

Town of Coaldale Pool Brief & Questionnaire

549 responses

After watching the previous video, would you say your questions/concerns have been adequately addressed with respect to Coaldale's current pool situation?

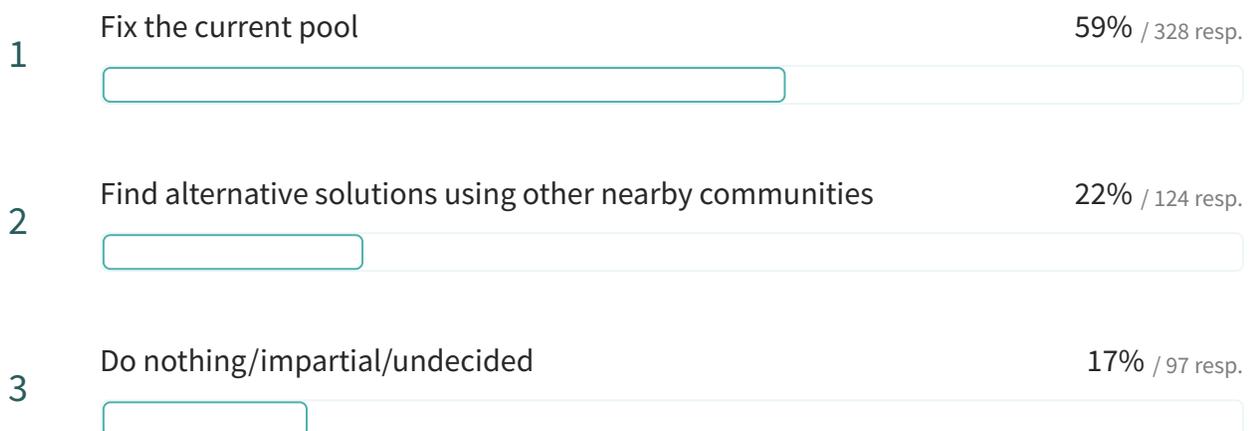
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Understanding the details of **Option #1, No pool or fix the existing pool...**

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If Option #1 were the community's final choice, which route would YOU prefer the most?

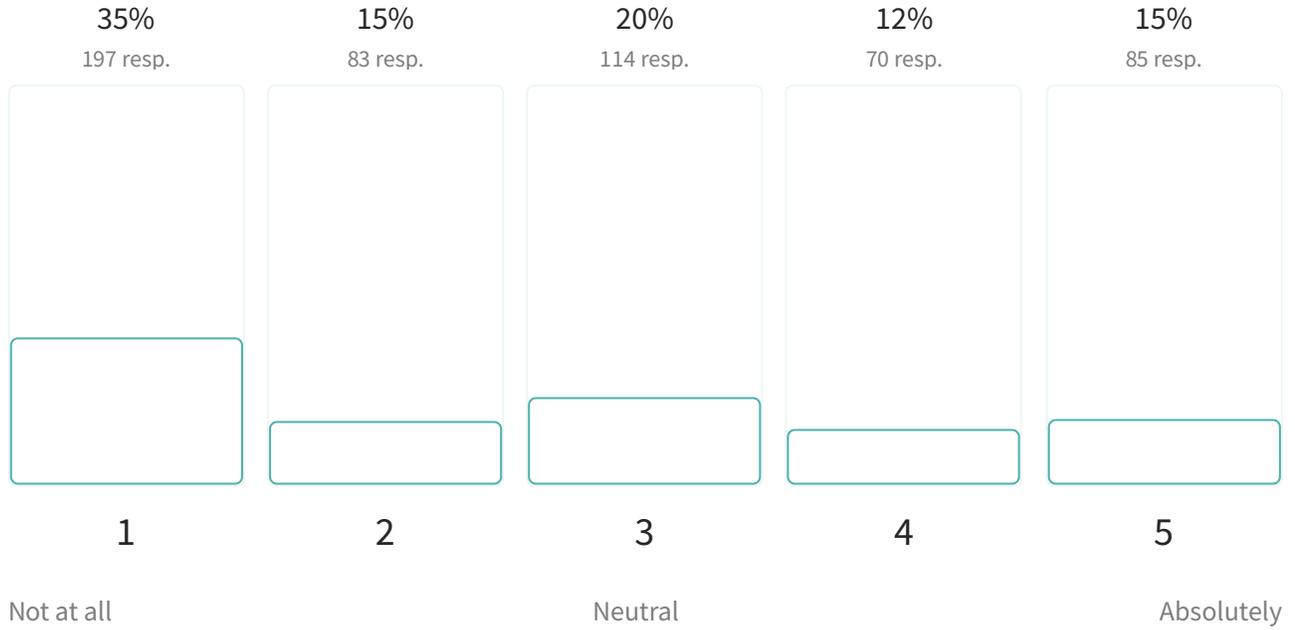


Understanding the details of **Option #1, No pool or fix the existing pool...**

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Do you believe Option #1 adequately addresses YOUR priorities, preferences, and desires for a pool in Coaldale?

2.6 Average rating

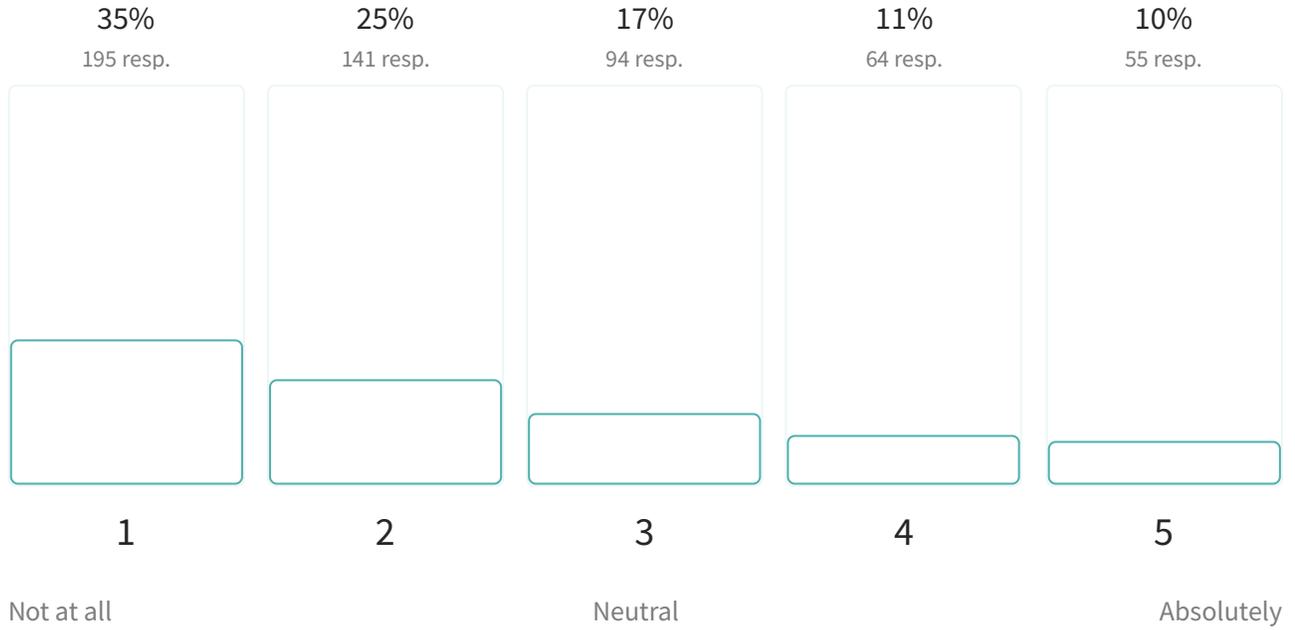


Understanding the details of **Option #1, No pool or fix the existing pool...**

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Do you believe Option #1 adequately addresses THE COMMUNITY'S priorities, preferences, and desires for a pool in Coaldale?

2.3 Average rating

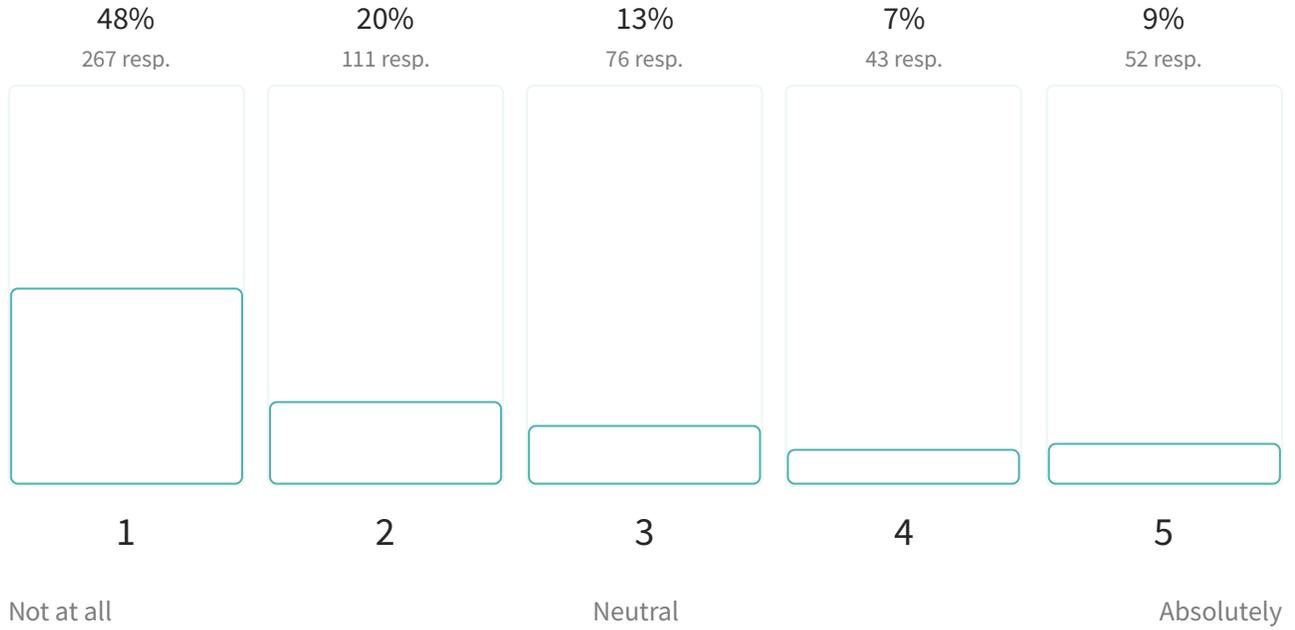


Understanding the details of **Option #1, No pool or fix the existing pool...**

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Do you believe Option #1 adequately addresses THE COMMUNITY'S current and future needs from an COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE (demographics of our community, future growth, current/future needs/desires, etc.)

