



# Town, Village, and Northern Sector Meeting 2019

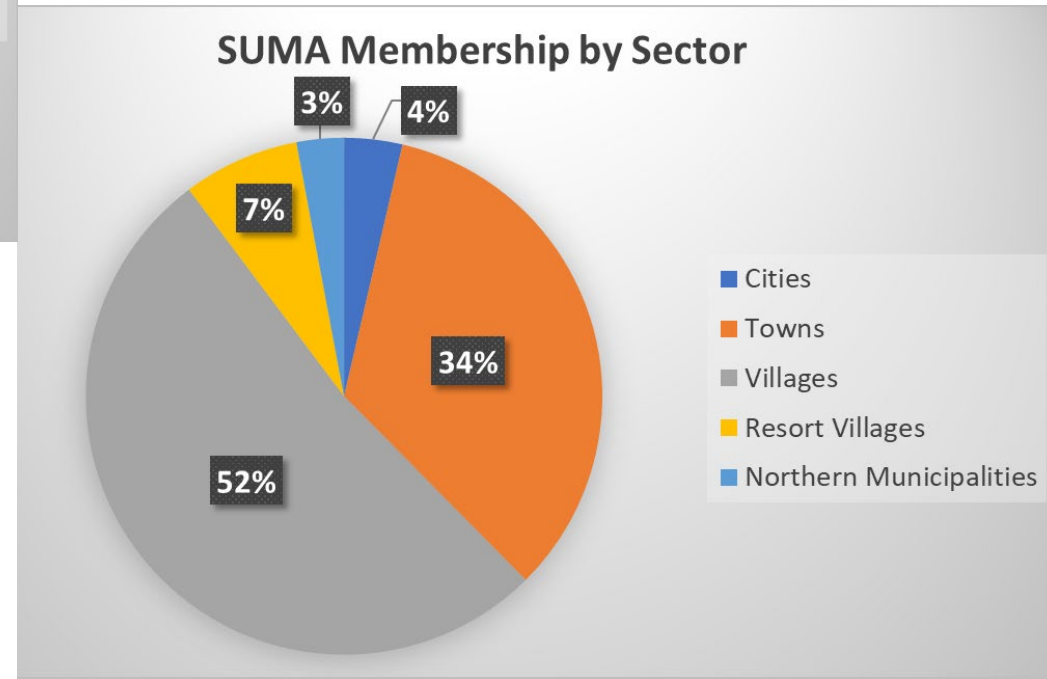
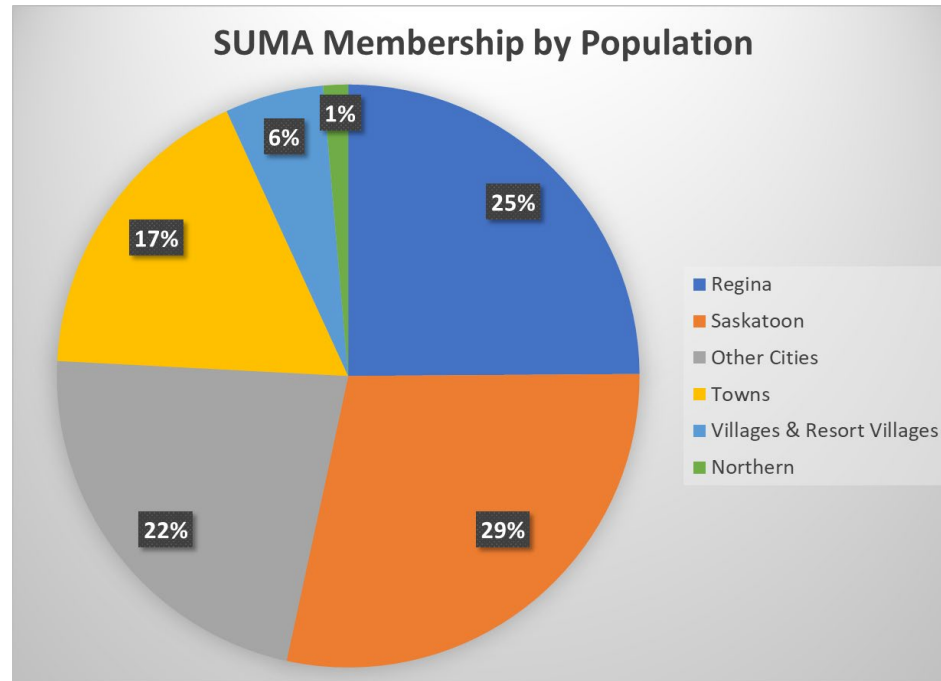
Prince Albert

