Survey respondents could provide additional comments about the 2020–2024 Budget. Input has been divided into the following categories: general budget comments (pages 1–17) and taxation/service related comments (pages 18–20). Comments are presented verbatim, including typos and grammatical errors. Specific addresses/names have been removed to protect the privacy of individuals.

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• Plant perennial instead of annual plants in City planters and gardens to reduce costs | • Increase developer contributions to help pay for infrastructure and amenity improvements  
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• Introduce pay parking in busy areas such as Rocky Point Park (especially for non-residents and near breweries)  
• Ensure environmental initiatives are a priority |

**General budget or service related comments**

1. Invest in a healthier Port Moody. Healthier and greater well-being for all Citizens will result in a stronger and longer lasting Port Moody. Same concept as investing in wellness rather than medical care. Be proactive. Reward people for being active and involved in the community in ways that benefit the city with cost reductions on services, whereby reducing the need to spend on those services.

2. Everyone at the city is doing a great job. I recreate around the inlet and enjoy our trails and maintaining them are very important to me. The work that was done on the cycling path is very good and we need to spend some money on the shoreline trail for those wet winters. Pass on my thanks to all department heads for a job well done.
3. Thanks to the efforts of previous administrations, there is going to be housing being built in Port Moody that will bring in a large number of new residents. That obligates council to consider how to make Port Moody an attractive place for those residents to place their money, time, and effort. Emergency services must be maintained, of course. However, they are also assumed in the social contract of moving to a locale such as the Tri-Cities.

What isn't assumed is that their children will enjoy being in local parks, that there will be cultural events and recreational facilities that keep them from leaving Port Moody on daily, weekly, monthly basis to find adequate interactions for their family. Please ensure that all the residents of Port Moody enjoy where they live, and don’t see the beautiful city that we have as simply where they park their car and store their belongings.

As well, and please hear me out on this one, the motto of Port Moody is that we are the ‘City of the Arts’. Foster them. Music, dance, theatre are just as important as painting, sculpture, and crafts. If we are to be a true city of the arts, then please support the arts. If you think people are going to complain about you spending the money on arts, ask them how happy they will be at the cost of commissioning the studies and research into re-branding the city.

4. I would be okay with a one-time levy being applied if a major project was needed in Port Moody, such as critical infrastructure. I'm also okay with priorities varying each year. If infrastructure is needed, then community programs may be affected one year. I also think we should facilitate opportunities for income generation, through paid events.

I'm not keen on street parking charges in Port Moody. As a business owner, it creates problems for customers. I moved my business to Port Moody, from Coquitlam, because of the numerous complaints I got from frustrated customers. I prefer leaving Port Moody user friendly.

Despite this, I would be okay with a parking fee for Rocky Point Park. We have so many visitors from outside of Port Moody, that I think some costs need to be recouped. I'm also frustrated by its excessive use by brewery customers. At this point, I'd rather pay a flat rate fee to park there, with the hope that it will generate income for the city, and detract others from parking there.

5. Capital program cost needs to be considered in anticipation to future growth.

6. The mayor should resign, he sexually assaulted someone.

7. Appeal to the broader audience for input on various matters instead of constantly bowing to the vocal few. The amount of money that must have been spent on beavers in a knee jerk reaction to a few vocal individuals is not practical, nor sustainable. If the the general populace knew what has been spent on beavers and what ongoing costs will be, they may have opted to have them relocated if they had been given a choice.

Also, council is very inflexible on their own agendas. Instead of stubbornly championing their own personal agendas, they need to set aside their egos and take into account the greater good even if they don't agree with it personally, It would make for a less divisive council and perhaps a less divided population.

8. Thank you to all the department heads for their great work on behalf of the city. Thank you to Paul Rockwood for presenting the budget in an easily understood fashion. I support the direction of Mayor and Council. Personally, I really enjoy the trail network through the city and appreciate the upgrades to the road cycling system and the bike trail along the shoreline park. I also love going to Bert Flinn park and support the efforts to protect this area.

9. What are our policing costs in relation to other municipalities. It seems we have lot more police cars on the road and from what I've heard and seen, people being pulled over for frivolous things...such as "somebody called you in" or "we ran the plates and it's a rented vehicle"...seems arbitrary and a waste.
10. I tend to prioritise revenue generating division/services higher, as well as safety related, and maintenance services. The reason I think that way is that revenue helps offset expenditure in the budget.

Several divisions did not explain or seemed to give much consideration to their revenue streams in the division summary, these include:

City Manager  
Mayor & Council  
Communications & Engagement  
Corporate Services Admin  
Human Resources  
Legislative Services  
Recreation  
Policy Planning  
Operations Administration  
Information Services

Are there related initiatives these divisions/departments can consider? Maybe through collaborative effort with those sources that transfer funds to them?

Kudos to the following divisions/departments that explained explicitly their revenue sources and opportunities. A suggestion is to go one step further to project any initiative to improve the identified/existing revenue opportunities:

Community Services Administration  
Cultural Services  
Facilities  
Building, Bylaw & Licensing  
Development Planning  
Engineering  
Environmental Services  
Parks  
Fire Rescue  
Financial Services  
Library  
Police

Lastly, I am concerned about the lack of initiative for a city-wide emergency preparedness event. If we can have cultural events (e.g. car free day), why can't we budget a Community Emergency Preparedness Exercise Day? It will be an opportunity to involve commercial enterprises that supply emergency items. Fire, storm, flood, and earthquake preparedness are obvious. The more current topic would be mass outbreak of illnesses. All these will make a good full day event with talks, displays, and promotion. Now that Fire Rescue has requested a new position of "Emergency Program Coordinator", I hope one of the role's mandate is to create the community preparedness event.

11. Stop the use of taxpayers money on unnecessary issues. It is unnecessary to remove the ROW at Bert Flinn park. Leave it as it is, it has been there for many years.

12. I realize, it takes a lot of consideration to manage and administer a budget for a city/town of our size. My input is mainly to stress that we need to be aware of the people who are retired or are on a set lower income bracket. I hope that the property taxes can be adjusted for income situations and not just for location and housing situation. I know that the largest amount of our taxes are used for Police and Firefighters. I also know that they are absolutely necessary and I feel grateful for their work. However, I really would like to know how it is being assessed as to what the staffing level of these two units needs to be to operate economically. Can we adjust this situation according to the changes in our city?
13. 1) Consider amalgamating Fire and Police departments in a single building with a view to gaining synergies on costs of operation.

2) Levy a fine on people who make non emergency 911 calls, to cover cost of wasted fire and police services.

3) Libraries have been a very important service to communities in the past, and no doubt will continue to be so in the near future. However with access to the internet, E-books, research information, etc. being what it is today (35 million Canadian users in 2019) and growing, we should re-evaluate the need to spend millions on books, computers and large bricks and mortar library buildings going forward.

