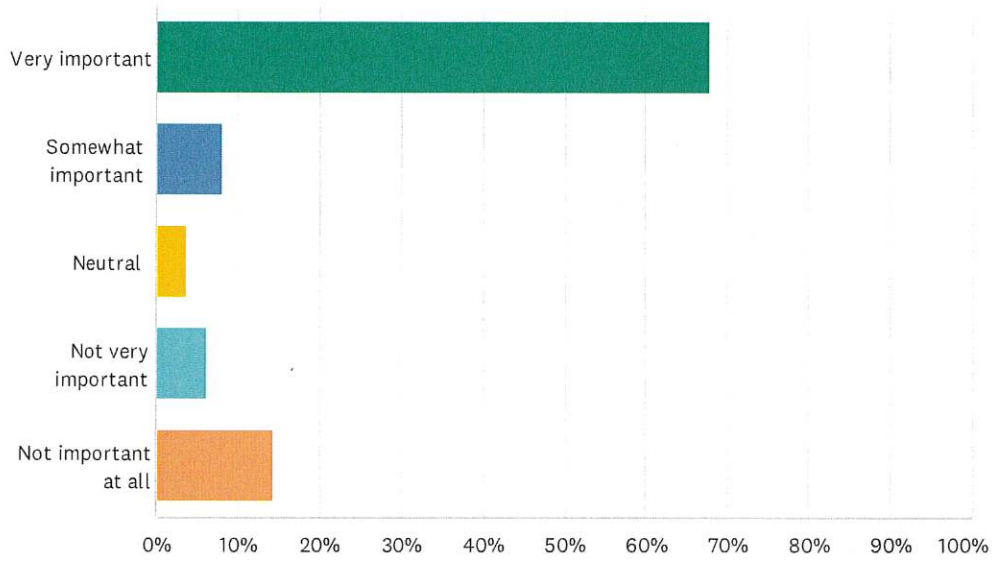


Q3 How important is it to you that the Mayor is elected directly by the residents rather than by the Council?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 0



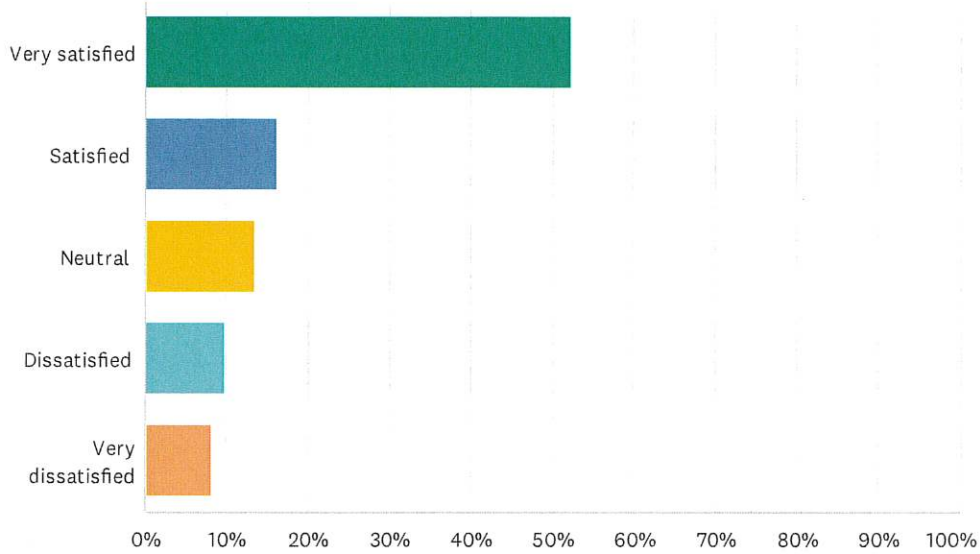
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	67.86%	76
Somewhat important	8.04%	9
Neutral	3.57%	4
Not very important	6.25%	7
Not important at all	14.29%	16
TOTAL		112

