



Affordable Housing Community Insights

Summary of Community Survey Results

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Survey Overview

Purpose: To provide additional insights on how the community perceives affordable housing in Saskatoon and what opportunities exist for the City to increase support, education, and awareness on these topics.

The survey used the terms 'affordable housing' and 'supportive housing' that are typically defined as:

Affordable housing: is rental or ownership housing that requires government investment to build or operate. Affordable housing has rents or payments below average market cost. It is meant for households that earn less than median income (for their household size) and is intended for long-term occupancy. Housing is considered affordable when 30 per cent or less of your household's gross income goes towards paying for your housing costs.

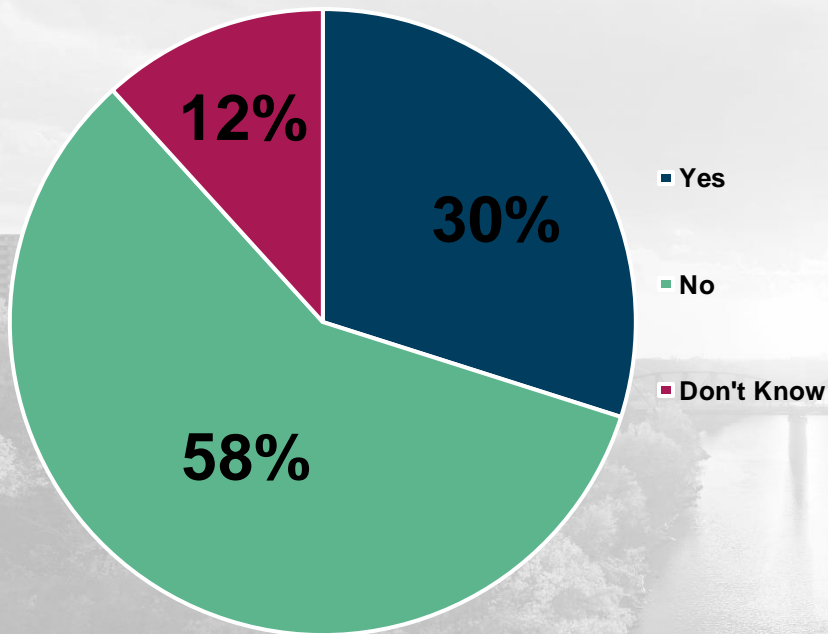
Supportive housing: a type of housing that provides on-site supports and services to residents who are unable to live independently.

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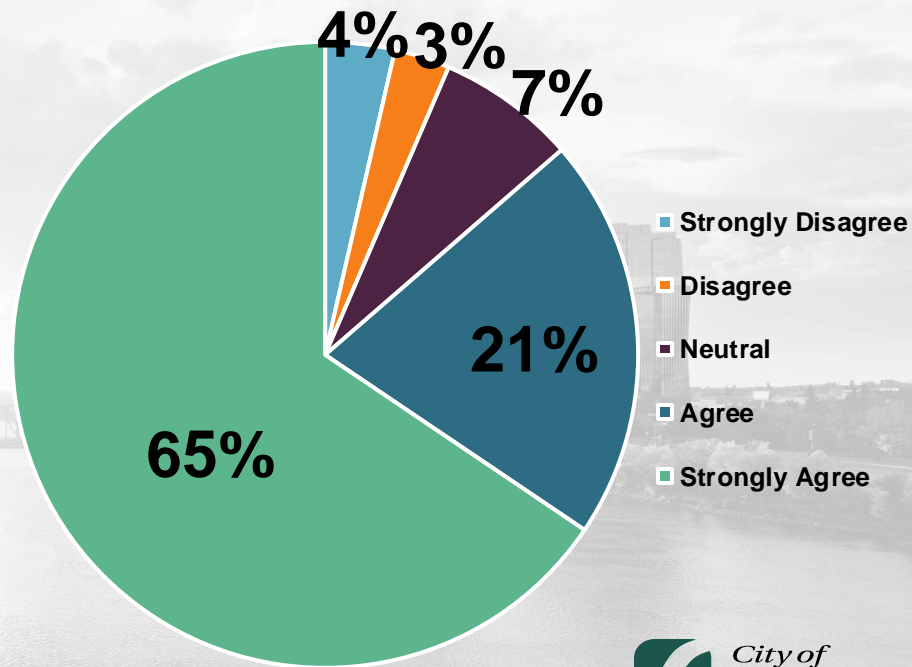
- The survey was promoted on the City of Saskatoon social media channels and was posted to the project Engage Page.
- **418 responses were received** from April 8, 2024 to April 30, 2024
- Participants were asked to provide feedback on several statements related to affordable housing in Saskatoon.
- Responses were collected from almost every neighbourhood in Saskatoon.
- Responses will be used to inform the development and implementation of the Housing Strategy.
- 62% of respondents indicated they owned their residence (38% renters).

