



# Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

## Engagement Summary Report

November 2024



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# Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Engagement at-a-glance

## Engagement by the numbers



58

total online and paper questionnaires received



77

total questionnaire comments contributed



22

open house attendees

## How we connected



445

total visitors to online engagement platform [OurWK.ca/wildfireplan](http://OurWK.ca/wildfireplan)

Aware: 374 (viewed the project page)  
Informed: 134 (clicked through content)



2

e-News updates issued and direct notifications to residents' associations



3,991

recipients of each e-News update

## Social media interactions



4,495

total **non-paid** social media views



11,645 **paid** views of our posts  
1,198 **non-paid** views



2,152 **non-paid** views



420 **non-paid** views



725 **non-paid** viws



## Background

The Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) is the primary wildfire risk reduction plan for communities in British Columbia. The City of West Kelowna’s 2024 CWRP builds on the recommendations of the 2018 Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan, further strengthening our neighbourhoods against future wildfire threats.

Once complete, the plan will help the City and West Kelowna Fire Rescue develop achievable and strategic action items to enhance community wildfire resiliency, while prioritizing wildfire risk management in the wildland-urban interface, where homes and buildings intersect with forested areas.



## Summary

Public feedback was gathered from **Oct. 23 to Nov. 4, 2024**, through an eight-question survey available online and in paper format. Paper surveys were accessible at West Kelowna City Hall throughout the engagement period, ensuring all residents could share their insights.

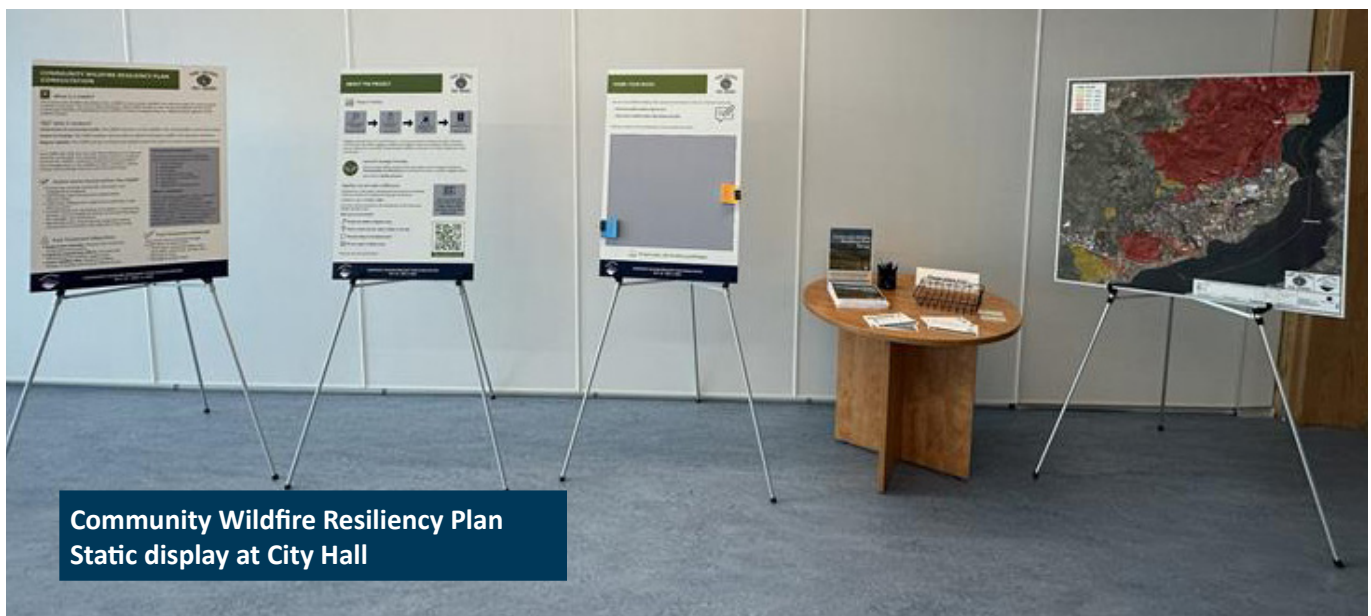
Residents were invited to share their thoughts through the survey on [OurWK.ca/wildfireplan](https://www.ourwk.ca/wildfireplan) and had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the CWRP.

An in-person open house was held on **Oct. 30, 2024** to give the community the opportunity to meet the project team, ask questions, review mitigation work maps and provide feedback.

The primary goal of this engagement was to hear from residents and stakeholders about the impact of wildfire on the community and to gather input on what priorities should be set for wildfire management. Survey results will help inform the strategic action items to enhance community wildfire resiliency while prioritizing wildfire risk management in the wildland-urban interface, where homes and buildings intersect with forested areas.



For a summary of the survey responses, please see **Attachment 3: Consultation Summary Report**.



Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan  
Static display at City Hall



## Online and in-person engagement

The consultation offered several ways for the community to get involved. Residents were invited to share their thoughts through an online survey at [OurWK.ca/wildfireplan](https://OurWK.ca/wildfireplan), ask questions, and learn more about the plan.

During the engagement period, we interacted with the public in a variety of ways:

### Online

- The engagement webpage ([OurWK.ca/wildfireplan](https://OurWK.ca/wildfireplan)) included the following:
  - Display boards
  - Maps
  - Online survey
  - Question portal

### In-person

#### Static display

- From **Oct. 23 to Nov. 4, 2024**, residents could visit the static display located at West Kelowna City Hall (3731 Old Okanagan Highway) to get involved by:
  - Reviewing the display boards
  - Checking out the mitigation work maps
  - Picking up a postcard
  - Completing the survey

#### Open house

- **Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024:** West Kelowna City Hall (3731 Old Okanagan Highway) from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - 22 people attended the open house and shared their feedback



Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Open house



## What we heard

During the engagement period, we received 58 completed surveys and three resident inquiries. The results of these responses are summarized below.

The qualitative outcomes of the feedback reflect the opinions of those who participated in the process. All questions were optional, and respondents could choose to complete the survey anonymously.



**For complete results and comments from our survey, see Attachment 4: Detailed Survey Report.**



## Survey highlights

- 98% support the City and WKFR advocating with the provincial government to advance wildfire resiliency projects requiring partnership with other governments (57 people)
- 97% support conducting fuel management in forested parks and City-owned property (e.g., managing removal of smaller/dead trees) (56 people)
- 95% support adjusting community planning and development bylaws to require new buildings in high-risk areas to use FireSmart construction and landscaping (55 people)
- 69% said they have already changed landscaping around their property to reduce fire risk (40 people)
- 57% indicated they had the highest level of concern for dead trees/vegetation being a potential wildfire factor in West Kelowna (33 people)
- 55% indicated they had the highest level of concern for ignition sources (e.g. cars parked on grass, cigarettes, equipment, campfires) being a potential wildfire factor in West Kelowna (32 people)



## Comments

Participants could provide additional feedback through open comment boxes for two of the questions. In total, 77 comments were received from the 58 survey respondents.

When asked about what wildfire resiliency meant to them and what they believe a wildfire-resilient West Kelowna would look like, some participants answered:

- “Continue to support the FireSmart home program. Better digital communication and engagement events to support residents on how they can be prepared.”
- “Build up not out! no more cedar trees, utilize rock more in landscapes.”
- “A community working together to support overall goals of the plan. Grants and incentives to help offset costs and make improvements attainable for homeowners/renters etc.”
- “Comprehensive planning and infrastructure to combat fire head on and before it starts.”
- “Education and awareness for residents. Actions to increase resilience.”



**To see the detailed survey results, please refer to Attachment 4: Detailed Survey Report.**



## Digital outreach and social media engagement

To increase awareness, we shared posts on our social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn. During the engagement period, we shared four organic posts on each main channel and boosted two Facebook posts (paid).

### Social media highlights

The following social media highlights are from the entire engagement period (**Oct. 23 to Nov. 4**):

- **Facebook:**
  - Total posts: 4 (2 non-paid and 2 paid)
  - Non-paid post views: 1,198
  - Paid post views: 11,645
- **Instagram:**
  - Total posts: 4
  - Non-paid post views: 2,152
- **X:**
  - Total posts: 4
  - Non-paid post views: 420
- **LinkedIn:**
  - Total posts: 3
  - Non-paid post views: 725

Daily social media monitoring and media tracking were conducted to enhance engagement. The City's website also featured a homepage banner linking to [OurWK.ca/wildfireplan](https://www.ourwk.ca/wildfireplan).



## Additional advertising

A print ad was placed in the local WestK News weekly paper. Digital reader boards along Highway 97 at the Bartley intersection provided further awareness for the engagement period.



## Conclusion and next steps

Thank you to our community for providing input on the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan.

The feedback gathered during this engagement period will assist the project team in finalizing the draft Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan.

To stay informed on the plan, sign up for e-updates at [westkelownacity.ca/subscribe](https://www.westkelownacity.ca/subscribe).

# Consultation Summary Report

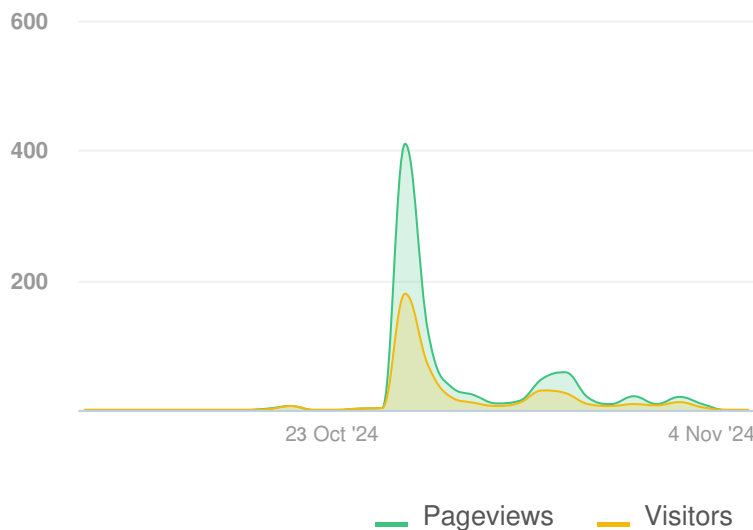
Oct. 23 - Nov. 4, 2024

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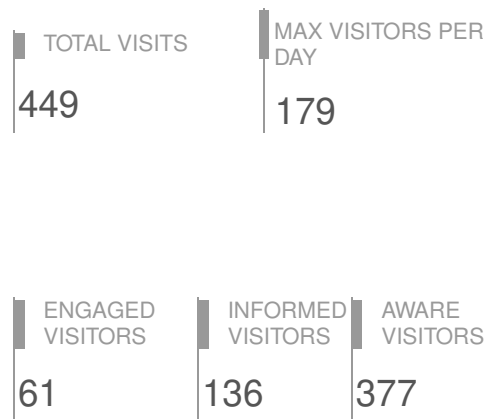
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## Visitors Summary



## Highlights

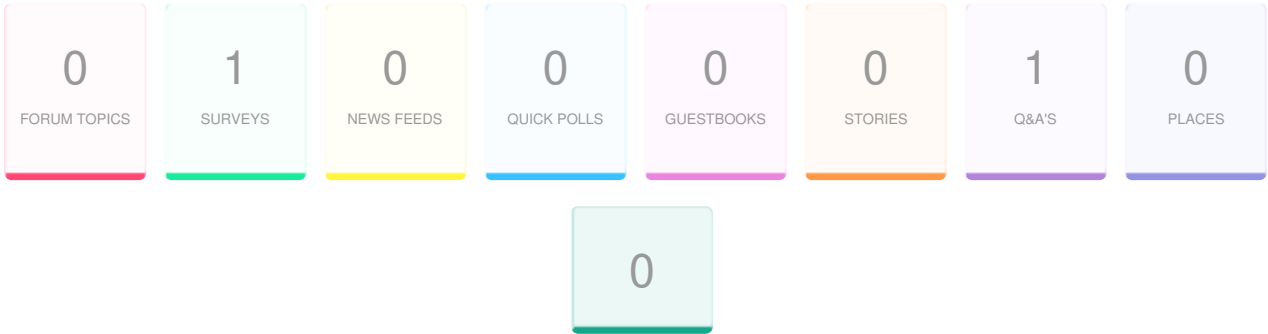




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## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



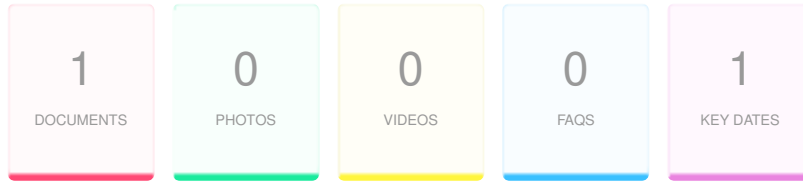
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1	Surveys
58	Contributors
61	Submissions

TOP 3 SURVEYS BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS
<p><b>58</b></p> <p>Contributors to</p> <hr/> <p>Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Survey</p>

Q & A SUMMARY	
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3	Contributors
3	Questions

TOP 3 Q & A BASED ON CONTRIBUTORS
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## INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



DOCUMENTS	
1	Documents
44	Visitors
47	Downloads

TOP 3 DOCUMENTS BASED ON DOWNLOADS
<p>47</p> <p>Downloads</p> <p>CWRP Display Boards.pdf</p>

KEY DATES	
1	Key Dates
4	Visitors
4	Views

TOP 3 KEY DATES BASED ON VIEWS
<p>4</p> <p>Views</p> <p>Share your thoughts on our Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan</p>

