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01 Introduction



1.1 What is Imagine MOPC?

In September 2023, the Municipality of Pictou County (MOPC) launched “Imagine MOPC”, a project to develop a municipality-wide Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) for the Municipality of Pictou County.

Currently, there is no land use planning in MOPC with the exception of the Wind Energy Bylaw and the Subdivision Bylaw. In 2018, the Provincial Government passed new legislation that requires every municipality to adopt land use rules that meet newly established minimum planning standards. The Imagine MOPC project will bring MOPC into compliance with this provincial mandate.

The final MPS and LUB will serve as valuable tools to address land use, infrastructure, environmental sustainability, community needs, and economic growth. These documents will provide long-term vision and direction for the development and growth of the Municipality of Pictou County.

The day-to-day activities of Imagine MOPC are being carried out by UPLAND Planning + Design in collaboration with municipal staff and overseen by a steering committee consisting of Council and the Planning Advisory Committee.

1.2 What is a Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)?

A Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) is the primary planning document for the Municipality. It establishes the vision, goals, and policies for growth and development. In other words, it is the road map that helps to guide decision making relating to what we build, where, and at what intensity.

An MPS looks at many different aspects of life in the community including (but not limited to) housing, economic development, agriculture, drinking water, and infrastructure. It also looks at important environmental considerations in our community, like the effects of climate change, coastal erosion and flooding, and the impacts that these have on development.

The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is the companion document to the MPS, and puts the vision, goals, and policies into action through specific regulations that have to do with development activities. The LUB sets out things like the land use zones (zoning), permitted uses for these zones, standards for development, performance standards, developments to be considered by development agreement, and developments to be considered by the site plan approval process, among other things.

1.3 What is Planning and Why Does it Matter?

Planning is the process by which communities can control change and development in their physical environment. Planning seeks to balance the needs of people, the economy, and the environment by determining where, at what intensity, and in what form certain land uses should take place. It plays a big role in keeping populations safe and healthy and allocates growth through proactive (or deliberate) transportation and infrastructure planning, making it easier and more efficient for people to get around.

Planning matters because...



It **helps us prepare for change** such as environmental change, like sea level rise, or social change, like an aging population.



It **supports our community's character and culture** by promoting good urban design, a quality public realm, and by keeping development consistent and complementary.



It **protects special and sensitive environments** by preventing or limiting development in these areas.



It **helps to protect people** from developing in areas where the natural environment presents a high risk.



It **helps to maintain a healthy, sustainable economy** by ensuring there is a good balance and proximity between places of work and places to live.

1.4 How Will this Report Be Used?

Imagine MOPC began with an extensive public engagement period, which generated a large amount of feedback including areas of agreement, points of contention, specific directions, and priorities. This report summarizes and explores that feedback, grouped into themes. Some of this feedback will be used to inform policy decisions in the draft MPS and LUB, some will be passed on to the Municipality for consideration through other parts of their operations, and some of it will simply be shared to provide an accurate representation of priorities and issues identified. The reporting in this document does not utilize direct quotes; rather, it represents the efforts of the project team to develop a cohesive narrative that summarizes the wide range of information received.

02 What We Did



2.1 Introduction

Gathering input from municipal staff, residents and stakeholders is critical in order to identify the key issues and opportunities of a community. Recognizing this, the project began with an Engagement Strategy Meeting followed by an extensive formative engagement process. The project team hosted a series of engagement activities between September and December 2023, where participants were invited to share their perspectives and insights on land use and their vision for the future of Pictou County.

To ensure that the findings represent the diverse population of Pictou County, multiple methods of engagement were used, including:

- » The Project Website
- » Stakeholder Engagement
- » Municipal Council and Planning Advisory Committee Engagement
- » In-person Community Meetings
- » Online Community Meeting
- » Interactive Mapping Activity
- » Public Survey

These activities were promoted through the following channels:

- » The Municipality's website and social media
- » The project website
- » The Municipality's newsletter, which is mailed to civic addresses throughout the municipality
- » Direct emails and phone calls to identified stakeholders and those who requested project updates

2.2 Project Website

To kick off engagement, the Imagine MOPC website was established (www.imaginemopc.ca) to serve as a centralized hub for project information and updates. The website was first promoted during the project launch, which was advertised using various platforms including the Municipality's website, Facebook page, and newsletter.

The website provided the public with information about the project while encouraging participation in engagement activities. The website also offered an option for those interested to subscribe to a mailing list to receive updates on project events and milestones. Alternatively, participants were invited to contact the project team using the submission form on the project website. In total, the project website had 913 visits and 740 unique users as of December, 2023.

2.3 Municipal Council and Staff Engagement

The project team met with the Municipal Council at the outset of the project, on April 24th, 2023. This engagement session served as an opportunity to introduce the project, its goals, and UPLAND's approach to members of Staff and Council, and to gather their input and feedback. We learned about the history of planning work in the community, including an attempt to introduce planning in the 1960s, and the planning issues affecting residents today. This project marks the first time comprehensive land use planning will be adopted in MOPC. This engagement session allowed Council the opportunity to ask questions and share any concerns about the process and to learn more about the importance of planning and the risks associated with no planning regulations.

We reconvened with Staff, Council, and the Planning Advisory Committee during the initial phase of consultation on October 4th, 2023 in Council Chambers. This meeting provided a platform to discuss the preliminary feedback received from residents and to dive deeper into topics such as housing, agriculture, the environment, community character, economic development, and recreation. It also served as an additional opportunity to address any questions pertaining to the planning process and allowed the Council to thoroughly review the public engagement materials in preparation for upcoming community engagement sessions.

2.4 Stakeholder Engagement

Upon the project launch, approximately 30 stakeholders were identified to participate in various engagement activities. An email was sent to each stakeholder, presenting them with a comprehensive project overview and extending an invitation to partake in an online discussion. These sessions served as a platform for participants to deliberate on their project priorities, delve into pertinent issues, and explore potential solutions/opportunities. Participants were also allotted time to pose questions about the project. In total, 8 individuals actively engaged in an online discussion, providing invaluable feedback on subjects including, but not limited to, agriculture, economic development, recreation, youth, and the environment.

2.5 In-person Community Meetings

Throughout the month of October, six in-person community meetings were held across the Municipality. The primary objectives about these sessions were to foster awareness about the project, provide education to the public regarding the significance of planning, and answer questions from the public. The in-person sessions were dispersed throughout the municipality, and in total 107 community members participated.

2.6 Online Community Meeting

An online community meeting was held on November 1 for individuals who missed or were unable to attend any of the in-person community meetings. A recording of the session was also shared publicly for those interested in participating through this format. In total, 12 community members attended the live session, and the recording has 26 views as of December, 2023.

2.7 Interactive Mapping Activity

The online interactive map invited residents and stakeholders to input location-specific comments on a map of Pictou County and explore comments contributed by other participants. The map displayed existing zoning/ land uses and prompted discussion on existing conditions, preferred and disliked locations, and ideas for the future. This engagement platform welcomed participation from late September to late November, and throughout that period, the map received a total of 2 comments.

2.8 Public Survey

The public survey focused on identifying development goals and community ambition as it related to planning and development. It focused on planning issues relevant to the community, offering participants an opportunity to share their vision for the future of Pictou County with the project team. The survey was open for online participation from late September to late November, with paper copies and phone-in survey participation available upon request.

Altogether, 179 respondents contributed, each offering unique insights and perspectives on various facets of their community or Pictou County as a whole. Snapshots of the survey will be shared throughout the report, and the complete survey can be accessed in the Appendix.

2.9 Survey Participants

Effectively interpreting survey results requires understanding the degree of representation the survey sample holds in relation to the general population. Samples should mirror the demographic characteristics of a population, encompassing factors such as age, gender identity, and income. The project team utilized Statistics Canada 2021 Census data (the most current data available) as a benchmark, comparing it to the Public Survey results. This comparison aids in discerning how well the survey sample aligns with the community's profile. This step is crucial as it enables the identification of groups that might be underrepresented in the survey but are integral to the diverse fabric of Pictou County.

Fig 1. Age distribution of survey participants compared to 2021 Census

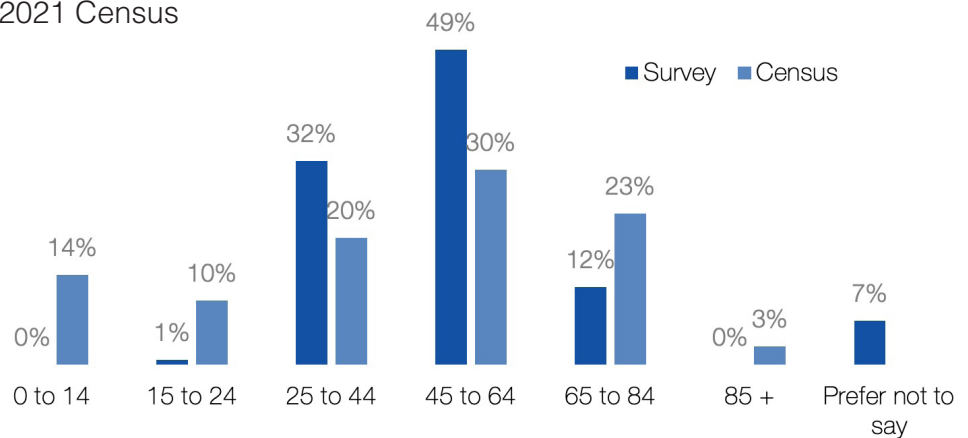


Fig 2. Gender distribution of survey participants compared to 2021 Census

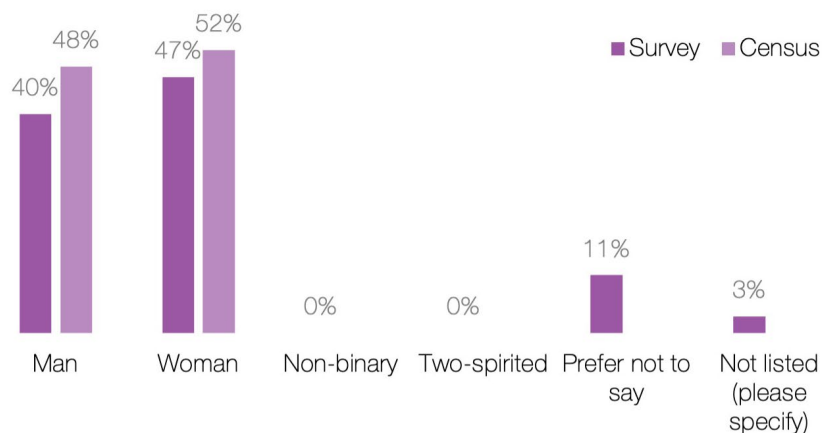


Fig 3. Income of survey participants compared to 2021 Census

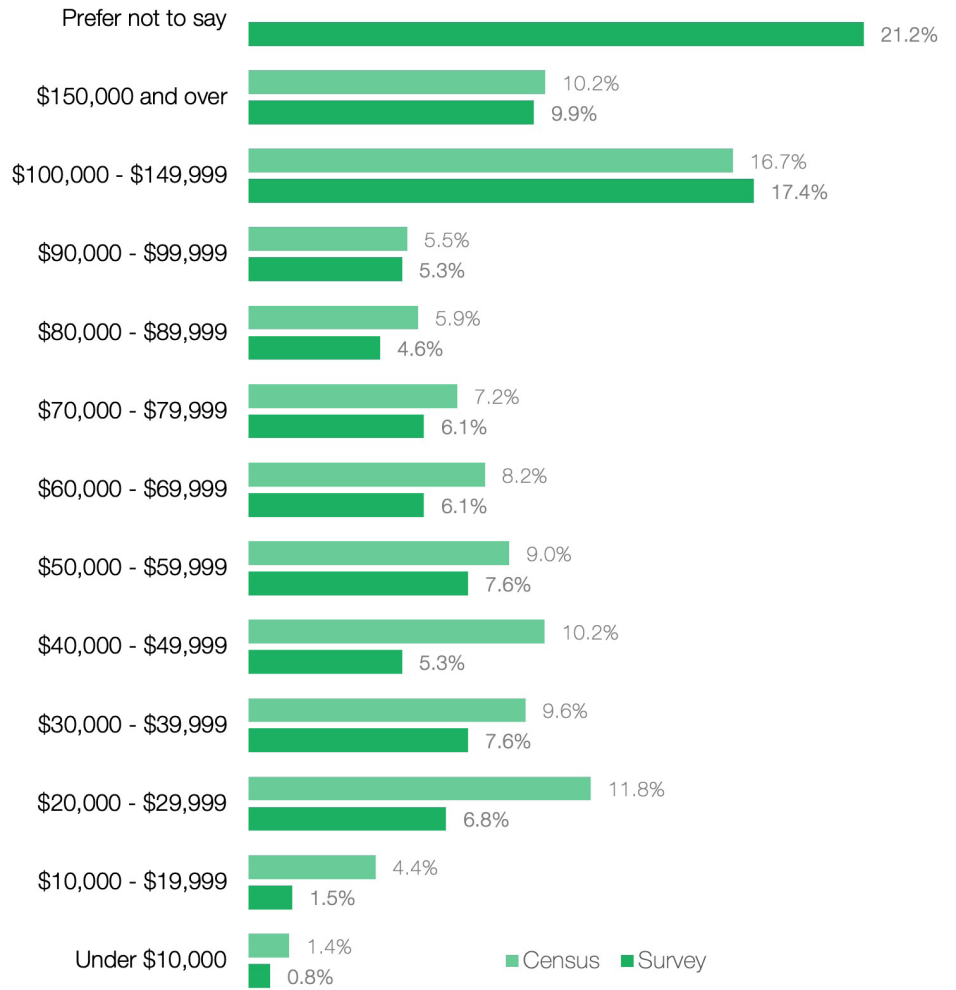


Fig 4. Survey responses to “Do you identify as a member of any of the following equity-deserving groups? Select all that apply.”

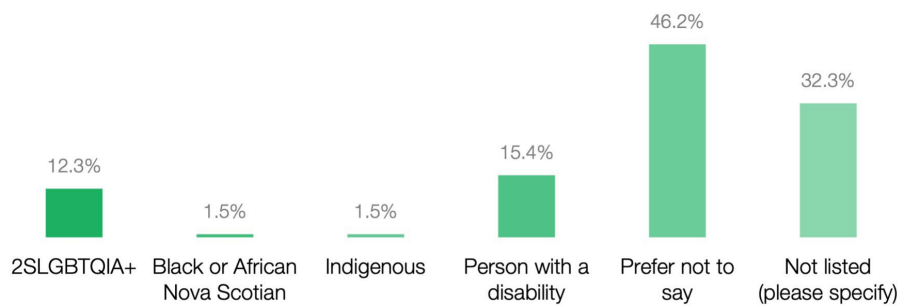


Fig 5. Survey responses to “*In what community do you live?*”

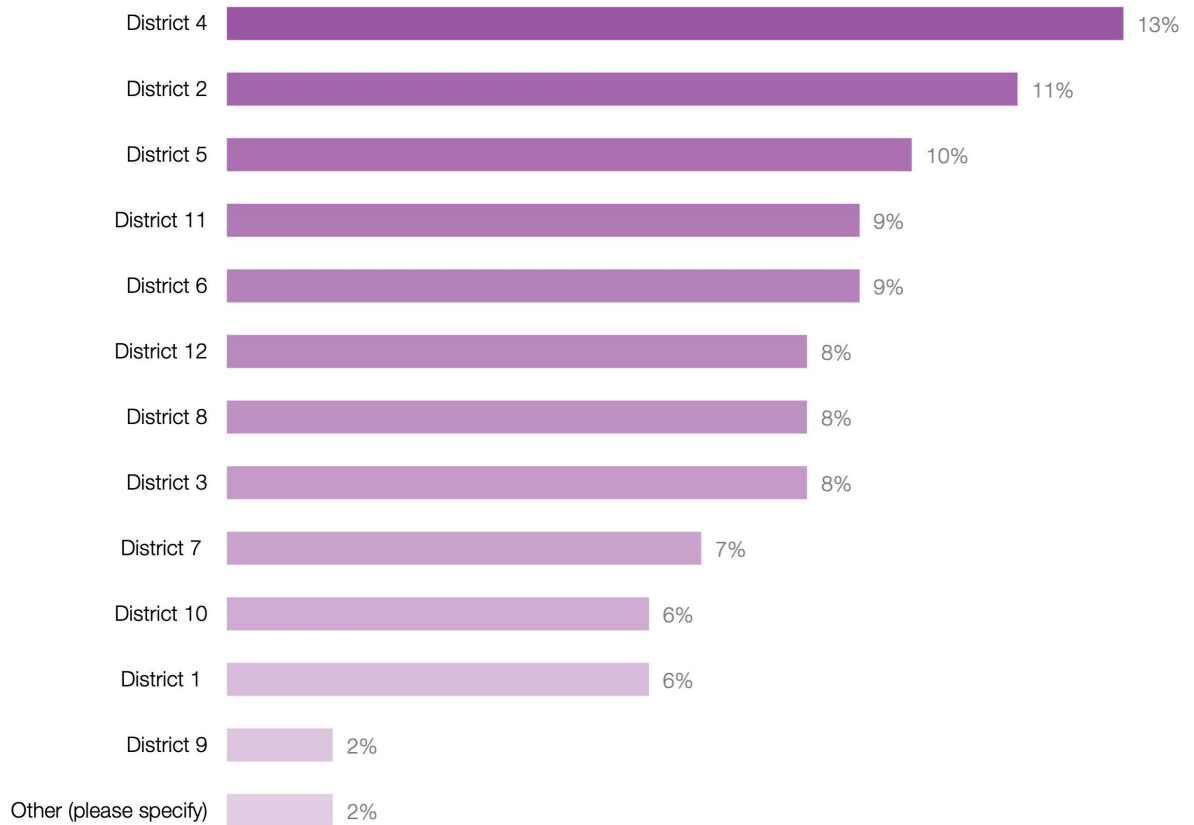


Fig 6. Survey responses to “*What kind of resident are you?*”

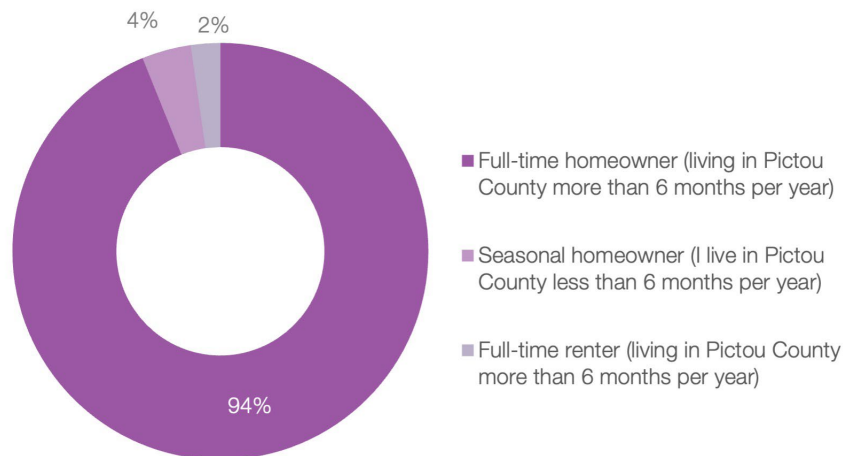


Fig 7. Survey responses to “How long have you lived in Pictou County?”

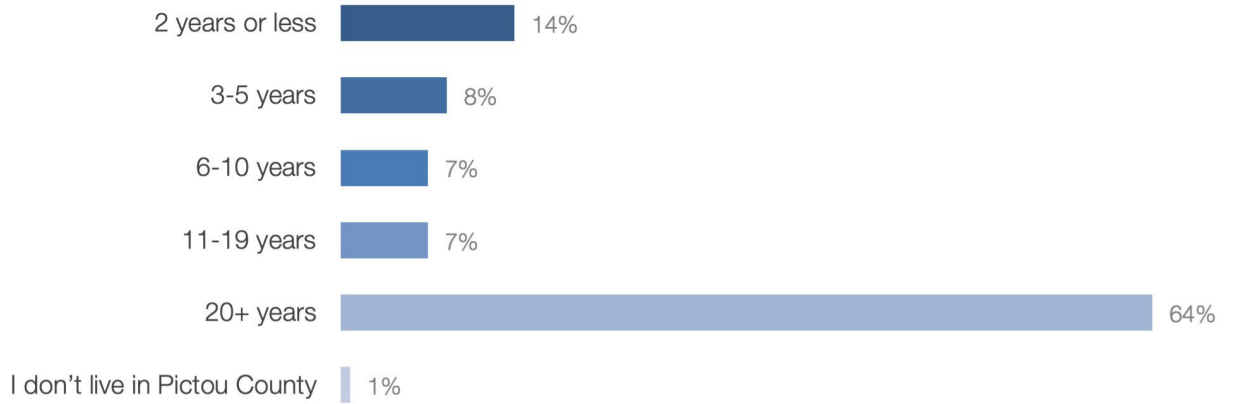
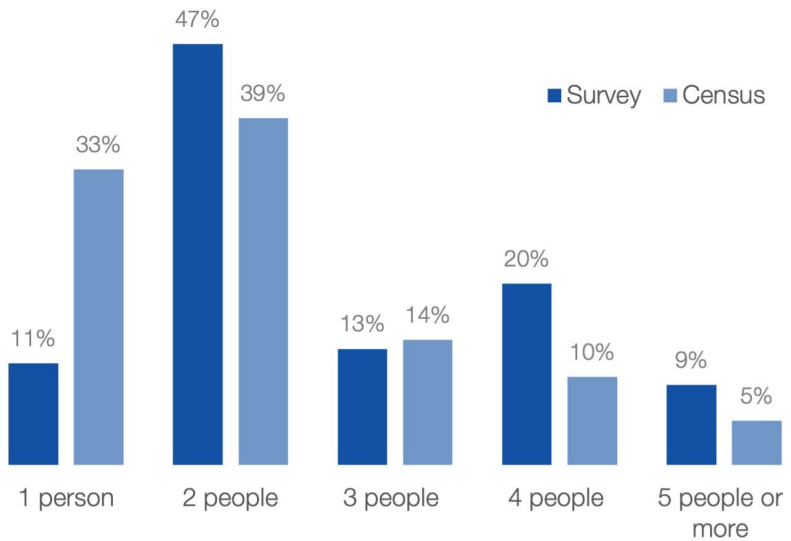


Fig 8. Survey responses to “How many people are in your household, including you?”