Survey Results

Are you aware of any affordable or supportive housing in your neighbourhood?

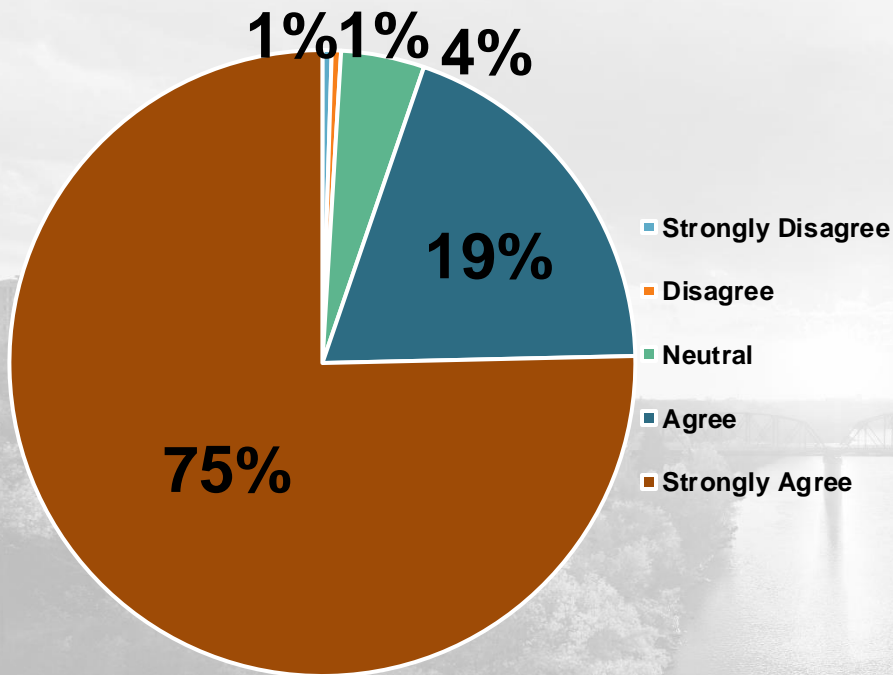


Affordable housing makes Saskatoon a better place to live

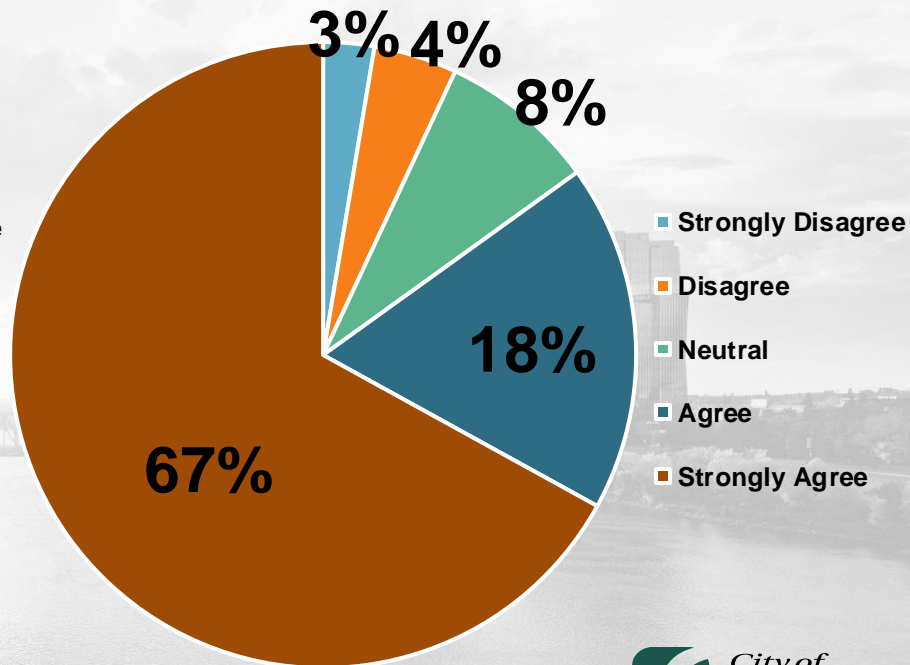


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Some families in Saskatoon cannot afford housing that is suitable for the size or needs of their family

