



**2009 Mayor's Caucus  
Under 2,500 Population  
Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – 9:00 AM**

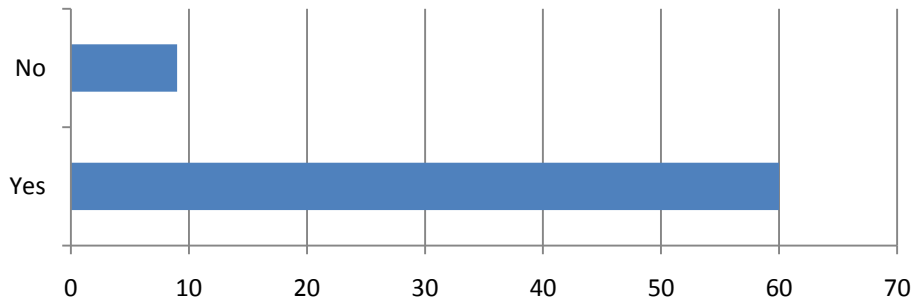
**Survey Results**

(displayed in total votes counted)

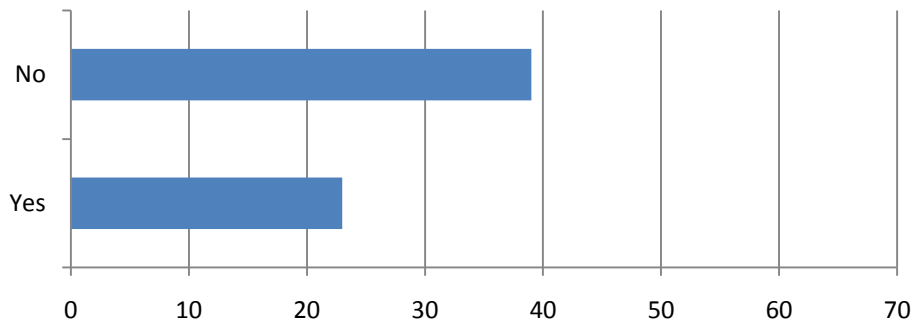
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**Future of Local Governance**

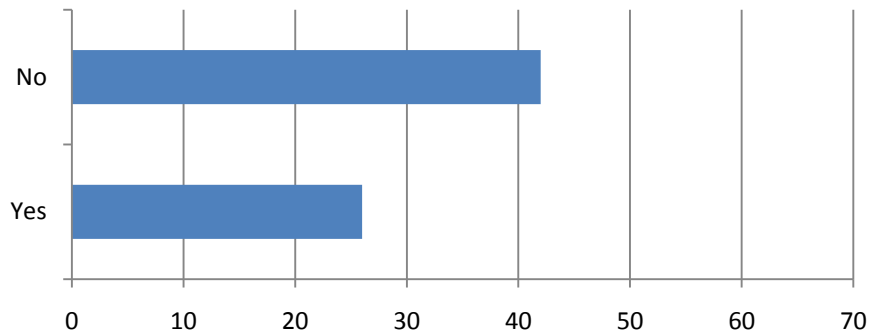
**1. Do you think that municipal governance in Alberta has to change in order to meet the challenges of the future?**



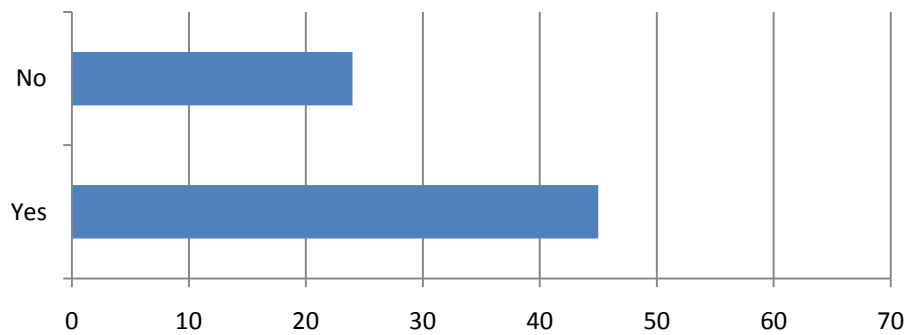
**2. Do you think that the Government of Alberta will act to make changes to municipal government form within the next year?**



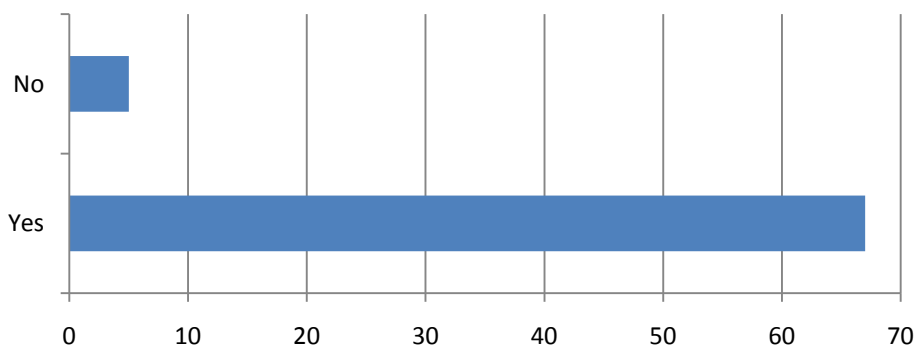
**3. Do you feel that a system of regional government and municipal government would be viable in Alberta?**