4) We have one school district (SD43) for the Tri-cities and we should investigate the practicality of having one Mayor and Council, one City Hall. If we were to remove the emotions from this thought there could potentially many tax savings from this initiative.

5) Should item 4 be adopted fire and police services would also be a natural progression.

14. Start fining people who leave garbage out in the summertime to subsidize extra costs and lower costs for police to respond to wildlife calls. Fine littering, smoking in public parks. Same thing, collect from people who are not following the rules.

15. Consider all of the options that were discussed at the "Beyond Taxes - other ways of generating revenue" session in June 2019. What has been the outcome of this meeting? When are these ideas going to be brought forward? Thank you.

16. I think a lot can be saved by tightening up the spending of elected officials. Cut out waste and duplicate in administration. Smaller Government rather than larger.

17. Help small organisations/people in need to find/connect with sponsors.

18. Perhaps the city could look at more revenue opportunities. Perhaps upgrade and renovate old orchard hall so that it might further tap into the wedding business. It is a stunning location and there is no reason that there shouldn’t be weddings there every Friday and Sat evening. The facility needs some TLC and the kitchen and decor needs a real upgrade. This might be one good revenue source.

   There really needs to be some further traffic calming measures on loco road. People still speed like crazy and put my children at risk on a regular basis. As well, since it seems that Bert Flynn park is going to be preserved, the city needs to have a collection of LOW speed car route alternatives to loco road. Perhaps if we had a collection of ways for cars to depart from Anmore it would make the traffic flows more fair. This isn't exactly a budget item but funds should be set aside to further study this on going problem.

19. As mentioned, given the strain that an influx of new residents places on infrastructure and amenities, I think the developers should be required to make a MUCH larger contribution in that regard. It does not seem fair that they make their millions and move on, leaving it to the individual taxpayers to shoulder the burden of funding all the additional amenities that the new residents require.

   I also think our fire department resources could be better deployed. Even for minor incidents I see multiple emergency vehicles and personnel on site. It seems like a very expensive way to deal with everyday incidents.

   I don't think we need an expansion to the library. The existing facility seems fine to me.

Finally, I don't think the city should be funding events such as Ribfest that are basically commercial enterprises putting money into the pockets of non-local food providers. I think city events should support the LOCAL economy, and also NOT support the cruel factory farming industry, which tortures animals and is harmful to the environment. I think any "entertainment" events in Port Moody should be self-sustaining financially, and not require subsidization by the taxpayer.
20. If you choose to decrease subsidies and increase fees for all service users, please consider creating an income based subsidy program to ensure those who are most vulnerable still have an option to access fee based programs and services similar to the Surrey and Vancouver Leisure Access Programs.

Vancouver - https://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/leisure-access-card.aspx


21. We need a crosswalk at St. Johns and Elgin. Many people run across the street every day.

A real effort to lower housing costs by making sure people who own property actually live there.

22. Focus on retaining services and limiting development, even if this means a tax increase. Environmental preservation should be a priority. Green space preservation should be a priority.

Development should be limited to retain low density where it currently exists, and to minimise pressure on other services (roads, parks, transit, City programs, sports fields etc.).

23. I am very opposed to billboards as a source of revenue for Port Moody. They are incongruent with, and will cheapen, our ‘City of the Arts’.

24. Council needs to work on methods to increase the tax base and not rely upon the tax payers to shoulder the weight.

Construction costs such as permits need to be reviewed and increased to ensure items are recovered. Construction causes major wear and tear on existing infrastructure and companies need to pay a higher rate to ensure roads are restored to previous quality levels.

25. The world is changing rapidly, and while Port Moody often skews rich, white, and older, we need to take drastic measures to address climate change, to strengthen and increase opportunities for community building, diversity, education, and free public spaces like parks, libraries, and events. People in higher income brackets, with higher value properties, and businesses that make more money should pay significantly higher tax rates while people in lower income brackets and small businesses that are truly small should pay little to no taxes.

26. Stop building condo towers. The level of crime and unwanted people in the area will spike.

27. I don’t have enough information to reasonably respond to questions 6 and 7, so have left those as “not sure” hoping that common sense will be used by council in looking at the impact of the related specific costs.

28. We choose to live in Port Moody for its beauty, the parks, trails and waters. Perhaps those who do are not residents and not paying taxes need to be paying for parking etc. When they come into our city. Residents should get a sticker for their car verifying they are residents. We have too many outsiders taking up spots down by rocky point park preventing residents from enjoying what we pay for.

29. The 20% that pay the lowest amount of taxes utilize the majority of services and appear to have a warped sense of priorities as it pertains to the citizens as a whole (source: any online Port Moody Discussion Group). We do not have a solid Corporate tax base therefore any initiatives must be funded by development or an increase in taxes, a basic lesson that the Fab 4 on council need to learn.

30. I would like to see the city of Port Moody contribute more to the local mountain bike club TORCA. Lots of volunteer hours by TORCA members maintain and build trails for our community. It would be nice to see this club recognized for their hard work for our community. Trails are used by dog walkers, hikers, mountain bikers, runners. Multi user groups, the city should recognize their work and assist with $$ a contribution to help buy tools etc.
31. Be mindful of the city's responsibilities to facilitate population growth, including supporting private sector development of new housing, especially rental housing for young families.

Commit to working with the private sector to develop the former firehall site expeditiously and in good faith, and include in any deal the creation of new multi-use community space to serve residents of all ages.

Address the lack of safe parking spaces for Bert Flinn Park.

Don’t spend any taxpayer money or resources on 'creating' or 'visioning' a high tech business sector in the city except for this — a hard-data, independently produced research study that confirms conclusively that it will be a financial success. The city can ill-afford a barren, low-rent district that failed to find a market. Hire a third party independent of any political affiliations to the city to develop the terms of the report — and find out if highly regarded tech sector angel investors such as Boris Wertz would be willing to review those terms and contribute to or review the report.

Council's only involvement should be a commitment to make sure the report provides a factual, disciplined analysis rather than an echo of its own aspirations. Ensure the report is released to the public at the same time it is received by council and that all proponents of development in the preferred area are aware of it at the earliest stage of any project in our city.

The casino and string of furniture stores along United Boulevard in Coquitlam is a convincing example of how a council 'vision' (in their case, to create a high-tax-paying industrial area) can be thwarted by market realities. Councillors may also wish to recall that the last time Port Moody attempted to wade into market economics, the April Road housing development, the city was driven to bankruptcy.