## TRAFFIC SOURCES OVERVIEW

REFERRER URL	Visits
www.castanet.net	120
m.facebook.com	29
l.facebook.com	17
www.google.com	10
qrcodes.pro	5
lm.facebook.com	4
bing.com	3
statics.teams.cdn.office.net	3
android-app	2
www.bing.com	2
www.google.ca	2
instagram.com	1

## SELECTED PROJECTS - FULL LIST

PROJECT TITLE	AWARE	INFORMED	ENGAGED
Share your thoughts on our Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan	377	136	61

# Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Survey

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## DETAILED SURVEY REPORT

Oct. 23 - Nov. 4, 2024

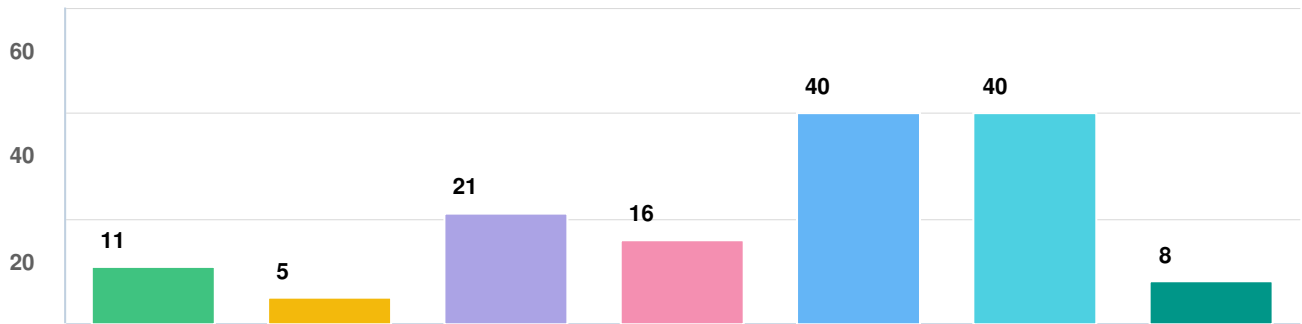
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# SURVEY QUESTIONS

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**Q1 | Have you completed any of the following FireSmart activities? Check all that apply. (Find out more about FireSmart principl...**



**Question options**

- Attended FireSmart Family Day
- Participated in a community wildfire preparedness and cleanup event
- Completed a FireSmart home assessment for my property
- Changed building materials on the outside of my home to reduce fire risk
- Changed landscaping around my property to reduce fire risk
- Read about FireSmart online or in a brochure
- Other (please specify)

*Optional question (58 response(s), 3 skipped)*  
*Question type: Checkbox Question*



**Q2 | The Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan is meant to represent West Kelowna’s vision for a FireSmart community. What does wildfire resiliency mean to you? What would a wildfire-resilient West Kelowna look like?**

Screen Name Redacted  
10/23/2024 03:03 PM

Continue to support the fire smart home program. Better digital communication and engagement events to support form residents on how they can be prepared.

Screen Name Redacted  
10/23/2024 03:05 PM

build up not out! no more cedar trees, utilize rock more in landscapes

Screen Name Redacted  
10/23/2024 03:13 PM

Reduction in fire risk for the homes and the community.

Screen Name Redacted  
10/23/2024 03:15 PM

Reducing the likelihood or severity of future wildfires in the city.

Screen Name Redacted  
10/23/2024 03:18 PM

I would like to see a fire guard perimeter built around neighbourhoods like West Kelowna Estates and fire hoses set up that can be easily accessed to fight fires. It would also be great if firefighters or fire smart personnel went door to door or set up neighborhood meetings to identify what neighborhoods could do to become fire smart. It would also be wonderful if programs could be created to help replant trees that are better suited to the changing climate in areas where the trees were lost in the McDougall Creek fire. Schools and community members could help with the replanting.

Screen Name Redacted  
10/23/2024 03:24 PM

Mitigation and protection

Screen Name Redacted  
10/23/2024 03:28 PM

A wildfire resilient West Kelowna needs a proper fire break around all of the communities along the most north/western edge. These are the areas most at risk and under constant threat of damage. A properly logged corridor could make a great outdoor area for hiking, quads and dirtbikes.

Screen Name Redacted  
10/23/2024 03:39 PM

Wildfire resiliency covers many different areas but generally means to anticipate an event and prepare for it before it happens. A wildfire resilient West Kelowna could start by continuing to educate and encourage property owners to mitigate their yards with incentives like bringing back free yard waste drop off at the dump. Access to more

water bombers and resources are also needed.

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 03:43 PM

Being able to live in an area that is not prone to wildfire risk as a result of mitigation efforts. Get rid of combustible materials near homes and neighbourhoods.

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 04:58 PM

Properly manage fire successional forests, especially around the city. Prescribed burns are absolutely necessary else nature will take it's course, to which the consequences of have been exacerbated by decades of poor/misguided management.

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 05:19 PM

Comprehensive planning and infrastructure to combat fire head on and before it starts.

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 05:21 PM

More homes to be involved with Fire Smart programs, more money involved from governments to engage people in being proactive, more proven efforts by local governments to clean up the fire areas on the Westside, more CWK efforts to engage people in true ideas to help the ordinary citizen to be proactive, more firefighters to be hired on a year round basis.

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 06:57 PM

Having the road allowance cleared

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 07:06 PM

I really believe that the city should offer some sort of rebate to help home owners cover the cost of removing hazardous trees and re landscaping. We have several very large ponderosa pines that line our backyard (at least 30 ft tall) We got an average quote of \$5k a tree to have them removed! They were here when we moved in and are all dried out and definitely pose a threat.

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 07:11 PM

Stopping the sale of cedars in the okanagan!

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 07:28 PM

There could be a special time where city will do curb side pick ups of dry combustible organic materials & the fire department could collect old flammable materials. WFN should be held accountable for their fire suppression efforts that our family witnessed very little work was done.

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 08:46 PM

Education, technical training (optional participation), and fostering property owner engagement in "pro-active": 1. Preventative practices, 2. Pre-suppression fire equipment investment and preparedness

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 08:47 PM

Less anxiety,, By-laws and incentives to reduce fire risks in and around homes. Ban cedar hedges and other flammable landscaping. Reduce fuels in interface areas and get community participation when possible. More educational materials and tips for fireproofing homes. Ban all open burning and campfires within city limits year round. Incentives for chipping and tree removal.

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 09:12 PM

changing the building codes and bylaws

Screen Name Redacted

10/23/2024 10:21 PM

Meaning: create an environment with least potential for fires or rapid growth of fires that start. Plan for west Kelowna: there is a serious issue with traffic flow and speaking re both evacuations in my 15 years in Glenrosa, it was quite questionable if we're going to get out in time due to blocked traffic. It was pure luck (and great firefighter) that things worked out but easily may not have.

Screen Name Redacted

10/24/2024 06:08 AM

cleared brush in treed areas, sides of roads, have trees in areas like clusters but with pathways, not the dense trees and brush that are all around many homes and subdivisions, like Webber Road properties, some trees should be removed that seem so close to homes, also make home owners clear grassy areas under the trees for no cigarette fires, too many are neglected.

Screen Name Redacted

10/24/2024 06:19 AM

Reducing plants and trees that are extremely combustible like pine trees and pyramid cedars

Screen Name Redacted

10/24/2024 06:42 AM

allow open burning on complementary conditions on bigger properties to ease fuel loads

Screen Name Redacted

10/24/2024 07:32 AM

To me it means thorough fire mitigation and defined steps to support fire prevention.

Screen Name Redacted

10/24/2024 01:47 PM

A community working together to support overall goals of the plan. Grants and incentives to help offset costs and make improvements attainable for homeowners/renters etc.

Screen Name Redacted

10/24/2024 07:12 PM

Zero cedars around residential structures, more zero-scaping and better communication from fire smart people in community

Screen Name Redacted

10/25/2024 08:50 AM

That we hit fires hard and fast before they become a major issue for us, whenever possible. That if there are impacts to our community, that they are dealt with quickly, and efficiently so that we can get back to normal as soon as possible, and that people are back in homes quickly too if they have lost their homes.

Screen Name Redacted

10/26/2024 03:57 PM

Wildfire resiliency in any community must start with enhanced education on the importance of following fire smart guidelines. By-laws should be created that prohibit cedar chips, bark mulch, high resin trees and bushes such as cedars and junipers that can be a fire hazard from being sold and planted especially in areas where wild fires are more likely to occur. For new subdivisions restrictive covenants should be in place to stop people from adding cedar chips, bark mulch, high resin trees and bushes such as cedars and junipers in their landscape after they move in. For homes that have existing cedars and junipers they should be encouraged to have them removed with enhanced funding grants from the Provincial Government. Homeowners who have trees and tall bushes that grow in and around overhead power lines should be encouraged to trim them back on a regular basis. Funding from the Provincial Government may also be required for this to happen. Fines may also be imposed if homeowners don't comply. All City parks including undeveloped parks should be assessed annually in either the Fall or the early Spring. Any fire mitigation work in the parks should be completed before the fire hazard rating is elevated above a medium hazard risk. If a fire were to spread within a city park it could easily start a fire in nearby homes especially if the park has several downed trees, limbs and an abundance of forest debris on the ground. By-laws should be in place to ensure that all off road vehicles must have fire arrestors to minimize the chance of a spark starting a fire in the forested areas. Especially a concern with new or young riders as it appears they may not be aware of the fire danger there off road vehicles may have in tinder dry areas. More policing should be done off forest roads and trails to discourage illegal camping where camp fires may not be properly extinguished. They may also leave behind items that may be a fire risk. The Provincial Government should provide the funding for this additional policing especially on forest roads. The Provincial Government should also be encouraged to complete fire mitigation work on their own crown land as fires have been started on crown land before. My husband and I have lived in the Smith Creek neighbourhood since 2012 and have been evacuated twice due to a nearby wild fire. Thank goodness we were

not harmed and our home was not touched by either fire. It did make us aware that we should always be on alert for a wild fire and have a go bag ready. The first fire was presumed to be human caused, which brings me to believe that more needs to be done to ensure that everyone, including visitors take fire risks seriously. I also want to thank all the first responders who risk there lives everyday in keeping our community safe. Not only from fires but any situation that effects our health and well being.

Screen Name Redacted

10/27/2024 09:13 AM

It means that community members do what they are able with the support of their neighbors and community stakeholders to reduce flammable materials on their properties. A wildfire resilient west Kelowna would look educational. Projects and improvements done by the city or individuals would be highlighted in the news and maybe with signs to explain why something was done.

Screen Name Redacted

10/28/2024 01:04 PM

Unfortunately Glenrosa now looks like a community with very few full grown trees and that will only continue to get worse

Screen Name Redacted

10/29/2024 12:17 PM

I think we have a great fire service who have constantly gone above and beyond for our community and we need to heed the situation that the fire chiefs are concerned about and spend time and resources to minimize the environment before the fires arise instead of putting the resources in after the fact

Screen Name Redacted

10/30/2024 12:22 AM

Build fire breaks around residential areas

Screen Name Redacted

10/30/2024 09:38 AM

being prepared for wildfires.

Screen Name Redacted

10/30/2024 11:29 AM

Neighbourhood working together to address fire hazards on or in unkempt parks, waterway easements that run through residential neighbour hoods, highway easements and road easements. If there was a report this area to West Kelowna and it was rated serious, a community group could get involved and help clean it up

Screen Name Redacted

10/30/2024 02:07 PM

Wildfire Resilience comes in many forms. The biggest factor is cost and effectiveness. We also have to engage the public in active wildfire responses.

Screen Name Redacted

10/31/2024 06:33 AM

Properties of home owners would contain fewer flammable plants such as cedar trees, mugo pines etc that are planted too close to homes or where properties aren't maintained properly. This should pertain to properties such as the Brookhaven Long Term Care Home as well.

Screen Name Redacted

10/31/2024 07:54 AM

First of all, many reject the Government narrative of non-sense. Poor Forest management, very slow fire fighting response time, and very poor fire fighting equipment are the real problems. Add that to a fake climate agenda by the Globalist UN Dictatorship to extort money and instill fear and you have a false control group of criminals not concerned about being Firesmart. Contrails filled with toxins and microwave technology are capable of igniting our forests on fire, to stop this and be Firesmart, all of this planned devastation through corrupt Government must end, and people need to go to prison for life. West Kelowna Fire Chief is also a serious criminal who has spoke at the UN, an unelected body, making Brolund guilty of Treason and aiding and abetting in serious crimes. Hiding the fact that a wildfire was left to burn for over 2 days before taking action is planned negligence.

Screen Name Redacted

10/31/2024 09:36 AM

Still beautiful, one can look neater and more inviting for enjoying the outdoors, safe.

Screen Name Redacted

10/31/2024 09:41 AM

There must be at least two ways to get out of a neighbourhoods. My street (Brown Road) only has one exit. The gate is locked at the point going towards the lake. Need all new development to use FireSmart principles. Phase in FireSmart principles to existing homes over a 5 year period.

Screen Name Redacted

10/31/2024 09:44 AM

Fuel mitigation in Powers Creek Canyon. Fire mitigation west of Glenrosa (Last Mountain).

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11/01/2024 02:30 PM

I see a community with a well cared for urban interface. An area where the conifer trees are trimmed to the specified height and old branches and duff are cleared within a specified distance from living areas. The small parks that are within the community itself (eg. Glen Canyon) are cleaned of dead debris & branches. That owners be notified of fire hazards on their property and properly educated on why it is a fire risk. I know that it sounds like an impossible task but every little bit helps.

