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- I am happy with the level of snow removal that the City currently provides.
- The City has done a great job with the Canada Games Center, it has excellent programming for all ages and the staff is excellent.
- I like the interactive budgeting consultation process the City is trying; very innovative.
- Curb side recycling from the City would be great.
- It is not included on the list, but I would be very supportive of the City directly funding Mount Sima. I would be willing to increase my property taxes for Mount Sima. It is great facility and I believe it adds significantly to the livability of the City in the Winter.
- I believe that I get good value for money for my property taxes with the City.

increase taxes to keep Raven Recycling open

What about recycling of items. Raven Recycling was good- why not keep it going? I do not want to pay for Whistle Bend but have no help for recycling! It is not acceptable

1. A general comment: our municipal taxes are a fraction of jurisdictions in the south.
2. Why is there a Senior Utility Charges Rebate gift to any owner/renter as a birthday gift at 65 and every year after? This should be sensitive to income.
3. Pumphouse inspections are mandated - why ask "if"? Didn't understand snow clearing item - would support present budget but question looks like you ask about increasing up to 100% more.

1. With regard to the Copper Ridge Park: if new facilities are being developed using CDF funding, part of the project proposal should include the sustainability of the project. Any discussion about ongoing funding should take place before the project gets underway. That way, when the project is complete, all stakeholders know how the project will be funded, and this should not involve relying on regular funding from the City. Perhaps the group behind the project could take on the maintenance (as far as they are able) on a volunteer basis (same way as the rinks in the winter).
2. Development services - recycling: I have just signed up to the Blue Bin service, so would not be prepared to pay on top of that. It is a tricky question to answer, given recent developments with Raven.
3. Snow clearing - It was not clear to me from the question if I had to select the \$3.3 million to maintain the current budget, and so I did not adjust that. I am happy with the current snow clearing job that the City undertakes - you do a great job!
4. Grants - Might be worth reducing the level of funds available. Groups could also fundraise, increase their user fees, and look for corporate sponsors for example, as alternatives to municipal grants. The City Litter Pick-up program: this is a program that is a great community service, and I think it would be worth reviewing (with a view to increasing) the level of grant awarded to the groups who carry this out. Are there other similar community services that could be carried out by volunteer groups? Perhaps you need to say that if you want to apply for the City grants, your group needs to do at least one litter pick-up? Funding for capital projects - groups should be required to show their proposed ongoing (O&M) funding model prior to funding being awarded. And the proposal needs to be reviewed by a few sets of eyes to ensure that the proposal is feasible.

Businesses and multi-dwelling buildings need to start recycling and composting. There should be a fee or fine for those that don't and a tax credit for those that do. Stop tipping fees!!! The long term costs of the current level of garbage dumping in wilderness areas in the city aren't worth the short term budget gain tipping fees are just deterrent fees and cost way more long term.

Oh and PPPs are a rip off for citizens. Some company that did not build the facility, like the CGC, gets to donate a pittance comparatively to the actual capital and O and M costs, for perpetuate. That isn't right. Corporate donations should get a tax credit and use it for their advertising but citizen owned facilities should stay that way. Thanks.

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City grants to community groups encourage general wellbeing in the City, and this is my key support issue!

Completely ridiculous survey obviously skewed to meet bureaucrats "wants". Why no options to decrease number of overpaid staff? Ridiculous that city council plays benevolent dictator and gives away my taxes to their pet groups and friends when we don't even have snow clearing services? Why no option for zero dollars for dumping recycling fees on small business? Your policies and taxes and a major reason why most business have left town resulting in a bedroom community for overpaid bureaucrats. Ever questions why most billion dollar mines have their staff located in Vancouver or Calgary or more and more office and retail space remains unoccupied? We are in the process of moving our own company out of Whitehorse but will of course enjoy the perks provided by the City and YTG to extraterritorial companies while we live in bliss in the Okanagan Valley. See yah suckers!

Core funding to Mt Sima would be good, as it is a city facility.

