



## 2023 Annual Survey – Open Ended Responses

## Note to Reader – Analysis of Open-Ended Responses

The 2023 Annual Survey contained four open-ended questions. For each question, staff sorted and tallied responses by Council Priority theme area. Responses that touched on more than one Council Priority theme were included under “Multiple”, and those that did not reference a Council Priority theme were included under “Other”. The “Unknown” category includes responses that could not be otherwise categorized. For Question 45, responses in the “Other” category were reviewed for common themes – the three most commonly referenced are noted and tallied within.

Please note that personal information, including responses identifying individuals by name or by employment status with the District of Oak Bay, were severed or partially severed (as noted within) in accordance with Section 22 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Comments (or portions thereof) expressing opinions that, in staff’s view, breached the District’s Moderation Policy were also severed. As indicated within, these comments either:

- contained profanity or were defamatory, threatening, hateful, personally disparaging, harassing, indecent, vulgar, obscene, illegal, immoral or sexually explicit; or,
- endorsed, promoted, or perpetuated discrimination on the basis of race, creed, colour, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation.

Comments were not edited for grammar or spelling.

**Q7 Please use this space to provide additional feedback on any of Council's Priorities (Housing, Livability, Transportation, Climate Change and Environment, Diversity and Inclusion, and Truth and Reconciliation) or on Priorities you feel are missing.**

**Category Counts (Tally)**

Housing	85
Livability	62
Transportation	56
Climate Change & Environment	20
Diversity & Inclusion	7
Truth & Reconciliation	8
Other	80
Multiple	84
Unknown	4

**Climate Change & Environment**

#4 was a two part question of two separate things. Council should enhance the local environment but should not try to mitigate climate change apart from making environmentally smart choices with future purchase.

All climate related priorities should be the most important. There will be nothing else if we fail on climate.

Ban dogs at all times from eco-sensitive areas (such as Uplands Park) and enforce existing dog restrictions (such as at Turkey Head). Ban fossil-fuelled leaf blowers - these are extremely environmentally irresponsible and major noise polluters.

Bowker Creek Salmon initiative is a priority.

Climate change and environment should be the top priority and all the other components such as housing transportation, livability should be supporting it.

Climate change is a natural phenomena, and will continue, no matter what action we take. CO2 is not the main driver. Don't waste money on futile efforts!

Climate change/native issues etc are important but are clearly a provincial and national mandate, dont lose focus on the close things

Combatting climate change is of vital importance and better/climate friendly public transit and accessibility are important, but I recognize that there is little that can be done at the residential municipal level beyond supporting appropriate action at the regional/provincial/national levels.

I believe that well-meaning government-initiated attempts by to aid indigenous peoples have been largely unsuccessful and sometimes harmful, and that the role of local governments should be to be to respond to initiatives by those peoples.

I would like to see Council have a public Climate Action group that can engage the public on climate action initiatives and report back to Council, with goals, agendas and objectives with a clear mandate on how to move climate action initiatives forward.

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I'm only filling out this questionnaire in order to stress my believe that much more care must be given to the trees. Yes, the trees! Many need care in order to maintain resilience. Watering them must take priority over lawns, pools and cars, and pruning & removal must be closely supervised.

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More shade trees on Landsdowne slopes. *Last comment removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (identifying information about individual/s), and as it is at odds with District's Moderation Policy (personally disparaging)*

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Patio heaters emit gases (literally!) and should be banned forthwith. It is anomalous for OB Council to make green 'noises' and yet allow fossil fuel gases - propane and natural gas - to be emitted into the atmosphere, by various hotels and pubs in OB.

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Please do not allow fireworks in Oak Bay, especially the "tea party" event, where many eaglets are still in their nests and have not fledged.

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Please stop watering and mowing the boulevards. It's a waste of tax dollars, and makes no sense with global warming. Not to mention beautification to maintain a garden community is a joke with densification. And feeding the deer who maraud, destroy and defecate.

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Preservation of natural green spaces without the municipality feeling the need to control these areas with cutting back plants and trees that provide pollen, food, shelter and habitats for insects and animals.

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Protection of the nonhuman environment....parks, foreshore etc

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RE: Climate change & environment

Council and staff need to examine the current rules/regs pertaining to the installation of heat pumps. The latter are the future and many houses that use, eg, natural gas will be under increasing pressure to swap out the latter for the former.

A heat pump compressor must be sited outside; a furnace is always inside. The current bylaw restricts where the outdoor component of a heat pump system can be placed, ie, not on the front side of a house. Rear and side of house installations are not always possible because of the very conservative setback restrictions from the property line in the applicable bylaw. This has to be amended to make heat pump installation easier.

In other words, if one's house is too close to the neighbouring house on the side or in the rear, a heat pump installation is not possible per the current bylaw. Political will is required to change this.

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Very important to restore and protect our natural areas especially the Garry Oak Ecosystem and Uplands Park. A plan for the entire park by a Natural Landscape Architect with botanist support is essential for planning appropriate protection of this park, the best of the last areas of GOE.

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When Oak Bay announced last year that gas lawn mowers would be banned in three years I understood that this was in part a response to a petition that was demanding this change. I was very bothered to further learn that the majority of the signatories on the petition were not Oak Bay residents and that the Mayor was aware of that fact. Not only is it important that our council respond to the needs and desires of of Oak Bay residents (aka taxpayers) but is is critical that the council NOT signal to outside activists that they can be successful at pressuring our District into acquiescing to their desires.

As an aside, I do have an electric lawnmower - my complaint is based on principle.

Why does it take Oak Bay years more to ban plastic bags etc, we could lead the environmental activities and not being a follower

## Diversity & Inclusion

By prioritizing diversity etc. it is a major racial affront to everyone involved. Instead, simply treat everyone as the same.

Meaning no prejudice in any form

Demand that legal documents do not conflate gender with biological sex, I.e., as in the recent example in Windsor where police recorded the sex of a trans-identified male, who sexually assaulted a women in a women's shelter, as "female". Bring back legally protection for female-only spaces. And support gender critical voices in Oak Bay City Hall.

Diversity and Inclusion -- There is not much diversity in Oak Bay, but this is a symptom of a system that benefits and privileges the older white straight cis male. Oak Bay is a wealthy area, where only people who have a high enough income can afford to live. As much as I would like to think that this is something the municipality of Oak Bay has the power to change, it would require much larger systemic change for any real difference to occur.

It's important that all people feel included in the community in which they live.

More research facilitating the blind and seeing inspired

Most "diversity" initiatives do not actually practise diversity, but are the imposition of one worldview on everyone else. They constrain diversity.

Need to be careful with diversity which if over done then discriminates against the majority. Everything can't be an important priority so the priorities need ranking.

## Housing

Allow garden suites, and pan handle homes in large long backyards.

Council needs to examine the Building Department's priorities and functions. Houses that are very fine houses are being torn down (and perhaps somewhat affordable to people), and being replaced with ridiculously large developer-driven mansions that massively more than cover the footprint of the previous older homes. *Last comment removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (identifying information about individual/s), and as it is at odds with District's Moderation Policy (personally disparaging)*

Council should proactively pursue student housing projects at Camosun and UVIC with zoning that supports high density construction. Other zoning supporting higher density multi family housing should be pushed forward within this term.

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Council should work more on creating affordable living in Oak Bay for home owners as supposed to slapping them with huge utilities and property taxes bills. Your policies weed out and imposible to stay in Oak Bay . This area would be soon populated by people with the highest paying jobs aristocrats like. Others who been here for decades wouve forced to move . Shame on you Oak Bay Council. You seem like care and prioritize on your own self fulfillment needs.. it is too bad

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Critical to invest in density and reduce the volume of single family homes in Oak Bay to meet the needs of the growing community

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Cut red tape and delay in approving housing initiatives. Think boldly and allow 6 or more stories of rental apartment style development.

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Change the attitude of city hall staff from saying no to how can I help you to achieve ehst you are trying to accomplish.

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'Diverse housing' should refer to the occupants, not the physical structures. With few exceptions, maintaining architectural diversity is unimportant.

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Don't destroy the character of Oak Bay by shoehorning density everywhere.

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Don't give in to developers that will overdensify and ruin oak bay. Love the quiet small town feel. As the song says "don't go changing!"

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Even more dense housing, scrap this absurd suburban ideal that only works for people swimming in money.

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everyone deserves a roof over their head. Many houses here are being demolished without any legal requirement to really recycle the materials which other municipalities do require. Also there are no property tax exemptions for senior non profit houses while there are for less vital organizations . People visit Oak Bay for the heritage architecture but this is not being recognized when lovely houses with very interesting history are allowed to be demolished.

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Fast-tracking the development of affordable multiunit dwellings and apartments should be a priority. I would like to see Oak Bay focus on 2-4 bedroom apartments so young families can live affordably and seniors can age in place

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Get busy on more housing for people who aren't wealthy. Our housing stock is an embarassment.

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Housing in Oak Bay will never be made more "affordable" by the District increasing residential property taxes, expanding the services it provides and increasing the costs of providing the services it provides. The District has a relatively small population and has no ability to expand its boundaries. It must husband its resources and budget its expenditures very carefully. Compared to the other municipalities in the Capital Regional District, it could be argued that Oak Bay is and will continue to be one of the least "affordable", with little opportunity to change that reality.

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Housing in this municipality is unaffordable for the average Canadian. We need to make this issue a top priority for council. I'm all for letting the provincial government step in to approve the projects that OB council have rejected for too long as they continue to cater to nimby interests.

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Housing is most important. All suites should be legal. The apartment building at the Corner of Oak Bay and Foul Bay should be replaced with new affordable housing units. It is an eyesore.

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Housing would be important to me if we had the land to build more housing...but we do not have land.

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Housing: Oak Bay streets are not conducive to street parking. Some (if not all) apartment buildings are charging fees for their residents to park on their property, hence more and more people are parking illegally. Not a fan of secondary suites if the landlord cannot provide parking for their tenants.

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I agree that adding more housing density is needed, however, I ask our municipal government to urge the provincial government to meet the urgent needs for health care for an increasing population. We have difficulty accessing care as it is with current population levels. With an increased population along with an existing aging population, it is critical that we meet the needs of our community, for both current and new residents.

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I am pleased and supportive of our Council's measured but positive support to the need for more housing in Oak Bay. Frankly, I not like the radical vision espoused by members of the current provincial government. A government that has targeted and is apparently determined to ruin numerous established residential neighbourhoods and districts across the province.

In particular I enjoyed hearing and seeing our Mayor's response to the media of late on the housing issue as it applies to Oak Bay. Oak Bay is fundamentally, as we know, is a single family home district. Its existing infrastructure can take a reasonable and measured amount of growth but not on the scale of that envisaged in Langford or down town Victoria. First the infrastructure needs to be upgraded to meet the realistic and measured growth and while doing so the broader vision of expanded population density in Oak Bay may be able to proceed.

Keep up the good work Oak Bay Council.

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I believe it is important to work towards a variety of housing options in Oak Bay but I think it needs to be done in a responsible manner concentrating on the Village area plans. Not all areas of Oak Bay should be asked to accommodate more density. We already have many apartment buildings. Although these buildings are older they provide large affordable accommodation for existing occupants. How do you replace them with denser housing without displacing current oak Bay residents?

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I believe that dramatic increases in the density of the population of oak bay would be a detriment.

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I do not like the interference of the provincial government with the municipal council. I do hope that the council stays strong against the government and if necessary starts court proceedings. Otherwise we have a top down implementation system which will ride rough shot with representative local democracy.

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I just read that Minister Kahlon has put the District of Oak Bay on a "watch list" for housing targets. The list and the metrics are absurd in the context of Oak Bay. The mayor and council have the responsibility to first and foremost represent the interests of the community and not those of the provincial government. The District of Oak Bay is bound by the ocean and the city of Victoria and Saanich. I object to any changes that undermine my property rights, lower the value of my property, or increase property taxes to try and meet a goal that is unattainable for a municipality that is constrained geographically. the province should know better than to try to impose a one size fits all approach to address the current housing challenges.

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I strongly support the initiatives that encourage new structures to have legal suites, but with the stipulation that the owner lives at the same address. I also agree that current illegal suites should be grandfathered to be permitted, however, I feel there should be a requirement that this not be voluntary. The municipality should be able to receive more taxes from these properties to support the extra infrastructure and services that having the increased density we are already experiencing are causing.

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I would not like to see Oak Bay change to allow multiple high rise apartments

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If multi-family housing is going to be built, it must still preserve existing green space and trees on the property, be affordable to an average family, and involve banning all AirBnB's to ensure that the new housing is purchased by local residents.

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If we want Oak Bay to resemble downtown Victoria, then adhering to pre-fab rules of how to stuff more people into progressively smaller spaces with urban living conditions will be the result. I moved out of the U.S. back to Canada and specifically to Oak Bay, even though I'm from Ontario, to live in a place where green space is valued, streets and neighbourhoods are clean and safe, neighbours forge friendships within the community, and drug deals and use aren't the norm in public spaces. We must preserve these characteristics. People visit Oak Bay for precisely those qualities. Why does one of the most affluent postal codes in Canada have to provide low-income housing? Adjacent housing with suites and the like on existing properties are one thing where owners are onsite, but if Oak Bay tries to emulate James Bay, for example, with non-stop high-rises and non-existent parking spaces, I will leave. We have a loyal tax-base who want to maintain and nurture the community. We can do so in ways that don't compromise our quality of life.

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Increasing housing supply (including "affordable" housing supply) in Oak Bay advances some of the other priorities noted above. A larger population leads to greater tax revenues that can be used to fund infrastructure. Oak Bay is within easy cycling distance of downtown Victoria, and cycling is one means for citizens to reduce their ghg emissions. I've observed that developers sometimes construct houses that don't seem to sell. It might be better if development is focused on actual needs rather than developers profit motives. Town homes, smaller homes may in fact be more appealing to some and fill a need for smaller households. I'm pleased to see Council act to allow more diverse forms of housing (suites). In a housing crisis, this just makes sense. Thank you for doing this!

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It is very important that the new provincial housing requirements be opposed by our council. A community Plan addresses the needs and desires of each community. It is specific to each community and the provincial or any other government should respect the work that each jurisdiction has put in and the voices of their constituents. Oak Bay is a destination for residents who have worked hard and lived in other communities, saving to afford the environment that we have earned. Forcing 5 plex developments on single family properties is wrong and not listening to the municipal staff that are employed to make density decisions is wrong.

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Leave Oak Bay as much as it is as possible. The neighbourhoods as they are have heritage value.

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Limit the building of "McMansions"; new builds/renovations should fit in the footprint of the home being replaced/renovated

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Limit the tear downs where possible, Incentives to support renovations/upgrades vs tear down old house and rebuild from scratch

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Maintain the diversity of historic housing to maintain the character of Oak Bay. Unique in Canada. . Leave some of the small houses so long time owners in Ok Bay can downsize to them and not have to move into condos or care homes unless they wish to. Do not lose smaller homes to build a modern box. Create 'age in place' homes out of large homes with additional apartments to allow older owners to stay in family homes. Allow laneway homes.

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making the community more livable for renters and establishing caps on rental price will serve many people and foster strong, worker-driven economic growth

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More affordable housing is needed while keeping Oak Bay's village atmosphere.

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More density is contrary to our climate change challenge. Where is our precious water/rain going to soak into when the Earth is covered in concrete. Water shortage will be the biggest problem to solve and should be guiding our density discussion now.

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Need to maintain character and single family dwellings. Build rental units along oak bay Ave, allow for garden lane housing, suites as proposed.

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Need to preserve the flavour of Oak Bay while providing adequate housing and services. Housing should blend in and suit the area. Not some of the unattractive stuff that's been built recently.

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New houses are too large. They obliterate green space around them and shade other yards to a degree that existing gardens cannot fully thrive. These houses most often house two adults and a child or two so they do not increase housing possibilities for anyone . It makes no sense and is utterly counter good environmental practices.

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No further single family dwellings should be permitted in Oak Bay.

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No more heel dragging. Build all the housing. Upzone every lot and let the market decide what to build.

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Number one is increasing housing options and our tax base. Oak Bay avenue is the obvious place to start with incentives to build at least 4 stories with retail on the ground floor. There is a lot of wasted vertical space in a one story model. Space that could be used for housing. This also would increase walkability for residents in these spaces and fight climate change. Win. Win. Win.

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Oak Bay should consider garden suites. There are so many missed opportunities for families who have been in the community for so many years.

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On housing, we need less sensitivity to immediate neighbours and more sensitivity to the larger community and potential new neighbours.

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Our neighbourhoods are welcoming and beautiful as is. Over development will ruin that.

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Please allow more development in Oak Bay. The status quo is creating affordability challenges. It's madness that small homes are torn down to make way for multimillion-dollar mansions, but other types of housing are so hard to pass council.

Please do more to include Indigenous people in how we develop this land.

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Please avoid building high rise apartments in Oak Bay. New buildings should have enough green space in front of the buildings. Lately balcony of some of the newly built buildings hanging just above sidewalks.

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Please consider the renovation and adaptation of existing buildings and houses to accommodate more people. The demolition of so many houses is having a negative impact on the livability of our neighbourhood and does not serve to increase the numbers of people in each new structure. Continue to consider imperatives that buildings that are demolished must be recycled as much as possible. Encourage the moving of houses whenever possible to avoid so much material ending up in landfills.

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Please do not let our community plan be trampled upon by the provincial government. If we lose the character of Oak Bay, we will never get it back.

My wife and I chose Oak Bay as a community where would love to live, and it has been challenging as housing is not cheap, but we knuckled down, made a lot of financial sacrifices, and now we're in the home straight. What have we worked so hard for if Oak Bay is ruined by political zealots? The Federal government should have given some thought to how it was going to house a million new residents before granting residency.

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Please do not turn into oak bay as westside Vancouver. It's been decimated by foreign investors.

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Please do not turn Oak Bay into a Langford.

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Please don't let our residential areas get inundated with multiplexes. Please create corridors for increased density including in our villages (Oak Bay Village / Estevan / South Oak Bay) along major streets and not in our pleasant neighbourhoods. Oak Bay Avenue, Cadboro Bay Avenue, Estevan, Newport / Windsor / Beach Drive). Please protect our Uplands community and all our other smaller residential areas. Allowing non-specific infill is not good for our community. Plan increased density in proper areas only.

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Please follow thru on more flexible options for infill housing ASAP

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Please please do your job and approve housing!! We are a disgrace as a municipality all talk, committees and never a step forward

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Please preserve the residential atmosphere as family orientation that we currently enjoy

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Please question Mr. Eby's edicts about compulsory density and housing. Oak Bay is very different from most areas and is treasured because of this. No-one HAS to live in Oak Bay, even though they might WANT to. Land is expensive everywhere but particularly in an area where there is very little buildable land left. Affordable probably isn't an option in our municipality - and in many other towns close by. Preserve what we have.

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Preserve our single family neighbourhoods.

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Preserve single family zoning with no suites and enforce it preserve in home business restrictions

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Preserve the unique character of Oak Bay.

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Preserve the unique nature of Oak Bay rather than give in to the unrealistic rhetoric of the NDP government. Focus on maintaining our infrastructure, not on social experiments including relatively-unused bike lanes. This is neither inclusive (not everyone is fit enough) nor is the landscape flat like Holland.

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Regarding the Housing priority, I believe the focus should be on increasing housing supply overall vs housing diversity and affordability. If supply can meet demand overall, the cost of housing will decrease across all price categories. Replicating the same price mix in every municipality isn't necessary.

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Retaining current buildings is the greenest approach. Short-term rentals should not be allowed - they take up valuable housing and do nothing to build community.

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Single family homes being torn down and replaced with large/monster houses needs to be addressed. Our 'million' dollar street is having 3 million replacement houses built to house 1 family.

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Some areas just can't be made affordable. I would love to have a place at Manly, the Ginza or Upper East side NYC, but I don't have the funds.

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The unaffordability of housing unfortunately only allows very wealthy people into this neighborhood. That also stopped locals born and raised from staying here, as well limits the amount and type of people who can move here. It is an issue and it will only continue to push out the locals to make room for wealthy people.

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The question on housing was vague so hard to answer. Feel council should prioritize residents' ability to add secondary suites and some relaxation of house square footage to land area restrictions. Also think Council should take greater roll in appearances of new houses being built.

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Unless something is done to create affordable housing, we will not have anybody to fill the average job. Cost of living is outrageously high and to allow conditions to continue as they are is unsustainable

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Upzone the whole municipality to allow 4 units on every residential lot, build protected bike lanes, implement parking MAXIMUMS not minimums

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very important to preserve the unique liveability and choice of single family housing in Oak Bay. There are numerous nearby options for those wishing to live in condos, highrises, townhouses. Not every neighbourhood needs to be a built out by Abstract Development

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We are waiting for you to approve laneway housing/garden suites

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We have lagged far behind on creating appropriate increases in density both residential and commercial for decades and now have to play catch up because the council has pandered to the vocal people who want no change. I urge the council to do what is best for the community as a whole and add appropriate and meaningful density

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We live in a small Cul de Sac with only 5 houses. On two of the 5 lots, 2 houses are in the process of being newly built. It means that our little street will have around 2 years of construction and disturbance. Our Cul de Sac has become a permanent parking lot for trucks. There is no regulation for this.

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We are disappointed that OakBay municipality allows for new houses to be so far above the general house price of a neighbourhood. It forces our taxes up, makes living here more expensive and excludes young home buyers. It is not assisting with the problems of home ownership in this

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time.

We are also disappointed that the municipality allows developers to design and build houses that include an unattractive, high black metal wall, blocking out the view and morning sun for our lovely neighbour.

Big expensive houses, not in style with the rest of the neighbourhood is in our view not conducive to community thinking.

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We need a housing strategy that provides all levels of housing options for young families and seniors so that it ensures that campers aren't parking their mobile 'homes' on our streets after hours and impacting residents' livability.

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we need cheaper housing options to bring back the next generation, many of whom have moved to other parts of the country, taking their well educated skills with them

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We need housing reform now - upzone the entire municipality for new housing, no parking regulations, no setbacks, FSR maximums, etc. Hire more staff to process applications but also simplify the process so less planners are needed.

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We need more assisted living facilities for seniors

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We need to allow secondary dwellings on and in properties. With strict guidelines.

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We really need to approve more housing, preferably multiplexes and low rise apartments.

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What are you going to do where Oak Bay Lodge was? Great area for another seniors residence or a condo with the bottom level reserved for a pharmacy/ physio/clinic

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While it is important to ensure there is adequate and affordable housing in Oak Bay, Council should be careful to also preserve what makes Oak Bay unique - it's gentle approach to housing (so please no towers), it's green spaces/parks etc.

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With land value rising faster than inflation, a building lot will soon be worth \$2 million. This means that affordable housing is not attainable in Oak Bay. What is needed is to focus on more density in appropriate area. for example allow current apartment buildings to be torn down and denser and higher buildings be permitted. it maybe appropriate to upzone some existing homes which are adjacent to apartments or condos for consistency.

I see the provincial government's direction for seniors to remain in their own homes to be an obstacle in densifying Oak Bay.

Oak Bay is very desirable and expensive so small homes especially those needing upgrading to current standards will likely see the replacements being single family units and also much larger. they might have suites which would make a small contribution to the goal of getting more housing units in Oak Bay. Keep in mind that someone who builds a \$3 million dollar house is unlikely need the revenue from a suite.

Council and staff should be more aware that individuals/builders will either build what they want or what will sell. The market is a major force in the housing market and this should be recognized by Council.

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With the identification of Oak Bay by the province as a community that needs to create more new dwelling units, the low hanging fruit is with heritage buildings that are larger and can be converted in part or completely into multiple units - thereby preserving the character of the neighbourhoods also

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Within the housing mix, support for co-operative housing development is important and encouragement of infill housing on large Uplands lots critical to spread increase density there rather than in areas with smaller lots. Reducing green space on 50 foot lots compromises the "livability" of Oak Bay neighbourhoods and negatively impacts our attempts to mitigate climate change.

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You need to invest in public housing, not let developers take all the profits that aren't being reinvested in the community.

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## Livability

I have checked many issues as being very important. However, the council and mayor seem to struggle with dealing with more than one issue at a time and getting beyond the planning stage on many of the major issues listed above. Meanwhile, smaller projects related to livability are ignored: graffiti is left untouched for weeks and longer, weeds are allowed to grow along walkways until there are enough complaints about it and park playground equipment is in shockingly poor condition and the Avenue is left looking messy and uncared for with the white stanchions left out in the street. It's this kind of a lack of proactive attention to the details that contribute to the loss of the unique ambience of Oak Bay and I think is a sign of poor leadership resulting in a failure to complete both large and small projects at the same time!! Over the years, the municipality seems to have become top heavy, with the number of new administrators outpacing the increase in population, and yet there seem to be less action than ever before. One of my biggest concerns is that the passive attitude of council to so many livability issues will affect the decision making process about the Marina lease. We are now one year into the 5 year lease extension and yet there has to my knowledge, not been any additional consultation/information shared with the Oak Bay residents about how a decision affecting the site for the next 30 years will be made. The original decision making process involved keeping the applicants secret apparently out of fear that the residents would be biased by the reputation of the developers involved. Given the fact that the Oak Bay Marine Group could not manage to make a waterfront restaurant viable when other restaurants are thriving, would suggest that concern about their ability to complete a much larger project is very well placed. I would be shocked and angry if the process this time around involved the same level of secrecy and withholding of information from the public that happened before. Council was elected to make fully transparent and informed decisions on behalf of the residents with an emphasis on transparency, which should start now and continue until the final decision is made.

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It is very important for Oak Bay to take care of sidewalks, roads, parks, etc., that are the responsibility of the District. I don't think Oak Bay should be taking action in areas of federal or provincial jurisdiction -- for example, indigenous development. Oak Bay taxes increased by a large amount this year, and Council needs to focus its resources on its own responsibilities.

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- keep things as they are safe, clean quiet

- deal with dogs on all OB beaches bylaws are not being enforced eg. Turkey Head

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Adding EV charging stations that only a small percentage of the population could use, does not seem like valuable use of funds compared to infrastructure projects that benefit everyone

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Advance the village plan

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As dog owners we respect the various areas where dogs are not allowed at certain times, but there is a lack of dog parks/facilities in Oak Bay. Compare to

<https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Parks~Rec~Culture/Parks/Documents/paws-in-parks-map.pdf> where dog parks and times are plentiful and well documented. It is telling that the equivalent page for OB is a list of the Bylaws saying what dogs can NOT do or go

<https://www.oakbay.ca/parks-recreation/parks-playgrounds/dogs-parks>. There are lots of dog owners and if you want them to respect the restrictions you need to give them some viable alternatives. Any maybe this sounds way less important than say climate change but its a really local government level issue for OB dog owners. And if I have to get in my car and drive to Dallas Road to get my dog some exercise - that's hardly good for the environment either.

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Carnarvon Park needs a reno - it's a health and safety issue. It looks horrible and run down and shows that the municipality does not care about children's' safety and relationship with nature.

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Council has overlooked opportunities to make Oak Bay a desirable municipality. Oak Bay village has become a boring collection of banks, real estate offices and hearing aid dispensaries, the roads are in deplorable condition, and the natural areas left with crumbling cement, graffiti and weeds. Make Oak Bay charming again!

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Council needs to get back to basics. Improving the infrastructure benefits everyone, not just a percentage of the current population.

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curb weed cleanup and painting yellow curb no parking areas hasn't been done in years.

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Deer control - kids can't play in yards, float between yards because of large, potentially aggressive deer that can jump the fence, frequently hang in our yards and destroy landscaping so frustrating. We shouldn't have to put up huge fences that block the view and flow of kids and neighbours in our friendly neighborhoods where we know each other and watch out for each other. We will lose that if we have to live in fortresses to keep the deer out.

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Dog Control is missing! I live opposite a municipal park and off leash dogs are a HUGE nuisance and a problem. Many of the dog owners and dog walkers, do not even reside in my district but travel to the park from far away places. I have to think twice before taking my grandchildren to Willows Beach, Uplands Park or any CRD municipal park or beach area.

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As for the dog owners, they sometimes walk their dogs inside my lawn, do NOT always pick up the mess, and allow their animals to urinate on my garden where my grand children play. Off leash fines in Oak Bay should be tripled or quadrupled. Some dog owners are considerate but a very considerable number are abusing public bylaws and spaces, especially parks where we have birds breeding and protected plant species like Uplands Park. I have called Dog Control numerous times without any results - they simply advise me to take photos! Very disappointing and very frustrating - so challenging that I cannot take my licensed dog onto my own street or sidewalk or for a walk around the block without being threatened by off leash animals and their entitled

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owners. When is this going to stop! Our parks are for children, families and dogs on leash. We have By Laws that are NOT being enforced! Dog owners do not have entitlement to let their animals run off leash and out of control on our streets, sidewalks, parks and beaches. our This is unacceptable and violation of the bylaw. I've been raising the issue of off leash dogs running riot for more than a decade but is anyone listening, does anybody care?

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Efficiency and administrative cost containment are vital for the future of Oak Bay. For instance if I register for online billing do you save personnel costs. Upkeep of infratructure is poor and seems inefficient when performed.

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Enforce animal bylaws and keep streets better maintained and clean!

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Enforce existing bylaws! Don't rely on residents to complain before taking action. Eg trees, shrubs and bushes restricting sidewalk access. Bylaw officers need to take action on their own when they observe violations - don't wait for two residents to complain.

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Ensure that we continue to have access to green spaces and recreation eg. Windsor Park and the Marina, Uplands Park, Willows etc.

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Ensuring inhabitants' safety (local police, neighbourhood watch) should be a top priority.

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fix the infrastructure, without a solid base we have nothing

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Focus on critical infrastructure. Shout out to the department that plants trees and looks after our green spaces - well done!

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Getting a handle on the deer population would enhance the quality of life of living in Oak Bay

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Given that there has been talk recently about deferred infrastructure maintenance to the tune of about \$400 million looming on the horizon, I can't believe that any is more important than that. Certainly, the nice to haves such a bike lanes cannot take priority over shoring up the basic infrastructure of the municipality.

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I am most interested in having the Council prioritize livability. There are a few parks/playgrounds that are quite run down including the washrooms at Willows and Windsor Park.

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I am very concerned about changing the home-based business regulations of Oak Bay. A home-based business like a Pilates studio, for example, offers a wonderful opportunity to support a healthy lifestyle in an affordable and accessible way. By allowing the studio in the neighbourhood, it becomes convenient for residents to engage in Pilates sessions without the worry of commuting. With the majority of clients being able to walk or cycle to the studio, parking becomes a non-issue, making the entire experience hassle-free for the clients and the neighbours. This setup not only promotes physical well-being but also fosters a sense of community by encouraging local residents to prioritize their health and enjoy the benefits of Pilates right in their own neighbourhood. Please making changing the home-based business regulations of Oak Bay a priority.

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I strongly support spending on overdue infrastructure projects, even if that increases taxes

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Infrastructure improvement impactss all other issues

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Infrastrucure needs to be improved. Roads and sidewalks are really bad, sewers need upgrading and public green spaces need much more regular maintenance.

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Invest in community centres. Oak Bay Rec Arena needs serious upgrades and is well below standards of other community rinks.

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invest more in youth facilities

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it appears that the sewage and road infrastructure needs to be planned and executed specifically in the uplands, budgeting and a long term plan established, we were mandated to separate storm and sewage in 2008 and the municipal side has not been done

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It is very important for the District to maintain infrastructure, like sidewalks, roads, parks, beach access, etc.

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I've lived in Oak Bay all my life (65 years) and the roads and sidewalks I walked on when I was a child are the same black top, concrete, nothing has been fixed or improved?? Please explain why I should pay my taxes and have Oak Bay council waste my money?

Fix the roads and side walks, change bylaw 3891 so that the homeowner doesn't have to come up with 15-20K to fix the pipes in the middle of the road?! (Oak Bay is the only municipality who does this). My taxes have gone up almost \$2000. in 3 years. I don't want my money wasted on bike lanes, pickle ball courts, etc. FIX the INFRASTRUCTURE first!

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Keep oak bay beautiful by removing graffiti etc

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Lack of public wash rooms on the Marine drive

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Livability - The recreation facilities are important and in my view the OBRC needs expanding and updating from the changing rooms for the pool, to the pool itself (and Carnarvon Park).

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Livability is utmost importance. We are an aging population that needs future space for wheelchairs, scooters etc all year round. That means we need to be able to park with vehicle space that will allow for someone to get out of a the car safely and easily without risk of falling, access their walker or wheelchair or other mobility devices. The decisions to remove parking is ridiculous and short sighted . I'm an avid cyclist and happy to switch to electric when I can but I know that taking my 95 year old parents to appointments etc means I need to drive. Plus in winter when it's cold wet and rainy the last thing I want to do is hop on a bike to get to my drs or other appointments. Totally 🇺🇸 % support increased density housing but not tiny 800 sq ft condos with no parking or storage.

Get creative and address the future in a manner that suits our population.

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Livability- many parks/playgrounds are in a sad state in Oak Bay. Henderson playground the swings were removed a year ago with no replacement and the play structure is over 30 years old. Carnarvon park project has been talked about for years with no movement and is in very poor condition. Frustrating to see neighboring Saanich redo Allenby park even though it was already in a better state than many of our oak bay parks.

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Livability should include the kind of service we get when doing renovations. The current culture is unhelpful even combative. It should be a service to us to assist us in meeting local bylaws as best we can, and sane adjustments where necessary due to odd lot shapes and so on. Adjustments in the criteria used to hire staff need to include helpfulness and the ability to get along with individuals. *Last comment removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (identifies an individual), and as it is at odds with District's Moderation Policy (personally disparaging).*

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Livability would be my top priority

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More space in parks for people --- ban dogs on all beaches, natural parks (Uplands and Anderson Hill), and on sports fields!