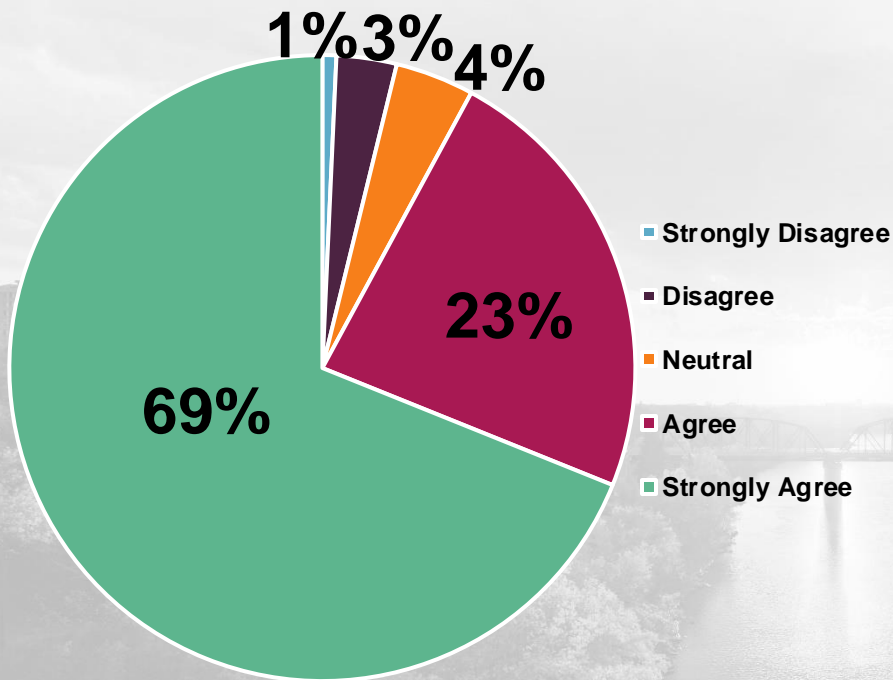


Providing more affordable housing creates a safer city

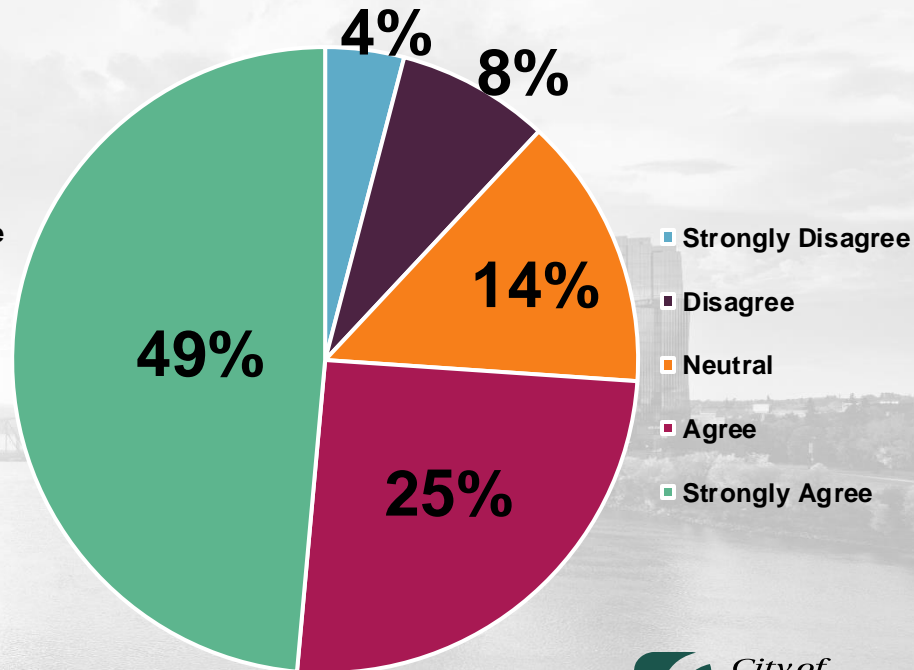


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Average, hard-working Saskatoon residents may need affordable housing