Don't see how anyone could complain about an extra \$33.00 a year in order to get the extras we have selected above. One less latte a week would probably cover it for me!

Forgive taxes for MCBRIDE museum.

Fund culture and heritage

Funding for not-for-profit organizations is very important. If the City were to discontinue the grant that covers the property tax of places like MacBride Museum it would jeopardize the service offered by many NFPs in the city. MacBride Museum currently holds the largest collection of artefacts in the Yukon, they are the largest museum in the Yukon, and they are open more often than any other museum in the territory. If you were to discontinue the grant which helps with their property taxes this would eat up 90% of their core funding (literally - this is not an exaggeration). They might not be able to stay open 5 days/week through the winter offering programs and tours to schools and tourists. They might not be able to install shows around the city and the territory as they do now. And they might not be able to offer the variety of programming they do throughout the summer. And, though I don't know a lot about other NFPs in Whitehorse, I am sure that the removal of this grant will affect them, too. We already have Raven Recycling and Many Rivers limiting their services due to lack of funding - we cannot afford to have this grant taken away. And, yes, if it means raising my taxes, I am okay with that. I am willing to pay a little more to support what I believe is an excellent cause - and the NFPs like MacBride Museum are definitely worth it.

Having more Bylaw is a total waste of time and money. People should govern themselves more, ie talk to the neighbour don't just call bylaw. Maybe some education around that is a good idea. Government and Bylaw can't solve all of peoples problems. I live on the trails in Riverdale and the large majority of people are fine with what's happening especially now that you have designated trails. I don't want to be walking around feeling like I am being watched!!! What percentage of people are actually complaining? There's the lady from England and a couple of her friends. It would be a total waste of money!! I am a father and live on the green belt in Riverdale

I am on a fixed income and a 12.5% tax increase is outrageous to me. When I see 3 guys doing a job one man should be doing and transit buses running around empty or with one passenger in it I get upset.

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I briefly reviewed the 2013 financial report. On p55, I assume that "environmental services" include water and sewer and solid waste. Unfortunately there is insufficient detail to show how much each of these functions costs. It shows environmental services at about 18% of expenses. But the piechart in the consultation flyer shows environment at 1/2227 or <1%, and operations at 808/2227 or ~36%. It looks like these stats were made up by two different accountants. I need to know how much City spends in direct grants to Raven recycling, and P&M recycling; and how much the city saves by diverting recyclables in this way. Without sufficient detail the budget consultation may not be very meaningful. It may just amount to a lot of talk about generalities. If the city and YTG allow Raven to fail, I and many other people will be very disappointed. Who will gain by limiting funding to Raven? I note that a private company that collects recyclables for \$20 a month may have connects to the Yukon Party. If I find out that there is conflict of interest involved with these funding arrangements, I will raise hell.

I did not find your budget input tool to be very intuitive.
I hope the City will continue with street and sub-surface infrastructure improvements in the residential areas of Old Town and the main arteries like 6th avenue. It would be a welcome change having proper streets with sidewalks and improvements to water and sewer lines. increased density in Old Town equals increased use to roads that are in appalling condition excepting the improvements to Black, Olgivie and parts of 6th Avenue. Please keep the improvements coming!

I don't know what kind of bylaw investigation services you are referring to- I
I don't think you had a category for 'cyclist' issues but don't think resources should be used to monitor cyclists use of roadways/sidewalks. The Although there was on unfortunate incident where a cyclist was very inappropriately using the sidewalk and involved in an incident with an elderly walker, this is a very rare incident. Really, how much damage can a cyclist do to a pedestrian? This vs the injury that a cyclist is subject to on the roadway- the sidewalks here are rarely so 'crowded' that we can surely accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians without peril to either(Have you ever actually seen someone walking on the sidewalk that extends the length of Range Road from 2 mile hill to Mountain View drive?) It really is a mindset and we need to encourage cyclists instead of making it more and more difficult/hazardous to use bicycles.

