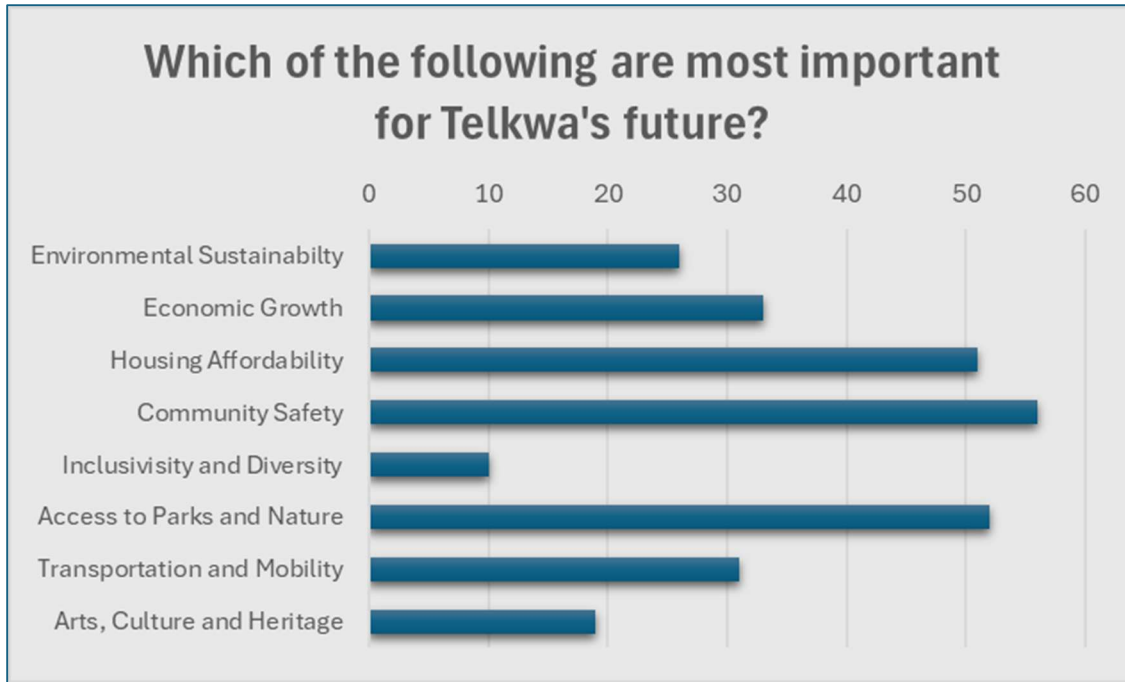


## OCP Community Vision Survey Results – 129 Respondents

The following is an overview of the feedback received as part of the Community Vision Survey that was available at the live events and online. Participants were asked both multiple choice questions and open-ended questions. The answers are summarized below.

### Which of the following are most important for Telkwa's Future?

Environmental Sustainability 26, 20%; Economic Growth 33, 26%; Housing Affordability 51, 40%; Community Safety 56, 43%; Inclusivity and Diversity 10, 8%; Access to Parks and Nature 52, 40%; Transportation and Mobility 31, 24%; Arts Culture and Heritage 19, 15%

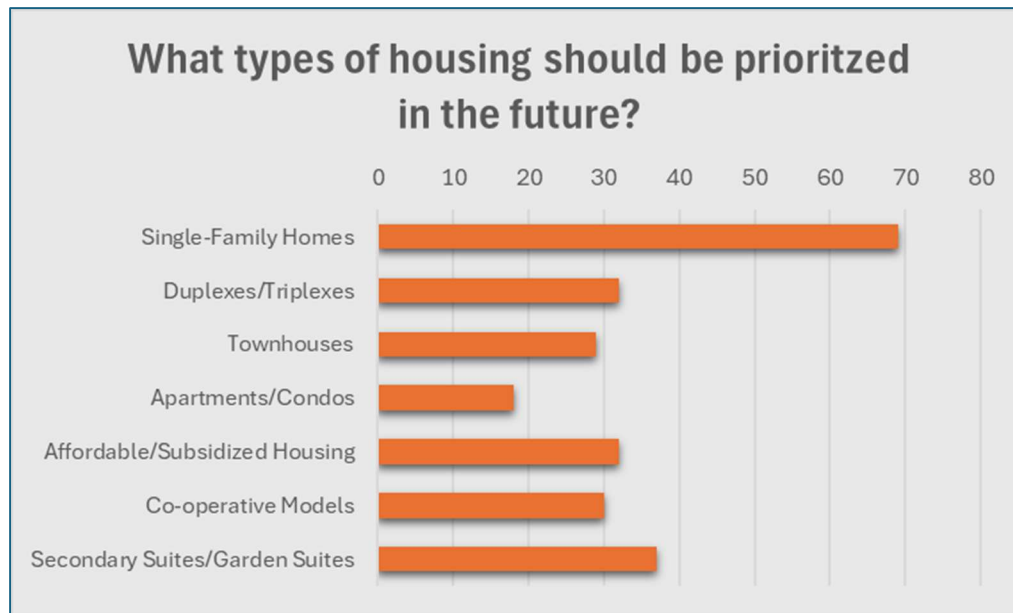


### Other comments included:

- Property taxes.
- Community cohesion.
- Preservation of trees, forests, waterways.
- Upgraded play areas for children.
- Recreation opportunities.
- Well planned growth to get taxes lower.
- Less stinky pot.
- More housing.
- Fun community events and facilities that bring people together.
- Childcare.
- Safety through sustainable infrastructure.
- Speed on Coalmine Road.
- Less cement/more nature.

