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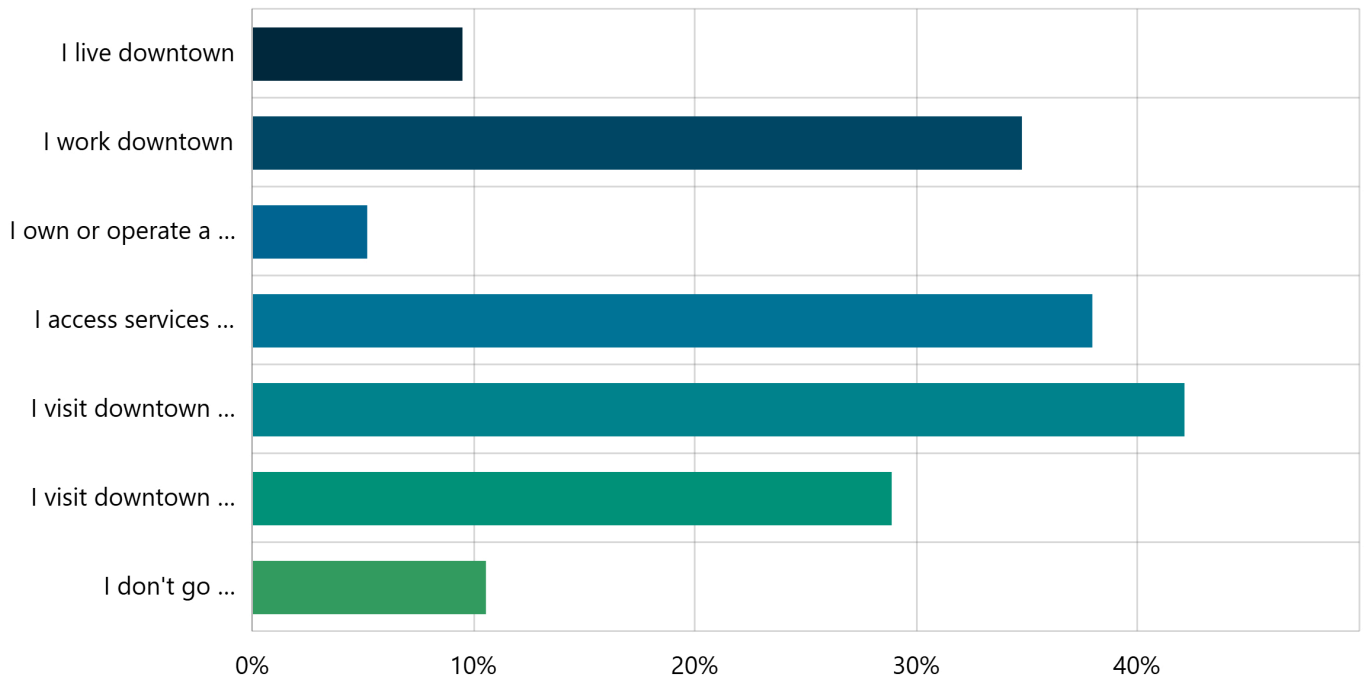
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Contributors

1,512
Contributions

Contribution Summary

1. Which of the following describe your relationship with downtown Prince George? Required

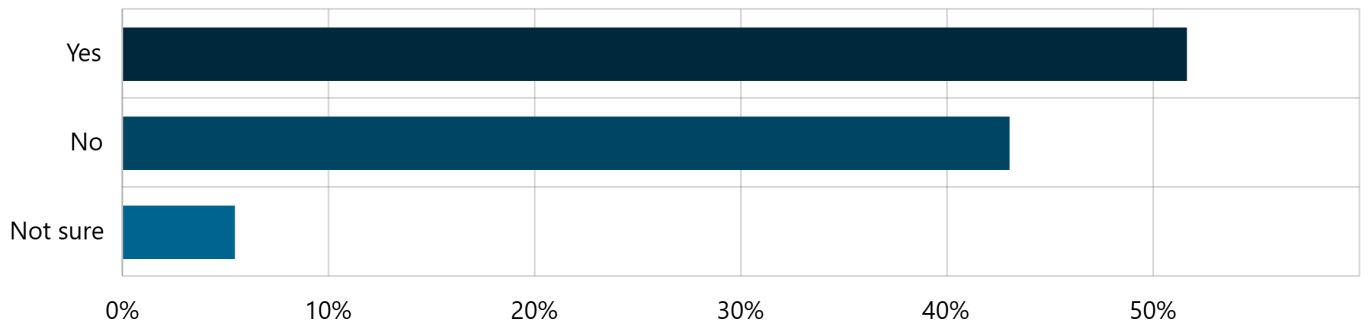
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
I live downtown	9.46%	143
I work downtown	34.72%	525
I own or operate a business downtown	5.16%	78
I access services downtown	37.90%	573
I visit downtown regularly	42.06%	636
I visit downtown occasionally	28.84%	436
I don't go downtown much	10.52%	159