I don't understand how you can pose a question about a legal requirement (annual inspection of pump houses) unless the City is prepared to violate the law: are you suggesting there is a choice about compliance? However, I would like the mayor and council to know that in my household we are prepared to pay an additional property tax or dedicated levy to insure that a robust recycling program continues to operate. Our preference would be to support a not-for-profit or city operated program. Taxes in Whitehorse are modest compared to most other cities we have lived in.

I don't understand why the pump house inspection was included in here. If the city is required to do the inspection then is it really a choice? Also, the people doing enforcement on waterfront and trails, are they actually allowed to do any enforcement or will they just call the RCMP, increasing there workload?

I found this survey does not really present the citizen with the opportunity to present appropriate feedback on the budget considering the size of the city s total budget and the few items that are presented here. It may have been more helpful if after each question there was the opportunity to provide a comment allowing the participant to explain their reasoning on their response and to also be asked the question on whether the respondent would be willing to see a tax increase to cover any increases. Or perhaps provide other viable options. I.e....the city could perhaps partner with third parties on some of the mentioned items.

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I have just returned from Montreal, where a conference of cities from around the world were discussing programs and policies and plans to make their cities more resilient and sustainable. Here are some that I thought Whitehorse should consider;

1. cities are adopting a "people first" policy when it comes to things like traffic/ cars and related things like public health. With regards to traffic and cars Montreal will or already has established that after a snow fall the clearing priorities will be sidewalks, bicycle paths, bus lanes, and then major arteries. The health related advantages are that the city is encouraging people to walk as a form of exercise, they are encouraging the all-weather use of bikes, and the use of public transportation. Any visitor to Montreal will notice that it is easily the biking capital of NA, with bike paths being given a high priority, and the public transportation system is excellent, with express bus lanes everywhere.

2. More and more major streets are being turned into pedestrian walkways. Again this encourages people to walk. Initially there was objections from some small business owners, but in fact business has improved because of these changes.

3. Given the comments above, Keeping the riverside walkways plowed in winter as a PRIORITY is a no-brainer

4. Raven recycling should be given whatever support it needs to continue and expand its social enterprise operations. The garbage generated by business should be paid for by business...all businesses...as well as condos, etc. No doubt some of these services could be integrated into Ravens operations.

5. Some of these ideas fall under the heading of community economic development, I,e encouraging some of the organizations supported by grants to become more like social enterprises, I.e.,supporting the Raven recycling as an example. One also wonders why many of the organizations do not get together under one location, to save administration costs such as rents, phones, technology, printers, etc, but above all to improve communications between themselves.

6. The city took a number of outstanding steps this year, including supporting a private developer to set up a roof top solar system, and waving city property taxes for a developer to build affordable housing. As regards the first of these, the city should build solar parks on their own buildings, and use policies like waving property taxes, and by laws to address some aspects of the affordable housing situation.

7, the city should join the \$15 dollar minimum wage campaign. Other cities have already done this, and although it might only be symbolic because the city already pays more than that to all its employees, nevertheless it will show the way and also because it could include that requirement in any of the contracts it lets out to the many companies it purchases products and services from.

I like the idea of sponsorship of facilities, but the amount needs to be significant for the amount of visibility especially if it's renaming the CGC. The survey item was not exactly clear about what was being asked.

Snow removal needs to be overhauled completely, but not at an increased cost. Current program is labour and equipment intensive. Better equipment (snow blowers + trucks) instead of front end loaders, graders and trucks would improve efficiencies on all fronts greatly. It's how every other Canadian city deals with snow.

Your survey only allowed me to consider tax increases, I would prefer to consider tax cuts.

Why can the garbage folk pick up my can at 10 am on a holiday, when it takes them til 3 pm on a regular day? Because the crews are highly motivated to finish their runs and return to their families on a holiday, not so on a regular day. Changes to the city budget should look at these and other inefficiencies.

I strongly support increase in taxes. It is crazy that we have such low taxes when living in such a remote, harsh environment, so it should cost more to live here. There are so many issues we need to invest in more as a community. Sustainability, reducing our environmental impact, reducing our reliance on automobiles, reduce our community's energy vulnerability, not to mention all of the social ills and housing crisis we need to address.