May 9, 2019

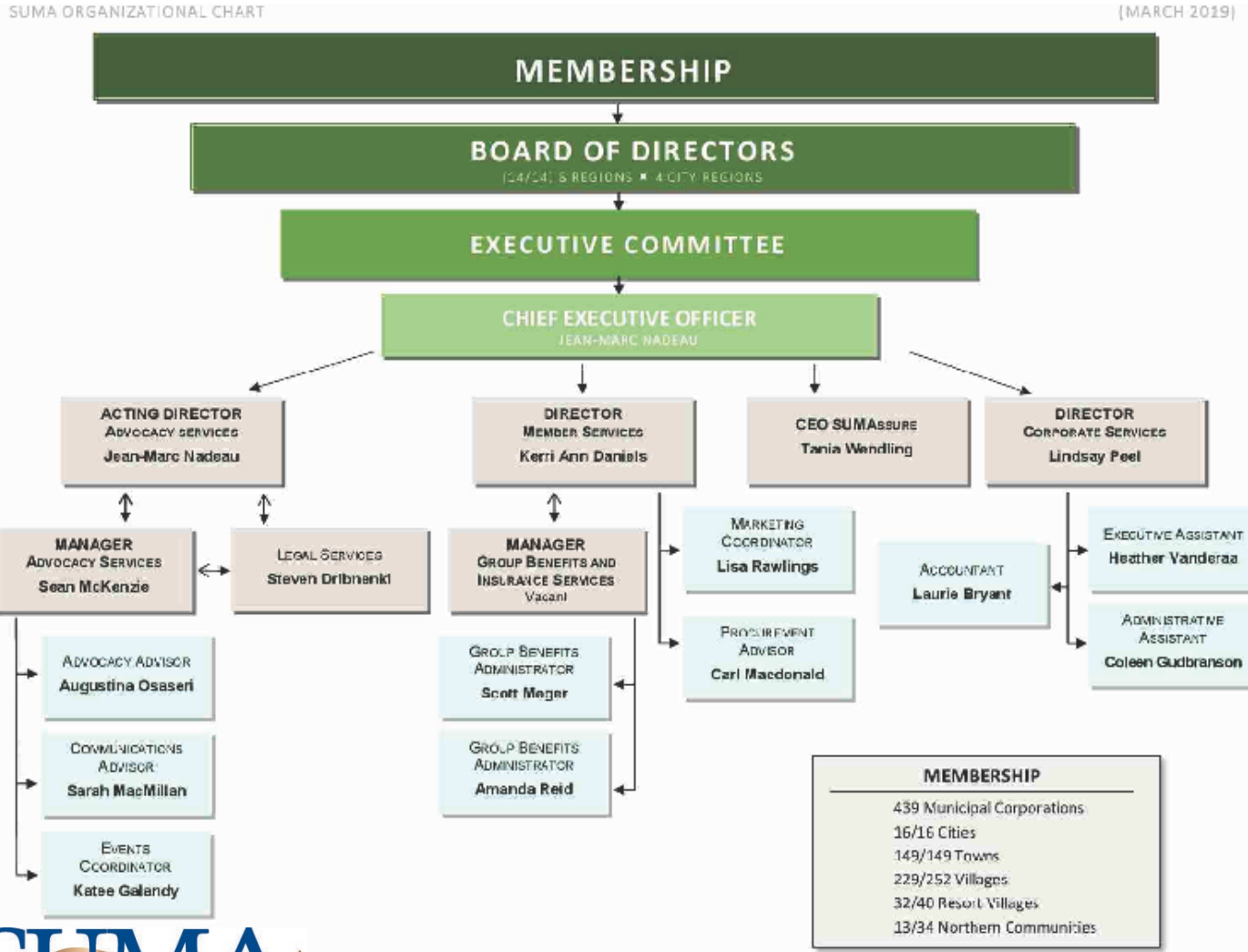
# Updates from the SUMA Board

## Who we are

- Membership
- Bylaws
- SUMA Act
- Branding



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## What we do

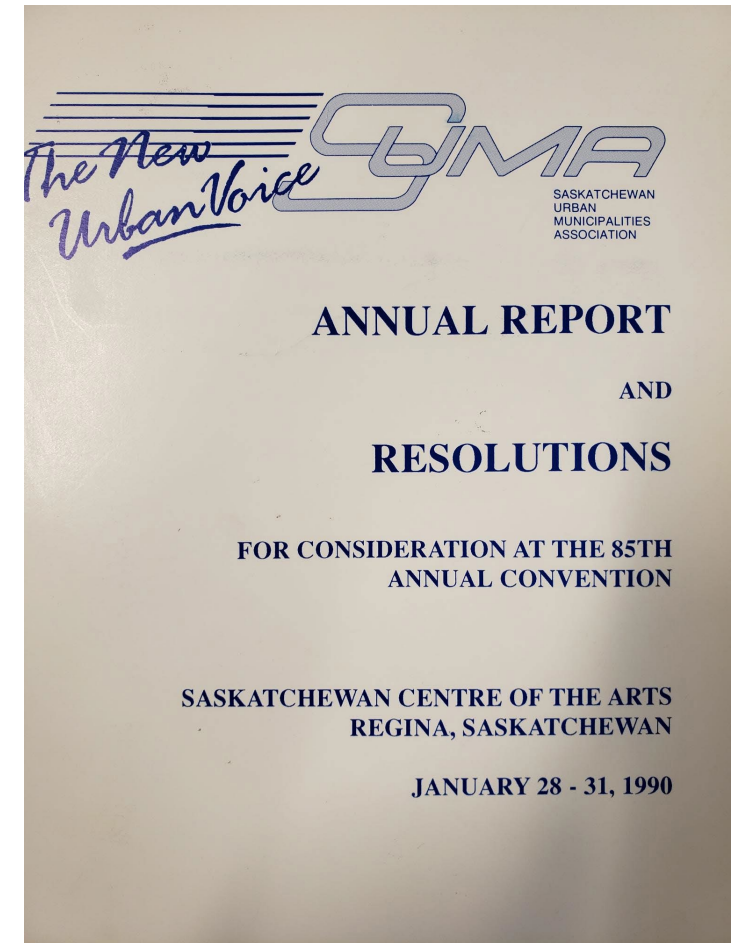
- Bylaw-related policies
- Lines of business expansion
- Internal reorganization

# Updates from the SUMA Board



## How We Do It

- Tools and Technologies
- Policies
- Strategies



# Advocacy Updates

Webinar expansion





# Advocacy Updates



Municipal Forum

# Advocacy Updates

Bill C-69



# Advocacy Updates

## Cannabis Excise Tax Advocacy Strategy





# Advocacy Updates

Resolutions process and advocacy changes



# Advocacy Updates

## Municipal Discussion Paper and Symposium

**I look to the future** because that's where I'm  
going to **spend the rest of my life.**

— George Burns —

AZ QUOTES



# Advocacy Updates



Workplace Harassment Policy and Template

Break Sponsor:



***SaskWater***





# Municipal Legislation Review

May 9, 2019

# The provincial process so far

- August 2018 – call for proposals
- November 2018 – first draft
- April 2019 – second draft
- May 15, 2019 – deadline
- Fall 2019 – introduction of legislation

# What SUMA is doing

- **August 2018 – call for proposals**
  - Responded with proposals from resolutions, member engagement, Working Group member feedback
- **November 2018 – first draft**
  - Responded in January focusing on ministerial authority provisions, coordinating with Regina, Saskatoon, and Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities after receiving feedback from Working Group members