2. Do you believe more publicly accessible washrooms are needed in the downtown area? Required

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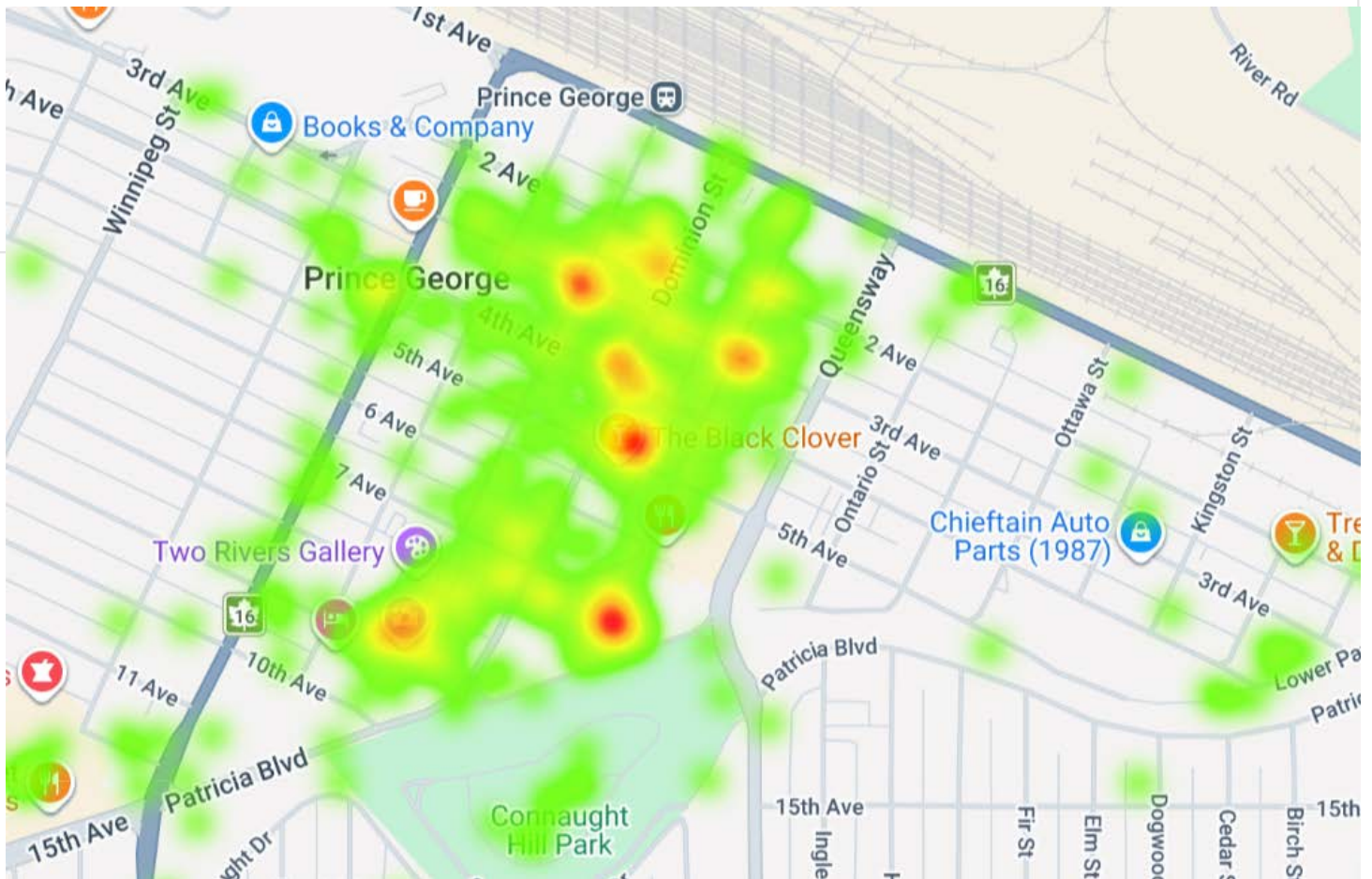
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	51.59%	780
No	42.99%	650
Not sure	5.42%	82
Total	100.00%	1,512