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Each homeowner needs to be informed of what mitigation is and how it applies to their house and property. It's possible that a few short videos would do this. Eg, 4-6 different properties that take 2 minutes each (by video) on likely the city hall website, and they show a short version of a FireSmart representative doing a walk-thru with the homeowner (don't need to show the homeowner or their address or the front of their house). It probably takes only 12 seconds or less per explanation of what is wrong and what options you could do to improve it. Starting with a basic property and working up to more challenging properties would help the viewer get the idea of things. As the video gets to property number 3 or 4 you can just show a picture of the problem with a heading and spend only 4 seconds on it because it has already been covered. Advertise this link to the video, everywhere.

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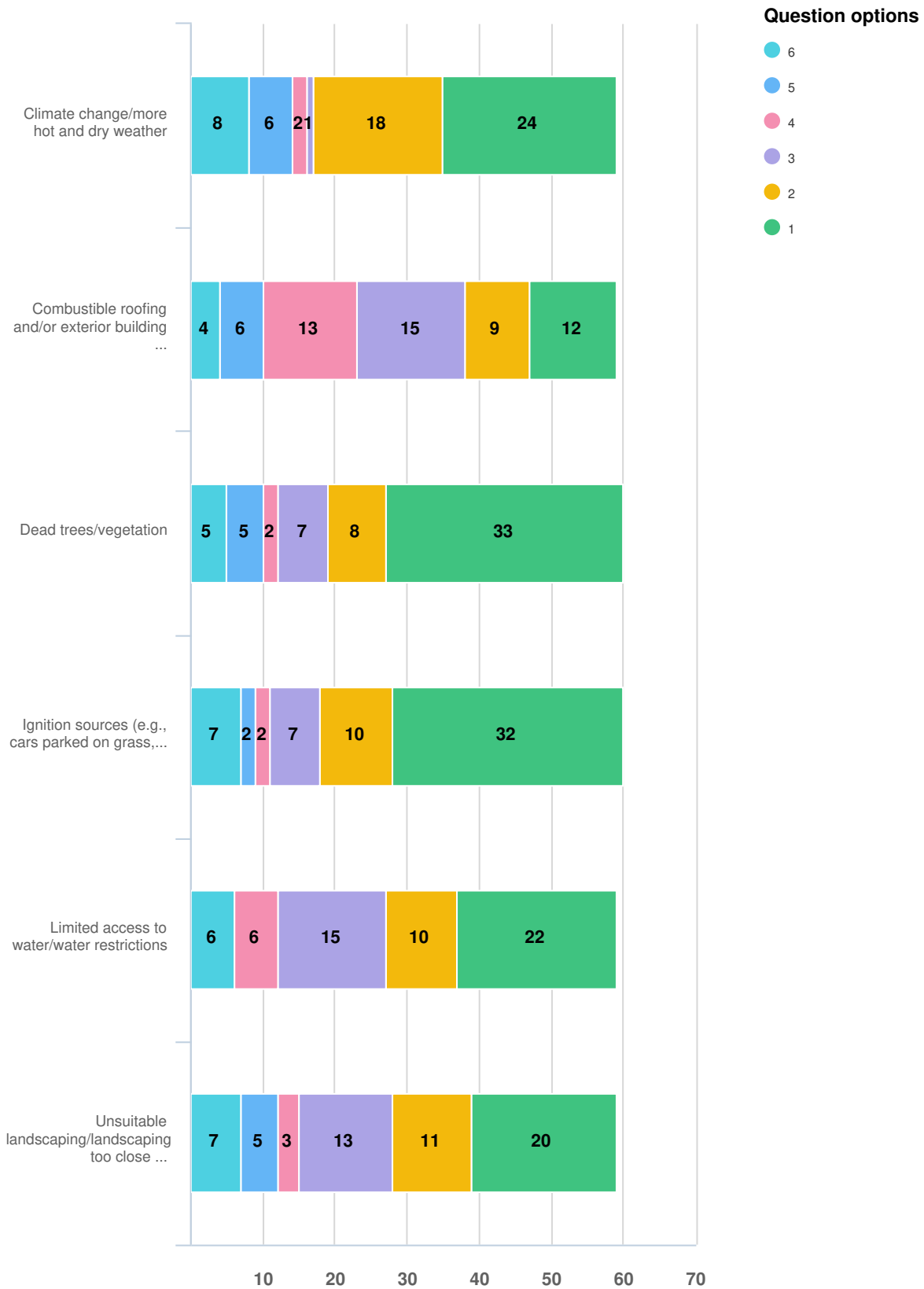
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Education and awareness for residents. Actio s to increase resilience

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**Question type:** Essay Question

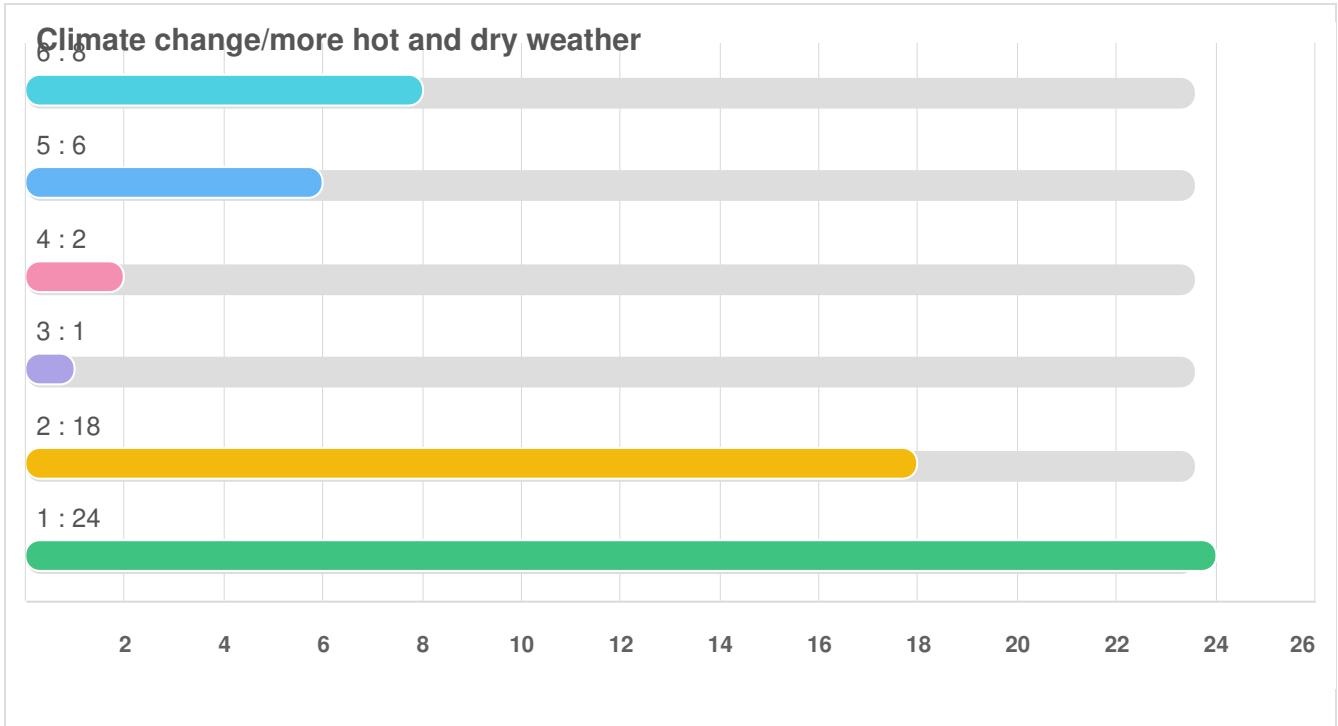
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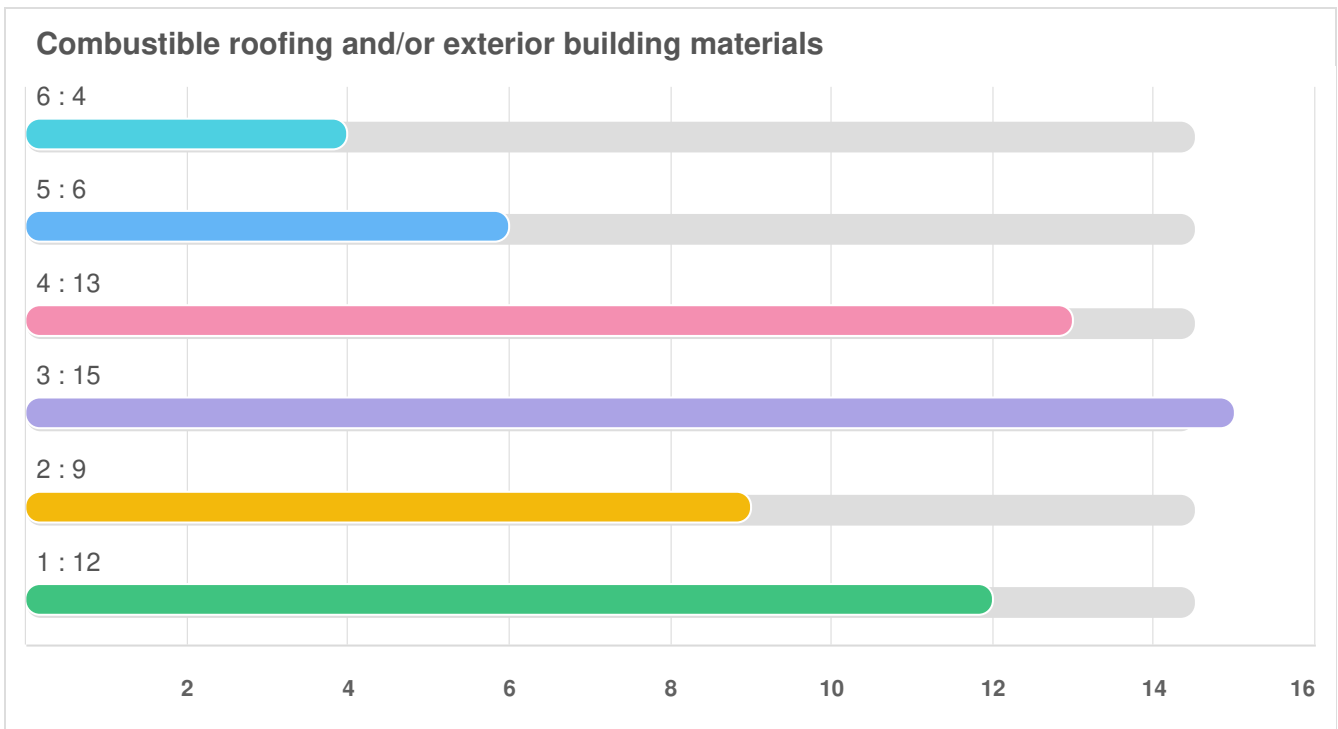