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6	Not WOKE!!
7	I believe it is very important that our mayor be capable of representing everyone not just a select group
8	Ability to Effectively Interact with Administration
9	One who genuinely listens to other's perspectives
10	Fiscal knowledge

Q6 How satisfied are you with the current method of electing the Mayor in our municipality?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	52.25%	58
Satisfied	16.22%	18
Neutral	13.51%	15
Dissatisfied	9.91%	11
Very dissatisfied	8.11%	9
TOTAL		111

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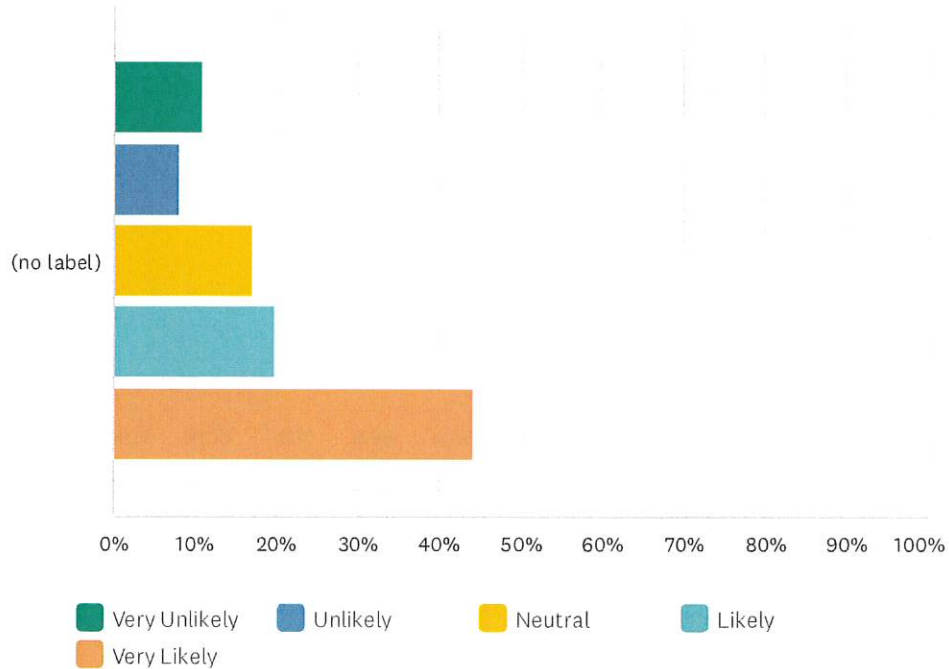
- 10 More stability - not yearly changing mayors
- 11 Don't see any advantage's
- 12 Avoids potential of exercising undue influence among council members.
- 13 I do not see a benefit and we can lose out on a good candidate for councillor if they run for mayor and lose
- 14 None
- 15 No advantages because they usually don't have any opposition.
- 16 Less fighting within Council during the term (no lobbying for who will be the next Mayor)

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11	potential for popular candidate vs qualified candidate
12	The Mayor serves the full term and cannot be changed by the council.
13	Popularity contest
14	none
15	The last mayoral election was a popularity contest.
16	The loss of a potential candidate who loses the election who would be a good councillor. Not that many people are willing to serve and the potential candidates are more limited in numbers or lost totally.
17	We can lose some excellent candidates as council members
18	I don't see a disadvantage to it
19	NONE
20	If elected by council, it takes away our opportunity to be involved in the democratic process
21	There is no disadvantage if a mayor is elected by the people that is the only democratic way for all elections.
22	There are some closely held views that in the past have kept us from moving forward
23	NONE
24	None
25	Potentially good candidates that would have made great councillors lose the ability to be a councillor by running for mayor.
26	"Direct Democracy" is sidelined
27	None
28	Don't see any disadvantages
29	If you don't win the vote, you aren't in council.
30	Popularity contest
31	It has been said that good candidates are eliminated when the vote is directly from residents. While that may be true, it is, quite simply, the nature of the political process.
32	May miss candidates that are eliminated in race that would be good on council
33	Democracy
34	Losing good candidates as councillors if they lose out
35	Aren't we supposed to be a democracy? There are no disadvantages.
36	None
37	None
38	Potential to lose a good council member
39	I don't see a disadvantage.
40	None
41	None
42	No comment
43	None
44	Nothing
45	No issues

