

Comments on the 2022–2026 Budget Consultation

Survey respondents could provide additional comments about the 2022–2026 Budget. Comments are presented verbatim, including typos and grammatical errors. Specific addresses/names have been removed to protect the privacy of individuals.

There are a total of 174 budget comments

Respondents shared their ideas on **development in the community** with varying perspectives on the following:

- Role of developers in contributing amenities and infrastructure to support population growth
- What collaboration and a proactive approach looks like between Council and developers
- Impacts on the City from increased growth
- Potential opportunities from development including economic growth, walkability, and transit oriented growth

Respondents shared their ideas on **how to make the City more livable**:

- Putting a focus on parks, environment, and other outdoor assets
- Improving walkability including adding sidewalks in residential areas such as College Park
- Increasing services for families and recreation amenities such as pickleball courts
- Expanding library services and locations
- Long range planning for critical infrastructure

Some respondents provided their perspective on how to **reduce City costs**:

- Increasing bylaw enforcement
- Introducing pay parking in high demand areas
- Generating revenue/contributions from development
- Focussing on core services and eliminating special interest projects or work that is outside municipal jurisdiction
- Providing needs-based subsidies rather than a flat subsidy
- Reducing the police budget and performing a value audit on City services
- Developing more public private partnerships

This year, respondents spoke more about the need to take action on **climate change** and the **environment in general**, including the following:

- Action to address climate change and extreme weather events such as heat waves and torrential floods
- Climate change mitigation for vulnerable infrastructure
- Expanding active transportation infrastructure including protected bike lanes
- Protecting green space and the environment
- Introducing water metering
- Reducing bear attractants

There are 145 general budget or service related comments

1.	I would like Council to explore ways to add revenue, such as pay parking in some areas (like Rocky Point Park). Focus spending on core services and projects that advance climate action plan goals and environmental protection; spend less money on pet projects. Please make sure decisions that have a budget impact are based on what's best for the community as a whole, not just a particular neighbourhood or a particular group of people who complain the loudest.
2.	Reduce police funding. It should not be the most expensive city program.
3.	Council should SERIOUSLY consider looking at what they have first and see what they have, how things are spent and where they can make savings across the board, in every department and service before increasing taxes higher than the rate of inflation. Year after year increases have been asked for beyond the rate of inflation and yet the provision of service and cost savings within departments is not necessarily considered nearly as much as we should. All of us when we have less money have to make savings and Council and particularly City staff are NOT looking within first before asking for more money. It is nice to have certain things BUT not at ongoing continuing increases when others, i.e. tax payers are footing the bill!!
4.	Make Environmental Protection a top priority within the budget. Over developing puts the beautiful environment that makes Port Moody what it is, at risk, this needs to be protected.
5.	DO SOMETHING INSTEAD OF BITCHING AND INFIGHTING
6.	Please respect the wishes of locals when they respond to surveys of how are are tax dollars are spent
7.	<p>Taxes/ utilities are out of control. This year alone 15% increase in utility bill. It's criminal.</p> <p>The current council is a joke and an embarrassment. Cannot believe that we keep paying those clowns \$50k per year.</p> <p>I would like to know where is the additional money from all the developments going to. I mean, the tax base is surely growing, our services are not getting better yet we pay more... I guess 3+ pages of employees earning \$75k + is not cheap.</p> <p>But great job for billing us on time. There used to be an incentive/ small discount to pay the utility bill early. Now, it's considered on time with no discount but rather a penalty. Yep, I'm salty because</p>
8.	While council continues to hike property tax rates above CPI, there has been a noticable decrease in service quality. I strongly encourage Council to consider whether we want to continue to hike property taxes to fund our police force rather than detasking armed intervention in our community.