03 What We Heard



3.1 Introduction

The formative engagement phase yielded a wealth of information relevant to the planning process that will help shape the draft documents. A wide breadth of topics were thoroughly discussed and documented. Some themes arose across all engagement activities, while others were less prevalent. All emerging themes are important and will be explored further throughout the following sections of this chapter:

- Community Character and Cohesion
- Agriculture
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Environment
- Transportation
- Parks, Trails and Recreation
- Resistance to Planning
- Additional Comments

Fig 8. Survey responses to “*What makes Pictou County a great place to live?*”

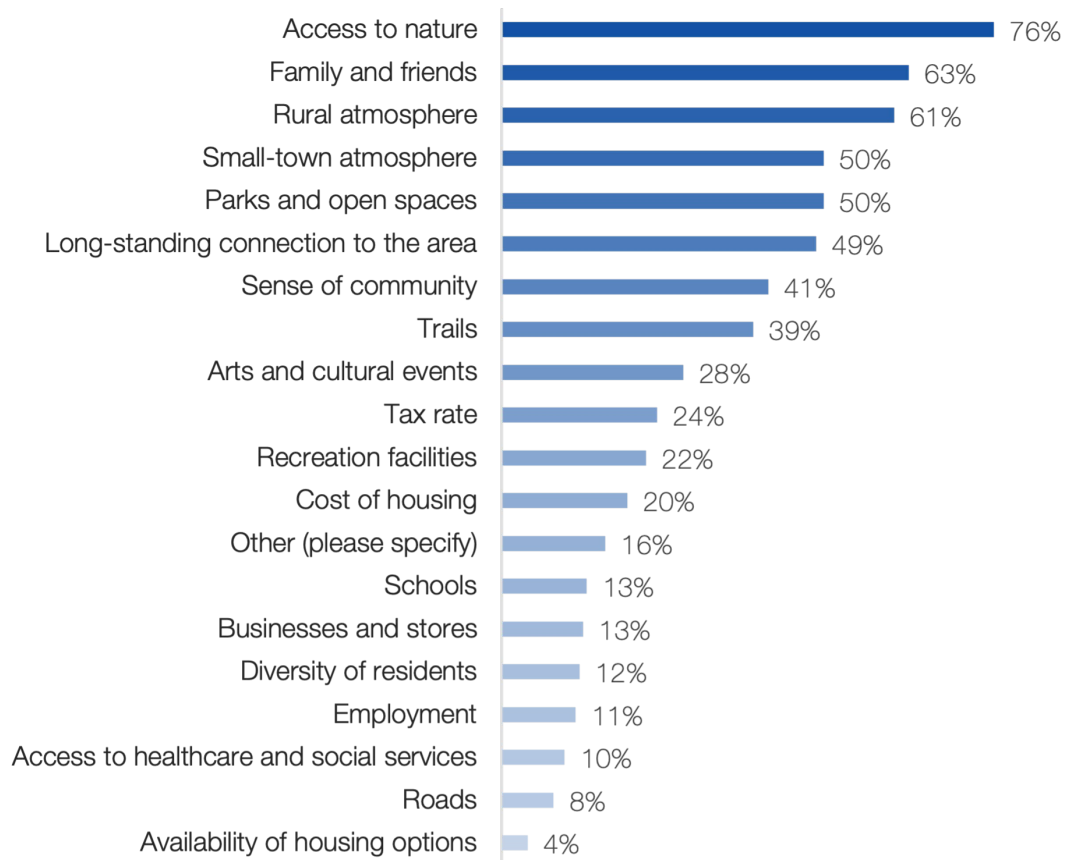


Fig 9. Survey responses to: “What are the challenges of living in Pictou County? Select all that apply.

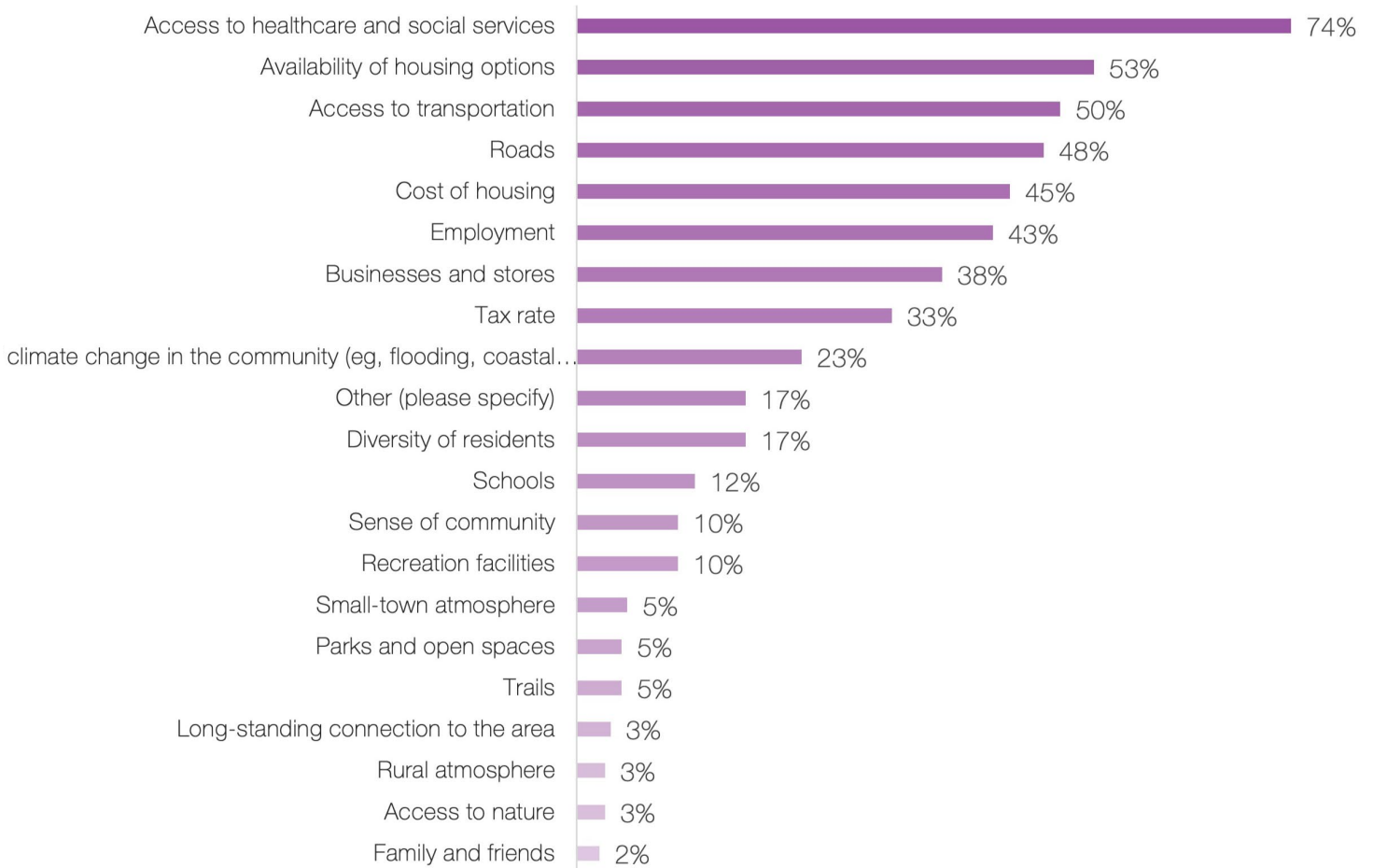
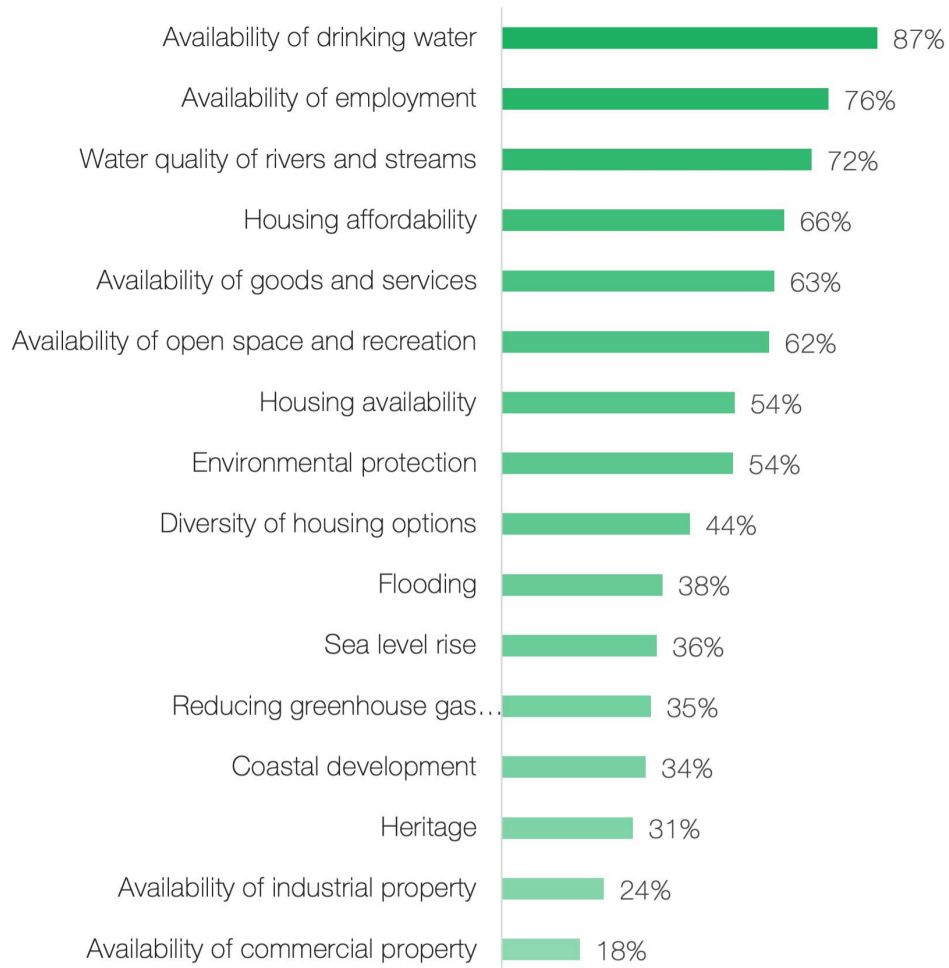


Fig 10. Survey responses to “How important is it that the Municipal Planning Strategy addresses the following challenges?”



3.2 Community Character and Cohesion

“In 10 years, I want to see all towns thriving, growing and moving forward with what works staying, getting rid of the things that don’t, and continue being a place we are proud to live in.”



When prompted to describe the character of Pictou County in three words, survey respondents predominantly conveyed positive sentiments, using descriptors such as “friendly”, “peaceful” and “beautiful”. However, it is noteworthy that a subset of respondents offered a distinct perspective, using terms like “lacking” and “outdated”. Numerous recurring comments relating to community character were brought to the forefront during consultation, and these will be explored in greater detail throughout this section.

Rural and Small Town Atmosphere

When respondents were asked about the factors that make Pictou County an exceptional place to live, “rural atmosphere” and “small-town atmosphere” emerged as two of the top five public survey responses. This theme remained consistent across engagement methods, with participants consistently emphasizing the importance of preserving the region’s unique character while promoting forward-thinking and appropriate development. Participants reiterated the importance of adopting a balanced approach that achieves vibrancy without compromising the rural charm and lifestyle that define their community.

Residents also stress the importance of ensuring that, as the county develops, activities associated with rural living, such as the spreading of manure or the use of off-road vehicles, remain protected and free from regulation. Participants expressed concern that new residents may harbour unrealistic expectations about rural living, potentially leading to conflict between neighbors. Consequently, there is a shared desire to see more proactive efforts directed toward addressing this challenge.

Fig 11. Word cloud displaying the most frequently used word when asked to describe Pictou County.



A County for Everyone

While Pictou County is viewed by many as a desirable place to live, there is a consensus that a more profound and more thoughtful approach is required to make it an inclusive county for everyone. Participants believe that a county characterized by strong community cohesion is one that fosters a welcoming and progressive atmosphere while celebrating diversity. There is a collective desire for an increase in opportunities for residents to strengthen their social connections and sense of belonging through programming and improved community gathering spaces.

Concerns were raised about residents facing challenges in integrating into their community, with some even experiencing discrimination and other forms of mistreatment from neighbors. Additionally, participants underscored the need for enhanced support for under-served communities. It was emphasized that ensuring equitable access to municipal programs and services is crucial, as well as addressing issues related to housing, mental health, and isolation. Furthermore, participants called for increased support for entrepreneurs and artists of all backgrounds, along with targeted programming for residents of all ages.

Additional recurring recommendations offered by participants include:

- » Design spaces and places that are accessible and inclusive to all.
- » Tackle issues related to food insecurity, and encourage residents to grow their own food.
- » Increased number of community events.
- » Improve access to mental health support and other social services.
- » Foster the establishment of diverse businesses and programs.
- » More effective measures to address issues related to discrimination and exclusion.
- » Introduce more programs for targeted audiences, while also creating opportunities for residents of all ages and experiences to come together.
- » Address issues that contribute to residents feeling unsafe in their own community.

3.3 Agriculture

“In 10 years I want Pictou County to be a hub of agriculture in Nova Scotia”

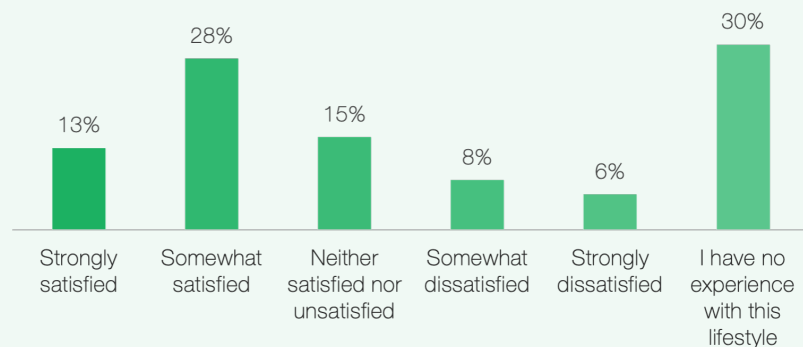


Agriculture was raised across engagement methods as a vitally important part of the fabric of Pictou County. From cattle to soybeans, dairy products to lavender, MOPC was described as a strong farming community with many citing the largely rural nature of the municipality as what drew them to settle in the area. However, there were also concerns about a decline in the number of active farms.

The survey asked residents to what extent they were satisfied with Pictou County as a place to operate a farm or homestead, and the vast majority of respondents who had experience with this lifestyle said that they were either strongly satisfied (19%) or somewhat satisfied (40%). Only 12% of respondents said they were somewhat dissatisfied, and another 8% said they were strongly dissatisfied - the remainder were neither satisfied or dissatisfied with the area as a place to practice agriculture.

Fig 12. Public Survey Snapshot

To what extent are you satisfied with Pictou County as a place to operate a farm or homestead?



Farming has a long history in the area, but we heard concern from some working in the agricultural sector about encroaching development and a lack of protection for agricultural lands. With many people migrating out of cities and into rural areas in recent years, there has been a rise in land use conflicts in some rural communities, including MOPC. Some of this is caused by people moving to rural communities in search of “peace and quiet” without considering some of the other aspects of rural life, such as noise and smells from agricultural or other resource-based industries. This can result in disputes between neighbours and can have negative impacts on the quality of life for everyone involved. Most members of the farming community that we spoke to were interested in examining the ways that this could be mitigated through land use planning, as well as how planning can help to slow or curb the loss of agricultural land to development. We also heard concerns from farmers about the rising costs of land in rural areas and worry that the influx of residents buying properties at premium prices is impacting the ability of farmers to expand or start new operations. There is concern that they are being priced out of the land market altogether and that this could have widespread impacts on local food security. With many older farmers retiring, there is concern about new farmers being able to raise the capital to buy or start new farming operations in the community.

We also heard concerns about the impact that other resource sectors can have on agriculture. One farmer we heard voiced concerns about industrial scale wind turbine development and mining as threats to the viability of agriculture in their community due to potential impacts on groundwater (in the case of mining). It was suggested that incompatible land uses that have the ability to negatively impact soil and water quality should not be permitted on arable land.

When asked what they would like to see in terms of protection for agricultural land, we heard that there is a desire to have some level of protection in place. There was a recognition that agricultural land is not a “renewable resource” and that when it is lost it can have long lasting consequences on a community’s ability to sustain itself. We also heard that this need for protection also needs to be tempered with the ability of farmers to sustain themselves and their families. For many farmers, their land is their greatest asset and some have plans to subdivide or sell lots to finance retirement, or supplement income when they experience a hard year. We also heard from farmers that they do not want regulations that impact their ability to make their own decisions about their farms and what they need - for example, if they require another barn or shed to be built, they want to be able to build that without having to undergo a long or arduous process. They noted that farming is a challenging industry and they do not want land use planning regulations that make it even more difficult for their operations.

We heard that agritourism is an important part of the local economy and that the new planning documents should support the growth of this sector and consider the needs of businesses when developing regulations in the Land Use Bylaw, such as retail, tap/tasting rooms, accommodations, and food service establishments. There is some concern that the introduction of regulations could impede economic development in the agritourism sector and operators want to ensure these are considered when drafting the planning documents.

We heard from farmers that they believe more agricultural operators should be engaged in this process, especially since they do not have an active local organization representing their interests (i.e. no local chapter of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture). They would like to be given another opportunity to participate during the draft engagement period and expressed the importance of finding time when they can fully engage with the process - such as later in the winter when there are less demands on their time.



3.4 Housing

When survey participants were asked to identify the most important challenge for the Municipal Planning Strategy to address, “housing availability” and “housing affordability” both landed in the top five responses.



Across engagement methods it became clear that residents and stakeholders in Pictou County are grappling with a multitude of concerns related to housing. It was reported that rental options are limited, and the acquisition of housing poses challenges. Issues with homeownership appear to be disproportionately affecting young people entering the housing market, as well as seniors looking to transition into housing options that accommodate their changing needs. Furthermore, residents expressed concerns regarding tax structures and property assessments.

Recurring recommendations related to housing from participants include:

- » Address housing challenges while preserving the character of neighborhoods.
- » Provide a diverse range of housing options to meet the varied needs of all residents.
- » Support the development of sustainable housing initiatives.
- » Ensure there is adequate support in place for those requiring shelter in emergency situations.
- » Increase reach of municipal servicing to facilitate further development.
- » Control rent prices and protect renters from unfair treatment.
- » Restore vacant buildings for housing development
- » Provide financial assistance to property developers.
- » Permit accessory dwelling units on residential properties.
- » Implement programs that support homeowners facing barriers related to home maintenance (e.g. snow removal).
- » Offer short term options for those who are currently unhoused until long term solutions are established.
- » Acknowledge and understand the multidimensional impact that housing needs have on the community.

