great". The goal doesn't reflect the crisis. "Actively adapt to the changing adverse climate conditions with strong mitigation practices and policies that will ensure GHG reduction targets set in 2020 (or whenever that was)"
2. Another high priority
3. Every development decision should be grounded in the best climate action science. Priority to heat pumps, electric cars and tree planting and preservation should be given
4. Again the more you build the harder it is on climate change
5. Require that all buildings over 10,000 square feet file energy and emissions data reports, and work towards decarbonizing and reducing energy consumption. Include all municipal buildings.

Decarbonize all existing buildings.

Support deep energy retrofits and fuel switching.

Update Environmental Development Permit Area Guidelines.

Develop OCP Form & Character Development Permit Areas for housing, to strengthen tree protection bylaws

Make the Sustainability Checklist more meaningful and accountable.

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7. no
8. EV stations are pointless on the island as BC ferries has strict rules on NO damaged EVs allowed on the ferry due to fire risks. They are an environmental and fire hazard to the island and the community. START RECYCLING GLASS AGAIN! why has that stopped when its the easiest material to recycle?!
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10. should use electric vehicles.

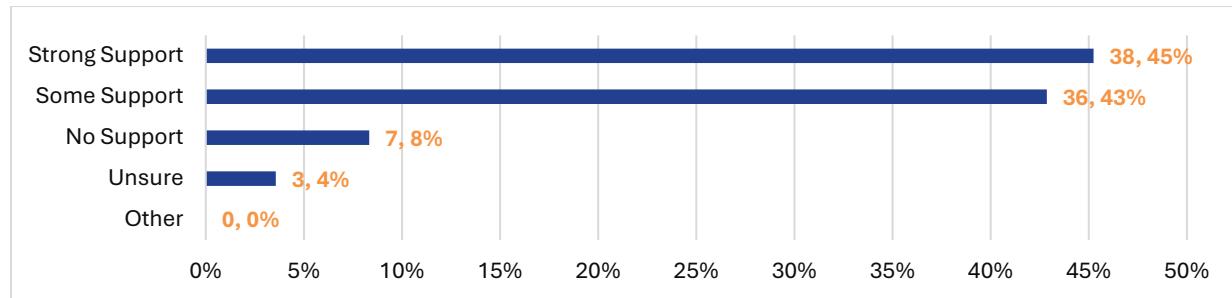
11. Likely the most important thing to focus on because it impacts everything to do with quality of life and sustainability.
12. We have done well here. Can consider some options to improve, but our overall footprint is tiny in the CRD
13. There is way too much focus on climate change and the local government's ability to deal with it. Focus on the issues within VR's control/authority.
14. Health and wellness goals for the people and the land
15. Allow yard waste pickup with garbage pickup. Otherwise EVERYONE in View Royal has to DRIVE to Esquimalt to drop off their yard waste -- which is the exact OPPOSITE of climate adaptation and mitigation.
16. Why is our compost being dumped into the garbage why have two cans ??
17. With a long term plan not just developed by some young engineers fresh out of school.
Climate action will take a team of professionals.
18. Good idea but will be hard to reach.
19. It will cost longer in the long run if we don't do this.
20. Outside my expertise.
21. Fix the traffic jams in Westshore before you expand, quality of life already horrible , every trip planned around traffic
Not fun
22. This can't be driven by political reasons but rather good science while providing residents cost effective choices.
23. Need stronger compliance and not default to changing variances (unless neighbours complain) approach. We are a shoreline community that needs stronger rules/compliance to stop it. There is too much "beg for forgiveness " rules broken
24. Need to work vigorously and fund deeply the getting out of fossil fuels to heat existing buildings. Need to provide facilities for charging EVs for inhabitants of MURBs. Need a plan for Portage Inlet as sea levels rise. Need to go for a 40% tree canopy cover.
25. Meaning? If its just more regulations on people then no. But in favour of protecting wildlife habitats (not just birds, but deer, racoons, bears etc) and responsible development that doesn't remove their homes and allows for safe roaming connections. Require green roofs and spaces, solar panels over commercial surface parking, underground residential parking, etc
26. Let's use some common sense here. Things like insulating houses are good. Things like building a super energy efficient new city hall are not so good. A lot could be done in cutting red tape for getting things done. Stop reducing speed limits and putting in bike lines everywhere. That actually increases greenhouse gas as Car spend more time stuck in cues.
27. This is inherently part of Goal 1, 4, 6. All of our programs should be designed with climate mitigation and adaptation embedded in them - it doesn't need to be a separate goal.
28. More education on how and were view royal people will be given safe travel tok incase of earthquake fire natural disater. Provide community with at cost available earthquake bags for 1 week supply

