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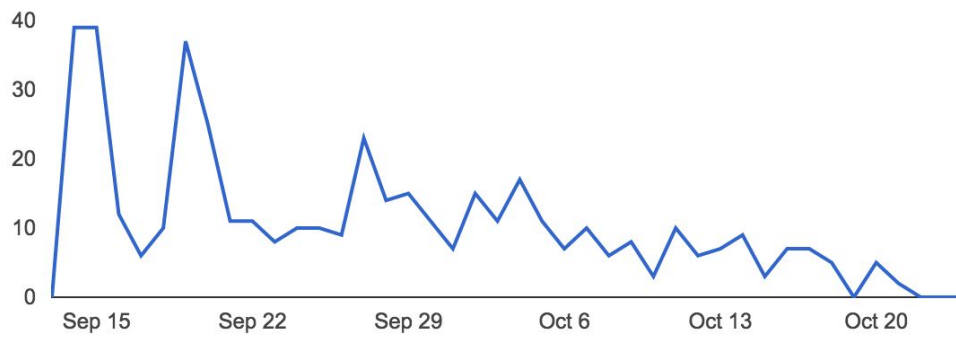
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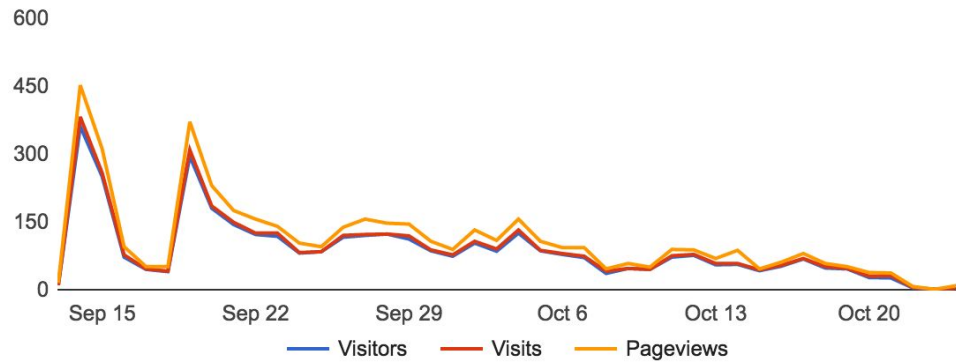
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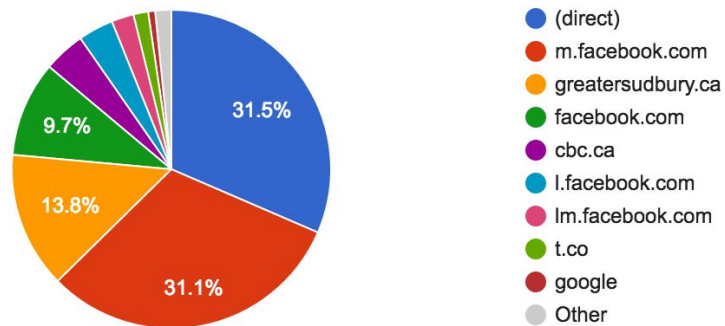
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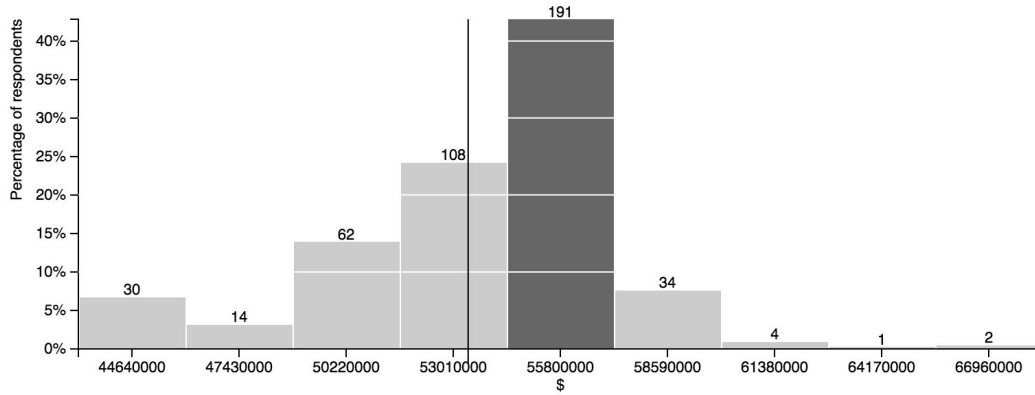


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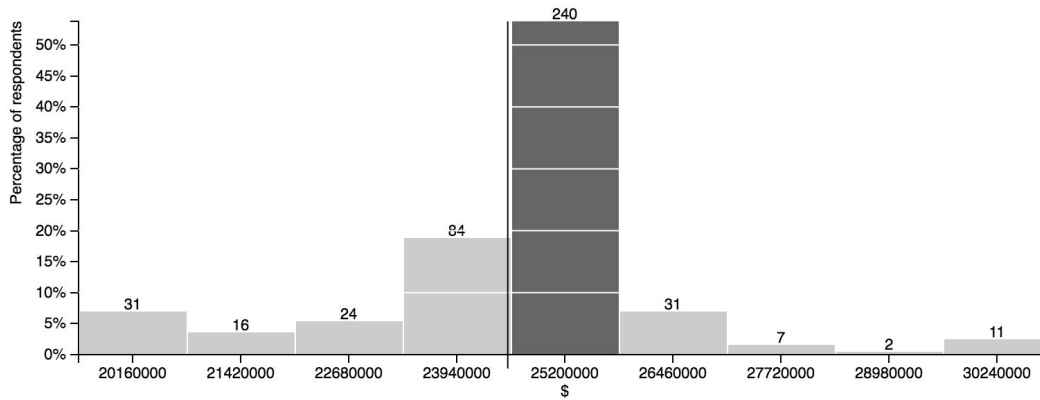
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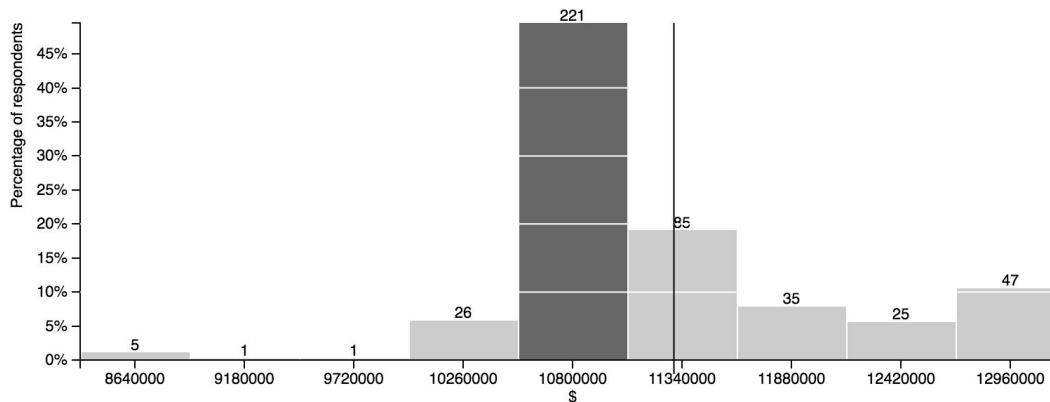
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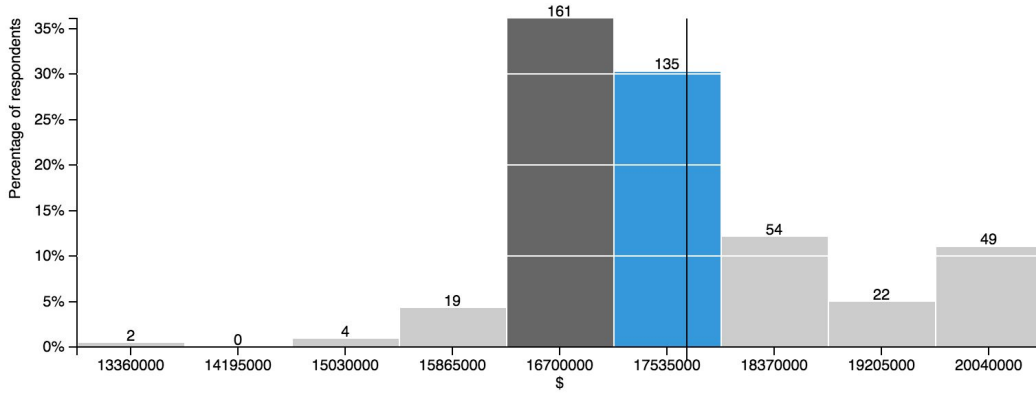
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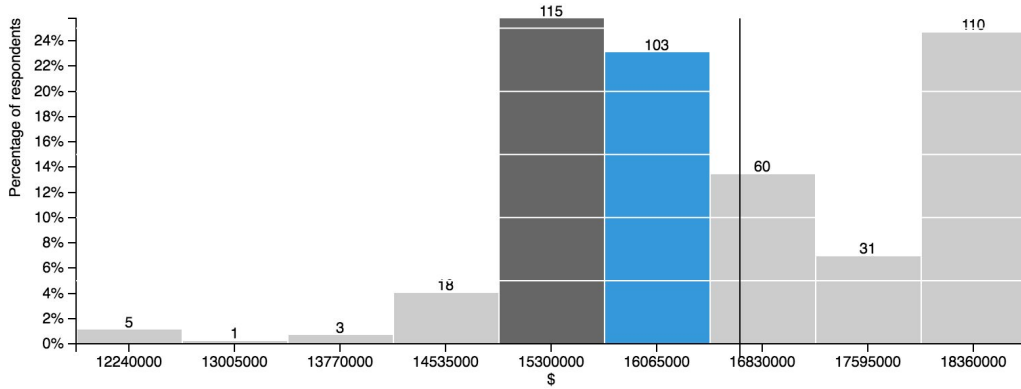
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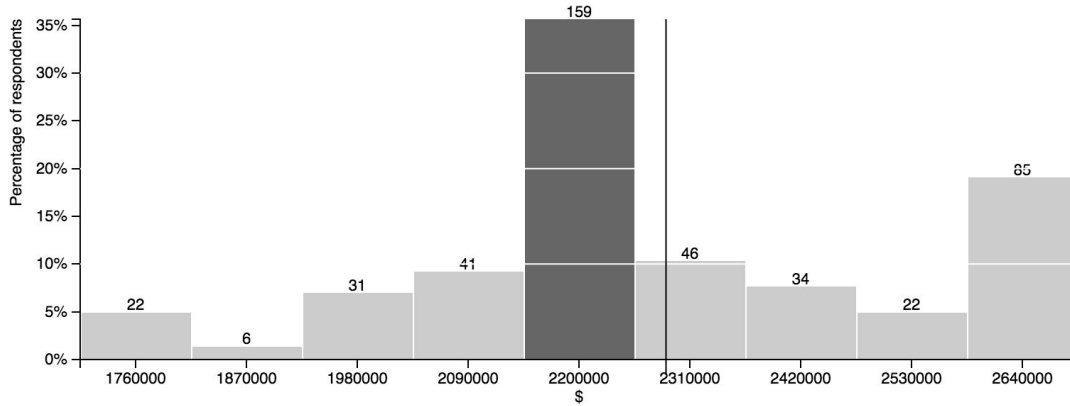
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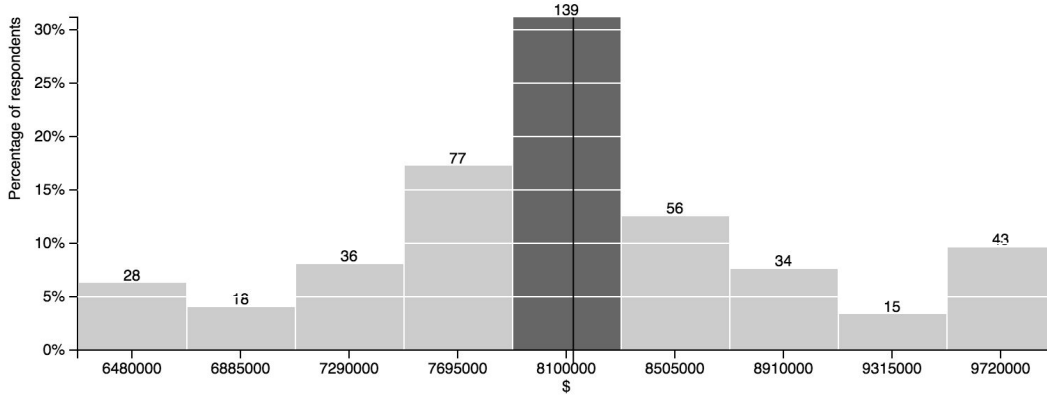
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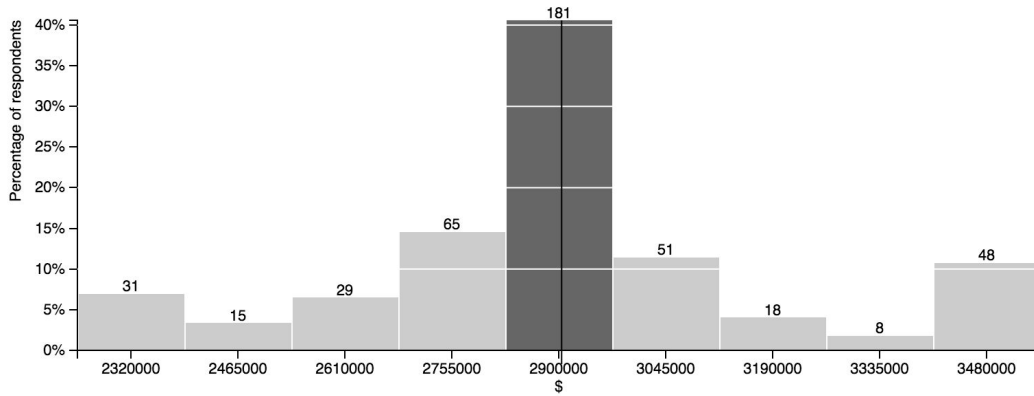
Park, Playgrounds and Splash Pads