Fig 13. Survey Responses to “*It is useful to understand how a community perceives its housing situation. Based on your observations, how easy or difficult is it to find housing in Pictou County?*”

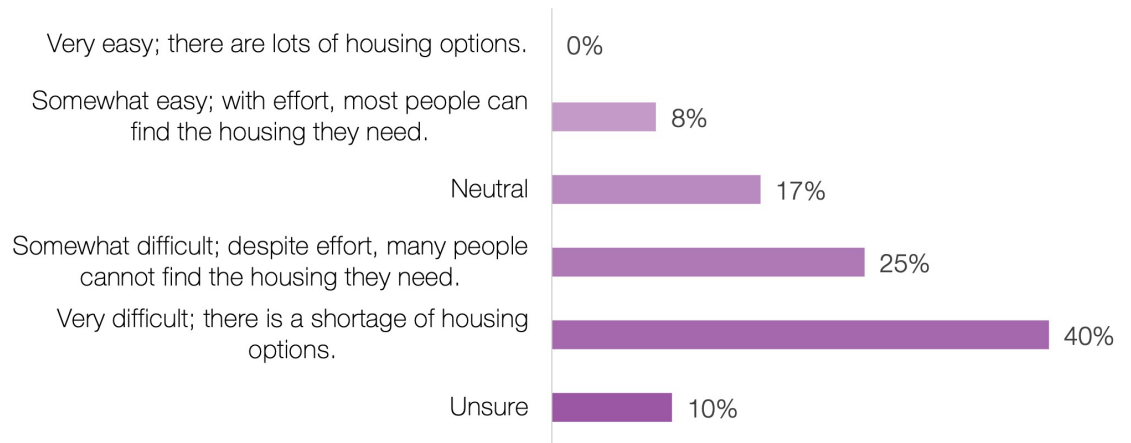


Fig 14. Survey responses to “*Which of the following housing issues are relevant to your rental experience in Pictou County? Select all that apply.*”

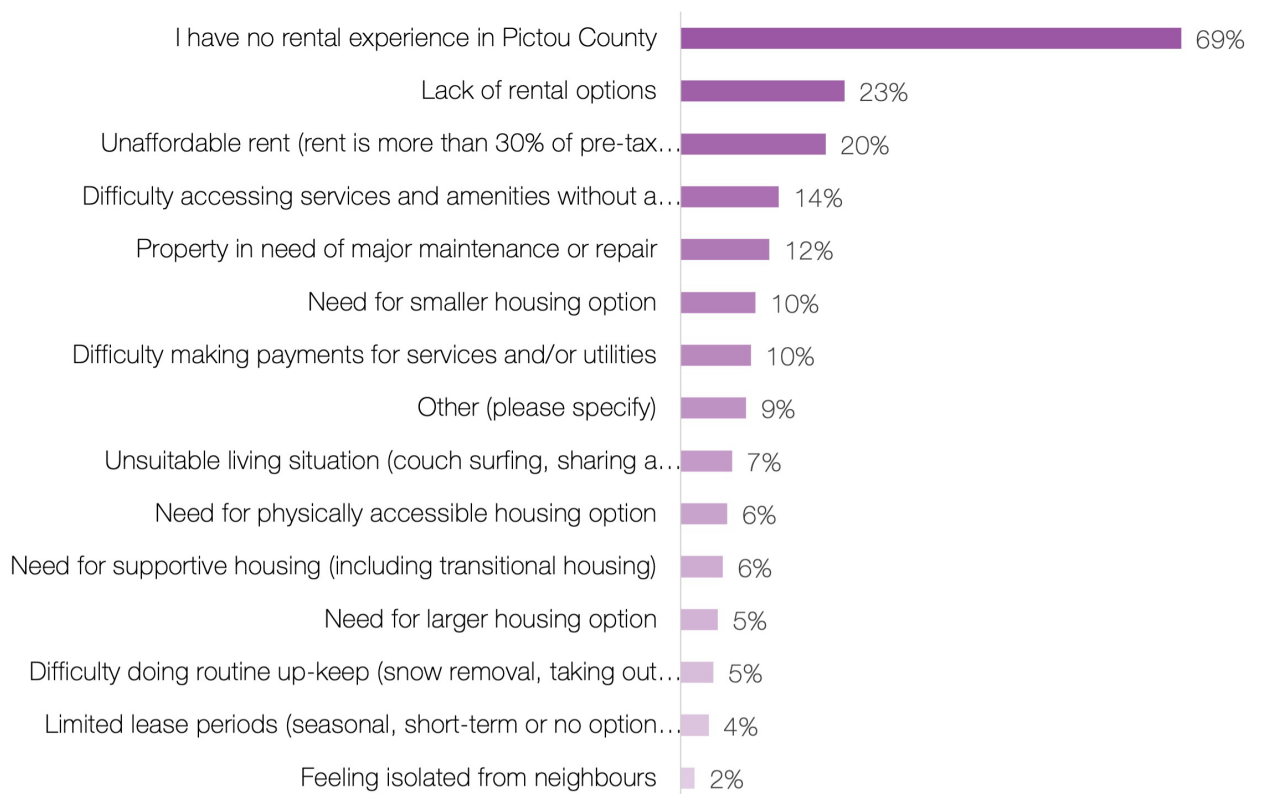


Fig 15. Survey responses to “Which of the following housing issues are relevant to your home ownership experience in Pictou? Select all that apply.”



Fig 16. Survey responses to “Please rank the following approaches for increasing housing availability or affordability over the coming years?”

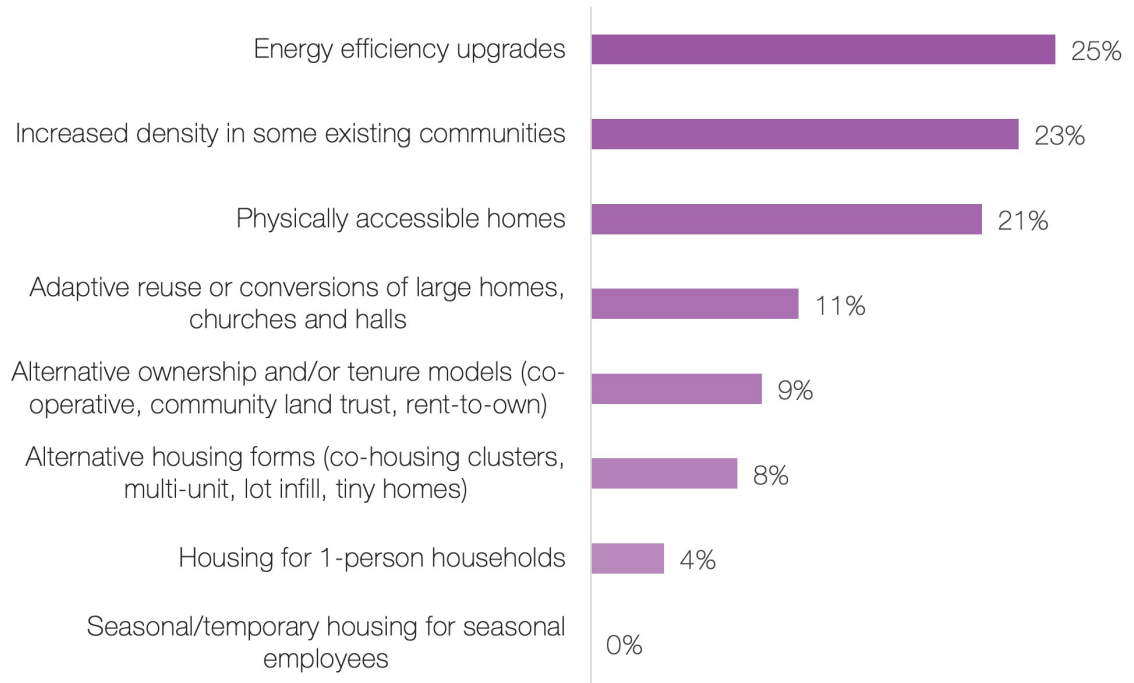
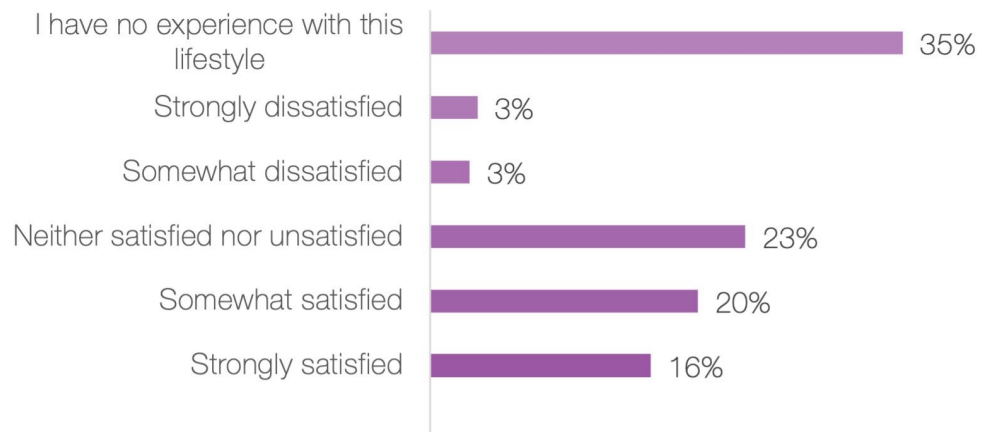


Fig 17. Survey responses to: “To what extent are you satisfied with Pictou County as a place to own a seasonal residence?”



3.5 Economic Development

“In 10 years, I want Pictou to a place where people can access any services they need and a location with diverse employment opportunities across all sectors.”

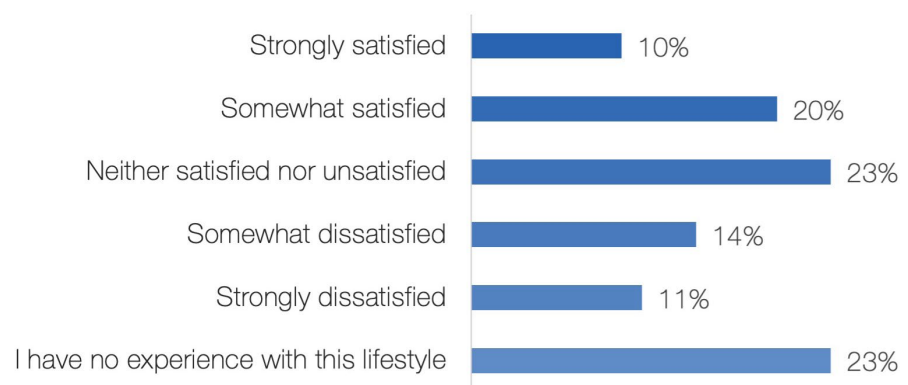


Across engagement methods, participants voiced a range of concerns related to economic development, highlighting mixed sentiments about the potential in MOPC. Recurring themes include a shortage of skilled trades and a desire for more diverse job opportunities, reflecting the community’s aspirations for a well-rounded workforce. The closure of the Pulp Mill was a significant topic, generating mixed views on whether it was the right decision and highlighting its impact on the community. Additionally, there was a consensus on the importance of attracting and retaining young people to ensure the area’s vitality. Striking a balance between industry and sustainable growth was emphasized, with calls for better support for small businesses echoing throughout. Notably, tourism emerged as a key aspect of economic development, with a collective desire for family-friendly attractions to enhance the region’s appeal and contribute to its economic prosperity.

Recurring recommendations related to economic development from participants include:

- » Encourage vibrant downtown areas to attract new residents and visitors.
- » Promote a balanced economy and support the start up of diverse businesses.
- » Ensure commercial development is compatible with surrounding land uses and is supported by transportation facilities, including parking and active transportation routes.
- » Encourage greater density and mixed-use development.
- » Increase the diversity of ethnic food options.
- » Provide equitable and meaningful employment opportunities for all.

Fig 18. Survey responses to *“To what extent are you satisfied with Pictou County as a place to run a business?”*



3.6 Environment

“In 10 years, I want Pictou to be a hub of green technology and a leader in environmental and small farming renewal”



Participants in Pictou County conveyed a collective desire for an environmentally friendly and sustainable community. While opinions varied on the prioritization of environmental issues in relation to overall community well-being, there was a strong advocacy for the protection of nature, particularly emphasizing beaches and sensitive environments. Coastal issues were frequently discussed during engagement sessions, with many participants expressing a desire for a proactive approach. Additionally, the importance of environmentally friendly industries, development projects, and tourism initiatives was highlighted. The prevailing sentiment was a desire for a balanced approach that effectively addresses environmental concerns while safeguarding the health and prosperity of individuals and the community as a whole.

Recurring recommendations made by participants regarding the environment include:

- » Encourage sustainable and ecologically responsible development
- » Protect the quality of soil, air, and drinking water
- » Ensure that tourism pursuits do not negatively impact the environment, rather enhance it
- » Conserve and protect natural spaces
- » Prepare and plan for climate change
- » Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and explore renewable energy options
- » Become a hub for green technology and other environmentally friendly industries
- » Implements a plan for flood protection, especially as weather events intensify, and sea levels rise
- » Protect remaining arable and natural lands from expansive development
- » Invest in active transportation infrastructure
- » Promote growing and buying local produce
- » Offer programming that encourages environmental education and knowledge sharing
- » Make better use of reclaimed mining land
- » Require mandatory water run off impact assessments for new development



3.7 Transportation

“Making transportation more affordable and public would do wonders to grow our rural communities.”



Transportation emerged not only as an independent concern, but also consistently surfaced in discussions about other topics such as housing or employment. Numerous individuals shared their experiences living in what they believe to be a car-centric community, and as the municipality grows, there is a collective desire for improved and diversified transportation options.

The desire for improved public transportation options resonated strongly, with residents expressing a need for better travel connectivity both within MOPC and to other municipalities. Suggestions for enhancing public transportation ranged from small shuttles to a high-speed rail. Additionally, there was considerable interest in improving active transportation options in MOPC, and a desire for food delivery services to bolster demand for local restaurants. Overall, residents would like to see a transportation plan that aligns with the community’s values of sustainability, accessibility, and inclusion.

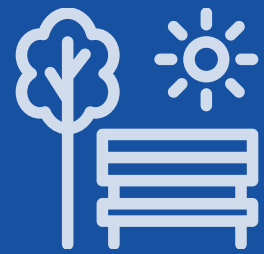
Recurring recommendations from participants that relate to transportation include:

- » Consider the needs and desires of all transportation users
- » Focus on improving transportation options within the municipality while also addressing the need to travel outside of Pictou County
- » Improve active transportation infrastructure and amenities across the municipality
- » Implement speed bumps and other traffic calming measures in high traffic areas
- » Maintain routes in the winter months
- » Become a top tourism destination for cyclists
- » Increase bicycle parking options in key destinations
- » Improve wayfinding on trails and user friendly maps at trail heads

Active Transportation (sometimes referred to as “AT”) encompasses all modes of human-powered transportation. This includes walking and wheeling (referring to the use of assistive devices), cycling, skateboarding, as well as seasonal activities like kayaking, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. It also includes some motorized forms of transportation like e-bikes and electric wheelchairs. Some people depend on active transportation to get where they need to go due to lack of alternative transportation, while others choose to use active transportation as a preferred form of commute, exercise, recreation, or leisure.

3.8 Parks, Trails and Recreation

“In 10 years I want to see Pictou County continuing to expand while still keeping lots of green space.”



When participants were asked what makes Pictou County a great place to live, “Access to Nature” claimed the top spot, with “Parks and Open Spaces” taking number five. Across engagement methods, participants consistently expressed high regard for outdoor spaces in the municipality and appreciated the ongoing efforts in maintaining these areas. We also heard about the variety of quality programs offered in Pictou County including but not limited to fitness classes and summer camps.

While many respondents commended the Municipality and other recreation providers for their work in facilitating and encouraging access to recreational opportunities, there was acknowledgment of areas for improvement, and the following recurring recommendations were shared:

- » Enhance access to trails and improve maintenance in winter months
- » Identify and collaborate with community organizations to ensure that recreation initiatives meet the needs of priority groups
- » Provide a facility, such as a dome, offering residents with the opportunity to engage in indoor sporting activities during the winter.
- » Introduce fishing programming and facilitate access to gear
- » Establish and maintain inviting public spaces that encourage physical activity and social interaction
- » Support the initiation of diverse recreation programs
- » Minimize barriers for individuals currently not participating in recreation
- » Promote inclusive recreation opportunities that bring individuals from all backgrounds together
- » Improve access to water based recreation activities

3.9 Resistance to Planning

“In 10 years, I want Pictou to be control-free from telling me what I can and can’t do with my property”



Although the vast majority of residents who engaged with the process could see the benefits of planning, we did hear from a number of residents who were resistant to the introduction of planning in MOPC. Their concerns were primarily focused on the retention of rights on private property and the feeling that government should not be able to tell private land owners what do on their property. Some were open to the introduction of regulations that protect them from incompatible land uses in their community and were supportive of common-sense, defensible regulations, while others held fast to their belief that no rules should exist for private landowners.

At the public meetings, we heard multiple times about planning projects in other jurisdictions, especially a particular case in Alberta where stringent planning rules were brought in to a predominantly rural/suburban community. This example in particular made many residents we spoke with uneasy and, understandably, apprehensive about the project. They were concerned that the new planning documents would be heavy-handed and result in significant government overreach.

Recurring comments made by participants regarding resistance to planning include:

- » Skepticism of the intent of the process
- » The perception that the project is part of a larger global agenda with nefarious intent
- » A desire for the final documents to be flexible and not too heavy handed
- » Specific experiences that residents have had with the Municipality in the past, and the distrust they have with the government as a result
- » A desire for more transparency, improved service delivery, and consistency



3.10 Additional Comments

Throughout the formative engagement phase we also heard about...

- » Quality of roads and maintenance in the winter months
- » Challenges with cellular service and internet connection
- » Health care and social service shortcomings
- » Concerns about drugs and addiction
- » Municipal sewage and water
- » A desire for a volunteer hub where all agencies operate out of one center.
- » Lack of daycare options available
- » General feelings of unsafety
- » Youth and some of the challenges that they face
- » A need for increased frequency of garbage collection
- » The interest in having a centralized location where residents and visitors can learn about everything that is happening in Pictou County

04 Public Survey Responses



Q1 What makes Pictou County a great place to live? Select all that apply.

Answered: 174 Skipped: 5

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Access to nature	76.44%	133
Family and friends	63.22%	110
Rural atmosphere	60.92%	106
Parks and open spaces	50.00%	87
Small-town atmosphere	50.00%	87
Long-standing connection to the area	48.85%	85
Sense of community	41.38%	72
Trails	39.08%	68
Arts and cultural events	28.16%	49
Tax rate	24.14%	42
Recreation facilities	22.41%	39
Cost of housing	19.54%	34
Other (please specify)	16.09%	28
Schools	13.22%	23
Businesses and stores	12.64%	22
Diversity of residents	12.07%	21
Employment	11.49%	20
Access to healthcare and social services	9.77%	17
Roads	8.05%	14
Availability of housing options	4.02%	7
Total Respondents: 174		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Beaches	11/19/2023 5:08 PM
2	Melmerby Beach	11/19/2023 11:03 AM
3	None of the above	11/14/2023 7:16 PM
4	Coastline	11/14/2023 12:24 PM
5	Beaches, scenery	11/10/2023 6:23 PM
6	Pictou Co. like other communities in NS is positioned for change as the relatively low cost of living, low population density, central location provide a quality of life that is attracting more and more people. There will be growing need for more services and retail options and therefore there are entrepreneurial opportunities.	11/7/2023 1:30 PM

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7	Access to public libraries	11/7/2023 11:53 AM
8	newcomers - whether immigrants or folks from other provinces	11/3/2023 7:32 PM
9	Beautiful beaches	11/3/2023 2:31 PM
10	although there are not a variety of businesses and stores, there are enough to be comfortable	11/1/2023 1:54 PM
11	family roots,	10/24/2023 7:47 PM
12	Rural urban mix.	10/24/2023 5:35 PM
13	There's nothing here to be happy about. Everything is failing	10/22/2023 7:47 PM
14	The Norhtumberland Straight, the hills, valleys and rivers, the cost of land	10/19/2023 10:28 AM
15	no land zoning, close to other towns and cities (truro, antigonish, new glasgow), we love PARL/local library system and all it has to offer.	10/18/2023 6:31 PM
16	Freedom to homestead and be self sustainable	10/12/2023 3:04 PM
17	Local farms	10/12/2023 2:48 PM
18	Having a MOCP that works for the people not the United Nations	10/10/2023 8:24 PM
19	Not having rules up the Ying yang like big cities and other areas of the country	10/10/2023 1:04 AM
20	Nothing. It's hell trying to live here.	10/8/2023 9:40 PM
21	Farming	10/8/2023 6:41 PM
22	Freedom	10/8/2023 2:10 AM
23	This place os a mess theft and drugs have ruined it	10/7/2023 6:36 PM
24	Clean waterways ! Love that the pulp mill is closed .	10/4/2023 10:10 AM
25	Not a dystopian megacity	10/3/2023 10:42 AM
26	asdf	10/2/2023 8:43 PM
27	I didn't want to select access ti Healthcare but it made me	9/29/2023 12:59 PM
28	Farms	9/29/2023 12:23 PM

Q2 What are the challenges of living in Pictou County? Select all that apply.

Answered: 172 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Access to healthcare and social services	73.84%	127
Availability of housing options	53.49%	92
Access to transportation	50.00%	86
Roads	48.26%	83
Cost of housing	44.77%	77
Employment	43.02%	74
Businesses and stores	37.79%	65
Tax rate	32.56%	56
Impacts of climate change in the community (eg, flooding, coastal erosion))	23.26%	40
Diversity of residents	17.44%	30
Other (please specify)	17.44%	30
Schools	12.21%	21
Recreation facilities	10.47%	18
Sense of community	10.47%	18
Small-town atmosphere	5.23%	9
Trails	4.65%	8
Parks and open spaces	4.65%	8
Long-standing connection to the area	3.49%	6
Access to nature	2.91%	5
Rural atmosphere	2.91%	5
Family and friends	2.33%	4
Total Respondents: 172		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Government overreach	11/19/2023 5:08 PM
2	Many drug addicted residents. I saw a drug deal take place in front of the Westside playground. The drug "dealer" was waiting for his "clients" in the playground. There are addicts sleeping in Ward 1 playground - stirring briefly to collect their NEEDLES. Our children are not safe at these places like they once were. Many residents with serious mental health issues and no help. Many schools with hungry children, many with behavioural challenges and under staffed / under funded schools. Many impoverished residents struggling to survive. Not nearly	11/19/2023 10:30 AM

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29	Petty Crime, Lack of Mental Health and Addiction Services	9/30/2023 8:43 AM
30	Limited Emergency Services	9/29/2023 11:01 AM

Q3 To what extent are you satisfied with Pictou County as a place for the following lifestyles?