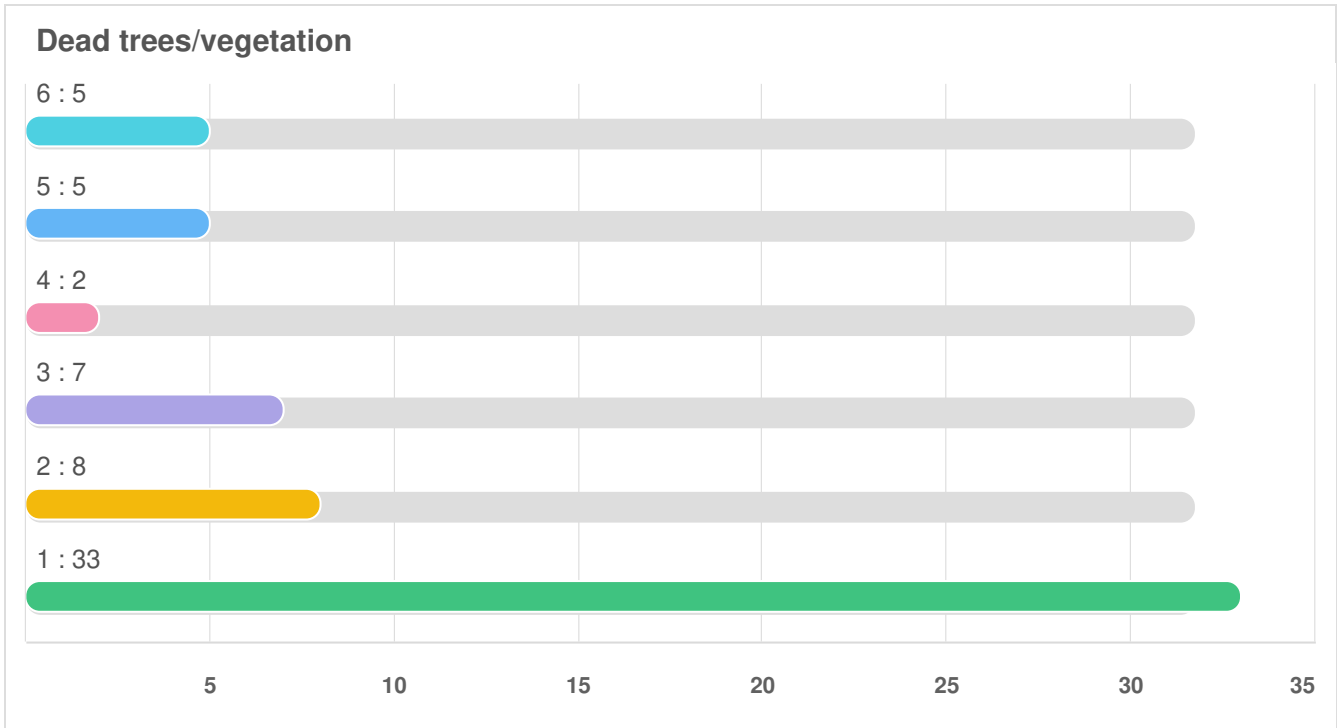
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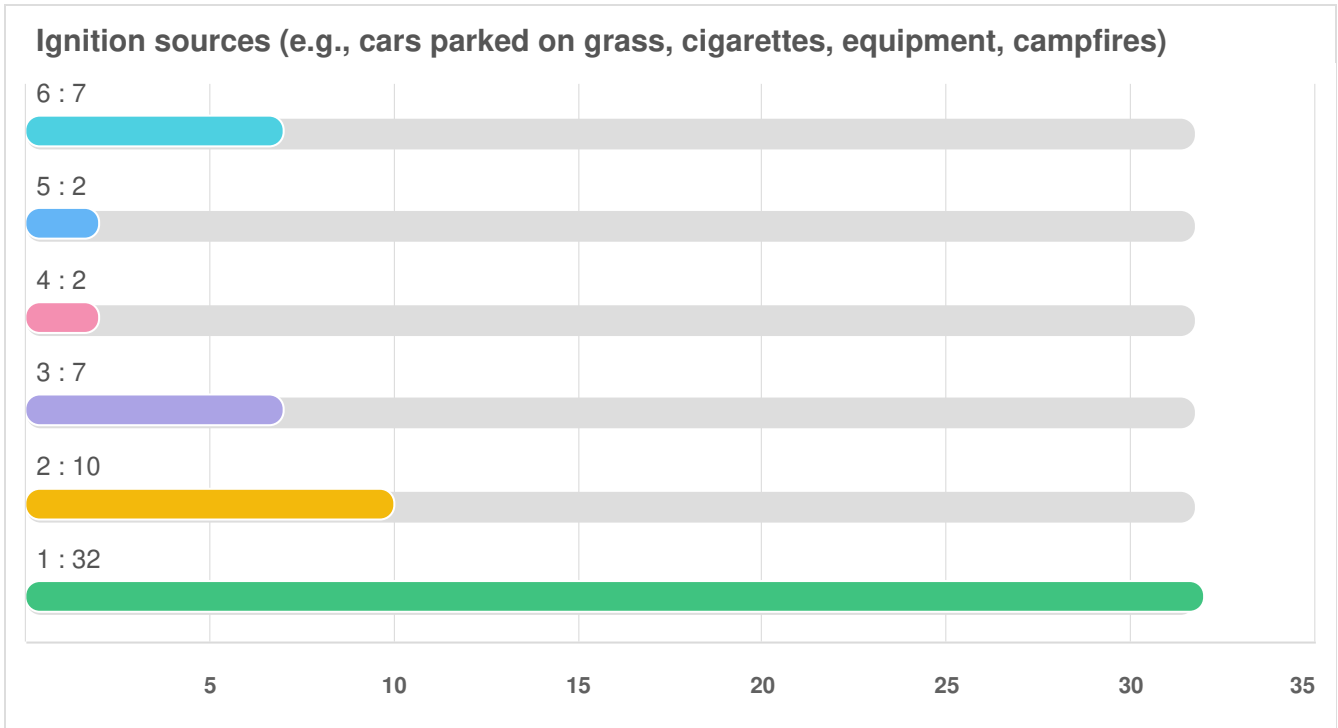


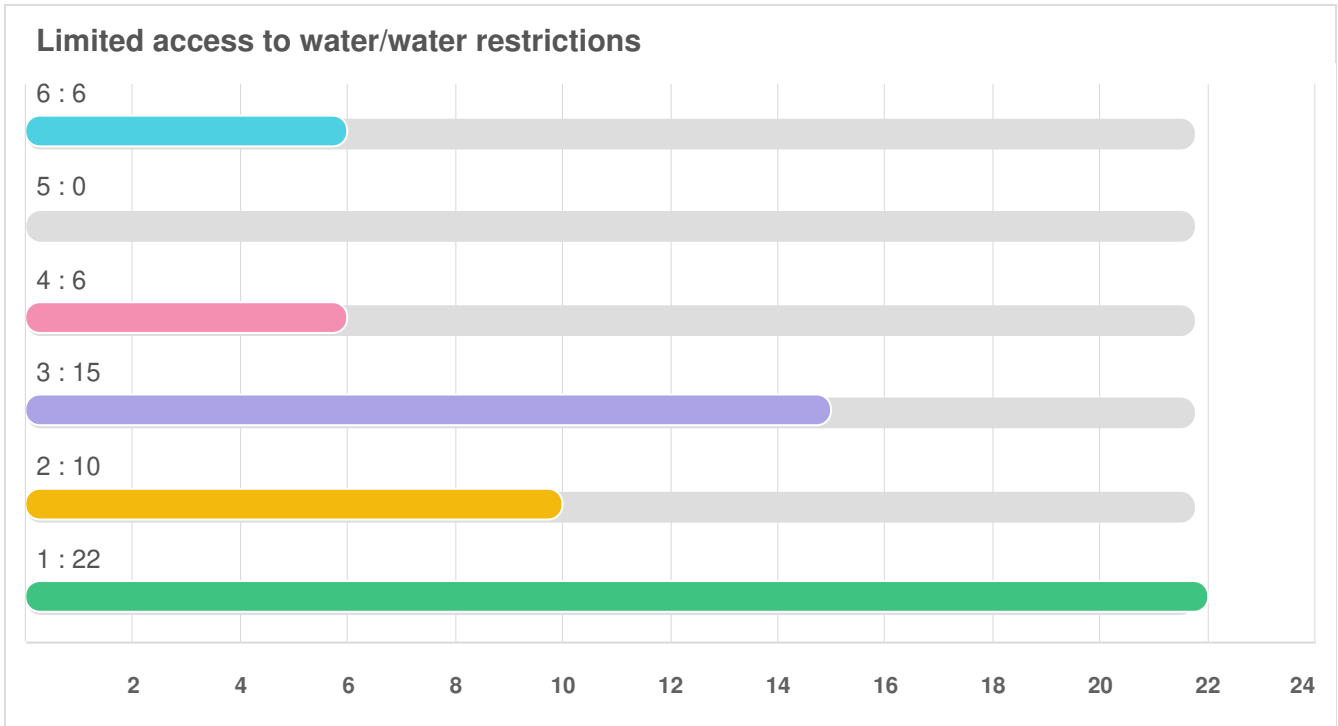
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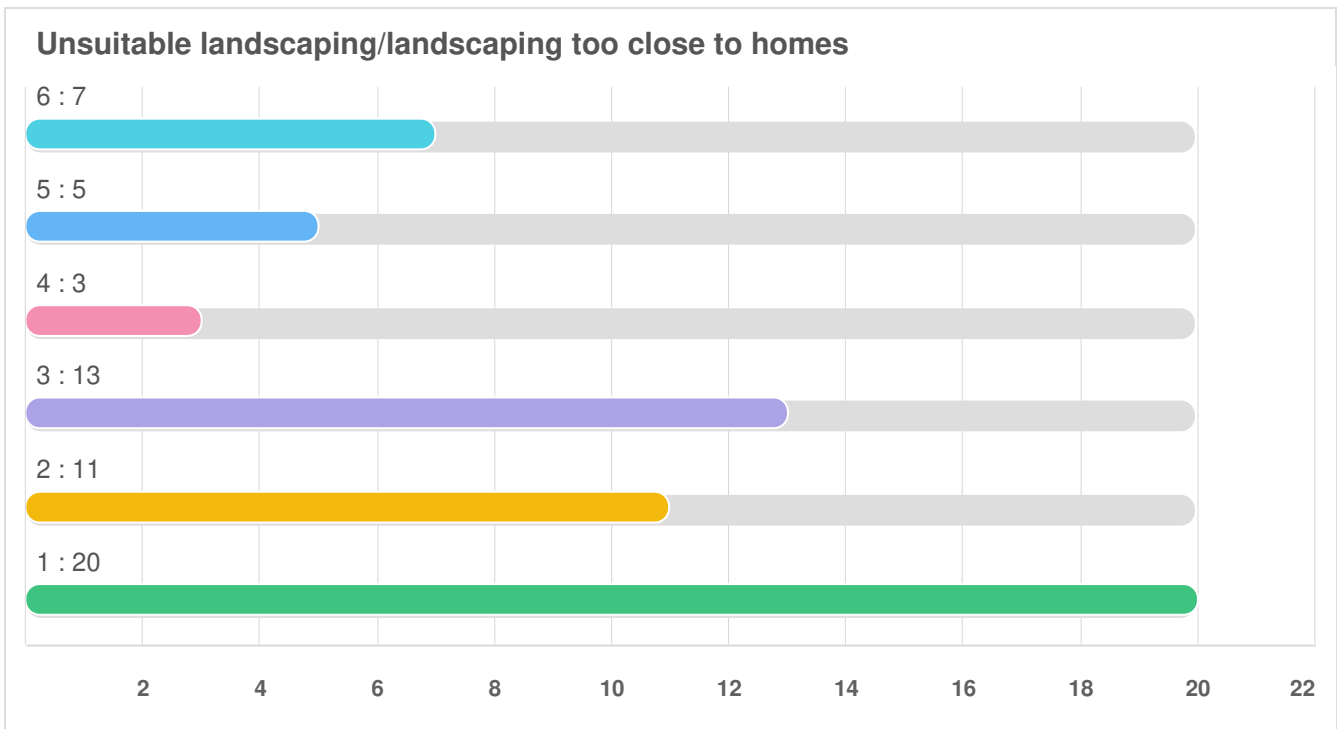