32. Parking at Rocky Point and Rec Centre is not adequate. Please investigate to determine how many non-residents are utilizing the free parking. Implement parking fees as a source of revenue generation and to dissuade non-residents from taking advantage of the free parking to enable them to access Rocky Point Park, the brewery district and Skytrain. It is always disappointing to try to take advantage of our community resources only to find large groups from outside of our community with numerous vehicles taking up the parking at Rocky Point for example. What ends up happening is those vehicles park free right at the park while many local residents are faced with pay parking at the Skytrain lots and walking over the bridge. At the very least, pay parking should be established at Rocky Point for everyone at a rate higher than what would be paid to park at Skytrain lots. Likely the same could be implemented at the Rec Centre as well as there are numerous people now parking there free and walking over to the Inlet Centre Skytrain. Skytrain is still fairly new and is a real benefit to our community but we have already started to see parking abuses and it is timely to put pay parking into effect both as a deterrent and as a viable and probably significant revenue generator for the city. Suter Brook has already had to address this and perhaps a similar plan could be adopted as an alternative. I would also like to mention that bus service in our area would be a great benefit and could possibly alleviate parking pressure. We are in the April Road Barber Street subdivision and would use bus service if it were available here. It is a long uphill walk from IOC0 Road, especially in bad weather. If Translink is requesting input from the community please make them aware of this. Thank you.

33. Sports is a major component of our “community” - we need to invest more in improving the facilities for users. Spending on maintaining building envelopes means no tangible user benefits, look at PoCo or Poirier centres to see the investment in recreation facilities being made by our tri-city neighbours, Port Moody is falling behind pretty much every city in the lower mainland in this regards, supporting our kids wellbeing through sports facilities has been too low a priority for council for the last 10 years.

34. It seems to me that you leave out other possible options in your survey. there should be an OTHER option category as opposed to DON’T KNOW. It allows one to give there opinion when they disagree with the options given.

35. All essential Services need to be top priority. Budget cuts should be made with non-essential services. A small increase in taxes is OK. In line with inflation.

36. Any tax increase should be in line with inflation. Around 2%
37. Just a note for all that voted for the mayor to stay on while his case was on trial you have all lost at least 14 household votes =28

38. Port Moody had a long term "official community plan" that involved more residential development in certain areas. It feels like this plan, which made perfect sense to me, has floundered recently due to resistance to development by certain council members. We have a serious situation with rising costs and a very limited industrial/commercial tax base. The tax burden is shouldered mostly by homeowners. Typically citizens want more/better services and costs that don't rise. This formula doesn't work, and history has proven this statement to be correct.

It is time for Port Moody council to get back on the residential development bandwagon. We don't live in La La Land where everything will just work out and be fine. We are quickly moving to a point where there will be no appetite for increased taxes, and our only viable option will be to look at a unified city approach for at least the Tri-Cities. Don't believe me? The Tri-Cities are currently in the same position the various independent cities around Winnipeg were in nearly 50 years ago. The end result was a Unicity approach with shared services and a significant reduction in administrative overhead at the same time. I don't want to move in this direction, but short-sighted decisions made by anti-development council members are driving us towards this end.

It's time for a wake up call.

39. I believe subsidies should be reduced and User pay fees should pick up the entire cost of whatever the service / program is being utilized. Should not be raising taxes every year but make better choices regarding budget items, streamlining processes and looking at detailed line items to ensure the city is running as efficiently as possible. Should look at raising taxes every other year and at a less than 5% rate. It is possible if done properly and if there is the will of the collective municipal council. Set the budget based on reasonable increase and work backwards to meet the budget.

40. Annual taxes increases are too high. You need to find a way to cut expenses. If that means merging administration with PoCo and Coquitlam, you need to consider this option. You need to be open to reducing costs in ALL areas. We no longer wish our taxes to be as high as they are.

41. change the leisure access program, 50% is not enough as I still can't afford to go to the gym that often. All the paperwork is a lot esp. as I've been applying yearly for the past 7 years, some don't seem as necessary and it should be easier to apply- online or less papers to give.

42. I am not knowledgeable regarding subsidies, and would suggest that if possible leave them at current levels. In order to reduce the amount the city needs to pay, the city should first look for cost cutting method including elimination of duplicate programs in tri cities.

43. The question about maintaining services and increasing taxes is one option but you have left out a better option "To maintain services by reducing managers and increasing workers. Managers are expensive and don't produce services. We have too many highly paid managers. Any successful company would not have the overhead that the city does."

44. With the growth of the city brings more tax paying residents does this not increase the tax base revenue? We should not be using the City of Vancouver's increase 7.2% as a benchmark for our city. Cost of inflation increase is acceptable. All additional spending should be transparent including wage increases for councillors which should be audited by a third party.

The City should be concentrating on the traffic and road systems to move traffic east/west during rush hour as quickly as possible, the continued growth of the city and neighbouring cities through development will only keep increasing this already frustrating situation.
45. Get along! Some of our councillors do not seem to approve of other council members and are making a cohesive, cooperative, effective and efficient council very difficult. When the next election comes, maybe things will change but for now this is the council that was elected so please, behave, work together and get along. Do it for the good of Port Moody and the people who elected all of you.

Regarding the budget, please consider our beautiful city and do what is needed to grow and develop smartly while keeping the community and beautiful home we all love. Please make sure that approved budget items are needed, prioritised and that any spending and costs to put them through are efficient and deliver value to the residents and business owners.

Thank you for all of your service.

46. An advisory committee is needed for ideas generating revenue for the city's programs. Some of them are as follows:

The City could use the lands it doesn't need for attracting university campuses. The city can partner with developers to build two high-rises at inlet or Moody center for a vertical university campus (UBC) and commercial (retail use). In this way, many students will be attracted to this region and enterprises will grow here.

The residents of Heritage Wood community have some concerns regarding the annoying traffic of Anmore through East Road. We pay taxes to prepare and clean the street for the residents of Anmore, the neighbourhood that doesn't care about its septic contamination and health threats of students of Heritage Wood secondary. We pay taxes and have to tolerate the extraordinary traffic noise of East Road and the police department doesn't care to enforce the bylaw 1399.

The management of the city needs to be proactive but right now it is reactive, in many cases as mentioned above is passive.

47. Snow removal, sanding on hilly roads has been substandard this year. In Some areas residents could not get out of their subdivisions. Developers need to be responsible for road maintenance when roads are dug up for new services. Potholes and slumps have occurred on roads outside new developments. Road calming with speed bumps needs to be addressed in College Park. Heritage designations should be increased before we lose all heritage homes. New civic art works should be provided by po mo artists. Locks on garbage cans (mandatory requirement) need to be replaced, the fine is much too high if locks are damaged by garbage trucks, and not by homeowner. Boardwalks along inlet are beautifully maintained and restocking ferns and bushes excellent.

