



Report No: 2025-099

Submitted by: Kim Grogan, Manager of Financial Services /

Treasurer

Council Meeting Date: Regular Council - 01 Oct 2025

Subject: 2026 Budget Survey Results File Location: Budget-2026

RECOMMENDATION:

That Report 2025-099 and the 2026 Budget Survey Responses be received as information.

BACKGROUND & COMMENTS:

The Township participated in the County wide Budget Consultation Online Survey which launched June 11, 2025 and ran through to August 29, 2025. It was promoted through the Township and County websites, the Township's social media platforms, local media and tax bill inserts.

Meaningful and effective public engagement improves the quality of decisions made, facilitates citizen understanding of issues and government process, fosters respect for the views of others and increases support, understanding and ownership of decisions made.

The survey received 169 responses an increase of 29% over 2025 (131-2025, 132-2024). Of the respondents, 61% heard about the survey through social media.

Service Levels

The survey illustrated how property taxes were spent in 2025 and asked residents to indicate whether the same services should be enhanced, maintained or reduced in the upcoming year.

In all service categories, the majority of respondents selected to maintain, with only an inflationary increase to taxes.

The more notable areas with respondents selecting service level enhancements and or reductions were identified as:

Enhancements:

Parks and recreation: 29%

• Policing: 26%

Roads & Bridges: 24%Health Services: 41%

Reductions:

• General Government: 39%



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- Municipal By-law and Building: 32%
- Other (Planning, Drainage, Economic Development): 26%

When asked what the respondents thought were the top 5 priorities in their community, Active Living (parks, trails and recreation) ranked the highest, consistent with 2025 results. The top 5 notable service area priorities were:

- 1. Active living parks, trails and recreation (60 respondents)
- 2. Safe communities Police (57 respondents)
- 3. Snow/ice control (43 respondents)
- 4. Infrastructure Roads, bridges and storm water (42 respondents)
- 5. Safe communities Fire (35 respondents)
 Affordable housing (35 respondents)

The budget survey provides a section to provide rating comments and/or feedback as well as a section for further comments or suggestions.

Tax Dollars

When asked about the value received from Zorra Township tax dollars, 43.05% (65 respondents) (2025-48.1%) rated the overall value as fair, while 27.81% (42 respondents) (2025-28.2%) rated the overall value as poor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no direct financial impact to the current budget; however, survey results referenced in the report will be considered in determining the 2026 budget.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

The content in this report supports the strategic priority outlined below, with more information available in Council's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

A Sustainable Community:

- Reduce municipal and greenhouse gas emissions
- Enhance and protect the health of our natural environment
- Introduce procurement policies that emphasize and recognize the impact of climate change
- Wise resource management

A Livable, Healthy Community:

- Facilitate expanded housing diversity and supply; to promote attainability
- Adopt policies to promote densification in our urban settlements



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- Provide a diversity of inclusive and accessible recreation activities
- Promote a vibrant arts and culture community

A Fiscally Sustainable Community:

- Renew and reinvest in our infrastructure.
- Adopt policies to promote and support the agricultural sector.
- Attract, retain, and expand business investments to diversify the tax base and increase local employment.
- Attract and retain a municipal workforce driven to provide customer service excellence and innovative service delivery.

Governance & Corporate Excellence:

- Identify and commit to opportunities for Zorra to provide an enhanced customer service experience. Learn from past mistakes and improve.
- Ensure organization and financial alignment to achieve Strategic Priorities and meet the needs of our growing community.
- Be accountable to the public through open and responsive government.
- Ensure Zorra is organizationally resilient, ready to adapt, and succeed in a changing environment.

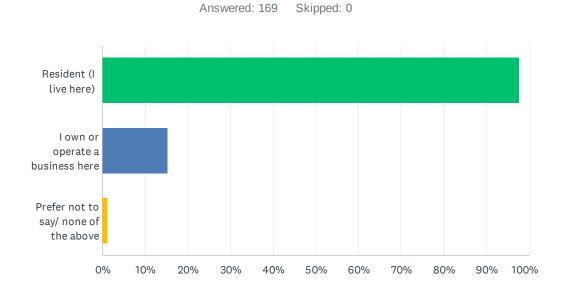
ATTACHMENTS:

2026 County of Oxford Budget Survey - Zorra Results

Approved By: Status:

Diane Larder, Chief Administrative Officer Approved - 23 Sep 2025 Karen Martin, Director of Corporate and Protective Services Approved - 23 Sep 2025

Q1 Tell us about yourselfWhich of the following statements describes your connection to Zorra Township? Please select all that apply.

