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SURVEY QUESTIONS

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Anonymous

7/30/2025 07:42 AM

Infrastructure services, roads, water and wastewater treatment plants, stormwater. These services need more funding in order to upgrade. Once these are upgraded, more development can be done which would increase taxes and revenues for Norfolk County. The Port Dover water and wastewater plants are both being upgraded but if the county wants to expand, other plants will need upgrades as well.

Anonymous

7/30/2025 09:27 AM

1. Join the million trees program to have farmers plant trees along north/south roads to reduce winter snow drifting and the need for plowing and emergency services 2. Make farmers who grow non-food crops (tobacco, ginseng for China) pay FULL property taxes and exclude them from OFA exemption. 3. Provide a grant for rural homeowners to afford new wells as farmers use up our scarce resource and our wells run dry.

Anonymous

7/30/2025 09:28 AM

Lower the water and sewer rates in this county. Current rates are insane. Before long no one will be able to afford it if you keep going. Why would anyone want to move here. Far too expensive.

Anonymous

7/31/2025 09:02 AM

RE: Citizen Recommendations on the 2025–2034 Capital Plan Dear Mayor Martin and Members of Council, As a long-time resident of Norfolk County, I have reviewed the recently approved 2025–2034 Levy Capital Plan with great interest. I commend Council and staff for their diligent work in developing a comprehensive investment strategy focused on critical infrastructure and community services. However, I would like to respectfully offer several recommendations aimed at improving long-term fiscal sustainability without reducing service quality. 1. Defer or Phase Non-Essential New Capital Projects The plan allocates approximately \$158 million to new or incremental infrastructure. I suggest reviewing this category to identify projects that could be delayed or eliminated—particularly where public benefit is marginal or where the same objectives can be met through smaller-scale investments. 2. Bundle Infrastructure Projects for Cost Savings By coordinating road resurfacing projects with underground utility work and sidewalk upgrades, the County can reduce total costs through shared project staging, traffic control, and site preparation. 3. Prioritize Preventive Maintenance Investing more in proactive maintenance—particularly for roads, vehicles, and buildings—can significantly extend asset life and defer the need for full replacements, which make up over 70% of the plan’s spending. 4. Strengthen Regional Collaboration Where appropriate, I encourage Council to

consider shared services and joint procurement with Haldimand County or neighbouring jurisdictions—especially for IT infrastructure, emergency response equipment, and bulk purchases. 5. Pursue More Aggressive Grant Funding Grants and external financing make up just 2.5% of total funding. A stronger, more visible effort to secure senior government funding could reduce our reliance on reserves and long-term debt. 6. Dispose of Surplus Assets Strategically The plan includes only \$1.4 million in disposals over ten years. A more proactive approach to selling or repurposing underutilized County-owned assets could free up funds for higher-priority needs. 7. Ensure Public Alignment with Discretionary Projects Projects such as certain pedestrian crossings, decorative infrastructure, or studies not tied to immediate service delivery should undergo a clear public engagement process before being funded. These recommendations are offered in good faith, with the belief that residents and staff share a common interest in efficient, responsible, and forward-looking governance. Thank you for your service and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss any of these ideas further. Respectfully, Denis Grasis Port Dover Resident

Anonymous

7/31/2025 02:06 PM

Need to invest in capital projects that result in enhanced economic development opportunities. Such as road, water, and tourism

Anonymous

7/31/2025 02:30 PM

I would like to see developers spend more money within the county ie/ a wing or equipment in the local hospital, a green space maintained for 10 years or a park structure. For every development they lay a brick to money should be allocated back into the community.

Anonymous

7/31/2025 05:42 PM

I would like to see more time devoted to our bike trail system, they are great but not very well or regularly maintained. The county could take charge of them and have a minimum standard and a regular maintenance program. It would be great to set up a volunteer program to accomplish this. I would volunteer! I bike the Delhi to Simcoe trail regularly and sometimes the weeds hit my handlebars... The sunshine trail is unsafe and narrow in spots.

Anonymous

8/01/2025 05:09 AM

With increasing traffic especially in the summer months, Norfolk county should really consider some “roundabouts” at key intersections across the county. Roundabouts are very common in other areas across Ontario. They seem very effective at slowing traffic, at the same time keeping volume moving. One particular area that requires something done to slow traffic, but keep it moving is in Port Rowan near the Esso station, the intersection of hwy 59S, Front

Road, Lakeshore Road. Traffic lights are great and do serve a purpose at the right intersection, a Round a bout placed here will allow volume to move all season long even when tourism traffic has subsided. Being a life long local I would invite Norfolk county to consider its first round a bout at this location, it will slow south bound traffic and create a much needed safer intersection in the busy months. I've witnessed several close calls at this intersection.