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Need sewers updating

More sidewalks, so all streets have at least one sidewalk

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Oak Bay is lacking services, facilities, spaces for elementary, middle and senior school age kids. Victoria and Langford far outshine Oak Bay in this respect. Let's build and maintain more spaces for kids to spend their time outside of school in Oak Bay as opposed to having to leave the community for skateparks, bowling, climbing walls, pump tracks, arcades, just to name a few. We have playgrounds for toddlers and the pool at Oak Bay Rec but not much more. Please invest.

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Oak Bay needs a large fenced dog park so we don't have to drive over 20 minutes away for off leash exercise for dogs. Buy the old uvic dog park

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Oak Bay needs better infrastructure to accommodate all the visitors it gets (ie: wider roads and sidewalks).

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Oak Bay sewer, water and road infrastructure is aging and while these need regular maintenance there comes a time for replacement and upgrades to current standards and code. Without good infrastructure you can not build more housing. Invest now even if that requires more tax revenue.

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Outdoor spaces (terraces and patios), cultural events, murals, arts. Make things to ensure people are out and about, being in a community

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Please continue to run our day to day functions as has been done in the past and continue to keep Oak Bay traditional as it's been in the past. Our family no longer ventures to downtown Victoria because of its gradual deterioration and culture change.

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Please invest in more infrastructure related to outdoor activities - playgrounds, shared spaces, dog parks etc. Our playgrounds are an embarrassment compared to other communities.

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Please invest in redoing Willows Beach playground and park.

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Prioritize actual infrastructure projects: Sewer separation, storm sewer improvements, water main replacements, road and sidewalk repairs and rebuilds as opposed to 'vanity' infrastructure projects that look good in the media but achieve little purpose.

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Priority should be infrastructure investment and efficient and cost effective delivery of services not the fashionable agenda presented by these biased questions

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recreation could be improved...the playgrounds are aging, there are no fenced dog parks and animals are a very important and growing part of families lives.

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Support for aging in place services

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The community is incredibly "liveable" now - safe, easy to walk and bike almost everywhere, lovely public parks and beaches, we know our neighbours, etc. We need to keep adapting the community to meet future needs, but please be sure to keep this sense of community and community values as changes are implemented.

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The Livability priority is to my mind all encompassing, comprised of the other five priorities. Oak Bay is a unique municipality in the Capital Region and effort should continue to maintain its historic and architectural character.

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The Master Plan for renovations at Carnarvon Park need to be one of the highest priorities. It ALWAYS gets delayed and then a bigger issue comes up bumping it every single time. Then a minor maintenance improvement is made (like a coat of paint on lacrosse box) or what is to be a 'temporary' unplanned change occurs to 'tide us over' until the full master plan is implemented (making the dilapidated lacrosse box into a pickleball court) and then expenses incurring from those undesired 'temporary' upgrades/changes are then used to rationalize a major downgrade of what the community all wanted in the Master Plan. Every other area gets their major upgrades, even updates on recent upgrades while Carnarvon Park crumbles. Now it sounds like what is being proposed is a bare bones adaptation of the Master Plan with only the most severe and now dangerous infrastructure (which has long been a fenced-off safety issue) to be built...and even that has been postponed. Tired of going to so many public hearings, providing input and completing surveys for Carnarvon Park, when the community in that area is treated like second-class citizens. For once it would be nice to prioritize Carnarvon Park and implement the original Master Plan and do it now!

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The state of Oak Bay's seaside public spaces is a disgrace. Small broken sidewalks, green areas overgrown unattended, graffiti left in place, rusty dilapidated railings that are an eyesore, and a shoddily kept shire that speaks to the incompetence or indifference of those in charge. Get with it! You have the best located, most beautiful canvass on which to create a masterpiece and you're only drawing "stick men" pictures because you have no VISION! Get out of your vehicles and offices and walk around. Everyone sees it but you! It is such a wasted opportunity to make this little part of the world something special.

Don't get me started about the deer! This was a program that was to reduce or eliminate these urban misfits but has now morphed into something of a UVic science study on the habitat and migration of local deer. Is this what my tax increase of 21.4% is used for??

No. WHERE HAS COMMON SENSE GONE????

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There is an overwhelming need to clean up the streetscape in the village and work harder to deal with graffiti. Oak Bay village is getting very run down and all the plastic sticks and bollards put in place for the pandemic need to go. The village is not safe for bicycles at the present time. There is also too much speeding on residential streets (how about some speed traps). Thank you for better financial management of the infrastructure deficit and continuing to do a good job of maintaining greenspace and gardens The Oak Bay Rec Centre could sure use some renovation of the change rooms. And finally let's get going on the redevelopment of Turkey Head - very disappointing to have to delay another 5 years.

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Top priority be on updating basic infrastructure (e.g. sewer and water)

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Very glad you are continuing to address the historic underfunding of infrastructure. So important! How about revamping the access rules at Windsor Park for all interested parties? For instance, it's very frustrating to routinely see an empty park--especially late in the day--and not be able to run our dog off leash. Thank you!

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We need bigger garbage bins, similar to those that Saanich uses.

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With greater density a plan for expansion of recreational services is also required, more indoor tennis courts, pickle ball, lounge public/private run partnership, park improvements, etc. Lessons sell out in the first minute open, so demand is already there.

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Work on affordability for seniors, livability for seniors, safety, a area of town that has life. Allow outdoor patios and markets. Do not over regulate . Add more handicapped parking .

## Transportation

The municipality needs to do more in recognizing the needs of bicyclists. More designated bike lanes that don't allow parking on top of them; more bike racks at prime locations - the library/Monterey Center, Windsor Park, Henderson Center and the Rec. Center in particular need more racks as seniors are active and riding e-bikes to these centers.

The bike racks need to be wider to accommodate broader e-bikes and cargo bikes.

Restaurants need to stop intruding on the cycling pathway on the roads with their table umbrellas. The overhang hits cyclists' heads, resulting in cyclists riding even more in the middle of the road, irritating car drivers.

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- Work with relevant partners to establish a truly regionally transit authority (ie. serving Greater Victoria); Island and Provincial transit links to move voluntary/involuntary non-drivers on a real network.

- Work to eliminate isolation of seniors and others with accessibility challenges by demanding more sensible bus routes (ie. not just 'loops' with a 15 min break in journey, but 2 way buses at more frequent intervals; also direct routes to UVic. Workers are generally not well served in Oak Bay, especially from the Marina, etc.

- Establish school-kid buses that are separately operated from regular BCTransit schedule. Now that kids ride there, fare-payers are frequently crowded out of buses on specific school assembly left out times. Work with local schools to educate kids on appropriate bus use for all.

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1. OB AVE bus stop at Pharmasave - NOT enough room for walkers to easily access bus uneven pavement - too crowded.

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A major factor affecting livability are motor vehicles and their required infrastructure. I don't see the importance of this being reflected in planning, much less implementation. Troublesome intersections remain troublesome, vehicular noise levels increase, more 2 lane streets are converted to single lane as parked cars proliferate. The negative impact of traffic seems to be increasing while Oak Bay's population remains static. These are concrete issues that could be addressed.

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Action on the transportation plan is long outstanding, there is an urgent need for improvements as per the plan.

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Add traffic calming to Monterey Ave from oak bay Ave to Brighton st. It is very dangerous. Add a bike lane and some trees with medians, I see many kids almost got on their bikes.

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Advancement of non-car transportation priorities is the single greatest thing you can do to move the needle on all of these priorities at once. Personal automobiles take up huge amounts of space, emit huge amounts of carbon in their manufacturing and use, and reduce safety for everyone in the district. Please please please stop prioritizing cars. Please put pedestrians, cyclists, those with mobility aids, and all other road users before cars. Thank you

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Allow on street charging for battery electrical vehicles for homes without garages or driveways.

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Bike lanes

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Traffic calming

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Bike lanes!

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Bike lanes! Please!

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Bike lanes, bike lanes, bike lanes. Get it done. It's embarrassing how poor our active transportation infrastructure is.

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Car speed around schools and neighbouring roads at drop off and pick up time is way too high. Cars speed up and down Victoria, Smythe, Pentland, and Hampshire - Monterey Middle and predominantly SMUS Jr.

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Council needs to advance active transportation initiatives as part of its climate and livability initiatives. The lack of bike lanes in Oak Bay is appalling and dangerous.

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Fix the Estevan/Musgrave intersection

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Bike lanes are great BUT the traffic congestion and signage on Cadboro bay and Foul Bay is frustrating and getting ridiculous

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For infrastructure, it would be nice to have a long term plan for road repaving, and not just patching. If a road is newly repaved, don't cut it up right away for utilities that could have been planned.

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Get with the program and build 24/7 bike lanes.

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I hope walkability is strongly emphasized as part of active transportation.

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I live in the Willows area and have no bus service in the evening. I would like the municipal to lobby for better service.

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Invest in biking infrastructure. With more and more people biking (including older people on e-bikes) having safe bike lanes and trails is very important. I've seen too many near misses along Beach Drive and other streets. Continue the Haultain corridor for biking. Make McNeil parking one side only. Encourage Windsor as a bike friendly route. Continue the Fort Street bike infrastructure up Cadboro Bay Road. Create bike trails as EVERY other municipality has done.

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Making the city more bike friendly will allow me to age with more grace! And I would love to see more pickleball courts!!

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Many aspects of the 2011 transportation plan have yet to be implemented, start with those.

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Move on bike lanes. Stop being so regressive on planning approvals. Way too slow and too much time spent on making decisions that make minimal improvements to a proposal.

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No parking in Henderson bike lanes! No parking in ANY bike lanes. Improved cycling infrastructure to match what other neighbouring municipalities are doing. Oak Bay is a laggard and embarrassment on this file. The safety of children is being placed on a lower priority than parking private vehicles. Shame!

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Oak Bay is home to the region's most active cycling community - ranking highest in the CRD for those who say they commute by bike. Yet our bike infrastructure lags well behind the efforts of our neighbours (efforts many Oak Bay residents enjoy on a daily basis). Bike lanes end at our borders. Only one of our schools is serviced by safe cycling infrastructure (Oak Bay High). We allow people to park on one of the busiest bike routes in the region (north on Henderson towards UVic). Council needs to move beyond studying the issue and posting cheery bike emoji signs on unsafe bike routes. We need action and a visible recommitment to the CRD Cycling Plan and targets which Oak Bay was/is a part of. I would support a significant investment in this area as a Council priority.

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Oak Bay's roads are in poor condition, avoid overemphasizing biking infrastructure at expense of existing roads. Council should address the Richardson Road closure for bikes as it has put undue stress on existing roads in Oak Bay

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Please address the appalling lack of safe cycling infrastructure in Oak Bay

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Please join with our neighbour municipalities and install some bike infrastructure!

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Please leave Henderson Rd as is with no full time bike lanes. Everyone has obeyed the 40 km speed limit without incident for decades

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Please move forward on the McNeill Ave traffic calming/active transportation infrastructure that was directed by Council LAST JULY. It should absolutely not take this long. This project will be a (very long overdue) first step in implementing the 2011 AT Plan, which will have a direct positive impact on our community's livability, transportation system, climate change & environment, and diversity & inclusion priorities. Thank you.

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please NO bike lanes

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Please, please do significant traffic calming on our residential streets, especially in the 2 to 3 block radius around Willows School.....a serious injury or worse to a child is bound to happen soon.

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Re: question #3 - Our focus is on WALKING - so widening sidewalks and evening the pavement. (many sidewalks in south OB are slanted and difficult to walk on)

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Re: Transportation: Let's make the transportation facilities we currently offer to the public less hazardous. Too many people are killed or injured on our streets each year today. We can install temporary engineering controls this year to make our most hazardous road segments and crossings less lethal today and provide a immediate benefit to our population.

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reduce speed limits on our streets

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reduce street parking

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Remove traffic calming and road restrictions. This frustrates drivers, causing traffic spillage and speeding as they cut through onto side streets.

Keep the extra walking space on Oak Bay Avenue. Also, keep the outside seating for pubs and restaurants.

If bike lanes are added, keep the functionality consistent from municipality to municipality. It is very frustrating for drivers when bike lane functions change because the municipality changed. You have to guess what the bike is going to do next because the functionality changed. An example is the confusing Fort Street at Cook, where the bike lane switches sides for no reason, causing bikes to cross the street. For example, a good bike lane is the new protected bike lane on Fort going east on the south side with the traffic.

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Road design and signage to keep drivers within speed limits.

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Safety and transportation should be paramount.

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Safety for cyclists and pedestrians should be improved and given priority. Consider lowering the speed limit (40km/hr on most Oak Bay roads is too fast) and installing raised cross walks, speed bumps etc. Also consider bike lanes (good for safety and the environment).

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Separate bike lanes to provide safe riding on main roads

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Start charging for parking.

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Remove the outdoor eating on the corner of Oak Bay and Foul Bay. Or change the traffic light

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pattern so as not to have difficulty turning right and holding up everyone else behind the turning car which is waiting for the pedestrians to cross. At least change the light pattern during rush hour.

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Stop wasting resources on Bike Lanes etc., money to transit

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The aging population needs to be considered. More bike lanes don't solve mobility and transportation for seniors.

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The condition of many of the roads in our community is very poor to deplorable.

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The crosswalk at Oak Bay Ave and Mitchell is very dangerous for pedestrians. Cars blast past pedestrians trying to cross. Please do something to improve safety at this crossing.

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Thanks

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There is more than enough parking on each property on Oak Bay Avenue that we should build protected bike lanes all the way up the avenue on both sides. The street parking is not needed.

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There isn't enough of parking, if you are living next to an "low income housing" with 70 suits/12 parking spaces!!!!

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Traffic on residential streets without sidewalks can be very dangerous to pedestrians. Traffic needs to either diverted to main arteries or barriers put up to slow it down. Most speeding drivers ignore speed humps and just fly over them regardless of signage.

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Transportation safety; ideally making most roads 30km/hr speed limits, including foul bay ave between oak bay and fort street (the road too narrow for higher speeds).

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Under Transportation, road repair needs to be a priority -- our roads are terrible and getting steadily worse.

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Very disappointed that Council was unable to convert the current time limited bike lane on Henderson to a proper bike lane

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We need bike lanes on many streets. Yes, this will slow down auto traffic, but improve the safety for both pedestrians and cyclists.

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We need measures to slow cars down on residential streets. Get on with establishing safe bike lanes, like Victoria

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We were told 2 years ago that Margate between Newport and Beach Drive would be made into a real road (last year) you could drive without damage to your car or body. What happened? You repaved a large portion of Beach Drive a moth or so ago - it's need was 5% of the issues with Margate.

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When will council remove the pillars on the Avenue that were set up for distancing pedestrians during Covid? They are a hazard for cyclists.

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Your lack of action on safe multi mode transportation is appealing. Studies, questionnaires and delays. Look at Saanich and their quick actions made recently to ensure safe travel can be down without a car. PLEASE MOVE FASTER!!!

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## Truth & Reconciliation

#landback

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I think many things have been done over the years decades even that work towards reconciliation with First Nations. Land settlements, educational opportunities, resource benefits, little or no income tax etc. When does it end and how?

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Include First Nations contribution to Marina development, making use of seaside venue. Scrub bandshell

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Indigenous Rights have become politicalized by a minority of Indigenous leaders and thus have become socially divisive. Reality is all Oak Bay residents are immigrants, or children of immigrants, and it should not matter when we arrived. Put precisely an Indigenous person whose forefather arrived from China 20,000 years ago (D4h Lineage) and a Ukrainian person who arrived two years ago, should be treated in law respectfully and equally by all Canadian and Municipal authorities.

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It is not that DIE and Indigenous reconciliation are unimportant. It is that by working on the other priorities these will be advanced

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Please find a way to ensure Indigenous Knowledges have priority in our parks. Please consider funding and working with Indigenous Nations to create Indigenous -Led IPCAs to more effectively steward our parks.

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Redesign and renewal at Turkey Head is a great opportunity for Reconciliation.

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The reason I've put a lower priority on reconciliation is because we have so few indigenous people in Oak Bay, so any actions seem more token or aspirational. If I lived in a different municipality I would rank it higher.

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The most important thing is to protect our trees. I find myself living in a state of constant anxiety. I can't even really enjoy Oak Bay right now because I am aware of how threatened it is. It feels like everything that makes it beautiful is only something that gets in way of greedy developers and they have so much money and so many crafty legal advisors and probably so many friends on Council that they can easily overwhelm the ordinary concerned citizens. As for diversity, I think there are more than enough rich people in Oak Bay. There are also enough luxury dwellings. If Council really cared about diversity and inclusion, they would stop issuing building permits for single-family dwellings. Renovations of existing houses could be permitted, but no enlarging of the house. If the owner wants to increase the footprint or height of the dwelling, then it has to become an owner-occupied duplex or triplex or whatever. If people want to live in a luxury house in Oak Bay, then they should just have to wait until one becomes available.

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- would love to see more bike lanes, esp around schools
  - more crosswalks, the warning lights (things much improved recently - thank you)
  - more regulations enforceable for dogs to be leashed on beaches please!
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#3 - Accessible transportation/parking for elderly and disabled not satisfactory in number of designated parking.

#4 - Keep tree canopy (especially the Uplands covenant), parks and gardens

#6 - Prosperity for all, migrants, ethnic community and indigenous

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Add more public washrooms. Keep crosswalks visible with paint. Allie for more laneway type housing.

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Affordable housing and improving info structure, must go hand in hand.

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Affordable housing is impossible in a community where a lot costs a million dollars and where land is scarce. Transportation is not a big issue within Oak Bay, except the roads are in terrible condition in many parts of the city. Electrification of city operations and services is a place where council can play a leadership role and next year's proposed elimination of gasoline power equipment is going to be a test council seems to be in the process of failing - no publicity, no pressure on residents or garden service companies to act...

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All laudable and very important priorities but what are the projects you're proposing under each, i.e., what is the annual operational plan to respond to these goals? That would have been a better thing to get feedback on at this point in the year, actually earlier so projects could be changed/modified/

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All municipalities do not need to provide "more" housing. IMHO. Reconciliation is being carried way too far, and anyhow is not really a municipal responsibility. Diversity seems to be flavour of the month, and anyhow is a personal and not a municipal responsibility. Transportation needs to be shared with other muni's,

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All of these issues are interconnected. Any plan must take all of these elements into consideration if any one of them is to have the desired impact. A definition of sustainable must be simple and grounded. Here is an operational definition providing a clear path toward creating sustainable communities: (1) understand how nature sustains life; (2) redesign our infrastructure, businesses, technologies, and social institutions accordingly.

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Allow for more options for families to reside in Oak Bay. Consider allowing short-term rentals with a business license as Victoria does. This is all happening below the radar; make it legal and tax the hosts so we can reap the benefits to help all of the priorities Oak Bay has.

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Apart from Housing and Livability, these other issues are just fashionable and trendy time consumers.

It's nice that people are passionate about these things but they should in no way be a top priority. There are far more important problems facing the world!

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As a fourth generation in BC and Seventh in North America - we respect and worked together and included our minority diversity's, agree better tell Justin Trudeau to cease his insane immigration program. The mess in France is due to Macron!! Had her 45,000 riot police all set!

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As the silent majority I am sick and tired of listening to the constant dialogue around truth and reconciliation. We respect the tragedy of the residential schools and the need for the victims to be supported, but otherwise do not support any further funding to the aboriginal community. They are a conquered people that will never be satisfied by the financial offerings they have been given. We would request more EV chargers in the community.

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Consolidating affordable housing and climate change objectives does not allow for the public to provide detailed responses as these two aspects are separate aspects.

Monitoring reckless drivers is my priority and concern.

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Council should focus on infrastructure, housing, livability and accessibility. In my opinion things like climate change, diversity and truth and reconciliation are items to be addressed by provincial/federal governments, not municipal.

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Council's job is to keep the roads, sewers, drains and parks functioning, and to moderate the taxes. Council should absolutely stay out of the 'social engineering' businesses - they will evolve as social awareness evolves, all without Council's involvement.

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Councils priority should be on livability. Individuals should be doing as much as possible for Diversity and Inclusion, and Truth and Reconciliation.

Greater Victoria should be tasked with proving a range of housing options, with multi-family dwellings in Oak Bay built in areas already containing multi-family dwellings.

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Cull deer. Clean up the graffiti, it looks like a ghetto. Road maintenance/improvement on roads other than the ones tourists see. Many sidewalks are a disgrace.

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Everything on this questionnaire is a useless political distraction. Your job isn't to save the world from climate change or prattle on about diversity and inclusivity. These are meaningless distraction issues and buzzwords. Do your job of keeping oak bay clean, safe, and fix the potholes.

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Fix the sewer

Fix the roads

Remove graffiti

Slow traffic on beach between Estevan and Dalhousie

Make parking on only the sidewalk side of the street on beach between Estevan and Dalhousie

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Focus on core municipal service delivery, like completing permits, inspections, road and sewer maintenance etc.

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For all these broad based initiatives the devil is very much in the details. Housing is a tricky one due to Oak Bay having no vacant land for redevelopment and the need for rezoning (which I support) to fit in with the character of the neighbourhood. Creating affordable housing is particularly hard in the municipality with the highest land values in the region. Also climate change imperatives usually translate into higher development costs.

The municipality should seek to reduce red tape, reducing approval times, and encouraging new development of older low value neighbourhoods while maintaining the character of Oak Bay.

No carbon transportation equates to bike lanes and EVs. I don't think protected bike lanes are necessary in Oak Bay, which is already bike and walking friendly. If EVs are the future does the power grid in Oak Bay (or other municipalities) have the capacity to support charging stations at a majority of the residences?

Climate change is something that needs to be addressed at a National and International level and I would not support investing money at the municipal level to "fight climate change" given the high cost and extremely low return. In particular I would oppose following the city of Victoria's council in their war on cars in this respect.

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From a resident's perspective, I believe the municipality should be focused on core services and infrastructure that only can be provided by the municipality and not duplicated at the city, provincial and federal levels. Specifically, housing and the need to support existing residents to have secondary suites without having to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to increase ceiling heights etc. I have an adult son who is trying to save for his own home and while he continues to share my home, he doesn't have the ability to live independently and have his own family within my home because I am unable to renovate and put a kitchen in without incurring significant funds, which I don't have. Alternatively, increasing the buildable space on my property could allow me to build a small cottage.

Infrastructure and related services are critical and need to be addressed. Funding is significant and a core services review of the municipality's entire service delivery model needs to be undertaken to identify efficiencies and savings so the resources can be redirected to the priorities. This includes staffing models and performance expectations that can be measured against valid KPIs. The municipality seems to continue to do things the way they always have and this is not realistic and can't be responsive to current and future demands.

While transportation, diversity and inclusion and reconciliation are important, all municipalities should develop a comprehensive and shared plan that addresses the GVRD - the City of Victoria. It makes no sense to have individual municipalities duplicating policies, marketing, priorities, staffing resources for these issues that are common and are funded by other levels of government. The municipality can easily make a statement that it fully supports these priorities as identified by xyz, but doesn't need to do anything specifically. The schools and other community based organizations are also very active in addressing these issues.

In terms of transportation, do something similar to what has been done in Vancouver whereby some less busy streets through neighbourhoods are designated for bikes and bikes take priority in those less travelled roads. There doesn't need to be dedicated bike lanes. Use existing streets but not the ones that are already main busy vehicle routes. While signage and maybe night lighting is required, and some roundabouts, this approach prevents needing expensive road redesigns etc. It is also safer for bikes to use less travelled residential streets.

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Greater emphasis on housing and transportation.

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Hello,

Thank you for your time. Here is my feedback:

Please allow 1-2 tiny homes on single family lots. Saanich has already successfully moved in this direction. Lots in Oak Bay are more than large enough.

Up keep to facilities - eg - please put locks on the women's washroom stalls at Carnarvon water park. Recognize as well that you rely on parents to up keep your baseball fields. Carnarvon is one of the saddest fields in the city. Parents mow the grass and paint the dug outs! Take a tour of neighbouring fields - JDF, Gordon Head, Sidney

Stop wasting money and properly fix pot holes (eg on Dalhousie St) so you aren't refilling them on a weekly basis.

Change Dalhousie street to residential parking only. The summer time over flow from Willows beach makes the street one way. You recognize the traffic and danger during the oak bay tea party but not on every weekend in June to August or as you offer free yoga & music in the park.

Increase summer markets to weekly - use designated spot such as the parking lot behind the pharماسave. This helps to build community.

Please add a bike lane from Willows school to Monterey middle school. Active transportation is important and children need to be safe.

If we are to continue to pay higher taxes please recognize that you will be pushing out the families & seniors that add to the community.

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Housing and infrastructure should be prioritized

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Housing and Livability are very important. They will enhance climate and environment. Emphasis on diversity and inclusion will enhance truth and reconciliation.

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Housing and new development should be used to funnel DCCs into new infrastructure such as bike lanes, better playgrounds, sidewalk improvements around the village.

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Housing, Diversity & Inclusion, and Truth & Reconciliation are super important to me! I wish Oak Bay Council would take action in these areas.

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Housing: Stop the demolition of perfectly good houses and their replacement with monster homes that ruin neighbourhoods, contribute nothing to densification and just demonstrate greed and over-consumption.

Livability: Good work on maintaining and replacing infrastructure, but this needs to be combined with changes in traffic management, better policies on domestic horticulture and deer control. See later for further comments.

Transportation: Oak Bay is very backward in making cycling safe. The failure to act on the Henderson Road issue was really pathetic. Many streets have become dangerous race tracks. We need bike lanes, lower speed limits, and enforcement of, for example, the one metre passing rule.

Climate Change and the Environment: A major emphasis on local food production would be beneficial in many ways. It would be helped by a cull of the local deer (and stop wasting money on the ridiculous contraceptive programme, which I note is not available for rats). Charging sewer rates for water used in the summer to grow food is a big disincentive and needs to be changed.

Diversity and Inclusion: Please leave citizens to do this themselves rather than trying to dictate it.

Truth and Reconciliation: Yes, including seeking advice from local indigenous people on issues like the use of fire to control natural areas such as Uplands Park.

Other issues: I see no mention of the marine environment and the importance of protecting and enhancing natural assets such as eelgrass beds. Council has received reports and recommendations and needs to act, perhaps in collaboration with other levels of government.

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I believe a priority should be placed on maintaining infrastructure first and foremost. Second would be housing.

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I think we are already inclusive and diverse in this community

Truth and reconciliation is already being looked after by the provincial and federal government we don't need to spend our tax dollars on this

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I think we need to prioritize what we're missing / what we are weak on. Liveability is important but we are good at that. We are terrible at housing, diversity and inclusion, and active mobility options. Let's enjoy what we're good at and sustain it but let's focus resources on the parts that we are sadly lacking. What's the point of liveability and loneliness? Preserving the environment and housing insecurity?

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I would like to see more infrastructure that promotes walking and safe biking - better sidewalks, bike lines that connect to regional networks, and calmer streets. I would also like to see more densification, especially along the busier roads - more townhouses and small apartment complexes with ground-level retail.

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I'm politically on the left, so I'm sorry to say that the data overwhelmingly shows (just look at every major city up and down the whole west coast of North America, including Victoria) that progressives ruin cities. Please don't let Oak Bay follow the trend of once great cities like San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, and Victoria, which now have major drug and homelessness problems. We're already overpopulated, and adding more people through relaxed housing policies will only exacerbate every other problem we have, including crime, traffic, as well as our extreme doctor shortage. Over the past several years, Victoria prioritized bike lanes which have messed up many streets and traffic patterns while neglecting real problems such as crime and homelessness.

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A far better solution for saving the environment would have been to promote home solar panels and a switch to electric cars.

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Improved housing density and public transportation around Oak Bay Village could improve it from a strip of banks and real estate offices along a busy road corridor into a more livable and enjoyable space.

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It feels like processes are too slow in oak bay - it takes such a lot of time to get things done, never mind instituting change. I would love to see a targeted loosening of density requirements so that more housing could be built, especially in busy urbanized corridors and transportation routes. Infrastructure renewal is critical. A healthy community is a cohesive community and we need to find ways like recreation, the arts, community events, volunteerism...) to bring us all together at the local level. Worried about the polarization and fragmentation that has only gotten worse post-COVID.

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LESS money spent on improving bike lanes (speaking as a cyclist). Preserve the character of Oak Bay and Uplands. Any new housing and development should support the current character.

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Let's be a leader in housing densification with off street parking. Incorporate car sharing - currently Evo and Modo are not in Oak Bay.

Can we invite the appropriate local Indigenous groups to recreate a living camp at the traditional sites like Cattle Point? Find ways to build connection and relationships with our indigenous community.

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Liveability and climate change? I have asthma and can't go for a walk in the wintertime because of wood burning fires.

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Maintain and enhance the character of our special community rich in cultural and natural heritage. (We do not want another Langford here).

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Recognize our special natural areas as such. They should be managed properly as natural areas not as parks. Thinking of Uplands Park/Cattle Point, Anderson Hill and Trafalgar Park, for ex.

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More affordable housing and more bike lanes!

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My main concern is transportation and liveability. Having young kids we find many of the pedestrian ways very unsafe with the lack of crosswalks to local parks, safe sidewalks and adequate biking infrastructure. Also, on a less important note but still a daily concern for us, is the lack of attention to Oak Bay playgrounds and other recreational areas that sorely need updating.

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North Oak Bay is being neglected. Look at Carnarvon Park and the condition of Eastdowne Road. Eastdowne also has a completely unnecessary four way stop on the straight away, but at Neil and Eastdowne where the sight lines are abysmal there is nothing. Then there is the crosswalk at Cadboro Bay and Neil...to get to the bus stop I have to cross Neil (no crosswalk), Cadboro Bay, Thompson (no crosswalk and no ability to see cars whipping around the corner or them to see you, very scary) and then cross Nottingham (no crosswalk). Obviously no one does that. It is safer to run across Cadboro Bay Road straight to the bus stop and ignore the crosswalk. When using that crosswalk to walk to the beach you still have to get across Thompson safely as it is the crosswalk to nowhere...it dumps you at the top of Thompson and then the sidewalk ends 50 M later. I could go on but you get the idea.

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Oak Bay is more exclusive than other nearby municipalities and the people who live here moved to Oak Bay knowing (and likely wanting) that. The neighborhoods are charming and lower density by design and intent and should stay that way. Focus should be on ensuring the municipality stays what it is, and build amenities to draw younger families who can afford to live here (there are lots, by the way!! Despite the news features, many high earning young couples buy homes. The news only tells us the sad stories of victimized individuals who are lower earners).

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Oak Bay is too resistant to change in anyway...good luck doing anything to help active transportation initiatives, greater diversity in housing, and meanwhile, fix the potholes on our streets. Glad to hear our Mayor is open "to discuss"; study, research, he's sure to be re-elected!

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Oak Bay needs to revitalize/build its infrastructure. It's ability to affect climate change is limited, but growth of secondary suites will help include new residents to Oak Bay.

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Oak Bay seems to lag behind other jurisdictions and is resistant to making meaningful change in climate/environmental issues, truth and reconciliation, meaningful inclusion and affordable housing.

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On the District of Oak Bay website, I searched "transportation." Couldn't find anything that was an Oak Bay initiative. Re climate change, the first thing is to preserve our assets by not allowing developers to cut down legacy trees.

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On your housing question, you throw in both increased housing (density) and climate change. Increased density necessarily means a reduction in our tree canopy. This is a huge negative. The housing crisis is not going to be solved by more housing. The world has an overpopulation problem and increased density is not the solution. Governments need to address both foreign purchases and real estate investors. We need to look at a sustainable economy rather than one that is fueled by growth. There has to be limits to growth.

No one should be embarrassed about who they are or forced to feel they need to hide who they are. This is a basic human right. I'm simply not aware that this is a problem in Oak Bay. If I'm mistaken, then by all means a remedy needs to be addressed.

The residential school revelations are certainly a blot on our history. Survivors need to be redressed/helped. My main concern is that there has to be a limit at some point when addressing the multitude of wrongs over the course of history. The current generations should not be on the hook for historic atrocities. I also believe that we need to be careful about judging historic acts by today's standards.

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Outlaw the use of wood-burning fireplaces. I almost die on days when there is no wind to disperse the smoke. Require all lawn mowers and edgers and leaf blowers to be battery operated.

Don't wait for complaints to enforce the bylaw regarding hedge/tree trimming. Surely an inspector could drive around every month or so.

Fix the drainage problem at either end of the pedestrian bridge on the Bowker Creek park walkway just west of Hampshire Rd. where huge puddles accumulate with every rain.

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Overall, Oak Bay is an excellent place to live and it seems like it gets better every year. There's a strong sense of community and local pride, the council is doing a fantastic job and my family loves living here. There is probably room for more focus on long-term sustainability, taking into account a future with more heat waves and wildfires. Little things go a long way - like all the bike lanes being added to Fort Street (adding more in Oak Bay would be nice - Cadboro Bay Rd. and Beach Drive for example). And more A/C and indoor options for young children and seniors when fire smoke gets especially bad would be helpful.

I recognize that affordable housing is tricky given the limited space and NIMBYism in Oak Bay. However, there is probably a middle ground solution with mixed-use development involving condos on top of shops that would allow for walk-, bike-, and transit-friendly development that could be pursued and have benefits for everyone.

I also think the buses are excellent and don't get nearly the encouragement for ridership they deserve. Bus lines 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, and 15 all serve Oak Bay residents but they're often only ridden by students and seniors. I think there could be low-cost ways to get more people to ride an underrated bus system already in place. We love calling Oak Bay our home, thank you!

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People who live in Oak Bay are our greatest resource for continuously creating an open, safe, forward thinking, environmentally responsible place to live. As rentals become more prevalent, we are seeing increased traffic and parking issues in neighbourhoods. I can only ask that we all encourage each other to uphold our highest community goals. I don't know how council can be helpful in this regard. Perhaps a welcome letter to new neighbours asking them to join in and be a part of this community. I have struggled with renters speeding in and out of the neighbourhoods, making very frequent trips day and night, putting out garbage in such a way that the collectors won't pick it up and multiple police visits to settle family issues. While I don't want OB to be exclusive, I do want landlords who are caring and willing to be highly selective. Again, not something that we can enforce. Perhaps a welcome letter to new owners who have bought a property in OB, but do not move into it. Asking for their attention to who they rent the building out to while they get ready to develop the property.