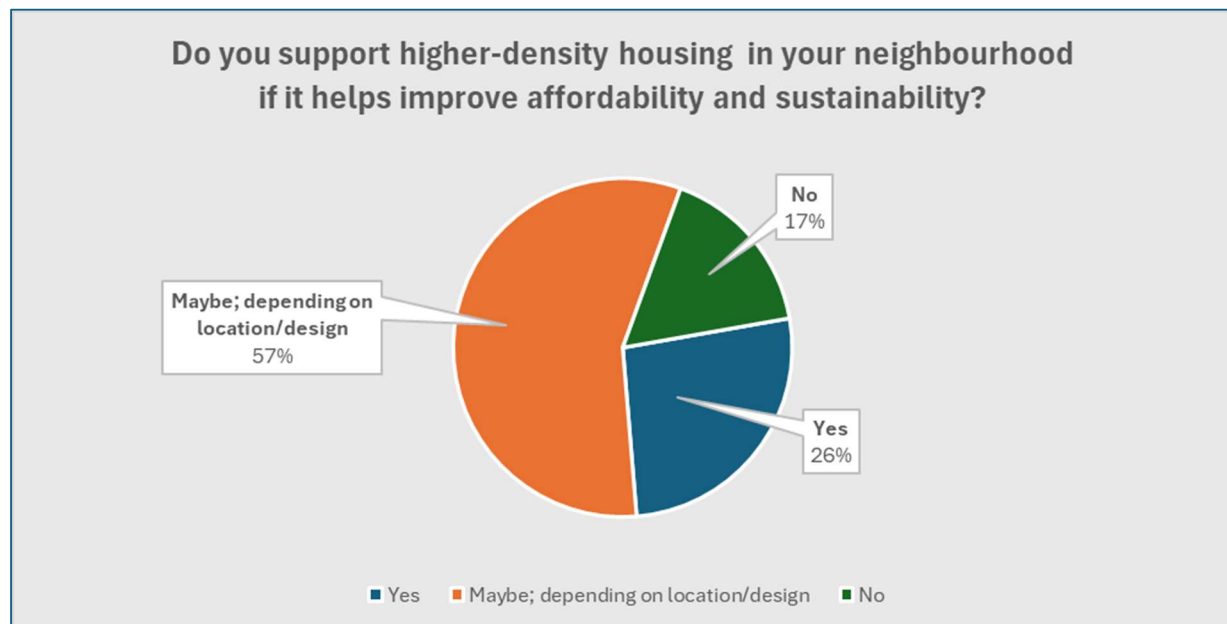
### What types of housing should be prioritized in the future?

Single-Family Homes 69, 53%; Duplexes/Triplexes 32, 25%; Townhouses 29, 22%; Apartments/Condos 18, 14%; Affordable/Subsidized Housing 32, 25%; Co-operative Models 30, 23%, Secondary Suites/Garden Suites 37, 29%



### Do you support higher-density housing in your neighbourhood if it helps improve affordability and sustainability? (102 Respondents)

Yes 27, 21%; Maybe; depending on location/design 58, 45%; No 17, 13%



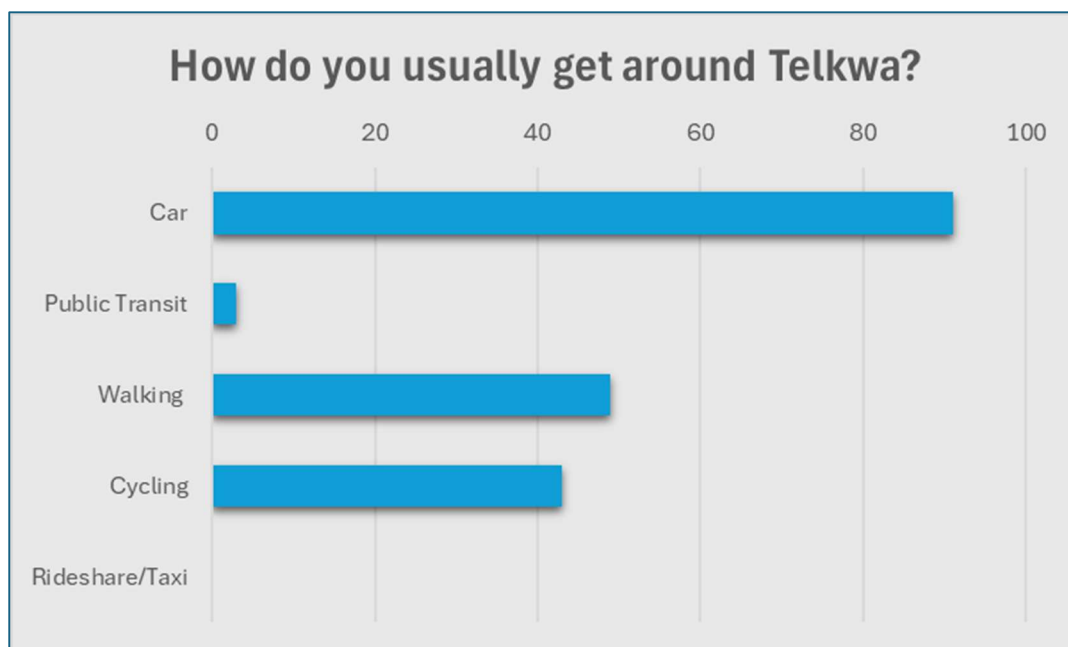
### Where should new development be focused in the community?