Q10 How likely are you to participate in future local elections if the method of electing the Mayor is changed?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 1



	VERY UNLIKELY	UNLIKELY	NEUTRAL	LIKELY	VERY LIKELY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	10.81%	8.11%	17.12%	19.82%	44.14%	111	3.78
	12	9	19	22	49		

Q12 Please provide any additional comments or suggestions regarding the method of electing the Mayor in our municipality.

Answered: 40 Skipped: 72

RESPONSES

- 1 Everyone has the opportunity to vote for strong leaders to be put in the position of councillors. Since those put in as councillors are voted in by the majority of the population it would allow for that majority of that population to trust them to make a good selection for a leader/mayor for that council. a good leader should emerge from the round table of councillors each with a vision for our towns future. I also feel it is very important that there be a public forum (at least one) where residents of this town can hear the vision of each person running for council and have an opportunity to question each as well. We definitely missed this on the last election even though in spite of the "covid thing" it could have been live streamed from any one of a number of venues in town.
- 2 Perhaps a non-binding expression of preference with election of council i.e. Mark ballot of Councillors but have a space for "preferential" numbering of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. for Mayor. In the end, the Council "appoints" the one with the most #1 preference, and that person acts as a chair person for the meetings, and represents the town.
- 3 Preferential vote maybe if several were running for Mayor.
- 4 Don't fix what works!
- 5 If it is not broken, don't fix it.
- 6 We don't want to get stuck with a situation like Trochu where the same Mayor has held the position for 21 years. That is not healthy for the community.
- 7 It is my understanding that the position of mayor is more of a representation of the town at events and ceremonies. Not necessarily important to the actual running of the town or providing direction. More akin to a chairperson.
- 8 All who have given me verbal feedback have mentioned how this survey is one sided and does not capture the main reason for the potential change in bylaw.
- 9 Electing your Mayor and Councillors is a democratic privilege. Taking away electing a Mayor by the people is taking away more rights from the taxpaying public living in the community. Anyone who runs for Mayor and loses, knows before running that that is a risk, and should have run for council to minimize the risk, and at least be on council.
- 10 The people of the town should elect the mayor. Not the council
- 11 I don't see the advantage of having a Mayor selected by council.
- 12 Counsellors are elected with certain expectations from the public. However the mayor carries additional expectations and should be elected by the public based on those as well.
- 13 Need to attract more businesses to Three Hills. Need a pro-active council not a re-active council.
- 14 Three Hills has had the general election model for many years. I believe It is time for a change and for stronger accountability by having different individuals in the role.
- 15 I agree with direct election, but feel mayoral candidates should also be listed as council candidates so someone who fails to become mayor could still be elected to council.
- 16 I want to be able to elect whom I believe would be the best for the position of Mayor.
- 17 I thought it was disgusting how the council was able to decide themselves on their raises and who they could bring on the council
- 18 Let the people decide who will be our mayor!! We are not communist yet!

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set out for Town & Cities and Rural Municipalities and Villages in Alberta. Why would Three Hills go directly against the Municipal Government Act/Elections Act?

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| 36 | I believe this should have been changed years ago. There hasn't been a good race for Mayor in years, cause if you don't win the mayor race your out and you can't run for both mayor and council |
| 37 | I see only one advantage to electing from within...in the event 2 very qualified individuals run for mayor, the town loses a lot of experience or qualifications. Some times small centres cannot afford to lose a councillor that way... |
| 38 | Leave it the way it is |
| 39 | I think it is important that we vote for our mayor. In fact it makes us uniquely different and in my opinion better than the County and other municipalities that vote from within. We should not take for granted that we have a great democratic system that allows us to vote. Taking away one's vote in this process is wrong. |
| 40 | Why change what is working? |