Anonymous

8/01/2025 08:13 AM

Here are a few quick thoughts after reading the article in the Simcoe Reformer. Of course they're focussed in my area. But if everybody focusses in on their own specific zone, we would have a very comprehensive plan. Alley between Robinson and Peele and Norfolk and Kent requires water management. There is no sewer structure to take away storm water. that needs to be remedied as it's starting to negatively impact the buildings and the structures as water sits and pools. The former Alley that runs behind Nava marketing and Sharyns of Simcoe needs to be closed off permanently and there needs to be something in the building department agreeing to that so that all red tape goes away and that can be closed off to better reduce the harm caused by the drug addicts. The former easement in that location has long since expired. Same Alley requires lighting and grading at the Robinson Street opening to behind crunchy corner Start fining property owners for unkept properties eg. 10 Norfolk St S, Simcoe, alley side door is dangerous and needs bylaw enforcement to force repair. Snow removal on the downtown sidewalks especially Robinson st from Norfolk to Colborne. Sometimes it's cleared by a guy on a snow machine and other times it's left to property owners or individual businesses. The downtown snow removal is the county's responsibility, full stop. Change the zoning so that no methadone clinics food banks shelters, social services or halfway houses can exist within 500 m of businesses or schools that cater to children - this is in line with the province's school mandate, which frankly doesn't go far enough and means CBD zoning is not a blanket that allows for methadone clinics or social services in our downtown. This would include businesses like speech hens, the dance Academy, karate studio, gymnastics, studio, etc... Increase the façade improvement program in the downtown to include windows and ensure building owners are using proper commercial windows in commercial buildings not residential as these have different safety aspects Work with Simcoe Strong to begin a pilot program that closes off Kent St between Robinson and Peele making it walkable calling it Kent Village, allowing for a performance stage and licensed area that the business is there can work together to create a vibrant downtown in that section Repair the sidewalks and underpin historic buildings in the downtown. This can be a multi year multi phase approach. However, damage was done when the streets were last dug up especially to the Robinson block.

Anonymous

8/01/2025 11:45 AM

1. Get rid of Simcoe Rec Centre and build a new one that is efficient, accessible and up to date-it need not be capable of hosting Olympic events but have a pool that operates and functions vs one that closes for major repairs regularly. 2. Let small communities own/operate/maintain Community Halls and encourage them to do so-Norfolk is no longer spending a cent on building/property upkeep or facility rental and cleaning-BUT make Norfolk's contribution a stipend of perhaps \$5000 per yr to those in outlying areas and eliminate or greatly reduce their property taxes. LaSalette is doing a great job- Walsh is on board. Give Walsingham their building- give St Williams that one- no need for a Norfolk employee go venture out there go chsnge a light bulb-or plow snow. When the community is done with the building let them sell it with condition that profit must be donated to a cause in Norfolk. PS LaSalette's building were never owned by Norfolk. You talk partnerships, cutting costs but still ofgering local things this is a big one. 3. Make employees more accountable-at all levels-

[REDACTED]

4. Make a plan and follow through currently it has been presented to chain zoning on a 3 acres property near intersection of Hwys 3&59 in Delhi-with a comment we need Commercial space- what if a 2nd Grocery store wants to come it- followed by lets ask the appropriate Prov Ministry to change their mind regarding access at a busy intersection - but we all know regulations are in place for a reason . Visit changing light industrial off 59 hwy to the West which is land that was earmarked back in the 1970s and has never drawn industry- Norfolk is not condusive to New Industry- not close to 400 series hwy, no infastructure in place, low workforce aged population, revisit yhe use of that land off Arnold Sayeau Drive.

Anonymous

8/01/2025 10:12 AM

When we visited Lake St Clair there were fantastic free boat launches with trailer parking. We loved it and felt welcome and will be returning because they make boating and fishing convenient and affordable. This made us wonder why our home county doesn't offer anything like this—instead every visitor has to pay \$25-30 at a marina each time they want to enjoy Lake Erie. That's daunting for someone already paying for accommodations, meals and entertainment in the county and staying multiple days! Please make Lake Erie more accessible for tourists and locals alike.