Question 19: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Economic Development Goal: Identify and incentivize opportunities for mixed-use and non-residential development to support local and regional economic priorities.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (45%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Economic Development Goal, whereas 8% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 88% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Question 20: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Economic Development (Goal 8)

1. support the town's local economy, and regional economic and tourism priorities.
2. I feel this goal needs to state "in collaboration with local residents"
3. no
4. juan de fuca sports facility is not a great place to take your kids to swim as a lot of homeless use the washroom/ shower facilities.
5. Reinstate public advisory committees
6. no
7. We absolutely need to focus on this
8. Moderate development to serve the size of the neighborhoods.
9. Do we have to look like big box store areas? Ugly. Can't we continue to be a suburban community?
10. Densify along the colwood strip. Lets get those car lots out of there.
11. I believe we need to look at our bylaws restricting home base business's. Tourism for example has been economic benefit to Victoria for many years. The restriction of short term rentals gives tourists not many options of places to stay other than hotels down town. When we allow short term rentals in our communities it benefits us all. As long it is in our principal residence I fully support short term rentals. As a tourist in many cities of the world I have stayed in many BnB's.
12. I like the neighborhood as it is but also realize the need for small businesses for economic purposes. We need the money for some of the other goals listed.
13. Ridiculous idea to think this should be placed on EVERY ground floor of EACH new development. Best principle is to locate this specifically where you want it or it'll be vacant and terrible for everyone and then no one will build / develop in View Royal. Unless that is actually the goal of this Council?!

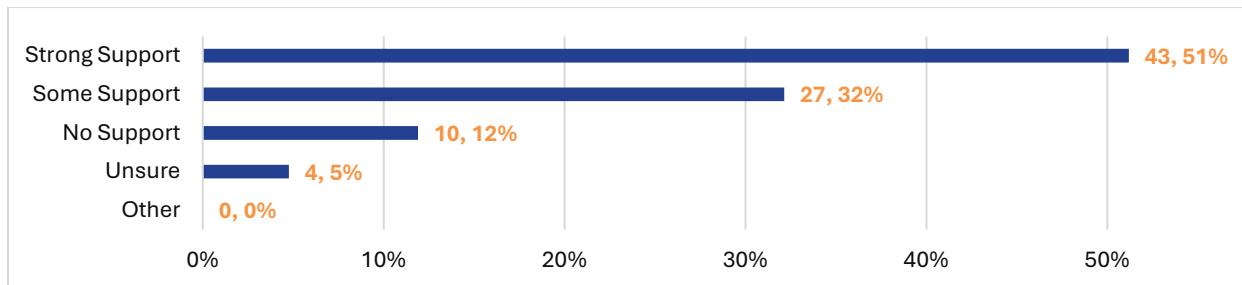
14. We need to provide more opportunities for young people to get a first job and we also need quality jobs that allow people to work in close proximity to where they live.
15. Balance the needs of a community. Flooding the market with fast food anchored empty shells is a poor neighbourhood support. Work with small businesses to develop thoughtful commercial spaces, medical centres, grocers, etc.
16. Why don't you ask people what services they want like medical and groceries, we don't need a bunch of lawyers offices
17. I like that mixed use is called out here. I think there's a lot that can be achieved, housing-wise, by pulling in proven ideas like these from other areas.
18. Businesses have access to parking and transportation options in the community.
19. We need more businesses in all areas of town.
20. Reduce parking requirements, allow for more creative signage, exteriors, business types etc that contribute to building community character and destination areas.
21. I see View Royal as being a residential area, not an industrial area. I would like to see more details of what you mean here.
22. These if us who moved live in view.royal wanted the life style of a more rural area. Please keep that in mind when allowing all this development. Especially along helmecken road.Helmecken road needs to be widened advanced.light turns

Question 21: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Reconciliation Goal: Establish a strong relationship with the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations to collaborate on key priorities and continue to advance the Town's reconciliation efforts.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (51%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Reconciliation Goal, whereas 12% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 83% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Question 22: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Reconciliation (Goal 9)

1. Unless we quantify what this means in terms of political autonomy, protection of our parks and green spaces, maintaining a strong and independent tax base, ensuring today's private land ownership values and principles (ie Richmond), it is too vague and uncertain.
2. Members of the Songhees and Esquimalt. Nations should be part of as many decision-making bodies as possible. The establishment of 'dedicated seats at the table should be considered.

