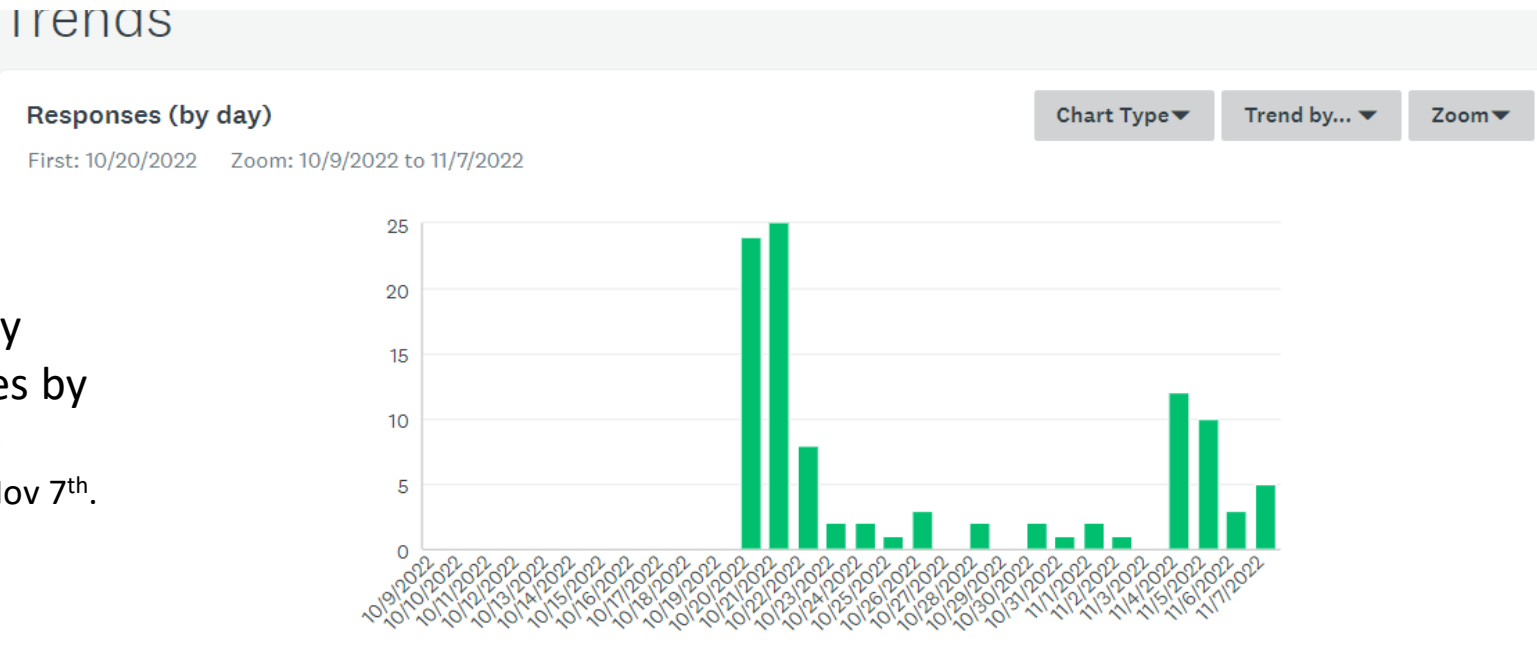


Collingwood Summer Water Irrigation Project Community Survey Findings – November 11, 2022

Survey
Responses by
Date
Oct. 20th – Nov 7th.