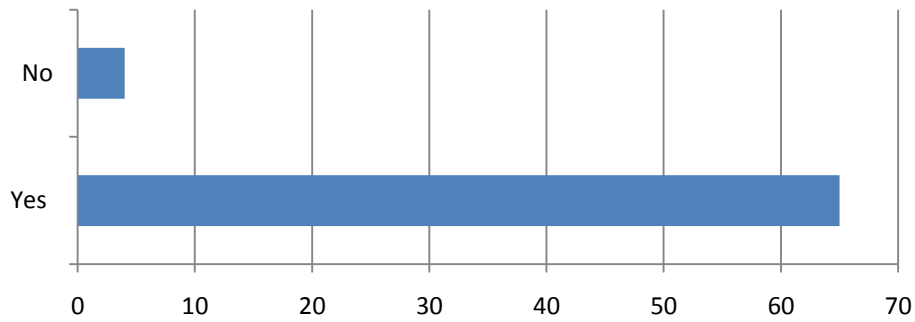
**4. Do you believe it is possible to maintain a unique community identity within a larger municipality than the one you are part of today?**



**5. AUMA's goal in the Future of Local Governance Initiative is to examine more effective forms of governing municipalities/communities. Do you agree with this goal?**

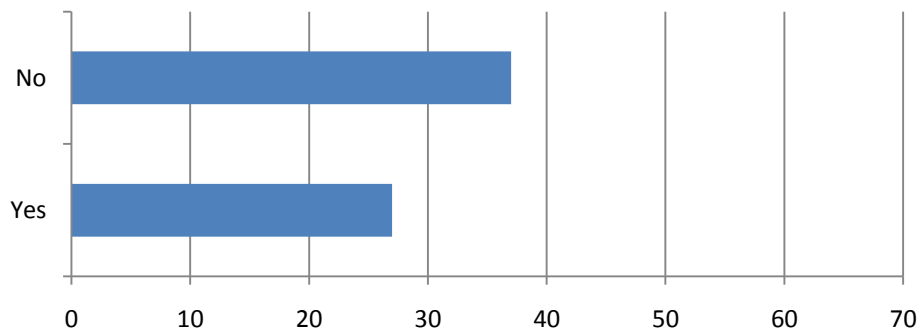


**6. Are you prepared as an individual, to make the changes necessary to maintain the sustainability and viability of your community?**

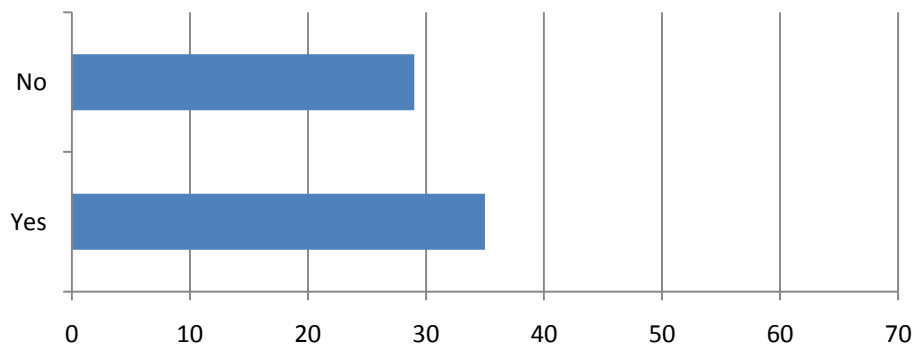


## **Water Conservation**

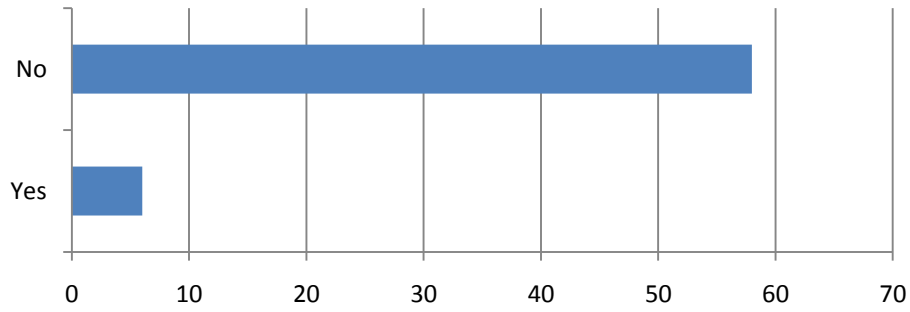
**1. Is your municipality starting a water conservation plan?**