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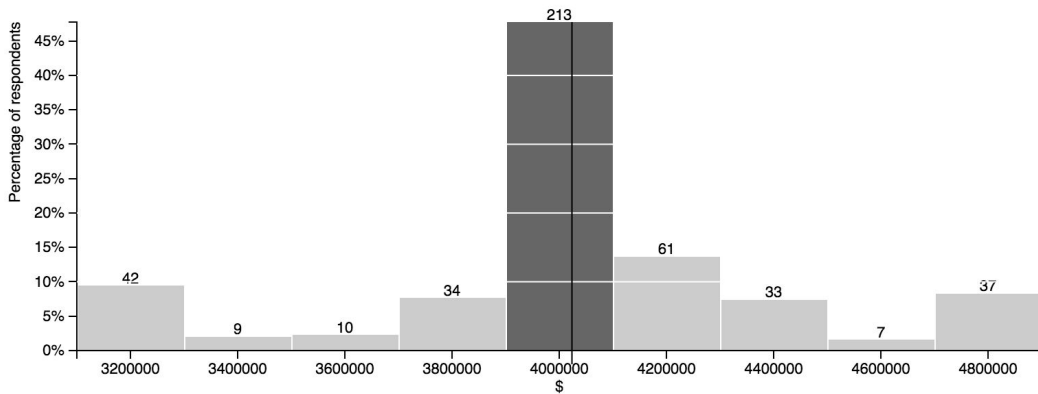
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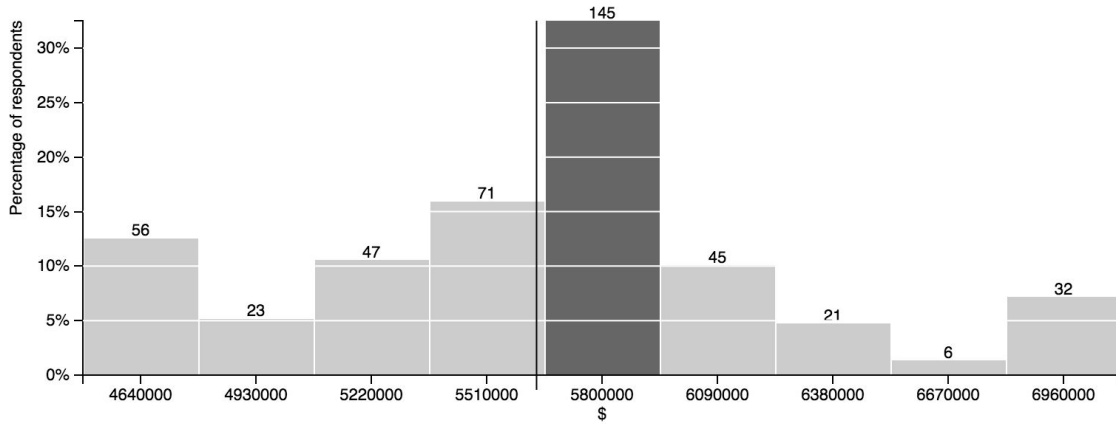
Pioneer Manor

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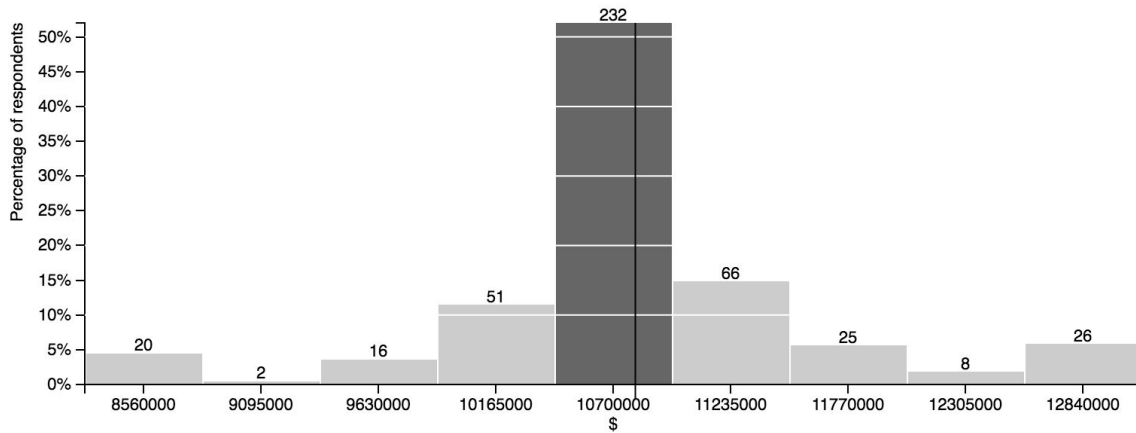
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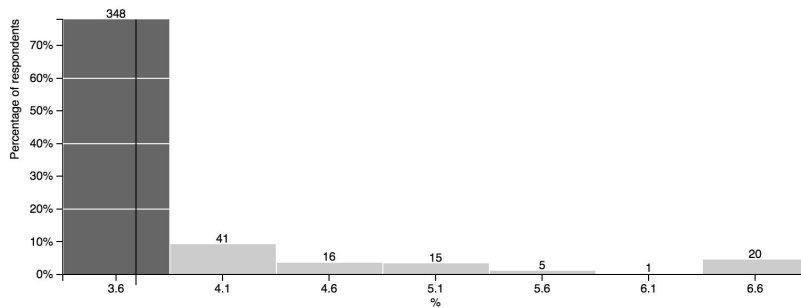
Solid Waste

Would you increase, decrease or maintain current property tax funding for solid waste?



Additional Contributions to the Capital Budget

Do you want the City to make an additional contribution to capital projects in 2017 in the form of a special property tax increase?



General Comments

A budget surplus could result in tax rate cut

A tax increase is not required just better management of the money you get now is required

Any decisions made must put environmental & climate change pact first. With no clean air, water, or soil, we cannot live. Other issues come second.

As a Homeschooling mother of 4, I feel Sudbury along with many other cities should step it up in the learning opportunities department. We need a self directed education centre. A place where children as well teens could go to learn about the real world and thr things that interest them. For example they could have classes on politics and laws, cooking/food handling and nutrition classes, they could have mechanics classes, construction classes, classes on sustainability, classes on sociology/friendships and conflict resolution, computer classes, business classes. The list goes on. The classes would be taught by mentors and would not be graded. This type of centre should be set up in a similar way as Science North and will need to be partially maintained by its members(students). At the very least a centre like this could help fill in the gaps of the traditional school system and offer an alternative for homeschooling families. It would be a dream come true for many parents and children.

Brilliant idea to have the public's input. Now the citizens of Sudbury can be educated a little more on the finances involved with running a city and appreciate the decisions city council need to make to appease the greater good. People are too ignorant and complain way too much. Good on Sudbury for accepting the peoples input!

By removing funds from the grossly inflated budget awarded to Fire Sevices, the City could substantially increase funding to Paramedic services (who respond to over 7 times the call volume of Fire) and still reallocate additional funds to almost all other criteria being considered here. The budget awarded to Fire Services is unwarranted relative to the function they actually serve and the call volume they respond to (% necessary?) Impartial audit of that funding and where it is used is the responsibly of the City in the name of accountability for public funds.

Cheaper taxes for rural homes we pay higher home insurance,higher cost of crappy satellite television and Internet. We have terrible road maintenance on Moxam Landing road lively ontario and only have blue box pickup and garbage pickup .

City has to move forward . This survey doesn't include salaries and duplication of services.

Clearly someone used to not cutting costs would ask you to add activities to 'balance the budget". How about just cutting back for once? How is this so hard for governments to comprehend? How many of the 4375 calls from the fire dept were for fires? Cut that budget.

It's not required like it once was. What a farce you cannot submit while having a surplus. I'd like to decrease the police budget by 8 million thanks.

Contract out garbage, Merge Fire and EMS. Close all Library and have only one major one located in Tom Davies. Buy Electric Buses.

CoS needs to increase funding for sidewalk construction, repair and winter maintenance in all communities which make up the CoS. CoS needs to improve and increase the number of separated cycling lanes. CoS needs to pave main trails to improve access to all in the community including those in wheel chairs and special needs, as is being done in other communities. CoS needs to improve crosswalk management to protect pedestrians. CoS needs to replace the concrete sidewalks at driveways to improve pedestrian safety and driver awareness, as is being done in other communities.

Cost savings should be reviewed of all services to determine if efficiency can be obtained. Fire and Police services cost per call are enormous and should be reviewed to determine if the services can be delivered more effectively. The Pioneer Manor should be self-sustaining without property tax funds from the city. Library funding should begin to be reviewed and reduced, as the libraries become less and less important to society. Further investment could be made to allow for on-line offering of material and information. Winter road maintenance delivery should be reviewed as well to determine if most appropriate routes are being scheduled to avoid inefficient use of time. Any cost savings should go towards infrastructure improvement and beautification of the city to attract further investment into the community. I disagree with having to balance the budget as pooling resources for a future years project could be well warranted. My forecasts included 10% reductions to the operating budget for Fire and Police, but an increase to Emergency Services (due to more significant calls per dollar funded). Overall, I had an additional \$7M available after having maxed out the infrastructure investment. I have adjusted the numbers above so that I could submit my comments.

Cut back on funding for arts, social clubs, culture, etc...

Cut staff at City Hall.

Decrease the police budget.

Did not like the slide rule effect when changing the number values. They moved to predetermined amounts that tied my hands and either over or under inflated the change I wanted. For the Police, Fire, EMS that is directly attributed to Salaries of non-front line employees as well as wage calculations for the jobs in each group. Police and Fire have to trim some fat within each organization. Modest increase for roads in all seasons. Pioneer Manor needs an increase with the thought of expansion in the future to take pressure off of our Hospital. In collaboration with the other two levels of government the number of beds being occupied in our hospital needs to be switched over to Pioneer Manor and expand

appropriately. They have land near by that could be used for expansion. Libraries need to be meeting places for organizations but they need to be a revenue line as well to offset the cost of running each location. For solid waste management we need to start collection of all biodegradable food stuffs plus lawn, tree and surplus building material that can be ground up to be sold to the public for use in their gardens or in city planters, Parks, or beautification projects. Maybe even start community gardens around Rec. Centres to grow local food and sell at the farmers market using citizens as Green Volunteers. Maybe next year put a copy of the current budget attached to compare and see where amounts could be changed. Thanks for this opportunity!!

Difficult to use slider can't be precise

Don't need all the fire fighters or stations. Use "volunteers " to fill in for full time fire to cover sick time. We pay the volunteers already and believe they are trained to the same if not better level

enough is enough for paying for services that don't add values for my tax dollar. The guy who lives next to me is a firefighter he brags about how me makes 100 grand a year and plays playstation all day at the station let bean across from New Sudbury shopping center. I work very hard as a plumber, my wife a nurse, and I never played playstation at work. This guy should be ashamed, when our roads are falling apart, give the money to police ambulance drivers and roads.

Enough with this over funded Fire service. Sunshine list workers who work 7 days per month. Paid to get a full night sleep. Use that money where it's actually needed, please. Volunteer stations are good enough, along with a good prevention program. An increase in medical calls should mean more Paramedics, it's that simple. I want more Paramedics staffed in my community, which is the Valley, currently were covered by ONE Ambulance with transporting capabilities. Our population is roughly 40,000. All stations should be staffed exclusively with transporting vehicles. We need more Paramedics.

Every time my assessment goes up my tax bill also goes up added to the proposed 3.6% I will be looking at roughly a 5 to 6 % increase in my total bill. So the 3.6% is not an accurate figure. According to some figures, thrown around, we have one of the highest paid police force in Ontario as well our fire department ranks amongst the highest. Why is this so? Is someone afraid to tackle the issues or are putting these people on a pedestals and no one dare look into the overexpenditures? When you are on a fixed income and your old age security cheque goes up by a few dollars every years and you see how our tax dollars are spent, you ask yourself lots of questions. What about combining some City Dept. This would reduce the overhead and possibly help in having better communications between them.