**3. If a new public washroom was added downtown, what general location would make the most sense to you?
Please drop a pin to indicate a general area.**

Map | Skipped: 838 | Answered: 674 (44.6%)

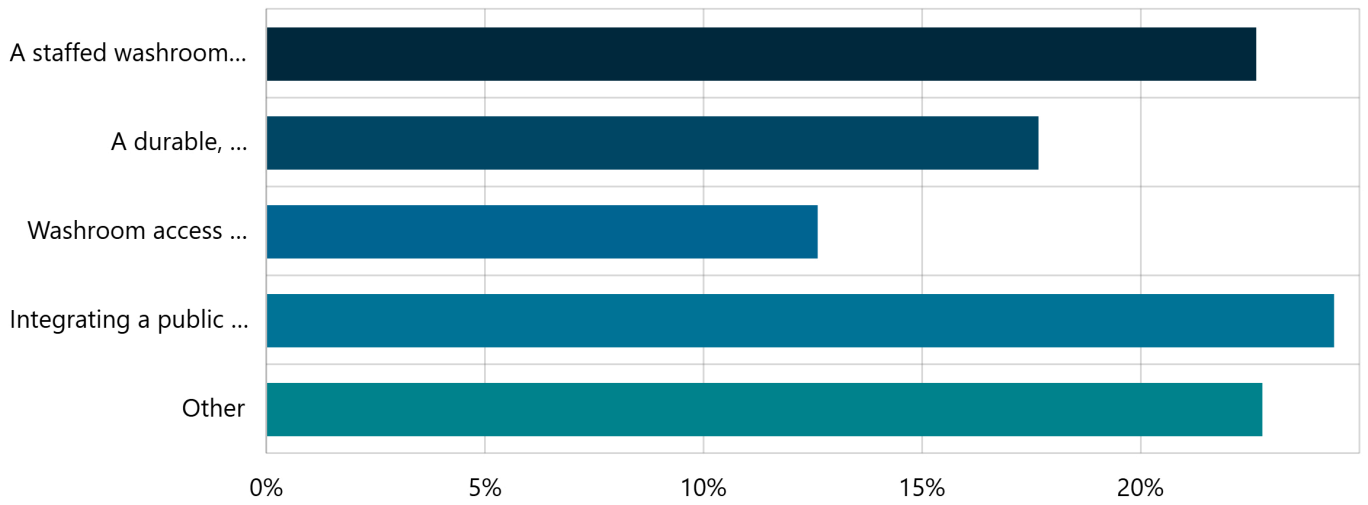


Heatmap Version



4. Which approach do you think would work best for the community?

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Answer choices	Percent	Count
A staffed washroom at Canada Games Plaza	22.62%	318
A durable, single-occupancy, standalone structure such as a Portland Loo	17.64%	248
Washroom access delivered through a partnership with a downtown service provider, subject to interest and feasibility	12.59%	177
Integrating a public washroom into an existing civic facility open year-round	24.40%	343
Other	22.76%	320
Total	100.00%	1,406

Question 4: Preferred Approach “Other” Responses (themed)

Opposition to Building Public Washrooms

- Don't build them.
- No bathrooms full stop
- No washrooms
- No Public Washrooms Downtown - Unless the Homeless are all gone
- None of the above, if it is a need then other stakeholders can shoulder the burden. There are 20 + non for profit organizations in the downtown that can steer and provide for this need if it exists.
- None!
- None
- None at all! the downtown core is a cesspool.
- No washroom at all
- No washroom please. Downtown is already a sh*tshow with the unhoused and will just be wrecked
- No washrooms
- Public washrooms are not required
- Not a necessary use of taxes at this time
- No washrooms should be provided. Waste of taxpayer resources.
- No washroom. Stop spending money.
- No washroom - it will just attract trouble
- No washroom
- No washroom at all especially at Canada games place.
- No washroom
- No washrooms
- No public washroom
- No new public washroom