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Please ensure sidewalks are walkable and infrastructure is attended to before bike lanes, climate change, and diversity initiatives. I care about bike lanes, the environment and diversity however at this point infrastructure, including sidewalks are priority.

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Please prioritize and actually ACT ON enabling increased housing density through zoning changes (eg. removing all single family zoning and allowing diverse housing types in all neighborhoods). The status quo is completely unsustainable. We need an increased tax base and we need to pull our weight in terms of regional housing construction. Why has it taken the Province having to step in?

Please also ACT ON active transportation by building bike lanes. Oak Bay is an absolute embarrassment when it comes to prioritizing the safety and convenience for people who have to or choose to walk, bike, and roll instead on drive. Why do we FREE allow parking on residential streets, which leaves no space for bike lanes? Streets are public property and the assumed priority to park cars is appalling given all we know know about the environmental impacts of driving ICE

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vehicles -- not to mention the absurd parking facilities bylaw in place. We need safe and connected bike lanes now and we need policies that disincentive car ownership and use instead of promoting it.

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Preserve beaches, parks, trees, green spaces, heritage and classical style buildings, as much as possible. Very rarely allow variances to building codes. Find ways to reduce street parking (with parking on both sides of some streets, vehicles traffic is reduced to one lane. Introduce measures which will reduce auto traffic and increase use of buses and bicycles.

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Progress on #1 will help towards both #5 and #6.

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Promoting 'aging-in-place' opportunities and encourage in-law or secondary suite accommodations & laneway housing. Set maximum timelines for redevelopment and encourage secondary suites where possible. There's no way any housing will be affordable on such a high demand area. With limited budgets, identify real climate change risks such as tidal surge/ flood plain areas and invest there. It's not even statistical noise banning gas powered garden equipment etc, that's just virtue signaling and will have zero impact on Climate Change. Oak Bay is becoming more diverse and there is no evidence of any policy or by-laws that discriminate against people of any background. Again focusing limited resources on this is wasteful virtue signaling. Agree there must be more inclusiveness when it comes to FN and Reconciliation, perhaps that could be built into the redesign of the Marina and generate FN Tourism options etc

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Question #1: Tough to equate housing AND climate change. How do we heat the house, what's the housing density? I'm thinking the possible density of housing in Oak Bay would ever realize big savings in climate change. Instead, look at the national building code, this triple glazing and insulation factors for houses with lots of glazing? Heaven forbid you open a door or window. Let's make heating our houses the problem, encourage heat pumps and solar, think about the carbon footprint to make glass and the lumber to thicken walls for insulation minimums. This question is a non starter, you're chasing shadows.

Question #3: Where does cobalt come from? Look into it, The Republic of Congo is suffering big time. Work trucks should remain fossil, admin. vehicles could go electric, a balance. The answer is cold fusion, that should be the new "Manhattan Project"

Question #4: See above

Question #5: We all have to understand the concept of empathy.

Question #6: We have screwed over the native tribes. Some kind of reconciliation is needed. The South African "Truth and Reconciliation" was a grand plan, but never finished, there could be hope there, however, the provincial folks have to start, but, it needs to be addressed.

Finally, I realize that all costs have gone up. I work in the private sector in the residential construction business, to be clear and honest, if I had your labour waste/abuse, I'd be out of business, the entire operation is shameful, I understand the concept of a union and workers rights, this system has gone beyond contempt.

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Recognizing and embracing the idea that OB's approach to housing must change is essential to addressing the housing shortage that is destroying our cities. Similarly, advancing a true commitment to fight climate change means looking at every policy through that lens. For example Council should not have allowed gas fuelled patio warmers in its policy to allow sidewalk patios. If you can't even make small advances how can we expect you to make big ones?

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Regarding Transportation, Climate Change & Environment; it seems to me that we need to discourage residents parking their vehicles on city streets at no cost. Residents should pay for street parking (permits). The cost to be significant enough to encourage vehicle owners to park on their property and limit the amount of vehicles they own.

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Right now the most pressing issue in Oak Bay is infrastructure there are so many roads and side walks that need to be fixed both for cars and alternate forms of transport. Our tax dollars need to be spent on improvements in areas such as this. Truth and Reconciliation and Diversity are issues yes but are not as important for spending my tax dollars on. Too much money is being channeled into these areas and not enough in improvements in the existing infrastructure for Oak Bay

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The city of Oak Bay needs to do its share to accommodate a growing community that is inclusive and ensure a secure neighbourhood. Walking, large sidewalks, less cars and reduction of speed limits, and also a reduction of cars period. In order to respect community noise, fear of traffic, good breathing air and good healthy environment. People first.

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The current District policies and practices appear to be in conflict with priorities. For example issuing demolition permits rather than deconstruction and recycling and mature tree removal.

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The roads, parks, and bike lanes in Oak Bay are the worst on the lower island. Our playgrounds are embarrassing and so are our roads. I drive around the city and there is road work and development happening everywhere EXCEPT Oak Bay. If we don't start to make updates to draw in young families and encourage people to spend time at our shops, parks, and restaurants, then Oak Bay will fall way behind and leave a huge tax problem for future generations. Do something about our kid's playgrounds. Carnarvon Park is horrible for kids. Willows playground is rusty and dangerous for kids. If we really are the best neighborhood to live in, it's not because we have great amenities for our citizens, and you can't just rest on home values forever.

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Transportation - add cycle paths/lanes

- no more infrastructures and accommodate cars

Housing - affordable housing focusing on affordability

- infill needed

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Transportation initiatives such as low carbon buses and trams should be essential. For many of us biking is fun for recreation and Oak Bay streets are extremely suitable for biking to the village for errands etc. Bike lanes for slow bikers are a terrifying prospect and would make biking untenable for persons such as myself.

Adding housing is a commendable concept, I wish my kids could afford to live here but they, like us, will have to wait until or if it ever becomes affordable for them. The infrastructure in Oak Bay (particularly storm drains), is old and barely doing its job, so increasing density is not sensible. Cadboro Bay, Foul Bay and Oak Bay Road already have rental and town house /condo developments. More are possible but not at the expense current affordability of tenants,

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homeowners and small businesses.

As persons who have lived in other more affordable parts but less pleasant parts of Canada, I think it is time for BC to recognize that the desirability of Victoria and Vancouver is part of the what has pushed the lack of affordable housing to such an extreme. The more housing we build, the more people will come.

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Where does Council stand on the survey regarding infill housing initiatives and moving forward on approving ?

Transportation - before moving ahead with all the bike lanes, is the infrastructure in place for residents to access buses? Bike lanes that have been completed in other jurisdictions ie Victoria, Saanich are adding to gridlock and confusion to traffic. Public consultation should be considered on how best to add bike lanes..... everyone is not going to be riding bikes, which not only includes seniors, but trades people, EMS, certain businesses cannot run using bikes..... it's a flipping mess on the roads now in Victoria and now in Saanich.

Truth & Reconciliation has been acknowledged but it seems it is taking a very slippery path where there is no end to what is being given up with all due respect. It is creating division versus community working together.

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While I see climate change, diversity and inclusion and truth and reconciliation as important areas, there are basic infrastructure needs in the community that are a higher priority.

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Within the categories of Transportation and Climate change please consider options to get more parked cars off the street. Too many Oak Bay Streets have become dangerous because of two way streets having to become one way, lack of visibility - particularly on key school routes. Thx for the opportunity to provide input.

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1) Oak Bay will never be affordable. And it never has been. It's supply and demand folks and any new housing supply will not be affordable based on land cost alone. Take, for example, a recent development on Windsor road. One old house was knocked down to build 3 on the same land footprint . So now you have three houses (that have taken forever to build) at over \$2 million each. What is affordable about this? Much that gets built gets bought up by those retirees coming in from other parts of Canada and the world. Oak Bay is not a solution, nor should it be, for overall existing government failure to provide attainable housing policy elsewhere, where there actually is land. I don't take kindly to having (*identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) single out Oak Bay and pushing their 'woke blame game politics' on our lovely neighborhoods that we worked so hard for. Hands off Oak Bay I say! So take your NDP socialism elsewhere, where there is land, and fund that property folks. Create the policy and fund it where there is land. Do something real, do it quick, and do it where it counts, like downtown Victoria. Or, if you must, build some true and extensive 'real affordable housing for younger families and low income workers' on the former Oak Bay Lodge lands. Real opportunity exists there if there's true and innovative leadership to get on with it. Quit stalling, start leading! Let's keep woke Provincial politics out of our back yards. Also, has anybody brought up the fact that increased roof area associated with the 'knock it down and build 3 in the same place housing culture' (in the place of one roof) on newly subdivided lots significantly increases and speeds rainfall to Oak Bays outdated sewers? Say, basement flooding? Don't just blame it all on climate change folks. Look, I'm sure administration likes the new tax revenue of new and bigger homes but our systems can't take the increased sewer load - wake up!

2) On the McNeill road traffic corridor, what about an Option C? Remove parking from both sides of this critical transport corridor. Residents can park on side streets or in their own unused driveways. Don't wait for someones child to die - there's near misses there every day. Have a dedicated (isolated) two way bike lane and dedicated vehicle lanes. Forget those incredibly annoying speed bumps and dangerous 'traffic calming (!) islands', and the ugly woke , 'do this do that coloured traffic signs'! Case in point the gong show of Quamichan and Richardson. Time to work with the city of Victoria on making Richardson road 'more inclusive'. When is your next meeting with (*identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) . We're watching you and waiting for traction on the Richardson fiasco! Let's face it, the decision to cut south Oak Bay off from downtown Victoria was very vindictive, and creates dangerous traffic snarls on Fairfield, Oak Bay Avenue and Foul Bay. How long until someone dies there too, as the woke densification of Oak Bay increases?

3) Has anyone thought it through that the Oak Bay Marina lands are just fine the way they are? It's heavily used and just fine with no further spending on it. Save the money and redirect it elsewhere within Oak Bay.

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Definitely more Diverse housing- Imperative to supply Condos and Apartments to satisfy affluent to middle income Moving from homes on Beach Drive require higher end buildings close to village amenities Providing easy access, safe transportation. Have you recently read the stats on the elderly accidents using public transportation?

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Make secondary suites legal and accepted. Allow street parking for students/tenants of secondary suites. Engage in specific anti-oppressive anti-racism training as well as trauma-informed response (for example receiving a disclosure/a complaint for sexual harassment or assault) for ALL municipal staff, including police officers, rec centre facilitators.

Implement a two-tier property tax system to better support single parent families or very low income families (who may be paper rich from owning a house whose value has skyrocketed and yet be very cash poor from working in low wage part time positions to be able to attend to family duties as single parents. Thank you

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I would like to see the creation of more alternative types of housing that are attractive to families, such as townhouses and duplexes. Also, subdividing larger lots should be made easier. Highrise condos or towering multiplexes on small lots with small units (such as the Rhodo development in Victoria) should not be supported except, perhaps, on Oak Bay avenue (although developers like these types of developments because they are the most profitable). These would change the character of Oak Bay.

I bike and walk a lot to do errands, much more than I drive. Oak Bay is already an easy and safe place to bike. Though more places to lock a bike would be useful. Also traffic calming effects, such as the peninsulas that extend into the road (ie at GNS) are dangerous for bikes since a bike must swerve to avoid them. One major change that would make biking along Beach Drive safer and more pleasant would be to close the road to through traffic or make it one way with a bike lane. Closing a major road to through traffic is what Vancouver did to Point Grey Road, a road that was once a major traffic route and is now a pleasant walking route.

As for walking, there are numerous roads without sidewalks in Oak Bay, making dodging traffic a priority for walkers (i.e. Island, Montjoy, Runnymede). Also, too often narrow sidewalks are made even narrower by overgrown vegetation (ie. east slope of King George Terrace).

I would like to see Council concentrate on the principal municipal responsibilities: Infrastructure; parks; roads; sidewalks; recreation.

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More diverse housing in terms of townhouses, duplexes, subdivision of lots - Yes, because this can probably be done without changing the character of the city. More diverse housing in terms of condo towers and multi-story apartment buildings in residential neighbourhoods - No. How is the city going to dictate more affordable housing? It doesn't have the financial resources to build this housing and this type of housing is, most likely, too costly for the private sector to build in Oak Bay.

Yes, keep investing in the sewer and water systems as well as parks and recreation. That should be the focus of Council.

Most transportation and climate change activities are beyond the capabilities and jurisdiction of the city. Let higher level governments act in these areas. The city could promote cycling, such as through more bike racks, but I do not want to see the city using financial resources to subsidize

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certain types of desirable "climate-friendly" behaviour. It would be nice to turn Beach Drive into a one-way street (west bound) with the other lane devoted to a bike lane as this is one of the most popular routes in the city. Ensure sidewalks exist, are wide and are free of tripping hazards and vegetation. This will promote more walking (which is my favourite activity).

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Oak Bay needs to stop allowing large, expensive, single-family housing to replace existing smaller more affordable housing and ensure when old housing is replaced multi-family options are prioritized. Taxes should be raised so work on infrastructure and transportation (especially currently ignored bicycle routes) goes beyond endless studies and actual work is done. No non-native planting should occur on boulevards, around municipal facilities, in parks etc.

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Livability: Please fix the footpaths and sidewalks on Oak Bay Avenue - serious accident waiting to happen!

Livability: Be brave with what can be at Oak Bay Marina redevelopment - there is a real opportunity to create a world-class recreation and entertainment space there now with the vacancies.

Livability: Prioritize the ocean front and sewage - this is a real embarrassment for a country like Canada in 2023.

Livability: Deer management hasn't been successful - move deer from Oak Bay to forest or cull - they are unhealthy, a hazard and it's not a good life for the animals.

Livability: Adopt a common sense approach to tree management: there have been several close calls that could have ended very badly, i.e. outside GNS Beach Drive. Arborists are single-minded IMO.

Housing: we must allow faster approvals for multi-family dwellings in already built up areas, i.e. Oak Bay Avenue, Beach Drive, Estevan Village, Cadboro Bay Village

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Uplands Park needs to remain off-leash from July to March. Dog owners are losing access to off leash areas throughout the municipality and city and must be given opportunity to let dogs run freely within safe boundaries.

Focus on safe, separated bike lines throughout Oak Bay are imperative for a healthier community. Our streets are not safe for cyclists. Children should be able to safely commute to and from school, and not be driven in cars. The Foul Bay Oak Bay Ave intersection has been particularly bad. I witnessed one of the two horrific bike accidents that occurred at that intersection within the last 9 months. We need segregated bike lanes and speed bumps at stop signs.

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We're appreciative of the work the mayor and council are doing to focus on infrastructure renewal. It's unfortunate that previous administrations chose to forestall the consequences in favour of a lighter (more popular) homeowner tax burden--so now we will pay the price.

Oak Bay is an astounding natural gem; we need to continue to steward our natural assets carefully and valuably. ANYTHING that can be done to limit automobile transit in favour of pedestrians, cyclists, and mass (or shared) transit should be a high priority. We have a token MODO car share spot across from the Rec Centre, but Evo is stopped at "the border" so car share users have to hike out to the "Oak Bay Evos" that are usually parked within a block west of Foul Bay. Why don't we have bike lanes? Spend a morning on Hampshire and watch how many young school children, adults riding bakfiets (cargo bikes), and seniors on e-bikes, have to battle with the constant flow of SUVs. It is inevitable: people are going to have to get out of their cars, and Oak Bay should be leading the way because there really is no more suitable community in Canada for this shift. We need only to look to Victoria city to see the bold (and initially unpopular) decisions they've made to shift transit modes. I thought the changes to make it hard for cars to transit on Richardson were ridiculous and punitive... until I rode my bike downtown in 14 minutes with no fear of being 'doored', and now 2 out of 3 trips downtown are on my bike (I'm 60). We do not need more EV charging stations for individuals driving their hundred thousand dollar "green" cars that are still 3 tons of rolling steel. We need a seismic shaft like what's underway in Europe (strongly suggest you follow *(identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)* on LinkedIn.) Be brave, council! Thanks for your efforts.

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- 1) I am an avid cyclist and bike commuter -- however, the City of Victoria has gone much too far with their bike lane infrastructure and "car-free zones". It is overbuilt and overspent. We don't need this in Oak Bay. Most of Oak Bay is great for cycling as is and always has been. Closing Richardson street and Clover Point -- among others -- were wrong moves. People will still use cars - - just they will be electric cars. Also, speed bumps on bike routes is crazy -- don't they realize that most bikes don't have suspension system and hit speed bumps very hard?!
- 2) Please advance the schedule to upgrade Carnarvon Park.
- 3) Bring back the sale of municipal compost for gardens.
- 4) Keep increased density on transportation corridors, not quiet residential streets that are not built or serviced to handle it: maintain the character of Oak Bay!
- 5) Dog rules have been fine for decades. They don't need to be tightened. Dogs need healthy off-leash running time. Sometimes -- often maybe -- the current rules are just fine -- be it for dogs or road speed limits -- and they don't need to be "improved"!

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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- Very important that development does not result in the loss of mature Garry Oak trees and other heritage trees (such as the large Garry Oak threatened on Oak Bay Ave.)
  - Oak Bay is an excellent place to cycle but bike lanes near the UVic should be open 24 hours Sept to April
  - Extra accommodations need additional parking - if not for residents, then for their visitors
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- Shading of neighboring properties and loss of views is an extremely important consideration when considering additional housing, accommodations or especially landway housing. Many of new houses are way too large.

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It would be great for Oak Bay to make bike connections to the Richardson Bike lane. I see so many OB residents on bikes now but no really good bike infrastructure.

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Also the playgrounds and other family infrastructure is lacking.

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TOO MUCH on street parking - Should require a permit with a fee to do so.

Berms need to be constructed along Oak Bay and McNeil Bay to prevent flooding in the Windsor Park area. The Oak Bay municipal Emergency Plan does absolutely nothing to prevent a disaster.

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The constant loss of single family housing to mega housing with more bathrooms than bedrooms only creates stress on an already old infrastructure. Street parking another issue as more and more people have 2 or more cars some with no driveways- where does one park? Never mind if you have any company! The bike lanes to and fro Oak Bay is a disaster -- 2 lanes that suddenly just end or stop - black steel metal post installed rather than flipping ones are a disaster for any car that hits them -- why black and not reflective paint or whatever so one can see them at night or in rainy dull weather. The cement barriers along Fort St that require a 90 degree turn into a driveway or business how safe is this when one has to pull into the other lane to make the near impossible turn without hitting a cement (not cheap) barrier. The fact boulevard trees can hang over one's property and roof line and the property owner can not trim branches off THEIR own roof which they are responsible for roof and gutter maintenance as well as taking care of the boulevard?? Nonsense! However a huge bouquet for the fire and police that seem to respond in record time to any emergency.

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## Other

Council needs to focus on good governance, quality infrastructure, the natural environment, more responsive services to residents, and reasonable tax increase that do not surpass the cost of living. It desperately needs to repair existing infrastructure (sidewalks) and some roads to make them safer before investing in new infrastructure. As a walker, many sidewalks in south Oak Bay are in poor condition and need replacement. - Central Avenue and the south end of Newport, for example.

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Council needs to prioritize its priorities. They are clearly all important to Council members but the community expects real progress and engagement on the highest.

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Council should concentrate their efforts on dealing with the fundamentals of Municipal Governance. They would include fiscal and prudent management of Taxpayer Funds, providing efficient and effective Police and Fire protection, dealing with the requirements of infrastructure replacement and improvements. Municipal governments should not be dealing with and spending time and funds on areas better left to Senior Governments.

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Council should realize that in managing one of the smaller population communities in the CRD, GVRD and even the Okanagan, that some of these social issues noted above are best left for provincial mandates, instead of wasting much needed resources in doubling up efforts, that are best served Provincially and even Federally noted above.

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## Cut Taxes

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Fiscal responsibility should be priority one. Don't try to do things that the provincial or federal governments are better equipped to handle like climate change or truth and reconciliation.

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Focus on municipal responsibilities. Oak Bay is not responsible for providing housing, the province and feds are. Look after the core infrastructure and set aside money to maintain and replace.

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Focus on people living in Oak Bay, let province handle all broader issues. Oak Bay can't solve provincial/national/global problems

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Focus should be on things that we can make our local lives better now, ie housing, safety, water, and less on global issues like climate change and native issues that are federal/provincial matters

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Having moved from Toronto to Oak Bay two years ago it is evident that the Residents of Oak Bay have a great deal to be grateful for. There is no place that is completely perfect but Oak Bay comes pretty close.

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*Comment removed as it is at odds with District's Moderation Policy as the comment endorses, promotes, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, colour, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation.*

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Hire people to help you and engage the community.

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I am very unhappy with our Mayors approach to the lease at Turkey head.. poor process, terrible public relations and worse optics. I am in support of songhees and esquimalt bands assuming the lease but it would have been better if they had the support and help their original proposal called for. In the meantime, the lack of infrastructure upgrades and financial planning in this municipality worries me.

We need competent financial people on council as well of some of the excellent council members we do have.

Let's do some long range planning

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I don't think the survey is worded in a way that is going to provide useful feedback. Climate change, reconciliation, inclusion... who could reasonably say that addressing one of these things is a low priority?

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I feel that safety in the community is missing from the priority list - I value our fire department and police department and their responsiveness to our community needs. Safety in our community also comes with traffic concerns - more housing = more cars = and the council needs to recognize that although biking is popular by its residents they also own cars to explore beautiful b.c. and transportation to work/schools/etc - although housing can be built close to the avenue/transit it doesn't mean it works or is convenient for people. Side street parking along with our lovely green boulevards means that cars are backing out onto streets without good view points - and I worry about the safety/accidents that can be caused by that thinking. I feel strongly that housing priorities need to include options for small homes - small lots - but not necessarily high rises - or strata - let people have yards to enjoy - options to age in place with main floor living - suites for caregivers - or for young families to have an opportunity to earn income from their home investment - condos and 500 square feet units don't do that. Options for low income families and seniors are a priority and won't be accomplished by building more expensive units but must be purpose built with funding - co-op housing/projects like Baptist housing etc. I am encouraged that

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the Oak Bay Lodge will include this type of residence. Lastly I would like the priority list to include support for our business community - a mix of vibrant active shopping/dining/services require that deliveries can be conveniently made and customers can easily park and shop. Our business community supports events that are of benefit to the entire community and they should be supported

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It is important for Council to address the challenges of meeting all of these priorities within the financial and budgetary constraints. While all are very important, there will have to be choices made and consideration given to the impacts of meeting these priorities eg. increased density housing, climate change and transportation.

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Lets make some real inroads on these issues. Set benchmarks so they can be measured.

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Local government is overstepping its mandate which is to serve its community now and in the near future. Long term planning has to be in the hands of provincial and federal governments with an interest in the interests of all Canadians of all generations.

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Make it easier to get work permits, constant complaint from neighbours.

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Many important things here but it is important to note some are already started (e.g., reconciliation) whereas others (e.g., housing) show no progress, and to focus resources accordingly.

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Many of these priorities are beyond the scope of Oak Bay to make much impact on its own

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Many of these proposed priorities overlap with Provincial and Federal responsibilities. While they may be worthy endeavours, Council should prioritize local infrastructure, transportation and liveability as these are more specific to our community.

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More municipal-level tax relief for seniors so they can age in place and are not forced to move because of HIGH taxes. Aging in place addresses housing and liveability concerns, and it takes some pressure off the health care system. Council must have take a More Senior Citizen centred approach for its financial goals and objectives; otherwise you may have more homeless seniors on the streets in the future,

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Most items you mentioned are really federal level items.

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My sense is that Council's approach to any issue is to spend more money instead of looking for innovative and more affordable options.

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Oak Bay Council needs to start actually taking action on what they say are community priorities. The rejection of the Quest Project and Henderson 24 hr bike lane are all too common examples and occurrences. It's time to walk the talk and show some leadership.

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Oak Bay needs to focus on just a few key initiatives and make an impact in each area this year. The municipality is too small to try to tackle several and in the past that is what we have done and very few get finished or in fact started.

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Oak Bay needs to focus on matters they have more control over as a municipality vs broader objectives. They should be focusing on housing and livability, and stop being the only municipality without any bike lanes at all.

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Oakbay municipal government needs to stick to the basics local government services and not take on social activist or social change roles. These should be left to senior governments. Senior levels of government should not take on local government responsibilities like zoning/ Building permit approval process and or timelines.

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Please focus on the basics. Our taxes are too high already to expanding the scope of the municipality. Also, selling densification as a response to climate change is a stretch. Sad to see the activist narrative being pushed down our throats.

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Please focus on things you can change, not things you can't change. For example, Canada really can't help with climate change other than helping other countries change their practices and so, how on earth is Oak Bay going to do anything in that respect? I'm not saying turn your back or start doing things that are going to increase behaviours that are bad for the planet, I'm just saying "stick to your lane".

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Please focus your efforts on maintaining the financial stability and livability of this municipality. Don't be diverted from the role of common sense stewardship of managing infrastructure, bylaws and general quality of life activities. Some of the items on this list sound admirable but can not realistically be impacted by the municipality.

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Please make better use of your volunteers - committees, boards, agencies, commissions. We cannot afford more staff. Is there any way Marina profit can be used to reduce taxes?

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Please, let's have less consultants and high salaried additions to the municipal staff. We are a small community with tremendous beauty and livability. We are not and never have been a starter community for the majority of us. We should not be trying to make ourselves into one, I worked and saved for over 20 years and then moved from Saanich East to Oak Bay, no one should expect it is their right to be able to afford a place in one of the more desirable neighbourhoods, especially if they are young and just starting out. Very modest densification can occur in some very select areas along main arteries as long as it is mindful of all residence and has adequately supporting services above and below ground.

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Pretty much none of these are in the purview of municipal government. Stick to the core services.

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Priorities for council should be based on providing cost-effective municipal responsibility for municipal services. Oak Bay should avoid involving itself in areas of senior government responsibility.

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Priorities should be fiscal responsibility and public safety.

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Pro Imagination

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questionnaire of questionable value. You use a lot of buzz terms and ask how important it is for you to "take action". Well that depends doesn't it on just what action you are planning on taking. Why are you so careful not to include that?

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Show some darn leadership. Stop the corporate think, and actually do something. You've managed to stay in power by not doing anything, just studies and talk. Pay attention and take some action or you will deserve to have the province take away all your power. Your failure is so profound that is what you've brought us to. The major power of a municipality is on decisions of land use. And this council and this mayor are about to have the province take it away from you. Stop hiding and stand up.

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Sounds like council is caught up in virtue signalling not managing the district.

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They should read the job description of just what a council actually is supposed to do.

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Stay in municipal government lanes. Focus on good governance.

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Stick to municipal issues like safer crosswalks (especially Village area where better lighting/flashlights/speed bumps should be installed) and leave diversity/inclusion issues to the federal spin doctors who are fixated on it.

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stick to OB Municipal issues

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Stick to the governance model parks - community water and infrastructure, sewage, roadways, parking, police and fire.

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Stick with only working on topics associated with running the municipality and stay completely away from Provincial responsibilities, political agendas and feel good subjects (which you are asking about). Your job is to minimize taxes with respect to carrying out the duties towards residents.

You do not have a mandate to pursue any of the topics you are listing in 7. above. They are not your priorities and do not use this survey to legitimize them.

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Talk with the public more often, not just at Council meetings, but at other times. Hold open houses with "ask mayor and council" opportunities. Go out on the street and ask residents how they think Oak Bay Council is doing at addressing their needs.

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Thanks for the survey. The 'priorities' are so broadly worded it is actually hard to discern what is actually meant in action as they could be interpreted quite broadly. While they sound meaningful they run the risk of all talk and no action. Better to identify targets and actions for a survey.

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The City does not need to build or provide housing, worry about diversity or inclusion, or be concerned with indigenous reconciliation. These are not municipal jobs. The municipalities job is to keep the lights on and the water flowing. It is to provide policing and fire protection, and to make sure that what is being built is up to code. Everything else is a distraction. Please, don't be distracted by trying to do more than what the taxpayers are paying you to do. Thanks

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The city MUST operate within budget. Oak Bay infrastructure (sewers and water) are in horrible shape. Even if we assume zero growth, the budget required to revamp the existing systems will require a HUGE budget commitment. "Affordable house" in the context of Oak Bay is an oxymoron. Every densification project initiated in Oak Bay has been a maximize profit initiative for developer.

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The District of OB is ignorant fools for using an open survey, vulnerable to interference. This isn't 1906 anymore!

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The first two questions, are like 5 separate questions within themselves, and impossible to answer accurately.

Is there any plan to upgrade any of our playgrounds and parks?

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The increases in taxes are gross. Your job is to provide basic services and maintain/improve infrastructure. Council should also be encouraging multi storey apartments in several areas to increase the tax base. Stay out of the climate, diversity and native nonsense. This is just an excuse to spend money on nothing.

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The list above was very comprehensive, nothing to add

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The progressives are destroying their communities NOT OURS

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The questions are very general and unspecific

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The questions are very poorly worded from a survey design perspective, which means the information gathered is likely of very little value, unfortunately.

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The social issues mentioned here are for other orders of govt to address. The Council should stick to its core business, little of which is mentioned above, sadly.

Tax increases should come ONLY AFTER internal processes are reviewed for savings

Having built two houses here, one in Ottawa and one in the Prairies, the process here involves too many people, too many processes, and too many permits. One process and one permit in Ottawa and in Winnipeg at a fraction of the cost. Processes and fees are meant to keep people employed here, not quality building. Very sad.

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The survey questions are so vague and without any specifics , making this survey meaningless. We all want an inclusive, liveable community with great infrastructure, parks, environmentally responsible, but I would just settle for the existing sidewalks, boulevards, and parks to just be maintained.

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The survey wording here is not great - it feels nonsensical to say any of these are unimportant, but obviously not everything is or can be equally important. A better ranking question would have been more useful if you are genuinely seeking input.

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There should also be accountability on performance against goals stated in the strategic and financial plans.

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These are not local government issues. Please fix the roads/sewers etcf and no more bike lanes please.

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These are very general and vague themes to expect residents to give priorities to.

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These are wedge issues, not issues that impact the average taxpayer.

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These goals are really unimportant. Look at the population - we are mostly professionals or retired folks. We are looking for stability, a focus on infrastructure, keeping Oak Bay safe.

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These questions are very generic and can be interpreted to mean many different things to different people.

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Think your questions were too broad so hard to respond accurately. Would like accountability on why you hired more staff.

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This questionnaire is a waste of time and money. Anyone answering other than "very important" for all these topics is a troll. Where are the questions about real issues? Why do you have to use a car to take things to the dump/recycling depot? In other words, you have to contribute to air pollution in order to drop off a few items for recycling. You used to be able to walk in but not anymore. Why does the pub continue to takeover Oak Bay Avenue? Why can't Oak Bay clear their sidewalks of snow? One thin strip is not sufficient. That's not good enough for those with walkers and those with mobility issues. And when people traveling in opposite directions come face-to-face someone loses. It's time to abandon Oak Bay's snobbish attitude and amalgamate.

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This survey quickly started feeling like a waste of time. I stopped answering after the first couple of questions. OF COURSE each of these is important; what you have failed to do here is elicit responses that establish what the relative priorities should be and, more importantly, HOW people would like to see these things achieved. Instead I feel like these questions are a set-up to elicit responses to support decisions that have already been made or that are about to be made (i.e. if a

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decision is one that elicits push-back, Oak Bay can say "People think this is an important issue"! But that shouldn't be the question...). How much is this essentially meaningless survey costing Oak Bay taxpayers?!

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To be honest, it doesn't feel like there are priorities or a plan. There was a Caernarvon Park plan and then nothing. The rec centre is maintained but never upgraded or expanded. Taxes in Oak Bay are high and I would like to see/feel that our tax dollars are going towards something for the community as opposed to bike lanes and repairs.

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Also, I think the municipality should invest in a cost share with homeowners and start repairing all of the clay sewer lines that the municipality approved all those years ago. Our sidewalks and roads within some communities are in disrepair. Why are all the weeds growing on the sidewalks? Hire some kids over the summer, let's make the community look nicer.

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To respect rules and respect each other we need a council in our society

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Very Important!

The Home-based business bylaws need a serious overhaul to bring them up to date with other municipalities.

The post-Covid era sees more people needing and wanting to work from home and have clients able to come to their properties for small-scale services.

Clearly defined regulations should identify the desirable businesses and the restrictions for parking, noise, numbers of clients etc.

Local entrepreneurs are wanting to be able to get a business licence and offer services within the community, saving clients time, gas and the hassle of going downtown.

Please make this a top priority.

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We have limited resources, including time. Council should direct staff to focus on the essential items that have a direct measurable benefit to residents.

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While the residents are struggling to keep up with inflation, the Municipality raises taxes 9.2%. Get your heads out of the clouds and deal with reality. These are important issues but very low on our priority list.

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Work to get spending under control before undertaking feel good initiatives. Reduce the ridiculously high salaries paid to municipal staff and council members and orchestrate a reduction in municipal taxes.

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1. Drug addiction
  2. Rehab for drug addiction
  3. Prosecute dealers
  4. Prosecute those responsible for drug 'overdose' deaths or near death - for murder and attempted murder
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Balance basic needs (transportation infrastructure) with developing community resources in the arts and cultural sector. An arts centre, such as a printmaking facility and gallery space could be used by residents of all ages.

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**SURVEY FAULT: PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ABLE TO RETRIEVE THE ANSWERS THEY HAVE PROVIDED BY USING THE "BACK" PROMPT.**

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You might get more useful information by using a survey that uses ranked choice. Everything is extremely important, but forcing me to choose might be smarter.