Fire budgets need to be scaled back.

Fire department is depleting the city of funds. They are prevention not at forefront of

suppression. Fires have gone down as where emergency medical calls have increase over 10% in a year. Health care is the new millennium. Focus on cost cutting measures where it's needed and stop being afraid to spend money where it is needed either.

Fire Services is an absolutely massive waster of tax dollars. (By far biggest in the city) Way too many vehicles and staff. I'm not referring to fire trucks, they have absolutely too many smaller vehicles. As well as these smaller vehicles get used for personal uses. Firm believer we could downsize our full-time fire compliment and increase our volunteer fire fighter compliment and woulf be able to provide the same if not better services to the city's citizens.

Fire services needs to be intensely reviewed. Stop buying into the fear monger in and have the backbone to make the cuts necessary. Overall fires are down in the neighbourhood of 35%, why has there been an overall increase in number of firefighters by approx. 40%.

Fire, police and general public sector budgets are handcuffed by the rigid union contracts and without a province wide consensus for more flexibility as to delivery, there is no solution other than property tax increases. This would include hiring non-union contractors to do work that does not require full fledged fire, police or otherwise emergency personnel. These positions could for example man Sudbury roads for driving infractions since the absence of policing is very evident - to many cowboys and cowgirls for that matter.

Firemen should never replace paramedics!!!!!!

Get Rid of Pioneer Manor privatize it, why is a bus driving around Lively at 1 in the morning no one inside get rid of those expenditures, winter plowing is a joke my road gets plowed at 1 in the afternoon put some money into parks the downtown core looks like crap look at reducing waste within the City Budget hire an independent auditor get with it people!!!!!!

get rid of wasteful managers.

Given how spread out this city is, there needs to be a rigorous look at the services provided to the outlying community. If one chooses to live in a remote area of the city, there should be recognition that they will not receive the same services as people close to the city core. Particularly for road maintenance and winter control, the City needs to think closely about how much to spend on infrastructure at the peri-urban areas and instead focus that money on what makes a city a desirable place to live (downtown, Pioneer Manor, updated library facilities downtown, parks, infrastructure for leisure in etc city core, etc.)

Great activity!

Have you considered building a new or upgrading the currently aged recycling center? Something that would collect even more different types of plastics and materials, as well as having a machine that cuts open bags. People get frustrated when they see that oops sticker.

Having a better bigger recycling center that accepts all kinds of different materials would mean less oops stickers and items being left behind in the blue box. It would help a hole lot more with the waste at the landfill.

I am a resident of Val Thérèse since 1979.....and the greatest impact on my life has been the atrocious deterioration of our roads overall, how may times per week while travelling about our region, I am ALWAYS concerned with the countless pot holes that I try to avoid in order not to mechanically damage my vehicle....continually.....and it is always evedent when we approach the Sudbury region how our roads are a public danger and a financial burden to the population and the frustrations and anger that this major problem causes throughout our region on a daily basis...thus increasing the potentiel incidents and or accidents while travelling throughout the region....this a MAJOR concern and PRIORITY....no more no less.....and I can't imagine how outsiders and tourist view our delapedated transport system...ROADS.....are by far my greatest concern because it affects our lives constantly...□□□□□□..seriously.

I am frustrated that due to the ever possible ability of the city to increase taxes, fire and police services can get pay raises that far out pace other sectors and increase taxes to residents during arbitration. If this money went to equipment, training or new technologies it could be justified but to simply pay Substatially more then other essential services does not make sense to me. I value our police and I want them to be well looked after and have safer jobs. That is most effected by equipment not salary. I value fire services even though significantly dangerous house fires are uncommon. Their ability to respond is again based on equipment and training not personal salaries for employees that work fewer days then any other essential service.

I believe the roads need additional funding seeing as many of the roads (including in my district) are derilict to say the least.

I do not believe the city should support special interest groups such as the arts,it is not the citys job to give away taxpayers money to special interest groups of any kind.

I feel we need to spend more money on our roads and sewers and pipes (Infrastructure). This should be a number one priority since we want to attract major businesses here to create high paying jobs here. There's a number of pipe bursts happening in the winter time, and the roads are in horrible shape, like Notre Dame, The Kingsway. Secondly, we need to attract major manufacturers to the city to create high paying long term jobs, which will help the city financially, and keep the younger generation from leaving the city when they graduate from University or College, so they don't go elsewhere like down south or out west. Our city is aging in population, like Elliot Lake, we need to keep the younger generation here where they were born and raised or lived in Sudbury for a while. Give these major manufacture companies a break on taxes, or taxing electricity. We need to find ways to attract these businesses to the north. New Librairies shouldn't happen, everything is found online as it is,

and I feel no additional investment into this shouldn't happen. The same goes with building an art gallery, not that I don't mind not having an art gallery, but I feel there's other things in Sudbury needed right now that are more important than building a new art gallery, especially while trying to freeze property taxes. It's all about technology now, so we should invest as little as possible into our library's. Regarding police service I feel the investment should be reduced in the budget since the crime rate is down compared to 10 years ago due to neighborhood watch program in effect.. Winter Maintenance has been horrible the past couple of years, we need better plowing, especially during a winter storm. My street was plowed after 25 to 35cms of snow had fallen and I live in New Sudbury, From my understanding after 5cm of snow the main highways are suppose to be plowed and 8cms or more the side streets are suppose to be plowed. We need to hold these contractors accountable and fine them if they aren't within the standards or criteria. Ever since the city amalgamated the winter plowing has been horrible in our area but has improved from time to time. Throwing away \$238,000 in people not paying parking tickets is a stupid idea. Go after them, send the police to there home and tell them they either pay it or they have to go to court. Where's the accountability, and transparency. Other measures to look at is ways to reduce wages or jobs within the people working for the city, how can we restructure, and save money. Sometimes I see 4 or 5 employees watching a loader operator dig a hole on the road. To me this is wasting tax payers dollars. I see a number of city buildings with there lights on at night like the taxation centre, there should be no lighting or sensor lighting in these buildings. Freeze taxes, no need for a tax increase, we just need to hold the mayor accountable, and look at areas where we can reduce investing in that area due to stats, like the police service, fire service, building new libraries and art galleries. Furthermore, I think major businesses, especially that make high profits in the Sudbury area should help build the new arena, instead of costing the taxpayers to come up with all or part of the costs. Sudbury is community minded, and I think we should ask major businesses for a contribution to the building of the new Sudbury arena on the Kingsway. We should speed up this process as well since the old Sudbury arena is falling apart, and should be torn down, and made into a parking lot as soon as possible. All the street lights should be transformed into higher efficient lighting at night.. I thought this was suppose to be completed by this summer. We need to find ways to reduce energy costs for the city, and fast, the same goes with internal city workers. Therefore, we shouldn't increase property taxes, but look at areas internally where the city could save money itself, and we need to promote more accountability for the spending and receiving of funds, to insure that taxpayers have trust and faith in our mayor for years to come. Thank you!

I feel you should cut back on police services. Since crime continues to drop.I feel some money can be saved from pioneer manor. Using the saved money on infrastructure, which is falling behind on upkeep for roads, water pipes, etc. Our current level of service is good, I don't feel we need to increase spending on waste, snow removal, transit or libraries. Our parks seem unclean and lack compared to surrounding citys. I increased a few services that I don't think need increase only to balance the budget. If we cut 5 million from police services we could use this money on capital projects instead of tax increases. Slow and steady

decreases to the police budget and pioneer manor would allow them time to adjust.

I find it absolutely unbelievable that police services account for 20% of our budget. Stop making police do road patrols. Keep them on criminal investigations. Create a traffic control department for this work. Use people trained as security guards - -police are not needed for this work.

I find this tool hard to use as there's no link to the impact on the services. However, my personal priorities that I think we need to invest in more than we've done in the past include existing road maintenance (but not building new roads or widening roads), winter road maintenance (especially for sidewalks and transit stops), transit (better service levels and more bus shelters), parks (these should be easily accessible to all and more free programs should be offered there), active transportation investments (not listed above), and expansion of recycling and green bins to every building and location in Sudbury including parks. I also think we need to focus more on social equity issues like housing and healthy program opportunities for all.

I left some money not spent and maybe that should be a area (or idea of saving instead of spend spend spend)of spending money a savings for the city so that when the city is short \$6 million they dont have to raise taxes for mistakes the city made by mismanaging our city budget? I took away funding for cops as half that money is spent on wasted gas because of useless driving around and cars that never get turned off. Those few things could save hundreds of thousands of dollars. It shouldnt take 6 hours to see a doctor at the hospital. If they were more staff or a hospital that was bigger and not over budget \$30 million. Maybe if the budget for snow removal was funded more... wait they dont go out when it snows and see sparks when they try to plow an inch of slush. The sidewalks are never plowed after a snow fall. Only takes 2 days after and by then its ice. I increased the bus budget as maybe it might lower the bus fair a bit as we pay more then T.O. for a bus that u can even get on if you have a transfer and catch the same one back. You have to wait 15-30 for the next one. A transfer is a transfer. Also now that cops are going to be on the buses all the time why did we spend \$300k on 3 cameras per bus? Was it worth the cost? Not 1 cent. Just a spying tool...so now we spent that \$300k that will never get back as it could of funding bus repairs and bike racks on all busses during the summer. Our old age homes are under staffed. How come there is an option to increase taxes but never an option to lower them? Why are taxes so high in this city? Maybe if our city was smart and didnt spent ever dime in ever sector. Oh wait you have to because if you dont spend it by the end of the year the budget decreases...this is why our country is in bebt. The manner just did a big reno. Why? Because they had extra money to waste and spend on extra expensives things to use the budget up. It happens in ever single sector on here. The snow plow budget goes to waste every year. Oh we didnt plow much this year so at the end of the year we will have all the trucks out just driving around plowing nothing. You know this is true. Maybe if a budget didnt have to be spent to the last cent this country would be out of detb. Every city in every province does this. That extra say \$40k of a budget should be aloud to be saved and used the next year and not spend it or we will get

less of a budget in that area so make it seem like its needed right? Also you should make the space you leave a comment on bigger as i have to sclore up 10 tomes to see what all i have wrote. How much did this web site cost? Is it like trudou and sent \$800k for a consaltant for this idea? Also maybe with a few dollars save each year for arena funding we can save enough without saving to take more money that can be used else where and be able to afford a new arena. There are many things as a city can be run alot smoother and with oess money. That all everything is with the government. Bigger taxes to help the country out? Maybe we need to help our coutry before we spend.

I live on a bus route for almost 40 years and snow banks are to thin. People can't drive this isn't your problem, but keeping the city maintained is. Is was never babied as a young adult maybe you should ask what is the motivations behind this thin snow banks policy (maybe you need replacing snow truck drivers or it's the trucks). These trucks belong on 3 lane roads minimum.

Fix this please it's getting out of hand!

I may have a surplus but I would put SIGNIFICANT more money in Transit. Also in hiring more knowledgeable people in the library, and improving the selection at the south end branch location. Though I believe police services are important, I don't believe the crime rate in Sudbury justifies this amount.

I suggest budget cuts to the arenas in town. The funding would seem reasonable if the money was also being allocated to the local curling arenas to assist with increasing membership costs due to upkeep and cost of running the facilities. These facilities are important to a large number of Sudbury residents and I would like to see funds allocated to both as they are a big part of winter sports in the city.

I think that police should get print scanners with cloud storage instead of taking up hours with ink prints. Buses should get wifi with mildly higher fare rates. Fining pan handlers and loiterers modest fines may still add slight revenue Also a hotel/casino/15,000 person arena conjoined would be a huge revenue builder.

I think that the Police Service is under-funded. The Sudbury Star did a whole article about how they are very efficient, and need a new building. Police risk their lives every day to save ours. I keep seeing city council trying to slash their budget, but I think that safety should be our #1 priority.

I think the city could garner a lot of savings by improving the processes in and between departments. If everyone knows what they're supposed to do and how they're supposed to do it, it can save lots of time & money. From various sources of information, I think there's a lot of inefficiencies in how work is done currently.

I think this budgeting tool is excellent and I hope that you actually take citizen's responses into consideration.

It's too bad that the tool will not let you move the tax allocation by the dollar (or by increments of \$100,000)...For example, I had to increase fire (despite not wanting to) over increasing police services (also not wanting to) because the incremental difference between the lowest police allocation was a difference of 2.8M (44.6M being the lowest choice and 47.4M being the next available choice) which is a huge difference without any explanation.

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute to the 2017 Budget.

I think we have the potential to be more efficient with solid waste, but there needs to be a robust education campaign so that people better understand why it's important to recycle and compost. I think this is where the increase in funds should be used now.

