

Appendix 1 – JoinIn Northumberland Responses

These are the responses resident's where we needed custom responses.

Part A: Question 2 Comments

Please use the space below to share any additional feedback about why you made the selections you did in question 1.

(Question 1 was: Below is a list of services/programs provided by the County. How important do you think the following services/programs are to the community?)

#	Comments
1	We pay for a lot of services that we n3ver use.
2	although i identified some as somewhat important, it does not take away their importance but merely that the number of people served may not represent as much of a percentage of total dollars allocated
3	<p>I would like to see the county get completely off fossil fuels for their vehicles and other machinery that use fuels.</p> <p>I am quite unhappy about how the culverts in rural areas are not maintained, causing water to pool. When we lived elsewhere the county would groom the culverts to keep them flowing properly.</p> <p>Also, when they came along our rural rd (scriver) they butchered the trees at the side of the road, leaving them damaged and scarred which ultimately leads to diseases entering the wounds.</p> <p>Glad to see we finally have compost collection. But where does this go. Elsewhere citizens can go and retrieve the composted material for their gardens. Does this compost get used?</p> <p>Does the recycling REALLY get recycled?</p>
4	Unsure about the community paramedicine program works as I'm not familiar with it
5	Most things are important. The survey is silly. Save money by not wasting time with silly questions. Also don't say broadband, you sound old.

6	Growing population. Will need more job opportunities, housing, infrastructure and childcare services. But we need to be careful we don't sacrifice green space (by encroaching on forests) and charm (by building cheap, affordable housing).
7	items such as food security are too reliant on volunteers. Social Services should not be asking for Food Bank volunteers to deliver food orders to social services. If they want delivery to this population, they should access a transportation service. Hospitals should not call at 11pm to ask 80 yr old spouses to pick up discharged patients. Again, there should be a transportation service.
8	The county seems to be a social service agency with infrastructure an after thought. The urban areas in receipt of far more service than rural areas. eg Health unit services in this area mostly non existent, long term care beds too far away.numerous homes closer.
9	Rural roads in my area (7th Line, Campbellcroft) require substantially better repair.. Enough asphalt patch already. Also vehicles speeds on these roads need to be better managed as it has become very dangerous for young families playing in and around their front yards. Garbage/recycling pickup needs to be administered in these areas as well. The ever increasing property taxes in these areas should at least cover these types of costs.
10	The most important today is the crisis our housing is at and we need to put more money into low income housing - think - micro villages
11	The 7 items that I've marked NOT IMPORTANT are, I feel, actually VERY IMPORTANT. However, they should not be funded by local property taxes, which have no progressive component in their calculation, but by provincial and/or federal taxes, UNLESS some progressive component can be introduced into the calculation of property taxes, FOR EXAMPLE by calculating the taxes on a property using multiple tax rates as is done when calculating taxes on incomes both provincially and federally.

12	<p>Garbage tags are way too expensive, they have increased more than 100% since we moved to Trent hills ...let there be competitive ways for garbage to be picked up ...why is there no large item pickup? These items end up on properties for months and months as not everyone has a way to go to the dump which detracts from the potential beauty of town...and I say potential because ...Campbellford is a dump right now Trent hills needs more by-law officers..the single employee clearly cannot handle the job load. Why does Trent Hills not actively enforce their own laws?</p> <p>Nepotism...clearly a problem in hiring practices</p> <p>The cost of living here is outrageous...we live right next to the river and my water bills are twice (and seem to keep rising) what that were when I lived in a town with no pooling water sources...</p>
13	I'd like to put health and security as a priority number one! more family doctors in the area.
14	Community engagement is critical and volunteers and residents need to be respected and not just see as "seats in seats". Technology is the way of the future and is more environmentally appropriate than more roads, salt/sand, fuel and maintenance costs ... roads sucking up the largest part of the budget. We need to be leaders with respect to the environment and rural healthcare.
15	Everyone has been hard hit by COVID. Spending should be scaled back and focus on truly high priority items to minimize increases and impacts on already over-extended housing budgets. You can help combat homelessness by not taxing people out of their homes.
16	Questions are broad, I might feel strongly about the Ganaraska Forest but not the Northumberland Forest
17	Violence prevention programming and early child care programs for low income children and families.
18	Internet and broadband services via fiber network is a must and is as a basic human right issue in today's reality. Our kids deserve equal opportunities to learn and engage digitally with high speed internet, we require high speed internet for working from home and being able to productively focus on our business and lives. Tucker RD is part of civilized Canada and should be a priority for Northumberland county plans!