Old Town Centre 23, 18%; Tyhee Gateway Centre 23, 18%; Cottonwood Neighbourhood 25, 19%; Tower Street and Benchlands 35, 27%; Woodland Neighbourhood 11, 9%; Airport Lands 22, 17%



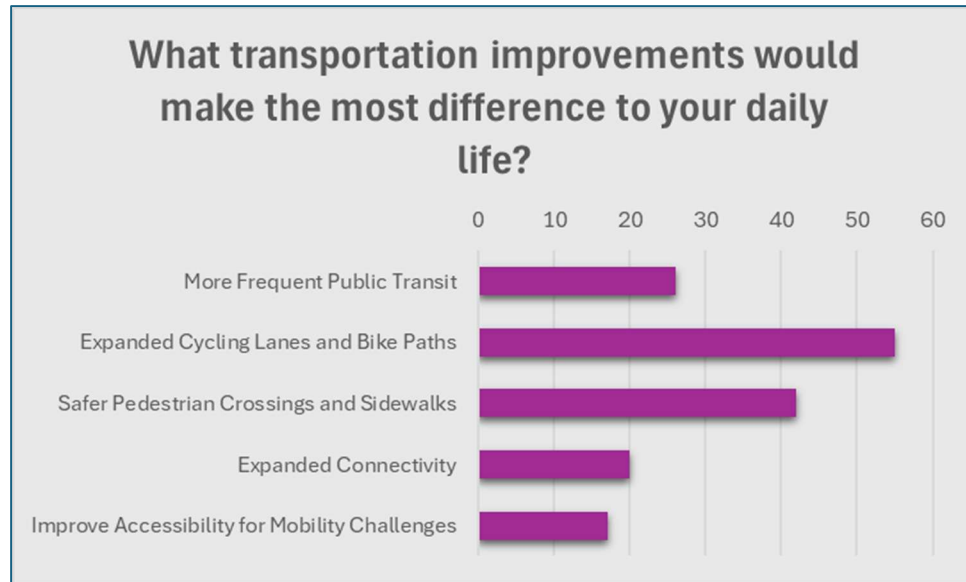
### How do you usually get around Telkwa?

Car 91, 71% Public Transit 3, 2%; Walking 49, 38%; Cycling 43, 33%; Rideshare/Taxi 0, 0%



### What transportation improvements would make the most difference in your daily life?

More Frequent Public Transit 26, 20%; Expanded Cycling Lanes and Bike Paths 55, 43%; Safer Pedestrian Crossings and Sidewalks 42, 33%; Expanded Connectivity 20, 16%; Improve Accessibility for Mobility Challenges 17, 13%