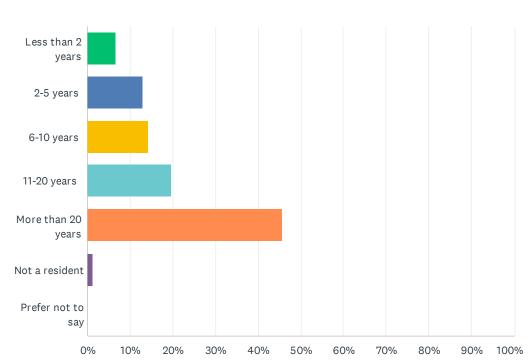


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident (I live here)	97.63%	165
I own or operate a business here	15.38%	26
Prefer not to say/ none of the above	1.18%	2
Total Respondents: 169		

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	Thamesford	8/27/2025 6:49 PM
2	I am a resident that lives here and operates a business here, but will be selling our home and uprooting my business from zorra township	8/14/2025 12:08 PM
3	Born and Raised	7/24/2025 9:29 AM

Q2 How many years have you lived in Zorra Township?

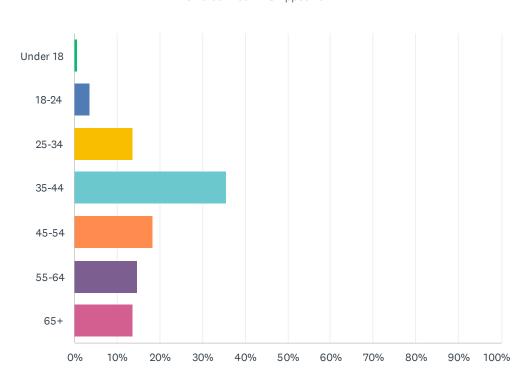




ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 2 years	6.51%	11
2-5 years	13.02%	22
6-10 years	14.20%	24
11-20 years	19.53%	33
More than 20 years	45.56%	77
Not a resident	1.18%	2
Prefer not to say	0.00%	0
TOTAL		169

Q3 What is your age?

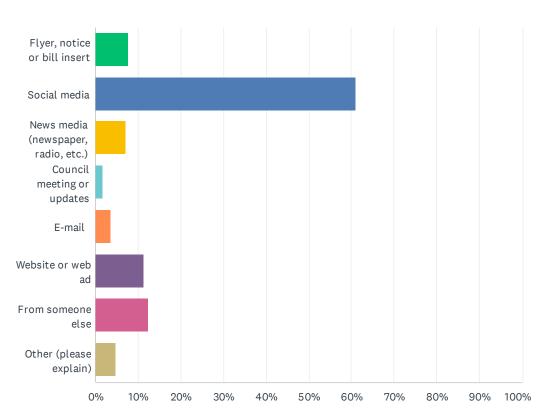
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.59%	1
18-24	3.55%	6
25-34	13.61%	23
35-44	35.50%	60
45-54	18.34%	31
55-64	14.79%	25
65+	13.61%	23
TOTAL		169

Q4 How did you hear about this survey? Check all that apply.





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Flyer, notice or bill insert	7.69%	13
Social media	60.95%	103
News media (newspaper, radio, etc.)	7.10%	12
Council meeting or updates	1.78%	3
E-mail	3.55%	6
Website or web ad	11.24%	19
From someone else	12.43%	21
Other (please explain)	4.73%	8
Total Respondents: 169		

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	library	8/28/2025 11:51 AM
2	zorra township website	8/18/2025 5:34 PM
3	application to put in 3 townhouse and reduce the space between my lot and the new townhouse.	8/14/2025 12:08 PM