19	defund police
20	The prioritization should be structured similar to the Asset Management regulations, there is core infrastructure (which implies core services) and the remaining. The county should identify and separate those nice to have, would like to have, and need for communication with the public. I prioritized (or tried to) that concept.
21	All these are important areas for a better community.
22	Producing reports for finances, permits, inquiries, public and otherwise, takes up valuable time and monies that could be put into development projects. Public assets (roads, paramedics, garbage/recycling, economic development LT care, NC Forest) need to continue. Social services (Housing, food, social services, etc.) will ALWAYS demand more than is budgeted, so allocate and even percentage to each, not more for one than the other. Frills (trails, walking, biking, emergency preparedness, archives, museums, etc.,) on an 'as necessary' allocation.
23	Digital infrastructure is not in the county's mandate is it? I thought that was Federal.
24	Northumberland is a huge County & for most including myself to intelligently answer the above questions as I would need to know if NC oversees, helps or funds the said programs in Brighton where I reside .
25	The County does not focus enough on Social Services and is no longer a leader in the Community in this area. Large emphasis has to be put on these programs to support the needs of low income people in the County.
26	Choices were vague. Hard to gauge what is being presented in the question
27	Your survey doesn't make sense unless you rate the services against each other. For example I answered very important to almost everything, but there were some that I would rate higher than others.

28	All of the points that were addressed as very important are relative to a sustainable community that is able to address emergencies at an environmental or other perspective. Community Housing I believe is a provincial and federal issue and should be funded and supported fully at that level. This is a small community and Northumberland can only take on so much responsibility and so much relative debt to support everything.
29	Infrastructure is the most important eg bridges, roads . Do something about the fact that only 19% if recycyis actually recycled. No more garbage tags that's why there's dumping everywhere and bring back the 1 dump tag/year.
30	older persons can not do removal and the population has more seniors than young.
31	Food security, affordable housing, social services...are what makes a community whole.
32	Promoting economic development by competing jurisdictions is a race to the bottom. The County should simply continue to execute well on its core responsibilities and let its success speak for itself.
33	Using tax payers money to create systems and buildings for niche groups of citizens is unfair to the 95% that don't need it. Prioritize what will make this region better, transportation, employment, tourism.
34	We should be focused on fiscal responsibility and doing our best not to be raising the taxes of the community in this time of high inflation. As such, we need at this time to limit spending to essential services.
35	We need a better garbage program. At least 1 free bag at the curb would make a difference.
36	Education resources history Cultural heritage is very important. Children to know our history and learn and be inquisitive to keep understanding Education is so important and needs to enhance school teaching To create a better world

37	Finances are limited, all services/programs listed are important, one has to find a balance.
38	<p>The hours at transfers stations need to improve - all facilities should be open 7 days per week especially in the spring/summer .</p> <p>Paramedic services need to be improved with more staffing - as call volumes increase so should the number of ambulances.</p> <p>Garbage collection needs to be brought back in house - contracting out this service to for profit companies is wrong - public money should be spent on public services and would result in saving money . Paying Miller to collect garbage increase there profits and costs taxpayers more.</p>
39	I would prefer a limited development mandate - lets preserve our farmland and forests
40	I said that financial management and reporting is less important than the services that the County provides because it's a meta-service, it exists in support of the services. I said that economic development is less important than the other services because I think that government exists to provide the services and structures that nobody else would provide for us, whereas promoting tourism is something that tourism industries already do for themselves.
41	Tax payer money spent wisely is what everyone wants. From my short time here, the community is very friendly and the people like the township. As soon as you stop listening to the people, they will turn on the township and it goes downhill from there.
42	Garbage and recycling pickup, please reduce costs. Only service needed weekly is stinky green compost, everything else could be biweekly, as in Durham, Peel, Kingston.
43	It's difficult as I feel that all of the options are quite important. That being said, I feel the county needs to do more regarding affordable housing, social services and food security.