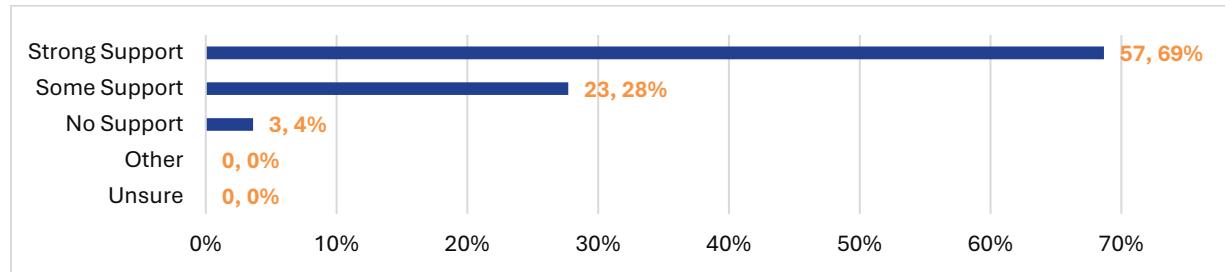
3. Promote and support Indigenous events.
4. no
5. this is not in the best interest of canadians. undrip is not the way forward and I have zero support for these communities.
6. It is vital that View Royal forge more links with the Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations to promote reconciliation and assist them in mutually-beneficial planning in the spirit of helpfulness.
7. This is not the way to move toward reconciliation. It is instead a form of bribery which doesn't have an end. Reconciliation can only come from treating each other as important and necessary to the whole. We need to care about each other as groups of people.
8. We have done an excellent job here already
9. It would depend on the issue and what collaboration looks like.
10. No comment, just fairness rules and for all.
11. Partnership and relationship building -- yes.
Giving away public or private land in the interest of "reconciliation" -- HARD NO.
12. [REDACTED]
13. We are close neighbours so this is a good goal to pursue.
14. Any [REDACTED] who is younger than me has been in the country less time than me. Reconciliation involves treating everyone equally, not differently based on race, which none of us can control.
15. I would love to see more support for this, and wonder if there's opportunity for the town to collaborate with the esquimalt and songhees nations to offer educational workshops. It can be challenging to find appropriate opportunities (I am a white settler) to ask questions to learn more about the past and what we can currently do in our community to foster connectedness and reconciliation.
16. Let the Province deal with this
17. The town of View Royal needs to collaborate with neighbouring municipalities when engaging with local first nations in order to reduce the demand that the nations feel of having multiple municipalities vying for their time and energy and input.
18. Long term planning isn't just growth.
19. Return the e&n rail land back to first nations , stop talking about a train , it will never happen along the irc, move Costco to Saanich , half the traffic will disappear in VR
20. Continue communicating with Songhees Nation even if they don't want too.
21. If we don't make this a part of our town's core culture, we'll be incredibly poor neighbours.
22. Set up a regular, maybe quarterly, meeting with band councils to coordinate and grow friendly relationships.
23. Show the territory on the maps, include the language on signs such as park names, include historical/educational installations at areas of cultural or historical significance, promote events that showcase, promote and educate the indigenous histories within View Royal
24. If it is actually something useful fine, but let's not just be using the usual buzz words and then pretending we're great. I believe the indigenous people really want the same things we do: good jobs, decent homes, safe place to live.
25. Enough.

Question 23: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Community Input & Governance Goal: Ensure View Royal community members are meaningfully involved in the advancement of community goals and priorities.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (69%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Community Input & Governance Goal, whereas 4% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 97% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.



Question 24: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Community Input & Governance (Goal 10)

1. Input must equal output. The town's regression and avoidance of meaningful, involved, PARTICIPATING advisory committees where community members were given the flexibility, respected, trusted, and trained to give Council the benefit of their views and values. The goal is null and void without such.
2. This survey is a good example
3. To an extent yes, but not in the current approach where it seems NIMBYs and those with time dominant the discourse.
4. Tax payers should have more say
5. reinstate public advisory committees
6. We need to engage the community more and bring back more advisory committees.
7. no
8. always community needs a voice to keep the local governments woke agenda from getting too out of hand. Following the NDP is not the way to a better community nor a better canada. So tired of seeing my tax dollars going to useless nonsense instead of addressing real issues like drug addicts in childrens parks and school grounds, homeless using facilities where children are going for swim classes, increasing crime and robberies, violent people on the city buses that the children take to and from school.
9. Reinstate public advisory committees
10. Citizens of view royal should have some say about what happens in their neighbourhoods. Tall buildings and multi unit housing should not be inflicted on a neighbourhood without consultation with the people who live there.
11. This only works when Town Council & Staff actually listen and take feedback under consideration