9.	Prioritize services that focus on harm reduction rather than policing & enforcement
10.	Question 17 should have another option - bring in more revenue to maintain or lower tax increase. We need to make bylaw enforce parking bylaws not just complaint driven. Bylaw should be chalking tires or other methods and issue tickets to bring in revenue. Prior to COVID so much commuter traffic parking on Hugh St and Electronic Ave for free. And so much trade parking happening associated with Aragon, united church and marcon that could generate revenue. We are becoming an affluent city and think subsidies should be lowered to bring in more revenue. Also pay parking at Rocky Point.
11.	This council needs to get it's act together! It needs to understand what the residents really need/want and not so much about themselves and own beliefs and WANTS! #1, I hope they find ways to turn this around for the betterment of its residents rather than themselves. #2, Can't wait for our next municipal election.
12.	Don't ask for public input when you aren't prepared to listen. This is the type of behavior that creates public disdain. Money wasted by use of city staff. Do your job!
13.	I don't feel this survey provides much engagement from the public on establishing a budget for the City. Education about municipal responsibilities and how to meaningfully participate should be a priority.
14.	Your garbage and recycling is a joke. You only pickup garbage every two weeks yet fine people for bears getting into them. Do you think bears can't smell rotting garbage in peoples garages etc for two weeks in the summer? You want to know why there are so many bears here? YOU ATTRACT THEM
15.	Stop being so distracted with petty politics and micro-managing developments. A 6% tax increases shows this Council is not focused on core service delivery and financial sustainability.
16.	Need more off leash bylaw enforcement
17.	Reduce administrative costs at City Hall.
18.	I would suggest to explain the city employees more often that the City is taxpayers and not them.
19.	Fix St Johns traffic problems new hov for eastbound traffic
20.	Get rid of any segregation related to vaccine mandates that are tearing the fabric of our society apart and limiting participation by many individuals from the services the city claims to offer to everyone!

21.	Would be great to have Indoor pool in the city and please do something with the inlet gravel field. Long overdue for upgrade.
22.	<p>Re: Question 17, trim some programs to make the tax increase smaller, not necessarily the same tax rate as last year.</p> <p>Seek additional revenue, e.g. parking fees and bylaw enforcement</p>
23.	It's important not to budget for things like recreation, libraries etc based on Covid usage levels - make sure you look at how popular these were pre-pandemic
24.	Keep our taxes at the cost of inflation
25.	<p>I think the proposals to charge for parking to cover increased costs is a good one. too many people from outside of Pt Moody increased usage and raised costs. Could there be a way to have a two tiered system of parking for residents vs non residents or is that impossibly complex.</p>
26.	<p>loco Road is a wreck and won't improve for next decade or two with all of the housing projects along this road that tear up the road to connect to services. Either reconsider the David extension to divert some of the traffic or demand development projects along loco contribute to cost of future repairs.</p> <p>Would like to see a bike lane put in along loco or beside the loco rail corridor. PoMo to Belcarra is a popular cycling destination and if dedicated bike lanes were added along this route, I could see it becoming a huge draw for the city. It would then increase tax revenues through additional PoMo businesses. Currently, the bike traffic on loco in warmer months is a huge hazard and I'm concerned that someone will be seriously injured or die.</p> <p>Would like to see covered outdoor pickleball courts with spectator stands in PoMo that aren't in residential neighbourhoods. Perhaps behind the current PoMo works yard by the tennis courts so there would be skytrain access nearby. Tournaments could be held and city could become a PB destination for the region, increasing city income.</p>
27.	<p>There have been major increases to single properties owners this year. First utilities are \$200 more giving townhouses a break and putting all costs on home owners. Most of the home owners have less garbage .</p> <p>Also I look at Coquitlam and other cities close to us and Port Moody 's taxes are always the highest. We are not getting better service. Too many managers at city hall and not enough workers. There must be some ways to can look at consolidating services with our next door cities.</p>
28.	Start streamling the development process. Stop the NIMBYISM mentality and allow good growth to offset annual tax increases . I'm a resident of over 50 years, develop this city to its potential, not everyone wants to keeps Port Moody stuck in the 80's.

29.	Increase funding for families. Schools, parks, daycares, etc.
30.	Police and Fire services need to be more accountable. The theft of time and increased labour rates need to be more realistic for the demands on this service providers especially when compared to other cities.
31.	Stop influx of residential development, it is overpopulating our marginal infrastructure.
32.	Defund the police. Tax the wealthy. Govern for social justice. Govern so that people and land matter. It is not impossible. It is simply a matter of compassion. Do you care that some are oppressed, or do you not?
33.	Council needs to give serious thought to moving forward collaboratively with developers in order to supplement the tax base. Growing our commercial and industrial base should be a priority because with the lack of population growth and the lack of development generally, affordability for current residents will be a huge problem.
34.	Work together and do what's right for Port Moody. Big changes are coming in October
35.	Cut city council pay, they're garbage at making change/progress happen. Hit mega homes with a massive tax increase cuz they can afford it. Create warehouse space near the train tracks to attract green industry. Close up tax loopholes so industry pays their fair share. And get serious about density. You let homeowners knock down a house and build two homes, but the same lot could house 6 townhomes. Really suspect leadership at the civic level.
36.	Please start to look at development so that you would not have to keep asking Port Moody Residents to cough up more money. We were just voted by a census that we have not grown our population since 2016. We have two sky train stations...Coquitlam has two do the math. Current Council ran on the platform of slowing the Pace of development but now wants to infringe a almost 6% hike in Property Taxes. Not fair to the residents of Port Moody. We actually thought with two Skytrains and West Coast Express we would have grown far faster than we have and enticed business to come our way and start paying taxes. This has not yet happened. Hopefully soon. In the meantime I guess we will have to pay the 6% tax hike.
37.	Focus on transportation infrastructure (and please avoid falling prey to NIMBYism). Thermal, Moray, Clark - these are all arterial streets that help move people through the city. If we're going to have population growth, these roadways are KEY.
38.	Some of these questions are quite misleading, I find the survey poorly designed and questions are leading you to a very specific answer. It's assumed that if you