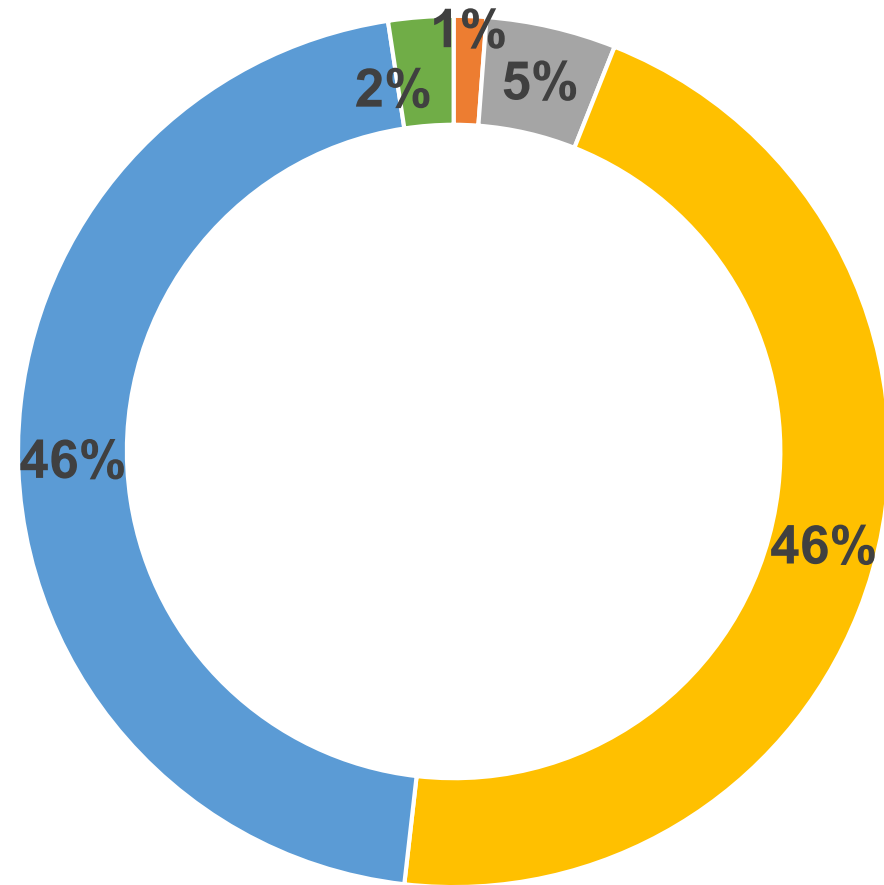
# What SUMA is doing

- **April 2019 – second draft**
  - April 15: survey released
    - 83 responses (May 7)
  - May 2: City Mayors' Caucus Legal and Legislative Working Group meeting
  - May 9: Town, Village, Northern Sector Meeting
  - May 14: webinar featuring Ministry of Government Relations officials
    - 245 registered to attend or receive recording (May 7)
  - May 15: City Mayors' Caucus
- **May 15, 2019 – response deadline**
  - May 24: Municipal Forum – Minister of Government Relations, SUMA, SARM
  - May 27: SUMA Intergovernmental Affairs committee



## What SUMA has heard

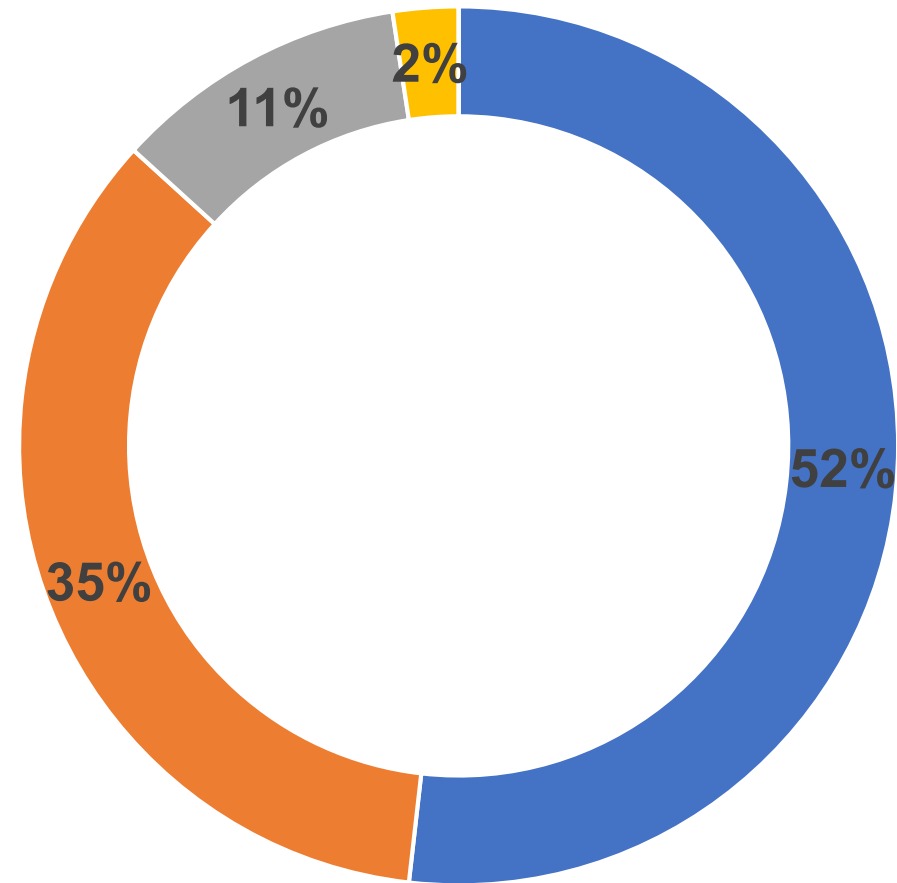
- Survey launched April 15
- 83 responses (May 7)
- 97 per cent of respondents either a town or village