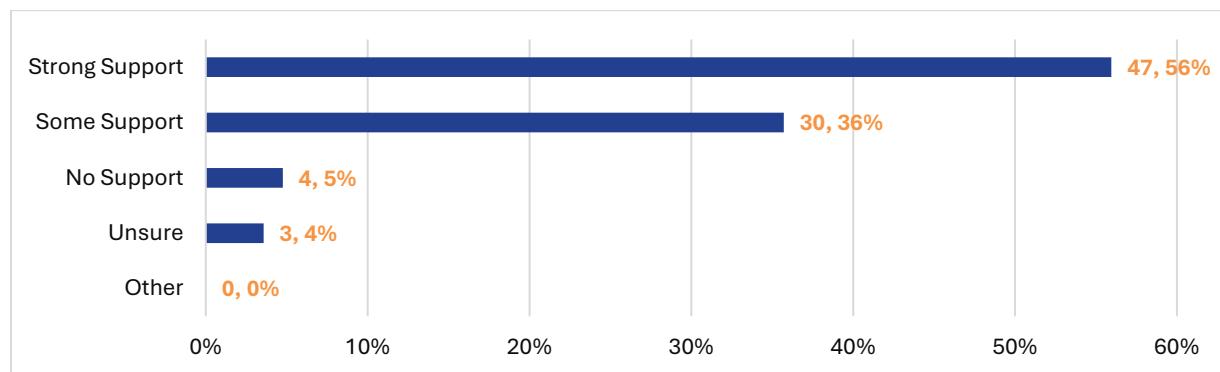
12. Committees including interested citizens with expertise makes sense.
13. Stop enabling small but vocal minorities from dictating the needs of the entire community.
14. Keep us involved. [REDACTED]
15. Community members are the key to these goals and their progress.
16. This platform is sufficient engagement
17. Need to improve feedback/input loop. New ideas for consideration (ie: reducing garbage pickup frequency/privatizing, compliance issues, tax reduction ideas, etc.). These shouldn't have to go to council to get attention.
18. Time we revived our public advisory committees.
19. Community engagement is not lame info session at town hall it's always the same 10 old people. Hold regular engagement at school functions, have community events, movie in the park etc
20. Yes, but let's get everyone's opinions here just not the big mouths who have extreme views.
21. Stop letting developer change our area. They do not give a [REDACTED] Just like how burnside quincy camdon and area are a parking lot of construction workers and no one has pushed bylaw to do their job and remove all these vechiles. Just like when that appartment block opens and they have no were to park.
Also thetis lake why are the vechiles from the surround area allowed to park on the road daily. This should be for park users not a parking lot for people who live and work in the area.

Question 25: Please indicate your support for each goal in how it aligns with your vision of the future.

Regional Partnerships Goal: Continue to strengthen the Town's relationships with Capital Regional District stakeholders, including member municipalities, on regional matters.

Findings:

The majority of respondents (56%) indicated that they strongly support the draft Regional Partnerships Goal, whereas 5% of respondents do not support the draft goal. 92% of all respondents generally support the draft goal.

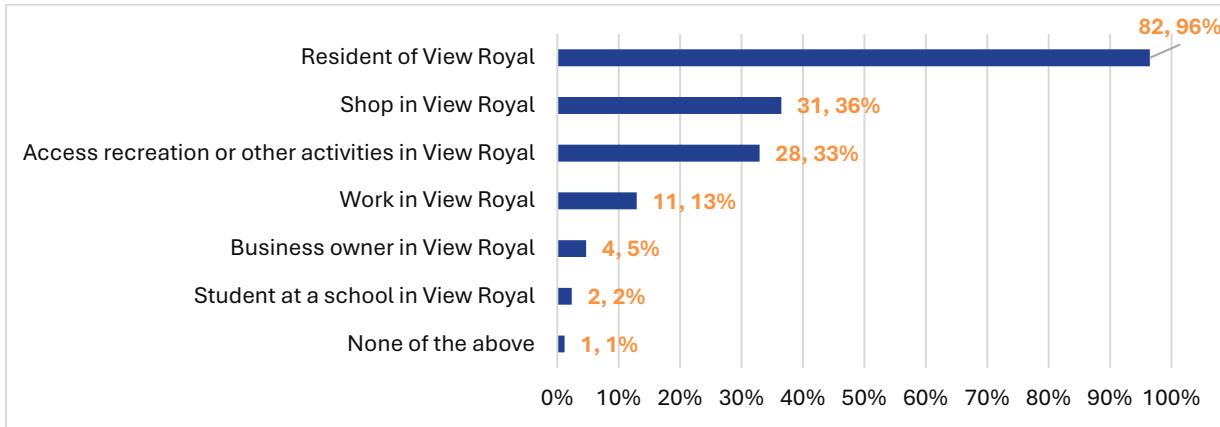


Question 26: Do you have any comments on the draft goal: Regional Partnerships (Goal 11)