Increase snow clearing by making all cycling routes priority 1A (after emergency routes) - same priority as transit. This include bike paths. Clear bike paths and routes before all suburban streets.

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I think some of the enforcement costs could be offset if fines were actually imposed for more issues than just parking transgressions. Enough with just warning people as an education measure. Handing them a fine is also a way to educate. I could have made a lot of money this summer handing out \$50 fines to all the riders not wearing bike helmets. If they're not going to bother issuing fines, then never mind hiring extra constables. As for snow clearing, the city does not need to rake the banks along all the streets so often outside of the downtown core. Perhaps when we can't see over the banks, but sometimes there's only a little bit of a bank which doesn't need to be scraped to pavement.

I think that people live in Whitehorse because of services and lifestyle. The City does a good job providing services. The challenge will be to look at being adaptable and change with expectations and demands so it's limited resources are being used efficiently. Thanks

I thought it was RIDICULOUS when I heard on the radio yesterday that the bowling alley in Riverdale said there is no longer a business case for this to be a private enterprise and that it therefore should be taken on by the City! If there is not a business case (i.e., not the demand) why would the city waste it's precious resources on it and take \$ away from other important areas? Also, this tool is very cool and a great way for citizens to be involved, have their voices heard and also see that when you increase \$ in one area it has to come from somewhere.

I would love to see the compost collection program expanded to Apartment buildings and businesses. It is a cost I would be willing to pay extra for in order to reduce our waste at the landfill.

I would also like to see the city proceed with the orderly improvements to the streets and underground infrastructure of the oldtown area of downtown. These streets and infrastructure are in terrible shape and their upgrading should be looked at as a priority by the city.

I would be very frustrated and angry if we began to rename buildings, parks, equipment or anything else after businesses! ... especially for that minuscule amount of money!
We need more snow clearing of pedestrian and bike trails! Ideally I would like to see the Hamilton Blvd trail, the Millennium Trail the Waterfront Trail and the paved trail from Takhini North to Porter Creek all regularly groomed or cleared of snow at a reasonable priority level. Perhaps instead of or complimentary to the above suggestion would be a city-wide network of multi-use trails that are for non-motorized use and would accommodate not only pedestrians in the winter but also skiers and cyclists. For the amount of time that our city spends in winter conditions, these types of alternatives to driving are mandatory to enabling people to commute under their own power. Cycling in the winter may be a challenge for many but Imagine how many Whitehorse citizens would commute on skis if a groomed network with minimal road crossings were established. This network would also benefit summer commuters.

I would like to only have garbage collected once per month, and the other time have recycling picked up. This consultation is weirdly set up because these options are not pre-set. Also some of your options aren't really options - i.e. inspecting the pump house. I only want to say how much I want to pay for recycling in relationship to how much I pay for garbage and compost - it should be the same, but again, I think 2x per month garbage collection is excessive. People shouldn't be generating that much garbage - we can recycle and compost. PLEASE don't leave our only recycling option in the hands of the private sector. This is a municipal responsibility

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I'd like the City to identify more cost savings initiatives. For example: what are the options to lower costs (efficiency) and prevent costs from increasing ?

Most of the choices appeared to be more services and higher taxes, or cuts to programs/services.

I fully support recycling efforts/facilities - why would more recycling (collection) automatically increase costs ? Why couldn't the existing dump which is staffed, not be used for non-refundable recycling at no dump fee charge?

What is the City investing in to lower costs ? (IE. Electricity, equipment, automation, etc ?)

What happens to the programs/facilities/services with declining membership/utilization and how much expenses could be reduced if cancelled ?

In Budgeting, Job one is O&M-roads, sewer & water, parks, transportation, law enforcement, emergency service. Job two is a long term plan for infrastructure replacement and up-grading and each year there should be a project identified to do this. This is on-going. Job three is everything else starting with land development, City Plan update and going out from there.