44	Re: Promoting economic development, etc. As the Mayor points out "Cobourg has been discovered". Spending money on tourism specifically, is irresponsible . Also, I sincerely hope that 'someone' is engaged and taking responsibility for what is happening to the (development) properties on Brook Rd. N, and Elgin St. N. It is painful to see what has been done to those forested area.
45	Please make sure agriculture is included in this since we have seen increase taxes on our farmland for 4 years
46	Roads are terrible. Fix the roads.
47	Lower cost of garbage bag collections
48	Allow Northumberland residents who pay taxes to enjoy the cobourg beach with discounted parking passes as well. Unfair as tax payers to not enjoy the same amenities that we pay for.

Part B: Question 4 Comments

"Please use the space below to share any additional feedback about why you made the selections you did in question 3."

(Question 3 was: How satisfied are you with how these County-provided services/programs are being delivered in our community?)

#	Comment
1	I do not like it when my taxes subsidize programs run by the community centres that are in direct competition with my business with low fees that I, in possible way, can match.
2	Garbage should be included in taxes. Rural internet options are ridiculous.
3	those areas marked somewhat are those for which i have less personal knowledge, or that i am concerned that we need to increasingly educate the general public about in order to affect change
4	noted in #2
5	This is not necessarily just a county thing but I find it disturbing the amount of money going to companies to provide high speed internet and so much of the county remains unserved. Where has that money gone?
6	Undecided on many issues because I don't hear much about what is being done or have no experience with the item.
7	Our taxes are significant. Live in an area where 95% are over 60--yet our sidewalks are not shovelled. I have seen the sidewalk plow in older parts of Port Hope. We even have a bus route in our area and seniors have to clear sidewalks. The sidewalk plow goes right in front of our home and just does the park area where the mail boxes are! Very upsetting!

8	We need high speed internet and better cellular service! Why has Bell not provided Campbellford with fiber optic cable yet for internet? It's ridiculous. We are charged as if they do provide high speed. Internet and cell service is akin to what's available in a third world country.
9	Also, there should be more work done to promote equity, diversity and inclusion Cornerstone and Transition House need more support and space Cry Road 2 needs improvements - widening - left and right turn lanes. When the 401 is closed, this road is impossible. With more tourism and holiday visitors, this road is always busy
10	I will be very surprised if broadband services become available.
11	Snowplowing services was referring to Ward 2, roads get done to late when there is a winter or ice storm and not salted enough but in town it's done enough
12	Would like to see 1 bag of garbage every week included with property taxes - use tags for more than 1 bag. Save money on tags and reduce residents taking garbage to retail outlets or parks. I've seen this many times. Increase property taxes as needed to pay for this.
13	As mentioned above ...no enforcement in Trent Hills. For example...tiny house parked on Frank st for over a year ?!!!!!!
14	Stop throwing money at Xplornet. The company is useless and our tax dollars are being wasted on them.
15	Thank you
16	Undecided because I either don't use the services or think they are what they are. Museum programming for example - not important to me personally, but very valuable for the community.
17	Need more options for internet and cable in the County. Hospitals are overcrowded with people who need LTC or affordable housing and don't have access to it.

