



Planning and Development Committee Report

To: To the Chair and Members of the Planning and Development Committee
From: Brandon Kortleve, Planner, Policy Planning
Date: March 2, 2021
Report: RPT-21-52
Subject: New Official Plan - Phase 2 Engagement Summary
Purpose: For Information

Recommendation

THAT report RPT-21-52 be received as information.

Strategic Priorities

1. Sustainable and Managed Growth
2. Healthy, Safe and Engaged Citizens
3. Effective Communications

Financial Considerations

Completion of the new Official Plan will be undertaken primarily by County staff, including most engagement and consultation, with some initiatives completed by external consultants for the Municipal Comprehensive Review and the facilitation of public engagement events.

Background

Phase 2 of the New Official Plan project has focused on preliminary engagement with the public and with stakeholders to collect feedback on several key topics of interest. These topics are intended to trigger discussions in our community so that we can ensure the best interests of the County of Brant are being incorporated into the Official Plan framework and policies. The topics of interest for this project have provided feedback in the following areas:

- Growth Management
- Building Healthy and Complete Communities
- Economic Development and Prosperity
- How we Green
- Protecting What We Value
- Planning for Infrastructure
- Transportation and Mobility

Throughout this phase of the project, staff have continued to invite the County of Brant community to share their thoughts related to these topics. Several specific opportunities for

education and engagement have been undertaken throughout Phase 2, including the virtual town hall sessions, facilitated workshops, surveys, informative topic videos, monthly emails, published discussion guides, topic summaries and County-wide mail-outs.

The input gathered from these engagement and education activities has been summarized in this report. This information, along with the results of our community and employment land needs analysis, other technical information and research, and the requirements of the Province of Ontario will help inform the policy directions of the new Official Plan. As we culminate this phase of the project, determining the policy directions of the new Official Plan will constitute the next phase, Phase 3, of the new Official Plan project. It is important to note that engagement will continue through each phase of this project, with engagement opportunities for Phase 3 scheduled to begin in April 2021.

Planning staff continue efforts to ensure the new Official Plan is completed within the required timeframe to meet conformity to the *Growth Plan* by July 1, 2022.

Report

Summary of Phase 2 Engagement Initiatives

This section of the report provides an overview of the public and stakeholder involvement during this phase of the New Official Plan project, including the levels of engagement received and performance breakdown for each of the engagement initiatives of this phase.

EngageBrant

With the introduction of the EngageBrant site through ‘Bang the Table’, planning staff have migrated engagement efforts to this new platform. There are a variety of engagement tools available including opportunities for surveys, mapping exercises, and open forum discussions. The platform has seen over 2,400 total visits since its launch in January, with over 220 active participants in a variety of the projects hosted on the site.

The final two topics of Phase 2 (Transportation & Mobility and Planning for Infrastructure) were both released on the EngageBrant platform and have been successful in soliciting resident feedback. *Table 1* below outlines the number of visits these project pages have seen since the launch of the site, as well as a comparison to the averages seen for engagement at a national level across the Bang the Table platform.

Table 1

| | Transportation and Mobility | Planning for Infrastructure | Measures of Success <i>Bang the Table Platform</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Page Visits | 163 Visits (34%) | 194 Visits (34%) | 60% or lower |
| Explored Multiple Pages | 73 Visitors (45%) | 87 Visitors (45%) | 30% or higher |
| Engaged with Surveys | 35 Participants (21%) | 41 Participants (21%) | 10% or higher |

Website Landing Page (www.brant.ca/NewOfficialPlan)

The central hub of information for the New Official Plan project will continue to be the landing webpage at www.brant.ca/NewOfficialPlan. While EngageBrant has become the central platform for engagement opportunities, the website landing page continues to track the progress of the project, providing education opportunities and updates as the new Official Plan project continues. This webpage has seen an average of 100 views per week since it was first published in September 2020. The page has been live for approximately 25 weeks, with approximately 40% of the weekly views being unique visitors who are visiting the page for the first time.

Monthly Project Update Email Circulation List

Planning staff have encouraged those who wish to receive direct updates on the project to subscribe to the email circulations list hosted through the MailChimp platform (www.brant.ca/planningprojects). The list currently contains 165 subscribers, consisting of a variety of residents, business owners, developers, agency staff, Council, County staff and others. The first circulation was sent out in September 2020, prior to the virtual town hall meetings, to 68 total subscribers. The most recent circulation was sent out in advance of this meeting (March Planning and Development Committee) to the list of 165 subscribers.

Topic and Information Videos

A Call-to-Action video focusing on growth management in the County of Brant was released on September 28th, 2020. This video focused on informing the public why the Official Plan is a key component in managing growth and served as the launch of our virtual consultation platform for October 2020. Subsequent videos for each of the topics of interest have been released to accompany the surveys and additional resources. The videos are approximately one minute in length and intend to pose key questions to trigger discussions, as well as direct viewers to the New Official Plan website landing page.

As a measure of success for these videos, the number of views each video has received is shown below in *Table 2*. It is worth noting that the metrics for calculating views differs between platforms. On YouTube, a user must intentionally start the video and watch is on the platform for at least 30 seconds before it is included in the view count. Facebook includes a user in the view count when the video plays for 3 seconds or longer. Twitter uses a 2 second metric that requires at least half of the video to be visible on a user's screen for at least two seconds to be included in the view count.

Table 2

| | YouTube Views | Facebook Views | Twitter Views |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Call-to-Action Video / Growth Management | 275 | 10,600 | 198 |
| Building Healthy and Complete Communities | 53 | 675 | 72 |
| Protecting What We Value | 31 | 960 | 288 |
| How We Green | 67 | 562 | 130 |

| | YouTube Views | Facebook Views | Twitter Views |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Economic Development & Prosperity | 26 | 802 | 146 |
| Transportation & Mobility | 83 | 862 | 80 |
| Planning for Infrastructure | 136 | 427 | 112 |

Surveys

For this phase of the project, seven (7) surveys have been published and open for varying lengths of time between September 28, 2020 and February 21, 2021. When using an average amount of responses per day to determine the popularity of each survey, Building Healthy and Complete Communities, Planning for Infrastructure, and Growth Management were ranked the highest. In total, the surveys collectively received 798 responses. The progress of these surveys is shown below in *Table 3*, outlining the number of responses received at the time of the two prior engagement summary reports and at the time they were closed to respondents.

Table 3

| | November 2020 RPT-20-190 | December 2020 RPT-20-216 | February 2021 RPT-21-52 | Responses per day |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Growth Management | 187 Respondents | 191 Respondents | 209 Respondents | 1.43 |
| Building Healthy and Complete Communities | 221 Respondents | 228 Respondents | 241 Respondents | 1.88 |
| Protecting What We Value | - | 81 Respondents | 96 Respondents | 0.90 |
| How We Green | - | 57 Respondents | 78 Respondents | 0.83 |
| Economic Development and Prosperity | - | - | 82 Respondents | 1.08 |
| Transportation and Mobility | - | - | 37 Respondents | 1.09 |
| Planning for Infrastructure | - | - | 55 Respondents | 1.62 |

Summary of Phase 2 Engagement Findings

A summary of the findings and key trends from the Phase 2 engagement and consultation has been included below. Further to this summary, attachments to this report include the full results of the surveys (*Attachment 1*), including written submissions to several 'essay' format questions (*Attachment 2*). The below summary provides an overview of each of the key topics of interest and the trends, comments and common responses noted for these topics throughout this phase of the project.

Growth Management

- When asked if they would prefer greenfield development, infill/ intensification development, or a mixture of both, younger cohorts were more likely to choose infill and intensification, where older cohorts chose greenfield development, but most respondents noted a preferred a mixture of both.
- Residents of Paris were more likely to favour a mixture of these two development types, whereas residents of St. George expressed interest in both a mixture and an emphasis on greenfield development.
- Half of the respondents wish to see a broad range and mix of housing in new neighbourhoods, whereas developments with similar or relatively similar housing types were favoured by 30% and 20% of respondents, respectively.
- No respondents from Burford chose mixed-use residential and commercial as an appropriate housing type.
- Respondents from Paris slightly preferred low and mid-rise apartments of 4 stories or lower (17.9%) over townhouses (14.4%) and mixed-use residential and commercial (13.6%)
- While Single Detached Housing received the plurality of votes from all respondents, forming 31.4% of the overall choices, it received most votes by respondents from Burford where 50% of these respondents believe single detached housing is an appropriate form of housing for the area.
- Younger cohorts favoured mixing residential and commercial amenities in new neighbourhoods (72%), whereas older cohorts slightly preferred a mix (52%), as opposed to neighbourhoods consisting of solely residential uses.
- Common trends and comments regarding housing types include a desire for mixed-use areas, low and mid-rise apartments, and modest and affordable housing options.
- When asked what respondents wish the County of Brant to focus on with the new Official Plan to 2051, key topics include infrastructure planning, community and green space, trails, traffic, farmland and environmental protection, river access, housing options, and downtown charm.

Building Healthy and Complete Communities

- This survey received the most respondents (241) and had the highest average response rate (1.88 responses per day).
- When it comes to streetscaping, the majority of respondents (51.7%) noted the desire not to see drastic changes, but steady and balanced change in keeping with traditional design.
- 60% of respondents expressed a keen interest in living and working within the same community, with 20% of respondents looking for more active transportation opportunities for their commute.

- Over a quarter of respondents (25.3%) have active transportation methods available to them to commute to work, and an additional 23.1% of respondents would like to see this option available to them.
- Access to green spaces and natural features, including public amenities and community hubs, were noted as the most important components of a healthy and complete community, both chosen by 15.4% of respondents. Access to fresh and affordable local food was the third most chosen component (14.1%).
- When asked what kind of housing respondents would most like to see over the next 20-30 years, the least preferred type was high-rise apartments with 5 stories in height or more.
- For appropriate single detached dwelling development, 21.4% of respondents preferred singles in an urban area, 17.3% in rural areas on large residential lots, and 16.6% choosing single farmhouses on agricultural properties.
- 95% of respondents note that access to green spaces and protection of environmental features is 'Very Important' (80%) or 'Important' (15%).
- 95% of respondents also noted that having access to local food and protecting our existing agricultural landscape is 'Very Important' (80%) or 'Important' (15%).
- In order of important protection, respondents chose the environment (chosen by 80.3%), agriculture (66.5%), and cultural heritage (59%) as priorities when planning for the future.

Protecting What We Value

- When asked about policy objectives related to water resources (drinking water quality, river access, drainage concerns, etc.), respondents wish to see clear and strict regulations to reduce the possible negative impacts development can have on water quality, drainage, and infiltration (82.8% of respondents)
- Respondents also expressed interest in policies and requirements that go beyond the minimum standards of the Province (64.5%) and would like to see public access to waterways and thorough landscaping requirements (61.3%) as objectives and priorities during development and redevelopment.
- When asked about environmental conservation objectives, 82.1% of respondents wish to see a watershed and science-based approach to our policies that will protect our natural areas. Planning for connected natural spaces, protective buffering, and County-supported land acquisition were the other most common objectives.
- Comments received indicate that there is a desire for more parks and greenspaces in each new development.
- When presented with the choice between policies for developers to dedicate land to parks, or payment from a developer in lieu of providing park land, 62% of respondents preferred the option for a dedication of land in each development. Several comments also indicated that respondents would prefer both options.
- When it comes to aggregate operations, respondents are most concerned about the location of processing and crushing facilities in relation to nearby houses (75%). The other options were all chosen by between 61% and 69% of respondents, showing an overall concern for compatibility.
- 53.7% of respondents do not agree with creating new non-farm residential lots in rural areas. 25.2% of respondents agree with this type of lot creation, and the remaining 21.1% have no opinion on this issue.
- To protect older buildings and County heritage, the most preferred conservation methods noted are requirements for the design of new buildings in heritage areas to

incorporate heritage features (69.2% of respondents), the protection of building facades from demolition or major change (63.7%), and thorough inventories of historically significant structures and areas, including indigenous history, available for public education (60.4%).

- Several general comments were submitted about preserving our farmland and rural identity, suggesting that residents (especially in Paris) do not wish to see an expansion of our settlement boundaries to accommodate further growth.
- Common agricultural-related requests also involve the desire to see more locally grown and made products and support for local business / farming opportunities.
- In addition to the number of comments received through the Building Healthy and Complete Communities discussions, throughout the topics many respondents noted that wider sidewalks, more greenspace connections, and parks within walking distance of their homes are of high value to the quality of life in the County of Brant.

How We Green

- In considering resilience to climate change on a neighbourhood scale, 92% of respondents wish to see larger buffers between natural areas and development. Other common suggestions include naturalized areas for water run-off in urban settings, and policies encouraging low-impact development standards like green roofs, rain gardens, and permeable pavement (all chosen by at least 75% of respondents).
- The most preferred energy generation method for the County to pursue is solar power, chosen by 74% of respondents to be prioritized by the County of Brant. Geothermal and Hydroelectric were the next most chosen (57% and 52% of respondents, respectively). Fossil Fuel Energy received zero (0) votes, showing a desire for more clean energy options.
- 96.2% of this survey's respondents have noted a level of concern about the impacts of climate change on the County of Brant, with only 3.8% of respondents noting that they are neither concerned nor unconcerned.
- 87% of respondents agree that strong official plan policies and land-use planning tools that promote carbon-neutral and green development and construction are important.
- 73.7% of respondents wish to see more education and incentive programs offered on this topic.
- When considering short term improvements to sustainability, the most chosen options were to divert waste from landfills, chosen by at least 71.8% of respondents, and to lead by example with pilot Low-Impact Development projects, chosen by 69.2% of respondents.
- The most common suggestions and comments on how to become a municipal leader in sustainability and resilience include:
 - Completing a Climate Master Plan,
 - Improving waste management programs (including a desire for more comprehensive composting, food waste, hazardous waste, and recycling options),
 - Tree planting requirements, stewardship planning, and stronger natural protection policies
 - Small-scale program implementation with gradual expansions
 - More local energy production opportunities,
 - More public green spaces within walking/biking distance, and more connections between these spaces, and
 - Short and long terms goals, with active tracking and accountability.

Economic Development and Prosperity

- This survey received the most respondents from outside of the County of Brant (5% of respondents)
- When asked if living AND working in the same community are important, 84.6% of respondents expressed a noted level of importance for this factor.
- Considering opportunities for future business investment, 82.7% of respondents noted a level of importance to having land available for investors to come to the County.
- In visualizing the future of the County's economy, the most chosen sector (76.3%) was for agriculturally based uses, suggesting a desire for local food, diversified farming operations, and rural attractions to support an agricultural identity.
- Other economic focuses included outdoor / nature-based activities (75%), downtown retail and events (71.3%), home-based businesses (65%), and cultural experiences, including art and heritage (57.5%).
- When asked about specific challenges to further economic success, comments included concerns about traffic and servicing infrastructure, internet, commuting connections, and maintaining local character.
- Most respondents noted that they are not aware of how the current employment and economic policies promote the County of Brant when considering a comparison to surrounding areas (59.7%).
- Of respondents familiar with our policies for economic development, 67.7% noted our policies as favourable when compared to surrounding areas.
- Noted advantages for the County of Brant include access to the highway, proximity to urban centres, and the quantity and quality of agricultural lands.

Transportation and Mobility

- When asked about important components of a complete street in a neighbourhood setting, respondents were most likely to choose street trees (66.7%), traffic calming measures (52.6%) and lighting (38.9%) as the most important.
- In main street areas, the most popular component was street trees (64.9%), with all other components receiving between 30 and 40% of respondents votes, aside from centre medians (21.6%) raised crosswalks (16.2%), and paid parking (16.2%).
- When considering active transportation, the majority of respondents would be willing to travel at least 15 minutes outdoors to amenities located within proximity, regardless of the season (81% of respondents in the Spring, 78% in the Summer, 78% in the Autumn, and 62% in the Winter)
- To improve the opportunities to walk & bike to amenities, respondents were most likely to choose prioritizing local and mixed commercial over big box centres (62%), and safe and direct routes for biking and walking (59.4%) as opportunities for improvement.
- Considering our rural setting and improving transportation connections, respondents commonly suggested wider sidewalks, wider rural roads, slowing traffic in built-up areas, improved parking, dedicated and safe cycling routes, and more public transportation options (train and bus services).

Planning for Infrastructure

- Of each of the surveys, Planning for Infrastructure saw the highest percentage of newer residents to the County of Brant (9%, having lived here less than 2 years)

- When considering where to prioritize infrastructure installation and upgrades, the most chosen settlements were Paris (70% of respondents) and Burford (42%). This was also the most skipped question of the survey (5.7% of respondents).
- Complete street design and active transportation options were the most chosen infrastructure priorities (59.6%), with renewable energy being the next most popular (53.8% of respondents)
- When asked to rank challenges affecting the County's infrastructure (out of 6 possibilities), respondents were most concerned about comprehensive master planning (2.12/6) and local input (2.74/6). Regional collaboration received the least number of votes (4.93/6)
- To support quality of life through social infrastructure, vibrant public spaces, including access to natural areas, was chosen by 73.6% of respondents as the most valued social infrastructure option.
- When asked about future infrastructure projects, common suggestions and concerns include better by-pass routes for Paris, improved and naturalized public spaces, and servicing for more communities within the County of Brant.

Next Steps and Upcoming Initiatives

As staff continue to actively collect feedback from the community, we are also tracking noted barriers to participation that may be impacting the information that is being collected. These barriers, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, reaching audiences who may not frequently access the internet, providing information to audiences in a variety of formats, and educating the public on the importance of the New Official Plan project, are examples of the barriers being considered by staff during this project.

Using the demographic results of these surveys, as well as the comments and suggestions received to-date, staff have been able to target specific groups that may be otherwise underrepresented, as well as use non-digital methods, such as the County-wide mail-out, to reach and inform more residents and business owners about the new Official Plan project. These targeted engagement opportunities will continue as engagement for the policy direction and the future draft of the new Official Plan begins in the coming months.

Interdepartmental Considerations

In addition to the dedicated engagement for the Official Plan project, separate engagement sessions are also being planned in conjunction with the Operations Department for the County's Transportation Master Plan and Master Servicing Studies, such as the Burford Water and Wastewater, and Cainsville Class EAs.

The New Official Plan, coordination of public engagement, and technical background studies of the Municipal Comprehensive Review are being fully coordinated with other County departments for their input and analysis.

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Attachments

1. Full Survey Results for Phase 2.
2. Submitted Comments and Responses to Essay-format Engagement Questions.

Copy to

1. Heather Boyd, Director of Council Services, Clerk
2. Alyssa Seitz, Planning Administrative Assistant
3. Senior Management Team
4. Mat Vaughan, Director of Development Planning
5. Melissa Connor, Director of Communications and Public Relations
6. Mark Eby, Director of Infrastructure
7. Russell Press, Director of Economic Development and Tourism

In adopting this report, is a bylaw or agreement required?

By-law required (No)

Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk (No)

Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? (No)



A Simply Grand *Plan*

Phase 2 – Engage with us!

Survey Results – March 2021



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Growth Management

Survey Results

Released September 28, 2020

209 total respondents

1.42 responses per day

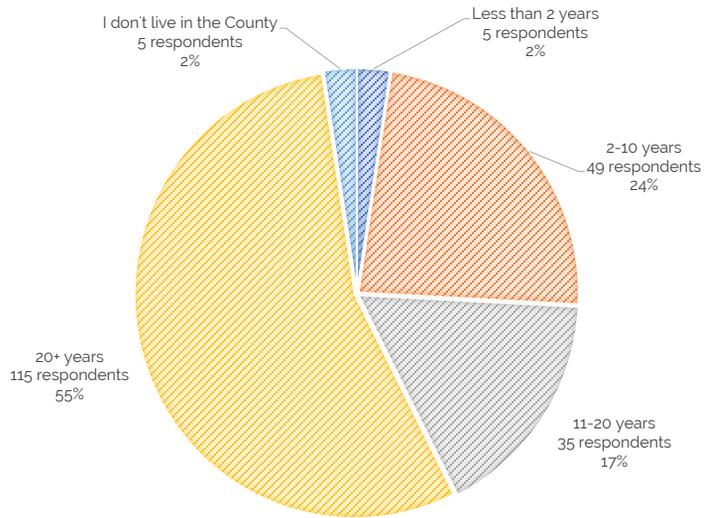


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Growth Management Survey

Question 1:
How long have you lived in the County of Brant?