Anonymous

I'd recommend taking the funding from all the unnecessary work

8/01/2025 02:50 PM

being done around fishing / water access areas and working to maintain the parks and buildings we have. At this rate, everything good about Norfolk will be blocked off/ gone and you'll have wasted all the money you could have used to maintain what's already here to make Norfolk what it used to be. Not the joke of "life in nature" it's become.

Anonymous

8/02/2025 05:09 PM

Make state of the art new recreational centre and new hospital. New school is needed too but upgrades to Elgin could help. Reduce water bills and be reasonable with property taxes. Young families will move in. And provide good roads and infrastructure. Get federal assistance if they want to grow population here. Fix these things first

Anonymous

8/06/2025 04:16 PM

Norfolk county should spend it's money with wisdom considering that the money being spent doesn't belong to them but the people paying it in taxes. Some services in Norfolk county are excellent, such as garbage collection, waste management, library. Others are ok, but could use some improvement, such as infrastructure and roads. Having a long term plan to fix these areas would be wise. Other Norfolk services are definitely in need of improvement. Spending money on unnecessary things, like social programs for fringe groups who continually demand more and more, while not contributing themselves is not wise. We should learn from the big cities that catering to these groups will not solve the problems, but only make it worse. Focus on the problems that belong to the county and let social issues/trends be left alone. If Norfolk would simply focus on problems that impact all people (e.g. roads, infrastructure, libraries, museums, parks, waste collection, education), while ignoring the trends of the day that try to suck money out of the system without providing any real benefit to the general population it will solve many long term problems and avoid wasting money.

Anonymous

8/07/2025 06:44 AM

There are limited options with regards to child care, children's programs and places for activities for families. I am always going outside this county to entertain myself and my child. I would love to invest in better infrastructure. A proper indoor pool and proper arena. A better splash pad would be nice as well. Homeless people are often outside/inside the Talbot arena and Simcoe splash pad making these areas feel unsafe. The HUB was a great idea to me and it did not get followed through with but I wish it did. My child's school does not have before and after school child care at it which makes it very difficult for me to work full time and take care of my child as a single mom with limited to no outside help. Could the county not step in and look after some of this instead of churches and private groups? From what I hear from family and friends, paramedic bases are in desperate

need of repair and do not function for them. More often than not there is only one or no ambulances available in the county and they are downstaffed often and have less trucks than they are supposed to have on the road. I've heard they have a serious problem retaining staff and perhaps there needs to be better incentives for people to work here or incentives to retain the staff that is here? This seems very troubling for our population that has more elderly in it. Since this is a tourist area, our population increases with tourists and migrant workers every summer and our emergency care service and hospital need to be able to deal with that and I don't think they can currently without being very overwhelmed. They do amazing but it's only a matter of time until everyone breaks within the system.

Anonymous

8/07/2025 04:10 PM

My wages aren't going up. If you keep putting the taxes higher and higher, I'm not going to be able to afford it. Neither is anybody else, I don't know what you want.

Anonymous

8/07/2025 08:45 PM

think that these surveys are a cop out for the mayor and the councillors. Norfolk county is a mess and has been for years. We need experts running the county like a business instead of a bunch of local yahoo's that run for the fame and fortune. How about doing a complete audit of the Port Dover Harbour marina from day one and see how badly it has been run and monies wasted. All you guys are a joke.

Anonymous

8/08/2025 08:37 AM

I'm very upset to hear about the new garbage policy. I understand you're trying to reduce waste but you can't just say everyone can have one trash bag per family per week with no other waste management solutions and expect that to be feasible. I believe a compost plan should be in place before any reduction is made to the garbage system. Many families do not have backyards where a compost could be put in. This move will back fire and our beautiful county will be full of trash because people cannot afford dump fees every week for the extra trays they will 100% make. This is the most out of touch decision this council has ever made.

Anonymous

8/08/2025 12:36 PM

I feel that their needs to be more funding towards teenagers and early adults (age 13-20) There aren't enough places for youth to connect with their peers, get active and spend their free time. There are swimming pools, libraries, skating arenas and parks. But none of these places feel like they are created for youth. Skating arenas and pools only have options for families, children and seniors. But not youth. Public libraries are not designed to have seating for groups of teens and youth to study or hangout. Parks could include seating for

groups and obstacles (outdoor climbing jungle gyms) designed their age. We should include more youth in volunteer experiences. A great way to connect the youth, would be to share community efforts on social media. Connect youth to the community by creating social media accounts and asking our opinions too. I feel this is very important, thank you. 😊