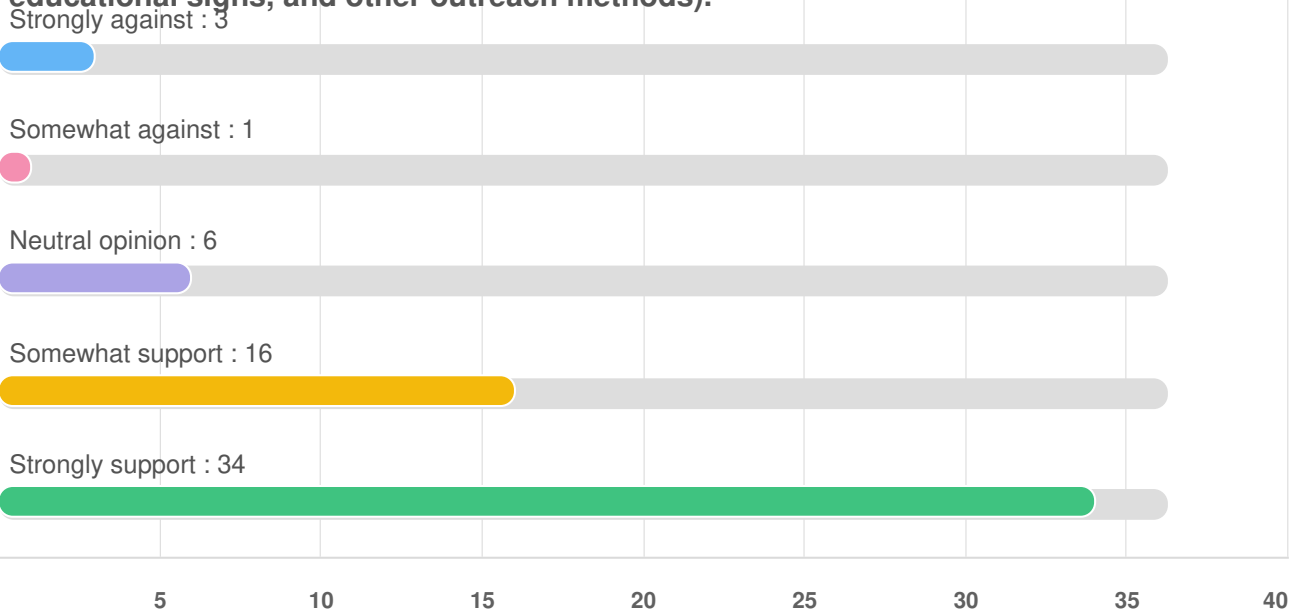
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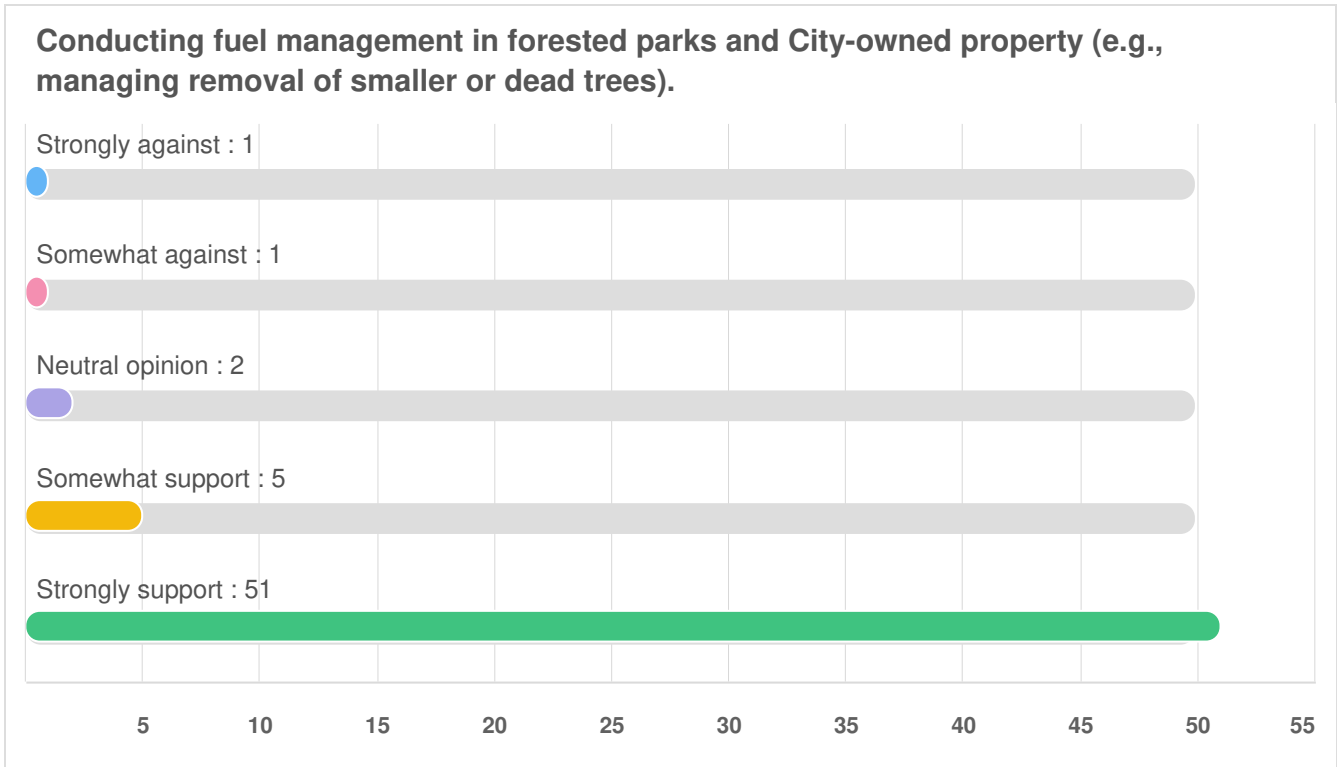
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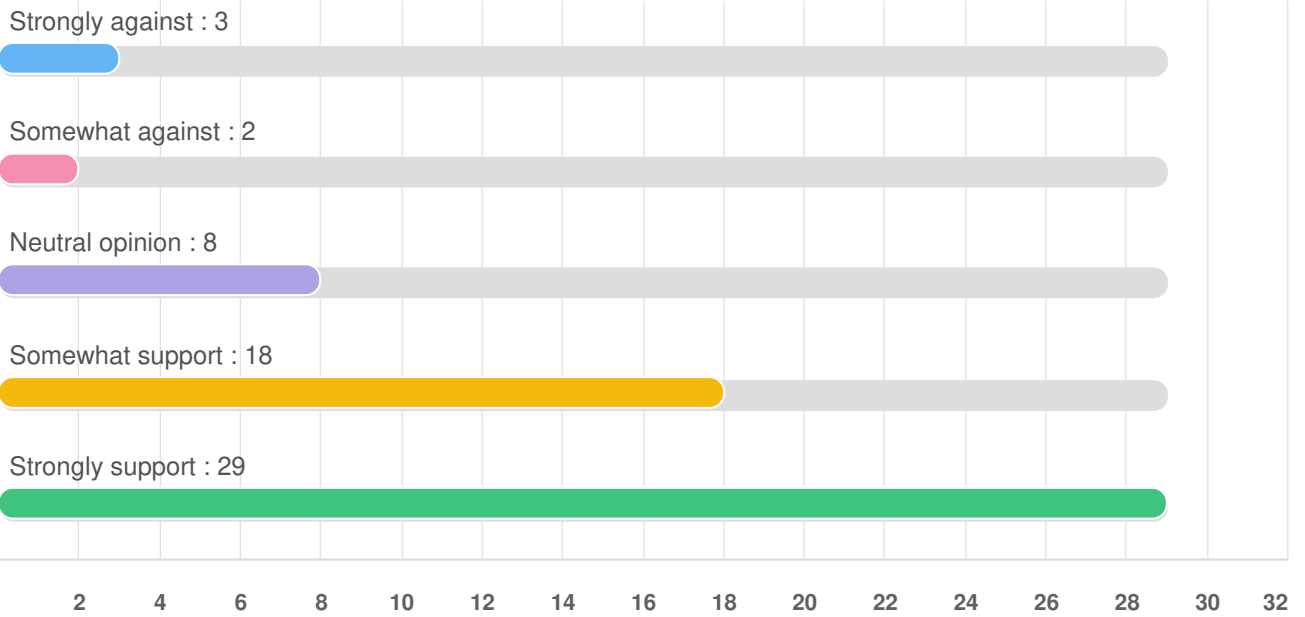
**Promote wildfire awareness in parks and other public places (e.g., with posters, educational signs, and other outreach methods).**



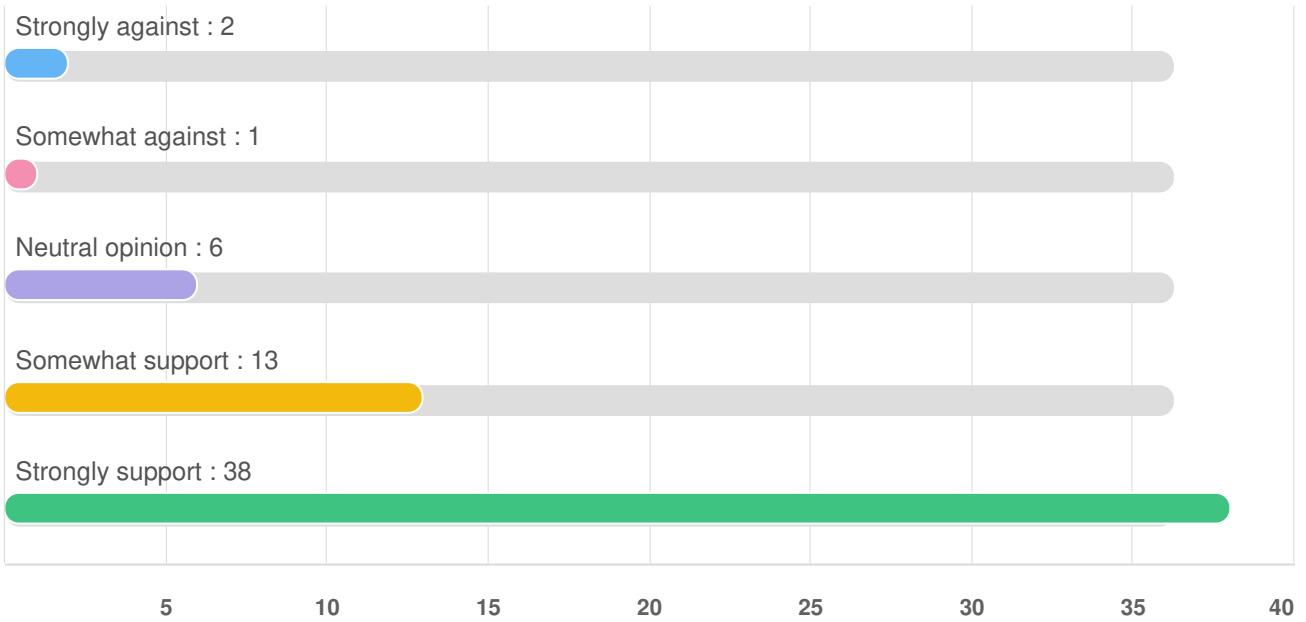




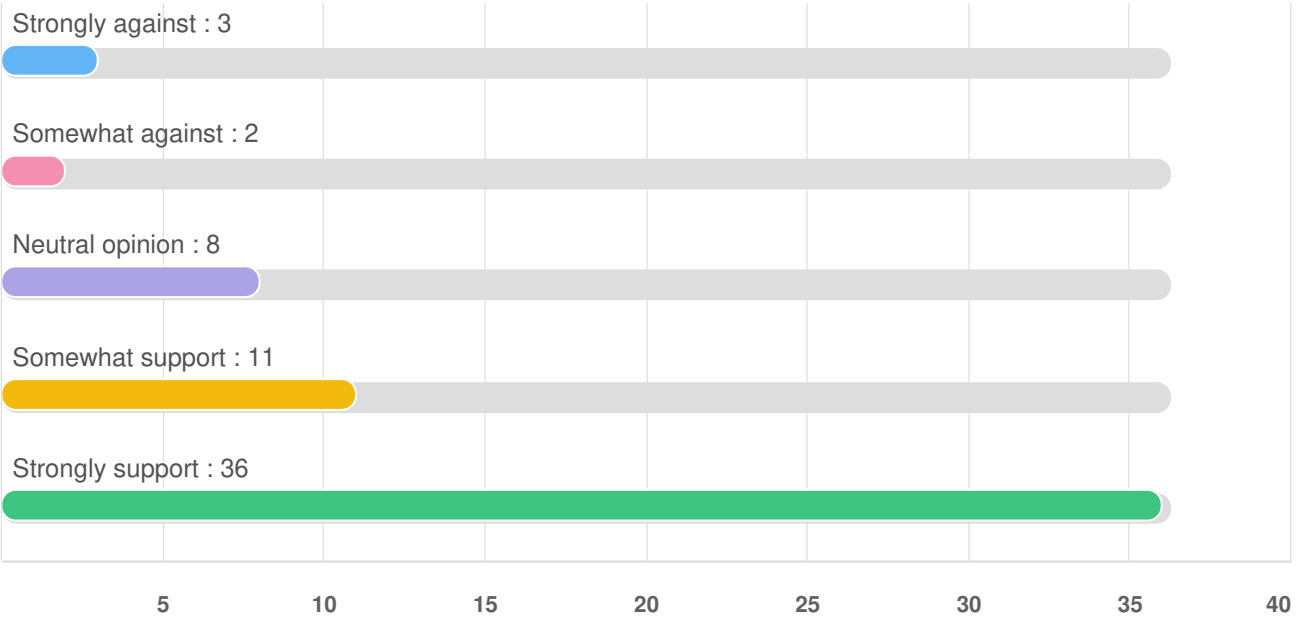
### Host more community events where residents can learn about wildfire risk and FireSmart programs.



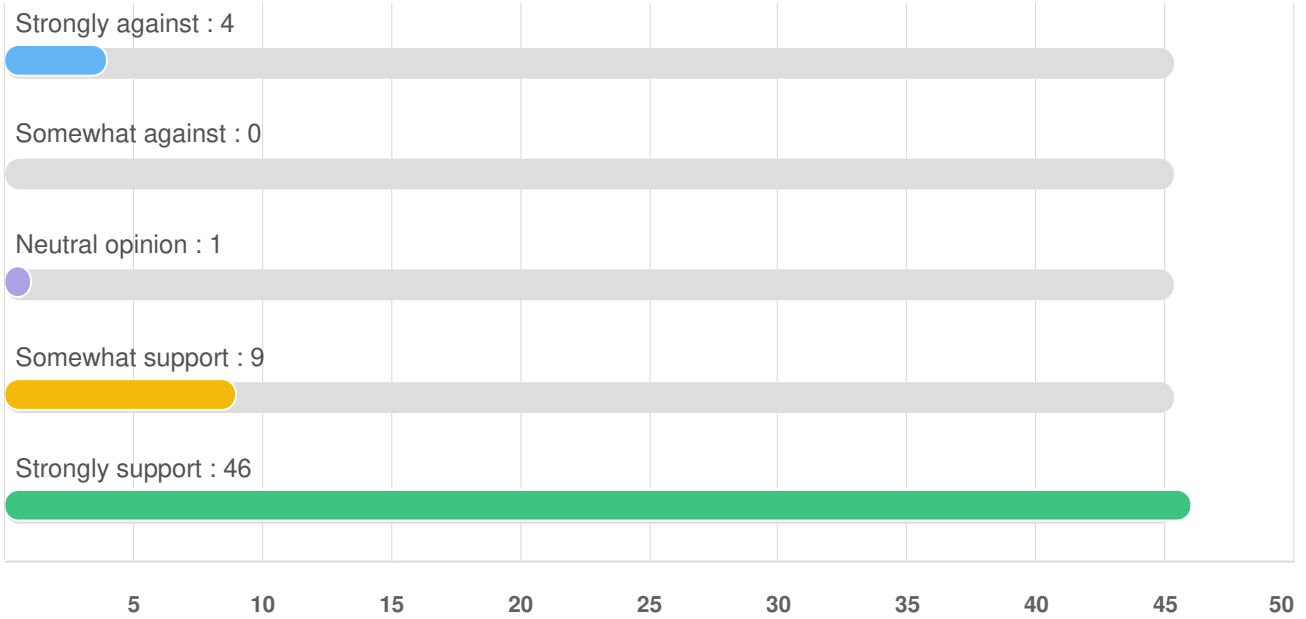
### Provide additional support to residents who want to achieve FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition.