- Less than 2 years
- 2-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 20+ years
- I don't live in the County

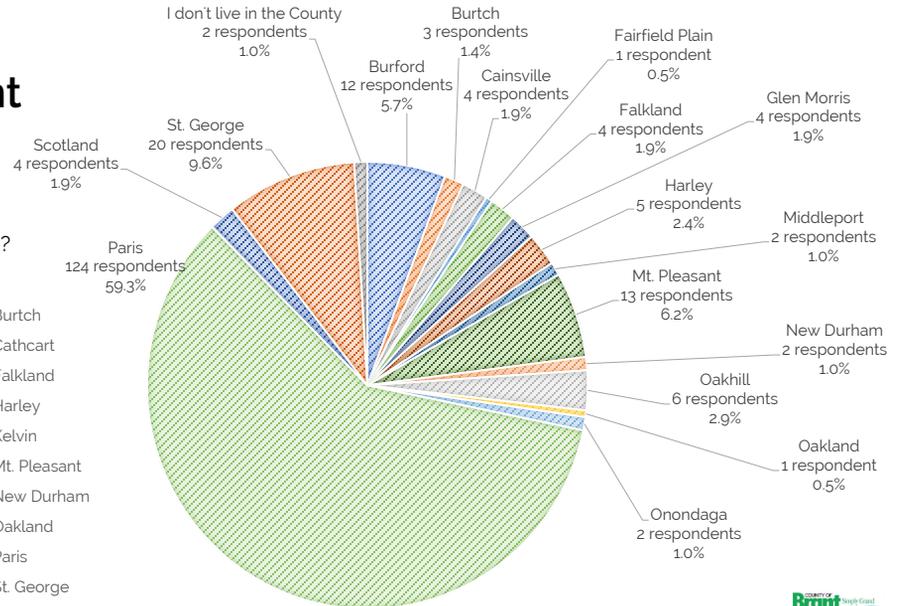


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Growth Management Survey

Question 2:
Which settlement is nearest to where you live?

- Burford
- Cainsville
- Fairfield Plain
- Glen Morris
- Harrisburg
- Middleport
- Muir
- Oakhill
- Onondaga
- Scotland
- I don't live in the County
- Burch
- Cathcart
- Falkland
- Harley
- Kelvin
- Mt. Pleasant
- New Durham
- Oakland
- Paris
- St. George

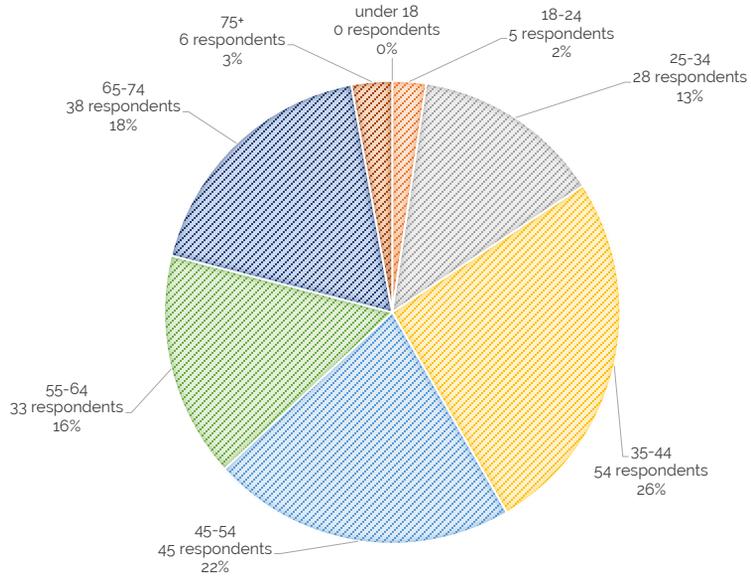


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Growth Management Survey

Question 3:
What is your age?

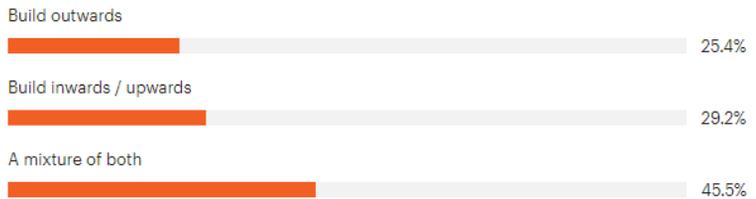
- under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+



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Growth Management Survey

Question 4:
In order to meet our growth targets, would you prefer to see the County develop outwards (with low-density housing and dedicated employment areas) or to build inwards and upwards (with more medium density buildings and opportunities to work within proximity)?



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Growth Management Survey

Question 5:
Would you prefer to see more single-detached housing in new neighbourhoods, or a mix of housing, like semis, townhouses and low-rise/walk-up apartments?



Question 6:
Should we be mixing residential and commercial in our new neighbourhoods?



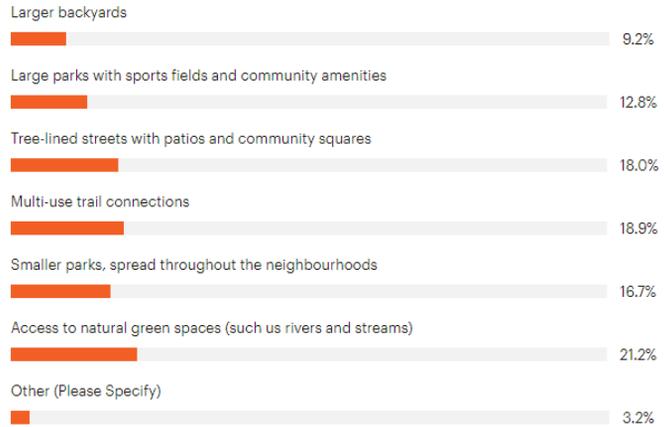
Growth Management Survey

Question 7:
What type of funding should be used to make the public areas of our communities more attractive?



Growth Management Survey

Question 8:
 What type of outdoor spaces should be the focus of our community? (Please select all that apply and/or suggest alternatives)

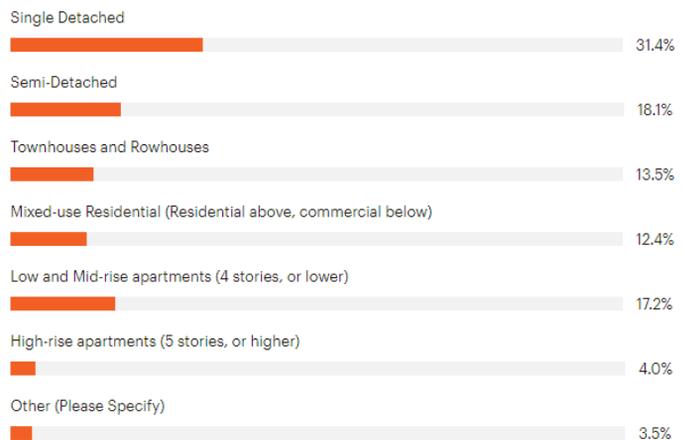


For the full text responses to the 'other' option, please see Attachment 2



Growth Management Survey

Question 9:
 Which housing types would you feel are the most appropriate for the County of Brant? (Please select all that apply and/or suggest alternatives)



For the full text responses to the 'other' option, please see Attachment 2

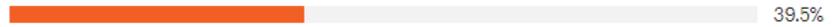


Building Healthy & Complete Communities Survey

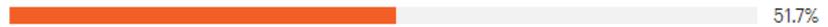
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What des a 'complete street' look like to you?

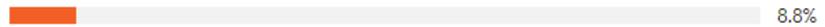
Mostly mature trees, gardens, and landscaping with bicycle lanes, and pedestrian access, we need to reduce time spent in vehicles



Balance of landscaping (trees, gardens, etc.) with pedestrian access and vehicles access, this traditional design is what seems to work so let's keep it that way



Wider streets mainly dedicated to vehicle access and parking, landscaping and bicycles lanes are not a priority, we don't have enough parking within our neighbourhood and things can really get congested



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Building Healthy & Complete Communities Survey

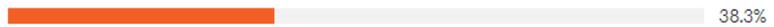
Question 2:

How important is living and working within the same community to you?

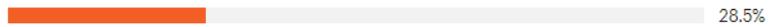
Very Important, I want to be able to utilize active transportation to work (walking, biking, etc.)



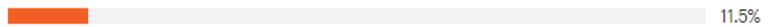
Important, I would really prefer not to have to commute if possible;



Somewhat Important, It would be ideal to not have to commute but I don't mind



Not Important, I enjoy my commute and don't want to live in the same community that I work



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Building Healthy & Complete Communities Survey

Question 3:

What are the most important components of a healthy and complete community to you? (choose all that apply)



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Building Healthy & Complete Communities Survey

Question 4:

What types of housing would you prefer to see incorporated into communities within the County of Brant over the next 20 to 30 years? (Choose all that apply)



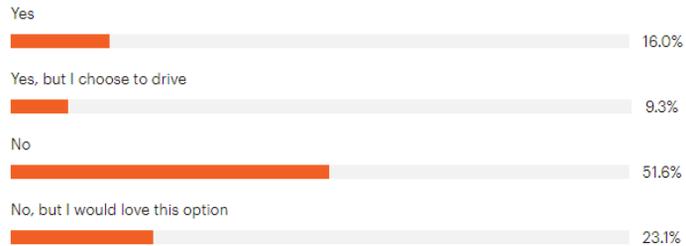
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Building Healthy & Complete Communities Survey

Question 5:
Do you live and work within the County of Brant?



Question 6:
Are you currently able to use an active transportation method (walking or biking) in order to travel to and from your work on a regular basis?



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Building Healthy & Complete Communities Survey

Question 7:
How important is access to green spaces like parks and trails and the protection of our environmental features to you?



Question 8:
How important is having access to local food and protecting our existing agricultural landscape to you?



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Building Healthy & Complete Communities Survey

Question 9:

What are the most desirable aspects of the County of Brant which should be protected in the years to come?



Protecting What We Value

Survey Results

Released November 6, 2020

96 total respondents

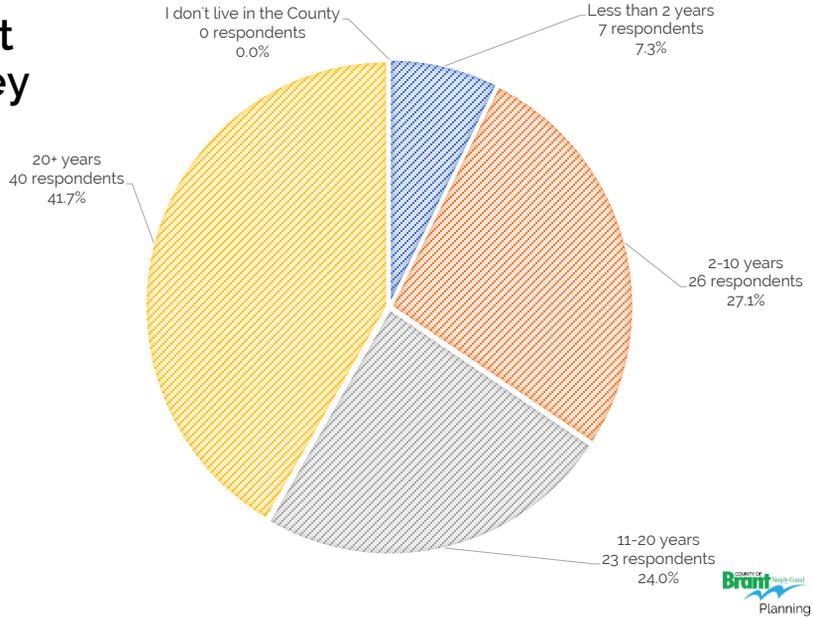
0.89 responses per day



Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 1:
How long have you lived in the County of Brant?

- Less than 2 years
- 2-10 years
- 11-20 years
- 20+ years
- I don't live in the County

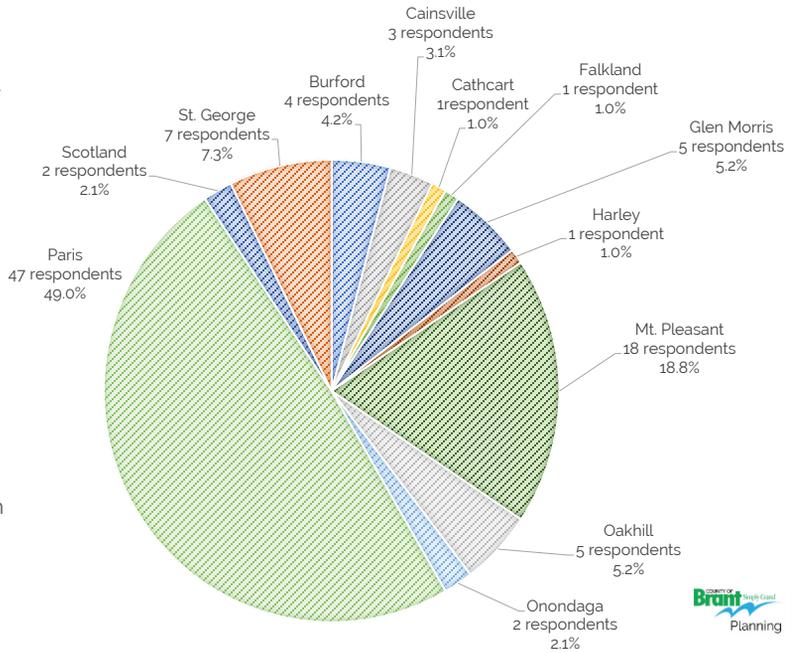


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Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 2:
Which settlement is closest to where you live?

- Burford
- Cainsville
- Fairfield Plain
- Glen Morris
- Harrisburg
- Middleport
- Muir
- Oakhill
- Onondaga
- Scotland
- I don't live in the County
- Burtch
- Cathcart
- Falkland
- Harley
- Kelvin
- Mt. Pleasant
- New Durham
- Oakland
- Paris
- St. George

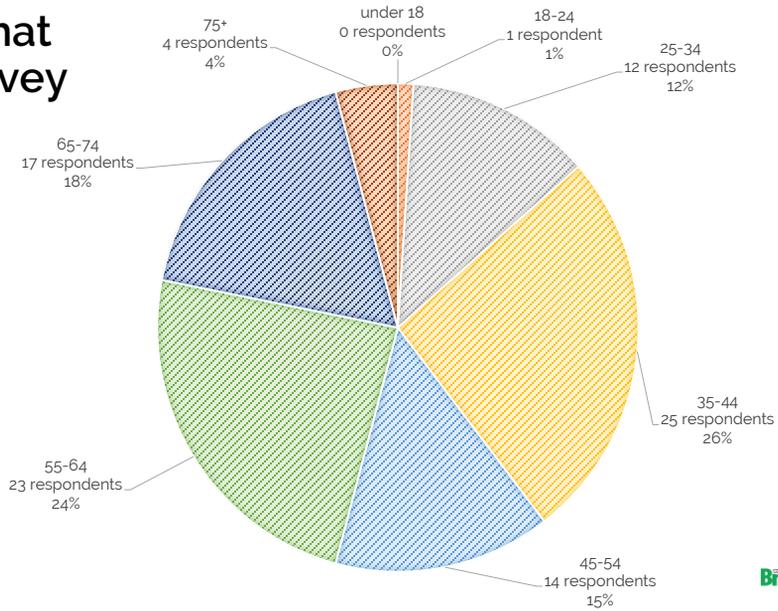


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Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 3:
What is your age?

- under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+



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Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 4:

When it comes to our water quality, river access, and other water resources, which policy objectives do you think would most benefit the County of Brant? (Select all that apply)



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Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 5:

When considering parks and greenspaces, which policy initiative do you think would better benefit the County of Brant?

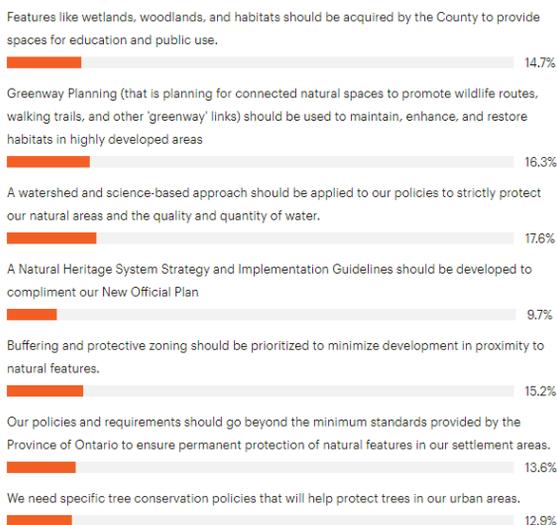


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Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 6:

To protect plan and animal habitats from urban growth in the County of Brant, which conservation objectives would you support? (Select all that apply)



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Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 7:

Recognizing that the County of Brant is rich in aggregate resources, what can be done to make it easier to live and work in proximity to aggregate operations? (Select all that apply)



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Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 8:

How do you feel about creating new non-farm residential lots in rural areas?

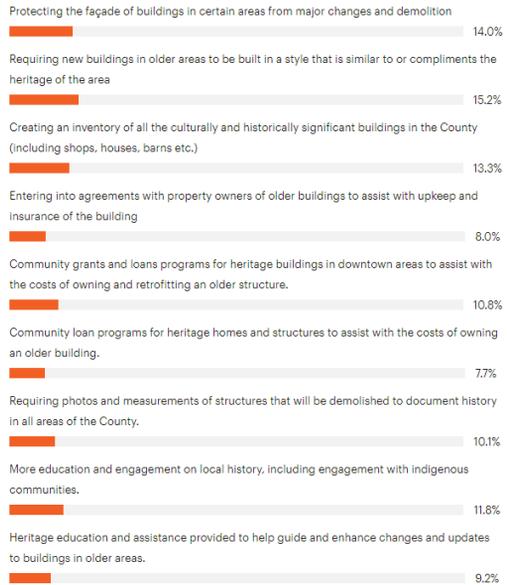


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Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 9:

When we think about protecting older buildings in the County and honouring our heritage, what heritage conservation initiatives would you support (Select all that apply)



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Protecting What We Value Survey

Question 10:

When considering our valued resources, are there any additional trends, challenges, or opportunities that you would like to see addressed in the policies and objectives of the new Official Plan? Please provide further comments in the space below.

This image provides a summary of keywords from this text question. For the full text responses, please see Attachment 2



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How We Green

Survey Results

Released November 19, 2020

76 total respondents

0.80 responses per day



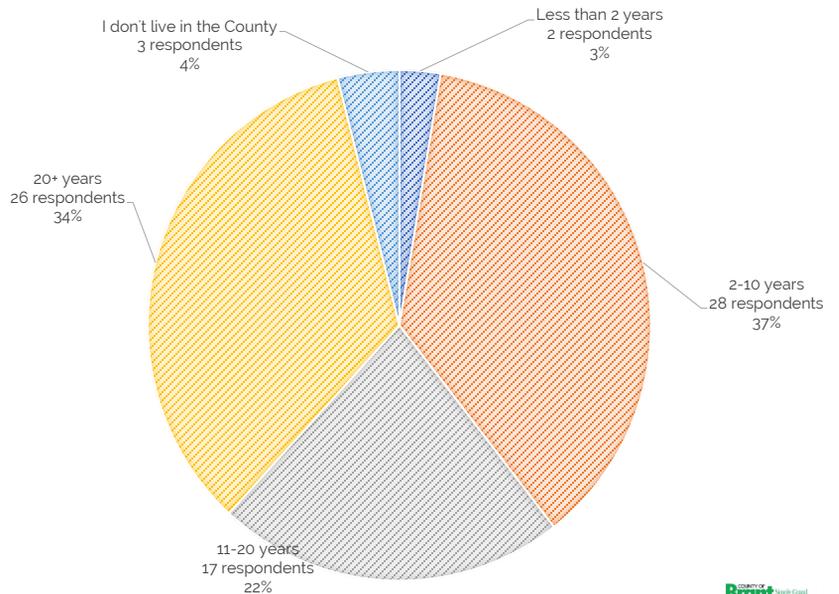
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How We Green Survey

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How long have you lived in the County of Brant?

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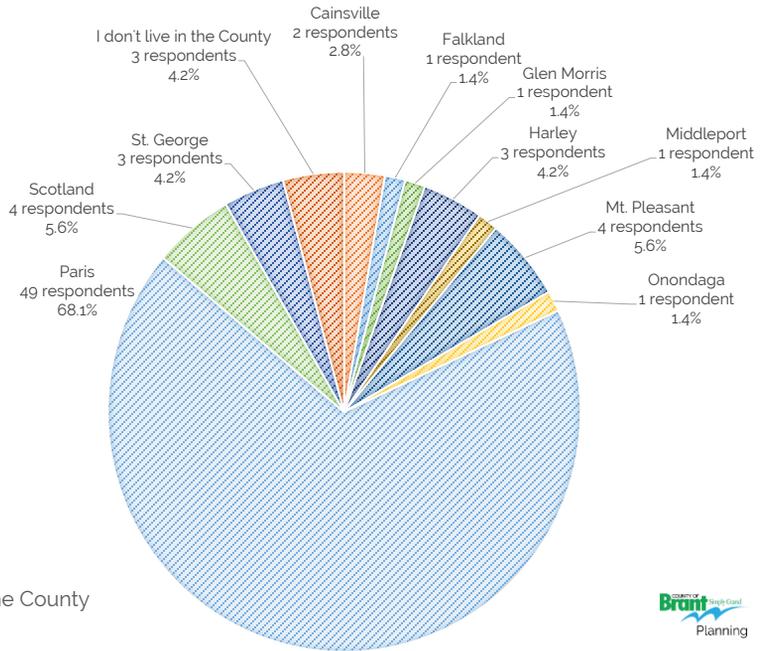
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How We Green Survey

Question 2:
Which settlement is nearest to where you live?