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All of the priorities are important, but I am not sure municipal councils need to take action on all of them.

### **Unknown**

Council is responsible to do what is good/right for the citizens/tax payers of Oak Bay - not for agenda 21/30 for the United Nations... to quote Lord Acton: power always tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely... so a One World Order will be absolutely corrupt - it is satanic.

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I hate the idea of human beings trying to survive in this vampire realm of a municipality, hissssss

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woke nonsense run amok

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Woooohooo

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**Q14 Please use this space to provide any additional feedback on Council's selected projects to advance their priorities (Housing, Livability, Transportation, Climate Change and Environment, Diversity and Inclusion, and Truth and Reconciliation)**

**Category Counts (Tally)**

Housing	48
Livability	50
Transportation	35
Climate Change & Environment	19
Diversity & Inclusion	5
Truth & Reconciliation	11
Other	69
Multiple	58
Unknown	7

**Climate Change & Environment**

A Climate Action Plan with metrics is needed

All Oak Bay homeowners need to be provided with more information about the urban tree planting program so they can actively participate.

Environment - I am concerned about the number of off-leash dogs I see running free in the Federally declared migratory bird sanctuary areas and in Uplands Park during months when this is prohibited. OB must do a much better job of public education and must desire some means of enforcing these requirements. Probably OB has some obligation, legally to uphold the migratory bird sanctuary rules by doing its best to inform and then insist on compliance by beach users etc...

Environment should be a priority, as the rest depends on it.

Fully support cost effective energy conservation efforts.

<https://www.oakbay.ca/sites/default/files/Local-Government-Climate-Action-Program-Attestation.pdf>

<https://www.oakbay.ca/sites/default/files/CARIP-2019.pdf>

Oak Bay's Achieved Level 4 - Carbon Neutrality: For local governments who achieve corporate carbon neutrality in the reporting year."

I am supportive of the erosion prevention program at McNeill Bay. (The other "climate change" initiatives are less important to me.) The McNeill Bay program can save funds in the longer term.

I do NOT want grass in our cul de sac!

Increasing tree canopy extremely important for our future, to keep us cool and provide homes and refuge for animals. Too many new build are removing trees and not replacing them. Ban artificial turf lawns, and concrete gardens. Increase requirement area for gardens on single family home lots. Apartment and condo new builds should be required to provide green space and green roof.

Little support for 'urban forest'

Nothing is more important than climate change.

Parks such as Uplands should be tampered with as little as possible. The addition of rocks along the Dorset trail are incongruous to the natural environment and the continuous removal of trees from this park appear an opposite goal of maintaining tree canopy in OB.

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See above. Children should be taught environmental science about trees in schools. Just saying...

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The comprehensive management plan for Uplands Park by an expert or natural area landscape architect is necessary before any decision can be made about individual projects like dry winter walking. Many solutions for this can have severe adverse effects on the globally endangered ecosystem and/or on specific endangered plants.

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The Council should encourage water preservation / water storage solutions.

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There seems to be no consideration of mitigation of potentially damaging effects of climate change. Is our aging infrastructure and urban forest able to cope with 100 year weather events?

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Under Climate Change & Environment, my neighbours and I are truly concerned about the threat of an urban wild fire in our Oak Bay urban parkland areas. We have many elderly and disabled residents, many of whom live on cul de sacs without fire escape routes. The firefighters tell us that our hedges are the real fire hazard but I see no Oak Bay District fire remediation work going on in the larger treed parks like Uplands Parks. I would be happy to remove hedges from my property but would need tree service support to do so. Unfortunately I also have neighbours who would refuse to remove their hedges, plants, etc. that are too close to their homes. Visitors from California have told me they consider our parkland neighbourhoods "fire tinder" with all wooden and the cedar roofed homes.

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We need to increase Projects connected with preparing the community for climate change. The projects listed are very weak. What capital projects can the Municipality take on to really make a difference?

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You need to take dramatic action to combat the climate crisis.

## **Diversity & Inclusion**

I hope one day we can as a society get to point where we do not have to acknowledge every individual minority group or gender identification and just be all people all equal with an emphasis on all rather than numerous growing subdivisions that emphasis difference in attempt for inclusion. Perhaps I am dreaming.

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not sure how updating your website is going to improve your diversity and inclusion, but the website sucks so do what you gotta do I guess.

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Not sure where Home Based Business planning is part of Diversity and Inclusion...

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Strive for inclusivity and unity for all Oak Bay residents. Focus on what binds us together as residents and citizens of Oak Bay. Celebrate the cultures and histories of us all, but minimize policies which accentuate our differences and discriminate among us based on origins, gender preference, religion, race.

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treat everyone as if everyone is important, by lifting one group of people you lower another and division occurs, everyone who treats someone kindly deserves to be treated kindly, karma

## **Housing**

A high degree of flexibility is needed for infill housing. I am very concerned this will not take place and Oak Bay will be obstructionist.

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Adding secondary suites without the ability to tax is a fools errand. Increasing the density is directly against all the other "virtue" things council is calling for. Added cars, people, crime, pollution, fire danger and transportation woes. Who will pay for all these costs?

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Allow infill housing such as garden suites and pan handle homes in large long backyards.

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Don't let our housing become haphazard infill. Protect our beautiful neighbourhood. Oak Bay Avenue / Cadboro Bay Avenue / Estevan Avenue / Beach Drive areas. We do not need multiplexes all over our streets and areas.

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For housing, I am supportive of some projects (E.g. permitting secondary suites) but unsupportive of others such as infill housing as that will not increase the availability of affordable housing stock and will have deleterious effects on livability. I would be supportive of the identification of town centres that can support businesses and provide a great increase in density and affordable housing. Akin to what is being done very successfully in Burnaby.

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Former Oak Bay Lodge site could be used for residential housing

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Give the public feedback on how council is progressing on meeting these priorities.

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Housing for affordable diverse needs is a priority

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Housing is priority, but must be designed to fit into Oak Bay's character, not ugly square highrises!

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I am all for secondary suites. I am dead against infilling. The latter is simply a negative for climate change. I must also say that I really resent the Provincial Governments interference with our community. Unfortunately, my redress must wait for the next election. The rental market is only effective if there is government control over the rents charged. Otherwise, they add to the housing problem and not the solution.

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I am really pleased that suites are now legal. I would like to see more duplexes rather than large single family homes. Also I'd prefer a height restriction of 4 stories with underground parking.

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I don't like infill housing. We need more housing, and we need to retain green space. Therefore I strongly prefer to build up rather than out.

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I oppose using Oak Bay funds to subsidize specific types of housing -- ie secondary suites.

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I responded with "unsupportive" to #8 because almost everything in the list seemed (a) like a good way to delay getting anything built, and (b) tinkering to get only a few new housing units built. Down where I live on Newport. Everyone one of those coops and some of the condo buildings should be permitted to go much higher. Other properties should be pro-actively rezoned multi-family with high height limits as long as they are well spaced.

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I think everyone agrees that housing is a priority but nobody (including governments) has a solution. As for other projects, we don't need more and more "strategic initiatives". There is enough work already and this is an extra luxury that we cannot afford.

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I think it's important to continue to have a diversity of housing options, i.e. affordable housing and rentals for young people and young families and I support in-fill projects and over well thought-out projects that are in keeping with their neighbourhoods. I do not support tearing down single-family homes and replacing them with multi-storey apartment/condo buildings. Given the lack of vacant land in Oak Bay, I think any housing targets imposed by the provincial government need to reflect that reality.

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If the council is envisioning tasteful infill on large lots, it is cost prohibitive for normal folks. It is very expensive to put in services for new builds. Recommend trying to provide grants for homeowners to do this. (We live on a large corner lot that would be perfect for adding housing, but cannot afford to do this).

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I'm generally supportive of the selected projects but am unsure about the housing projects as I feel an overall plan of the municipality and its' diverse areas need to be considered before many of the so called 'affordability' issues can be addressed when Oak Bay has one of the highest property values in the region. I'm appalled at the provincial government trying to force municipalities to increase density simply to meet overall numbers when there are immense differences between municipalities, this in my view is a complete over-reach by the provincial government.

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In terms of housing, not enough attention is being paid to vehicles--narrow streets, small lots, street parking and vehicle density/property.

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Incentives for having secondary suites, such as tax exemptions , are vital and also help keep construction materials from the landfill. There have been earlier studies on housing but no action taken.

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Infill is not the answer. There should be more medium density on oak bay ave.

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I've listed unsupportive of the housing initiatives since they are over investing time in the consultation phase slowing down development to the point where very little gets reviewed and approved. Would love to see an approach like "pre-approval for all multifamily units which meet the guidelines in the OCP"

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More housing.

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NIMBY-ism must be resisted by council when it comes to new projects

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Not that keen on secondary suites incentives policy. Building code restrictions around secondary suites are impracticable for older homes, e.g., ceiling heights. Secondary suite licensing should be subject to neighbours input as should be for home businesses. Should be architectural controls for replacement residences to maintain streetscape harmony -- some new crackerbox homes are eyesores to what was once were beautiful streets. In a similar vein, house teardowns should include recycling as much as possible, either through disincentives, i.e., higher dumping fees, or incentives such as lower development fees or taxation credits.

Have no objection to higher density along arterial streets, such as Oak Bay Avenue, Cadboro Bay Road, Henderson, Foul Bay Road and selective locations along Beach Drive. Some non-market housing could be built in such locations but would need the municipality and the province to buy the land and develop it for such purpose, i.e., co-op housing. The former provincially owned Oak Bay Senior's Residence still provides such a multi-purpose opportunity.

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Number one for many of these priorities is increasing density along oak bay avenue and perhaps other retail environments like Estevan village, Fort and Cadboro Bay Rd. Etc.

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On Housing - in addition to 2ndary suites - please follow the path of vancouver, victoria and others to provide policy and permitting for lane-way houses and other detached residential units on existing properties. this is a no-brainer for our community.

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please approve laneway housing/ garden suite/ so we can have a future in our own home...

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Please do not turn Oak Bay into a Langford. There is a reason people want to live here. Let's keep it that way.

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Please don't overstudy housing diversity as council did re: secondary suites. This should not take another 10 years to study.

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Please speed it up or housing (low cost or subsidized) especially for the CNIB or seeing impaired.

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Question #8: The Landlord Tenancy Branch has made the prospect of being a caring responsible landlord impossible, I have rental property and am eager to sell, the province has ruined that for all parties.

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Question #9: Needs attention, let's contract it out.

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Reduce design guidelines in residential areas, offer no cost to OB incentives in allowable floor area or building height / setbacks for aggressively sustainable projects (ex. certified Passive House) - look to City of Vancouver low emissions program, allow more density (coach houses, duplexes, infill, multiplex) within zoning restrictions so huge size isn't a concern but more flexibility for housing typologies and solutions. Bike lanes and infrastructure.

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Regarding housing, why was it such a priority to tear down Oak Bay Lodge when there has been nothing happening there since the tear down? We had a survey long ago asking what citizens wanted to replace it. Now there seems to be no hurry to provide housing there at all.

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Start doing your fair share and build non-market housing.

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The Housing issue is the Government primary issue. Probably because it may generate more votes in the next election. Thus it appears while our medical system faltering, the drug trade is flourishing along with crime rates Oak Bay Council needs to focus on the housing issue. Accept the reality that our Provincial Government has targeted selected residential municipalities and district with the aim of increasing population density to the level where the community as we know it today disappears.

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The measures identified for housing projects sounds good, but the actions of council to deny building applications for small apartment buildings seems counter to those goals.

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The national housing problem was not caused by Oak Bay, and it's not for us to solve either.

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Regardless of what David Eby says. Please stand up for us and for Oak Bay,

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The problem is "over regulations" For affordable housing we need removal of regulations. Most of oak Bay was built before the current over regulated zoning. Go back to simple zoning bylaws if 50+ years ago when oak Bay was built into a charming community. Less planning, more innovative housing options.

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Too many condominiums.....zero rentals.

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Virtually all of these questions pertain to issues calling for changes to the way Oak Bay is and has been. That is the reason most everyone that lives here has chosen to make it their home. It is a privilege to live here not a right. Most all of the initiatives you are wanting residents to endorse are of low priority to the majority of Oak Bay residents I know. A vocal minority and manipulation of results from this kind of questionnaire are misleading and merely cater to special interest groups. Stick to the basics and keep Oak Bay the way we all love it - the same!

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We need so much more affordable housing. Deeply affordable not just market rentals. No new single family homes. We need density!

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We wish that the municipality would have a greater moral sense of regulation towards developers and the community whom they ultimately should be serving. Also having a greater interest in restoring or keeping the character of our neighbourhoods.

To allow developers to build highly priced big houses in our small streets is not community minded (as we stated already in our earlier feedback).

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When seeking opinion on densification ask "do you want an apartment next to your house?"

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Would love to see more intelligent housing developments - not just more condos everywhere. Canada seems very behind in thinking differently about housing. Co-housing situations, more eco housing, places that are actually supportive of community and shared childcare. Thinking forward on housing (check <https://www.nylandcohousing.org>)

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- Affordable rental housing - new
  - Maintain existing rental housing
  - Provide more non-profit housing

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Clearly housing and liveability are the core issues for municipal government. As feels typical for Oak Bay, the "selected projects" are largely about options and strategies and frameworks and other bureaucratic spin. There is no sense of urgency, very little commitment to change, and no accountability for actual results. That is deeply discouraging.

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Zoning reform for more housing. The existing initiatives are not enough

### Livability

A huge menu of possible priority items... However infrastructure is past its reliable life, sidewalks are tripping hazards and a danger for those using assistive devices or pushing a stroller, McNeil Bay erosion project has yet to begin, graffiti removal is not even in the budget from what I understand, and intersection improvements at Windsor Ave./Newport Rd and Oak Bay Ave/Corbett's Corner continue to be crossing hazards. Seems like new priorities are flying in all directions but the old, basic, 'boring' improvements that add to everyone's safety and enjoyment are being neglected.

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A pricey plan for Carnarvon Park was created years ago and it has not been acted upon. Much has changed since then...elimination of the lacrosse box to accommodate pickle ball, and updating the tennis courts. Both of these were costly projects and possibly unnecessary. Another major costly plan should be avoided. The park does need updating ...building removed and new washrooms and playground, but please do not waste any more money on plans that do not come to fruition and need redoing several years later.

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Allow off leash hours (ex. early morning) for dogs at appropriate parks. Do not fund a 'dog patrol' ... *Comment removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (identifies an individual), and as it is at odds with District's Moderation Policy (personally disparaging)*. Get on with a new building & playground at Carnarvon Park.

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As a veterinarian, I am willing to volunteer to help manage the deer population, provided it is a non-lethal approach. I could offer my surgical skills to sterilize males, for example. I realize many people are not fans of deer and wish them harm, but I would prefer to offer my services for free to help solve the over-population situation.

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As previous, and include updates to Carnarvon Park to add outdoor swimming or water park facility. Summers are getting warmer and outdoor water options are limited given inability to swim at Beaver and Elk Lake, and sometimes Thetis. A local outdoor pool would be a huge advantage to Oak Bay given the large number of younger families moving to the neighbourhood.

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Before any action on future densification are made: more attention must be given to our limited water supply, due to global warming for any new 'developments'.

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Carnarvon Park needs a renovation! It's horrible looking, and a safety risk. When there's baseball teams from out of the municipality here, they comment on how run down it looks and that the bathrooms are sketchy and dangerous. it is a health and safety issue.

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Carnarvon Park redesign is a must. It is a severely underutilizes space that does not meet the need of residents.

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Council should focus and increase efforts in protecting current municipality public use assets, (parks, trails, beaches, etc). This includes increasing efforts on lawlessness and growth of criminal activity in the community. Graffiti, excessive speed, nuisance noise, and the well known fact of not protecting the beaches from illegal anchored derelict "boaters" pollute and endangers our protected beaches. Focus on our municipal assets versus using municipal assets in provincial and federal government policy making.

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Dog owners are feeling ostracized from the community. More accessible dog walking is important.

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Dry winter walking and am off leash dog park seem like unnecessary expenses at present. Previous councils have grossly neglected infrastructure such a sewers and road repairs, which need to be prioritized.

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Dry winter walking in uplands park? I hope not.

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Ensure that the Turkey Head area is well served for both the general public and boaters both transient and permanent.

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**FIX the INFRASTRUCTURE FIRST!**

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For Livability - drilling, blasting and excavating needs to be addressed and listed as a planned action.

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Geese have become a bigger problem than deer in some parts of the city and, in addition to covering areas with droppings, are driving out other bird species.

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Lobby the provincial government to finance more student housing at U Vic to free up rental accommodation in Oak Bay.

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Home based businesses are an initiative who's time has come. I attend pilates classes that are a 5 minute walk from my home. They have made such a dramatic difference in my fitness and well being. I hope to attend for years to come!

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I hope you will continue the deer contraception program as it is a humane way of managing the deer population.

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Council needs to consider advancing the changes to home based business in the wellness, therapy, and health professional areas. Having these services locally allows citizens to stay within the community, reduce travel and lower the carbon footprint, while providing the community with a unique resource that traditionally is located in malls or business areas.

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I am hoping the rules for home-based businesses will change.

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I feel that the Girl Guides and 5th Garry Oak Scouts are huge assets to the community providing valuable programming to youth, preparing them as citizens for tomorrow, and bringing our community together. Retaining the infrastructure for these youth groups in Fire Fighters' Park should be a top priority for the District of Oak Bay. The Oak Bay Kiwanis did the district a great service by providing this infrastructure for these groups.

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I'm in strong support of home based business.

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If we give everything free to our teens, we will regret the attitudes they have developed once they become adults.

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Invest in community centres Oak Bay Rec Arena needs serious improvements...

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It is difficult to respond to these questions when so many initiatives are grouped together and offer only one response. Some I support and others such as the Deer "Management" Research program I certainly do not.

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Make clear communication and access to services a priority. eg. how does an individual citizen deal with the unleashed dog problem on the beaches and in parks?

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More accommodation for off leash dog walking is required so that the limited locations currently available do not get over run.

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more important to focus on capital projects

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On livability, Willows Beach is a jewel, in summer, it attracts large numbers of people. Council needs to improve/expand washroom facility and it needs to put in more wash/shower facilities; instal a wash station (e.g.tap) at south and north end of the beach, to improve absence of any wash off facilities at the beach

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Please do not reduce the number of tennis courts at Carnarvon, the public need more facilities not less. Note that current use would be improved with proper resurfacing but bad bounce courts are better than eliminating.

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Please ensure developers/homeowners are responsible for infrastructure damage created; Beach Drive has road damage, boulevard damage, sidewalk damage due to heavy equipment (e.g. former "Eagles Nest" residence); taxpayers should not have to finance this damage

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Please focus on infrastructure, and basics that the municipality is responsible for at this point in time

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Please look at your outdated bylaws. Oak Bay makes it very hard for home owners to have trades people work in their homes because of all of the additional hoops. eg A covered parking spot is outdated and if you look around every street you will see garages have been converted...

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Please prioritize Carnarvon Park. The building is falling apart and looks like a prison. The fence is in disrepair, the rubber tiles are coming up, and the zip line is broken (going on a at least 6 months with it being broken). The park is busy during the summer months but not because it's a great park. Please fix Carnarvon Park.

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Please prioritize developing the area where the Oak Bay Marina is. It is currently a waste of space that the community could enjoy and utilize with a variety of services and spaces. It should be a destination for the people of Oak Bay.

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Please see previous comments re lack of projects and investment for spaces for school aged children in oak bay

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Please sort out the dog issue! Dogs should be on a leash in public. I think there are just too many of them. And as other municipalities restrict dogs from sensitive habitat Oak Bay beaches will get an influx. Also more garbage cans needed at Willows beach. Keep up with demand.

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Stop studying the deer problem !!! Just get rid of them already !!! If you can tranquillize them to collar them and give them contraceptives you can tranquillize and and butcher them for food for first nations or the homeless. JUST DO IT!!!! To hell with applying to other government levels. This is why we have to end up voting for *(portion of comment removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act - identifies individuals and as it is at odds with District's Moderation Policy (personally disparaging)* to get action.

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Dogs should have to be leashed whenever not on the owner's property and not permitted to defecate anywhere except on the owner's property. They should also have to wear an anti-barking collar.

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Dogs are everywhere and all too often left to run off leash. Dogs on leashes should be made mandatory. Dog license fees should be increased substantially in order that dog ownership levels may be reduced.

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Stop wasting money on deer being given birth control. Cull humanely instead. There are only a handful of folks who feed the deer. Everyone else is furious with the often injured over population with no natural predator.

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Supportive of off-leash dog area in combination with increased enforcement of by-laws requiring dogs to be on-leash at various times and locations.

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The deer are a huge problem in Oak Bay. They moved down here in the past 20 years due to the construction in Langford and now terrorize the neighborhoods.

They're becoming bolder and more aggressive towards humans and dogs and shouldn't be roaming around urban areas.

We are now seeing more huge fences and gates around most homes, and the same, repetitive deer-resistant plants in unprotected gardens.

Victoria used to have gorgeous gardens and be renowned for its beautiful floral displays. Not any more. They've been destroyed.

It's like we're under attack!

I like deer. They're lovely animals but do not belong in Oak Bay!

Get them relocated in forests up island, or let the First Nations folk take them.

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There are too many livability projects and not all are priorities. I wouldn't characterize them all as "livability" as I would think items like storm drain management is an operation matter and should be planned for alongside other items. The focus on urban space in Oak Bay Ave and the dry walkability in Uplands park will reach many more people than others. Also, McNeil Bay restoration should be a priority relating to livability and not lumped into vague environmental/climate change items.

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There is a strong need for an off leash dog park for after hours. The parks in the area do not allow off leash after work hours when most people need to run their dogs

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there is little enforcements of existing by-laws so what is the point of all this

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There was mention of the possibility of an outdoor pool during last year's election. I would like to see a proposal for this move forward.

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We are new to Oak Bay and extremely surprised there are so few options for off-leash dog exercising. High energy dogs need places to run so that they behave well! Driving to Dallas Road Dog Park twice a day is not good for the environment!!!

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we have less and less space for off leash dogs not a single beach.. which is very sad and feels very unwelcoming for all dog owners... I was hoping OB Council would work with the Feds to find a compromise re. the Migratory Act.. from 1924 to prevent hunting dogs to attack birds... times have changed and I was hoping Oak Bay would help us...

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We need public washroom at Mcneil bay

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As I said earlier in this survey, I would like to see a major focus on completing whatever work needs to be done to upgrade/maintain oak bay's infrastructure. I didn't see that highlighted in the projects listed.

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Where is the Carnarvon Park redevelopment project? It is long overdue. Additionally, have you tried to play basketball outside in Oak Bay? There are no flat, well maintained courts! Best high school basketball program on the island, worst municipality for providing basketball courts. Oh , but we will resurface tennis and pickleball court, WTF!

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## Transportation

A more pedestrian-friendly Oak Bay would be great. It's already pretty good, but some improvements would help. For example, the beautiful Brighton trail (Centennial trail) crosses Monterey, Hampshire, Oliver, St. Patrick, but no zebra crossings on those streets, and you sometimes dodge traffic to cross (cars come fast). It would be great to have crossings there, as that trail is frequently used, and drivers regularly speed on those roads.

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Active transportation plan doesn't go nearly far enough but I'm always happy to see any progress made no matter how small

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As noted previously, recognition of more cyclists using the roads requires lane markings and more bike racks for locking up larger sized bikes. (E-bikes and cargo bikes).

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Bike lanes please!!

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Consider the needs of all residents in transportation. Bike lanes benefit a few, not the majority. Free bus passes for youth is a good start but why not extend it to other residents too? Free and efficient bus service will get more cars off the road than bike lanes.

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Forget active transportation until the existing transportation infrastructure is properly maintained/replaced and made safe.

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Free transportation for elderly as well as youth

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free, small bus - route for schools, hospital, rec center, Oak Bay Avenue would etc would minimize need for parking, reduce green house gasses and create a safe environment for young and old.

Bike lanes - or just markings would be such an improvement

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how about bus passes for seniors

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I am concerned about all the fast, heavy powered 2 wheel vehicles in the bike lanes It doesn't seem safe anymore for kids or older adults on regular pedal powered bikes with these bikes that are as big and fast as mopeds going by. We have largely moved back to sidewalks or side streets to bike again. It seems the bike lanes have become small motorized vehicles lanes not like the bike lanes in Europe. I think this needs regulation re weight and max speed.

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I do not see the need to change any transportation projects in Oak Bay . It is a walkable, cycle able and has easy transit

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i note there's NO PROJECTS listed related to the development of safe cycling infrastructure , i.e. bike lanes to ensure there's safe connectivity in and around Oak Bay and as well with the city of Victoria.

Again- all important projects but it would have been better to list each project under the goals to rate them individually to rally gauge community feedback. Suggest you consult out your survey design to ensure you're getting knowledgeable people to design a more informative to solicit useful results not just a 'general' perspective to validate council's views.

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I think that it should be a goal for all streets in Oak Bay to have a sidewalk wide enough for two strollers/wheelchairs to pass, on at least one side

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I would like to see more effort into making the main strip of the avenue more lively and pedestrian friendly with more patios and more places to shop and eat..

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In the village- Let's limit on street parking to one side of the road Increase parking for areas of activities - library, gyms, activity centers' and school auditoriums.

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It's disappointing that Oak Bay council is still "exploring" active transportation options while the City of Victoria is building active transportation options that stop at Oak Bay's borders. Why aren't Active Transportation Options part of the Climate Change & Environment Projects?

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Oak Bay is not keeping pace with its neighbouring municipalities to connect safe biking lanes. Bike lanes in Oak Bay frequently disappear when the road narrows, sacrificing biking safety for automobile flow. There needs to be better coordination across municipal boundaries so that commuting safely by cycling is supported.

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Please do not follow the City of Victoria's radical path of zero parking. Adding an extensive bike lane network will not work on the narrow streets in Oak Bay, especially if it removes on-street parking and trees.

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Please expedite the free bus passes for our younger population. It seems this initiative has been in the works for far too long. I'll bet some of these kids who could have benefited have already left the school system!

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Please leave Henderson Road as is with no full time bike lanes. Drivers have been obeying the 40 kilometre speed limit for decades without incident

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Please significantly enhance traffic calming on residential side streets with particular attention to the streets around Willows School. This is urgent,

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Question #10 contains 2 items that are only loosely related. I am very supportive of Oak Bay improving active transit infrastructure. I think providing free bus passes for youth is quite a bit less important.

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Seniors should have reduced transportation rate on bus. Not sure what you mean by dry walking at Uplands Park. Would hate to see covered walkways, would ruin the enjoyment of the Park. Likewise building board paths would decrease the natural nature of the area.

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Suggest that the active transportation priority should be to build something. Victoria has shown that the network can be incremental.

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The off leash dog option needs to be coupled with raising awareness that off leash is not permitted along our shorelines during specific times. Even if there is a band of educators at Willows and along the various bays.

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Traffic flow on Oak Bay Avenue must be improved. Think about right turn lanes .

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Walk ability in the village is a joke. The dozens of sandwich signs blocking sidewalks goes unchecked. Bylaw contract is taking money doing nothing....parking enforcement is nonexistent. Employees of village businesses park all day with no consequences  
Patios should not resemble sheep pens

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We recently had family visiting from Ontario. We walked the neighbourhood (South Oak Bay)with them. They commented that the sidewalks are in deplorable condition. Additional investment in infrastructure is needed.

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What about licensing bikes? ebikes? Our dog has to have a license and it seems it is time to license those that do and will benefit from cycling upgrades.

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You did not specifically say bike paths  
Please set these as high priority

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Don't let Victoria Council tell us what to do. They made Victoria downtown unwelcome and destroyed it. Bike lanes don't need to be on the 'busy' streets.

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Transportation is more a regional issue.

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Transportation: Better bike lanes, yay! Bus passes for youth? Errmm, not so much given the small size of the shire.

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Your questions are good but they are not very specific and don't really communicate what they mean exactly: ie Transportation Projects...does this mean bicycle lanes? Not transparent enough.  
You've got to be kidding. Safer sidewalks first and foremost!

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### **Truth & Reconciliation**

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I have trouble having my tax dollars fund the reconciliation journey of staff - this is a competency everyone should have in 2023 - make it a requirement of employment vs. a pro-d investment

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I'm supportive of Truth and Reconciliation projects to a point but I'm NOT supportive of spending an inordinate amount of tax dollars on in depth, exhaustive, overdone attempts to solve an issue that is probably unsolvable.

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Once again .. respect the Douglas Treaties. Give back unoccupied municipal lands (Parks and waterfront areas ) to the Indigenous who never ceded these lands .. implement UNDRIP and reconciliation Calls to Action .. words are insufficient.

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Please actively reconcile our celebration of colonial heritage with the true history of First Peoples' displacement by our ancestors.

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Question 13 is a flawed. It combines two very different subjects. For eg. what has 'Provide Training to Staff and Council on Intercultural Competencies, specifically related to local First Nations communities and culture; Provide opportunities for community to learn and share in the process of reconciliation)" got to do with 'Collaborate on Sitchalnalth Willows Shared Knowledge Planning Project; Seek Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and Community Input into Future of Turkey Head (Spewhung)'?

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Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and Community Input into Future of Turkey Head (Spewhung) ... this is overdue and we as a community, and a Council, need to be proactive in gaining trust and input from the First Nations.

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Truth and Reconciliation are very important. We should keep in mind though that reconciliation is a 2-way street. We need to stop gathering to 'grievances' and move forward as equals (holding on to 'grievances' do not lead to equality).

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Truth and reconciliation is a Federal issue. Leave it alone.

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Stop T&R now

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Staff need more competency in shedding discriminatory attitudes re race, sexual orientation, gender & age.

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*Comment removed as it is at odds with District's Moderation Policy as the comment endorses, promotes, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, colour, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation.*

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### Multiple

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Housing - Push back against the BC Government's 'naughty list' rebuilding now housing. Oak Bay has a disproportionate number of apartment buildings already and many houses have rental suites. Oak Bay's infrastructure can't support BC's goals.

- Encourage 'laneway' houses and duplexes.
- Protect against huge buildings blocking light for other, and removing trees.
- Many of the new builds look like large houses but with few occupants, no net gain of housing spaces.

Transportation - Do not follow Victorians example of blocking off streets. It causes worse traffic congestion and increases the distance to circle around trying to go to a location.

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re: housing: let's repeal bylaw 3540 and eliminate all requirements for private construction and maintenance of parking facilities.

re: transportation: let's establish an acceptable casualty rate for Oak Bay District public facilities and add engineering controls to road segments, intersections and crossings that exceed that rate.

re: transportation: Let's add engineering controls to all road segments where the median car user exceeds the speed limit to bring speeds under the legal limit.

re: transportation: let's lower the district speed limit to 30km/h on roads wider than 8meters and enforce the bylaw that roads less than 8m wide have a speed limit of 20km/hour.

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' Climate change' and diversity and inclusion are agendas for the international power that be - not the people of Oak Bay.

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- Support free transit passes for youth (+ seniors)
  - Keep dogs out of beach migrating bird zones
  - Gas lawn mowers should be grandfathered (allowed) if purchased prior to 2022 by Oak Bay homeowner or renter. Professional grade lawn mowers have a long lifespan before needing replacement
  - Gas barbecues should be banned because of the amount of air pollution they create
  - There should be no outdoor patio propane heaters on restaurant patios on public property
  - Do not support money incentives for purchases of E-bikes
  - Arts Alive Program-Dedicate to creating an Oak Bay unique bike rack (as many other cities have created).
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#### #8 - Respect and uphold Uplands Covenant

#10 - Do not close streets to car traffic. Do not put up bike lane barriers - paint bike lanes. Increase handicap parking spaces, get rid of white barrier cones on Oak Bay Ave near Elgin, allow parking - widen sidewalk if necessary

#### #12 - Respect and uphold Uplands Covenant

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Bike lanes please! Get rid of the deer

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Build way way way more housing. And build protected bike lanes. And update the decrepit playgrounds. Just do it. Stop consulting and killing stuff with process.

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Bus stops - need attention on busy routes - weeds on roads? No fake grass!! Do any municipal buildings have solar or wind energy production?

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Changes to dry walking in uplands park need to be more 'natural'. the gravel that was placed last year not only appears very unnatural, but is a hazard as it wasn't raked out so has edges and people end up walking on the ground on the sides. More year round cafes would be appreciated (allowing sidewalks for chairs/heaters) and dog parks would be so welcomed, but must be FULLY fenced and optimally having areas for large vs small dogs.

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Diversity and Inclusion, and Truth and Reconciliation should be part of any project undertaken by council, There is no need for separate projects.

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Do not allow First Nations priorities to override community priorities, especially on Turkey Head. Turkey Head is a public, community, resource and treasure and should stay that way: do not sign it over to or lease it to First Nations exclusively. Make sure the current boaters and users are prioritised over First Nations. Do not give it over to dogs: parks for everyone, not just dog owners.

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Finalization of plans and renewal of a long-term lease for the Oak Bay Marina are already seriously overdue. No one will make the necessary investments without long-term security of tenure.

Diversity and inclusion priorities are so general as to be meaningless/

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Focus on local governance and infrastructure not social issues of the day

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Have already mentioned that I think we have taken Truth and Reconciliation far enough already! Please manage deer problem in a cost effective efficient ways ie. culling, or cashation for bucks, more effective than hormone control on many females.

