

Fairy Lake Water Quality Study Update - Management Options Survey

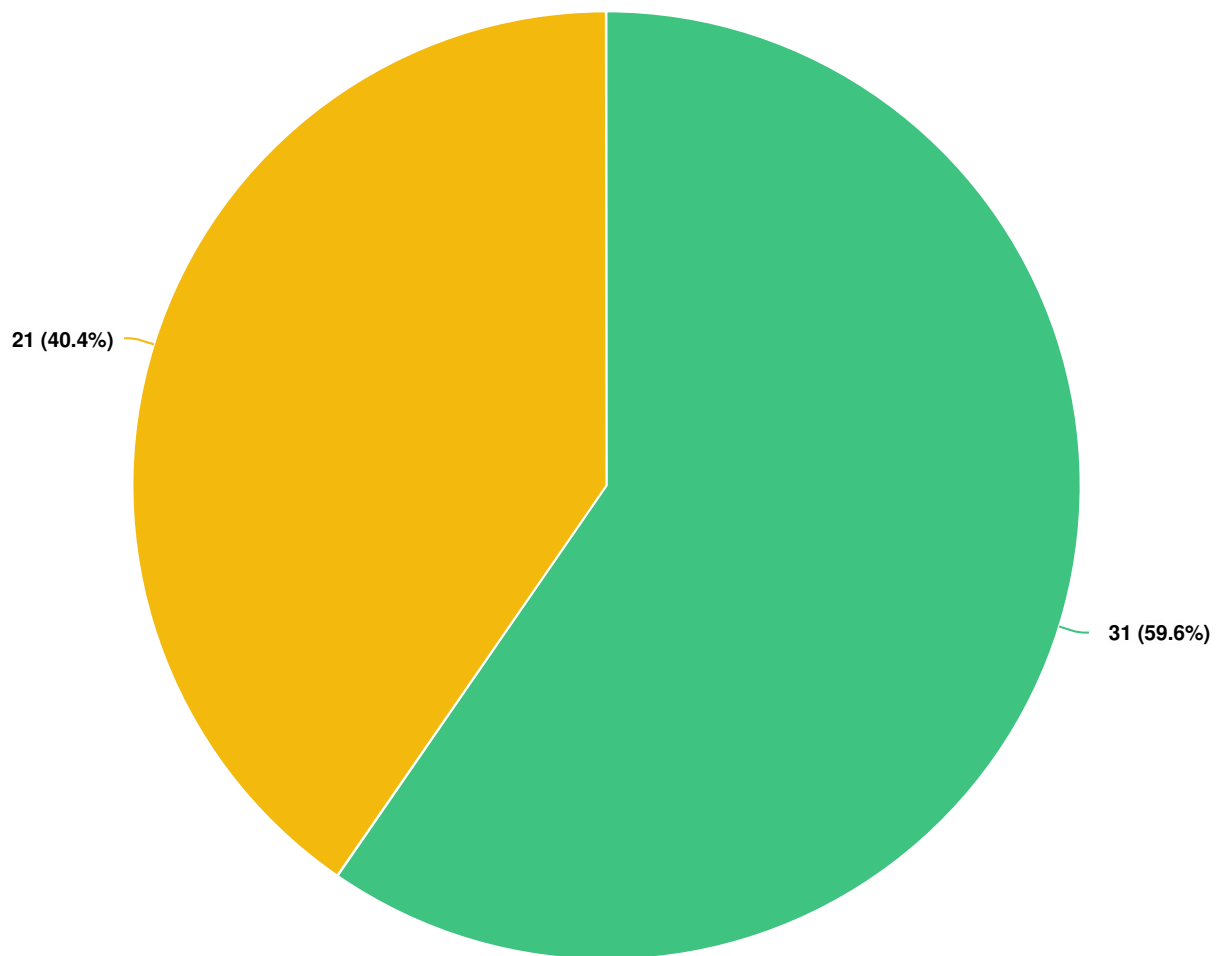
SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

15 January 2024 - 18 March 2024

PROJECT NAME:
Fairy Lake

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Fairy Lake is a mixture of open water and wetland habitats. Is it important to you to preserve the wetland areas for significant wildlife and plant species even if it affects the recreational use of the lake (impacts swimming, fishing, boating, etc...



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 | Please share with us your reasons for considering this important.

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1/17/2024 05:45 PM

I think, with the right plan, plants and animals can be protected while recreation opportunities can be enhanced.

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1/18/2024 10:18 AM

Maintenance of biodiversity

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1/18/2024 03:14 PM

I strongly feel that maintaining a healthy ecosystem is in the best interest for all stakeholders. I still wish to see access for recreational opportunities. If people can't enjoy the lake they won't feel a strong desire to protect it.

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1/18/2024 07:32 PM

Wetland habitats are increasingly becoming rare. Urban sprawl is leading to a loss in wildlife and plant species. We have an opportunity to be the change we want to see in the world. Let's make Fairy Lake a conservation destination with preservation and educational programming as its focus.

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1/19/2024 11:35 AM

Human desires shouldn't outweigh needs of the natural environment. Wetlands and biodiversity are incredibly important.

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1/19/2024 04:54 PM

The lake needs the various wildlife and plant species to remain on or by the lake.

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1/19/2024 08:11 PM

This is a significant wetland habitat and wildlife habitat is being lost and threaten across the GTA. Importance of wildlife habitat and maintenance of water quality is more of a priority to me than boating or other open water recreation.

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1/30/2024 12:55 PM

I believe it's important to preserve the nesting areas for the variety of species of birds, reptiles and fish found in and around Fairy Lake. The water is not deep enough for a lot of activities and should be protected as natural habitat.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:20 PM

I do consider it important for the environment but I would dearly love to be at least able to use the grassy areas and splash pad with grandkids without worrying about fecal matter everywhere.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:18 PM

Wetlands are worth billions of dollars in water cleaning, flooding mitigation, and protecting the biodiversity that maintains our livelihood. Wetlands and water need protection. Humans need to prioritize this. We need to protect and maintain the native bugs and species that contribute to a thriving ecosystem. You can minimize geese through shrubs and tall grass. Stop mowing so close to shore.

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1/30/2024 01:17 PM

Sustainability of environment should always supercede recreation

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2/20/2024 08:36 AM

I believe both uses of the lake are important however the higher priority needs to be the wetland/ecological benefits, and once those are maintained we can look at how recreational activities are able to be intertwined into the natural environment. Not the other way around. Nature has a remarkable way of bouncing back and we need to take this opportunity to help get it back on the correct trajectory and then figure out how we can enjoy it while maintaining it after it's fixed up.

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1/30/2024 03:06 PM

Wildlife is just as important, if not more so, than use of these natural spaces for recreational purposes. With the potential loss of the Greenbelt area in Ontario for human-purposed developments, Halton Hills should be an exemplar to the rest of the province by emphasizing the importance of conservation, to keep this pocket of the province as pristine as possible. Abrupt changes to this delicate ecosystem just so families have a place for a good outdoor time is not justifiable.

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1/30/2024 08:03 PM

Maintain long term sustainability of the lake area

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1/31/2024 07:40 AM

The environment has to be maintained to bring balance to all inhabitants.

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1/31/2024 09:47 PM

Environmental, diversity and we can probably do both ie modify some human use to ensure long term natural system and still permit some recreational activity

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2/04/2024 03:01 PM

there are pools and splash where people can swim, cool off

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2/05/2024 05:12 PM

Pandemic lockdown made it starkly clear to everyone that the publicly accessible wetland of Fairy Lake in Acton is an anchor for the community's mental health. The ability to observe natives birds, fish, turtles by a calm body of water is a gift for local kids & adults alike.

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2/07/2024 02:26 PM

Turtles and salamanders are very important to us. We feel that we have an opportunity to protect them and contribute to population recovery. We are also very interested in being able to observe a rich diversity of animals and plants in our town's green spaces.

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2/09/2024 09:06 PM

I believe we can protect the lake and still have recreational use of the lake.

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2/10/2024 10:45 AM

It's critical to preserve our open water and wetland habitats for many reasons. We are responsible to steward the land and waters.

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2/14/2024 03:45 PM

There is very little if not any natural area left around the lake, it should be left undisturbed for the benefit of the wildlife.

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2/20/2024 05:41 PM

Concern for at risk and endangered species.

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2/24/2024 03:17 PM

We have several areas of the lake that are naturalized. I do not think we need to reduce/limit it's use and accessibility. The lake has gone through many changes in it's recreational and aesthetic value to the community over the decades and the more we let it "naturalize", I think we seem to lose more of this asset that the town used to congregate to.

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2/24/2024 05:16 PM

We are losing natural habitats all over the province due to residential sprawl.

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2/29/2024 02:51 PM

Due to its ability to naturally filter water, flood/erosion control, and provide habitat for an abundance of wildlife... and it costs nothing

Optional question (26 response(s), 26 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q3 Please share with us your reasons or considering this not important.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 06:25 PM

While we believe preserving the wildlife(except for geese) is important we do not want to see our precious lake turned into a swamp. There is little in the way of recreation in Acton itself so it is very important to keep viable recreation activities going all year round.

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1/17/2024 08:27 PM

BOTH are equally important

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1/18/2024 08:16 PM

Everyone loves fairy lake for what it currently is. All attempts to naturalize the area has not provided a measurable benefit. Geese have taken over the beach and most parkland where people wish to enjoy. We moved to the area and were married at Prospect Park. All park areas surrounding the lake should be respected and left for everyone to enjoy.

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1/19/2024 12:48 PM

there is nothing the Town will do or afford to slow the lake from becoming a wet land totally

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1/30/2024 01:38 PM

The lake is man made to begin with. It should serve the needs and wants of residents firstly. Geese need to be gone , more importantly the lake absolutely needs to be dredged to be deeper. This will limit light penetration and keep invasive plants away. It will also help to keep the lake cooler making algae less pervasive and help the fish. Lastly the beach needs attention so that it can be used more effectively.

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1/30/2024 02:00 PM

it would be great to be able to use the lake for recreation as a resident

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1/30/2024 05:58 PM

Recreational activities are extremely limited in Acton, specifically water activities. Residents needs an acceptable outlet and we currently have none.

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1/30/2024 08:05 PM

It should be possible to preserve the wetland areas and make the other parts of the lake, better for recreation, like swimming on the beaches.

Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 08:03 AM	Fairy lake could be a town attraction to get people outside and community together. Right now most of prospect park is not utilized because the geese have taken over.
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 02:04 PM	Fairy Lake needs to be preserved AND allowed to have recreational use.
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 11:01 AM	It would be nice to find a balance, and have species controlled to a certain degree, respectfully. Specifically to overpopulation of geese.
Screen Name Redacted 2/03/2024 08:59 AM	There is a big wetland south of Mill Street. Another is not needed.
Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 11:50 AM	The wetlands appear to encourage primarily the goose population which negatively affects the lake's water quality.
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 11:32 AM	The town needs more entertainment and a lake we could use would be great!
Screen Name Redacted 2/12/2024 03:37 PM	It is more important that Residents of Acton have access to these recreation facilities.
Screen Name Redacted 2/13/2024 06:49 PM	Surely, a model could be produced that would allow the co-habitation of wildlife and recreational use of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 2/17/2024 05:43 PM	It is important to balance both the preservation of the wetlands along with improving the recreational aspects of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 2/18/2024 04:48 PM	Although nature and wildlife is important to me, I have a family with young kids and we often enjoy using the space around Fairly Lake for a variety of recreational use and enjoy the way the space currently is.
Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2024 03:29 PM	Of course it is important! This is a ridiculous question. I want a balance of both!!
Screen Name Redacted 2/26/2024 09:10 PM	I am in favour of unharmed anything and would like to continue fishing Fairy Lake.

Optional question (20 response(s), 32 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q4 | **What is the most important benefit that Fairy Lake provides? Please rank from the most important (1) to the least important (4):**

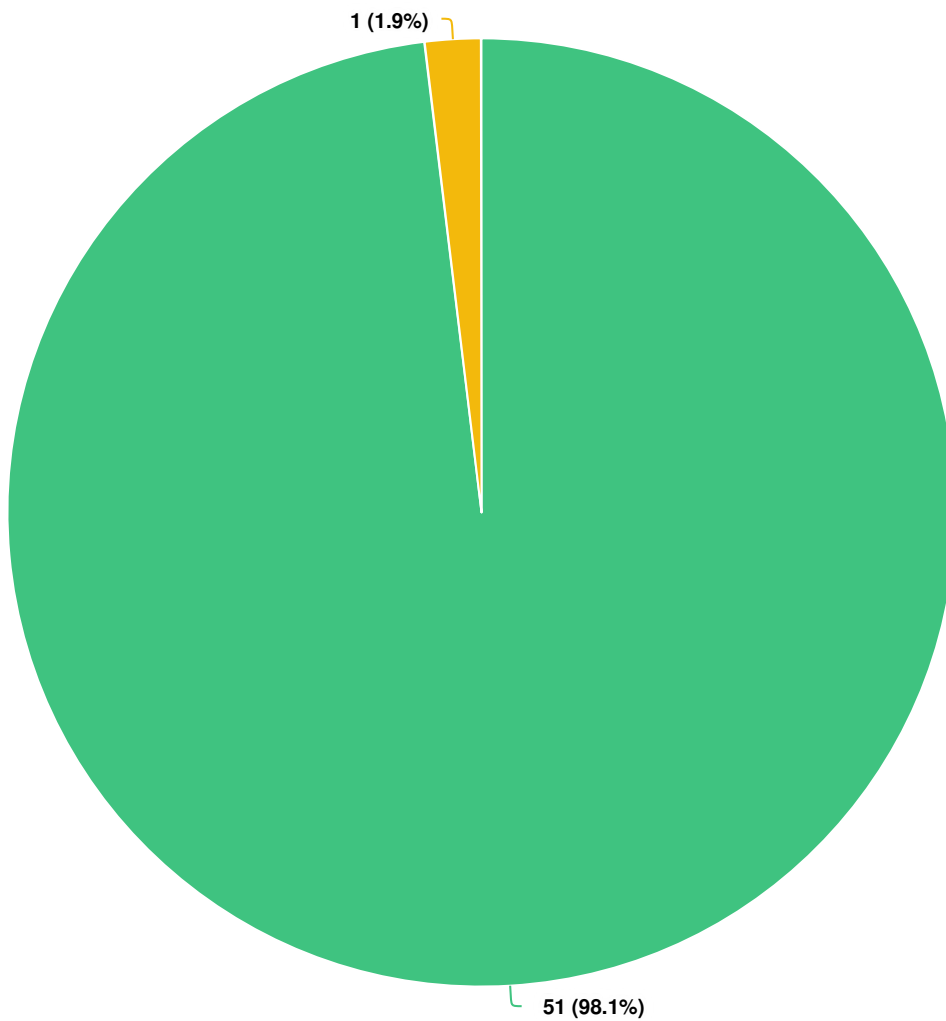
OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Recreational activities (on or near the water - boating, paddle boarding, fishing, wildlife observation)	2.08
Ecological areas and providing habitat for significant aquatic plants and wildlife	2.19
Enhancing the overall aesthetic of the area (views to the lake from the surrounding shore)	2.69
Recreational activities (in water - swimming)	3.04

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))

Question type: Ranking Question

Q5 After reading the report and viewing the presentation, do you understand that Fairy Lake receives significant uncontrolled storm water that runs off from adjacent properties through the existing stormwater systems and overland flow, and that Fairy ...

may be providing some level of treatment of flow before continuing to flow downstream in Black Creek at the dam



Question options

- Yes
- No

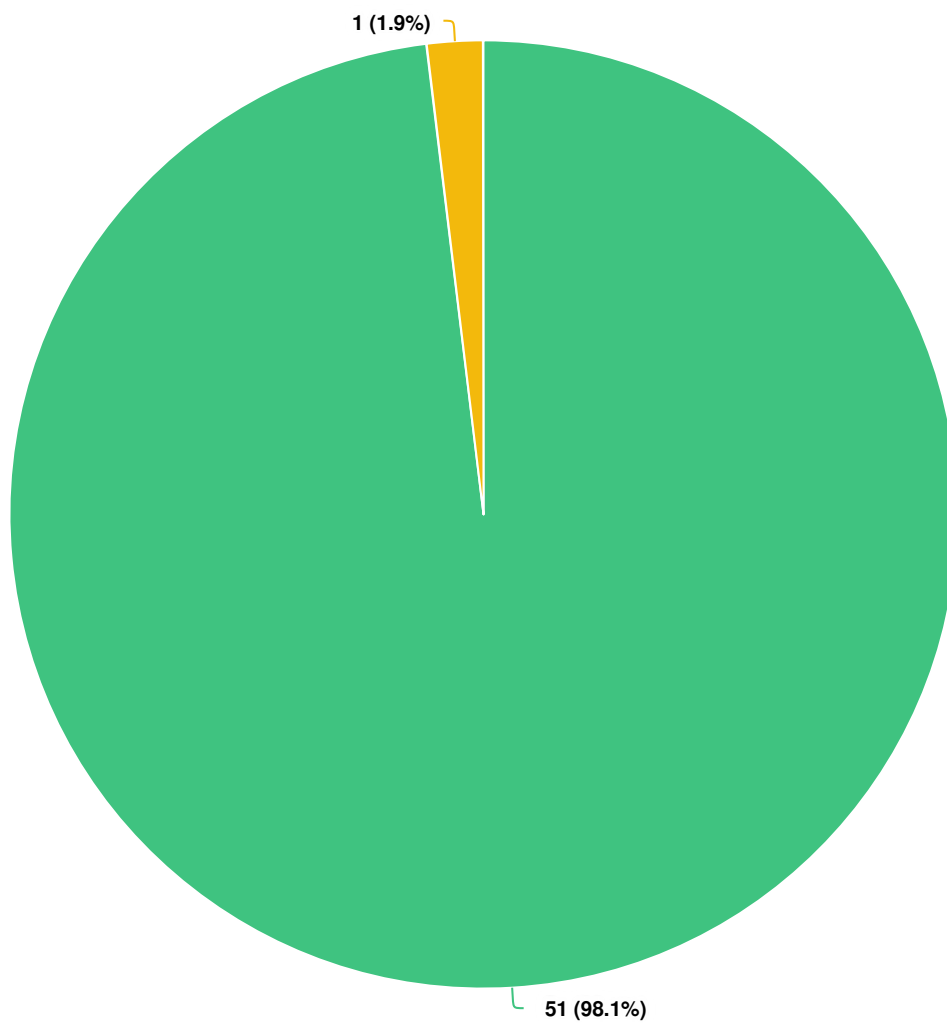
Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 Please rank the following existing or potential recreational facilities/activities related to or near Fairy Lake and Prospect Park/Rotary Park that may impact or be impacted by water quality or wildlife (i.e. geese) from the most important (1) to the least important (9) to you

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Trails/Boardwalks	3.31
Near water accessibility for viewing wildlife or fishing, etc. (e.g., piers or other platforms)	3.63
Swimming at the beach	4.27
Enhanced boating facilities (e.g., launches, docks)	4.69
Shoreline fishing	4.75
Sports fields (baseball, soccer)	5.10
Splashpad	5.13
Ice fishing	6.52
Leash free dog park	6.90

*Optional question (52 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question*

Q7 | The water quality study update shows no significant changes (for better or worse) in water quality since the 2010 study, but notes that the lake could benefit from efforts to reduce nutrient inputs to it. Do you support the Town continuing to invest in management solutions (educating residents on how they can support the health of Fairy Lake, goose egg oiling, buffer plantings, stormwater treatment)?



Question options

- Yes
- No

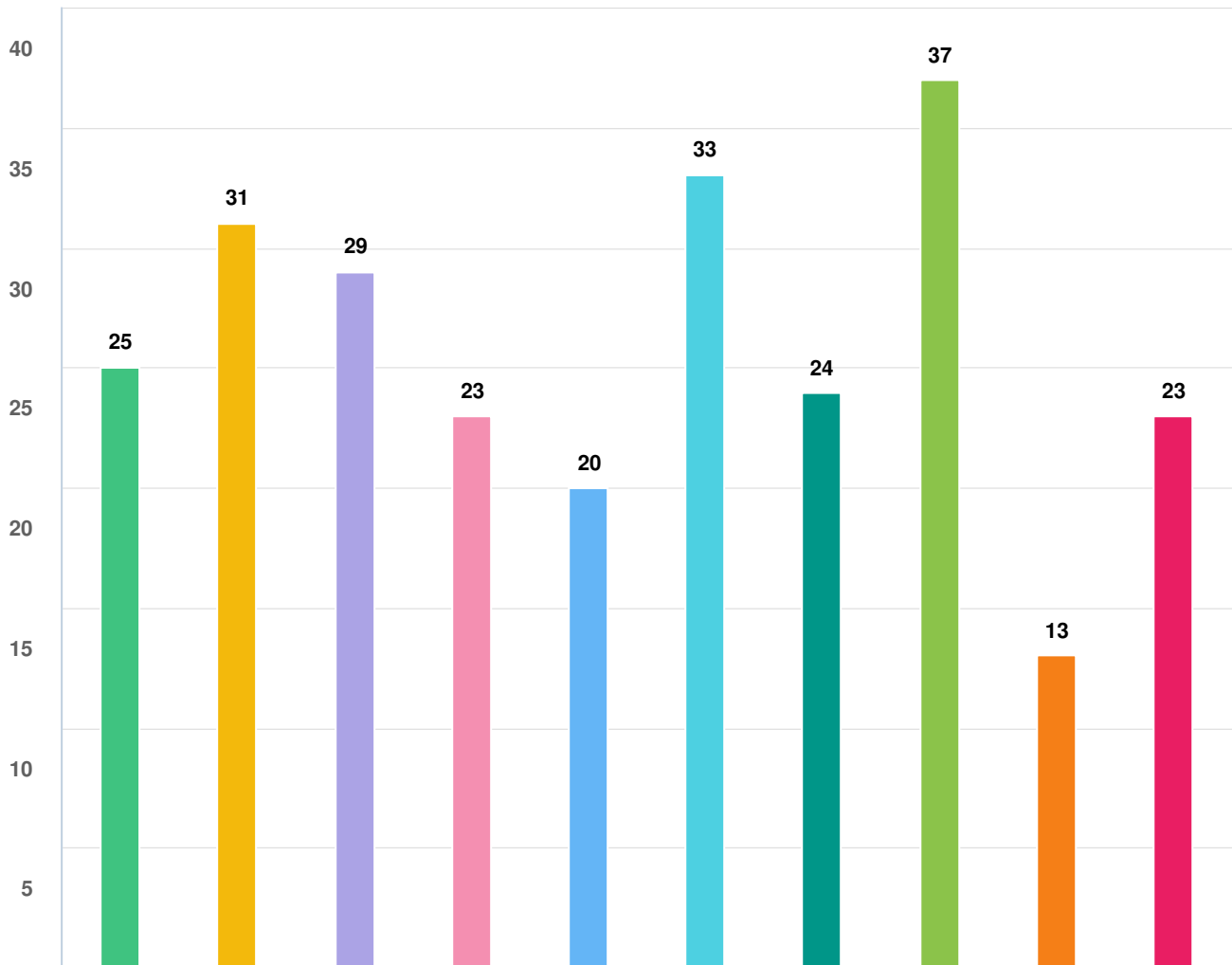
Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 | Please rank the current management operational practices in and around Fairy Lake from the most (1) to the least (6) desirable:

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Goose management practices (egg oiling program)	2.60
Fertilizer reduction (reducing or eliminating use of phosphorous based fertilizers)	3.15
Area catch basin and storm water quality units cleaning program	3.15
Maintaining vegetated buffers along the edge of the lake	3.87
Allowing wetland plants to grow in the southern portion of the lake (not removing aquatic vegetation or dredging the lake)	3.94
Use of public education (i.e., Fairy Lake website, use of educational signs like “don’t feed waterfowl”) to encourage best management practices	4.25

*Optional question (52 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question*

Q9 A number of management recommendations are described in detail in the report and presentation. The Town is considering where to focus its efforts to improve water quality in Fairy Lake. Please select the 5 most important options:



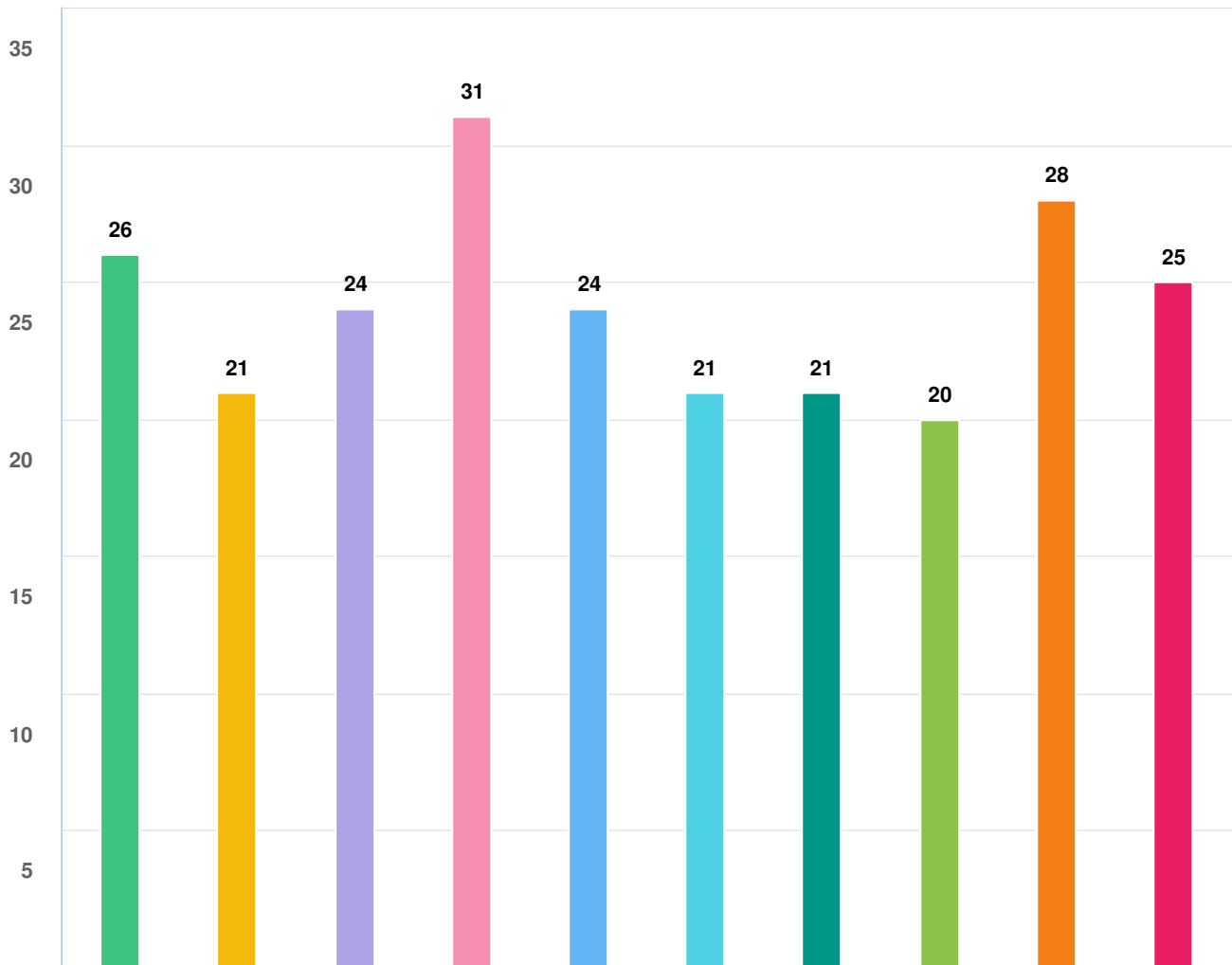
Question options

- Review existing agricultural best management practices (BMP) in the Fairy Lake watershed, rural incentives program and introduce new or enhanced BMPs (i.e. no-till or conservation tillage, cover crops, vegetative buffers, nutrient management plans)
- Storm sewer retrofits (oil grit separators, filters or adaptive management solutions to remove nutrients)
- Enhancing the current catch basin and storm water quality units cleaning program
- Require new developments to include low impact development (LID) design (green roofs, permeable pavement, rain gardens, bioswales) to reduce nutrients and sediments reaching Fairy Lake in stormwater and retrofit existing areas with LID design measures
- Natural Channel Design (restore concrete channels in Black Creek upstream of Fairy Lake)
- Design wetland features at storm water outfalls into Fairy Lake to trap sediments and nutrients and slow down flows into the lake during storm events
- Vegetation management – control of invasive species and enhancement of shoreline buffers
- Waterfowl management (continue egg oiling, naturalizing grassed areas, using barriers, grass applications or hazing techniques to deter geese from high use areas)
- Engage local property owners and businesses in proximity to the lake shoreline in stewardship initiatives through education and incentives
- Develop a method to monitor the effectiveness of management activities in achieving the goal of improved water quality in Fairy Lake

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 A number of management recommendations are described in detail in the report and presentation. The Town is considering where to focus its efforts to improve water quality in Fairy Lake. Please select the 5 least important options:



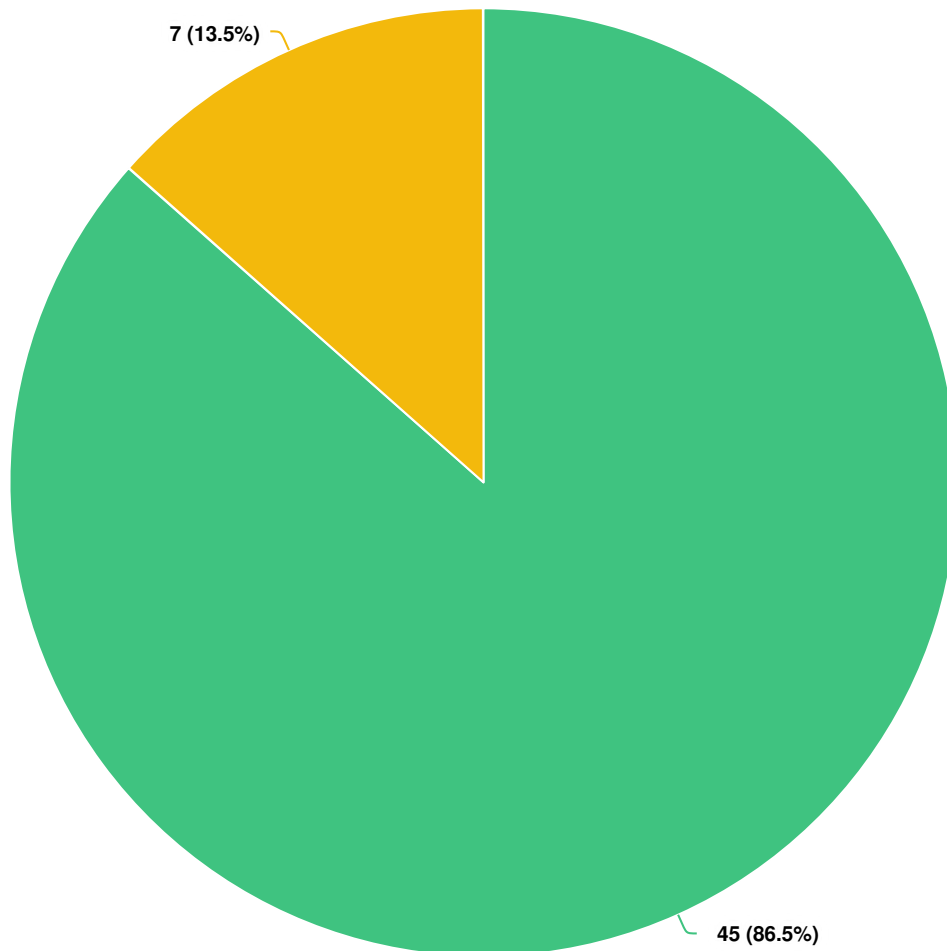
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Mandatory Question (52 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 | Do you think the Town should increase efforts in managing the goose population, including working with adjacent landowners?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 | Please explain why you chose to recommend that the Town should increase efforts in managing the goose population.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 05:45 PM
I think the town *should* increase efforts. The geese (and their mess) makes it challenging to fully enjoy the park.

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 10:18 AM
Mess, noise, impacts on land use ie soccer fields and pathways

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 08:16 PM
I choose that yes I think they should. Your question 8 and 9 are the same and 10 is broken

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 07:32 PM
I did recommend that the town increase efforts in managing the goose population. I think there may be an error in the survey.

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 08:11 PM
The Breeses trailer park has wide swathes of short grass along their property that promotes the growth of geese. This primate land owner should be engaged to install tall grasses and other barriers along their shoreline.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 12:39 PM
The park is basically unusable due to the goose droppings.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:20 PM
The geese foul the entire park and the walkways. The area at the far end of the soccer field is slippery at times due to the mass of fecal matter. When the crabapples are ripe that entire area is swarmed with geese. Kids playing soccer on that field have to be inspected before they can get in cars to go home. Little people often walk differently from adults and frequently sit and play on the grass and bike tires are coated. They are not an endangered species and are a nuisance wherever they are allowed to congregate.

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1/30/2024 01:17 PM
Evident by the population. A lot of times there are more geese than people in the park.

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 08:36 AM
They're irritating to park goers. They don't add a lot to the biodiversity of the Lake. I've never heard anyone talk about how they're a positive impact on the quality of the Lake or park.

Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 01:38 PM	Too many geese , too much bird waste.
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 02:00 PM	The geese are super aggressive and hurt the use of the area
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 03:06 PM	The lake and surrounding lands should foster healthy goose population growth while also minimizing their deleterious effects on homes and properties.
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 05:42 PM	Too many geese in the park. Can't walk through there without stepping in shit. If it's on the ground it's in the water
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 08:05 PM	There are too many geese around the lake with too much droppings. The town should do a better job of limiting their access to public spaces where recreation is involved and put a greater effort into cleaning up droppings in these areas when they occur
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 07:40 AM	The water quality is reduced.
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 08:03 AM	Beach unusable, even swing area gross. It's been long enough with geese controlling the area. It's gross.
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 02:04 PM	Geese are terrible polluters of park areas and water systems. We are overrun with this bird—their population needs to be reduced.
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 11:01 AM	we paddle board at fairy lake often and worry about the amount of geese and their feces in and around the water, on the docks, and splash pad where our children play.
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 09:47 PM	Bacterial count reduction. Reduces recreational use and aesthetics.
Screen Name Redacted 2/02/2024 10:01 PM	I have other locations where geese have become a problem.
Screen Name Redacted 2/03/2024 08:59 AM	They are the primary reason for high readings of water quality. The region reads levels at the beach where they congregate and delicate

on shore and in the shallow water. The town's attempt to control this from happening is not adequate. Indoor pool bouys/rope line doesn't deter them. They then walk on the beach to the park. No gates on the fence...a 2x6 board on the ground at the bottom of the fence that they step over. Controlling with dogs works. Also taking a serious approach to egg oiling. One or two days isn't enough. Listening to the public in finding the nests is important.

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2/04/2024 11:50 AM

This appears to be the largest contributor to poor water quality in the lake.

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2/04/2024 03:01 PM

however do not grease the eggs---find another way e.g. birth control like Toronto is doing with the pigeons

Screen Name Redacted

2/05/2024 11:32 AM

The goose population at the lake is so bad that it makes it hard to enjoy the area. There is poop everywhere and they will chase you.

Screen Name Redacted

2/05/2024 05:12 PM

Goose poo from the exponentially increasing numbers of geese can really make activities around prospect park less pleasant.

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2024 02:26 PM

The geese make the park unusable. My children have never been able to play in the water, nor in the sand near the beach. The park paths become so covered in feces that you cannot walk without watching every step and enjoyment of the area is significantly impacted negatively. I realize that some people in the community very vocally defend the geese and make action to restore the lake controversial. Education about how the geese are out of proportion, as well as causes of the lake's stressors (ie: failing/lack of septic treatment) is vital. I would not like their opinions to slow the lake's rehabilitation. My family and I would like Acton and Fairy Lake to be a place where turtles and salamanders find refuge, can hide from poachers, and will thrive, ultimately rebuilding their populations. It would be so cool if people could come to visit our town and see them in the wild.

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2/09/2024 09:06 PM

I believe the out of control goose population is the single biggest threat to the lake.

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2/10/2024 10:45 AM

to reduce the bacterial load/pollution which will support water quality efforts

Screen Name Redacted
2/13/2024 06:49 PM

I cannot enjoy the park for all the goose feces; when I go for a walk, I usually go back home before finishing my walk because my shoes are covered in goose feces. There are too many geese, they need to be culled.

Screen Name Redacted
2/14/2024 03:45 PM

The goose droppings in the park and beach area must be eliminated

Screen Name Redacted
2/17/2024 05:43 PM

The ever present geese feces makes walking around the park, as well as the soccer fields and ball fields unusual.

Screen Name Redacted
2/18/2024 04:48 PM

The geese make a mess of the path and grass area of the park and surrounding area making it difficult to enjoy/play with my children (eg. Having a picnic on the grass, playing games/sports on the grass, walking around the park/area, playing at the splash pad).

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 03:29 PM

Obviously the geese are an issue affecting the recreational use of the area. There are many control options to explore

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 05:41 PM

Seems to be the main cause for excess nutrients.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2024 03:17 PM

It's my observation that the goose population on Fairy Lake has increased significantly in the last few decades, as too, perhaps, has the overall local population. If the surplus of goose feces has elevated the bacteria levels in the water, and caused significant mess on the soccer/baseball fields and walking/recreation areas around the lake, then I feel we need to do what we can to take it back to a more balanced population level

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2024 05:16 PM

Parts if the park becomes unusable because of the geese and poop.

Screen Name Redacted
2/26/2024 09:10 PM

They are a complete eye sore, annoying to deal with and we have to watch our every step dodging goose feces everywhere around the lake. They take up too much space and continue to populate year after year...

Screen Name Redacted
2/29/2024 01:47 PM

Goose waste is bad

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 02:51 PM

Excess waste damages water quality and affects fish habitat, excessive grazing contributes to soil erosion. Although everyone likes seeing their goslings, adult geese can reduce area enjoyment due to their protective nature.

Optional question (39 response(s), 13 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q13 | Please explain why you chose not to recommend that the Town should increase efforts in managing the goose population.

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1/17/2024 08:27 PM

One of the ways is to change maintenance of grass. I totally disagree with this

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 11:10 PM

The geese were here first

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 03:14 PM

I feel that regardless of how much effort is put into this there are always going to be a high number of Canada geese impacting the lake. Probably best to put resources elsewhere.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 12:55 PM

Let the geese be geese.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:18 PM

It depends on how you manage it. Native grasses and shrubs yes with more trails instead of mowed lawn will work. Poor geese. We need to look at why they are there. No predators, and all lawn is the issue. We need to attract more of their natural predators - this is not scary! - and get rid of all the lawns.

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1/30/2024 08:03 PM

Goose population is just right size

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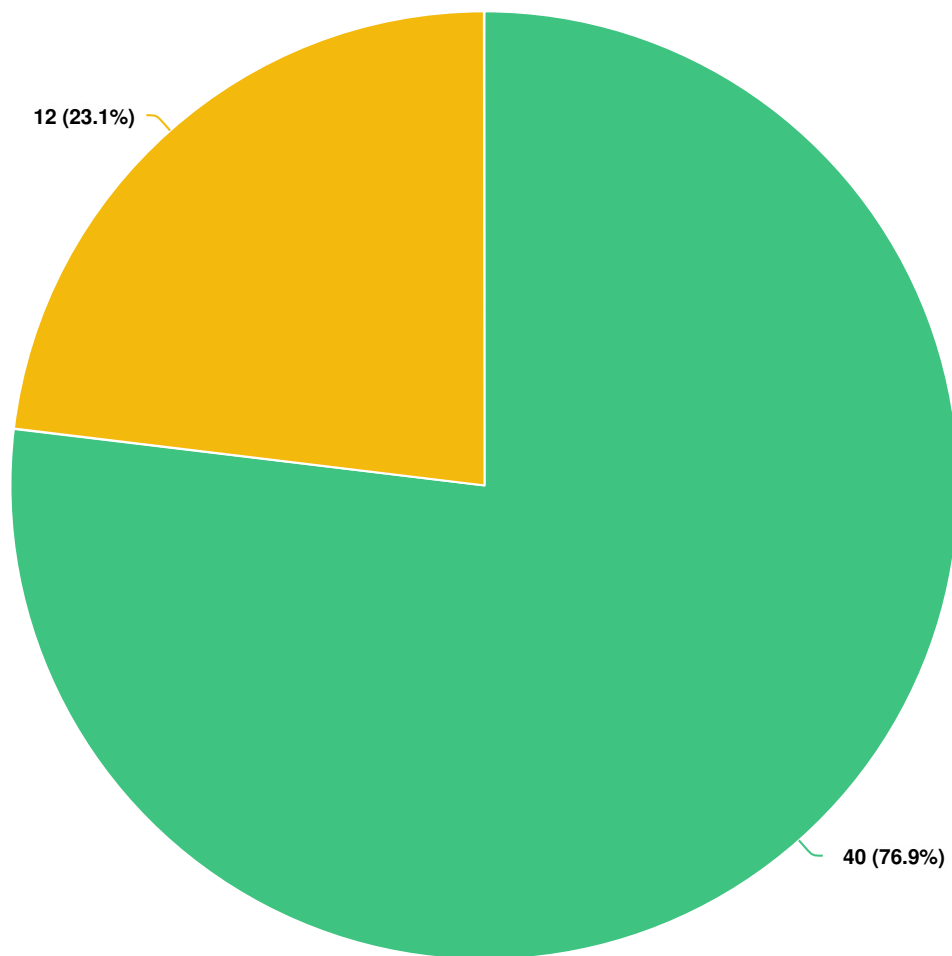
2/12/2024 03:37 PM

You have stated that there was no significant change good or bad in the water quality of Fairy Lake. Why is this a concern at this time?

Optional question (7 response(s), 45 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q14 | Would you support the Town naturalizing areas (reducing mowing) around the lake shoreline to increase the height of grasses? Longer grasses would help trap sediments and nutrients, and slow down flows into the lake during storm events. This would also discourage Canada geese from accessing these areas.



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q15 | Could you please offer insights into your support for naturalizing areas (reducing mowing) around the lake shoreline?

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 05:45 PM

Less pollution, less geese grazing.

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 10:18 AM

Discourage geese and improve biodiversity reduce noise pollution and save money

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 03:14 PM

I STRONGLY support a more naturalized shoreline. Leaving a healthy, natural buffer strip around the lake will pay off in improved water quality.

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 07:32 PM

We need to preserve the habitats and protect the water quality

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 11:35 AM

Naturalization is a win-win, I don't see any downsides.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 12:48 PM

Trap sediments and slow flows ...no problembut remember one thing "GEESE FLY" Buffers and fences do NOT affect where geese go.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 08:11 PM

-barrier for geese access - improve water quality, filter stormwater and potentially reduce nutrients. bacteria concentrations and toxic algae outbreaks

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 12:55 PM

While I like the idea it would help trap sediments and nutrients, I think having a view of the water is appealing as well.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:20 PM

I would support this as long as it doesn't increase nesting areas for geese.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:18 PM

Plant Native Species flowers ie. Goldenrod, aster, sumac, leave dead trees. I will physically help you - please call me, I'm in!

Screen Name Redacted

Planting of natural barrier vegetation. Perhaps natural looking

1/30/2024 01:17 PM

fencing/barriers along the water side of trails (cedar split rail etc) that do not obstruct views or small mammals, but will restrict water access for large birds.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 08:36 AM

Here's the thing, I support naturalizing areas that aren't heavily used, i.e. behind houses on Elizabeth drive, HOWEVER, I don't support renaturalizing ALL around Prospect park where most people are using the Lake for recreational activities. In fact, I would recommend that all around Prospect park the Town consider upgrading the shoreline to either armourstone or a boardwalk to promote people going to the edge in those locations without disturbing the vegetation that's trying to grow (this would also help prevent geese coming into the park while still encouraging recreational use).

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1/30/2024 01:38 PM

Plant willows

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 03:06 PM

One less form of human intervention into the natural growth and sustainability of the ecosystem.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 07:40 AM

The sediments are washed in the lake.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 08:03 AM

Reduced mowing to an extent. We need to control the geese. It would be amazing for our community to have a local beach to use. A natural attraction instead of man made

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 02:04 PM

Reduce mowing in only some areas....take a balanced approach.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 11:01 AM

it sounds like a very natural and humane way of reducing sediments and slowing down the flow of water during storms, and reducing access by geese. it sounds like a very cost effective and natural way to improve water quality of the lake.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 09:47 PM

Goose control. Better habitat. Protect shoreline. Reduce runoff. Shoreline shading and cooling.

Screen Name Redacted

2/03/2024 08:59 AM

Keeps the geese away

Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 03:01 PM	none
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 11:32 AM	I support anything that detours the geese.
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 05:12 PM	There are plenty of safe clear access points
Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2024 02:26 PM	Oh yes! I hadn't realized that mowing promotes the geese! Please mow less. Let's make sure we don't create a space where we have a lot of ticks though.
Screen Name Redacted 2/09/2024 09:06 PM	The Canada Geese prefer the trimmed areas to naturalized areas
Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2024 10:45 AM	Seems like a simple cost-effective approach that will enhance the biodiversity of the shoreline, provide better protection to species that use naturalized areas, and decrease goose usage of the area.
Screen Name Redacted 2/12/2024 03:37 PM	Longer grasses would help trap sediments and nutrients, and slow down flows into the lake during storm events. This would also discourage Canada geese from accessing these areas
Screen Name Redacted 2/14/2024 03:45 PM	Any existing undeveloped shoreline should be left as is for the benefit of the wildlife.
Screen Name Redacted 2/17/2024 05:43 PM	Support is only to a limit. Grass must be maintained to ensure it does not support or promote other pests, I.e. mosquitoes.
Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2024 05:41 PM	Certainly low cost and is an effective practice. Maintaining natural habitat along waterways is a widespread strategy used in many jurisdictions.
Screen Name Redacted 2/24/2024 05:16 PM	Keeping the geese from entering into the park and perhaps nesting on the tall grasses may help to keep the park free from all of the House poop that makes parts of the park unusable and eventually washes back into the water

Screen Name Redacted

2/26/2024 09:10 PM

If it helps deter geese, I'm for it...

