

## **Budget Survey Results**

November 24, 2020

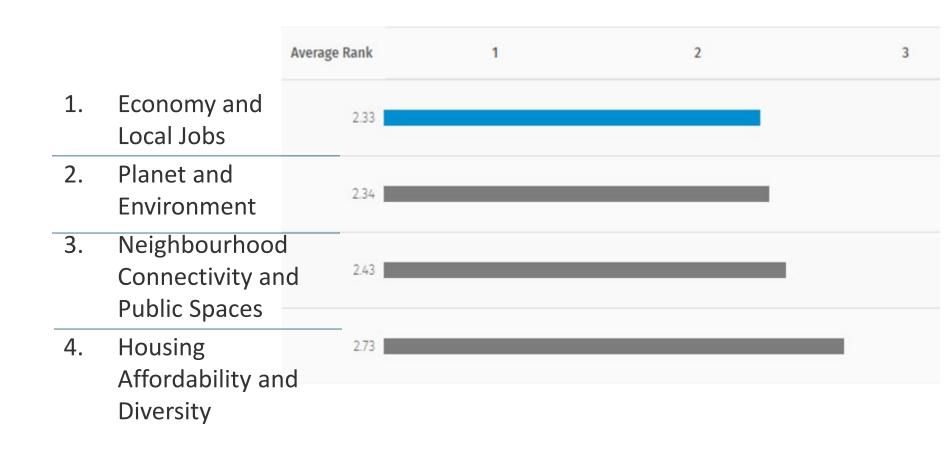


### **Survey Overview**

BUDGET 2021
Let's talk

- Receive high level feedback on priorities for 5-year financial plan
- Open October 30 to November 15
- 251 completed responses

### Strategic Plan Pillars Ranking



### Prioritize Operational Areas – top 10

	Average Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Active transportation	4.25							
Water, sewer, waste assets – maint./replace.	4.7							
Local business growth and new business attraction	5.12							
Climate adaptation and mitigation	5.13							
Emergency planning and mitigation	5.32							
Fire Rescue	5.49							
Recreation	5.84							
Arts, culture and heritage	5.94							
Local business resources and support	6.8							
Bylaw enforcement services	6.97							

## Prioritize Advocacy Efforts

	Average Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6
Affordable housing	3.03						
Health care	3.69						
Child care	3.89	e e					
High gas prices	4.23						
Regional transit	4.29						
Highway intersection safety improvements	4.45						
Mental health and addictions support	4.72						
Expanded provincial campsites and rec sites	5.15						
Long term care	5.3						
Opioid harm reduction solutions	6.27						

## Other Advocacy Topics

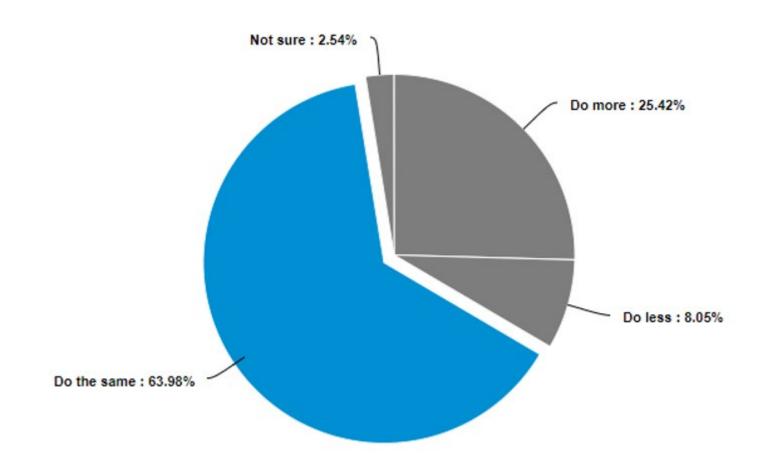


- Safe roads, school zones, speeding
- Arts and culture
- Youth resources
- Climate action
- Supporting small businesses