With regards to roads maintenance, I am ONLY in agreement to increasing the budget if we prioritize complete streets - I would like to see BIG INVESTMENTS in cycling infrastructure - many pilot projects so we can see what works and what doesn't, and be prepared for concrete investments once we've tested out a few things. This is particularly important for the major arteries - Paris/Notre-Dame, Barrydowne, Kingsway, Lasalle, as well as other roads like Brady Street.

I am completely against further investments in anything for our aging population. We do not invest enough in families and children and what younger generations need in a community to be happy. Too much investments in a demographic that will not be here much longer.

I think you should start closing schools, arenas and any other recreational activity building in Sudbury. Leave the outlying municipality's alone. Start busing the children from Sudbury to Levack schools. Close the Sudbury and Valley East arenas so the Levack arena stays open. Leave our small community's alone. That or go back to the old way, this amalgamation does NOT benefit Levack Onaping or Dowling. Does anyone even read these??

I thought it was fairly quirky that you young folks wrote cents like with the cents symbol cause its like money and i am organizing money and cents is also like sense cuz make sense hah get it lol. also can i race the ambalams because i donted like a quadrillion dollaz to them that would be cool to raace them cuz i am sick and fast

I was looking for other budgets which are missing - ie: Bylaw, New Animal Control Service, Administration, Outside BoardsI believe there are savings that can be add there>

I am disappointed that options were not provided for the Capital Budget. I would have increased the Capital Budget for Roads and Drains.

This survey is completely biased For example I believe we do not need a special property tax levy for Capital projects as much as we need to offset increases to the Capital budget by further cuts to other departments.

So I am indicating an increase to capital projects but I do not support the special tax to do so.

I would add green energy research and development, which would include recycling waste management. I would also add bus routes for 9 to 7 pm in areas that are underserved, such as on Regent between Riverside and Muriel. I would suggest a tax for people who drive between home and work where there is a bus route (with the possibility of exemption) thus discouraging single occupancy vehicle traffic.

I would be grateful for more bike lanes and bike paths to get around town.

I would choose to cut the budget for road maintenance entirely for one year. Then trial run the next. Continuing to pay for the roads seems wasteful when all the roads are in the worst condition imaginable. I can see construction being done in many places, yet there is a lack in improvement. Some construction workers on the road get injured and that's how accidents happen. Just look at the Elgin Street accident. Until the construction companies have a better leash on them I don't think they deserve a cent!!!

I would cut police and fire by at least a bit as although they are great, they are overfunded. I would sell Pioneer Manor as I don't quite understand why the city is in this business and use the profits to build a museum of Northeastern Ontario History and Archaeology.

I would have had a larger surplus if it was allowed. I would propose a slight decrease to police services outreach programs. I would also propose a decrease to arenas, but we should allow private companies to come and build arenas here and just maintain a few public ones.

I would like to allocate money to bike lanes, green spaces, moving the railway out of the city and turning that into a green space with bike paths. All things to increase the health and wellness of Sudburians! This would save money in all other areas! I would also cut the policing budget by more but you won't allow me to submit it like that. It's unreal how much time wasted I see in the justice system.

I would like to see a drop in the property taxes

I would like to see increases in social services, like libraries, community centers, and infrastructure such as roads and public buildings and spaces.

I would like to see more funding for winter snow removal, since in my opinion the roads were in terrible condition last winter.

I would recommend start privatize items such as a the arena, we still pay to get in it, even if

our tax pay for it. Allow commuters to pay for sudbury transit, it should be self sufficient. Allow partnership with the private business. Increase the funding in major service such as transportation, maybe tell via rail to be in downtown since we can't move the track maybe work on having via rails to be part of the city instead of capreol, increase funding in stuff that allow business growth, we have a major problem in downtown, no parking, no customer and no business, maybe create tier level parking, that business could utilize, invite citizen to downtown by creating a splash pad, have kios, allow movie to shown in the summer at night in front of the city hall,

If you repaired and salted the roads, there would be less accidents so you would actually reduce the cost of emergency services and health care. Plus, with the repairs to the roads, the cost of repairs to the transit would decrease. Common sense. (if we could move the selector bar in smaller increments the budget would have balanced)

Improve the roads. Do road work so it is sustainable. Do not keep spending money fixing the same roads year after year. Do less volume and more quality on problematic roads.

In my opinion, the proposed "PLACE DES ARTS" is not a priority. All interested organizations already have suitable facilities located throughout the city.

In the pie chart above, you have 12 distinct categories but in in the selection bars you have only 11 and two of them are doubled up? There is no slider bar for growth and development? I think if you are going to ask citizens to participate all categories should be represented. Our roads budget is a shambles every year. Wouldn't we be better to invest more funds into growth and development so that the monies achieved from development charges and taxes can work back into the greater pool? If the budget is continually being tapped out because we don't have any increase in growth and development to increase the tax base and create a reciprocal fee structure then how do we expect to increase services, amenities or quality of living in our region?

It is clear Sudbury needs more investment in infrastructure and emergency services. I do, however, feel some of our tax dollars are not spent wisely. For instance, repeated studies, reports that are requested, reworked and retooled before and after they get to council. I truly feel the administration levels of the city are the first line of information for the decision making process and are not often listened to. My taxes have gone up but where I live I do not see the value for my dollar. I don't believe we need the Maley Drive extension at this point as we can't maintain what we have. Do we need an arena? Okay, but let's do it right. Make it a facility that can house concerts, meetings/conferences, central to our city and easy to find. Everyone is wanting bike paths but in Sudbury, there are cars and hockey nets parked in them. Start fining people for properties that are in disrepair to a degree they are clearly impacting the properties surrounding them. Increase fees for transit for able bodied individuals by a small margin.

it is very hard to budget, cut costs? or increase taxes? to create a City that would draw people to events - I feel you need to have better roads. if i have to travel on rough roads to get to an event. I would not put my vehicle through rough roads and cost me possible repairs. Better roads attract people and word of mouth goes far to say Sudbury has great roads so lets go to hockey games, festivals etc. Our aging population will need facilities to live in and facilities that have quality care. best of luck on the budget, love having 2 free waste disposal weeks each year. for sure there should be less garbage thrown in the bushes.

It seems that the obvious increase according to citizen demand (word of mouth, social media) is increase the budget for road maintenance.

Well i disagree. I do not think that city is getting enough value from the contracts it signs with construction companies for road work. Instead of increasing the budget blindly in this mock budget if I had the opportunity to put in a proviso of maintaining the same allotment but to amend contracts if possible to reduce wasted money for either poor work performance or too much overhead cost for workers (ex: pay for one worker instead of paying for three workers that do the work of one).

IT'S time to "hold" the line on all wages , salaries and benefits - nobody wants to talk about this - look at the percentage of wages etc. of each sector - it cannot continue this way-the taxpayers pocket is not a bottomless pit.

It's time to really look at the budget for fire fighters. They only responded to 4300 calls. Maybe it's time to cut fire fighter by attrition. Look into the excessive overtime the 24 hour shifts are causing. Sault st Marie is going in the right direction let's follow suit

Kind of arbitrary since I have no sense of context. But if it is an exercise for you to just see where people place their priorities then fair enough.

let 'nice to have' asside and with real issues, like roads..... Anew arena , anew police facility, maintaining pioneer manor with unionize spoiled staff, dont put bread on my table..... Another issue that has not been addressed is the low productivity of staff ie time spent travelling and staying at TIMMIES every day.....with their supervisors.....LETS GET REAL.....

LET ME SAY THIS AS CLEARLY AS I CAN WE DO NOT NEED A NEW ARENA!!!!!! WE NEED ROADS ROADS ROADS!!!! but I must commend you on the repairs you have done in the last few years at least you are trying!!!!!! with limited funds !!!!!

Libraries should have more/longer hours. There are a great community resources that is going unused when closed.

Winter maintenance of roads and sidewalks (especially) should be increased. My neighbourhood is UNWALKABLE in the winter due to the lack of snow clearing of sidewalks and poor clearing of roads. Very dangerous when you live near a busy highway.

Library services should be taking initiative and looking at inventive ways to utilize these facilities for reliance. It would be a shame too loose what they provide to community's and culture. Road care and maintenance is a significant issue in Sudbury, we should feel ashamed that people can't walk down the sidewalks because they're buried in snow. Forcing children, elderly, and people without any other choice to be in harm's way is idiotic. P.s. This webpage sucks. Not very user friendly. Just saying I'm a millennial and if I'm having trouble you're definitely in trouble for getting any real feedback

Looking at the 2016 budget, 84% of the city revenue goes to salaries, benefits, professional development and training. What will be done to control this number and how does the city expect to provide the above services with the remaining 16%?

Lower our taxes, and have users pay more for services they use. Decrease the activities in Leisure, Arenas, Buses and Pioneer Manor. Have more of a user pay system for these services.

Many services such as transit can not be treated like a product in a typical supply and demand manner. Reasoning that you cannot add more buses to the fleet to improve or make more efficient transit services because it costs more than what the city receives is faulty thinking. Transit is a service that if it becomes more efficient/available to the public then more citizens will use it. People are already upset with the continued raising of transit prices with no improvement provided from the service. I am very certain that with careful budgeting that more buses can be added to routes to make them more available therefore encouraging and resulting in more use by the public which can provide the funds to take away any initial debt spent on additional buses. With more people using transit, less cars are on the road meaning less environmental impact, less congested or backed up roads from traffic, more available parking downtown, safer roads (from less traffic) and more surplus gained from transit fares.

No mention of staff cuts. Not enough information about whether or not fire and emergency services well funded. I know police is not well funded. Sell Pioneer Manor. Labour costs alone kill us at union rates there and throughout the city.

On peut faire comme les grandes villes et limiter la collecte de déchets aux deux semaines. Toutefois, il faut mettre les bouchées doubles pour encourager le compostage. Je ne crois pas que l'éducation a été fait à cet effet.

Our paved roads are an embarrassment!!!

Whoever is planning these checkerboard repairs on paved roads needs to let go!

Stop serving small segments of your population and serve all...forget the arena, forget the noise by-law...FIX ROADS!!

Paramedics do 28,390 MORE calls than fire department on 4% vs 10%....ARE YOU

KIDDING??! Hire more Paramedics and put more Ambulances on our streets and less Sunshine List firefighters who work 7 days A MONTH with 8hrs guaranteed SLEEP on my tax dollars! Unbelievable.

Pioneer Manor is a wonderful place but you keep cutting the personal care workers, get ride of the upper level high paid people who really do not produce care for the residence. I have first hand experience with how hard the personal care people work but they are always having their floor short staffed which I complained about constantly when there visiting. No one listens, only interested in the dollar. Cut, cut cut is the word of the day there with no regard for the elderly- sinful!

Pioneer Manor should be making a profit. Other long term care facilities are in business because they make money not bleed millions per year, how come the city is losing money.

Please do not keep increasing property taxes. We have to put more effort in having citizens help reduce spending e.g. the idea of reducing the number of times garbage gets picked up will reduce solid waste budget. Have us help keep the budget down, our salaries are not increasing at the same rate that property taxes go up.

Please focus on keeping our "Greater" local schools open. I suggest communicating the need for these out skirt city schools to the RDSB and suggesting that it is more effective to close some of the inner city schools and bus those kids to another school in close proximity.

Please help out transit! Living in an outskirts town and only having transit come once every TWO hours is so inconvenient. Please improve the transit, especially for Garson and Coniston since those buses don't even go to the terminal.

Please stop propping up the downtown. This effort has existed since the 1960s (urban renewal) and has not succeeded.

Police services need to be reigned in. I realize that there are legislative requirements but I am sure that some of the services provided could and should be handled by civilians.

Do away with 24 hour shifts for firefighters. This is costing taxpayers an arm and a leg in overtime and sick days. Twelve (12) hour shifts are acceptable and send them home to sleep. I am sure this is a health and safety issue as well.

Keep Pioneer Manor in the public sector. It is serving our seniors well. If possible, give residents of Greater Sudbury first choice on vacancies.

Some libraries need refurbishing but I am certain that in this age of internet stats would indicate that usage is way down.

Please be fair when distributing all services. Many people in the outlying areas think that the old city of Sudbury is getting more than it's fair share. Most residents of the outlying areas would go back to the old structure in a heart beat.

Police do not need a new building. They need to trim the fat. These school liason officers are useless and do nothing to get kids out of trouble, or off the street it is just another desk job. I called a couple months back about a senior driving with a cancelled license. I had the phone number, street address and license and was told that they did not actively seek people out for this. This is bogus as he was a danger to the rest of the public. They need to do more with less, not build a bigger building and add more officers to the force. We need to focus on road maintenance not just in the winter but all year round. I also do not believe that

the arena will be the city's
responsibility. Heed warning and better yet, don't build a new arena at all.

Police in this city have too much time on their hands, slash their budget and use the money for EMS, fire and roads.

Police services and roads eat up too much of the budget at the expense of other priorities. Too many police spend their time at emerg with mental health issues and protecting the public at festivals and concerts, visiting dignitaries, etc. I don't feel that these activities should be paid by the public. Most of us cannot afford entry tickets and we do not rub shoulders with the dignitaries. They must provide their own security. Soft Drug legalization should reduce the police attending court as well. Desk jobs should be limited. Better winter maintenance would reduce the number of police reports due to bad roads.