18	Garbage collection in the county is a joke. Roll the cost of a single bag a week into household taxes. This will save money in the long run by not having to clean up the mess from illegal dumping as people take EVERY effort to avoid paying for a tag. Don't think it's a problem? Talk to the municipalities that undertake this work and the volunteer groups that spend their own time and money to keep this problem in check. And it is a MAJOR problem.
19	Living at the north west end of Northumberland County, our mail service is from Peterborough County. We get very little communication on programs and services in the Northumberland Region. I was unaware or in informed of some of the topics mentioned in the survey.
20	Digital infrastructure is now a must have rather than a nice to have. We would like to see broadband available for our business on a main thoroughfare in Northumberland County. All other services are excellent and communication and financial management is top notch.
21	Failure to allow for public consultation when changing the traffic light at Elgin and Ontario. By making the street one way East to West, you've created a potentially dangerous situation as driver rush to make it through the light. Additionally it increases traffic flow future west on Elgin and increases challenges for residents living in the area.
22	Gravel road maintenance is dangerously inadequate. Resulting washouts render roads dangerously impassable and pollute downstream fields, forests and streams with literally tons of roadway gravel and silt.
23	We need current age services! We need well lite streets and proper natural gas delivery to our homes! Tucker road is part of Canada and Northumberland county and local municipality seems to have forgotten about it for so long! Gas lines and fiber optics are a must in todays reality and a digital economy!
24	High speed must be addressed. Our high rates for unpredictable service is ridiculous. The last round of funding went directly to a single company that provided poor service both with their product and their administration.
25	defund police

26	I don't have first-hand experience with all the services listed. I aligned my selections to reflect my budgeting perspective.
27	<p>I am not a strong supporter of the County Tier of Governance in Ontario, but do recognize that under legislation strongly supported by the Province of Ontario this Big Sister / Brother level of government squeezed in between municipalities and the province is not going anywhere soon. In the immediate timeframe I would like the County of Northumberland to reduce their reach into municipalities and simply stick to the basic, core services: road / bridge infrastructure; paramedic services; waste management; non-profit / affordable housing / provincially mandated social services. NOTE: The Economic Development and Tourism departments / offices should be immediately phased out.</p> <p>The County structure is strongly underwritten by the ratepayers of Cobourg and Port Hope, who due to larger populations utilize more of the the social service budget but not the infrastructure services budget. I envision each of the 7 Northumberland County municipalities actually contributing an equal amount of their respective citizens tax dollars for the actual services that they utilize (cost benefit analysis). When 1 to 5 of the other municipalities ultimately determines that they cannot afford to pay for the services that their citizens receive then, then I foresee amalgamation of 1 to 5 municipalities until the appropriate pay as you go / equal cost benefits are achieved for each citizen throughout all current 7 Northumberland County communities.</p>
28	Same as before. Garbage / recycling program is worse than what it was before.
29	<p>My "undecided" items are because I don't know what the County is doing in these areas.</p> <p>My other responses are because I am aware of these items.</p>
30	I'd like to see more resources for access to Lake Ontario with more designated public beaches.
31	Garbage is too expensive in the County. Garbage tags should not be used as revenue generation to offset the costs of budget failings in the county. The cost is atrocious and we should be ashamed. The dump voucher system should be brought back.
32	Shared roads/bike paths sometimes feel dangerous. It would be nice if the TransCanada trail had smaller gravel to make it easier for walking/cycling.

33	There needs to be more communication to the communities in Northumberland about what has been achieved.
34	I totally disagree with spending \$6 million to build a museum /archive which will also include hiring more staff. Also disagree with tearing down the Golden Plough surely this can be used for something useful. No more garbage tags and bring back one dump voucher per year. I also see that the individual email addresses for county councillors are gone so all communication goes through whom? Jennifer Moore? Also the public can only speak at meetings about topics on the agenda? That's preventing free speech. You are destroying Northumberland Forest by logging which is very unsightly and destroying the natural environment. The slash that remains is going to catch fire one day and the whole forest will burn. No motorized vehicles should be allowed: noise and air pollution and trail destruction.
35	<p>Related to Planning for and managing residential, commercial and industrial development, the county and lower tier municipalities MUST put firm boundaries in place and absolutely ban residential, commercial and industrial development outside those urban boundaries. Our farmland and our environment depend on it, especially since the province can't be trusted with their plans for more urban sprawl.</p> <p>Regarding recycling collection and management, I have never seen so much loose recycling in the ditches as we've had since switching to the boxes. I wish there was a better system in place, especially since collection is often at 7am so many people leave their boxes out overnight before pickup.</p>
36	Undecided means - I don't know
37	I live on Gillespie Road and for years we have been told we will be getting driveway pickup for waste. The new company said they would be providing driveway pickup but they still don't. Taking garbage to the end of the road is so incredibly awful, especially in the winter. If it goes out the night before stray dogs and animals tear it apart. Going out first thing in the morning to warm the truck and then take the garbage down is a waste of my time and gasoline.
38	when required I have been happy with the attention given.