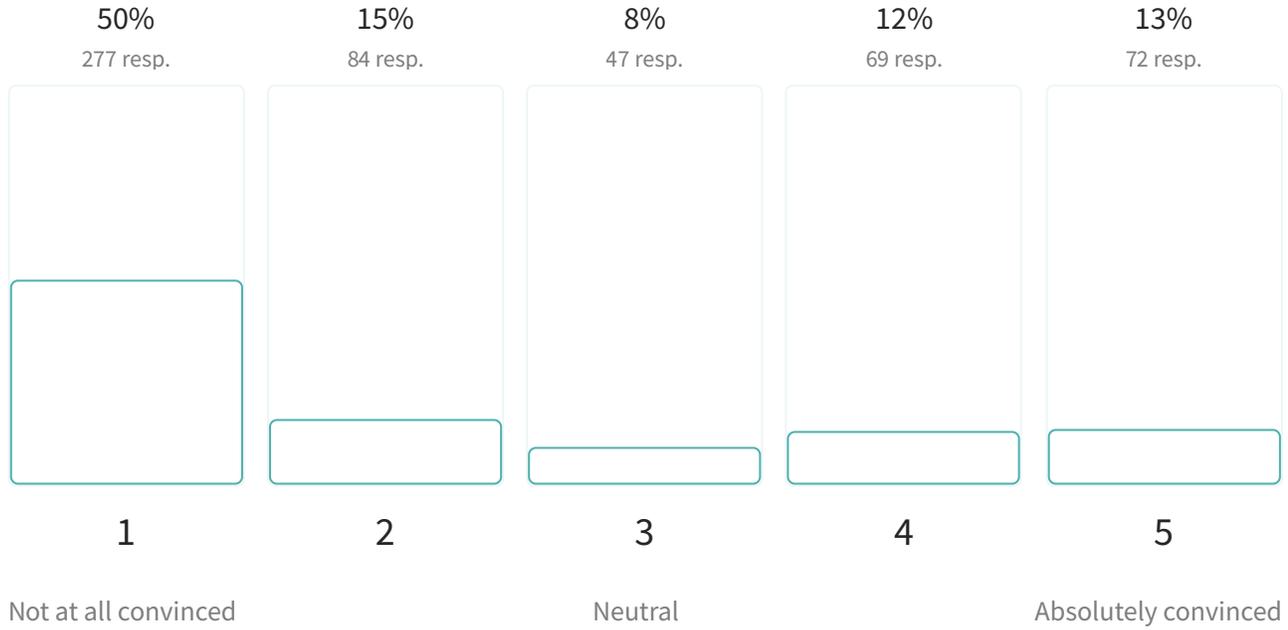
2.1 Average rating



Overall, how convinced are you that **Option #1** is the best option the Town should take to address our pool situation?

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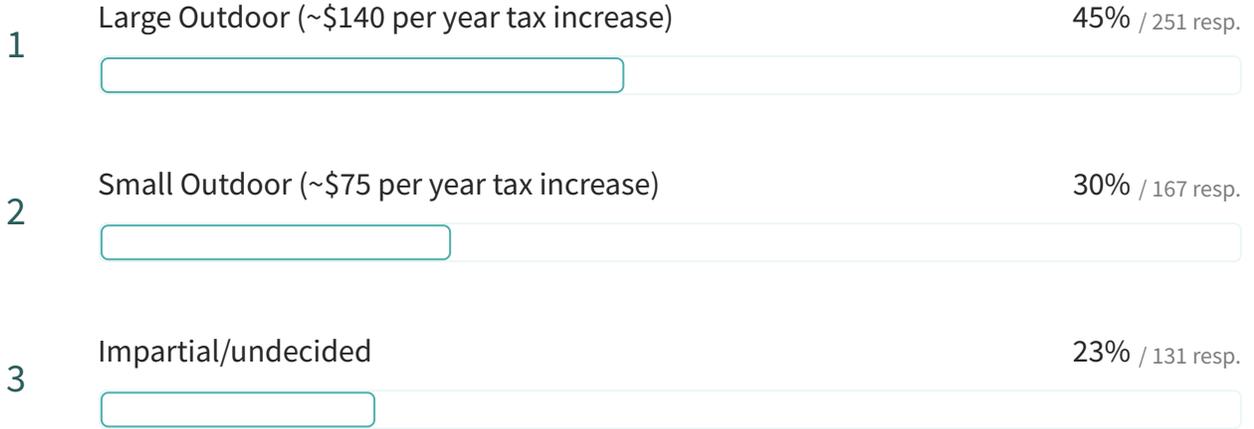
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Understanding the details of **Option #2, New outdoor facility (small or large)...**

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If Option #2 were the community's final choice, which route would YOU prefer the most?

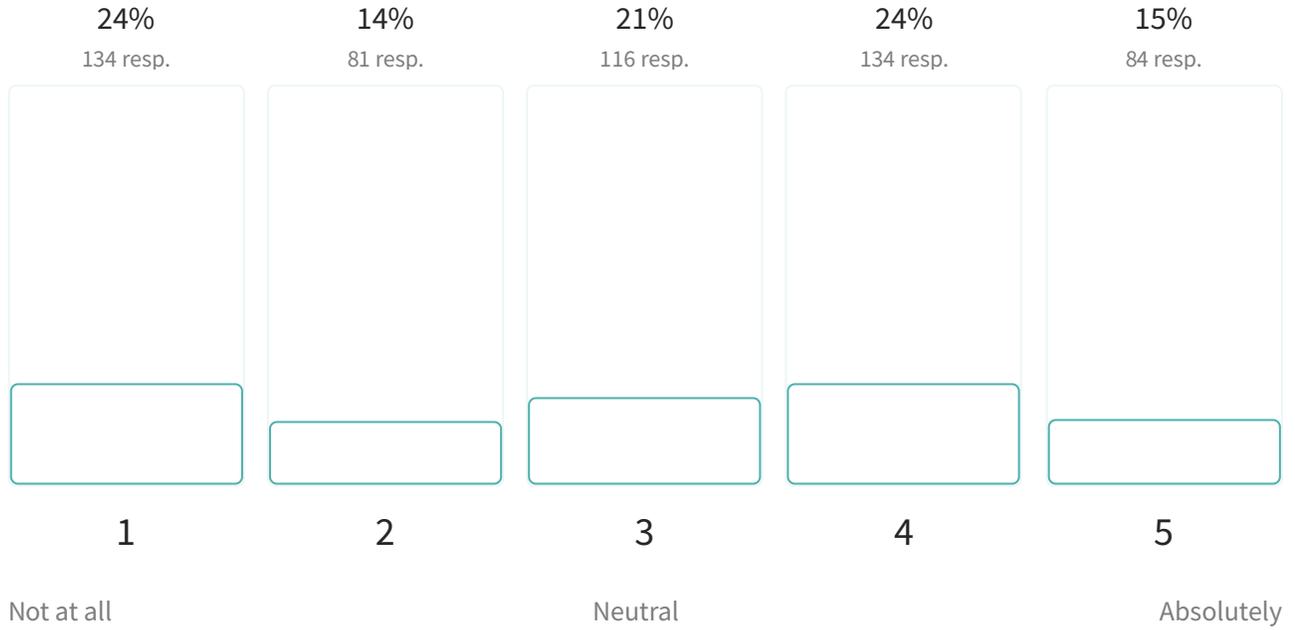


Understanding the details of **Option #2, New outdoor facility (small or large)...**

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Do you believe Option #2 adequately addresses YOUR priorities, preferences, and desires for a pool in Coaldale?

2.9 Average rating

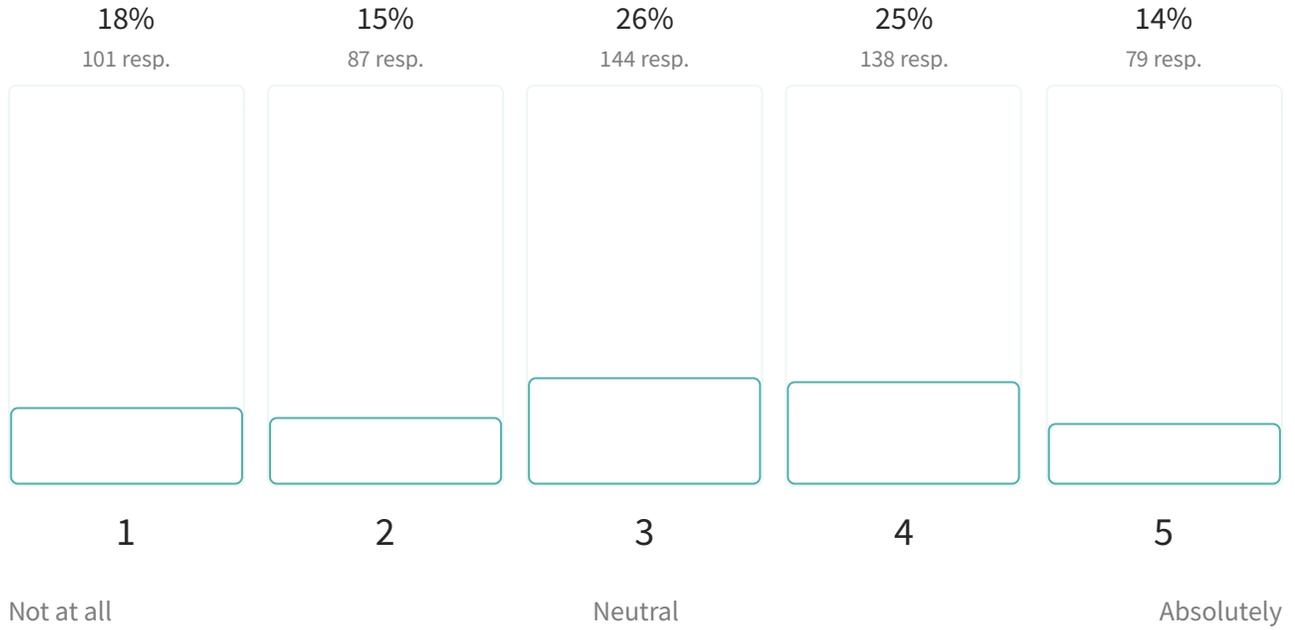


Understanding the details of **Option #2, New outdoor facility (small or large)...**

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Do you believe Option #2 adequately addresses THE COMMUNITY'S priorities, preferences, and desires for a pool in Coaldale?

3.0 Average rating

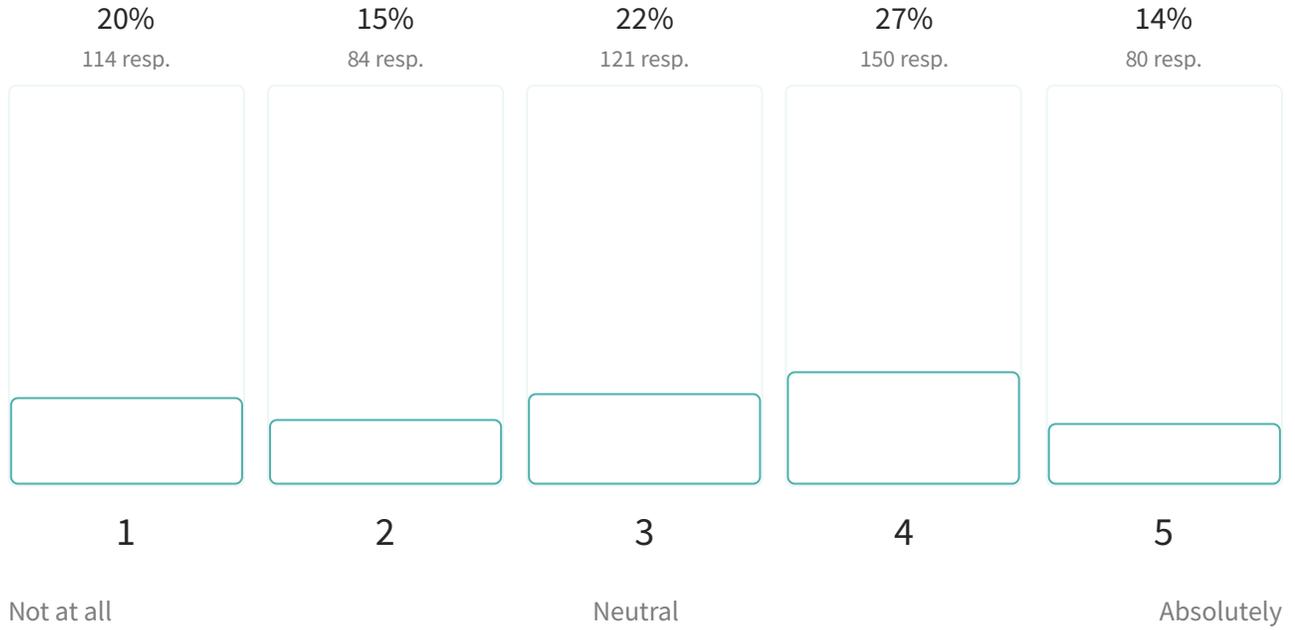


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Do you believe Option #2 adequately addresses THE COMMUNITY'S current and future needs from an COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE (demographics of our community, future growth, current/future needs/desires, etc.)