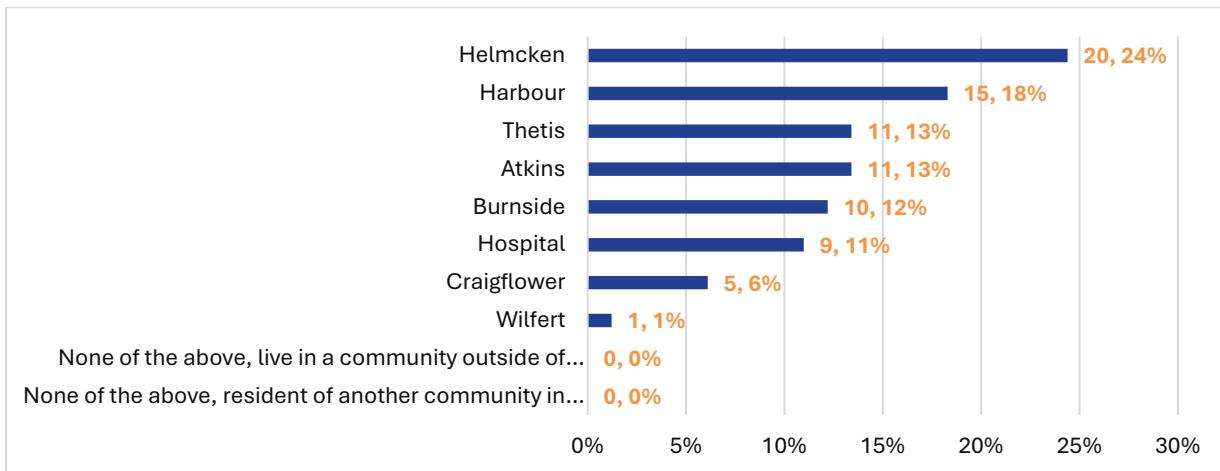
1. Collaborate... where every tax payer pays their share towards the regional infrastructure, resources and amenities to all. Every tax payer is a stakeholder who has an opportunity to represent their municipality on regional boards and commissions.
2. Functional integration of the various Greater Victoria municipalities should be a guiding principle. Revisiting formal municipal integration should be considered.
3. I think we have to many municipalities and should amalgamate
4. Would also like to see a strong focus on water and food security.
5. We need to collaborate on food and water security.
6. no
7. There is really no difference between view royal and victoria anyways and the mandates are all the same. just call view royal victoria now and get it over with.
8. Would like to see a strong focus on water and food security
9. no
10. Strong support specifically towards light rail development between regions
11. This is required, he's.
12. Some collaboration - yes. But since we're tiny, we need to temper our "collaboration" with the hard reality that other agencies across the CRD simply railroad smaller municipalities into doing whatever they want - e.g. BC Transit's Handydart center in View Royal, sewage treatment facility in Esquimalt, etc
13. Bring us our grocery store at helmcken and island highway
14. You can never have too many allies. Regional partnership is important to all.
15. I think all communities should combine into one city. The population of victoria isn't that big, surely one governance body could manage it. Every area isn't as distinct and unique as you think.
16. More partnerships and potential amalgamation and more shared services should be considered.
17. Thetis lake blue green algae needs to be addressed
18. Without regional partnerships, other key goals like transportation, reconciliation and improved housing will be much harder to achieve (or make meaningful progress on).
19. Honestly all matters transportation, recreation facilities, school etc should all be regional as we live in greater victoria and need to stop thinking like a bunch of individual cities . Nothing ever gets done or solved
20. I think further integration with Westshore communities such as Colwood and Langford to reduce costs is a great idea. I'm not really interested in being part of VICTORIA though.
21. I think this is not so much a goal as a way of doing the rest of our business.