■ Northern Village ■ Resort Village ■ Village ■ Town ■ City

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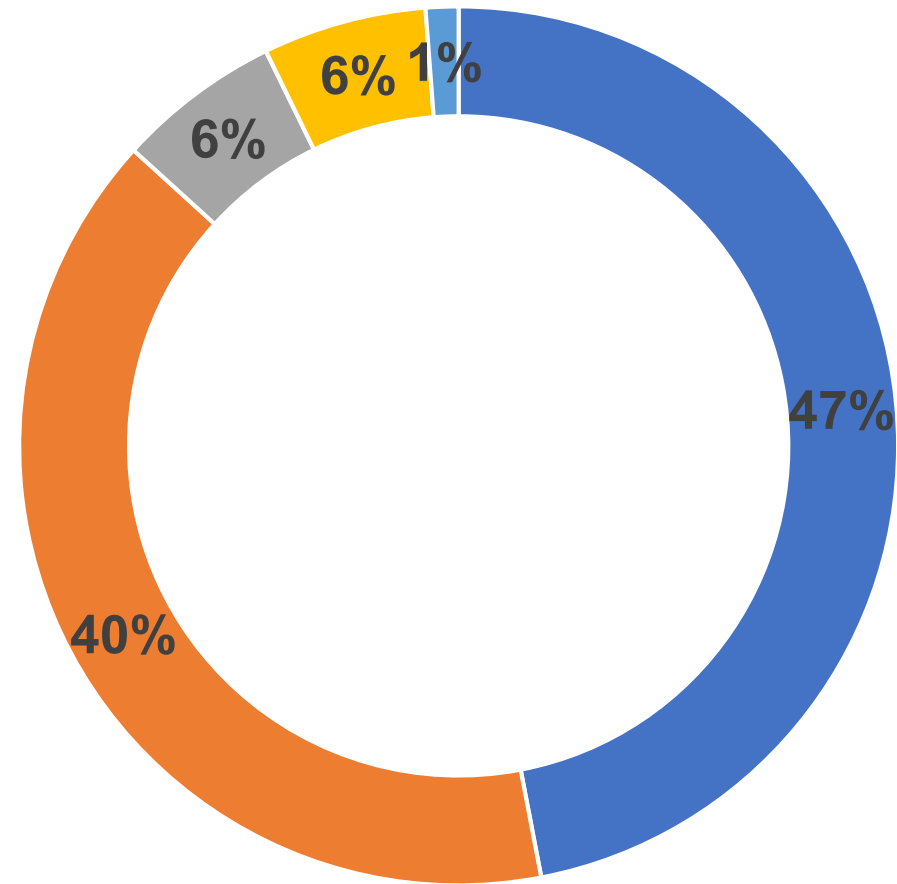
- **Question 1: More flexibility for publishing notices**
- **87 per cent agree/2 per cent disagree**
- **1.6 Heat Score**
- **CA 2/MA 2/NMA 2**