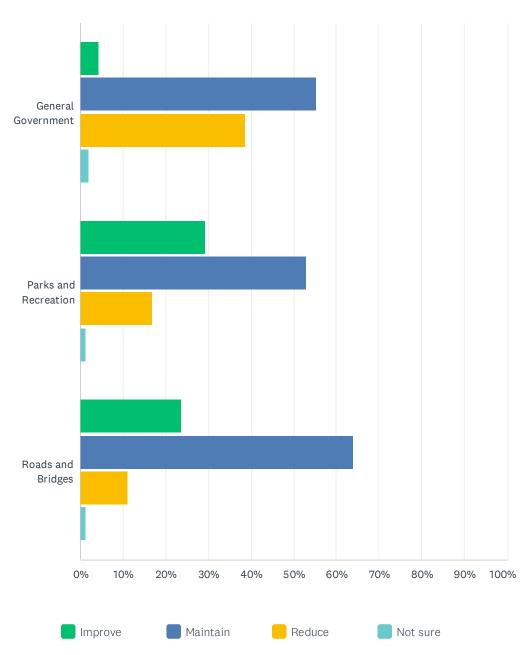
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4	Mayor's column in Village Voice	8/6/2025 2:20 PM
5	Village Voice	8/6/2025 11:32 AM
6	Went in to complain about a zoning change next to me	7/25/2025 3:34 PM
7	Neighbour	7/8/2025 8:20 PM
8	Mayor blog	6/26/2025 9:00 PM

Q5 The following questions are about services funded through Zorra Township tax dollars and delivered by the Township. For each, you will be given the tax paid per household in 2025* and then asked if the service should be: Improved, even if it means a tax increase Maintained, with only an inflationary increase to taxes Reduce to lower taxes *Household is based on the average residential MPAC Assessment of \$275,000General GovernmentApproximately \$96 per household in 2025 Council, CAO Office, and Corporate Services (Clerks, Finance, Asset Management) Parks and RecreationApproximately \$236 per household in 2025 Recreation programs Parks and recreation facilities (e.g., community centres, arenas, public pool, splash pad, parks, trails) Local sports and special events Roads and BridgesApproximately \$982 per household in 2025 Roadway system maintenance, including sidewalk repairs, road repairs, pothole repairs, snowplowing, snow removal, traffic signs, and streetlights The Township maintains 475 kilometers roads, 69 bridges structures/culverts with span over 3 metres, and 30282 square metres of sidewalks

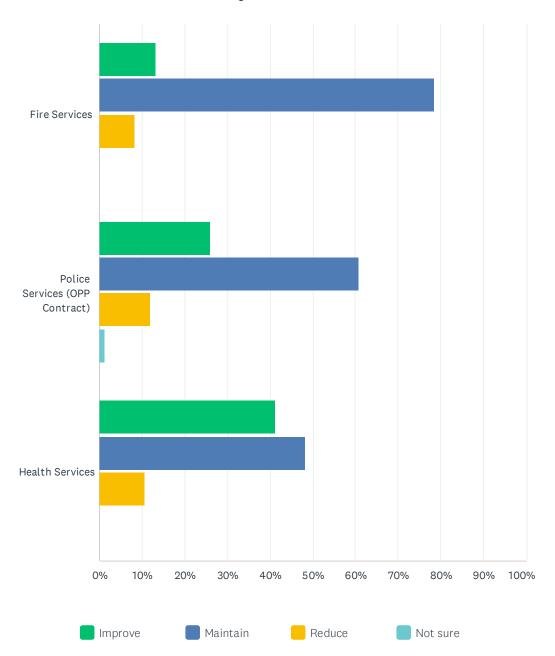
Answered: 161 Skipped: 8



	IMPROVE	MAINTAIN	REDUCE	NOT SURE	TOTAL
General Government	4.35% 7	55.28% 89	38.51% 62	1.86% 3	161
Parks and Recreation	29.19% 47	52.80% 85	16.77% 27	1.24%	161
Roads and Bridges	23.60% 38	63.98% 103	11.18% 18	1.24%	161