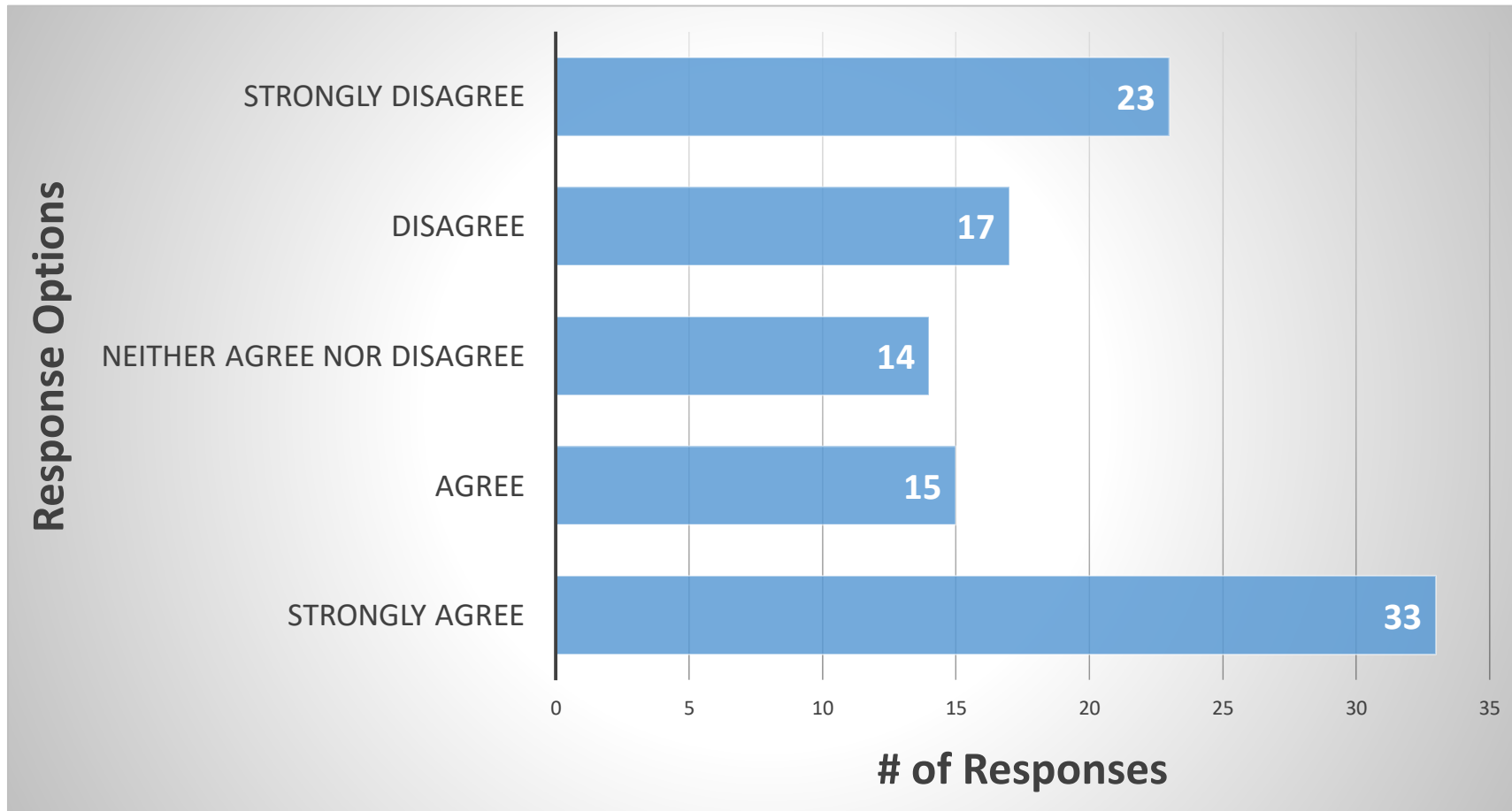
Notes on Raw Data

- 1) 103 surveys were completed by the close date of Nov. 7th
- 2) Reminder sent Nov. 4th which did increase response rate.
- 3) Raw data had to be 'cleaned'. 102 Responses. Why clean?
 - a. 3 surveys had no data – removed.
 - b. 4 participants completed survey twice or 3 times.
 - i. Forgot they completed it.
 - ii. Completed a survey for each property.
 - iii. Attempt to skew results – hope not.

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- c. Made the decision 1 vote for each property owner as this was not clarified in the instructions.
 - i. 1 person 1 vote regardless of number or value of property.
 - a) This is how elections are designed.
 - ii. If 2 names identified in Q1, doubled the result.
- 4) Open ended questions
 - a. Tried 'word cloud' analysis on open ended questions – not helpful, too many different words.
 - b. Used 'deductive word analysis' (general comments to more specific or thematic groupings).

Q#1 – How much do you agree or disagree with Collingwood installing a summer water irrigation system?