48. Instead of black and white increase or decrease subsidies - it would be great to have options that are more affordable and would encourage more use of under-utilized programs and services - ie. family rates, group of friend rates, household sharing rates, rewards payback style program (ie. punch card = 6th visit free), access for renting any of the many outdoor spaces that are virtually never used like the amphitheatre at city hall, or the covered stage at Rocky Point... also a busker program in the summer at Rocky Point or Clarke Street - this would perhaps increase walking tourism if done strategically and fit with the City of the Arts slogan. Better bike lanes through the city might mean the bikes available throughout the city actually get used - and if there were bikes available for children too (ie cargo bikes?) families might be able to use them. And in terms of planning and development - if the official community plan is 3 stories: do not give that up, especially in areas where people will lose their views and their enjoyment of the space as a result - developing townhomes fits while high rises do not, especially considering infrastructure not being able to easily manage even the level of traffic we currently have. Also, parking by the firehall considering the skytrain now being right there would be great, especially since at the next station there are usually no spots by 7am.
49. I have a concern about Ambulance response time living up on the mountain.

Fire usually arrives to us in about 10 minutes, but the last time I called an ambulance, it was 26 minutes to arrive, as the Port Moody ambulance had to come from Maple Ridge. This is not acceptable. I was distressed about the closure of the ambulance station on Ioco a few years back, and now response times are worse. The drivers have even told me it takes them in excess of 3 minutes to get off the grounds of Riverview, and this is WAY TOO long and even worse, WAY TOO far away from residence up the mountain. Could an ambulance not be parked with the fire trucks near city hall? Why is it not closer to residence?

I think that in general, the services in port moody and quite good. I am proud of our library and rec centre. I think that the fees are reasonable and have a good balance of subsidized and user fees.

The MOST IMPORTANT area for improvement would be AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIME! I think we need AT LEAST one more ambulance in Port Moody, and certainly need one parked closer to many residences up the hill. This should be a HUGE PRIORITY and CONCERN.

On a less critical point, I would love to see Port Moody follow Vancouver and many other cities around North America, and demand it’s business owners to be more environmentally friendly by banning styrofoam (and possibly enforcing a by-law for businesses about putting greens waste in greens bins instead of the trash, which I see all the time, even by vegetable vendors).

I also think snow removal up the mountain could be better. I appreciate major roads being ploughed (often before Coquitlam I might add...way to go), but I think that perhaps a little more training in ploughing for the drivers would be good (I come from a cold climate where many feet of ice is NOT scraped in front of my clear driveway EVERY TIME the plough passes and where roads are ploughed with more than one lane available).

50. The City seems to spend a lot of money on things like flowers. I would rather see the city not plant tullips and other flowers that are one time use but rather plant flowers that will bloom every year and require little to no maintenance - this would save on the cost of flowers and the labour to install, maintain and remove. Why is it that we are spending money like we have lots to throw around - reexamine not only where we are spending it but how and is there a better way? perhaps we are overpaying at the "supplier we have always used"?

Would also like to see improvements made on the clarke and saint johns corridor with respects to traffic flow. We are a commuter city and now the traffic moving through the city is out of hand during rush hour. To the point myself living at moody and saint johns can not really go anywhere once i get home until traffic has calmed down. We need to improve our road infrastructure badly - personally a start would be no parking on saint johns during afternoon rush hour. we got the skytrain here and traffic got worse not better. perhaps also talking with Coquitlam and Poco for help and assistance as majority of the people driving through our city our their residents!

51. I wrote that existing subsidies should be maintained. This is my general position on this. My concern is the level of services directed at seniors’ fitness. I have noticed enrollment increase which is good news for public health. However the numbers enrolled are small compared to the numbers aged 65+. I would like to see more activities and more promotion of such activities to increase enrollment even if this means spending more money. I am also concerned that our city fitness instructors are self employed and aging. I would be prepared to spend more in taxes to give these folks full time employment which would also help secure the services. City employees are handsomely paid in the main and I don’t think it’s fair to squeeze this group whose work is so important.
As a resident of 24 years in Port Moody I have seen an increase of developments in Moody Centre (both Retail and Residential) the infrastructures around this area do not seem to be keeping up with all the development.

- increase of "travel thru" traffic in residential streets...vehicles racing thru to shortcut thru due to the increase of traffic on St Johns:

- huge delay in left hand turning south off St Johns at Bueller St and Williams St (due to increased traffic)...if traffic flow is controlled on St Johns could there be an advanced green for left hand turns at these two intersections. We know have an increase of residential residents on George St with more residential developments to come!

- parking enforcement ( construction workers parking in 4 hr By Law area all day & observed WCE, SkyTrain & Bus paxs there over the 4 hrs;

- Along William St ...patchwork road resurfacing, sidewalks...curbs...

- due to gradual grade along Williams St not even and affects water drainage overflows in so many areas (City should assess water drainage - "when it is raining" from Terravista Place...east along Henry St to William St crossing Hope St...George Street & St Andrew St...than continuing north crossing over St John's to Port Moody Transit Station (for those residents who walk along this area there are huge pools of water and huge river flows that make it impossible to use the sidewalks; One big area...it is impossible to cross at Spring St when it rains...its a flowing river...have to walk on road where buses drive into terminal area. Most street/sidewalk intersections are really bad with pools or flowing water. We need to engineer better water drainage along this route.

PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE WALK THIS ROUTE ON A RAINY DAY...IF NOT, YOU WILL NOT SEE ANY OF THESE CONCERNS.

- increase of garbage in area (due to construction?...more traffic...).

Port Moody is a beautiful, unique place to call my home. Development and progress happens in life, however lets keep the uniqueness of Port Moody for people to live in and visit....not just a place to pass thru.

Thank you

Some of these questions were a little too general for me to answer - ie regarding tax increase.

I feel that the homeowner is feeling a little under attack from all levels of government with taxes and fees. I understand that the City is having a lot of the costs downloaded to them by other level of governments - its quite the dance.

Port Moody does have a high standard of services, which is why we love to live here, but we must insure that the $ are being spent efficiently -

In saying all that, a modest increase would be acceptable to keep a good level of service - but would hate to see it spent frivolously

Port Moody has to focus on core services and priorities that are within the control of the Municipality: Police, Fire, Roads, Garbage. Stay away from issues that fall within Provincial and Federal government responsibilities. Stay away from making statements like "climate change emergency" is a priority. Look and take a lesson from Port Coquitlam as an example on how to use tax dollars efficiency and effectively.