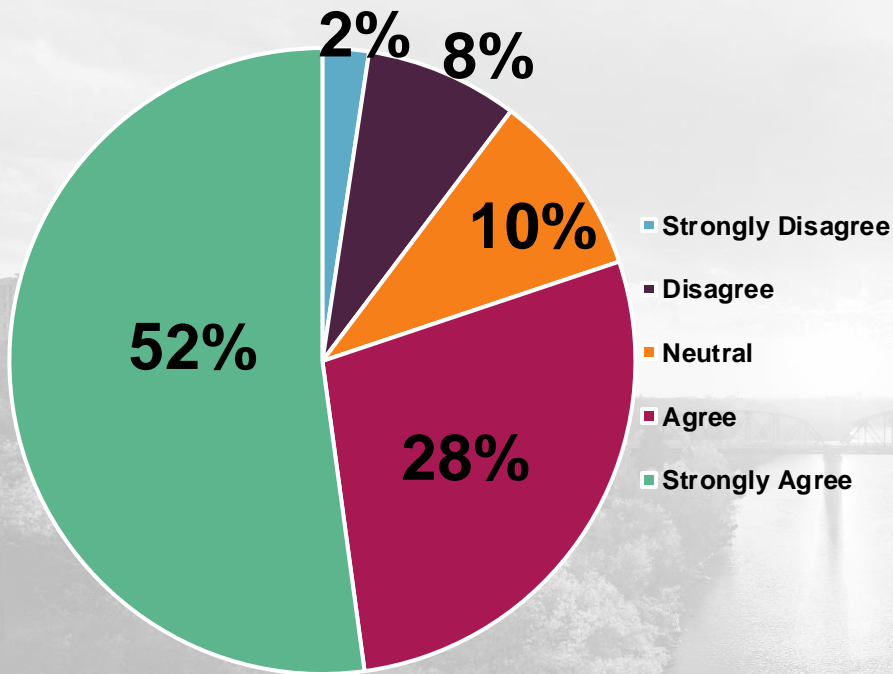


Having a diversity of people with different incomes makes my neighbourhood better

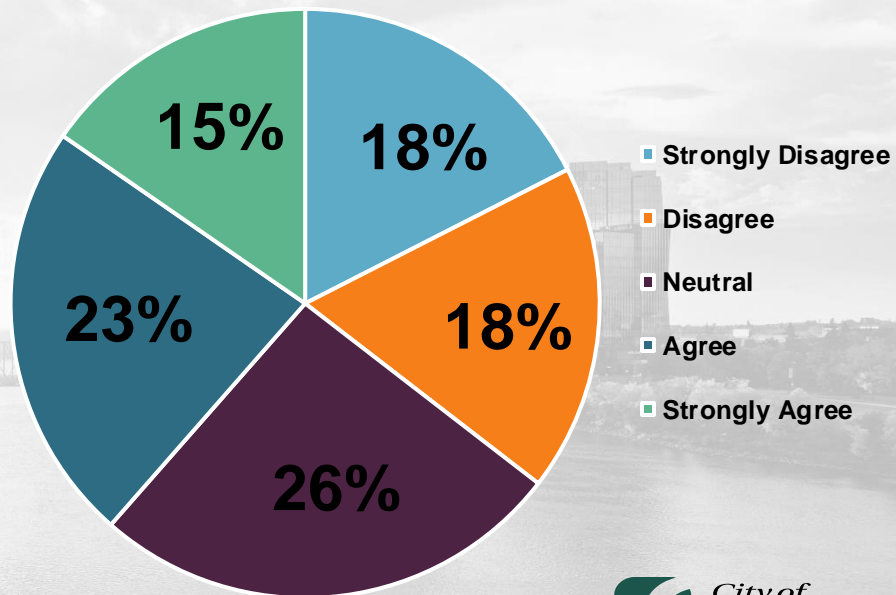


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Affordable housing adds more housing choices to my neighbourhood