- Burtch
- Cathcart
- Falkland
- Harley
- Kelvin
- Mt. Pleasant
- New Durham
- Oakland
- Paris
- St. George

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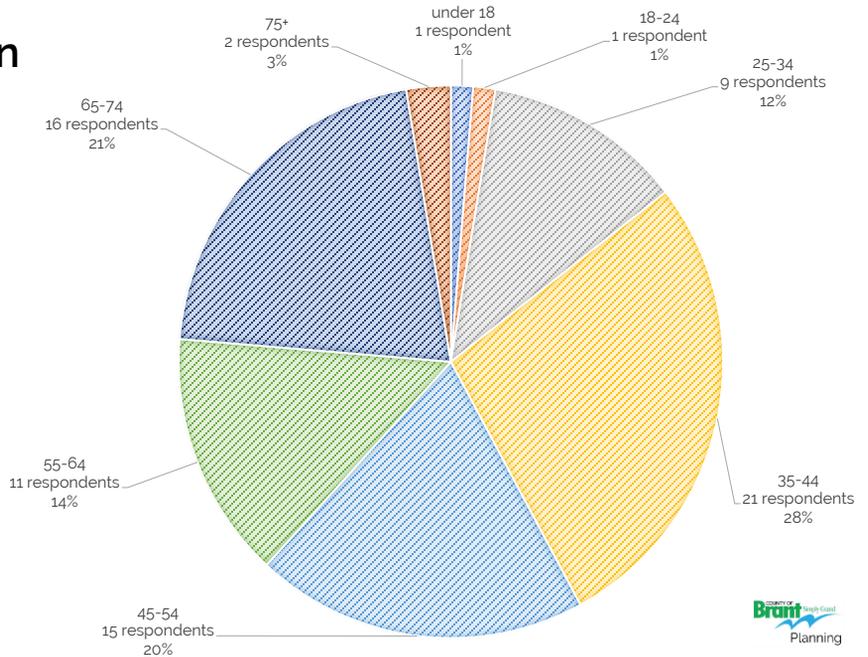


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How We Green Survey

Question 3:
What is your age?

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- 65-74
- 75+

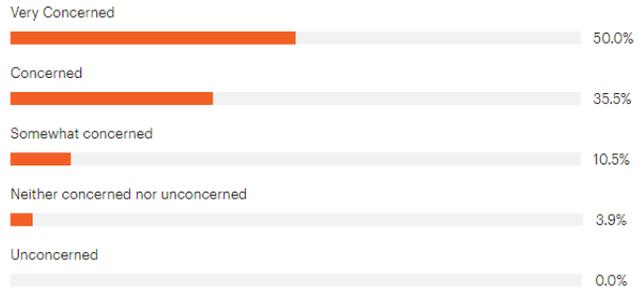


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How We Green Survey

Question 6:

When it comes to the potential impacts of climate change, what is your level of concern related to the impacts on the County of Brant?



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How We Green Survey

Question 7:

What should the County of Brant rely on to promote carbon-neutral and green development and construction? (Select all that apply)



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Economic Development & Prosperity



Survey Results

Released December 7, 2020

82 total respondents

1.06 responses per day

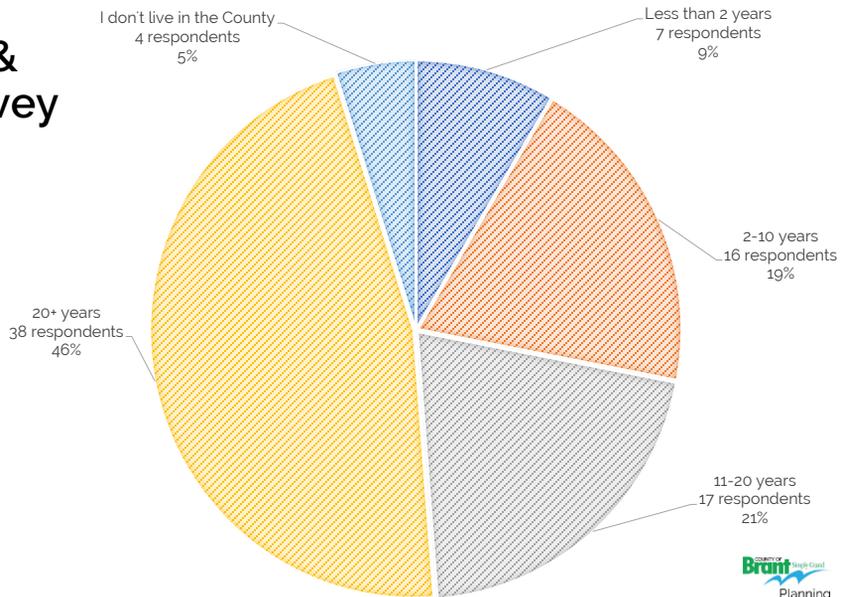


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Economic Development & Prosperity Survey

Question 1:
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- 11-20 years
- 20+ years
- I don't live in the County

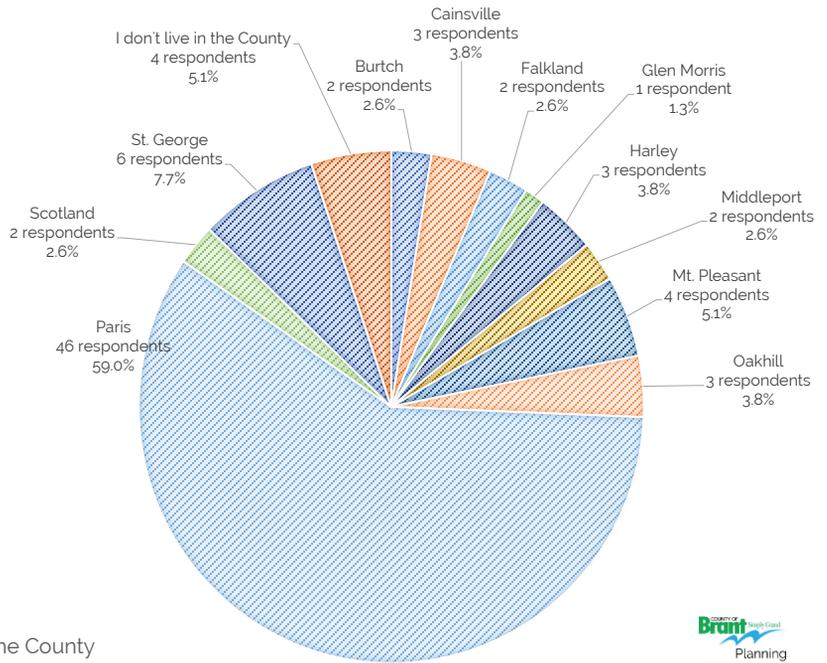


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Economic Development & Prosperity Survey

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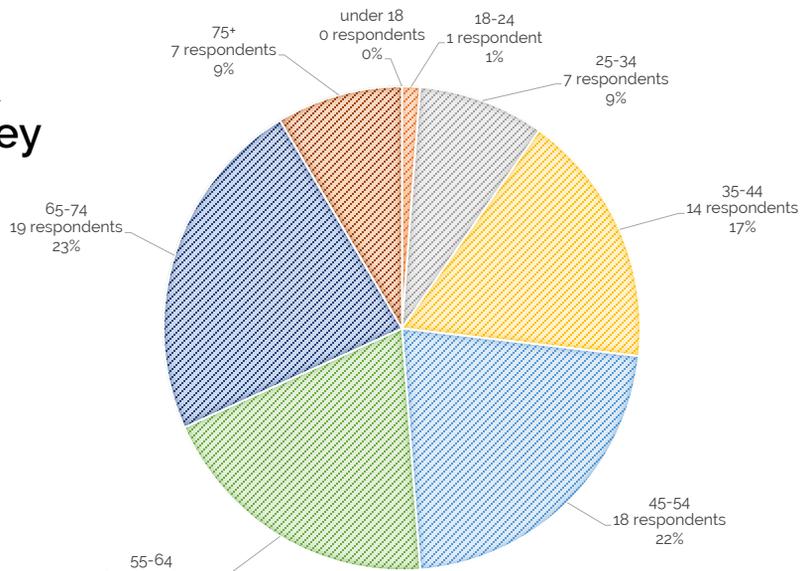


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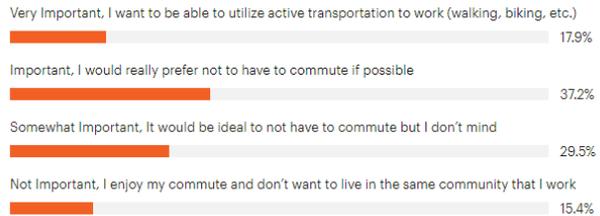


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Economic Development & Prosperity Survey

Question 4:

How important is living and working within the same community to you?



Question 5:

How important is it for the County to have shovel ready employment lands, such as a business park available for investors?

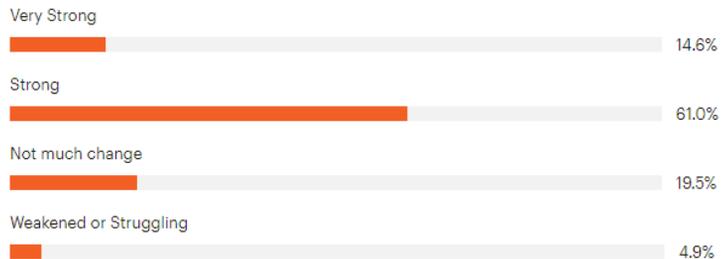


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Economic Development & Prosperity Survey

Question 6:

If you were to visualize the County of Brant in 10-20 years, how would you describe the economy?



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Transportation & Mobility

Survey Results

Released January 18, 2021
39 total respondents
1.11 responses per day

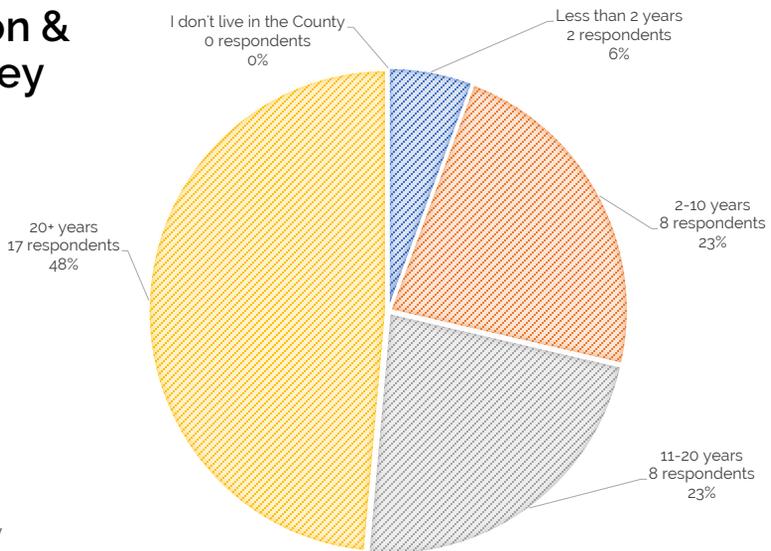


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Transportation & Mobility Survey

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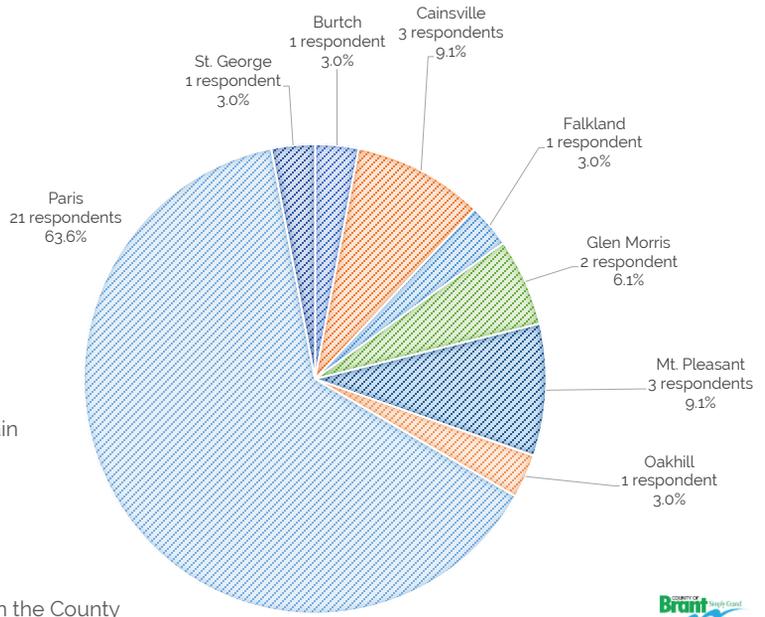
Transportation & Mobile Survey

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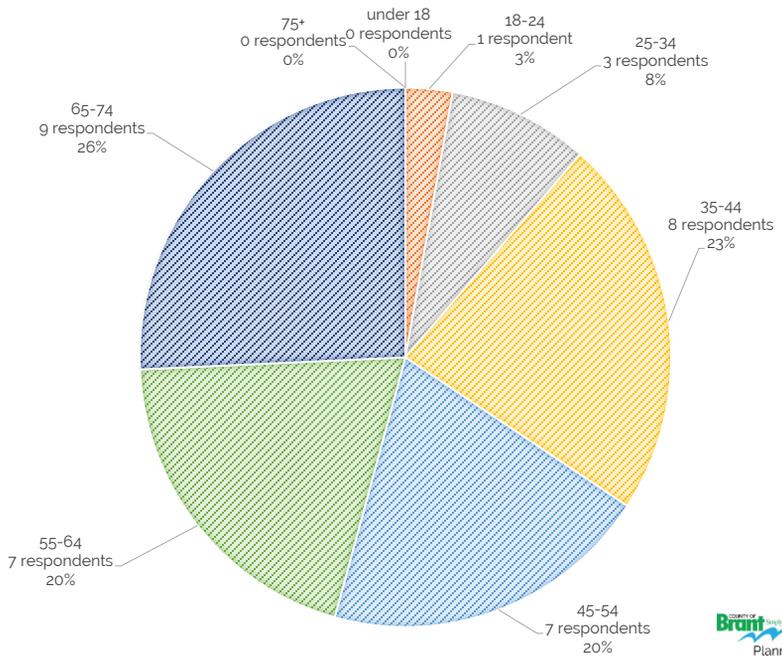
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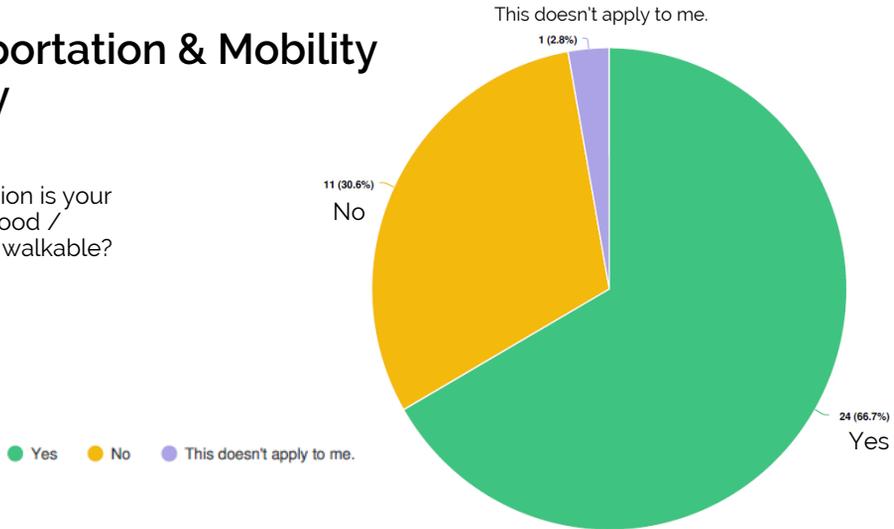
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Transportation & Mobility Survey

Question 4:
In your opinion is your neighbourhood / community walkable?

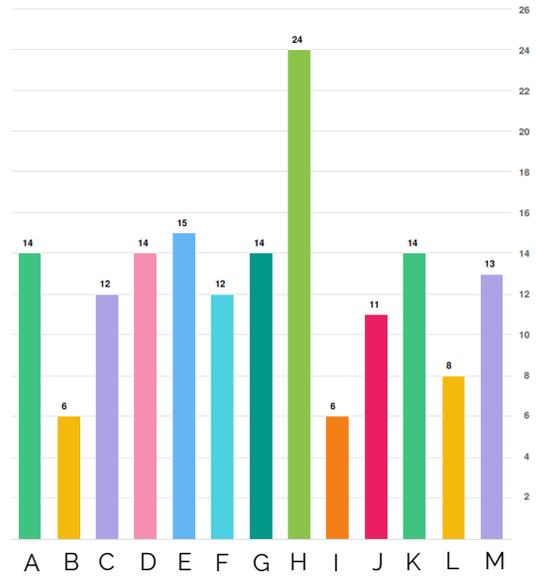


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Transportation & Mobility Survey

Question 5:
When considering our **main street areas**, what components of a 'complete streets framework' would you want to see used? (Select all that apply / suggest alternatives)

- A. Wider Sidewalks
- B. Raised Crosswalks / Intersections
- C. Signalized Crossings (Lights)
- D. Traffic Calming Measures
- E. Cycling Lanes
- F. Weather Protection & Street Furniture (Shelters, Canopies, Benches etc.)
- G. Lighting
- H. Street Trees
- I. Paid Parking (On-Street & Dedicated Lots)
- J. Free Parking (On-Street & Dedicated Lots)
- K. Small-scale Aesthetics (Planters, Public Art etc.)
- L. Centre Medians with Trees/ Flowers
- M. Other (Please Specify)



For the full text responses to the 'other' option, please see Attachment 2



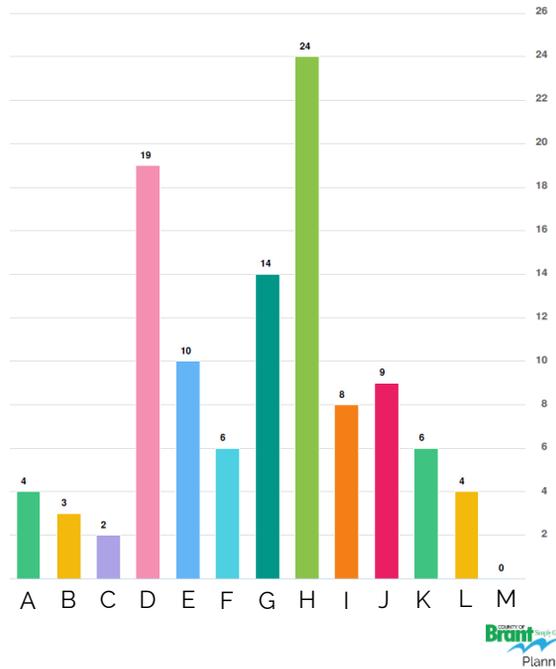
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Transportation & Mobility Survey

Question 6:

When considering our **neighbourhood areas**, what components of a 'complete streets framework' would you want to see used (Select all that apply / suggest alternatives)

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- C. Signalized Crossings (Lights)
- D. Traffic Calming Measures
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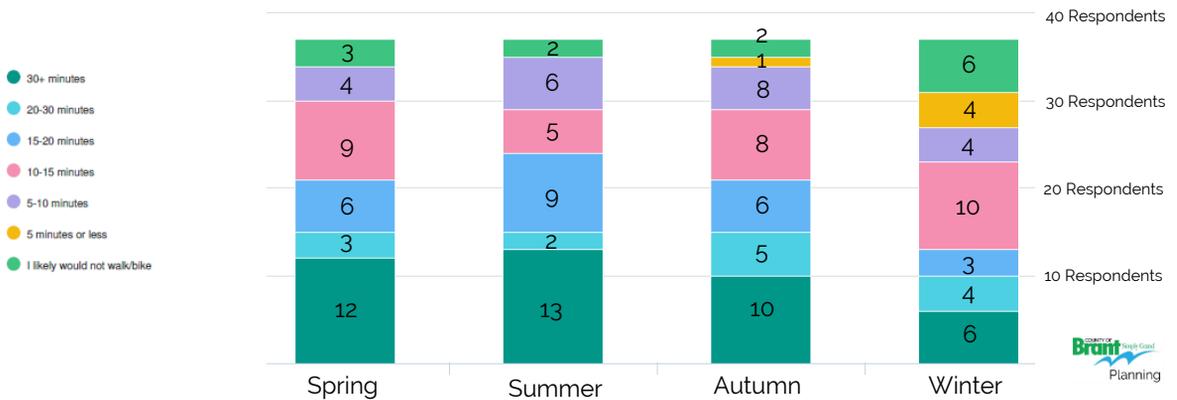


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Transportation & Mobility Survey

Question 7:

If most amenities were accessible to you by walking, biking, or another active transportation method, what is the furthest distance you might choose to walk to things nearby instead of taking a car (dependent on the time of year)?