- No public washrooms
- No washrooms needed - wasted money
- No washroom waste of money
- NO WASHROOMS, WASTE OF MONEY
- No washroom facilities needed. No location
- None of the above please dont waste our money
- None of these options will be used for their intention and none of them will be safe for the general public
- None until our downtown is cleaner and safer
- None
- None
- None
- None
- None
- None

Concerns About Drug Use, Vandalism, and Safety

- Do not put one downtown will just be used for drugs and unhoused to sleep in
- Stop giving the street people places to wreck and use their drugs
- No public washrooms, they'll be used for functions they aren't intended for.
- None it will just get ruined
- The homeless will destroy everything. Waste of taxes payers money.
- No washroom - it will be filled with homeless, littered with needles and unsafe
- None. The homeless will destroy anything not intimately monitored at all times.
- No need for added bathrooms that will

just get vandalized

- We can't afford it, homeless will just burn them down like everything else
- It will be a burnt down drug dumpster in a week
- They will be used for drug use and free shelter and won't be a safe place for the general public.
- No bathrooms because drug addicts will take them over
- none as any public access washroom will become a shooting gallery and warming center for the homeless
- The junkies will ruin any public facility.
- These public washrooms are unsafe and get vandalized.
- Downtown has far too much crime and drug use to open up a public washroom.
- You will only be cleaning drug paraphernalia and human excrement off the walls.
- If a public washroom is built downtown it will be used as a place for the homeless to live.
- No washroom - it will become a drug using facility
- Why build a public washroom when it will be destroyed within a week?
- None until safety and control is returned to our downtown.
- It will get destroyed so fast and not feel safe.
- It will turn into a place for drug use
- It will be trashed

Comments Connecting the Issue to Homelessness

- Clean up the homeless problem first before you allow this.
- I don't believe a washroom is required downtown until the streets have been cleaned up of homeless and drug addicted peoples
- Solve the homeless/drug addict problem first
- Stop enabling them and get them out of there. Once downtown is cleaned up then maybe.
- Deal with the core problem of Homelessness and drug addiction before spending taxpayer's dollars on a public washroom
- Fix the crisis that the downtown is facing first.
- Please just clean up the street people.
- Use the money to help get people off the streets first.
- The 'real' problem has to be solved downtown. It's nonsensical to think a washroom is the answer.
- There is a need BUT until downtown is cleaned up and safe, it's another waste of taxpayers money

Support for Public Washrooms / Accessibility Needs

- There is a need for all.
- Anything would be an improvement
- Some people have issues holding and would be nice if more available especially at the mall
- A public accessible bathroom 24../7 all year round for men and women
- A bathroom that is available 24/7. I have colitis and very often i avoid places

because of lack of public washroom use.

- Everyone deserves access to a washroom and a single solution won't be enough
- Washrooms provide basic human dignity that everyone should have access to
- Something accessible to homeless people so that they have somewhere to go
- We just need more

Support Only if Staffed / Supervised

- Staffed washrooms are used in Europe. Hygiene is an important consideration.
- Regardless the washrooms are going to have continuous staffing due to drug users and to keep them clean
- A staffed washroom near the st Vincent de Paul
- A staffed washroom that is checked regularly to ensure the homeless are not doing drugs in the stalls
- Need it to be available and staffed 24 hours
- Even with a staffed washroom, you would need some kind of security guard
- If a washroom must go downtown definitely staffed
- A 24 hour staffed washroom. Staff can be community members.
- The downtown is so chaotic and disorderly that only a fully staffed washroom would work.

Suggestions for Alternative Locations or Existing Facilities

- Put it on site of city hall
- Allow public access to city Hall washrooms.
- Open up washrooms in already established locations. IE. Canfor Leisure Center, Civic Center, City Hall
- Access through a facility that is already set up to deal with the unhoused
- A staffed washroom at Parkwood mall
- Library and conference centre has a public bathroom. No other bathrooms are needed.