Roads are not fixed properly, they take too long and contractors remain not responsible. Potholes are broken before they are secured. This area must be addressed and until then the budget should be reduced until a solution is found.

Privatize Pioneer Manor.

With Internet and easy access to all kinds of resource material, there is a decrease need for Public Libraries.

Quit giving tax dollars away. Private programs need to be sustainable on their own. No tax breaks either . These are not core municipal services. Let private development occur on its own.

reduce garbage pickup. I put my garbage out maybe once a month.. rest is green or recycling. The green bins hold multiple weeks of green waste. You could save a lot of money this way... Sometimes people just have to adapt!!!

Reduction in crime more likely achieved through investments in social programs as opposed

to increasing police service budgets. Investments in public transit could reduce significantly road traffic and thus help reduce road maintenance. A good honest appraisal of fire services is warranted since significant advances in fire prevention have been made regarding safer buildings.

reduction in employees must be done, mid managers are a redundant level and add more complex bureaucracy

Road maintenance and repair need to be prioritized. The city streets and infrastructure are in terrible condition. User fees should provide more of the budget for arenas and sports, as that only benefits those who participate. No public money should be spent on arenas for 'for-profit' sports organizations. Additional funding for libraries, and educational programs through them, should be considered, especially given the news that several schools will be closed in the area.

Roads are terrible. We DO NOT NEED A FANCY NEW ARENA OR ARTS CENTRE!!

Roads need a lot of work so does my car now so figure that one out...

snow removal is a needed part of winter maintenance, banks are left too high and when the plow come it pushes the banks into the driveway, plus on my street the snow plow will do a quick plow of the street and then come back 2 to 6 hours later to finish the plowing. if the job was done correctly the first time it would only add a couple of minutes to the job and reduce the cost of having the plow come back a second time.+++++ this second time adds a burden to the homeowners who have to remove the snow twice in one day

Some services to areas of the former Broder-Dill Township would be about due. It has been part of the City since the early 70's and we've yet to have access to water, sewer, sidewalks or bus service. The only thing we've gained is taxes!!!

Stop adding new infrastructure when we can't even maintain what we have. Fix what's broken first.

Take some of that 55.8 million from the gsp's budget and put some towards fire services and emergency medical services to buy newer and better equipment. A put some towards road maintenance and also towards appearance of are town, nothing looks worst then driving down town and seeing old rusted out street light and curbs falling apart with grass growing between them

The big item for savings would be proposed road expansion projects. Maley Drive in my view is a white elephant. Our population is stagnating and is likely to decline. All roads projects should be suspended until we study ways to improve traffic flows on what we have. Roads will bankrupt our city if not brought under control. The operating rule in the future is that all budgets should go toward maintenance until such time as population growth is a proven fact

and not wishful thinking. I suspect that our maintenance budget would be lower if we did a better job of supervising the private contractors that do our road work. Often it is crumbling within two years or less. Also where is the money for expanding cycling infrastructure coming from? Where is the budget for improving our drinking water and sewage treatment?

The design of the website features made it impossible to add the \$10,000 surplus somewhere without going over. The roads in Sudbury are awful. I was pretty shocked to see that a large proportion of my property tax goes to road work and maintenance. This needs addressing.

The fire department has a monopoly over the city. It's time that the budget reflects the workers actually working everyday.

The most important thing you need to remember is to stop taking away the important things like garbage bags per household it will be ok for some. But it will be a matter of time and people will start throwing it in the bush in rural areas like where i live whoever thought of this idea is not very smart. Im not happy im trying to lower budget and your making me balance it to send my comments this is absurdes!!!!!!!!!! I want the balance lowered to save property taxes for people especially in rural areas sorry but you ask for my budget and making me balance it to your standards is absolutely rediculous.

The only thing that should even be considered is the ROADS. They are horrific and an embarrassment to the city and it's people. It should be the only priority for many years until they are finished

The police don't need all the toys they've collected in recent years. They need boots on the ground WALKING THE BEAT, not driving around behind deeply tinted windows.

Any increase in winter roads maintenance should go towards more frequent plowing of sidewalks.

Any increase to the capital budget should go towards transit and cycling improvements.

The road maintenance budget is bloated. Cutting it will force the city to consider the impacts of spread out development. Did you know that despite being significantly smaller than Sudbury in size, Toronto actually has MORE lane kilometres of road? They also have significantly more traffic but are able to justify repurposing some of those car lanes as bike lanes. Sudbury should try that.

The problem is we are over staffed in the police department if you compare us to a city like London On which has the same geographical area and more population plus the crime rate has greatly reduced. That would take care of them needing a bigger building, but if not one of the closing schools would do. Plenty of parking. You could move the Court House downtown to the police area. Both the Court house and the jail should be torn down they are a health

hazard. The roads and infrastructure is always done half assed with no samples taken to prove depth on asphalt or adherence to quality control. If you go to Manitoulin Island just past Mindemoya there is asphalt that is pinkish, thats plagioclase or granite and that un-repaired piece of road has been there 40 years. When you dig to remove sewer in the core replace the pipes as well its all old and useless plus you will be digging there again in a few months because you affected the old pipes by shifting the ground, As for the arenas let the hockey franchise and banks raise their own money. Little arenas should have portions rented out to pizza places or small vendors that cater to the sports crowds and charged rent. Indoor outdoor entrance to a subway or pizza hut? Underused schools can rent out space to charities perhaps? The United Way, the Legal Clinic and Legal Aid are looking for cheaper venues. Also, stop expanding the city that costs more and more infrastructure money for maintenance, sewers, water, and electrical ...sell off foreclosed properties for unpaid taxes instead or schools those are big enough for big box then charge them taxes. Also, why does it take 3 weeks to get information from police services or other reports when they should all be scanned on computer and retrievable in seconds? \$43 for 3 pages and takes 3 weeks?

Finally if you want businesses to thrive in Sudbury please place a tax on UNRENTED RETAIL SPACE I was told by a realtor they get tax breaks and write offs for not renting so they want Toronto rental prices at 5 year lease rates. This kills small business and our economy. Vale is in trouble in Brazil with its assets seized How long before they downsize or sell? As for OW recipients how can they get housing on what you give them? I do suggest that people on OW get more support getting jjobs by starting an experience program. Eg. Learning to use a cash register, keyboarding skills then the city can put them in the part time job pool perhaps?

The problem lies in HOW the money is spent in each sector. In order to make adjustments, one needs to understand how it is spent. There are two major factors to control how a business works. One is inventory/products and second is labour rate. Show us how those moneys are spent, then we can help decide where to spend the money.

Thank you

The roads in this city are a joke, and an actual health hazard to anyone with neck or back problems. Can't we hold off on a new arena, or any other projects for that matter, until the roads are ALL fixed?

There. I balanced your budget! whopee shit. saved 10 mil off the budget. When push comes to shove, corruption, bullying, bribes, threats, and coercion will ALWAYS determine where our money goes. Its like we are run by the mafia or something. I dont understand what the hell is wrong with this city! I had the same mentality as the mayor I voted in, the councillors I voted in... but because there is so many bad seeds within your organization.. they scared you into making a rash decision (yes I say Scare because they misinformed you, stating that services

would be halted... which was actually a false statement, services would have continue and we would NEVER leave the citizens out to dry!). something that should have taken almost 2 years to tender. were talking 10 million of taxpayers money, split decisioned in less then a month, because you are all afraid. Afraid of the citizens. afraid of the corruption that oozes out of city hall. Yet... you want me to sit here and carefully think where I should move my sliders on this section of your webpage? get rid of this I work hard, I pay my taxes, I believe in doing the right thing. sometimes I feel this city is in the stone ages compared to other cities. So I decided to vote for a fresh mayor.. one that thinks like I do.. honesty, transparency. The same thing with my councillors. I won my votes.. they got in.. i was relieved great things would come to this city.

Instead, because FEAR and time constraints forced council members and mayors to make un-informed decisions.. they have made a rash and super fast decision on something that will not only cost tax payers including myself double of what it should! oh... and didnt I mention the very people who I voted in are responsible for me losing my job. losing my company, losing everything I have been working hard to achieve in this city. I bet no one thought that taking the time to fully understand this contract would have saved tax payers money,saved jobs for a few years, allowed more competition to come in and properly bid, and myself having 4-6 months of notice of layoff andnot 1 week. I still dont even know if I will be layed off....

so I can slide my sliders all I want, say watever I want, yell, scream, kick, cause protests.. in the end, the corrution and power hungry people working within the city halls have more say then our own mayor and council does. You just proved that statement correct the other night. when a Quote" I dont believe in this decision, i dont believe this is the right decision.. but.. im going to vote on it anyways because im scared" I voted a Mayor with backbone to stand up against corruption..

These sliders are not very user friendly. If the slider only allows for such large increments why use it? Allow people to type it their own values that they may have calculated. For example, I think a 2-3% increase in Police Services is reasonable given COLA adjustments however I cannot insert that value. I do think that the positions are lucratively paid and I see very little police presence in my area (if any). I am not satisfied that they provide the value attached to the cost of the service. Additionally, the benefits review done years back stated they wanted better benefits, they gave them better benefits and years later they did a wage review across the region and complaints were heard that they weren't being paid as much as other areas so we went ahead and increased their salaries as well! Now they have fantastic benefits (which they were to sacrifice a portion of their salaries for) and these giant salary bases upon which to calculate those ever-growing benefits. Must be nice! In a city where so many workers are losing their jobs or experiencing wage freezes, it's municipal workers are enjoying steady employment with ever-growing wages and benefits. When do city employees ever get laid off? Does the city ever review for feasibility in terms of department size? Do we really need all the staff we have? Did we need the additional 281 positions after amalgamation? Has anyone

done a study on that? Additionally, the City has no business funding Health Care Organizations like Pioneer Manor. We are subsidizing what should be a provincial service on the backs of a small group of taxpayers. Further, we often see large deficit positions in this organization with outrageous sick day figures on behalf of the employees. It seems no one manages this. We just cover every single deficit. Time to stop paying for this money pit; get it funded by the provincial government like it should be! Libraries are dying out everywhere and Sudbury has one in every small region - I don't see this being sustainable. Time to start making some tough decisions about amalgamating them. Enough rubber stamping these budgets - someone raise an actual issue! We can't afford to have multiple locations in every locale. I don't mind the idea of splash pads or parks but for the splash pads who use water (which I am charged for at ridiculous rates) there should be a minimum user fee. I don't agree that taxpayers should be subsidizing the full costs here. Also, I agree with bi-weekly garbage pick up. Sudbury needs to get with the times, enough whining - other municipalities haven't experienced cities of reeking garbage because they have to manage bi-weekly garbage pick up. I'd put the surplus towards a reserve to help fund a new arena for the city!! Where is the option for that??

This is an interesting exercise, but the increments of \$\$ change are limiting and options are also limited. I don't see options for bike lanes specifically, so I boosted 'Road Maintenance'. Transit also is a priority, to create a more effective system, so that people can feel comfortable to opt to use it. I would put more money there than is allowed by this page... It maxed at 2.6 M, but could be more if we are to have a truly attractive transit system for all classes of people. Also I didn't see the option to further support organizations like the NDCA (Conservation Sudbury) to promote watershed protection for Ramsey lake, etc.

This is ridiculous. The problem doesn't stem from badly balanced budgets. The problem stems from the unwillingness of a few elite power holders to relinquish that power. How ridiculous it is that I should have to choose to lower the amount of provided care for senior citizens just to have a minutely better bus system. Take some money back from Wal-Mart (or Pepsi, Coke, Nestle...etc.). Make these companies pay their fair share to operate in our cities and countries and help stem the tides when it comes to the wealth gap. Asking Sudburians to pay more taxes will solve nothing, in fact it will only compound on an already terrifying problem for the average earner.

This tool does not allow us to be under budget. To correct for this, I've increased our allocation to Solid Waste. Please ignore this, I'd like to keep it at \$10.7M.

This leaves us with \$1,115,000. Of the surplus, \$115,000 will go in reserve. The last \$1M will go to proper bike lanes (not the unhelpful and dangerous boulevard).

This was a bogus exercise, because you purposefully skewed the results by not giving us the entire budget to work with. I would have made cuts elsewhere, and bolstered some of these categories more. This city must start listening. We don't want our tax dollars going towards

consultants, and trips, and things that could be provided by private sector business. We want our tax dollars to go to infrastructure. I just took a short trip to Sturgeon Falls, and their roads are better than ours! I thought my vehicle was having a serious problem when I returned, but then realized it was just the road. Money needs to go towards garbage collection and clean water, not putting millions of dollars per year towards Schools of Architecture, or Galleries, or Arenas. The private sector can fund that, or the province. Too much has been downloaded to the municipal level. Send it back up the food chain.

Time to contract in Solid Waste.