More attention needs to be put on the Recreation Center, Library, Ice Rink and new turf soccer field as I feel that these areas are the life blood of the community and draw people closer together.
56. - an increase in revenue could come from higher Community Amenity Contributions from developers
  
  - improve the marketing strategy to attract businesses to the City
  
  - attract developers to build a boutique hotel or suites (see PoCo Inn Suites) along St John's street

57. The key priorities should be protecting our natural environment. We need to preserve our trees and green spaces, and make it easier to get around the entire city on bikes and on foot. There has been too much development in Port Moody over the past several years. The number of cars is increasing and the number of trees is decreasing. Council needs to protect what we have while we still have it!

58. Make careful consideration regarding all proposals before putting into the budget. 26 storey buildings are not what you promised us previously. Too high. Do not cater to developers. Thank you.

59. Mayor attitude and bias towards his "base"
  
  Very satisfied with the services provided, excluding building development.

60. Ensure that no development will ever be done in Bert Flinn Park. Leave Bert Flinn Park as it is now. Some walking trail maintenance allowed if necessary for safety.

61. I think is time to bring more density to Port Moody so that we don't overtax current population to keep up with the needs of the city

62. How about alternative sources of revenue like pay parking? I would like to understand if there is a business case for pay parking as there are costs involved for sure (parking systems, parking meters, enforcement etc etc). It seems odd to me in this day and age that the City provides free parking at all it's venues. For example, with increasing pressure on Rocky Point park (esp during summer), I do not understand why there is not pay parking in both the Rocky Point parking lot and the full length of Murray St (from Klahanie to Rocky Point). I do not understand why the City provides free parking for the various breweries. As well, I do not understand why there is not pay parking at the Rec Centre/Library and along Knowles. There is also Guildford where the City provides free parking for ERH & Newport Village residents. I would say the same for the parking on David Ave near Bert Flynn, Westhill Pool and along St. John's as well. I am less opposed to taxes and tax increases if I see that the City is doing everything it can to optimize revenues. Pay parking seems like an option to me and other municipalities have gone this route so I would like to understand if there is an actual business case or not. Thank you.

63. I wonder what the status is on potential revenue such as allowing a casino or cannabis retail in the city and then getting income from that?

64. Ensure real estate developers adhere to stricter building requirements and pay for the privilege to build in Port Moody. Charge developers more money for DCCs

65. Yes, before increasing fees and taxes look at ways to reduce the cost of services.

66. Maintain Port Moody's reputation as the City of the Arts with: Its own police force, Its focus on maintaining green spaces and being a great place for a diverse population to live. It being a welcoming community for artists, alternative healers and "new age" community. It being efficiently run i.e. prompt snow plowing, road repairs... etc. I'd like tax dollars to help support the growth of smaller, local businesses and restaurants, too and to help keep Port Moody a livable city. If the businesses have a sustainable slant or are boutique then even better. What I would object to see is tax dollars being used to fund the Duke and Duchess of Sussex if they do end up in Canada or to contribute to the coffers of large corporations if the goods and services can be supplied locally or within BC. Thanks for listening.
67. I feel due to the bear problem in the city. That from late spring to fall the garbage should be picked up on a weekly basis.

Would like to see the land that is on the east side of Inlet park be developed into a grass or artificial field for youth sports. Inlet park is a bad facility to play on.

It could be then reduced to a single field with a new surface and a larger parking area made for users of the fields. Also could be used for overflow parking for Rocky point events.

Like the idea of high rise structures NOT being built on St.Johns as this leads to a better neighborhood feel with low rise CRU buildings. One only has to look at Burnaby's Hastings St. as a model. Unlike the cold and congested Metrotown area. Port Moody should capitalize on it's small town quaintness and natural beauty not cover it up.

68. Continue to build on making Port Moody a walkable community.

Thanks to council for all your hard work.

69. A few efficiencies to point out: Defund the ROW, and never bring it up again. Worst financial and regional decision ever... Spending money to reduce infrastructure is a horrible use of taxpayer money. If proceeding with ROW removal, Madsen, RV, Lubik, and Milani can pay for it with their salaries. Also consider all the time spent reviewing it, wasted council meetings arguing about it. And consider the fact that you'll be spending that much money for something that could and should be reversed. Stop wastefully spending staff time on pet projects... Generally stop interfering with staff... let them find efficiencies and focus on important aspects of city business. Develop a culture of thriftiness/ strive to do more with less... Go down the list of suppliers line by line and look for cost efficiencies aggressively... Even if it means renegotiating printer contracts, switching suppliers, buying used and auctioned instead of new etc... All that stuff adds up to big savings if you're smart and persistent about it. Look for more revenue opportunities... Can the city be a landlord for affordable housing with BC housing? Green energy opportunities? More Film industry opportunities? Can the city sell advertising at summer events? Expand commercial tax base. Allow more development and thus contributions to expand services and infrastructure with less or no cost to households... Get developers to pay for park space upgrades, road upgrades near their development, and many other contributions that the city wants... Shift household budget to core needs such as fire and police, sewage, maintenance of facilities, etc... less on money on whims.

70. As stated in this survey, approximately 80% of revenue currently comes from property taxes. The main strategy to increase tax revenue that is frequently presented to citizens is increased housing units (and businesses, shops, service providers, etc) --- basically more people and increased density in identified areas. However, new people arriving will increase use of current infrastructure and services. I support increasing population, but we must also seek other ways to fill city coffers.

71. Regarding the new funds which might come in from the new digital billboards, I hope council will be sure to use the funds only once received. I also think it would be prudent to use those funds in a reserve (either new or existing) as opposed to increasing spending with them. I saw staff recommended an increase in salaries of almost $500,000 and while generally I think it is great for the city to employee people (good jobs with good wages) I do not this is the best use of the funds. I think those funds would be good for paying down debt or for capital expenditure as opposed to being used as justification to increase ongoing expenses.

72. We should be making a concerted effort as a city to improve roads and practice prevention in many areas. Some of the steeper roads in pleasantside have been completely ignored for decades, and are at a serious risk of landslide. Our street, Pleasant street lane, has been reported to city works several times over the past years, and no attention has been paid. It's hard to justify a tax increase when out very backyard is being ignored.
On page 39 of the full draft budget (the 400 something page document) Cheer and the Peer, should probably be Cheer at the Pier. Easy typo, not a huge issue. Just pointing it out. I think some additional revenue could be generated through parking. I know some new parking meters have been installed. How about $2 for the afternoon in the downtown core. And it’s transferable if you move your car within the downtown core. Food for thought. I bet if you ask the others in the Tri-Cities, you could make that a Tri-City wide implementation and therefore fewer complaints about it. Having managed a volunteer base of over 300 people, I do not begrudge the salary for the Assistant Rec Manager.

Would like to see cost saving initiatives outlined per each department- how are they actually trying to minimize the annual increases? No small line item of savings should be left out- the public likes and deserves to know.