39	Public input requested then results not easily found. Or input requested but already decided before public has there say. Should be public meetings not online now as people are not all internet savvy
40	I have no knowledge in some of those areas, so can't opine.
41	Garbage collection should be FREE. Should not require tax payers to purchase tags for a service that is essential. Your job is to manage the dumps correctly, we shouldn't suffer and pay due to regional incompetence.
42	Outside of basic services we should be content with the level of services being offered.
43	Those marked "Unsure" are done so because I have no first hand knowledge of level of services/programs provided.
44	I chose "undecided" for all categories in which I have little or no personal experience. I chose "somewhat dissatisfied" with housing and social services because the sector is a mess despite your people's best efforts. I chose "somewhat dissatisfied" with emergency preparedness because I have no idea what you're doing - which means that I'm not prepared either.
45	I haven't been here long enough to make an accurate selection on some questions.
46	Why are you granting special permits for Cobourg to be building in flood plain, eg Fourth st? Watershed needs to be enhanced.
47	Haven't lived in the county that long.
48	Roads please.
49	None
50	We are struggling with inflation and increase costs of living. We need cuts from taxes in regards to funding museums/arenas and things to which we were not able to use during covid. Our elderly are struggling, our vulnerable are struggling. Support them.

Part C: Question 6 Comments

Please use the space below to share any additional feedback about why you made the selections you did in question 5.

(Question 5: From your perspective, what are the most important local issues facing Northumberland at this time?)

#	Comment
1	many issues are really of equal weight so hard to prioritize
2	Many of the above statements are linked to one another so difficult to separate sometimes such as homelessness sometimes due to mental health issues, cost of living linked to jobs. But I would like to see less construction of new homes because we are losing our farmland which is so important. We need to encourage farmers to farm rather than overpricing the land so much as to entice them to sell to developers. This is getting out of control. We are in one of Canada's best farming areas.
3	Many selections deserved the same number in importance. The 1 to 14, in my case doesn't represent the real importance of each.
4	Child care is the most immediate issue the smaller towns are facing. The environment and sustainability should always be considered when making any decisions on any of the other issues. Post pandemic we would be crazy not to address mental health issues. Internet is not crucial.
5	Without infrastructure and income there is no tax revenue to spend on programs.
6	We need affordable housing for the kids aged around 25 so they can start living their adults lives, way to expensive for them even with a great paying job. Plus taxes are to high in Ward 2 for not much in the way of services

7	We need to have a Strategic Plan as to where we as a county are going. Growth is inevitable but we are considered a rural community with a HIGH percentage of seniors within the COUNTY, perhaps not along the 401. Only the truly lucky get to be old and older so we should be an example of what an 80 community looks like.
8	There needs to be more housing development to meet the demand. And more LTC is needed especially since this is an aging populations. I'd like to see a indoor community center in Trent hills very soon as well. I'd wish I could bring styrofoam garbage somewhere to dispose of because it takes up too many bags. I don't mind paying for garbage tags but I do mind when I have to pay to dispose of styrofoam
9	While job searching in Northumberland County, I was told to broaden my search to surrounding Counties because Northumberland was a "depressed economy " and work with a living wage was not available. I now travel 45 minutes each way from home for work.
10	The need to attract and keep health care works is a must. So many people have been with out a doctor for years in the smaller towns in our county. It is totally unacceptable. Doctors have no time for their patients, people put off health care because they can't get the help they need. Long term care is frightening, I am facing the situation where I might need help caring for an aging parent and I am scared to death on the care that she will receive, the distance I will have to travel to see her.
11	we need to prioritize meeting the basic needs of citizens over the economy
12	Same approach as previous questions
13	nil
14	Most of these items are not the responsibility of municipal level government... that's the problem...all 3 levels of government have the same or similar departments. Wasting tax dollars! Spend the money better!
15	Everyone will give Cost of Living (sign of the times), and grumble about Property Taxes, but jobs, housing, hi-tech when they are in place, some of the social issues will begin to sort themselves out.