Design or Operational Suggestions

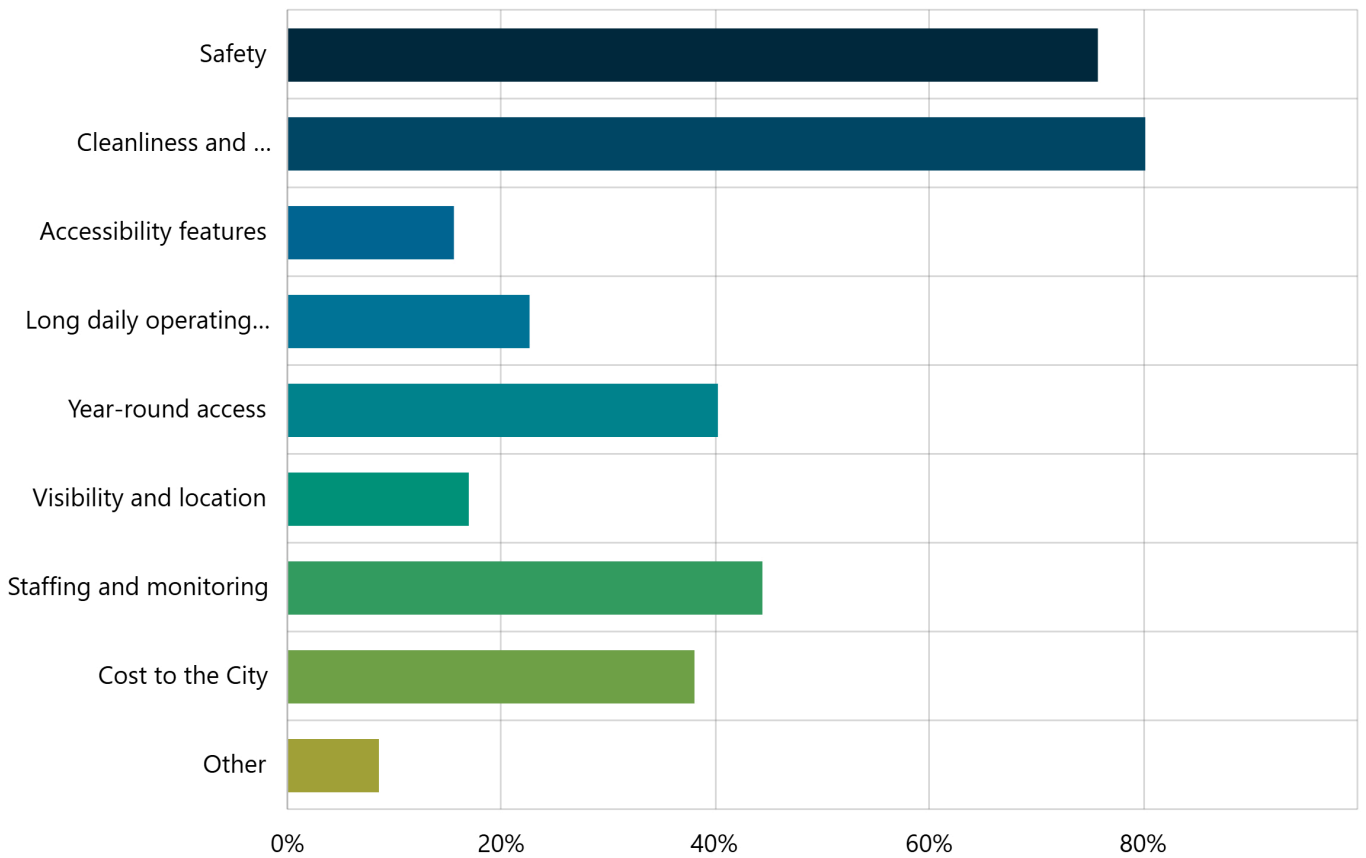
- Standalone structures placed randomly and/or strategically throughout villages and cities
- A purpose built structure
- Maybe build a little 2 stall bathroom 1 for men 1 for woman almost like a shed sized
- A stand alone permanent facility with more than one stall
- Stainless steel heated bathroom with shower
- Row/block of 3 or more single occupancy structures
- A stand-alone durable structure requiring payment to enter

Temporary or Low-Cost Options

- like outhouses and latrines and portapotties in parks would be nice
- Porta potty as on construction sites
- maybe a couple porta potties
- Porta Johns. City outdoor workers hose it out in the mornings
- Pit type like in rainbow park.

