

OPENING QUESTIONS

- 1) What do you think are the three most pressing issues facing local government?

[open ended answers here]

- 2) What is your general feeling on the rate of municipal taxes and the services they support?

I'd like to see lower municipal taxes and fewer local services

Tax rates are about right, but I'd like to reprioritize services

Tax rates are about right and the services are about right

I'd like to see higher municipal taxes and more local services

Other

Don't know/undecided

PRIORITIZING LOCAL THEMES AND ISSUES

Governance, Engagement, and Accountability

- 3) Local governments and First Nations should work together and use the new BC Water Sustainability Act to take more control over our local watersheds.

High priority

Medium Priority

Lower Priority

I disagree with this

Don't know/undecided

- 4) Non-Native local governments should pay more attention to meaningful consultation with local First Nation governments to guide decision making.

High priority

Medium Priority

Lower Priority

I disagree with this

Don't know/undecided

- 5) Local governments and electoral areas in Cowichan should actively explore amalgamation – that is, some mergers of local government bodies.

High priority

Medium Priority

Lower Priority

I disagree with this

Don't know/undecided

- 6) Local governments should devote more time and resources to consultation with citizens and better hold themselves accountable for the results.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don't know/undecided

Social Issues

- 7) Local governments should devote more resources and attention to supporting the creation of affordable housing.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don't know/undecided

- 8) Local governments should devote more resources to supporting the creation of affordable daycare.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don't know/undecided

- 9) Local governments should support programs to better engage local youth and provide services/infrastructure that they use (eg. socials, skate parks).

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don't know/undecided

Water, Energy and Environmental Issues

- 10) Local governments should work with others to raise the weir at Cowichan Lake to store more water for fish habitat and drinking water, and to meet the needs of recreation, industry, agriculture and municipal works.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don't know/undecided

- 11) Local governments should exert more control over private forest practices in Cowichan, including creating funds to put more of these lands in public ownership.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don't know/undecided

- 12) Local governments should take an active role in provincial and federal debates about fossil fuel projects such as oil sands pipelines and fracking.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don't know/undecided

- 13) Local governments should use their authority and resources to improve local air quality (e.g. increasing limitations on open burning and assisting people in replacing inefficient woodstoves).

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don't know/undecided

- 14) Local governments should actively work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from local activities and infrastructure.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don't know/undecided

- 15) Local government should step up efforts to reach their “zero waste” goal, through education and by providing incentives/disincentives for the reduction, reuse and recycling of more materials.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don’t know/undecided

Land Use and Infrastructure

- 16) Local government should enact stronger measures to end urban sprawl – protecting watersheds, forests and agricultural lands- and focus instead on redeveloping already disturbed land.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don’t know/undecided

- 17) Local government should put more planning and resources towards improving public transit, and building more bike lanes/paths, bike infrastructure, and walking paths.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don’t know/undecided

Local Economy and Agriculture

- 18) Local governments should pass policies to better protect local farmland, including a self-imposed ban on asking for farmland removal from the ALR.

High priority
Medium Priority
Lower Priority
I disagree with this
Don’t know/undecided

19) Municipal economic development programs should focus on creating jobs consistent with the character of Cowichan – sustainable and value added – and guard against damaging activities such as contaminated soil dumping from other regions.

High priority

Medium Priority

Lower Priority

I disagree with this

Don't know/undecided

20) Local governments should facilitate local clean energy production, such as solar hot water and photovoltaic production.

High priority

Medium Priority

Lower Priority

I disagree with this

Don't know/undecided