<p>don't support the increase you support a decrease in service. However, there is one piece I was not able to get an answer from the budget. It states ~6% increase is necessary to property taxes. However, it acknowledges these are based on BC Assessment values which are up a horrid 22%? You say you need a 6% increase to maintain last year's services yet you are already getting a 22% increase due to the rise of property values. This doesn't make sense to me, please explain this to the public.</p>
<p>39. The last couple of years have been very tough on people and their mental health. Any increase on taxation should take that to effect</p>
<p>40. Subsidies should be on scale, lower income = higher subsidy. Take it away from those who can afford it.</p>
<p>41. Please do not increase property tax on individual properties as many are owned by seniors who cannot afford a huge increase</p>
<p>42. People cannot afford more taxes, especially right now. It is time for the city to approve new developments at the Inlet Skytrain to get the money that it so desperately needs t by broadening the tax base - while interest rates are still somewhat low and developers want to invest in our City. If you aren't growing, you are dying. And the city and current tax payers will get poorer - tax increases are NOT the answer!!!!!!!!!!</p>
<p>43. I was very disappointed to see such a large increase in property taxes this year. Seeing that there are over \$400,000 in new positions is unnecessary. What I find troubling is that I don't see a plan to reduce taxes in the future or decrease the operating budget in the future.</p>
<p>44. How with all the new development taking over forest and other areas that our city needs to raise taxes to balance? The amount of new developments should be more than enough to make our city services better without raising taxes. The city should be ashamed to even suggest this. Preserve the forests and parks and not give in to developers filling the pockets of council members and themselves and then raise taxes in a city that is being overrun with condos and becoming unaffordable. Shame on Port Moody</p>
<p>45. Consider strengthening the city with better services instead of luring my tax dollars right into the pocket of a cop. Crime exists due to lack of services, and increasing policing is not the answer to the question of how to improve our city. I rated the city as a poor value because the portion of my tax that goes into policing is inappropriate.</p>
<p>46. Please stop overdeveloping the area. The quality of life here has been dramatically decreasing due to the surge in population, traffic, construction of high-rises ruining our natural habitat and views. Depressing.</p>

47.	Increase costs for major developers, require major developments to include more local resources for public use (e.g. community centres, trails, parks, bike infrastructure, etc.).
48.	I just can't take another tax increase. Please think about seniors on fixed incomes. My city utilities bill just went up over \$225 because I live alone in my own home. prices are through the roof for food, gas, and city utilities. I'm begging you to reconsider raising taxes at all this year since you've raised them every year for the last decade or so. We just have to all tighten our belts. You can't just raise taxes indefinitely because you want to provide more services. We need to retrench at least for the next few years until we all get back on a sounder financial footing. Please think of people who can't afford these constant increases - we aren't all wealthy living here in Port Moody.
49.	This survey is ridiculous. Are you seriously asking if police, fire, water are important or not ? Why is my only option to increase taxes.. how about DO A VALUE AUDIT on services to see what can be performed more efficiently. i have answered NOT SURE to every question that should never be asked in this format. Do i think we need a fire department ? of course i do .. do i think we need 5 brand new trucks ? no, i dont. There is no opportunity in this survey for any search for efficiencies or optimizations, just tax and spend.
50.	Focus on the environment i.e. decrease "development" and any project that increases the population. Maintain the heritage look of Port Moody; maintain Port Moody's integrity and uniqueness. ENFORCE and STRENGTHEN GARBAGE BYLAWS! Too many animals are killed due to irresponsible people.
51.	I am happy to pay for what I use. People should learn that nothing is free. Free only means that people who are not using the service are paying for it.
52.	Waste in the shoreline park, since covid has happened, has increased tremendously. Would like to suggest more garbage bins and signs telling people to pick up after their dogs. Perhaps more free dog bags to encourage people to pick up after their pets.
53.	Answers to question 7 are incomplete. There is no option for using the same resources more efficiently. Developers, like elsewhere in the world should be made to for pay for public infrastructure impacted by their new buildings not the taxpayer.
54.	Would love an indoor pool
55.	Please hold developers accountable for all their promises when considering growth plans.
56.	Now is the time to invest in areas that will widen and strengthen the tax base later - more housing and commercial units, better quality of living (public space, walkability/mobility, reliable and scalable infrastructure, child care, etc.)

