

Town of Slave Lake
Council Meeting of November 5th
Results as of 4:00P.M.
October 31st

Where in the Town of Slave Lake do you reside?

South East	87 responses
South West / Gloryland	57 responses
North East	38 responses
North West	26 responses
Business	2 response
Do not reside in Slave Lake	3 response

In 2019, a one per cent increase in taxes was the equivalent of approximately \$80,000 in additional revenue for the Town of Slave Lake. Were you aware of this?

57 % stated that they were not aware.

42 % stated that they Yes, there were aware

1 % did not answer the question

How familiar are you with the Municipality's operating budget?

Somewhat Familiar	42%
Minimally Familiar	30%
Not Informed	21%
Very Familiar	7%
Did Not Answer	0%

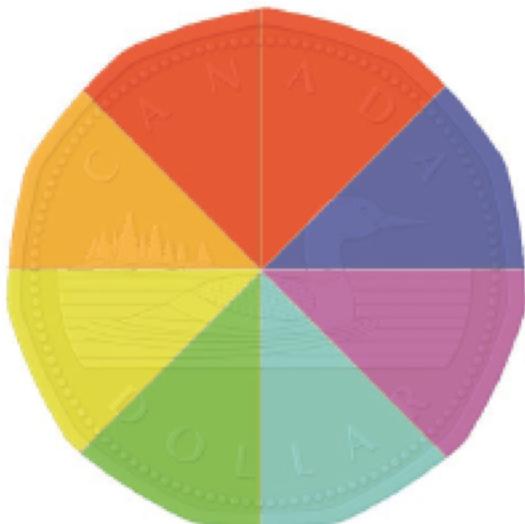
Overall, how would you rate the way the Town allocates and uses Town funds?

Fair	48%
Poor	20%
Good	17%
Don't Know	8%
Very Poor	6%
Excellent	1%
Did not answer	0%

From your perspective, and recognizing that not everything is within Town control, what are the most important issues facing the Town at the present time?

Crime / Criminal Activity	79%
Cost of Living	59%
Property Taxes	52%
Economy / jobs / economic issues	48%
Infrastructure	37%
Social Issues (e.g. poverty, social services and resources, childcare)	23%
Governance and Transparency	22%
Housing/Accommodations	13%
Recreational Facilities	10%
Environment/ Environmental Sustainability	4%

Now knowing how 2019 taxes were broken down, if you were in charge of the budget which areas would you increase or decrease in 2020?



\$0.24	Fire, RCMP, & Protective Services
\$0.20	Parks, Recreation, & Community Services
\$0.16	Operations Services
\$0.16	Administration, Legislative, & General Services
\$0.13	Planning & Economic Development
\$0.08	Reserve Transfers
\$0.03	Airport & Library Services
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Fire, RCMP & Protective Services

Increase	40%
Keep the Same	37%
Decrease	20%
Did Not Answer	3%

Parks, Recreation, & Community Services

Keep the Same	52%
Decrease	31%
Increase	16%
Did Not Answer	1%

Operations Services

Keep the Same	52%
Increase	25%
Decrease	17%
Did Not Answer	6%

Administration, Legislative, & General Services

Decrease	62%
Keep the Same	32%
Increase	3%
Did Not Answer	3%

Planning & Economic Development

Decrease	39%
Keep the Same	37%
Increase	22%
Did Not Answer	2%

Reserve Transfers

Keep the Same	65%
Decrease	22%
Increase	11%
Did Not Answer	2%

Airport & Library Services

Keep the Same	63%
Decrease	22%
Increase	11%
Did Not Answer	4%

In 2019 and in previous years, council has dedicated financial and administration resources to numerous issues facing Slave Lake. If you were in control of the Town Budget in 2020 would you increase funding and resources, decrease funding and resources, or keep funding and resources the same for the following items?

Economic Development

Keep the Same Funding	53%
Increase Funding	28%
Decrease Funding	16%
Did Not Answer	3%

Tourism

Keep the Same Funding	39%
Increase Funding	36%
Decrease Funding	21%
Did Not Answer	4%

Crime Prevention

Increase Funding	78%
Keep the Same Funding	18%
Decrease Funding	2%
Did Not Answer	2%

Homelessness

Keep the Same Funding	43%
Decrease Funding	29%
Increase Funding	24%
Did Not Answer	4%

Vagrancy

Keep the Same Funding	47%
Increase Funding	26%
Decrease Funding	24%
Did Not Answer	3%

Infrastructure Improvements

Keep the Same Funding	46%
Increase Funding	40%
Decrease Funding	9%
Did Not Answer	5%

Municipal property taxes are the primary way to pay for services provided by the Municipality. Which of the following four options would you like the Town to consider in 2020?

Cut services to maintain current tax level	40%
Increase taxes to enhance or expand municipal services	20%
Cut services to reduce taxes	19%
Increase taxes to maintain services at current levels	18%
Did Not Answer	3%

If you chose a tax increase in the above question
where would you suggest the increase be spent?

Top 10 Selections

Roads and Infrastructure	39%
RCMP	35%
Winter Control / Snow Removal	28%
Public Health Services	25%
Enforcement Services	23%
Senior Services	10%
Social Services	10%
Recreational Facilities	10%
Fire Services	8%
Recreational Programs	8%

If you chose zero tax increase or a reduction in the above question, where would you suggest service reductions be made?

Top 10 Selections

Culture Programs	40%
Housing Authority	30%
Planning Services	29%
F.C.S.S	24%
Fire Services	24%
Recreational Programs	22%
Resident Attraction/Retention	22%
Building Services	19%
Waste Management	16%
Social Services	15%

If you were to suggest ways for the Town of Slave Lake to save money, how would you do it?

Explore AHS Municipal Alcohol Policy to see how decreasing the hours that bars and liquor stores are open can reduce crime rates/cost of law enforcement.

One way to save with the Waste Management aspect would be to cut back how often the trucks pickup the recycling throughout the town. Suggest moving to once every 2 weeks or even once a month versus every week.

Reduce park upgrades and recreation and put into infrastructure roads and water lines.

Remove excess equipment from the fire house. Maintenance costs money. Remove recreation services that are not being fully utilized.

Service levels have already decreased significantly over the past 5 years, looking at a zero percent tax increase is not realistic. Tax increases are inevitable unfortunately.

Wage freeze or wage cuts.

Use a private Corp to operate utilities (aquaterra).

Turning off Christmas lights after xmas. They are on all of the time.

Why in the world is Gloryland even being discussed for paving when we are in a financial crisis? Give your heads a shake and get back to the drawing boards.

Request citizens/groups to volunteer work on town projects to reduce costs.

No coffee, no lunches, no trips, no golf, no training, no flights, no extras paid for employees. If citizens have to pay for these items so can employees of the town.

Citizens are already facing increases. Utility bill alone has been a major increase and for something largely cause by mis-management of reserve funds on capital. Does the town want to increase tourism at the cost of losing residents?

If everything was itemized and I was qualified to make a suggestion I would.

Add solar panels to town buildings to create power for town buildings. Add blue bins to the waste management plans instead of residents using blue plastic bags.