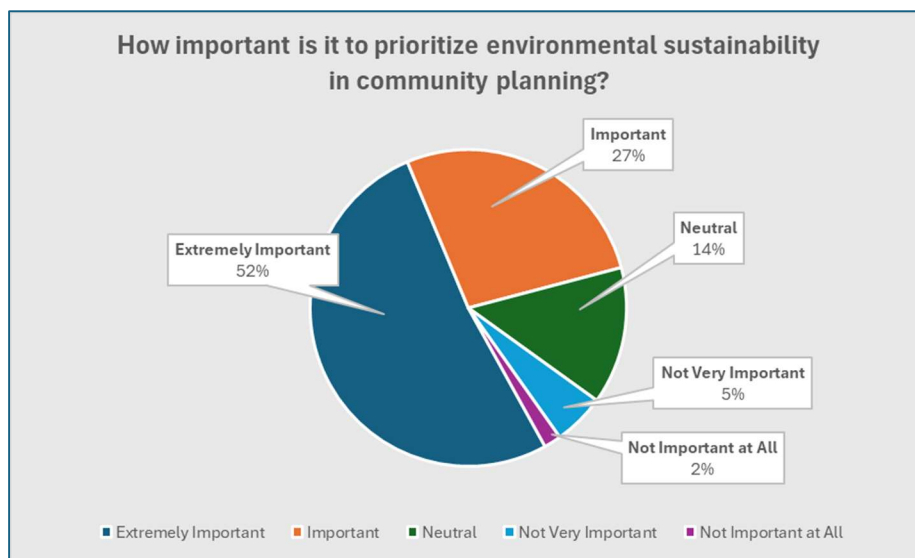


#### Other comments included:

- Deal with CN traffic and MOT Bridge.
- Passing lane on highway leading to Smithers.
- Small electric vehicles.
- OK already.
- Lighting on trails and sidewalks.
- Sidewalks on highway, wider bridge.
- Sidewalks on Coalmine, maintain roads, bridge and sidewalks free of holes.
- Turn lane on highway onto Tower Street.
- Left turn lane into Tower Neighbourhood, someone is going to get killed there.
- Accessibility in area of Telkwa stairs.
- Non-town funded, keep taxes low.
- A new bridge with an overpass crossing train tracks.
- Left-turn lane on Tower Road.
- Perfect the way it is right now.
- Pave Cottonwood.

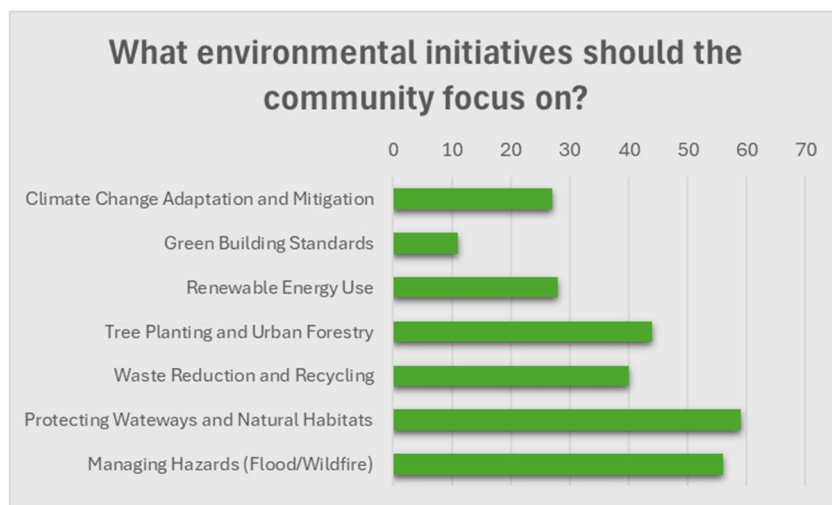
### How important is it to prioritize environmental sustainability in community planning?

Extremely Important 59, 49%; Important 31, 24%; Neutral 16, 12%; Not Very Important 6, 5%; Not Important at All 2, 2%



### What environmental initiatives should the community focus on?

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation 27, 21%; Green Building Standards 11, 9%; Renewable Energy Use 28, 22%; Tree Planting and Urban Forestry 44, 34%; Waste Reduction and Recycling 40, 31%; Protecting Waterways and Natural Habitats 59, 46%; Managing Hazards (Flood/Wildfire) 56, 43%

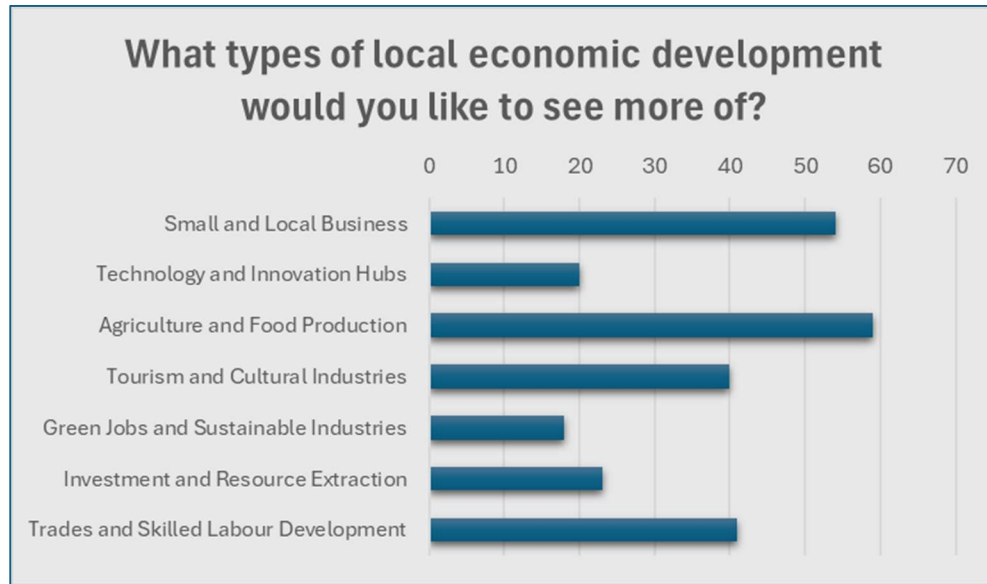


### Other Comments Included:

- Bike path to Smithers completion.
- All of the above.
- Think it's fine, don't need more.
- Efficient use of infrastructure like PNG.