57.	Our population isn't growing and to the external eye, our police department is overfunded (brand new vehicles, everything is very shiny), so I don't understand how council can justify spending so much more money on police services now. If policing services are really increasing at such a large rate, then it is time to look at RCMP.
58.	Our property taxes are higher than Coquitlam's so best to not raise them anymore. If you do you will see where more people are moving and it won't be here. You are allowing so much building development that I imagine you think all the tiny units will be filled. Well that may not be the case!!!! Instead of building so many condos and townhouses it would be much wiser to get some businesses moving into this city.
59.	City run programs should have tiered user fees - the "normal rate" should be higher and cover program cost but lower rates should be available for families and individuals of lower income.
60.	Regarding user fees, I feel adult, nonessential programs that are more for social entertainment than fitness, such as curling, badminton, dance etc should not be as heavily subsidized as they currently are. If there are seniors or adults that have hardship, possibly they could apply for assistance but otherwise I feel those programs should not be heavily subsidized and subsidies should be reserved for child, youth and family programs and adult basic fitness
61.	Green space is under tremendous pressure so it is essential that it be maintained so it does not get "run down".
62.	Please consider the negative impact that declining population has on our tax base and how new market-rate housing can help reverse that trend and support the high level of city services we enjoy today
63.	<p>While not intending to penalize low income residents who may own large homes, there's got to be a better way of recovering additional tax from the value of the larger (and more expensive) properties in the city. Just look at the multi million dollar homes on loco Road bring built.</p> <p>It is a matter of fair and equitable treatment that those who have greater wealth should help support those who (in this crazy property market) can least afford to live here. That applies to services too: lower income families should have things like access to recreational and sporting facilities that they can afford...and that may mean a really big subsidy.</p>
64.	I put decrease police services because every time I see Port Moody police cars at my apartment, grocery store, or pulling someone over there are so many cars. Do the police have nothing more to do than show up as entire squads to everything? The city needs to get on with the development issue, need more tax payers to fund everything the city and people want.

65.	A sea wall walkway from Rocky point to Old Mill, Subsidised by 'for profit' interests who could acquire marina rights on the West side and businesses along the East side of the walk.. The large lagoon created could be filled for public or private use and the wall would preclude rising water problems from a warming climate.
66.	your survey is "jaded" to suggest that the ONLY options are to reduce the services being provided to reduce costs .. A sizeable cost in your budget is labor costs .. Have you "ever" measured productivity and requested a productivity improvement from your work force...
67.	Pay attention to developers and stop causing road blocks to increasing density.
68.	<p>Would like to see private/ public partnership to ease financial burden to the city - new senior's centre, library? Successful model historically in other municipalities and is worth exploring.</p> <p>Taxation increases can only drive the city so far/ too many needs and wants for this to be sustainable.</p>
69.	It's always easier to spend someone else's money. That's why elected officials and civil servants find it easy to spend hundreds of thousands of public money without batting an eye. Please treat public money as your own, and fiscal responsibility will follow.
70.	Question #17 - Increase the development in our city. Allow for a larger population to draw taxes from. The no growth plan is wrong and shows the city is expecting the burden to be passed on to current homeowners. Clearly this is the only option by the select options given.
71.	Tax increase for 2022 is ATROCIOUS!!!
72.	I like reducing emphasis on art in public spaces now that much has been done, and increasing the use of the auditorium for musical events.
73.	No
74.	How is increased population and additional tax base impacting the budget? Surely the increase in revenue outweighs the increase in expenses. Please improve communication on this.
75.	There are various revenue-neutral initiatives that the city could undertake to encourage livability and to address environmental concerns -- for example have part of property taxes depend on % of impermeable surface on a lot. Or give a tax break for greenery, trees, gardens. Have water use be metered and charged accordingly (after all electricity is a finite renewable resource like water, and we pay for electricity by the amount we use).