Demographic Questions

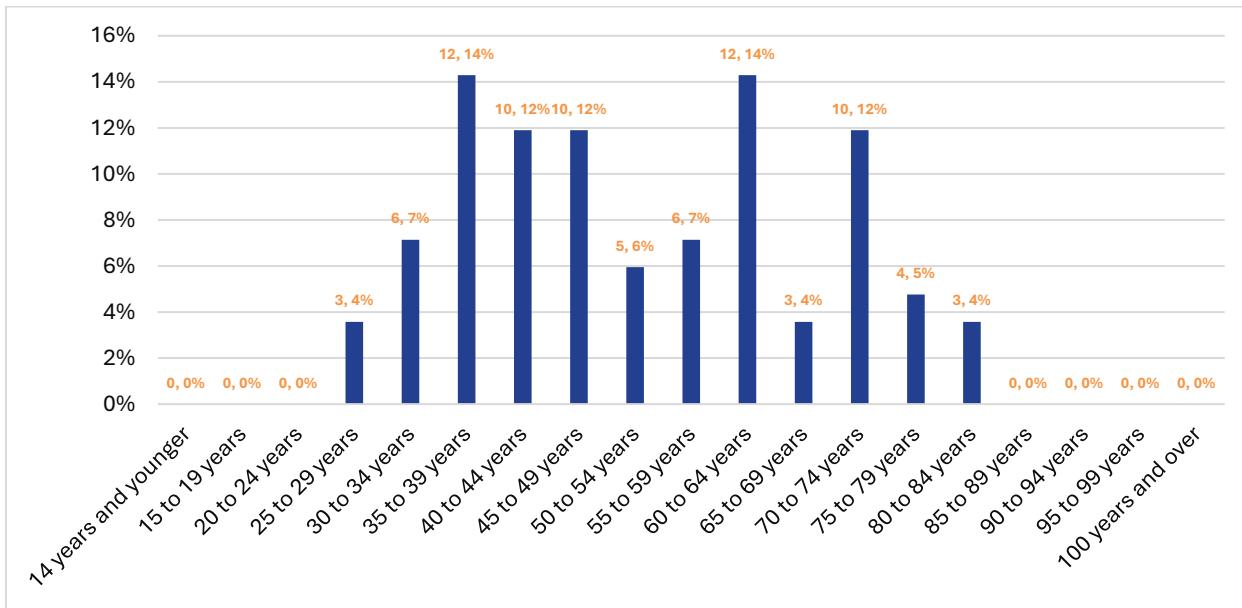
Question 27: What is your relationship with the Town of View Royal:



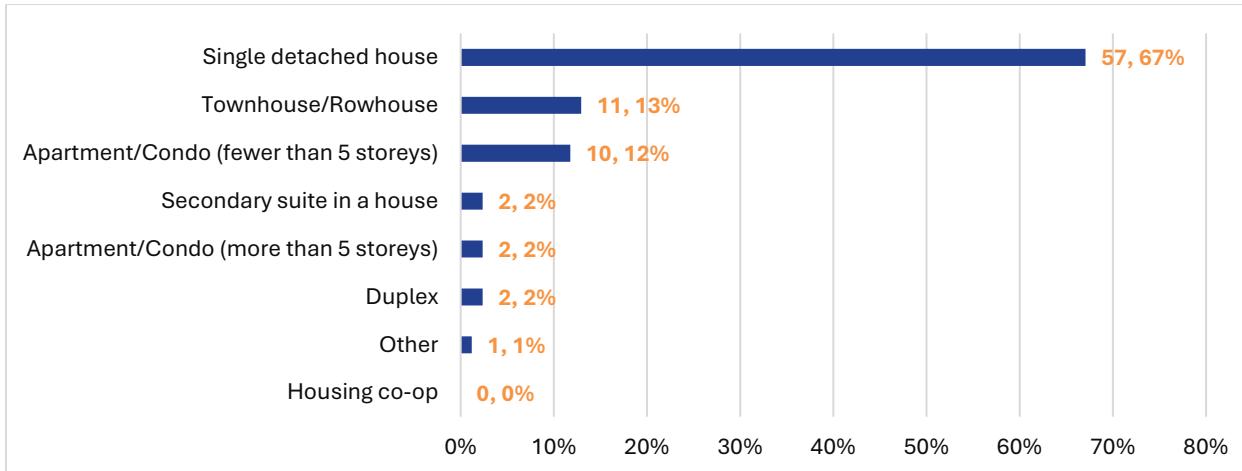
Question 28: What neighbourhood do you live in?



Question 29: Please indicate your age group.



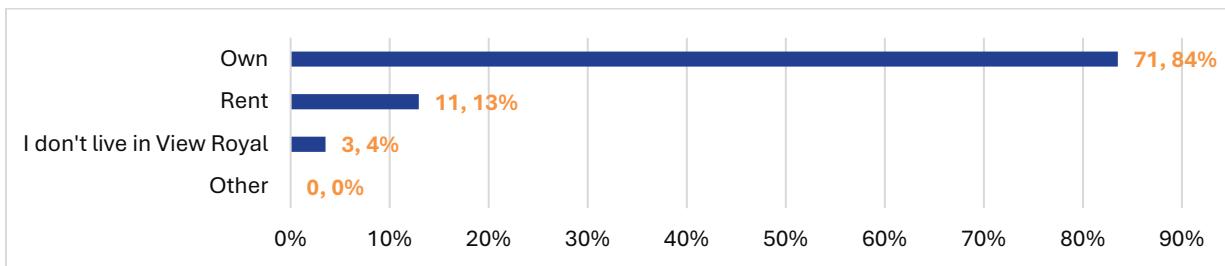
Question 30: What type of housing do you live in?