16	Northumberland is growing and that puts pressure on health care, infrastructure and waste management. Take care of these and economic development will come and help pay for the rest.
17	County needs to support the vulnerable in the community and be a leader for local administration of social programming.
18	Again poorly executed questions
19	It is beyond me if people live in the country why they should receive the same services such as internet as those of us paying higher taxes in the city. If they want those services then move here.
20	Very difficult to pick. All are important, but people first.
21	The cost of fuel the county needs to invest in transportation regular
22	Investment in the population is critical.
23	Waste collection is important if the system is re vamped to include appropriate garbage collection. Employment is important as we expand and grow Transportation for those out side the region.
24	Hard to prioritize choices.

25	<p>Housing affordability is the most urgent issue: it's a hub issue, interconnected with most of the rest of the issues, and therefore a leverage point for positive change if we can manage it. But sustainability is the most important issue, ultimately impacting everything else, just with slightly less urgency than housing.</p> <p>Community Engagement Activities are third because they're also a leverage point: people are capable of coming together to form interdependent communities that can solve many of these problems themselves, but we'll need to convince them that they aren't prohibited from doing so, or dependent on governments to do it for them.</p> <p>Property taxes are irrelevant compared to everything else: if people can't afford property taxes, then they also can't afford to be healthy and safe, which are bigger issues.</p>
26	Tree planting, must do everywhere you can for climate resilience, educate us, and help with planting, pruning
27	Property taxes are high. I understand that we are privileged to live in this lovely, unique town; I hope and trust that these funds are being managed wisely.
28	Agriculture is at its limit for taxes paid on our land
29	Poor questionnaire design.
30	None
31	There are far too many "1s" which need to be priority. Understand that your residents are struggling and help. Your homeless population is increasing because there is no cap on rent and not enough places available. Health care wait times are horrendous, people are choosing between groceries and shoes for their children's feet. Tighten the pocket book on unnecessary spending. Perhaps that means new blood in the council and a new mayor.

Part D: Question 7 Comments

Recognizing that not all issues fall under County jurisdiction, if you believe the most important issue facing Northumberland at this time was not listed above, please use the space below to identify this issue.

#	Comment
1	County needs to support increased home owner access to Natural Gas AND support initiatives that support the use of heat pump technology. The cost of energy is impacting home openers.
2	I think less contracts should be given to developers - MUCH less! As stated in #6
3	Affordable housing, effective use of taxpayers money
4	sidewalk clearing in the winter; garbage/recycle can be reduced to biweekly (like in city of TO). Increase brown bag collection to at least biweekly vs. monthly especially during Spring and Fall--raking of grass in spring /leaves in Fall
5	Equity, diversity and inclusion More community space for Clubs and get togethers
6	All residents of Ontario are not treated equally. Those persons in urban areas (at provincial and county levels) have more resources, programs, infrastructure and less costly hydro etc. I would like a new hospital in Campbellford so that the residents of this area and the residents of the surrounding rural area have access to basic health care.
7	Commuter service to GTA
8	Dental services control! (prices are so different, and service is not acceptable in general)
9	It would be nice if the county remembered, at least occasionally, that there are areas OUTSIDE of Cobourg and Port Hope. Those of us in the north end feel a little left out when it comes to...just about everything. Take a drive up in the winter and how County Road 45 looks as soon as you enter Trent Hills. Hint - you won't see the road as it's always covered in snow and ice.