Upgrade/Maintain Run down parks in older neighborhoods, Park Equity, google it. Invest in Pioneer Manor as I consistently see units working short staffed when I visit family and friends. Invest in home paramedic visits to continue pilot program. Re-allocate funds destined for marijuana policing, as this will likely be scaled down in coming years with legalization. Spend less on libraries because e-books, audiobooks etc.

We need more weeknight ice. Cannot run programs with only ice on weekends!! Close down 1 pad at capreol and make a new pad somewhere. So much unused ice at capreol they don't need 2 pads.

WE SPEND MORE ON TAXES THAN ANYTHING ELSE! Taxes are already insanely high and increases above inflation are just taking food out of peoples' mouths. Stop trying to do everything for everyone and stick to basic services like roads and sewers and police and fire and EMS and libraries. Stop it with all of the ridiculously expensive vanity projects like art galleries. Stop pushing your responsibilities to make decisions (e.g. the arena) at expensive consultants or quit if you do not want the responsibility you signed up for. Sell the arena, sell Pioneer Manor, and sell other non-core assets to the private sector. Close smaller expensive recreational facilities and turn them into basic untended parks, or sell them.

Weekly garbage pickup is insane! This budget doesn't allow me to allocate money to things I think are important like downtown revitalization and bike paths.

What we pay our police officers and fire dept staff is outrageous. Lower their salaries. We do not need to expand library services. We need a new multipad arena and entertainment centre.

When posting positions for replacing existing positions, start-up rate should be much lower than experienced person leaving the job's posting.

New Job start wages should be lowered.

The community cannot afford high wages at the municipal/city level.

Tax Payers cannot afford being pumped for money whenever management decides. Those

people making these decisions are working and earning a 6-figure wage and are out of touch of the Aging population who are on Fixed income and retirement income and this Aging factor should be kept in mind.

There are other ways to save money on MAINTENANCE—upkeep of existing property.

Making sure hydro is not left on unnecessarily at night.

For instance: at Bell Park's Amphitheatre, there is no reason all the lights on that building and unaccessible seating area should be on, the walkway lights are more than sufficient.

Also the use of lights at the grounds of Jim Jerome Sports complex in the winter time and other Park areas in the city should be left OFF.

City should not be FACEBOOK, Twitter etc. these are absolutely not necessary!!! Professional people are leary of FB and refuse to follow these social media sites. These are STAFF intensive positions, and these jobs should be eliminated.

Who were the consultants that developed this Survey, how much were they paid? How much time went into this procedure, This survey is complex.

Road maintenance—best way to take care of bumpy roads is as has been happening in the city lately this summer, to grind and resurface—BRAVO WELL DONE.

NO ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE!!! LEARN TO MANAGE LEAN.

Where are the budgets for other departments - ie: Bylaw, Animal Control, Administration

While this is an interesting tool it does not represent the true capabilities to generate savings and income. Such as reducing expenses in Human Resources by decreasing staffing levels and making cuts to fringe benefits such as, travel and meal expenses. While it is never easy to make those decisions, during times of a downward economy sometimes those decisions have to be made. Also there is the option of selling of assets. Such as Pioneer Manor, the ageing arenas, the ski hill. I am sure a private enterprise would be willing to run those and maintain them better. There is no reason why the city is in the Ski Hill Business, or the Old Age home business. Sure kick over some \$ over to Pioneer Manor as part of the city's charity/non-profit funding initiatives, but there is no reason why the the city is actually running it. So much money to be saved, if only there was the actual will to do it. I decreased the Fire Budget significantly as they do not need that amount of funding. There is an obvious problem with Overtime and Sick days that needs to be rectified. Perhaps a look at going back to 12hr shifts from the current 24hr one would help. EMS needs a small increase but they also need to run more efficiently. Transit needs to be increased. You cannot increase ridership (and

therefore income) without increasing routes. A macro view needs to be taken. Just because a route itself isn't as profitable, doesn't mean that the overall income wasn't increased. More buses means more riders which means more money. The only increase for Solid waste should what is needed for salaries. The rest is preset as a contract price to the companies responsible. Perhaps it is time to look at if the contracts are becoming too expensive vs bringing those services in-house.

Why aren't bicycle lanes and bicycle infrastructure mentioned here? Sudbury is plagued by its driving centric lifestyle. The city is so spread out that you need a car to get anywhere and because there is no cycling infrastructure no one wants to bike anywhere. If you go to any other city in Canada many people bicycle. If Sudbury stopped focusing so much on creating 4 lane roads and instead tried creating more infrastructure for walking, bicycling, and other means of transportation there would be less people on the road driving.

Why did you people spend money paving in front of the co generating plant at the landfill site when you know that flooding this road with grindings would have given you the same dust control results and would have been cheaper than what was done? Did one of your city officials not say that that was one of the area's grindings would be used? What happens to all the leaf and yard waste which is brought to the landfill site and if it is disposed of does it bring in any revenue from who and how much?

So many more questions to ask but am sure I will not get answers

Why don't you tap into the wealth of knowledge you have within the work force to find savings and efficiencies and please don't say you are already doing so as the current tools are a farce. Why don't you go back to sound maintenance practices which promoted longevity to our infrastructure. Why do you not go out there and really listen to your front line workers who could give you insights as to what works and what doesn't? Why do you make up policies and procedures that are not followed by the city itself. Why do you circumvent those very policies and procedures to suite your purpose?

Winter maintenance has to be a PRIORITY. My neighbourhood in Valley East only sees the plows 24 hr or over after a storm and the sanding is non-existent. That is how I slipped , broke my hip and was in the hospital for 10 days because of no sanding. But after I fell sanders were up and down the street 3 times . That is totally unacceptable. I am a senior and walk to keep agile The roads should be sanded. We have no sidewalks so we have to walk on the road .A better job has to be done for sure because if our neighbourhood is like this you can bet all of them are.

Winter road maintenance ie snow removal has to be improved!

yea right .. senses we pay road taxes the greater sudbury don,t fix the stupid road like allen street to moonlight .. its so rough from moonlight all the way down to coniston .. and now for

sudbury transit .. should have a bus stop at royal distributing and more servises .. i know it bunch of for sure anyway .. if i had 5million dollars i will move out of sudbury because its

You sliders are not precise enough. Getting the budget set to how you want it is easy, but bringing it down to ~\$500,000 of the 2017 budget is too difficult when some of the sliders jump by a million.

Comments on the Capital Budget

Take some money out of the gsps

A new central arena is required. Also required is a building that can support soccer/baseball/lacrosse sports during the winter months.!

A property tax increase for capital projects in 2017, I think not! We are already getting nailed to the wall for taxes! Homes in Southern Ontario play less than us! Ridiculous! The costs of owning a home is getting so high that it's hard to buy groceries, even with a mortgage that's paid off. We are paying though the nose for hydro and now you want to raise the taxes. Stop money grabbing. The councillors who run this city are ridiculous. Any bylaw or excuse to nail the people for more money, but our voices aren't heard when we say **FIX THE ROADS AND SALT THEM SO MORE PEOPLE DON'T DIE THIS WINTER!**

Absolutely not - no special contributions to capital projects.-decrease wages across the board and apply the savings to capital projects

absolutely not stop!!! paying consultants to tell you.... you need a consultant!!!! and paying some civil servants ridiculous money to stand around!!!!!!

According to my budget I have a surplus, so I can't see a legitimate reason to increase a special property tax.

again our assessment goes up nearly every years resulting in added revenues, adding more taxes is not the way to go, reducing expenses is more sensible

Again, no context. If you simply want to hear me say I am in favour of increased spending on capital projects then yes.

I honestly see this exercise as a way for you to justify that you have to increase taxes...which I agree with. People are going to say "We want x, y, z". You aggregate the information and then say: "Look you said you want x, y, z so to pay for it we're going to raise taxes"

Last year's 6 million exercise was a show...let's be honest. It was a vanity project set forth by a new council that wanted to flex it's muscles. It created chaos within city hall and was a MASSIVE waste of time and resources.

Can you not simply be honest and say that we are the largest CMA in Ontario with a miniscule tax base to support all the infrastructure. Being Sudbury is expensive...we gotta start investing as a people. Taxes are going up. In tandem with this you, as city hall, need to be a LOT more transparent so that you can start building some trust with the citizenry that you actually know how to spend our tax dollars. Let's cut all this and get to the job of creating a great place to live. Be real...and execute a long term strategy that will secure our future. Stop with the pandering and posturing.

Again, the slider for the capital projects contribution starts at 3.6% - what if i wanted a 0% increase? Further, Sudbury has received some financial support from the government for infrastructure (e.g. the \$19.5 million from the Province through OCIF). So no, I would not support a tax.

An extra one time 1% increase can mean paying for a top of the line pet scan at health sciences north.

The extra 390,000\$ can go back into police service. Your sliding suggestion is acting up as I can't put it precise figures by the thousands of dollars

Are you kidding me . Why would we want to pay more you have to be crazy to ask sudburians to pay more taxes .Your already in the wrong about so many things, one is that were paying so much for taxes in a rural area you dont make sense to ask us to pay more we dont get city buses in our area why would we ever care to add more funding to transit. You need to rethink taxes for rural homes as you overcharge for us living down roads that are the last to get plowed the school buses have such a hard time to get through these roads that were all worried to death about the safety of our children every winter. As you certainly dont care about their safety that's a given. Were not happy living under your rules. As its not fair to anybody to pay what your asking for to get permits for new homes ect. Sudbury is the highest place to live were a mining town not a rich town its the ugliest town around compared to some and we dont do a very great job taking care of it . Most of your cities workers are barely working they certainly must enjoy driving around doing nothing never seen such slow working pothole fillers in my life maybe you should figure out who the lazy ones are and get rid of them!!

As an older adult in university, I could hardly support more taxes on my student loan, making living expenses less-than-affordable for me.

As long as the money is actually spent on capital projects, and not siphoned off for some pet project. Infrastructure and the providing of public utilities should be the major focus of the

city.
Benches! Bike Racks! Benches at bus stops! SIDEWALKS DOWNTOWN (West End) SINCE NEW SUDBURY DOESN'T WANT THEM.
Buy yourselves something nice with the \$140 000 I saved you. Like a subscription to MenHDV.com
Capital budget, more like haha lol
Capital expenses to enhance active transportation would be worth paying for, dedicated bike lanes and enhanced trail systems throughout the city. Also important is water protection, water treatment and filtration. Perhaps we could also save money by eliminating fluoridation in our city water and subsidize city transit to incentivize people to drive less. This is all said with limited knowledge of all it takes to create a budget, but I appreciate the opportunity to give it some thought, and voice an opinion.
Categories are to broad, ie roads needs more money and Stop wasting money on potholes just fix the roads properly once ad for all . There need to be an open forum at city hall for citizens to question council with no restrictions on the questions, no per approval
City Roads are embarrassing and a hazard.....stop the checkerboard patching and let's get serious with fixing up main arteries. If private industry wants to build an arena...issue the permits and get out of that business!!!
Converting all city lighting to modern light emitting diodes is a strong investment in the city's future energy usage.
Cut jobs at city hall. No need for all the over load of staff.
CUT THE 'NICE TO HAVE' This exercise is completely useless as we must balance to what staff have said the total must be.....if its not within \$500000, we cannot submit it.....what a farce.....
Do not increase Property Taxes in 2017. If you tax people beyond their means in conjunction with the high cost of living such as utilities and necessities vs. yearly incomes, soon the number of home owners to tax will be nearly nonexistent!!!
Do not reduce Paramedics to save the firemen... Paramedics are way more important for a community!!!
Don't spend money on arts, invest in stuff that has a good ROI such as partnership with private, create a tier parking for everyone to use downtown (allow arts sculpture to be on the

parking so it can be displayed)

Fire is way overpaid.

Fire services are duplicating the services provided by paramedics at a much higher cost, Fire calls have decreased while medical calls increase every year. More cost effective to add paramedics to the system as the Province of Ontario foots 50 % of the cost. less impact on taxes to add paramedics as we only pay half. 1 firefighet costs the same as 2 paramedics.

Fireman eat away and needlessly slaughter far too many tax dollars. Salaries are outrageously high and overtime is very poorly monitored.

An upgrade to the baseball complex, Terry Fox Sports Complex is needed.

Parks workers who are temporary and have over 10 years service should be full-time, as there is lots of winter work to be done with hardly any staff.

Perimeter garbage in and around- near city property needs to be picked up a lot more carefully.

Garbage bins need to be a lot more protective from bears making messes all the time.

Rental fees for lower end baseball fields are too inexpensive and rental fees for premium baseball fields are too high.

Better supervision of city workers is required.

Fix the operating problems before any more capital is allocated. Capital will only result in more operating problems.

FIX THE ROADS, PLEASE!!!

FIXED ARE ROADs, THEY ARE HORRIBLE!!!!

For all municipal employees, upper management, Health Unit employees & Management - their wage increases for the next 4 years be capped each year to the rate of inflation. Use any increase for capital projects for capital projects alone. Don't use any increase to cover for wage overruns. Make each department responsible for coming on or under budget.