Answered: 174 Skipped: 5

	STRONGLY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	NEITHER SATISFIED NOR UNSATISFIED	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	STRONGLY DISSATISFIED	I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE WITH THIS LIFESTYLE	TOTAL	WEIG AVER
Place to raise a family	22.99% 40	43.68% 76	10.92% 19	7.47% 13	4.02% 7	10.92% 19	174	
Place to run a business	8.67% 15	19.65% 34	23.12% 40	14.45% 25	10.98% 19	23.12% 40	173	
Place to operate a farm or homestead	13.29% 23	27.75% 48	15.03% 26	8.09% 14	5.78% 10	30.06% 52	173	
Place to retire	18.02% 31	33.14% 57	12.21% 21	10.47% 18	5.81% 10	20.35% 35	172	
Place to own a seasonal residence	16.18% 28	19.65% 34	23.12% 40	2.89% 5	3.47% 6	34.68% 60	173	

Q4 In 3 words, how would you describe the Municipality of Pictou County?

Answered: 140 Skipped: 39

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
1.	99.29% 139
2.	95.71% 134
3.	90.00% 126

#	1.	DATE
1	Trees	11/19/2023 5:08 PM
2	Small town	11/19/2023 11:04 AM
3	Potential	11/19/2023 11:03 AM
4	Safe	11/19/2023 10:58 AM
5	Crisis	11/19/2023 10:30 AM
6	Expensive	11/19/2023 10:28 AM
7	Friendly	11/19/2023 9:18 AM
8	Friendly	11/19/2023 9:15 AM
9	Clean	11/19/2023 8:39 AM
10	Broken	11/19/2023 8:07 AM
11	Home	11/18/2023 7:03 PM
12	Cellserviceless	11/18/2023 6:38 PM
13	Lacking in communication with residents	11/17/2023 10:55 PM
14	Beautiful	11/17/2023 4:49 PM
15	Friendly	11/17/2023 1:41 PM
16	Disjointed; needs to be amalgamated	11/16/2023 7:27 AM
17	Friendly	11/15/2023 6:51 PM
18	Rural	11/15/2023 6:02 PM
19	Friendly	11/15/2023 4:43 PM
20	welcoming	11/15/2023 4:16 PM
21	Rural	11/15/2023 3:50 PM
22	Rural	11/15/2023 12:03 PM
23	Expensive	11/15/2023 11:11 AM
24	Home	11/15/2023 8:18 AM
25	Natural beauty	11/15/2023 6:47 AM
26	Uneventful	11/15/2023 6:00 AM
27	it is good	11/14/2023 10:36 PM
28	Backwards	11/14/2023 7:16 PM

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29	Stoneage	11/14/2023 7:03 PM
30	Beautiful	11/14/2023 1:18 PM
31	Outdated	11/14/2023 1:08 PM
32	Rural	11/14/2023 12:24 PM
33	Sense of Cummunity Spirit	11/14/2023 12:01 PM
34	Coal	11/10/2023 7:46 PM
35	Good	11/7/2023 1:30 PM
36	Rural with distinct communities	11/7/2023 11:53 AM
37	Home	11/5/2023 1:02 PM
38	Needs	11/5/2023 1:26 AM
39	Quaint	11/4/2023 8:07 AM
40	Backwards	11/3/2023 7:32 PM
41	Rural	11/3/2023 5:34 PM
42	Safe	11/3/2023 2:31 PM
43	Opposed	11/2/2023 9:09 PM
44	Peaceful	11/2/2023 3:54 PM
45	beautiful	11/2/2023 9:26 AM
46	Broad	11/2/2023 7:33 AM
47	Community	11/2/2023 6:39 AM
48	home	11/1/2023 9:19 PM
49	Self-serving	11/1/2023 8:38 PM
50	Freedom	11/1/2023 3:49 PM
51	Beautiful	11/1/2023 1:54 PM
52	Rural	11/1/2023 12:52 PM
53	Friendly	11/1/2023 12:32 PM
54	Normal	10/28/2023 1:54 PM
55	Central	10/25/2023 8:46 AM
56	Traditional	10/24/2023 5:35 PM
57	Racist	10/24/2023 1:02 PM
58	To many land rules	10/24/2023 9:24 AM
59	Small	10/24/2023 12:19 AM
60	A hole	10/22/2023 7:47 PM
61	Affordable	10/20/2023 4:57 AM
62	Too many councillors, poor services for the taxes charged, no vision and no leadership.	10/19/2023 10:28 AM
63	Rural	10/18/2023 6:31 PM
64	home	10/18/2023 10:13 AM
65	scenic	10/16/2023 3:04 PM
66	Run down	10/16/2023 10:55 AM

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67	Vulnerable	10/14/2023 5:17 PM
68	Welcoming	10/12/2023 3:52 PM
69	Accepting	10/12/2023 3:04 PM
70	Natural	10/12/2023 2:48 PM
71	segregated	10/12/2023 8:38 AM
72	Loosing	10/10/2023 8:24 PM
73	Debt free	10/10/2023 5:08 PM
74	Xxx	10/10/2023 5:04 PM
75	peaceful	10/10/2023 4:28 PM
76	Pretty	10/10/2023 12:57 PM
77	a pretty good lace to live	10/10/2023 11:38 AM
78	Welcoming	10/10/2023 8:21 AM
79	To many taxes	10/10/2023 6:58 AM
80	Connection	10/10/2023 1:04 AM
81	Proud	10/9/2023 9:00 PM
82	Welcoming	10/9/2023 8:57 PM
83	Totalitarian	10/9/2023 4:13 PM
84	Controlling	10/8/2023 9:40 PM
85	stagnant	10/8/2023 6:48 PM
86	Aged	10/8/2023 6:41 PM
87	Friendly	10/8/2023 1:58 PM
88	Outdated	10/8/2023 6:15 AM
89	Rural	10/8/2023 2:10 AM
90	Quiet	10/7/2023 11:11 PM
91	Peaceful	10/7/2023 10:23 PM
92	divided	10/7/2023 9:52 PM
93	Friendly	10/7/2023 9:11 PM
94	Behind	10/7/2023 8:04 PM
95	Beautiful	10/7/2023 7:32 PM
96	Untrustworthy	10/7/2023 6:36 PM
97	Archaic	10/7/2023 3:14 PM
98	Multicultural	10/7/2023 1:59 PM
99	Biased	10/7/2023 12:11 PM
100	High living cost.	10/7/2023 11:20 AM
101	Good people	10/6/2023 3:51 PM
102	Informative	10/6/2023 2:59 PM
103	Friendly	10/4/2023 11:31 PM
104	Rural	10/4/2023 5:54 PM

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105	Growth	10/4/2023 11:40 AM
106	Beautiful	10/4/2023 10:36 AM
107	Up and coming !	10/4/2023 10:10 AM
108	Community	10/4/2023 10:10 AM
109	Immense homeless population	10/4/2023 7:50 AM
110	meddlesome	10/3/2023 4:32 PM
111	Overwhelmingly-non-local	10/3/2023 11:19 AM
112	Honest people	10/3/2023 10:42 AM
113	Rural	10/3/2023 9:57 AM
114	Friendly	10/3/2023 8:34 AM
115	patronizing	10/3/2023 8:14 AM
116	Comfortable	10/3/2023 7:49 AM
117	unfriendly	10/3/2023 7:07 AM
118	No good jobs	10/3/2023 5:23 AM
119	Country	10/3/2023 12:10 AM
120	Home	10/2/2023 10:45 PM
121	Beaches	10/2/2023 8:44 PM
122	asfa	10/2/2023 8:43 PM
123	Rural but close to amenities	10/2/2023 1:04 PM
124	Regressive	10/2/2023 12:55 PM
125	Friendly	10/1/2023 7:49 PM
126	old	10/1/2023 1:45 AM
127	Rigid	9/30/2023 8:43 AM
128	Friendly	9/29/2023 12:59 PM
129	Great overall	9/29/2023 12:58 PM
130	Tolerant	9/29/2023 12:45 PM
131	slow living	9/29/2023 12:34 PM
132	Natural Paradise	9/29/2023 12:23 PM
133	uneducated	9/29/2023 11:22 AM
134	community	9/29/2023 11:13 AM
135	Beautiful	9/29/2023 11:06 AM
136	Beautiful	9/29/2023 11:01 AM
137	Freedom	9/29/2023 11:01 AM
138	Rural	9/29/2023 10:54 AM
139	Behind	9/29/2023 10:43 AM
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1	Incompetence	11/19/2023 5:08 PM
2	Rural	11/19/2023 11:04 AM

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3	Fragmented	11/19/2023 11:03 AM
4	Friendly	11/19/2023 10:58 AM
5	Addictions	11/19/2023 10:30 AM
6	Homelessness	11/19/2023 10:28 AM
7	Excellent location	11/19/2023 9:18 AM
8	Great rural atmosphere	11/19/2023 9:15 AM
9	Open	11/19/2023 8:39 AM
10	Time for change	11/19/2023 8:07 AM
11	Slowly dying	11/18/2023 7:03 PM
12	Rural	11/18/2023 6:38 PM
13	Insular and backward looking	11/17/2023 10:55 PM
14	Quirky	11/17/2023 4:49 PM
15	Diverse	11/17/2023 1:41 PM
16	Beautiful	11/16/2023 7:27 AM
17	Sense of community	11/15/2023 6:51 PM
18	Doing poorly economically	11/15/2023 6:02 PM
19	Expensive	11/15/2023 4:43 PM
20	community	11/15/2023 4:16 PM
21	Urban	11/15/2023 3:50 PM
22	Old thinking	11/15/2023 12:03 PM
23	Overtaxed	11/15/2023 11:11 AM
24	Bucolic	11/15/2023 8:18 AM
25	Rural	11/15/2023 6:47 AM
26	Home	11/15/2023 6:00 AM
27	the way it	11/14/2023 10:36 PM
28	Unsuccessful	11/14/2023 7:16 PM
29	Drug/[obscenity] city	11/14/2023 7:03 PM
30	Quiet	11/14/2023 1:18 PM
31	Anti-industry	11/14/2023 1:08 PM
32	Privately owned	11/14/2023 12:24 PM
33	Volunteerizim	11/14/2023 12:01 PM
34	Pulp	11/10/2023 7:46 PM
35	Quality	11/7/2023 1:30 PM
36	Friendly	11/7/2023 11:53 AM
37	Peaceful	11/5/2023 1:02 PM
38	Better	11/5/2023 1:26 AM
39	Welcoming	11/4/2023 8:07 AM
40	Untrustworthy	11/3/2023 7:32 PM

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41	Limited	11/3/2023 5:34 PM
42	Peaceful	11/3/2023 2:31 PM
43	To	11/2/2023 9:09 PM
44	Beautiful	11/2/2023 3:54 PM
45	friendly	11/2/2023 9:26 AM
46	Rural	11/2/2023 7:33 AM
47	Engaged	11/2/2023 6:39 AM
48	rural	11/1/2023 9:19 PM
49	Sobeys	11/1/2023 8:38 PM
50	Seenic	11/1/2023 3:49 PM
51	Relaxed	11/1/2023 1:54 PM
52	Beautiful	11/1/2023 12:52 PM
53	QUIET	11/1/2023 12:32 PM
54	Homogeneous	10/28/2023 1:54 PM
55	?	10/25/2023 8:46 AM
56	Central	10/24/2023 5:35 PM
57	Homophobic	10/24/2023 1:02 PM
58	Expensive	10/24/2023 9:24 AM
59	Poor	10/24/2023 12:19 AM
60	Tax rates are ridiculous	10/22/2023 7:47 PM
61	Great potential	10/20/2023 4:57 AM
62	Poor roads, no bike lanes,	10/19/2023 10:28 AM
63	Beautiful	10/18/2023 6:31 PM
64	community	10/18/2023 10:13 AM
65	forested	10/16/2023 3:04 PM
66	Old	10/16/2023 10:55 AM
67	Scenic	10/14/2023 5:17 PM
68	Scenic	10/12/2023 3:52 PM
69	Free	10/12/2023 3:04 PM
70	Friendly	10/12/2023 2:48 PM
71	disconnected	10/12/2023 8:38 AM
72	our	10/10/2023 8:24 PM
73	Keep it that way	10/10/2023 5:08 PM
74	quiet	10/10/2023 4:28 PM
75	Mis-prioritized	10/10/2023 12:57 PM
76	Inclusive	10/10/2023 8:21 AM
77	High living cost	10/10/2023 6:58 AM
78	Rural	10/10/2023 1:04 AM

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79	Friendly	10/9/2023 8:57 PM
80	Old	10/9/2023 4:13 PM
81	Unrealistic	10/8/2023 9:40 PM
82	divided	10/8/2023 6:48 PM
83	Struggling	10/8/2023 6:41 PM
84	Community	10/8/2023 1:58 PM
85	Expensive	10/8/2023 6:15 AM
86	Lush	10/8/2023 2:10 AM
87	Local	10/7/2023 11:11 PM
88	Nature	10/7/2023 10:23 PM
89	passionate	10/7/2023 9:52 PM
90	Rural	10/7/2023 9:11 PM
91	Friendly	10/7/2023 8:04 PM
92	Community minded	10/7/2023 7:32 PM
93	Extremely poor money management skills	10/7/2023 6:36 PM
94	Too wealthy	10/7/2023 3:14 PM
95	Diverse	10/7/2023 1:59 PM
96	Elitist	10/7/2023 12:11 PM
97	Taxed to death.	10/7/2023 11:20 AM
98	Hard working people	10/6/2023 3:51 PM
99	Friendly	10/6/2023 2:59 PM
100	Safe	10/4/2023 11:31 PM
101	Farmers	10/4/2023 5:54 PM
102	Peace	10/4/2023 11:40 AM
103	Community	10/4/2023 10:36 AM
104	Has a little bit of everything and prospects to grow in needed areas .	10/4/2023 10:10 AM
105	Beautiful	10/4/2023 10:10 AM
106	Non existant affordable housing options	10/4/2023 7:50 AM
107	overbearing	10/3/2023 4:32 PM
108	Close/small-minded	10/3/2023 11:19 AM
109	Strong men	10/3/2023 10:42 AM
110	Inviting	10/3/2023 8:34 AM
111	ignorant	10/3/2023 8:14 AM
112	Old	10/3/2023 7:49 AM
113	litter	10/3/2023 7:07 AM
114	Roads are terrible	10/3/2023 5:23 AM
115	Peaceful	10/3/2023 12:10 AM
116	Rural	10/2/2023 10:45 PM

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117	Potential	10/2/2023 8:44 PM
118	asfa	10/2/2023 8:43 PM
119	Lucky to have access to locally grown and raised food	10/2/2023 1:04 PM
120	Over regulated	10/2/2023 12:55 PM
121	Clean	10/1/2023 7:49 PM
122	nice place	10/1/2023 1:45 AM
123	Slack	9/30/2023 8:43 AM
124	Opportunity	9/29/2023 12:59 PM
125	Progressive	9/29/2023 12:45 PM
126	peaceful	9/29/2023 12:34 PM
127	Gem of the North Shore	9/29/2023 12:23 PM
128	alluring	9/29/2023 11:22 AM
129	beautiful	9/29/2023 11:13 AM
130	Community	9/29/2023 11:06 AM
131	Unprogressive	9/29/2023 11:01 AM
132	Minimalist	9/29/2023 11:01 AM
133	Underserviced	9/29/2023 10:54 AM
134	The	9/29/2023 10:43 AM
#	3.	DATE
1	Nepotism	11/19/2023 5:08 PM
2	Beautiful nature	11/19/2023 11:04 AM
3	Unorganized	11/19/2023 11:03 AM
4	Picturesque	11/19/2023 10:58 AM
5	Lacking Infrastructure	11/19/2023 10:30 AM
6	Terrible roads	11/19/2023 10:28 AM
7	Has what you need	11/19/2023 9:18 AM
8	Lacking cell and internet services	11/19/2023 9:15 AM
9	Picturesque	11/19/2023 8:39 AM
10	Needs guidance	11/19/2023 8:07 AM
11	Racist	11/17/2023 10:55 PM
12	Coastal	11/17/2023 4:49 PM
13	Reasonable	11/17/2023 1:41 PM
14	Progressing	11/16/2023 7:27 AM
15	Peaceful	11/15/2023 6:51 PM
16	Hick	11/15/2023 6:02 PM
17	Clean	11/15/2023 4:43 PM
18	beauty	11/15/2023 4:16 PM
19	Conservative	11/15/2023 3:50 PM

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20	Struggling	11/15/2023 12:03 PM
21	Corporate interests seem to control everything	11/15/2023 11:11 AM
22	Not too busy, just right	11/15/2023 8:18 AM
23	Nice place to live	11/15/2023 6:47 AM
24	Disconnected	11/15/2023 6:00 AM
25	is peaceful comfortable	11/14/2023 10:36 PM
26	Hard	11/14/2023 7:16 PM
27	Doesn't care about residents	11/14/2023 7:03 PM
28	Community-minded	11/14/2023 1:18 PM
29	Retirement	11/14/2023 1:08 PM
30	Volunteer dependent	11/14/2023 12:24 PM
31	Laid back lifestyle	11/14/2023 12:01 PM
32	Tires	11/10/2023 7:46 PM
33	Life	11/7/2023 1:30 PM
34	Good access to municipal services at a reasonable rate.	11/7/2023 11:53 AM
35	Safe	11/5/2023 1:02 PM
36	Healthcare	11/5/2023 1:26 AM
37	Forward thinking	11/4/2023 8:07 AM
38	Conservative thus regressive	11/3/2023 7:32 PM
39	Inviting	11/3/2023 2:31 PM
40	Change	11/2/2023 9:09 PM
41	Lonley	11/2/2023 3:54 PM
42	unique	11/2/2023 9:26 AM
43	Quaint	11/2/2023 7:33 AM
44	Beautiful	11/2/2023 6:39 AM
45	becoming vibrant	11/1/2023 9:19 PM
46	Poor	11/1/2023 8:38 PM
47	Comfort	11/1/2023 3:49 PM
48	Welcoming	11/1/2023 1:54 PM
49	Peaceful	11/1/2023 12:52 PM
50	poor medical	11/1/2023 12:32 PM
51	Proud	10/28/2023 1:54 PM
52	?	10/25/2023 8:46 AM
53	lots of history	10/24/2023 7:47 PM
54	Outdated	10/24/2023 5:35 PM
55	Conservative	10/24/2023 1:02 PM
56	Too many drugs	10/24/2023 9:24 AM
57	Wasteful	10/24/2023 12:19 AM

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58	No jobs that pay enough to justify living here with the lack of services	10/22/2023 7:47 PM
59	Disorganized (planning wise)	10/20/2023 4:57 AM
60	Beautiful scenery which remains unspoilt	10/19/2023 10:28 AM
61	Not pedestrian friendly	10/18/2023 6:31 PM
62	nature	10/18/2023 10:13 AM
63	underutilized	10/16/2023 3:04 PM
64	Poor	10/16/2023 10:55 AM
65	Valuable	10/14/2023 5:17 PM
66	Beautiful	10/12/2023 3:52 PM
67	Rural	10/12/2023 3:04 PM
68	Community	10/12/2023 2:48 PM
69	dated	10/12/2023 8:38 AM
70	Freedom	10/10/2023 8:24 PM
71	Don't accept any federal money	10/10/2023 5:08 PM
72	friendly	10/10/2023 4:28 PM
73	Tolerable	10/10/2023 12:57 PM
74	Comfortable	10/10/2023 8:21 AM
75	Poor medical care	10/10/2023 6:58 AM
76	Down home feel	10/10/2023 1:04 AM
77	Active	10/9/2023 8:57 PM
78	Blind	10/9/2023 4:13 PM
79	Way too liberal	10/8/2023 9:40 PM
80	old	10/8/2023 6:48 PM
81	Potential	10/8/2023 6:41 PM
82	Relaxing	10/8/2023 1:58 PM
83	Home	10/8/2023 6:15 AM
84	Poor	10/8/2023 2:10 AM
85	Clean	10/7/2023 11:11 PM
86	Community	10/7/2023 10:23 PM
87	challenged	10/7/2023 9:52 PM
88	Rural	10/7/2023 7:32 PM
89	Very confusing a d difficult to deal with	10/7/2023 6:36 PM
90	Privileged	10/7/2023 3:14 PM
91	Beautiful countrysides	10/7/2023 12:11 PM
92	Deteriorating health care.	10/7/2023 11:20 AM
93	Middle class people	10/6/2023 3:51 PM
94	Community	10/6/2023 2:59 PM
95	Lazy	10/4/2023 11:31 PM

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96	Ocean	10/4/2023 5:54 PM
97	Adventure	10/4/2023 11:40 AM
98	Innovative	10/4/2023 10:36 AM
99	Peaceful and in touch with nature	10/4/2023 10:10 AM
100	Home	10/4/2023 10:10 AM
101	Huge addict population and no resources	10/4/2023 7:50 AM
102	unecessary	10/3/2023 4:32 PM
103	Massive Health-Deficient	10/3/2023 11:19 AM
104	Traditional lifestyle	10/3/2023 10:42 AM
105	Peaceful	10/3/2023 8:34 AM
106	abusive	10/3/2023 8:14 AM
107	Busy	10/3/2023 7:49 AM
108	rural	10/3/2023 7:07 AM
109	Health care disgusting	10/3/2023 5:23 AM
110	Crack houses	10/3/2023 12:10 AM
111	Boring	10/2/2023 10:45 PM
112	Spacious	10/2/2023 8:44 PM
113	sfa	10/2/2023 8:43 PM
114	Autonomous living in the county, fewer rules than in urban areas	10/2/2023 1:04 PM
115	Open	10/1/2023 7:49 PM
116	Incompatible	9/30/2023 8:43 AM
117	A bit challenging	9/29/2023 12:59 PM
118	Picturesque	9/29/2023 12:45 PM
119	opportunity	9/29/2023 12:34 PM
120	Globally recognized beach's and summer vacation spot	9/29/2023 12:23 PM
121	abused	9/29/2023 11:22 AM
122	accepting	9/29/2023 11:13 AM
123	Friendly	9/29/2023 11:01 AM
124	Independent	9/29/2023 11:01 AM
125	Tourist dependent	9/29/2023 10:54 AM
126	Times	9/29/2023 10:43 AM

Q5 How would you complete the following statement? “In 10 years, I want Pictou County to be...”