5. If a downtown public washroom was added, which factors are most important to you? Select up to four
Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1,512 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Safety	75.66%	1,144
Cleanliness and maintenance	80.09%	1,211
Accessibility features	15.48%	234
Long daily operating hours	22.55%	341
Year-round access	40.15%	607
Visibility and location	16.87%	255
Staffing and monitoring	44.31%	670
Cost to the City	37.96%	574
Other	8.47%	128

Question 5: Washroom Design Factors “Other” Responses (themed)

Opposition to Building Public Washrooms

- No Public Washrooms - Please Don't Waste our Money
- Its a bad idea
- None because it's a bad idea
- No washrooms
- No washroom at all.
- No!!!
- NO
- No
- no
- na
- Just no
- Don't do it
- Should not be built. Lower my property taxes instead even if only \$10
- Not adding it. It will only add more costs to taxpayers and we are already sick of the rising costs because of these forest fire refugees and homeless from the Vancouver olympics. THEY ARENT PG RESIDENTS/CITIZENS
- We do not need a downtown washroom. This would only support and encourage the gathering of the homeless and deviant people of the city.
- I like many others visit downtown with a purpose and if needed will locate an option for this type of facility. It is unnecessary to spend tax dollars on this.
- Dont need another public washroom in

this town as the ones we already have arent clean or maintained and downright disgusting

- This is a horrible idea, and a big waste of tax papyer money!

Cost and Taxpayer Concerns

- Again, we can't afford it
- We're taxed to death we can't afford anything else
- Cost is the number one concern. We don't have 1 million dollars to spend on a public toilet. This is why it's best to utilize already existing resources rather than building them.
- Cost to city tax payers, another failed and costly experiment.
- Cost to taxpayer
- COST TO TAX PAYERS
- Cost to the tax payer
- Cost and why are the only concerns.
- Again. All these factors come at a high cost to taxpayers for little reward.
- All of it is a waste of tax payer money
- What the hell is cost to the city? More like cost to taxpayers.
- Stop wasting tax money
- No tax payer money should be used. We've paid enough
- I don't want to pay for this
- I dont want my tax money going towards something that will be once again used and abused by the squatters down town!
- The most important factor is what a huge waste of money this will be.
- The worry is it would end up looking like the rest of downtown, especially if not staffed, but staff are expensive.

Safety, Crime, and Drug Use Concerns

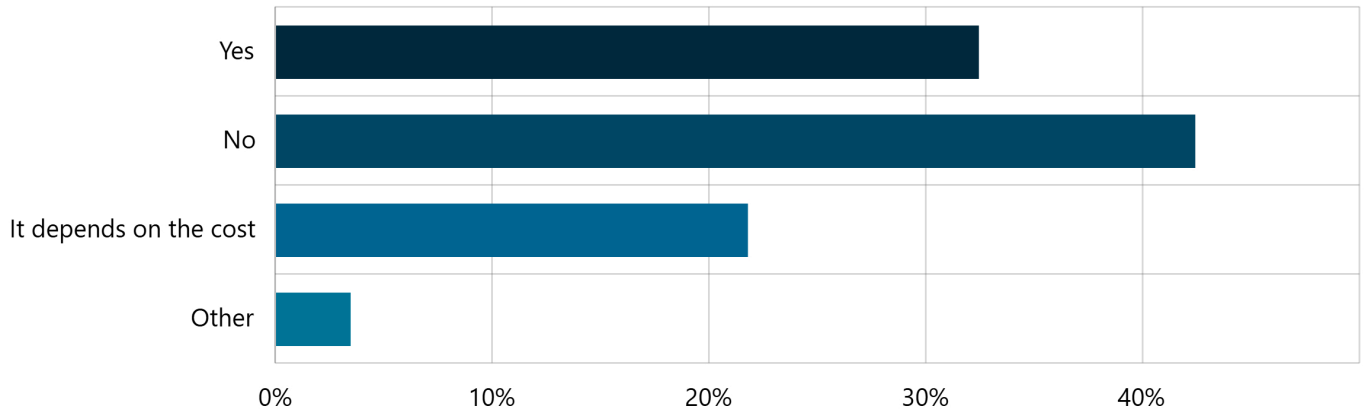
- SAFETY!
- Keeping drug addicts from using it as a place to live and sell drugs
- Drug den
- People just using it for drug use and sleeping.
- No drug use or paraphernalia.
- It will turn into an expensive place for drug use the public wont use
- The facility will just be destroyed by the drug addicts that destroy everything
- Mostly used for drug taking and maybe napping by the homeless
- it will be dangerous because of the homeless/drug addict population downtown, be filthy and full of needles. wont be used as a washroom but a site for them to use drugs.
- The amount of drug addicts using it. The

increasing in deaths because of this nonsense building.