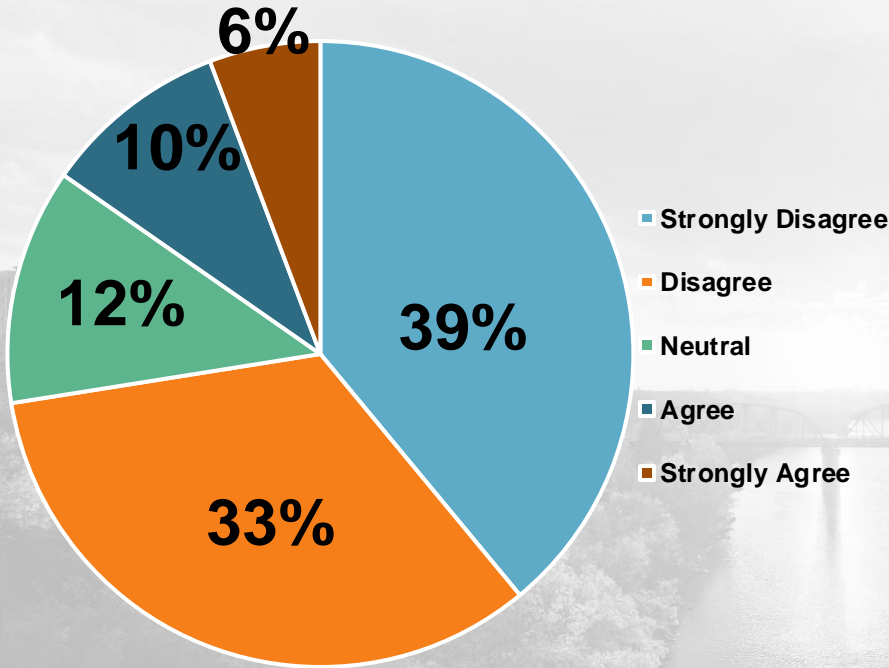


I trust the City of Saskatoon to work with partners to properly plan and develop affordable and supportive housing in Saskatoon

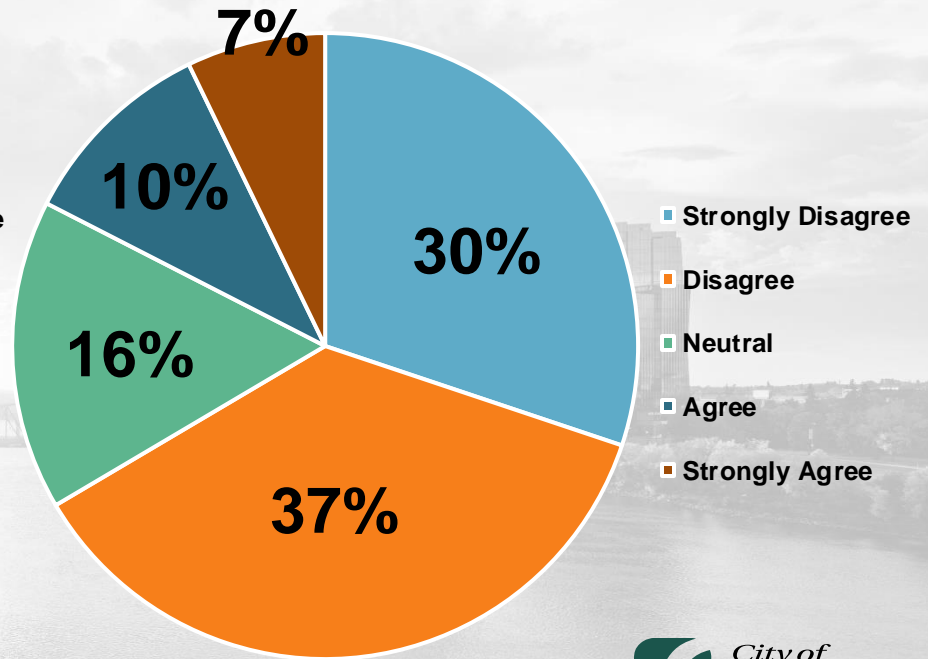


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With hard work anyone can afford suitable housing in Saskatoon