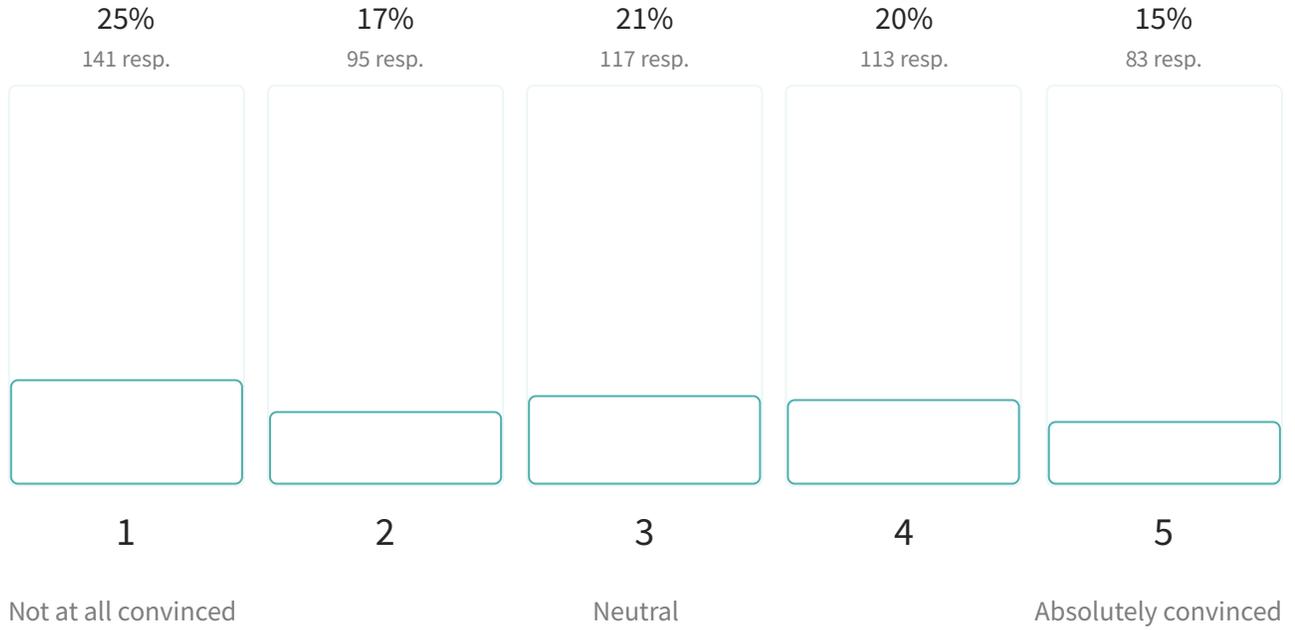
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Overall, how convinced are you that **Option #2** is the best option the Town should take to address our pool situation?

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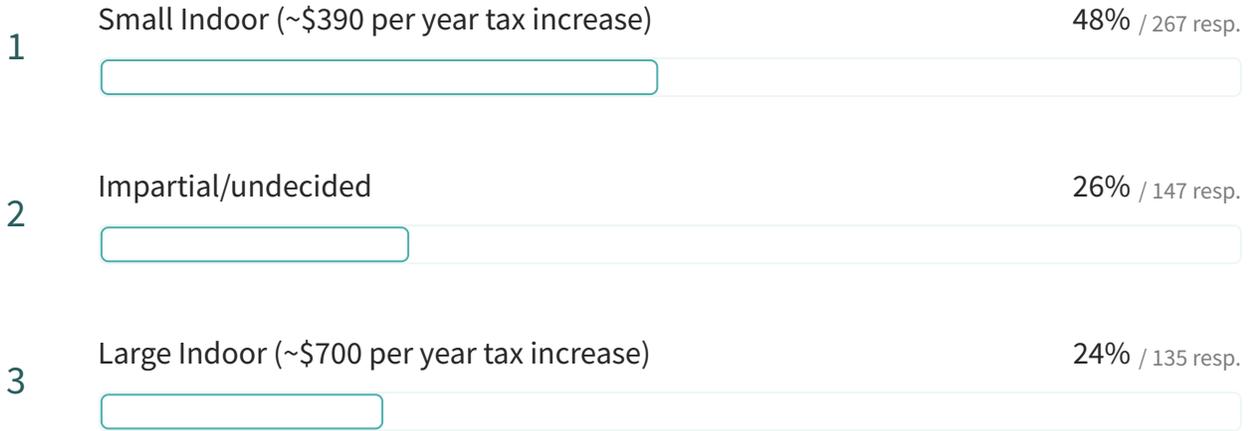
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Understanding the details of **Option #3, New indoor facility (small or large)...**

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If Option #3 were the community's final choice, which route would YOU prefer the most?

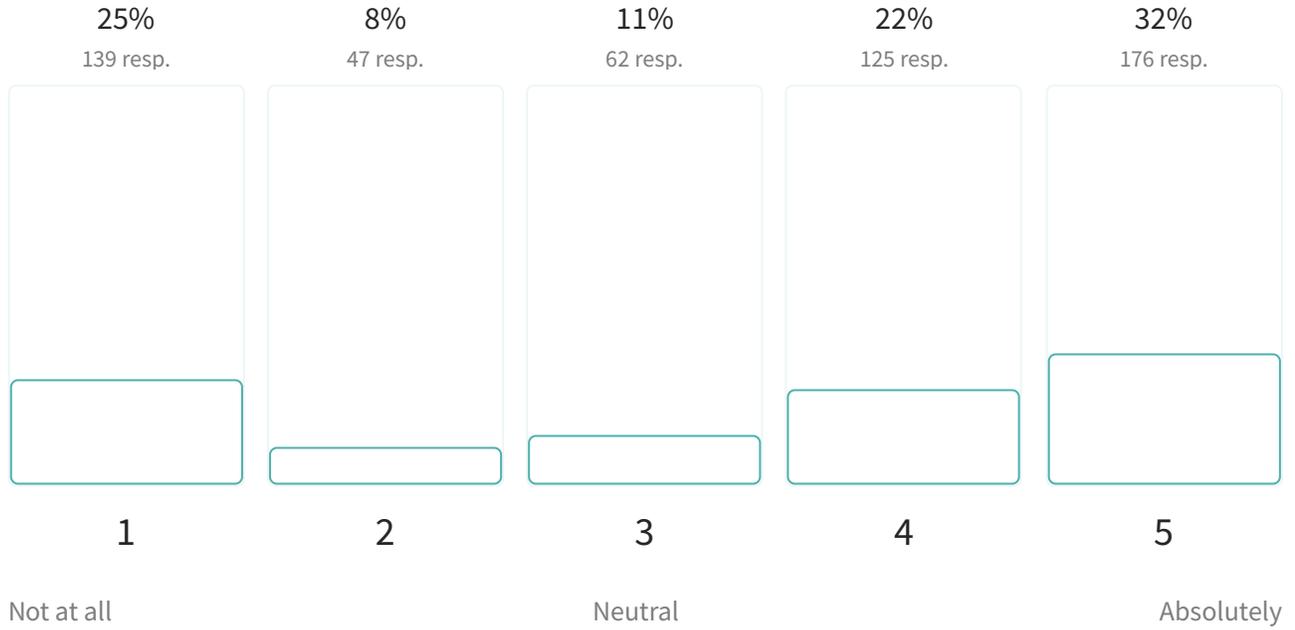


Understanding the details of **Option #3, New indoor facility (small or large)...**

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Do you believe Option #3 adequately addresses YOUR priorities, preferences, and desires for a pool in Coaldale?