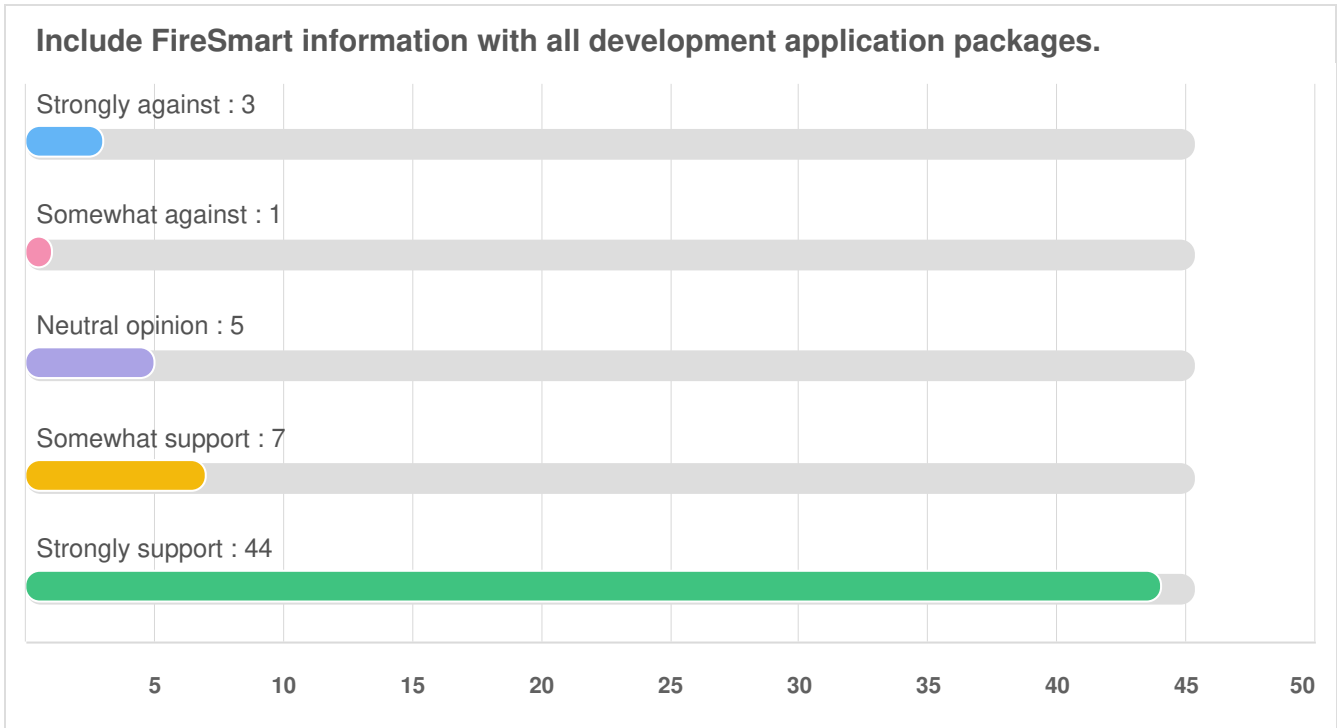


**Offer incentives, such as rebates, to homeowners who protect their homes from fires by following FireSmart practices.**

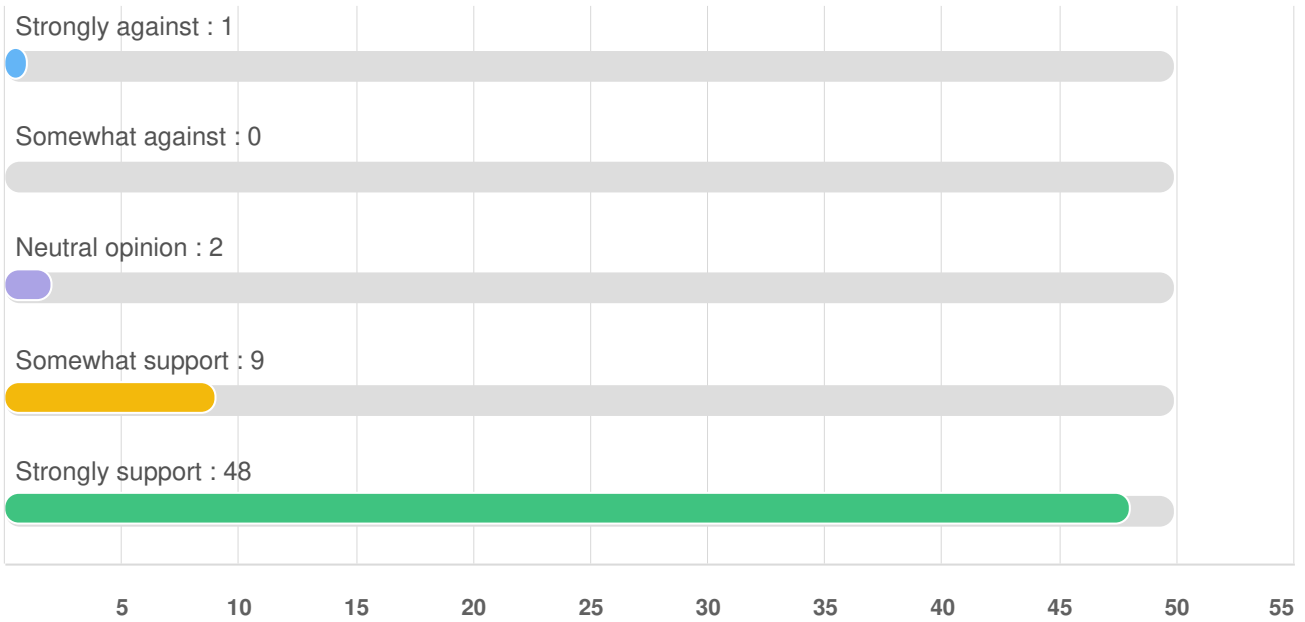


**Adjust community planning and development bylaws to require new buildings in high-risk areas use FireSmart construction and landscaping.**





**Advocate with the provincial government to advance wildfire resiliency projects requiring partnership with other governments.**



**Q5 | Do you have any other suggestions or priorities for how the City of West Kelowna and West Kelowna Fire Rescue could reduce wildfire risk?**

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10/23/2024 03:05 PM

stop allowing motor bikes and quads above urban areas such as Tallus Ridge and Smith creek. Make them take their off roading to the appropriate places like they use to have to, such as bear creek motor cross track. Many fires are started by their vehicles and their stupidity of leaving unattended fires above our houses. Stop turning a blind eye to this its ridiculous

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Sign an understandings with other agencies to send help to a fire that begins regardless of whose jurisdiction it is. Both fires in this area 2003 and 2013 could have been prevented if equipment and personnel hit the fires immediately before the wind and weather changed.

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Stop wasting money on pamphets and community engagement that is just for show, spend the money to actually help fix the problem, people are very well aware there is a wildfire problem they dont need more money spent on education. Spend the money to hire people to cut a proper fire break.

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10/23/2024 03:39 PM

Update campfire bans and restrictions BEFORE our area is tinder dry. Patrol and remove homeless camps from the surrounding forest areas. Restrict certain areas from ATV's, dirt bikes etc during high risk months Harsher penalties for anyone who starts a fire

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10/23/2024 03:43 PM

No cedar hedges or other such things around residences. These things go up way too quick and are hard to put out.

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10/23/2024 05:19 PM

Create and allow infrastructure and development, including water utilities to combat fire down Westside Rd immediately. More development will allow for more fire hydrants and to allow fire trucks to get water where it's needed most.

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10/23/2024 05:21 PM

It has been a year and little cleanup has been done in our forests. I suggested that the CWK hire local tree companies to start cleaning up and removing dead growth. I was told "The CWK would never be able to afford that". Not much incentive! Ban cedar hedges, have rebate program for WASP sprinklers to be installed on homes/rebates to people who do prepare for wildfires.

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10/23/2024 06:01 PM

If not applicable already, apply the Wildfire Act's fines to local Municipalities. These fines are a strong deterrant making people think twice before they act inappropriately/ unlawfully. A \$2,000 fine is not enough of a deterrant.

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10/23/2024 06:57 PM

Clean up the fuel on WestSide rd allowance. Specifically Burned trees

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10/23/2024 07:06 PM

Permanent yearly campfire bans from April - December regardless of the weather.

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10/23/2024 07:28 PM

When a small fire starts, just put it out no matter where it is. It must be extinguished immediately, as winds & weather constantly change, and as we have witnessed, a fire doesn't grow in a straight line, and can jump our lake.

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10/23/2024 07:31 PM

Mitigate effects of a fire in the canyon spreading through the community at interface structures/vegetation/ fuels



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10/23/2024 08:46 PM

Continue to advance innovative "new" (outside the box) initiatives that foster a heightened societal capacity for better community and citizenry "adaptation" (in disaster preparedness, in loss reduction, in municipal/rural emergency response efficacy -municipal equipment inventories and staff, in advance pre-incident preparedness of opportunity untapped water-sources). e.g. 1. funding elevated emergency fire response equipment capacity, 2. improved co-funding to encourage/foster citizen capacity in pre-suppression bush/wildland sprinkler systems, 3. improved residential access to air conditioning and stand-alone power generator backup systems, 4. broaden FireSmart funding from solely a "hazards preventative" focus to include "pre-suppression" category citizen-efforts; -co-investment, co-funded addition of professional-grade water-delivery equipment systems (wildfire pumps, fire hose and nozzle caches) {distributed with setup-training for properties with swimming pools or immediate adjacency to natural water sources -lakes, ponds, creeks} as a suite of strategically inventoried /pre-identified future opportunity emergency water sources of critical support value to better efficient-response of arriving crews during community-scale wildfire events, and 5. Explore BC wide innovation opportunity in rural-urban interface for an additive untapped contract wildfire hotshot crew resource to integrate with existing public-service/municipal-service directed crews, as is now occurring in US states as a supplementary initiative for property owners. BCgov and municipalities should investigate and foster "additive" capacity, new entrepreneurial business-interest, and business-case clarity for evolving a market of private contractor fire defence services (now a supported active model in some states by US property insurance underwriters). Property owners have opportunity to add a premium coverage for cost of "pre-season retainer-fees" for a guaranteed response to private property by private wildfire hotshot contractors in incidents of wildfire seasons where municipal or government-directed emergency response resources are at overtaxed-capacity (such private crews are pre-certified to assure integration and harmony of operations with parallel operating municipal/government crews), 6. Identify a unique FireSmart program for the nuances associated with strata-properties in the Okanagan (context nuances: -multiple tax-payer property owners, larger properties holding complex building and landscaping considerations, higher-challenge & higher risk considerations for wildfire response circumstances by municipal-resources, higher-prospect of an "indefensible circumstance" ranking-occurrence during a multi-fire community-scale incident, buildings often involve multiple-storeys, often have perimeter wildland fuels proximity consideration, many such properties have swimming pools and/or lakeside natural water supply access)

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team up with groups to monitor backcountry areas for non compliant

10/23/2024 09:12 PM

activities. More signage and fines to prevent cigarette butts thrown from vehicles.

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10/23/2024 10:21 PM

Ban campfires earlier (though I think this year it was done?). Review fire rescue support and find/enhance as necessary

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10/24/2024 06:08 AM

improve road access and evacuation roads, like the Webber road is a one way in, one way out only road which was considered a Dunbarton exit road to be made at one time, when fires were up in Glenrosa it was a nightmare getting out with only one way in and out, with all the homes there it's not smart. It needs to have at least one more exit route.

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10/24/2024 06:19 AM

Clear forest from around the perimeter edge of our city.

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10/24/2024 06:42 AM

allow people affordable ways to clean up there properties Burning restrictions have made it almost impossible to clean up excessive fuels Have a community dump spot for dead trees and organic fuels that is free to dump and get funding to turn these fuels into soil eg tub grind ect has to be affordable for the public

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10/24/2024 07:32 AM

The City should clean up its wilderness parks where dead and fallen trees exist. Some of these parks have fallen and standing dead trees.

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10/24/2024 08:28 AM

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10/24/2024 03:25 PM

As a result of ongoing drought, there are many private properties in the city which have dead cedars on them. Often they are in a row acting as a fence along the property line. There are also other dead trees but the cedars seem worse as they are highly flammable. I would like to see the city pass two by-laws. First, ban the selling and planting of trees such as cedars within the city. Second, require property owners to clean dead cedars and other trees on their land. I would make both by-laws enforceable with reasonably steep fines. However, I would set it up so that property owners get two warning (spaced over a reasonable time frame) prior to the application of a fine. There has to be some consideration that it might cost money to clean it up and not everyone may be able to afford this. Maybe a citizen volunteer group set up to assist people ??

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Must be more proactive rather than reactive

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10/25/2024 08:50 AM

I would support the banning of the sale of Cedars or other combustible plants for landscaping. I strongly recommend that we provide our citizens with detailed wildfire season preparedness sessions; for example: Workshops for how they can rough out their evacuation to do list and plan.... I also strongly recommend that you change the wording in the resiliency plan regarding review: It currently says it will be reviewed every 5 years. Personally, I think with what we are learning about fire behavior and issues we are encountering with arge magnitude wildfire events, 5 years is too long. Think about this: This is currently 2024 and we have had massive interface fires impact the southern interior communities over the past few years. 5 years ago, some of the fire activity we experienced was almost unfathomable for many, including career wildland firefighters. With so much effort that has gone into the plan, I am hopeful that there can be a review mechanism that can ensure the plan is current and based on current best practices, without it being a time and resource drain to do so.