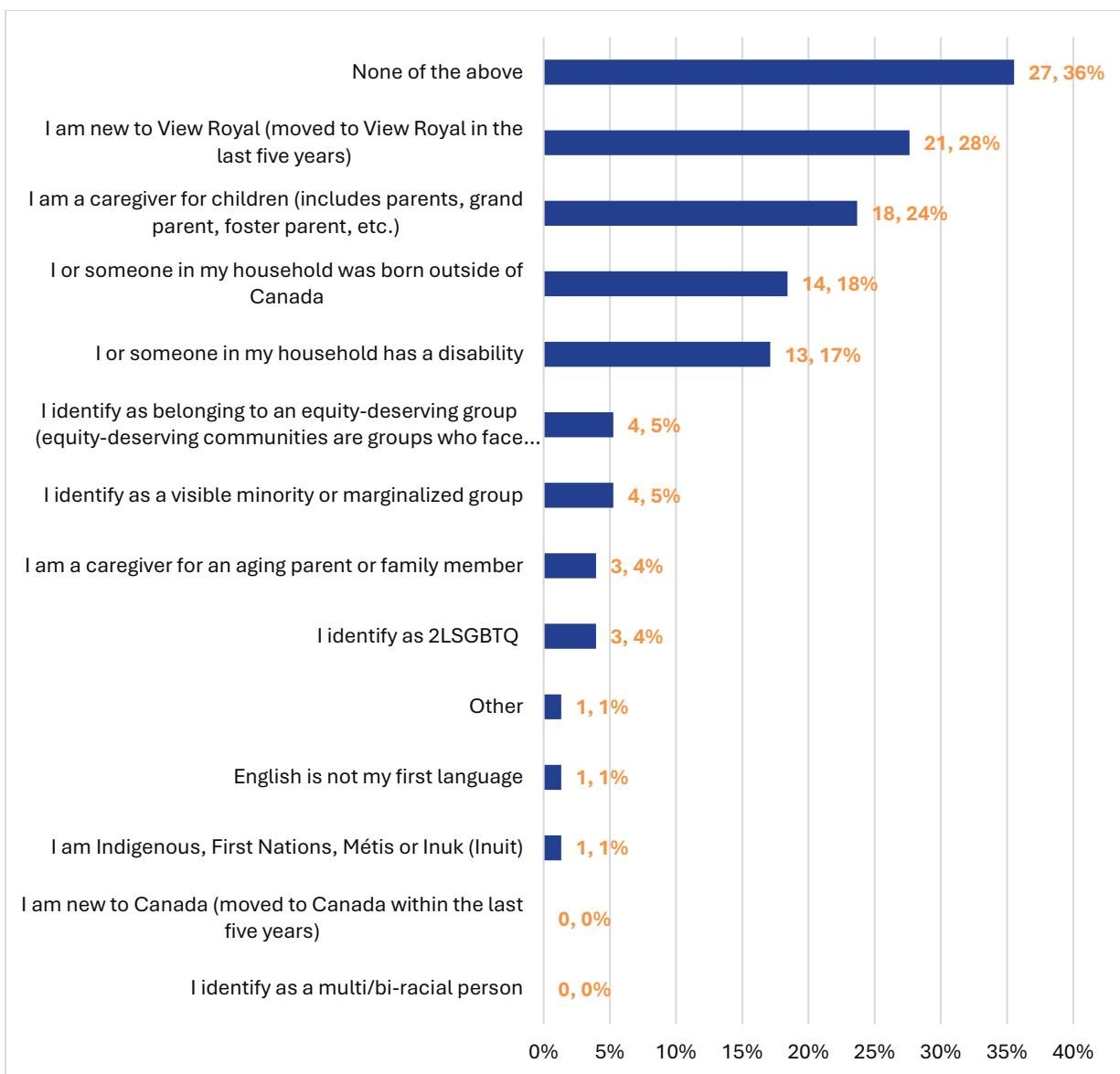
Other (please specify):