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 02:51 PM

Improving water runoff quality, increase native habitats, promote plant variety and provide scenic backdrop as opposed to monotonous grass lands.

Optional question (33 response(s), 19 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q16 | Could you please provide insights into why you do not support naturalizing areas (reducing mowing) around the lake shoreline?

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 06:25 PM

There are a lot of homes near and on fairy lake - when the towns machinery was broken and mowing did not occur the mosquito population was horrific.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 08:27 PM

The geese will come, we have the highest concentrations at the soccer/baseball diamonds. You will not cut there, we have too many private areas that they will inhabit. Geese know how to land in water and take off from it. Naturalizing will not prevent that! People have allergies and we don't want ticks on our pets. Totally disagree with this. We live in LakeVIEW and want the view

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 11:10 PM

My allergies would flair up

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 08:16 PM

This is not going to help. It is nice to be safe to walk around the lake without the fear of ticks and invasive rodents coming into our homes

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 02:00 PM

we wouldnt be able to use the area as effectively

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 08:03 PM

Make it difficult for human to access the water

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 08:05 PM

The current mowing practises allow the proper amount of access to the lake for people to enjoy it

Screen Name Redacted

2/04/2024 11:50 AM

There are other options to consider that are likely more effective. In addition, longer grasses will encourage a higher rodent population (mice, rats, snakes), as well as reduce the aesthetics and walkability of those areas. This would also potentially encourage the growth of invasive species. Would recommend mowing be reduced during the summer months, but not eliminated. Currently, mowing is done even when the grasses have not grown long....note this is also done throughout other areas in town. Reducing but not eliminating will be a step toward minimizing the cost, as well as improving air quality.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 06:49 PM

It's not necessary and it is definitely not a discouragement for the geese.

Screen Name Redacted

2/18/2024 04:48 PM

Taller grass invites other things such as ticks to thrive and is not something I would like to have my children playing around. We often use the grass area around Fairy lake for walks, playing games, picnics, as well as simply enjoying the view of the lake; taller/unkept grass would make those activities more difficult to enjoy.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 03:29 PM

I do not want overgrown areas near residential properties. I bought in the area specifically for the recreational aspects it offers. Surely there is a balanced solution - recreation, happy home owners and environmental success.

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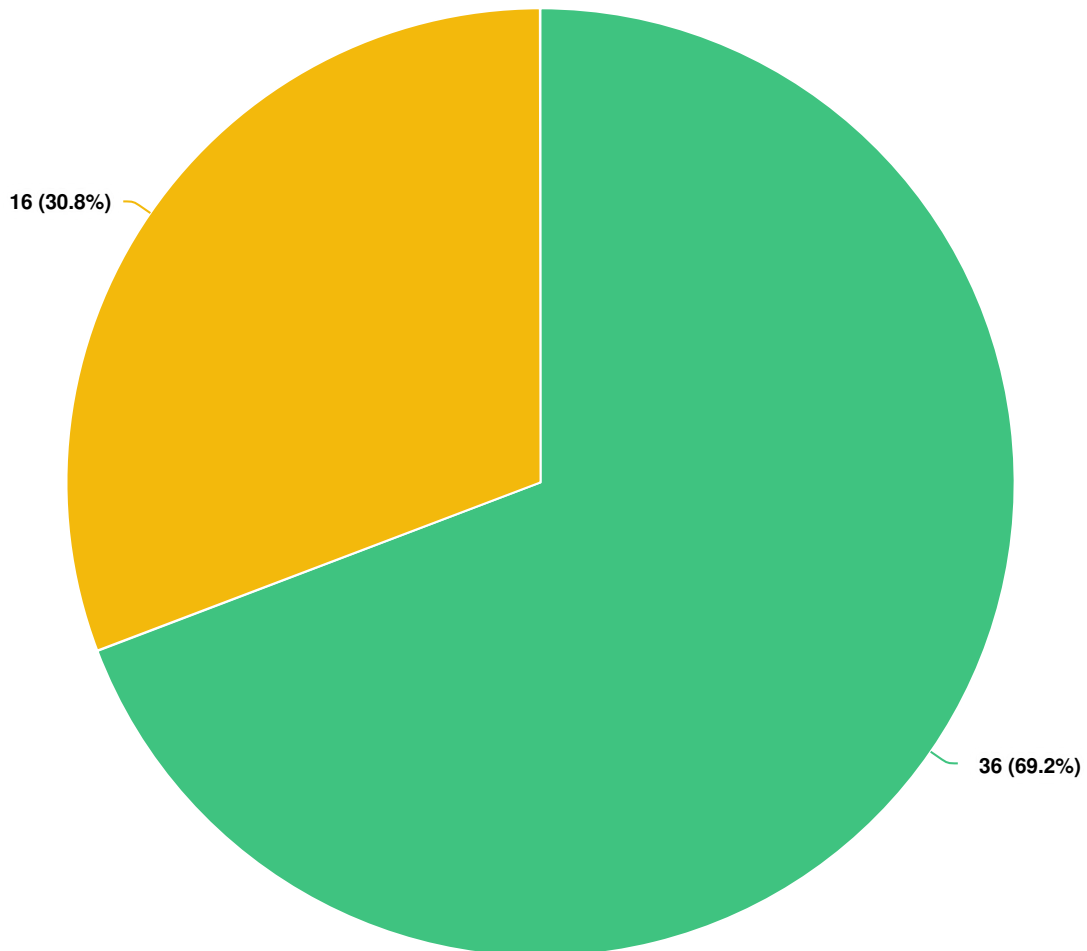
2/24/2024 03:17 PM

It is my thought that the previous "naturalizing" of the shoreline has both funneled the geese to the high traffic areas they populate now as well as having limited the use and enjoyment that the citizens of Acton previously enjoyed. Park benches along Rotary Park used to be frequently used as people would chat and enjoy the view of the lake. Now the area is mostly used just for the path to quickly get across the area

Optional question (12 response(s), 40 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q17 | Should the Town actively naturalize (plant trees and shrubs) along the Fairy Lake shoreline to create additional vegetation buffering and habitat for animals and birds?



Question options

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q18 | Could you please provide insights into why you support naturalizing (planting trees and shrubs) along the lake shoreline?

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 05:45 PM

Scenic, more diverse wildlife

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 10:18 AM

Improved habitats reduce greenhouse gas

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 03:14 PM

We should be doing everything practically possible to improve local biodiversity. We can definitely reduce space for lawns without impacting recreational options. And lets save some money and air quality by not using those polluting lawn mowers and trimmers where they don't have any benefit.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 11:35 AM

It would look nice, better support wildlife, help clean the water - I see no down side.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 12:48 PM

Better than erecting fake trees like ugly hydro poles with platforms in residents back yards that the geese use to nest.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 08:11 PM

-barrier for geese access - improve water quality and buffering capacity of shoreline, filter stormwater and potentially reduce nutrients. bacteria concentrations and toxic algae outbreaks

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 12:55 PM

Allows species to continue to flourish in the area.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:20 PM

I would support this to create additional buffering if some care is given to keep trails open and still make walking near and around the lake a pleasure.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:18 PM

We need to encourage biodiversity, natural predators to geese and this in turn will help with the water. Native plants and shrubs are natural cleaners.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:17 PM

Planting of natural barrier vegetation. Perhaps natural looking fencing/barriers along the water side of trails (cedar split rail etc) that

do not obstruct views or small mammals, but will restrict water access for large birds.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 08:36 AM

Same answer as question 13. I support it being done in low-traffic areas however not in the high traffic/recreationally used areas. I also think that if this was done well along the Prospect Park shoreline it could help enhance the shoreline while adding natural benefits. This isn't a one-or-the-other type discussion in my mind, I think if it's done correctly it can be appreciated by everyone. You should talk to the Town of Stratford about how they do things on Lake Victoria, I've seen similarities between Fairy Lake and Lake Victoria.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:38 PM

Shade mostly also keeps people from stirring up sediment. The dock and beach areas should be the only access to the lake.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 02:00 PM

more trees the better

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 03:06 PM

Would improve the aesthetic quality of the park and surrounding land and improve the habitat for indigenous and migratory bird populations (one of the best parts of the area!)

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 08:03 PM

Maintain natural habitats

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 07:40 AM

It stabilizes the soil around the shoreline.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 08:03 AM

Not strongly opinionated an this one

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 02:04 PM

Only in some areas...take a balanced approach.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 11:01 AM

creating natural barrier for water flow, limiting geese access and it would be visually appealing - and easy to maintain.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 09:47 PM

Answered in Question 14., plus creates more natural environment, cooling, better recreation, carbon sink, shade, reduces urban heat sink.

Screen Name Redacted 2/03/2024 08:59 AM	Keeps the geese away
Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 03:01 PM	none
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 05:12 PM	There are so many great opportunities to see birds down there, like orioles in the park. More shrubs etc would enhance that experience
Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2024 02:26 PM	I would gladly donate time to help physically plant naturalizing trees and shrubs. Strengthening and protecting turtle and salamander habitat is very important to our family. Turtles are my son's special animal and we are delighted to live where they can be found. Turtle populations need a lot of help from us to stop declining. We are concerned about how few there may actually be. We like to go on turtle walks where we keep an eye on marked nests and sometimes even spot adults and hatchlings. This is a highlight for us of living in Acton and it makes this town a very special place in the hearts of our two children who adore it here.
Screen Name Redacted 2/09/2024 09:06 PM	The plants and shrubs will help with wildlife habitat.
Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2024 10:45 AM	Because that's probably what should be along a lake shoreline, even one made by people.
Screen Name Redacted 2/17/2024 05:43 PM	It would improve overall aesthetics.
Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2024 05:41 PM	Speed the process up and can be selective in planting the most effective plants.
Screen Name Redacted 2/24/2024 05:16 PM	More trees and other foliage are never a bad thing. Taking an eco approach to solve this would be welcome.
Screen Name Redacted 2/29/2024 02:51 PM	provide mother nature a helping hand to encourage beneficial vegetation

Optional question (30 response(s), 22 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q19 | Could you please provide insights into why you do not support naturalizing (planting trees and shrubs) along the lake shoreline?

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 06:25 PM

Part of the joy of living near the lake is being able to see it. Many trees and shrubs have already been planted and/ the ones already there have been allowed to grow very tall.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 08:27 PM

We have more than enough!

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 11:10 PM

Love the shoreline and being able to see it

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 08:16 PM

There are currently plenty of trees along the shoreline in public areas. Perhaps support or encourage the trailer part to do the same? Add more along Mill street?

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 08:05 PM

There is already enough naturalization

Screen Name Redacted

2/04/2024 11:50 AM

The overall look of the lake will be negatively impacted. The town should instead work on improving the recreation activities around the lake as this would be a benefit to the town overall. We should work toward promoting Fairy Lake as a recreational destination. Allowing excess growth of vegetation will make recreation less attractive.

Screen Name Redacted

2/05/2024 11:32 AM

I want to be able to enjoy the shorelines

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2024 03:37 PM

Seems like a waste of money. Not mowing as the above question states does not waste resources to not do something that has a benefit.

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2/13/2024 06:49 PM

This is the same question as 12 but reworded.

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 03:45 PM

There is already enough.

Screen Name Redacted

2/18/2024 04:48 PM

Planting trees and shrubs along the shoreline may block the view of the lake when going out for a walk along the shore line. One of the things we love about the area is going for a walk and enjoying the beauty of the lake.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 03:29 PM

Depends where. Not where the area is being used for residences or recreation. Otherwise, of course! Another slanted question.

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 03:17 PM

As stated above, the more areas that are built up along the shore just increases the traffic to the areas that aren't. This includes people and wildlife.

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2/26/2024 09:10 PM

There's enough of them along the shoreline.

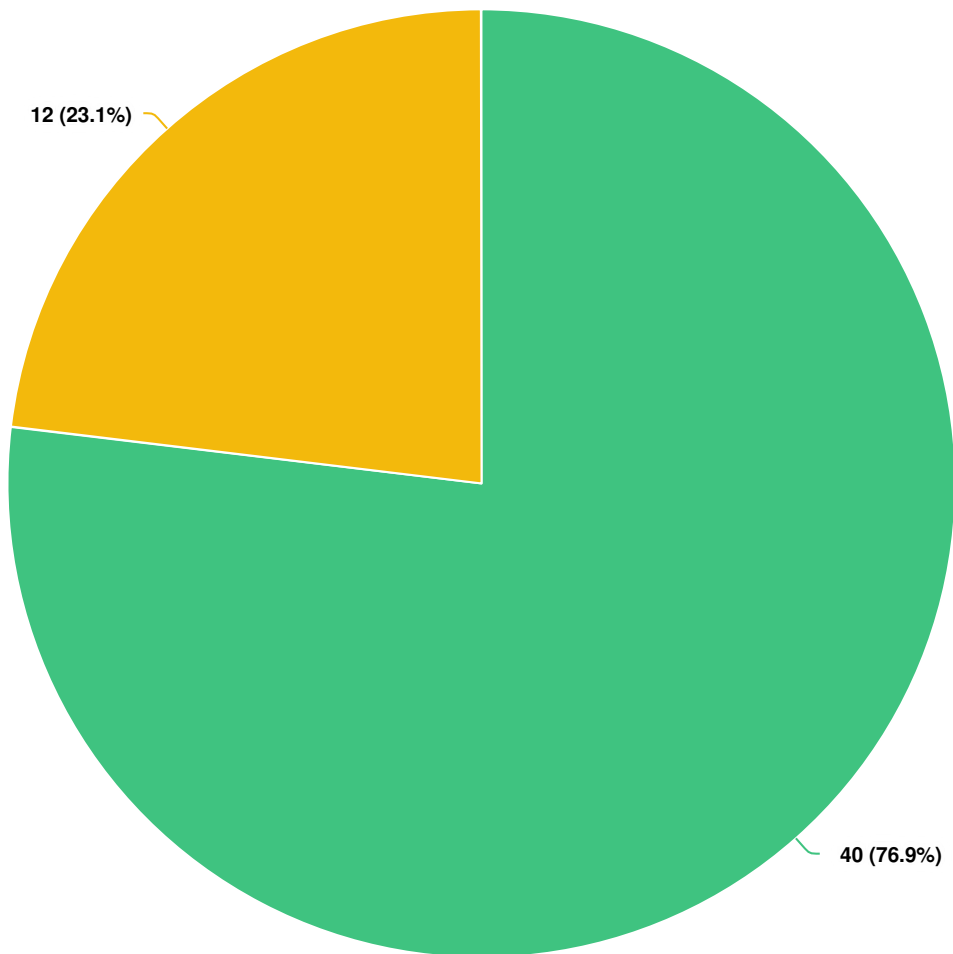
Optional question (14 response(s), 38 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q20 | The size of Fairy Lake has not changed but the areas of Acton that now drain into the lake have grown significantly. This results in larger amounts of untreated storm water entering Fairy Lake, which is noted in the technical study as having the bi...

biggest impact on the overall lake water quality.

Do you agree that the highest priority for improving water quality should be end of pipe treatments (such as Jellyfish, Oil-Grit Separators, or other emerging technologies) working in cooperation with Halton Region on broader phosphorous and nutrient reduction programs to try to address this impact?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q21 | Please elaborate on why you agree that the highest priority for improving water quality should involve end-of-pipe treatments.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 05:45 PM
If it is an effective way to improve water quality, then it should be a priority .

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 10:18 AM
Long range option when paired with other options

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 03:14 PM
Dealing with nutrients at source is going to be more efficient then trying to deal with them once they are in the lake.

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 08:16 PM
It makes the most sense. There really aren't other options

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 11:35 AM
If it is the biggest impact, then addressing it should be highest priority.

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 12:48 PM
Lower phosphate ...reduced Blue Green Algy

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:38 PM
This question answers itself...

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 02:00 PM
the water really needs to be cleaned

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 03:06 PM
It seems these are effective means of helping in this area with the smallest impact on the ecosystem.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 08:03 PM
Impact the quality of the lake area

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 08:05 PM
This seems like a smart thing to do

Screen Name Redacted
1/31/2024 08:03 AM
Sounds like poor planning that this was not part of the growth plan.

Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 11:01 AM	all the natural ways can help with flow, and geese but will not make a great impact - from my understanding. this would help slow or limit the flow of what water drains into the lake. based on the growing population - if not addressed it will only get worse and I would think that the quality would decrease - which you noted it hasnt since 2010 - but the population will being to effect it.
Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 11:50 AM	xx
Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 03:01 PM	none
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 11:32 AM	This would eliminate a lot of the waste that goes into the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 05:12 PM	Blue green algae has become a huge problem. Getting BP under control is a top priority
Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2024 02:26 PM	I understand that we have runoff from
Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2024 10:45 AM	There needs to be a mix of short-term and long term solutions to mitigate water quality. This seems like a good short term approach that will be useful over the life of the solution.
Screen Name Redacted 2/13/2024 06:49 PM	I agree in using the latest technology to address the problem.
Screen Name Redacted 2/14/2024 03:45 PM	This is achievable.
Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2024 03:29 PM	Obviously if it is causing the majority of the problem, it should be the focus.
Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2024 05:41 PM	Best if unwanted nutrients are prevented from making it into the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 2/24/2024 03:17 PM	I don't feel the entire town needs to flush into the lake whenever it rains. Maybe there is a type of settling pond/bog that could slow drain into the lake is an option

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 05:16 PM

We need to keep the contaminants out of the watershed area.

Screen Name Redacted

2/26/2024 09:10 PM

It only makes sense this is where main priority is if Acton continues to grow around Fairy Lake. We must do what we can to treat as much storm water as possible.

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 02:51 PM

If the drainage area has increased (or more specifically developed area) then action is required to reduce the amount/quality of the runoff either at its source (development practices) or prior to the outflow (Fairy Lake) by means of storm quantity ponds (storage with controlled outflow) or water quality improvements (filters)

Optional question (27 response(s), 25 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q22 | Please elaborate on why you do not agree that the highest priority for improving water quality should involve end-of-pipe treatments.

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1/17/2024 08:27 PM

Cost to the tax payer

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 11:10 PM

Expense

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 08:11 PM

I do not agree - highest priority should be on low impact development project than infiltrate stormwater and contaminants. This is much more effective than treating it at end of pipe. Retrofitting existing urban areas with low impact development and restoration of Bovis concrete channel to improve water balance would be much more effective.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:18 PM

It depends on if this will impact natural behaviors of endangered species. Pipes and dams do this.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:17 PM

the biggest threat to water quality i witness is algae, which is encouraged by agricultural runoff rather than storm water runoff.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 08:36 AM

I struggle with this one because it's a nice thought. They're non-invasive to the population and they do a good thing. But I'm not convinced they work that well, they're expensive, and they need maintenance. However IF they work then they're a great solution so go for it. I believe that building wetlands is MORE important than OGS units.

Screen Name Redacted

2/03/2024 08:59 AM

I think the goose control should be a priority. Where is all of this development? We've only had industrial development and very little residential in the 9 years I've lived here.

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2/09/2024 09:06 PM

Controlling the geese is easier and cheaper than traps,

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2/12/2024 03:37 PM

As you have stated No significant water quality changes have been detected.

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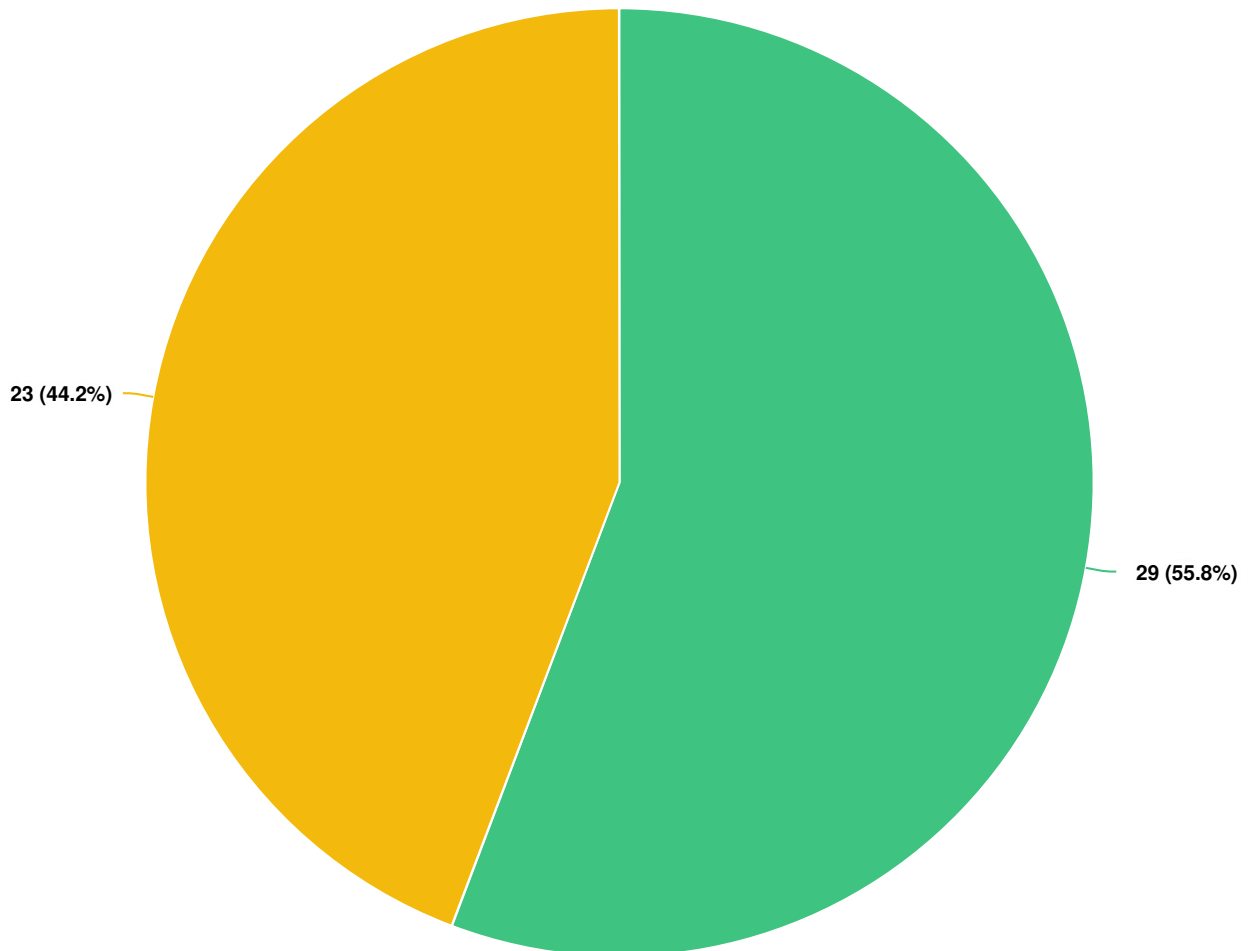
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Highest priority should be to reduce goose population. While they not be the biggest contributor to water quality, they have the largest negative impact on the overall quality of the area.