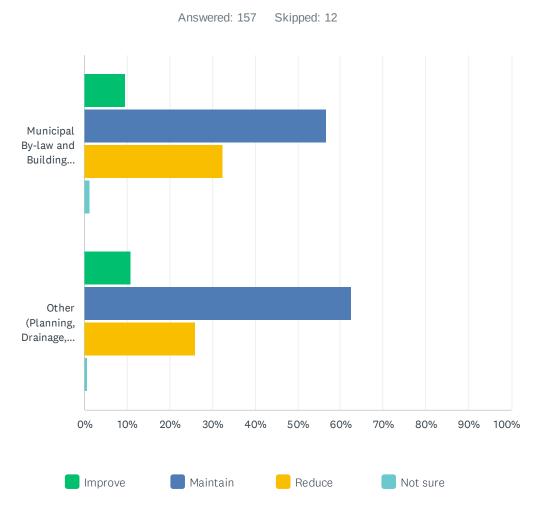
Q6 Should the following services be: Improved, even if it means a tax increase Maintained, with only an inflationary increase to taxes Reduce to lower taxes Fire ServicesApproximately \$218 per household in 2025 Fire suppression services, fire prevention programs, training and education, and emergency rescue services Police Services (OPP Contract)Approximately \$219 per household in 2025 Policing services that maintain the safety and security of all citizens Health ServicesApproximately \$28 per household in 2025 Cemeteries and medical services

Answered: 158 Skipped: 11



	IMPROVE	MAINTAIN	REDUCE	NOT SURE	TOTAL
Fire Services	13.29% 21	78.48% 124	8.23% 13	0.00%	158
Police Services (OPP Contract)	25.95% 41	60.76% 96	12.03% 19	1.27% 2	158
Health Services	41.14% 65	48.10% 76	10.76% 17	0.00%	158

Q7 Should the following services be: Improved, even if it means a tax increase Maintained, with only an inflationary increase to taxes Reduce to lower taxes Municipal By-Law Enforcement, Licenses and Building ServicesApproximately \$5 per household in 2025 Permit applications in accordance with the Ontario Building Code and obligations of compliance and duty of care to current and future building occupants By-law enforcement for regulations involving parking, property maintenance, noise, animal control and business licensing Other Approximately \$29 per household in 2025 Planning, Drainage, Economic Development



	IMPROVE	MAINTAIN	REDUCE	NOT SURE	TOTAL
Municipal By-law and Building Services	9.55% 15	56.69% 89	32.48% 51	1.27% 2	157
Other (Planning, Drainage, Economic Development)	10.83% 17	62.42% 98	26.11% 41	0.64%	157

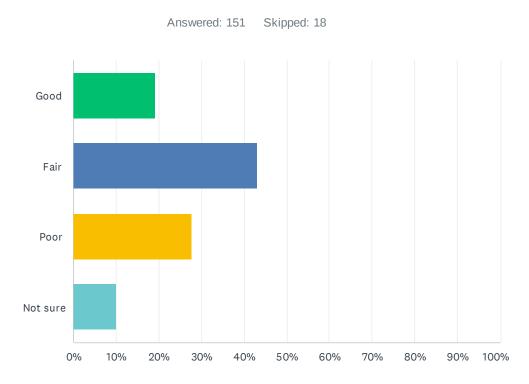
Q8 Do you have any feedback or comments about your ratings?