3.3 Average rating

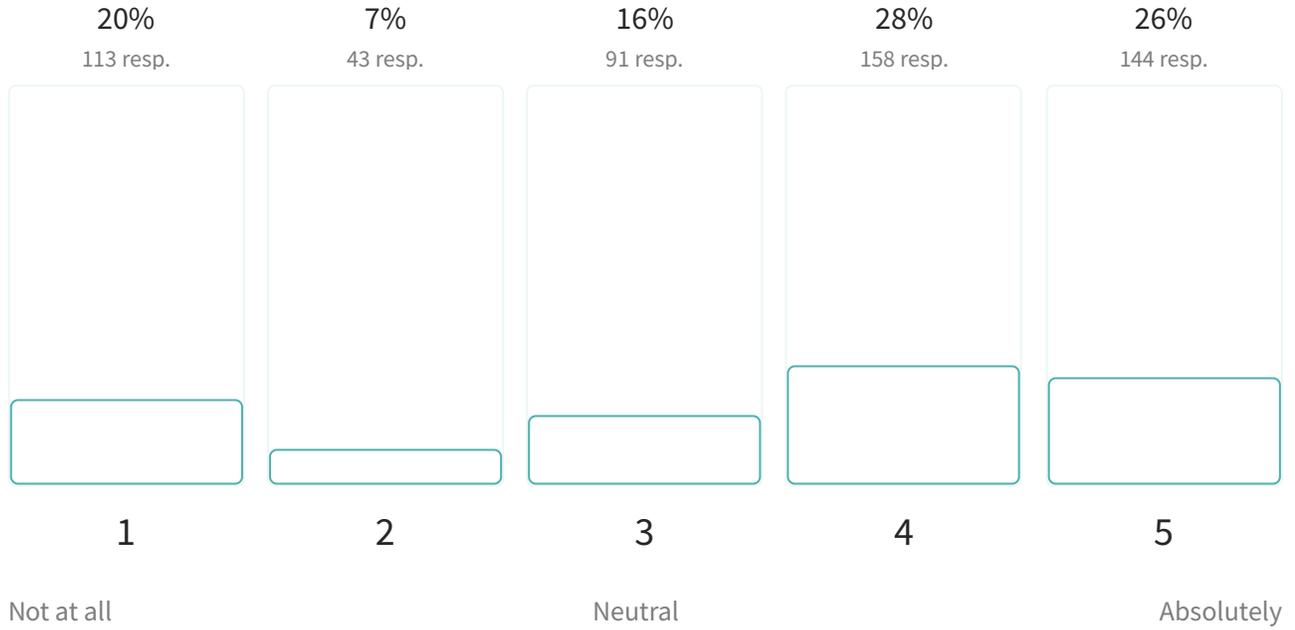


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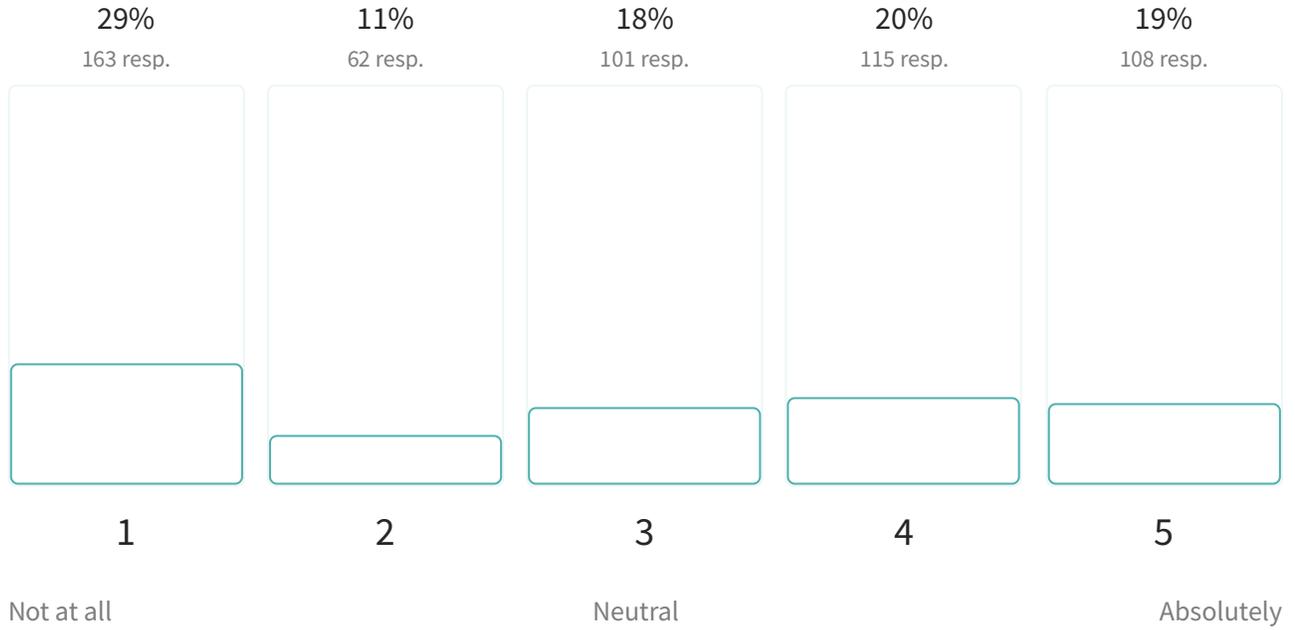


Understanding the details of **Option #3, New indoor facility (small or large)...**

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Do you believe Option #3 adequately addresses THE COMMUNITY'S current and future needs from an ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE (value of amenities per \$ spent, tax implications, construction costs, etc.)

2.9 Average rating

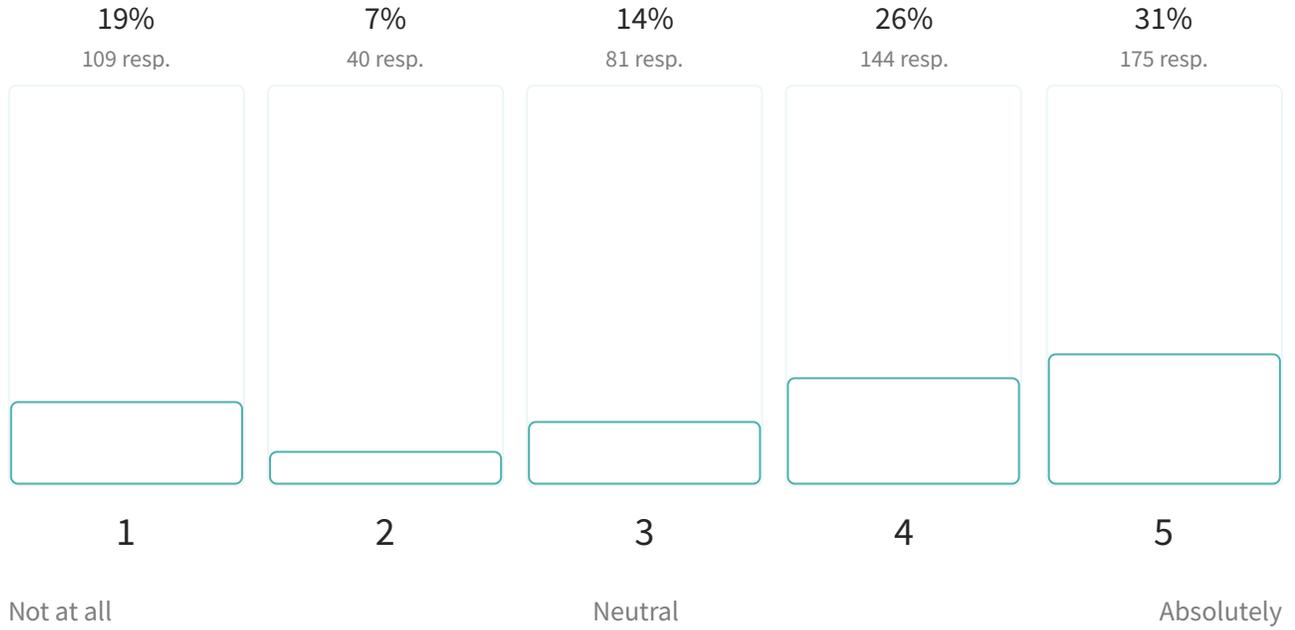


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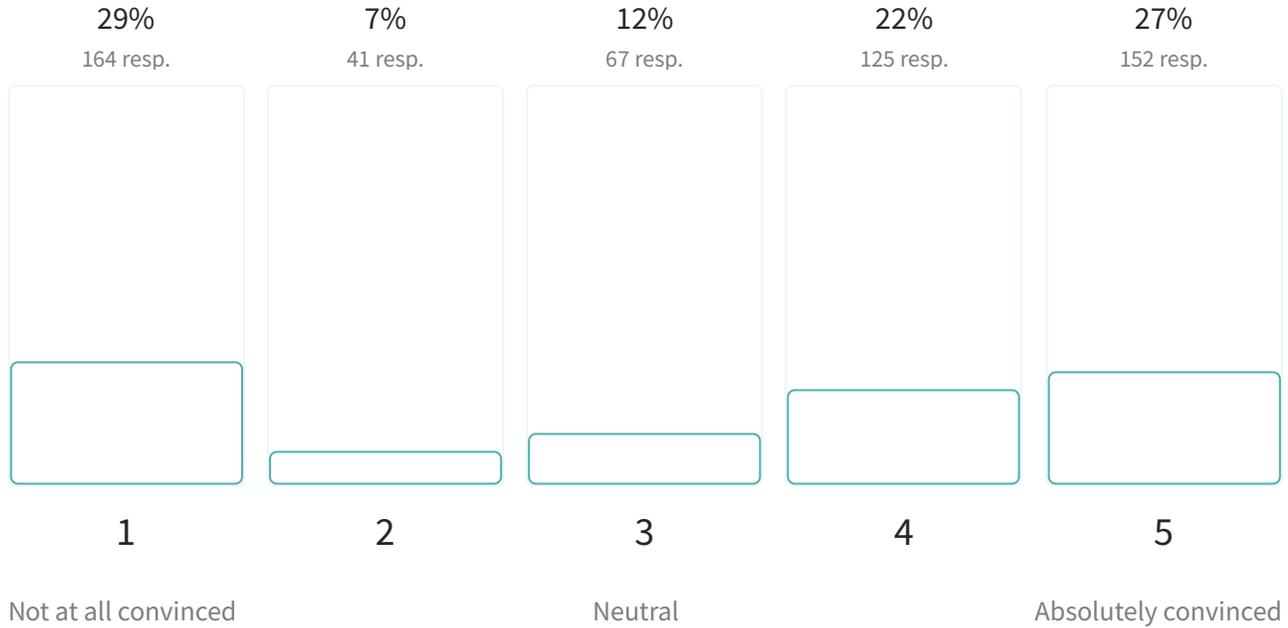
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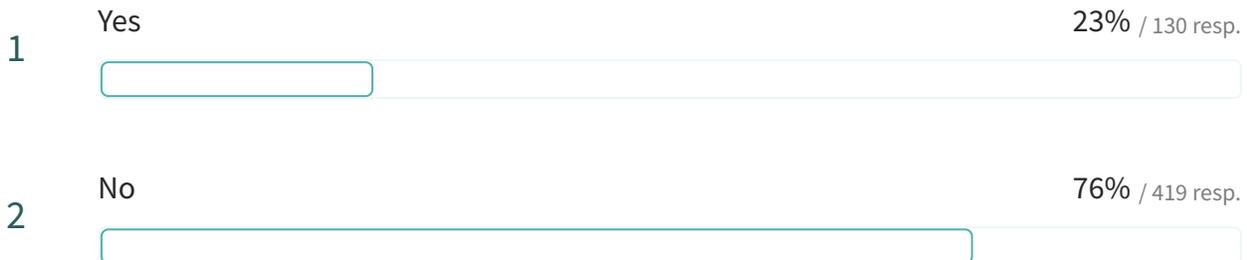
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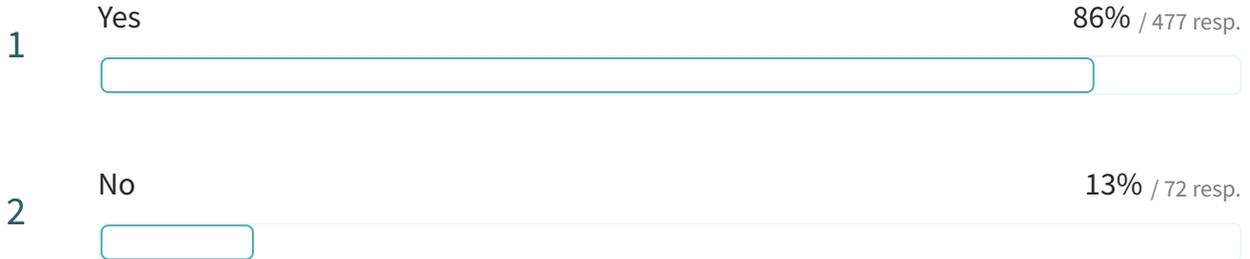
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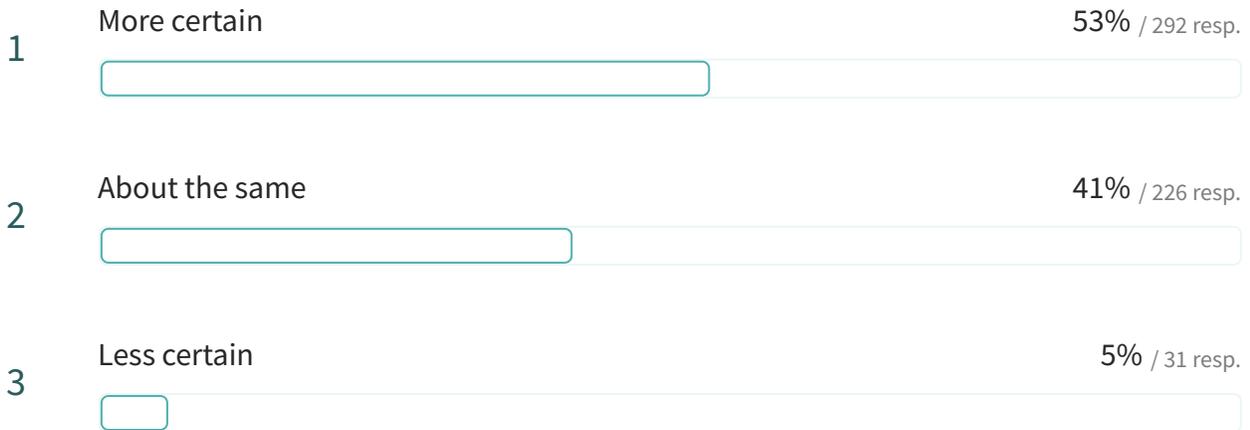
Do you feel your questions, concerns, and thoughts have been adequately addressed through our exercise today?