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Here are my concerns:

- 1) Erosion on MacNeil Bay was identified as an issue many years ago and this mayor and many council members are well aware of that, so it is really inexcusable that now as part of planning until 2006 (!!!!) they are just starting to develop a 'Erosion Prevention Program'. The sidewalk is already cracking and tilted at Monterey Street and Beach so this is the time when action should be taken and it is long past due and yet once again, leadership is lacking.
- 2) Likewise with a 'Playground Replacement Policy: does no one on council go out and look at the condition of the playground equipment in Oak Bay??? The equipment at Willows Beach for example did not rust overnight, that has required years of neglect and is another example of how this council seems unable to tackle big things like reconciliation and smaller, but important livability issues, at the same time.
- 3) Seriously, an "Options Analysis for the Marina' hasn't been done yet???? Surely that can't be possible when the mayor and council were ready to give the lease to the Oak Bay Marine Group two years ago. On what basis were they making that decision if not on this analysis??? As a resident of course I don't know the answer to that because the last stage of the process was cloaked in secrecy. This must not happen a second time. Transparency regarding how the decision making process will unfold needs to be made clear to all residents now, including how other developers will be allowed to put forth plans since the Oak Bay Marine Group could not come to an agreement with the Municipality. One only need look at the Songhees to see the effects of sloppy development caused by poor leadership, poor planning and poor decision making.

In Oak Bay we desperately need to see better prioritizing of issues, a far more efficient process in translating planning into action, more attention to the 'details' that demonstrate pride in how the community looks and functions, and stringer leadership both from the mayor and the council.

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Housing and Active Transportation should be top priorities.

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Housing and infrastructure need to be top priority

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I am fully supportive of bike infrastructure and restaurant patios. Your questions are difficult because you cannot comment on individual parts of a question and I may be supportive of some things and not others but there is no way to indicate that the way you have bundled the questions.

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I am supportive of these initiatives and hope Oak Bay will take more ambitious steps to align its planning and infrastructure design to create a sustainable, diverse community with a strong focus on active transportation, strategic increases in density and ecological restoration.

Infrastructure plans should be forward-looking, recognizing the future impact that climate change and the importance of thinking of the impact of our build environment on our grandchildren.

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I wrote unsupportive because I don't think the proposals for housing/transportation go far enough.

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In each of these priority projects there are aspects which I would support. For example, developing a regulatory framework for infill housing should be a priority as should making the development process easier. It is not the role of the municipality, particularly a small one such as Oak Bay to undertake affordable housing projects or to intervene in the rental market, or subsidize secondary suites. That is not the role of the municipality.

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Livability and ensuring our community is mitigating the impacts of climate changes. Walkability, less cars, less speed of cars and a community that is liveable. Good sound choices of ways to get around in a safe manner. Patios need to represent an attractive structure where we gather in comfort and quiet. The patrons should be the priority rather than traffic.

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Neutral response means some parts yes and some parts no. Also, I have yet to hear what the current acceptable but precise definition of "reconciliation" is which makes it difficult to perceive what would achieve it.

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Not enough action on housing, the environment, and transportation! We're in a crisis, act like it!

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Not enough detail to say whether I support your approach on housing. And what about more safe biking infrastructure? That will improve livability as well as climate goals and D&I.

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Oak Bay' is taking far too long to move these initiatives and projects forward. We are in a climate and housing crisis. Please don't spend several more years doing studies. Hire some experts if you don't have internal resources and get on with it!

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Priorities:- #1 Infrastructure

#2 Housing

#3 Livability

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Spend less money on climate change and diversify

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Tax land value to pay for needed infrastructure. Build as fast as the climate crisis demands, which is really hecking fast. Property values go to zero when they're underwater.

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The impression i have is there is a lot of studies and pushing paper and not a lot is getting done. For example, this website says the sidewalk master plan was to be completed in 2022 but I can find no plan to read. The goals/projects listed do not involve tangible implementation . I would like to see a schedule and progress report for infrastructure improvements. I cannot find a an infrastructure maintenance and development plan. There are many roads needing paving and many roads without sidewalks but i have not seen any paving (except in the University area) nor sidewalk construction during the 5 years i have lived here. I cannot find an infrastructure development plan on the Oakbay website (ie which roads will be paved and when, what sewer/water lines will be replaced and when, etc).

There is not enough street lightening. I would love to see more lighting for safer walking and driving at night.

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The individual projects in the various categories are each worthwhile but I wonder whether there is also a commitment to examine every approach not just the individual projects with a climate lens, a diversity lens etc. to ensure that we embed these principles in everything the community stands for.

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This is a troubling part of the survey because within a number of the packages there are initiatives I support, such as identifying constraints to diverse and affordable housing, supporting the deer research program and developing a playground replacement policy, Coolkit, improving public engagement on inclusion and diversity and all points on Reconciliation. However I would add increasing (not just maintaining) rental stock. I do not support a temporary dog park (there are better solutions available) nor do I support making winter walking in Uplands Park a priority (would this mean adding more gravel along the paths? I would rather wear gum boots and ban bicycles, and make it on leash only for dogs). By indicating support for these entire packages I feel as though my support could be misused for things I don't agree with.

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upgrading and repairing transportation infrastructure (roads) should be high priority. I'm concerned there is no mention in the "projects" list.

Carnarvon Park building is LONG overdue and would benefit many more people than many other Livability projects.

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WAY more climate action. Priority.

WAY more truly affordable rentals/subsidized

Co-op housing!!

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You are not doing nearly enough on housing and transportation

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- Deer management needs to happen now

- Do not interfere with the natural ebb and flow of Uplands Park - it is a perfect system that does not need any interference from us.

- No further accomodation for off-leash areas. Dogs should be leashed at all times to protect the public and our parks and beaches.

- Graffiti should be cleaned off immediately several calls have been made to the works department and the Mayor's office over the last 3 months and still this vandalism is tolerated. It sends a clear message that anything and everything can be done to our neighbourhood and we don't care. I am disgusted by this attitude. I am referring to the McNeill seawall.

- Boulevard municipal trees, especially mature trees that are overhanging private property, should be pruned back and regularly checked lane safety.

\* NOTE: Roads a private drives are breaking up .

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It would be great to see something concrete come of the project "Develop Program to Improve Diversity and Inclusion" so it's not just a point to look good.

Our playgrounds are embarrassing, compared to Saanich's. And the lack of updates in the stalled Carnarvon project is frustrating for those who started fundraising years ago and spent time to attend community feedback sessions.

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For housing, include making some buildings rental again, not always condos. Not everyone in the middle income community, or in the senior community, or the young working community, needs or wants to buy a house, but are past living in rental suites

For Livability, surely the first expense should be upgrading all the old underground services. Next think about getting other services underground. This might get the telephone poles off sidewalks, like Foul Bay a road, which in parts north of Oak Bay Ave, are the least pleasant walking areas in the village.

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I am sure the municipality knows that it is now under a microscope by the Province that is trying to force housing issues on the Municipality regardless of the wishes of the residents and without regard to the costs of upgrading infrastructure necessary to support an increase in density. How are you going to react to this intrusion by Big Brother in regard to our existing bylaws and zoning issues?

Livability is important and Oak Bay generally is one of the most livable places on the planet. If transportation means more bike lanes don't do it. Bikes account for about 5% of the population, cars and trucks for about 70% not counting work and emergency vehicles, Transit for about 15% and the balance pedestrians. Prejudicing the convenience of the majority for the few is not democratic.

There is no Climate Crises!!!! Yes the Climate changes and since the last cooling trend which ended in the 1850's the climate has been on a warming trend and perhaps may enter into another cooling cycle in due course. What is important is to be conscious of is to learn how to adapt to the ever changing climate.

Anthropologic activity might have some degree of involvement in climate change however Canada's total contribution to global emissions is around 1.6-2% consequently if Canada ceased to exist it's effect would be negligible. Individually Canadians have a relatively high footprint but this is primarily because we have a vast sparsely populated cold country with all of the issues that brings.

None of this has anything directly to do with being environmentally responsible which by enlarge most people are in our region. For egsample 90% of the world plastics found in the oceans are from 10 major rivers which are used by countries as their garbage dumps non of these are located in North America or Europe. I give you three guesses as to where they are located and the first two don't count.

Diversity and Inclusion are already practiced in my community and consequently we don't need anyone telling us how to behave.

Truth and reconciliation: I could write a book on this out of control subject which by enlarge is very short on truth and very long on reconciliation. It is time the First Nations stopped playing the victim card and get on with their lives.

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The housing projects will spoil Oak Bay without achieving increased access and affordability. I would like to see modest and larger (higher) buildings along Oak Bay Avenue; that would possibly lead to some affordable units, without wrecking beautiful neighbourhoods.

I'm not keen on the projects in the Livability category. I think the priority should be to preserve the urban forest. That seems to be a low priority for Council, since developers routinely clear lots before building monster (unaffordable) houses. Another priority should be to preserve the quietness of Oak Bay. As I write, I am listening to noisy cars thundering down Beach Drive; this happens every sunny evening, and it seems that this inconsiderate behaviour (not just by young drivers, I have noticed!) is deemed perfectly OK. It makes Oak Bay much less "livable" for me.

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On housing, we need to do more. Allow single family homes to be replaced by multi-family dwellings. Allow small apartment buildings. Approve plans/designs in advance that can be built on a given size of lot. So many older people in Oak Bay could age in place if there were ways to creatively use their property, or smaller units for them to move into.

On transportation, we need safe bike routes. We need to slow down vehicle traffic and encourage people to drive less. The buses run very infrequently; is it possible for council to request that BC Transit increase the frequency of buses?

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We/you do not need more housing and have no requirement to house people other than those already resident in Oak Bay. You do have a mandate to minimize taxes and not to stress existing infrastructure through excess residents. In that vein why do you not turn the excess school capacity into parks for the residents use, and demolish the buildings since they will likely be cheaper to replace if ever needed rather than maintain as is.

Residents would ask that you institute racoon and rat control rather than simply spend millions doing something rather simply in culling the deer. This is a real problem and reflects your imperfect knowledge of what is going on for the residents that pay taxes.

How about bus passes for seniors and reduced fares for youth. Youth bus fares should be part of the school budget.

Forget about climate control. Oak Bay will never be a leader as we have very little control on anything it seems (by your questions). The provincial government by their carbon control taxes is already excess payment.

Don't waste our money developing plans for diversity and inclusion. Again we pay enough to the Provincial Government. I believe you should follow any Diversity and Inclusion rules put forth by the Provincial or Federal Government, but not create any rules. If you are adding staff as reported in your last report with the tax notice to deal with Diversity and Inclusion, Reconciliation and the like this is not within your mandate to the residents. To say that the added taxes are to maintain existing levels of services is questionable since their is little growth of population in Oak Bay but their is growth in activities such a Diversity, Inclusion and Reconciliation. How about the council spending their time in trying to reduce expenses rather than create them?

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I have not seen a clear goal expressed for livability in Oak Bay. I interpret the intent as largely a matter of densification. There is a painful reality that OB is an expensive place to live--for all the reasons we love it (safety, close and caring community, natural environment, ocean-side, historical architecture, accessible, community services, etc.). I have accepted it's unlikely my child will ever be able to afford to live here, nor my aging mother. So what's the goal? If it's garden homes, secondary suites, more low rises, lot divisions, rentals, that might help the housing market a little, but it will significantly change the overall value of the community. Do we just accept that Oak Bay is expensive and frankly, privileged? I worked my whole life to afford to move here a few years ago, and I accept the price I paid because of what I was buying. I do not accept a diminishment of that value for sake of some perceived need that 'more people should be able to live here.' I do not accept I may have to look out at another family living in my neighbour's yard, I don't accept more multi-story (look at that abomination across from Home Hardware.) NIMBY? Yes; for good reasons.

PS: we need more dog off-leash :)

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I do not think the fire safety plan & the deer management research program should be lumped together. No more "research" please just deal with the deer through a cull. We are being over run and clearly the birth control program is not working!!!!

I also think that oak bay HAS carried its weight regarding affordable rentals. There are many three & four story walk up buildings on or close to the village. These have provided good housing for decades and continue to do so. Perhaps more density of the main arterial routes could be contemplated. Foul Bay, Cadboro Bay ?

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#10 - Unsupportive as first statement doesn't say anything define 'Active Transportation', moving in any form - walk, ride, bike, drive is all Active.

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#12 - Unsupportive - respect and hold to the law of the Uplands Covenant... no businesses

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We need a serious plan for Uplands Park/Cattle Point, under restoration for 30 y but now being restored and degraded at the same time for lack of proper visitor infrastructure.

We need a serious plan for Turkey Head, an opportunity for reconciliation with the Songhees. The Oak Bay Marina is now substandard; it needs better maintenance and basic infrastructure.

We must stop having boats anchored over precious eelgrass beds near the marina. The municipality should control what happens in our coastal waters.

We need to take care of McNeill Bay seawall. Smart, modern-day, Green Shores coastal infrastructure is needed there...30 years ago.

Our urban forest and associated ecosystems are super special and need constant care.

Our shoreline is our most precious asset, yet there is no vision or plan of what must or must not happen there.

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Have a lot of concerns with bike lanes

...look at the corner of Cadboro Bay/Fort and Foul Bay. That is an area begging for an accident...who put the pipes approaching the intersection on Foul Bay. I saw 2 cars go inside the rails into the bike lane almost wiping out the car which was doing it properly turning to the right. Also a large pileup of cars since the city took away the right turn lane on Fort making it a bike lane. Terrible intersection now.

Need to get more businesses on the Avenue. Love market nights.

Oak bay dump is excellent.

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Re transportation - no free transit unless requested for financial need which should apply to everyone under a certain threshold. We have a lot of seniors just getting by. Let's try to be businesslike about this

I am not in favour of spending significant money on training staff to be inclusive or culturally appropriate. The staff I encounter are competent. Let's start there but do not have staff negotiate leases and contracts they have no experience with.

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It is important to think about how improvements to city property generate greater upkeep expenses. Planters on streets look awful after the city initially makes it nice and then doesn't have the budget to keep it p. Planters and cement installations are not sustainable. Maintaining what parks we do have makes the neighbourhoods spectacular. Keeping multifamily buildings from being too close to the sidewalk makes a beautiful setting. New buildings like the condo building at OB ave and Richmond right up to the sidewalk create more urban heat by paving rather than planting trees in a deeper SE back off the sidewalk. The apartment buildings across the street have beautiful mature trees creating beautiful cooling shade for the buildings tenants. Developers will always want to build more units on a smaller footprint. It is up to council to prevent this. We cannot house everyone. Let's ensure 2 and 3 bedroom units can provide a family or a group of friend and students housing. Developers will always make money and Council needs to remember that. OB will not be affordable to everyone. I cannot afford it as a retired, but I sure want to live here. Do I like having nieghbours with 4 million to spend on a home and then leaving it empty most of the time? No, I don't. This makes for a less friendly place and less safe as people are not watching out for others. The speculation tax does not deter this type of property ownership. For those of you who make municiple decisions, I hope you visit US cities and see what would be best to avoid. Buildings should never look identical. Uniqueness helps more than just esthetically. Identity and personal involvement in a nieghbourhoods allows it to flourish. Developers must create unique ooking multifamy units to avoid the sin of sameness. This encourages personal attachment to a home and creates community.

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Again, get back to basics. Fire management plan is very important. Stormwater management is also extremely important. Give the deer some form of anti-reproduction, that would seem to be the most effective method of controlling the population, and their numbers have gotten out of control. "Dry Winter Walking" seems a lofty idea for a rainy winter climate, and certainly seems a good waste of taxpayer money.

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Again, most of these are important but not done by a tiny municipality which does not even manage its core business well. Map out your infrastructure before taking on new "social" projects. Expanding affordable housing options is a huge mistake because it will increase the population density of Oak Bay, and this in turn will exacerbate all of our existing problems. Virtually every problem we face will be made worse by adding more people into the mix. I had to work really hard to be able to afford to live in Oak Bay. Why should others suddenly be given a leg up? Everyone in my generation had to move away, make enough money, and then we could move back. The market is a natural force that keeps our municipality from becoming overpopulated, and we shouldn't mess with that. For climate change, the single most effective action any family can implement to minimize their carbon footprint is to get solar panels on their roof along with an electric car. We should be doing everything we can to promote this, along with an initiative to move Oak Bay off of natural gas for home heating and onto high efficiency electric heat pumps.

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I'm supportive of all these priorities. My only comment would be related to more action and result statements/commitments rather than planning / evaluation as a priority (for example in Active Transportation two of the priorities are 'determining how' and 'exploring options' rather than achieving the results (could it be 'determining how and beginning implementing of...' or 'exploring options, making a decision and initiating the plan' or at a minimum, 'committing to a timeline'). Things happen much slower in Oak Bay than other municipalities (secondary suites, bike lanes) and that demonstrates either a lack of support for those priorities or poor execution. The external perspective is that Oak Bay doesn't actually want these things or they would happen.

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Most of this is just a bunch of verbiage that is supposed to make it look like something is happening. Please don't go the route of Victoria and invest a ton of money in bike lanes. I cycle all the time and Oak Bay is just fine as it is. The best protection against climate change is preserving our large trees and planting new trees that will grow up to be large trees. A magnolia is not the same thing as a Gary Oak. There have been too many instances in my immediate neighbourhood where big (really big) trees were taken down so that people could build garages (of all things). I was not impressed at all. Is that supposed to be tree protection?

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The extensive list of Council Priority Projects are a perfect example of the District of Oak Bay trying to act as if it were the Big City of Oak Bay. Most of the meaningful projects can be performed by the Capital Regional District for the mutual benefit of its municipalities, rather than have each one "inventing the wheel" on its own behalf and wasting precious taxpayer resources.

I would like to note that: (i) the Spewhung revitalization project is one that the District of Oak Bay should work on (no better way for reconciliation to be realized); (ii) the erosion prevention project for McNeill Bay was a priority 15 or more years ago - now you are acting as if it were something new); (iii) the District has a lot of trouble attending to its basic responsibilities, so why not give priority to them; and (iv) the publicly accessible washroom facilities at the east side of the Municipal Hall are, in a word, "disgusting". Maybe you could try to get that right first.

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Way way too many items here under one questionnaire umbrella. This category needs to be split into about 6 groupings in order for you to get any sense of valuable feedback from YOUR electorate.

-no more invasive deer in Oak Bay.

-leave the Oak Bay Marina lands alone; fine the way they are (save money on this one!)

-save the money on Carnarvon Park redevelopment and put the money into McNell Bay sea wall refurbishment - this one's a ticking environmental liability that needs a solid fix.

-do an off leash dog run a Canarvon Park (the pooches need to run! Kids will play anywhere given the opportunity, and don't need expensive new infrastructure to have fun. God forbid that they can go to the beach and build a fort or a sandcastle

-First Nations can, and are dealt with by our schools systems; do we really need to get caught up in all of this at a municipal level? This issue ultimately resides at a federal level with Provincial participation. Oak Bay has a very limited indigenous base, and that can and should be handled at other government levels

-try some photo radar and enforcement at key traffic locations in Oak Bay, and forget the dangerous and expensive traffic islands, speed bumps and ugly signage

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Climate change, diversity and truth and reconciliation should be handled at the provincial and federal level — not by municipalities.

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Your housing projects clash with your livability goals. You also don't include the water problem. Where will you get more of this scarce resource? Your environment projects don't include preserving the assets we have, ie trees.

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#### Other

Again as a previous comment there are some things that need to be left alone. renaming parks and streets costs money which wise cannot afford these are nice to have projects but when my grocery bill is sky high and my taxes are going up this is not a priority

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Again your question are to broad for real input

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All of these are important priorities for council and community.

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Community engagement should be an overarching priority because it affects all priority areas. Council and staff have a significant community DISengagement and DIStrust problem that will make it difficult to move forward in an enduring way--that's impossible in the current environment.

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Concerned that council is trying to advance too much at once and risks making no substantial progress on anything . Council also needs to consider the cost of developing these projects, staff capacity and consulting fees if contractors are engaged on the work.

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Councillors are elected on their platform. I expect them to make decisions and vote based on their stated positions. Constant studies and consultation causes delays and cost the municipality time and money.

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Did you really expect me to read a 29 page document? Well, I did and I still know very little about any of these projects

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Does council ever respond to emails? I've wanted to discuss off leash dog access on two separately emailed occasions, and gotten a reply from a staff member both times saying it will be forwarded to council for discussion. No reply has come.

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Each of the questions asks ten questions but wants a single answer for multiple issues. Very poorly written.

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Even recognizing that there are many initiatives that need to be worked out, Oak Bay staffing seems out of control and should be reined in.

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Far too much money is being spent on administration and planning, Especially politically correct projects. Get on and do something about climate change.

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Focus on municipal services, leave the social engineering to provincial government.

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Hard to fully support any of these individual initiatives which include so many divergent proposals; should have done less lumping!

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I am grateful to live in this lovely, progressive community . This questionnaire itself is an example of its active culture and environmental focus . Well done !

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I don't believe your projects address the deeper issues in each of these priorities.

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I feel many of these issues are beyond the scope of the municipality and are more appropriate at the provincial/federal levels.

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I heard that the Fire Department had it's staff working over 600 extra shifts last year. How was that so mismanaged? Do they have proper staffing? Why are there Public Works trucks parked where they used to train? Do they have anywhere to train like the other departments in the region?

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I think you are taking on too much

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I'm not sure if this is really a great format for gauging public opinion. Are people really going to say they are "unsupportive" of Diversity & Inclusion or Indigenous Reconciliation? Probably not. Consider if this would be better as rankings in order of priority. I'm betting the majority is supportive of all of these noble goals - but how does that help you prioritize?

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Instead of chasing lofty, global objectives related to our changing world, you would be far wiser to deal with the obvious, LOCAL issues on hand. They are many and unattended. Do you really think Oak Bay residents elected you to change the world or address matters outside of the municipality? They didn't! Stop studying and dwelling on the obvious. Put your people and resources on things that make a difference here and now. You can't run a municipality just on a respond to complaints basis.

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It is very difficult to answer the above questions as most sections contain items I cannot support therefore I have to answer neutral or unsupportive to everything in the package.

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It seems to me that the municipality is exceeding its mandate  
it's time to actually get moving on these.

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Just be careful to focus on the municipality's core responsibilities. While all of these could be deemed desirable, 9% property tax increases should be seen as anomalies and the "nice to haves" should be pared down to keep property tax increases < 5%.

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Let's get it done. Keep finding ways to interact and communicate with the community.

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Lots of talk. Little or no actual ACTION

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Many bundles include individual initiatives that I support but I disagree with others elements to the extent of not supporting the overall package.

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Many of these priorities are well beyond a local government's responsibility. Don't follow Victoria's mistake.

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Not local government issues

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Oak Bay needs to move ahead with action plan on these items. They have been talked about long enough.

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Plans are OK but actions and measurable results are what matter. Incorporate KPI 's in all plans and programs

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Please focus on core responsibilities

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Practical improvements for future generations including efficiency and cost containment are more important to me than virtuous initiatives.

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Question 9 has too many items included in it. Very poorly designed survey!

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Question 9 is poorly worded and misleading. You have combined several disparate themes together and expect an unbiased survey result. For example Side walk patios and deer programs have nothing to do with each other.

For me sidewalk patios should be improved upon and encouraged. They are an incredible addition that is helping expand community engagement. But can I answer all of the many themes in this question with one selection - heck no.

Either remove the results of this question from the overall survey or fix the survey. It's not fair to ask us to score all of these diverse and unrelated themes with one chance. Shame on your comms person for even suggesting these be bundled together/ it won't give you the insight you need to create a fair strategy.

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See last comment. Stop wasting our time.

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Since these initiatives are clumped together, it's hard to really answer.

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some of the projects listed in each category are of less importance than others. hard to answer questions when you have differing priorities bulked into one

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Sounds good on paper - let's see some common sense and movement forward

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Supportive of some of these projects, less supportive of others. The grouping makes it hard to be granular.

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Surprised there is no apparent attention to policing.

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**SURVEY FAULT: PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ABLE TO RETRIEVE THE ANSWERS OR ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK THEY HAVE PROVICED BY USING THE "BACK" PROMPT.**

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the above questions have too many items bundled together to be able to give an accurate answer

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The District of OB is ignorant fools for using an open survey, vulnerable to interference.

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This isn't 1906 anymore!

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The list of activities under each priority is too long and diverse. It is hard to comment on the entire list of activities for one priority as some activities make sense and some frankly do not.

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The list of projects for each question is too broad and this is why the "neutral" answer was chosen. Some items in the list I would support; others, not. In other cases the statements would not result in a meaningful, tangible outcome for citizens - just another report or plan.

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The packages include some things I support, others that I do not, so it has not really been possible to provide single responses.

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The projects are too broadly categorized to provide meaningful response

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The survey is flawed. By grouping several projects together in one area to support or not support, the information gathered will not be helpful. Individual projects should be listed for support or not within each category.

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The voice of all special - interest groups should be heard, but our public spaces should be designed and built for the good of all and not as homage to one group.

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The way some of these items have been grouped together under the categories shown makes it difficult to provide a single level of support . For example, #12: 'changes to home based businesses' has little in common with, ' Develop Program to Improve Diversity and Inclusion'

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There is not much of anything here that seems exciting or novel. For the most part, it has a business-as-usual, nothing happens fast in Oak Bay feeling. The housing initiatives seem especially out of touch with reality and the urgency of housing issues in the region.

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there is so much bureaucratise in this questionnaire it is basically unintelligible

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These are substantially process objectives - favorites of politicians who can say they are "working on it." - whatever "it" is. Usually a waste of everyone's time unless they have accompanying achievable goals. They do serve to delay action and increase costs.

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This questionnaire LUMPS too many items together - for goodness sakes, who put this together mixing DOGS, Deer, Municipal Planning etc. Please go back to SQUARE 1 and don't collect \$200. Seriously, this questionnaire is so flawed you should cancel the contract.

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This survey approach is deceptive and will not provide Oak Bay and its residents with any info of value. To ask for a blanket 'support' or 'don't support' of a 'package' with many individual items in it is ridiculous. OB would be hard-pressed to find residents 100% supportive or not supportive of all items in any one of those packages. Very bad survey design.

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This survey lumps too many different items in the Liveability projects category, and thus makes it a challenge to answer. Some of those options are important and others are not.

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This was very difficult to read and process. Basically TLDR

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Too many diverse projects are pumped together, so it's difficult to be supportive. Example: If we want to support people not using their cars the 13-18 year olds can more easily use bikes than seniors who could give up their drivers licence in exchange for a bus pass.

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Too many items. Don't focus on low hanging fruit, tackle the biggest most important items and get them done. Nationally and domestically, housing (and doctors) is the biggest issue and OB has not done enough.

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Too much talk and not enough action.

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Very difficult to answer these questions. There are too many priorities, lumped under each section. Some I am very supportive of within a section and some I am not. I don't think this is a very effective way of getting feedback.

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What does Diversity & Inclusion have to do with Home Based Business? Seems like a manipulative connection, but we have seen this sort tactic used by Oak Bay before.

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While supportive overall, there are many competing priorities and the danger is overall failure if we don't focus on a few top priorities to target

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While the residents are struggling to keep up with inflation, the Municipality raises taxes 9.2%. Get your heads out of the clouds and deal with reality. These are important issues but very low on our priority list.

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Why waste more tax dollars with more consultation and planning and just adopt what has worked in a similar community, such as West Van?

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You are wasting time studying matters when you should be bold and seize the initiative to propose solutions and not create more make work projects

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Your list of programs is way too long for any meaningful achievement in all of them. More useful (to me anyway) would be to see specific actions intended for the next 12 - 24 months than an all encompassing list of program titles

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question 8 and 9 are too broad. There needs to be more community discussion and information on the specifics that council is pursuing.

**Unknown**

I misunderstood the previous comment section - and so my comments related to this section are included there

Rahhhhh! The foolish peasantry should quake and tremble over the borders into Victoria and Saanich! For I am an Oak Bayanite, an aristocratic ghoul with a fake British accent and a \$2,000,000 house that I paid \$330,000 for in the 90s! Bwahhhh!

same reasons as earlier

See previous comment

See previous comments.

stated earlier

Woohooo

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**Q35 Please use this space to provide comments on any of Council's identified potential projects.**

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**Category Counts (Tally)**

Housing	14
Livability	55
Transportation	27
Climate Change & Environment	13
Diversity & Inclusion	0
Truth & Reconciliation	11
Other	52
Multiple	29
Unknown	4

**Climate Change & Environment**

- Continue with the tree planting plan. When planting saplings, suggest leaving a ring of wood chips around trees for years, as they are getting damaged and not flourishing due to 'weed-whacker' damage to bark.

(Thank you for putting wire fencing around the Rose Garden in Windsor Park, against deer). It is looking great this year!

Any climate work should look at total energy use and carbon production by Oak Bay Residents and Visitors, including vehicle usage. I'd very much like us to make safe routes for kids to walk and bike to school and other community centers so that we can eliminate those car/truck trips.

Climate action - please don't outright ban gas powered leaf blowers - we have wet heavy oak leaves that are hard to manage with batter blowers at this time. Ban gas blowers from February - September. But for Oct - Nov - Dec - Jan - please allow for fall management of our properties. Consider a levee of 100\$ for a 4 month period of use.

Climate Emergency Planning - Yes! Everything else is unimportant or can wait for the moment.

Concentrate on climate change, nature, parks, beaches

Foreground public knowledge about trees, how they grow what they need, our species, longevity, susceptability to climate change, value to property, etc. Maybe create a space on the site devoted to education around trees.

Not sure what you mean by expand Bowker Walkway. I frequently walk all the way to Bee street past OBH along the creek. There is already a route. You can actually do it 2 ways, is a 3rd really needed?

Re: energy consumption and efficiency: there is a by law that affects the installing of heat pumps. They are allowed only on the front and back of condo buildings. due to 'sound' effect. This is no longer appropriate as they now are very quiet. This is particularly troublesome for condo units that are not located on the front or back of buildings. The point being also that there are

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neighbours just as close on the front or back as they are on the side. There will be hundreds plus of condos looking to install heat pumps as our climate is warming up. Please re-examine this bylaw to make it more appropriate.

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Support for Electric Vehicles needs to be included in climate-change-related transportation systems. We need more charging stations for electric delivery vehicles and trucks. A lot of people depend on vehicles for their jobs and most of our goods and services are delivered by trucks.

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The gradual warming of the earth started at the end of the little ice age and continued until 1950, before there was a rise in CO2. There was then 20 years (1975 - 1995) of a more rapid change and since then we're back to slow increases. There is no emergency, no crisis. Get another religion folks - this is getting tiresome.

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The impact of "sea level rise" is minimal (there is little anyone could do about it) or the very rich would be abandoning their huge waterfront estates and selling them for pennies on the dollar.

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Please do not waste tax payers dollars on large, big picture issues like climate action or car share. This is VERY important but it is not something that municipalities should be involved in doing.

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We could have been doing so much to try to prevent climate change over the past 2 decades that I have been a resident of Oak Bay, and sometimes it's hard to have hope for the future. We could be a more vibrant, denser, diverse and active community if we tried harder. We have much to learn from European communities that have found ways to maintain their heritage while making room for new community members and limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

## Housing

Action on the need for expanded housing is totally lacking.

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Fast track secondary suites and home based business allowances to diversify pool if people able to afford living in our community.

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Focus on managing the reasonable growth of housing in Oak Bay and in doing avoid more radical action by the provincial government to interfere in Oak Bay Districts life style .

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Focus on the need for housing. The deer and the geese are multiplying unchecked with detrimental impacts on quality of life and safety within the community. The tagging program for deer does not seem to be reducing the number of deer and the geese ruin our beaches and parks due to sheer numbers.

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I think any changes to the Official Community Plan and zoning by-laws need to happen together. There are a lot of projects and I appreciate the challenges Council has in prioritizing. Thank you for the opportunity to provide some input.

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Let the province handle rezoning for density

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Please focus on request by the province to add housing to single family lots. Do not make this an onerous task with multiple reviews and delays.

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Please put time limits on completion for new builds/renovations; homeowners should not be allowed to inconvenience neighbourhoods for months/years while single-home projects are completed; road congestion creates dangerous situations for drivers/cyclists/pedestrians.

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Please reduce the maximum coverage/square footage of houses in relation to lots. There are too many massive homes being built on lots that are too small, this leaves the lot mostly covered

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with the structure resulting in a loss of yard and often structures that encroach on established neighbours privacy, view, and light.

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please update the community plan to reflect the change in housing allowances on any lot in Oak Bay so that we can build our laneway house!!!

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Think there need to be some say in neighbourhood development . For example I should not be able to turn my single dwelling into anything other than including a suite where I also have to live. I should not be able to knock house down and say put up a triplex or some other multi housing configuration in a primarily single family neighbourhood.. More rental units are needed and more purpose build rental apt along corridors like Oak Bay Ave or areas where 3 or 4 story townhomes houses or apt are presently in place. Conversion of large older homes but please keep heritage character of these buildings. The property near Anderson Hill developed but the original home was preserved.

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Update bylaws and cut red tape to allow for missing middle densification around the villages, add key infrastructure such as bike parking, more playgrounds, improve sidewalks. Let the tea tippers and rich dbags in South Oak Bay and Uplands do their thing, just charge more fees or mandate affordable housing when you approve another mcmansion but deny sensible multifamily units in the village as directed by the OCP. Obviously the OCP is useless if mayor and council don't use it to make land use decisions.

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Update the OCP and update the zoning to match the OCP.

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With respect to the zoning bylaw that is HIGH priority and work should be initiated ASAP. i don't see any work rated to the building bylaw and its needed overhaul to ensure buildings aren't bulldozed in Oak Bay if a demompermit given but that deconstruction is done. This would certainly pay heed to the principle of reduce and reuse and correspond to efforts elsewhere in the region to reduce building materials being dumped into Hartland Landfill.

## Livability

#18 - off leash fenced area needed - fence needs to be 5ft min high

#20 - encounter daily unsafe deer interactions with my dogs (big dogs 65lbs and 85lbs) must walk separately, deer stalking. Look to minimize # of deer - restart sterilization project.

- now have 4 fawns in our area.