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Planning for Infrastructure

Survey Results

Released January 18, 2021

55 total respondents

1.57 responses per day

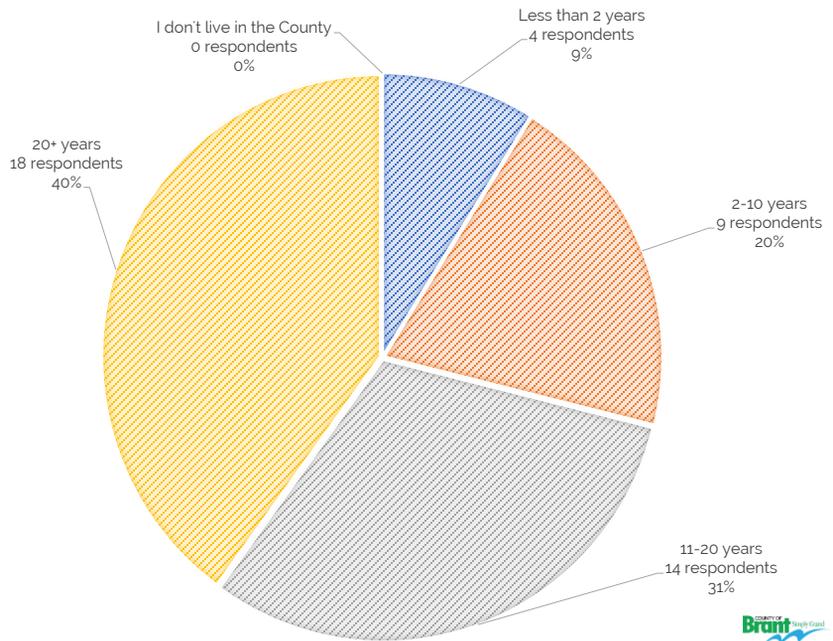


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Planning for Infrastructure Survey

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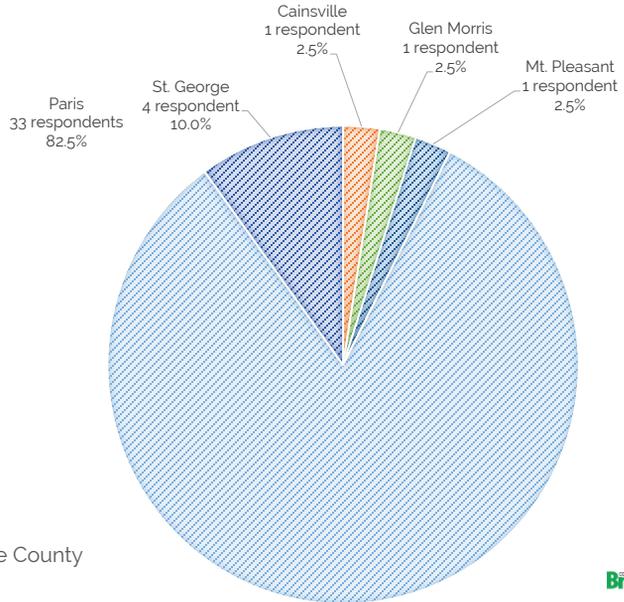
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Planning for Infrastructure Survey

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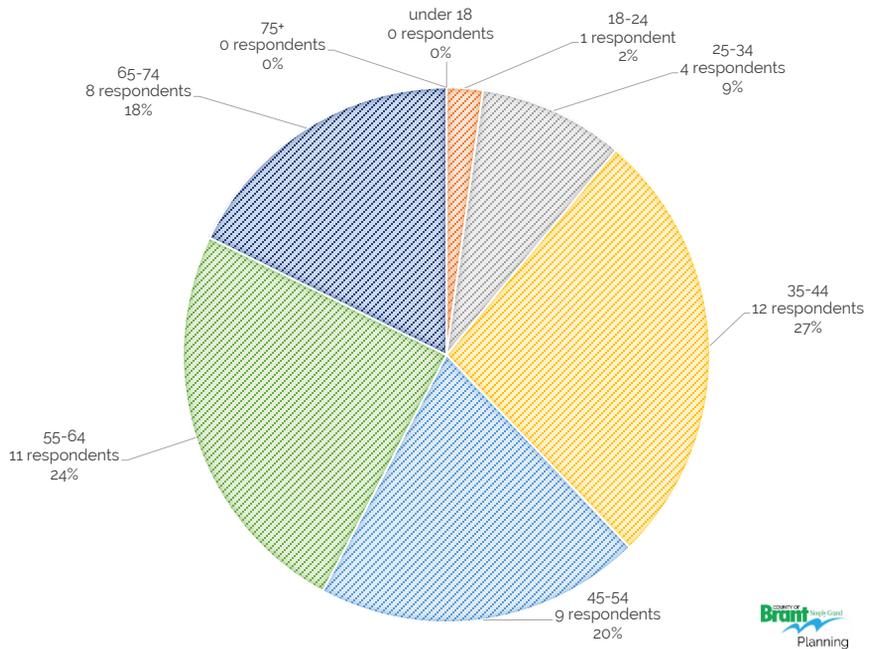
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Planning for Infrastructure Survey

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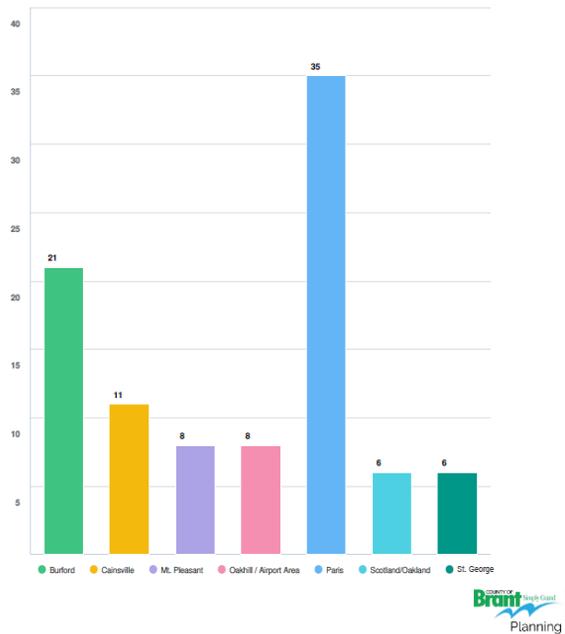


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Planning for Infrastructure Survey

Question 4:

As we plan for water, sanitary and storm water management infrastructure beyond the year 2051, which of our larger communities do you think should be prioritized for installation and/or upgrades? (Please select all that apply)



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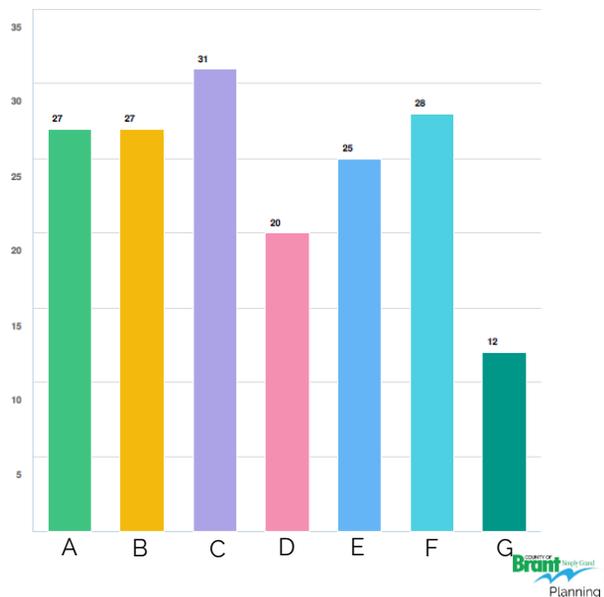
Planning for Infrastructure Survey

Question 5:

Which infrastructure needs would you prioritize to better service the County of Brant's growth to the year 2051 and beyond? (Please select all that apply)

- A. Sustainable Wastewater Management
- B. Sustainable Storm Water
- C. Complete Street Design & Active Transportation Options
- D. Public Transit, Shuttle and Commuter Options
- E. Telecommunications Services
- F. Renewable Energy
- G. Other (Please Specify)

For the full text responses to the 'other' option, please see Attachment 2



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Planning for Infrastructure Survey

Question 6:

When it comes to challenges that affect the County's infrastructure and economic development, how would you rank the following areas of concern? (With #1 being the most concerning to you)

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Master Planning – Have we thought comprehensively about our future to reach certain objectives?

2.74

Local Input – When do I get to have my say about future projects?

3.11

Funding – How can a small municipality afford large projects without a huge tax increase?

3.52

Pace – Why do things seems to move so quickly/slowly?

4.04

Competing Priorities – Why are certain projects started but not others?

4.93

Regional Collaboration – What do we need to do as part of the Greater Golden Horseshoe?

Average Response (out of 6)



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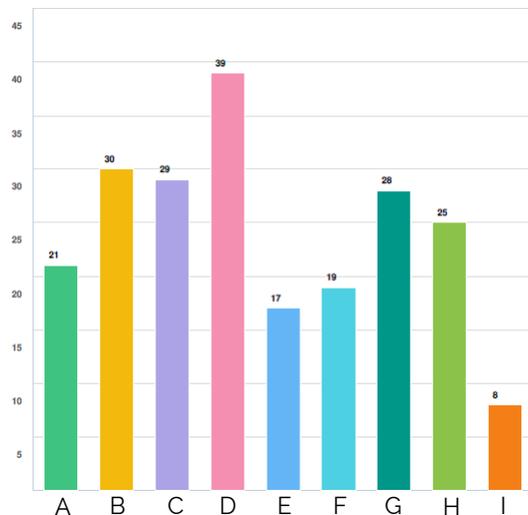
Planning for Infrastructure Survey

Question 7:

Social infrastructure refers to facilities and services that help residents meet their social needs, support quality of life, and add to the creation of complete communities. Which of the following social infrastructure services would you like to see more of in the County of Brant (Please select all that apply)

- A. Public Transport and other Transportation Connections
- B. Healthcare (Public Health, Specialty health services, Family Doctors etc.)
- C. Community Support (After-school programs, supportive housing, senior's assistance etc.)
- D. Vibrant Public Spaces (including access to natural areas, markets, and flexible outdoor spaces)
- E. Information Services (Libraries, Wayfinding, Open wifi etc.)
- F. Public Safety (Flood mitigation, Disaster preparedness resources, Climate Change Resiliency etc.)
- G. Sports and Recreation (including indoor and outdoor facilities for all seasons)
- H. Arts and Culture (Protection of historic buildings/areas, museums and cultural centres, public art etc.)
- I. Suggest an alternative.

For the full text responses to the 'other' option, please see Attachment 2



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The New Official Plan- Phase 2 Engagement Summary

This attachment provides the full responses to Open Survey Questions, as well as comments submitted as related to the project's topics of interest. Please be advised that the information below has been included as submitted with only minor formatting revisions.

Growth Management

Question 8:

What type of outdoor spaces should be the focus of our community? (Please select all that apply or suggest alternatives)

Responses to Question 8 – Other

- Stop removing natural spaces and outdoor spaces/sports/golf and trails for development of any kind. Stop interrupting continuous natural spaces continuous trails and nature corridors for development. Stop building close to the rivers. We need to protect green spaces for the creatures that live here as well as for the well-being and recreation of the people who live here. You are ruining our great trails systems!! And it is not only private recreation businesses that use our rivers! We should all have access. People are moving here for the parks and natural spaces so protect them and keep them in place!
- Gardens where the public may participate in growing their own fruits and vegetables. The new homes at the south end of Paris have very small lots and a park area is needed not far from the Sports Complex. Many residents are trying to access the Grand River via Powerline Rd. It is at present very dangerous/inaccessible.
- Using a section of the former golf course build a Large park (like lions park) I think it's a unique opportunity to build a great community park close to the high school with long trails river access and great scenery.
- Community gardens, Indoor multi-use spaces like syl apps, Biking lanes, and more thoughtful tourist spaces
- Many public flower gardens hosting exclusively native plants. Native plants offer a somewhat "wild" look but with proper educational signage (listing the plant name and why it's important for the local ecosystem) the community members would appreciate the gardens and hopefully opt to add native plants into their own personal gardens as well. I would love for Paris to become a recognized Bee City.
- Senior housing close to all amenities and a focus on affordability accessibility and safety
- Divided roads like you just completed at rest acres to be done in the north end of Paris and the entrance at hwy #2. Planting green items there would also be beautiful
- A blend / combination of all of the above.
- A vision for each community (not just Brant county as a whole) likely needs to be developed to ensure the amenities that best serve the local community are identified
- Conservation areas added. No more urban sprawl no more roads.

- Sidewalks on all streets- including existing neighbourhoods
- Conserve our green space and sensitive river and stream habitats.
- Retain farms and better pedestrian flow downtown Paris. Get rid of angle street parking
- Limit on street parking force developers to provide on lot parking appropriate to home size.
- Bike lanes
- please preserve the trails at barkers bush on both sides of the riverfor bicycles and pedestrians - and ensure that they are not used by motorized vehicles. Please preserve natural areas along both rivers. Ideally all residents of Paris would have natural areas and greenspace within walking distance of their home.
- Natural areas, Forests, meadows etc.
- Accessible Riverfront land should be purchased by the County and held for development into naturalized green space and trails accessible to all.
- Golf Course
- Tree Protection in already established neighbourhoods
- Large parks should not merely focus on sports fields and amenities. We need large forested parks to protect the wildlife that was here before us and needs to continue being here.
- As a resident with a Master of Landscape Architecture (Ontario Agricultural College SEDRD Guelph I'd love to discuss this further -- because the options described in this survey are unfortunately very limited and presume that only the presenter options exist. Other forms of research & public education are possible and beneficial. I am recently available to be involved in county planning & communications this year. I'll be in touch.
- Farming Fields
- Community food spaces to grow
- Should encourage green areas with trees grass natural growth to increase a healthy Brant for our kids and their kids. Low rise housing only. Do not dig up whole town to install water and sewage . Unless there is some reason for it. I have no issues with my water or waste water so why rip up roads and land to install pipes that will require maintenance forever. If it aint broke dont fix it. If you would like more information or comment feel free to call me. Thanks for listening

Question 9:

Which housing types would you feel are the most appropriate for the County of Brant? (Please select all that apply or suggest alternatives)

Responses to Question 9 – Other

- A unique fusion of mixed-use residential + townhouses thst ***allows the residents to have storefronts for their own businesses or to lease those spaces.***. While i have not seen this model in Ontario it is part of Brant's (and global) pre-1950s zoning-based heritage. This built-economic form is in fact a Brant County heritage -- would attract growth by residents who would
 - A. Live work recreate and become invested in the county instead of migrating to work and avoiding local engagement & care
 - B. Filter for a unique population and local community during a time when society is fragmenting -- such localisation is also part of Brant County's Heritage

C. Inherently reduce road traffic and the costs and actions generated by it

D. Increase the appeal of medium-density neighbourhood forms IF the county insists on uniquely excellent developments with greenspace and actual community multi-gen accessible BEAUTIFUL design rather than the 'efficiency clusters' typical of developers.

- Take a long look at the pros and cons of tiny homes. Senior suites in rural and urban areas again pros and cons need to be looked at. This is a way of keeping families close.
- Separate living spaces within existing homes and/or allowances for additional dwellings on existing property.
- A mix of the above. Include independent housing for aging population: modest homes with some land for small gardens or community gardens decks to get outside close to walking and cycling trails within walking distance to grocery shopping and options for assisted living as residents age and health needs change.
- Not high rises. Not plazas and strip malls. not parking lots. The condominium building in downtown Paris is surprisingly high.
- Also why are you allowing development in flood plains? It would be better not to develop in flood plains so you don't have to build large berms or concrete barriers to contain the river.
- Slow down development.. get a by pass done first..
- Senior apartments
- No massive houses. No more high rises
- I find this an inappropriate question! Are you trying to justify your sprawling single detached suburbs?! Why should I get to say what income bracket my townspeople are from? Perhaps you have misworded the question.
- Focus on turning down town into housing.
- Lane-way homes studio apartments above garages
- The housing types must be in keeping with the local community. All of the above could be adopted but the choice of what to build where must be place-based.
- Smaller homes available for seniors who don't want to live in retirement homes but on their own in a small home they can manage...i.e. one level easy to heat and maintain.
- Condos
- Mixed types to accommodate entry level young families empty nesters/retirees the elderly and their caregivers. Include affordable and alternative housing options i.e. tiny homes retirement communities and barn conversions to help restore and preserve our rural heritage before it's too late.
- Smaller more affordable housing and apartments are desperately needed
- We need a mixture for a vibrant community
- Include micro homes. There is much river side property owned by gravel companies that is abandoned and could be used to great advantage.
- Cohousing Projects

Question 10:

In a few words, describe how you'd like the County of Brant to look in 2051. What priorities do you wish to see reflected in our growth management policies (such as resilience to climate change, being able to walk to work/school etc.)?

- Upscale neighbourhoods with walking accessibility to amenities. Much less emphasis on tourism. And no development of green space a trail systems. I do not want to see parking line ups for access to Barkers Bush so people from other communities can enjoy the land we live around and made a conscious decision to build our lives around.
- New residential areas should look like a welcoming neighborhood. Not cookie cutter jammed together tiny lots people living on top of each other neighborhoods that are currently being built.
- Retain the small-town character retain/improve walkability limit expansion of subdivisions preserve farming and farm-related businesses address climate change in all planning decisions ensure there are good jobs locally for the next generation ensure internet access for all to support telecommuting education and industry...
- Affordable housing for young families
- I want the county to reflect why it is loved. Charming downtown great restaurants with patios boutique shopping beautiful mature trees trail and river access beautiful flowers and bridges with antique lighting. I don't like the idea of going big box overcrowded communities with small yards. Tons of people crammed together with multiple family homes. We have a sense of community with community amenities such as sports fields recreational pursuits such as tennis courts swimming pool rock climbing etc. Work needs to be done to keep the beauty of why Paris is getting so much hype. Let's not make it like the surrounding Toronto communities that have no charm.
- We need to create job/workplaces for people living in the county of Brant. We also need an emphasis on fiscal responsibility.
- Metropolitan chic rural with good internet is what I would like to see moving forward
- Considerations for electric vehicle charging stations on public corridors or rough-ins for future builds dedicated biking lanes replanting of trees cut down by future developers higher energy efficiency standards (e.g. passive house) dimming LED street lights
- Proper planning and infrastructure must come before growth not after.
- Ability to walk to parks trails and retail amenities. High priority on retaining the downtown look buildings and retail space as is with more parking within walking distance to encourage tourism. No more low or midrise development downtown. Add public transit as the population increases. Advocate for a GO transit bus depot.
- Being a walkable town. Less traffic. Stop cramming in developments with few amenities for the folks who live there causing them to have to drive everywhere. We should be proactive in addressing traffic and infrastructure issues LONG before we get the huge new subdivisions built. Have developers front some or most of that Capitol before they build. It would be nice to not feel like our town is the victim of a smash and grab by big developers. Dont part with natural areas. We have them now we will never tear down developments to get them back in the future.