Fund needs to be increased

Get different companies to fix the road! Seems like somebody must be pocketing money year after year. Don't wait till fall to fix the roads. Culverts got replaced, roads got paved, then unpaved, then repaved, then culverts replaced. They try to cut corners by pouring water to

cool it down faster. It's not just because were north the roads are bad. I hear that excuse all the time. The roads up north aren't like this.

Give up on the arena dream. Privatize it. Police -a lot of their work can be done by volunteers, or lesser paid persons. Why does the city run Pioneer? Why does it control arenas? Other cities don't do this. We have enough parks and playgrounds, enough of that. And community volunteers can contribute to maintenance, just like they do the outdoor arenas, or fundraiser for new additions. I like our new garbage plans/reductions.

I am disappointed that no choices were given for Capital Budgets. I wish to see the Budget for Capital Infrastructure budget for Roads and Drains. The budget information for Pioneer Manor is misleading/incomplete. We need a proper independent study to consider divesting Pioneer Manor from the Municipal purse. Staffing and Administration costs are out of line when compared to other LTC facilities. I do not accept the premise that more money = better care for residents.

Also the budget for Fleet. I would want to know whether a proper analysis exists for maintenance costs and trade in values of staff vehicles;

What studies exist that report on the condition of our Recreational Infrastructure? Is it efficient for Leisure Services to manage the operation of arenas in outlying communities? Can volunteer groups better manage and optimize the arena/halls; parks/playgrounds than Leisure Services who are centralized up to 70 kilometers away.

I am not sure why the slider will not go below 3.6% given the fact that you started the increment at a potential 1.5%. It looks as though I would support a 3.6% addition to the contribution to capital projects, however, I am not in favour of this and the tool will not allow me to express that.

I beleive the city should not invest in the new Sudbury Arena, we have a public investor willing to take charge LET | Do not waste money

on a study this knows business better than anyone on city council. Quit wasting time on studies and quit listening to all the old fuddy duddies, who cannot move forward they stay in the past.Sudbury needs a state of the art arena and conference centre and sports facility!!!

I didn't notice a section for the payroll of city councillors/elected officials. I am assuming there will wage freezes for all elected officials in this scenario or if they are part of this mock budget then which budget are they apart of?

I do not belive we should pay road construction much.. not untill results increase, and a better safety for the public is established.

I don't believe the City should do additional contributions.

I don't want my taxes used for items that the private sector, and the users should pay for. Failing water pipes is something taxes should be used on. New arenas, and galleries, forget it. Let business pay for those items, and the people that use them, in the form of admission fees.

I dont want to see any new projects, including a new arena. I would like to see property taxes go down.

I feel that for the amount of work the Fire Department is doing their budget is over inflated. We have other areas of the city that could greatly benefit from a portion of the budget. We should be decreasing their funding the same as Sault Saint Marie with attrition. Why does their budget increase when the work volume decreases? Every other industry and sector adjusts based on demand, yet the Fire department gets to grow despite a decrease in Fire calls.

I feel that we should not tax more for capital budgets, you should be able to find savings in our current budget. You seem to be afraid to make any Decisions as soon as there are a few complaints from residents. Change can hurt a few people, but will be better for us all in the long run.

I saved you guys \$360 000 so I should get that money.

i saved you guys 245 000 moneys so i should get that moneys cuz i saved it and i need money to buy

I think a city wide review is in order - the municipality is over staffed and overpaid. Review the size of departments and start trimming them down by attrition. The most expensive line the city pays is salaries and benefits - those items aren't going away with a ballooning staff. Also - consider a hiring freeze. The city is experiencing a contraction in the population yet we haven't made any major effort to reign in spending. Start treating this like a real business with funds to be managed rather than hiking taxes everytime a budget is put together. Let's try looking for some opportunities to save. Is this not something the CFO should be responsible for? We should build that into their compensation package.

I think Sudbury needs a vision of what it will be in 20 years. We need less suburban sprawl and more development in areas already serviced by roads and utilities. Build up not out. More public gathering places - make the downtown a pedestrian gathering place - pubs, restaurants - -entertainment district. Tear down the old arena and build up a multi-use facility - -just look at the YMCA - - it is a hub or activity!

This budget tool is fundamentally flawed. It is pre-engineered to contain the discussion to the parameters already designed by the creators of the budget. It will not allow me to express the

kind of spending re-allocation this city needs. Sort of a charade really...asking for public input but only allowing a limited response. Also not allowing cuts below \$500K to be made.. is again engineering a result that is really just status quo.

I think this is a good exercise in how hard it is to actually budget for a whole city. It's still about priorities, what needs to be fixed or taken care of the most. When talking about roads, stop putting money into fixing Kingsway for the 7th time in a year and put it towards the other roads. This is supposed to be an amalgamation and the outlining areas never feel like we get anything for the taxes we put in to the city. I would actually put more into the arenas, but without more information (such as other money these areas are getting from other places) it's hard to take away from anything else.

Good luck!

I understand the fire department "protects" 18 billion dollars of property, but property can be rebuilt or repaired. The fact that the police and ems respond to a lot more problems means they should get more funding and assistance in protecting the people and their wellbeing, not just property.

I would choose 0% if it were an option. Now would be a good time to issue a municipal bond to pay for this, given the low interest rates.

I would like to see an additional tax for a city wide cleaning and beautification. I live in Uptown Sudbury, a centralized neighbourhood. There is so much garbage everywhere I walk, so much sand and dust from the winter, graffiti plagued walls in our core, grass and weeds growing all over, old signage that is no longer relevant, fences falling over, pavement breaking and cracking especially in our laneways. Our sidewalks (if that) are in such poor condition. The quick patch jobs are poorly done and adds to the whole appearance and bad connotation of my neighbourhood.

We need to fix the appearance of our city so that people can feel proud to live here. I love Sudbury and I want other people to love it too. Sometimes I feel as if the city just doesn't care or forgot about us. We need better lighting in our troubled neighbourhoods. People need to feel safe at night in a bright, clean neighbourhood. Even if neighbourhoods could apply for grants from the city. It would make a huge difference. See <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archives/2016-archive/love-your-neighbourhood-apply-for-a-my-great-neighbourhood-grant.html> for reference.

I would like to see more money spent to improve public transportation. I would also like to see money put towards safe cycling infrastructure - not just lines painted on roads, but bike lanes separated by physical means. I think the plan to extend Maley Drive was a very poor decision.

I would like to understand How the money is spent, before I decide where to spend it.

I would not waste too much money on roads as the companies that are used don't do a good job and the money goes to waste. If you spend money on roads all work should be audited for quality of materials and work or use out of town companies.

I would rather have the pot hole patrol completely abolished. It really doesn't bother me if less roads are maintained. I'd rather have less roads redone, but the ones that are redone are built with better quality. Like always, quality over quantity!

I'm finding the city is not going in the direction that I wish it was going. It is not so much the proposed expenditures as noted herein but those "capital projects" referred to above. These types of things are what should have not been left out of the budget. When hearing of the 1.4 billion deficit in infrastructure repairs and at the same time pouring money in that 'road to nowhere' Maley Drive, a road that will be of no benefit to me as a resident of Valley East and with Council being so concerned about a new arena I think that there are many more important things to be dealing with, what are you thinking? Concentrating on the fact you have an aging population to be dealing with, paying only lip service to trails, bike paths, and transit. You should have by now learned by now that more roads does not reduce congestion but that seems to be your reality. I would want you to concentrate on the natural environment, 'Smart Growth', and less on casinos and the downtown. With the the new architectural college being downtown what an opportunity to build a walking & cycling community around it. Where students would live but cars would not. Where small boutiques, restaurants, and coffee shop would exist and would be a place where others would like to visit. Stop moving backwards using an older model, look around and see what other cities are doing to improve the lot of their citizens. A lot of us had hope for this new council, lots of new faces, lots of financial knowledge and experience, and lots of life experience. Please think outside the box and exploit and maintain our advantages. Clean fresh air and water, 330 lakes, watershed studies, protection of wetlands, better life for our disadvantaged.

If 24% is being spent on roads, why is Sudbury listed as having some of the worst roads in Canada. Also, I think that 5% on transit services is being misspent because LU students living at the Four Corners area off Regent or Paris Street have no direct access to get to school within a reasonable time and are forced to travel to the main depot and then a LU bus. Teachers at LU end there classes early so students can catch the last bus out of LU before the evening bus schedule change. That cuts into valuable educational time. Instead of a class being 7:00 to 9:50, it is forced to end early. Justin Trudeau said when he visited Sudbury that this shouldn't be happening. I recently moved from Capreol to Four Corners area because my daughter was accepted as a student at LU. We assumed that living close to LU would save her traveling time. As it goes, the bus from Capreol to Sudbury is about 50 min. and then another 15-20 direct to LU, which is very similar to her traveling time from Telstar Ave. Doesn't make sense!!!

If you're going to raise taxes, raise them to be able to fund extra Paramedics out on the road serving the Greater Sudbury area. Use that money to make every Ambulance out in service a transporting vehicle, and get us the extra medics we need.

Improve our roads by reducing other budgets to decrease my car repairs. It is NOT so hard to understand.

Increase police funding!!

Increase taxes. Get things done properly. Too much time wasted studying and consulting fees. Staff should be more qualified. Lots of savings there. If we came to city hall for a week what an audit it would prove beneficial.

Increased capital spending for existing facilities. Do not give away or build new ones. No art gallery or library or place d art with increased capital.

Investing in capital will bring returns in the future. We need to review our current spending practices and determine where we can deliver programs more effectively. The response that you cannot get more without spending more is not appropriate. If we continue with this as our guiding principle, costs will increase to an unsustainable level and people will be forced to move from the area to areas that are more affordable.

It is not only " where" but " how wisely " our tax dollars are spent that you have to look at. Why don't you have a exercise at answering the following questions

1) why are new road builds not lasting as long as they should?

2) why are we circumventing specs on concrete and paving products?

3) why is maintenance taking a backseat to more capital projects

4) why do we ask the public to follow certain policies and procedures that we don't follow as a corporation (trust me there are many examples)

It's insane that the police budget is a 1/5 of the total. Increase funding to the things that will improve quality of life. Put your money where your mouth is and support that cultural plan you released by funding initiatives in the city through your own facilities (libraries, pioneer manor, arenas, etc.).

Je crois que l'idée d'une Place des arts pourrait certainement donner un coup de pouce à l'économie au Centre-Ville. Cela avec une aréna dans ce secteur pourrait contribuer grandement à la vitalité de la vie économique dans la ville

MAJOR investments in cycling infrastructure please.

My above comments indicate my concerns and position as THE PRIMARY priority regardless of all others.....what dominates my life on a daily basis is the ROADS.....budget balance or not ...the priority for your administration is to act upon what is MOST important in order to improve the lives of all residents....and my stand is clear.....lets not play games herepay attention to what the residents are saying....your job is to balance the revenues with the expenditures....enough double talk....

New Aquatics Complex to replace 2 of the 5 aging facilities.

NO

NO ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE!!! LEARN TO LIVE LEAN.

No because I do not believe this extra tax would be directed to the proper place. We have followed your direction and decreased our water consumption and what happened, you tax us more because your revenue went down. The same thing has happened each time we decreased our consumption, costs still go up. At no time did it appear that you really re-evaluated your services to see if there was a way to cut costs internally. I do see staff size increasing though and that costs big time in salaries and benefits. You always look to the taxpayer as your never ending cash cow. It is time for that to stop, the taxpayer has got to live too. I think it is time for the City to move forward and borrow money just like the real world does and invest it in the future and growth of Sudbury. You are standing by and watching the downtown core die a slow death and if you move the arena out of the downtown core you will end the downtown area once and foreall. I can remember when the downtown core was once a vibrant bussling place. Now it is one big parking lot splattered with stores here and there. You killed the marketplace when you moved it to it's new location which is not conducive to markets. Again instead of investing you did it as cheap as you could. You also cut the stage and bell park and cheaper out and did not complete the original design. What a loss there as with no way to block the sun it gets too hot for the patrons. Again you had a greats ensign and then coped out in the end and cut it off when investment in the future was the way to go. We are a cheap city with no one willing to make a change and finally move forward. Have vision and the times now to change and truly invest in the downtown core with a new arena, convention centre and arts centre but not on the backs of your shrinking tax base. We need you to invest in our future. Remember when you did not think the walkway at Bell Park would be a good investment, you were wrong. It was exactly the right decision to make. Time to do the same now.

No I do not want the City to make additional contribution to Capital projects in 2017 in the

form of a special property tax increase. The City should find it from within the high taxes already being paid. Decrease costs to Pioneer Manner, Arenas, buses and leisure activities to pay for these Capital projects, and to decrease our property taxes.

no I don't agree with the city to make an additional contribution to capital projects in 2017 in the form of a special property tax increase. we live in the rural area and our taxes are high enough for what we get. reconsider that option and we vote NO increase.