Answered: 156 Skipped: 23

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	a predominantly rural and agricultural region, in touch with its rich heritage and taking steps to preserve its unique character and the deep roots of its residents to the land.	11/20/2023 5:14 AM
2	Run properly	11/19/2023 5:08 PM
3	A place with opportunities for young people to find employment and housing . Access to doctors for all	11/19/2023 11:04 AM
4	I would like Pictou County to be a utopia and an example of social wellness. I would like it to lead by example in putting it's residents first with a focus on equality over individual interests and corporate greed. I would like it to invest in things like renewable energy and provide the benefits back to residents in the form of subsidized electricity and heating. I would like to see community gardens become standard and free community led skill share events where those with skills in a wide range of things can be encouraged to do show & learns for community members interested in opening the door to learning new skills. I want this community to build itself up, instead of tearing itself down.	11/19/2023 11:03 AM
5	Thriving	11/19/2023 10:58 AM
6	A place where the vast majority of its residents can afford to live. A place where there are ample mental health supports, addiction services supports, seniors supports, school supports, childcare, food and housing supports. A place that feels safe again. The drug crisis and mental health crisis is out of control across Nova Scotia but in areas (like Pictou County) with homeless shelters, people are being shipped in from other towns and provinces, then settling in a town with almost nothing available to support them. Canada as a whole is in massive crisis and we need to focus on the things that matter because many people are drowning here. Look to the New Brunswick entrepreneur that is creating a tiny home community to solve housing issues and all the infrastructure he has put in place to address addiction, employment, etc. Look to people like him who are making really meaningful change and then try to replicate that.	11/19/2023 10:30 AM
7	More affordable with more good paying jobs and no one needing to sleep in tents.	11/19/2023 10:28 AM
8	A place where residents can afford housing and groceries to feed their families. Price of housing, gas, groceries have increased dramatically while the wages have not. My husband and I both make well above minimum wage and live pay check to pay check. It used to be a safe place to live now we are over run with homeless and drug addicts as well as increased theft and vandalism.	11/19/2023 9:39 AM
9	Thriving as one	11/19/2023 9:18 AM
10	An environmentally friendly, full service county	11/19/2023 9:15 AM
11	known as a place for people to want to relocate to	11/19/2023 8:39 AM
12	Open and transparent to the community.	11/19/2023 8:07 AM
13	Better than it is now	11/18/2023 7:03 PM
14	A place where everyone has cell service, everyone should be able to call for help when they need it, right now that, is not the case, very unsafe	11/18/2023 6:38 PM
15	Better run financially and socially or my family will no live here	11/17/2023 10:55 PM
16	Accessible via high speed rail and be “the place to be”	11/17/2023 4:49 PM
17	More opportunities for young people!	11/17/2023 3:08 PM

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18	A place with improved health care options	11/17/2023 1:41 PM
19	Amalgamated, diverse and prosperous	11/16/2023 7:27 AM
20	Cater to the residents not so much as people moving in.	11/15/2023 6:51 PM
21	An arts and entertainment centre with connected active transportation	11/15/2023 6:02 PM
22	An affordable place to live and a great tourist destination	11/15/2023 4:43 PM
23	even more of what it is right now ... time for the fed govt to start giving more to the maritimes	11/15/2023 4:16 PM
24	Thriving	11/15/2023 3:50 PM
25	A hub of green technology and a leader in environmental and small farming renewal	11/15/2023 12:03 PM
26	Less expensive cheaper to move away to better warmer climate	11/15/2023 11:11 AM
27	Healthy community that supports Young and middle age families'. Better public transportation to Halifax will be essential.	11/15/2023 8:18 AM
28	More inclusive, affordable, housing, long-term solutions to homelessness, better support programs for those who need it in community (kids first and tearmann house should not be the only approachable organizations), jobs that apply to more than fast foodworkers, and cashiers.	11/15/2023 7:59 AM
29	Accessible, inclusive and have a large tourism sector.	11/15/2023 6:47 AM
30	a premier tourist destination and a community with a wide variety of things to do for families, especially those with young children.	11/15/2023 6:00 AM
31	quiet place to live. Left in the beauty it has now with out changes .	11/14/2023 10:36 PM
32	A place where people can actually afford to live and actually have recreational spaces	11/14/2023 7:16 PM
33	Control free from telling me what I can and can't do with my property	11/14/2023 7:03 PM
34	A place where people can access any services they need and a location with diverse employment opportunities across all sectors.	11/14/2023 1:18 PM
35	Thriving	11/14/2023 1:08 PM
36	Home to more industry and better paying jobs	11/14/2023 1:08 PM
37	More publicly accessible shoreline and more control on development	11/14/2023 12:24 PM
38	One community, not independent towns	11/14/2023 12:01 PM
39	Cleaner	11/10/2023 7:46 PM
40	Easier to develop in.	11/10/2023 6:23 PM
41	successful as a sustained ecological and economic environment that maintains balanced growth and access to nature.	11/7/2023 1:30 PM
42	Easier to get around without a car.	11/7/2023 11:53 AM
43	well prepared for the increasing impacts of climate change on the County, its residents and businesses.	11/5/2023 1:02 PM
44	Improved roads and healthcare	11/5/2023 1:26 AM
45	The biking capital of Nova Scotia.	11/4/2023 8:07 AM
46	a place that welcomes newcomers from everywhere, where people are interested in making new friends and trying out new activities, where different ways of living in community, e.g. co-housing, housing coops and community land trusts, are encouraged and financially supported, having a variety of businesses, that cares and takes action about the environment and climate crisis, with a means of getting around that does not rely on the individual vehicles.	11/3/2023 7:32 PM
47	Progressive	11/3/2023 5:34 PM
48	More vibrant without losing the small town feeling.	11/3/2023 2:31 PM
49	Not reinventing the wheel and learned from other communities	11/2/2023 9:09 PM

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50	More diverse, more job opportunities in the MOPC, better roads, better internet, better (public) healthcare, more transit options	11/2/2023 3:54 PM
51	a better place at attracting and supporting business.	11/2/2023 9:26 AM
52	More prosperous, diverse and dynamic.	11/2/2023 7:33 AM
53	Committed to staying traditional	11/2/2023 6:39 AM
54	Taking care of coastlines, ensuring our air water and soil is healthy and healthcare is improved so we have a doctor and timely service and crime is low.	11/1/2023 10:11 PM
55	More vibrant than it is now	11/1/2023 9:19 PM
56	Free of greedy, self-serving MLA's, free of a stereotypical, cartoonish health inspector who has created a food desert along Highway 6. Pictou County in 10 years will be either run by the residents or non-existent.	11/1/2023 8:38 PM
57	As rural and community minded (or more so) as it is today	11/1/2023 5:01 PM
58	Be free of government involvement in freedom to live life. Establish easy access to health care free of a computer.	11/1/2023 3:49 PM
59	Pedestrian and bicycle friendly	11/1/2023 1:54 PM
60	Vibrant, welcoming, resourceful, diverse	11/1/2023 12:52 PM
61	Lots of business and friendly	11/1/2023 12:32 PM
62	Free of your bull[REDACTED], try to enforce YOUR rules on MY PROPERTY, you'll be voted out quickly and lose your elected position. if I want to raise chickens on my land or build a fence I will. If you have a problem with that see how much you'll be hated, no one is going to vote for you. No one wants this.	10/28/2023 1:54 PM
63	A hub for new, but environmentally friendly, industries.	10/25/2023 8:46 AM
64	more open to industrial development.	10/24/2023 7:47 PM
65	Less compartmentalized. Less government. Fewer elected representatives.	10/24/2023 5:35 PM
66	Better	10/24/2023 1:02 PM
67	the same.	10/24/2023 9:24 AM
68	Better	10/24/2023 12:19 AM
69	A place people can afford to live	10/23/2023 3:42 PM
70	Better. All around, better. More jobs, roads you can drive on, if you are sick, able to see a doctor, actually have housing, actually have jobs that can raise a family, have at least some sort of mental health help, some sort of addiction help (the homelessness, mental health crisis, Healthcare crisis are HUGE issues)	10/22/2023 7:47 PM
71	an economic power house for the province like Bridgewater, the Valley or Halifax with over 50000 people throughout the towns and county	10/20/2023 4:57 AM
72	Part of a regional municipality with a common land use by-law covering all the towns and the rural areas.	10/19/2023 10:28 AM
73	In 10 years, I want Pictou County to be home for my family, filled with other young families and folks who have a sense of pride in MOPC. MOPC is filled with stewards of the land, strong rural life, more family farms. Forward-thinking: organic, non pesticide. I hope that MOPC continues to offer options to its community: MOPC internet, free rentals etc. I would like to see an investment in more trails/hiking options in MOPC.	10/18/2023 6:31 PM
74	an accessible home.	10/18/2023 10:13 AM
75	thriving with responsible, sustainable industry like it was before; the industrial centre of the North Shore.	10/16/2023 3:04 PM
76	less touristy. preservation of nature. preparation and focus on the realities of climate change and how they impact residents (physically, mentally).	10/16/2023 11:44 AM

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77	A place where there is affordable housing, better jobs and lower taxes.	10/16/2023 10:55 AM
78	Still affordable to live in.	10/15/2023 12:02 PM
79	Proud that it implemented progressive planning strategies that resulted in improved ecosystem function, improved quality of life for residents, and gradual and managed growth that protects the character and community values of rural Pictou County.	10/14/2023 5:17 PM
80	A tourist attraction	10/12/2023 3:52 PM
81	Guided by the changing and evolving needs of the residence with a focus on self sustainability and the environment through small farming.	10/12/2023 3:04 PM
82	Supportive of our farming community. Easy access and support for our local products and businesses. Family friendly.	10/12/2023 2:48 PM
83	amalgamated	10/12/2023 8:38 AM
84	Free from all the U,N Sustainable Development Goals in all the Traitors who implement them.	10/10/2023 8:24 PM
85	Hopefully the same.	10/10/2023 5:08 PM
86	Stupid	10/10/2023 5:04 PM
87	as it is today	10/10/2023 4:28 PM
88grown up. Enough with all the political BS/town rivalries and work together to get literally anything meaningful done.	10/10/2023 12:57 PM
89	still rural	10/10/2023 11:38 AM
90	A place where healthcare (mental and physical) is easily accessible; an area that will provide more job opportunities.	10/10/2023 8:21 AM
91	A place with less tax, lower cost of living and better health care.	10/10/2023 6:58 AM
92	An affordable place to live and raise a family, with a more promising health care system then the one we have now.	10/10/2023 1:04 AM
93	on the Internet	10/9/2023 9:00 PM
94	A top tourist destination in NS	10/9/2023 8:57 PM
95	Awake to global agenda and fighting against it.	10/9/2023 4:13 PM
96	Have less crack heads a police force that cracks down on crackheads	10/8/2023 10:37 PM
97	back to when we could do our own thing without old white men controlling our every move. Leave country people alone.	10/8/2023 9:40 PM
98	collaborative	10/8/2023 6:48 PM
99	A county that gets back to its roots in agriculture, fishing, and forestry in such a way that the next generation look at these industries as profitable lifestyles.	10/8/2023 6:41 PM
100	A place that offers not only a safe haven for my family but one of forward thinking	10/8/2023 1:58 PM
101	To see all towns thriving, growing and moving forward with what works staying, getting rid of the things that don't. And continue being a place we are proud to live In.	10/8/2023 6:15 AM
102	The same as it is now without further restrictions	10/8/2023 2:10 AM
103	More vibrant	10/7/2023 11:11 PM
104	A destination. Lots of natural beauty to attract tourists. Attracting more farms and incentives to increase and revitalize them.	10/7/2023 10:23 PM
105	A true economic and industry center for Nova Scotia outside of HRM.	10/7/2023 9:52 PM
106	A place where our children can afford to live and be employed with a decent wage	10/7/2023 9:11 PM
107	Continuing to expand while keeping lots of green space	10/7/2023 8:04 PM
108	more diverse, more affordable housing, better cell service and internet	10/7/2023 7:32 PM

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109	More aprictive of frist responders	10/7/2023 7:21 PM
110	Like it was 10 years ago from today. Ir free of theft amd drugs	10/7/2023 6:36 PM
111	Thriving.	10/7/2023 6:09 PM
112	Work together more effectively with other Municipalits, provincial and federal government levels.	10/7/2023 3:14 PM
113	Self sufficient with more good pay job opportunities for a wide variety of people.	10/7/2023 1:59 PM
114	THRIVING In all areas, affordable housing for our young families, health care for ALL who need. Peaceful.	10/7/2023 12:21 PM
115	Not a smart town or community	10/7/2023 12:11 PM
116	Lower cost of living, better health care, less taxes ,lower tax rates on mortgages and get rid of carbon tax, We have trees for that. Make it easier for farmers to keep their farms . Less radiation, get rid of 5g towers and smart meters. Cleaner waters and cleaner air.	10/7/2023 11:20 AM
117	A good place to retire and live where the federal, provincial, and municipal government don't financially rape people that are finding it hard enough to live above the poverty line in the first place	10/6/2023 3:51 PM
118	A diverse community in terms of age with a solid mix of young families and older community that collaborate to make pictou county the best place to live in Nova scotia	10/6/2023 2:59 PM
119	More politicaly awake and holding those we elected accountable.	10/4/2023 11:31 PM
120	A community with access to farmers selling their produce.	10/4/2023 5:54 PM
121	a flourishing place, with emphasis on tourism, community and connectivity. Pictou would benefit from leaning into tourism, and being guided by a coastal town such as Lunenburg. New Glasgow can focus on business, expanding the mall + rebranding to allow for more services to make life in the rural north easier for citizens with no access to transportation (to get to Halifax Region). Small communities, such as my own, Scotsburn have done a tremendous job being there for one another. Rural communities are what make Pictou County wonderful for us (a young couple who bought a destroyed home and renovated it in 2022... our new neighbours were there for us when we needed it the most!) Pictou County is wonderful, but there is always room for growth! :)	10/4/2023 11:40 AM
122	Well known for being a place where artists and creatives can thrive, and where innovation and new ideas has made it a safe and healthy place for everyone to live and visit - no matter your background	10/4/2023 10:36 AM
123	Sustainable and afordable but also with a little more growth in areas for small businesses and employment opportunities and more variety of ethnic foods/ restaurants available .	10/4/2023 10:10 AM
124	a place where a healthy lifestyle can be made.	10/4/2023 10:10 AM
125	A place where all its residents can access services necessary for life and health: housing, addiction services, mental health services, doctors . I'd like for PC to feel safe, green, opportunistic.	10/4/2023 7:50 AM
126	an independent example of strong rural values. We chose to live here because it is not a big city .	10/3/2023 4:32 PM
127	A safe caring community that is focused on constantly improving what we are doing right and how we can do more	10/3/2023 11:33 AM
128	FREE! To become a society of caring people with an innovative and personal health care system; a county ruled by the electorate!!!! And not the profiteering will and whim of unelected, and fortunate few(wealthy) over the unfortunate many!	10/3/2023 11:19 AM
129	The same as it is today. We don't need government to tell us what to do with our land. But thanks.	10/3/2023 10:42 AM
130	A friendly place where small family businesses flourish and where people empathize helping their neighbours, eating local from surrounding small farmers, working with craft/artisan people who in turn assist and support small family own industries.	10/3/2023 8:34 AM

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131	a place where things are less expensive, not more expensive. A place that realizes that we cannot take more people into our community, as the people who already live here cannot even get a job as a cashier in a grocery store, because there are at least 200 people applying for each one of these jobs locally. A place that never lockdowns their people again, that never mandates a mask or vaccine again, because local government reads and understands the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Interpreting the Charter of Rights and Freedoms based on what the main stream media writes, is ignorant. People are becoming poorer, and more and more people cannot find a job or a place to live, that is not democracy, meanwhile the local government is not representing the people. Instead they state the upper government has forced them to do a land use bylaw, insinuating that they work for the provincial government, not the people who actually pay them.	10/3/2023 8:14 AM
132	FREE OF UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS OR BY-LAWS	10/3/2023 7:57 AM
133	Self sustainable.	10/3/2023 7:49 AM
134	cleaner and a more friendly place	10/3/2023 7:07 AM
135	Free of theft drugs. Stop bringing in ppl from other places with drug addictions just bc we have violas. Have the community support other sports/activies besides hockey. Roller skaters deserve somewhere to skate to.	10/3/2023 5:23 AM
136	Crack house free	10/3/2023 12:10 AM
137	The exact same as it is now	10/2/2023 10:45 PM
138	A tourist destination with clean air, clean water, and a great place to raise a family	10/2/2023 8:44 PM
139	asdf	10/2/2023 8:43 PM
140	A community were there are good paying jobs that allow young people to stay in the area, purchase a home and raise a family. A community where people have access to health care, affordable housing, an excellent education and to live autonomously in rural Nova Scotia.	10/2/2023 1:04 PM
141	A desirable place to live, with less burden and regulation, a place where people can live free and flourish with minimal govt control.	10/2/2023 12:55 PM
142	Solar power dependant and adjusting workers wages/rights to catch up with the national average.	10/2/2023 11:50 AM
143	A thriving community with employment opportunities, while still welcoming retirees and those wishing to have a rural life balanced with access to quality business' and healthcare.	10/1/2023 7:49 PM
144	a place where people want to live in	10/1/2023 1:45 AM
145	A place where families and small family owned businesses thrive. I would like to see more financial access to help start up a homestead, solar panels and help with small business owners. I'd love to see more diversity and better housing for everyone	9/29/2023 12:59 PM
146	Have a better industrial base and good paying jobs	9/29/2023 12:58 PM
147	rural with family owned agriculture at the forefront and be a model for other counties that want to attract diversity and be progressive.	9/29/2023 12:45 PM
148	Fairly similar to what it is today but with more small-scale farming and community events.	9/29/2023 12:34 PM
149	A hub of agriculture in Nova Scotia	9/29/2023 12:23 PM
150	a vibrant, rural community focused on the future generations priorities rather than bogged down in nonsenses based purely on tradition.	9/29/2023 11:22 AM
151	invested in large business for the long term, have improved the shopping retail business sector, kept taxes at a reasonable rate for everyone.	9/29/2023 11:13 AM
152	A place my children want to stay and raise their own families with access to decent employment for a decent wage	9/29/2023 11:06 AM
153	Progressive	9/29/2023 11:01 AM
154	The Rural county that people live here for...miminal government, minimal services, with people being left to live happily without interference unless they are doing something really crossing a line of social decency	9/29/2023 11:01 AM

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155	Keep the rural atmosphere , but provide much better healthcare. Better care of low income . And new Glasgow , Stellarton, Trenton and Westville will be more physically beautiful as well as economically diverse	9/29/2023 10:54 AM
156	Vibrant area with house and healthcare and transportation for all.	9/29/2023 10:43 AM

Q6 It is useful to understand how a community perceives its housing situation. Based on your observations, how easy or difficult is it to find housing in Pictou County?

Answered: 155 Skipped: 24

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very easy; there are lots of housing options.	0.00%	0
Somewhat easy; with effort, most people can find the housing they need.	8.39%	13
Neutral	16.77%	26
Somewhat difficult; despite effort, many people cannot find the housing they need.	25.16%	39
Very difficult; there is a shortage of housing options.	40.00%	62
Unsure	9.68%	15
TOTAL		155

Q7 Which of the following housing issues are relevant to your rental experience in Pictou County? Select all that apply.