Property Tax is not a penalty on property owners, it is the price we pay for all the services provided in our City, some of these services we may not use but other will need them, it's all about being a society. The Cost of everything is going up, we as home owners see it every time we go to the store, pay our oil bill, light bill, take a trip, stay in a hotel, rent or buy a car so why would we not expect the services we receive, as being citizens of an incorporated City, not to go up as well. We have a beautiful City, the Parks staff do a superb job keeping it looking that way. Citizens resist infill but expansion into new subdivision is an additional cost on us all. In the awarding of Grants, question one is "What is its value to the City" , ie special events, these bring a lot of dollars into the City, recreation, also dollars with national and international events, but our facilities add to the health and wellness of our young and old. Everyone benefits, if not directly, then indirectly. A % increase should be build into the budget each year, I do not think we will ever reach the point where we will have to many tax dollars.

Keep investing in trail development and maintenance that balances the needs of all user groups. Enforcement is a waste of money and a knee-jerk reaction to a few very noisy people.

Look at new ways to increase the revenues no tax increases. In fill the existing City with more housing units. This means the cost to housing unit as it relates to service lower the costs of services and increase the revenue base. Look at freezing wages. Tax increases should follow the inflation rate at most that is just less than 2%. Find the savings in the budget 12% is not possible. Contract out service instead of having to purchase and maintain all the equipment. Contract out all the planning and engineering services much more cost effective. The old way of doing municipal business is gone. Look at what New Zen-land 20 years ago cut the amount governments from 93 to 22 and saved millions. No Sima or anything like it. Change the costly sink holes like the transit service that does not work because it is not set up to operate properly. Put out an RFP to have someone build a parking garage in the down town. Need more business to finance none municipal service not the COW.

More parks with berry gardens, please support a new skatepark!

Need programs for youth that don't have parents that can pay these kids hang around the game centre doing nothing when there could be some free programs for them

Non-profit societies should get property tax abatement. It will be crippling to many organizations if the City stops property tax abatement.

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Once again a poorly worded City survey. e.g. why give a choice about something that is required such as pumphouse. Corporate sponsorship seems low. How does it compare to what other cities receive. The City should focus on core municipal responsibilities. This is why I decreased grants. In lean economic times families are cutting back expenses and the City should do the same, not continually expand. Re lifeguards, no one in my family uses anything at Canada Games Center. We have wilderness for free at our doorstep. Beyond basic coverage of the Center to encourage active living and subsidizing low income users, why should everyone have to pay for increases. User fees should cover inflation at minimum and increases in services too. Re Winze Park, the City seems to be unable to maintain current trails. Many trails have insufficient woodchips to cover tree roots that have become exposed over time from compaction (tripping hazard for runners). Many are eroded and this will only increase because the City is allowing motorized users on trails. Perhaps the Copper Ridge Comm Assoc should consider other sources of funding, volunteer labour for the ice rink, or scale back their plans and prioritize. I support some bylaw enforcement increase because it generates revenue and is needed. However, I prefer user education, effective barriers (widely spaced boulders do not work), signage, and City policies that reflect the majority of users not just lobby groups such as KSA. Bylaw cannot possibly cover the vast area within the City boundary. I do not support paying for curbside recycling when we have at least 3 alternative methods available now to those who choose to recycle (take to Raven or P&M, to the landfill, or use the private blue bin company for curbside pickup in 3 neighbourhoods). Those who are not recycling will not likely start. The refund is an incentive that is not working for them and neither is the private company offering curbside pickup conveniently without the need to sort. The City should not compete with this private company. I do not support winter trail clearing as I prefer to snowshoe or ski. Sections of Millennium Trail that are cleared become icy for walking. Are home and business owners required to clear their sidewalks of snow. Some cities require this within 48 hrs of a snowfall or they clear it and ad the cost to the owners property tax bill. Whitehorse should consider this. Sorry this all reads so negative. I DO appreciate the hard work of City staff and Council, and all that Whitehorse offers!