No property tax increases. Take my advice above, there's no need to increase property taxes. Seniors are selling there homes since they are paying so much for property taxes, like my parents are paying \$3600 dollars a year for there taxes, and that's ridiculous to me. No wonder why so many seniors are selling there homes. The cost of living is ridicolus for seniors especially from what you get from your CPP from the government. Look hard and look at the numbers closely. Remember we should focus on attracting major businesses to the community, that are high paying jobs and great benefits so the housing market industry will continue to grow, and more younger families will be able to buy a house and raise there children in there. It's so hard for young families to get buy even if both are working, because of one reason the cost of daycare, food and etc.

No room for Arts and Culture.

No thank you.

NO WAY THE FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ON A 24 HOUR SHIFT, AND THEY SHOULD HAVE TO LIVE WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF THERE STATION

No, we already have, if not the highest, tax base in the province. What we need is money better spent. If an employee is not doing the job I do not want the contract paid out and a big severence paid which is money wasted because you did not hire proper in the first place. If you had to work for every dollar you spend it would be spent better. We have too many very high paid people at the top, reduce reduce and there will be extra for things we really need. I for one am not happy on how the city spends the tax dollar. We are never informed on all the wasted dollars that go out the door, it is hidden. Another bee in my bonnet is who do inferior work but you keep hiting them. With a death to their credit they should not be allowed to be hired as a sub by the firm awarded the contract, they should never be given work in our city again not just the 5 year stipulation placed on them.

None

Nothing seems to be getting fixed already. Why shoul we have to pay more when the city has not been able to improve on the money it already gets. The added strain of cost of living rising means that we can't afford it if you did.

On the arena building Why on earth if we have 2 people who want to build it are we not

looking at them first If you want to always just talk about these things and having two offers that you will not look at that is shameful. I do not want the city to borrow all that money for an arena when our roads are getting so crumble because of buying inferior road materials to shave off pennies. With the resurfacing of them we have spent more than if we had done it properly. Stop wasting my tax dollars and start doing your job. Stop the talking and bickering and get to working - ACTION does mor than words. This is a no action council so far because of all the consultants. Roads are the most important and if we don't have roads to use the rest aren't needed.

Or you could just cut from operating budgets like every other private enterprise and use the savings toward capital projects...?

our tax dollars should have already had a % for future capital needs, but much of our taxes are being used for none essential, ie splash ponds and arenas. with all the lakes and rivers who needs splash ponds. as for arenas, like any business, if it can not make a profit then it is not needed

People who live far from the city core should pay much much higher property taxes to encourage densification that reduces the financial burden of infrastructure to the outlying communities. Otherwise City Council's budget will continuously be spent on patching roads and applying short term band-aids to issues all over the region without ever advancing the quality of it collectively. Thus, focusing funds on development nearer to the core of the city is the only thing that makes sense moving forward.

Pioneer Manor - should be sold or run much more efficiently. Audit should be performed on budget at Pioneer Manor

Splash pads are high maintenance. Playgrounds etc that have splash pads should fund raise for up keep and repairs. We have fresh water lakes in CGS with beaches. With better (affordable) city transit to these beaches - we would not need so many splash pads

A yearly increase of 3.5 in property tax is NOT ACCEPTABLE There should not be any additional contributions to capital project in 2017 or in any other future year.

There should be 0 increase in property tax for the next 5-7 years. We should maintain the roads we have. We should cancel the Maley Drive project and just rpave Second Ave as a 2 lane with turning lane. The drainage system and the sewer and water capacity has to be addressed. Cancel the plans for a 4 -5 lane "highway" down Second Avenue. Install a round about.at Scarlet, Bancroft -second Ave and Bellevue-Bancroft. Leave Bancroft, Bellevue and Howey as 2 lane with bike lanes. Increase focus on Transit and even park and ride. Sudbury has over 30% seniors now and rapidly increasing. Less and less are driving because of health

reasons and/or cost of vehicle/insurance/parking Buses are safer and cheaper for everyone to use and reduces air pollution. The city is extravagant. This has to stop.

pretty poor tool as you cannot break it down to line item. Where is line for loan repayments? Council is willing to spend 100 to 150 million in next few year where is that money coming from. Wish I lived in your world where we don't have to repay loans. Ever think of hiring students to fill pot holes in the summer for side streets and secondary road.

see above

Should be used to replace water lines, sewers and electrical lines in existence only and not for arenas and expansion. Expansion is killing the City. instead of revitalizing it as in Japan.

Slider makes it very difficult to be accurate so estimate is off. Can't fix it

So, in your tool, if I decrease spending somewhere, I am FORCED to increase spending somewhere else. Reducing taxes is not an option in your tool. And now you see why Sudbury has taxes that are higher than everywhere else. It is a pervasive mentality at the city that we should tax and spend. You guys get a failing grade from me.

Stop building new roads and repair the existing ones we have. Can not even maintain the ones we have. Stop letting this Sudbury asphalt company do this so called road repairs.

Stop serving small segments of your population and serve all...forget the arena, forget the noise by-law...FIX ROADS!!

Sudbury is plagued by bad decisions. It is so spread out and has amalgamated so many different townships that property tax has soared. With so little infrastructure for bicycling and other means of transportation everyone has to drive to get anywhere. Almost all of the roads in Greater Sudbury are terrible, but if people stopped feeling the need to have to drive everywhere, then the road maintenance costs would go down.

Taxes dont need to be increased the cities spending needs better watch.

Technology has taken place and the libraries are barely open school nights and weekends anyways. My teens do their research online. We need more internet café for ppl who need to use computers and print out school work. Check out how empty the libraries are. In the valley, they have ridiculous lack of hours of operation.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to a more sophisticated tool that will allow us more detailed impact analysis and would offer more choices of priorities.

Thank you for your continued service to our community. Thank you for the opportunity. This is

a novel way to generate interest in local politics. Well done to the parties responsible. However I should be able to run a surplus to address debt issues and establish a cash reserve or address unforeseen infrastructure issues like Mississauga does. As such the amount of money in solid waste and libraries is overly inflated to satisfy the neutral balance requirement.

The average Sudburian simply can't afford an increase in the cost of living. Instead of gouging average citizens with higher taxes, turn your attention to the corporations, and absurdly wealthy. There is plenty of money to support the needs of this project if you look to more appropriate places. I am sick and tired of being told that more of my tax dollars are needed for city improvements when the communal, provincial, and federal governments are allowing corporations to dance around with glee as they guzzle money from our nation/world.

The city buses in the city are terrible we pay 3.10 for the bus and they are terrible. i was on a bus that broke down. also where i live if you miss a bus you're stuck waiting 2 hours for another bus. also there's other areas where the trans cab doesn't even go but they are close to. The city buses need to be fixed we need buses running in the outlined areas more often and there's other areas who need buses that we don't have them. we shouldn't be paying so much for such service.

The city needs to think less about immediate effects of budget spending and need to think long term effects. Something beneficial to the city might result in a deficit needing to be made initially but after 4-10 years turns into a surplus.

The city should be out of the arena business it should be private sector and the city should not be in the business of Retirement ie pioneer manor this should owned by people that deal with this that is why we are always over budget most cities in Ontario do not own nursing homes. IAm a RN and you are paying Union prices for staff not economical

the Maley Drive extension project should be funded by Glencore and Vale, they are the ones who are destroying our roads and reducing their tax contributions through loopholes and lobbying for bigger breaks.

There are two elephants in the room. One is the declining population of this city. The second is the forced amalgamation creating the Greater City. I mentioned before that I believe we have no growth at best and population decline at worst. Our population is aging and will be dying. Jobs growth is not keeping pace with the needs of young people for jobs. They are leaving. The mining industry has been producing more with fewer workers and this trend will continue even when that sector recovers - its called automation. The Greater City is an inefficient construct that makes it impossible to provide expected city services to such a huge area of low population density. We should de-amalgamate as quickly as possible and seek compensation from the Province for over 10 years of increased costs. It is time to return to a region including small towns and a central city (Sudbury). Trying to run the present Greater

City will lead to the ultimate decline of Sudbury and the small communities surrounding it. They are better apart so they can decide what they need to do to meet their needs. Together in one city it is impossible. Their needs and aspirations are too diverse and the Greater City is too large and sparsely populated to run as a proper city. It is a failure. It will never work.

There is still a lot of efficiency to be found by the city, instead of increasing user fees get more people using the services, and why can we not come in under budget. Is it because managers are required to use all their budget in given year and ask for a bigger budget in the next year

There is no discussion in this document about the tax base beyond individual property taxes. Where is the discussion about the industrial tax base? There was a commitment to grow the economy and thus grow the industrial tax base, why is this absent?

What percentage of taxes raised comes from industry? Has this been growing on an annual basis or declining. If it is growing where is the strength coming from, if it is declining, where is the weakness? It seems to me that the challenge is to grow the tax pie, not to continue squeezing residential tax payers.

Much of the infrastructure that the city supplies is designed to meet the needs of our major industrial employers, are they paying their fair share?

Also, what do we spend on economic development, and are we getting value for money? There was a commitment made to create 1,000 new jobs every year for the next ten years, how is that going?

There needs to be something in the budget for increasing HOUSING and making Housing more affordable.

This is all fine, but lacks the refinement in each category to increase or decrease by smaller increments. Also only speaks to increase or decrease in property tax to balance budget, nothing else. Special tax increase is pre-determined @ a minimum of 3.6%. These choices only amount to 30% of the suggested 2017 proposed budget of \$528 Million. Where's the other Big money being spent that come from tax dollars?

This percentage increase would be dependent upon how much of it could be garnered with reallocation of monies in the ensuing budget.

Try living within your budget like I do and not over spend.

Upgrade main arterials into Complete Streets with dedicated space for walking, biking and driving. Any road work done with this funding should serve all users.

A minimum grid of safe dedicated cycling routes. (top 5 minimum grid routes are: Notre

Dame/Paris corridor, Barry Downe, Lorne, Kingsway (Barry Downe to Bancroft), and Lasalle).

- Adding green infrastructure such as rain gardens and bioswales to reduce the risk of flooding and increase stormwater capacity, focusing on vulnerable areas such as the Flour Mill

Continue to fund and Work with non for profits: e.g Rainbow Routes Association

More full time jobs

We spend a lot on police and fire services but not enough on social programs and resources that promote business development.

WE SPEND MORE ON TAXES THAN ANYTHING ELSE! Taxes are already insanely high and increases above inflation are just taking food out of people's mouths. FIRE HALF OF THE EXPENSIVE OVERPAID UNDERWORKED ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND SPEND THAT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS.

where is the survey described in the Sudbury Star Tuesday, September 27, 2016

While the capital budget has some serious deficits, especially in infrastructure, the community at large cannot withstand a tax increase greater than 3.6% without causing undo hardship. This is a downward economy and although it was previous councils decisions to strip funding from infrastructure. Taxing citizens in an attempt to fix it overnight is not a good idea either. A proper revue on which capital projects are on deck and if any of that money could be better put to use. Such as redirecting the City Funds from Maley Dr. to Fixing current infrastructure deficits. Yes we would POTENTIALLY lose Provincial and Federal Funding, but in my opinion we need running water, proper sewers and roads that do not break vehicles more than we need a new inner-city bypass.

Why am I being charged so much money for the wastewater?? For example: If I'm watering my garden in the backyard, that water is not going back into the drain as wastewater. So I'm being charged for something that I'm not always using. I know their is a more accurate way of calculating the wastewater. Not sure what the city is waiting for, because this is robbery!

Would a casino increase revenues for Sudbury? Can we make our city more open to business by reducing fees to bring in jobs and a new tax base?

you will need 6.6 percent increase to pay for the double cost tenders youve recently put out, to pay for lost and missing money as usual, and of course for roads which we never get done because all our road budget goes into making speed highways for dump trucks and mining trucks hauling out at fairbanks roads. i tohught dirt roads were acceptable form of transportation for logging, mining, and dump trucks.. oh.. no.. they need a super wide super re-inforced speedway back there! ya.. i know all about the multi million dollars we tax payers

still hav to pay for those roads. while our pothot patrol adds more patchwork to the rest of fairbanks where the super highways stop. its a joke... then they dump their access used up asphalt illegally behind stores and other areas... nice.. did we ever find that missing asphalt mayor? i know some of its behind a grocery store in lively. Did we ever force to bring their asphalt plant and asphalt quality up to the proper standards? Or are we still letting getting away with shoddy material for their "Job Creation" program? werent they banned from contracts in Sudbury? oh yes... not really banned, just moved where the public cant see them as often and get scared of the graters.... speaking of which.. what a disaster fairbanks sperhighways re in making them. someone gonna get killed their too.. who cares tho right?

oh, that sucks, i have to make all mysliders green and balance.. yeah.. cause im sure Sudbury REALLY does that

Your survey doesn't even work properly. If you adjust one area of funding and try to put up another area of funding (so let's say you brig transit down but want to bring roads up) the amounts aren't set to the same value so you can't click submit. You also can't click submit if you have any extra budget money so this makes it impossible to actually adjust these sliders.