### What types of local economic development would you like to see more of?

Small and Local Business 54, 42%, Technology and Innovation Hubs 20, 16%; Agriculture and Food Production 59, 46%; Tourism and Cultural Industries 40, 31%; Green Jobs and Sustainable Industries 18, 14%; Investment and Resource Extraction 23, 18%; Trades and Skilled Labour Development 41, 32%



### Other comments included:

- Take any and all businesses you can get.

## What is your vision for the future of Telkwa?

- More affordable housing, more self-sustaining.
- Small town, small businesses, walking and cycling access to river.
- Peaceful.
- Fishing, cycling and house.
- Clean slow growth community.
- A tight group of staff and council supporting responsible and controlled development.
- Safe and friendly community.
- Keep it small.
- Safe, small and friendly community
- Keep the family/community feel and keep upgrading parks/connectivity. Keep supporting small businesses.
- A bridge without potholes. Keep family friendly vibes add more walk/bike friendly paths.
- For people to be able to get around and live comfortably.
- To remain beautiful.
- A bright future with the right leadership.
- More businesses.
- Smithers' beautiful and favorite sister with parks housing and sense of community.
- Thriving.
- Keep it cute.
- Telkwa should focus preservation and expanding housing.
- Telkwa will have a future with very local supports helping each other.
- Economic development should be the priority.
- Having lots of bicycle lanes.
- Small community by the river.
- Community.
- New job hub.
- Adorable.
- Great.
- Still small community.
- Green.
- A unified community working toward a common goal of development and sustainability.
- Keep Telkwa about the same, community wise, small and sufficient.
- A solid community, support helping local businesses.
- Keep the same.
- To have more stores so no travelling back and forth to Smithers and Houston.
- Culturally independent self sustained community capitalizing on the tourism industry.
- A vibrant community, farmers market, connectivity, bike paths.
- A safe and healthy place to live and raise a family.
- Healthy prosperous land, water and community.
- Economic development with thriving business.
- Crackdown on dirt bikes, ATVs, side by sides on Walnut Street and Coalmine Road.
- Needs more evening activities.
- More restaurants, less ATV motorcycles, more housing and trails.
- Good restaurant.
- Good but slow.
- Nature conservation a place for wildlife, quiet, clean air.
- Clean air from trees, forest cover, shrubs, less traffic.
- A great place to grow up.
- Lots of room to grow the community.
- A desirable, affordable community to live in.
- Connectivity and sidewalks along the highway.
- Old style home sense. Parks and recreation day use for youth and adults.
- Safe.
- A great place to raise a family.

- To be a great place to raise a family, affordable, safe and provide recreational opportunities.
- A beautiful, thriving, safe and sustainable community.
- A safe place for families, maintaining a rural feel.
- A unique community based positive experience.
- Seeing community engagement and businesses flourishing.
- A quality place to live with a constructive community to raise children.
- A town with great community spirit and growth.
- More small businesses in town, such as restaurants, small grocery stores, bike rentals, bar or a small craft brewery.
- Future ready.
- A children focused community where citizens can safely live flourishing healthy lives with affordable living conditions.
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- Family, safety, connected to the world, locally supported.
- Like Prince George.
- Economic growth, improved roads, increased housing availability.
- An attractive little village where people stop to have a look around.
- A little more polish downtown. It's scuzzy and I don't feel safe walking around there alone.
- An active family orientated community.
- A place where people value relationships over rules.
- More businesses.
- Sustainable growth and family orientated.
- I would like to see Telkwa look nicer along the highway, be more

accessible from Tower Neighbourhoods and not smell like the marijuana.

- Art and eco-tourism village.
- I see Telkwa continuing to be a quiet bedroom community of Smithers for seniors and families.
- Small but mighty.
- Growth.
- Small Business friendly family orientated developments.
- Peaceful beautiful simple.
- This is my forever home.
- Without a forward vision I cannot see anything changing in Telkwa.
- Less cement/more nature.
- Keep it the way it is now.
- It will continue to be a bedroom community for smithers.
- A community geared toward economic growth, supported by childcare, and a safe and vibrant community surrounding full of culture.
- Daycare, updated accessible playground, updated infrastructure, river taxi, sea can park around one ice rink.
- A beautiful, thriving, safe and sustainable community.
- Keep the charm of small town will increasing its potential of becoming more of a hub.
- More day care, housing.
- Economic growth and liveliness. Accessibility.
- More apartments that aren't 55 plus, more variety in restaurants, more stores like clothing stores.
- Green jobs and sustainable industries.
- Accessible parks and trails, unique accommodation opportunities, small unique shopping experiences, more restaurants. Keep natural beauty. Accessible childcare. Honoring culture.