Anonymous

8/08/2025 12:55 PM

Hello, As an autistic person living in Norfolk County, I believe that there is more that can be done to support neurodivergent people in Norfolk County. I feel that we need to design better spaces to accommodate for neurodivergent people. As an autistic person I am very sensitive to sound, light and smell. Public spaces and community events should accommodate more because of this. Autistic people need places with more dim lighting, quiet and calm spaces to calm emotions. Autistic people can be any age. These places we need to accommodate for people of any age. Autistic people may need more time to process and reflect. Calm corners in public spaces could support neurodivergent people. Libraries could offer noise canceling headphones, fidgets and dim lighting. I wish there was some way for Autistic people to feel more comfortable by going into public spaces that are less crowded with people. But I don't know how this could be achieved. Being in public places with so many people, noises and overstimulating environments can feel very overwhelming for Autistic people. If there was a way to make this easier, it would be very helpful to many people in the community.

Anonymous

8/08/2025 01:27 PM

I would like more of my money to stay in my own pocket. If I want to read a book I will buy one or I'll go to one of those cute little mailbox libraries. If I want to go to a park I will build one in my backyard with my tax money. If I want to go for a walk I'll go down the road. If I wanna buy a house I'll budget and save money. I find we spend way too much money on parks and recreation and library buildings that the vast majority of the county does not use ever.

Anonymous

8/08/2025 01:48 PM

I feel that Norfolk County could support Mennonite members of the county. I have lived in Norfolk County all my life and feel that there could be more support. We could support Mennonites by creating more services that help with specific needs. There is the Mennonite Community Services of southern Ontario, this is located in Alymer. I have noticed that there aren't any services in Norfolk County. There could be more representation of Mennonite people. We could promote diversity of Mennonite people in schools, support Mennonite language (low German Plautdietsch, high german), share our support of Mennonite organizations and local Mennonite businesses. There are many of Mennonite churches in the area but services for their

needs. Thank you so much for your time.

Anonymous

8/09/2025 04:26 PM

I am already reading in the news that Norfolk has made decisions about waste management for 2026 so this "engagement" process is disingenuous. Rather than asking if the pace of project completion is too fast or too slow, why not allow for additional comments; I was dumbfounded by the question as two road closures in my rural area of the county appear to be permanent: Marburg Road and East Quarter Line between Lynn Valley Road and Concession 5 Woodhouse. Of greatest concern, with the reduction in waste collection to once every two weeks and lowered bag limits, we will see an increase in dumping in our area. We already have a problem in rural Norfolk, and there is no signage anywhere. We collect two bags of garbage every couple of weeks just from the ditch on our road. Now what? Perhaps we'll submit videotaped evidence of locating and collecting the garbage and submitting to the county for reimbursement?

Anonymous

8/14/2025 01:51 PM

Stop wasting money on consultants. We elected people and hired staff to do a job! If they cannot do the job fire them!!!!!!

Anonymous

8/15/2025 10:35 AM

If the road is bad enough that it needs repair why are they putting bands on it instead of repairing it properly with new asphalt now you make the roads unsafe safe for car windshields and motorcycles with flying rocks from passing cars and loose gravel for uncontrolled driving maybe some from counsel needs to drive these road to see it's a bad idea. Why spend money every year for this fix it rite the first time . [REDACTED]

Anonymous

8/15/2025 06:39 PM

Hi, I'm a seasonal resident at Long Point. I have a savings suggestion - or at least a service reallocation suggestion which might mean spending the same amount only in a different geographic location. I've been coming to Long Point since the mid 1960s when my parents bought a cottage. I am now the owner of our family cottage located on Beach Ave. For the past 2 years, in the Spring, I have seen a street sweeper on Beach Ave. To the best of my knowledge, this service is fairly new to the Long Point area. In all my years of coming to the cottage I've never seen a street sweeper on Long Point. I strongly recommend this service be terminated. There's absolutely no value in sweeping the sand off the edge of our road - a windy day or a rain storm places sand at the edge of the road again. There are no curbs and no gutters and, in my view, this is a waste of resources. The street sweeper should be utilized in the urban areas of the County. I would like to see the tall grass in the road allowances

cut with a mower. We hear all the time about the ticks at Long Point and cutting the long grass at the side of the road (in the road allowance) would make Breach Ave, in particular, more pedestrian friendly. I was also disappointed to hear from the ratepayer's association that the tree planting and other landscaping works along the causeway was NOT going to happen - and the Association was advised it should reallocate its funding elsewhere. Lastly, given the relative remote location of Long Point, I would like to see an additional "publicly funded, installed and maintained" AED (defibrillator) located at Long Point. I understand there is one located at one of the marinas and one at the Prov Park (the one at the Prov Park is located in the Park Mgrs office and only available during business hours - to me, that makes no sense - even if a camper had an issue at 2am, they'd be out of luck!). The one located at the Marina is mounted on the front wall and publicly available 24/7. I think the County could partner with a local business to offer this potentially life-saving service. Norfolk could buy the unit and arrange with a local business to have it installed in a publicly accessible location.