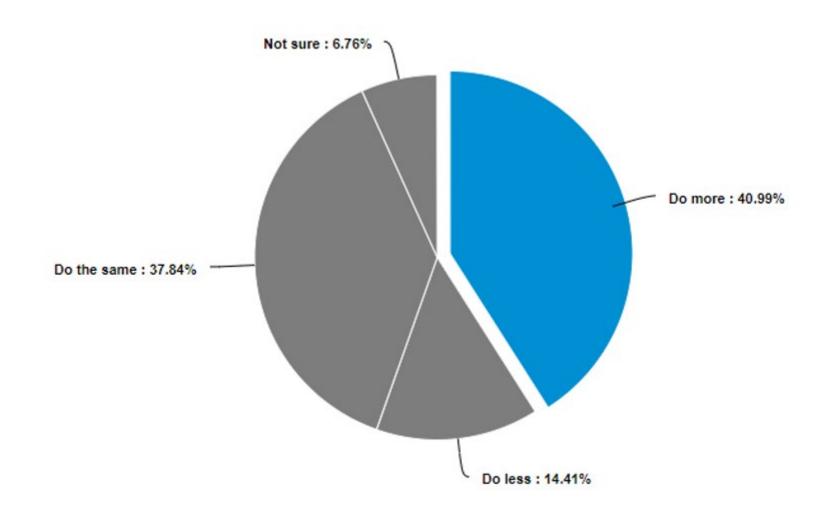
## IN SUPPORTING THE COVID RESPONSE:



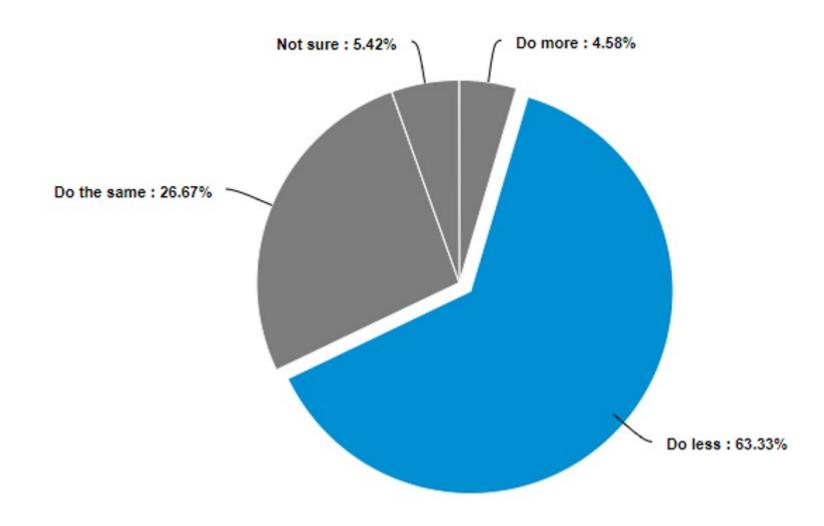
#### Encourage physical distancing through signage and advertising.



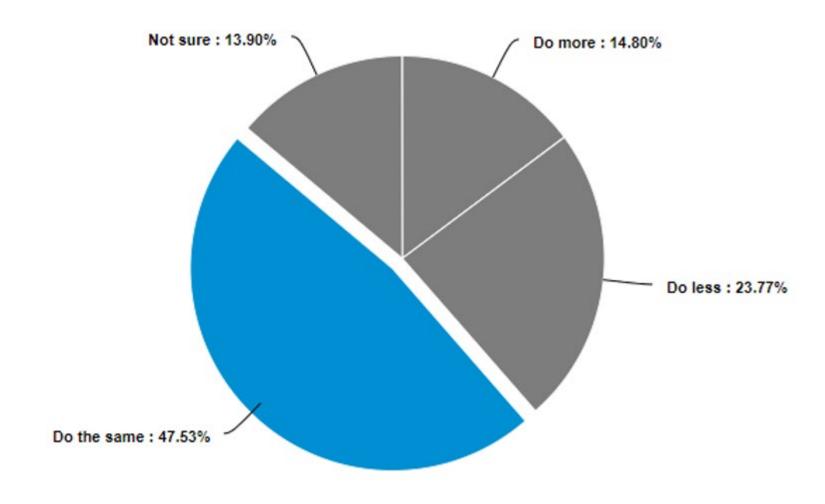
Provide COVID-friendly recreation program offerings, for example in smaller groups and outdoor covered spaces.