Answered: 27 Skipped: 142

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Too much over spending, too many on staff. Too much outsourcing happening for work that could be done by existing staff. Taxes keep going up yet the tax base for property taxes has exploded with the growth that is being pushed on our village. Why are our costs going up so much? Common sense would dictate a decrease since so much more money is being collected. Also find it interesting that the average taxes stated are \$1812* (details in fine print) - very deceiving as most households are actually double or triple that amount. The county/school taxes are mandatory so why wouldn't that average be posted? \$4500-\$6000+ may be realistic but doesn't look as good/reasonable I guess.	8/28/2025 12:39 PM
2	I'm not sure on police services - sometimes I'd wish to see more patrolling in Lakeside when the kids (under 16 for sure) race down Sunova Cresent on four wheelers, but is this even possible? Would that require more \$s going to Police Services?	8/28/2025 12:03 PM
3	Have staff return to a 5 day work week. It is frustrating to constantly get an out of office reply during business hours.	8/28/2025 11:09 AM
4	Every effort to lower taxes should be made!	8/28/2025 8:46 AM
5	Bylaw enforcement on Middleton is nonexistent. It is simply unacceptable and improper to plan such large planning developments with out the ability to monitor them. One bylaw officer, once per week for zorra is shameful.	8/28/2025 7:21 AM
6	My rating for bylaws is reduce. I have heard that we only have 1 person doing alot of different areas. My issues is i have had a problem in my area for several years, we are paying this persons wages through our taxes and yet nothing gets done about our issue. We have all sent emails, filled out paperwork, I have personally attended meeting yet same problems. That is why I said reduce.	8/27/2025 7:10 PM
7	Cost of living is a huge concern. Property taxes on top of taxes everywhere is a huge concern. We should also have the right to grow our own food- chickens= eggs- staple food for all families!	8/27/2025 6:53 PM
8	The community is in deep need of additional law enforcement and bylaw enforcement support. This would be my top priority. I appreciate the need to invest in economic development. I do not have an issue with this investment, but I do have an issue with how it is being used. The transparency is poor - the focus on housing growth (with questionable conflicts of interest in the community) - without consistent investment in wrap-around supports (healthcare services, food supports, businesses) leaves the community without an identity and feeling more like a housing unit than a community. The community has reached its capacity - yet more housing growth is coming. Bylaw enforcement is also an issue with more people moving in without maintaining lawncare standards, garbage disposal standards, pet-hygiene standards, etc. This leaves the community further feeling like a housing unit versus a community. I lived here a decade ago before moving for work. I chose to return to this community three years ago - but the standards and sense of community have fallen so far - that I question that decision.	8/27/2025 6:52 PM
9	Do not raise taxes	8/27/2025 6:32 PM
10	Improve health care funding, ambulance services, police presence and community classes/activities	8/26/2025 7:57 PM
11	talk to surrounding residence before putting up something that is going to anger people, township doesn't care to listen anyway so way even do this crap survey.	8/14/2025 12:12 PM
12	Taxes went up when the new building was built. That was wrong. The original building was functional new building is was a waste and lied to tax payers. Might as well pay the same tax in a town. Your MPAC comparison below is unfair and misleading to most. 1812\$ is not the average tax paid.	8/9/2025 8:21 AM

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13	My feedback is we've been doing the survey for the past few years and the responses seem to be the same. the population would like less spending on administration and capital expenditures involving staff and counsel. This has not been heard in Zorra at all. We have things like taking money from reserves to pay salaries during a leap year so that our tax increase does not hit double digits. We have things like \$11 million Public Works buildings that get built and then the next year needs \$40,000 worth of shelving. We have things like a \$250,000 snowplough machine for a township that doesn't have enough sidewalks to warrant this. \$7 million on a Township administration building that does not include the extra \$20,000 for hand driers and water bottle fill stations in the original build price. It is pretty ridiculous how opaque this process is. I suggest you post the results to these surveys as well as all of these comments on social media and refrain from policing the comment section. Too many times has Zorra posted some thing about them doing their part only to hide the comments from concerned citizens who may not agree with them. I would also like to know if the average Mpac assessment for Zorra is actually \$275,000. Using these make believe values is ridiculous. The majority of homeowners in this township are paying double that assessment.	7/31/2025 12:14 PM
14	Stop over spending on nonsense, snow plows just push the snow into the mouths of all the laneways and sidewalk plows add to the ridiculous amount of snow already pushed in. Something need to change	7/25/2025 3:34 PM
15	With road work like paving, conditions of work done 1 year after should done(cracks,breaking ashphalt,etc	7/22/2025 6:58 AM
16	Why do we pay police when they don't respond or we never have them in our township! Mayor and council need to take into consideration that no one can afford this and why do we pay more then some other areas that have transportation and a lot more to offer to our little towns! Instead we build a multi million dollar township office and towns work building! It's about time you start taking focus on your residents! We can't afford this anymore!	7/17/2025 1:12 PM
17	I'm not sure what health services the county covers but only \$28/household does not seem like enough.	7/16/2025 7:17 AM
18	Zora Township residence, specifically Embro and area, provide the township with \$218 worth of tax dollars per household per year for our local fire department and the work that they do. But we are left without working hydrants. If we are going to look at economic development and planning and grow industry in this area, then the lack of working fire suppression hydrants is a huge oversight.	7/14/2025 11:23 AM
19	Catch and release of criminals makes policing almost useless	7/12/2025 7:31 PM
20	I wish there was a way to ensure tax dollars were distributed adequately between rural routes and villages within Zorra township. I understand Thamesford has a significantly bigger population and should (and does) have more parks and recreation areas, however with each year it seems more services are added to Thamesford, yet it isn't central within the township, living at the north east end of the township we are still paying the same rates for services that aren't nearly as accessible	7/11/2025 4:39 PM
21	There needs to be a 4 way stop signage installed at cobble hills road and side road 74 Too many accidents	7/11/2025 4:36 PM
22	I disagree that the average residential property is averaged at 275000 in zorra.	7/8/2025 8:20 PM
23	Why are Thamesford parks lacking they are terrible compared to all other sounding comunities like Tavistock, and Ingersoll. The new park in the north end of town the slides dont slide our downtown core is a dump. The traffic issues on dundas need to be addressed.	7/7/2025 5:21 PM
24	Tax increases must not increase. Tax increases will force seniors out of their homes (residence)	7/3/2025 9:43 AM
25	Railway crossing on oxford road 6 between highway two and country road 74 is a money pit. Please figure out how to fix it properly so it does not have to be done and paid for every year	6/17/2025 9:34 AM
26	People who live in rural zorra who live on septic and use wells. Why are our taxes so high?	6/15/2025 4:32 PM
27	Taxes keep going up to support town expansion we did not approve or ask for. These costs should be put on the builders not existing residents.	6/12/2025 9:40 AM