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After completing this exercise, do you feel more or less certain about what you would consider to be the best option for Coaldale?

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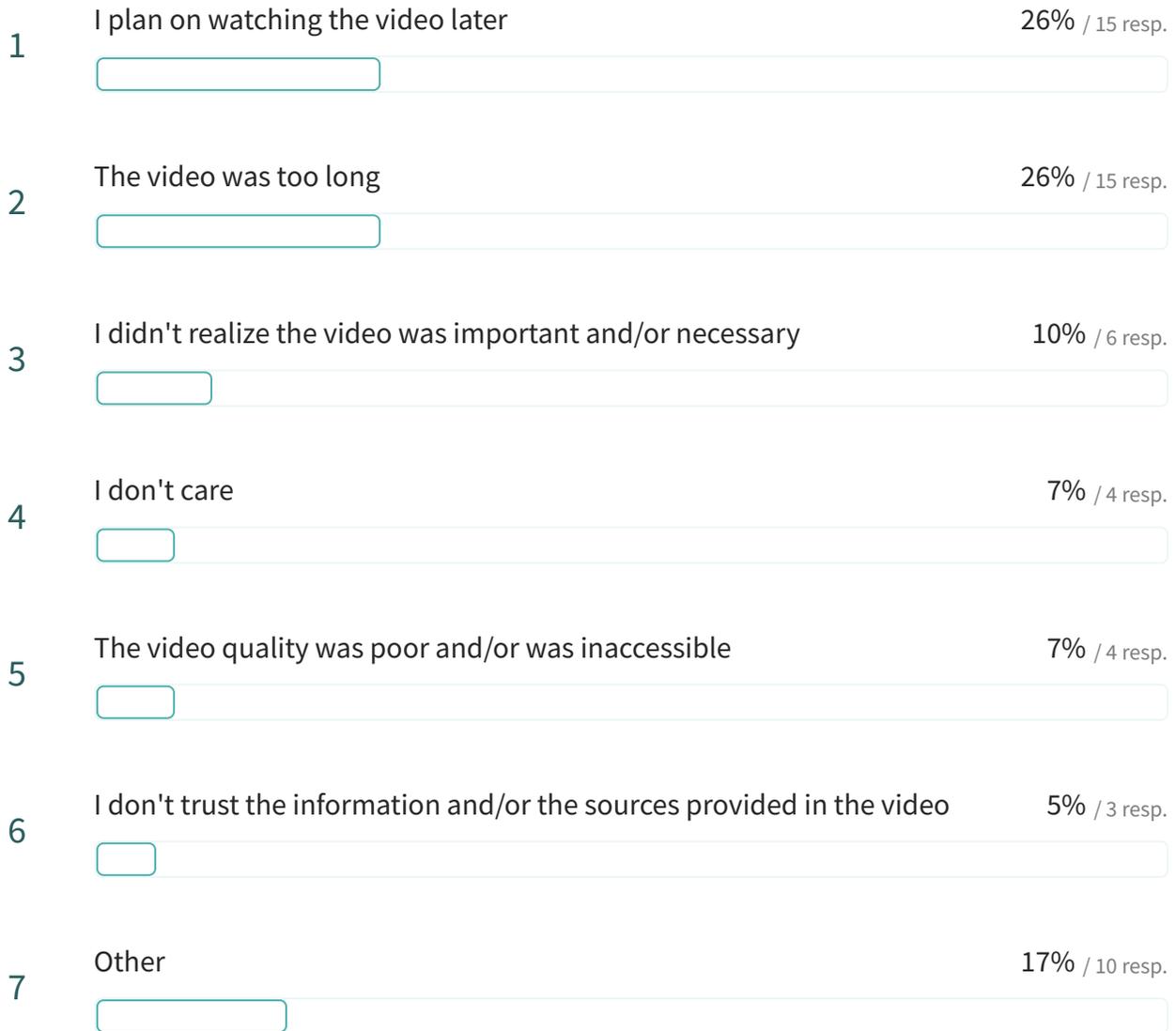
Did you watch the *entire duration* of the **Pool Brief video** provided at the beginning of this exercise? If not, please let us know why!

549 out of 549 answered



We're sorry to hear you didn't have a chance to watch the Pool Brief video provided at the beginning of this exercise. Please let us know why so we can better assist you next time!

57 out of 549 answered



Please provide us with any outstanding questions or concerns you may have after watching the video.

- Actual costs should be given to fix the current pool
- As a wheelchair user and someone with a disability, the pool MUST be accessible. (Zero depth entry, large family change rooms)
- Did you discuss initial cost budget or already saved for the project? Did you discuss a fact residents will burden the full cost and many cannot afford the additional taxable yearly amount, new land taxes would be \$4000 to \$5000 average per home no longer affordable to live in this community.
- First, we pay such high taxes in this town and I do not understand where they are going. We have nothing for kids to do in the summer here, we are driving our kids away. My kids use the pool daily, and it was a crappy pool, but it was all we have for them in the summer. Why has no money ever been set aside for the pool. This is very irresponsible of the town not to ear mark money for recreation especially when our pool is so old. If something is not done soon my kids are going to spend next summer very board. Both my husband and I work full time. And we do not have the capability to drive the kids to the city for fun in the summer. This is how kids get into trouble. We also dont have a pool in our back yard so what are they going to do. You are going to see a lot of kids wandering around town coming up soon. This is crappy for everyone. I believe I can give a honest opinion as my kids were using the pool every day during the summer. We have to have a pool in this town. I feel like even with the video you have your decision made to not do anything and it is not fair. Never have I paid such high taxes and for what???
- Have you considered having the pool supplemented by a corporation who would then have the facility named after them and they would then get their name on the building every year for a modest donation. Most major centres are going this route. Also maybe building something that we could start with and build on to in the future so it could expand as our population expands, we need amenities to attract new businesses and residents.
- How could the Town hire staff for the 2019 operating season and not know that the pool was unsustainable for the season?

- I believe our elected town officials need to be far more fiscally responsible. Money should be spent repairing existing infrastructure such as the existing pool and the streets in Coaldale, which are in terrible condition. Everyone knew what the life expectancy of the existing pool was, so money should have been set aside to accommodate repairs when they arose. Also, the residents cannot live with another tax increase, as our taxes are high already. Another thing, for a town the size of Coaldale, there is far too much fat on top. We do not require a full time urban planner or CFO. That is a cost burden that is not needed.
- I don't want a money pit of an indoor pool like Taber has. The only option that would be something I could vote for would be a replacement of our current pool with an outdoor pool of a similar size.
- I don't understand where the 3 to 5 years comes from for the life expectancy of the 250k repair option. Who gave the low life expectancy? Seems if repaired properly it should last longer??
- I feel another option is available. We could open discussions with nearby communities to see if we could get a percentage off for swim lessons, swims, etc if you show a Coaldale address. This will not increase taxes. There are many good facilities nearby. Many in Lethbridge, the Taber aquafun centre (my personal favourite pool as it's indoor) and a new facility in Picture Butte as examples.
- I remain concerned about cost.
- I was just curious as to whether or not an indoor pool option was being considered as part of the rec centre development on the North end of town.
- If a new recreation center is being built, why was an indoor pool not part of that plan?
- Its crazy to spend that much money on a pool at the wrong place, just fix the old one. Let people pay for their own pool if they want a pool no use taxing people for services that are not needed in these tough economic times.
- Lethbridge has a pool, so does Raymond and Picture Butte, let them foot the bill
- My concern is how much it'll cost in taxes per person. An indoor pool seems like a great idea when you think about it until you see how much it'll cost each person in the long run

- no mention of education tie ins that maybe available, no mention of new locations, this only addresses costs,
- No thanks
- Nothing is mentioned about dismantling the pool and selling off what can be salvaged and forgetting about a pool altogether.
- Obvious main concern is the amount of money it will cost per residents of Coaldale, when our taxes are as high as they are in the area. Why a town hall is considered, when there are no rec facilities that accommodate the size of this growing town
- Really, after spending \$60,000 dollars for the hill of weeds by the DQ on Hiway 3, you think you need to add \$700 plus to our tax bills for a indoor pool. Perhaps try some fiscal restraint.
- Some communities share the pool with other facilities to give opportunity for rehab and seniors
- The numbers stated in the voice over a quite a bit different than the numbers on the slide (up to \$100 000 a year difference). Is this intentionally meant to mislead those watching? What do the options actually look like? What exactly are you comparing this proposed facility to? Where exactly are you gathering these numbers, you stated from several documents but never reference where the numbers come from on the slides?
- The project cost in this terrible economy is unbelievable. All that will be accomplished is the raising of our taxes and the exodus out of Coaldale of taxpayers. There is no consideration for the cost that is going to be incurred and and that the taxpayer of Coaldale has been saddled with costs for the rec centre plus other projects that this council can dream up.
- The town needs to address why maintenance had been ignored for the past 5 years. Was this at the CEO's direction? Could things be done better in the future? Why build anything new if we aren't taking care of it anyways?
- There was talk of incorporating an indoor pool with a new High School, why is that option not included in your survey. Part 2 of that question would be if it was included in the new High School would it not be eligible for Government Grants ?

- Total financial mismanagement have brought the town to this point
- We have heard that you want to build it out north of town, how do people get there? We have to be careful nowadays with our children alone walking, and seniors can't walk that far, many don't drive but they can still swim. We understand there land to be had on the south side where most of the housing is. Having an expensive pool and no way for people to get to it, is very expensive and a lost cause.
- Weâ€™ll done, totalling misrepresenting the situation.
- What a joke!
- What is considered a small pool and what's considered a Large pool. Comparisons?
- what savings plan was put in place by the town to offset costs knowing that it was old and it was nearing the end of its life span?
- What's the operating loss on a small indoor pool? How long are the tax increases projected to last? Indefinitely?
- Why has the town not been saving for this expense? Surely town council should have known the current pool would not last forever!
- Why has there not been any funds started some time ago to replace the pool or look after it? This has been a long time coming, and all I hear is citizens are going to cover the bills with taxes. I did not hear any ideas on how to raise money, or any other brainstorming on how to take financial burden off the town. It was just it costs it costs and it costs. There are also many communities and every place has a pool, so what research has been shown how other towns and cities are supporting pools. I feel your video is a scare tactic to get people to vote for less \$\$ to be spent, and not provide a great place for families and people of coaldale. Or the town has a agenda and the video is making a statement for what they want to see happen. Corruption! Not enough work or planning! Itâ€™s just too easy to say we will just tax you! When taxes in coaldale are already sky high and unbearable, if they get any higher we might as well move to a place that runs a town better and has stuff for families and citizens future! Do better

Beyond the options we've presented today, you have any other suggestions about how we might be able to address the pool situation?