- Walkable neighborhoods with access to greenspaces and affordable food. Neighborhoods that promote community and people engaging with each other.
- /more trees planted along neighbourhood streets both old and new more green space and walk ways to the surrounding areas
- Stop removing natural spaces and outdoor spaces/sports/golf and trails for development of any kind. Stop interrupting continuous natural spaces continuous trails and nature corridors for development. Stop building close to the rivers. We need to protect green spaces for the creatures that live here as well as for the well-being and recreation of the people who live here. You are ruining our great trails systems!! And it is not only private recreation businesses that use our rivers! We should all have access. People are moving here for the parks and natural spaces so protect them and keep them in place!
- I would like Brant to have an established plan for protecting existing green spaces from developers. The spaces we have are all used very often by a growing number of people, but all are under threat from residential development. I'm tired of seeing starving deer in my neighborhood because they're being pushed out by development. I would also like to see infrastructure investments being done in a proactive way instead of reactive.
- County needs to maintain the natural beauty that attracts people to it while maintaining sustainable growth.
- Support to develop/improve museums libraries cultural centres in cooperation with our neighbouring communities. Take better advantage of the Grand River as a Canadian Heritage River and for recreation and education. More access points?
- Enough industries/businesses that people do not need to commute to other cities to work. Health services available to everyone.
- We need to predict future needs of transportation systems - to consider new technologies and changing patterns of movement. Maybe we won't need super-expensive new bridges and roads to solve our current transportation problems.
- LIMITS TO GROWTH! Rest Acres Road is becoming another King George Rd.!
- By 2051 we may need different boundaries for our communities. The County of Brant is mostly rural and surrounds the urban City of Brantford. Paris is expanding toward Brantford. Since its inception circa 1851 there have been many changes to meet changing needs.
- Reflect energy needs technologies and sources. Blue gas pipelines?
- The population is expanding so there is much need to expand infrastructure. Commercial health care recreational facilities trails and green space. etc. slow down the housing market until we have enough infrastructure to support all these people. The downtown is a zoo!!!!"
- Much more attention needed to creating pedestrian friendly pathways/walking routes which would in turn have a positive impact on the environment. I have children who are coming to age of walking/cycling alone but I do not feel safe due to lack of crosswalks/traffic lights. My mother has low vision and is very limited in her walking routes due to lack of traffic lights with audible signals.
- Instead of my opinion of how to build/where to build/what to build. WHY DONT YOU STOP BUILDING. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH
- A plan to manage the invasion of giant hogweed along the Grand River must be established before the water becomes inaccessible. The seeds are coming downstream with every high-water event and new populations are establishing at an alarming rate.
- I'm surprised that this farming and natural spaces county is so backwards thinking when it comes to how houses should be built. There should be way more alternative / green building utilizing methods such as straw bale and Passive House.

- Affordable housing for young families who wish to stay in the community. Successful economy in the downtowns of our small communities with ample parking available. Availability of expanded utilities such as water sewage and high speed internet.
- I'd like to have farmlands protected from development. I'd like the infrastructure to match the needs of our community. No new growth until infrastructure is caught up to the issues we face today. Keeping our small town feel as the big cities emerge on us.
- The survey neglected the topic of Heritage Preservation and retaining historic integrity which has a place in tourism and economic growth. Without the retention of built heritage and environmental landscapes by 2051 Brant County would have no uniqueness.
- Walking more driving less. Parks and trails are something everyone can appreciate. Too much single detached homes can make neighborhoods feel isolated vacant. For every house that goes up 1 tree MUST be planted in or around the community.
- Brant County is what it is because of its agriculture. We should limit the amount of housing to spaces that are not useful for agriculture. If we lose agriculture we will soon become like the GTA and we would lose the identity of Brant County. Sure, it's nice to want to live in rural BC but at the rate things are going we (all of us) will soon be looking elsewhere to live.
- Train station for commuters public transportation local industry (many of us have to commute long distances) bike lanes better safer parks accessible community gardens more things for tourists to do farms where we can still buy local goods. More long-term care homes and retirement homes. Brant county used to be the third largest economy in Canada let's get back to that.
- More walkable to school and work, More bicycle friendly, Residences above retail, Easy access to health care, Fully functioning hospital with ER, More medical clinics with doctors, More trees planted in neighbourhoods by county
- Lots of green space and landscaping along roads. Continued emphasis on being a walkable town. Eco-friendly with climate change at forefront of decision making
- Bike lanes build within tree lines vs clear cutting focus on growth to match the European feel of downtown. Look at projection numbers for new high school needs.
- Less homes. Stop building it's a nice small town.
- An abundance of natural green spaces (trails parks gardens etc) with thoughtful use of native plants to benefit native species. A large focus on environmentally friendly changes. Recycling and compost programs and facilities. Electric car charging stations. Solar panels and wind turbines where appropriate. Phase out salt in winter road maintenance opting for a more environmentally friendly option. Single use plastics ban and competitively priced eco-friendly options for other plastic products (toothbrushes soap/detergent bottles milk bags etc). Steps taken to prevent littering (advertising enforced penalties more public recycling and garbage cans etc).
- I believe that the development at the present time is too large. Increasing the Town of Paris by half in three years is not the way this should have happened. If tax dollars were the only incentive, then the council should resign. You cannot get downtown at busy times and on weekends. There should have been more infrastructure planned like a new bridge to help with traffic. This is shameful time this town if money was the only driving force. Bigger is not always better!
- Indoor and outdoor recreation and nature spaces are a necessity for health and exercise. We need large trees downtown to help with climate change and lots of green space
- Access to the rivers. Resilience to climate change and More trees planted.
- More planning for infrastructure before building hundreds of homes. Paris has become a nightmare.

- There needs to be a plan for more aging population needs. Adult only neighbourhoods with options for senior care. Retirement communities independent living homes with condo-style yard and exterior maintenance as well as apartments.
- Slow the growth. The lands purchased by empire in st. George should not of been approved. Leave those packed subdivisions for the city. Our school and small town atmosphere cannot handle the growth planned for St. George.
- High walk friendly core to minimize traffic-available stores to grab food supplies etc in nearby neighborhoods. Not sure we need to prepare for the 100-year flood right now by removing the charm of the downtown River banks. Roads to minimize traffic jams when numbers grow in Paris should be well thought out.
- Feel we should preserve the small town feel of the communities that make up Brant.
- small town rural feel safe and low crime rate green space available to all
- Protect farmland.
- Non-conforming use (both authorized and not) has become a real problem in Scotland - from excessive noise to increased traffic - 7 days a week- compromising both our enjoyment of property and safety.
- County of Brant needs more jobs not just commercial industrial too. Seems like anyone who works industrial in the county is at Ferrero or gr poultry if not they commute 30+mins to work. We need to focus on traffic flow traffic shouldn't be backed up both sides of Paris' hill at 3:00pm. Overall I don't see it as a bad thing to watch the development happen in real time instead of the x10 fast forward pace we've been running the last 5 years.
- Full time fire station...not just volunteers
- slow down on the approach take the time to do it right. Be sure the proper infrastructure is in place.
- Environmentally responsible maintain our rural heritage agriculture industry and protect our natural green spaces. Stop cutting down the forests and building massive residential surveys. Its contributing to climate change and rapidly depleting ground water resources. Invest in green strategies for long term sustainability.
- Like every other county resident, we would like to see the growth stopped. It had ruined Paris. Spread it out outside of town in other communities not just Paris. We don't have the infrastructure to handle what we currently have let alone more. Our own longtime residents can't even go downtown anymore it's full of tourists who take up all our parking. We're forced to shop in other cities now instead of supporting our own businesses. Fully enforce 2 hour parking so we have a chance to use our town again
- Now investing money to improve the County of Brant is fine but as long as cost of living keeps going up it's all for nothing. You can build new homes and apartment buildings but if people can afford to live there what's the point. With that said bringing businesses to the Country would be more productive in securing capital to allow people to afford to live. Maybe then people can afford to buy homes or even rent apartments in the Country of Brant. As for green spaces trails and sports fields I'm always like seeing more of those things but first find strategies to find ways to make it easier for people to live. Example I live in one of the most affordable apartment buildings in Brant. I've been here two years and when moved in I got a two bedroom for around \$700 which is good but any new people moving into the building now would have to pay \$1200 for a two bedroom. That's a large hike in rent. Question is what would such things cost in 2051 if the cost of living just goes up.
- Development that fits the current landscape which will also attract similar social and economic buyers to the area.

- I hate how built-up Paris has become. It is town losing its small-town charm and sense of community. I'm concerned with the amount of farmland and green areas that are being swallowed up. I chose to live in Paris many years ago because I wanted to raise my family in a small community and appreciated the things that Paris had to offer. Now it is impossible to get through downtown at certain parts of the day or to put our kayak in in the Grand on a weekend. It is a shame if the same things happen in our other smaller communities. Please listen to the residents.
- Rural communities blended with farms small commercial enterprises that support the community with small parks and schools.
- I'd like to see the county encourage small farms vegetable farms mixed farms we all need to eat. We can't go on just building houses we can't take up on the agricultural lands.
- If you are focusing on population growth you must put water and wastewater and storm water at the forefront of planning as they underpin whether a community can be built. Many of our communities are limited by this and it must be acknowledged that these services underpin growth. Programs must be invested in to help Manage water demand. Brant county water systems has some of the highest per capital demands and before we grow we need to manage demand. There are many success stories elsewhere in Ontario that can help the county move on this. Also when looking at growth we must acknowledge our local core values as communities. The growth in Paris will look different than Mount Pleasant due to the water and wastewater servicing that is available. Our agricultural roots must be acknowledged too and protected as such as if we develop the lands where our local food is grown we are cutting off our local lifeline food security should be considered as well...not just people/housing
- More neighbour friendly access sidewalks or wide paved barrier shoulders where people can walk back and forth from house to house. Knowing your neighbor in the County is of utmost importance.
- I would like the County to have embraced change of population growth; while keeping the beautiful nature that makes the county one of the best places to live. Integrating both trails and nature with new development to attract people from the GTA to our county. I feel as though we should not try and be a downtown centred concrete jungle. Instead we should be focusing on being a community to raise your family that has nature and exercise at your fingertips. By this I mean many trails throughout neighbourhoods which promotes safe walking spaces for families. As well as developing more trails along the Grand. We shouldn't be scared to develop up in certain areas and make affordable apartments and condos. However the focus should be on urban sprawl and development of the county's resources to accommodate this. I feel that the public needs to be educated on more people = more tax = better services the county is able to give. We are no longer that small town from years ago and that is ok.
- affordable activities for seniors, affordable activities for youth, continue to offer affordable & convenient transportation like eRide, easy access to amenities in your neighbourhood, keep downtown areas small & unique (shopping entertainment & restaurants only), well maintained industrial areas (like where BGI is) with incentives like keeping climate change in mind or kickbacks for community involvement to draw new business (tax base)
- I would like to see the county increase the minimum lot width for single family detached homes. Builders greed leads to "cookie cutter" developments. It would be nice to set ourselves apart from other cities and counties within southern Ontario by forcing builders to construct lower density communities.

- Sustainable growth should be the most important factor when planning development in a small town. Including climate change resilience a focus on providing support for local business and lots of green space. After all that is what makes Paris special and a unique place to live!
- I believe the county needs to expand outwards to meet the current and upcoming housing demands. We need more homes period. Mixed dwelling types allow for a range of affordability for different ages and incomes. I feel the local economy will BOOM with development sprawl. Thanks for asking :)
- I have an opinion as do a lot of residents, but the County needs to start listening instead of having a fixed agenda
- A lot of green space mostly detached homes. Some privately owned small businesses.
- I would like to see Paris expand to the south to alleviate traffic in the downtown core.
- 1) A third bridge on the Grand River keep truck traffic out of the residential community. 2) A higher police presence ticketing drivers who knowingly break speeding and traffic light the laws putting children in danger. 3) A City of Brant owned golf course which will NEVER be used for anything else. 4) No building with greater than seven (7) stories. 5) A tree bylaw preventing homeowners from cutting down healthy trees without planning approval. 6) Speed bumps on all signaled pedestrian crossing. 7) Complete closure of Grand River St. North between Mechanic and William St. and turning it into pedestrian zone.
- If we don't work to attract industry to the county we will not afford the above vision. Residential does not pay for itself and with Brantford being so aggressively courting Business and industry we will not survive on our own. Look how successful we were with the Business Park. County too the initiative and it paid off.
- Building needs to stop now or the County of Brant will be completely destroyed. Paris is a disaster. The new subdivision on the West side of Rest Acres at Powerline is the perfect example of what NOT to do in terms of development. It looks horrible will be overpopulated for the space and there is going to be major parking issues on all of the streets. New subdivisions should be spread out leave room between homes for green space and trees. Go to any older subdivision and that is what you want new builds to look like in the future. Stop this density building before it's too late!
- A liveable community not unregulated urban sprawl. We need improved active transport to get people out of their cars and more integrated into their community. New growth should have shops and amenities within walking distance. A new build for museums should be a priority to store all collections within a centralized facility with smaller community spaces in each community for exhibits and programming. Good planning start with a good plan for climate change. No more building of any residences within the floodplains. Large scale infrastructure (water & sewage treatment) should be built in St. George and/or Burford so that Paris doesn't continue to be ruined and turned into a large city. If the County has to grow all areas need to grow equally.
- Please save our farmland Paris has developed way too fast barely recognize this place I call home
- Walkability! The fixation with the automobile was last century.
- I would like to see some rental homes for seniors that are not necessarily low-income housing with amenities close by in corresponding neighbourhoods. I don't want the downtown to change too much or the charm will be lost with too many tourists. Think about putting bike lanes somewhere other than downtown.
- Walkable community areas and lots of protected natural conservation areas in between

- Don't grow the city. Leave it at the size it currently is. Thanks.
- Build out infrastructure BEFORE expanding rather than trying to catch up to developing areas. Planning should include future expansion plans so that current investments in infrastructure changes are not wasted; I see a lot of re-work happening around Rest Acres and King Edward that should have all been addressed in the first redo of that area.
- Paris gets failing grade for walkability and recreational use within residential areas. Try walking downtown- from Grandville Telfer estates area or the new residential areas north and south. Next to impossible for many especially in winter.
- We need more walking/cycling trails and ""accessible to all ""parks in residential neighbourhoods that connect to shopping areas parks school existing trails. Check out what Mississauga has done. You can go from Lake Ontario to the 403 on trails. Planning for this HAS to happen at development stage- NOT later! Developers know the value of having this; trails- makes very desirable living.
- Also mandate more available parking in new developments- especially for medium/high density areas. bigger driveways more garage space and more room on street to park. It is down right stupid to crowd and squeeze homes- townhouses semis row housing so tight together that parking is a perennial problem- esp in winter. Few homes/families have no or 1 car
- I highly suggest you put an offer in to purchase beautiful Ontario Park and save it as a green space. We don't want developers in destroying that paradise!!!!
- First off I don't feel we need to grow. I would like to see existing developments improve. There are many areas of Brant that have vacant buildings. Just because we have an abundance of farmland doesn't mean that we should keep building new subdivisions. Also planting rare native trees along existing roads and throughout urban settings should be a priority.
- Why do we need a growth target. How about zero or negative. Less people is the growth target.
- WALKABILITY PUBLIC RIVERFRONT ACCESS affordable housing
- Less people less traffic Paris is not the pretty town it used to be 30 years ago. The development needs to slow down now before it's too late!
- I hope there is an expansion on our new brant sports complex to have more ice for our growing community. I also hope a community pool will be built there for swimming lessons and recreation. As Paris and the county continues to grow I would hope to see more unique businesses call the county home. I also hope we can expand trails and green spaces to enjoy locally.
- I would really like to see another public school go in by the 403. I am hoping that happens sooner than later. I would also like to see a new high school or a major renovation to Paris High. Currently children are leaving Paris to attend Catholic school in Brantford even if they are from the public board. I would also like to see small parks in new neighbourhoods. It has been 8 years in the grandville neighbourhood and we are still waiting for our small park. I remember submitting names for the parks years ago and still nothing. All these houses going in and no green spaces for kids to play.
- Stop expanding period. No new housing developments. Stop destroying the rural landscape and farming community
- Stop urban sprawl. Preserve woodlands/woodlots and make it impossible whether privately owned or not to level them or build on them.
- preserve the unique downtown appeal, parking garage(s) downtown, New bridge diverting traffic from downtown core
- I visualize a clever blend of small urban centres with a strong rural flair.

- Focus on the congestion in Paris Ontario for one thing. This town is over run now. Should really think about traffic flow before any more building is allowed. You want people in then get them a way in and out of town. It's not only residents that come in and out of your towns
- Slow down the housing growth create more micro communities ie ability to walk to essential stores for food etc if continue to grow need a transit service to move people around
- I believe we need to preserve our rural areas where we can eat the food we grow and enjoy our outdoors. Let's leave the big developments to the cities.
- Functional and sustainable
- Removal of the Paris dam (Penman's dam). Conserve natural habitat and have large green space a buffers along our rivers and streams.
- Less cars through town encourage more walking/biking if possible. Protect our nearby forestry rivers and parks. Encourage local green initiatives and "net zero" targeted developments.
- Improved pedestrian flow particularly downtown Paris- more businesses on Broadway. Encourage more farmer's markets. We find it difficult to find local farm products
- Plant more trees
- Same as it was 10 years ago. Small town rather than a bedroom community. I don't agree that bigger is better. I don't want to be a suburb of Toronto. I will relocate to another community if ours grows much more.
- Small town feel/prettiest town in Canada just as it did 10 years ago. Easy to drive through/lovely and pleasant. I'm not sure what happened to our town :(
- Brant County is uniquely situated at the rural / urban divide the county should maintain this character. I see the county developed as a series of small towns instead of one large one so don't just grow Paris.
- I want residents and visitors both to be able to enjoy this place. Lots of opportunities for first time home owners or singles and strong internet capabilities in all parts of the County. Greater responsibility by developers to enhance the County either by investments to infrastructure or other county projects
- If the residential market continues to target Toronto buyers the County will look and feel very different. Home buying is not available to most residents or their families due to the increase in costs. The County must target a sustainable government. Infrastructure costs should be downloaded to the developer along with most of the park spaces and recreational spaces. Current road access is limited and is unable to handle the anticipated traffic volume within the area.
- Growth but maintain the beauty.
- Walkable communities and safe for bicycles. Good public transit (e-ride is a great start), Reduced emphasis on traffic flow through and no large parking lots- especially not multistory parking lots behind the downtown. Lots of trails and greenspace and natural areas. Independent business not box stores or chain stores. Library downtown with opportunity for branches in outskirts if needed. History respected heritage preserved. Arts encouraged - public art venues etc. i.e. Cobblestone Festival was great - ahead of its time. Affordable housing for those with low income. Smaller schools within town rather than superschools out of town. Ground water protection a priority. Plan to and action to reduce current carbon footprint - start locally- hope for globally.

- I would like to see common sense in planning a priority. When you plan to build more residential areas you need to consider the infrastructure (access to and from) in the equation
- Resilience to climate change and places to get outdoors and safely walk and cycle.
- Protected farmland. New developments beside existing farmland should have a statement on the deed that they are bordering farmland. Housing and zoning must be changed so that wildlife/wetland/woodlot areas co-exist together. Developers insist upon bulldozing areas to create a flat virgin field to build their community. This should not be allowed and many people today want to move into a home that is built into the natural surroundings. The OP must make this not just available but a priority. Frank Lloyd Wright concepts should not be restricted to the ultra wealthy. Living within nature is a concept that should be a priority. This can be especially utilized in housing aimed at seniors. They have the time and desire to embrace nature and enjoy a quieter lifestyle.
- A sensible mix of commercial and residential growth. Residential growth will need to understand attainability as current housing prices driven by much larger communities are unaffordable.
- Balance across the County in terms of residential development, separation of residential and commercial/industrial, focus industrial along 403, recognize the growing % of seniors and provide demographically and financially broad range of new housing
- Greener
- Quality of life should be an underlying theme... thus encompassing climate & environmental considerations traffic appropriately mixed & placed density ready access to amenities from the likes of parks & libraries to health care employment availability ... to the maintenance and evolution of our agricultural heritage.
- Tree-lined streets walkable community shopping areas to support the population nice parks great trails good roads and connections preserving heritage structures variety of spaces to enhance community spirit sport and recreation facilities recreation opportunities for all ages employment opportunities through commercial and industrial development maintaining and enhancing history preserving and enhancing our environment through good water and air quality supporting development of health facilities. Having all the services you need within a 15 minute drive would be ideal. Creation of safe communities that foster community engagement and friendly neighbourhoods is very important.
- Walkable communities and public transit to reduce climate change; become a transition town; smaller farms focused on local products; intensification with community involvement ie agritourism and agri-education; No urban boundary expansions
- The County of Brant should ensure that all communities have the "hard services" available to them so that we can all benefit from safe drinking water sewers and major roads. I am also concerned about affordable housing for our young families and housing for the older population.
- Keep it just the perfect way it is.
- With more residents come more pets. Vet clinics that offer emergency hours and a low cost spay/neuter clinic provide the services needed in a residential area without any pets staying overnight on the property. This will help to decrease the financial burden of animal control measures within 2 years of new housing development. It is also an amenity that will promote a Responsible Pet Community.