Optional question (10 response(s), 42 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q23 | Would you support creating wetlands in current active park spaces (i.e. Rotary Park) to treat runoff before it reaches the lake? Note: this could result in the loss of active parkland.



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q24 | Please explain why you support creating wetlands in current active park spaces.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 05:45 PM

The field at Rotary Park is not used for town sports (as far as I know) and is usually covered with geese and geese poo. If a wetland there helped improve water quality, I think it would be a better use of the land.

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1/17/2024 06:25 PM

Rotary park soccer fields cannot be used because of goose poop.

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 03:14 PM

The loss of parkland would be minimal and wetlands have a tremendous benefit on water quality. Let's get more wetlands created around the lake.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 11:35 AM

Ensure the space is healthy and beautiful for years to come seems more important than having a big mowed lawn that I rarely see being used.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 08:11 PM

Yes, I support this. This would decrease short lawn that geese like to propagate in. Wetlands also improve water balance, reduce flooding, reduce nutrients, bacteria which could potentially decrease the frequency of toxic algae outbreaks.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:18 PM

Wetlands are the best cleaners. No matter what we do or invent, they are the best.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:17 PM

Bigger isn't always best! Quality over quantity is my motto.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 08:36 AM

Take a lesson from nature- wetlands fix everything. PLUS you have the premiere contractor for building wetlands in Acton and if you start talking to them they'll help get this done (This is Jared Reinders filling this survey out though, so a slightly biased opinion, but true none the less).

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1/30/2024 01:38 PM

To help filter incoming water streams and amend some harms from dredging.

Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 03:06 PM	See above re my concerns for improving the natural growth of the space in favour of creating more recreational uses for the park. Such a change would not significantly impact the aspects of the park areas that are already used for recreation, such as the splash pad, playground, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 08:03 PM	Increase capacity to treat stormwater
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 09:47 PM	If done in a limited way, would still permit recreational use and preserve the lake for the future.
Screen Name Redacted 2/03/2024 08:59 AM	If I it doesn't reduce the lake area. The park has room.
Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 03:01 PM	none
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 05:12 PM	You can't use the lake if it's covered with blue green algae
Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2024 02:26 PM	I would love to see a convergence where the remaining park space becomes enhanced by the wetland. Walkover platforms and educational fixtures would create new reasons to visit and enjoy the space. It is very important that people know what is being done, and why. It would be nice to see pictures of our turtles and have turtle theming in the people portion of the park. It would be nice to be the little town that has a park for its turtles.
Screen Name Redacted 2/09/2024 09:06 PM	The soccer field was a wetland. It was drained and filled in the fifties. It should be restored.
Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2024 10:45 AM	It protects the biodiversity and health of the lake and wetlands. If we made it, we have to take care of it properly.
Screen Name Redacted 2/26/2024 09:10 PM	Depends how much we would be losing, but might be worth the sacrifice.
Screen Name Redacted 2/29/2024 02:51 PM	It has already been stated how wetlands improve water quality and there should be some areas in the park land that are used less

frequently but also maintaining the walkways by using boardwalks instead of paved sections. (this might also increase the scenic enjoyment ie. wildlife viewing)

Optional question (20 response(s), 32 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q25 | Please explain why you do not support creating wetlands in current active park spaces.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 08:27 PM

Parkland is just as important. Residents are important stakeholders too. Allergies, ticks, mosquitos

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 11:10 PM

Love the park

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1/18/2024 10:18 AM

Limited park space available for our community should be protected

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 08:16 PM

We need all park spaces protected. Once they are gone we will never get them back

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 12:48 PM

There are enough mosquitos already

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:20 PM

I think if we learned anything at all from the covid pandemic it was that we don't have nearly enough outside spaces for people. The additional storm water is a result of ever increasing population all wanting outside spaces since houses have less and less outdoor space. People have to rely more on public parks and conservation areas.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 02:00 PM

we dont have enough areas in acton to use outdoor space for being such a remote area as it is.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 08:03 AM

To a degree I would support this. But be cautious how much you take away.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 11:01 AM

it is a great park space , with lots of sports and activity space for families and everyone in the community. i would support if it was

limited, or contained and no major main space loss.

Screen Name Redacted

2/04/2024 11:50 AM

The loss of active parkland is a poor choice. As stated above, the town would be better served by promoting parkland use.

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2/05/2024 11:32 AM

I want to enjoy the park

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2024 03:37 PM

As you have stated No significant water quality changes have been detected. Reducing recreation spaces for the people of Acton is absolutely the wrong direction.

Screen Name Redacted

2/13/2024 06:49 PM

You want a simple 'yes' or 'no' to a complex question. How would a wetland impact my enjoyment of the park ? How long does it take to create a "wetland" and how can I trust that it will be done properly ? I would welcome a wetland but not without detailed information being provided e.g., where in the park would the wetlands be located, etc.

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2/14/2024 03:45 PM

The park area should not be reduced.

Screen Name Redacted

2/17/2024 05:43 PM

The town already has a great need for park spaces not just for organized but unorganized sports.

Screen Name Redacted

2/18/2024 04:48 PM

As a family we enjoy using all areas of the park and surrounding space, this includes rotary park and other grass areas. If these spaces were turned into wetland, we would no longer be able to enjoy those spaces as we once did.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 03:29 PM

This would be disastrous for the town. A huge drawing card is Fairy Lake and the recreation it offers to families. Why would you even consider removing it? It would destroy the town as we know it and I, for one, would prob not stay in the area,

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 03:17 PM

Fairy Lake was flooded and dredged to be created. We have existing wetland around that should be preserved rather than reducing the existing parkland that we should be embracing and enjoying as a community

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 05:16 PM

If the goose problem could be remedied, the entire park would be used more often.

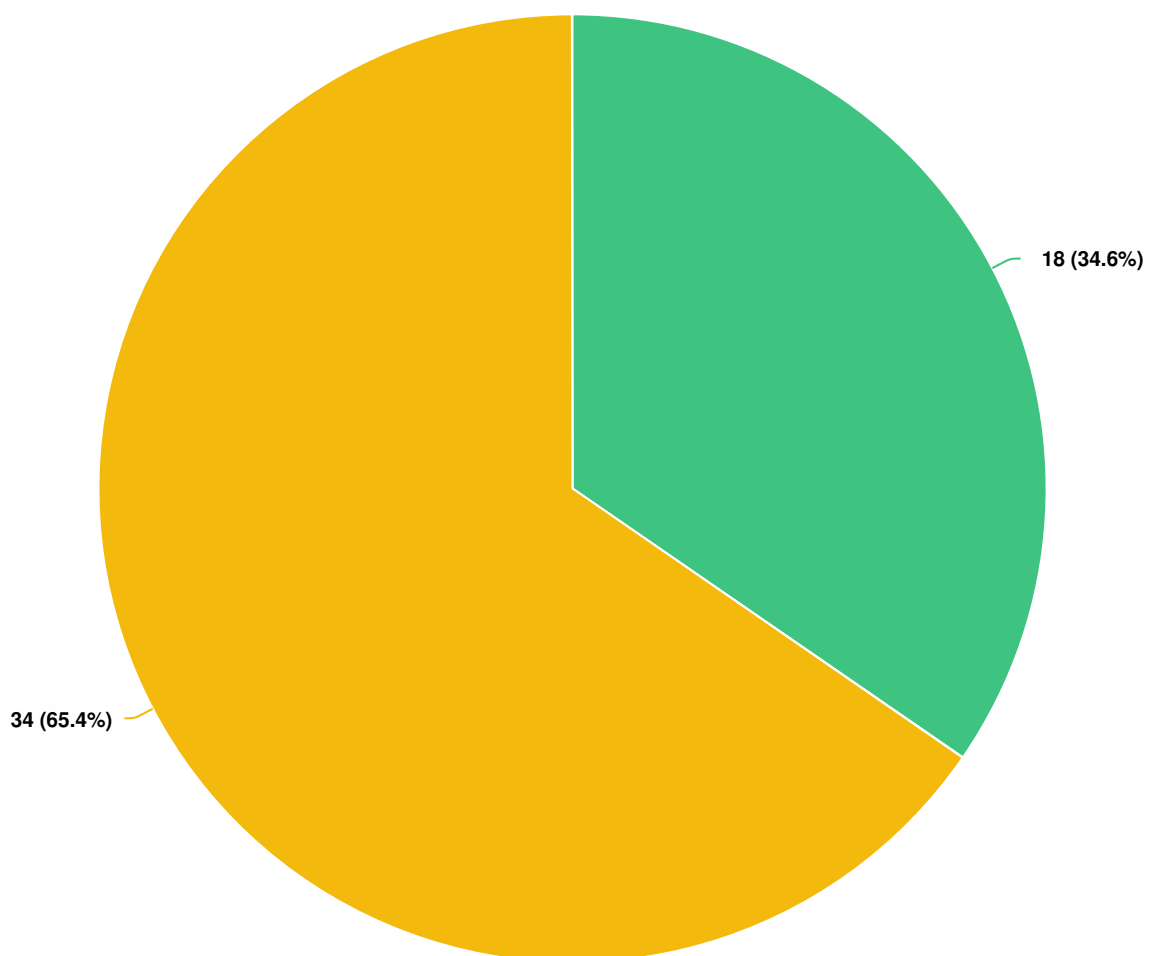
Optional question (19 response(s), 33 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q26 | The technical study does not recommend any significant works within the lake (i.e. dredging) due to potential impacts to sensitive aquatic plants and animals. Would you be open to the Town investigating the requirements to obtain approvals to dred...

dredge the lake (at significant cost)?

Note: these activities may impact species at risk habitat.



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q27 | Please explain why you are receptive to the Town investigating the requirements for obtaining approvals to dredge the lake.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 06:25 PM

There must be a way to dredge part of the lake a little at a time - splitting up the cost of dredging and giving wildlife a chance to move to a different spot. It would also reduce the food for the geese!

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 10:18 AM

The lake is a mess and the choking vegetation needs to Ben manage day including invasive plant species

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 12:48 PM

the lake needs to be RAKED....not dredged

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1/19/2024 04:54 PM

just do it at one end of the lake where plant life is the worst

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:20 PM

It can't hurt to investigate the possiblity and it really is very shallow in many areas.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 08:36 AM

We know more now then we did when it was dredged before. I think if we dredged it AND did a bunch of the other mitigative measures (build wetlands, increase buffer zones etc.) we could 'get-ahead' of the health of the lake and keep it good for generations to come. Sometimes you have to do something drastic to get ahead in a hurry.

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1/30/2024 01:38 PM

The lake is man made to begin with , making it deeper will limit light penetration. This alone will mitigate invasive plants more permanently. A deeper lake will also stay cooler and not allow the over growth of the dangerous and toxic bacteria and algae.. If nothing but dredging is done I feel this would be most beneficial to the lake and more importantly the residents that use it.

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1/30/2024 02:00 PM

I am not an expert but the water is so shallow it breeds bacteria. its not useable even in a kayak with fear of falling in or getting it in your mouth.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 08:03 AM

Doubtful it would significantly make a long term negative impact.

Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 11:32 AM	This lake needs an overhaul and clean up
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 05:12 PM	BGA is toxic to pets, children. Lake full of BGA is a liability
Type text here Screen Name Redacted 2/13/2024 06:49 PM	How about drastically reducing the geese population and hence the amount of feces they dump into the lake. In your video presentation (at 18:16 mark) it is stated that "...the wildlife feces may be a local source of contaminants ..." but further study is needed; how about you do that first. The lake is not fit to swim in. So, I think the lake needs cleaning via dredging AND cull the damn geese. Making a wetland in the park is only going to increase the geese population. Prove me wrong.
Screen Name Redacted 2/14/2024 03:45 PM	If it could be done with minimal impact on the wildlife, it should be studied further.
Screen Name Redacted 2/17/2024 05:43 PM	Providing that it would make a significant impact on the overall water quality of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 2/24/2024 03:17 PM	Not as an annual event, but to dredge a couple of channels into some of the more heavily silted and over-vegetated areas might be an option. Perhaps the dredged material could be used to slow and filter run off further up stream?

Optional question (15 response(s), 37 skipped)
Question type: Essay Question

Q28 | Please explain why you are not receptive to the Town investigating the requirements for obtaining approvals to dredge the lake.

Screen Name Redacted 1/17/2024 05:45 PM	I think first exploring other methods to improve water quality would be beneficial, especially if dredging is costly.
Screen Name Redacted 1/17/2024 08:27 PM	Cost to taxpayers and affects on wildlife
Screen Name Redacted 1/17/2024 11:10 PM	Expense

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 03:14 PM

This money would be better spent on naturalization projects around the lake.

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 08:16 PM

It has remained the same size and if it is a significant cost spend the money elsewhere.

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 07:32 PM

Given that the technical study does not recommend significant work within the lake, why would we use taxpayer money to do so?

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 11:35 AM

It is not recommended, and would be a significant cost.

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 08:11 PM

No - I am not receptive of this. Disturbing the sediment in the lake bottom could recirculate sediment with high nutrients that are currently immobile. This could increase the available nutrient for algal growth and result in more toxic algae outbreaks. This action would also impair a significant wetland and wildlife habitat when these critical areas are continuing to decrease in the GTA. This is also a band-aid solution - this is managing the symptom and not the cause. This would be a large cost to HH tax payers, would cause a lot of disturbance to the lake and would need to be repeated in just a few years. Better to invest in solving the root of the problem.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 12:55 PM

I don't see the need.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:18 PM

No no no no. This will be catastrophic. We might as well dump gasoline in and light it up.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:17 PM

too destructive

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 03:06 PM

The potential impact on wildlife does not outweigh the potential benefits of dredging.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 08:03 PM

Interrupt the habitats

Screen Name Redacted

I would hope the other options could be investigated and tried out

1/31/2024 11:01 AM

first, before looking to this.

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 09:47 PM

Expensive and probably does not provide enough benefits. Might also significantly change the water (volume, flow and thus quality)

Screen Name Redacted

2/03/2024 08:59 AM

Cutting vegetation and dredging are two options. Cutting vegetation is less harmful.

Screen Name Redacted

2/04/2024 03:01 PM

none

Screen Name Redacted

2/07/2024 02:26 PM

Lake dredging will absolutely harm turtles and their habitat. We cannot have that and we do not want to pay for it.

Screen Name Redacted

2/09/2024 09:06 PM

The dredging of the lake will have a devastating affect on the Threatened species and Species at Risk that live in the lake.

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2024 10:45 AM

Because the report said it is not an effective solution and it seems like a) big waste of money year over year b) degrades the naturalized environment c) impacts species as risk.

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2024 03:37 PM

As you have stated No significant water quality changes have been detected. Why Waste Money and possibly do more harm than good?

Screen Name Redacted

2/18/2024 04:48 PM

As stated above this would be at a significant cost. With the current cost of living this is not something most people would be able to afford if tax payers were expected to pay even more.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 03:29 PM

I am sure there are alternatives to dredging. It does not sound like a viable answer.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 05:41 PM

Preserving a natural habitat is far more important to me than having a water playground.

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 05:16 PM

Why pay to cause harm?

Screen Name Redacted

2/26/2024 09:10 PM

Don't think it's needed at this time. Plus would disrupt fishing and other activities.

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 01:47 PM

Just rake deep areas to reduce methane gases

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2/29/2024 02:51 PM

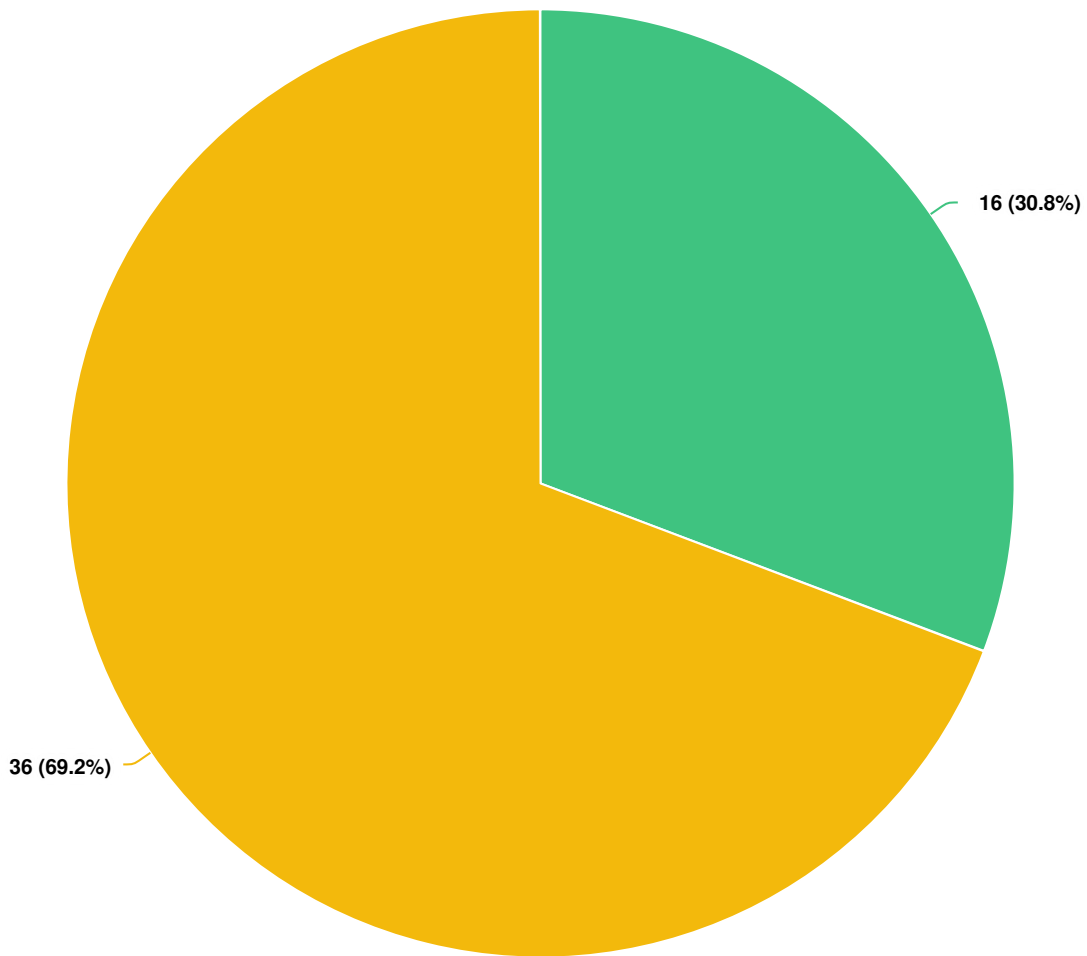
How would dredging improve the quality of the lake water? Boating is luxury and should be treated as such.

Optional question (28 response(s), 24 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q29 | The technical study does not recommend any removal of aquatic vegetation, as any vegetation removed, would simply grow back based on the water conditions, resulting in an ongoing issue that would have to be undertaken regularly at significant cost....

The Town discontinued vegetation management due to costs in the 1990s. no significant invasive aquatic species were found through the study update.
Do you think the Town should further investigate vegetation removal options for the lake regardless?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q30 | Please explain your perspective on why you believe the Town should further investigate vegetation removal options for the lake regardless.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 06:25 PM

If dredging is out then vegetation removal should be considered. It's sometimes impossible to paddle the canoe because of the vegetation.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 08:27 PM

The study presentationsaid there were 2 invasive species. They need to be removed

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 10:18 AM

The is a mess too many weeds and Lilly pads choking the lake of recreational canoeing and paddle boards

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:38 PM

Just dredge the lake deeper everywhere , stop pretending like it is some natural occurrence that must be preserved.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 02:00 PM

water quality

Screen Name Redacted

1/31/2024 09:47 PM

Removal of 2 invasive aquatic pants was included in the report.

Screen Name Redacted

2/03/2024 08:59 AM

I don't want it to be a swamp like it is south of Mill Street

Screen Name Redacted

2/04/2024 11:50 AM

No option should not be rejected in its entirety. The town should investigate whether this could be managed on a small scale at a lower cost.

Screen Name Redacted

2/05/2024 11:32 AM

To keep the lake clean for the community this is important

Screen Name Redacted

2/05/2024 05:12 PM

Blue green algae thrives in shallow slow moving water. Vegetation renders depth higher and slow water flow. If Halton hills has water with public access points, it can't take the risk of the public, especially kids and dogs getting sick or infections due to blue green algae. Padlocking the lake isn't an option. We have to keep the water clean and not stagnant

Screen Name Redacted
2/13/2024 06:49 PM
People from all over Ontario visit Fairy Lake, bringing money into the town. Vegetation removal can be a student project and there are ways to do this and for less money; don't be lazy, be creative and resourceful.

Screen Name Redacted
2/17/2024 05:43 PM
Usable area of the lake must be maintained.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2024 03:17 PM
Again, not necessarily on an annual basis, but the weed growth has increased significantly with the increased phosphorus levels

Optional question (13 response(s), 39 skipped)
Question type: Essay Question

Q31 | Please explain your perspective on why you oppose the Town's further investigation into vegetation removal options for the lake, regardless.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 05:45 PM
It doesn't sound cost effective to pursue dredging.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 11:10 PM
There aren't any

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 03:14 PM
Again, the money can be better spent on more sustainable longer term naturalization projects.

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 08:16 PM
Unless it gets more overgrown it has been tolerable to this point.

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 12:48 PM
Just remove dead vegetation on the bottom of the lake by Raking

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 08:11 PM
Fairy lake is a provincially significant wetland before it was Dammed in the last century. IT is returning to its natural state. Dredging is a band-aid solution. This would be a large cost to HH tax payers, would cause a lot of disturbance to the lake and would need to be repeated in just a few years. Better to invest in solving the root of the WQ problems.

Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 01:20 PM	for the reasons quoted in the study
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 01:18 PM	Only removal of invasive and educate the community about what they can dump in wetlands/forests. People think they can bring yard clippings and dump. This is so bad.
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 01:17 PM	no change, therefore no need to add the costs.
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 03:06 PM	No invasive species were found and I do not see any benefits to removal of vegetation. A thoroughly unnecessary measure.
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 08:03 PM	Been done before, no need
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 08:03 AM	If there hasn't been significant change, why would you do this?
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 11:01 AM	no, i have been on the water consistently over the years and aside from water quality (has never been good), i wouldnt say the vegetation has drastically changed, at least visable to the eye.
Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 03:01 PM	did not help before so why waste more \$
Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2024 02:26 PM	I have seen efforts to remove invasive wetland plants in other areas (Collingwood) and it is pointless. I have returned to the areas and seen that the plants return after every intervention, as dense as they had been before. This approach gains nothing although I suppose some young people get nice seasonal outdoor work.
Screen Name Redacted 2/09/2024 09:06 PM	Damage to Species at Risk habitat.
Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2024 10:45 AM	We have caused too much harm by altering natural habitats so it looks 'better'. It has to work for the creatures and plants that live there. Only investigate removal for the invasive species if they appear to be overtaking and impacting the rest of that ecosystems.