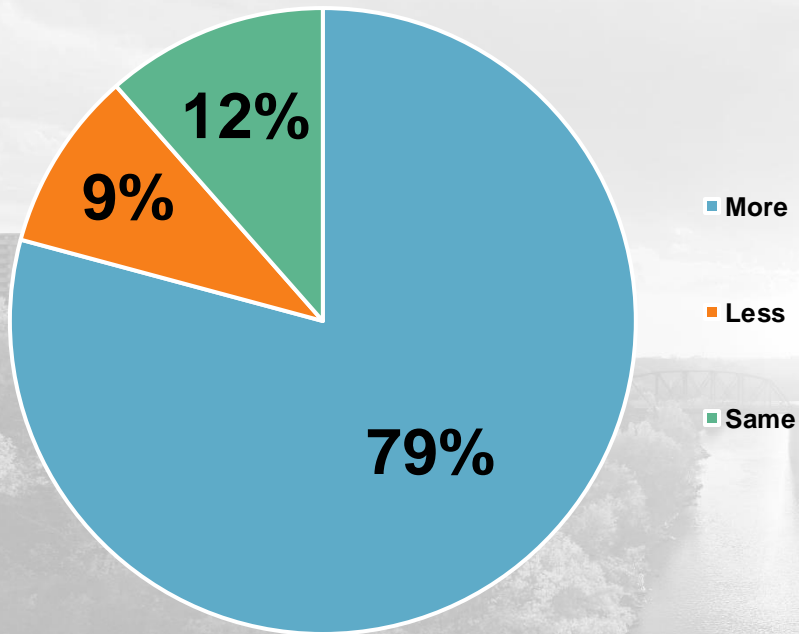


Municipal tax dollars would be better spent on other public services besides affordable housing