- Priority should be focused on infrastructure assessment and management, including water supply sewage treatment road maintenance and traffic flow. Naturalized green space acquisition and protection heritage architecture and land use protection bylaws medical facilities including hospitals and clinics and plans on how to recruit and retain healthcare professionals.
- As a small community we should be able to support our own. As recently demonstrated travel to & from larger centers puts us at greater risk (including driving to warehouses/markets to purchase product). As a farming/rural community we have the resources (if mindfully grown & harvested) to support our families. The more fields we turn into housing projects = less for our own provisions be it cattle/sheep/crops.
- Excessive non-conforming uses in the village of Scotland (both authorized and non) have resulted in excessive noise and traffic at all hours and have greatly affected people living in proximity of these locations - Marcus St in particular. Suggest that any non-conforming properties revert back to residential only upon change of ownership to try to restore some residential quality to the east side of the village.
- Offer more amenities to smaller communities.
- other options for housing - such as large country lots on land that is not being used for farming-not row housing which changes the look of what used to be an area stop the large subdivisions with houses tight together lots of greenspace and nature beauty and village appearance with quaint shops care for the rivers and not allow too much traffic on them preserve them as they are now - unpolluted and not overrun with tourism
- Sustainable phosphorus management to reduce load on rivers and streams. Upgraded waste water treatment plant with enhanced phosphorus removal tertiary treatment. Upgraded watermain infrastructure to reduce amount of watermain breaks. Flow of traffic through downtown is going to be a disaster if not addressed immediately.
- I would like to see a Green Space maintained between the county of Brant and the city of Brantford. Growth should be closely monitored as we are reaching the peak of what can be maintained in the town of Paris. Expansion will be in the outer areas but only done with careful planning so as to maintain the charm and beauty of the county. Farmland needs to be maintained and an end placed to gravel pit invasion. The Bawcutt Center finished and used. Brant Industrial Park is full and we need to add more space for small companies to develop that are entrepreneurial. I do not want to see Paris and area become another Mississauga. That would be a travesty. I would like to see an area where people want to live because of its beauty NOT because they can just commute.
- I hope that even through growth we are able to maintain out "small town feel" as that is why so many are coming to the County I do not want to see the county lose it's agricultural foundation at all!!!! It would be a tragedy if Brant County became a completely commercial industrial & residential metropolis and lose it's agricultural heritage.
- Minimal development in smaller communities if people wanted to live in larger cities they would. We live in smaller communities for many reasons; less congestion; less crime; less traffic; less pollution; etc. As soon as services like sewer and water become available developers move in and destroy the fabric of the neighborhood
- Less urban sprawl. Utilize existing developments.
- I'd like to see neighborhoods with single dwelling homes each with it's own park. High density housing should be avoided if people want city living then they should live in areas like the GTA. Tree lined streets with walking/bike trails throughout and linking all parts of

the town. Recycling programs would be expanded to include the majority of items purchased in all retail outlets. If packaging isn't recyclable then it shouldn't be able to be sold. The town that I grew up in will no longer be here due to the Liberal's exponential growth plans which is unfortunate. Hope my comments are helpful. Thank you for allowing input.

- Expand existing villages and hamlets to increase county tax base for lower taxes.
- A healthy balance to encourage community interaction and healthy living for the people and the environment
- The County should be as self sufficient as possible. Affordable transit that dovetails with bike paths walking trails and roads. Land use done properly with local produce and farming practices a priority. Entice industry that will generate long term employment and strict adherence to healthy environment practices . Protection of historical and environment areas. Instill a pride in ones community offer incentives to promote healthy life styles. Encourage local growers and farm families to be good custodians of the land and produce the best products possible. A study on how European communities have succeeded in this endeavor . We don't need to reinvent the wheel just improve on it and design it to fit the various areas in the County. Climate change will be a huge factor in how this County operates and what the comfort level of its people will be. Tomorrow is to late we need to start today.
- Schooling needs to be addressed drastically in Brant County. Maintaining and protecting older trees and historic sites as a priority over urban sprawl development. Driving down rest Acres makes me feel like I'm in a city no longer a small town of Paris. The focus on green spaces and planning in order to protect creeks an older trees incorporate protection of the beauty of town...like fall with the changing of the leaves.... is now being decimated by Developers...and will be a thing of the past... we are destroying the beauty of our town one small act at a time...
- A walkable community invested in health and education. Strong agricultural protection and environmental protection not simply for the people but also the flora and fauna. We moved here for small town. Change is inevitable but it must be good change. Recognize that the draw of the downtown is how it is. Changing it too much may not bring the same interest as it has now. It is unique. It is picturesque and historical. Protect those roots.
- I would like the county of Brant to look like it did 10 years ago. Making sure the new residential areas also have enough commercial establishments in order to ensure continued use of our down town by the original neighbouring communities.
- I'd love to discuss in detail as a SEDRDMasterLandscapeArch and rural resident. Some priorities: leafy roads & rivers; connected biodiversity & wetlands (landscape ecology in support of farming well wetland & pollinator quality plus erosion resilience); amazing soil and water quality (add these points explicitly to the New Plan mission and a detailed Soil Map added to ease public & economic comprehension); farmers thriving in an econ system that supports & rewards farming & land access without stress to farmers; rivers and floodplain recharge & erosion zoned strengthened thru robust forest and prairie maturity; insist on green/natural infrastructure instead of mainstream; strict bylaws maintain complex topography of this county. Unique culture where med. density developers & residents learn celebrate & actually support both rural functions and warm collaborative indigenous relations rather than the reverse; county-perimeter trail system & transit ; aging in place made easy. BEAUTY
- Before the continuation of building residential and commercial we need to focus on infrastructure. I also believe residents should have some say in the way tax dollars are spent as some things seem to be such a waste of money.

- Leading the battle against climate change so future generations can live with similar comfort in our county this means protecting and even increasing forests and green areas and giving incentives for transportation that doesn't emit greenhouse gases.
- Large fields of food and making our presence known that we can provide farmers and farms. Greener options and better protection of the fields that generate food for the world and country.
- Would like to see an overall growth. In population new infrastructure like housing commercial areas school gas stations and at the same time with all the growth good road network is needed making it easy to travel between areas and for a good traffic flow. Would also like to see more big businesses coming in which will lead to more jobs. Our beautiful county has a great geographical location on 403 connecting south west ontario to south east.
- We should look at increasing the Parking Requirements for new developments. It is currently at 2 spaces per unit for detached, semi detached and townhomes. The builders use the attached garage as one of the parking spaces leaving only one space outside of the home for parking. These garages are rarely used for parking because they are too small. We are a bedroom community with no transportation and as such people that move here have and require vehicles. The current Space Per Unit Parking Requirements are not sufficient for our growing neighbourhoods. Look to the north end of Paris Binbrook or Kitchener where residential parking is less than sufficient. Many cars parked in boulevards on lawns and major issues with lack of parking. This could be improved by requiring new developments to include "2 parking spaces outside per unit" so the garage isn't included as one of the spaces
- Need to be close to the 403 why not look at the Garden ave exit and Johnson rd area? East side all open and close to everything. Perfect spot to build homes!
- To protect farmland and to lobby the provincial government to expand the green belt in order to stop developers from expanding on agriculture Class 1 Class 2 and Class 3 agricultural land. In order to stop spread we have develop housing by going higher instead of the urban sprawl.
- Ability to walk to work and school trails connecting towns
- Just build a nice village where everyone has space to live. Go to Toronto nothing is green is this the world you picture for our future . I hope not.
- Low density housing in St. George! Need a high school in St. George. Expansion of Arena to include more amenities. Absolutely no apartment buildings or higher density residential. Our community is intended to remain higher end residential. Increase our property taxes on a settlement basis to offset for lost development charges.
- I understand that Brant and more specifically St. George are required to grow as part of the Provincial growth strategy however it should grow in keeping with the current community character. Large lots single family homes.
- Keep the higher density areas populated and allow currently designated rural residential areas to develop especially those close to Brantford and those areas with higher population density. Save the rural areas for farming and wildlife. Keep it low density in terms of housing and development.
- Complete Communities & Walkable Neighbourhoods.

Protecting What We Value

Question 10:

When considering our valued resources, are there any additional trends, challenges, or opportunities that you would like to see addressed in the policies and objectives of the new Official Plan? Please provide further comments in the space below.

- It is heartbreaking and very disturbing for us to be losing our farm land to urban sprawl! These farmers feed our families and provide necessities for our community, province, and country. We need to protect our resources! Paris is being completely ruined and taking the lively hood and resources of so many. The monstrosities being built downtown Paris are completely wrecking the whole small town charm of our town. Local residents can't even enjoy our town and the beauty of our country because we are being overrun with tourists standing in the middle of our roads! The building and development in this town has ruined not only our town but the outlying areas as they are being destroyed! It is awful!
- You are asking some wrong questions and some leading questions here. I have witnessed visible decimation of what was once beautiful areas. The building projects in the Shellards lane area including all the housing and the horrible water tower are nothing short of tragedies. Not being hyperbolic here. They really are tragedies. Why does the county feel the need to build and attract more people? Is it because of a misguided sense of progress? To make money? To attract more tax payers? In the very recent past (within the last 15 years), Brant was beautiful and charming. What you people, the leaders in this area, are doing with our once beautiful area is shameful. Seriously, anyone who has not spoken out against the sprawl that we are witnessing should seriously question the short sighted and misplaced views that they have. It's probably quite obvious by now but I can't really overstate my disappointment in what Brant has become. Such a horrible, crying shame.
- Paris has lost its charm, so do what ever
- Keep the County in good shape to live here. New development should never take away anything of the beauty and comfort of living here. Don't take away any major green space, like Brant Park, just because it's convenient to do so. Even if it opens up opportunities to develop available space. We will never regain back what we're losing. It's better to use farm land for new development. Plan roads around build-up areas, not thru it, but only start building it when the need is there. Make sure there is enough parking space with every development. It's so easy to build close together, but once the space between properties is gone, it's gone. Be there for the residents; developers will make their money somehow, but we can't afford to give in to them.
- Create a new category of residential zoning that allows the property to be a more integral part of the local ecology. Allow meadows instead of yards and other naturalization features. Also allow home owners to live sustainably by growing their own food in large gardens, having more compost, allow them to have a small number of chickens. This is possible on large rural residential lots with minimal annoyance to neighbours. The county has been far too heavy handed in its application of residential property maintenance bylaws on rural residential land owners.
- The older and run down industrial areas around Paris need to be cleaned up and modernized.

- Improved engagement with land owners/tenants in areas that are impacted by growth/tourists. Improve internal communication and planning within the County to a more holistic approach to solving problems. Listen to the public and try new ideas. Look around at our neighbouring Municipalities and learn from them. Capitalize on local talent and volunteerism, form Advisory Committees such as a Trails Advisory Committee and an Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC).
- Green spaces / parks question was an either / or , both responses are necessary: Payment should be required from each development that will be dedicated to establishing park spaces around the County. Older buildings is a red herring. If the owner of the building cannot pay for the preservation or it is not economically viable tear it down. No County morning should go towards preservation. The only person who wins is the person who owns the building. There is no appreciable economic benefit to the county. Its like restoring a 1978 Chevette, there is no point. Another issue not addressed in this survey is policing. This is a major expense for the county, and it is currently done poorly. The OPP are totally unsuited for community-based policing. They are expensive and have no visibility in Paris. We need community policing, not imperial storm troopers.
- While the Heritage Register many not be the best tool for Heritage Preservation, it is an additional tool for the Heritage Toolbox. With a recommended public consultation on this project, this tool could be implemented within a very short time frame. The County should come up with a Heritage Conservation District Plan that outlines where Heritage Conservation District Studies should be completed within identified time frames.
- River access at Forbes Street in Glen Morris is wildly overused. We feel that plastic floaties that are normally used in pools should be banned from being used on the river and only allow kayaks and canoes. More garbage cans on the Rail Trail, it's sad to see how much garbage there is along the trail from Cambridge to Glen Morris, Glen Morris to Paris.
- The Town of Paris is becoming a traffic grid lock in the downtown core. I have seen cars backed up the the Willet Hospital trying to get downtown. There needs to be a second bridge, possibly at Green Lane to alleviate this problem. I don't believe there was enough planning for the Rest Acres Rd. area either. When the subdivisions are completed, this too will be a traffic nightmare. Also where are all the people going to go when the new Golf Course development is completed? I have said this in other surveys, if this was done for the tax money only, Council has ruined this beautiful town!
- Far less development in our towns; while I recognize that development is key to growth, it needs to be far better managed and all constituent parties need to be consulted and HEARD
- Let's not make Brant County the next Milton or Waterdown. Keep it country, that's why we moved here and pay taxes here
- I think that there needs to be less building of residential. Paris is absolutely ruined and I would hate the same thing to happen to St George however I do see some development area for sale. SAD...
- Less concentration on Paris and more on surrounding localities
- Infrastructure improvements and spending is too far behind all of the current rapid building of subdivisions in Paris. The county is allowing this without addressing road improvements first.
- Build smaller homes on much larger lots.
- Please make these important surveys better known to our residents who may not be involved with popular social media. Perhaps flyers in the mail.

- Preserve Paris it's already over crowded and the nature is destroyed. Enough already!
- Agriculture is what has made Brant County, Brant County. Let's not abolish that prime item in our county. The more urban and industrialized we become, the less our future generations will be able to enjoy the flavors that are ours today. We will grow and gain increase in population, but we need to keep our growth where it will take up little or no agricultural space. Maybe not an easy feat, but quality doesn't usually come easy.
- Water is a much valued resource. Allowing water to be taken from our water filling stations for marijuana grows for 12 hours a night is disgusting. That is safe potable water that we need for drinking water as we do not have to treated town water. Marijuana grows are another challenge and I know the bylaw has recently changed but for my kids at Onondaga Brant to constantly be smelling the marijuana from the 'legal,' grow at the old flea market is shameful and very concerning. They're country kids at a rural school, manure is the only thing they should be smelling. Our air is another valuable resource. That building should be condemned and torn down. It's an eye sore. We pay \$6000 a yr for taxes to live here and that brings everything down due to its condition.
- The County needs to insure that there is adequate park space in each development. There should be no more areas like Cobblestone without a park.
- Please consider widening sidewalks, creating more parks and greenspaces, adding bicycle lanes, and encouraging pedestrian-only areas in downtown to help keep Paris a "green" community. Currently, the infrastructure encourages use of vehicles and clogs the roadways when driving is necessary.
- Recognition of drinking water sources and the value if our aquifers through source protection planning; value of and NEED for stormwater management and appropriate drainage works; the social value of trail systems be recognized and further enhanced; support for stewardship of critical natural spaces like Mt Pleasant ponds; value of using electric vehicles and the need for this infrastructure; the value of cycling as a means of transportation; water quantity and the balance between irrigation and natural habitat needs (Whitemans Creek); recognition that septic systems must not be built and forgot but rather maintained and to ensure residents do so through education and building code/by law requirements. This would help to reduce the cumulative impacts on groundwater quality. See Tiny Township programs; ensure that the capacity of our local waterways are not exceeded by the population growth projected by county/province. county must do assimilative capacity studies not developers
- There is no way that our small town can withstand the amount of development currently going on, never mind trying to keep water and land safe while we tear up all the natural surroundings around town to get more Toronto houses built. Have we considered trying to slow that down before we become a city with no nature at all?
- Vancouver has a bylaw requiring minimum reuse and recycling requirements for demolition waste when you demolish a house built before 1950. Additionally, a deconstruction requirement applies when you demolish a heritage listed house, or a house built before 1910. This is both great for the environment and heritage conservation. For example, old quality lumber is re-used and is much better quality than new lumber. We should consider something similar. <https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/demolition-permit-with-recycling-requirements.aspx>
- There are no side walks on east river rd from the church to glen Morris road where the school is. (in front of the Cemetery) There is also no side walks after the school To princess rd There are large transport trucks crossing Glen Morris road. Since highway 24 was

Constructed new travers Have found a way to cut Through glen Morris . Also in the summer cars Accessing the river are parking on the side walks On east river rd. You can't see cars coming down or up The Hill when crossing. There needs to be a stop sign on east river rd crossing glen Morris road to slow car down that are are going so fast to get up the hill. There also needs to be cross walks mark at on the road. Better yet Install crosswalk lights like in downtown Paris. This is a major concern. Safety of the community should be first before any other projects. With out community no one can enjoy theses Initiatives that are planning. From A Family with a 3 year old and 5 month old baby who can't enjoy walking around

- More trails, specifically around St. George.
- Sidewalks in Mount Pleasant
- The timeline for transfer of water use from Mt. Pleasant to Brantford, following the boundary changes, has not, to my knowledge, been finalized. Any such activities should have these kinds of issues agreed in advance. The very real issue of climate change and its impact should be included in planning discussions. We need to save our water, natural habitats and green spaces. Cannabis farms should be strictly regulated (more than currently), inspected and considerable distances away from any private residences.
- I think we ought to be more recognizing the value in our farm land as well. One short question does not address well the loss of farmland to development. If we aim to increase density in our communities as we really should be considering; we should not need to pave so many fields for homes. I hope for a future survey with more details on what we might do to protect it. Further to that, will any potentially proposed policies serve to discourage land speculators from sitting on land (ie working farms) for future development? If not, is there any way we can address this? Our farmers or potential farmers should NOT be priced out of the market by lots selling for several million dollars.
- Stop developing close to our river. Stop removing trails for more out of town homes. Keep our green spaces and protect the land, water and animals. Respect the treaties w indigenous people and stop developing on their rightful territory!!!
- With all the ongoing housing development there has been absolutely NO mention of addressing increase in family pet ownership. Pet ownership is vital to many families especially now with COVID & schooling/business conducted from homes. We need a low cost spay/neuter/ vaccine clinic in the county. We also need a new County of Brant SPCA building asap. The current building is very old; damp; likely has asbestos and quarters are cramped. Regarding the aggregate rich county of Brant, in addition to restricting location of haul routes & crushing sites, the SPEED of these trucks hauling aggregates etc is out of control! Dump trucks; cement trucks etc ALL of them drive outrageously fast; as do residential vehicles. The country roads are and have been, extremely dangerous for quite some time. Camera radar is the only way to get a grip on this dangerous activity. Thank you, and please respect our country side and country residents and businesses.
- Preserve par-3 9 holes of the Paris Golf Courseseniors need a place to play!!!!
- No more subdivisions!!! Keep farmers in the county! Don't let Brantford get their way with land transfers.
- Stop developing the town to be a city. If we wanted to live in Milton we would live in Milton.
- Stop selling off the town. There must be other areas in the Province that are already prepared for this type of growth. Why does Paris need to be the new Mississauga???? Paris has been ruined, I'll be moving and taking my large tax dollars and spending to another community. Thanks for driving me out of town.

- Walking trails to explore the beauty of Paris is important, as well as facilities to engage our youth with all the new developments- tennis/basketball courts, parks for kids.
- Protect the county from the disasters of areas like what Milton and Barrie went through years ago. Developers may have the money to influence the counsel but they dont live here. The counsel has to hear and listen to us who live here. We need to work together with a cooperative counsel. We have an amazing landscape w rural farms and the Grand and Nith rivers. Protect them should be our number 1 priority.
- I started to do your other two surveys however they did not offer options regarding "no additional expansion of residential areas". This related to the housing survey and the municipal use of land and planning survey. Sad, as many folks in Brant County have seen enough rapid growth for now. I speak specifically of Paris but I suspect this will be an issue county wide. What makes Paris special is being ruined.
- I've lived in Paris my entire life and I still choose to work here even though I now work in the GTHA. I love our small town and the culture here - part of the reason I drive an hour to and from work so I can continue to live in a small community where you know your neighbours, support small businesses and enjoy nature. I am deeply concerned with the direction that the Town and County have taken in the past 10 years to expand development of housing without great thought to our natural resources, farmland, wildlife and the quality of life for the people who live here (eg. Rest Acres, Barkers Bush, etc). While I understand some growth is necessary (after all, I grew up here and am now trying to buy my own home here), but large development needs to stop. We need to preserve our towns before they become cities with no wildlife, more flooding and issues with infrastructure due to rapid expansion. Please help protect our beautiful community and stop any more development before it's too late.
- A bypass for downtown should be the number 1 priority
- A lot of these survey question are required already in the planning act - so this survey seem a bit strangely positioned. Not sure if this is the most effective strategy for obtaining feedback on what really matters for a new official plan. Please provide more opportunities to engage organically on a new official plan. This feels like you're pushing an already determined agenda for approval. Open feedback opportunities are necessary to truly engage.
- Creating new residential lots in rural area should be allowed with a minimum size requirement. Development in Paris is out of control and has ruined Paris. We can never go back. Owners of heritage buildings should be held to a certain standard of upkeep and if that means we need grants then this requires more community engagement. Let's avoid the loss of landmarks like the Preston Springs Hotel! The Glen Morris river access is out of control and a real thorn to the residents of Forbes Street. There has been a real lack of community engagement and very little consideration for our homes and community. It seems as though there is more consideration given to visitors than to our community. There is a conflict of uses and priorities by encouraging and developing a public recreational space on the end of a residential cul de sac. Our homes and community is not a tourist destination. Please consider removing public water access from our community.
- I would like to see all gravel pits, once excavation is completed, that the land is returned to a form that can be reused for housing, parks, green spaces, or even business development. The pit along 403 and powerline rd has been sitting untouched for many many years. The companies should have a responsibility to return it to reusable land.