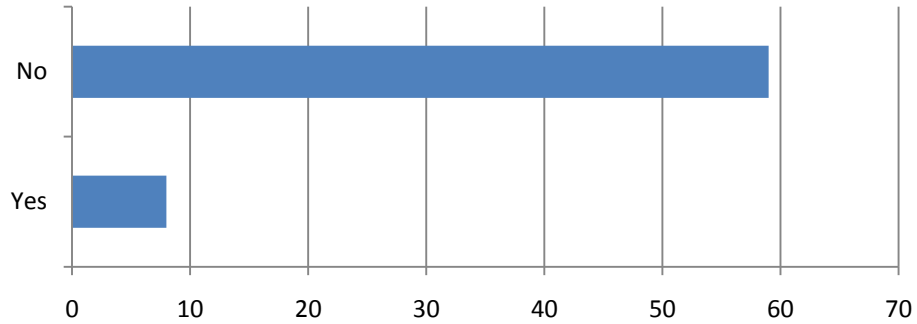
**2. Is your municipality searching out and detecting leaks?**



### 3. Has your village implemented water efficiency rebates?

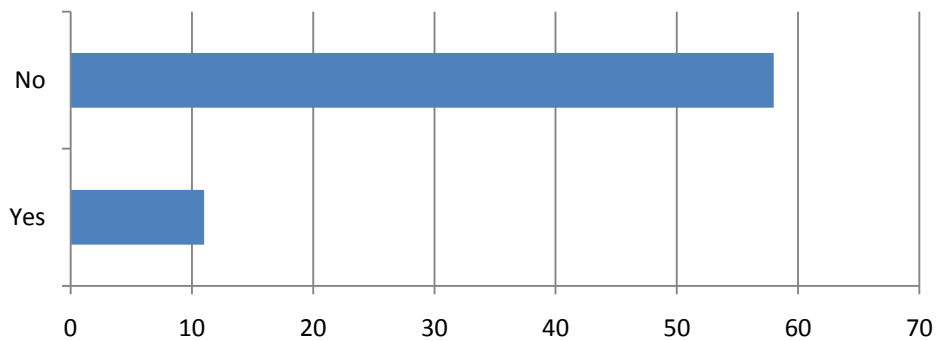


### 4.i. Does your village have bylaws requiring the use of water efficient fixtures?

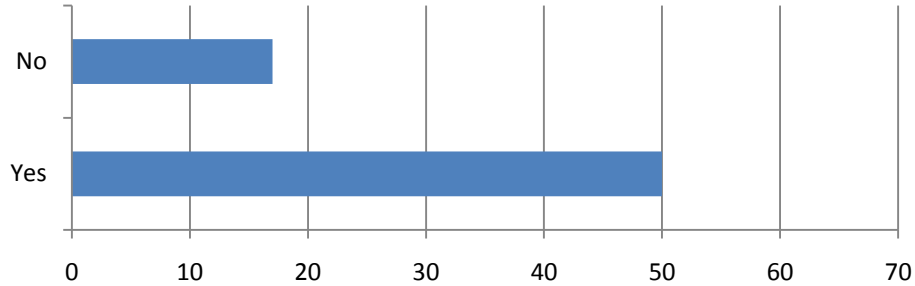


Question recalled for clarification to include all existing or new fixtures.

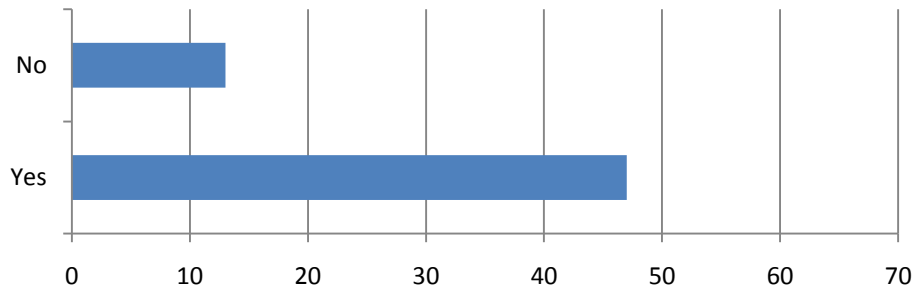
### 4.ii. Does your village have bylaws requiring the use of water efficient fixtures?



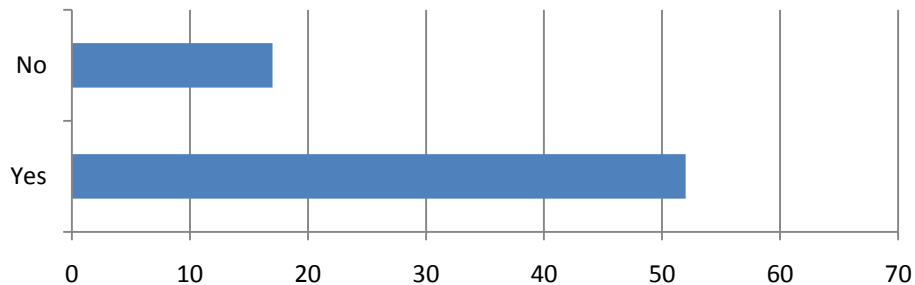
**5. One proposed target for the AUMA Municipal Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan is 80% of AUMA municipalities calculate their baseline Infrastructure Leakage Index. Do you support with this target?**



**6. Another target for the AUMA Municipal Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan is 80% of AUMA members produce water conservation plans by December 2010. Do you support this target?**