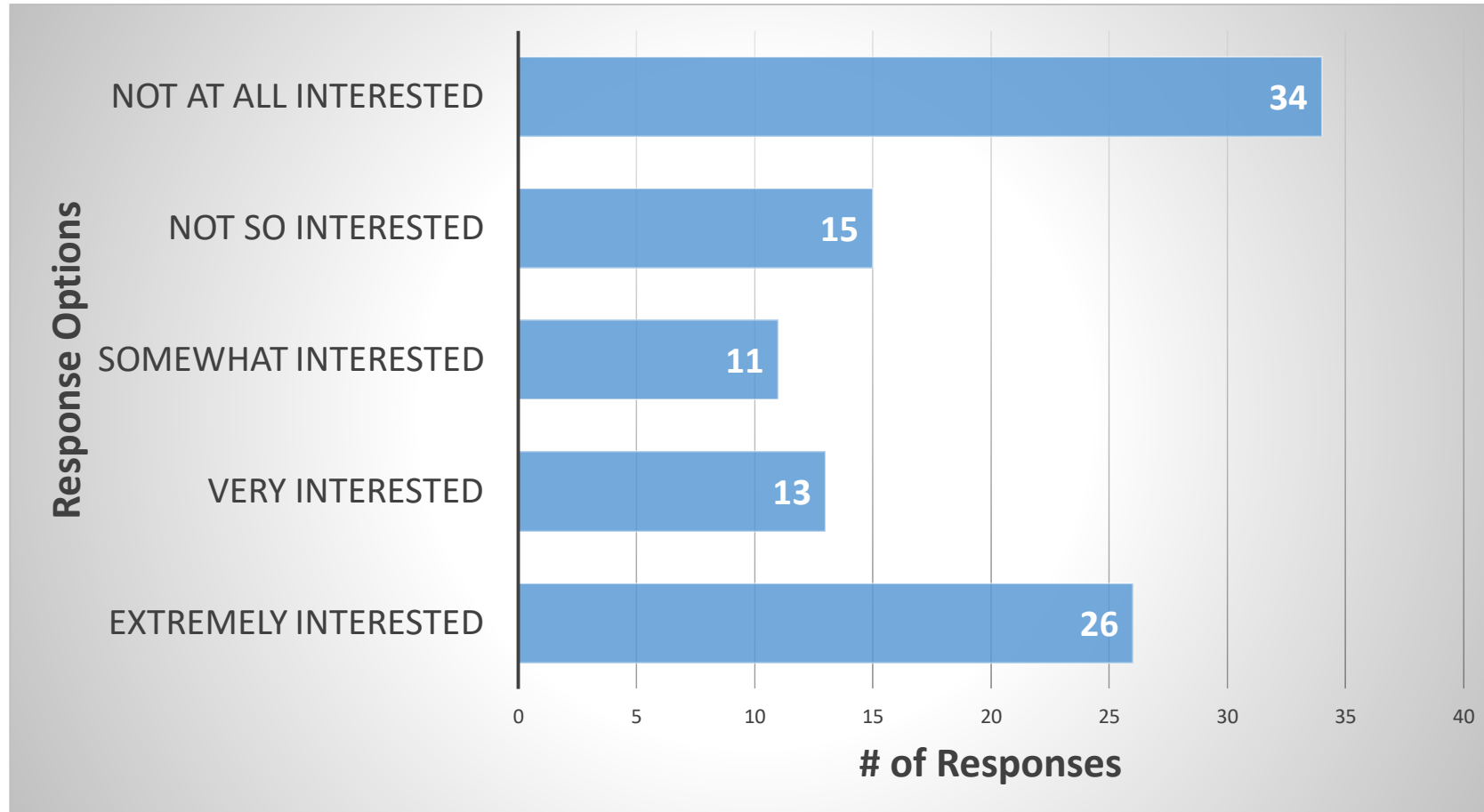
Number of Collingwood members responding to the survey question about the **IDEA OF A WATER SYSTEM** = 102

Percent of responses **disagree** = 39%

Percent of responses **agree** = 47%

Ambivalent responses = 14%

Q#2 – How interested are you in Collingwood installing a summer water irrigation system with Phase I servicing the 98 lakeview lots and Phase II installation for the 67 lakefront lots?



Number of Collingwood members responding to the survey question about a **2 PHASE WATER SYSTEM** = 99

Percent of responses **not interested** = 49.5%

(Review of data suggests that this increase in 'not interested' is from people not interested in a 2 phase project that were interested in the 1 phase project).

Percent of responses **interested** = 39.4%

Ambivalent responses = 11.1%

Data & Comments to Consider

Lakefront Respondents:

- 13 ARE interested in the irrigation system
- 25 are NOT interested in irrigation system

Lakeview Respondents:

- 31 ARE interested in the irrigation system
- 4 are NOT interested in the irrigation system

Several Lakefront community members are already:

- Set up with pumps, pipes and other equipment and maintaining their system for summer irrigation.
- Trenching from their lakefront lot across Gordon Dr., road easements or municipal reserves to their back lot without RM permission; they do not want their water lines cut with new installation.
- Permitting lakeview residents to trench from their lots, again across Gordon Dr. and road easement without RM permission; what happens with a ownership change of lakefront or lakeview properties?
- FYI – If a public utility should cut through undocumented water lines in the road or easement, owners may be responsible for all repairs to their own equipment and damage to Utility equipment.