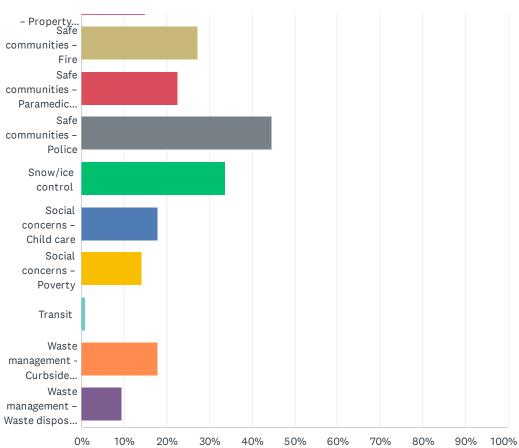
Q9 In 2025, the Zorra Township share of municipal taxes for an MPAC-assessed average residential property of \$275,000 is \$1,812.*How would you rate the overall value received from your Zorra Township tax dollars?* This does not include the part of your municipal tax bill that is paid to Oxford County and to your preferred Ontario school board.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Good	19.21%	29
Fair	43.05%	65
Poor	27.81%	42
Not sure	9.93%	15
TOTAL		151

Q17 Other comments and suggestionsNow it's your chance to provide additional information relevant to building next year's budget. What would you say are the Top 5 priorities for your community right now? Please select 5.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 41 Active living - Parks, trails and recreation Active transportation (e.g.,. Affordable housing Arts and culture Communication transparency Downtown revitalization Economic Development Emergency Management Environment/cli change/susta... Information -High-speed internet Infrastructure - Roads, bridges and... Infrastructure - Water and wastewater Library services Long-term care Public Health (Southwestern Public Health) Quality neighbourhoods - Planning Quality neighbourhoods



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE	RESPONSES	
Active living – Parks, trails and recreation	46.88%	60	
Active transportation (e.g., pedestrian and cycling infrastructure)	10.94%	14	
Affordable housing	27.34%	35	
Arts and culture	6.25%	8	
Communication and transparency	17.97%	23	
Downtown revitalization	13.28%	17	
Economic Development	13.28%	17	
Emergency Management	11.72%	15	
Environment/climate change/sustainability	14.06%	18	
Information - High-speed internet	14.84%	19	
Infrastructure - Roads, bridges and stormwater	32.81%	42	
Infrastructure – Water and wastewater	10.94%	14	
Library services	5.47%	7	
Long-term care	24.22%	31	
Public Health (Southwestern Public Health)	25.78%	33	
Quality neighbourhoods – Planning	21.09%	27	
Quality neighbourhoods – Property standards and by-law	14.84%	19	
Safe communities – Fire	27.34%	35	
Safe communities – Paramedic Services	22.66%	29	
Safe communities – Police	44.53%	57	
Snow/ice control	33.59%	43	
Social concerns – Child care	17.97%	23	
Social concerns – Poverty	14.06%	18	
Transit	0.78%	1	
Waste management - Curbside collection (garbage and new organics program in 2026-2027)	17.97%	23	
Waste management – Waste disposal (Landfill)	9.38%	12	
Total Respondents: 128			