- \$15-30 million on an indoor pool is ridiculous. Get quotes from people that aren't out there to screw government entities. Look at the Aquatic Center in Barrhead for example.
- A pool is great, but so expensive. Taxes are really high in Coaldale. Ours have gone up \$700 in 3 years. If we get a pool, please don't raise taxes but look into cutting back other expenses. Some examples are the running/staffing of the museum. Not a lot of interest for a small town museum. Things like revitalizing downtown, bigger town office (maybe use the gem museum if you need a bigger location...) Coaldale is not a tourist attraction so I'd rather money go to useful things.
But please no pool if it means higher tax or another rec 'levy'
Thanks!
- A small indoor pool (25 meter) would be best as it would offer year round opportunities for lessons and recreational swimming. Most adults and seniors would prefer the option for lane swim or waterfit classes, and a small pool could accommodate both of these activities as well as provide options for children, schools and community groups. An indoor pool could also provide employment options for locals, leadership opportunities for youth, and meaningful activity for those who don't play hockey or school sports. Community events could be hosted and help to generate revenues along with admission fees and season passes. Something similar to Stan Siwik or Fritz Sick in Lethbridge would be ideal. We would not need a competition sized pool (town doesn't have the other amenities to support when Lethbridge is so close), or a wave pool, lazy river or any other "fancy" feature that is available in Lethbridge. The current outdoor pool would have been fine if it had been maintained and infrastructure was more modern, but a short term fix will not solve the overarching issues, as it would still only be operational during the summer months and would not be worth the investment. It is not appropriate for our community to have NO pool options, and the current state of the outdoor pool should be pushing us to consider a small indoor pool at the very least.

- Absolutely do not build the indoor facility. With an anticipated tax increase suggested, people will move from Coaldale. There are a lot of people on fixed incomes who cannot afford a tax increase of such magnitude, nor do lot of people even use this facility.
- Absolutely on the previous questions regarding what type of facility Coaldale needs, but... strongly disagree with the costs responsibility associated with this option. Reign in your spending, stop spending foolishly, no more unjustified salary increases. The financial irresponsibility of this council is appalling!
- Again, trying to "escare" taxpayers with \$700 increase in taxes . Perhaps the better question to pose would be.... "How did the Town of Coaldale operating budget (Including salary increases) skyrocket in the past few years with increased tax revenues (new subdivisions) and no new services or amenities offered (no pool; old rink). You people should be ashamed of yourselves!
- An indoor public swimming pool would not only serve young families in our community. The benefits of having access to a properly designed pool would also provide older adults in the community. Exercise is the #1 recommendation for aging well, it is also one of the best exercises for chronic diseases. AHS offers therapeutic interventions including pain management groups in Lethbridge pools. A properly designed indoor pool could offer our communities seniors much needed options for aging in place.
- Any possibility to incorporate into recreation center in the north west?
- Any sponsorship? Grants?
What about private funding or acquiring money through advertisement around pool?
- As a home owner in the town that will probably never use the pool if we fixed or built one we need to have a pool. You will not find a town of 9000+ anywhere that doesn't have a pool. What will this say about our town if we don't? Will this stunt our growth? Just get it done.
- As described above I believe we can open discussions and come to agreements with one/ several nearby pools for Coaldale residents to receive a discount or the like. My first choice is the Taber pool as it is indoor so can be accessed all year and is not a long

drive. It is an excellent family facility complete with what most people look for: a sauna, hot tub, lane swims, swimming lessons, classes, a slide, a kid pool and a wading pool for infants as examples!

- As far as cost, could there be some support from surroundings farmers or businesses to lower the cost to residents? Coaldale businesses could contribute too!
- As stated, ensuring the pool is fully accessible to all users, including those with disabilities is fundamental, as the current pool was not when it was operational. The pool should be zero depth entry (as with Henderson Pool), or at the very least, the facility should have a lift to assist disabled users to enter). There should also be large private family change rooms so spouses can go in with their disabled partner to assist them to get ready for the pool.
- Build an indoor rec center/ pool that can create jobs and business have a hall attached to rent out and concession stand office/meeting rooms . It doesnt have to be fancy , just a pool similar to Taber. It helpful for families that work full time, a place for kids to go instead of hanging out vandalizing and stealing. less traveling and car accidents for swim lessons year round .. kids can get there themselves via bike or walking.
- Build big indoor pool, do not increase tax as they are high enough. Cut unnecessary staff/projects. Taxes in this town is starting to get out of control
- Build skate park or something there that can be used more by kids who can't pay a fee to get into a pool. Is is also functional for several months instead of a pools measly 2 months. Also, if there's monies available, update the dog park and put some fun training or agility equipment in there.
- Build the indoor pool, but extract more \$ for covering operating cost by charging slightly more than a typical public pool. Generally, pool drop in fees are fairly inexpensive. I think itâ€™s reasonable to bump that \$/visit fee up from traditional \$5-7 rates. Users willingness to pay should realistically be \$10-15.
- Build the outdoor poo; in a way that it could be converted to an indoor pool in the future.
- Cancel the new Town office building, lower the top executive managers salaries.
- Coaldale is in much higher need of an additional ice surface for minor hockey / figure skating / pond hockey than a pool. Indoor facility is too expensive and an outdoor

option is only really used for 3 month of the year. We have young children and would prefer to swim at neighboring communities such as Taber or Stirling and let those communities pick up the tab.

- Conduct a municipal competitiveness study to determine areas where the town can save money, such as areas where the private sector could do the work at a more efficient cost. Also, examine areas where the town can align positions and wages competitive to the private sector. Third, be open and encourage more economic growth without discrimination on moral principals (example, VLT's, heavy industry & cannabis shops). If the town can employ a competent business acumen to the operations, there will be more money saved to fund major projects. Coaldale has very high taxes for a low level of service compared to other communities of similar size. We should be able to have an indoor pool without raising taxes upwards of \$700 per year - that clearly tells me there is gross mishandling of finances.
- Corporate dollars/sponsorship
- Corporate sponsors
- Could some of the cost be covered by government grants? Our wonderful Kinsmen do great things for Coaldale, would they be wiling to help? If we can allocate monies from other sources to offset the cost, what decision would be made then? Is it not in Coaldale' best interest to keep a pool, as already so many people go elsewhere for certain activities.
- Could we combine a pool with the planned rec facility? If option 3 is chosen perhaps there could be cost savings in combining the pool and rec center.
- Could we consider doing an initial or ongoing fundraiser for the pool in cooperation possibly with the Kinsmen like the playground projects?
- Currently with the population that we have in Coaldale, the most cost effective option would be fixing our current pool. We are so close to Lethbridge let them have the cost of the indoor pool.
- Do more research, a lot more. See what surrounding communities did, like taber, Raymond and see what other communities our size pay for taxes. Fire those making poor decisions for coaldale and being loose with the money and budget. Fire those who sit around and do nothing. Come up with better money management. Itâ€™s a

whole picture not just a pool, as we have no room in our schools either for a growing community. Make citizen committees so it's not council and the towns choice lets do what the citizens want, who pay extremely high taxes. Do better! Care!

- Do nothing to the old pool, fundraise or find other avenues for funding of new indoor pool which could be utilized year round rather than 10 to 12 weeks
- Do nothing. There are enough pools within a close drive. Pools seem to be uneconomical for Towns of our size to be funded on the backs of taxpayers.
- Don't spend money
- Evaluate and collect data on usage of the current pool in summer 2020 (assuming repairs are accomplished) to determine need for larger facility. Hopefully get 2-3 years out of current facility! Please consider major repairs to/overhauling current facility for even more longevity (5-10 years??) until business sector in Coaldale grows.
- Figure out how we can get an indoor pool without the large amount of tax increases for all the citizens of Coaldale. We already pay high taxes. Can we do fundraising or find funding for this to help costs? An indoor pool is needed as our community is growing, however that is a huge increase for tax payers
- First, the town should step back and start over again on recreation planning. Cancel the indoor soccer stadium, the government is not funding the high school anyways. Take those allotted fund and remodel the costs of a new indoor pool. In my opinion, town management is against the pool in general as they would rather pursue other projects in order to fulfill their own agenda/ build their resume. The town manager should be removed from all discussion and an independent auditor should be brought in to investigate the different costs/ options/ what has occurred in the past (ignoring maintenance). A pool would benefit the young and old, the currently planned recreation center caters only to special interest groups. Locate an indoor pool near the lodge and hospital so access is easy for our seniors/ retirees. Well worth a tax increase to have something in this town for everyone.

- Fix the existing pool NOW!! Then get started on the large outdoor pool in a central location east of the rink perhaps . Have this completed so there is a seamless transition from the old pool to the new pool. This should have been priority many years ago , very poor decisions being made in the the past few years . Spending big money on offices over the youth of coaldale is just one example! Time for some action !

Do you feel your questions, concerns, and thoughts have been adequately addressed through our exercise today?

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- Accidentally hit no. Everything seems great!
- Again, i think the pool's central, bikeable location makes it accessible to kids in the community all summer long, contributing to vital childhood independence. Losing the pool would be a huge loss and would change the character of the community.
- Again, total financial mismanagement of resources leading to this totally based survey

- Based on a previous survey the option to combine a new high school with an indoor rec facility was an option, why now is it not. Also it seems unreasonable to ask each household to pay more to have a pool, our taxes are already higher than Lethbridge.
- Based on they way the survey is structured, it is obvious that the Town does not really want input as to which way to proceed with this issue. They will simply continue to mismanage our tax dollars diverting them to salaries with no services rendered. You should be ashamed,
- Biased questions not at all reflective of the situation.
- Biased survey questions
- By sending us to other communities for swim lessons, pool needs etc we in turn are getting our groceries there, getting gas while waiting etc....which is taking money out of our own town. The outdoor pool is really the only family place, for kids not old enough to have jobs, for a regular summer activity.
- Can we also get residents in the county to pitch in to a Coaldale pool through their taxes as well so itâ€™s not just a burden on Coaldale residents.
- Do better!
- Does the town coffers have a sustainable balance to put forward?
- Don't spend money
- How long would the tax increase last and why they cant cut spending elsewhere. Other communities of similar size have more amenities for what we pay now, or less taxes for about the same facilities.
- How many quotes do we have on the repairs and possibly new builds of a pool?
- I am pretty sure you have made up your mind already. And that upsets me very much.
- I believe it is early and you don't want an in depth conversation and all the particulars at this time...so will expect more detail in future.

