

## Colwood Sewage Treatment Open House – Survey Findings

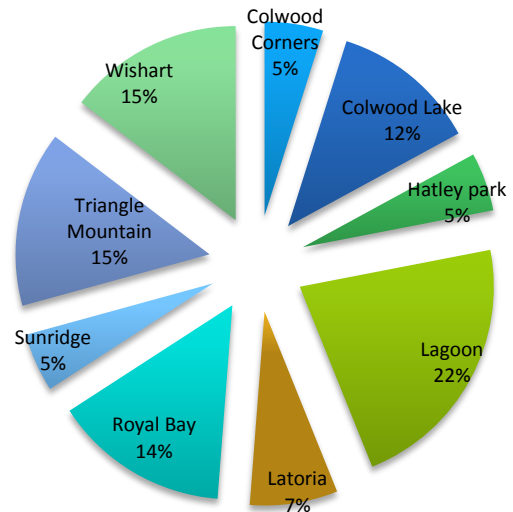
### 80 participants completed 54 surveys

Nearly 80 people attended the sewage treatment open house on April 30, 2014.

54 surveys were completed, since several participants came as couples who completed just one survey together.

All neighbourhoods within Colwood were represented, plus 11 participants who came from other municipalities in the region.

Septic and sewer users were represented. 52% of participants reported being on septic service, while 48% reported being sewer users.



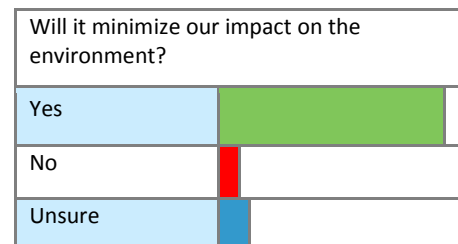
### 79% support proceeding with the proposal

60% of participants responded that they supported Colwood’s sewage treatment and resource recovery *prior* to attending the event. 30% were unsure and 9% reported that they did not support the proposal.

*After* viewing the information presented, the number of supporters jumped to 79%, with 17% unsure and just 4% reporting they did not support it.

### 82% see Environmental benefits

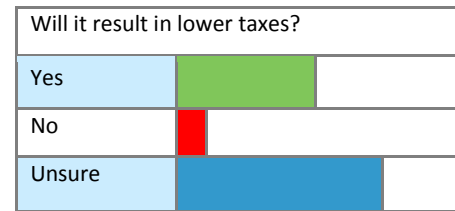
The majority of participants (82%) agree that a Colwood sewage treatment and resource recovery facility would minimize our community’s impact on the environment. 11% were unsure and 7% did not agree.



When asked to rate the goals of the sewage treatment & resource recovery facility, 100% rated “minimizing Colwood’s impact on the environment” as Extremely Important (64%) or Somewhat Important (36%).

## 56% unsure about the impact on tax rates

Participant responses and comments made it clear that they would like more information about the financial aspects of the project. 56% reported being unsure that a sewage treatment and resource recovery facility would result in lower taxes for Colwood property owners. 37% agreed that taxes would be lower, while 7% disagreed.

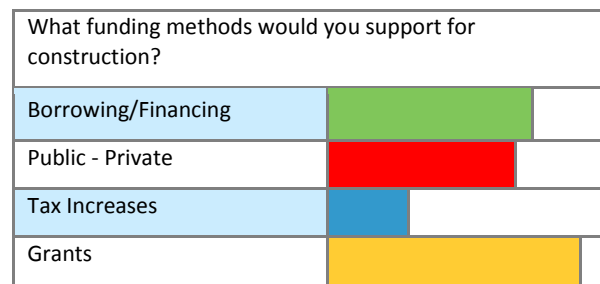


When asked to rate the importance of “keeping property taxes and fees low”, 100% felt that it was Extremely Important (79%) or Somewhat Important (21%).

When presented with four possible options for funding the facility, 75% supported the City borrowing to fund the project, 67% supported public-private partnership 92% supported accessing grants and just 29% supported tax increases.

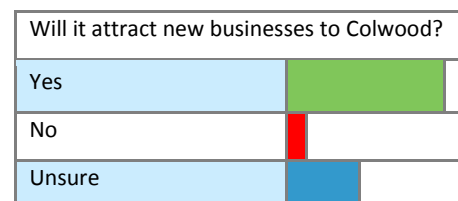
Several comments questioned whether taxes would be borne by sewer users or all residents.

Other comments indicated strong opposition to public private partnership, despite summary data indicating moderate support for this.



## 64% agree it would attract new business

When asked if they agree a sewage treatment and resource recovery facility would attract new business to Colwood, 64% agreed, 28% were unsure and 7% did not agree.



98% rated the goal of “Attracting New Business to Colwood” as Extremely Important (68%) or Somewhat Important (30%).

99% rated the goal of “Building Colwood’s economic base” as Extremely Important (73%) or Somewhat Important (26%).

96% rated the goal of “Encouraging environmental and technology industries in Colwood” as Extremely Important (56%) or Somewhat Important (40%).