Q18 Are there any further comments or suggestions you would like us to consider for either Zorra Township or Oxford County's 2026 budget?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 135

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Zorra and Oxford need to cut the weeds in the ditches and stop people throwing trash on the streets and roads. Promote infill housing in existing residential areas with semis and triplexes that already have infrastructure and discourage the use of prime farmland for single family homes that people cannot afford.	8/28/2025 4:44 PM
2	Lived on Zorra Township 20 + yrs and taxes have gone up over \$4000.00 in that period	8/28/2025 12:56 PM
3	Serious budget cuts need to be made.	8/28/2025 12:53 PM
4	Value for money. Consider service delivery review - size of government is growing, but is it being grown properly. Can things be run more efficiently? Less climate change surveys that mean nothing to a future decision. You have your own agenda on how the money will be spent.	8/28/2025 11:21 AM
5	Less government is better government, stick to the very basics	8/28/2025 8:52 AM
6	Thamesford Main Street requires traffic management - consider roundabouts or more lights to control traffic. Investment into more business development in thamesford (grocery store, shops, etc).	8/27/2025 9:48 PM
7	Sure,let's use our tax dollars responsibly.	8/27/2025 7:22 PM
8	Additional garbage cans in high traffic areas e.g. downtown.	8/27/2025 7:08 PM
9	Lower Property taxes	8/27/2025 7:05 PM
10	When people pay taxes and support services, it is critical that the leadership listens with empathy and humility - not arrogance. Our current leadership lacks transparency and, more importantly, fails to listen with empathy and compassion to its residents as they express concerns. We need a leadership change - which is not the purpose of this survey - but I hope will emerge at our next election.	8/27/2025 7:01 PM
11	Do not increase taxes	8/27/2025 6:34 PM
12	Cash should never have been removed as an option on site and an app should not have to be downloaded or used. This was about budget for taxes and such and didn't include a question about how is residents feel about the cashless society.	8/27/2025 8:38 AM
13	Stop building rows of town houses, it makes the town look much less attractive. And they aren't even affordable, like the town was told they would be.	8/27/2025 7:42 AM
14	Round a bout for hwy 2 and line 15.	8/26/2025 5:46 PM
15	your community planning is horrible and that person need to be fired and fresh ideas put into place	8/14/2025 12:17 PM
16	Building new office building was a waste of our money. Our taxes went up big for the first time after it was built.	8/9/2025 8:26 AM
17	There are plenty of things citizens will want government to do for them. I think it's past time for government to encourage people to take more responsibility for themselves instead of government trying to solve everyone's problems with ever increasing regulations and resultant tax increases. Our taxes have increased every year for at least the last 10 years. Sooner or later it's got to stop, even if it means we reduce the services we receive.	8/6/2025 2:34 PM
18	Zorra township uses the township Facebook page as there own personal propaganda machine. The comment section should be open to all who want to comment. Not just the ones who agree with zorra. Perfect example is just recently they posted a video of the Bilaw officer doing his inspections on a bike driving down a trail in the Township. There were two comments	7/31/2025 12:26 PM