- I believe there are govt grants that the Town has not looked into or applied for, also mismanagement of recreational funds giving to town already from govt
- I didn't like how the survey guided me through the options. The survey didn't offer any choices such as disagree with the answers provided. The way the survey was setup gives the town of Coaldale a way to say residents agreed when in fact the residents were not given any choice to disagree with any question. Survey needs To have these options to be a real survey. The residents deserve the choice
- I dont believe that the people on town council adequately represent the opinions and concerns of the community
- I dont think your telling us everything...there is certain monies you font mention that u receive for each family in town already from the government that supposed to ho towards activities for families. Or where the money is coming from for the school that still hasn't been approved yet.but still building and covered field that u were hoping the new school would help pay for. No one asked for that. Then paying a company to clear out a portion of main street to build a new fancier town hall for u so u can rent it out with out tax dollars . Why dont you keep that money and build something we actually need like a safe place for children to play and stay out of trouble and stay away from drugs . I'm sure the way u blow money on stupid stuff no one agrees with or needs u can do renos on the current town hall How about transparency for once . Be honest
- I feel like no one is thinking about the added burden for home owners to pay for a new facility
- I feel like we are spending or thinking of spending too much money on these extra things when the tax base cannot handle it. And don't want to handle it. I would rather see us prosper in other ways, with upgrades to the town in roads and lighting. Just fix the existing pool so that it works for the kids and they don't have to go another summer with nothing to do. We live close enough to lethbridge they can go enjoy a larger pool as a treat, rather than a necessity. This is a small town. Our expectation is NOT to be having big city extras. We can enjoy what we have. And know that we can afford it. Spending money you don't have is a sure fire way to get yourself into wayyyy bigger problems that have bad solutions. Please seriously think about the consequences of overspending, especially if it's only for the ability to talk about having new facilities. Thank you
Cheryl Thomas
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- I feel that to address the needs of our growing community, a multi recreational facility would be a better use for our town!

- I just wonder if our tax dollars are being used to the best of their potential. A new rec Center is being built with amenities we already have. There are multiple schools and churches in town with perfectly good gyms to rent and a community Center to have receptions. My young family won't use a rec Center but we'd use a pool every week, we already drive to Taber 2x a month to use their pool. I think
- I meant to select yes. Sorry
- I think as per past example this exercise is to passify the community at large and the elected officials will do exactly as they please. If money was something the council had issues with they would stop buying up downtown property and they wouldn't have pushed thru extra taxes of a new high school that wasn't pre approved by the paliser school division. Kate Andrews is not full and they cannot justify a new school when the old one isn't at capacity as there is no need shown. Please run the community as a business not a personal playground.
- If you decide to not go ahead with fixing the existing or building a new pool, do you have options for implementing activities for the town's youth to participate in. There is very little for children/youth to do in Coaldale for recreation. Also, do you have plans to assist those in Coaldale with no mode of transportation to access recreation? If we have not used the budget for the pool this year, where has that tax money gone?
- Independent verification of numbers. Also, the fact the school is not funded should be part of this conversation.
- It wasn't clear enough that the pool cost was per person. \$300- \$700 in new annual cost per person is absolutely crazy.
- Making decisions based on wants is dangerous
- No room for why or why not. PLEASE, no tax increase! Plus, the average household would be spending way too much money for just swimming before they even set foot in the water.... besides the tax increase, we would also have to pay a per use or pass fee.
- no yes or no questions, seems questions asked steer people in answering to follow the councils desires and not the community
- not a lot of discussion into not fixing the pool and rather creating a recreational center.
- Nothing was addressed about the cost savings by not having a pool at all!
- Questions on survey are directing a pre-determined town admin outcome. Basic question are you in favour of A B C D™ with a simple yes/no response should have been included rather than impartial/undecided. Two completely unconnected words for a response
- some of the questions are too vague to answer with any kind of clear direction

- Taxes in Coaldale are already high enough seniors can't afford those extravagant hikes for a swimming pool
- The best decision would be to fix the current pool as soon as possible, so the kids have a place for summer activity as well as lessons. In the meantime, planning and building the new outdoor pool should be taking place. While I feel that a large outdoor facility is the best long term option for our town, I also feel that it is unacceptable to make a decision that means we have no facility for more than one season. There should be priority put on minimizing the downtime as much as possible. This is the least that our current council and administration can do to make amends for the poor management of the maintenance, repair, and ultimate replacement of our current facility. There really is no excuse or reason why we are in this situation, if past councils and administration has properly planned for such a vital community service.
- THE COST OF A POOL IS PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL SERVICES TO OUR PEOPLE!!!! IT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED IN A PROFIT/LOSS MODEL, IT SIMPLY IS PART OF THE COST OF DELIVERING RECREATIONAL SERVICES. I DOUBT THAT THE ARENA PAYS FOR ITSELF EITHER. IT IS NO DIFFERENT THAN PROVIDING ANY OTHER SERVICE. THERE IS NO POINT IN BUILDING SOMETHING THAT MAY BE TOO SMALL FOR THE COMMUNITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME! QUIT PUTTING OUT INFORMATION THAT SEEMS INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED FOR FAILURE. DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD. QUIT THE PROPAGANDA AND BUILD IT ALREADY. I PERSONALLY WILL USE A QUALITY INDOOR POOL ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT I DON'T WANT TO TRAVEL TO LETHBRIDGE OR TABER TO DO SO. IF TABER CAN, SO CAN WE! (caps are INTENTIONALLY used)
- The presentation was leading you to the outcome that has been predetermined by using words that are negative in context like drastic and expensive. The facts were presented in a biased way which does a disservice to our citizens as it is misleading. I have great concerns that this consultation is just a way to check a box to say consultations were done when the decision has already been made behind closed doors.
- The questions I left in the first space to ask them.
- The towns you are showing us pictures of are they the same size as Coaldale are they as close to a larger center as we are? some people never darken the door of any of the businesses here in this town, do you think they would use a pool? We need to know who would use a pool so you can decide the size, indoor or outdoor.

- There has been a lot of talk of a rec center in Coaldale. It makes a lot of sense to have an indoor pool together with the rec center. The pool MUST be at a centralized location so that children going for swimming lessons can get there independently--- while visiting at the Lodge in summer I see lots of kids (some only 7 or 8) walking to the pool for lessons or for free swim. If the pool were to be built where the old chicken barn is parents would still allow this. However, if the pool is built on the north side of town kids wouldn't be as free to use it independently because of the risk of crossing the highway and tracks. We need a pool in town--last year my 13 y.o. swam 5 days a week, this past summer he swam a total of 11 times including 10 for swimming lessons in Taber. Let's keep the \$ from swimming lessons in Coaldale instead of going to other communities--while in Taber I picked up groceries there. We need the amenities in town to keep our dollars in Coaldale. I think that we need a pool like Taber's-----they have numerous activities for all ages and abilities--this would benefit all ages and provide another outing for those from the lodge. I believe that a large indoor pool would be utilized far more than a rec center without a pool.
- There wasn't an option for "no pool".
- This needs continued discussion before any final decision is made. I think the choice of a multipurpose facility needed to be presented. Stand alone pools are one thing, but multipurpose facilities can really vitalize a community.
- Totally biased questions
- We have spent enough money
- What community improvement grant can be access if any not to take such a hit on our taxes.
- You don't get it... high taxes, no services, although increased tax base with new subdivisions. How many different ways can one say total financial mismanagement.
- I believe this could be a combined grant project from the town , AHS , and businesses contributing each a portion to the construction and more importantly the maintainence . AHS should be approached as an indoor facility could be used for physical rehab facility ,and businesses should also be approached as this facility would definitely be an incentive for new hires.If truth be told , I prefer an indoor pool overall ;but I realize practicalities need to be addressed here.Please consider not just repairing the old pool as a permanent thing but please do so with the idea of having a five year plan to get the money for a great new facility by having a money drive with the whole town participating .
- I believe we pay enough in property tax. What about a large pool built and run by private sector?

- I do not want my taxes going up anymore than what they already are. Fixing what we have addresses the issue of people not able to travel having access to the pool. If people want the benefits of the indoor facilities, they are within reasonable driving distance. Going forward, maybe looking into a private company to take care of our pools, like how Lethbridge operates their facilities . I mean we have a private contractor collecting our garbage, recycle, and compost, which is a year round job. So why wouldn't it make sense to contract our pool operations, that only run roughly 2 months of the year to someone better suited in that field.
- I feel that it should be possible to raise a significant amount of money for a new indoor pool facility through sponsorship, I would be very disappointed if seeking business and local fundraising and sponsors support wasn't part of the plan
- I feel that something similar to the pool in Taber (having family and accessible change rooms, a smaller kid friendly pool thats great for young children and families, and a larger pool that's great for exercise classes and older children) would serve the needs of the community well as community members of all ages would be able to enjoy the facility. A small but well designed facility could certainly meet the town's needs better than our current pool.
- I feel that we should fix the current pool so that we can get another 5ish years out of it. And at the same time work on getting grants and donations to build a decent sized indoor pool that could possibly house a swim club, diving club, water fitness, year round swim lessons and a play area for the kids. A pool similar to Stan Swik in Lethbridge but adding a small spray park area. There's no need to add a gym as we have a good gym already at Twisted Steel.
- I have grown up in Coaldale and I see value in a pool for raising families. I think long term an indoor pool will be the direction we need to go. If we can fix the current pool now, then the town can plan and prepare properly for a larger indoor facility for the future, then I feel that would address the majority of the communities needs. Good luck and thank you for helping make Coaldale and awesome place to live!
- I have no solutions, but thank you for this survey and the opportunity to contribute. I believe a pool the size of Stan Siwik/Nicholas Sheran is all we need. Nothing fancy necessary.
- I have used the outdoor pool 3-4 times a week all summer long for the last 15 years, it is a great pool, especially since the last amenities were added. I believe it can be upgraded for a decent amount of capital and I am sure that if the right people work on the plans, it can even be upgraded to an indoor pool. In addition, there is lots of grass area that doesn't get much use as most of the clients stay on the cemented area, there is lots of space to work with if we want to make any additions. Let's start with what is already in place and renovate/upgrade. Get help from Lethbridge County.

- I suggest we use other pools in the area for a number of years until the money or at least a good portion of it is available to build another outdoor pool.
- I think a larger "small" outdoor pool with a tax implication of around a 100.00 per household would give us a better facility
- I think an indoor facility with a pool large enough to host events from swimming lessons up to larger swim meets, would suffice. Many neighbouring communities have outdoor water parks with exciting features like slides and spray parks, and as such, Coaldale would benefit from having something different. A good size pool, with a modest area for children would be wonderful.
- I think Coaldale should have an indoor pool with other amenities (gym, racket ball, etc) for the residents. We have a diverse community and we're growing. Seniors, youth, families need a place where they can go to exercise, gather and engage. A year round facility is very much needed in Coaldale.
- I think it would be a very good idea to put a swimming pool in with the new recreation centre that is to be built in our town. I saw the rec bldg in Athabasca by the University...It has it's highschool moved up there as well with soccer fields and track. I think it would be nice to have the pool indoors, and eventually a hot tub, lazy river etc....allow for the room but don't break the bank in the first few years...
- I think that an indoor pool option is the best but I feel that the town is not taking enough measures regarding the cost and strictly passing cost to citizens. More options for cost should be reviewed alternate funding options researched. Upwards of \$700/year is unrealistic and as population grows this should decrease.
- I think the "fix the current pool" at a cost of approx. \$250k should be completed immediately. The community will have a pool ready for summer 2020 and it will allow the town more time to plan a longer range solution. I feel construction of a new small/large outdoor pool would be wise. I am assuming planning and construction of a pool will take a couple of years. Obviously a new location for a pool would be required, which I feel Centennial Park beside the Hub would be a good location. I do NOT believe a location North of the highway (proposed Rec Centre location) would be good for the community.
- I think the current pool should be fixed so that our kids have something to do this coming summer. Then I think starting first thing next fall it should be upgraded. As much as I would love an indoor pool I can not afford my taxes to keep going up like they already have been. I can not drive my kids to another pool in another town. And I think it should be up to the town to fix this mistake. Raising my taxes, which get raised every year already, is crap. The town is responsible for this and they are the reason it has happened with no money set aside for the future. Our pool is almost 50 years old.