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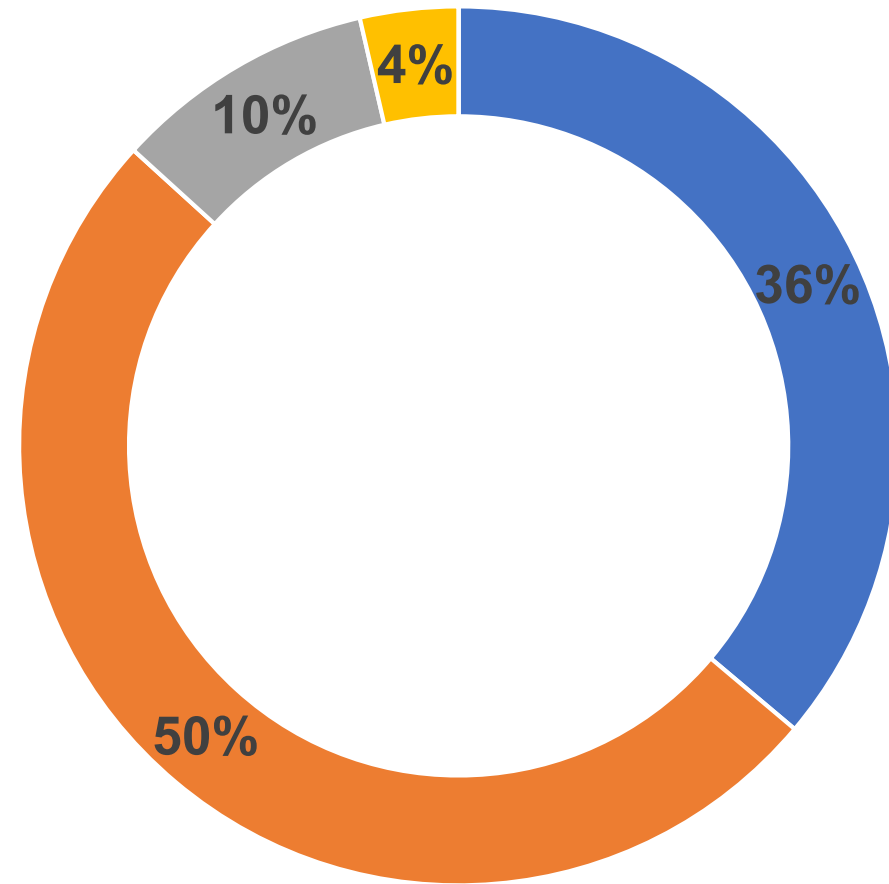
- **Question 2: Allow sending bylaw violation notices by regular mail**
- **87 per cent agree/7 per cent disagree**
- **1.7 Heat Score**
- **CA 8/MA 8/NMA 8**



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- **Question 3: Enable bylaws to allow for mediation and dispute resolution**
- **86 per cent agree/4 per cent disagree**
- **1.8 Heat Score**
- **CA 8/MA 8/NMA 8**