Pay to support the raven recycling. It is ridiculous that our "wilderness city" is prepared to put it all in the landfill. The city council should be embarrassed. I did not vote you in to increase our landfill. We need to think this through. I am very disappointed.

Please no more spending increase! We're not Vancouver and we never will be. If you continue to do this and raising taxes every year, more people will move away from here!!!

Please spent the tax money more responsible! Transit for example: Why running such a luxurious system with such poor scheduling and routes and empty buses outside peak times? Also, dear council: How about listening to your "employers" (taxpayers) a little better??? Don't only do what you want - do more what your citizens want!

Please stop trying to balance the budget by hurting non-profits that perform critical roles in the city. I would definitely support paying for the city to run a recycling pick up program.

Prioritize roads with bike lanes and bike paths for winter snow removal as well as Millennium trail from Riverdale, up two-mile hill to Copper ridge. The millenium trail is by far the safest way to get through downtown in the winter without having to ride on the sidewalks with pedestrians. I have commuted in the winter by bicycle in many cities in Canada and I find Whitehorse to be worst. I often have to resort to driving my car as the bus service is only once/hr, and in Riverdale that just adds to the congestion and frustration of driving.

Property tax grants/relief for downtown not-for-profits should be maintained (e.g. McBride Museum). Careful and considered development should continue at shipyards.

property taxes should be lower not raised every year. The city should start living within their means and cut expenses including staff

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quit funding special interest groups and consultants. i am so sick and tired of constantly paying more and more taxes all the while city of Whitehorse is frittering the money away. no more parks or trails to nowhere. if people want these services i suggest they pay for them out of their own pockets. charge kids \$25 per use at the cgc. city management and council don't seem to get it that the money they are wasting is my money to. it should be run like a business. I don't see a single Councillor that deserves to be re-elected

Recycling a priority and I believe should be paid for with taxes in an overall waste strategy

Reinstate the recycling program at raven recycling, find a way to budget for this very important service,

restore and support the existing recycling program offered by Raven Recycling or enhance the program with roadside mandatory recycling (blue bin) as is practiced in southern cities e.g. Winnipeg. Such a program is a social and environmental responsibility of an informed and healthy community. The costs of such a program should be a line item of the city's overall waste management program and not be a surcharge on residents who wish to be environmentally responsible.

Senior utility rebate should be income restricted

Seniors utility grants and benefits offered by the government should be income tested for eligibility. For abuse of walking trails by motorized vehicles, increase the fines so they are punitive.

slider does not work re by-law investigations

Snowplow ONLY the Waterfront Trail for wheelchair access, but not the Millennium Trail as this would be too expensive and hazardous. More education needed for snowmobile & ATV bylaws: distributing flyers to all homes twice a year would probably be less costly than hiring more constables, and probably more effective.

Amend the snowmobile bylaw so that it matches the City's Trail Plan requirement, and prevent damage to non-motorized trails and greenspaces by simply adding "non-motorized trails" and "greenbelts" to the list of prohibited areas. This will help educate snowmobilers about the impacts of their machines on the environment.

Community greenhouses would be greatly appreciated, especially near the major apartment buildings in Riverdale. This was a concept outlined in the Riverdale Neighborhood Plan.

Some of the questions on this survey are ridiculous. For example, asking if we should fund EMO training -- as a taxpayer, I would hope we are already funding this type of training, therefore we shouldn't have to increase taxes. Just as ludicrous is asking whether or not we should fund training that is required by Occupational Health & Safety - doesn't sound like much of an option for me. On a related note, why would the City build a park then ask whether or not it should be maintained???? As a taxpayer, I'd like to see LESS money allocated to Bylaw for "trail enforcement" and a downsizing of the staffing levels at the City overall through attrition. The focus should be on a leaner, more efficient administration; not additional bureaucracy. It would also be nice to have a means of providing input on the poor design of the roundabouts being put in this City -- I realize they are supposed to "calm" traffic, but they the majority of motorists still don't have a clue as to how to drive through them.