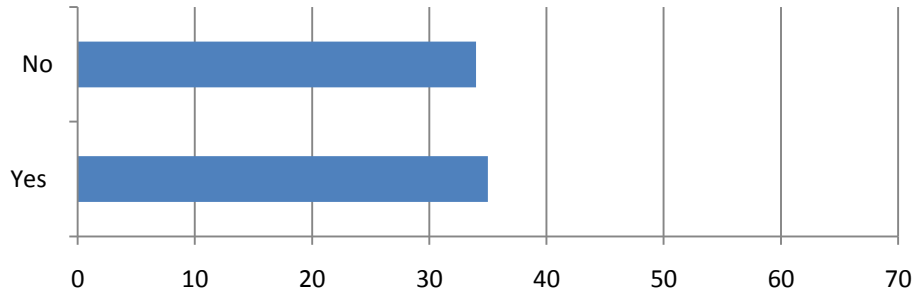
**7. The final short-term target proposed for the AUMA Municipal Water Conservation and Efficiency Plan is 80% of municipalities take action to improve the uptake of low flow fixtures in Alberta residences by December 2010. Do you support this target?**



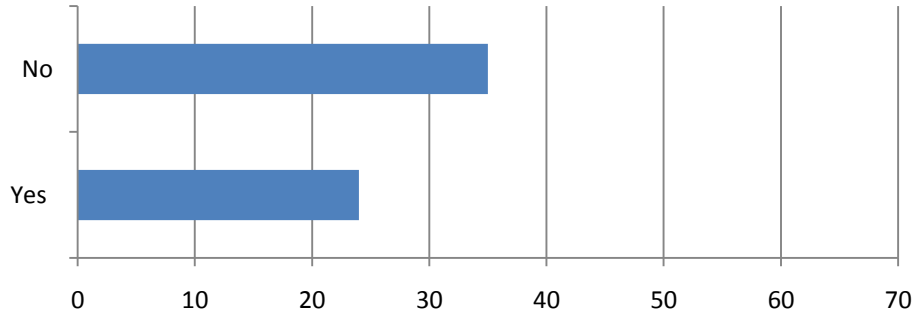
# Policing – Safe Communities

Do you agree with the proposed Task Force findings that:

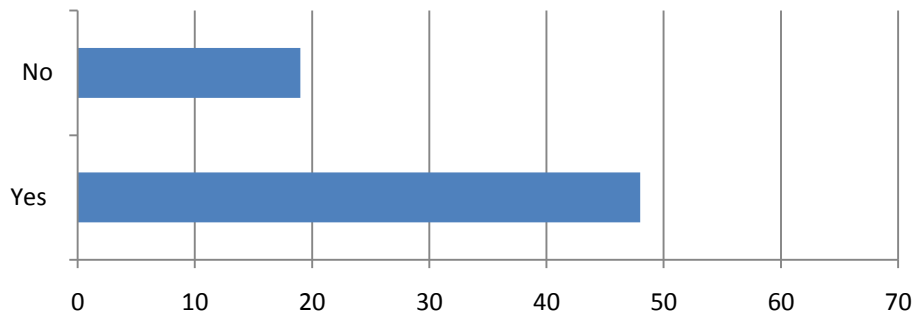
**1. Police Commissions/ Policing Committees/  
the Province (as the case may be) adequately  
oversee police in Alberta?**



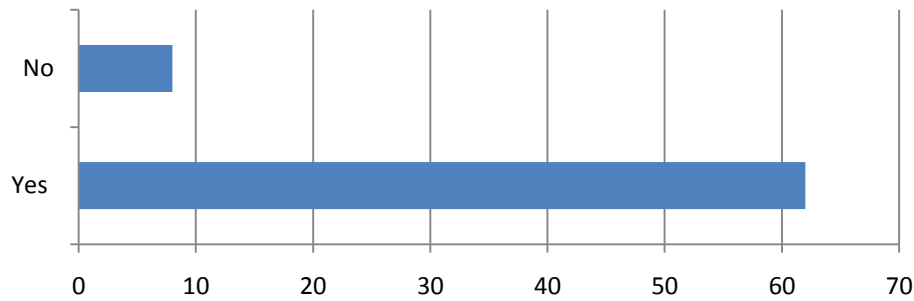
**2. Police Commissions and Policing  
Committees currently have the right  
responsibilities, and their appointment  
processes result in getting the best people?**



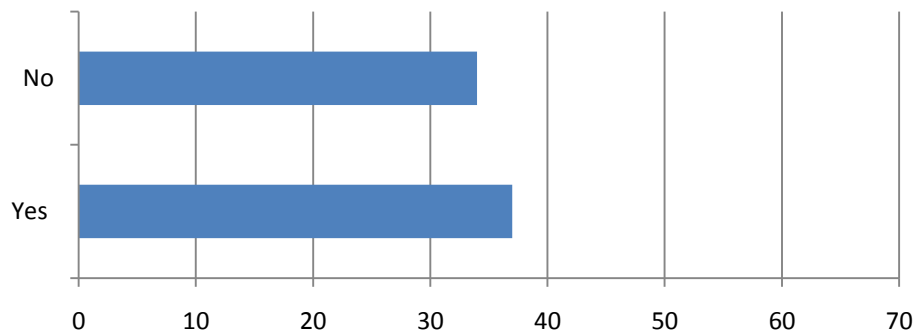
**3. The Provincial Government should not make  
any appointments to these bodies, but should  
leave them in the hands of local  
representatives?**