Answered: 154 Skipped: 25

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I have no rental experience in Pictou County	69.48%	107
Lack of rental options	22.73%	35
Unaffordable rent (rent is more than 30% of pre-tax household income)	20.13%	31
Difficulty accessing services and amenities without a vehicle	13.64%	21
Property in need of major maintenance or repair	12.34%	19
Need for smaller housing option	10.39%	16
Difficulty making payments for services and/or utilities	9.74%	15
Other (please specify)	9.09%	14
Unsuitable living situation (couch surfing, sharing a bedroom, etc.)	7.14%	11
Need for physically accessible housing option	6.49%	10
Need for supportive housing (including transitional housing)	5.84%	9
Need for larger housing option	5.19%	8
Difficulty doing routine up-keep (snow removal, taking out trash, etc.)	4.55%	7
Limited lease periods (seasonal, short-term or no option to renew)	3.90%	6
Feeling isolated from neighbours	1.95%	3
Total Respondents: 154		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No protection. For landlords	11/19/2023 5:11 PM
2	Limited housing leads to limited options for those who may seem less desirable to renters. This exacerbates the unfair capitalist class system, leaving those with physical or mental disadvantages in life to be further marginalized.	11/19/2023 11:15 AM
3	Rural road conditions and Plowing schedule make outside of town not an option	11/19/2023 8:13 AM
4	There is an increasing problem with access to affordable housing. There is a lack of decent rental accommodation. What is currently being build are single family homes that are increasing out of reach for many people in the county.	11/7/2023 4:17 PM
5	Although i haven't rented in 20 years, the issues I've ticked off are currently being experienced by close family members.	10/25/2023 8:58 AM
6	My choices are as a landlord above not as a renter	10/20/2023 5:00 AM
7	Shelter in nearby town is attracting degenerates from other municipalities/ towns. Stop funding it!	10/10/2023 5:22 PM
8	always have owned a modest rural property	10/3/2023 4:38 PM
9	As a former part of the Red Cross Disaster Management there was NEVER available renting	10/3/2023 11:19 AM

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	for burned out families!	
10	Financing assistance for property developers is not available. CHMC only want to fund housing conversions in Halifax, Moncton, Saint John. Rich guys with millions are the only ones who can build. More equitable loan arrangements would help housing development.	10/3/2023 10:49 AM
11	I know people who cannot find a place to live and are living in trailers, it's not because this is fun	10/3/2023 8:27 AM
12	Nothing for young people just starting out my daughter had to move back home because she couldn't find anything in her price range	9/29/2023 1:03 PM
13	I haven't rented here since 2004, was easy then, terrible now	9/29/2023 1:02 PM
14	No comment	9/29/2023 12:25 PM

Q8 Which of the following housing issues are relevant to your home ownership experience in Pictou? Select all that apply.

Answered: 127 Skipped: 52

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Difficulty accessing amenities without a vehicle	39.37%	50
Property in need of major maintenance or repair	27.56%	35
Difficulty paying property taxes	26.77%	34
Other (please specify)	24.41%	31
Difficulty making payments for services and/or utilities	23.62%	30
Unaffordable monthly mortgage payment (payment is more than 30% of household income)	14.96%	19
Difficulty doing routine upkeep (snow removal, taking out trash, etc.)	13.39%	17
Need for smaller housing option	12.60%	16
Need for physically accessible housing option	7.09%	9
Feeling isolated from neighbours	3.94%	5
I do not have home ownership experience in Pictou County	2.36%	3
Need for larger housing option	1.57%	2
Unsuitable living situation (couch surfing, sharing a bedroom, etc.)	0.79%	1
Total Respondents: 127		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Upkeep and service costs are becoming hard to keep up with as inflation continues to climb. Our community should have social systems in place for these situations which reoccur almost like clockwork every decade.	11/19/2023 11:15 AM
2	Not applicable	11/19/2023 11:02 AM
3	Will be downsizing	11/19/2023 9:33 AM
4	Rates and costs associated with fire departments have skyrocketed. You now place the Fire dept costs on the tax payers....there are too many fo them and it impacts our tax3s significantly	11/19/2023 8:13 AM
5	We were fortunate to be able to buy a house years ago before many of the housing issues arose.	11/18/2023 7:14 PM
6	No housing issues	11/15/2023 6:05 PM
7	none	11/15/2023 4:18 PM
8	While my personal situation is fine, there is a growing need for rental and otherwise affordable housing in the county along with a need for a variety of housing options, i.e. greater density (apartments), accessible housing, etc.	11/7/2023 4:17 PM
9	Access to good quality water.	11/7/2023 11:58 AM
10	Constraint to offering alternative housing, e.g. tiny homes, homes on wheels & similar. Regulations should allow for non-traditional housing systems, e.g. water, power, that are	11/3/2023 7:54 PM

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	affordable.	
11	These don't apply. I am a retired homeowner	11/3/2023 2:38 PM
12	Owned for a while so got a home before prices jumped	11/2/2023 9:12 PM
13	Crime has increased and the number of people on the Streets with addictions or mental illnesses is a problem. Not feeling safe anymore.	11/1/2023 10:23 PM
14	none apply to me, but many if not all are of real concern to many	11/1/2023 9:23 PM
15	Currently no issues	11/1/2023 12:34 PM
16	property assessments rising quicker than our ability to pay the taxes.	10/24/2023 7:49 PM
17	Lack of support from local government for the taxes paid. E.g. no municipal septic tank support, no leadership in consolidating fire departments, no cross county initiatives bike paths, weekly garbage pickups, free well water testing.	10/19/2023 10:36 AM
18	length of time for municipal internet	10/17/2023 5:18 PM
19	None of the above	10/16/2023 11:45 AM
20	Assessments are higher than market value of many properties.	10/10/2023 5:22 PM
21	own my home outright	10/10/2023 4:34 PM
22	Higher paying jobs hard to find even for experienced workers	10/8/2023 6:47 PM
23	I personally do. Or have any housing issues at this time	10/7/2023 7:38 PM
24	House we bought was destroyed by previous occupants. 9 month renovation, no power for 3 months (NS Power...), no water, living in a 9ft camper while doing all renovations as there were no rental options.	10/4/2023 11:46 AM
25	Hearing costs are so high and still have to do house repairs on our old home so the budget is very tight .	10/4/2023 10:17 AM
26	Difficulty in house maintenance as planned COVID prices(read: greed/profitable) make it unaffordable.	10/3/2023 11:19 AM
27	Taxes are a bit high, but New Glasgow takes pretty good care of services.	10/3/2023 10:49 AM
28	Luckily I have a home, but for how long, if this land use bylaw does what I expect it will do, it will make everything more expensive, which is a way to force me into a small prison cell, that will be referred to as a "home" by the government	10/3/2023 8:27 AM
29	Lack of municipal sewer	10/2/2023 1:02 PM
30	NA	9/29/2023 1:03 PM
31	All good	9/29/2023 12:25 PM

Q9 Please rank the following approaches for increasing housing availability or affordability over the coming years? (Ranking? 1-8?)

Answered: 154 Skipped: 25

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Energy efficiency upgrades	24.68% 38	19.48% 30	16.88% 26	11.04% 17	10.39% 16	7.79% 12	5.84% 9	3.90% 6	154	5.71
Physically accessible homes	20.78% 32	19.48% 30	12.34% 19	14.29% 22	10.39% 16	10.39% 16	8.44% 13	3.90% 6	154	5.42
Adaptive reuse or conversions of large homes, churches and halls	11.04% 17	16.88% 26	22.73% 35	21.43% 33	10.39% 16	10.39% 16	6.49% 10	0.65% 1	154	5.36
Increased density in some existing communities	22.73% 35	14.94% 23	10.39% 16	7.79% 12	7.79% 12	12.99% 20	9.74% 15	13.64% 21	154	4.91
Alternative housing forms (co-housing clusters, multi-unit, lot infill, tiny homes)	7.79% 12	14.29% 22	9.09% 14	18.18% 28	15.58% 24	24.03% 37	7.14% 11	3.90% 6	154	4.60
Housing for 1-person households	3.90% 6	7.79% 12	14.29% 22	13.64% 21	27.92% 43	12.99% 20	13.64% 21	5.84% 9	154	4.23
Alternative ownership and/or tenure models (co-operative, community land trust, rent-to-own)	9.09% 14	7.14% 11	11.04% 17	11.04% 17	12.99% 20	12.99% 20	29.87% 46	5.84% 9	154	4.01
Seasonal/temporary housing for seasonal employees	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.25% 5	2.60% 4	4.55% 7	8.44% 13	18.83% 29	62.34% 96	154	1.76

Q10 Is there anything else about housing in your community that you'd like to share?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 121

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No one should be homeless in our community or turn to self-medicating to numb the pain of depression brought about by their lack of opportunities.	11/19/2023 11:15 AM
2	No	11/19/2023 11:02 AM
3	You will see many more homeowners begin to struggle as their mortgage becomes renewable over the next few years and they have to lock in at much higher rates. The rental market is very unaffordable to many, and anything semi-affordable for low income is almost unliveable.	11/19/2023 10:41 AM
4	Stop bringing in homeless individuals from other areas we are over run as it is. Get people on assistance out working	11/19/2023 9:47 AM
5	Control the rents....landlords are taking advantage of the Covid situation and have doubled their rents. Let's make sure tenants are protected from large increases if nothing other than greed has triggered the increase	11/19/2023 8:13 AM
6	There needs to be much more accountability for both tenants and landlords. There needs to be fair consequences for bad tenant and for bad landlords. People are getting evicted and having to rehome pets because pet friendly rentals basically no longer exist. New apartments boasting lower income options are still over \$1000 per month. More and more people are feeling either desperate or hopeless and you can see it in our community in how people are interacting with each other and the rise of crime and drugs.	11/18/2023 7:14 PM
7	Property taxes are far too high	11/17/2023 10:59 PM
8	There are many abandoned homes that should be addressed in this county. Some may be salvageable.	11/17/2023 4:53 PM
9	Needs to be affordable and livable	11/15/2023 6:05 PM
10	Would like more police patrols so I can feel safe just getting out for a walk...it is a very unsafe place to live	11/15/2023 4:47 PM
11	no	11/15/2023 4:18 PM
12	Pause immigration, not enough housing for Canadians let alone half the world, and the millions let in that only place burdens on everything ,	11/15/2023 11:23 AM
13	Affordable rental and housing is required.	11/15/2023 6:51 AM
14	no	11/14/2023 10:39 PM
15	Landlords repeatedly charge more and more rent for house they've owned for years	11/14/2023 7:25 PM
16	The county is full of druggies, homeless people and shady corporations/groups like Pictou county children's aid	11/14/2023 7:08 PM
17	Rent should not be based on market inflation. Mortgages should not be so expensive.	11/14/2023 1:11 PM
18	Greater density in the Towns will encourage walkable communities, greater access to services and the revitalization of the traditional main street businesses. There should be greater concern to maintain and repurpose the architectural heritage. There is also a pressing need to redefine the building code to incentivize passive standard + carbon neutral buildings that reduce energy requirements and costs and are better adapted to climate change.	11/7/2023 4:17 PM
19	Transportation is critical, beyond everybody having from 1-2 vehicles.	11/7/2023 11:58 AM
20	Short term housing a la airbnb type should be banned until everyone who needs long term housing has it. Stop with the rigid regulations/bldg codes re: septic, driveway, etc...; one size	11/3/2023 7:54 PM

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does not fit all, case by case basis should be allowed and encouraged so that alternatives can be proposed and initiated - there are plenty of options but NS & Pictou Co is so behind the times, so backwards, so bloody conservative that you face road blocks if you don't fit inside the box. I wish Canada Housing & Mortgage (CHMC) would once again offer grants to build housing complexes (apartments, tiny homes) or an equivalent provincial entity since I would be willing to have such a complex on my land but I won't pay for this as I see this as providing an essential service; it is not about making \$ for others or myself, set up as nonprofits. The rent can cover the building costs but the gov't puts up the \$ to build.

21	Ensure that shorelines are protected.	11/3/2023 2:38 PM
22	Homeless shelters need mental health, law enforcement, addiction services so the neighborhood can still feel safe and both parties are taken care of. People are impacted by vacant landowners as well where no one cares for the upkeep or sees the crimes. Neighbor's are not house babysitters.	11/1/2023 10:23 PM
23	Housing in Pictou County is abhorrent. Due to the unrealistic economic evaluation based on the massive Sobeys wealth this community is compared second to Halifax.. and we are NOTHING like Halifax; save for the fact that housing is abhorrent.	11/1/2023 8:42 PM
24	Are there enough retirement/nursing for our aging demographic	11/1/2023 2:05 PM
25	Support for seniors I.e. snow removal, lawn care, transportation to appointments, social events, social contact	11/1/2023 12:57 PM
26	HOWS THIS FOR A SOLUTION? DON'T BRING IN 10X THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE AS YOU HAVE HOUSES. It's not complicated, if you understand musical chairs then this should be quite simple, new people many, new house few. Can you comprehend that?	10/28/2023 1:59 PM
27	The municipality should take over road maintenance and snow removal/salting on private roads where there are three or more houses within a reasonable distance from each other.	10/25/2023 8:58 AM
28	alternative housing options for widows/widowers living alone as an option to maintaining their own place.	10/24/2023 7:49 PM
29	Please make it more affordable for the proper income scale	10/22/2023 7:49 PM
30	Approaches 5,6, and 7 should all take place in urban centres not in rural areas. The seasonal housing approach should be left up to the employers and is of no interest to me	10/19/2023 10:36 AM
31	Ensure there is proper positioning / spacing of buildings on properties, and adequate access to those structures.	10/16/2023 3:17 PM
32	Tear down dilapidated old houses and put up multi unit dwellings	10/16/2023 10:58 AM
33	have water and sewer systems installed in rural communities so housing developments could be built	10/12/2023 8:43 AM
34	[obscenity]	10/10/2023 8:28 PM
35	Recent increases in assessment values are being felt. The biggest thing going for us is that we are debt free, keep it that way without increasing taxes. Any federal money that may be offered will only hurt the municipality over the long term.	10/10/2023 5:22 PM
36	No	10/10/2023 12:59 PM
37	Rent is at an all time high making it unaffordable for most especially those with a single income trying to raise a family. There is no housing available as well so people are now forced to pay outrageous prices or be homeless. There's also very little help for young people to buy a home.	10/10/2023 1:09 AM
38	Restriction of slumlord ownership rights..... ie put a cap on how many homes they can own. Utilization of vacant schools, halls churches for multi unit apartments to help with the current housing crisis	10/9/2023 4:20 PM
39	I believe we need to stop taking in immigrants that need housing when we do not have the resources for the folks who are already here. I believe in helping people but we have to start here first	10/8/2023 2:04 PM
40	Caps on rents, the gouging is ridiculous and not monitored	10/8/2023 6:20 AM

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41	Home prices have been allowed to double since the Covid 19 scenerio , so that makes home prices totally unaffordable for the vast majority , thus turning people into economic slaves !	10/8/2023 2:16 AM
42	Why isn't this Municipality offering more options for low income or homelessness	10/7/2023 3:16 PM
43	Taxes are driving people into debt and bankruptcy	10/6/2023 3:55 PM
44	Tax rates should not be based on assessment of property but on the size of the property. It discourages property investment and frankly is unfair. Why should I pay more than my neighbor for the same services just because I have a larger home. This is especially true given the large increases in home values driven by unprecedented demand. The services provided do not change based on the value of the home.	10/6/2023 3:04 PM
45	I find it hard to recommend Pictou County to friends from afar, as there are limited housing options. I feel that it would be almost pursuable to make an incentive to create a second structure on properties so that it can be rented out affordably? Just an off thought.	10/4/2023 11:46 AM
46	It would be great to see more working young people able to find starter places , either homes (tiny or otherwise) or apartments or rentals of some kind . We need to make things more affordable for families and singles just getting started on their own . I have 3 children 19-26 who are at a loss for how to get out there independently even working 2 jobs they can't afford what is available sadly .	10/4/2023 10:17 AM
47	Partnering with the school busing program to allow citizens to get a lift into town and connect with a chad bus. Or having a bus available 2x day to service the major feeder roads to New Glasgow.	10/3/2023 4:38 PM
48	Looks like the above options are the only ones intended to be carried out over time by the decision-makers. Affordable housing means buildings not erected/purchased/operated by greedy slum-landlords, whose rental income is not going to upkeep of maintenance(=fire prevention); means banks are required to provide loans such that anyone can live within their means(= payback % based upon income).	10/3/2023 11:19 AM
49	We don't want smart cities. The WEF and WHO needs to back off. Anyone who is not for the freedom of Canadians to pursue success is a traitor.	10/3/2023 10:49 AM
50	Making tiny homes or backyard/laneway houses available for extended family to live in an option in the main towns.	10/3/2023 8:45 AM
51	yes, I think it is quite arrogant to pretend that the housing problem is anything other than people trying to find something to invest in. The economy is completely destroyed by corrupted governments. People have found the only way they can make money is through buying and selling homes. It should come as no surprise that housing is such a problem under these circumstances.	10/3/2023 8:27 AM
52	LESS GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE. Please disregard question 9 as none of these items have particular importance to me and I can not rate them in order.	10/3/2023 8:01 AM
53	Seasonal and new housing should not interfere with views, access, etc. of established permanent residences unless they have legal agreements. (Where buildings or other infrastructure will block views or be an eyesore or impediment to current residents.)	10/3/2023 8:01 AM
54	Unfair tax structures - why are new house owners paying 2-3 times as much tax an long tern residents? This is wrong	10/3/2023 7:11 AM
55	Over regulation increases the cost of ownership and construction. Building Codes have become bloated and ridiculous, Govt's have assumed too much control over individual lives and choices.	10/2/2023 1:02 PM
56	Something needs to be done so the people locing on tents can access homes and mental health	9/29/2023 1:02 PM
57	not all but most move to the county so they can have the small village lifestyle, homesteading, or peace and quiet. While housing is needed being mindful of not disrupting why people move there to begin with.	9/29/2023 12:39 PM
58	Tenancy Act enforcement is so behind that it seems non-existent. This allows slumlords to continue to destroy communities.	9/29/2023 12:27 PM

Q11 How important is it that the Municipal Planning Strategy addresses the following challenges?

Answered: 144 Skipped: 35

	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL, NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	UNIMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Availability of drinking water	87.41% 125	7.69% 11	4.20% 6	0.70% 1	0.00% 0	143	1.11
Availability of employment	76.06% 108	14.79% 21	7.75% 11	0.00% 0	1.41% 2	142	1.33
Water quality of rivers and streams	72.03% 103	20.28% 29	6.29% 9	0.70% 1	0.70% 1	143	1.33
Availability of goods and services	63.38% 90	23.94% 34	11.27% 16	0.70% 1	0.70% 1	142	1.50
Housing affordability	65.73% 94	22.38% 32	8.39% 12	1.40% 2	2.10% 3	143	1.50
Availability of open space and recreation	62.24% 89	20.28% 29	14.69% 21	1.40% 2	1.40% 2	143	1.50
Housing availability	54.23% 77	28.17% 40	12.68% 18	1.41% 2	3.52% 5	142	1.71
Environmental protection	53.85% 77	24.48% 35	13.29% 19	2.10% 3	6.29% 9	143	1.83
Diversity of housing options	43.75% 63	31.25% 45	19.44% 28	0.69% 1	4.86% 7	144	1.93
Heritage	30.56% 44	35.42% 51	25.00% 36	2.08% 3	6.94% 10	144	2.11
Flooding	37.50% 54	23.61% 34	20.14% 29	8.33% 12	10.42% 15	144	2.33
Availability of commercial property	18.18% 26	37.76% 54	34.27% 49	4.20% 6	5.59% 8	143	2.43
Availability of industrial property	23.78% 34	31.47% 45	30.07% 43	8.39% 12	6.29% 9	143	2.43
Coastal development	33.57% 48	19.58% 28	25.87% 37	8.39% 12	12.59% 18	143	2.43
Sea level rise	36.11% 52	18.06% 26	22.22% 32	6.94% 10	16.67% 24	144	2.50
Reducing greenhouse gas emissions/mitigating the effects of climate change	34.72% 50	20.83% 30	17.36% 25	8.33% 12	18.75% 27	144	2.50

Q12 What do you see as the biggest challenges for growth and development in your community?