Screen Name Redacted As you have stated No significant water quality changes have been detected.
2/12/2024 03:37 PM

Screen Name Redacted It would regrow.
2/14/2024 03:45 PM

Screen Name Redacted If it hasn't had a negative effect since the '90's why start?
2/20/2024 03:29 PM

Screen Name Redacted For the obvious reason sated in the report.
2/20/2024 05:41 PM

Screen Name Redacted Leave the nature parts of the area alone. Worry about foriegn contaminants
2/24/2024 05:16 PM

Screen Name Redacted Unless it is found that invasive vegetation is causing a significant problem then vegetation removal should be used only to prevent area flooding potential (minimizing potential property damage)
2/29/2024 02:51 PM

Optional question (23 response(s), 29 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q32 | Please list any other management recommendations that you think the Town should consider that have not been mentioned above?

Screen Name Redacted Something must be done about the geese.
1/17/2024 06:25 PM

Screen Name Redacted Explore how other golf courses and areas that are bothered by geese try to manage them. Hamilton has a car that drives around, plant wild Rose's near the edges to impede travel, widen the naturalized area along the creeks where it doesn't affect residents. Fix the fencing near the beach. Put another fence board along the bottom
1/17/2024 08:27 PM

Screen Name Redacted Seek corporate, individual and school patrons of the lake. Hold a friends of fairy lake family event to bing community together to educate on conservation and applying skills to maintaining healthy watersheds
1/18/2024 10:18 AM

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 12:48 PM
protect the beach, keep it clean and maintained and put the advisory signs where the public can actually view them easilyin the past the signs seem to have been relocated from on the beach to attached to the fence....HARD to FIND if you do not pass by on the foot track

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 04:54 PM
no more trail around the lake eg Birchway Place trail extension

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 08:11 PM
There has been high nitrogen concentrations found from the monitoring results at WQ2 and in the sediment adjacent to the Breeses trailer park. The trailer park and upgradient landowners (golf course) should be engaged to investigate the proper function and state of good repair of their septic system and ensure fertilizing using phosphates are not being used.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:18 PM
Group invasive species removal. More education around the lake re:importance of wetlands. Some people just don't realize their worth. Please speak up for them.

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 08:36 AM
1. Investigate natural channel design more thoroughly. 2. Consider the impacts from the businesses upstream and engage them to get them to clean up their act. The businesses on Commerce Crt are causing a hot spot at the entrance to Fairy Lake and the report doesn't talk about that. Those businesses include an industrial paint company, a concrete company, and a galvanizing company (amongst others). These are nasty chemicals that go straight into the ditch (lined in water-cress by the way) that end up in a concrete channel and into the Lake.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:38 PM
Dredge

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 02:00 PM
it would be great to have a functional lake in Acton, as opposed to a giant stormwater pond.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 03:06 PM
N/A

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 08:03 PM
None

Screen Name Redacted
1/31/2024 09:47 PM

I think the list is quite comprehensive. The order of priorities should be based upon more expert opinion than mine. some strategies would provide mnore long term benefit than others. It is important to continue to offer recreation use of the lake.

Screen Name Redacted
2/04/2024 03:01 PM

none

Screen Name Redacted
2/07/2024 02:26 PM

We need to do more to protect our local turtles. They are unique and personable. They need our help and their presence here could be better used to enrich our town's character and the lived experiences of our townsfolk.

Screen Name Redacted
2/09/2024 09:06 PM

Catch and Release for Bass and Pike. Story Boards to explain the species in the lake and their importance

Screen Name Redacted
2/10/2024 10:45 AM

Just a suggestion that perhaps a fungi assessment should also be included as they are an under-measured but pretty critical contributor to most ecosystems. Fungi are effective filters and maybe should be considered as part of any front end filtering naturalized areas.

Screen Name Redacted
2/12/2024 03:37 PM

I'm certain there are more important things the town can spend money on that increase the enjoyment of the citizenry and or improvements to infrastructure. If you have a surplus of money stop trying to find things to waste it on, how about a tax rebate for the people living in this community.

Screen Name Redacted
2/13/2024 06:49 PM

I am very disappointed on how this issue has been handled. Welands is a good idea in theory but you are not providing enough specific information for residents and what is given is vague and broad. Perhaps that's your goal, I hope not. I could see how a wetland would be beneficial but I don't know if I trust the town to do it correctly and in the best interests of the townspeople.

Screen Name Redacted
2/14/2024 03:45 PM

A fence should be erected at the south end of the trail on Birchway to reduce the negative human impact on the natural area.

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 03:29 PM

I heard of birth control that was used on pigeons that could be used on geese? Any other goose control methods - dogs? But the focus should be on storm water/ waste management if that is causing the biggest issue w/ water quality.

Screen Name Redacted N/a
2/24/2024 05:16 PM

Screen Name Redacted Improve Water Quality with Nutrient Remediation?
2/29/2024 02:51 PM

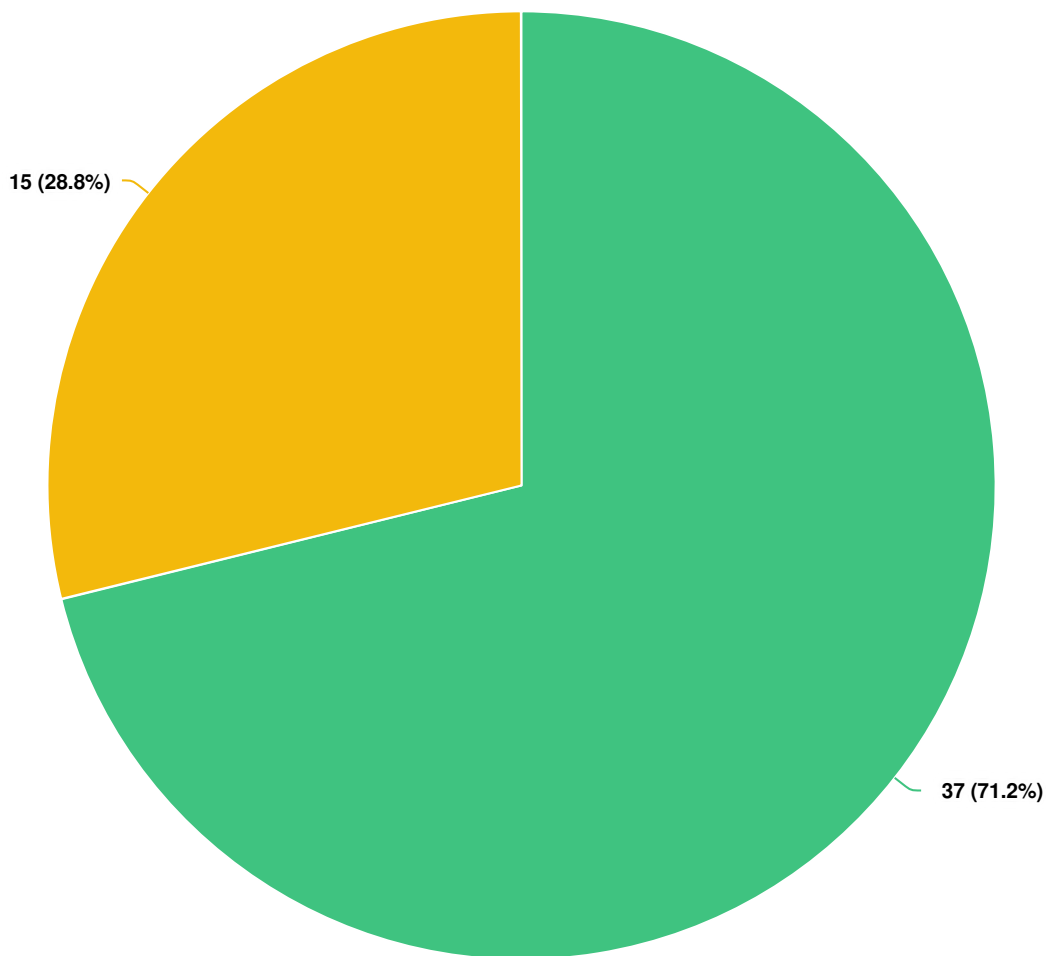
Optional question (23 response(s), 29 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q33 Due to repeated poor water quality, low levels of use and lack of daily beach maintenance/ grooming, Halton Region Public Health has reduced the frequency of testing at the Prospect Park Beach to monthly instead of weekly. Do you support the Town i...

investing in additional operational activities (daily grooming, increasing goose management specific to beach site) which may be required in order for the Region to increase testing frequency?

Note: there is no guarantee of water quality improving to the point where beach closures would be less frequent.



Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (52 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q34 | Please clarify your reasons for supporting the Town's investment in additional operational activities.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 05:45 PM

The beach could be such a great feature in our town! However, I don't allow my kids to play there once the weather gets warm because it is always covered in goose poo. If it was cleaned daily, tested weekly, and geese were kept away as much as possible, it would be such a great spot for kids to play in the sand and wade in the water.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 06:25 PM

The geese problem must be addressed! They have been a bane to activities around the lake for far too long! All of the eggs are not being oiled as there are copious flocks of goslings every spring! They even come up Tyler and Jeffrey to find food. They cause traffic woes and the mess they leave behind is disgraceful!

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 08:27 PM

People DO swim at the beach, they deserve it to be clean and for picnics

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 11:10 PM

People love the beach

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 10:18 AM

Either allow the beach to be overgrown, naturalized or clean it up

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 08:16 PM

we should be trying to keep these spots as clean as possible

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 12:48 PM

protect the beach, keep it clean and maintained and put the advisory signs where the public can actually view them easilyin the past the signs seem to have been relocated from on the beach to attached to the fence....HARD to FIND if you do not pass by on the foot track

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 04:54 PM

keep the beach cleaner for families to use

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:20 PM

It would be nice for kids to at least play in the sand near the water which is a disgusting prospect most days now.

Screen Name Redacted

So taxpayers can enjoy the lake

1/30/2024 01:38 PM

Screen Name Redacted

anything to make the area useable is an improvement

1/30/2024 02:00 PM

Screen Name Redacted

For grooming and land maintenance, removal of trash/litter and discarded pet feces. This would lend to a cleaner park environment regardless.

1/30/2024 03:06 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Having access to the swimming area for families and individuals is very important to me. If the beach were to be maintained and kept clean I believe more people would use it for swimming and other outdoor activities like picnics and sunbathing. The amount of goose droppings and the lack of maintenance has been appalling in recent years

1/30/2024 08:05 PM

Screen Name Redacted

This could be a natural community attraction.

1/31/2024 08:03 AM

Screen Name Redacted

as someone who paddles, and my family fishes and paddles consistently - I do always worry and stress to properly wash after (we would regardless) but it worries me not knowing what quality we are exposed to. it would be helpful to know. even if not swimming.

1/31/2024 11:01 AM

Screen Name Redacted

The town does next to nothing to maintain the beach. I help pick up the fecal matter, garbage and cut weeds/thistles on the beach. The town showed up 2 days before the Fall Fair and half-heartedly trimmed the weeds. I think they graded it once. In the previous years it was graded more often.

2/03/2024 08:59 AM

Screen Name Redacted

To have an unusable beach seems like a waste of a recreational area that could be well used by town families. If the beach were regularly safe to swim in, and promoted as such, it would be expected that use of the beach would increase dramatically.

2/04/2024 11:50 AM

Screen Name Redacted

This would be great to make the beach a place for families to enjoy

2/05/2024 11:32 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Cutting down nutrients from goose waste sows Blue green algae.
Clean water is not optional

2/05/2024 05:12 PM

Screen Name Redacted
2/07/2024 02:26 PM

The beach is disgusting to look at and completely unusable. If it could be improved even a little bit then perhaps children could play in the sand. The past year it has been too fouled even to walk on it.

Screen Name Redacted
2/09/2024 09:06 PM

It is a disgrace that the beach is allowed to be destroyed by the geese. There is currently no attempt made to keep them off of the beach. The naturalizing of the park shoreline forces them to use the beach for park access.

Screen Name Redacted
2/10/2024 10:45 AM

Though I personally wouldn't swim at Fairy Lake, it would be nice to actually be able to walk on the beach. Maybe that's a pretty shallow reason but that's it. Though I think these measures would help mitigate the usage by the geese. I realize it may or may not impact the water quality, but it won't hurt it.

Screen Name Redacted
2/13/2024 06:49 PM

It is to the benefit of the people that live in Acton to have this service, they deserve a clean beach and no bird feces to dodge when visiting the park. Tell me how an overpopulation of geese is beneficial to any town's parkland. Some regions use dogs to deter the geese, how expensive is that? I question how well our town is managing its money.

Screen Name Redacted
2/14/2024 03:45 PM

Reduced goose droppings would make the area more usable.

Screen Name Redacted
2/17/2024 05:43 PM

If the area was, at the least, kept clean there would be more use.

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 03:29 PM

It is an integral part of the town and would probably have more use if it was tested and cleaned more. We are so lucky to have our own beach area - let's maximize its use!

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 05:41 PM

It would be nice if water quality could improve enough to use the beach.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2024 05:16 PM

The beach area is a main area for the geese to frequent the park. Daily maintenance might discourage the geese from being at the park

Optional question (28 response(s), 24 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q35 | Please clarify your reasons for not supporting the Town's investment in additional operational activities.

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 03:14 PM
I almost never see anyone using the beach and with the splash pad so close by the smaller kids have a great place to go.

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 07:32 PM
I believe swimming at the beach is a lost hope. Let's use taxpayer dollars elsewhere. We have a pool in town that people can swim at.

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 11:35 AM
A focus on naturalization and biodiversity would mean people would likely not be interested in swimming anyways, and that is fine. Wetlands and natural space don't have to be for humans to "use"

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 08:11 PM
I would not support this investment until water quality monitoring especially after significant rain events shows water quality the meets the recreational body contact guideline on a consistent basis. The current data shows the beach have Ecoli exceedances more than 60% of the time in most years. Until the sources of bacteria are more actively managed (eg Agricultural BMPs, LIDs, geese management) it is a waste of resources to make the beach more aesthetically pleasing before it is safe to use

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:18 PM
It's just not important. We can enjoy through trail walks. And people can still walk in more natural habitat if they want

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:17 PM
stabilize and increase water quality in lake first, this is putting cart before the horse

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 08:36 AM
I don't think this is a big enough priority to spend much time on it. There are bigger problems at work.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 05:42 PM
Increase goose management. Not beach grooming

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 08:03 PM
No need

Screen Name Redacted
Other more important management strategies needed, although

1/31/2024 09:47 PM

goose reduction should be continued.

Screen Name Redacted

not sure

2/04/2024 03:01 PM

Screen Name Redacted

As you have stated No significant water quality changes have been detected since the last study.

2/12/2024 03:37 PM

Screen Name Redacted

I think it will take an overall effort, not specific to the old beach site

2/24/2024 03:17 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Waste of time and money if nobody uses the beach

2/26/2024 09:10 PM

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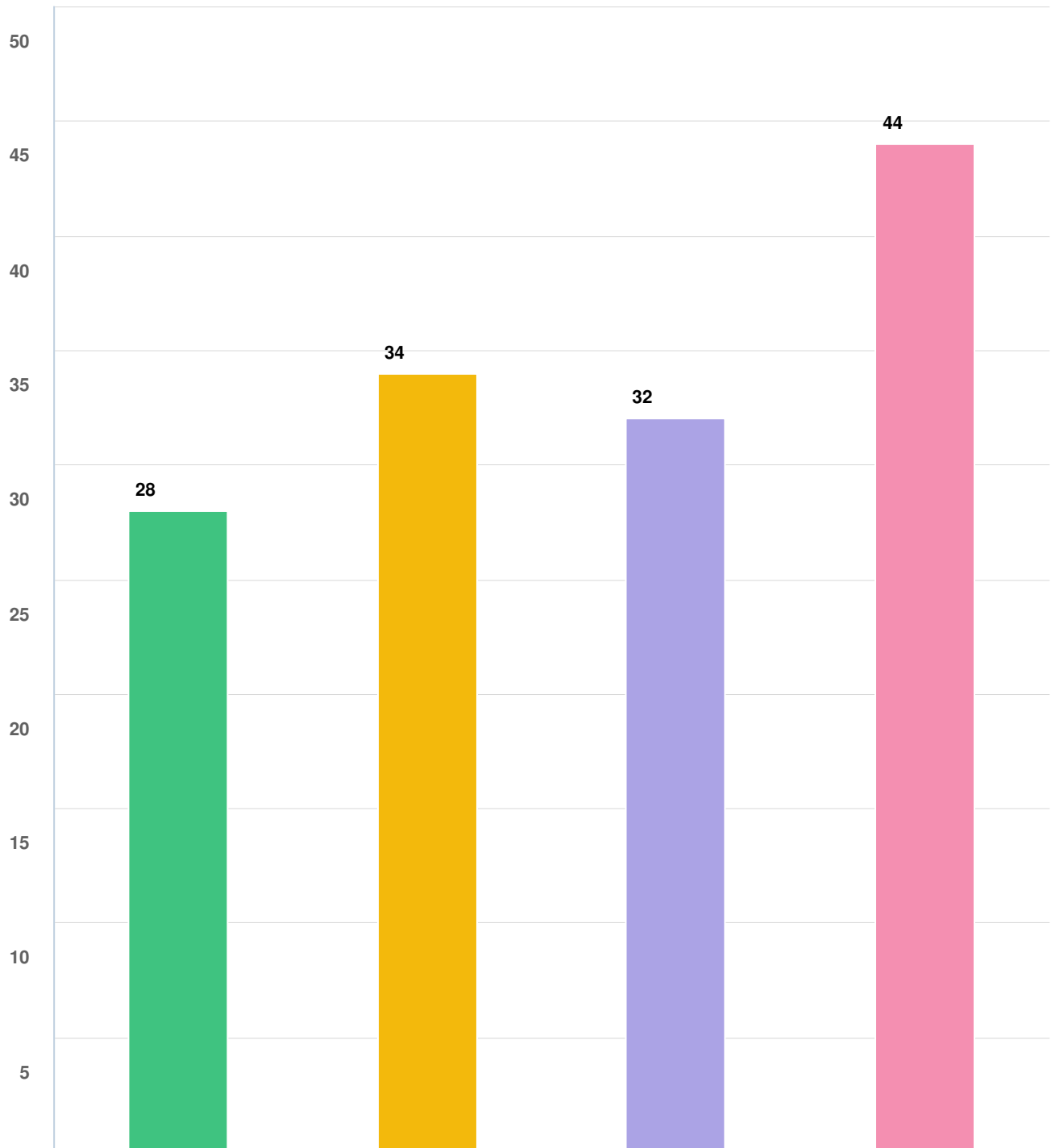
Although grooming is required to maintain an aesthetic environment for beach goers there are other options during hot weather (splash pad).

2/29/2024 02:51 PM

Optional question (15 response(s), 37 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q36 How do you think the Town should influence others (general public, agriculture, industry) to change their behaviours in an effort to improve conditions in the lake? Select all that apply.



Question options

- Stricter bylaws and enforcement
- Education/incentive programs
- Interpretive/educational signage
- Public awareness campaigns/website/social media

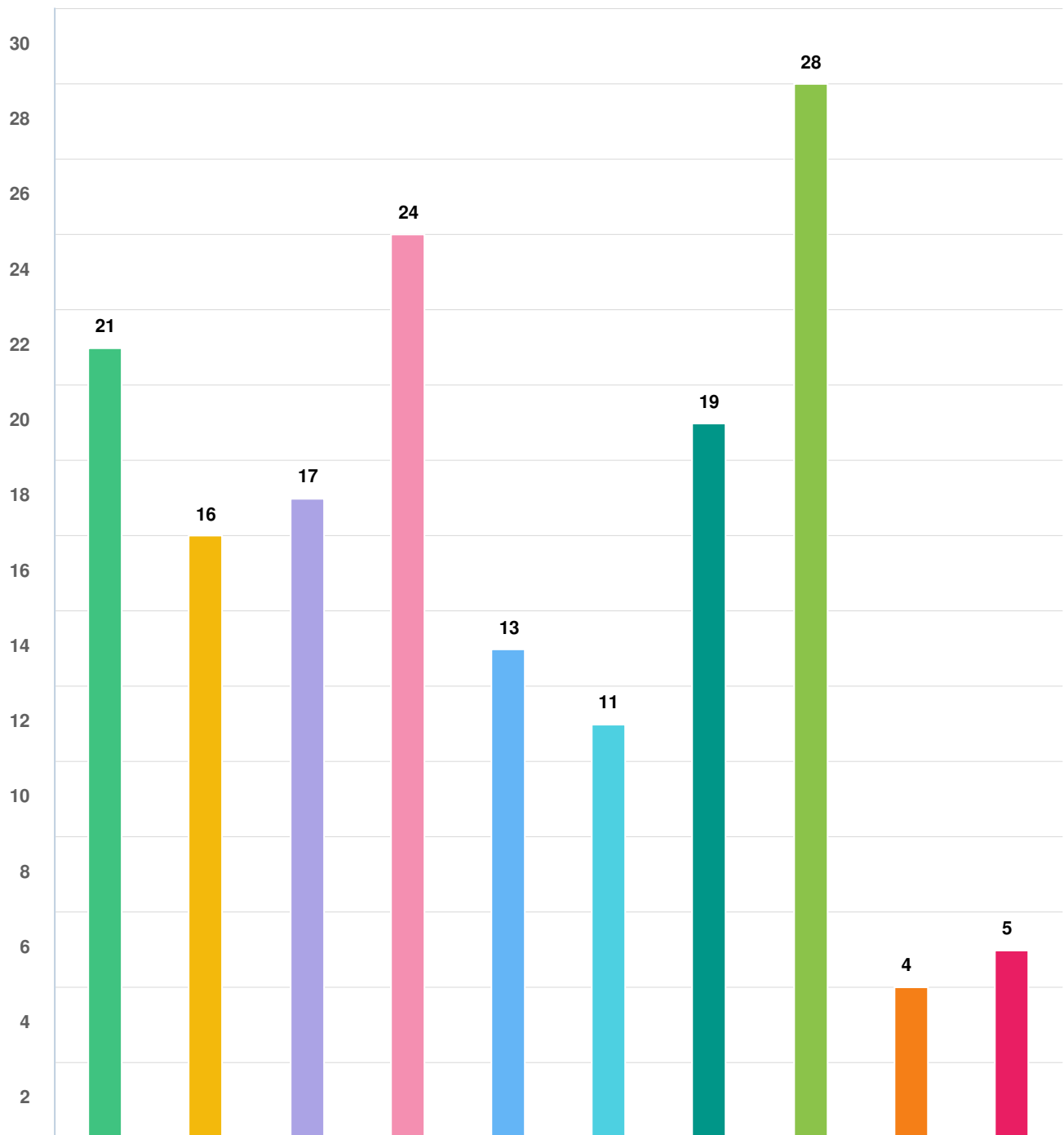
Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q37 | Please rank the importance of the methods above from the most important (1) to the least important (4).

