



**Town of Slave Lake
Council Meeting of November 5th
Results as of 4:00P.M.
October31st**

Where in the Town of Slave Lake do you reside?

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| 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?



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| \$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 |
| \$1.00 | |

Fire, RCMP & Protective Services

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

Parks, Recreation, & Community Services

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

Operations Services

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

Administration, Legislative, & General Services

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

Planning & Economic Development

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

Reserve Transfers

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

Airport & Library Services

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| 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

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

Homelessness

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

Vagrancy

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

Infrastructure Improvements

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| 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?

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| 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

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| 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.