Anonymous

8/18/2025 11:56 AM

Any growth or development by any contractor or developer needs to be funded by them - costs for infzstructure are not a tax payer's responsibility- we are not a community set for large growth

Anonymous

8/18/2025 02:41 PM

Reduce hours of arenas by closing facility which have gap in ice rentals/programs times, probably during daytime. Share staff between multiple arenas therefore wage costs are reduced. Also the hydro costs can be reduced by turning off lights and turning heat down on thermostats in user/staff rooms, while facility is closed, even for a few hours. Review meetings which provide food/drink/catering for employees or politicians and discontinue this luxury. It's not unusual for an employee to bring their lunch to work so why not bring your own food/drink to a meeting.

Anonymous

8/18/2025 10:25 PM

I have participated in several of these surveys from Norfolk County including the one about garbage collection. As I recall not one of the options offered for consideration was moving to every other week collection and reducing bag limits to one per week. So why bother with survey's at all if Council doesn't listen to taxpayers. Why was a totally different and arbitrary decision made that is clearly not in the best interests or wishes of the constituents. Council is there at the behest of the voter's. I don't expect that these comments will make it to the staff report presented to Council however I will continue to vocalize my displeasure to all my neighbours and those that I interact with daily with the hope that enough "noise" will make it's way back to Council

Anonymous

8/19/2025 06:29 AM

We need to invest a lot more into fixing the infrastructure to the water distribution system so that the extra water fees that are being charged back to the residents is removed. Ask the local government for help in investing into this problem. I've talked to so many residents here that are struggling with these insane water bills. It's time this town makes this a priority.

Anonymous

8/20/2025 03:30 PM

I used to drive truck and Norfolk County is famous for not keeping the roads safe during the winter. Last winter when it snowed in December and for a week there were no snow removal on any secondary roads are quite frankly embarrassing and asking for people to get hurt. Last I checked people live on these secondary roads and pay more than in town. As I'm 4200/ year and don't get nearly the amount of services as in town. With people commuting more and more I believe Norfolk needs to re-think how we do snow removal. I also think we need to make Simcoe a separate entity. The rural folk pay big taxes and most of it end up in town. Which says they need to go on there own OR rethink how we set taxes as I shouldn't have to pay for services not available to me

Anonymous

8/21/2025 10:11 AM

Norfolk cannot be Ontario's garden without more investments in the environment and climate action. This will impact farmers and the entire community. The grass and ditches should not be cut in rural areas by the municipality. It is a waste of tax dollars. These plants feed animals, insects, birds, bees and have a positive impact on the environment and farmers crops in several ways. Cutting them down is wearing at the ground, creeks, ditches; it is polluting; it takes away food from insects and animals that will then flock to crops; it lessens bee populations and other insects needed for pollination of fruits and vegetables; it provides seeds for birds through the winter, who eat pests attaching farmers crops through the summer. Don't build more infrastructure and bring more people to Norfolk when those living here are not thriving. Help the community that's here - social services, affordable housing and other funding for those struggling can help people become productive citizens and will add to the economy.

Anonymous

8/22/2025 05:45 PM

I think more recreational areas should be made. Eg, pickleball in Langton or walsingham. There's courts in Langton but they need upkeep and there is an entire community RIGHT there that needs a space to gather and grow. Open a park with live music in Langton with local singers. Make the space better. Same with all the small towns in Norfolk. So many new families and no where to go