Found services such as snow removal, tree and shrub pruning and trail restoration and maintenance to be good in the Pleasantside Neighbourhood this year. When a particular department has been called with a request for service in this regard, the turnaround for completion of said task is impressive.

Thank you.

Glad police spending has been reduced this year. Keep it that way; in fact, seeing as it is the single largest expense of the city, it should see continued audits and reductions in unnecessary expenses: e.g. no new cars for a police force that exists 98% of the time to issue speeding tickets. Want to actually protect Port Moody residents? Redesign and rehabilitate roads to reduce speeding; install better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure city-wide; increase fire department spending if necessary; continue to upgrade utilities to avoid failures.

To raise taxes to minimize future generation’s tax burden is misguided. The future generation will take care of itself when they arrive fifty to one hundred years from now!

The city must resist any temptation to raise taxes no matter how noble that cause may appear.

Please stop spending so much money on a few beavers. Residents are going hungry (for example) while $50,000+ is provided for ... beavers.

Please consider that homeowners cannot always be hit with additional increases in taxes to accommodate shortfalls in the city budget. Many homeowners may not be personally getting even the increases that the city would like in their own incomes - they have to make due with what income they have. It can’t always be homeowners that have to faced with the continual increases. Please reconsider the request for this increase and at very least reduce the amount of the increase. Thank you.

We could cut back on the number of planters and plantings. It seems the number of planters increases every year (e.g., on Rocky Point Pier), when there’s actually a lot of natural beauty as it is. Also, if planters and gardens had perennials instead of annuals, there would be only maintenance, not wholesale replacement every year. Also, I wonder about all the fencing that has gone up in Shoreline Park. What’s the point in blocking off sections of the path, or in bordering the path with fencing, especially fencing that has a gate in it anyhow (e.g., by Slaughterhouse Creek). It all looks like a make-work project. Maybe we have a few too many City employees.

This survey can be improved - key question re: services vs taxes - how about the option of finding ways to improve services without raising taxes by becoming more efficient?

One example re: efficiency of city services I want to mention given recent weather - it seems snow/ice removal now compared to a few years ago is much improved on the main roads and sidewalks, but has deteriorated on the side streets - can we find a better balance? There is an abundance of salt near Inlet Ctr station on those wide flat walkways, but I and many others must walk down Henry Street, a steep road with no sidewalk, to get to Inlet Ctr station - this year I wore spikes to deal with the ice, but still a treacherous walk in the dark, sharing the road with cars with questionable tires. I would rather get down the hill safely and quickly and then take a little longer picking my way through a bit of snow on the flat well lit road the rest of the way.
81. We are of the opinion that Moody Centre is being neglected in favour to the newer areas of the municipality, e.g. dirty streets, rusty lampposts, unkempt drains and ditches, and general decline.

82. Continue to liaise with other districts/cities for cost reduction strategies. 
Relook at highest wages in administration of programs and services. 
Construction/tax revenue is increasing rapidly which should help with maintaining service administration.

83. Remember that we live in an expensive city and wages aren't keeping up with inflation. Residents have been hit with ICBC rate hikes this year as well as Condo owners are now facing massive increases to strata increases due to insurance premiums skyrocketing over night. Residents are strapped for cash and efficiencies need to be found within the city.

84. Police and fire have been compensated at rates well above the CPI and this needs to stop. Our recreation programs are good but a focus on sales similar to the private sector with customer service that matches needs to occur. Running programs with half sold registration numbers is not acceptable as we are subsidizing programming.

85. Besides my answer on the previous question where I stated that the Arts and Cultural activities/events should have more representation and the crosswalk on the corner on St. Johns and Elgin street, I would like to suggest that Housing is something super important that should be addressed and invested in. My partner and me are renting a spot on St. George Street and we are paying quite a big rent. We were also looking into maybe buying an apartment since we want to start a family soon but everything is becoming very unaffordable. We love our neighbourhood and we would hate to leave it but we are seriously considering it because of this.

86. small tax base compared to other lower mainland municipalities leads to relatively higher property taxes. need to increase tax base by accelerating development process.

87. Please allocate more budget for affordable housing! It's a beautiful and wonderful city, but with no affordable housing left, it gets harder and harder for people to stay!

88. Murray bridge/brewery row: reduce it to one cross walk that is timed. Don't put a light in. Make the people who want to cross the road wait. The traffic jams are ridiculous at rush hour and just keep getting worse every year.

Wooden boat in the park: every parent said that was a dumb idea, and the city said "too bad". The new park up on heritage mountain close to the old 7/11 is so much better. The modern plastics etc will last WAY longer.

More events like the fingerling festival that all families can enjoy (maybe a salmon come home one?) are awesome. We look forward to that every year, just like the firemen's pancake breakfast.

Invest in the library.

A swimming pool. There used to be one in the ocean years ago, bring that back maybe?

Recognize that the bulk of this community commute & make that far easier. The roads plug up every night from dumb decisions. The people living here love the small town feel & family friendly events. We don't want more people and bigger developments, but just a great place to relax on the weekend.

89. I was very disappointed as to how poorly the side streets were not maintained, during our recent snowstorm (January 2020). Many residents in my community are elderly or disabled. This makes the walkways and roadways very difficult to travel or move on when snow is not cleared or areas are not salted. This may lead to serious injuries for residents or future lawsuits issued towards the city. Something to think about.
90. Tax revenues spent on the upkeep of roads are wasted year after year. Having lived in other countries with similar weather conditions, I see that the way our roads are maintained and repaired are both dangerous and inefficient. Dangerous because

1. Junctions are as if “freehand drawn by a child”.
2. No one knows how to use roundabouts (given a venue, I am willing to give a short presentation help educate the public.
3. Road line are the most dangerous. They disappear in wet conditions. Spend a little more and use what all modern countries use, reflective paint.

Inefficient because

1. Materials used on road surfaces are cheap and low quality. This means road surfaces get destroyed very easily and end up costing more to maintain and repair.
2. Insist that higher quality “blacktop” is used and it will need to be replaced much less frequently. It is false economy to use cheap tar surface on roads. Spend more to save a lot.
3. Ill equipped snow ploughs destroy millions of dollars worth of roads every time it snows. The plough itself should be maintained to keep metal on road contact to zero.
4. Roads destroyed by snow ploughs are repaired inadequately. The repair lasts less than a few days, sometimes less than a day. Merely because it is done inadequately. Maybe train repair crews better. Insist on a good repair.
5. Private road construction companies are happy to provide low quality roads so that they can come back and charge again for the same low quality of road over and over again. This is good for their business but very poor return for taxpayers.

91. My Taxes were less in 1990 even after you include the 1.8% yearly cost of inflation than they are now, and we had better service from the city back then. Yet Port Moody has a larger tax base now than back then, and my taxes continual go up, and we never go to Rocky point anymore as we can never find parking because it is continually being used as a free parking for patrons using Brew pubs across the street. Suggestions find ways to cut costs and keep tax increases to a minimum.