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Public awareness campaigns/website/social media	2.27
Education/incentive programs	2.38
Interpretive/educational signage	2.48
Stricter bylaws and enforcement	2.87

*Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Ranking Question*

Q38 Please select the stewardship activities you are willing to participate in. Select all that apply.

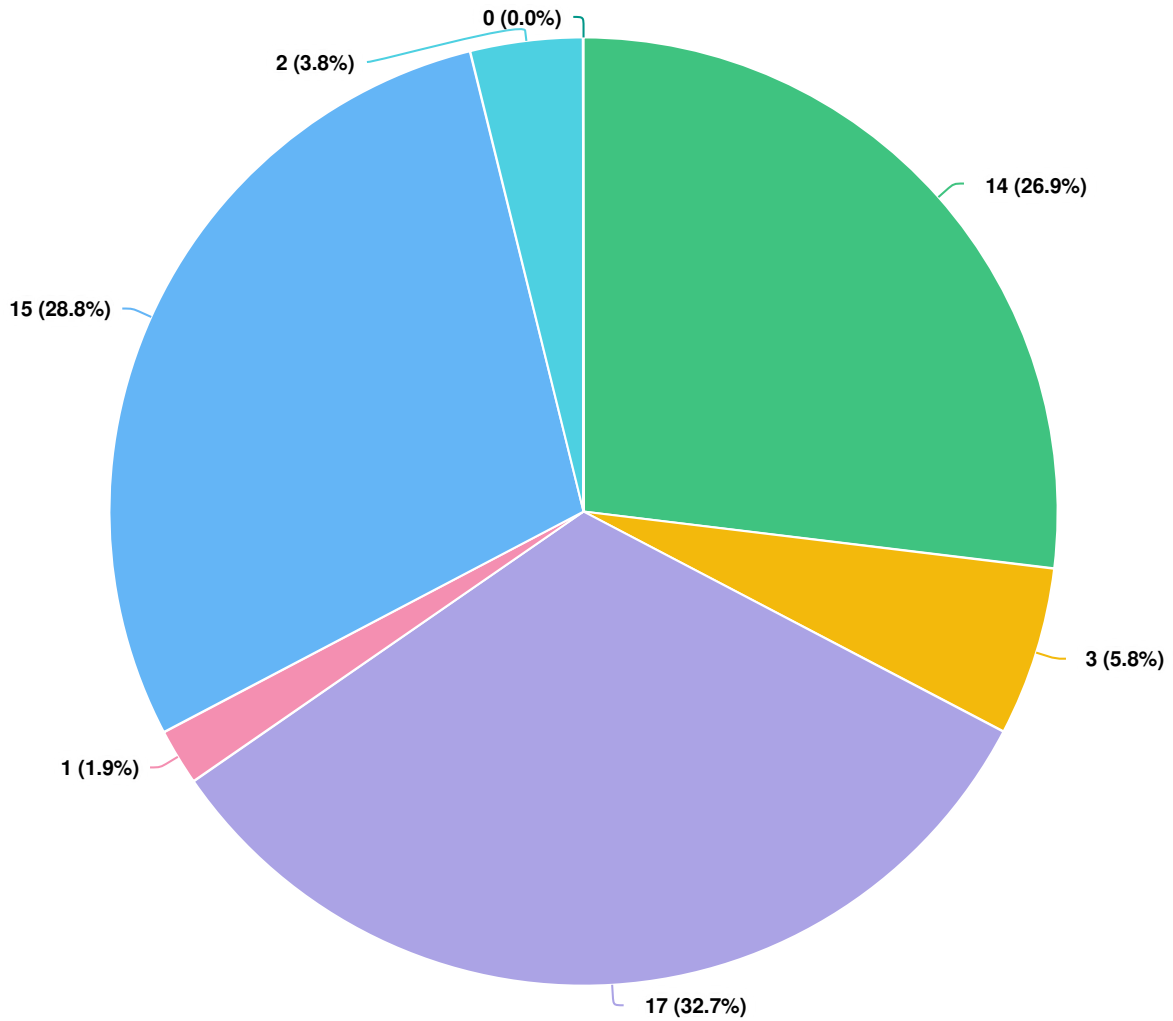


Question options

- Tree and shrub planting along the shoreline
 ● Habitat restoration and naturalization projects
● Education and outreach
- Wildlife (i.e. goose) monitoring and observing
 ● Invasive plant removals
● Beach maintenance or cleanup
- Trail maintenance / steward
 ● General litter cleanup
● None of the above
● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q39 | The Town of Halton Hills owns Fairy Lake, but there are multiple agencies and organizations with an interest in the Lake. Who do you think should be the lead agency in the ongoing management of Fairy Lake?

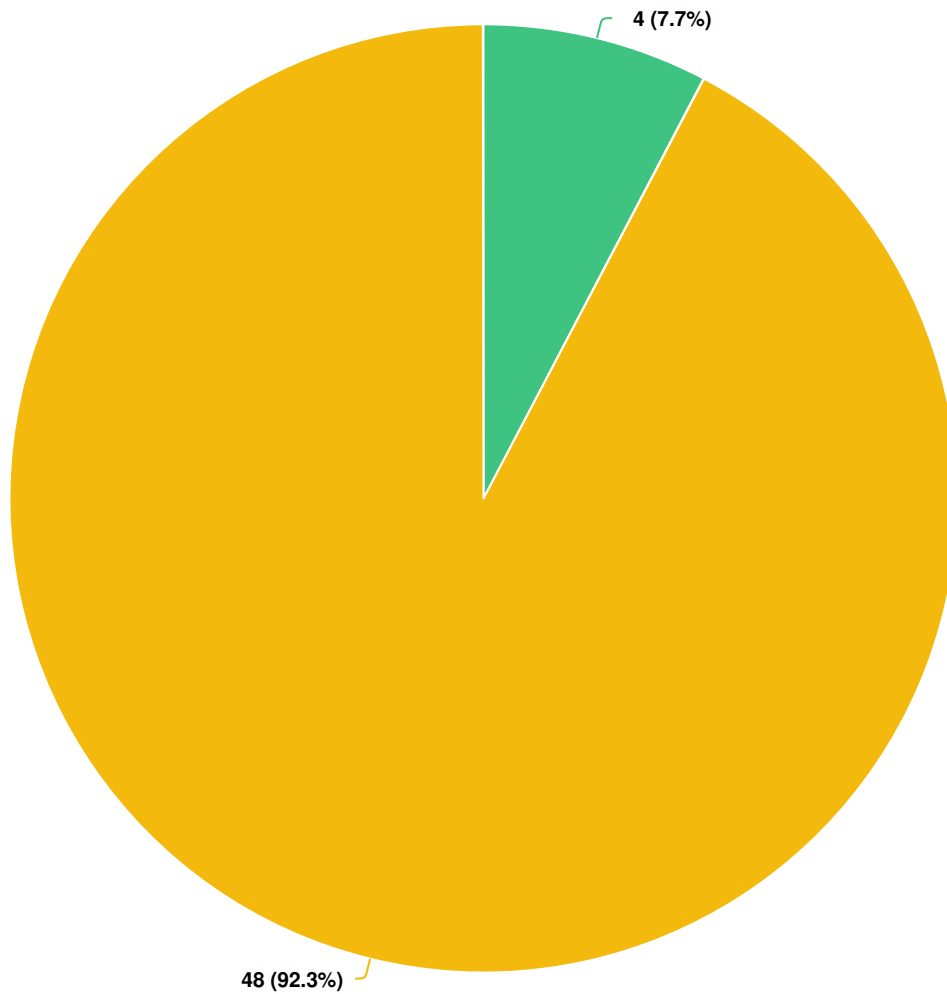


Question options

- Credit Valley Conservation Authority
 ● Region of Halton
● Town of Halton Hills
- Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks
 ● Collaborative cross agency team of the above organizations
- Other (please specify)
 ● Ministry of Natural Resources

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
 Question type: Radio Button Question

Q40 | The Town could take a “do nothing” approach to Fairy Lake and leave things as is. Do you support this approach?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q41 | Please elaborate on your choice of the "do nothing" approach and the rationale behind it.

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 12:48 PM
When the birds fly over Halton hills they go "CHEAP CHEAP CHEAP"
The town has no money and what what they will be willing to spend would be equal to a small bandage placed on a severed limb.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 12:55 PM
I'm undecided about this.

Screen Name Redacted
2/12/2024 03:37 PM
As you have stated No significant water quality changes have been detected.

Optional question (3 response(s), 49 skipped)
Question type: Essay Question

Q42 | Please provide more details on why you opted not to choose the "do nothing" approach and the rationale behind it.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 05:45 PM
Fairy Lake has so much potential! It is already a wonderful spot but could truly be a gem in Halton Hills.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 06:25 PM
If nothing else gets done at least address the goose problem! Also the storm sewer run off needs to be cleaned up more.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 08:27 PM
Fairy Lake is the Hub of Acton. It is for EVERYONE, residents, and wildlife

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 11:10 PM
We need to protect the natural beauty of the lake

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 10:18 AM
This an a Halton Hills resource manage it a success such

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 03:14 PM
Doing nothing would only lead to a gradual decline in water quality in the lake. We should be working to enhance our natural areas, not ignore them.

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 08:16 PM

Never do nothing! water quality is important

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 11:35 AM

It is currently serving no one well. People can't use it recreationally because it's gross, but it's not really suited to being a natural reservation right now. Doing something in any direction would be better than nothing.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 04:54 PM

the lake will go further downhill if nothing is done to clean up and restore it to the way it was years ago

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 08:11 PM

This is not an option. Fairy lake is a provincially significant wetland that needs to be protected. The town has developed for decades without proper stormwater management and installed harmful concrete lined channels in the upstream catchments. The town has a responsibility to rectify its past mis-management of its runoff. Do Nothing is not an option. Climate change will continue to exacerbate the issues with more toxic algae outbreaks that will impair residents enjoyment of the lake and threaten significant wildlife habitat.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:20 PM

The water quality will only get worse

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:18 PM

What does do nothing mean? Continue as is? No .. let conservation halton/credit valley run the show. Beautiful things will happen.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:17 PM

as population increases with development, it will continue to get worse until the point that it will be unaffordable to do anything.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:38 PM

Dredge

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 02:00 PM

because fairy lake could be an attraction to the town that builds value as opposed to what it is now.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 03:06 PM

There is much that can be done to preserve and maintain the park's essential qualities for all park-goers and wildlife.

Screen Name Redacted

Enough of do nothing approach already happens in Acton. Time to

1/30/2024 05:58 PM

invest our tax paying dollars in our town.

Screen Name Redacted

There is always improvement can be done

1/30/2024 08:03 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Why would you do that considering you've done all this research and know there are issues.

1/31/2024 08:03 AM

Screen Name Redacted

with it being our one larger body of water within halton hills, it should be maintained and accessible, safely for residents. it would be a shame to not use at all due to maintenance issues. we already limit out time there and travel outside of halton hills for water activities outdoors for the most part, but fairy lake is beautiful and would be nice to make use of for more recreational activities safely.

1/31/2024 11:01 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Fairly Lake is a wonderful resource for the community, and everything should be done within reason to optimize its health for beauty, recreational, health, environmental and economic benefits to the community,

1/31/2024 09:47 PM

Screen Name Redacted

The do nothing approach isn't working.

2/03/2024 08:59 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Fairy Lake is too valuable a recreational resource for the town. The town should work to improve the lake and take advantage of it's beauty and potential economic benefits through recreation rather than allowing the lake to worsen every year.

2/04/2024 11:50 AM

Screen Name Redacted

could become an area which breeds human disease

2/04/2024 03:01 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Fairy lake needs help!

2/05/2024 11:32 AM

Screen Name Redacted

The children, seniors and dogs who would be badly affected by fairy lake pollution, bacteria and BGA are mainly Halton hills residents, rate payers (at least the parent & owners are).it's our responsibility.

2/05/2024 05:12 PM

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I do not appreciate that some homes surrounding the lake have runoff

2/07/2024 02:26 PM

that is fouling the water. There are too many geese and they are making the area unsuitable for other species, including us humans. We need to properly steward our wetlands and ensure that we are not negatively impacting at risk species.

Screen Name Redacted

2/10/2024 10:45 AM

The time has long past when we can do nothing. We collectively have done little enough to steward the environment around us and collectively have contributed to significant destruction of woodlands and wetlands. While the town may not have the expertise in house, it has done the right thing by undertaking the study and should continue to work with other experts who can help lead.

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2/13/2024 06:49 PM

You're doing nothing now and it's not working.

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 03:45 PM

It would be nice if the beach could used for general recreation, and the lake could be used for swimming.

Screen Name Redacted

2/17/2024 05:43 PM

The area has great potential and should not be wasted and left to ruin as are many buildings I. The town. A "do nothing" approach should never be the answer.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 03:29 PM

I think the water quality has to be addressed but if it means the town takes away recreation areas and let's things go wild near homes then do nothing is preferable.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 05:41 PM

Do nothing means the lake will deteriorate.

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 03:17 PM

I don't feel the do nothing approach has worked with the naturalizing of certain areas of the shoreline

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 05:16 PM

The problems need to be addressed and viable solutions implemented

Screen Name Redacted

2/26/2024 09:10 PM

Would be a let down to your community if you took no action at all

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2/29/2024 01:47 PM

Manmade lake must be maintained or nature will reclaim it

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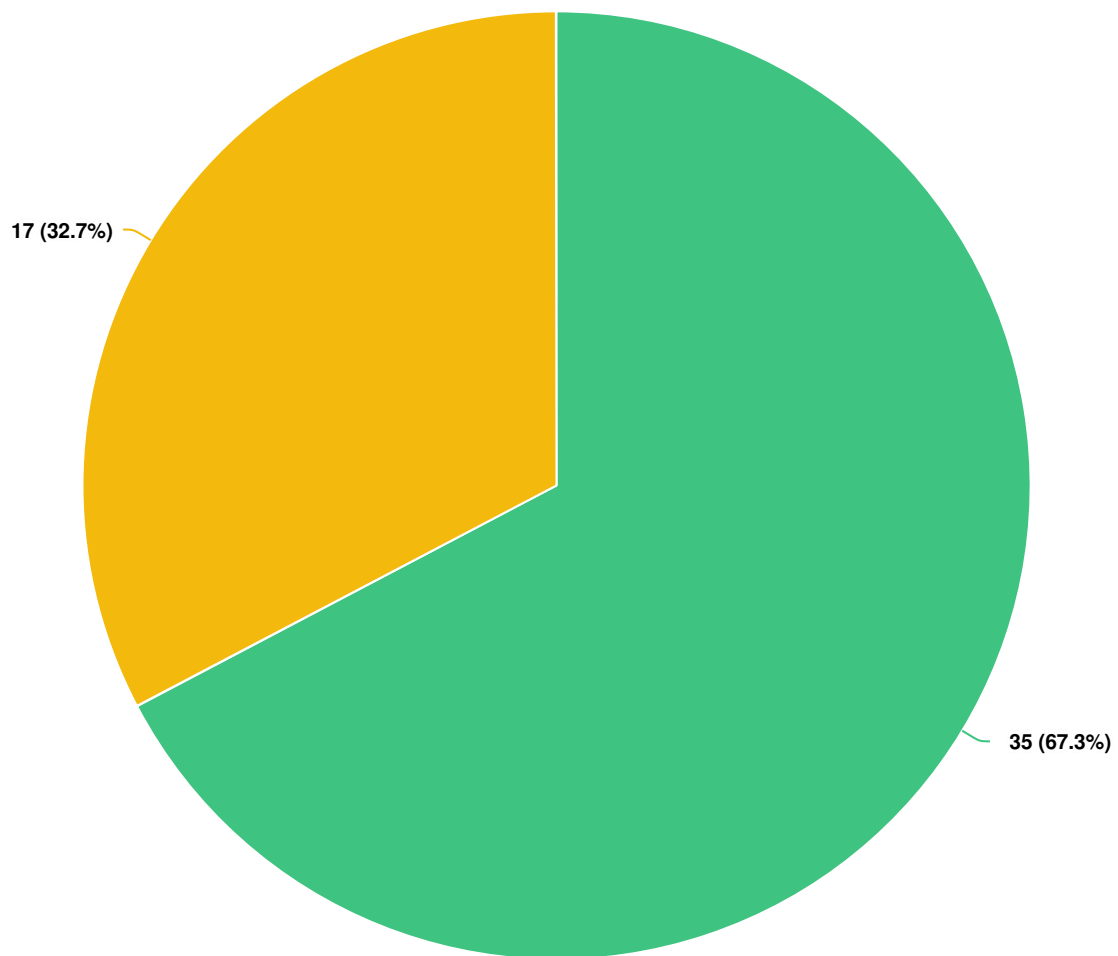
2/29/2024 02:51 PM

Act now as issues have surfaced and waiting until later will cost more and be less effective (bigger issues)

Optional question (38 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q43 | Do you think the Town should continue to invest in additional studies as outlined in the technical report to further define the management approaches, identify additional details regarding sources of contamination, and potential solutions?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q44 | Please share why you believe the Town should continue investing in additional studies.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 08:27 PM
You shouldn't do so continually, but every 10-20 years seems fair.
Costs

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 08:16 PM
As our town changes we will need to continue testing and making sure we adapt to the needs of the lake

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 12:48 PM
At least you can monitor the condition of the area ...better or worse

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:18 PM
Invest in native plants, education and incentives. Hold people accountable for destruction. I don't want a natural shoreline to be destroyed by concrete or fancy rocks.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:17 PM
it is a worthwhile expense that benefits everyone, not just special interest groups

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 08:36 AM
Because I don't think the studies captured one of the most impactful areas to the Lake's pollutants- ie Commerce Crt, so I think they might've missed other things too. Something else missed was that a bunch of the businesses in Acton are in a Source Water Protection zone so we can't do LID. I have concerns that some big things were missed in the study.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 02:00 PM
needs to be cleaned up

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 03:06 PM
It is important for new data and best practices to be used to better understand the current and potential future state of the land, and to share this information with local residents.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 05:58 PM
Read note above

Screen Name Redacted
1/31/2024 09:47 PM
Only in a limited way. Better to take action. However, monitoring is very important to track progress.

Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 03:01 PM	studies help to understand issues better
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 11:32 AM	To improve the park and lake for the community to use. We are a small town with little to do. This could be an amazing place for our community to gather and have fun!
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 05:12 PM	Ongoing awareness of water quality is an imperative for the town
Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2024 02:26 PM	This information is required in order to take action and reduce or eliminate the contamination.
Screen Name Redacted 2/09/2024 09:06 PM	We "Are" the Town of Halton Hills. It is our lake. No one knows it better.
Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2024 10:45 AM	We should understand how and where contamination is coming from so we don't apply solutions that appear to address the symptoms but actually do not address the root cause which may be more complex and multi-factorial than we could anticipate.
Screen Name Redacted 2/13/2024 06:49 PM	as stated before, your video suggests the wildlife feces "may be" a local source of contaminants but further study is needed - conduct that study
Screen Name Redacted 2/14/2024 03:45 PM	The lake is an untapped resource of recreation that is limited to the poor water quality.
Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2024 03:29 PM	Because so far there have not been any adequate solutions presented.
Screen Name Redacted 2/24/2024 03:17 PM	To determine if and what changes have had a measurable impact on the lake
Screen Name Redacted 2/26/2024 09:10 PM	Maybe studies every other year as water quality hasn't changed drastically.
Screen Name Redacted	I still waiting for cvc/Guelph university report

2/29/2024 01:47 PM

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 02:51 PM

more information might spark different ideas or efforts to reduce contamination prior to arriving on fairy lake's "doorstep"

Optional question (23 response(s), 29 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q45 | Please share why you do not believe the Town should continue investing in additional studies.

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1/17/2024 05:45 PM

I think first act on what has been discovered to start making immediate improvements.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 06:25 PM

Not for another few years to see if what they implement is working.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 11:10 PM

Expense, nothing has been done in the past...why bother

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 03:14 PM

We probably have enough studies to know what to do. Let's get going on actual projects on the ground (or in the water).

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 11:35 AM

Studies give us information. We have the information. Now, act on it.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 08:11 PM

I think the town should focus on implementing the recommendations that came out of the last 2 Fairy lake water quality studies rather than investing in more studies. More action less navel gazing. We will never have all the answers. Highly recommended moving forward with implementation using the data and information in hand.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:38 PM

The pollutants will find their way in. Keeping the water cooler with shoreline shade and more importantly dredging will mitigate the overgrowth of invasive plants , bacteria and algae. Dredging is the most obvious and permanent solution.

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1/31/2024 08:03 AM

You already have a good idea of what's happening. Start implementing things and see if it changes. Why does everything get dragged out for years on end?

Screen Name Redacted

2/03/2024 08:59 AM

Do something now. Quit paying for studies and then ignore them.

Screen Name Redacted

2/12/2024 03:37 PM

As you have stated No significant water quality changes have been detected.

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2/17/2024 05:43 PM

It is time for action.

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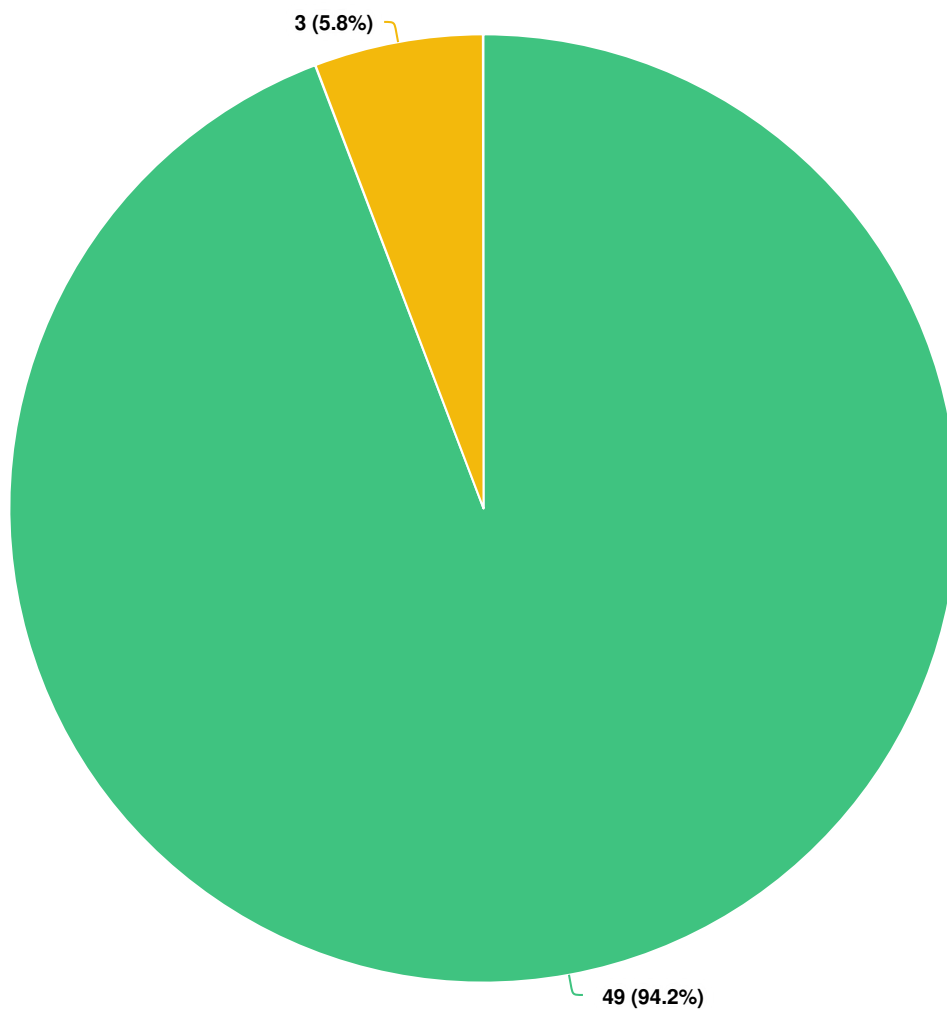
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The town has already spent enough and already have identified the problems. Now put the research into action

Optional question (12 response(s), 40 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q46 | The University of Guelph/CVC study will address Blue Green Algae and Harmful Algal Blooms in more detail. Do you think the Town should continue to work with partners for the ongoing study of Fairy Lake?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q47 | Please explain why you think the Town should continue working with partners.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 05:45 PM
It is in the town's interest to improve Fairy Lake, and it should take a proactive stance.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 06:25 PM
They are the experts - they have the research and data to be successful.