10	Criminal activity, policing needs more support
11	Safe biking and walking
12	Archives Library Quality of Education
13	defund the police
14	Land drainage and mitigation strategies for climate change,
15	Please refer to # 4
16	See above comment
17	No comment (at this time)
18	Managing residential growth; increase density in the cities and stop urban sprawl: subdivisions don't work. New homes outside of the city should have a minimum of one acre.
19	Ability/opportunity/tools to create your own business.
20	Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation. BIPOC citizens of the County have no representation/ understanding in government or services in Northumberland County, and it is deeply felt when engaging with the citizenry and all levels of service delivery.
21	Town of Cobourg. Downtown is filthy and gross. Hardly a feel good place
22	Upgrading of aging infrastructure i.e. drainage and water related and managing emergency situations so that flooding is managed prior to an emergency.
23	I live in Trent Hills, I have seen so many services go South to the lake front. No county offices in Trent Hills

24	Health Care "Access"
25	senior living and care this end of the county.
26	The most important issue facing all levels of government right now is actually disinformation, the intentional spread of inaccurate information and even lies (about numerous issues, including covid).
27	I believe that some of the issues listed in part 5 should also be considered outside of the jurisdiction of the County, or at least only peripherally County responsibility.
28	Transportation for those travelling in/out of the region. Garbage collection, bi weekly , includes in PROPERTY TAX
29	Ditch the opp and have policing done by a county police other then Port Hope and Cobourg
30	We must change the demographic or we will be an old community not contributing to development and future growth
31	Common sense.
32	Freeze property taxes on farmland for 4 years since we have had increases for the last 4 years
33	Roads. Province should help.
34	None

Part E: Question 10 Comments

Please use the space below to share whether there are any other key considerations you would like staff to keep in mind during the financial planning process.

#	Comment
1	Stop raising taxes and think this is going to solve the issue . Managing your spending and paying reasonable salaries is an option.
2	I believe in user fees. You use it, you pay for it (I.e. garbage). I primarily use County roads when I can because the Rural Port Hope Roads are poorly maintained unlike the Urban Roads. I believe investing in the County roads budget results in value unlike Port Hope Rural Roads. I am not big on my tax dollars going to support others/services who do not pay or even live in the area.
3	I voted about with the assumption this cutbacks would be temporary. But if inflation lasts long-term we cannot let our infrastructures and repairs go unattended to. That would cost us more in the long term.
4	shift tax \$\$ Collected. Increase services where needed and decrease i.e. garbage collection
5	Is there an option for seniors to elect to pay taxes by placing a lien on their property? Would this help them live more comfortably in their home?
6	In question 9...I would like to see infrastruture maintained but service levels to all the social service areas decreased. totally out of control.
7	Ward 2 taxes are to high already for hardly any services
8	Port Hope area needs more industry. Offer more incentives for development or whatever is needed to bring more industry and jobs to the area. Push provincial government to increase commuter service to Durham and GTA.

9	Those of us on living on a pension cannot demand a substantial increase. As such, please learn to live within your means like the rest of us.
10	With respect to the above, in times of hardship we all have to chip in. It is time to cut staffing first and foremost. Then we have to look at energy efficiency and the use of technology to replace staff or automate more. If you up the property taxes, we all know you will NEVER lower them. Municipal staff is paid well - find ways to be more efficient and don't push inflation out on to retired residents.
11	I appreciate and use the services that my taxes contribute to. Other regions have much higher taxes than northumberland (for example durham)
12	There are other ways to reduce overhead and cover these costs. Consider raising development fees / commercial fees / industrial fees as an offset instead of placing the burden on already financially stressed households.
13	Better consideration and communication with rural areas
14	I don't understand how maintaining services at the current level will significantly reduce services
15	Higher taxes would be onerous for citizens already struggling with multiple economic effects of inflation.
16	Tie tax increases closely with cost of living increases. During difficult financial times there's greater need for services
17	currency is a social construct. people are not.
18	Think of it like trivago - help us understand the services delivered, what is the state of our infrastructure, what is legislated LOS, and what are current LOS, how much is needed to sustain, and then we can tell you our thoughts. Every level of government has a deficit, due to years of planning for reinvestments into infrastructure, building infrastructure, and delivering services ... in the same old way.