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10/25/2024 09:55 AM

I live in the Tallus Ridge area of West Kelowna . While there is tiny signage stating no motorized vehicles. Gas powered motorcycles & ATV's were constantly operated during all levels of fire danger! Both young & Old operators disregarding tinder dry Crown land above Paramount Drive

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10/26/2024 03:57 PM

For the past few years we have experienced less rain and snow which means that are summers will be very dry. Don't wait to get the word out to residence and visitors of the risk of a wildfire. Use as many media sources necessary to educate the public on the fire hazards. Post more large signs about the fire danger in areas of greatest risk. Close parks and trails early if necessary if they encroach in areas where fires are most prevalent. Put restrictions on campfires earlier than in the past. (If climate change is here why are we encouraging people to have campfires it doesn't make any sense?) Advocate for more funding from the Province for additional manpower to help patrolling the forest roads for illegal camping and to assist with fire mitigation. Encourage residents in areas where the fire risk is greatest to follow fire smart guidelines. If some of those areas do not have a Community Association to provide leadership where issues like this are a concern than maybe a fire smart blitz could be held within those communities.

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- reduce the amount of dead plants on the side of roads (would likely

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require partnership with province for highway). Either hardscaping or planting fire and drought tolerant plants. Maybe providing discounts on water usage for neighbours to water these ditches until a suitable plant has established itself. - banning the sale AND planting of cedar hedges. Just banning the sale does not prevent them from being planted. -ensuring fire smart assessment and actions can be completed year round by homeowners. -this might be a silly one, but look into renting goats to clean up parks. I believe Kamloops has done it? It might reduce costs of human wages and I am sure the community would love it. -work with fire smart and at risk neighborhoods to promote roof sprinklers. -promote alternative drought tolerant lawns. We use clover and love it. Needs little water and may be more fire resistant. - start warning and fining properties that are a huge risk (yard clean up, fuel next to house, etc) -do awards for homes that have completed fire smart tasks. -

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10/29/2024 10:48 AM

More fuel medgations especially up in Glenrosa and Smith Creek Shannon Lake burning some of the dead trees Ryan Vetter

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10/30/2024 12:22 AM

Increase green bin pickups. Biweekly is not enough.

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10/30/2024 11:29 AM

I'm a little worried that the first questions may imply a policing force rather than a information approach. I think on private property it should be up to the homeowner after getting the information to put fire smart practises in use.

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10/30/2024 02:07 PM

I believe the public should be part of an active initial support team in a wildfire event. A quick evaluation and initial suppression of a small growing wildfire can be a good training initiative for the fire service to present to selected public volunteers. The public will see a wildfire before any emergency organization and can act quickly and safely with proper training.

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10/31/2024 09:41 AM

Multi family new development, roof sprinkler systems, existing development phase in over 5 years.

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Fuel reduction and mitigation in Boundary A and neighbourhoods to prevent large wind driven fires.

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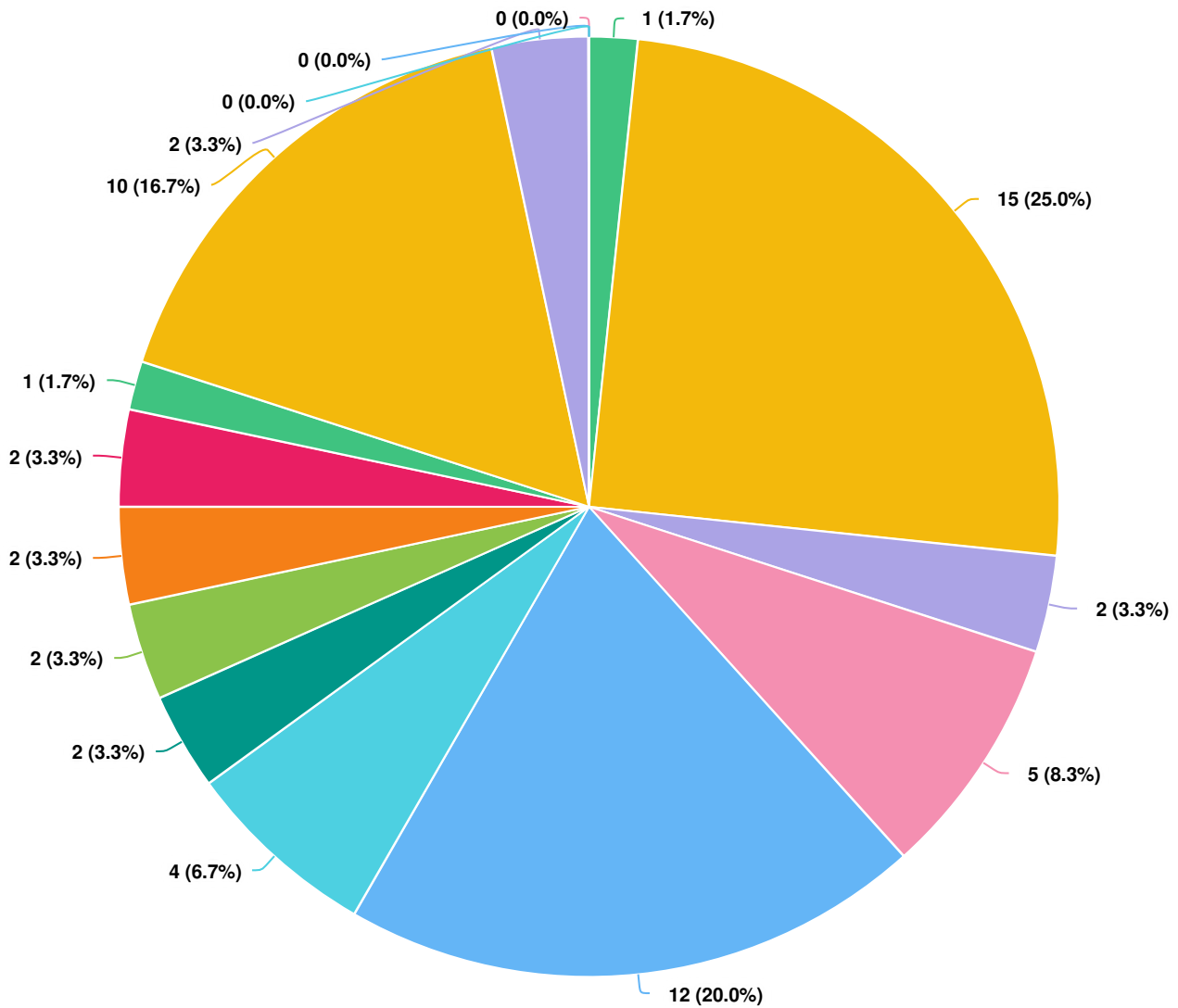
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More explanation as to how certain landscaping is worse than others. eg. "from worst to best" which trees should you plant, which grasses burn the fastest, other plants commonly planted, furniture choices or locations, etc.

**Optional question** (34 response(s), 27 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q6** What neighbourhood do you live in?

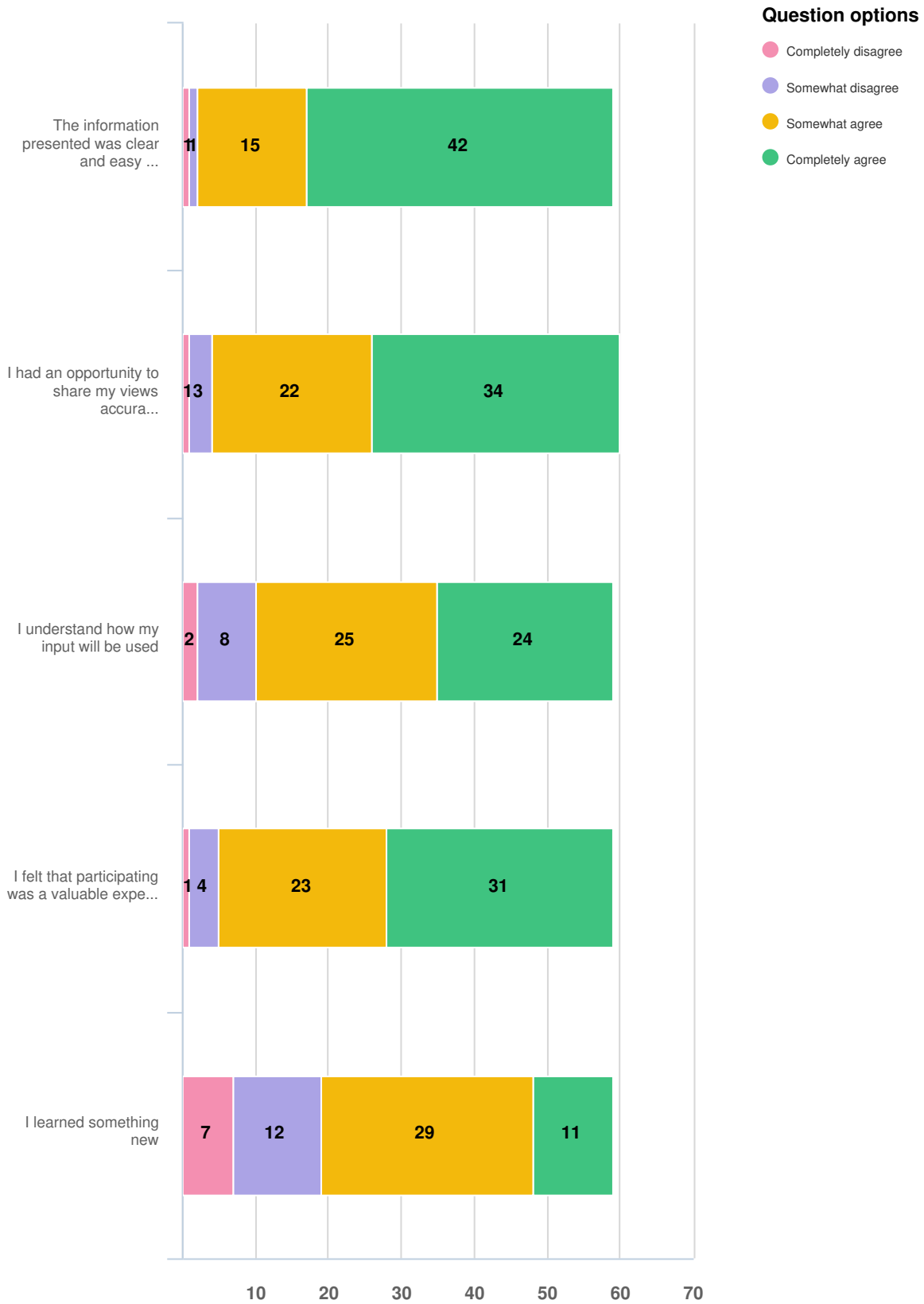


**Question options**

- West Kelowna Business Park    
 ● Boucherie Centre    
 ● Bartley North    
 ● Outside West Kelowna
- West Kelowna Estates/Rose Valley    
 ● Westbank First Nation    
 ● Westside Road/Bear Creek Road    
 ● Westbank Centre
- Westbank    
 ● South Boucherie    
 ● Smith Creek    
 ● Shannon Lake    
 ● Lakeview Heights    
 ● Goats Peak/Gellatly
- Glenrosa    
 ● Casa Loma

Optional question (60 response(s), 1 skipped)  
 Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q7** Please rank the following statements relating to this survey:



Optional question (60 response(s), 1 skipped)  
Question type: Likert Question

**Q7 | Please rank the following statements relating to this survey:**

**The information presented was clear and easy to understand**

Completely disagree : 1



Somewhat disagree : 1



Somewhat agree : 15



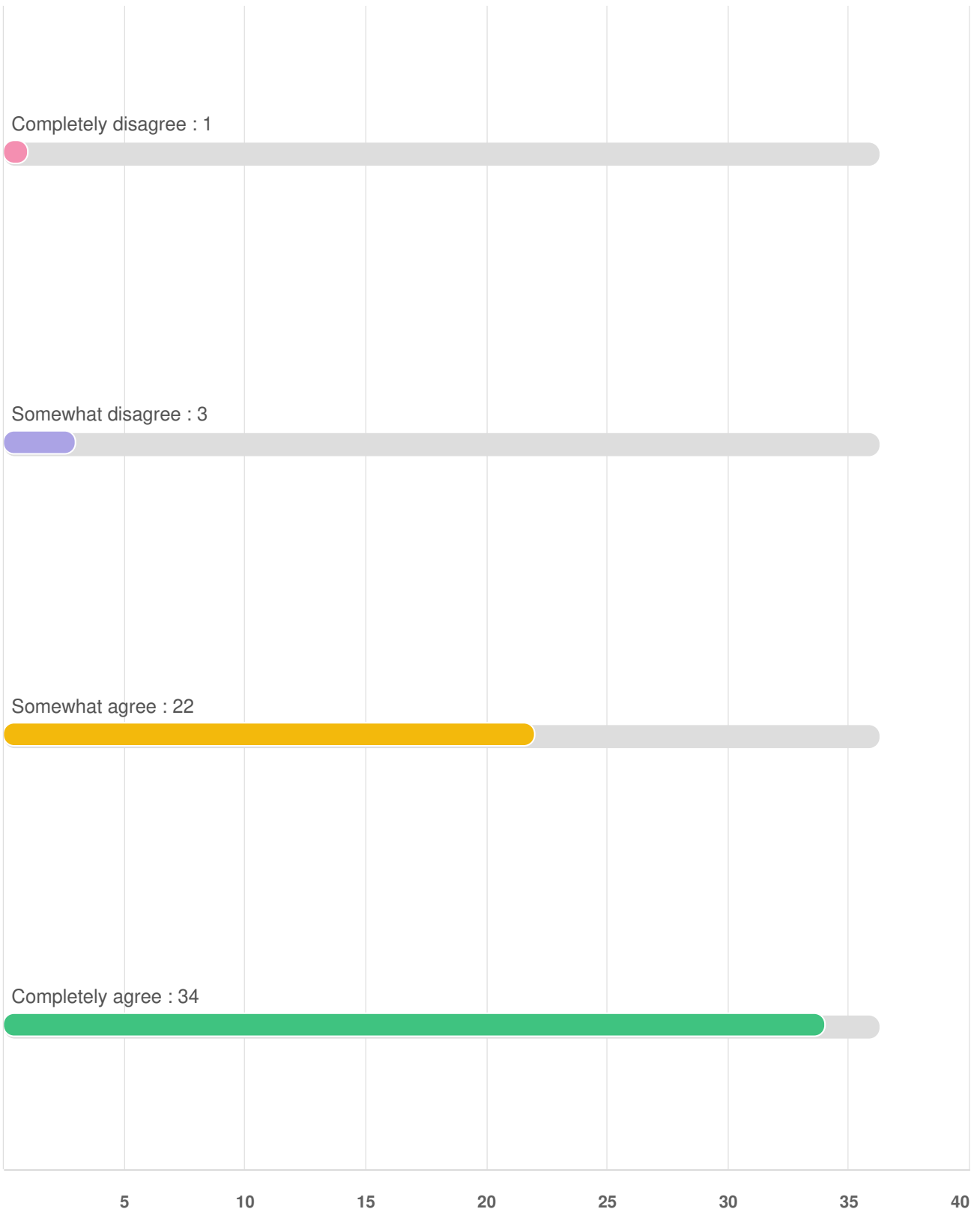
Completely agree : 42



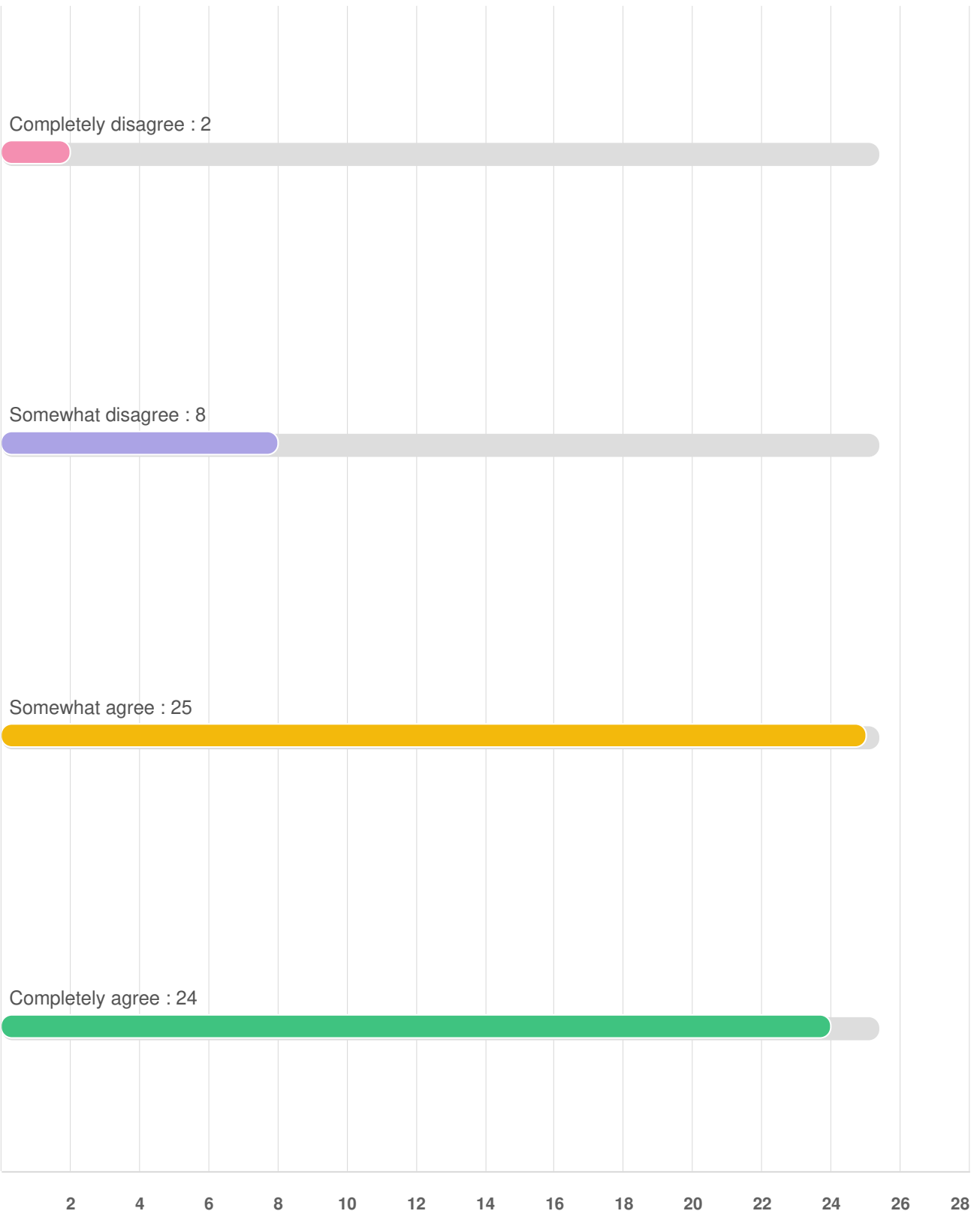
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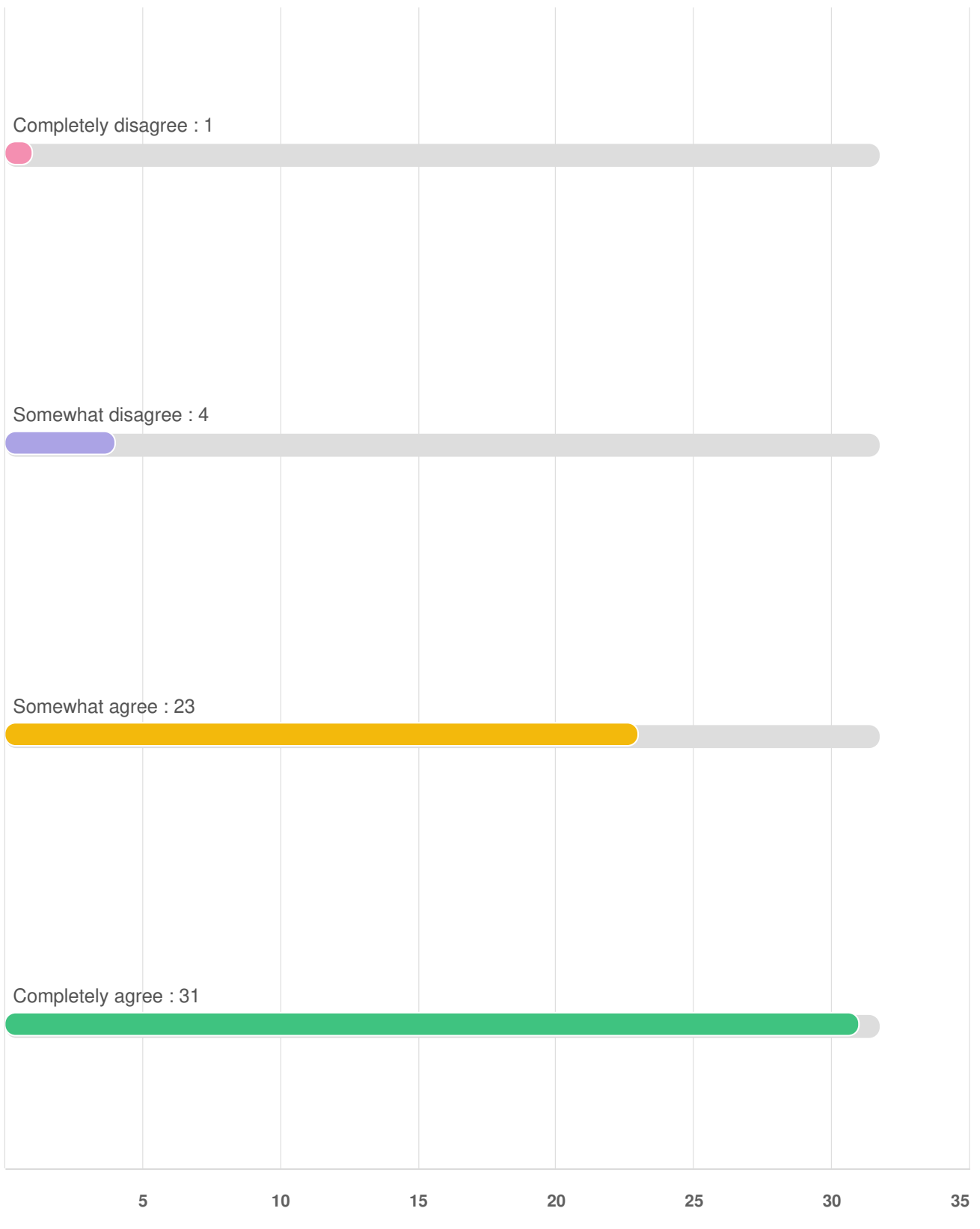
### I had an opportunity to share my views accurately



### I understand how my input will be used



### I felt that participating was a valuable experience



### I learned something new

Completely disagree : 7



Somewhat disagree : 12



Somewhat agree : 29

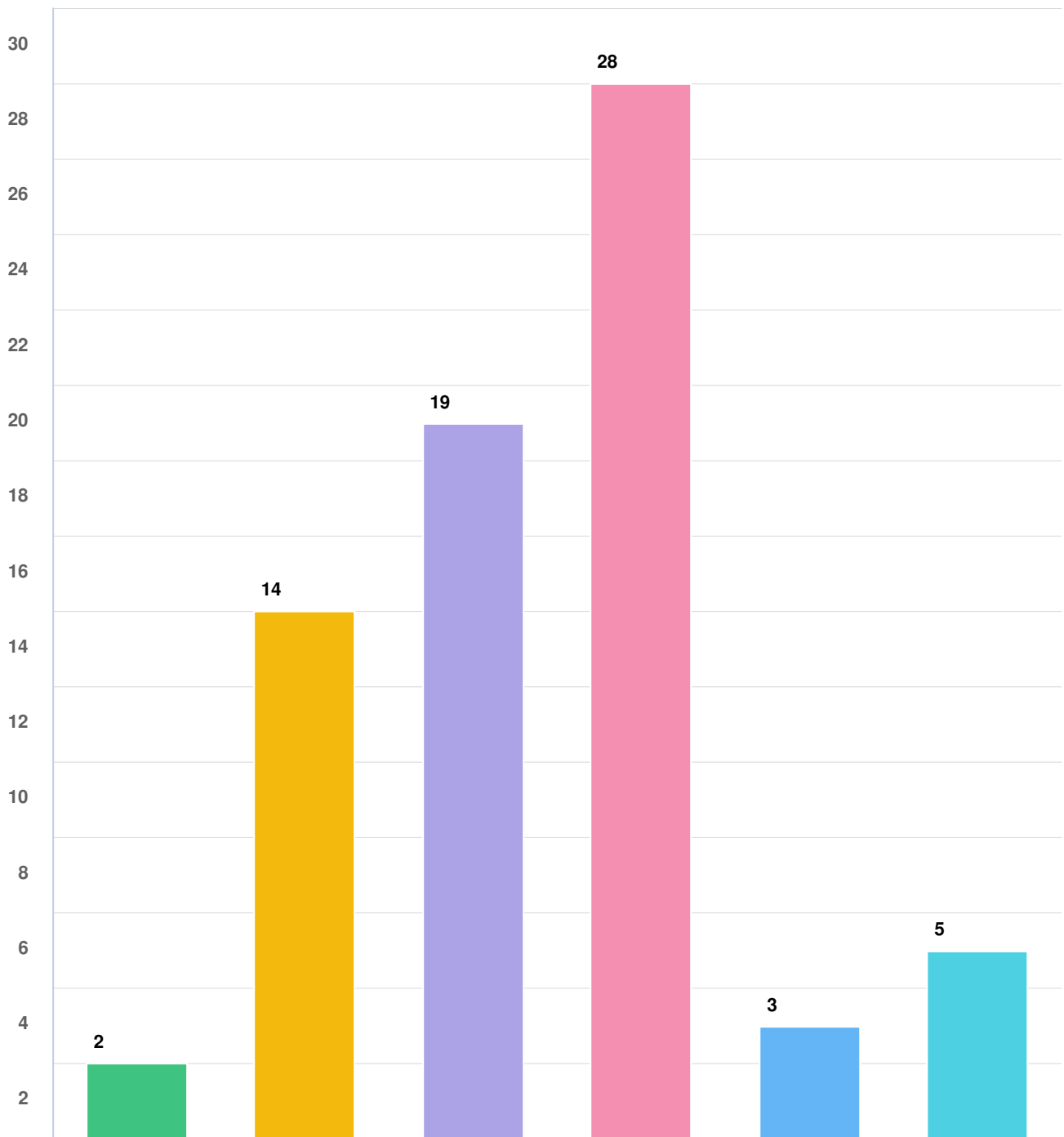


Completely agree : 11



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**Q8** How did you hear about public consultation for the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan?



**Question options**

- Other (please specify)
- In-person (Community Open House)
- Communications from the City (e-news, Public Service Announcements etc.)
- Local news (online, television, newspaper)
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, X)
- Printed materials (posters, postcard)

Optional question (59 response(s), 2 skipped)  
Question type: Checkbox Question