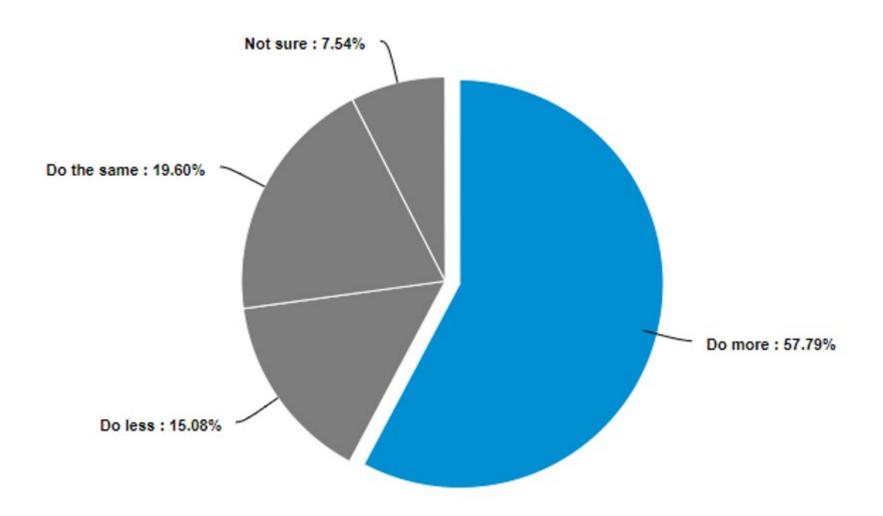
#### Encourage visitors to travel to Squamish.



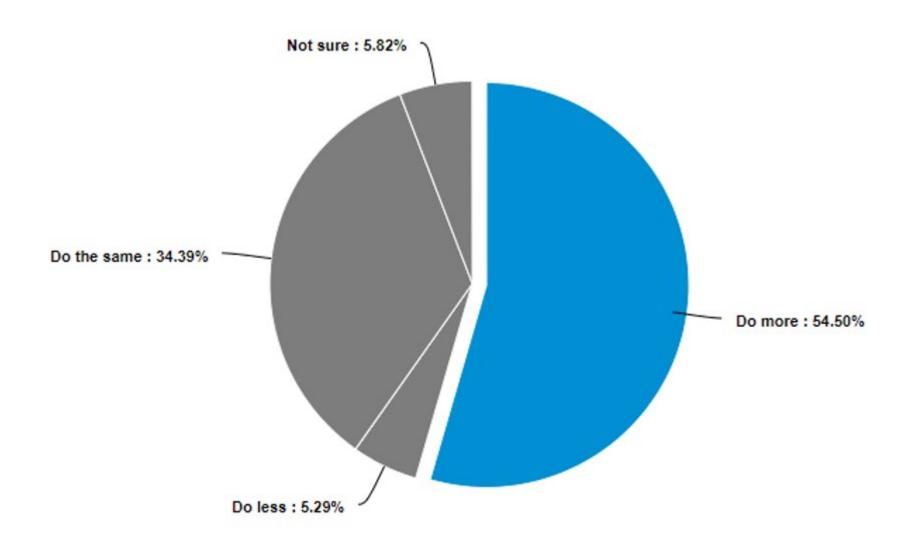
Provide in-person public engagement opportunities within the parameters of Public Health safety guidelines.



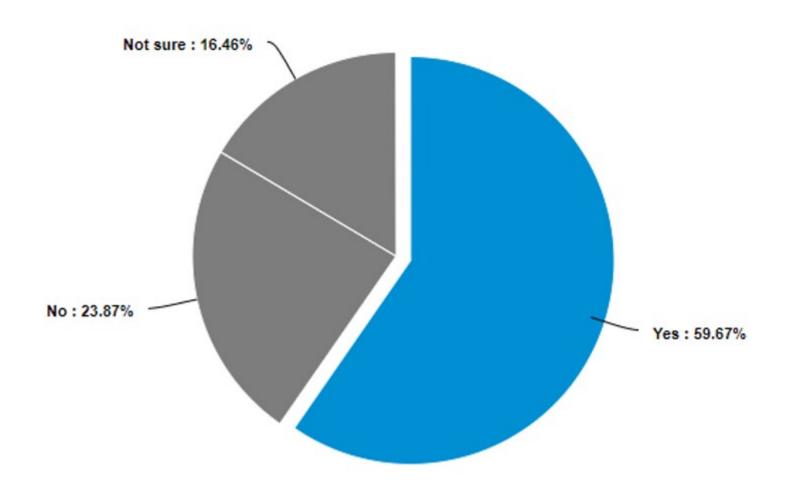
Plan for and invest in outdoor covered areas for neighbourhood connectivity and public space activation.