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 08:27 PM
Many different stakeholders including residents

Screen Name Redacted
1/17/2024 11:10 PM
People want to eat the fish

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 03:14 PM
Blue green algae can be very worrisome so we should be supporting studies to address it.

Screen Name Redacted
1/18/2024 08:16 PM
They know more about specific issues

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 12:48 PM
When are their reports expected to be presented to council?????

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 04:54 PM
we need all the help we can get

Screen Name Redacted
1/19/2024 08:11 PM
Yes - CVC and UofG bring new expertise and methods to help inform management practices such as the main sources of bacteria and nutrient inputs to the lake

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 12:55 PM
It's a good opportunity for the university and students to be involved.

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:20 PM
could be an important area of research for ongoing study of water quality

Screen Name Redacted
1/30/2024 01:18 PM
They have great ideas! Science based.

Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 01:17 PM	this is one of the biggest deterrents and most dangerous to people and pets. needs to be addressed.
Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2024 08:36 AM	It's cheap, it's educational, and it's going to occur over a long period of time. I see no down-side to this.
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 02:00 PM	because what they are doing now isnt working.
Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 03:06 PM	Additional resources to benefit these programs and educational minds to find new and intrepid ways to share and integrate findings into our community.
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 11:01 AM	of anything this is my biggest concern due to the dangers of it. regular testing and posting when it is present is key until the issue is resolved.
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 09:47 PM	Brings in the appropriate expertise that we do not have in house, but need.
Screen Name Redacted 2/03/2024 08:59 AM	Maybe someone will realize that the blue green algae isn't as big a problem as the one individual is promoting. He should be controlled.
Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 03:01 PM	more ideas and positive input is good
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 11:32 AM	Why not?
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 05:12 PM	Partners will be most aware of new tech and advances in controlling BGA
Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2024 02:26 PM	The university of Guelph is a phenomenal resource. We can provide work and incomes and they can help us to have better spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 2/09/2024 09:06 PM	We need science and facts to overcome the misconceptions about Fairy Lake

Screen Name Redacted
2/10/2024 10:45 AM
Because the Town is responsible for Fairy Lake and should work with experts to understand how to prepare and mitigate problems like algal blooms.

Screen Name Redacted
2/13/2024 06:49 PM
For accountability.

Screen Name Redacted
2/14/2024 03:45 PM
Again, the poor water quality reduces the opportunity for recreation.

Screen Name Redacted
2/17/2024 05:43 PM
Always utilize experts when they are available.

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 03:29 PM
Why not? Obviously partner w/ reliable and educated resources.

Screen Name Redacted
2/20/2024 05:41 PM
They provide expertise.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2024 03:17 PM
To determine if and what changes have had a measurable impact on the lake

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2024 05:16 PM
Partnerships generally lead to results

Screen Name Redacted
2/26/2024 09:10 PM
More minds the better. Experience.

Screen Name Redacted
2/29/2024 01:47 PM
Professional input is nessasary

Screen Name Redacted
2/29/2024 02:51 PM
U of G provides a valuable resource for solutions and possibly further studies

Optional question (35 response(s), 17 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q48 Please explain why you think the Town should not continue working with partners.

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1/30/2024 01:38 PM

As mentioned above dredging will address the main issues without ongoing costs associated with study's.

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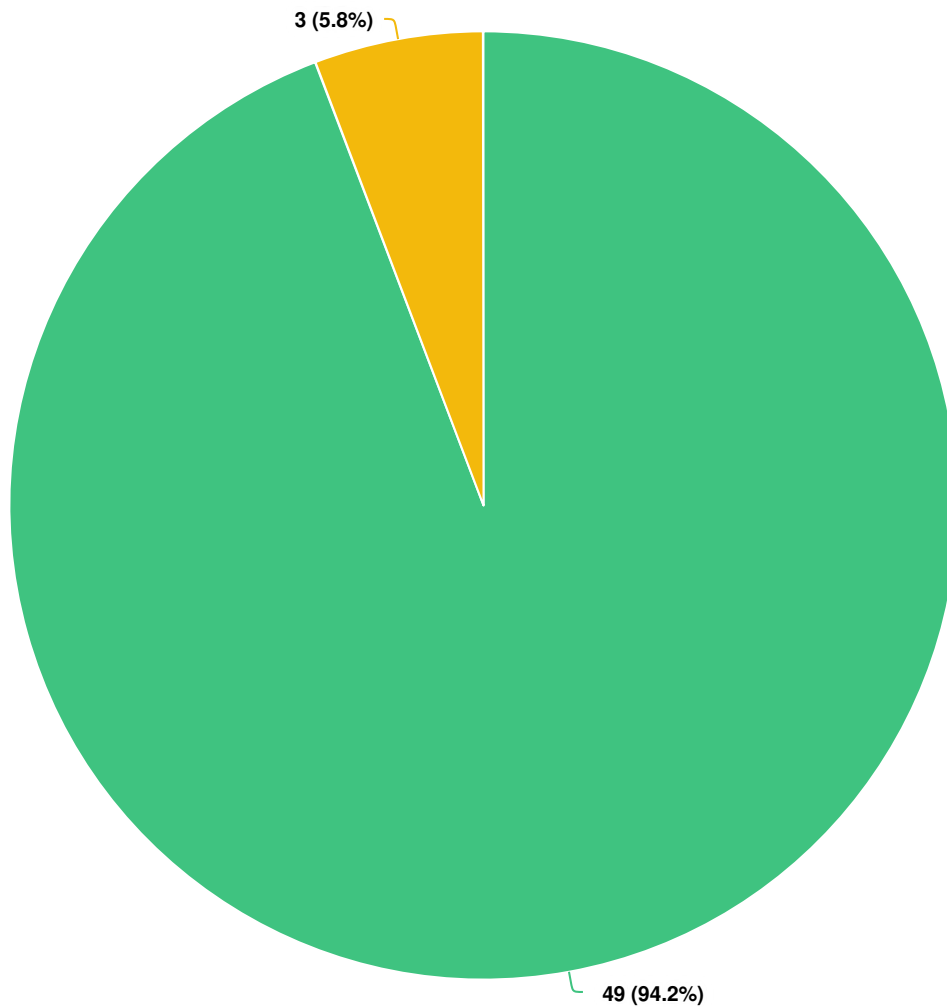
As you have stated No significant water quality changes have been detected.

Optional question (2 response(s), 50 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q49 | A significant gap in information is the lack of any routine water quality testing in the lake (i.e., 13 year gap between testing in 2008/2009 and 2021/2022). Do you support the implementation of a regular water testing and reporting program (every ...

two years) to better monitor the water conditions and impacts to Fairy Lake and associated recreational activities?



Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q50 | Please explain why you support the implementation of a regular water testing and reporting program.

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1/17/2024 05:45 PM

Information is required to make informed decisions.

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 08:27 PM

Should be done in different areas as well

Screen Name Redacted

1/17/2024 11:10 PM

Want to know if the lake is polluted

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 08:16 PM

It makes sense to do ongoing testing

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 12:48 PM

Is it not obvious... but an environmental assessmentnot just water samples

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 04:54 PM

just makes sense

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:20 PM

Hard to make decisions about ongoing management without factual reporting.

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:18 PM

Bird counts, water quality too

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 01:17 PM

this is one of the biggest deterrents and most dangerous to people and pets. needs to be addressed.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 08:36 AM

It's not crazy expensive and we need data to make good decisions.

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1/30/2024 01:38 PM

For public safety if nothing else

Screen Name Redacted

1/30/2024 02:00 PM

because what they are doing now isnt working.

Screen Name Redacted 1/30/2024 03:06 PM	More relevant data points to better inform the town and stakeholders in making decisions for this space.
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 08:03 AM	For the time being. Yes
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 11:01 AM	it is one major way to track progress
Screen Name Redacted 1/31/2024 09:47 PM	The best way to monitor changes and effect of management interventions.
Screen Name Redacted 2/03/2024 08:59 AM	Proper testing is fine if something is done
Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 11:50 AM	Testing the water regularly is the only way to determine if solutions are effective.
Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 03:01 PM	will help to decide if things are improving with the water in Fairy Lake
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 11:32 AM	It's important to know if the lake is safe
Screen Name Redacted 2/05/2024 05:12 PM	Obligation& liability
Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2024 02:26 PM	I support this because we would have more reliable and consistent data. This would be a foundation for education and decision making.
Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2024 10:45 AM	If Acton is going to continue to grow in population and industry that regular water testing is required to catch any problems early.
Screen Name Redacted 2/12/2024 03:37 PM	Monitoring seems logical. Note sure on the timeframe. Maybe every 4-5 years.
Screen Name Redacted 2/13/2024 06:49 PM	I support it because it's logical to do so. Why was there a significant gap in the first place ?

Screen Name Redacted

2/14/2024 03:45 PM

We should be making efforts to make the lake useable again for swimming and recreation.

Screen Name Redacted

2/17/2024 05:43 PM

Not sure if a 2 year program is needed or if another frequency, either longer or shorter, would be more effective.

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 03:29 PM

Because how would you know what is working otherwise?

Screen Name Redacted

2/20/2024 05:41 PM

One needs feedback on whether there is progress in improving the lake.

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 03:17 PM

To determine if and what changes have had a measurable impact on the lake. If 2 years is too cost prohibitive, maybe 3-5. But a decade and a half misses several steps on the lakes journey

Screen Name Redacted

2/24/2024 05:16 PM

Without know what is going on with the water quality on a regular basis then there is no point to initiate any action

Screen Name Redacted

2/26/2024 09:10 PM

So we don't have a lack of info.

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 01:47 PM

It is obvious need to monitor often

Screen Name Redacted

2/29/2024 02:51 PM

Perhaps 2 year cycles are a little much, I think testing costs need to be clarified prior to implementation but if costs are negligible then the more information the better

Optional question (34 response(s), 18 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q51 | Please explain why you do not support the implementation of a regular water testing and reporting program.

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 03:14 PM

It might be costly. I suggest a 5 year gap between studies.

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 08:11 PM

How would that data be used. How would a larger dataset lead to a change in management actions. I would recommend focusing recourses on implementing a number of key management actions and then after 5-8 revisit monitoring to see their effectiveness. A specific study design would be needed to look at BMP effectiveness. Highly recommend focusing on action not further data at this point. There are 2 long term provincial water quality stations downstream of Fairy lake. That is a good long term record 50+ years of water quality conditions downstream of the Lake.

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2/09/2024 09:06 PM

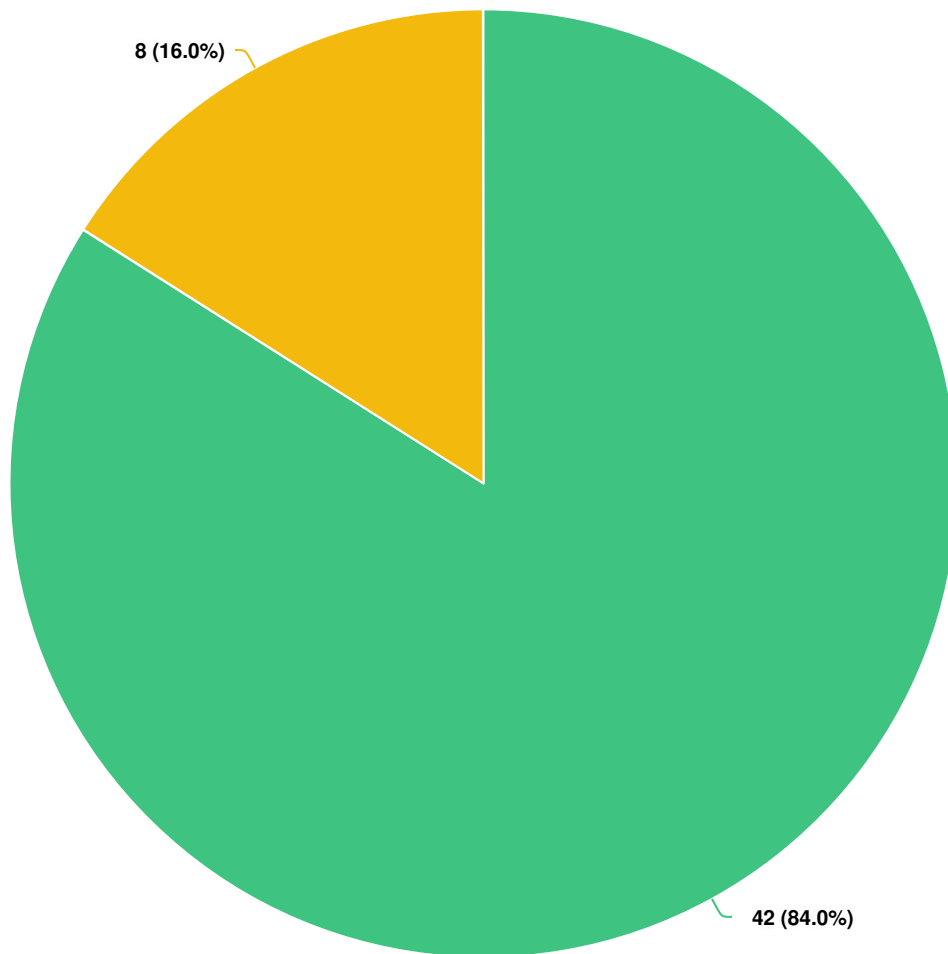
It is not necessary. The lake is fairly stable and we need the money to fix the present issues like the geese.

Optional question (3 response(s), 49 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q52 While the focus of the Water Quality Study Update is on more technical water quality testing results, understanding how the water quality affects or is affected by recreational activities is also important. The following optional questions will hel...

help the Town better understand the current recreational use of the lake, and identify ideas for future consideration. If you wish to skip these questions click here.

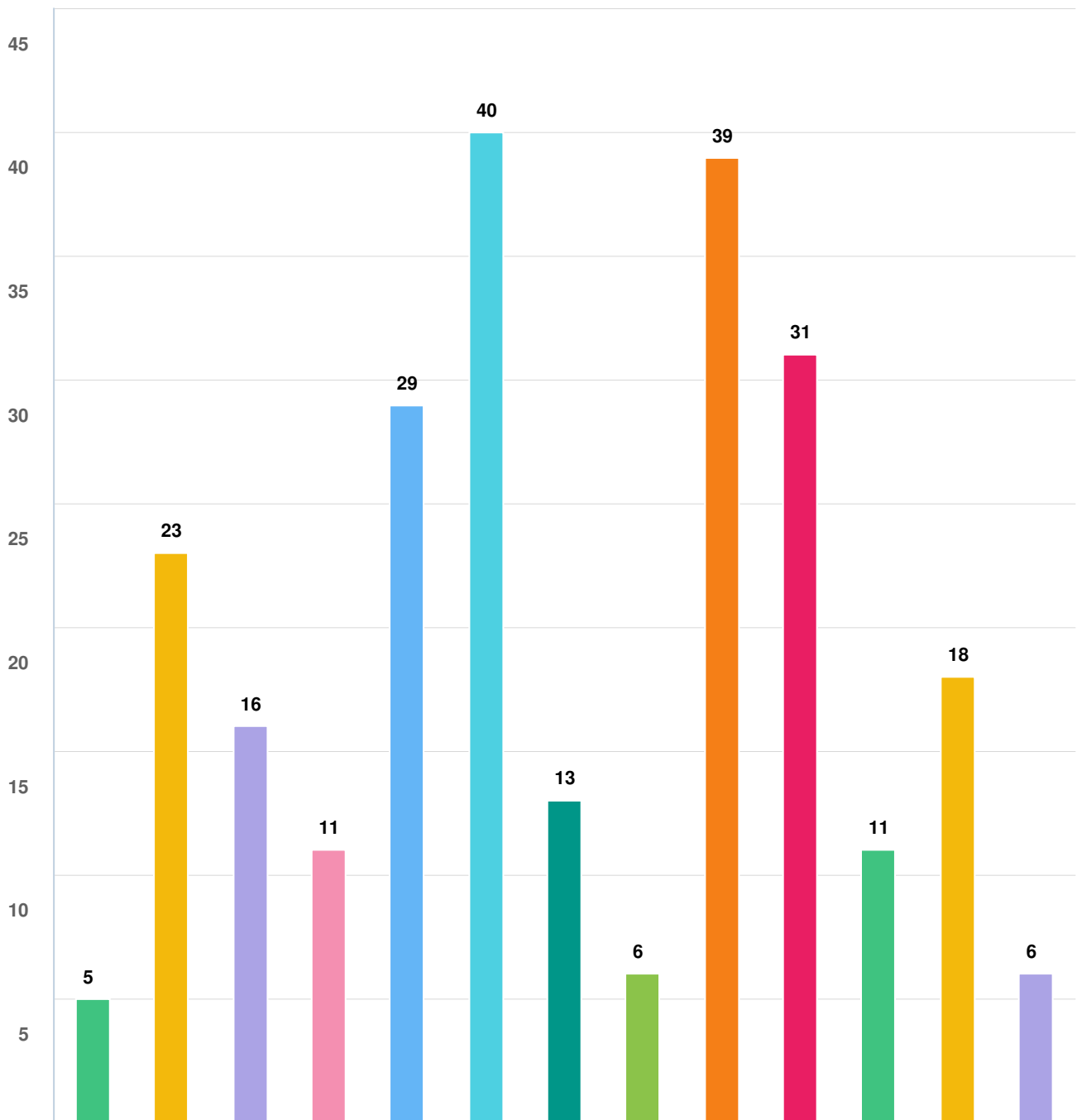


Question options

- Continue Survey
- Complete Survey

Optional question (50 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q53 How do you currently use the Lake and surrounding areas. Select all that apply.

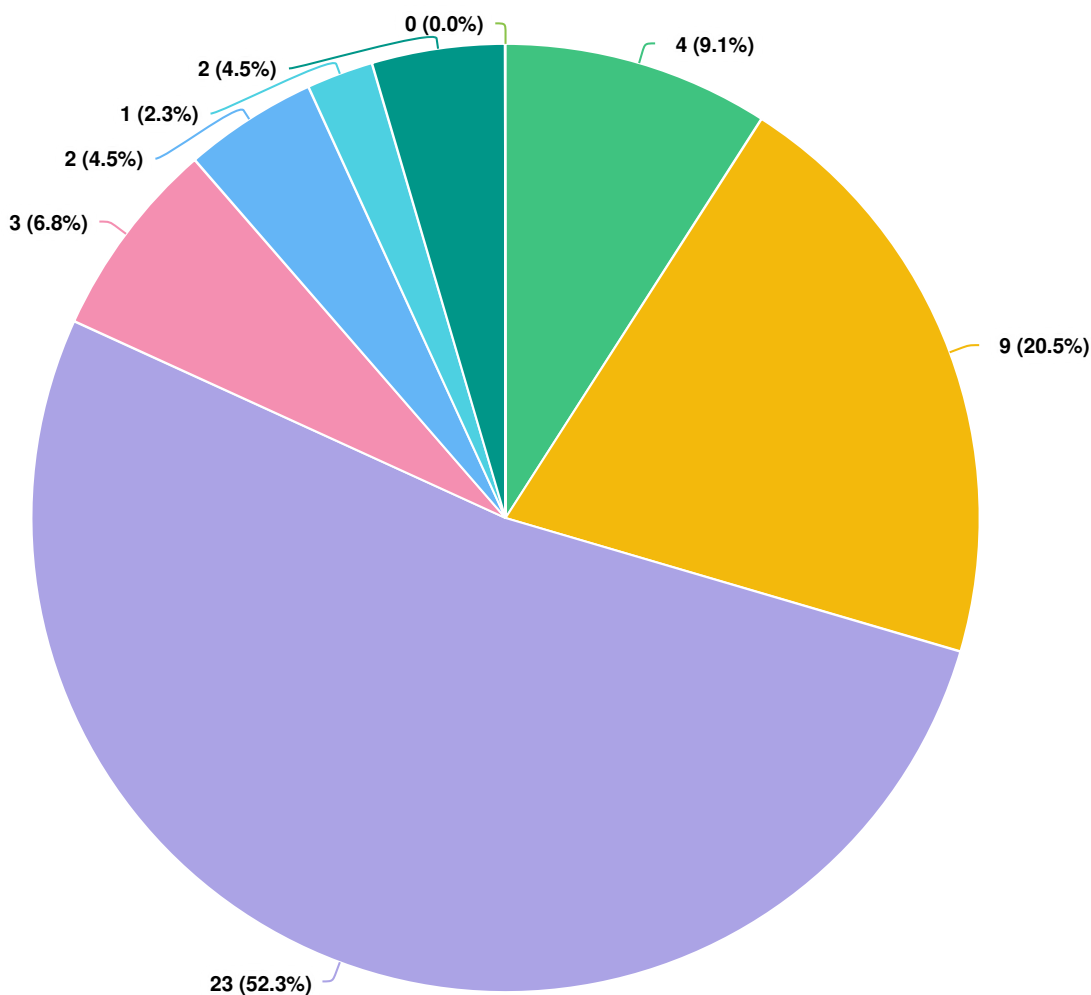


Question options

- Swimming (at beach)
 ● Boating (including canoes or kayaks)
 ● Fishing
 ● Paddle boarding
- Wildlife and bird watching
 ● Scenic views of the lake
 ● Skating on the lake surface
 ● Ice fishing
- Using trails around the lake
 ● Using park amenities near the lake (sportsfields, playground, splash pad)
- Leash free dog park
 ● Tennis courts/pickle ball courts
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (44 response(s), 8 skipped)
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q54 | Where do you live in relation to the lake?