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1. Keep dogs on leash and enforce it

2. Make 'no dogs' parks esp small parks - dog walkers take group of dogs and let them free run - taking over the park

3. Eliminate the deer and the rabbits (relocate) don't waste money on 'study's'

4. A outdoor pool for Oak Bay (Oak Bay Marina)

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5. Free ramp for Oak Bay residents at Oak Bay Marina boat

A complete review of dog bylaws is important. All our public spaces have become dog parks. Dogs degrade our public spaces. Do what Saanich just did. Harmonize municipal bylaws with federal regulations below the high-water mark, in historic Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Highlight and show unique bird sanctuary (Victoria Harbour MBS) on municipal maps and on website. 100% of our coastal waters are in this unusual bird sanctuary.

Again, boat moorage outside the marina is a disaster. It degrades our most special asset: our shoreline. Our beds of eelgrass are important.

We need to deal with invasive resident Canada Geese. They degrade our urban ecology, public spaces and wildlife habitat.

Include restoration of estuary in Bowker Creek Initiative.

Our deer conversation should be better. They still degrade our urban ecology. Their impact of natural vegetation should be assessed. What about Lyme's disease in Oak Bay? How many deer are still killed by cars in OB and nearby areas.

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A deer cull is needed.

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Add a few priorities such as racoon and rat control.

Consider charging businesses for the use of Oak Bay Avenue roads for their use as patios.

I note that several items listed above are the responsibility of other forms of government - for instance 34. If the council has concerns send them to the federal government. Do not use this Oak Bay paid for questionnaire to forward or cull favour for items that are not your responsibility as a municipal council.

Do you really have a plan for the management of geese? If so please publish it? If not then don't try to aggrandize by use of this questionnaire.

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Add more garbage cans, with recycling baskets, to residential streets.

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Again, I refer to the Caernarvon park plan, what happened there? Total miss and loss for our community and where is the rec centre? Have you ever tracked usage? It's crazy, expand those services and upgrade the rec centre and Henderson rec along with Caernarvon park.

Plus, you are correct, our sidewalk situation is bad. They're in disrepair, asphalt is terrible with roots and weeds popping up.

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Allow dog owners equal rights with those who vocally are anti dogs . While I agree with dogs not being allowed off leash at Willows Beach during the summer period, I do not agree that they are a threat to bird life and should continue to be permitted to use all beaches in off peak times eg, before 8.30am and after 8pm during the summer months and at anytime from September 30th to April 30th. Dogs that have been documented as threatening should be identified and banned from off leash areas.

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Boat moorage is presently completely unregulated [very-limited federal rules are not enforced] and probably the only way to achieve some control will be for the municipality to acquire water lots and assume responsibility for their management. Possibly some management could be delegated to the marine operator and/or yacht club.

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Complete the original, voted-upon, park plan for Carnarvon. We the people came together and gave our opinion and voted; don't take away our voices and the play space for our children

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Deer

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deer

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Deer mgt , geese mgt, and getting rid of derelict boats all important.

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Deer must be dealt with. It's only a matter of time before a person is severely injured.

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Disaster prevention and infrastructure improvements should be at the top of the list, everything else pales by comparison.

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Do not take away any more dog off leash areas. We've already lost the beaches. Allow dog walking at Turkey Head. It is so lightly used, why are dogs not allowed.

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Dogs on Beaches: dogs need to continue to be leashed and in control (in control=leashed) in the Greater Victoria Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Dogs: in Uplands Park inside area: need to be leashed and in control

Uplands Park and Anderson Hill Parks : require certain areas to be fenced off to allow sensitive native ecosystems to recover. Consider split rail fencing in Anderson Hill and more extensive implementation of split rail fencing and board walk areas in Uplands.

Many of the trails in Uplands Park need to be fenced off from public use.

Geese: need to be culled along with the continuation of the addling program

Deer: need to be culled

Bee at Bowker Project: is an essential part of the revitalization of Bowker Creek

Garden Plots at Bowker Creek/Monteith Blvd: move to another location; having these plots directly on the Creek bank compromises the integrity and leads to the erosion of the banks along the creek. Replace the area with native shrubs, undergrowth and trees

Investigate Rosario Ave (between Oliver and St Patrick) as a new location

Boats anchored in Bay waters: must have 'ocean-friendly anchor system

Annual inspection of boats and licenses (at owners expense ( the Municipality needs to know who owns the boats.

Annual fees for anchoring

Implementation of the 2015 Eel Grass Report from the SeaChange Marine Conservation Society

Parking at the Marina: pay parking for all cars etc.

Parking at the Marina: reserve the top half of the parking lot (the end farthest from the road) for people. No cars allowed

In the interim, take out all the asphalt, plant native trees, shrubs and grasses.

Remove invasive vegetation along the rock wall (closest to all the boats)

Consider pop-up program, such as, Art at Turkey Head

Have public discussions on the future of this area.

First Nations educational presentations and story telling...how it once was, the importance especially the shell fish harvesting in the area. Can the shell fish be brought back?

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Don't design 'systems' to record the damage done by deer. Get rid of the deer!

Establish effective dog control measures. This requires enforcement, especially keeping dogs on leashes and stopping nuisance barking.

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Don't waste time talking about deer, geese and enhancing Uplands Park when there are real urgent issues such as the provision of diverse housing; climate change; emergency preparedness; and, safe active transportation for pedestrians and cyclists.

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**FIX the INFRASTRUCTURE FIRST!**

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Focus on infrastructure not policy and management

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Geese! Becoming a real issue - almost as bad as the deer :)) Thank you for all you do at Council - it is appreciated.

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Given the senior population here, we should have a decent dog park. All beaches are dog-unfriendly. Pets are often what keep older people from extreme loneliness; yet municipal rules continue to put the squeeze on senior mental health.

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Hat's off to the wonderful staff @ Elgin Road. The Yard is a wonderful municipal service, which our household values very highly. Regarding the deer: we need a serious cull. Sorry about the deer, but there seems to be ongoing and increasing issues with the deer -- good to get data, but action is seriously needed.

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I can't imagine a bigger waste of money than " Design and implement a data collection system to monitor the impact of deer on public safety"

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I hope "update dog use policies" includes more enforcement of Willows beach "no dogs in summer" and "on leash" requirement. People should have priority in parks and beaches. Many dog owners are responsible, but there is an increasing number who are not. And an increasing number of dogs overall.

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If you mean by dog-use policies, sorting out how to provide more equitable sharing of public assets like Willows Beach (does anyone believe it truly is a bird sanctuary with an annual "Tea Party" drawing 10,000s of people and a wide range of ongoing human recreational activities)? then it should be addressed ASAP. There is no "public safety" issue with our indigenous deer population. It's a convenient ploy used by those who are unhappy with deer nibbling their plants. There is a "public education" issue though. Drivers need to slow down when they see deer by the roadside and dog owners (which we are) need to cross the road or change their routes in fawn season and stop manufacturing phony conflicts.

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It's impossible to answer these questions properly without at least some context. For example, what updates to dog use policies are contemplated? I would strongly oppose any significant changes to the current policy regarding off leash activities in Uplands Park

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Listen here--if you pencil pushers at City Hall even \*think\* about doing anything to upgrade our infrastructure or improve the lives of ordinary people I will be \*livid\*.

Obviously I will still complain about crumbling sidewalks and mismanaged stormwater systems and the GEESE, but as long as our 9-5 Monday to Friday cops keep shoving homeless people across the border into other municipalities I won't rattle sabres too much. Keep our taxes low and our physical world around us falling apart and unsustainable, that's what I say!

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More Public Washrooms

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People should not have to erect fences to keep themselves safe and protect their property because the Municipality has failed to control pests. Deer have become pests, and need to be humanely removed. This is similar to the rabbit problem the Jubilee Hospital had, because no one addressed it soon enough.

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Please do not restrict dogs further than they already are. We have almost no off leash areas . We also need to change the bylaw from 2 dogs to at least 3 per household

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Please expedite a discussion on changing the home-based business rules. Thank you.

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Please focus on a narrow number of needed infrastructure priorities. Climate and first nations are not something I wish Oak Bay to focus on.

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Please focus on infrastructure and safety.

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Please have Public Works keep the Goldsmith Parking Lot cleaner as they park there daily.

Us nearby citizens are doing this as no one group takes responsibility since all 3 are involved Public Works, Oak Bay High and Rec Centre. High School students and Oak Bay Rec patrons make a mess, dump garbage regularly but no one picks up, even with telephone calls to the Rec Centre.

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Please review community pickleball court needs and reconsider putting in designated PB courts in Windsor Park

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Please stop allowing non-residents to use the Egin Street facility. Three in every four cars on any given Saturday do not have an Oak Bay sticker on their windshield. This is an immediate priority as we pay for this, and the money could better be spent elsewhere.

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Please upgrade our parks, improve our roads, and expand bike lanes throughout Oak Bay.

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Re. dogs (again) I really hope that Oak Bay Council whatever you decide to do will engage dog owner Aly in the consultation procee and avoid the errors that Saanich did.. Thanks!

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redo willows beach playground ASAP

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Regarding #17, infrastructure yes, buildings no

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Regarding dog use policies, please don't allow a small group of dog owners to dictate rules, ie, dogs should not be allowed on beaches

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Regarding the dog policies... I do not know what the current plans are. As a veterinarian living in a very dog-friendly place, the no-dog rules on Willows Beach from May 1 - Oct. 1 seem excessively punitive for dogs and their people. I have heard rumours of plans for further restrictions.

Screaming children with inattentive parents cause much more distress to local birds than the occasional dogs running down the beach. We have just emerged from a pandemic that clearly highlighted the importance of the human-animal bond. Being able to walk to our local beach with our dogs and allowing them to exhibit natural behaviours is healthy for dogs and their people. If higher fines and enforcement for missed dog debris pick-up is the solution, I'm willing to bet a team of dog people would rather volunteer for that duty than lose the privilege of their dogs being allowed on the beach. As for rubbish on the beach, I bring an extra plastic bag to pick up people's trash on my daily dog walks along Willows and find there's much more human trash during the no-dog season than there is during the dog-season. It's the people, not the dogs, leaving a mess on the beach and surroundings. Please don't punish dogs. Other neighbourhoods with restricted dog areas are forcing their residents to drive their dogs to off-leash areas. How environmentally unfriendly is that?

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See previous comments about lack of spaces and services for school age children.

Shoot the deer and the geese. Both are invasive in the urban environment and both are pests. You better be prepared for emergencies of all sorts, including climate - now. Things like plans should be in place everywhere and all should be lightly reviewed each year. These are things that need to be done, but into use or thrown away.

The council messed up the OB Marina planning. Instead of going ahead with the selected proposal, the council dithered, got a lawsuit and lost the restaurant. What a great service to the community!

The gees and deer are not the problem, the people are!

The lack of off-leash opportunities for dogs in Oak Bay is very sad and causes a lot of conflict, especially since the beaches have been closed to dogs. Consider allowing Windsor Park to be off-leash all hours, with the exception that scheduled games/sporting events on the fields take precedence over dogs.

There are federal migratory bird regulations that are currently being ignored by the District that should be enforced. Council needs to get on the the page regarding active transportation.

There has been an inordinate focus on deer in Oak Bay over the years. As i understand it, that is not a municipal issue. If that's true then please stop wasting time and money on things that are not in the authority of the municipality - we have serious issues with housing, climate change and reconciliation that require significant effort to address. Deer are not one of them in my opinion.

With respect to the deer, surely there has been enough research to realize that there are too many of them and they are a problem. I think it's time to focus on coming up with a solution to the problem rather than spending more money on researching a problem we all already know is there.

Work with other municipalities to determine ways to share public works equipment and amalgamate safety services such as fire and police

Would like to know more about what's going on with the solid waste management system at elgin

You deer management studies are a joke. Your lack of action is creating yards with the same plants and ugly fencing. Deer are a safety hazard and attract cougars. Eliminate them.

Where is the Carnarvon Park redevelopment project? It is long overdue. Additionally, have you tried to play basketball outside in Oak Bay? There are no flat, well maintained courts! Best high school basketball program on the island, worst municipality for providing basketball courts. Oh , but we will resurface tennis and pickleball courts, WTF!

## Transportation

1. We need many more bike parking racks.
2. The extra walking space lane in the road and the 'bump out' at xings are potentially dangerous for bikes and squeeze riders v. close to cars.

Bike lanes please

Bike parking is useless until it can be secure

Bringing in some reasonable level of safe separated bike lanes should be on the list

Create a safer traffic/pedestrian situation at Oak Bay Ave/St. David Street

Extend the walkway for Bowker Creek through Firefighters' Park. address the trodden pathway on the southside of the ballpark onto Monteith Street. Put in new crosswalk from Firehall to Bowker Creek Park with pedestrian or fire station activated crossing warning lights.

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For the survey of on street parking, I hope that it will explore an annual fee to park overnight in residential areas. The fee would deter on street parking, improving safety. It would also advance many of Council's Priorities, and would provide additional funds for transit improvements.

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I support cycling but do not see a demand for more bike parking anywhere in Oak Bay, possibly except at UVic.

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I would like to see Oak Bay tackle the issue of speeding on Foul Bay Road. There have been a number of high profile speeding incidents and cars do not respect the current limits. The crosswalks are unsafe and the intersection at Foul Bay does not have infrastructure for bikes to cross safely without dismounting.

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Let's remember the Walkability Score of Oak Bay. Many of the sidewalks need safety improvements

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Many of the projects should involve groups and organisations in addition to the municipality rather than be a solo effort.

Parking: why are so many homeowners parking on the street when they are required to have off-street parking on their property?

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Many worthy priorities; I applaud mayor and council for managing what they can.

As I wrote in my commentary earlier in the survey, any and all things we can do to get people out of their cars should rise to the top of the agenda. It's good for our health and safety, it's good for the environment, and it's so good for the livability of the community (sidewalks, Bowker connection, cycling, car share). We need bike lanes, we need Evo, we need paths, we need flat sidewalks. We need to make it harder for cars to do over 40 kph in our neighbourhoods (eg: Hampshire, Monterey, Windsor, Beach).

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Oak Bay needs to catch up with other municipalities on active transportation (walking, bikes, other), allow more car share parking/access, and look to the future of how we will be getting around. Too bad the buses in Oak Bay are so infrequent (can you raise that issue with BC Transit?!)

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Our sidewalk on Wotton and Carrick avenue is a temporary asphalt sidewalk built and installed in 1956. Can we look at improving or at least pouring concrete. Please

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Please do everything you can to better transit and cycling.

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Please get on to the street parking issues, and start requiring residents to pay a significant amount to park overnight on City streets.

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Please integrate Oak Bay with the Active Transportation network throughout the rest of the district. Put a bike lane on beach!

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Please leave roads as uncluttered as possible - ie. no 'traffic calmers' which just make already crowded roads more crowded. I am a bike rider/car driver and do not need posts and traffic 'bulges' to guide bikes and pedestrians.

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Street parking is hugely misused. Those who have driveways should have to use them, not matter how many vehicles they have to juggle (which is a personal choice). Boat dereliction and moorage needs control badly. Bike parking - hey, why not include businesses on this one, not just a municipal responsibility....

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The bent twisted unsightly white bollards no long have any use and should have been removed months ago

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The municipality should focus on sidewalk maintenance in high foottraffic areas. It is terrible along the Victoria Golf Course, with multiple invasives (gorse, etc) poking out, with difficulty to walk two abreast. Hold Vic Golf Course accountable or the District should do this. Also along McNeil bay - this is a prime area and the maintenance is terrible (please also remove the graffiti)

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This survey needed to ask more specific questions on what residents of OB want for bicycle lanes (if any).

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Traffic circle at Estevan and Musgrave

Speed calming and electric speed signs at schools zones

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What bicycle storage?

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One other thing - Beach Drive is very unsafe at busy times - just a wild mix of vehicles, bikes, pedestrians, dogs, parents collecting GNS kids and parked cars. There should not be parking on both sides and bike lanes are urgently needed given the volume of bikes that use the route.

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I'm not sure if this is the place to enter this suggestion, but item 24 is to extend Bowker Creek walkway to Bee street. I would suggest that the walkway should also extend across Monterey Avenue by putting in a crosswalk with a centre island and flashing light (similar to what exists on Hampshire at Bowker Creek). Pedestrian traffic is heavy at that location on Monterey, and there is no cross walk for kids going to/from Firefighter park via Bowker Creek, other than at Oak Bay Ave or Cranmore. A cross walk would seem appropriate for traffic calming measures, given the regular jaywalking that has to happen there and the recent tragedy on Monterey.

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Why would we want to restore sidewalks to what they were 5 years ago? Work to ensure Pedestrian space is safe, accessible and comfortable for all.

Protecting and restoring our small amount of natural assets needs to be a high priority.

Restoration of natural areas is a step toward climate rehabilitation and protection of our other community assets.

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## Truth & Reconciliation

"to increase economic prosperity for First Nations" is not easy at the Municipal level, but we as a community should show leadership and demonstrate effective support for FN businesses within local Oak Bay. We should be proactive in seeking FN input into commercial developments in Oak Bay.

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#34: The maori of Aotearoa New Zealand have a model living village in Rotorua, NZ. The Uplands Park, Cattle Point area and green spaces could be used to recreate a similar village here where we can increase FN prosperity, build relationships and add an interesting draw card destination for visitors to the municipality.

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Aboriginal issues are a federal responsibility. Leave it for that responsible level of government. You are just virtue-signalling.

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How many first Nations people live in Oak Bay? Provide support for those who do?

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No- first nations should look after their own. Stop funding! Too woke!

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Oak Bay has the resources and administrative competence to "increase economic prosperity for First Nations"? Maybe the city should stick to what is within its jurisdiction and not enter areas in which it has no competence (although the goal is laudable).

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There is nothing the Municipality can do to increase economic prosperity for First Nations, short of hiring members who live off-reserve. This is the mandate of the federal Dept of Indigenous Affairs which has tens of millions of dollars allocated specifically to economic development. We can encourage our community members to be sensitive to/ respectful and inclusive of First Nations but little else.

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Using the word "improve" is a cozy euphemism that gives no real indication as to the specific direction of the change implied.

On the Prosperity for First Nations - must proceed at the speed of trust.

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Stick to local government issues F/N/ Indians not a current issue. Fix the Indian Act First

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When one group such as First Nations or others have special privileges it causes further division between such groups.

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Why should council spend time on economic prosperity for First Nations? This is a federal issue - stay in your lane

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### Multiple

#15 - Respect unique aspects of Oak Bay - \$ in taxes paid for household space, nature (parks)

#16 - Keep setbacks. Do not overcrowd with infill housing. Must keep off street resident parking to a minimum.

#20 - Personal daily unsafe interactions with deer, must minimize their population growth!!

#22 - At least start with painting, crossings, stop lines, centre lines, parking curbs

#35 - All people immigrants, newcomers, small business, youth and indigenous

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1. First Nations are not the responsibility of municipalities. They are under the Federal Government.

2. If you intend to increase the population then review - jobs for new residents // - health care facilities expand for New residents

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- 17. included in other priorities
- 18. not a concern
- 20. Provincial
- 23. not a concern
- 24. OK as is
- 25. Regional
- 26. Provincial
- 27. not a concern
- 28. Federal/Provincial
- 30. most work required beyond OB boundary
- 31. user pay
- 32. Provincial
- 34. Federal and Provincial

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Let's start with what is crucial right now: Erosion on MacNeil Bay and the Marina Lease. The council cannot possibly get to all the the things on this list and asking thousands of people what they think is great, but it doesn't change what is urgent. Erosion is so bad on MacNeil Bay the volunteers who restored Kitty Island said they can't touch the area west of these wall as it is eroding too fast. And the Marina Lease needs to be reconsidered with the help of experts who understand what financial return the municipality should be getting from the most valuable waterfront in Oak Bay.

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Create a policy, budget and procedure for removal of spray paint and other vandalism on district infrastructure.

Create a permitting system for secondary suites that will create revenue for the District.

Create a budget revenue item that identifies income from Bylaw Enforcement.

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-expand Bowker Trail system

-build a off leash dog run at Canarvon Park

-leave Oak Bay Marina as is and save the money

-deal with decrepit and sunk boats in our bays (outlaw wrecks and create policy that demands owner action

-use bylaw folks to enforce respect for existing leash rules in parks and on beaches

-leave the indigenous portfolio for other levels of government where responsibility currently exists; we need a fix at a national level, and those fixes, whilst overdue can trickles down to local levels accordingly; that said it's common sense to be inclusive of all Canadians (don't we already know that?!)...get over woke populism

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Look after infrastructure and prepare for emergencies, climate or otherwise. Core responsibilities of municipal government only.

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More information about each of these would help, but that would make for a much longer survey. Lots of these are really outside of the municipality's swim lane, and others do not justify a tax increase.

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18 - I would not waste money on dog use policies other than a ban on pit bulls.

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Our current community plan is excellent: why review? If anything, we need to adhere closer to it. Council needs to focus on Oak Bay residents, not the broader community: expand the Bowker Creek Walkway, protect Oak Bay's interests in community spaces from First Nations exclusive agreements (acknowledgement and working with them is good, but no fiascos like the Ladysmith Marina, where legitimate, longstanding, community interests and groups are being destroyed in favour of First Nations), implement just, evidence-based dog policies that are not based on dog owner input (starting with banning dogs in all sensitive areas such as Uplands Park) and ensure enforcement those policies, and implement infrastructure improvements such as bike lanes/walking trails and deer and goose control. (We don't need to study deer, we know there are too many here --- just cull them.)

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re 34- ive no idea what that means but if it improves climate action and housing then I am for it

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Some interesting questions.

Overall I do not support programs that are not mainly for the municipality i.e. the geese are a nuisance but they are a CRD nuisance; increasing First Nations prosperity is for all municipalities not just Oak Bay - an Oak Bay councillor on a regional board to assist with this yes but not just a local initiative.

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the projects such as first nations is part of why we pay federal taxes not municipal.

Elgin Street is a highlight of living in Oak Bay .. please try not to mess with it ...

transit and active transportation are two separate things , yes to transit, no to bike lanes, yes to better sidewalks. We seem to have forgotten that walking is active transportation .  
Climate emergencies are provincial and federal

Car share is great idea but either a personal , co poor business

Stick to what the municipality can do

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Do not get involved in any areas beyond the scope of Oak Bay fundamentals.

In regard to the community Plan and zoning it would be better to wait and see what the Province has in store for Oak Bay perhaps apartment blocks on every block, no more single family residences on a single lot.

Do not waste time money and resources on a Community Climate action plan the Climate will change as it always has and always will absolutely nothing we do will have any effect on it.

A discussion should be had with the CRD with regard to setting up a Regional Emergency Plan natural disasters such as an earthquake or tidal wave do not respect borders.

as far as the First Nations are concerned the Federal Government and the Province are catering to the First Nations and handing over vast sums of money to help them on their way. We as

Taxpayers are all part and parcel of this. Enough is Enough.

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- Municipal works yard should have an additional lower height area for dropping garden waste. (perhaps both ends)
- Oak Bay would benefit from having a distinctive bike rack like some other communities (perhaps part of Arts Alive program this year)
- Important to expand public walkway along Bowker Creek and continue to improve accessibility access
- Tennis courts at Carnarvon Park should have some free hours
- Squirrel and rodent control
- Install neighbourhood outdoor pingpong tables such as Bravado Outdoor products concrete tables [www.concretetabletennis.com](http://www.concretetabletennis.com). These tables seem very resistant to vandalism (seen in New West at 8th and 6th)
- There should be a regional outdoor pool with lots of lane swimming and a large beach style accessible pool such as Montreal's Parc JEan-Drapeau.

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#18 - What dog-use policies are you referring too? (use of parks, beaches, dog leashed at times/places, off leash dog park)... need to explain.

#20 - daily unsafe interaction/avoidance of deer either out walking individually or with my dog. Get the # of deer reduced dramatically and long term.

#25 - does that mean no cars? very unrealistic.

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Deer are an increasing safety problem and need to be dealt with for the LONG term. Regional discussion to return Richardson street to cars along with bike path should be started asap with City of Victoria. I am a decades long bike rider and don't need Richardson ..which I biked on for 20 years to work in town..to be for bikes only. Similarly I don't need special bike parking! Just tie it around a tree or pole.

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Dog management - hooray! It feels like the only safe haven for birds and people is Chikawich/Kitty Islet where dogs are not allowed.

Other cities in Canada have enforced 'dogs are leashed' laws. We can do it, too.

Tree planting program - does it fall under climate? Let's access the federal funds available.

DO work with BC Transit to secure regular, frequent service to increase ridership.

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I am quite concerned about the recent increase in the number of geese. They are displacing other birds, and create a significant mess on sidewalks and lawns (near the Oak Bay marina, for example.)

Action to improve boat moorage is desirable. It would be great to reduce the number of abandoned and polluting boats in the District's bays (especially Oak Bay.)

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The federal government deals with First Nations. I do not think it is the District government's role to "Explore ways to increase economic prosperity for First Nations." (question 34). The District already has many responsibilities, and limited resources.

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Oak Bay should prioritize core services such as sewer and water. Property tax increases in the last few years have been too high. Recommend reviewing current services to find efficiencies and reduce / eliminate services in favour of funding storm/seer improvements.

Why is Oak Bay in the business of running a golf course? This land could be sold and developed for housing.

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Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and has since done virtually nothing to act on that; this inaction is appalling. Get moving! Similarly, Council continues to talk and "plan" on housing and active transportation while actually achieving zero progress. Oak Bay does not have a deer management program, it has a costly, never-ending and exasperating experiment achieving nothing other than observing the deer maintain peak population. It's a costly way to keep the UWSS quiet.

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Updating dog policies: the MBS has been given far too much sweeping weight in decisions around the areas (beaches) where people have walked their dogs for generations. There are areas where it makes sense to protect birds such Willows Beach south of Bowker Ave where dogs are not allowed, I support that. I would also like to see Uplands Park be on leash only for environmental and cultural reasons, and Cattle Point is a prime bird area. But the move to making dogs on leash only on Willows Beach from Bowker Creek to Cattle Point for the entire year in the name of birds panders to people who are not willing to share the beach for their own reasons which have nothing to do with birds. It would be easy to compromise, ie off leash dawn to 9am in the summer and during winter. That would eliminate the need for a temporary dog park ( which serves a different purpose) and reduce the number of geese on shore. Most birders agree that the main beach of Willows has no value for bird protection, it is too populated by humans and urban development. As one of many community members with a dog, I feel as though we have been marginalized and are being punished for the bad behaviour of a very few dog walkers and their pet.

Collecting data on deer and public safety: this seems hugely subjective and unnecessary. Deer issues have been well addressed by the group doing the research on deer. Public education on how to reduce conflict is effective; simple steps make a big difference. This question as with other animal questions seems to pander to a minority who are unwilling to share space with animals. Deer pose a lesser threat than for instance dangerous driving. I feel far less safe crossing a street in Oak Bay even in a crosswalk than I do around deer. Yet there isn't a question on collecting data on the far bigger issue of the impact of dangerous driving (speeding in particular) on public safety.

Bowker Creek: the naturalization project has been wonderful and I hope that Bowker Creek in its entirety will continue to be restored to a vibrant and natural state.

Regional co-operation on transit and transportation: some of the connectors/intersections such as Fort/Cadboro Bay/ Foul Bay are now dangerous due to re-aligning, more consultation between Victoria and Oak Bay seem to be necessary.

Truth and Reconciliation economic prosperity and Climate Change: I support meaningful progress in both of these areas. While I hear language that suggests there is Council support, it often appears to be just that, words as opposed to inclusive and meaningful action.

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We can do way better than the Kiwanis Tea House. This is prime real estate and should be a brand new restaurant. Live music, SUP rentals, tacos and draft beer. Something much better than boiled hot dogs.

The city should buy up some properties around willows beach to allow for more parking and exciting new commercial opportunities (we need the tax revenue).

Estevan village needs a pub/wine bar similar to Penny Farthing and Vis a Vis, not a personal gym for a rich guy. That strip has the potential to be amazing!

I would like to see tax dollars go toward improving parks and recreational facilities. Looks to Saanich for ideas. They are doing it right!

We need property tax revenue to accomplish these things. We should allow for multi family residential/commercial projects in and adjacent to the village strips. We need to go up and also allow for these villages to expand.

Don't dedicate any more time, energy or resources on reconciliation, bike lanes, bike parking, climate change initiatives.

It would also be nice to cull the deer in a humane way to control the population. We have enough birth control going into our drinking water. Money could be better spent on more pressing issues.

Sincerely, thank you for offering the forum to share our feedback. I hope all comments are reviewed and discussed.

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I believe Council should "stick to the basics" and use our precious tax receipts to address our core infrastructure. Many of our roads in particular are in a terrible state of repair. Certainly more enlightened planning to accommodate "greener" transportation (bike lanes, eVehicle chargers) are worthy pursuits but higher level aspirations such as fighting global warming or increasing economic prosperity of any subgroup of residents, should generally be left for senior levels of government OR at the very least only tackled after the basic infrastructure is world class. Put another way some of the pot holes on OakBay streets, even mine included, remind me of third world locals.

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Questions about benches, but nothing about speed limits? That's crazy. We need to reduce speed limits and introduce widespread traffic calming.

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These topics lack background to make an informed answer. Get on with more urgent climate related initiatives.

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Update dog use policies that recognize dogs & owners need off leash time in their neighborhood

A lot of this stuff is outside council's knowledge, and expertise. We do not need more staff to do this busy work. Get rid of the deer and geese, work on Bowker Creek and let the native groups decide what they want to do - don't tell them.

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Quite hard to give a good response given the boxed in choices for these questions. Car share should have been done yesterday...some of these issues (eg bowker creek expansion... may be better done when other related projects are done or when grant money may be available. Issues around reconciliation should take place in all we do, but may be challenging if we (and other municipalities) are constantly asking for their feedback/advice/go ahead. I feel a more significant indigenous presence should be at willows beach (artwork, monument, building?) to recognize the site's importance.

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Stay out of the climate, native, and transportation nonsense. No one uses the bus in Oak Bay! There are too many deer here. Cull the herd.. Keep this place safe and clean.

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These options seem inter-related with some requiring attention to others, e.g. Climate Action Plan and naturalization of Bowker Creek and encouraging car shares and active transportation. On one possible project, a thorough street parking survey should collect street parking information at several points in time over several seasons, include information regarding use of back lanes/alleys for parking and storage of vehicles, review the viability of the 24 hour street parking limit, access data on the number of vehicles permanently at individual residence, ask residents about regular use of street parking for home/yard maintenance or for personal home care staff, and inquire about the need for parking for home businesses.

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#### Other

A core services review should be done as a priority and before non urgent spending or resource allocation.

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Again cost containment and efficiency should be major priorities. This should include municipal amalgamation and outsourcing.

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All projects seem important to me - It is completely arbitrary as to which should be attended to as soon as possible and which should be attended to later

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All these plans remind me of people saying "they should teach that in school". Teachers and council members need to be both specialists and generalists. It is not possible for a municipal council (teachers) to tackle all current and future issues. Perform council and municipal service provision very well and you have the basis for a clean and caring community.

I have never understood why we allow dog owners to let their dogs defecate on other people's property! As a garden, I get to kneel on the ground where multiple dog pee and poop drops every single day! This is unacceptable and DG's need a designated poop area which is not on private property. Yes dogs poop when they poop, but many dog owners drive to another neighbourhood to have their dogs poop on other people's property. This is unacceptable. Change in this area needs to happen.

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By "schedule for later," I don't mean "forget about it." Everything here is important, but everything can't be accomplished at once.

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Can some of these be rolled into the existing work? Eg. #34 can be supported through the marina work, bike parking should be part of the active transportation plan, updating zoning bylaw should be completed along with the housing strategy.

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Community Charter sets out that the purposes of the municipality::

- (a) providing for good government of its community,
- (b) providing for services, laws and other matters for community benefit,
- (c) providing for stewardship of the public assets of its community, and
- (d) fostering the economic, social and environmental well-being of its community.

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Consider a future desired community demographic. Invest in them. Educate us about the land consumed by parking and how to move past a community of parking complaints

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Cut Taxes

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Deliverables are not clearly identified for response

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Difficult to comment intelligently on these without some idea of the motivation behind each!

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Difficult to comment on #15 & #16. Are these actions in support of diversity in housing, and therefore needed, or can they be completed later on?.

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Do not follow the lead of the City of Victoria that is trying to do provincial work. We are a small district and need to focus on municipal responsibilities and do those things well.

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Focus on core responsibilities

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Focus on good governance within municipal operations.

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How about identifying tangible tax relief opportunities for the community, which can be voted on .

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I don't like the way the issues are framed by this list of possibilities. Separating these issues and pitting them against each other denies their interconnectedness and the context they are embedded in. There seems to be an implicit denial that we are living at a pivotal moment in our planetary development that calls for holistic approach to these seemingly individual "problems."

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I love these types of surveys. The responder has almost no information and the receiver can interpret the results any way they want.

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I regret that I do not understand the practical implications of each project so my answers are relatively.....uninformed. But there was not an option to say I don't have enough information to express an opinion.

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I think Oak Bay needs to focus on providing good basic services to the community and on being very selective and fiscally responsible in taking on new "projects", particularly given the population and physical size of the Municipality. I do not support the expectation by some that the Municipality should be relied upon to do all things for all people.

The Province has taken the position that it will take the upper hand in forcing certain communities to provide "affordable" housing. Let them show the way by developing and paying for zoning changes, necessary regulation changes and the resulting additional inspection services.

The Provincial Government should also develop and pay for a regional plan for deer and Canada geese management. These are not municipal responsibilities. Oak Bay going to the Province seeking its approval of a proposed deer management program is both demeaning and a waste of time and resources.

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Ideally if council could concentrate on one or two high priorities and accomplish them it would be best.

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It's all very well to complete these programmes but have to be done on timely manner.

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Jesus Christ do municipal core business only, not this BS

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Just do it! And do not increase taxes or too many of us will have to leave

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Lots to do! Focus on those that really require municipal action.