- I feel that the pace of growth is too fast, currently, and needs to be slowed. I feel that farmland is being taken up too quickly. We also need more natural places and trails like Barkers Bush and Apps Mill to walk because as the population grows, they will become overused. Thank you.
- Rural development should be allowed for areas designated as such. Green screens should be mandatory between farms and residential areas. Residential dwellers should be educated on local farming activities and accept the realities of living by a farm. Larger residential plots should be encouraged to participate in community organizations such as Equal Grounds to promote food sustainability and a healthy respect for the environment.
- Creating new non-farm residential lots should be limited and avoided if possible. However, we should honor existing lots and applications in high density areas such as the one for 3 West Harris Road. At least one home can be built on that lot and development will mitigate the negative impacts from the white pine plantation on the surrounding Natural Heritage area. Greenspace is important for Native species to the area and the dense canopy of the white pine plantation of 9 and 3 West Harris does not allow for native trees to grow or for habitat of native species and wildlife. Changing this area to a 'Woodlot' will require financial support from the county to thin out the trees and plant native species. I'd rather my tax dollars go to more important initiatives like protecting our waterways and building vegetative screens on farmland boundaries. Or vegetative screens on property borders in general. This will give residents a sense of privacy and wildlife a travel route.

How We Green

Question 4:

When considering a neighbourhood setting, what do you think would make the County more resilient to climate change? (Select all that apply and suggest alternatives)

Question 4 Responses – Other

- Continuing the walking path along the Grand River behind the new condos on Willow St where the former Penman's factory was located. This was a missed opportunity for the town to create a park along the river instead of condos. The more walking paths, parks, and green space, the better.
- Incentives or support for Brant farmers with installation of irrigation systems to combat unforeseeable drought conditions. Preservation of wetlands and conservation areas. Tree planting opportunities should consider forest renewal i.e. re-establishment of the existing woodlands and forests that have been stricken and/or decimated by insects or disease e.g. ash bore. Saplings should be made available for homeowners that have forests on their properties e.g. properties along the Grand or Nith rivers, Riverview Street, Paris etc.
- Making complete communities and sub-communities part of responsible development costs so people have the ability to walk to services in their own area.

- Protecting Heritage trees within the community
- Require salvaging of old lumber during demolitions
Reductions in allowed burning e.g. leaves (compost instead)
Electric vehicle charging stations (pay per use)
Solar or geothermal installation or property tax incentives.
- Encouragement for County resident to drive electric cars through increasing charging infrastructure in the County. Encouraging energy efficiency upgrades of County residences through Home energy loan programs like those offered by the City of Toronto. Greening County buildings with the continued installation of heat pump heating systems and solar panels to make buildings net-zero. Greening the County vehicle fleet by converting to electric vehicles wherever possible. Mandating use of electric garbage trucks in future garbage and recycling contracts. Brant E-ride to use hybrid or electric vehicles. Adding an organics recycling program (green bin) to address methane emissions from landfills. Net zero building standards for new construction. Borrow from other rural municipalities that are leaders in climate planning like Oxford Looking forward to seeing Brant County joining those leaders!
- Encourage at home composting and decreased food waste support local farmers getting food to local consumers encourage gardens instead of lawns and water friendly alternatives to lawns
- Creating a new by law that protects heard of trees even when developers have own the land...the current tree bylaw doesn't protect trees when they are threatened by development or gravel pits
What happened to the golf course was a shame!
- We need to stop building on farmland. Period. Stop. We still need to feed people this is come to a stop if we keep the urban sprawl going. Remember the old saying Farmers Feed Cities. They need the land to grow food not large mega houses so someone can make a huge some of money.
- Installation and promotion of Electric Vehicle charging stations in public municipal lots
So far only Brantford has chargers at various business through out the city
- Planting more trees along streets. I am a member of Equal Grounds and Brantford food Forest provide more opportunities to develop these projects

Question 8:

What would you like to see the County of Brant do to improve our sustainability and resilience in the short term? (Select all that apply, and/or suggest alternatives)

Question 8 Responses – Other

- Build sidewalks to encourage walking between neighbours vs the need to drive to avoid speeding traffic
- Require developers to provide green space and plant in newly developed areas.
- If composting/green bins is inaccessible on a county level, encourage at public facilities so individuals still know it is important for the county such as in schools, community centres, libraries, county offices, fire departments, and parks. Invest in local farmers supplying local consumers, ie farmers markets, community gardens. Encourage sustainable tourism in Brant, e.g. if the county is focusing on food tourism support local farms and education on food waste, single use plastics, and environmental impacts of food service. Encourage second ownership of items, e.g. garage sale days or education on waste diversion e.g. donations

- The time to act on climate change is now. The world is already far behind on the actions needed to stop catastrophic damage making parts of the earth uninhabitable in the next 50 years. We need to tackle the root problems (e.g. emissions) rather than the consequences (we have time to deal with that later but it's better to avoid them altogether). Some may not want to pay extra fees/taxes to support saving the earth but what good is that money when children and grandchildren will be living in hell on earth without action?
- Compost program
- Preserve large older growth trees that are part of 'urban forests' and invest in replanting larger sustainable varieties as they die of natural aging. Also require a certain tree to house ratio by developers, not just anywhere, but in the community the houses are built.
- Consider closing Grand River Street north between William and Mechanic street to vehicle traffic and creating a pedestrian walking area only. Through traffic could easily be diverted over the low level bridge or go right on William St., left on Braidway and then left again on Mechanic street to carry on to the south of Paris and then east or west from there.

Question 9:

When considering how we can be a leader in sustainability and resilience, what other suggestions do you have on how we can green the County of Brant?

- Green bin program!
- I used to live in Cambridge and we had a green bin program, that would help. They also picked up yard waste weekly. If not feasible then would suggest a yard waste pickup weekly or at least monthly. Then they took the yard waste to a facility and turned it into compost. That people can purchase the compost for their gardens.
- I think we are the only county in the gta that doesn't use a green bin waste divert system. ??? Why. 2. We have a chance to Not be like Barrie and Milton when large developers came a knocking and took over. Please don't cave to \$\$\$\$ like the old counsel did. We have a very unique county and we have land. The gta is looking our way for expansion. Please Make sure we control where, when and how much. We have the land so we do hold the power. There is a middle ground but it takes some work to get there. Your efforts will be seen and felt for years to come all around this county.
- School programs children are the future, give them the information, get them involved in their community making a difference, citizen science programs etc. People care about the environment but don't often understand how their own actions or actions within their community can be detrimental, teach them how to be involved with just their own personal daily habits. Teach ACTION and CONSEQUENCE. What happens when habitat is destroyed, chemical are used, etc.
- It should start with having at least one employee dedicated to managing the County's sustainability plan and establishing a set of short and long term targets on how the County plans to get to carbon neutral.
- Support bike lanes and consider walkers when developing new subdivisions and re-doing existing transport corridors. The intersection at 24 and King Edward (Paris) is particularly dangerous to cross as a biker/walker. Cars turning left (west) from 24 to King Edward in particular are not considering walkers crossing at the lights. The same with the intersection of King Edward and Dumfries -

impossible time cross legally or safely. It is also extremely difficult to get downtown Paris from the south end. The only 'safe' way for bikers/walkers are to go down Laurel St, through Lions Park and cross the Nith River bridge.

- Perhaps consultations with Community Economic Development persons, such as graduates from the University of Nova Scotia in Sidney. This is an MBA program. So many communities are ruined just by standard housing builds by developers. Europe more vigorously deals with recycling.
- Oppose the province's changes to the Conservation Authorities Act which will basically make GRCA ineffective in protecting our watershed. Actively protect green spaces and prioritize structures that encourage walking and cycling in towns rather than driving. Help revitalize downtown areas and protect historic buildings so we can have vibrant communities that don't look like every other city/town with nothing but chain and big box stores. This will help people work, shop and recreate locally.
- Stop the overdevelopment of Paris and any other area that has this blight forced on it. I drove by the old Paris Golf Course and just about cried. You will never get back a space like that once it is gone. The overexpansion of Paris is shameful and the farm land destroyed for commercial profit is criminal. By keeping these areas protected is the way you reduce carbon emissions and have a chance of a carbon neutral future. Profit now is what will kill this planet and we have no one to blame but ourselves.
- A very minor solution to a big problem would be offering yard waste pick up at least bi-weekly and to provide a compost/green bin program. This would divert massive amounts of waste from landfill.
- Maintain as much green space in our towns as possible
- We should have Heavy fines for littering our roads, ditches and waterways . 2/ cut down a tree , you plant a tree .3/ reforestation wasted farm properties , roadsides , highways and public property . 4 / Bigger lot sizes or smaller homes in new development 5 /plan more walk paths , green spaces and bike trails in newly developed areas . Example Waterloo north -west 6 / utilize former gravel pits for solar panels or return to green spaces . 7 / utilize round-a-bouts where possible . 8/ Bring back 'Dont Be A Litterbug' program in schools and public gatherings . Ex Fairs 9 / Earth Day incentives 10/ Bi- weekly waste pickup between Nov -April . 11/ Waste pickup on 1 side of street /road with alternating months . 12/ Rural mail delivery Mon-Wed-Fri. Id have green waste program.
- Do not use MZO's and do not approve development that is not aligned with sustainable growth, environmental protection, official plan or protection from climate change. Convert county vehicle fleet to electric and buildings to low or no emission. Communities need to become walkable/more pedestrian and cycle friendly and have active transportation as top priority (stop planning for vehicles as priority over people). Commit to green bin program, increase recycling, educate about composting and other strategies to reduce waste going to landfill, involve businesses as well as residents. Reduce or eliminate single use plastic county wide but especially at county facilities. Educate about reducing energy consumption and alternative energy. Encourage and educate about importance of local food and buying local (some progress here but always more possible). Build affordable housing, encourage local employment and expand public transportation to reduce long commutes and need for more roads
- Focus on building 'up' and not out.
- Offer a green bin collection
- Plant more trees
- Please, please, please do NOT consider wind power!

- Prioritize and limit development in areas rather than encouraging overdevelopment and infill development, which may have negative impacts on accessibility to water, storm water management, availability of green space, wetlands, etc. Create distinct bicycle lanes throughout the County road systems.
- Support Neighbourhoods in local composting programs, engage schools in community garden planning, creating and caring. Have a more accountable recycling and waste program so that people know where their recycling is actually going and can therefore choose to make differences in buying practices.
- Invest in greening community spaces. For example, the Mount Pleasant nature ponds require a stewardship plan as many trees are dead/dying. Encourage residents to collect rainwater and to NOT irrigate their lawns. Assess existing drainage adequacy. For example, the storm drainage from behind Mt Pleasant school carries manure from the horse field through the school grounds. Appropriate dry storm ponds are needed there. Stormwater could be used for irrigation supplies if local farmers or residents want the water.
- Developing regulations requiring any new building or parking developments be made utilizing their space to optimize green energy use and development (i.e. solar installations as the norm, plus higher standards for insulation and light facing.)
- Current planning strategies in many communities are more comprehensive and integrated. In this way, Heritage Planning and Environmental Assessment Impacts are both considered sustainable necessities and not separate. The term 'cultural landscapes' is often used for both; World Heritage Convention of UNESCO, cultural landscapes are cultural properties and represent the “combined works of nature and of man”. https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/user_assets/documents/HIS-020-Cultural-heritage-landscapes-An-introduction-ENG.pdf
- Act in a custodial manner where wetlands, and forests are present. Our green is shrinking just take a bike ride on the Trabs Canada trail we are so fortunate to have. It's now in many areas just a side walk in people's backyards. We have a responsibility to those that come after us and to the wildlife to maintain this as intended. Just look at the names on the board behind the casino my family name is there and our donations were intended for something grand like the name of our river it should remain so for all not a select few for urbanization but for all to enjoy perpetually
- Planting more trees!
- Set and public targets and be accountable for achieving outcomes.
- Allow severances of 1 acre building lots in all areas of the county. Restrict # of lots that can be severed per property to control over population, and require builders/developers to plant a set number of trees on the property and for every house build.
- I love the idea of educating residents on the small changes they can make without having to directly impact the daily routines that have already been established. Making local transportation a green focus is a wonderful idea where we can promote bike lanes, pedestrian-only areas (like the downtown core), and more green spaces and trails (like the sensory walk). Thank you for taking this initiative as it is very important.
- Ignore all pushback against doing what is right for the environment as we're running out of time to act. Once parts of the U.S. become uninhabitable in the next 50 years, it's not that crazy to think that the U.S. will invade our cooler climate. There will be mass

migrations for survival. The only way to avoid it is to get all levels of government to act NOW before it's irreversible (we're not too far).

- PLEASE protect our sensitive watershed areas! Talk of potential development along the shoreline from Bean to Optimist Park is extremely concerning. Please help keep those natural buffers of woodland area in place alongside the river.
- Great to see a Climate Master Plan under consideration!
- Use the dam on the Grand River in Paris to generate electricity
- Improve the garbage, compost & recycling pick up ...alternate Green bin + garbage bin weeks with Green bin + blue bin, And implement a Return It Depot program so that toxic waste, electronics, plastic bags can be returned any day 365 days a year.
- build a Omniprocessor plant/vertical farm which treats raw sewage by distilling water from the waste and syphoning of the volatile hydrocarbons for use in an incineration unit which also consumes the remaining biomass to create nutrient rich clean ash for use as fertilizer as well as heat and electricity that can be used in the vertical farm while excess power is funneled back into the county power grid. Also built a plastic to fuel facility which renders plastics into ultra clean fuels which can then be sold to local gas stations there by reducing local reliance on foreign oil production and lowers the cost the cost transport the fuel both in money and carbon footprint. All the while using a system that reduces plastic waste, creates good local jobs (reducing travel out of the county and emissions from driving) and creates a fuel which not only creates less emissions in its use by also in its refining process.
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omni_Processor, www.plastic2oil.com
- 1) Take the Climate Change Emergency declaration made by Council seriously. That means the County needs a Climate Change Master Plan and the plan needs to be funded and implemented. The County needs to dedicate resources and assign personnel to develop the plan. It needs to set goals and strategies to achieve carbon neutrality. It needs to report its progress on an ongoing basis so the public can understand and comment. 2) Develop a tree canopy goal and develop a tree canopy plan to meet the goal. The County will need trees to offset its carbon emissions and become carbon neutral. 3) Bring the County's Energy Management Plan into compliance with the law. There is no new 5 year plan that I can see. The way the County presents its results is incomprehensible to all but County staff. There needs to be regular reporting of the plan and its progress.
- By promoting carbon neutral alternatives. Planting trees, Recycling programs and better management of waste eg. reducing landfill.
- New road infrastructure to decrease the traffic problems and congestion in downtown Paris and the associated idling, natural gas usage, and air pollution. Encourage local businesses and encourage supporting local. Develop new eat local maps for the county and farmers to support agriculture. Demonstrate in parks how to use different landscaping techniques e.g. to grow food, to have increased biodiversity and pollinators. Encourage resource extraction e.g. gravel to reclaim and remediate as projects continue onwards and on a continual basis not just when extraction is complete.
- Plant boulevards with combination of native (berry producing) shrubs and small native trees - to diversity habitat yet not impact infrastructure. Plant drought resistant species and those that require no mowing. Dedicated wildflower areas for pollinators - incentives. Very few planted boulevards in St. George. Make towns like Paris more livable. Currently zero recreation in walking distance for most new developments in Paris. Involve students of all ages in community projects or County initiatives.

- Creative densification clusters that incorporate sustainable community principles. Preventing sprawl and the loss of fertile lands will be key if we want to be seen as leaders in sustainable growth and development.
- Protect the river and aquifers by requiring having large buffer zones between river and any development and having large financial penalties for those who allow polluted run-off from their lands
- An electric vehicle future is coming and coming fast. With every major auto brand launching a fully electric vehicle between 2019 and 2022 (General Motors launching 20 new EV models in North America by 2025). Three friends already drive electric vehicles and I plan on getting one in the spring. As consumer habits shift to more sustainable transportation, our municipality needs to invest heavily in providing public charging infrastructure both for locals and as a tourism booster (EV drivers will likely only go where they can charge up. No chargers = no visitors).
- Build up the local community by encouraging well planned builds (allowing rural residential to develop), conserving areas around our existing water ways and promoting community food security. Also development of public green buildings such as the building in Birdshill Park, Manitoba, for public gatherings. Finally, provide reliable STABLE internet to all residents.

Economic Development & Prosperity

Question 8:

What challenge(s) might be recognized to achieving that success?

- Land development issues and current transportation infrastructure.
- We need to maintain our farm lands and forests, while balancing growth. Growth should be concentrated close to town centres.
- listening to the residents
- many long time residents resent the changes and influx of people.
- We need another bridge over the river to accommodate the increase in traffic
- Dragging heels on decisions. We could have had Costco by now but instead all we got was indecision.
- infrastructure
- internet access across county
- I want to see industry but want to preserve good farmland. Keeping heavy traffic away from built up areas is important. I suspect industry wants to have easy access to highways.
- Travel congested streets, need bridge over river bt Greenland to old golf course area
- Pressures being exerted by growth in neighbouring larger communities, such as KW and Hamilton, or any growth that happens along longer distance commuting routes (e.g. GO Train service to Toronto that allows more people to move out of the big city and still work there).
- We need a small business incubator in the county. The small business centre shared with Brantford is useless.

- Most towns are too small to support mid-size employers; Paris is becoming over-subscribed with respect to industry, light industry, tourism, etc. There needs to be a way to find a better balance (but I'm not sure what it would look like - maybe "light industry" on the outskirts of towns like Burford.)
- In older community town centers the roads are narrow and do not offer much opportunity to widen or straighten. Lots of development around town centers without considering the impact of vehicular traffic.
- Traffic and continued dependence on private transportation + Devaluation of farmland+abominations like the north and south ends which disrespect the environment ETC. +lack of water+lack of affordable housing ETC
- Investment is usually more easily achieved from big businesses and industrial businesses, so it will be difficult to maintain our rural character.
- Poor traffic infrastructure in Paris.
- Canada's lack of population, local high tech investment, and general mismanaged economy especially export segment and energy are huge impediments to the next 2 years
- Resistance to change in the County
- Try to keep things away from Paris.
- Nimby, special interests, personal agendas.
- Management of staff
- Infrastructure, Land ownership issues, Grca limits, Indigenous land rites, Irrigates, Farmers, Balancing protecting farmland and the small town feel with pressures of growth.
- Population. Many move to Brant and commute out to GTA
- We have grown too fast and are losing the small town charm that makes our community so sought after.
- Planning well In advance with designated areas and infrastructure to support
- Large corporations bring in more money and often jobs. As the housing development continues there is less quaint factor to the area.
- Capitalize now on opportunities of the change in work environments as more people are working from home. Build character in our communities to keep people here not drive down the 403 everyday to Hamilton and Toronto. Big box manufacturers need to be limited as they take up valuable agricultural land. If they are built, they need to be more sustainable with green/blue roofs and solar panels that provide cobenefits to their local community. Build with co-benefits in mind!
- NIMBYS
- Keep development footprint in responsible control..we need green space, watershed, park and recreational, and vital community environment. Water. Limit development to the ability to water residential needs. Additional dog parks, people have pets that need exercise, and there are not enough. Playgrounds for children need some challenge. They are boring.Smaller homes built, that are more economical, not the million dollar plus eye candy houses. We need better communities. Not dorm towns. Our watershed must be maintained. We must not mine our gravel to a ridiculous extent. Perhaps build maintenance, access roads for trails and locate

bathrooms, dining and refreshment areas in interesting places. People that move here from big cities think they can take ATV on the trails. Bylaw enforcement, policing, and gentle effective surveillance must be factored into developers costs, and maintained.

- Very poor internet.
- we need to retain our class 1 farm land to grow food to feed the ever growing population.
- Being able to move throughout the community, lack of a transportation system & difficult to maneuver through the town of Paris due to being between the 2 rivers & one route through town
- Controlling Traffic congested areas
Willow St. William St. Grand River
- Access to reliable internet is a problem for rural home-based businesses and working remotely from home, especially with Xplornet's acquisition of Silo Wireless leaving thousands of county residents with unreliable service since then. Ideally the county would run its own internet service provider like many other municipalities have successfully done.
- Yes, film and music to an appropriate degree, BUT these are also well done in larger municipalities not far away. WE should focus on family events and festivals related to our local strengths - also the more unusual things not done by bigger cities. The Paris Fairgrounds is good example of a venue with many and varied activities. That brings people to our community and dollars too our economy.
- Servicing of smaller communities and having land designated in these areas.
- The planned residential Growth will be hard to manage. Also your question about working and living in the same community seems hopelessly out of touch with the current pandemic. I technically work in Toronto, but haven't been in to the office since February and don't see that changing for some time. The world is changing and the plan should reflect that new reality.
- Small businesses drive the local economy, inflation has been growing too quickly making it difficult for the average person to consider starting a business
- Why is it important for this community to expand it's employment base, build a large industrial complexes requiring expansion of roads and bridges to accommodate high volumes of traffic? What is your plan when there is a major downturn in the economy, that puts thousands out of work and leaves the municipality paying for infrastructure maintenance that is no longer useful. COVID-19 certainly changed the long term forecast for business.
- I think it's going to be interesting to see if the new developments in Paris are going to contribute to the economic development of Paris and the surrounding county or if they just bought real estate to get out of the GTA and will commute and contribute their economic development there. Many new businesses but the longevity of the new businesses is unknown.
- No proper infrastructure. New roads need to be put in place.
- The protection of the Grand River Watershed as well as reducing the impact of urban sprawl footprint, I'm hoping the county looks at more infill and utilizing spaces that are no longer needed within the community.
- The limited access to internet is greatly affecting our ability to participate in the economy

Question 10:

What are the unique advantages for businesses to locate in Brant?