And only had a life span of almost half of that. This about what the people in town with kids need. Not the people who don't even have kids here.

- I used the pool in Stirling several times this summer for the first time ever and found the facilities and staff to be very good. I was pleasantly surprised. I'm quite happy to save our community the hassle and tax burden of a pool by using other facilities and helping those communities better leverage their assets. That and we're 10 mins from Lethbridge with a pile of pools to choose from.
- I would be interested to know why option 1 is only a five year plan. I would also like to see option 1 working in conjunction with a long term plan. Are there stats that show long-term growth for Coaldale? Is it predictable as to when Coaldale could reach city status, thus giving greater access to funds for projects like this? To my knowledge we are "only" a few thousand out. Thanks for working so hard to educate the public surrounding this issue and for seeking community input.
- I'll keep my money and swim in Lethbridge. If there was private interest in a pool I would support the town subsidizing a portion.
- I'm not sure the best route but indoor would be best for the long run
- Include a pool build as part of the planned rec facility
- Indoor pool for sure big or small but it must be indoor to provide swimming year round.
- Indoor pool/gym/gathering facility partnered with private organization could even draw people from neighboring communities to the town to use the facilities (look at how many lethbridge-coaldale people go to the "Taber waterslides". Currently the new YMCA pool/rec is much FURTHER away from the majority of Lethbridge citizens than Coaldale is. Utilize this.
- Is it possible to fix the existing pool and put a roof on?
- It is a difficult decision to make based on the money that is needed and how it would effect the tax base. People cannot afford the large tax increases but I feel the need in Coaldale for a new pool. Could fundraisers be organized or most likely several fundraisers to help with the cost of replacing the pool. I know it would not raise the whole amount by any stretch but could help. Trying to think of other options that may help with the cost of a new pool adventure but help keep the tax base lower.

- It seems unreasonable that with a gain of 6000 homes to Coaldale in recent years that the "tax gains" from higher population can't be put towards this project and scrap paving a road in our Industrial area (3 mill). Has anyone check to see if there are any grants available if the indoor pool is incorporated with a new high school. How old is Kate Andrews (I know people in their 60's that went to high school there).
- It would be nice to see a rec Center and pool combo which could serve the needs of the community on a greater level. Something similar to Brooks, AB but possibly smaller. This would allow for rental space for parties, gym space, rock climbing wall etc. and a concession space creating revenue in our own community. We would not be driving away from our community.
- It's simply unaffordable to residents, live within your means, residents overtaxed already
- Just replace the filter pot
- Just wondering how we can afford all the new things happening. Giant firetruck, new fire station, rcmp, rec center(that nobody really wants) and our taxes have not had a very hard hit this past year. Sounds like you can afford more , and are trying scare tactics to get people to vote against something we actually want and need... Just an opinion, of me and many others that have spoken about this...
- Look at proper repairs that will absolutely last an adequate amount of time. Taxes are far too high now and I will not pay an increase for a pool I will never use
Get grants or have govt. help for this
- Look for a business partnership or a large donation/donor like Picture Butte did. The County should be responsible for some of the costs as well
- Make it toddler friendly. Have water slides and other fun features. Raymond's pool is nice.
- Multi sports plex, needs to have a hockey rink and indoor courts or soccer
- No pool. Not financially feasible. Go to Lethbridge or Taber instead.
- Not sure what you consider "small" indoor pool but we have the current pool location would it not be possible to demolish that area and build the indoor pool there? Keep the "Sports Complex" all together...Ice arena, curling rink, etc.

Town needs to shelve ideas of a new town office and consider this pool for its residents.

Our taxes are too high as it is and any increase in cost to home owners is not acceptable to me. As much as I currently use the pools in Lethbridge it is better as a cost to majority of population to utilize their services. However if I was consistently utilizing the Leth pools I would spend approximately \$600 per year max. I have several revenue homes in Coaldale and the tax increase would be unbearable to pass on to the tenants and with rising costs I could not supplement things any further than I am. Coaldale does not have enough amenities here as it is and people just drive to Leth now, people relocate to be closer to things, my Aunt and uncle are prime examples born and raised here 2 kids all live in Leth for the only reason taxes are lower and closer to amenities so that equates to 3 homes, and 2 probable businesses as it is they still do work here but offices are in Leth closer to the home. We would be better to setup a bus service to Leth with money to support activities, employment and development, at a much lower cost. This would promote larger corporate development that would in turn supply the tax dollars needed to support a proper facility. It is not unreasonable to put a kid on a bus, I lived in south Leth growing up and I took a bus regularly to the north side to swim with friends. The capital costs are projected as an estimated maximum cost this could be reduced with government grants of course and corporate sponsors, if available. I myself would support a large scale development with donated services. I believe this should be tabled and development in business growth would better suit long term at this point and save the expense of continuing with all these studies. We were once told by the mayor that the town does not own any business so they did not care about development in that area, how wrong was that comment, we now have a few people that support commercial development and our population is at a point that will handle it so let's do the right things moving forward.

- Partner with a private investor to not have to solely depend on increasing tax dollars for this project?
- Partnership
- Personally I prefer the large pool idea. The town needs something to grow into. However a smaller indoor pool may in fact work out fine if other amenities were added. An open gym, racket ball court, gymnastics space. Beautiful facility in Red Deer Alberta. Not sure we need to be that large but Coaldale needs some options. We need to find a way to keep people here instead of driving to Lethbridge.
- Please see my first set of comments
- Provide public transit to other nearby communities that already have existing facilities. Keep our tax dollars down and save up for future considerations while beginning to seek corporate sponsors.

- Raise fees of use of the pool add classes and year round swim lessons bday parties etc to reduce the projected cost for taxes coaldale needs an indoor facility for all ages of residents to experience the health benefits swimming can provide
- Rebuild current system and in close the current pool area making it an indoor pool.
- Repair the existing pool and plan for a second pool in another south side west end location to be constructed within 5 years. Cost and tax increase for an indoor pool unreasonable in current economic climate and towns low industrial tax base. Numerous great indoor pools with high quality amenities a few miles west of Coaldale. Difficult for Coaldale to compete with those facilities.
- Request bids to install a filtration unit above ground for better access for maintenance and repair
- Save the money, people will use other communities facilities
- Since we need a new ice arena as well, would it be more economical to combine the arena and swimming pool into one facility?
- Suggest to fix the existing pool now to last up to 5yrs and in the meantime save or plan for a future facility.
- Talk to business owners, farmers in and around the Coaldale area. Another option would be to look at using a life insurance contract to fund the pool. Once the life insurance matures(person dies) the loan would be repaid and the town would be left without debt. Call Nic at C.V. Benefits to discuss this option. 403-360-8038
- The County of Lethbridge and/or private investors should help with the cost of building the pool. Many rural residents shop and participate in activities in Coaldale to help bring in money to the town and businesses. Grants could also be applied for.
- The longer we wait the more the build price will increase. Inflation doesn't get cheaper, it only increases. Better to do this now and start reaping the benefits.
- The outdoor pool is a community builder. Coaldale is one of the few communities left where kids have the independence and freedom to ride their bicycles around town and the pool and its bikable location is the heart of it.
- The summer is too short for an outdoor pool and it's never warm enough the town is too small for an indoor pool . Some families never use the pool at all after eight years I've never been in that pool
- The town should get the existing pool up and running to buy more time to gather information and possible funding sources to contribute to a new facility to replace the existing one without adding a huge tax burden to the citizens. Especially since the town is not getting the most tax dollars from businesses that they could be, and using the money they do have wisely. IE. the new town hall building

- There are many people in the surrounding Lethbridge County that would likely make use of a new pool facility in Coaldale. Would there be a way of partnering with The County to help contribute to the cost of the pool?
- There is no mention of corporate partners, fundraising, or a private-public partnership as options for this pool. Why not? I would suggest that since we are a community with a large amount of families that it is time we give them an alternative to stay in Coaldale versus drive somewhere else, especially as we continue to grow. I believe that instead of purchasing land for a large new town office that the focus should be on the needs of the community. Coaldale needs a higher livability factor for our citizens. This is one way to get there.
- This town, and it's residents, can NOT afford any significant raising of taxes!!! Do not spend \$\$ we don't have. This goes for EVERYTHING the town does. Stop spending other people's money now!!
- We are a growing community, not only do we need an indoor pool we also need bonus activities at the pool. SALT WATER should be Only consideration!
A high school/pool combo would be a disaster! As proven at Chinook High School and WS Library.
- We do not want to see tax increases for a new pool. We will take our future children into Lethbridge to use their facilities.
- We don't have more money in our current and next years' operating budget and as a whole, people I've spoken to want a new pool but they cannot justify doing this right away, and economically its best to fix the current one until we as a whole town can afford a new pool. I would personally rather have it attached to the new rec centre, within the building itself and use future budgeting, grants and bursaries available in the future to help reduce the overall cost to taxpayers.
- We don't need a fancy wave pool or a bunch of slides or wandering rivers. We need a shallow pool for toddlers, 3-4 ft pool for playing around and a deep end with a diving board.
- we feel the whole pool idea is too costly and we should join up with a large Lethbridge facility
- We just need something to keep busy. We could use a bowling ally, go carts, blazer tag ect instead.
- We need an election now; the financial resources of this town have been mismanaged for far too long.
- We should save up for a large indoor pool. We can't afford one currently but it would be a great thing to have in the future.

- We would like the current pool to be repaired for an approximate 3-5 year fix in hopes that we would be able to get funding at that time for a leisure center where all activities can be combined under one roof. We feel that if we were to build either an indoor or outdoor pool at this time and have our taxes increase, then if a leisure center is approved our taxes will go up again by a significant amount. We don't think that many will be able to afford this. We feel it would be nice to have a leisure center where everything is located in one area and not have a pool in one area and a rink, etc in another area.
- We would love to see a brand new pool facility in Coaldale however it is not the time - we cannot afford tax increases at this time. In five years time we may be in a situation to up taxes.
- What a joke; you don't want what to hear from the people.
- Why don't we fix the out door pool we currently have and aggressively raise money, promote and plan the large indoor pool that we could build in 3-5 years. I would love to be involved in raising money and planning of the pool. Please contact me at +14038946584 my name is Ashely Leonard and I have grown up and lived in Coaldale for 16 years. I would love the opportunity to give back to an amazing community.
- Why such a HUGE jump from small indoor pool to large? Is there no reasonable middle ground? Seems a ridiculous hike!
- Why would we spend 10 million for a rec center that doesn't have a pool you imposed a rec levy of 120 dollars if you can't make a new pool work within that budget don't get a new pool times are tough for a lot of families and they don't deserve to have their taxes raised when there are other pools in the area
- Would it be economical to cover present pool & repair/replace the old system - then make it more efficient for yr. around use - Lower grade school programs, etc.