76.	Generally, the city does a good job offering and providing services. Unfortunately the cost of offering the same services may go up, but I don't think it is beneficial to the community to cut services. Focus should be on increasing tax base in a balanced way that allows the funding of community development. Community development being the main objective.
77.	The capital plans noted are maintenance or rehab. There are no additional projects spelled out for residents in Port Moody that make any of us excited given the 6% property tax increase. The city has also brought in numerous new residents through different condos and townhomes, along with other new homes built. Why does that increase of incoming tax due to new residences not sufficiently meet the budget recommendations? It's not a positive nor has it clear why such a large increase is needed when there are other avenues of property tax revenue already generated from more residents.
78.	City needs to look more aggressively at new &/or additional sources of revenue or raising fees on discretionary, non essential services (on items where citizens can determine if they wish to avail themselves of the program or service). While I do not know how much money pay parking would raise, given the level of planned tax increase, I am shocked that pay parking is not a given (Rec Centre, Rocky Point, Westhill, commercial areas). I was further shocked when I read a local newspaper article indicating some city councillors felt taxpayers would not support. Taxpayers seemed to be viewed as some unlimited source of \$\$\$.
79.	It would be smart to slow down development.
80.	Council has indicated alternate modes of travel is a priority - the budget allocates \$50,000 to Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Program versus \$2,600,000 to total capital projects. This compares to other line items such as: \$25,000 to a Tire Changer (FL22045) \$36,000 to a Truck Wash (OP20004) and \$35,000 to a Fleet Utilization Assessment (OA20003). Yes, the boardwalk is being replaced, as is Noon's creek bridge - and those costs should have been amortized over the last 20 years as those assets aged - just as road maintenance and resurfacing are treated as an operating cost.
81.	<p>The school yards, small local parks & boulevards of residential streets were not maintained well. Overgrown grass & not mowed enough, unkept. It was an eyesore & embarrassing for residents of Port Moody.</p> <p>There wasn't much snow this year. The city crews didn't seem to do much in the way of sidewalk clearing.</p> <p>If you allow more development it will bring in more tax dollars, however, a change in high restrictions in the Tod area is too high. Go back to max 26 storeys.</p>
82.	Money is always tight. Do the best you can with what you've got and don't make things too painful for property owners! It's bad enough that values have skyrocketed so high that most people can't even afford to own a home! Life in the 21st century is not easy, especially for young people and senior citizens.

83.	At this point, as Port Moody rapidly grows, the maintenance and repair of critical infrastructure should be the priority.
84.	The library would be able to provide better service if it was shared with other municipalities
85.	increase density to have a larger tax base
86.	Increase our tax base by moving forward with transit-oriented developments in Inlet Centre and Moody Centre
87.	Focus on basic services- for example- support the library, fund adequate maintenance of our green spaces, fix the potholes, and keep multiuser playgrounds accessible to all. Covid has shown us that the basics are what matter in a community. Consider pay parking meters for use of any public parking over 1.5 hours (to try and deal with traffic and parking congestion). Resources appear to be wasted in Port Moody on repeat planning and circular discussion with very little decision making. Port Moody is often “in the news” due to a poor functioning council- surely the collective goal should be to act in the best interest of the community. The community is done with the squabbling.
88.	Reconsider the need of replacing the fire vehicles; do they really need replacement? Provide more options for neighborhood recycling of glass to reduce that cost for collection. (Not needed).
89.	Why is paid parking again not on the table? The sheer volume of visitors to Rocky Point, and the need to increase public transit ridership makes this a perfect pairing. The council needs to do large scale development that can find resources. Andres Wines, Flavelle, Coronation park are all amazing opportunities you’re all letting slip by from sheer ineptitude, inexperience and unprofessionalism. Be smarter, find revenue, work as a team, stop being useless.
90.	We experienced lower taxes during the pandemic, it is now time to pay it back
91.	no
92.	An evaluation of City Staff and their roles to ensure there is efficiency in administration of city services. Also capital projects need to be analyzed and prioritized in order of necessity. There should be no more money spent on band aiding infrastructures/programs.
93.	Realizing that taxation is the largest source of revenue, it remains concerning to many that high-rises still continue to be built. This also increases use across the board, of course.
94.	Get rid of inefficiencies and become more productive with the same amount of resources.