- I don't want to see people doing drugs in the bathrooms or leaving their disgusting drug paraphernalia like needles all over the place like I've seen happen in a majority of public washrooms since the decriminalizing of personal possessions of illicit substances. It would need to be monitored closely the entirety of its open hours due to that reason alone.
- No unhoused people able to use it
- No homeless
- Daytime hours I'm not keen on unhoused using as a shelter or keeping syringe there
- we dont want them to be comfortable enough or big enough to easily use drugs in again the only ones accessing these will be the homeless drug addicted

6. Should the City make it a priority to build and run a public washroom downtown, and put money toward construction and ongoing costs? Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 1,512 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	32.41%	490
No	42.39%	641
It depends on the cost	21.76%	329
Unsure	3.44%	52
Total	100.00%	1,512

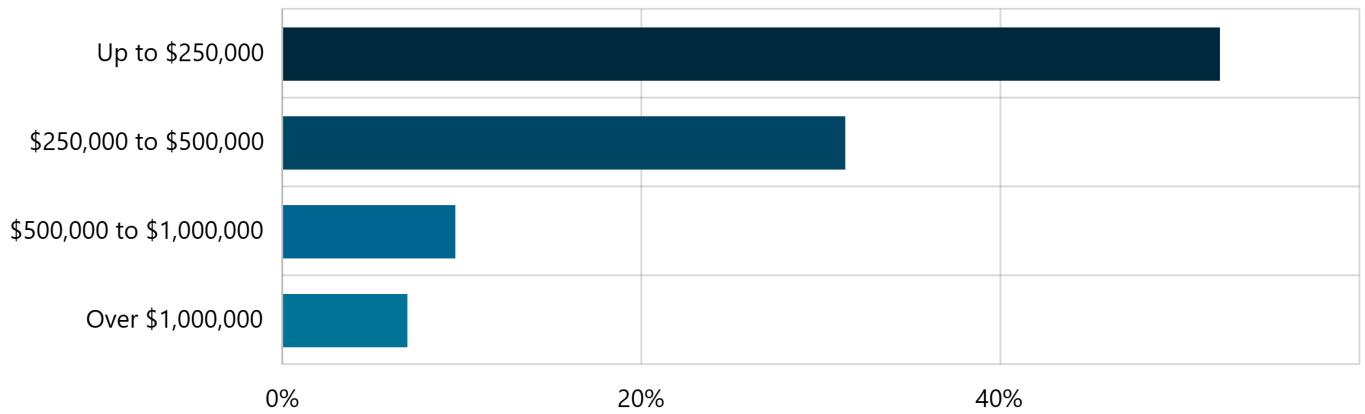
Question 6: “Unsure ” Responses (themed)

Cost and Taxpayer Concerns

- These prices r completely ridiculous - this is NOT a good use of our taxpayer money!!
- Depends on cost
- Depend on the situation. No washroom needs to cost upwards of 700k and a million a year to maintain
- For the prices below? Forget it!
- it needs to be very low cost on construction and maintainece we spend enough on the homeless as a city and definitely as a provence
- I want to say yes but I don't want to agree to or encourage the massive tax increase that will surely come with it knowing the city's reputation. Also would like to add that if this goes through... could the city try to NOT go hundreds of thousands over budget? Just a suggestion
- I guess if they think it is a good idea they should should take care of it but that means more taxes to the public
- unsure about ongoing costs at the expense of the taxpayer.....keyword, ongoing! If nothing can be done about the unhoused, across the country, the federal government should have grants available for this kind of thing instead of always taxpayers utilities and property tax going up, and people who actually work and meaningfully contribute to society are not feeling like we are being taxed out the ying yang for absolutely everything. its getting to the point of ridiculous
- Question # 6 Not comfortable with Wasting any Tax Payers Money. \$500.000 already spent on Atco Trailers on 3rd Ave
- It would not just depend on the cost but also what other priority my be bumped because of the project

7. What one-time installation cost would you be comfortable with the City spending on a public washroom?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 688 | Answered: 824 (54.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Up to \$250,000	52.18%	430
\$250,000 to \$500,000	31.31%	258
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	9.59%	79
Over \$1,000,000	6.92%	57
Total	100.00%	824