92. Have the city manager staff do a review of services we offer compared to Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam and initiate a collaborative study that will facilitate the amalgamation of the three tri-city municipalities into one megalopolis in order to streamline services and reduce waste. Just like we have one school district controlling many tri-city schools, we can have one municipal government.

Come up with a list of COMPELLING REASONS TO KEEP THE STATUS QUO and compare this to the reasons to amalgamate municipal services and present the findings to the community as a plebiscite.

93. I pay the same amount for my utilities as a family of 4 pays. There is only one person in my house and they have 4. We need water meters to assess who is using it. We should reduce garbage pickup to every second week. Let the users buy extra garbage cans to make it a user pay system. Require every dept to make a cut in their budgets, i am sure they all have waste that could be cut out. Cancel all travel budgets for council members. Use the internet instead of going to conferences. Require people to pay for the charging of electric cars, make it user pay, also require that the users of electric vehicles pay some sort of road tax to help with our road maintence.
94. I love that transit is always improving, and I love being able to live in Port Moody while easily working downtown. However, many streets (mine is Clearview Dr.) are simply not safe to walk on to get to transit due to lack of sidewalks, nighttime lighting, and excessive car speed (unenforced nor even patrolled). Improve the walkability of our neighbourhoods before a child is silly is hit by a car. To me, city of safety is much more important than city of arts.

95. 1- stop building items into the budget ie: transportation initiative fee so they inflate base tax level ; then tax on top of that. 
2- put personal agenda aside for 1 term and fix deteriorating assets 
3- get out of the charity business and use our after tax income on hard services like road maintenance 
4- new initiative reserve is terrible idea to budget discretionary spending. Indexing it is a worse idea. If the budget cannot be balanced council should not spend on new items and fix last term issues. This is a key part of the responsibility of the job. 
5 - decline unjustified spending for example; $20,000 on a pilot project for pleasure craft moorage without market research first, to determine demand for the project to support moving to next level requiring funding. This way you don’t abort project after wasting $20k 
6- eliminate city open houses that are biased or incomplete. Ie Bert Flinn alternate road network was terribly flawed. Fire hall referendum terribly biased. 
7- do not take on community studies that are the responsibility of developer 
8- reduce staff hiring 
9 - advise dept managers to cut their budgets by 2% and see how creative they can be 
10- kill the 1.2 million landscaping request by parks dept

96. By “decrease subsidies” in last question, I’d like to add that it would be good if low income people weren’t affected. Not sure how you’d do something like that. I don’t really want low income people to not be able to take part.

97. I m VERY concerned that taxes in Port Moody are more than the rate of inflation. There has been an increased tendency towards this, which is of great concern. I do not see why residents should keep paying more and yet City Hall staff increases and there pay raises are more than most other public sector people, e.g. teachers and nurses. We are already ahving to pay more for certain things in Port Moody than other areas, e.g. policing, I would rahter be part of the RCMP.

In addition I believe there should be some investigation of amalgamation of certain services across cities etc. Anmore, Belcarra and Port Moody so that certain things can be consolidated and that residents/taxpayers do not have to keep paying out for services etc. that are often duplicates of what exists elsewhere.

I believe that the city should tighten their belt and keep things within the line/rate of inflation.

98. What happened to the hotel/casino idea that was brought up last year?

99. Capital budget for Environment and Parks drops drastically. This is very troublesome.

100. NO NEW LIBRARY. I’ve attended many times in the last year making notes of numbers and usage and have never seen 40 people using the facility which has seating for 90+

101. Port Moody should have pay parking. I have read all the documents on the website and haven’t noticed it in the budget proposal - I only saw a line about By-Law enforcement for pay parking. We are a small municipality serviced by one of the best transit systems in North America, surrounded by other municipalities like Coquitlam, Burnaby and New West who all have pay parking, so it’s not like it’s unprecedented in our area. I realize that it’s not an easy thing to ask residents to pay for something that’s always been free, but I would hope that our budgeting and policy process puts more weight into research and the changing needs of our city and society, than a handful of residents upset at parking fees at a park with buses and Skytrain mere steps away.
102. One of the areas that I find confusing - and distressing - is last minute decision-making where Council decides suddenly to spend $x for what appears to be a knee-jerk reaction. So then the carefully planned-out budget is shot to he** and Council is left having to explain the overspending. While I would assume each budget has a reserve for emergencies, I would hope that those are legitimate emergencies.

For example, the previous Council approved a fence being built along Forest Park Way (at Panorama) because, my understanding, a few of the parents complained that having gaps in the fence was “dangerous” for their children (who were playing in the side street to start with). Without any consultation of other neighbours or people who live along that street, a fence was put in, blocking off pedestrian access. We can’t get a crosswalk at Forest Park Way and Panorama (where there’s a legitimate stop sign that no one stops for), but we can get a fence?? Poor planning and rush implementation cost the city $x when $y would’ve been a better solution. Knee-jerk spending.

Also for example, Council recently approved cross-walk lighting where that young boy was hit by a car. I know it’s been on the agenda for a couple of years and the accident is expediting what may have been a soon-to-be-approved expenditure, but I also can’t help thinking, “Really? You’re putting yet another set of lights THERE?” Port Moody doesn’t need more factors inhibiting transportation along that corridor. We need a full scale crosswalk plan for that area - and by "that area" I actually mean all of St. John’s and Clarke - that considers both people and traffic movement. I’ve lived in Port Moody for 15 years and it feels like all I’ve seen are more lights, slower traffic. Also, if you’re looking at that area, please analyze the traffic at the Moody skytrain station - a better crosswalk, turning lights, and traffic system would go a long way to easing that congestion in rush hour.

The City does so much right - we have what appears to be a good recycling and garbage program. Snow clearance so far this year has been excellent. Council seems to value our green spaces, respects the environment and I hope is working to find ways for us all to make our footprint more positive.

I have no problem with taxes increasing to pay for city services as long as the costs are reasonable. I haven’t seen any evidence of “reasonable” lately (I rely on the news for my information) and doing things on a tight turnaround likely costs the city more. Please put a lot of time and effort into the planning and then commit to sticking with the plan. I’m not convinced Council is actually working to make Port Moody better over the long-run - each council member seems to have a personal agenda and is not committed to working as a team. You’re a business, run it that way. I would rather see Port Moody provide a limited number of services exceptionally well, then provide a kazillion half-assed services.