Anonymous

8/22/2025 05:52 PM

Norfolk Volunteer Fire departments in rural areas are under funded and undermanned. Often calls go out and even with a multiple station tone out, a very limited number of responders even respond to the calls. This is dangerous to homeowners and the firefighters. Many members remain on the department despite not responding to calls at all or very limited. I am aware a letter goes out at a certain point but then they show up a few times and go back to not responding. This letter going out should only be allowed once, the next time they should be removed to open up the spots for recruits that will invest into the department by responding to calls. Focus on adding some activities for the West end of Norfolk such as a splash pad (Port Rowan and/or Langton would be centralized for rural West end), or investing in the baseball diamond in Walsingham, opening up some trails in the areas for kids to be able to use their quads or dirt bikes to get outside and enjoy activities. There is limited to nothing for the kids to do in more rural areas and rules in place that further restrict their ability to be outdoors and active. When children aren't active it creates not only health issues but boredom which often leads to poor choices. Policing is a concern also for the rural West end, in emergency situations response time is a minimum of a half hour, often times with no response at all due to limited officers for the area, specifically one instance a call was made due to suspicious activity at the cemetery in Port Rowan, officers did not respond to the call at all and yet news was reporting thefts at cemetery's. Another case was what sounded like gun shots going off in Port Rowan late at night, officers responded for a drive through town 45 minutes after the call was made, the person responsible was long gone, it was a homemade firework made with gun powder. The West end often feels left out and forgotten and that our taxes only go to support the "hub" of Norfolk (Simcoe) where many of us don't use the services due to the distance of travelling. It would be nice to see our taxes help support our local area as well.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 11:45 AM

Please stop raising property taxes. The county needs to invest in building more homes/townhouses close or in Simcoe. But first the county needs to fix the water and waste water. You can't build homes with an ageing infrastructure. If you want people to invest and love the in those homes and move to Norfolk county you need to create jobs. We have an abundance of space for factories which provide a huge number of jobs. (Toyotetsu is a great example) The county also needs to think about providing real public transport. We need buses. Cab prices are astronomical. We need to think about the future not the present.

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:45 PM

Please do not cut garbage pick up down to once every two weeks. This is a program that benefits 100% of citizens of Norfolk county. A

lot of the new programs the county creates only benefits a small portion of people who actually use it. Maybe 2-20%. Weekly garbage pick up benefits everyone. Decreasing the pick ups will greatly increase littering and people dumping garbage on dirt roads or farmers properties in rural areas. Being a farmer ourselves the amount of garbage dumped on our property is already crazy. This will also affect small businesses as people will start using their dumpsters to dispose of their waste after hours, which is a fee these businesses will have to pay for. The County is all about being inclusive and trying to benefit all citizens. This is the most inclusive program as it doesn't matter your sexual orientation, race, age or gender. Everyone creates garbage and benefits from weekly pickup

Anonymous

8/23/2025 02:45 PM

I appreciate seeing advertisement for community engagement on our budget and costs, but I genuinely think you are looking in the wrong direction. I think the biggest concern I see is the waste of money and resources on unneeded traffic/transportation construction. I believe it was two years ago when there was the confusing signs put up on Crescent Boulevard, followed by the concrete curb poured by Simcoe Composite School on Norfolk Street (Highway #24) that I believe was supposed to be used for a crosswalk? Then finally a three-cycle light set up on Norfolk Street and Davis Street. Not to be disrespectful but these were all completely unnecessary and a waste of the transportation budget when it could've been spent quite literally anywhere else. I'm not fully aware as to why West Street by the hospital is being torn up right now, but I hope it's infrastructure and fixing the road instead of changing the lanes or making that intersection worse than it already was.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:59 AM

First, I read the survey and like typical government bodies it talks of more taxes or cutting funding in areas. Never any talk about cutting government salaries or wasteful spending. Recently in the news garbage collection is doubling in 2026 but contract is for half the work. Excuse, companies needs new trucks. This is not a tax payer issue. In a properly run business these expenses are accounted for, not added to the public. I can only image the wasteful spending Norfolk does like this. Asking to increase water bills because Norfolk can't budget for maintenance is insane or just an excuse to raise taxes. When a small county starts acting like a big city and waste money and comes back to eh people for more. You are not doing a good job. And stop with the climate concern narrative. We ain't buying it and not an excuse to raise taxes or fees.