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Stop giving grants to Raven recycling. They spend way too much money on executive salaries. Also, stop giving grants to developers. There is already too much subsidized rental in Whitehorse...the 2011 National Housing Survey shows over 20 percent of rental units are subsidized here.

Re more lifeguards at the pool..I swim every day and there are always 3 or 4 of them at least on deck, and often there's only one or two of us swimming lanes with lots of these lifeguards around... so I don't know what time frame has only one on deck. I suggest more effort be put into properly scheduling these resources.

One more thing, I think there was a legal commitment made back in 2007 regarding naming of the Canada Games Center so you might want to do your homework before suggesting that changing it is possible. I support sponsorship renaming for smaller places but definitely not renaming the CGC.

Sufficient funding must be provided to support recycling programs. The loss of Raven as a recycle drop-off is pitiful. Curbside recycle pickup makes a lot of sense to me. The easier it is, the more it will be done.

As far as snow clearing goes, the sidewalks downtown need to be maintained. I remember a couple of years ago pushing a gentleman in a wheelchair through the unplowed snow. I have not found street maintenance to be my greatest concern, but sidewalk maintenance.

Support recycling processing (raven)

Survey is skewed to give answers that administration wants. Why no options to eliminate numerous overpaid positions such as env coordinator multiple 6 figure "directors" positions, largest and worst planning department of any municipality in Canada, hundreds of millions in vehicles and equipment, etc etc?

Bloated overpaid bureaucracy results in one of the highest tax rates in Canada based on services provided (i.e. no snow clearing, YTG paying for police, libraries civic centres, etc.) City pays massive amounts of rate payers taxes for services it has no business to be in including low cost housing, policing, environment etc which is covered by territorial or federal governments.

Ever think of providing basic services such as snow cleaning, road and sewer maintenance and then looking to reduce our taxes.

The city could likely realize significant savings by tendering essential services to the private sector. This would minimize the O&M and capital cost to the city while ensuring quality-of-service is upheld through oversight of the contract. It's disappointing that privatization failed to play a factor in this mock budget.

The city has professional engineers on staff, so why would there be additional costs for inspection of pumphouses? Even if they are only civil engineers, surely one of them can take a course on it??? Downsize Environmental Coordinators department. They have not had an innovative idea in years and years. My age is not pertinent to this survey. Does my opinion matter less if I'm 25, more if I'm 40?

The idea of CORPORATE sponsorships for our community facilities is appalling. We are primarily a community of citizens who provide services for each other, not consumers in a world dominated by corporations. I was dismayed by the commercialization of our public civic space when I saw Booster Juice, Subway and Physio Plus advertising on signs outside the Games Centre. This is entirely inappropriate in a tax payer funded community centre. I pay my taxes to provide services to my community. Corporations whose fundamental purpose is to promote consumerism have no place in our public facilities.

On the subject of recycling, providing pick-up for ALL materials which can be recycled is now a basic community service which should be provided to ALL homes including apartments, condos, and trailer parks as well as all businesses. If there is to be any increase in bylaw enforcement it should be to ENFORCE recycling; anyone not complying should be subject to stiff fines.

As for snow removal... I think our current level of service is excessive. The city could cut back on removal contracts and we wouldn't suffer.

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The slider for bylaw investigations is broken. I would have increased funding for bylaw.

The slider for recycling doesn't seem to be working - it doesn't change the overall budget or the specific tax dollars.
A good useful tool - nice work! I would welcome a more expanded version that touched on additional categories / themes.

There are numerous ways the city could better manage tax payers dollars. I chose not to increase the budget for recycling as the Blue Society is already offering a pick-up at your door service and is doing an incredible job. No more funds should be granted to Raven Recycling or Sima as its an abuse of funds and poorly managed. There is no reason these entities should receive funding when others have figured out how to do the same thing for profit (i.e. P&M recycling). Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

These are very limited choices on a few specific items. There are other ways to increase revenue such as raising the minimum property tax level on under-utilized and vacant property in the downtown. For example, property vacant for 3 years would see a 5% increasing each year by the rate of inflation plus 2%. Changing equipment amortization rates from 5 to 7 years, leasing and renting could be looked at. Reducing council and senior management travel is another area.