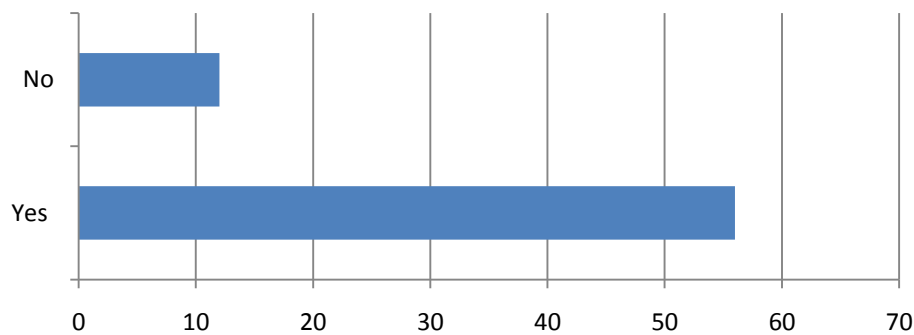
**4. The matter of establishing Policing Committees should be left as a discretionary decision of local communities?**



**5. For ALL appointments of RCMP detachment commanders, regardless of rank or lateral transfer, meaningful consultation should be required with local officials?**

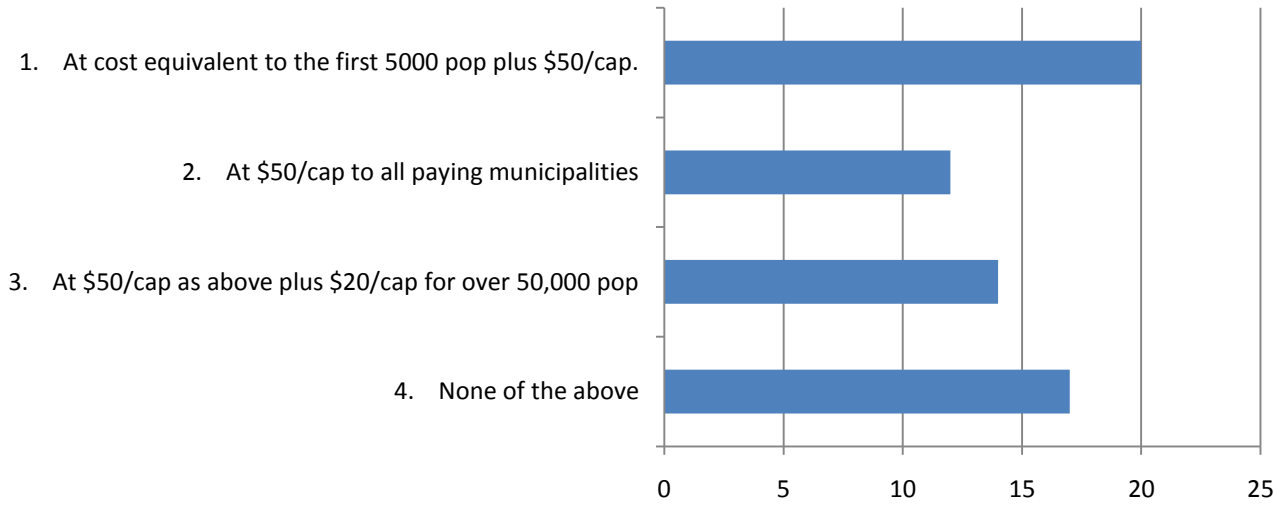


**6. Every RCMP detachment commander should be required to establish an RCMP Advisory Committee in the absence of there being in place a mechanism like a Policing Committee?**

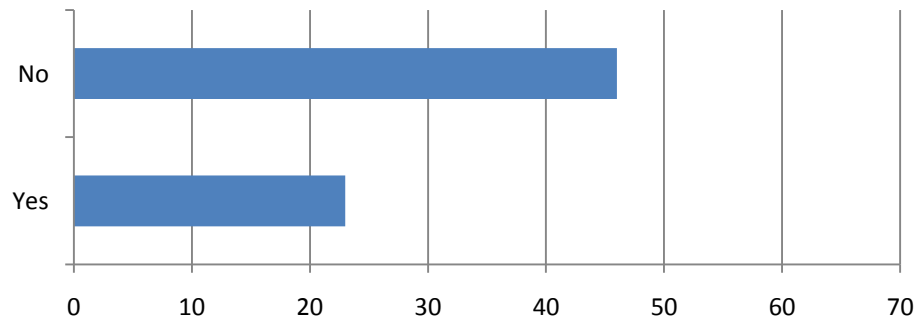


# Funding

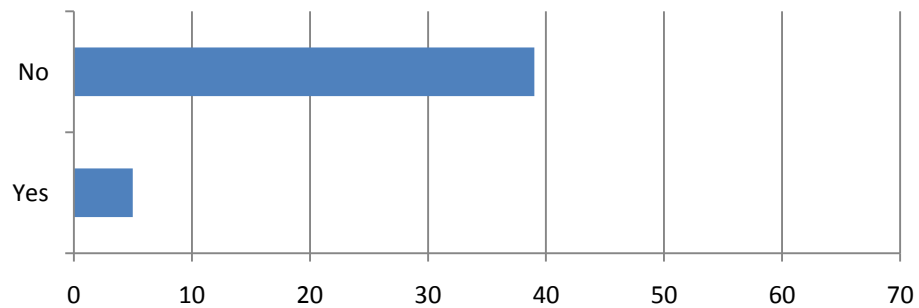
## 1. The Province should fund Police:



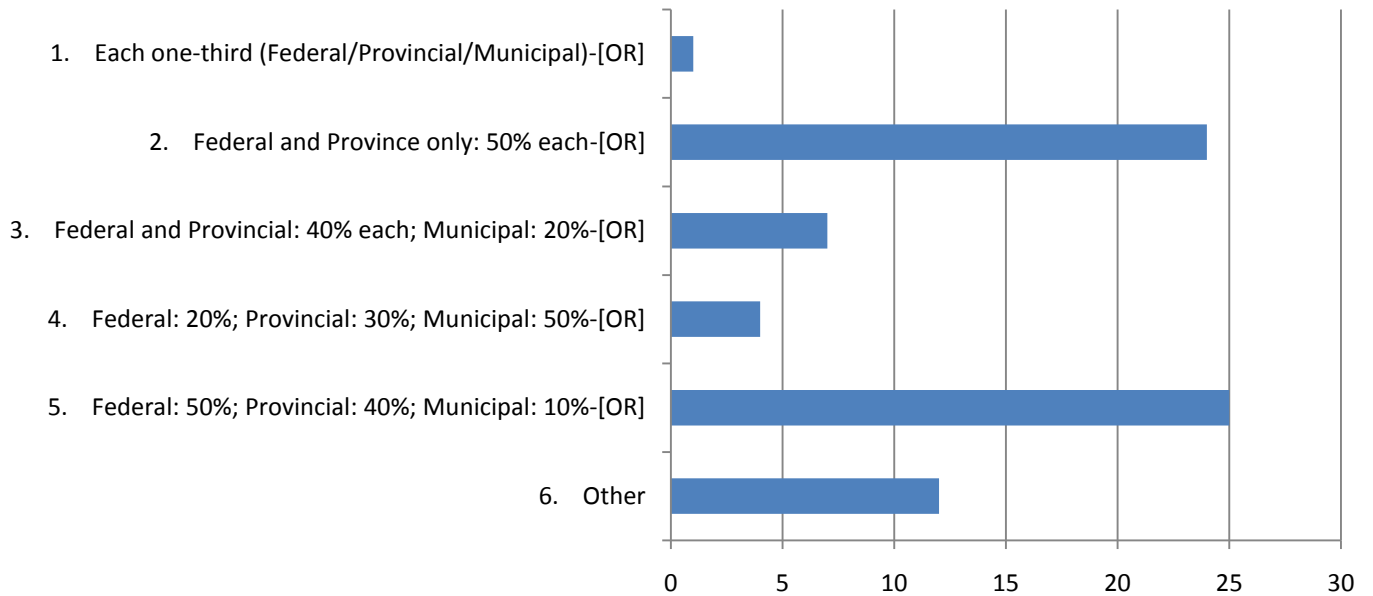
## 2. Do you support that every municipality (including counties), regardless of size, should pay towards the cost of policing?