Anonymous

8/24/2025 08:45 PM

I'd give anything if stop signs and stop lights were number one. It will help to reduce accidents and show big business that our county is

safe to invest in. Yes I do work on a corner where we are asking for a 4 way stop sign but I've lived here my whole life and the hwy 6 and St. John's road intersection need a stop light. St. John's and cockshutt needs a flashing light before the intersection where one can not see the intersection giving warning. This county can be safe for all with the correct intersection controls. Just like knowing that busy business interesections where business entrances need 4 way control. This is just my opinion but living here my whole life what I've seen there can be a safer way businesses can come and visitors in summer can be safe and live long lives

Anonymous

8/25/2025 05:52 PM

Delhi is vibrant communities with untapped potential, yet many residents here find themselves limited to the offerings at the Friendship Centre. While the Centre provides some valuable programs for older adults—like fitness classes, games, and crafts, it's time to broaden the scope. As a resident living directly across the street from the Friendship Centre, I see firsthand both the value it brings and the opportunity it's missing. As someone with a background in activity coordination , office administration, social work, and a musician; I am a skilled individual who would love to contribute to expanding Norfolk County's community offerings. With my diverse background, I could introduce newer engaging programs and extended hours. Let's create a more inclusive, vibrant community space that reflects the full spectrum of our residents' needs and interests.

Anonymous

8/26/2025 04:20 PM

Being a senior does Norfolk County Council consider that we are on a fixed income and rates are rising faster than our income would it be possible to give senior citizens a reduction in taxes or maybe a reduced percentage in calculating rates and taxes

Anonymous

8/27/2025 12:16 PM

Downtown Simcoe needs to be revitalized and I believe it would pay dividends if the business association focused on tourist interests and non-tourist types of business move over a street or two. Certain towns, like Niagara on the Lake, have become hot spots for tourism and Simcoe could apply a similar model to make people want to come downtown. The proposed garbage plan of every two week collection is too wide a gap, especially in summer, and fewer bags will result in trash being dumped along the side of the road. Keeping it to every week and reducing to 2 bags per week would be a better alternative. The summer parking along Port Dover and Turkey point goes against the charm of both communities and people will spend less at the businesses if they have to pay \$20.00 to park for a day at the beach. It discriminates against lower income individuals to be able to enjoy some time a beautiful natural resource. This goes to our

conservation areas as well. Sure these make some money for the county, but it is short-sighted and goes against the charm of the entire county. I believe that the answer is to drive more investment to the county, especially with a focus on making it a destination that people want to come to visit (and spend their money). A "guess where" initiative may be an interesting approach to inspire visitors to visit all of the hidden treasures or play up the farming culture, pet miniature horses, etc. Ontario Day Trips Guess Where Trips®
<https://www.guesswheretrips.com> Guess Where Trips® — Follow our carefully crafted itineraries that feature four surprise stops you'll love. All you need to do is type in your city or address to find a surprise trip near you. Order Online. Hassle-Free Day Trips. Gift A Surprise Trip Now. Proudly Canadian. Over 150,000 Trips Sold.

Anonymous

8/28/2025 05:56 AM

Just finished the survey. Not sure who created it but the questions were pretty vague and did not provide much information

Anonymous

9/02/2025 04:12 PM

Is there somewhere the public could see the expenses caused by criminal activity? I wonder if that were known, if it could be a deterrent?

Anonymous

9/03/2025 09:01 PM

Focus should be on affordable housing/living. The costs are increasing with services diminishing and council keeps trying to justify the increases. Cut the excessive wages from the top county employees in their gravy careers, downsize County jobs and get back to hard earning wages again. Too much county waste, and enough with the policing costs. Courts are a revolving door, we need to focus un proactive not reactive. Put money and time into everyday average citizens

Anonymous

9/04/2025 09:19 AM

I enjoy the Waterford: 50+ Sticks & Pucks - 10:30am , but I would appreciate it starting in September. The snow removal needs a bigger budget. It is very obvious when I cross over into Brant County. I feel safer driving in other areas other than Norfolk in the winter. There seems to be alot of people walking along side the roads (Wilsonville area) with no shoulder or limited shoulder. It is unsafe.

Anonymous

9/04/2025 09:43 AM

The arenas are very important to families, and need to be maintained, fixed. The price a parent has to pay for their child to participate in the sport is outrageous, where does that money go. If the price was cheaper then there would be more children involved in that sport, and that would keep their minds busy, growth, become better citizens instead of getting in trouble on the streets. And one last

thing is to control the drug/homeless people around the inside/outside of arenas doing drugs with needles, etc. Better security is needed too.