- To grow and thrive. More homes and businesses.

### **What are your top 3 priorities that should be addressed in the Official Community Plan?**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family health and wellness.</li> <li>• Affordability.</li> <li>• Public Safety.</li> <li>• More accommodation for agriculture on large lots.</li> <li>• Increased density in town.</li> <li>• Small business.</li> <li>• Housing.</li> <li>• Increased transit between Telkwa and Smithers.</li> <li>• Increased (affordable) housing options.</li> <li>• Affordable housing.</li> <li>• Transportation (bike paths).</li> <li>• Environmental sustainability.</li> <li>• Nature conservation.</li> <li>• Reduction of traffic noise and exhaust pollution.</li> <li>• Speed limit and problems of illegal dirt bikes/quads on coalmine road.</li> <li>• Reduce speed limit.</li> <li>• Limit development along Coalmine – already unbearable traffic noise and fumes.</li> <li>• Faster, cheaper, less permitting.</li> <li>• Connectivity – trail crossings.</li> <li>• Safety – fire, flood, pedestrian lighting</li> <li>• Encourage business hub – more vendors, restaurants, places to meet.</li> <li>• Reduce taxes.</li> <li>• Recreation.</li> <li>• Increased businesses.</li> <li>• Encourage local businesses.</li> <li>• Maintain/replace existing infrastructure (budget for this).</li> <li>• Encourage industry.</li> <li>• Environmental sustainability – forests and watersheds.</li> <li>• Local food production.</li> <li>• Small business.</li> <li>• Tourism industry, advertising etc.</li> <li>• Public transportation.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable housing options for young families.</li> <li>• Marketing Telkwa aggressively should be easy because its so amazing and good marketing will increase the economy and help Telkwa thrive.</li> <li>• More bike paths.</li> <li>• A swimming pool (for those interested in swimming in winter, doesn't have to be big).</li> <li>• More stores.</li> <li>• Need more small, local, businesses.</li> <li>• More affordable housing to attract young people with technological skills for work at home.</li> <li>• Safety, nature.</li> <li>• Safety, nature, public services.</li> <li>• Affordable housing, new job opportunities, Costco.</li> <li>• Business development</li> <li>• family homes that are actually affordable.</li> <li>• Bike lanes.</li> <li>• Keeping green space.</li> <li>• Bicycle access.</li> <li>• Support local.</li> <li>• Environmentally based.</li> <li>• Safe community.</li> <li>• Climate change.</li> <li>• Tourism.</li> <li>• Sustainability.</li> <li>• Adapting to current needs housing and economic development, which requires transportation.</li> <li>• Our parks are well maintained.</li> <li>• More housing.</li> <li>• More business development.</li> <li>• Affordable housing (low income).</li> <li>• Local jobs.</li> <li>• Support the industries we have.</li> <li>• Affordable housing.</li> <li>• Green energy.</li> </ul> |
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- Maintaining the environment.
- Environmental sustainability.
- Affordable housing.
- More way to get around.
- Everything family friendly.
- Keeping Telkwa a small and friendly safe community.
- In short: safe, affordable, friendly.
- Skatepark, outdoor recreation area for youth and adults.
- Overpass.
- Housing, affordable, recreation.
- Safety, economic future.
- Affordable housing.
- Maintain infrastructure.
- Safety (transportation rail).
- Controlled development, make developers pay for the services, infrastructure upgrades, roads, maintenance.
- Cycling trails, more common fishing spots, water park in Tyhee Lake.
- Loose dogs.
- Bears in Cottonwood area.
- Kids not being safe on trikes and ATVs
- Public access to and along rivers, hillsides to Tyhee Lake.
- Public access routes between private lands.
- Affordable housing.
- More tourism.
- Local businesses.
- Housing affordability.
- Economic growth.
- Protecting the rivers.
- Economic Growth.
- Housing.
- Community Events.
- Subdivision.
- Job creation.
- Business access.
- Tax versus services.
- Food sustainability.
- Safe cycling, active transportation routes.
- Garden suite, tiny home, prefab house options for multiple dwellings on a property.
- Attention to riverbank erosion of properties.
- Connectivity.
- Community.
- Children focused.
- Incentives for more housing investment.
- Senior's housing and accessibility.
- Industrial growth strategy.
- Housing, transportation.
- Community facilities.
- Housing development.
- Parks and trails.
- Local business.
- Putting money into better park area of our kids – the fairgrounds are a dump.
- Cleaning up the down town core to feel safer/ crack down on slum lords and theft.
- Protecting our river and drinking water.
- Tourism.
- Train crossing guard to stop horn noise.
- New Telkwa bridge.
- Better rental apartments that are safe.
- Getting rid of decrepit housing along Highway 16 that look bad.
- More awareness of local Telkwa activities/groups around.
- Taxation reduction through smart economic expansion.
- Update of roads and pedestrian for safety and efficiency.
- Policing and law enforcement increase.
- Paving high-traffic streets prone to huge potholes.
- Environment protection.
- Small business development.
- Eco and art tourism.
- Accessibility near Telkwa stairs.