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Many of these are not real projects, they're just "studying" or "exploring" or other not-really-doing-something things. I would like to see some real action!

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Many of these priorities are related and approaches that result in the most benefit to the highest number of priorities should be pursued.

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many questions are so couched in generalities that an ordinary citizens couldn't possibly make a constructive response

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Most of these issues have been studied for years and Council does not need to reinvent the wheel over and over again,

Make some decisions. Reaffirm policies and stop navel gazing.

For the love of God- read the financial statements!! We could be in real trouble here

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Most of these Potential Council Priorities should be given more weight and are more important than Council's actual list of priorities. Several of these are bread-and-butter issues that will have small, but meaningful, impacts on the lives of residents.

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Not qualified to prioritize. That's what we have a Council for.

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Planning for and completing those that have the most impact on the quality of daily lives are priorities for me.

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Please consider the unique qualities of the municipality, and aim to preserve these, as much as possible, in all that you do.

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Please stay focused on managing the municipality. These survey questions suggest that there is a wish to move into social engineering projects. The city of Victoria has already gone down that path. Please resist the temptation to do the same in Lak Bay.

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Please stop raising our taxes. I don't know how people afford the huge annual increases.

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Questions, Questions, Questions. When What we need are Answers!

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response to youth death and overdose from toxic drug supply

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Some of these priorities look so silly next to the climate crisis. Deer, dogs, and geese? These don't look like serious things worth critical staff time right now.

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Some of these priorities need an option of 'work with others' so that OB can work cooperatively with other groups...ie. not leave to others. Geese for instance, need to be dealt with but it's going to take a coordinated, cooperative effort with other groups and municipalities to cut down on the numbers.

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**SURVEY FAULT: PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ABLE TO RETRIEVE THE ANSWERS OR ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK THEY HAVE PROVIDED BY USING THE "BACK" PROMPT.**

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The District of OB is ignorant fools for using an open survey, vulnerable to interference.

This isn't 1906 anymore!

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The federal government is already throwing too much money towards these goals

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There is a big difference between "Complete as soon as possible" and "Schedule for later". For me, some of these projects are in between! It would be great to see a "Top 3" and maybe "Top 5/10" list of priorities to get an understanding of what is/is not being actioned in what order.

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There is too much difference in urgency between "Complete as soon as possible" and "Schedule for later". Many of these issues should get attention in the next 1-2 years, but that's not "do now" or "defer indefinitely".

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There needs to be a bullet for N/A for items where we don't understand what is being done. IE - i have no idea what the OCP is, or what bylaws are being updated, etc. its also hard to comment on priorities without having any sense of the level of cost or effort on different activities. otherwise we the public want everything done ASAP - but not if we are forced to choose and prioritize by cost and effort and likely outcome.

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This list of questions is really FRIVILIOUS - they are "make work projects" and unworthy of consideration because they will not improve life and the municipality in any serious way. They will expend funds without results. Many studies/actions will be ignored by most people - dogs, First Nations, geese, bike parking are not core issues this municipality should be concerned with. With the limited tax dollars focus on running the municipality efficiently.

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Very thorough.

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What priorities are these projects under (housing, livability, etc.)? The priority of these potential projects should be subject to overall priorities.

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While the residents are struggling to keep up with inflation, the Municipality raises taxes 9.2%. Get your heads out of the clouds and deal with reality. These are important issues but very low on our priority list.

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You are wasting time and creating more make work projects. You can't seem to manage any growth. Review what you do and ask yourself how you can streamline the approval process and remove obstacles for development or redevelopment.

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You have fully proven to us all that you are not competent as leaders and decision-makers for our community. Let the province take over. You are not qualified for the job.

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You have not provided enough detail here, and no links to relevant discussions. How can I make an informed decision? However, some of the topics are clearly provincial or federal, so our limited budget can't possibly handle everything.

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**Unknown**

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#17 is the biggest safety issue facing our. Community.

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As previously stated.

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I'm sure you have got my drift by now. If not, you shouldn't be involved in this process.

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See previous comments

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No comment

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**Q45 Do you have any general comments on District services that you would like to share with Council?**

**Category Counts (Tally)**

Housing	30
Livability	88
Transportation	44
Climate Change & Environment	5
Diversity & Inclusion	3
Truth & Reconciliation	1
Other*	113
Multiple	27
Unknown	9

*\* Most common themes under “Other” – Service Quality (34 comments); Municipal Role / Authority (15 comments); Finance/Taxation (14 comments)*

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**Climate Change & Environment**

Abort the plan to phase out gas powered lawn and garden equipment.

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City needs to explore low carbon emission initiatives on all fronts. Inclusive of city vehicles, bylaw enforcement, venue food choices, tree planting etc.

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Continue to Protect the trees

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We are a small community and I appreciate that budget and staff limitations limit what you can do but I believe the climate crisis should be front and centre in what Council does. Each activity should be scrutinized with that in mind. For example, when developers want to build here or people want to renovate how stringent are the rules around managing the waste the projects generate? That should be a provincial obligation too but there are many environmental requirements Council could enforce and I repeat the example of the gas fuelled patio heaters.

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Thank you for your time and efforts.

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Nature trees on municipal property in South Oak Bay need increased trimming and thinning and removal if need be. Some are already causing damage to roads and driveways. With increasing wind strengths in cement and future storms, the risk to the public is increased by negligence.

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**Diversity & Inclusion**

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Let's be a welcoming inclusive community that cares about all people please.

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*Comment removed as it is at odds with District's Moderation Policy as the comment endorses, promotes, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, colour, age, religion,*

*gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation*

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Oak needs a good kick up the ass. The privilege is appalling. Peake need housing and this place has so much opportunity to become a cool place to live with a great variety to do. Right Now it's a sleepy nook that serves the majority of elderly people who are quite frankly afraid of change. We need diversity here. Can't just be surrounded by financially prosperous. We need the middle class to Start having opportunities here. We need more lids and restaurants that are price competitive.

Start by opportunity to access these meeting when it's convenient for everyone here not just the ones who have Time and nothing to do. Go out and connect with random families, not just respond to the ones who come knocking.

## Housing

1. For all housing planning please ensure adequate off street parking is included in approved plans. Do not approve new developments that do not have off street parking. Multi units should have at least one spot per unit, ideally 2 available.
2. Maintain high standards for architectural guidelines for new home developments in Oak Bay. There have been some new homes going up that have been designed poorly not considering surrounding Oak Bay architecture and aesthetics.
3. Approve multi unit developments on commercial corridors like Oak Bay Ave, not in heart of streets filled with homes
4. Open up Oak Bay to carriage home/above garage units assuming adequate off street parking.

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Again, more courteous assistance in the planning and inspection process, which has been a nightmare.

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Any increase in population density Has to be in keeping with current culture.

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any new buildings or renovations in our neighbourhood should be notified to the people in that area.

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Develop Oak Bay for the next generation.

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District services and infrastructure repair/improvement should be funded in part by development fees for all new buildings. As noted before, short-term rentals should be banned or severely restricted and homeowners who operate such a business (very disruptive to neighbours) should pay higher property taxes (another source of funding for services/infrastructure). Growth and increased density are not the answers to climate change.

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Fix permit process for simple jobs

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I do not support increased density in oak bay. Low density is one of the reasons I moved here

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I just read that Minister Kahlon has put the District of Oak Bay on a "watch list" for housing targets. The list and the metrics are absurd in the context of Oak Bay. The mayor and council have the responsibility to first and foremost represent the interests of the community and not those of the provincial government. The District of Oak Bay is bound by the ocean and the city of Victoria and Saanich. I object to any changes that undermine my property rights, lower the value of my property, or increase property taxes to try and meet a goal that is unattainable for a municipality that is constrained geographically. the province should know better than to try to impose a one size fits all approach to address the current housing challenges.

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I think it's important to keep in mind that we have a highly-affluent, established community in Oak Bay. Change is not desired by this demographic (typically 65-70+). The future of Oak Bay is about younger families who wish to live in a walkable, weekend-open, modern community. We are OK with infill housing on main roads and in already built up centres. Please keep this next generation in mind: i.e. business selection for empty spaces (Marina restaurant, etc). Businesses should be encouraged to be open on weekends.

And the most important comment I have is on the building by-laws: the houses allowed to be built on the three sub-division lots on Windsor is beyond belief - I am grateful I do not live across from those buildings. They mirror mobile homes and the materials used should not have been permitted. Every neighbour I speak to about this is astounded that this has been allowed, particularly when we hear many stories about the constraints that so many renovations have had to endure. We need to fix this. Thank you.

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I think rezoning should be top priority. We need to respond to provincial mandate of increasing density actively before it's dictated by the province.

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I very much like the community vision from the current OCP. That is why I live here.

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Invest in public housing!!!!

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It's great how nobody except multi millionaires can afford to live here, that seems extremely normal and sustainable. Hopefully we see median house prices up above \$3,000,000 over the next couple years. Oh! But I don't want to pay any property taxes, also! I don't know if I made that clear enough. I want a high quality of life, surrounded by other wealthy clawed-hand nosferatus like myself, but in no way so I want middle class or poorer people to be anywhere near me, and I don't want to pay for anything, and I don't want any negative consequences from any of those prior things. That all sounds doable, right? Bleh, I'm off to drink the blood of the innocent [the tenants frantically trying to survive in the 3 condos I own in Vic West].

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Keep up the Good Work and while being cooperative with the provincial government do so in a measured and responsible manner.

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Oak Bay continues to be a wonderful place to live overall, however, now that my sons are in their mid 20's, the challenge is clear - they are not welcome here. I have put money and effort into ensuring that I can house them but the municipality is woefully behind on housing and has been held hostage for decades by people that only care about themselves and their own balance sheet. A community is more than that and I am sure you all know that. Now that the Province has stepped in, I suggest you use this as an opportunity to try to innovate (at least you can say you were forced to by the Province...) We have a unique character and

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its best to participate in the solutions rather than have them imposed on you. Doing nothing in the name of analysis, consultation and consent is no longer an option. I believe that you all know what to do if you were forced to, so may as well just do it.

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Oak Bay is a beautiful place where many houses are lived in by very few people. If we find ways to increase density, increase our tax base, we would have more financial resources to adapt our community to a more walkable, sustainable and livable community. Secondary suites, mixed retail and residential along oak bay avenue, better linkages with transit and bike lanes all could follow from that increase in density.

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Oak Bay studied suites for so long the province had to force action, could laneway houses be ratified perhaps this year in keeping with other municipalities?

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On the whole things tend to run pretty well. Would like to see more preservation of the lovely vintage homes with their established old world gardens. Seem to lose several every year. I'll never understand what caused you to approve the building of that ostentatious monstrosity of an eyesore on Prospect Place/York. It's a disgrace. Such savage destruction of the over 100 year old walls too. Patch job is laughable. Shame on you for allowing this to be built.

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Please reconsider multiplexes everywhere in our unique and one of a kind community.

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Please see earlier comments related to housing and development in Oak Bay - reducing design guidelines, improving (no cost to OB) incentives for sustainable projects and Passive House, flexibility for more density and housing typologies.

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Pls don't start opening floodgates on development. You will wreck oak bay. It's the last holdout of community values in bc!

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Preserve single family neighbourhoods.

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Surveys should ask "do you want an apartment (or whatever) next to your home?" Easy to support something if it only impacts others.

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The OCP is important as is not allowing the provincial government to bully municipalities of use the 'carrot and stick' format to force densification as they describe it. provincial funding should not be predicated by the municipality bending over to the province demands!

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The permit system is terrible and no wonder people are trying to do renovations without permits- the applications are completely onerous for homeowners.

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The rejection of the building permit for the multiplex building on Oak Bay Ave put forward by Large's not too long ago was a good example of how council is holding back the kind of development that is needed to house working class citizens. Any road in the municipality that has a yellow line down the middle should be converted to townhouses and the density increased accordingly. The market via property values is telling us that density needs to increase in order to improve affordability and bring working class citizens back to the municipality.

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The way that Oak Bay has handled housing diversification is embarrassing. It no wonder the Provincial Government has stepped in to provide direction and targets. If Oak Bay continues with its NIMBY attitude, our children won't be able to afford to live in the community; people who work in Oak Bay won't be able to live here; seniors will have no place to downsize in our communities and the Province will take away the municipality's authority to make its own decisions.

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There is a move right now to increase housing stock. What Oak Bay provides is trees and greenspace. Yes, Greater Victoria needs more housing, but put it in places that have already cut down their trees and are not well used...like Government St. Infill housing in Oak Bay should not be at the expense of the environment. As much as I don't understand why anybody would want or need a house as big as those in the Uplands, I do appreciate that folks in the Uplands are great stewards for trees and greenspaces whether they mean to be or not.

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Very interesting the recent housing proposals (i.e. Oak Bay Lodge, Oak Bay Avenue, Church) that have been rejected over the last 10 years that could have been built by now and contributed to mitigating the housing crisis. Council should reflect on how they can be more proactive around policy and out of the weeds individual projects.

## Livability

- Add a graffiti reporting system to your website.
- Return the Oak Bay Archives to an open-door policy with the knowledgeable volunteers running it - lots of history knowledge with these people. Use an archivist for 'expert' input. Make it easy for volunteers to go to educational courses - eg. at UVic or Museum or Victoria Archives.

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A minor issue in scheme of life but municipal flower/sustainable plants (decorative grasses etc) sorely lacking in our parks. Parks not well maintained.

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Archives should be open to the public Regular open hours for drop in visits

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Improve Recreation Oak Bay registration process

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Better bylaw management around off leash dogs. It seems like having your dog on leash is optional everywhere, even when there are signs clearly indicating otherwise.

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Better public bathrooms, we need one between Gonzales Bay and the Marina!!! That is a super popular running/walking/cycling route and needs better services. The one at City Hall is often in terrible shape, figure out a way to limit vandalism to it.

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Collect/pick up garden clippings, etc. along with other compostable matter in a large green bin as was done previously. Seniors and people with no transportation cannot take this to the oak bay dump.

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COMPLETE THE ORIGINAL VOTED-UPON CARNARVON PARK PROJECT.

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Control of access to the recycle/dump needs revision, should always be a staff member at the control point to make access certainly both staff and public. A somewhat turned to the side stop sign infers that is not in service. Other signage needs to be properly produced and displayed, again this joul benefit staff and public. Thanks

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Council has been doing a very good job for the community. My main concern is the need for a complete management plan for Uplands Park so that appropriate trails can be created, especially on Cattle Point which has been loved to death in the last 3 years. There are large gravel areas where robust wildflowers and 10 species at risk used to grow. If this cannot be done immediately, at least a split rail fence can be put up temporarily on the main point, to protect the central GOE maritime meadow, one of the very last in the world. Oak Bay Parks has the wood.

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deer

dogs

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Deer, dogs

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Dog bylaws on willows beach need to be better enforced, especially at the beginning of May.

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Don't build a water park as there are too many absolutely necessary infrastructure projects for which money is scarce.

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Elgin municipal yard has too many signs and too many egos.

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Elgin Street Transfer Station. Stop non-residents using it. I can't stress how strongly I feel about this, and there are going to be negative interactions there if OB staff continue to ignore your own rules. We pay for this service, and the wages of the staff, so please ensure they are enforcing the rules. Avoidance and denial are not good enough

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Enforce dog leash laws where & when applicable. Using warnings, enlisting offenders for community service ie: doggy poop patrol.

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Excellent bylaw response by *(identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)* for overflowing sewage problem with our neighbor.

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**FIX the INFRASTRUCTURE FIRST!**

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Get a decent Marina project going that is free of ideology.

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Get rid of the deer. They are a threat to public health. They are a hazard to traffic

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Glad recreation guide is again being printed

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Good service garden refuse drop off and pick ups, leaf removal was excellent this year despite challenging conditions, always find building inspectors helpful had questions about railings for elderly, out buildings and got helpful plain language guidance about what to require from installer knowing the building inspector info was unbiased .

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Green bin garbage pick up should be once a week. Once every two weeks is not often enough and we can't have compost at the house because it attracts rats/racoons/mice.

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Have a look at Oak Bay Municipal services; let's confirm that we are getting good value for money; there's an awful lot of folks driving around in single vehicles; try a bike where possible (green up?)

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How productive are the OB bylaw officer/s? Many dog control bylaws are left unenforced, car parking on the sidewalks is also ignored. We need more pro-active bylaw enforcement to be evident.

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I am hoping the graffiti problem is eradicated. MUCH more than in previous years. It must be eliminated immediately to be effective.

It seems some parks are ignored and receiving cursory attention, and are falling into an unsightly state. eg. Queen's Park (Beach Drive)

It seems a bylaw officer or two are needed to deal with dogs on beaches, unleashed everywhere, etc.

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Could the District ask the police to deal with noisy vehicles - is there a noise bylaw? Lots of money to be made on Beach Drive evenings and weekends:)

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I am quite sure recycling glass and plastic does not necessarily happen. I saw them dump my glass into the plastic then into the truck. If we pay for recycling that that should be audited.

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I commend the Parks and Rec people for their prompt responses and for the tree planting service. Our police and fire department members are excellent.

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I didn't see anything in here about availability of recreation services. The Oak Bay Rec Center is well loved and well used, which is great. However, it's now nearly impossible to get kids into swimming lessons or favouring summer camps with a friend, even when you're registering at 6:30 on the dot the day it opens. You can only get into your first pick, then by the time you go back for another the program is full (now imagine wanting lessons for yourself, your other kids etc). I know this issue is multi-faceted, lack of pipeline of trained staff due to covid, increased demand on services etc. Outside of ramping up staffing and program offerings, has Oak Bay considered increasing prices for some of the programs (camps that are highly desirable have not gone up in price commensurate with inflation, if you look back 20 years). For the record, I also very much support affordable options being made available to those who need it. Also I think the cancellation policy is too lenient which results in people signing up for more than they plan to take.

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I feel over the years the sewer smell has gotten awful and nothing done about it and our roads are worse than Ontario for pot holes

It is not as beautiful as it once was with many gardens and fun displays like (*identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) use to do and there is graffiti all over

Weeds on sidewalks and walk ways

Light standards in the uplands are crooked

The list can go on and on

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I find Oak Bay a bit boring for young professionals, not many restaurants or places to go at night. Would be great to have more businesses along the beach like cafes or other family friendly places... I know, I know, probably won't happen...

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I grew up here and it is clear that Victoria isn't nearly as beautiful or great as it used to be in many ways. Downtown used to be beautiful, clean, and safe. Now it's filled with homelessness, crime, and drugs. The natural beauty of our region has diminished greatly - just go up to Thetis Lake and look around to see all of the forests that have been cut down and replaced by ugly housing developments. Please don't let these terrible trends seep into Oak Bay!

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I hear that our sewer services are a huge expensive mess but I have not seen much work being done on the ground to fix it, until the Musgrave to/and along Dalhousie underground work. Is that the first large replacement project? Perhaps a web page should be created to keep us informed on this huge and important work. Maybe you have some info there but I have not found it.

Thanks very much for all your work. Front counter staff are very pleasant and helpful. Thank you.

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I live in the uplands area and feel that the municipality should provide a grant to homeowners to connect to the new sewer system given the very high cost.

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I moved to this area (Lincoln Road) specifically so that my dogs could have off leash time at Uplands Park. This is the best part of all of our days! Please don't make this park leash only, except for the April-June of course when the birds are nesting. We've lost Mt Douglas, so this is our only nearby option for this healthy activity.

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I think Council favours needs of beach and south communities, leaving north and Henderson to support these with taxes and nothing in return .

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I think the pool at the Oakbay recreation centre is at capacity - it is time to plan for expansion or a second pool (if not underway already).

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I was very disappointed that after the expensive contract for public consultation on Turkey Head that the project was deferred. It makes me think that you do not respect public consultation! Also, too many contracts are being let without clear deliverables and reporting.

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I would like council to consider getting rid of the too tall, too bright, 1950's style industrial street lamps. They are ugly and cause light pollution. The one near my home is so bright it shines into our bedroom on the SECOND floor. We only need to light a few feet from the ground up---where most people are found to be.

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I would like Council to look at expanding home-based business options, especially those related to health and fitness. Thank you.

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I would like to see improvement in public washroom facilities in our municipality. More, and better maintained.

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I would to see By Law enforcement increased. COVID is over. Trailers, RV's and boats need to be removed from properties. Illegal suites need to be stopped.

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Improved dog management at local beaches and parks - more dog control officers. Improved traffic control on Beach Avenue - reroute bike traffic off of Beach Avenue.

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In general, would prefer focus of funding to be aimed at sustaining infrastructure. Level of community support such as concerts in the park seems appropriate.

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It appears that maintenance of parks and public areas, which deteriorated sharply during the pandemic, has not yet recovered.

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It is a disgrace that Oak Bay Archives has remained closed following the pandemic. All other community archives in the region have fully returned to their pre-covid public open hours and public programming. Why not Oak Bay? We fund the archives through our taxes but we are not receiving any service. Open the doors, invite the volunteers back, welcome the public, and let us engage with our community's history and heritage.

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It is important that we continue the upgrading of our aging infrastructure.

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It would be great to see expansion and improvement of Oak Bay Rec

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Love the Elgin yard and ability to drop stuff off there. My general feeling is that I don't get a lot of services for my tax dollar.

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Love the opportunity to drop extra yard waste, garbage and recycling at the city works yard

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More surveillance and diligence regarding bylaws and permits.

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Most of what I wanted to say I stated in my first comment on this questionnaire. One issue that no one ever seems to raise is our future water supply. Everyone thinks that growth is so wonderful, but when the water runs out, it will. then all the other programs listed here as such important issues will pale. Water preservation and storage should be your #1 priority. If we do not get the usual rainfall, over a few winters, what then? Ask yourselves that question.

Every new house that is built should be required to have an underground or above ground water storage (like Bermuda has) for storing rainwater. This can be used for flushing toilets or hand watering in gardens. Houses need to be plumbed to be able to switch to district water when their own storage has run out. If every household had these features the demand on our drinking water storage would be reduced. Many countries in Europe already implement such measures to stretch their limited water supplies. We take water for granted. It is time to wake up and realize that this attitude is very misguided. Regarding energy, larger (overpriced) houses with huge windows and open concept rooms, that are constantly replacing small homes take far more energy to heat & cool. Everyone is now encouraged to switch to electric heat pumps as a means to "save the planet", while only a few years ago and still today Fortis and the government were telling everyone to switch to natural gas.

We are lucky, at present in BC, that we have hydroelectric dams to generate electricity, however the growing demand will also stretch this resource thin with time. Every dam that is intended to be built has innumerable obstacles thrown in its path. No one wants nuclear, wind and solar have proven themselves as unfeasible. So with the unabated growth we are encouraging, where is the energy to come from in the future?

So, when the water and the energy run low or no levels, where will all the issues raised in this questionnaire stand in importance? No one was really planning ahead but only thinking about the immediate "politically correct" thing to say and do. Good luck with that approach.

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Oak Bay has lost its charm as it is so poorly maintained. Beach drive is such a hazard on a bike with its bumps and cars and it should be a pleasant road to ride rather than an embarrassment. As well, the sidewalks have so many weeds and so much overgrown shrubbery making them impassable and unsightly. Standards have certainly declined over the past years with not a lot to show for our increased taxes.

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Oak Bay has so many barriers to bylaw enforcement .. phone calls not enough .. need to submit formal letters .. you need to enforce bylaws effectively and not rely on community member complaints .. for example better signage and patrolling to ensure speed limits not violated around Windsor Park and to ensure no overnight sleeping in cars .. you need signage and need to patrol ! Too many barriers to community members providing feedback and constructive ideas .. nothing is ever acted upon .. just excuses or shafted to another

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department .. and another ... no one seems to be able to actually DO something about a problem !

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Our amenities (library, Monterey Centre and Carnarvon Park) are not satisfactory and need to be renewed.

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Over all I am very satisfied with the way the city runs, with the notable exception of its management of deer which have now destroyed most of the gardens in the city.

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Perhaps more bylaw enforcement - e.g. dogs on beach, parking infractions (or, alternatively, if bylaws are not going to be enforced, remove them)

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Please do a better job of cleaning up graffiti right away. Please do a better job of maintaining railings, etc. - things are looking shabby along our most spectacular waterfront areas.

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Please do not be swayed by a few vocal residents who want to prevent dogs from running off leash on all beaches in Oak Bay. Of course there are beaches where this may be appropriate, but there are hundreds of thousands of kms of shoreline in BC where birds can nest. And one can argue that is is ridiculous to think birds are affected by dogs but NOT all the homes and people on the shoreline in Oak Bay as well. I'm not suggesting the summer restrictions at Willow's beach should be changed because these restrictions make perfect sense with children/sunbathers on the beach in those months. Please use common sense.

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Please do the basics to make our Oak Bay more livable.

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Please don't make Uplands leash only! I walk my dogs there almost daily, and the ability to let them off leash so they can have a really good, healthy run around is the main reason I purchased my house close by

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please examine outdated bylaws on installation of heat pumps only allowed on front and back of condo buildings

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Please get Oak Bay Archives back to unrestricted availability. Now. Only archives still closed in greater Victoria. Shameful.

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Please improve resources (playgrounds, skate parks, lax box) for children vs focus on older adult resources and others identified in this report.

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Please open Archives to public like it used to be before pandemic. We need easy access to our shared history

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Policing is very positive and appreciated. Very much feel safe in my community.

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Recreation Oak Bays After School Care program at the NLC is understaffed and is not operating at maximum capacity under its licence (120 spaces). They only offered 84 spaces for the 2023/2024 school year and there is a long waitlist. Staffing these positions should be a priority to provide affordable, quality child care to families in Oak Bay that need it to make a living.

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Stop placing "Art" in places where the views is beautiful. Respect nature

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*(First comment removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (identifies an individual), and as it is at odds with District's Moderation Policy (personally disparaging).* I would also want more attention paid to the terrible state of the side-walks.

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The District spends too much time on "tidying up the community" eg. mowing sidewalks and street cleaning - unnecessary and environmentally irresponsible.

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The OB Rec center on Bee street is long overdue for upgrading and expansion. The fitness facilities in particular need of expansion. They are full outside of work hours, one must wait for any machine or workout area, the air treatment is very poor (humid, too hot, foul smell), and the locker system should be made free of charge given the constant theft in the facility.

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The playgrounds are awful. They need to be updated and maintained. For such a wealthy municipality, we have the worst kids infrastructure in the whole CRD.

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The policy of needing two formal written complaints to encourage enforcement of Bylaws is outdated and serves no objective purpose. This needs to change.

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There is a lack of Public Washrooms along the marine Drive for walkers and cyclists . After you leave Gonzales Bay, no Public wash room till you get to willows Beach

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There is an organic matter bin in Theatre lane that is often overfilled allowing crows and gulls to rip bags open and scatter contents on the lane plus provide endless food for rats which are an ever increasing problem. If we must have these containers in the lane pressure brought by the municipality on business owners, especially Cob's for timely collection of waste will reduce the problem. This is a health and safety issue.

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This didn't appear explicitly in the survey, not sure if I missed it, but the playgrounds in Oak Bay are extremely dated and could use an upgrade, particularly the one at Willows Beach.

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Time to be vigilant to ensure staff consistently enforce building rules. Respect for the environment including stopping blasting rock for private residences.

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Turkey Head is one of the jewels of Oak Bay. It is becoming ever more derelict and is not living up to its potential. Create opportunities for Indigenous entrepreneurship, dining, gathering, etc., by selecting a competent developer as soon as possible. The last go-round was a massive flop and the incompetence surrounding the selection process must never be repeated. Also Oak Bay Ave. is looking and feeling 'tired'. Sidewalks are a hazard, storefronts are less than inspirational and retail/dining options are less than stellar. Look to Cook St. for inspiration. We need creativity, vision and a strong business plan to maximize our main street's potential.

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Two main issues for me are urban fire threats for District and CRD parks, and off leash dogs in Oak Bay

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unpaid boats in the bay are a mess

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Update infrastructure especially sewage and drainage

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We need to provide benches in random places for seniors to rest on as they walk to complete errands.

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We appreciate the reliable maintenance of boulevards and waste collection services.

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When are the billiard tables going to be recovered. They're in busy shape!

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Where is the Carnarvon Park redevelopment project? It is long overdue. Additionally, have you tried to play basketball outside in Oak Bay? There are no flat, well maintained courts!

Best high school basketball program on the island, worst municipality for providing basketball courts. Oh , but we will resurface tennis and pickleball courts, WTF!

If you do get to the Carnarvon Park project, add a building, similar to the Windsor park building, it could accommodate a daycare and other community rental space.

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Why have so many bylaws if you don't enforce them, and even ask us to accost offenders directly

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Would prefer you spend money on replacing/upgrading water/sewer lines across OB instead of just patching them and spending on the issues of the loudest.

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## Transportation

1. Several/many of the marked crosswalks in Oak Bay are slippery and lumpy due to the white reflective 'paint' that has a high profile. I suggest that there are better alternatives which could be investigated and used that are flush with pavement and non slip. I have seen a rubberized type of material inset used in urban areas (ie. in UK, most common design).

2. Biking infrastructure needs much improvement.

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Add in traffic calming on Monterey towards Brighton st or make Monterey a dead end rd after the library, push some of the south oak bay traffic to Oliver and st Patrick st.

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Consider a 4-way stop at Newport and Windsor or a flashing light walk way

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Feels like we are behind the 8-ball on active transportation

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Fix sidewalks in the village.

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Generally happy with services provided, I would like to see more pedestrian friendly infrastructure. Even surfaces and more accessible for wheelchairs / scooters etc.

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I would like to see better care taken of grass and weed removal from roads, around sidewalks and poles etc. Oak Bay does a very quick weekly cut and occasional weed whack on boulevards. Also where the grass is sunk in over time to see topsoil added for a more even surface. Covid had people walking on grass and it is packed down along Beach Drive as well as many other streets. It is unsafe for walkers and scooters. Oak Bay streets are very well used by pedestrians day and night.

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I know there are many issues for the District to prioritize but I hope that better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and road safety is among the top.

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I think we should apply the same safety standards that we use to establish safe conditions in our district library and public pool to our roads. Let us please add immediate engineering controls to reduce the lethality of our transportation network so our kids can get to school without significant risk of being killed by inattentive drivers.

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I walk a lot and would like to see sidewalks improved, hedges impeding use of sidewalks dealt with, education of motorists that pedestrians have the right of way at all intersections, enforcement of bylaws about blocking sidewalk accessibility.

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I would like to see speed control measures imposed for Granite St. The street is also being used as a truck route and should be residential only.

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If council is considering bike lanes, please do not block off streets to cars or parking. I also disagree with allowing restaurants space on the sidewalks. The Pennyfarthing obstructed foot traffic on the sidewalk last summer.

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In general, things are working well, but on street parking must be eliminated in many area's and be substantially reduced in most other area's.

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Make a bike crossing light at Haultain and Foul Bay and Estevan and Cadboro Bay

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Overall this is an amazing place to live and we are very grateful for the work District team does. It would be so good to have less traffic on residential streets.

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Pertaining to the street parking along Oak Bay Avenue, (*personal information removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) and find the loss of parking spots in front of the building inconvenient, especially since the downgrading of Covid . As this property is both zoned for residential and commercial use, the designated parking at the back of the property is becoming busier during the weekdays for commercial purposes. Not only that, there is a shared driveway with the Dental office next door as well as their designated parking spots. I park on Elgin Road during this time so I don't get boxed in. I would like to request two alternatives: elimination of the pedestrian lane or reformatting this block so that it is the same as a portion of the 2000 block of the Avenue at the side of Carlton House, where there is a narrower pedestrian lane as well as parking spots. This could ease parking congestion at the back of the property, provide closer parking for Client use for the commercial businesses due to the increased busyness of the parking on Elgin Road and I believe the Oak Bay Avenue roadway is more than wide enough to accommodate this. Thank you.

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Please consider families and the safety of children, by improving the bike network in Oak Bay. Cars should not rule the road and design standards for roads should reflect this with dedicated bike lanes and safe crossings. Traffic calming measures are also helpful to reduce speeding vehicles.

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Please don't go down the same disastrous path as Victoria did with road closures, lane diets and bike infra. Please consider walkers, sidewalk maintenance, actual enforcement of sidewalk snow removal especially on bus routes. It's quite ridiculous to talk about active transportation when you can't even protect the lowest form of transport, walking. Bikes serve a small segment of our municipality, everyone walks.

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Please fill in the sidewalk holes by the bus stop between meadow and Milton on Foul Bay. I sprained my ankle badly there after Christmas

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Please improve the condition of the deteriorating roads - repave.

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Please install a roundabout at Windsor and Transit. One of the most dangerous intersections for pedestrians crossing to the park. Blind corner, speeding cars, children frequently using the intersection to cross with zero traffic or pedestrian infrastructure.

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Please look at designated bike lanes and approve applications for multi-home dwellings

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Please make some improvements to active transportation, join Oak Bay to the regional network, and slow cars down, beautify and shade streets by planting street trees and building modernized infrastructure to make it safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

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Please prioritize traffic calming

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Please put a better curb on the sidewalk at the bottom of Midland where the cul-de-sac is. It's a popular cycling path to Willows School and could use a better curb to access the sidewalk across the greenway that separates the final block of Midland Road. My kids would appreciate less of a bump when I hit the curb. Thanks

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Please redo all road and lane markings. Some sidewalks and potholes need to be attended to.

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Please remove the patio at the corner of Foul Bay and Oak Bay before someone gets hurt.  
Twice I've seen someone back into the structure

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Public boulevards such as Oliver Street the maintenance shouldn't be done by municipality, it should be the adjacent home owners same as snow removal. It should be in the zoning bylaw similar to other municipalities such as Kelowna. Graffiti removal should be a higher priority including municipal storage area on Henderson Road, the sea wall, and telephone poles etc.