- River access, a beautiful downtown core with a lot of pedestrian foot traffic, and the possibility of growth in the next 10 years.
- Hey access
- Proximity to others
- space to grow, rail and road, great agricultural land
- Brant offers an excellent lifestyle; good housing, skilled labour force, young families and gorgeous natural resources for recreation.
- Brant is within driving distance to many larger areas and since we are not far from 401 and have 403 going through Brantford, access is available for shipping and if we had stores and enterprises such as Costco, there would be a lot of shoppers drawn to the community. Also there are a lot of people heading down to the lake/cottages who go through our community and would stop to take advantage of shopping. With this demand, it would expand businesses creating more jobs and eventually would increase economy for the county
- close to highways, close to gta with lower land costs
- Brant must show pride in, and more importantly, protect agricultural lands and nature reserves in the area. Once land is zoned commercial/industrial, it will never go back!
- Away from Toronto and the heavy traffic
- Hopefully we have a welcoming attitude and help by having areas where business can locate without many hoops to jump through. If we had a team responsible for facilitating locating to Brant and actively promoting the option of moving here it would be worth the expense.
- residential growth
- Small town charm that allows one to embrace a certain range of aesthetics and foster community.
- Nothing unique versus our neighbours. Slogans don't result in an advantage.
- The last 2 questions should have an "I don't know" option because I'm really not sure how the Official Plan and economic initiatives or employment opportunities fit (or not). I can say that the "unique advantages" we present for businesses is the commitment of residents to support local businesses, and the entrepreneurial spirit in Brant. I also believe many would prefer to work closer to home than commute on the 403, etc.
- I think you need areas outside of towns to build businesses, but be careful not to take too much of our farmland. We are no good if we have no food!!
- A political willingness to give in to the Ontario Development Industry and a desire to Walmartize the county
- Residents with diverse skill sets, who want to foster community based businesses.
- Close to 400 series highway, CNR and Close to air freight in Kitchener and Hamilton.
- Existing commercial land and a well-managed county government.

- Highways
- Close to all the urban centres such as London, Hamilton, Toronto and the main highways 403 and 401
- Major highways. Recreation, cultural and entertainment options. Vibrant smaller communities.
- None
- Access to the 403 & the 401
- Small town community & recreational Lifestyles for employees to raise families. Not big city, not sprawling suburbia, but differentiated small town communities
- Highway access, knowledgeable workforce,
- Nature, historic areas
- We should be using buildings that are already erected. Not taking up more land space to build more industry.
- 403. A North and south service road from Rest acres to Bishopsgate and eventually on to Middle town line road with industrial lots would attract new industry with a large tax base
- For Paris in particular we are between two highways that provide reasonable access to much bigger cities.
- Easy access to 400 series highway, much green space.
- Our rural character must be maintained.
- Undeveloped land along the Highway 403
- Right now there are places with a sense of community. Build on that. Do not destroy that. Agriculture must be maintained, land that grows food is important. High tech agriculture, greenhouses, could be considered. A sport centre for speed skating, or cycling. Recreational camping. Involve artistic activities and involve Six Nations artists to host and perform.
- Location
- I am not sure, but I do know that our quiet village is made noisy and dangerous by speeding drivers in cement trucks and dump trucks, as well as young guys in big pick ups burning rubber all over. It is turning into a very UNpeaceful place to live!
- Population growth
- Proximity to Highway 403 and Brantford while providing smaller town experiences.
- We are so centrally located in this area. Ease of access with the 403 to other areas. Makes our location a wonderful choice for working or commuting to.
- Brant is a geographic hub with good connections. Health, education, and employment opportunities abound within short commuting distances. Rural settings are only minutes away! A great place to live!
- Close to major highways and the US Border. No grid lock, easy to navigate. Great way of life. Nearness to major cities, London, Kitchener, Toronto.
- Balance or rural and urban, close to some more major centres. More direct road access to KW tech industries would be a huge advantage - I would love to work there but the drive would be indirect and on less major roads, which is a concern especially in winter.

- Many small towns attracting visitors from larger cities
- NONE!
- Employment land have to be strictly governed instead of development going on to prime agricultural land .
- It's growing, access to highways
- Access to highway.
- I would like Brant to focus on land preservation and not push for never ending development.
- Access to the 403 is definitely a bonus.
- Sustainable agricultural techniques could be developed in the area. New farming methods and diversifying crops are key to building a profitable and long term local economy. Access to internet in all areas allow for small online businesses to develop.

Transportation & Mobility

Question 5:

When considering our main street areas what components of a 'complete streets framework' would you want to see used (Select all that apply / suggest alternatives)

Other Responses

- Sidewalks on Burtch Road and Ellis Ave Mount Pleasant in the residential areas. Sidewalks should be cleared in the winter, if homeowners are responsible ensure they clean them, if county is clearing them then make sure they are indeed cleared. Reduce transport truck traffic through the middle of towns, passed schools etc.
- Entertainment area/stage for performances in our downtown areas, paved streets replaced with cobblestone or interlock in downtown cores to add to the authenticity/distinction of the areas, an overabundance of free parking that makes the area easy to access, public washrooms that are open to the public
- Safe connections from the rail trail system to downtown and beyond for cyclists
- wider roads for cyclists/pedestrians safety - not really sidewalks but simply wider asphalt surface that can be easily plowed
- Roundabouts.... but maybe slightly wider for transport trucks and other vehicles be able to navigate through.
- Sidewalks or paths where they are not currently present.
- Better signage to show parking options.
- Please work to divert transport and commuter traffic from using Glen Morris as a high speed short cut to get access to and from hwy 24 ! That would address most safety concerns other than the issues we have with the development of Forbes street into a public tourist attraction.
- Measures to slow traffic. Alternative routes for traffic to bypass downtown Paris.
- Does not apply to Burtch
- Make the downtown blocks pedestrian only. This will provide room for gathering spaces (on the former road).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More paid parking to create revenue • Cycling and biking trails • |
| <p>Question 6: When considering our neighbourhood areas what components of a 'complete streets framework' would you want to see used (Select all that apply / suggest alternatives)</p> <p>Other Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed bumps and calming measures definitely especially in areas of town where they have become shortcuts to access other areas Mile Hill, Ball Street and Washington Streets have become quite busy as well as I'm sure other areas of town have as well! • Residential parking only by permit • Turn lanes on Indian line to access Cockshutt, Purchase unused corners and install roundabout. • safe walking/biking; trails |
| <p>Question 8: To improve active transportation connections in our communities (walkingbiking etc.) what should the County of Brant prioritize in its development policies? (Please select all that apply / suggest alternatives)</p> <p>Other Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paved shoulders on the main inter-urban roads such as: Pinehurst Rd Paris Rd Powerline Rd and Governor's Rd • Improve existing areas of town that have no sidewalks and install them on both sides of the street with crosswalks (E.g from Ball Street the sidewalk is only on the west side of the street and ends at the Anglican church There is no dedicated crossing space to get to the east side of Grand River either across from the church or at Arnold street where the sidewalk starts). • Don't put us active transportation people on the same route as the busy traffic. They did this in Vancouver with 4th8th12thetc being vehicular main roads and 2nd6th10thetcbeing prioritized for cyclists) While Paris isn't a grid and new developments frown on the grid design there are certainly ways of creating active transportation connections that don't run up the middle of Grand River Street." • Traffic on Indian Line is not making it safe for walking or biking. • Sidewalks on winding streets for pedestrian safety |
| <p>Question 9: Within a rural setting our approach to transportation and mobility will often be different than the approach in urban areas. What suggestions do you have to improve transportation and mobility in the County of Brant?</p> <p>Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer walking lanes or something when no sidewalks are present. Slow traffic down. • Train service in Paris • It's important to remember that we are, for the most part, bedroom communities within the County of Brant. People have to drive to larger centers to work and make money and as such the idea of walkability, biking routes, and public transportation wont realistically |

be utilized as much or often as in Large urban centers. We still need to accommodate growth with individual vehicles as the main mode of transportation and plan accordingly for parking and conveyance of the individual automobile.

- It is easier to go Brantford than go downtown Paris to do my shopping.
- There is not currently an active transportation network that connects our communities. The County should invest in a plan like the TH& B Trail through Mount Pleasant that connects to Scotland/Oakland. This system should be expanded (using abandoned railways where possible, to connect Burford to Paris and on to St. George. Where connecting to a paved roadway, a slight curb and small paved shoulder to act as a pathway for active transportation similar to what exists going out of Paris on Paris Road towards Brantford. Paris Road should also be expanded to have these connections to Brantford. The SC. Johnson Trail is not a commuter friendly trail as it zig zags around all the industrial lands adding unnecessary lengths to cyclists.
- More frequent public transportation, the ability to commute to Brantford and access trains and buses is vital.
- please just widen the rural roads so we can walk or cycle without fear of being hit by a vehicle.
- Paris by-pass by installation of addition bridge across the Grand river.
- Slow traffic to a crawl (40kms) in our residential hamlets. Please! And redirect transport and commuter traffic by low-speed limits and rerouting.
- Buses more available
- Ensure compatibility with neighbouring municipalities - the County does not exist on its own, and residents and businesses do not stop at the boundaries.
- Continue roundabout development, trails, and active transportation. "
- No buses
- Roundabouts or traffic lights at intersections where 20 or more vehicles per hour pass by. Specifically, Cockshutt/McGill/Sour Spring intersection.
- Increase County wide taxi services. E ride on demand instead of advance booking
- Minibuses that bring people to/from downtown Paris on a set schedule. Could have stops at the fairgrounds and other landmarks. Need a walkable path through Lyons park - the steps have been broken/off limits FOR YEARS NOW. Create "satellite downtowns" in north Paris and other growing areas of the town (so people don't all converge on the original downtown) - but make them beautiful, with green/gathering spaces - no more ugly strip malls, please. Please DO NOT erect an ugly concrete parking deck in the middle of downtown Paris (where the existing parking lot is). Keep that lot as it is or turn it into a green space/park, where people can gather. Put the parking deck one or two streets over, out of sight, and make it beautiful.
- Increase the prices for the eRide service. It is far too cheap, which is probably why it's so hard to book one, unless you are planning three weeks out. I am hoping that with the experiment of opening the sidewalk cafes last summer in Paris the business owners there will reconsider valuing parking over pedestrian space. Build for cars and the cars will come. Build for people and the people will come.
- We need a way to circumvent the bottleneck of the Paris downtown. A way to get the people at the north end to the 403 without having to try to speed through the downtown. Thanks.
- Safer biking along Colborne St. E; Connecting rail trail to cycling route south to Onondaga.

- Get trucks out of the area by connecting 401 to 403 on a dedicated route with minimum number in interchanges.
- Sidewalks on winding streets to promote pedestrian safety. Lower speed limits.
- BIKE LANES!
- Every time you build a road, there should be a bike lane accompanying it. If not, an EASY to find cycling alternative should be available. You ought to be able to cycle safely within each village and from one village to the next on dedicated routes. "
- Maybe having a bus that comes to Paris and then to other towns

Planning for Infrastructure

Question 4:

As we plan for water, sanitary and storm water management infrastructure beyond the year 2051 which of our larger communities do you think should be prioritized for installation and/or upgrades? (Please select all that apply/ Suggest alternatives)

Other Responses

- I would support directing funding to the communities that need it most.
- St. George has been stalled for too long awaiting the twinning of the waste treatment facility. Our growth depends on it and as I understand it the developer consortium has already agreed to fund the project.
- It seems considering the rate it's growing Paris needs a good deal of attention... I do worry that the less populated such as my home area will suffer because of this... but I do understand the need to prioritize.
- Rural areas also

Question 5:

Which infrastructure needs would you prioritize to better service the County of Brant's growth to the year 2051 and beyond? (Please select all that apply/ suggest alternatives)

Other Responses

- Improvement management of our natural heritage features. Widening of rural roads for the safety of cyclists/pedestrians
- Taking into consideration Heritage buildings as well as Heritage trees, also respecting biodiversity within environment by protecting small areas of natural flora and fauna not completely decimating it by bulldozing everything over
- Conserving our green space and not over developing in those sensitive ecological areas.
- We need a bypass for downtown Paris for better movement of traffic
- Dilapidated roads in need of serious resurfacing. A second bridge crossing not like you have not heard this before. Start the process now and it may be completed in 2051.
- Need better road access out of north end of Paris and better traffic flow to downtown Paris.
- Sidewalks and lower speed limits on winding roads

- Place making and public spaces. We need to work on building communities that have spaces to build inclusion and belonging.
- Municipal sewer extensions
- With the population of Brant (Paris specifically) quickly growing now is the time to team with Brantford to lobby for GO train service. Even if GO can't (won't) come this far it is time that Paris had a train station re-established for commuters to help take pressure off our roadways. Even a deal made with VIA for gov subsidized travel passes (tax credit?) would be a "win-win". VIA as we know comes through town on it's main line, and always used to stop here.- how hard is it to install a platform with an auto ticket machine on the old station site at the top of Broadway St?
- Another Public School on the North end of Paris to help facilitate the growing population.
- Affordable housing

Question 7:

Social infrastructure refers to facilities and services that help residents meet their social needs, support quality of life, and add to the creation of complete communities. Which of the following social infrastructure services would you like to see more of in the County of Brant (Please select all that apply / suggest alternatives)

Other Responses

- Bridge from north end over Grand River. Additional access to 403 From Paris area
- Somehow do something to the roads that will reduce speed in villages and residential areas.
- More solar and wind projects please. Also another way around town. 'Downtown access only' is not working. I am not the only one that will drive out Keg Lane to get from one end of town to the other at certain times of day. We need that parking garage (or alternative) downtown sooner than later. I would love for subdivisions to have 'off street' only parking. Especially when a road has a curve. Also more safe places to cross for kids and seniors along Hwy 2. So scary at times. More groomed walking trails. I understand Barkers Bush is to be gentrified- I am hoping Huron Natural Area in Kitchener is an example of what it might be. More dog parks. We need need need low-income housing. Not "affordable" but low income. I would also love a train station/ light rail/bus station connecting us to other communities. This is kind of ridiculous. Thank you so much for this site- so exciting.
- Providing full services to Burford and Cainsville, Additional fire station in North Paris, Better Connection of trails and Provision of more social housing
- Provide better public access to the river - park and picnic areas, walking trails. It's lovely and we can't get near it.
- A South or North service road along the 403 throughout the county so we can continue to attract large industry and most importantly their tax base
- Vibrant public spaces are a necessity and with the influx of residents to the County of Brant. I would like to see a management plan for our natural areas, parks and green spaces that takes into account the protection of natural features vs. recreation opportunities. These natural spaces provide recreational opportunities but more importantly they support biodiversity which is being threatened by recreational users. We have lost several key natural areas connecting natural habitats due to development, and we need to ensure that we do not create islands of green and provide natural corridors. This study should also explore the impacts of commercial outfitters on the Grand River.

- A new bridge over the Grand river
- Please plant more trees in the both new and older neighbourhoods for both health and conserving energy and beauty
- A public indoor pool in St. George would be beneficial for fitness and programming for all ages.
- high density and lower income housing.
- An increase in the recycling program including green boxes for household waste.
- Solar panel road and walkways. But anything that will help the environment. Also anything that will help citizens of the county.
- I think there should be consideration of an additional bridge across the Grand and a by-pass to take through traffic out of the centre of Paris. I know this has been considered and dismissed in the past but with the explosion of housing development this is now a pressing concern. The obvious place for the crossing would have been by Green Lane allowing traffic direct access to the 403 vis Paris Road but with the Riverside development underway the next option would be the Three Sisters where old bridge supports already exist. Without a by-pass by 2051 the centre of Paris will be grid-locked or utterly altered to accommodate through traffic.
- With the growth projected for the County, specifically Paris, we may want to revisit another "bridge". Proactively if we had to evacuate for any kind of disaster it seems to me another exit would be something to consider. Thank you.
- Bridge over the Grand to help alleviate traffic problems in Paris
- Finding an alternative route to get across from one side of Paris to the other
- I'm concerned with the Nith river flood protection planning. I haven't heard enough specifics regarding infrastructure or planning. My concern is that the city may use concrete berms similar to what was done on certain parts of the grand. I may be reading into things incorrectly but I hope it's a thoroughly thought-out engineering process.
- More economical shopping
- Health care services
- Water services in Burford are desperately needed for the safety of all residents
- Connect us to the real tech jobs in Waterloo. Trussler Rd is a suicide mission in winter. Better yet partner with tech hub there and make Brant a part of it. We are too dependent on Brantford. Un-hitch our wagon from that boat anchor.
- Paris is growing too quickly. Infrastructure cannot support this growth. Too much land being sold to developers. Ugly homes being built destroying the beauty/character of the town. Need to preserve/renovate existing buildings. Need public transportation in Paris. Main street/downtown core needs to be pedestrian only. Need another bridge or major road north of downtown to get people in/out of the town. Need artists/architects/historians on planning committees. Need to protect heritage of Paris. New homes should conform to strict architectural guidelines. New homes should be built in the style of local heritage buildings - e.g. loyalist cottage Italianate etc. New homes (in new developments) should not be so close together (need larger lots) - should be more green space between homes and more trees in new housing developments.
- More walkability, prepare for self-driving electric cars, much more culture and a vibrant downtown with less vehicle exhaust blowing in our faces. More roundabouts fewer traffic lights and stop signs, using proper road design and greenery to slow traffic

- Paris needs a bypass for downtown traffic congestion/speed/safety issues and more natural hiking/walking trail areas as the population grows. Thank you.
- Bridge crossing in Paris as development has far outpaced road infrastructure. Golf course development. Nith Peninsula. Mile Hill. It's going to get a lot worse before it gets better. Start the process now and it may be done in n 30 years.
- Bypass and preserve green space.
- New schools in the north and a park
- We need to ensure proper infrastructure planning is in place before further housing/industrial projects are started (ie: roads/sewers/safe drinking water/wastewater school infrastructure upgrades).. There have been too many new housing developments built without enough thought given to existing roads and services to support the increased traffic and population. With the huge increase in houses built in the north end of Paris we will need another fire hall police station and medical facility in the north end very soon.
- In Paris in particular the zoning for housing development has far outpaced the needed improvements in infrastructure natural spaces and commercial areas. The congestion in downtown Paris is indicative of this. I would also like to see more solar energy infrastructure.
- Internet access to Cainsville, Updated hydro to Cainsville, Development of rural residential areas to add to the creation of complete communities, there are a number of undeveloped lots on Brant school and West Harris rd that are not yet developed. We would like to see these areas developed into homes so that my young children will have more opportunity to grow up with a sense of community. We also feel that the increase in homes will slow down the speeding traffic, not only reducing the accidents but making it safer to walk in the area. Hopefully, this will also bring much needed infrastructure to the area such as reliable internet and updated hydro.
- We need to reimagine our towns...In the past rural communities across Canada depended on settlers to build the roads, infrastructure, schools and institutions, business, and housing so communities could thrive and be prosperous. Fast forward 100 years and rural communities are looking to re-imagine themselves in the face of changing demographics, resources disappearing, radical changes in technology and centralized government services. We need to help our towns to build community plans.
- Fast track the development proposals for St. George
- The Bridge across the Grand River north of town. We also need good rental accommodations (not just small seniors' apartments)
- Huge problem of downtown Paris traffic and parking will always impede projects such as farmer's markets, street festivals, sidewalk and riverside boardwalk expansions. A new bridge and ring road must be built sooner or later. If the problem is governmental and/or 6 nations oriented, it still cannot be ignored. Solutions must be negotiated.
- More parking downtown Paris
- Green big program. It's 2021.
- The gravel pit on Curtis ave S should be made into a park.
- I am concerned about water management, but the cost is a disturbing factor. We live on a pension. I must admit to a certain disquiet about the growing disappearance of farmland. We all need to eat after all and relying entirely on food being transported into the area could be dangerous in the future.

- Changing zoning on farms to allow owners to build. Residential homes for their families if over 50 acres