- Restrictions on marijuana in neighbourhoods (second-hand pot smoke).
- Less junky buildings along the highway in Telkwa.
- Trails and connectivity.
- Safety.
- Protecting the natural environment.
- Maintaining infrastructure.
- Keeping Telkwa small and quiet.
- Realistic waste management that serves residents.
- Attract more businesses for tax revenue.
- Less red tape for building houses.
- Get the utilities up to date.
- Maintenance of infrastructure.
- Community events and facilities.
- Safe walking paths.
- A safe community.
- Growth of village.
- Kid friendly parks – especially splash pad.
- Childcare.
- Library improvement.
- Roads.
- Attracting businesses.
- Lowering Property taxes to houses who don't have paved roads.
- Pedestrian safety along coalmine, extend walking up hill towards woodlands.
- Cycle 16 extension into Telkwa ASAP.
- Promoting local business in old Telkwa – so much potential, so depressing right now.
- Spending less.
- Lowering taxes.
- Attracting more businesses and families.
- Support small businesses in Telkwa.
- Continue recreation infrastructure funding (new courts, Cycle 16 path)
- Street pavement (esp. Tower Neighbourhood).
- Safe highway exit to Tower Neighbourhood.
- Small business incentives.
- Don't lose small town feel.
- Protect access to nature.
- Cut any red tape.
- Paving high traffic streets that are prone to pot holes.
- Bring back the Telkwa Pub.
- Upgrade public infrastructure.
- Reasonable housing prices.
- Childcare.
- Environmental protection.
- Affordable housing.
- Proper snow clearing for pedestrians walking on Coalmine Road.
- Dust control, spring summer and fall.
- Less cement.
- More trees.

**Any additional comments, ideas, or concerns you'd like to share about the future of Telkwa?**

- Try to retain or grow the volunteer base. Most communities have huge volunteer component to keep groups and organizations vibrant in the communities. Encourage increased volunteerism.
- Stricter bylaws regarding number of cars parked on property.
- No more development using coalmine road as access.
- Perseveration of nature.
- Stop purchase of lands for gravel pits and storage areas for BC Hydro/PNG storage facilities.
- No more clear cutting.
- Municipal bylaws to protect trees.
- Drugs/homelessness.
- Community safety.
- Restaurants.
- Tourism.
- Also need to take better care of what you already have.

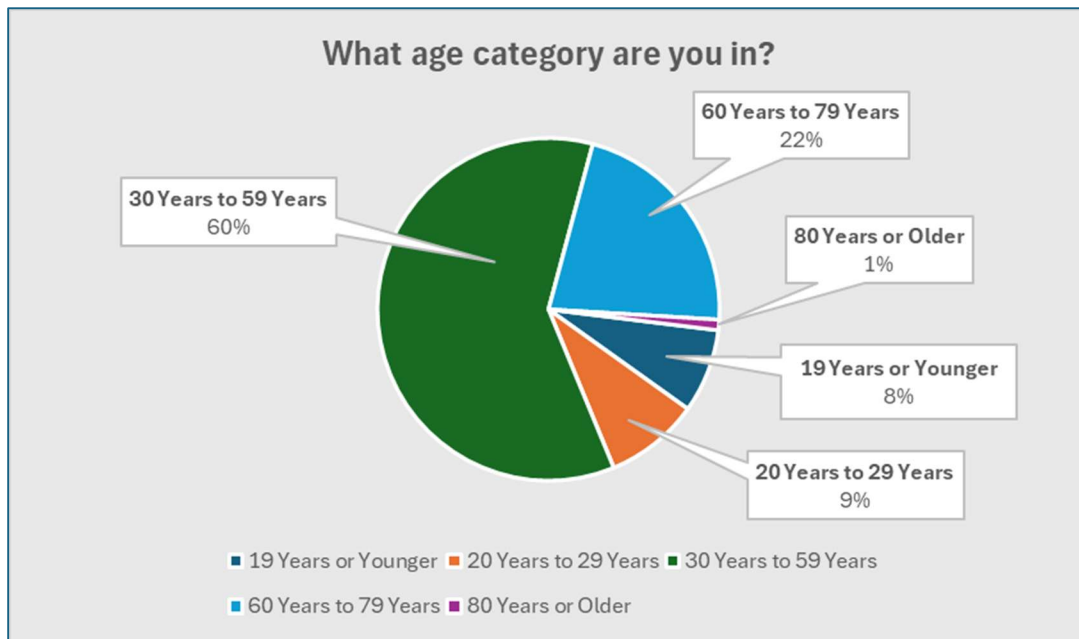
- Save tax money by densifying existing neighbourhoods.
- Encourage duplexes, triplexes (multi-unit housing).
- Consider more apartments and condos with no yards for mobile people.
- Love this town of ours.
- Bike, walking along the highway, the train crossing, maybe more lights.
- Need to increase the ability for small businesses to thrive.
- New water park.
- Water slide (Tyhee Lake).
- Our water shed should be protected.
- Lack of jobs.
- Burning garbage.
- Trucks with modified mufflers.
- Excited for connecting bike path.
- Need coffee shop or restaurants.
- I use the river the most.
- Green space.
- Fire smart.
- Water facility expansion.
- Don't go bankrupt having to service and maintain new subdivision.
- More apartments and houses.
- It would be cool if it became a bit bigger and self-sustaining.
- A lot of potential.
- Local data center to protect local data.
- We have a beautiful community and simply need to have everyone be respectful of neighbours and spaces, take responsibility for things and we will be a flourishing space.
- Telkwa is a great place for families, and I hope it stays that way so my kids can look to raise a family here in 25 years.
- We need better upkeep of our community buildings and sporting areas- Dockrill Rink. The Community Hall looks aged and uninviting; it needs a paint job as well as the Senior Center. The shack on the backfield needs to be torn down. It is not inviting for our youth to play around there. We are one of the only communities on