Anonymous

9/05/2025 11:32 AM

As the manager of the Port Dover Board of Trade and having worked in several different positions around Norfolk County over my career, including government, I have suggested to our Economic Development Department on several occasions, the concept of creating, under their umbrella, a program to support small business and in particular to preserve and improve the success for this group, particularly in our small down town cores. This is, on a provincial level, referred to as business expansion and retention. In our area which has a significant consumer draw under the tourism label, this works for both the community and visitors as we attract an interesting variety of out of towners, both for overnight stays, cottagers, boaters, theatre goers and day trippers. We also have a business community which is supportive of our towns and citizens proud to call it home. In Port Dover we have managed to maintain our urban boundaries to avoid what may towns have failed to in allowing urban sprawl. We have a number of business organizations working in Norfolk County to support and maintain the integrity of our communities with beautification projects, festivals and events and general business support. These are groups of volunteers and paid staff. We are the boots on the ground and it would be wonderful to receive funding to support these groups and the projects that make these towns a great place to live, work and bring up families. Think about it - it fits!

Anonymous

9/06/2025 08:45 PM

No one should be working from home. Too much waste of time by 'some' who abuse the system. Stop the waste of vehicle usage driving around street not doing anything in some neighbourhoods (two people in a vehicle just driving around our neighbourhood up and down the same street repeatably over 30 minutes). Look at the abuses and address the problems.

Anonymous

9/07/2025 11:45 AM

I understand the garbage and recycling proposed for 2026 but since this has come out I have seen garbage on the side of the road so if this is happening now what are the sides of the road going to look like after this is put into place?? Also there are seniors like myself with disability problems who are putting our garbage on the opposite side of the road which has a steep ditch. My recycling boxes have been tossed down in that ditch so I have to rely on my neighbor or my son to retrieve them. At least give seniors like myself a wide place to put them so we don't end up falling

Anonymous

Recently council implemented a policy to systematically end the grant

9/11/2025 09:32 PM

support to a variety of organizations. The reasoning was based on the excessive administration cost to monitor the program. Free access to the Port Dover beach is a program that has increased administration costs beyond those of the grant support initiative with more additions in recent years. The related costs have been a financial burden on ratepayers for decades on a property not owned by the County. This program is not an essential service nor is it a sustainable or justifiable expenditure for the long term. The free beach access program needs to be systematically phased out like the grant program. This will result in long term savings freeing financial resources to be applied to other higher priority levy items.

Anonymous

9/14/2025 08:31 AM

We need more red light cameras and photo radar. Many people are speeding on Queensway East, well above 80km/h. Also the intersection of Queensway West and Park Road has the most vehicles running through the red light.

Anonymous

9/14/2025 09:32 AM

I don't like the new garbage proposal. In particular the green bin. It is disgusting in the warm months with flies and maggots and garbage freezes in the winter so it won't empty properly. Plus on tight streets with cars parking it will be difficult for the truck to pick up. What we have works. There are better places to spend our tax dollars.

Anonymous

9/15/2025 06:04 PM

Attract more doctors to rural areas

Anonymous

9/18/2025 07:53 AM

As a resident in Ward One, I do not like the change to our garbage policy for next year. We already compost and still have 2-4 bags of garbage a week. I believe you are penalizing large families and people with home businesses with this change. Maybe people in the city who don't already have access to a compost area might be able to save bags, but as a whole, our community is more rural and will generate more garbage due to that. Larger properties equal more garbage. I would support a solution like in Toronto, where you pick your size of garbage bin for your residence and if you want/need the larger bin it is a yearly fee. Plus with the automated truck to pickup garbage you would be able to save on overhead.

Anonymous

9/21/2025 04:10 PM

Property taxes are currently based upon the assessed value of properties, including site value and development, with varying proportions or percentages of each component being taxed at different rates. This is a regressive system. A much better and more effective and easier to assess tax base would be to tax only the site value, exempting all development value. Since the land value portion

of any property assessment is far larger than that of the development in almost every case, this would potentially raise the value of the tax base. This must be assessed on the full market value of any location, without regard to current development or use. This true Land Value Taxation (LVT) is proven to be the easiest to assess, the hardest to avoid, the fairest and most developmentally progressive of any other form or property tax. Idle land owned by speculators must not be exempt. Farm land and municipal properties can be given preferential assessments. This is the only form of property tax that I would approve an increase in.

Anonymous

9/24/2025 07:19 PM

Norfolk needs to increase staffing in arenas like it used to be so staff can have work life balance. One arena central isn't practical keep using the buildings you own, stop renting. Charge a bag fee for garbage rather like Oxford county. Update parks and recreation so we can attract young families who want to stay for what we have to offer rather than finding somewhere else

Anonymous

9/27/2025 10:57 AM

I'm sure we'll see a big increase in our taxes to pay for the nt acceptable rise in salaries for the councillors and mayor. Investment my [REDACTED]

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