Open Ended Responses – *Lake Water Access = Stronger Community & Benefits*

“The access to good quality water will vastly improve the overall community. If you step back and look at the community from the air, only lakefront have any type of tree cover.- mainly due to poor water supply.”

“There are several properties accessing water from my [lakefront] lot, talk to your neighbours.”

“This is a long term project and more and more people will like the idea our taxes going toward something that could benefit everyone.”

“It would be useful and add to property values.”

“Well water is not conducive to growing a garden or watering trees.”

“Like the idea of fire suppression, cost a little high but might come down with more estimate.”

“We are not lakefront and have no water on our lot. Trees, plants and grass keep dying.”

“So we can keep the green spaces and park green and so the back lots can have water.”

“Everyone deserves the same amount of protection from fire, not just lakefront.”

“All residents should have access to lake water.”

“I don’t feel I have enough information to make an informed decision at this time.”

“We agree with the summer water as long as the water is free to the cabin owners and the water is cleaned and has no smell to it.”

“Bore holes and wells can dry out. Lake water access makes good sense for everyone.”

“We [all] need water for our yards and fire protection.”

“Strongly agree with information in cover letter. Easier access to water for all cottages, potential property value increase, potential lower insurance costs due to availability for firefighting.”

Open Ended Responses - *COST IS PROBLEMATIC*

"The estimated cost provided is not realistic and there are erroneous suggestions on return on investment."

"I believe this [2 phase] project will bankrupt the Hamlet and phase 2 will never happen."

"We feel that lakefront property owners had to incur this cost on their own. We also think that final cost will likely be closer to 1 million dollars. It would be different if grants were available."

"I feel phase one will be beyond the financial means of the hamlet, therefore there will not be a phase two. As one of the highest taxed properties in the community I am not interested in funding this project."

"Lakefront lots are sold at a significant increase for several reasons including access to lake water. Lake front property owners should not subsidize this type of project."

"The cost seems very high. The benefit for just over half of the lots does not make sense when the cost is so high."

"Too expensive for only a summer solution. Find another solution."

"Apply for government grant to offset costs."

"This [cost] was the responsibility of the developer."

"Rather than wasting \$300K plus maintenance to provide the service make it user pay don't use our reserve funds."

"Waste of valuable community money with no real benefit. A water pumphouse for filling large containers on trailers would be more then enough."

"If you spend that kind of money it has to be for all or none. The areas that are built up are up front with water systems, many lake view lots are empty and therefore pay minimal taxes. Hook up fees would help but empty lots won't connect."

"I would need to know the cost to residents before making a decision."

"Cost is one of the reasons and who is going to do maintenance on the system?."

"I am lakefront and have my own system. But I strongly disagree if I have to pay for this outside of the taxes I already pay."

Moving Forward as a Community

What the Meeting Minutes State 2020 & 2022

Minutes of Hamlet Meeting – Sept. 12, 2020

MOTION – Bruce Bodnar – to budget \$10,000.00 to study both a summer lake water delivery system and potentially a deep well potable water delivery system. SECOND – Jason Raymer

Minutes of Hamlet Meeting – Sept. 17, 2022

e) Summer Water Irrigation System-June LeDrew and Ken Bunz See attached information [9 page document on research of other RM Hamlets]. Lively discussion re providing lots in Collingwood with a source of non potable water for irrigation. After researching both a drinking water system if not feasible. Sun Dale residents are paying 500\$ monthly minimum (may be higher depending on usage) and pay a full time employee. The quote attached to the information does not include trenching of power or pump house. Would also require someone to look after maintenance and annual winterizing. There [c]ould also be a 1000\$ cost per household to hook up.

MOTION – Rick Gordon-Hire engineering firm to do preliminary cost analysis of project SECOND – Harold Laich Prior to vote on above motion it was suggested by Ron Fairbairn to do community survey prior to spending money on engineering firm to ensure this is the community wishes. Rick Gordon withdrew his motion and Harold Laich was supportive of same.

HAMLET BOARD ACTION that:

- 1) As per the motions above from the Hamlet minutes of 2020 & 2022, and
- 2) Given the bi-modal responses of the Collingwood community to the survey (e.g., similar #s for and against the project with slightly more of those that responded showing support), and
- 3) The primary concern on the part of respondents opposed was the undetermined and unverified cost.

Be it determined that the volunteer Hamlet Board hire an engineering firm to establish costs (feasibility) of such a project (or variations of one). This data will be available to community members to review and will be voted on PRIOR TO ANY ACTION TAKEN on one or a combination of projects.

Any suggestions on which professional group to contact regarding the above action can be emailed to Collingwoodboard3@gmail.com