Answered: 117 Skipped: 62

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1.	100.00%	117
2.	93.16%	109
3.	82.91%	97

#	1.	DATE
1	Liberals	11/19/2023 5:13 PM
2	Cost	11/19/2023 11:17 AM
3	Small business pressure from large retail	11/19/2023 11:05 AM
4	Creating much more affordable housing and addressing the homeless crisis	11/19/2023 10:52 AM
5	Better paying jobs	11/19/2023 10:43 AM
6	Housing	11/19/2023 9:50 AM
7	Small minds	11/19/2023 9:35 AM
8	Lack of cell service	11/19/2023 9:19 AM
9	Employment	11/19/2023 8:47 AM
10	Availability of property	11/19/2023 8:16 AM
11	No cell service	11/18/2023 6:45 PM
12	Need for more blue collar jobs	11/17/2023 11:11 PM
13	Lack of public transportation	11/17/2023 4:58 PM
14	Housing	11/16/2023 7:31 AM
15	Complanency	11/15/2023 6:58 PM
16	Lack of imitative and commitment	11/15/2023 6:16 PM
17	Cost	11/15/2023 4:54 PM
18	lack of funding federally	11/15/2023 4:20 PM
19	Poor roads	11/15/2023 12:09 PM
20	To few players	11/15/2023 11:28 AM
21	Transportation	11/15/2023 8:27 AM
22	Growing population with little space	11/15/2023 8:04 AM
23	Community opposition	11/15/2023 6:59 AM
24	Economic Prosperity	11/15/2023 6:06 AM
25	Business advertizing for workers and don't even bother to call the applicant back.	11/14/2023 10:43 PM
26	Lack of money and resources	11/14/2023 7:28 PM
27	Shady groups and corporations	11/14/2023 7:10 PM

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28	Government	11/14/2023 1:17 PM
29	Business development in towns that could be in rural areas	11/14/2023 12:31 PM
30	Reluctance to accept heavy industry	11/14/2023 12:07 PM
31	Lack of environmentally clean and sustainable jobs	11/10/2023 8:09 PM
32	Bad planning, sprawling single family subdivisions that stress existing infrastructure and are unnecessarily car dependent.	11/7/2023 4:30 PM
33	Transportation	11/7/2023 11:59 AM
34	Additional services and amenities	11/5/2023 1:12 PM
35	Jobs	11/5/2023 1:33 AM
36	Promoting PC to investors	11/4/2023 8:12 AM
37	The assumption that we need to have growth - we need to have degrowth	11/3/2023 7:54 PM
38	Housing	11/3/2023 5:39 PM
39	Public transportation	11/3/2023 2:43 PM
40	Government interference	11/2/2023 7:39 AM
41	Good stewardship of the land	11/1/2023 10:30 PM
42	availability of skilled workers	11/1/2023 9:26 PM
43	Greed	11/1/2023 8:43 PM
44	Lack of skill trades	11/1/2023 2:13 PM
45	Lack of planning	11/1/2023 1:05 PM
46	Immigration	10/28/2023 2:01 PM
47	The absence of public transportation.	10/25/2023 9:08 AM
48	Recruiting Healthcare workers	10/24/2023 9:17 PM
49	negativity towards resource industries.	10/24/2023 7:57 PM
50	Cost of new developments	10/24/2023 5:45 PM
51	Commercial fishing	10/24/2023 12:25 AM
52	High taxes	10/22/2023 7:51 PM
53	Overly protective new zoning rules if applied	10/20/2023 5:04 AM
54	The lack of a meaningful umbrella planning strategy developed co-operatively amongst the five towns and the municipality of the County of Pictou	10/19/2023 10:42 AM
55	transportation	10/18/2023 10:18 AM
56	Lack of sufficient skilled tradespeople	10/16/2023 3:49 PM
57	climate change	10/16/2023 11:46 AM
58	Affordable housing	10/16/2023 11:00 AM
59	access to water and sewer systems	10/12/2023 8:47 AM
60	MOPC, councilors-ignoring the people and being the U.N,s lap dog	10/10/2023 8:37 PM
61	The "climate change" agenda	10/10/2023 5:28 PM
62	Harm in following hidden agendas	10/10/2023 5:19 PM
63	Bureaucracy	10/10/2023 1:02 PM
64	funding	10/10/2023 8:32 AM

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65	A lot of people are scared of big change	10/10/2023 1:11 AM
66	Community engagement	10/9/2023 9:02 PM
67	Government	10/9/2023 4:24 PM
68	Old farts holding land they want nothing done with till they die	10/8/2023 10:41 PM
69	affordable land and housing options	10/8/2023 6:57 PM
70	Lack of support for next generation farms, fishers,etc	10/8/2023 6:52 PM
71	Industry	10/8/2023 2:06 PM
72	Business growth due to lack of land availability	10/8/2023 6:26 AM
73	Government regulation	10/8/2023 2:21 AM
74	Employment	10/7/2023 11:17 PM
75	Employment and wages	10/7/2023 10:29 PM
76	Permitting	10/7/2023 9:58 PM
77	Older population	10/7/2023 8:32 PM
78	Affordable housing	10/7/2023 7:40 PM
79	Need to work together	10/7/2023 7:26 PM
80	The mopc	10/7/2023 6:41 PM
81	Cost	10/7/2023 6:13 PM
82	Council members being out of touch with the new age	10/7/2023 3:17 PM
83	Money	10/7/2023 12:16 PM
84	Taxes	10/6/2023 3:57 PM
85	Cost of living- specifically tax rate	10/6/2023 3:10 PM
86	Too much red tape	10/4/2023 11:51 PM
87	Support to our local farmers	10/4/2023 6:04 PM
88	Affordability - Pictou County residents are struggling to afford: food, housing + childcare.	10/4/2023 11:58 AM
89	Housing	10/4/2023 10:41 AM
90	Roads need paving	10/4/2023 10:22 AM
91	Housing options	10/4/2023 10:21 AM
92	Affordability	10/4/2023 7:54 AM
93	The short sided adherence to man made climate change in light of many differing opinions.	10/3/2023 4:48 PM
94	Lack of assistance to small farms and food producers	10/3/2023 11:40 AM
95	Climate change is not real	10/3/2023 10:52 AM
96	Bureaucratic red tape - holds up progress and stalls idea implementation	10/3/2023 9:00 AM
97	Time to be involved/volunteer within community.	10/3/2023 8:36 AM
98	local government corruption	10/3/2023 8:36 AM
99	Too much government.	10/3/2023 8:14 AM
100	mindset	10/3/2023 7:13 AM
101	No industry to provide good paying jobs for many	10/3/2023 5:29 AM
102	Cost	10/3/2023 12:15 AM

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103	"nimby" and special interest groups that impede development.	10/2/2023 1:16 PM
104	Affordable housing... not apartments	10/2/2023 1:08 PM
105	Boomer mindset	10/2/2023 11:54 AM
106	Taxes - Provincial and Federal, NS is heavily taxed and province doesn't apply inflation rates to tax bands	10/1/2023 7:55 PM
107	more housing options	10/1/2023 1:49 AM
108	Employment	9/30/2023 8:49 AM
109	Food prices and quality gas prices	9/29/2023 1:12 PM
110	Lack of high paying jobs	9/29/2023 1:05 PM
111	Employment or lack of	9/29/2023 12:47 PM
112	Wealth disparity	9/29/2023 12:33 PM
113	Too many development regulations	9/29/2023 12:27 PM
114	lack of access to bus or taxi for transportation at reasonable rates	9/29/2023 11:23 AM
115	Municipal utilities	9/29/2023 11:07 AM
116	Appropriate use of tax dollars	9/29/2023 11:00 AM
117	We need a pictou county solar farm and or windmill farm	9/29/2023 10:51 AM
#	2.	DATE
1	Incompetent Government workers	11/19/2023 5:13 PM
2	Drugs	11/19/2023 11:17 AM
3	Bleeding hearts, not liking change	11/19/2023 11:05 AM
4	More food, transportation, heating supports and available daycare	11/19/2023 10:52 AM
5	Less taxes, taxed to death	11/19/2023 10:43 AM
6	Homeless community	11/19/2023 9:50 AM
7	Taxes	11/19/2023 9:35 AM
8	Affordable internet	11/19/2023 9:19 AM
9	Interest rates	11/19/2023 8:47 AM
10	Poor road conditions	11/19/2023 8:16 AM
11	Land owed by people that don't live here hindering new development	11/18/2023 6:45 PM
12	Need for more/better/cheaper rental units for younger people/families	11/17/2023 11:11 PM
13	Access to family doctors	11/17/2023 4:58 PM
14	Health Care	11/16/2023 7:31 AM
15	Unwilling to change	11/15/2023 6:58 PM
16	Cost	11/15/2023 6:16 PM
17	Limited space	11/15/2023 4:54 PM
18	lack of funding provincially	11/15/2023 4:20 PM
19	Unreliable internet access	11/15/2023 12:09 PM
20	High taxes	11/15/2023 11:28 AM
21	Communication	11/15/2023 8:27 AM
22	Drug use	11/15/2023 8:04 AM

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23	Differences in priorities (especially with aging population vs younger population)	11/15/2023 6:59 AM
24	Funding for new business owners	11/15/2023 6:06 AM
25	business not taking time to train new employees longer than a couple of hours.	11/14/2023 10:43 PM
26	The housing market	11/14/2023 7:28 PM
27	Disgusting slumlords	11/14/2023 7:10 PM
28	Finding suitable industry	11/14/2023 1:17 PM
29	Towns not working as one unit	11/14/2023 12:07 PM
30	Age of workforce	11/10/2023 8:09 PM
31	any development that jeopardizes the environment, i.e. wet lands, coastal areas, wild life habitats, etc.	11/7/2023 4:30 PM
32	High speed Internet	11/7/2023 11:59 AM
33	Climate change impacts	11/5/2023 1:12 PM
34	Safe roads	11/5/2023 1:33 AM
35	Funding	11/4/2023 8:12 AM
36	The hoarding of wealth and resulting stark inequality	11/3/2023 7:54 PM
37	Employment	11/3/2023 5:39 PM
38	Lack of doctors	11/3/2023 2:43 PM
39	Housing is locally owned or maintained	11/1/2023 10:30 PM
40	high interest rates	11/1/2023 9:26 PM
41	Age	11/1/2023 8:43 PM
42	Living wage	11/1/2023 2:13 PM
43	Lack of potable drinking water	11/1/2023 1:05 PM
44	Local government	10/28/2023 2:01 PM
45	Lack of housing, including affordable housing.	10/25/2023 9:08 AM
46	Housing shortage	10/24/2023 9:17 PM
47	landowners having very differing opinions on land use.	10/24/2023 7:57 PM
48	High taxes	10/24/2023 5:45 PM
49	Low wages	10/22/2023 7:51 PM
50	Current lack of any rules to protect residential areas now	10/20/2023 5:04 AM
51	Any attempt to impose urban type land use bylaws on a rural community	10/19/2023 10:42 AM
52	housing	10/18/2023 10:18 AM
53	Too many young people who want big money, but don't want to work hard, or get their hands dirty, to earn it.	10/16/2023 3:49 PM
54	Municipal red tape	10/16/2023 11:00 AM
55	infrastructure to support immigrants	10/12/2023 8:47 AM
56	MOPC, councilors- Using the Land Use Bylaws to in force the U,N,s Globalist policies.	10/10/2023 8:37 PM
57	[redacted to preserve anonymity]	10/10/2023 5:28 PM
58	Mass immigration	10/10/2023 5:19 PM
59	Time	10/10/2023 1:02 PM

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60	strategic planning	10/10/2023 8:32 AM
61	Too much power in government hands that never bring real change when it's needed	10/10/2023 1:11 AM
62	Lack of investment from government	10/9/2023 9:02 PM
63	Taxes	10/9/2023 4:24 PM
64	employment	10/8/2023 6:57 PM
65	Far too much focus on climate change	10/8/2023 6:52 PM
66	Housing needs for existing residents	10/8/2023 2:06 PM
67	Taxes	10/8/2023 6:26 AM
68	Lack of free market capitalism	10/8/2023 2:21 AM
69	Healthcare	10/7/2023 11:17 PM
70	Lack of activities for young people	10/7/2023 10:29 PM
71	Lack of primary industry	10/7/2023 9:58 PM
72	Lack of amalgamation of the towns	10/7/2023 8:32 PM
73	Transportation	10/7/2023 7:40 PM
74	The mopc	10/7/2023 6:41 PM
75	Interest	10/7/2023 6:13 PM
76	Negative council members and public meetings	10/7/2023 3:17 PM
77	Jobs	10/7/2023 12:16 PM
78	Taxes	10/6/2023 3:57 PM
79	Population growth	10/6/2023 3:10 PM
80	Incentives abused by rich corporations	10/4/2023 11:51 PM
81	Close the pulp mill totally	10/4/2023 6:04 PM
82	Climate Change - NS Power is not prepared for the record setting year of climate events, hydro kept failing + lost over \$500 in food. No extra funds for a generator.	10/4/2023 11:58 AM
83	Employment with living wage	10/4/2023 10:41 AM
84	Need farmland to develop	10/4/2023 10:22 AM
85	Employment opportunities	10/4/2023 10:21 AM
86	Low wages	10/4/2023 7:54 AM
87	A severe lack of architectural sensitivity to our maritime heritage. We are visually a very unappealing area.	10/3/2023 4:48 PM
88	Health care!!! No more influx of newcomers who are being provided with all of the healthcare we have paid into ALL our lives and not available to us!	10/3/2023 11:40 AM
89	Over 1600 scientists say it is not real	10/3/2023 10:52 AM
90	Unimaginative thinking by those in planning dept. and government handlers.	10/3/2023 9:00 AM
91	Unwillingness to try something new.	10/3/2023 8:36 AM
92	provincial government corruption	10/3/2023 8:36 AM
93	lack of respect for the environment	10/3/2023 7:13 AM
94	Taxes	10/3/2023 12:15 AM
95	Too much focus on climate change and not enough focus on real problems like housing, healthcare and infrastructure	10/2/2023 1:16 PM

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96	Employment	10/2/2023 1:08 PM
97	Old money ideals	10/2/2023 11:54 AM
98	Lack of tradespeople to execute building plans	10/1/2023 7:55 PM
99	affordable house	10/1/2023 1:49 AM
100	Crime Reduction	9/30/2023 8:49 AM
101	The liberal government and their carbon tax	9/29/2023 1:12 PM
102	Lack of industry	9/29/2023 1:05 PM
103	Accessibility of primary healthcare	9/29/2023 12:47 PM
104	Ignorance	9/29/2023 12:33 PM
105	No province wide codes, to may levels of government with different regulations	9/29/2023 12:27 PM
106	excess purchasers from out of province buying seasonal property along coastal areas.	9/29/2023 11:23 AM
107	Emergency Services	9/29/2023 11:07 AM
108	High quality jobs	9/29/2023 11:00 AM
109	The Internet has no tos from the reseller and horrible support hours which isn't making people want to use it.	9/29/2023 10:51 AM
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1	Lack of competition	11/19/2023 5:13 PM
2	Lack of community driven Social Assistance	11/19/2023 11:17 AM
3	Nobody wants to work	11/19/2023 11:05 AM
4	More school, addictions and mental health supports	11/19/2023 10:52 AM
5	Better health care	11/19/2023 10:43 AM
6	Drug addiction	11/19/2023 9:50 AM
7	Old mentality	11/19/2023 9:35 AM
8	Taxes	11/19/2023 8:47 AM
9	Lack of property avl	11/19/2023 8:16 AM
10	No cell service	11/18/2023 6:45 PM
11	Increased public transportation options to reduce reliance on cars	11/17/2023 11:11 PM
12	Lack of affordable housing	11/17/2023 4:58 PM
13	Childcare	11/16/2023 7:31 AM
14	No foresight	11/15/2023 6:58 PM
15	Lack of transportation	11/15/2023 6:16 PM
16	No one can afford extras if new businesses opened	11/15/2023 4:54 PM
17	lack of funding locally	11/15/2023 4:20 PM
18	Unreliable power	11/15/2023 12:09 PM
19	High costs of living	11/15/2023 11:28 AM
20	Loss of heavy industry and Small industrial Business that supports it	11/15/2023 8:27 AM
21	Cost of living	11/15/2023 8:04 AM
22	Lack of involvement	11/15/2023 6:59 AM
23	Lack of transportation between new glasgow and pictou	11/15/2023 6:06 AM

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24	Peoples ability to be self sufficient	11/14/2023 7:28 PM
25	Getting the drugs scene under control	11/14/2023 7:10 PM
26	Cost of living	11/14/2023 1:17 PM
27	Too long review processes	11/14/2023 12:07 PM
28	Limited local food production	11/10/2023 8:09 PM
29	Improper resource development that pollutes or compromises the environment. Pictou Co. must anticipate a post-industrial environment	11/7/2023 4:30 PM
30	Water and sewer	11/7/2023 11:59 AM
31	Housing diversity	11/5/2023 1:12 PM
32	Local grocery stores	11/5/2023 1:33 AM
33	Jobs	11/4/2023 8:12 AM
34	The local's attitude to newcomers	11/3/2023 7:54 PM
35	Holistic growth not capitalist driven	11/1/2023 10:30 PM
36	entrepreneurial interest	11/1/2023 9:26 PM
37	A broken economy	11/1/2023 8:43 PM
38	High unemployment	11/1/2023 2:13 PM
39	Cultural hub needed	11/1/2023 1:05 PM
40	Federal government	10/28/2023 2:01 PM
41	Not enough promotion of our area on the international stage to attract (environmentally friendly) industries/manufacturing	10/25/2023 9:08 AM
42	too many hurdles/ regulations in developing a small business in rural areas	10/24/2023 7:57 PM
43	Derelict properties.	10/24/2023 5:45 PM
44	Lack of availability	10/22/2023 7:51 PM
45	A strategy not involving all municipal units in the county	10/20/2023 5:04 AM
46	Too much residential housing density in rural areas leading to water and septic problems and overuse of already poorly maintained highways	10/19/2023 10:42 AM
47	health care education/literacy	10/18/2023 10:18 AM
48	Too many " green people" who show a complete lack of common sense and technical knowledge.	10/16/2023 3:49 PM
49	Cost of building supplies	10/16/2023 11:00 AM
50	amalgamation of the towns and municipality	10/12/2023 8:47 AM
51	MOPC-councilors.	10/10/2023 8:37 PM
52	Drug addicts	10/10/2023 5:28 PM
53	Rise of crime, lack of housing for poor	10/10/2023 5:19 PM
54	Demand	10/10/2023 1:02 PM
55	Everybody is struggling financially	10/10/2023 1:11 AM
56	Poor infrastructure	10/9/2023 9:02 PM
57	Did I say government ?	10/9/2023 4:24 PM
58	transportation ability	10/8/2023 6:57 PM
59	Red tape in starting new business, ventures, etc	10/8/2023 6:52 PM

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60	No incentives for businesses to want to set up shop	10/8/2023 6:26 AM
61	High costs of everything stifling economic activity.	10/8/2023 2:21 AM
62	Services	10/7/2023 11:17 PM
63	Labour shortage	10/7/2023 9:58 PM
64	Child care	10/7/2023 7:40 PM
65	The mopc	10/7/2023 6:41 PM
66	Lack of resource such as healthcare and doctors to support the community	10/7/2023 6:13 PM
67	Lack of collaboration from council	10/7/2023 3:17 PM
68	Accountability by government	10/7/2023 12:16 PM
69	Taxes	10/6/2023 3:57 PM
70	Economic growth- business incentives	10/6/2023 3:10 PM
71	Small farms made unaffordable	10/4/2023 11:51 PM
72	Promote tourism and local music	10/4/2023 6:04 PM
73	In need of more local initiatives - keeping all ages engaged + active in the community. Alternative + exciting options offered within the county.	10/4/2023 11:58 AM
74	Transportation	10/4/2023 10:41 AM
75	Need sidewalks from Esso to Plymouth community center and across to stellarton	10/4/2023 10:22 AM
76	New business start up help	10/4/2023 10:21 AM
77	Public transportation	10/4/2023 7:54 AM
78	recent immigration numbers have overwhelmed our province including Pictou co. .Unfair to all/	10/3/2023 4:48 PM
79	Lack of true representation to the taxpayer...due to bribery of elected officials!	10/3/2023 11:40 AM
80	Stop lying to us about climate change	10/3/2023 10:52 AM
81	Restrictions on small businesses and no small business grants to help and encourage businesses or help with accessibility accomodations	10/3/2023 9:00 AM
82	Affordable and reliable phone, internet (yes, it's on its way), and other media sources to keep lines of communication open for everyone, especially those without internet.	10/3/2023 8:36 AM
83	federal government corruption	10/3/2023 8:36 AM
84	no enforcement of infractions	10/3/2023 7:13 AM
85	Road conditions	10/3/2023 12:15 AM
86	Employment opportunities for young people that pay more than minimum wage	10/2/2023 1:16 PM
87	Drug use /crime issues	10/2/2023 1:08 PM
88	Modernization of home utilities. (Wiring, structure, insulation)	10/2/2023 11:54 AM
89	Public transport	10/1/2023 7:55 PM
90	Internet Access	9/30/2023 8:49 AM
91	No one wants rules in the country	9/29/2023 1:12 PM
92	Lack of housing	9/29/2023 1:05 PM
93	Food security/insecurity	9/29/2023 12:47 PM
94	NIMBY mindset	9/29/2023 12:33 PM
95	No good how all municipalities on the north shore have different regulations on development , need to encourage businesses and development and not drive them to neighborhood in other	9/29/2023 12:27 PM

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	municipalities	
96	secondary roadways needing extensive work	9/29/2023 11:23 AM
97	There are so many businesses to buy from but many aren't creating revenue for the municipality because they are not claiming the income and joint stocks doesn't have records of the businesses	9/29/2023 10:51 AM

Q13 Is there anything else about the growth and development of Pictou County that you would like to share?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 114