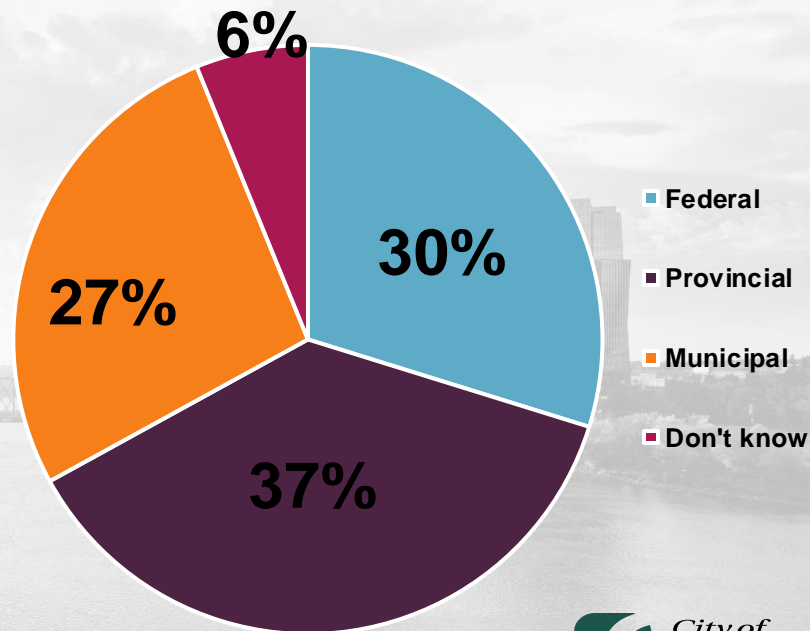


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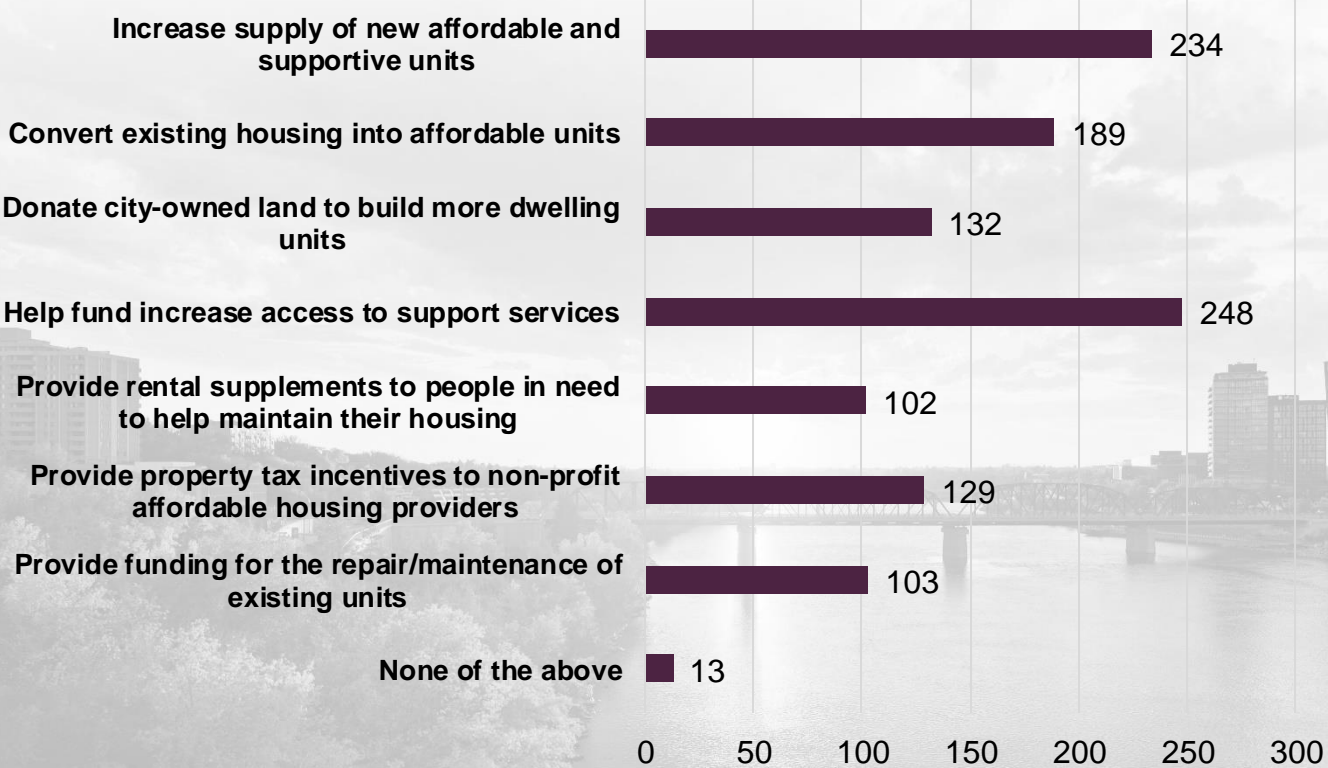
Should the City of Saskatoon invest more, less, or the same amount on affordable housing for low-income families?



To the best of your knowledge, which order of government is responsible for funding affordable housing?



If City Council is to consider funding affordable housing, which of the following should Council prioritize?



What benefits do you see when it comes to affordable and supportive housing in your neighbourhood?

Common Responses (ranked by number of responses):

1. Creates a diverse community
2. Do not see any benefit
3. Reduces homelessness and poverty
4. Provides options for people to live close to places of work, school, and other services/amenities
5. Creates a safer community

What are your top concerns when it comes to affordable and supportive housing in your neighbourhood?

Common Responses (ranked by number of responses):

1. Increased crime and drugs in the community
2. Certain demographics of residents living in the neighbourhood
3. Property will not be maintained
4. Too large of a concentration of affordable housing in the cheaper, inner-city neighbourhoods
5. Support services will not be aligned with housing