95.	fine with more tax, leave the city the size it is; already feels big enough, we don't need more growth. the traffic jams on murray and by rocky point park are ridiculous
96.	A lot of traffic in Port Moody....Road infrastructure not done well.
97.	The City of Port Moody is developing an reputation as anti-development and reactive rather than proactive as far as density development in comparison to neighboring municipalities. From a real estate perspective they are not developing the density that a City with a small footprint requires to grow the tax and support base. Self interest has no place at City Hall, yet it is increasingly obvious that this attitude is becoming an obstruction to well thought out plans. This new budget, while it may be necessary in the short term, I do not believe it shows an proactive planning to make future increases more modest or better funded.
98.	We need a broader tax base, we need more commercial tenants and commercial activity in Port Moody. Development should focus on getting businesses back into Port Moody. The time to approve developments is too long, developers will go elsewhere if parameters are not clear. The approved residential developments that have been constructed are not outstanding (the Electronics development is probably the best), but yet it took so long to approve. We should be asking developers to come to the table with anchor tenants in place. Council members should not be bickering, be respectful of each other, they are being paid to work in all our interests, otherwise please resign so we can get people that truly care about the community to move it forward. We need residential development that is affordable, that probably means they have to be higher in height - we should not building only for those that can afford to purchase at super high prices.
99.	Have you considered cutting costs? There's a lot of >100K salaries on the payroll! How much did we spend to remove a right of way that wasn't under threat of being developed? How much did you spend on a garden plot survey that was ignored? What value did Vagramov's office expenditures provide? How much is being spent on a mediator for a dysfunctional council? Need I go on?
100.	The City needs to attract more business to Port Moody in order to collect more business taxes. Pay parking should be considered. Share these discussions with the public.
101.	I am tired of having to repeat myself on this subject. The City should be focused on the infrastructure and operation of the basic needs of the City before doing any of the "Extras". If this means less bicycle lanes, park improvements and recreational activities then this is the way to go. All you have to do is look at the recent issue in the Sumas Valley where they put fluff before infrastructure and they got flooded out!!! You can not just keep increasing the taxes to accommodate your wish list of fun stuff!!! The cost of living is exceeding the ability to pay for basics and this in turn is driving more people to the poverty level. You should budget for the infrastructure stuff first and then if there is anything left over then that could go to the wish list.

Another issue is: Why are we catering to the Brew Pubs with allowing customers to park in the Park parking lot....it is wrong!!! If this is allowed to continue then we might as well rename the lot "For Pub Parking Only".
102. No
103. Stop cutting down all the decades old tall trees. Replacing with young trees is not the same. The old trees help so much with temperature control, noise reduction, and clean air. Be more proactive about not letting new development cut them down.
104. The Mayor has been completely incompetent. Time has stood still in Port Moody. The City's finances are in a dismal state. The lack of housing diversity to meet regional growth has also meant Port Moody has not benefited from new development's community contributions and public spaces. Instead the City is broke in a boom time. Nor do we have funds to address critical infrastructure improvements. I will vote, and influence as many voters as possible for a mayor and council who embrace responsible, quality development, providing essential housing and revenue generation.
105. You need to look at staff management in the City, think of it as your own personal money.
106. What is going on the Fire Station land sale?
107. Find more efficiencies within the current funding from tax payers
108. I know this has been touched upon before. Can pay parking start at Rocky point. Our city is growing and I really think that pay parking is inevitable.
109. No
110. Keep taxes the same and require developers to pay more to build in Port Moody. For example, community gardens should be paid by developers and built on the property they are building on, they should help pay for increased costs of infrastructure. I believe they are getting off without paying their fair share while making lots of money.
111. Just moved here, loving it so far. Would love to see more festivals/community events focused on music and fitness as well as more off-leash dog trails outside of Bert Flinn park. I am not religious but I pray every day that you don't put a road through that beautiful park!
112. hiring freeze and salary freeze for higher-level officials and managers. Increase revenues by bringing in more business and development opportunities.
113. Parking should not be free. It should not be subsidized.

114. Need to improve and provide more facilities for Seniors
115. Please add a sidewalk to Princeton Ave and Washington drive in College Park we have been a neighborhood for over 50 and do not have a proper sidewalk on this stretch of road. People speed along those streets and it is very dangerous especially in the winter. Plus cars always park on the gravel that is considered a sidewalk . This includes city workers cars. This forces pedestrians to walk on the road and risk getting hit by speeding cars.
116. I sure hope we have a climate emergency group. Let's be a leader. Let's show other cities what can be done!
117. Please remember that inflation isn't just a City of Port Moody problem - it's a city-province-nation-wide individual problem. We're all paying more for everything. In my own household, I have to trim expenses because food has gone up (and will go up more I understand), and that's just a fact of life in budgeting. So I think the City should have to make some of those same concessions - you can't have everything you want when things get more expensive, so make the hard decisions. Recreation and park services are nice (and in my top 5 favorite things about living here), but are they necessary when times are tight? Probably not. Are road and water infrastructure critical? Probably. So no, this maybe isn't the time to be the City of the Arts, maybe it's the time to be a responsible City.
118. The construction of the questions and responses in this survey is very slanted and is very open to questionable interpretation - not encouraging input for anyone who has a differing opinion than that of staff or council officials
119. Non residents user fees should not be subsidized by Port Moody residents. There should be a user rate fee for Port Moody residents as well as non-residents.
120. We are ready for Westport skytrain station.
121. We should do away with single family zoning (RS1). With these areas the city is providing service/maintenance for fewer people per unit area because of the lower density. Allow higher density housing to be built, and there would be more properties to collect taxes from.
122. Consider other external revenue sources similar to the advertising revenues generated from the digital bill boards to help offset the costs of providing City Services.
123. Keep in mind the average user or just general citizen's salary isn't keeping up with rising costs. Visitors to our city should pay more for our services/programs, ie: parking at Rocky Point park, parking on our streets when they board transport.
124. Please do not sell any Port Moody city land to developers. Retain it for the use of citizens, please and thank you!