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1	Be kind, think local.	11/19/2023 11:17 AM
2	No	11/19/2023 11:05 AM
3	PC is in crisis - people are going to freeze to death in PC this winter. We need a rapid solution for the encampments and more heating costs supports asap.	11/19/2023 10:52 AM
4	There is no big industry or affordable housing to entice younger generations to stay.	11/19/2023 9:50 AM
5	Include more people who choose to live here as opposed to historical ties to the communities	11/19/2023 9:35 AM
6	Accountability....I have contacted the Dept of Transportation on two occasions to speak on our road conditions and also ditching. No return calls, no follow up and no work. Transportation and infrastructure needs a complete shake up as they answer to no one apparently.	11/19/2023 8:16 AM
7	Reducing greenhouse gases, protecting the environment, etc, is important, but never more important than the health and wellbeing of the community. Someone struggling day to day cannot contribute to the solution to climate change. Change needs to start with the health and wellness of individuals, then of the community, then of more global issues.	11/18/2023 7:19 PM
8	People won't move to rural areas without cell service, they dont feel safe ,cant run a business with no cell service, can't communicate easily with no cell service	11/18/2023 6:45 PM
9	There are currently a lot of Facebook pages etc that try to get info out to residents about what is going on, but you need to look at all of them..who has time, and how to new residents ever find them ? We need ONE central spot where everyone in the county can register all events/find all events so we can support one another and get involved. It could be a web site with a couple part timers keeping it updated, paid for by allowing some local business ads and personal want ads/for sale ads by residents. Look at the Clare Shopper in Digby county as an example, but online rather than paper.	11/17/2023 11:11 PM
10	More industrial jobs!	11/17/2023 3:16 PM
11	Have politicians not just support the wealthy	11/15/2023 6:58 PM
12	We need to address transportation - provide options for active transportation and options for shared transport even from one town to the next	11/15/2023 6:16 PM
13	I think pictou County needs a complete overall...starting with employment...housing for everyone...the more people have jobs and a safe place to live the more they will be out visiting and shopping in thier community...no one I talk to doesn't want to be in any of the towns walking or going out to do things as they don't feel safe...more people staying home means less spending in the county	11/15/2023 4:54 PM
14	need for and equal/fair funding	11/15/2023 4:20 PM
15	There should be 1 Municipal Unit i.e HRM for the entire County.	11/15/2023 8:27 AM
16	There needs to be more transportation options between new glasgow and Pictou. A rural food delivery service would help drive demand at restaurants in town.	11/15/2023 6:06 AM
17	No	11/14/2023 7:28 PM
18	Get the priorities straight!	11/14/2023 7:10 PM
19	Open the pulp mill back up and get some good paying (+100k/yr) jobs in this community. Plants and industry have shut down all over PC and no good paying replacements have been enticed to come to PC	11/14/2023 1:17 PM

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20	Protect remaining arable and natural lands from expansive industrial (including wind) development and (although needed) housing developments, and stop permitting land farming of municipal and industrial sludge.	11/10/2023 8:09 PM
21	Appropriate development and planning that retains the unique character and quality of life in Pictou Co. can attract creative entrepreneurs that can help build the economy, ex. design, knowledge economies, ocean research, marine technology, etc.	11/7/2023 4:30 PM
22	Increased focus on green economy	11/5/2023 1:12 PM
23	Pictou Co is not sufficiently preparing for climate collapse (CC) and concomitant civilizational collapse - wake up municipal gov't! Any development that doesn't take into CC account is just utter folly - so e.g. no more waterfront development or at least those who do must be fully responsible for their own problems and no compensation from gov't/citizen tax \$.	11/3/2023 7:54 PM
24	No	11/3/2023 2:43 PM
25	All development should include mandatory water run off impact assessments and be responsible for any required upgrades to down stream infrastructure to support the increases.	11/2/2023 9:15 PM
26	Law enforcement and the justice systems need to be staffed to support growth. We need to be safe communities, healthy and safe.	11/1/2023 10:30 PM
27	Lack of industry	11/1/2023 2:13 PM
28	I see several organizations gathering resources to bring community groups together. A positive development	11/1/2023 1:05 PM
29	Yeah you guys are hampering the future of pictou and NS and stealing money, lol, lmao even.	10/28/2023 2:01 PM
30	Pictou County should be making better use of its reclaimed mining land. For instance, the land that backs onto Acadia Park in Westville, and is still owned by Pioneer Coal, could be used for a tiny home development which would create more density in the core of Westville and in close proximity to all the amenities a person needs.	10/25/2023 9:08 AM
31	indiscriminate housing spread throughout the county restricting industrial/ resource industry. Too much good farm land becoming unusable restricting the growth the agricultural industry.	10/24/2023 7:57 PM
32	Uniformity is needed in regulations such as development, subdivision, bylaws etc. Staff and representatives need to foster development not hinder it. They need to be reminded of their civil responsibilities.	10/24/2023 5:45 PM
33	We need the pulp mill up and running again to boost employment and the economy of this county. The proposed rebuild of that mill will make it one of the cleanest and most efficient plants of its type in North America.	10/16/2023 3:49 PM
34	No	10/16/2023 11:00 AM
35	Protect and conserve the environment first. Community well-being will follow, but without a healthy ecosystem, you cannot achieve a healthy community no matter how many resources you put into your planning.	10/14/2023 5:22 PM
36	more industry is required to draw people to the area to build a better tax base	10/12/2023 8:47 AM
37	Want Pictou County to Grow, Fire all the MOPC, councilors.	10/10/2023 8:37 PM
38	If it's not broken, don't fix it.	10/10/2023 5:28 PM
39	My concern is Pictou county following agendas for Smart cities, mass immigration, Wef, undrip, WHO	10/10/2023 5:19 PM
40	No	10/10/2023 1:02 PM
41	That our municipal leaders start working for their communities instead of the global ngos	10/9/2023 4:24 PM
42	Open northern pulp	10/8/2023 10:41 PM
43	I would like to see industry here. There has been quite a negative effect of no industry jobs	10/8/2023 2:06 PM
44	Probably all kinds but online forums cannot convey the passion some of have for the success of our towns	10/8/2023 6:26 AM

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45	Canada and Nova Scotia need to adapt to an economy that does not require constant growth for survival , we live in a ponzie scheme basically , it is not sustainable for the long term , we are doing things wrong .	10/8/2023 2:21 AM
46	MOPC needs to continue to take a free market approach to our rural lands and encourage as well as reward commercial and industrial operators regardless of their sector to develop their businesses here. MOPC needs to advocate to the Province on behalf of these commercial and industrial clients to reduce red tape.	10/7/2023 9:58 PM
47	Stop doing what you are doing and do what Truro is doing. [obscurity]	10/7/2023 6:41 PM
48	The smaller villages and communities are starting to be taxed like the towns, I have personally seen people lose their houses.	10/6/2023 3:57 PM
49	It is not the county's responsibility to provide affordable housing. The county should focus on fostering economic activity to allow business to want to set up shop here while being environmentally responsible. Reduce tax burdens and let the community put those dollars to work. Government, local or otherwise cannot be the solution to everything.	10/6/2023 3:10 PM
50	There are thankfully a good number of supports for newcomers, business owners and young families but they all need to talk to one another and work together to share resources	10/4/2023 10:41 AM
51	Need to come up with a plan along side of the towns to share development of areas. Instead of fighting over development, one area should get a business district, one industrial and one shopping. Need more mixed use buildings like the dunkeld	10/4/2023 10:22 AM
52	I would love to see more diverse food options, more educational options and more housing options .	10/4/2023 10:21 AM
53	The municipality should manage the roads, garbage collection and municipal buildings. Trying to force community is a very hard thing to do. Making transportation more affordable and public would do wonders to grow our rural communities.	10/3/2023 4:48 PM
54	No 15-minute cities! NO input by foreign decision-makers - 1. WEF 2. WHO 3. UN ...or anyone else who participated in the mass negligence COVID homicidal protocols: 1. Banning medication that HAD ALREADY BEEN PROVEN to cure 2. Lockdowns, and ALL of those consequences 3. "New" Respiratory conditions resulting from sustained mask wearing, proven to be unhealthy 4. Refusal to comply with the FIRST statement in the Nuremburg CODE! 5. Respecting our Charter Of Rights and Freedoms drawn up here in Canada.	10/3/2023 11:40 AM
55	Low taxes create prosperity. We need less government not more. Respect your elders. Honour tradition.	10/3/2023 10:52 AM
56	Consider the families and atmosphere of the place when implementing infrastructure. Don't throw up buildings to house a large group of people all in one area for people do need space and the community with work much better with forethought and mixed development - small tiny homes with larger homes and small 6 story apartments. Spread it out but make sure that their is walkable access to transit and mom & pop shops. Pictou is a beautiful place already, just needs a little kind helping hand here and there.	10/3/2023 9:00 AM
57	Change is necessary for growth so are there ways to change without loosing our cultural identity? Also, we have many new residents and visitors from outside of Pictou County who came here for the change of pace, yet they have no respect for this. Many have no regard for safety on our roads which encourages others to drive recklessly. Not good!	10/3/2023 8:36 AM
58	It is patronizing of the local government to propose that they give a damn about growth and development of Pictou county after locking us into our homes, and forcing people to share private medical information to live their lives. One thing that would actually make a difference would be to apologize for this obvious denial of people's basic human rights.	10/3/2023 8:36 AM
59	Leave people alone and allow the free market economy to fill the needs of the people, as the opportunities present themselves, with proper concideration of environmental concerns. (I do not mean unscientific claims of CO2 caused climate change)	10/3/2023 8:14 AM
60	Leave it the way it is, no need for change	10/2/2023 10:48 PM
61	It was a better place to live in the 1970's and 1980's.... What when wrong? It's a drug infested mess with a sense of entitlement...	10/2/2023 1:08 PM
62	I think it's a slow grow here. I see so many businesses open up and have little support	9/29/2023 1:12 PM

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because of location, prices of rent and the items they are trying to sell. Like I find while I do love PC, a lot of people are closed minded and don't want change and like to complain. Set in there ways, they like what they like. It would be SO nice to see more diversity, and families opening businesses and stay open for years and years

63	Rural NS is not, and has not been for years(if not decades), a priority of our provincial and federal governments. This seems unlikely to change making any growth/development that much harder to pursue.	9/29/2023 12:33 PM
64	Need to give tax breaks to farmers	9/29/2023 12:27 PM
65	County Fire Depts need to be amalgamated.	9/29/2023 11:07 AM

Q14 What is your age?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 46

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
15 to 24	0.75%	1
25 to 44	31.58%	42
45 to 64	48.87%	65
65 to 84	12.03%	16
85 +	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	6.77%	9
TOTAL	133	

Q15 What is your gender?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 46

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Man	39.85%	53
Woman	46.62%	62
Non-binary	0.00%	0
Two-spirited	0.00%	0
Prefer not to say	10.53%	14
Not listed (please specify)	3.01%	4
TOTAL		133

#	NOT LISTED (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No obes business	10/10/2023 5:25 PM
2	There are only 2 genders I am a MAN	10/9/2023 4:29 PM
3	Female "free woman on land"	10/3/2023 10:55 AM
4	There are only 2 genders... stop the nonsense	10/2/2023 1:12 PM

Q16 What is your annual household income (before tax)?

Answered: 132 Skipped: 47

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under \$10,000	0.76%	1
Between \$10,000 and \$19,999	1.52%	2
Between \$20,000 and \$29,999	6.82%	9
Between \$30,000 and \$39,999	7.58%	10
Between \$40,000 and \$49,999	5.30%	7
Between \$50,000 and \$59,999	7.58%	10
Between \$60,000 and \$69,999	6.06%	8
Between \$70,000 and \$79,999	6.06%	8
Between \$80,000 and \$89,999	4.55%	6
Between \$90,000 and \$99,999	5.30%	7
Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	17.42%	23
More than \$149,999	9.85%	13
Prefer not to say	21.21%	28
TOTAL		132

Q17 Do you identify as a member of any of the following equity-deserving groups? Select all that apply.

Answered: 65 Skipped: 114

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2SLGBTQIA+	12.31%	8
Black or African Nova Scotian	1.54%	1
Indigenous	1.54%	1
Racially visible (non-white)	0.00%	0
Person with a disability	15.38%	10
Prefer not to say	46.15%	30
Not listed (please specify)	32.31%	21
Total Respondents: 65		

#	NOT LISTED (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	White	11/19/2023 5:14 PM
2	Scottish	11/19/2023 11:18 AM
3	White	11/19/2023 9:21 AM
4	None Of the above	11/19/2023 8:19 AM
5	White Anglo saxon	11/15/2023 6:59 PM
6	Canadian	11/15/2023 8:28 AM
7	Old	11/5/2023 1:36 AM
8	White/Metis	10/28/2023 2:07 PM
9	white male	10/24/2023 7:57 PM
10	White Male	10/10/2023 8:38 PM
11	M	10/10/2023 5:25 PM
12	White	10/10/2023 4:39 PM
13	Why does it matter	10/7/2023 6:43 PM
14	Why does this matter?	10/6/2023 3:11 PM
15	Stupid question	10/4/2023 11:55 PM
16	Freedom loving Canadian	10/3/2023 4:50 PM
17	Human being with human rights	10/3/2023 10:55 AM
18	Free thinking individual	10/3/2023 8:21 AM
19	Non sensical question, irrelevant and ultimately divisive	10/2/2023 1:12 PM
20	White male	9/29/2023 12:29 PM
21	Senior	9/29/2023 11:02 AM

Q18 In what community do you live?

Answered: 131 Skipped: 48

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
District 1 French RiverTelfordBarneys River StationSutherlands RiverBroadwayPiedmontMarshy HopeKenzievilleUpper Barneys RiverRossfieldIndian LakeKnoydartBig IslandMarshArdnessLismoreAvondaleBaileys BrookMeiklefieldWoodfieldLagganPondsLower Barneys RiverEgertonMerigomish	6.11%	8
District 2Melmerby BeachBlack PointWoodburnKings HeadLittle HarbourFisher's Grant 24Fisher's Grant 24GChance HarbourBoat Harbour West 37Pictou Landing	11.45%	15
District 3Pictou IslandCaribouBraeshoreHaliburtonBay ViewCentral CaribouSundridgeScotch HillThree BrooksCaribou IslandWatersideCaribou River	8.40%	11
District 4SeafoamBlack RiverRiver JohnMelvilleCape JohnDiamondMountain RoadWelsfordEast BranchCollege GrantWest BranchLouisvilleToney RiverDalhousieLoganvilleHedgevilleHodsonBigneyMarshville	12.98%	17
District 5Lyons BrookPlainfieldHardwood HillScotsburnPoplar HillMeadowvilleHeathbellCampbell HillMillsvilleElmfield	9.92%	13
District 6SylvesterLoch BroomSix Mile BrookGreenhillRogers HillBrooklandFour Mile BrookCentral West RiverDurhamRockfield	9.16%	12
District 7 Pleasant ValleySalt SpringsNew LairgHamilton RoadWhite HillHazel GlenUnion CentreLimerockLovatConcordMount ThomLansdowne StationMillbrookNew GairlochRocklinWatervaleWest River StationAlma (South of Highway 104)	6.87%	9
District 8AbercrombieAlma (North of Highway 104)Westville RoadGrantonMount William	8.40%	11
District 9 Pine TreeHillsideAnderson MountainFrasers MountainLinacyPriestville	1.53%	2
District 10ThorburnMcLellans MountainMcPhersons MillsKirkmountCoalburnGreenwoodMcLellans Brook	6.11%	8
District 11St. PaulsKerrowgareWillowdaleEast River St. Marys West SidePlymouthEast River St. MarysBlack BrookWebsters CornerBlanchard RoadGlencoeSunny BraeBridgevilleGarden of EdenEden LakeBrookvilleChurchvilleMoose RiverMountvilleBlue MountainSpringvilleRocky Mountain	9.16%	12
District 12CentredaleLorneMillstreamElginHopewellMarshdaleGlengarry StationRivertonEurekaFox BrookTrafalgar	8.40%	11
Other (please specify)	1.53%	2
TOTAL		131

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Xx	10/10/2023 5:25 PM
2	Downtown Pictou	10/4/2023 11:16 AM

Q19 What kind of resident are you?

Answered: 131 Skipped: 48

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full-time homeowner (living in Pictou County more than 6 months per year)	93.89%	123
Seasonal homeowner (I live in Pictou County less than 6 months per year)	3.82%	5
Full-time renter (living in Pictou County more than 6 months per year)	2.29%	3
Seasonal renter (I live in Pictou County less than 6 months per year)	0.00%	0
I am not a resident	0.00%	0
TOTAL		131

Q20 How long have you lived in Pictou County?

Answered: 132 Skipped: 47

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2 years or less	13.64%	18
3-5 years	8.33%	11
6-10 years	6.82%	9
11-19 years	6.82%	9
20+ years	63.64%	84
I don't live in Pictou County	0.76%	1
TOTAL		132

Q21 How many people are in your household, including you?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 54

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	2	11/20/2023 5:18 AM
2	6	11/19/2023 5:14 PM
3	2	11/19/2023 12:55 PM
4	4	11/19/2023 11:18 AM
5	4	11/19/2023 10:53 AM
6	4	11/19/2023 9:51 AM
7	4	11/19/2023 9:36 AM
8	2	11/19/2023 9:21 AM
9	2	11/19/2023 9:00 AM
10	2	11/19/2023 8:48 AM
11	4	11/19/2023 8:19 AM
12	2	11/17/2023 5:01 PM
13	3	11/17/2023 3:18 PM
14	4	11/17/2023 1:44 PM
15	2	11/16/2023 7:32 AM
16	2	11/15/2023 6:59 PM
17	2	11/15/2023 6:18 PM
18	2	11/15/2023 4:55 PM
19	2	11/15/2023 4:21 PM
20	2	11/15/2023 3:55 PM
21	2	11/15/2023 12:11 PM
22	2	11/15/2023 11:32 AM
23	2	11/15/2023 8:28 AM
24	5	11/15/2023 8:05 AM
25	2	11/15/2023 7:00 AM
26	1	11/15/2023 6:14 AM
27	4	11/15/2023 6:07 AM
28	2	11/14/2023 10:44 PM
29	1	11/14/2023 7:29 PM
30	1	11/14/2023 7:11 PM
31	2	11/14/2023 1:18 PM
32	3	11/14/2023 1:12 PM
33	1	11/14/2023 12:33 PM

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34	2	11/14/2023 12:08 PM
35	1	11/10/2023 8:11 PM
36	2	11/7/2023 12:01 PM
37	2	11/5/2023 1:13 PM
38	2	11/5/2023 1:36 AM
39	2	11/4/2023 8:13 AM
40	2	11/3/2023 7:56 PM
41	2	11/3/2023 5:41 PM
42	4	11/2/2023 9:16 PM
43	4	11/2/2023 7:40 AM
44	4	11/2/2023 6:46 AM
45	2	11/1/2023 10:32 PM
46	2	11/1/2023 8:43 PM
47	2	11/1/2023 5:06 PM
48	2	11/1/2023 2:19 PM
49	2	11/1/2023 12:38 PM
50	4	10/28/2023 2:07 PM
51	2	10/25/2023 9:11 AM
52	2	10/24/2023 9:19 PM
53	3	10/24/2023 7:57 PM
54	4	10/24/2023 5:46 PM
55	4	10/24/2023 12:29 AM
56	2	10/23/2023 3:45 PM
57	7	10/22/2023 7:52 PM
58	3	10/20/2023 5:05 AM
59	3	10/19/2023 10:42 AM
60	2	10/16/2023 3:52 PM
61	1	10/16/2023 11:47 AM
62	4	10/16/2023 11:02 AM
63	2	10/15/2023 12:06 PM
64	1	10/12/2023 8:48 AM
65	1	10/10/2023 5:31 PM
66	0	10/10/2023 5:25 PM
67	2	10/10/2023 4:39 PM
68	2	10/10/2023 1:03 PM
69	1	10/10/2023 11:42 AM
70	1	10/10/2023 8:35 AM
71	4	10/10/2023 1:12 AM

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72	4	10/9/2023 9:07 PM
73	4	10/9/2023 9:03 PM
74	3	10/9/2023 8:15 PM
75	3	10/9/2023 4:29 PM
76	5	10/8/2023 10:42 PM
77	2	10/8/2023 7:00 PM
78	5	10/8/2023 6:55 PM
79	2	10/8/2023 2:07 PM
80	4	10/8/2023 2:23 AM
81	4	10/7/2023 11:20 PM
82	4	10/7/2023 10:30 PM
83	3	10/7/2023 9:59 PM
84	6	10/7/2023 8:35 PM
85	3	10/7/2023 8:34 PM
86	2	10/7/2023 7:41 PM
87	2	10/7/2023 7:28 PM
88	5	10/7/2023 6:43 PM
89	5	10/7/2023 6:14 PM
90	6	10/7/2023 6:01 PM
91	1	10/7/2023 3:18 PM
92	1	10/6/2023 3:59 PM
93	2	10/6/2023 3:11 PM
94	2	10/4/2023 6:06 PM
95	2	10/4/2023 12:00 PM
96	2	10/4/2023 11:16 AM
97	1	10/4/2023 10:42 AM
98	4	10/4/2023 10:23 AM
99	3	10/4/2023 7:55 AM
100	2	10/3/2023 4:50 PM
101	2	10/3/2023 10:55 AM
102	4	10/3/2023 9:04 AM
103	2	10/3/2023 8:39 AM
104	3	10/3/2023 8:38 AM
105	2	10/3/2023 8:21 AM
106	2	10/3/2023 7:14 AM
107	2	10/3/2023 5:32 AM
108	3	10/3/2023 12:16 AM
109	6	10/2/2023 10:49 PM

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110	3	10/2/2023 8:49 PM
111	2	10/2/2023 1:16 PM
112	2	10/2/2023 1:12 PM
113	3	10/2/2023 11:55 AM
114	4	10/1/2023 1:51 AM
115	2	9/30/2023 8:50 AM
116	3	9/29/2023 1:13 PM
117	3	9/29/2023 1:06 PM
118	2	9/29/2023 12:48 PM
119	2	9/29/2023 12:35 PM
120	1	9/29/2023 12:29 PM
121	2	9/29/2023 11:26 AM
122	4	9/29/2023 11:14 AM
123	4	9/29/2023 11:08 AM
124	2	9/29/2023 11:02 AM
125	6	9/29/2023 10:53 AM