#### Help promote Buy Local campaigns.



Advocate for rapid testing at air and land borders to help support recovery of the tourism sector.



# What else DOS should do during the pandemic



- Make masks mandatory
- Prevent people from travelling to Squamish
- Greater support for underprivileged
- Outdoor event opportunities, safe outdoor spaces
- Tied: Increase enforcement; support small business; generally support provincial direction



### Areas to increase funding



- Advancing arts and culture
- Brennan park upgrades
- Active transportation
- Protection of lower income housing forms
- Public spaces, community hubs, covered areas



## Areas to decrease funding



- Policing
- Tourism, marketing
- Reduce condos, densification, planning services for large developments
- Recreation
- Active transportation



## Where residents receive DOS information – top choices



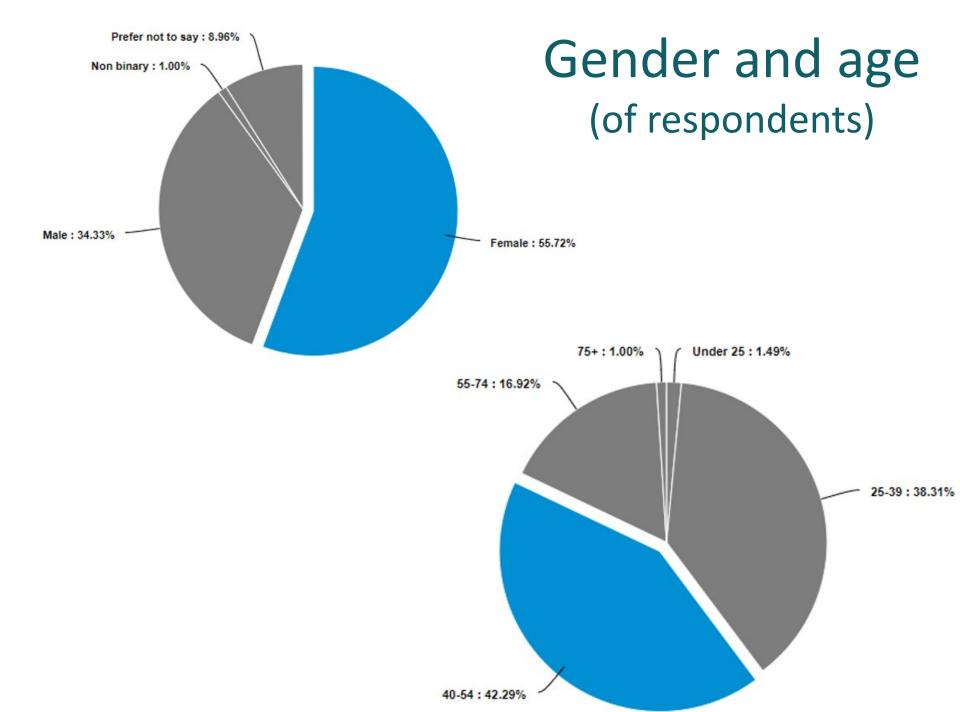
- 1. District Facebook page 19%
- 2. Newspaper advertisements or articles 16%
- 3. District website 15%
- 4. District newsletter 13%
- 5. Word of mouth 13%

## What residents want to hear more about



- Council process, rationale on decision-making, allocation of taxes
- Community planning, development and density
- Recreation and programming
- Climate and environment
- Community services for supporting people, volunteerism, vulnerable groups





## Area of town (of respondents)

Garibaldi Highlands	23 %
Hospital Hill, Valleycliffe, Crumpit Woods, Sea and Sky	16 %
Brackendale	16%
Downtown	15%
Garibaldi Estates, Tantalus Road, Skyridge	10%
Dentville	7%
North Yards	7%
Loggers Lane East	2.5%
Paradise Valley	1%
Squamish Nation Reserve	0.5%
SLRD	0.5%

## Community Input is Welcome



 Budget feedback can be sent throughout the budget process to: budgetfeedback@squamish.ca

 Visit Squamish.ca/budget for all budget materials as they are presented to Council.



### Discussion