19	Some tax dollars will become available when the County Economic Development and Tourism departments are closed. Other savings will occur when the County sells the Golden Plough Lodge and county taxpayers will no longer underwrite the operation of a retirement / long-term care facility for the citizens of southern/ eastern Ontario.
20	Never fails. Government always increases taxes and fees. Welcome to the private sector. DO MORE WITH LESS!
21	No comments (at this time).
22	Homes on septic, no municipal water service should be exempt.
23	Spend less on infrastructure for next 2 years. Keep services the same. People will really need the services and can't afford a tax hike.
24	Everyone being effected due to the increased cost of living due to high inflation. Mortgage rates are increasing as is fuel, food & consumer goods & rents. 2023 is a year to hold or reduce expenses
25	Cancel gardening and swag at all County Buildings and sites for seasons. Christmas decorations are not an essential service.
26	Obviously no one wants property taxes to increase. I would like to see what the county is doing to manage costs and be creative about what can be done to manage costs while continuing to manage infrastructure and services.
27	Spread offices out of Cobourg. OPP is ran out of Cobourg. Golden Plough is in Cobourg. What does Trent Hills get.?
28	Culture, library, archives, museums need to remain a priority. We need to think beyond today
29	The taxpayer is hit by inflation and taxes at all levels. I find it hard to listen to whining from all levels of government about inflation meaning taxes must go up

30	<p>Consider subsidizing or lowering taxes for folks living in affordable housing or with a demonstrated income below a certain level, and increase the taxes of the people with properties above a certain value to make up the difference. Some people can't pay for groceries while others would have no difficulty paying a bit more in tax.</p> <p>I would also like to see our County adopt a climate budget like the city of Oslo. The Climate Budget is fully integrated in the municipal financial budget and also follows the City of Oslo's budget cycle. The Climate Budget contains measures designed to ensure that the emissions do not exceed the target for the next year. A City Government department or agency is allocated responsibility for completion of each of these measures. https://www.klimaoslo.no/2019/10/29/the-climate-budget-for-dummies/</p>
31	<p>Increasing fees on things like waste tags will only lead to more roadside dumping. Also, the new \$13 minimum at the Brighton dump has made waste disposal difficult for me. I don't have driveway pickup for waste on Gillespie Road so I used to take 1 or 2 bags of garbage the dump at a time. It saved me from having to get up early, especially in the cold winter months. It used to be allowed to pay per bag but now they have a minimum fee that's way too much! Doesn't make any sense. No wonder roadside dumping has increased around here.</p>
32	<p>The fixed income held by a large % of population should be adjusted to maintain their staying in their homes.</p>
33	<p>Ensure that commercial and industrial entities are paying their share. There's too much expense put on the backs of citizens and not enough on property developers and industry!</p>
34	<p>With the Bank of Canada increasing its target rate, overall economic activity is likely to decrease and reduce the high inflation for activities related to infrastructure maintenance/renewal.</p>
35	<p>Everybody suffers with inflation. Why make the average citizen pay more for another monthly bill when all else has also gone up. We all suffer, don't make it worse and blame inflation, very ignorant and manipulative way to phrase those answers.</p>

36	Inflation is temporary, increases in property taxes are permanent. Let's try to cut back on major expenses this coming year and see how inflation stabilizes.
37	Implement a county police and get rid of the opp.
38	Indeed costs to provide services/programs have increased, however wages , pensions have not increased to meet the cost of living. Never mind paying increased taxes. Also reducing level of services is stepping backward. This is the 21st. Century, time for government, local, provincial and federal to step up and meet the ever increasing needs of residents. Being a pensioner and on a fixed income, these increases are like another nail in ones coffin.
39	Stop contracting out services such a garbage collection - its more cost effective to operate in house
40	If Campbellford turns into a place like Peterborough, the people will become the same way. Taxes go up, there is no visible sign of anything being done, and the people will be angry with the township. Reduce services to a minimum to maintain the budget, with a slight increase if needed.
41	We need to know which services could be reduced, I mentioned how to save on recycling We need to see specific ideas for reduction, services to comment on specific costs
42	A \$4.25 fee for 1 garbage bag is mind boggling (especially if you a large family) I fear that if disposal fees are increased we will see more garbage on our streets. Perhaps the Service Cost \$/Month calculation on where our tax dollars go could be redistributed; more for waste disposal and less for Tourism and Economic Development.
43	None
44	Base property tax increase on household NET income. Not per property. Lower taxes for rural areas that do not utilize the same services as the town.