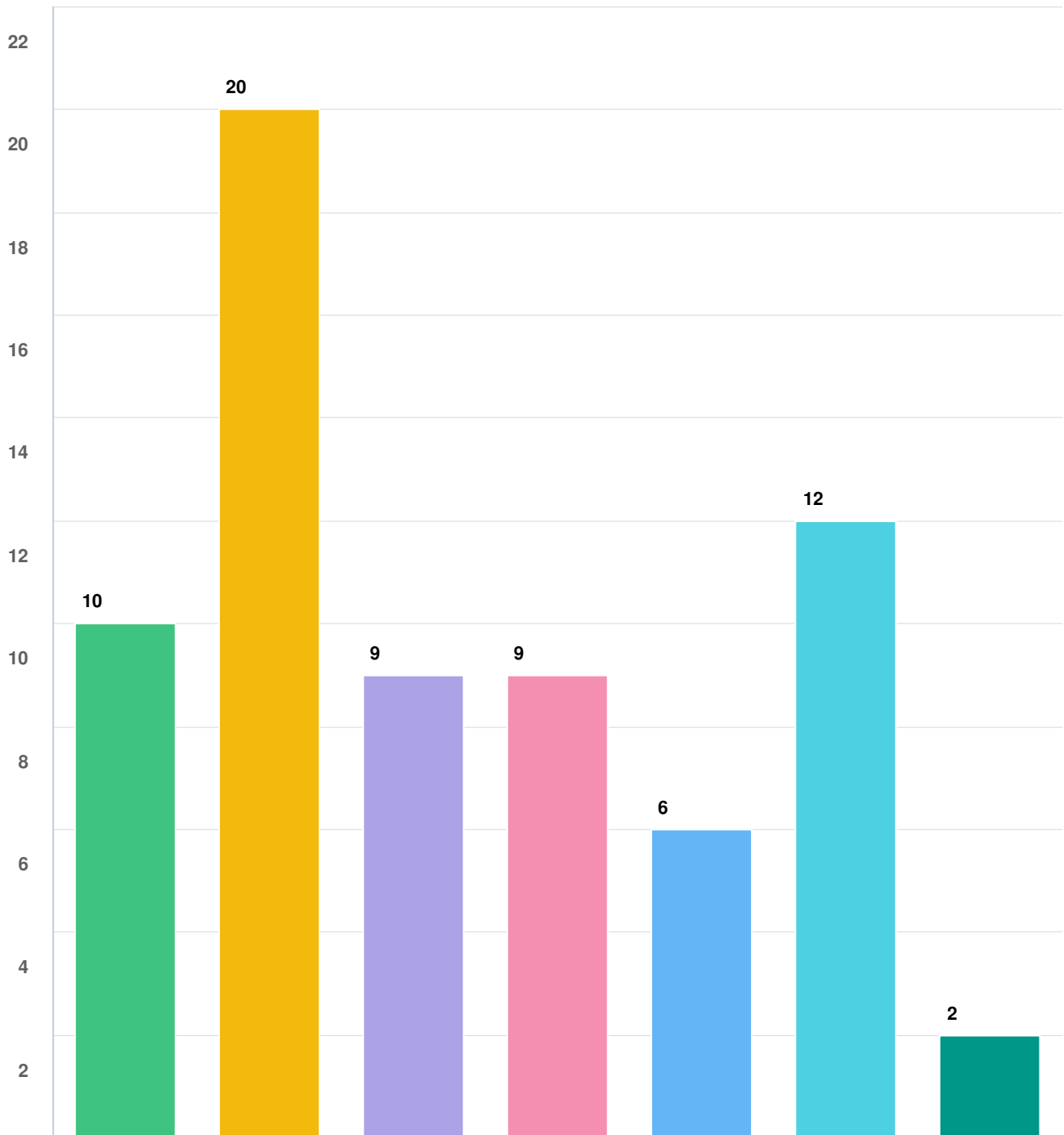


Question options

- My property backs directly onto Fairy Lake
- My property backs onto parks or open spaces around Fairy Lake
- I live in other areas of Acton
- I live in Georgetown
- I live in other Halton Hills rural/hamlet Areas
- I live outside of Halton Hills
- Other (please specify)
- I live outside of Halton Hills but spend time at one of the camp grounds adjacent to the lake

*Optional question (44 response(s), 8 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q55 | If you access the lake directly for recreation, where do you access the lake? Select all that apply.



Question options

- Prospect Park boat ramp
- Prospect Park dock
- Fairy Lake Dam (Mill St.) and viewing platform
- Prospect Park beach
- Directly from private property (i.e. residence or trailer parks)
- From other areas of the shoreline (please specify)
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (36 response(s), 16 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q56 | Please provide any suggestions for additional access points that you think should be considered?

Screen Name Redacted Anywhere on the opposite side of the boathouse

1/17/2024 08:27 PM

Screen Name Redacted Canoe launc at Elizabeth and Elmore

1/18/2024 10:18 AM

Screen Name Redacted The lake is currently very accessible

1/18/2024 08:16 PM

Screen Name Redacted New bike path viewing platform off of Birchwood Ave

1/19/2024 08:11 PM

Screen Name Redacted It would be great to have an access point to the lake off of the end of Elmore Drive.

2/20/2024 08:36 AM

Screen Name Redacted None Limit access points to keep sediment down

1/30/2024 01:38 PM

Screen Name Redacted By the dam

2/03/2024 08:59 AM

Screen Name Redacted none

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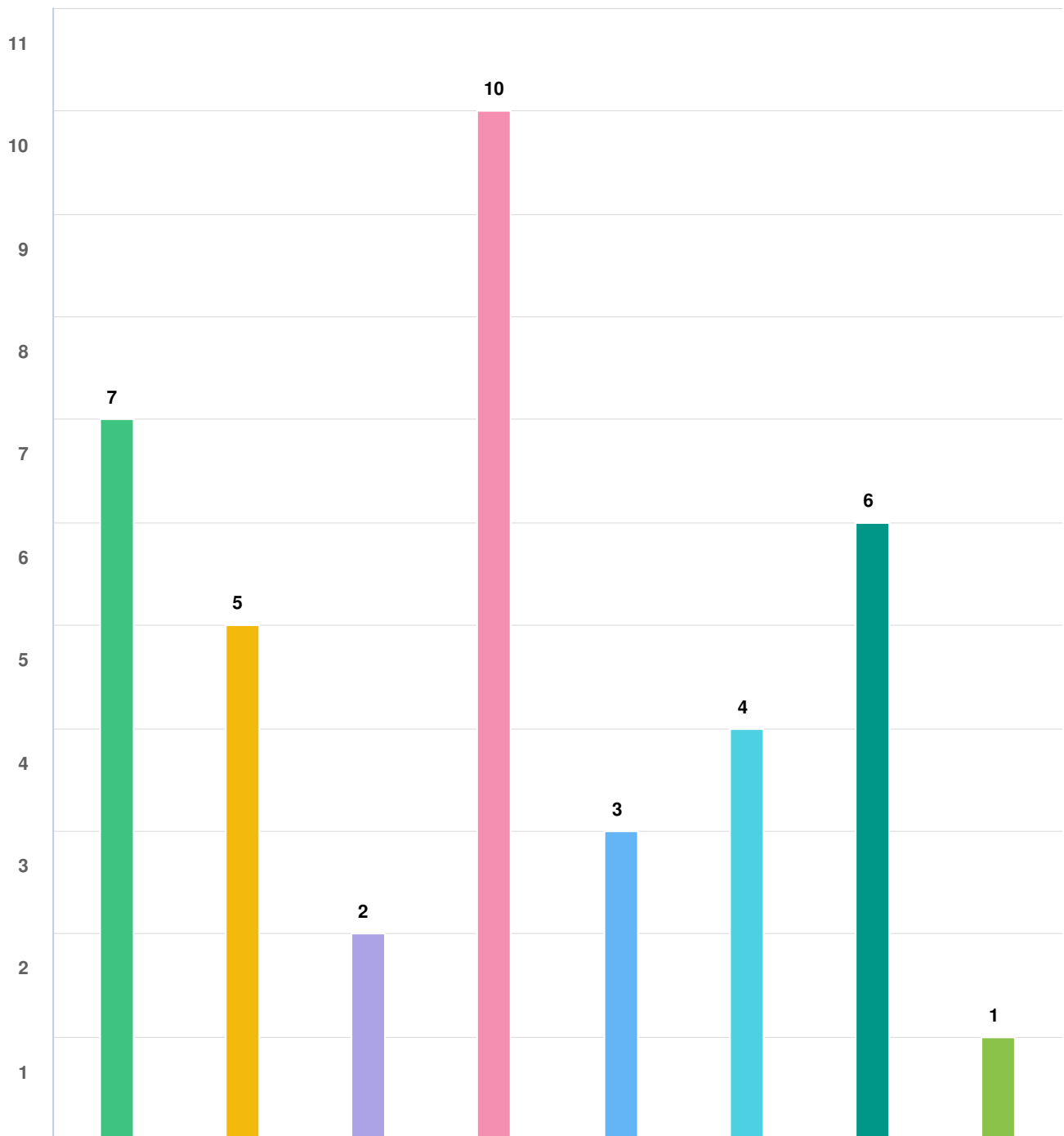
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Optional question (9 response(s), 43 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q57 If you fish in the lake, where do you currently fish? Select all that apply.



Question options

- Prospect Park Dock ● Fairy Lake Dam viewing platform ● Birchway Place Trail viewing platform
- Prospect Park Shoreline ● Rotary Park Shoreline ● Ice fishing on the lake ● From a boat
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (18 response(s), 34 skipped)
 Question type: *Checkbox Question*

Q58 | Please let us know if you think more opportunities/locations for fishing are needed, or other issues related to fishing (i.e. catch and release)?

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1/17/2024 08:27 PM

Limit fish numbers

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1/18/2024 03:14 PM

I think the way fishing is being managed is just fine. I do find it interesting that such a modest body of water attracts so many ice anglers though.

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1/19/2024 12:48 PM

catch and release is a mustanyone I have seen taking a lot of fish home....I don't see again....hope they are ok if they eat the fish

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1/19/2024 08:11 PM

Yes - extension of Birchwood/Legion bike path as outlined in the HH Active Transportation mast plan

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1/30/2024 01:18 PM

Fishing seems to be a large attraction. We need more containers to dispose of hooks, etc.

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1/30/2024 01:38 PM

Dredging the lake will greatly improve the fishery

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1/30/2024 02:00 PM

more locations would be ideal.

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2/10/2024 10:45 AM

Do we test the fish for contaminants so people are aware the fish is safe to eat or not or do we only post catch and release? Sorry not aware of the approach here.

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2/14/2024 03:45 PM

The Lake should be limited to catch and release. Our lake motto should be, catch, release, and repeat.

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2/24/2024 05:16 PM

N/a

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2/26/2024 09:10 PM

Catch and Release would be a very welcome program here. I would say there is a decline in lots of species over the past few years from people taking the big females out and taking those genes out of the lake.

Optional question (11 response(s), 41 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q59 | Please provide any additional comments you have about the Fairy Lake Water Quality Study Update or the Recreational Use of Fairy Lake.

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1/17/2024 05:45 PM

Thank you for your time and effort in studying Fairy Lake and considering how it might be improved.

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1/17/2024 06:25 PM

We are very glad that this study has been done to give direction as to how to make the lake the gem it used to be!

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1/17/2024 08:27 PM

This survey is way too long

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1/17/2024 11:10 PM

Please continue maintaining the grass

Screen Name Redacted

1/18/2024 08:16 PM

Many people won't complete the survey but if you watch any day you will see the countless people all over the recreational spaces enjoying the current setup. They would be very disappointed if it changes

Screen Name Redacted

1/19/2024 12:48 PM

I am awaiting the Guelph and CVC reports as I am sure some of their results will explain the areas and levels of e-coli and blue green alga Maybe check the dog leash free park beside the tennis courts and the sheep farm on 25 Side rd. for contamination affecting our lil gem named Fairy Lake

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1/19/2024 08:11 PM

More effect should be focused on the septic managment and naturalization of the Beezes trailer park. Evidence from the water quality study indicated high nitrogen concentrations and very high counts of geese. This is a large section of shoreline that has much opportunity for naturalization. The town needs to use it's building code and by-law powers to ensure the Trailer park septic systems are inspected and operating properly. The Town should not just focus on implementation of LID in NEW development but instead look for opportunities to retrofit existing urban areas. There are many areas of town that do no have adequate stormwater quality management. There should also not be an empathis on end of pipe stormwater filters etc. These have been shown through a Region of Halton study

to be ineffective.

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1/30/2024 01:20 PM

My main comment is always please, please reduce the geese.

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2/20/2024 08:36 AM

Take a road trip to Lake Victoria in Stratford to see their shoreline. it's a similar style lake to Fairy Lake and, if I remember correctly, they've incorporated some timber out croppings into the Lake for recreational use, as well as armourstone on the shoreline with roundstone sloped up to it. I think we could majorly enhance Prospect park and turn it into a real gem if we implemented some similar techniques into the shoreline while also intentionally building natural areas into the landscape. Again, please talk to Jared at R&M about some of the ideas for Prospect Park, R&M wants to see something great happen here in Town and we're willing to help. To Kevin, Mark, and everyone at the Town- keep up the good work! As a long-time resident we appreciate that you guys are looking seriously into the Fairy Lake Water Quality and are looking to preserve it for future generations. I'm sure you've gotten a lot of push back from residents but please keep fighting the good fight. I'll leave you with a quote I often come back to when facing adversity, "All truth passes through 3 stages- First it's ridiculed, second it's violently opposed, and third it's accepted as having always been true." Keep it up!

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1/30/2024 01:38 PM

Stocking the lake would be nice , also a fishing tournament would be an excellent idea.

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1/30/2024 02:00 PM

Please fix the lake, it would be amazing to have something we can be proud of in Acton

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1/30/2024 03:06 PM

Thank you for this opportunity. I would be happy to contribute more in the future.

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1/31/2024 09:47 PM

Good Study. Very important. Some improvements would be quite easy and inexpensive and could start now. ie shoreline vegetation, trees. I do hope the Town can take action, and not let the study sit on the shelf or let it get bogged down in red tape!

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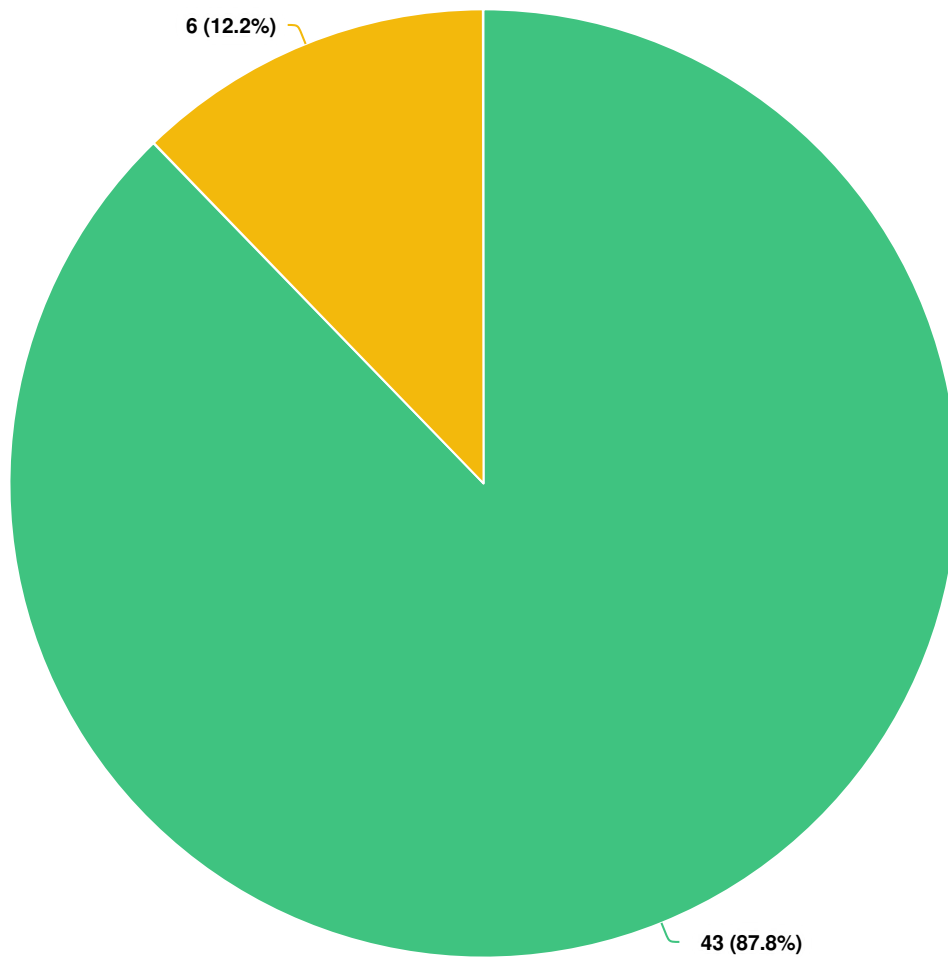
I wish something would be done.

Screen Name Redacted 2/04/2024 03:01 PM	none
Screen Name Redacted 2/07/2024 02:26 PM	We use the lake and the park as part of the Girl Guides and Embers program in Acton.
Screen Name Redacted 2/09/2024 09:06 PM	I believe it is a great program but it needs to be better promoted to the public.
Screen Name Redacted 2/10/2024 10:45 AM	Great report, really interesting. It was nice to learn more about all the different species of plants, trees, and animals around Fairy Lake. Add fungi!
Screen Name Redacted 2/13/2024 06:49 PM	I appreciate what you have accomplished but I find your efforts incomplete in not doing more public presentations to the residents, e.g., do a presentation at the local Seniors' Centre, the local library, Town Hall, the Legion. etc. People are being misinformed about the wetland idea (e.g., there will be more mosquitoes, ticks, etc.); so, I think you have failed the residents in not being very public about educating people about the wetland idea.
Screen Name Redacted 2/20/2024 03:29 PM	Please let's find a balance between environmentalist and people in the own who want and use the recreational aspects of Fairy Lake. Environmental focus on less populated areas and recreation where it is most needed and appreciated.
Screen Name Redacted 2/24/2024 03:17 PM	I am pleased to see more people out paddling and enjoying the lake in the past several years. Not sure if it is from the Holy Cow Canoe rentals, but seems like more smiling paddlers on the water
Screen Name Redacted 2/24/2024 05:16 PM	N/a
Screen Name Redacted 2/29/2024 01:47 PM	Awaiting more indepth cvc Guelph university study report

Optional question (23 response(s), 29 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q60 | Would you like to receive updates on the Fairy Lake Water Quality Study Update, including information on the timing of future Council reports discussing the final recommendations?

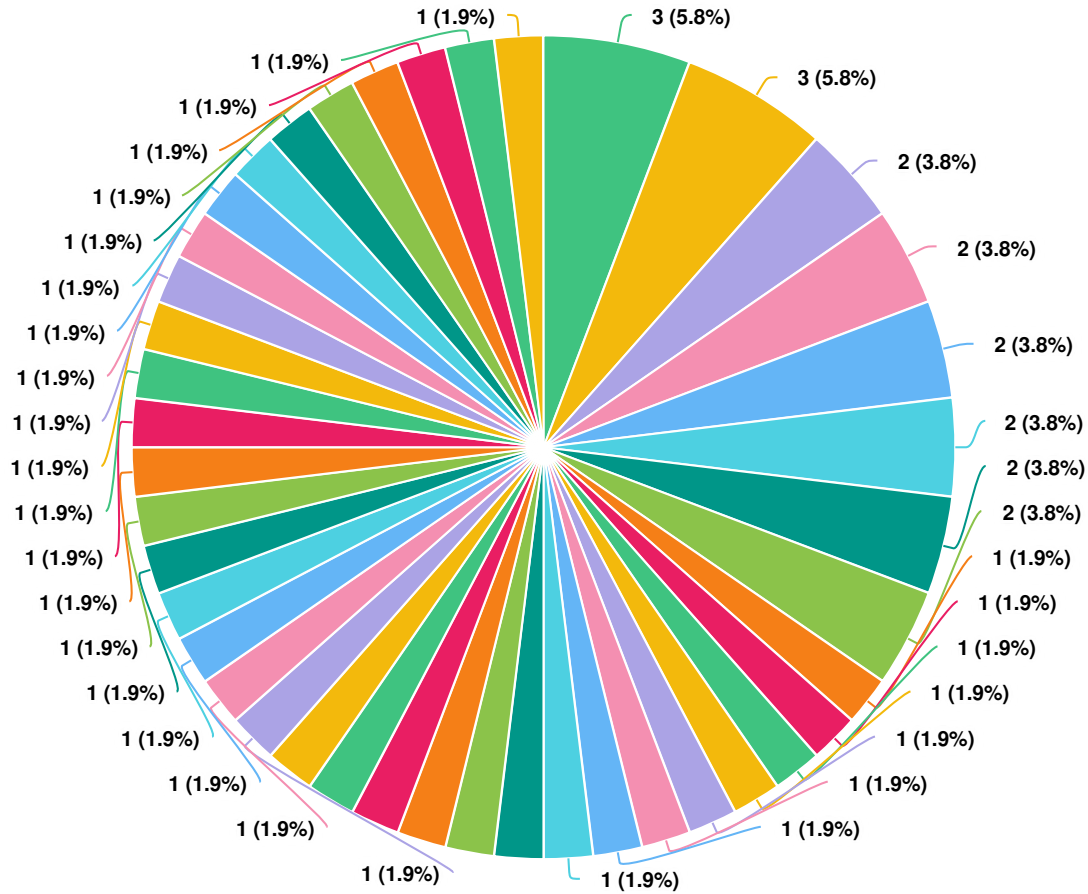


Question options

- Yes
- No

Optional question (49 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q61 | Postal code.



Question options

- Acton, ON, L7J2L7 ● Acton, ON, L7J0B1 ● Acton, ON, L7J1T2 ● Acton, ON, L7J1B7 ● Acton, ON, L7J1W2
- Acton, ON, L7J1V5 ● Acton, ON, L7J2H9 ● Acton, ON, L7J2P1 ● Acton, ON, L7J1B2 ● Acton, ON, L7J2P3
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- Norval, ON, L0P1K0 ● Acton, ON, L7J2L8 ● Acton, ON, L7J0B2 ● Acton, ON, L7J2S3
- Georgetown, ON, L7G3B9 ● Acton, ON, L7J1L3 ● Acton, ON, L7J1K5 ● Georgetown, ON, L7G4S5
- East Garafraxa, ON, L9W7C4 ● Georgetown, ON, L7G5C5 ● Acton, ON, L7J2X9 ● Acton, ON, L7J3B1
- Acton, ON, L7J2J1 ● Acton, ON, L7J1G1 ● Acton, ON, L7J1N3 ● Acton, ON, L7J3A6
- Limehouse, ON, L0P1H0 ● Acton, ON, L7J2Z1

Mandatory Question (52 response(s))
Question type: Region Question