103. I do not want a tax hike. I feel we are already paying too much for the services we receive. Two examples of my dissatisfaction:

1) Each year we are paying more for waste management. However, each year the city dumps more back on our laps...bottles, styrofoam, now crinkly wrappers, zipper lock pouches, net bags, shipping envelopes, bubble wraps, and on and on. Why do I pay more and get less?

2) Snow shovelling obligation should not be limited to residents only. Please ensure and enforce that realty developers do their part on their properties under construction. It was impossible to walk safely along Johnson even days after the snow. Not to mention the snow and ice build-up at the traffic lights and crosswalks. Then there is the stretch on Murray at the CP Rail crossing, Practically no shovelling was done there.

Give me more; then you can ask me for more.
There are a total of 62 taxation/service related comments

Respondents who indicated that services should be enhanced by further increasing taxation had the following comments:

1. Arts and cultural practices/events. Port Moody is the "city of the arts", yet I haven’t seen a lot of cultural/art events in the town. Also the car free day should be a day for all artists to be able to add a table in the event. There’s a lot of artists that are not registered as business since there are a lot of passion projects. Also, the corner of Elgin and St. Johns needs a crosswalk ASAP. The bus stop is right there and people have to run across the road all the time putting their lives in danger.

2. More community support services like free daycare, more family doctors, more conservation and climate change initiatives, more education, more affordable housing, more diversity initiatives

3. more housing/business development and better snow removal services

4. Environment

5. Better snow removal, wiser decisions for the Murray bridge/brewery row (the stop light and two crosswalks is ridiculous, traffic jams happen EVERY DAY), more parks

6. Recreation, arts & culture, Conservation

7. Recreation Centre & Sports fields & facilities

8. Recreation and Cultural Services, road maintenance, and Police and Fire services if they are requesting the increase in support

9. Pedestrian & cyclist safety and infrastructure; car traffic by-law enforcement, paid parking at the Rec Centre & Rocky Point and on street

10. Maintain Community feel, community programs, safe neighbourhoods, clean, clear and safe streets

11. Parks, sports fields, road maintenance

12. Environment; protecting land and parks, recycling

13. Road maintenance and sidewalks to encourage safe walkable access to residents.

14. Based on public input enhance those people consider the most important and the most necessary to enhance and perhaps scale back those rated least important and least needed.

15. Parks and natural areas/spaces, and strengthening building code requirements for developments to reduce GHG impacts.

Respondents who indicated that services should be reduced to keep the tax rate the same as last year had the following comments:


2. police services, stop building bike paths, you spent A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND MONEY on paths near Rocky Point and along Murray this past year. I am not sure what was done in front of Newport Village and the ongoing work there but these things are a waste of public funds unless they really provide something worthwhile VERSUS looking like they actually do something.

3. Across the board
4. Discretionary spending on a) special interest groups, b) mayor and Council retreats and travel, c) political decisions such as Bert Flyn Park right of way.

5. Added glass recycling could be removed, slightly reduce police services, maybe some side street medians don’t need so much landscaping

6. Lose layers of manager positions and unionized jobs. Police and fire are over paid.

7. Reduce the cost - finding better contractors/ new technology, efficient maintenance.

8. The options presented do not include: “Maintain/ increase services through greater effectiveness and efficiency in the use of current tax and supplemental revenue.” There are always areas of efficiency and effectiveness that can be found in a large enterprise. These must be found in addition to any plans or requests to implement new or expanded services.

9. I don’t really think services should be reduced, but I don’t think the taxpayers should pay for infrastructure renewal. I think this should be paid for by developers. We also need more corporate taxpayers in Port Moody. Individual residents are being given an unfair burden because of increased construction and development, which puts a greater strain on infrastructure and amenities.

10. Charge for parking at Rocky Point. The parking lot would still be full, and you would make revenue from it. Locals can complain, but we have transit and walking trails for locals to get to it anyways. Approve cannabis sales.

11. non-essential services (arts, recreation, etc.) keep infrastructure/essentials (water, roads, greenspace)

12. Not all families have children consequently services foe that population could be re-assessed to trim the fat.

13. arts funding

14. Park maintenance

15. Arts/Culture.....Library Services.....Rec Services

16. “Free” services. Introduce more user pay policies where you can. That can also treat non-residents more fairly.

17. Mayor and council members

18. arts and cultural enhancements, heritage preservation,

19. heritage

20. Arts and culture, heritage services

21. You can cut glass recycling to 4 per year. Partner with school district (yearly payment) for improved playing field rather than build a specific new soccer centre. Make condo developers pay for park upgrades.

22. Don’t increase payroll, increase performance at city hall level. Decrease snow removal for side streets and increase pedestrian snow removal. Don’t rely on public to clear publicly owned sidewalks.

23. Rec facilities

24. Police and Fire department costs. City should make revenue from the city resources

25. Sport fields, art and recreation programming.

26. library, the mayor

27. Property development
28. Municipal overhead. Stop funding services with taxes. Generate new revenue sources. “pay for use” model

29. Library and art projects

30. Police, Fire Fighters, Building Permits

31. By Law enforcement, recreational, library services. Keep Port Moody green, and efficient when it comes to road maintenance (e.g. snow/garbage removal, repairs).

32. Heritage and Preservation

33. Bert Flinn Row Removal, and make developers and commercial businesses pay for more of the city’s budget, so we don’t have to

34. Police services could be combined with other municipalities. Fire department has over capacity for a small city like Port Moody.

35. This is loaded question as services is too vague. $11,000 to paint a side walk; $35k to over build chlorination delivery. How about these?

36. There are many services that are nice to have that could be reduced.

37. Actually, I think there should be an option "Maintain current service levels with no more than a rate of inflation increase. If there was I would pick it.

38. I don’t think we need new plantings every year. Plant some perennials and be done with it.

39. Maintain safety levels with small reductions in facilities employment and maintenance labour

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Respondents who indicated that services should be further reduced to make the tax rate lower than last year had the following comments:


2. City Hall Staff

3. Check with the City of PoCo. If they can keep their tax increase below 1% for 2 years, you can do the same. Perhaps you need to cut FTE.

4. All Services

5. Cultural, recreation programs, community events etc

6. Eliminate all programs that are not directly related to municipal needs. For example, and it is only one example, we should not be spending any money on any programs that are already covered by provincial and federal government programs, like climate change initiatives, etc. Cutting redundancies are a good way to reduce costs. I would also like to see an amalgamation of the tricities. We would be well served by one unified municipal government, with one mayor, maybe 8 Councillors, one city manager, etc. This would reduce waste, increase efficiencies, and lead to lower tax costs. This has occurred in several megalopolises across Canada with great success. It is a bold step, but a much needed one. Financial pressures are forcing people from the region.

7. Parks and recreation, reduced training/educational programs or trips for the mayor and councilors

8. Fire wages, administration overhead, plant maintenance, garbage pickup,