Highway 16 that does not have an inviting playground that is usable for all ages. Our playground is extremely high and geared towards 12 years plus. It is very outdated and not an attractive place to hang out and meet other community members. Take a look at what Quesnel has done lately as well as Burns Lake.

- We need to have more businesses in our community. We need sidewalks we need lower taxes.
- I think Telkwa is a beautiful community that is hidden. Lots of stuff going on in Telkwa but not everyone knows about it.
- Love the smaller scale and country aspect of Telkwa but need some improvements for law and taxation.
- The highway needs a left turning lane at Tower Street before someone gets killed there especially with increased seniors housing development.
- Would love to attract young families to the area.
- New developments in the tower and bench lands don't seem to have road and infrastructure around it upgrades to accommodate increases in traffic.
- The town has done a great job with sidewalks, preparation for floods, hockey arenas, parks. I think we don't need to expand spending. I would like to see no projects for a few years. More projects are more money, and high taxes scare people away. I don't think we can afford to be doing any green building initiatives, or more public transit or focusing on climate change. Accessible land for development. Growing size of community.
- Keep the hippies in Smithers.
- Speed on Coalmine Road.
- Needs a pub.
- Less cement.
- Cottonwood Street is a main artery and should be paved. The Village would save on maintenance and collect tax on higher assessments.
- Playground in Cottonwood area.

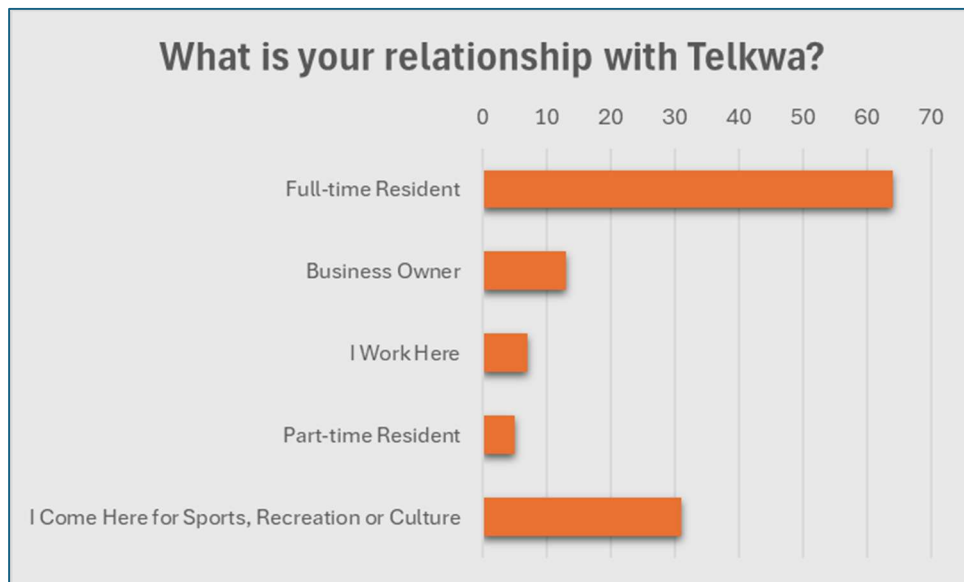
### What age category are you in?

19 Years or Younger 8, 6%; 20 to 29 Years 9, 7%; 30 to 59 Years 61, 47%; 60 to 79 Years 22, 17%; 80 Years or Older 1, 1%



### What is your relationship with Telkwa?

Full-time Resident 64, 50%; Business Owner 13, 10%; I Work Here 7, 5%; Part-time Resident 5, 4%; I Come Here for Sports, Recreation or Culture 31, 24%



### What neighbourhood do you live in?

Old Town Centre 7, 5%; Tyhee Gateway Centre 7, 5%; Cottonwood Neighbourhood 17, 13%; Tower and Benchlands Neighbourhood 16, 12%; Woodland Neighbourhood 12, 9%; Other/Rural/Smithers 40, 31%