	clearly on that video but you could not view them on Facebook. My assumption is those comments said instead of paying someone to ride your bike during business hours down the Township Trail to find people who aren't cutting their grass, maybe the Township should be paying an employee to maintain the trail! It looks like garbage on this video. Anyways. Why are there 2 comments on a taxpayer funded post that are being censored. Those taxpayers aren't allowed to have an opinion?	
19	Done with governments taking money and spending just to spend. If it is not broke leave it alone. Maybe once people figure that out our affordability issues will calm down	7/25/2025 3:34 PM
20	I believe traffic needs to flow. People need to be more aware of their responsibility when they are driving on roads. It seems money is being wasted trying to prevent human error. More needs to be done to educate drivers. Having more 4 way stops is not solving the core problem.	7/18/2025 11:31 AM
21	Take into consideration the economy that we are in these days! We can't keep living the way we are we need YOU to fight for us to bring down our taxes no ones can keep affording it! There has to be cuts that can be made to keep us going the same way we are!	7/17/2025 1:12 PM
22	Zero dollars should be spent on ANY political activism. No more rainbow flags, you are a service to the community, such as garbage removal and road maintenance, not a activist organization. Also, 650 new townhouses is going to destroy the lovely village of thamesford, the village should not be a UN sustainability project. It's going to bring problems, as we have already seen along Middleton Street where 95% of police calls get sent to. (So ive heard). People moved to thamesford for a reason, safety community etc. Densifying and 'affordable' housing is going to bring so many more problems and reduce overall community cohesion and safety but hey, at least the govt gets to have way more pockets to pick from eh.	7/16/2025 1:00 PM
23	Climate change should not be an issue or have any tax allocated to it. It is a black hole of waste. With an economy that is tanking and people are having a difficult time trying to make ends meet, it seems your priorities are misdirected.	7/14/2025 12:30 AM
24	Drop all net zero or spending on "climate" change. No electric county vehicles or busses. Drop all DEI programs and virtue signaling. No wind projects.	7/10/2025 7:20 AM
25	It would be nice if Embro library was open more hours or days.	7/8/2025 8:20 PM
26	Battery recycling and plastic bag depot at Embro Arena.	7/6/2025 9:47 PM
27	Community gym/weight room	7/6/2025 3:57 PM
28	Wasteful spending on employees that are not needed. Wasteful spending on consulting fees. Wasteful spending on vehicles. Wasteful spending in general. Focus on not raising taxes and working with the funds you have.	7/4/2025 8:30 PM
29	It is imperative that the waste In all departments is controlled. For example roads being salted unnecessary then we repair them the next year. On any given day I can observe many county pick-up trucks in motion or on the side of the road. Always with one employee. Do they all get their own vehicle?? Thanks for the opportunity to voice my concerns and thoughts.	7/3/2025 9:43 AM
30	Too bad there aren't any questions about how we feel about the cost of water and sewer. The monthly charges seem to be a bit high compared to other communities. I would like to see a complete elimination of the water restrictions, so that if I decide to water when my plans and bushes need it. Rather than have to plan my life around an arbitrary day and time restriction. Not everyone can afford to install underground sprinklers and timers.	7/3/2025 12:19 AM
31	Child care!!!!!	6/14/2025 8:43 PM
32	Something needs to be done about Zorra township property taxes! Why are we paying way more then other cities that are bigger then us! We don't need multi million dollar township office nor roads department building help us families out who are struggling instead of raising things	6/12/2025 8:04 PM
33	Reduce the waste in government and show some fiscal responsibility. Constantly raising property taxes to support new housing etc should not be the responsibility of existing residents. Pass that cost onto the builders / new home buyers as an expense of moving / building in our great county.	6/12/2025 9:40 AM
34	As the community grows exponentially, what added services and capacity for healthcare are being implemented? And how about public safety as our streets become congested with parked cars reducing visibility for motorists on the road and motorists, cyclists and pedestrians	6/11/2025 11:39 PM

trying to access the road? Is a new doctor coming to town? Will Oxford be adding hospital beds, long term care beds and ER capacity to address the needs of thousands of new residents?

Q19 In addition to this survey, there are other ways to learn more and have a say on the budget process. How would you like to be informed about the Oxford County and/or the Township of Zorra budgets? Select all that apply.

Answered: 114

Skipped: 55

Website updates Council Budget meetings Social media E-mail or e-alerts from website Newsletter, summary or fact sheet/infogr... Local news media (newspaper,... Podcast or video Other (please explain) 0% 50% 80% 90% 10% 20% 30% 40% 60% 70% 100%

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Website updates	48.25%	55
Council Budget meetings	14.91%	17
Social media	67.54%	77
E-mail or e-alerts from website	24.56%	28
Newsletter, summary or fact sheet/infographic	34.21%	39
Local news media (newspaper, radio)	25.44%	29
Podcast or video	2.63%	3
Other (please explain)	3.51%	4
Total Respondents: 114		

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	I appreciate monthly updates by Marcus Ryan in the Village Voice.	8/28/2025 12:10 PM
2	Village voice	8/27/2025 8:38 AM

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3	no because your views done line with reality.	8/14/2025 12:17 PM
4	Flyers	7/14/2025 12:30 AM

Q20 How would you rate this survey?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 98





	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	
☆	9.86% 7	5.63% 4	21.13% 15	33.80% 24	29.58% 21	71		3.68