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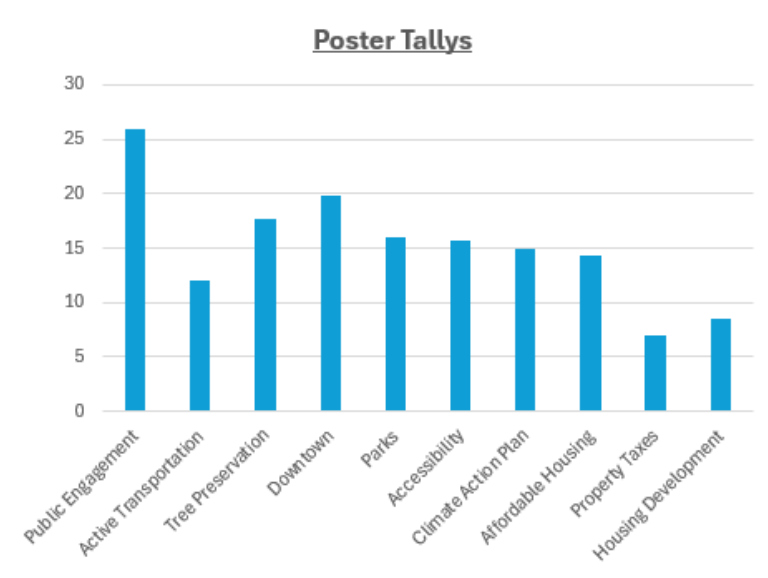
To: Mayor & Council – Town of Sidney  
From: Sidney Community Association  
**Re: SCA Community Survey  
Priority topics**

Prior to developing our strategic plan for 2024, the board of the Sidney Community Association surveyed the membership and the broader community on what mattered to them.

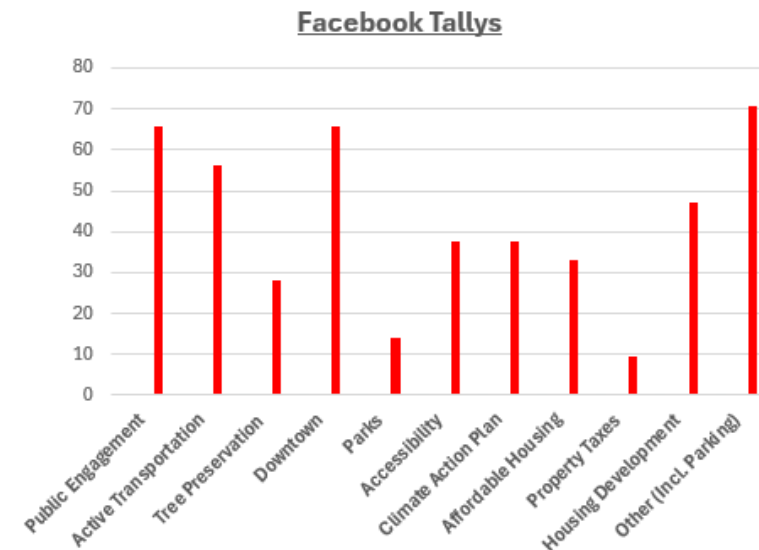
We selected a range of topics including:

- Public engagement
- Active Transportation
- Tree Preservation
- Downtown Character
- Parks
- Accessibility
- Climate Action
- Affordable Housing
- Property taxes
- Provincial housing legislation

At the Sidney Community Association event held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, there was an opportunity for SCA members to identify what their key priorities were. The graph below illustrates that public engagement and maintaining the character of downtown were the major priorities.



We also posted the poll on the 'This Is Sidney' Facebook page to gauge the priorities of the broader community. Interestingly, public engagement and downtown character were also ranked as top priorities.



A link is provided to the Facebook page which provides more information regarding the responses. [\(2\) This Is Sidney | Facebook](#)

In respect to public engagement the following excerpt from the Official Community Plan is provided as a reminder:

**Section 18.2.2**

*Prioritize clear and timely engagement with community members during the development of plans, strategies, and policies that involve the community. The intent of community engagement is to:*

*a. Keep community members informed about any major initiatives;*

- b. Enable community members to provide input that can meaningfully impact decisions;*
- c. Ensure a high degree of transparency about how and why decisions are made;*
- d. Foster relationships and build trust with community members; and*
- e. Result in well-supported and well understood plans, strategies, and policies.*

We trust the Town of Sidney will find this information useful as you develop the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Carlsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

President- Sidney Community Association