125.	make it easier to walk and cycle within the community. stop adding traffic lights and consider traffic circles. increase areas for recreation and make access easier. the population has increased in the last ten years but the areas devoted to recreation hasn't increased at the same rate. re-consider massive residential development and encourage more medium and larger businesses to balance out the tax income.
126.	Don't let private businesses take over green spaces to develop ad nauseam - make sure short-term cash injections don't overshadow long-term environmental health
127.	Embrace the concept of a 'Crypto Hub' before some other city does... I'm not an expert by any means, but when Warren Buffet finally changes course and invests in it, it's time to catch the wave.
128.	implement pay parking throughout active use areas of Port Moody to increase revenue
129.	As always, it is important to consider the base of taxes that an individual taxpayer is currently paying when proposing a nearly 6% increase. My mom who pays \$500 in annual taxes is only faced with an absolute increase of \$30 with a 6% increase. When I pay \$10,000 in annual taxes, I am faced with an absolute increase of \$600 with a 6% increase. This is a huge difference. You need to place more weight on the feedback that you receive from taxpayers that are paying higher annual tax amounts as we have more skin in the game, unlike someone who pays very little in taxes and therefore is not concerned with a 6% increase on a small base. Not all taxpayers are equal.
130.	Focus council efforts on core city responsibilities and avoid scope creep into areas of provincial or federal jurisdiction.
131.	Council needs to consider very seriously to increase density in Port Moody so that we have more people contributing with their taxes and that will allow to have more services to the community with a reasonable tax rate
132.	Allow for further development of condos and townhouses - we need to grow our population to help with the taxes. So tired of the split in council members and those worried about a small number of loud voices in the community complaining with the "not in my (or anyone else's) backyard" rhetoric. Utility costs for single family residences grew by 20% in one year = that was an additional \$200 for our home. You need to apply utility cost increases across the board - not just to single family residences. The increase cost in utilities coupled with the increase to property taxes needs to be managed much more effectively and efficiently. We can't keep seeing increases year after year with the current cost of living. The average employer is not increasing salaries; many families struggled without work during covid for the last 2.5 years - how do you expect them to remain in our community? Especially if council is so concerned about low income housing - how does this align with the proposed increase? An increase in property taxes is simply ridiculous. I noticed that one of the costs driving this increase is worksafe

costs. What are you doing to manage these costs? If you need to decrease services and staff to manage costs; then decrease them. Don't expect citizens to continue to pay.
133. These questions do not tell the whole story. With a cohesive Council, I believe our city could do more, and better, with the money it has and the money it could attract.
134. port moody's small size makes it inherently inefficient compared to larger municipalities. we should consider amalgamating with a larger municipality to provide economies of scale. we should also consider combining some services with those of other municipalities'.
135. please fix our roads.
136. Less high rises in Port Moody! Save nature, concentrate on being Carbon neutral now!! STOP restaurants from being able to use styrofoam
137. This is a poorly constructed survey, and will result in questionable information about the proposed budget from residents. As a taxpayer we have to be given more assurance the City is undergoing as much cost containment while maintaining same level of service before making any plans to increase taxes to maintain or increase services.
138. Slow down housing development to delay the need to take on additional maintenance cost that would increase the city budget without the benefit to show for it. Unless the city can be a business hub that supports revenue generation, more bedroom communities / residents will only increase support demands. Healthcare is a business that the city may want to invest in as the general population ages all around. You build it, they will come.
139. I believe the six storey bylaw in Moody Centre should be maintained. I live beside Moody Middle and think lower density on our side of the street is good for children/families.
140. Let's continue to redevelop the St. Johns corridor to be a work/sleep/play/commute hub. The evergreen line is in, it's time to gentrify Moody Center while preserving some of the character in the heritage area on Clarke and on brewers row. This investment will help increase cash flow for all community services.
141. The budget does not look like one where we are acting in the state of climate emergency that we've declared. We need to take bigger broader actions to mitigate climate change.
142. Property taxes have increased almost every year well above inflation. Lots of waste in road and parks maintenance. Look at reducing costs at every level to reduce tax increases to acceptable levels.