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reduce speed limits

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Repairing of roads surfaces all around Oak Bay should be a top priority

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Replace the whole block's North side sidewalk from Bank of Nova Scotia to Dogwood store.  
So dangerous. Left turn signals at Fort and Foul Bay

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Residential roads, such as Eastdowne Rd., need measures to slow traffic down.

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Safe streets are the responsibility of the municipality. When someone is killed on the street, the street should remain closed until the root cause of the death was determined and alterations made to prevent it from happening ever again are made.

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The short term maintenance and long term refurbishment planning to improve roadways, cycle ways, walk ways and waterworks upgrading is appreciated.

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The sidewalks on beach drive in uplands are a mess. Hedges are allowed to grow over the sidewalks preventing two people from walking together on the sidewalk. people are constantly tripping on broken and cracked sidewalks

Many seniors in Uplands can no longer afford their property taxes. It is very unfair that people living in Uplands don't get the basic or senior grants that everyone else does.

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The transit system sucks. It is driving out young locals who cannot afford it plus the lack of affordable places to rent means it's easier to find a place in the main land unfortunately.

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The vehicle jam on Cadboro Road due to Bee street left turns and single car activated light is impossible. please make a several car left turn storage lane and, if necessary, advance green at this intersection.

Extending the Bowker Creek walkway from the Firefighters' Park thru to Beach Avenue would be a wonderful nature walk.

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very concerned by the lack of designated bike lanes especially for kids going to Monterey - mcneil had a blend of 2 and 4 ways stops and not safe. thank you

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We don't need to have so much street parking. Safer bike lanes would be great up Oak Bay Ave. Please budget and tax so that our roads and underground infrastructure don't end up costing way more to replace in future.

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We need a proper bicycle crossing at Haultain and Foul Bay

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When are you paving the 2000 block of Allenby. I welcome you to try and ride your bike there.

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Need to increase policing of speed on local streets

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Needs to be more speed traps for motorists on residential roads. It's getting ridiculous.

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I think, despite what news media might say, that the residents of oak bay are not only capable but willing to pay increased taxes to expedite some of the more pressing infrastructure renewal, including protected bike lanes and wider (safer) sidewalks and walkways.

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When possible, renew road surfaces. Refresh paint at intersections. Refresh the yellow line at Landsdown and Cadboro Rd, as an example.

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## Truth & Reconciliation

Stop wasting time with reconciliation. Leave that to the provincial government

### Multiple

- I think it is great that you're getting a grip on your infrastructure deficit
- Oak Bay active transport has been mostly hot air for the last decade and the District is starting to look really lame relative to other local governments
- if you're concerned about aesthetics and character then monster homes like the one that takes up multiple lots near GNS beach campus should not be allowed

1. Please alert residence owners of their responsibility to keep their shrubs/hedges/plantings, bushes pruned back so as not to OBSTRUCT sidewalks! It is difficult and sometimes unsafe to walk on narrow spaces, for example: face and clothing being scratched or being forced into the ROADWAY! Notices could be published in local newspaper occasionally, citing the BYLAW that relates to this.

2. Repair cracked, uneven sidewalks that are hazardous.

Appalled by the lack of urgency the district has shown for the last decade on active transportation. ALSO - weekly garbage/recycling/compost pick up is needed. Bi-weekly is not reasonable and requires driving to municipal facility often. IF you miss one pick up with (we travel a lot for work) we then have a MONTH between services. Other cities we have lived in all have weekly services.

Bike lanes please. Get rid of the deer.

do a better job balancing immediate needs with long term aspirational goals. E.g. finish carnarvon plan (immediate) vs. move towards a more climate responsive community (aspiration). I would never re- elect a council that shows such inaction on immediate priorities

I have lived in Oak Bay since 1985. My main concerns are the quality of the infrastructure; sewer system, sidewalks and roads. Also affordable housing for seniors, students and the 'working poor'. I was very disappointed to see the Bowker approved and hope this won't happen again. I'd like to see the OB Lodge site designated for seniors' programs on the main floor and affordable housing on the next floors with a height limit of 4 stories and underground parking.

I live here because I love it here, but I believe we need to modernize infrastructure, build more housing & allow alternative types of housing (townhouses, condos, rental-only apartment buildings) improve reconciliation activities, and plan for the future of how we will live.

I love living in oak bay, I think the mayor and council are great, and the services are great. I love *(identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)* ! Faster building permits could be good. Dog poo bags are lacking. Open up Willows Beach to dogs in summer, just before 8am and after 10pm. No summer ban. I know it is being worked on, but the sidewalks are very poor for accessibility. Our house has root ingress 100 feet away from our property line in our storm

connection and that should be fixed and not my responsibility. I WOULD LOVE AN ACCESSIBILITY RAMP AT THE END OF BOWKER WITH A HARD SURFACE TO SUPPORT BEACH ACCESSIBILITY OF WHEELCHAIRS, STROLLERS, and kayaks etc. All this being said, I love Oak Bay and it's district services and council.

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I love Oak Bay (my family has been here since the 1930s). We are so lucky, there is nowhere better. You all do a terrific job of keeping us safe, and our community beautiful - no one agrees with everyone all the time, humans don't do that - but your record is good. No amalgamation, and please keep services to preserve what we love. Natural beauty and healthy environment. Not just endless development - everyone CANNOT live here, and have the beauty remain. Save it now.

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More focus on current residents, and less on others: we have dense housing along Oak Bay Avenue and Foul Bay/Cadboro Bay, we don't need to be jamming houses in everywhere else and destroying neighbourhoods. Ensure Turkey Head remains under Oak Bay (NOT First Nations Control), and useable by all. Ensure equality in use and protection of our natural spaces in parks by banning dogs from all natural areas and sports fields --- one or two fenced off leash spaces are fine, but there is no need for dogs to be everywhere, a constant threat and nuisance for all non dog owners, driving seniors and families with kids away. Better enforcement of dog policies is also necessary --- I have been repeatedly nearly attacked by offleash dogs on both the Oak Bay Track and the Henderson Chip Trail, despite both facilities being dog free (if Oak Bay Track is not dog free, make it. It was for decades, and there is no need for dogs there.)

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No bike paths are needed throughout Oak Bay. Geese should be effectively culled.

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Oak Bay is a special place, with remarkable natural beauty and cultural and natural heritage. Everything we do here should enhance our "heritage" character, not degrade it. The District of Oak Bay is truly a "Heritage District", something that should better articulated. Our urban forest and shoreline are huge assets, they need good care and maintenance, more than less, all the time. The free-for-all-dogs-everywhere situation has become seriously unpleasant... every day... a minor thing in theory, now a major nuisance. Please establish serious dog parks.

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Oak Bay needs to change its image and do its part in addressing the problems in the urban community as a whole. We lag behind Victoria, Saanich, and Esquimalt in developing housing, in active transportation, and we're not doing enough to address the climate emergency.

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Focus on housing densification and public realm improvements- particularly park upgrades and active transportation.

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The Cool Kit is a wonderful program. I would prefer the district not water the boulevard grass. It wastes precious water and a golden boulevard is preferable to huge lumps of mowed grass left after mowing. Please protect kids and seniors from dogs running off leash in parks and on beaches.

Thank you.

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I wonder about anecdotal comments about the slowness of getting renovation / construction approvals in Oak Bay. It seems that we are not clear / transparent about what's required. I live in a neighbourhood with lots of this kind of work happening and there's significant dissatisfaction. However, I want to congratulate District staff who respond swiftly and professionally whenever there's an urgent matter (a manhole cover that was missing on a sidewalk, a boulevard tree that came down & partially blocked a shared driveway, etc.). Thank you for finding a way to be efficient, courteous and knowledgeable!

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I would like Oak Bay to reengineer its permitting processes, prioritize its underground infrastructure and refrain from prioritizing social issues. We live in this neighbourhood because it is a "suburb", without major traffic, density, or the problems that come with big city dwelling. Keep it that way please and accordingly keep our taxes low.

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Oak Bay is a special place, we pay highest taxes in the region, we accept this by residing in an area that offers certain amenities, high quality housing and neighborhoods, relatively safe and vibrant. Council should push back on any attempt of the province to impose certain housing configurations that don't align with the Oak Bay community plan. I would also like Council to pressure Victoria to open up Richardson, as an anterior route between Oak Bay and Victoria. Council should also explore opportunities to regionalize policing, fire and other administrative services. The region can't afford such a fractured network of policing and fire. It's time to consider amalgamating these and other municipal services.

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I like the garden waste and leaf collection, and appreciate being able to add garden waste to my green bin. Other times of the year I take garden waste to Elgin but am always shocked how many trucks and cars are there that do not have an Oak Bay sticker. I find that frustrating since we are paying for the service and it is being used by others - including commercial operators - that are not.

I appreciate the work of the Oak Bay police and fire as well. I hope there is some financial reimbursement from the Ministry of Health when fire has to respond to health calls because the ambulances aren't adequately staffed.

I do not like to hear about Council getting involved in areas that are not the responsibility of municipalities. Councillors who want to tackle provincial issues should run for MLA and not encourage downloading of services. If you start looking after providing housing then people start thinking it is the District's responsibility, and it is not.

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Oak Bay will always be under population pressure. People want to live here. It is not a right. You have to earn it. Politicians should be less afraid of the loud 20% and instead govern for the other 80%. Good example. CHEK news survey on unleashed dogs. 80% were against it yet all the coverage is to people demanding that their dog go anywhere unleashed

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Open a 2nd garden refuse area somewhere in the municipality as the current area is not meeting the needs of the community. Stop with the bike lanes and fix the infrastructure, no sense spending \$ on surface projects until the under surface \$ have been spent. Waste of \$ to upgrade bike lanes then rip them open to upgrade underground infrastructure. Keep taxes low and stop trying to do more than I can afford. We can not have it all, nor do we need to.

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Money must be a paramount consideration in the number of projects the municipality takes on.

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Plant more trees on the boulevards that are dying or being removed.

Allow for short-term (less than 30 day) rentals but require hosts to pay a fee to the municipality and have a business license. Then use the revenue to offset infrastructure costs.

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Please provide proper snow shovels to public works so they can set a good example of how to do it right.

Please provide summer type seating on the front lawn of the municipal hall. (Sidney has many colourful Muskoka chairs, albeit by the water.) . There are frequently people sitting on the grass but many of us would prefer a seat.

Please repair the sidewalks now, before more falls happen. Falls are much more likely than an injury from a deer.

Upgrade the crosswalks in the village to include warning lights. Several times each day there are near misses caused by drivers, not pedestrians.

Elected officials might consider mingling on the avenue occasionally to hear what we talk about between elections.

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Improve the roads!

Systemize recycling and solid waste treatment. Ideally we should be moving towards a single input for waste (no pre-sorting). It is counter intuitive and wasteful when the collection workers, reject certain small metal waste, and a trip to the yard is necessary to dispose of said rejected non-dangerous material. Other countries have been batch processing solid waste for years; everything is dumped directly onto a conveyor belt and particular items are extracted and processed automatically. I visited a municipal sight such as this in Tokyo several years ago. The end result was paving stones sold to residents or used for walk ways. All metal was extracted magnetically, biomass was extracted and composted, and the energy to run the plant also came from the waste. Yes an engineering challenge but wow wouldn't I be proud to see Oak Bay lead the way and build something like this here in Oak Bay.

If more lanes are allocated for cycling (good) than rather than restricting vehicle traffic, eliminate street parking for residents on at least the side of the street with the bike lane. (Don't create another Richardson Street as Victoria did ) . Personal item, Oak Bay Recreation is wonderful facility but please consider installing a "Swim Suit Spinner" in the change rooms. It is gross to have water dripping from wet swim suits onto the benches in the change rooms.

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It takes a long time to get almost anything done. Overall Council moves at a snail's pace to make changes or improve anything. Too much waste when municipal crews do any infrastructure improvements. This work should be privatized.

Too many broken sidewalks or rough streets.

No apparent coordination or in ground improvements by the municipality and other utilities.

Repeated and apparently ineffective repairs of infrastructure.

You can't pay taxes or utility bills by Visa. Why?

You do not know where your water and sewer lines are located. Why?

You cost me excessive money and time to install a new water line and connection to storm and sewer lines. A \$5,000 fee to dig about 20 feet by municipal crew when my contractor had the equipment on site and was idle for 1/2 day or more waiting for municipal staff it was painful to watch 4 or 5 municipal workers work on digging the line from the street to my property. You do not know where your services are buried and your current systems are too old and woefully inadequate. Dewdney unfortunately drains a large part of Uplands storm water and it failed miserably in 2021 and again in 2022.

Personally the city cost me unnecessary money to install a sump pump on my property because I now have to pump up storm water to the city's services. Even though this house was built in 1941 or so. And worked well until 2021.

You have overcharged me for water since 1986 when my late spouse and I purchased our home. Your water bill statements are incomprehensible.

Until late 2022 I never knew that there were two water meters on my property. None of your earlier statements ever indicated there were two meters. I have been over charged for years with the city assuming that every litre of water coming into the property is recycled into the storm sewers. That is patently untrue and totally inaccurate.

For years I complained about the poor water pressure from the city to my residence. Nothing was fine. I changed my water line twice, once about 10 years or so ago when the water bill spiked and the water line broke on my side of the meter. No one noticed that thousands of litres of water were wasted and when I raised this with municipal staff I was treated poorly and the staff were indifferent to my concerns.

In 2022 I again changed the size of the water line from the city meter to my residence. The water pressure for water entering my home at times is pathetic.

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There is some challenge about the pressure on some type of service on our street. A municipal worker comes to my street about every 6 weeks and monitors a system. He said it's his truck and goes nothing. Should he monitor pressure in the underground infrastructure.

When I recycle at the city dump sometimes it is efficiently dealt with and at other times I wait for 30 to 45 minutes just to get in.

Your voice mail system is old and inadequate. It should be modernized.

Equipment exists that can map or find buried infrastructure to a millimeter yet the city has no plans and little knowledge where its infrastructure is buried.

On one part of the street in front of my house the road had sunk numerous times, likely because of leaking water or other infrastructure. Some street infrastructure was changed or upgraded in the 90's but it was inadequate then and it has failed during atmospheric river events in 2021 and previously.

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**STICK TO THE BASIC SERVICES AND DO THEM WELL.** Look after the roads and sidewalks. Take much better care of municipal property (cut the grass, get rid of the weeds, trim and prune the bushes).

When it comes to noise abatement (power mowers, trimmers, etc.), think about banning noisy motorcycles, cars and trucks on our roads.

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Sort out building permits in a timely fashion.

Maintain parks beyond mowing. Green spaces shouldn't be full of weeds.

Get going on Oak Bay Marina Project. This has been talked about for years!

Fix the potholes.

Get rid of white traffic cones/ posts on Oak Bay Avenue.

Street patios are great if they are well constructed. Some in Oak Bay are lovely others, an eyesore.

#### Other

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A reminder you are servants of the residents of Oak Bay to ensure their well being which includes their financial prosperity.

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all district staff have been helpful, courteous, and professional.

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All the staff are fantastic - from mayor on down - and the response time is excellent! much appreciation.

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Amalgamation total ideal or at least police and fire. There no logical reason not to

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Appreciate the hard work of the staff. Friendly and approachable at the Municipal Hall, Library and Community Centres. I often see the Facilities staff in the community and at the Transfer Station hard at work and I appreciate their efforts. I feel very fortunate as well, that I have the benefit of a local Police and Fire service.

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Be fiscally responsible

Don't waste any money on stupid things and on overpriced consultations

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Better communication is needed. This Council is silent from my perspective. I don't hear anything from them. For example, we didn't get our tax notice until June and they are supposed to be out in May. I searched the internet for any news/information on property tax notices/increases/news for OB and found nothing. I knew more about other municipal tax increases than I did about OBs (of which I knew nothing).

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Can not understand why you are increasing staffing levels. Would like to see discussion on amalgamation of services.

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clarification on distinction between responsibilities of the Municipality vs. regional/provincial govt

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Close to 10% property tax increases every year are not going to be sustainable for long. Priority needs to be to get a realistic budgeting process that keeps increasing costs reasonable.

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Council and staff unfortunately too often seem to operate as though they are above the people that elected them and I find them out of touch on important issues. I am disappointed that a number of things I heard promised at all candidates meetings have not been acted upon, particularly transparency, and Reconciliation.

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Council appears to me to have little public appearance via communications with the residents. It is a treat to get a real opportunity to send comments as in this survey yet I fear that they will go unheeded until the next election where promises will be made to all and everything.

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The proof is in the outcome:

1. Consistent rates of the highest increases in taxes
  2. No real concern for the residents vis a vis control of the deer.
  3. Hiring more staff in a period of no growth and restraint and inflation.
  4. Council's waste of time and money with social engineering rather than doing their job.
  5. No nonrecognition of the effects of inflation on the residents who pay the bills of the municipality.
  6. etc;
  7. Rather disappointing considering (*identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) was going to change things for the better.
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Council should be more concerned about lower income people, not about maintaining green lawns and expensive properties!

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Council should concentrate specifically on municipal responsibilities and leave provincial responsibilities (income redistribution) to the province and federal responsibilities (indigenous development) to the Federal government.

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cut taxes. You have put taxes up so high by wasting money on non-essential PC projects you are making this city too expensive.

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Do not amalgamate! Keep our police, fire and municipal workers. We value their work.

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Do not destroy what we have.

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Educate children against marijuana and addiction drugs ie. heroin and cocaine fentanyl etc.

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First of all, this Council needs to focus on delivering efficient services, and certainly not expand the scope of studies. The increase in the number of staff is ALARMING! What are these people actually doing!??

The rate of increase in taxation is VERY ALARMING. There has been NO ACCOUNTABILITY as to how we residents are benefiting. As far as we can see, nothing has changed in the infrastructure, street safety, recreational facilities, municipal assets. How about a report we can read at year's end - Spending versus achievements. Publish it in the newspaper or distribute it to all taxpayers.

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Focus on what a municipal government can do and do it well.

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I am displeased with the 2023 tax increase. I suggest that future tax increase be capped at inflation. I suggest that staffing levels be reviewed if and when required to ensure a lean and effective workforce performing necessary work and services.

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I am generally happy with service levels from the city of Oak Bay. So, continue to focus on core responsibilities and thanks for a job well done.

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I appreciate the service that the Community Association of Oak Bay provides: i.e. addressing the broader concerns of the community than the Council can focus on and providing volunteer hours into those projects.

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I do wonder whether some of the staff time devoted to this survey, generally excellent though it is, could have been better devoted to actually doing something! I often get the impression with Oak Bay that what should be preludes to action are instead treated as substitutes for action.

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I feel frustrated when I see administrative and staffing costs increase.

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I feel I should be more involved with civic responsibilities. I have so many priorities already so need to manage better.

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I feel lucky to live in Oak Bay and appreciate the efforts of Council and municipal staff.

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I love living in Oak Bay! I have lived in several countries and wish to remain here for the rest of my life. Please help keep this very special atmosphere and community intact. If you need volunteers for deer population issues, I'm interested in helping. Please consult someone like me, who understands veterinary medicine from a public health perspective regarding deer and geese and any other animal issues that may arise, but especially about dogs, who are clearly enriching many residents' lives.

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I never find out about surveys or opportunities for input until after the fact so email notifications would be most helpful.

Also never get feedback from surveys etc. responses go into a black hole.

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I realize you have every justification you can muster for a 9.2% median tax increase. But that is more than anyone's income is rising. It is important that council resist just accepting business as usual increases and make a real effort to ensure municipal efficiency and effective spending.

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I think it is important that counsellors are always available to speak in person, by phone or over zoom meetings, regarding any topics, concerns, applications. There should be no barriers.

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I think it's really important for preservation of our Oak Bay community, that Oak Bay residents with council make all decisions regarding our community. People such as *(identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)* should NEVER EVER be brought in as consultants. Nor should the provincial government officials who do not live here or pay taxes here have any say in what our community does or does not do.

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I think the District does exceptionally well. The staff I have dealt with have been uniformly helpful

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I think the reputation of Oak Bay is bad and at times I am ashamed. There are far too many old-school bigots, racists and prudes who fear change and resist any improvements. Oak Bay is a great community with the potential to be progressive and responsive to a population that is active and young. STOP listening to all of those people living behind the tweed curtain that we seem to hear every time someone mentions Oak Bay. For starters, legalize secondary suites. It's about darn time!

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I think this questionnaire is a great idea.

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I would like to see a renewed focus on a back-to-basics strategy that focuses on the core services delivered to the taxpayers of Oak Bay. There are limited resources available to continuously expand the scope of council's activities. Let's ensure that we can ensure a high level of service for all of our basic municipal functions BEFORE we start pursuing densification.

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I would like to see an immediate upgrade to the fire hall and police station. These people deserve better!

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I would like to see targets to actions. Am concerned there is too much talk, taking more studies and quietly avoiding taking action on items that are deemed as 'priorities'. Council should outline (and ask citizens) what it will do over certain time periods instead of generalize commitment to consider broad priorities.

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I would recommend Council meeting start earlier to encourage more participation.

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I'm glad Oak Bay is much better run than our neighbour to the west. We should use them as an example not to follow.

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I'm sorry to say that my main impression of Mayor and Council is their "delay and obfuscate" on most initiatives.

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In general, Council and the administration of Oak Bay is very good. Thank you for being reasonable and helpful!

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It is fine to develop and implement plans but unless you are reviewing, following up and or assessing the success after implementation, there is no point. We live in a world where people do what they want, when they want; we work off of a complaint based process. Good follow up and action & reflection is a more holistic approach so that program tweaks can be made to improve all users' experience.

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It is not the role of municipal government to solve diversity, climate and reconciliation issues. This is a distraction from solving the massive problems in housing and affordability which need councils full attention.

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It is noticeable that the increase in staffing over the last few years has been accompanied by a decrease in service levels. This is not surprising since more staff means more bureaucracy and therefore less efficiency. This trend is clearly worsening.

Our continuing property tax increases are UNSUSTAINABLE and fueled by overstaffing, too many unnecessary studies, expensive consulting assignments and above all, a lack of significant financial contributions from property developers!

Oak Bay should try harder to properly manage taxpayer funding and not treat residents, i.e. taxpayers like an ATM. We are heading into a recession. At this time, when all major companies are downsizing, Oak Bay should not be upsizing in terms of staffing, budgets and property taxes. We all work hard to manage our household budgets. We should expect the same from our elected representatives and public servants. The current Oak Bay Financial Plan is irresponsible. If the money is not there, then you must cut optional services and only provide essential ones. Everybody would understand that. It's pure common sense!

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Keep up the good work. Continue to make Oak Bay a great place to live.

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Keep your costs under control. My taxes have increased \$ 4000 in two years. This is obscene Little or now vehicle speeding enforcement. Recent death of municipal employee is example, right outside the OB Police Dept where OB Police stated the road has drivers consistently speeding, so they were aware of the problem but still took no pro-active action to prevent this terrible tragedy. It underlines the expensive redundancy of having an ineffective small municipal police service. We need a regional police service.

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More change is needed in the District!

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Municipal workers are very helpful.

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My third and final vote of appreciation for mayor and council--thanks for all you do.

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Need to greatly improve culture within OB Works. Recent tragedy should not have happened Perhaps many tasks should be outsourced to improve quality, efficiency and cost of projects. The time of band-aids for big problems should have ended a decade ago.

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No I believe Oak Bay as a whole is well managed.

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Not sure we need two Vape shops in the village (actually, not sure we even need one)

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Oak Bay Police might be more visually/publicly active in crime prevention. More use of reserve constables (as appropriate i.e. foot patrols in village). Bicycle safety rodeos, advice on home security, traffic enforcement in the village (U turns, crosswalks, vehicle safety and identification, speed, distraction, plates, cyclists on sidewalk and ignoring other traffic rules.

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Oak Bay really needs to get better at responding to emails. This applies to Council only. The individual departments I with which I have interacted are great, but Council has never yet gotten back to me. Once I wrote to Council and cc'd the City of Victoria (because the problem extended to their turf). Oak Bay ignored me, while Victoria followed up with multiple emails. That is not okay. After all, I pay property taxes to Oak Bay not to Victoria.

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Oak Bay should push to united the 13 municipalities in the CRD. Given the overall rate of growth, the shared housing, infrastructure and transportation challenges, we can no longer afford 13 different planning processes, zoning bylaws, climate change initiatives, policing services, etc. Sooner or later this will be forced on Oak Bay so better to get ahead of it now.

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Our community is doing well but we need to keep outside influences just that OUTSIDE

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Our police, fire and paramedics are amazing!

Don't ever amalgamate them.

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our tax dollars are not unlimited. This 9% increase is a stretch and can't continue every year. Therefore, you are going to have to be much more selective about the services you provide and the projects you start.

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Overall I feel that our council serves us very well thank-you very much and, I really appreciate the extra road work that is being accomplished this year, it is overdue and well worthwhile.

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overall well done but don't waste time on things you can t change

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Overall, I am very happy with the services from Oak Bay, thank you!

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perhaps time to assess if there are ways to save \$\$ on purchase of equipment - for instance public works, recreation, etc

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please don't drive up the cost to live in Oak Bay through pursuit of ideologically driven initiatives.

Make sure benefits are real and measurable.

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Please engage locals in the work of our community. We're not a cookie-cutter community to be led and advised by those from afar.

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Please focus on District services and NOT social engineering.

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Please get on with it. Our financial situation is disturbing. We have to make unpopular decisions. We have to move forward.

Council members need to talk to businesses in the municipality. No more empty studies

There are so many great things about Oak Bay- let's celebrate them but not lose sight of the fact that this is a business that must survive

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Please performance manage underperforming staff, there are a lot.

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Please prioritize good fiscal management of the municipality over being diverted by expensive and non-productive 'woke ' agendas that sound great in a survey, but are not realistically a good use of scarce resources.

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Property tax increases have been too high. If we need to play catch up with respect to basic infrastructure, I recommend Council find ways to reduce other expenditures so that our sewers can be upgraded to handle current and future needs.

The characterization of status quo as something to the effect of “Forced Increases” on some of the budget info is not accurate. While increases related to items such as Collective Agreements are mandated or “Forced”, Council has the ability to reduce some services and I wonder if this has been considered? It is time to be creative! Status Quo is not an option if we truly need to update sewer and water systems.

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It feels like items are continually added-on. This is a property tax affordability issue.

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Provide online suggestion box

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Service levels must not only be maintained but also enhanced. Status-quo is not serving residents very well and does not prepare us for the future.

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Staff are very responsive and polite.

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Stick to municipal governance

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stick to the basics and don't try to expand your role beyond keeping Oak Bay services and community plan in order.

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Stick to the fundamentals of issues related to the municipality don't waste time and money "tilting at windmills" trying to solve issues that are best left to other levels of Government. that doesn't mean don't comment on them and bring the issue to the attention of the appropriate body.

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SURVEY FAULT: PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ABLE TO RETRIEVE THE ANSWERS OR ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK THEY HAVE PROVIDED BY USING THE "BACK" PROMPT.

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Take the Ukrainian flag off of City Hall. It's ridiculous that it's there. Not our fight to take sides in.

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Thank you to all who serve to make our city so livable!

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Thank you very much for this opportunity to comment

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Thank you very much for your work. I know that it must be very challenging and that you do this hard work because you care. It is much appreciated.

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Thanks for everything you do for us.

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Thanks for the effort in putting this together and engaging residents. There is a problem with thinking piecemeal. It creates an out-of-balance state, and then perpetuates it. I wonder how you'd work together to learn to address these seemingly individual problems through a holistic lens.

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The budget for administration continues to grow. These funds are not being used effectively. Administration breeds more administration. Cut the jargon ruthlessly. Every position should be zero-based: every year assess how much benefit a position is providing directly to the residents of Oak Bay.

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The District of Oak Bay needs an appropriately resourced and directed, comprehensive communications and engagement plan. It currently relies heavily on passive, largely one-way

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communications approaches that make Council and staff seem increasingly out of touch and irrelevant.

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The District of OB is ignorant fools for using an open survey, vulnerable to interference. This isn't 1906 anymore!

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The late council meetings are really difficult to attend, and go way too late. I often have schoolwork to get done in the evenings and it would work much better to have council meetings during the day. Also what is with that (*identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)?

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The municipal workers are very slow to get around to jobs in OB, and it is a local joke that often there are 5 workers standing around a job site while one guy does the work. Perhaps it is time for OB to contract out some of their work to private interests that are more efficient.

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The municipality should pursue excellence in its core responsibilities and not get distracted by various flavours/issues of the moment.

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This survey was a surprise. I think it was well done!

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We are appreciative of the services provided by the District

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We are paying significant tax increases year over year but see no marked changes in our services. For example our road is full of potholes and has been for many many years. No sign of repairs. I think overall we're very lucky to afford to live in oak bay and live a very privileged life in our little

Sheltered community but is there a way to equate the tax increases with changes ? For example have the police salaries increases equivalent to our taxes? Have the admin offices undergone process improvements and increased efficiencies? Etc. if yes then great but I'd like to understand what justifies the increases year over year.

The services have been okay but leaning more towards process laden red tape. For example we wanted to improve the grass area on our "boulevard" so met with someone at the admin office. After several days we got a no without justification. It should have been a quick assessment of our needs. The answering of no was a bit frustrating it I can live with that - at least

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We finally knew. So bottom line, improve the efficiencies.

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We have lived in Oak Bay for 5 years. It's a terrific home, and yet each year we feel less comfortable with the reputation the District is earning: constrained, controlling, stodgy, overly-cautious, anti-change. We hoped a new mayor would make a positive difference, but that has not happened.

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We have received prompt and courteous responses whenever we access district services. We are very impressed especially with the refuse and recycling pickup- please pass on our appreciation. Thank you for the addition of garden clippings to the Greenbin compost pickup program. This has been a great service, reducing the number of trips to the OB Recycling Yard.

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We need to embrace change not fear it. Oak Bay is not the community it once was and we need to modernize. and catch up.

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We thank the Mayor and Council for your time and efforts on our community's behalf. Liveability and sustainability of our neighbourhood for current and future generations is paramount. We will attend some Council meetings in future. I have spoken to the Mayor on several occasions and valued the ability to do so. Thank you for all the wonderful work you are doing.

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When I travel to other cities, I am really happy to live in OB. OB does do an outstanding job in all areas. Thank you employees of OB!!??

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Whenever I have any interactions with district staff, they have unfailingly been helpful.

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Where is the mayor?

We never see him out and about in the community.

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While the residents are struggling to keep up with inflation, the Municipality raises taxes 9.2%. How about doing a priority list and removing the bottom 10%.

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Would like to state that Staff has always been very responsive to questions and follow ups. thank you!

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yes, overall when calling city hall we are very happy when speaking with their office staff. Oak Bay civic workers appear to be happy with their jobs, and it reflects in their demeanour with the public. We have moved to the Uplands from Vancouver in the last 3 years. We hope the fabric of this small municipality and its historic personality is not sacrificed by the recent provincial directive and focus to force infilling housing, that most likely will be in building new more expensive housing with additional parking constraints, does not change the nature of personality of its residents or civic workers, as we have seen in Vancouver of the recent 10 years.

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*Your (identifying information about an individual/s removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) need to approach their work with a more helpful attitude. They should be encouraged to facilitate, support and help owners problem solve rather than their hard and fast enforcement forward attitude. Hiring people with this overall proactive and positive attitude needs to start immediately as well as as training current staff.*

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*Your (identifying information about an individual/s removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) and personnel need a huge pat on the back for a continued great job!*

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Your surveys should include an I don't know option so you don't get random selections on issues people don't know about

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I was disappointed that during the Oak Bay Tea Party weekend, do not park signs were placed on streets all around Willows Park. Its only three days and the event needs to be made accessible to anyone and everyone. Cook Street Village held it street party and they didn't do anything like that. They were more open and welcoming and community minded.

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Overall, I've noted with pleasure the on-going improvement of storm and sanitary sewers.. Well-done.

On the phone , in person, or via e-mail, district staff are excellent in answering questions and providing adequate information about services, permits, by-laws and regulations. When I have contacted staff, I sometimes have attempted to get information via the district website so as not to impose on their time. The search engine seems too limited in finding terms I enter. Maybe it's just me, but I hope it can be improved so information is more easily located during off-hours and during holidays.

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The services of the Fire Department and Police Department personnel are absolutely outstanding. The Repair Services staff appear to do a "makeshift" job of repairing potholes in roads (that require fixing several times), cutting roadside weeds/grass/pruning hedges. It's a disgrace and embarrassment to the community! If they can't do it without getting of their machine, it usually doesn't get done. Great improvement needed. More time and attention to roads, sidewalks and general infrastructure is needed but seems to land on deaf ears after putting it in surveys over and over again with no action.

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with respect to communication with Oak Bay, i.e. Q37, does this also include the police department and if not it should as the OBPD seems to have developed a reliance on twitter communication without asking the community how it would like to communicated with.

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This is personal I have requested engineering to move a traffic sign since it was installed. I will pay to have it moved 10' to avoid visual impact. No responses,or follow up on way or another, other than politely accepting my request.

Regarding Parks & Service - *(identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)* is a gem. Smart, courteous, professional responsive. It's been a pleasure dealing with *(identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)*.

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Generally, we are satisfied with Oak Bay services. We do think there could be more efficiencies -- there seem to be a lot of workers on local repair and other projects who are watching or standing rather than actively working.

We have recently applied for a permit for house renovation work. That took longer than expected but has on the whole been satisfactory.

We have also received helpful assistance from *(identifying information about an individual removed in accordance with Section 22 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)* about dead and dying hedge trees.

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you're doing a good job

**Unknown**

I do and I have already and will continue to do so.

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My two previous comments please.

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Please see my comments in the first section.

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Read all the previous notes. Do something about the issues involved!

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See comment preceding this

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Nobody really cares!

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see earlier comments

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They are not efficient compared to previous experience.

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Anything you want?

You got it?

Now hand it over, hahaha!

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