## 3. Does the Province currently, adequately, address "shadow" populations in its financing process?

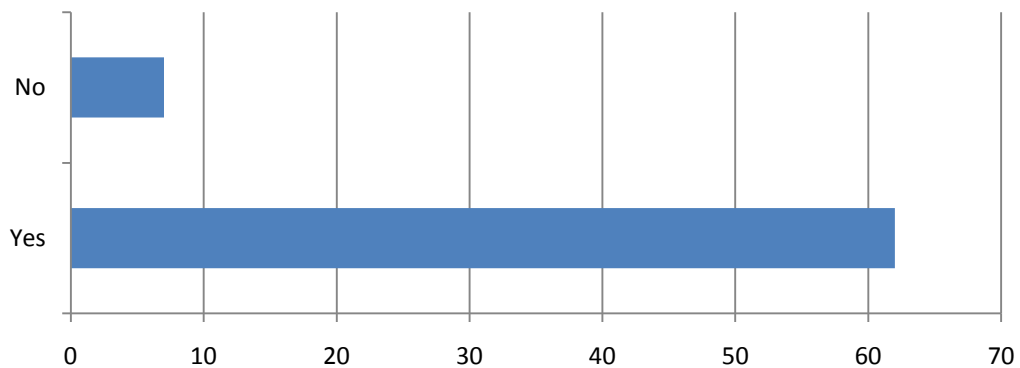


**4. The percentage of policing costs, which should be paid by each order of government is:**

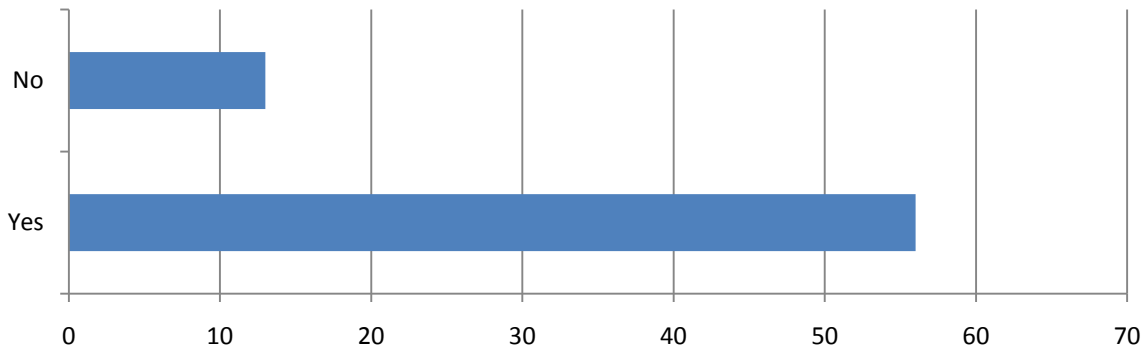


**Continuum of Policing**

**a) The Task Force findings are that there are not enough police officers in Alberta. Do you agree with this statement?**

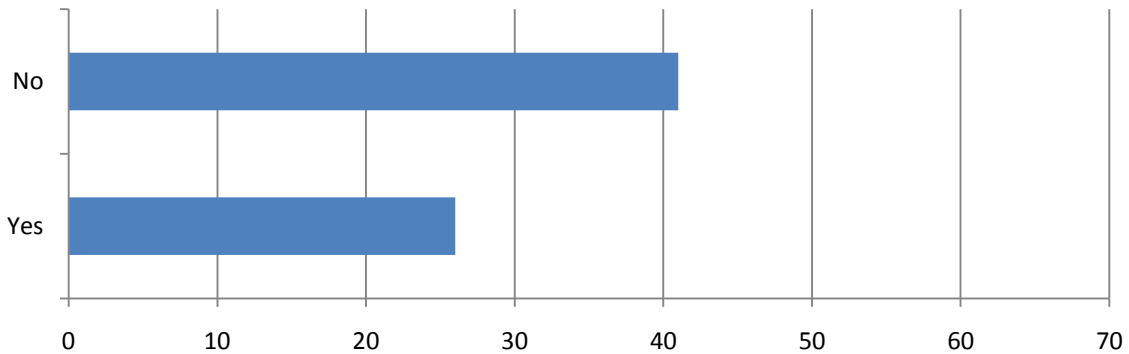


**b) Is this statement correct as it relates to your own community?**

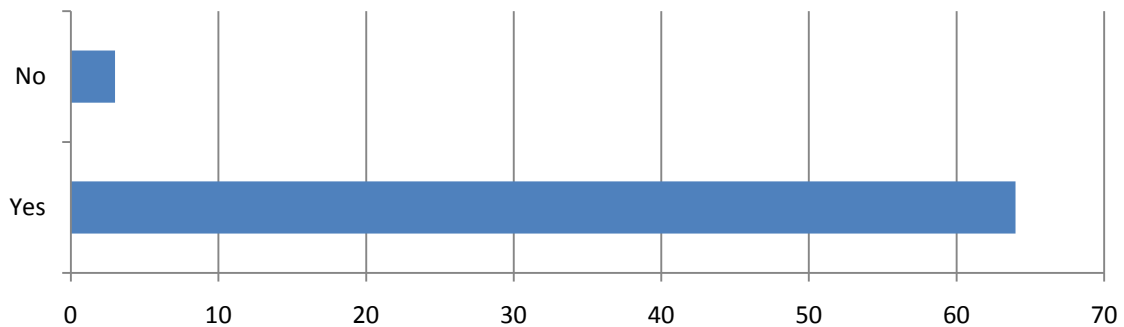


**Do you agree with the proposed Task Force findings that:**

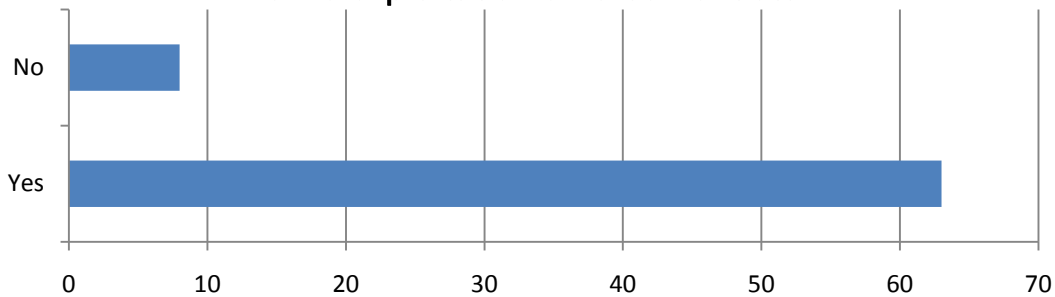
**a) There is appropriate cooperation and integration between the various law enforcement agencies in Alberta (bylaw/sheriffs/local police/ RCMP)?**



**b) There still needs to be better methods developed to overcome jurisdictional and governance obstacles, which hinder achievement of the objective of having officers with the right amount of training available to deal in a timely fashion with offences?**



c) The Province itself should provide, at its cost province-wide, the specialized policing services such as murder investigations in smaller communities, drug enforcement, organized crime enforcement, integrated child exploitation enforcement etc.?