This is a great tool! I do not know enough about some of the issues surveyed, so was selective in where I offered input. Thank you for using this innovative tool.

This is an extremely flawed consultation tool. I would like the city get back to basics. I would like to see city grants completely eliminated not just a 10% reduction. I would also like to see funding substantially reduced to both the Transit system and the Canada Games Centre. I would like to see increased cleaning of streets and alleys. Volunteers should not have to pick litter off the streets, sidewalks and public areas of the city - that is why I pay taxes. However these options were not provided. This was not a proper consultation.

This on-line budget consultation is a great idea - I don't mind paying for this consultation. I wouldn't mind seeing additional items that citizens are asking for included in the next consultation. I often don't think they realize the implications of what they are asking for, but it is good to have the conversations.

I looked at the "more information" re snow removal but it was limited. I presume the increase costs, as suggested, would be the costs for additional equipment and probably O&M as well.

Being on a relatively fixed income I am continually looking at ways to reduce automated monthly fees and go the more flexible "cash as you go" approach, but this would not be at all workable for shared community services.

I rarely use the black garbage box - more than 90% of my "garbage" is recycled in my own compost, wood fire, or the recycling centre (plastic, glass and tins). I sometimes wonder if some business could convert the cardboard to burnable pellets. Some businesses down south convert straw to pellets. Good work, City! Thank you.

This survey does not address where the City of Whitehorse could find savings within their existing services, infrastructure and operations and maintenance. My municipal taxes have increased by 4.5% to 5% each year over the last 10 years excluding 2014 and does not include sharp rises in user fees. Stick with the basics of providing municipal infrastructure, do it well and to regulation.

This survey is a joke and an insult to rate payers. Blatantly worded to support more "pet projects" from the over paid administration staff while providing no basis for input for real tax cuts such as eliminating most of the dead wood in the City.

Turn off ALL Christmas festive lights mid-January instead of leaving them on until Rendezvous!

APPENDIX "A" – Public Input received with respect to the 2015 Operating Budget

We are already overtaxed compared to other jurisdictions - our taxes were over \$4000 last year (\$11 per thousand). In other jurisdictions the rate is lower and more services provided for that lower rate. The spending in our city needs to be seriously re-evaluated as everything seems to be a cash-grab yet the party line is if we want more we have to pay even more. We pay more than our family down south yet they have a paved road, sidewalks, street lights and recycling collected at the curb...

We cannot afford to lose Raven Recycling and P+M in terms of keeping toxics out of our open-bottomed landfill. The city needs to play a role to make this happen.

We live rural residential and it aggravates me no end that I pay more taxes than folks closer to downtown and I don't get garbage pick up. Nor bus service. Also, since Raven Recycling is shutting down how is the City proposing to fill that void?

We need lights on the Millennium Trail near Spook Creek Station

We need to get recycling under control with a sustainable means of funding for both processors.

Why would you even consider not fully funding MacBride Museum? Our MacBride lumped along as a community project in Laurent Cyr's day and with professional management and expertise has been named Whitehorse's best museum. The MacBride provides important programs year-round for all ages and is an important part of tourism enhancement with excellent exhibits, energetic staff, walking tours and live talks.

You say my choices have increased required revenue, but you have not given me options to cut or spend other money more efficiently

Your questions are hard to decipher. For example snow clearing: are you asking how much more we want to spend (up to another 3.3million), assuming that we still spend the current 3.3 million? Same with the question about grants: do you want to know if we want to keep spending the same (leave slider at zero) or increase another 100,000 to 200,000 or decrease 100,000 for a total of \$0 dollars spent on grants. The -10% on one end of the scale and the number 10 on the other end of the scale just make things more confusing. They should both be scaled as a percentage or neither should. In other words: back to the drawing board! This "budget" widget will not give you any useful information.

Also, you should not ask a question about "enhanced" recycling collection when currently the City provides none.