143. The challenge with reviewing the 2022 budget proposal is not knowing the level of net expenditure that would have been made for municipal functions and services in 2020 and 2021 had they not been impacted by cuts required due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

If 2020 and 2021 had been planned consistent with years prior there would be a better place from which to assess one question:

- What would a budget freeze at 2021 levels have on municipal functions and services in 2022?

Planning documents in prior years established an upper level 'target' for overall expenditures as a guide to plan within based on anticipated year-over-year increases in cost. Certain cost factors external to City control increase at a higher rate but the challenge is to see how these external factors can be absorbed through controllable changes to stay within the 'target'. In most years the target has not been achieved.

Without considering new or expanded functions of services the question is:

- What adjustments in controllable expenditures are planned in 2022 specifically - and beyond - to absorb cost increases that exceed the 'target' before making any requests for new or expanded services or function within each City department?

A new and/or expanded service or function creates a carry-through of cost in future years. Realizing that 2020 and 2021 required the cancellation of certain functions and services due to the pandemic the question is:

- What is the process in the 5 year plan to evaluate for value and benefit the re-introduction of cancelled items plus all requests for new and/or expanded functions or services proposed for 2022?

The City supports cash and in-kind contributions for a number of events and festivals – many with multi-year presence in the community. Requests are made annually by new groups seeking similar City support.

- What is the City's policy with respect to the level of funding those groups should receive – be it start-up or well established event?

- What is the City's policy with event planners for the City's portion of funding (total of cash and in-kind) for either City sponsored or City supported events

- Does the City seek to have their % of funding for events gradually decline to be offset with corporate sponsorship, donations and ticket sale (when appropriate) income.

144. Add subsidies for installing heat pumps, city of Vancouver offers up to \$6k on top of federal and provincial subsidies

145. I would like to see more development discussions about Coronation Park.

There are 29 comments on what service(s) should be added or enhanced

1.	Plan and start working on a complete multi-use pathway network to encourage active transportation. Also: we have roads everywhere in College Park but there are no sidewalks to even be able to safely walk home from a bus stop!!
2.	Parks, environment, library, recreation
3.	School and park play structures, school funding, mental health services, affordable housing, community programs for parents , children & youth
4.	Roads & infrastructure. Parks & recreation. This council needs to get it's tax base figured out. Pretty sad it appears to continue to rely more and more on it's residents rather than increase it's business and industrial tax base!
5.	Park walkways and bike paths
6.	Parks, recreation facilities, library upgrades, environmental protection.
7.	turf soccer field at inlet
8.	Transportation infrastructure. Specifically coming off of the Barnet highway into Port Moody. Also, community spaces for large form events (banquet halls, church service space, etc)
9.	Pedestrian convenience and safety (walkability, generally); natural/green space; development support including supporting infrastructure
10.	Recreation programs and maintenance or enhancement of current outdoor assets
11.	Better recycling, e.g. find better ways to deal with plastics
12.	Making city streets and sidewalks safer by adding protected bike lanes, improving crosswalks, etc
13.	New library facility. Or/ satellite branches of same to accommodate demand.
14.	reduce delays due to car traffic volume. Increase policing of vehicles that exceed speed or use roads that they are restricted from (eg. trucks on Gatensbury)
15.	Library, Parks, environmental protection,
16.	Green infrastructure should be greatly enhanced and the city should focus on implementing UNDRIP and reconciliation with indigenous
17.	Upgrades to parks, green spaces, community events
18.	recreation, roads, snow removal, bilaw enforcement at belcara, things for young families

19.	Environment Preservation
20.	Parks and Rec.
21.	There should be a larger budget specifically to improve climate change resiliency especially forest fires and torrential rainfall. I really like the community and I think there needs to be better disaster planning considering what happened in Abbotsford.
22.	Climate emergency rated, safe bike routes, ban natural gas, passive house building, safe streets for schools, pedestrian only streets, incentives for heat pumps & solar, city wide pollinator gardens, bee keeping, less street parking
23.	Road maintenance/ improvements. Green space maintenance/ improvements. Police & Fire
24.	we are generally satisfied, but any addition to cycling trails, cycling right-of-ways, walking trails, and other similar transportation - recreation options would have our enthusiastic approval.
25.	There should be an indoor pool in Port Moody; there should be much better environmental management - specifically on all walking & mountain biking trails; fixing the boardwalks & bridges on shoreline trail
26.	increased attention to environmental and climate change actions, over arts and culture programs if necessary
27.	Planting more trees that are being lost through development
28.	more park space/environment/nature and continue improving recreation
29.	Services which help mitigate climate change.