- trailer

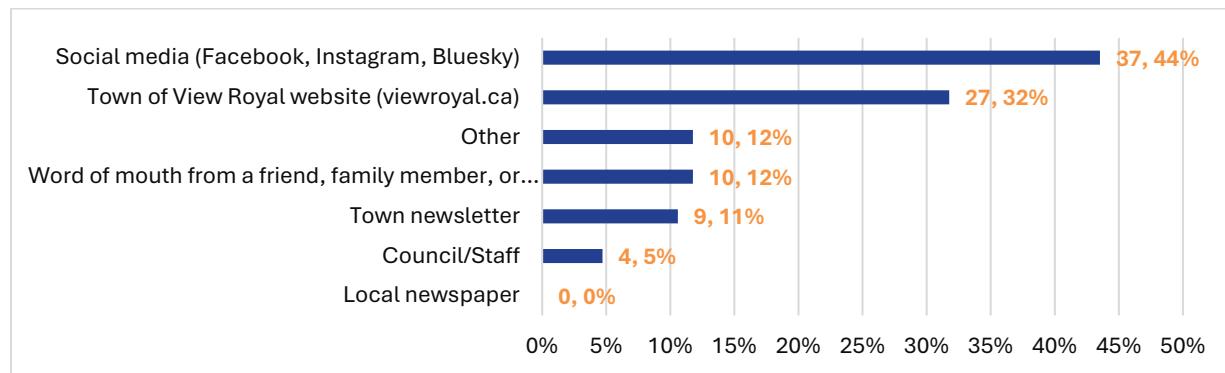
Question 31: If you live in View Royal, does your household own or rent your home?



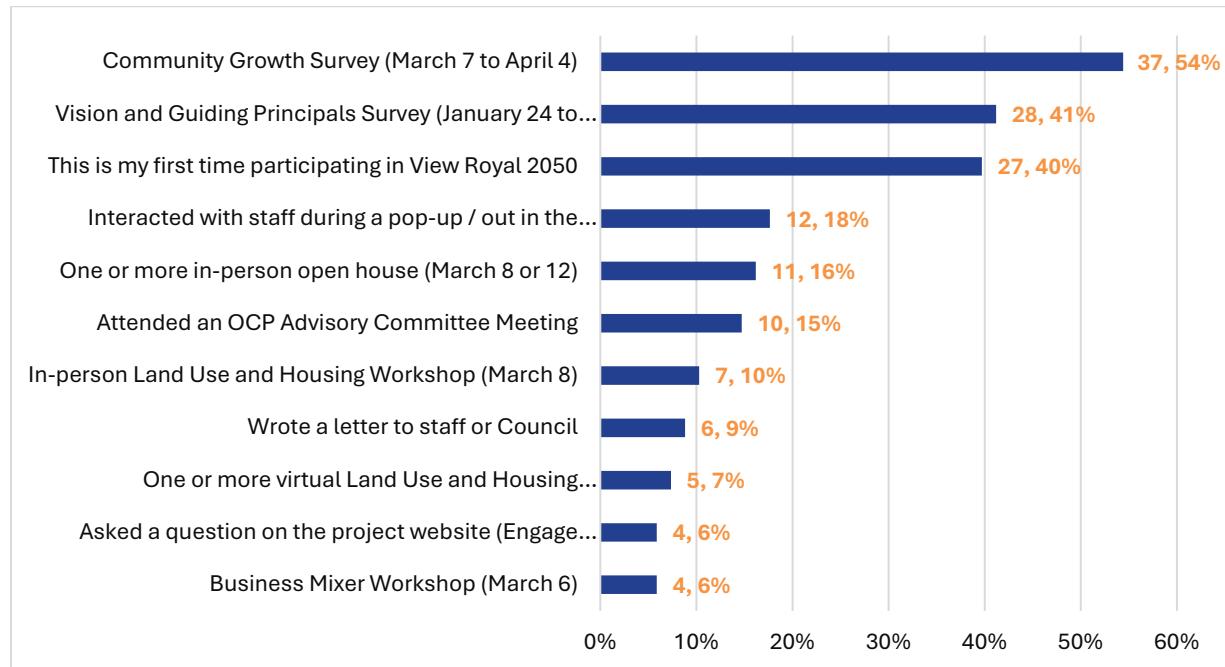
Question 32: Please indicate if you self-identify with any of the groups below.



Question 33: How did you find out about this public engagement process?



Question 34: Have you participated in any previous engagement activities for View Royal 2050?



Next Steps

The input received through this engagement process will inform the first draft of the Official Community Plan. The next step for the project team is to prepare engagement to gather feedback on a preferred land use scenario and vision for the future of the Western Gateway Community Future. This engagement is scheduled between October and November, 2025.