### EMS Transition

Do you receive the Update on the EMS Transition for information?

No Klikapad survey done

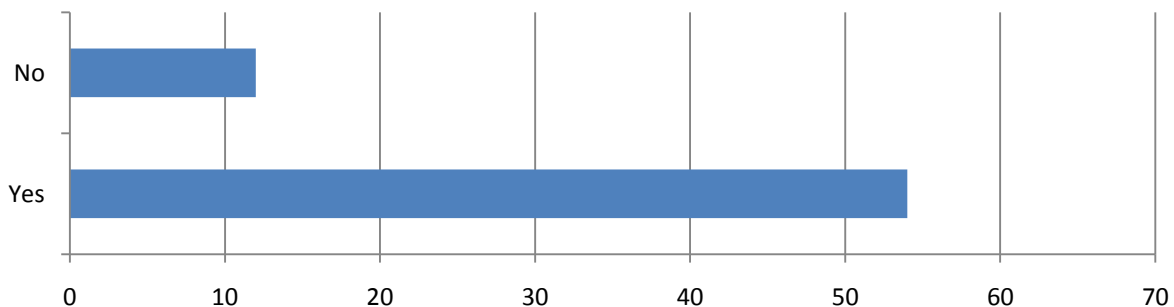
Are you satisfied with the EMS Transition documents that AUMA has delivered to you?

No Klikapad survey done

### Action Items

RFD - Municipal Viability – Summer Village Itaska Beach

**THAT THE Mayors Caucus approve AUMA working with ASVA (Alberta Summer Villages Association) in consulting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs to consider the viability of all Municipalities, with a population under 2005, as per discussion today.**



### RFD-Changes in Building Codes - Affect on Small Communities - Town of Sexsmith

THAT THE Mayors Caucus approve AUMA reviewing the new standards proposed for the building codes and keep in mind the impact on the small communities and not just the large cities. Keeping in mind, that building materials are a big factor in fire suppression, proposing the minimum side yard setbacks remain at 4 feet and not be increased to 6 feet in Municipalities protected by volunteer Fire Departments.

*Motion by AUMA Director, Mayor Darren Aldous to: Refer the recommendation, back to Administration and bring forth to next Mayor Caucus session.*

CARRIED

### RFD- Municipal Incentives for Attracting Doctors - Town of Sexsmith

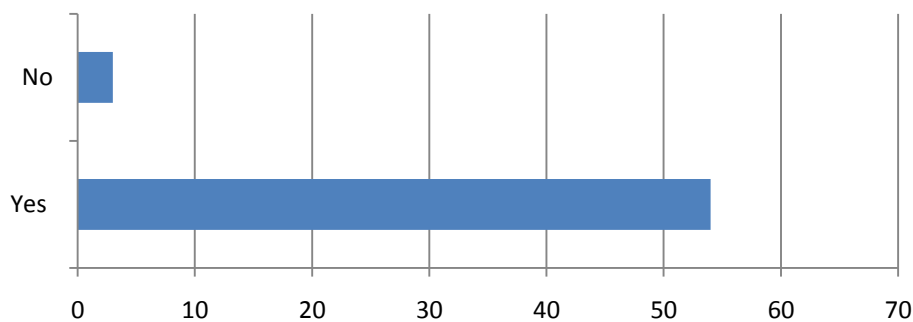
THAT THE Mayors Caucus approve AUMA, on behalf of Small Communities, advocate to the Province that they provide incentives to attract doctors to Small Communities.

*Motion by AUMA Director, Mayor Darren Aldous to: Refer the recommendation, back to Administration and bring forth to next Mayor Caucus session.*

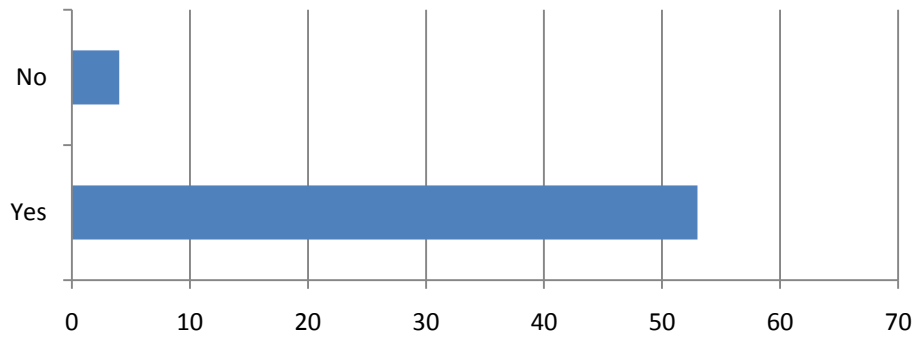
CARRIED

## Wrap up and Overview to Mayor's Caucus Meetings, Process and Format

### 1. Did you find today's Mayors Caucus Session, of value?



**2. Are you planning to attend the subsequent Mayor Caucus sessions?**



**3. Is the AUMA Board providing the right leadership in the initiatives identified at the 2008 Convention and the RFDs in today Agenda?**