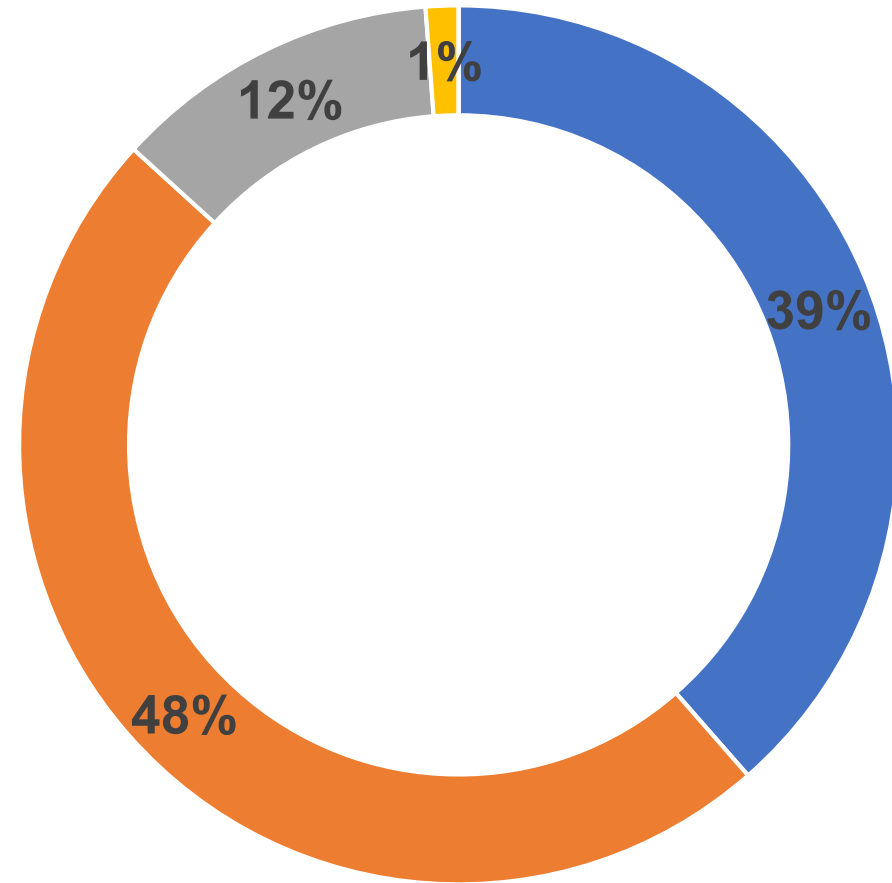


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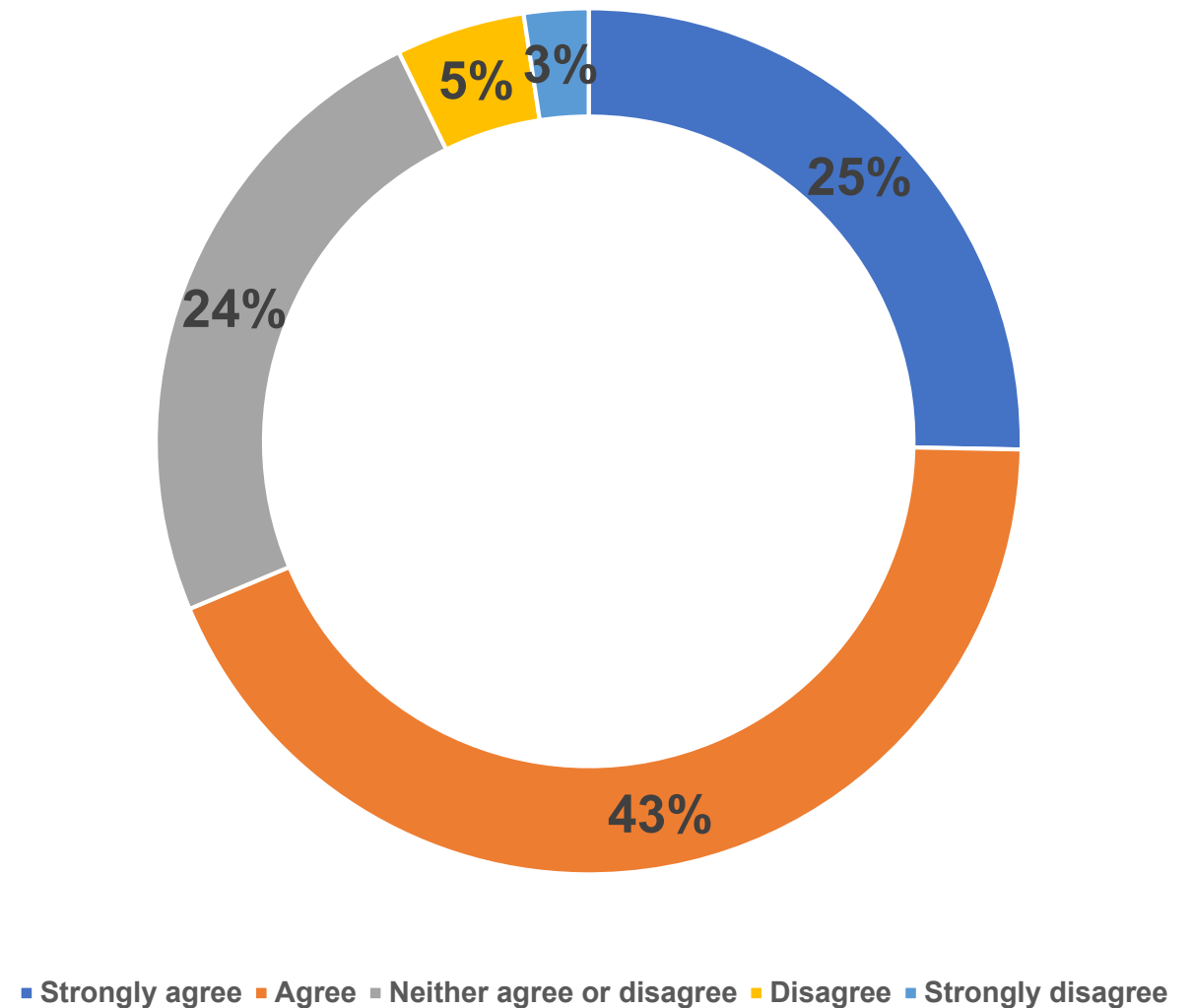
- Question 4: Ensure the cost of enforcement can be included in the cost of a license or permit
- 87 per cent agree/1 per cent disagree
- 1.8 Heat Score
- CA 8/MA 8/NMA 8



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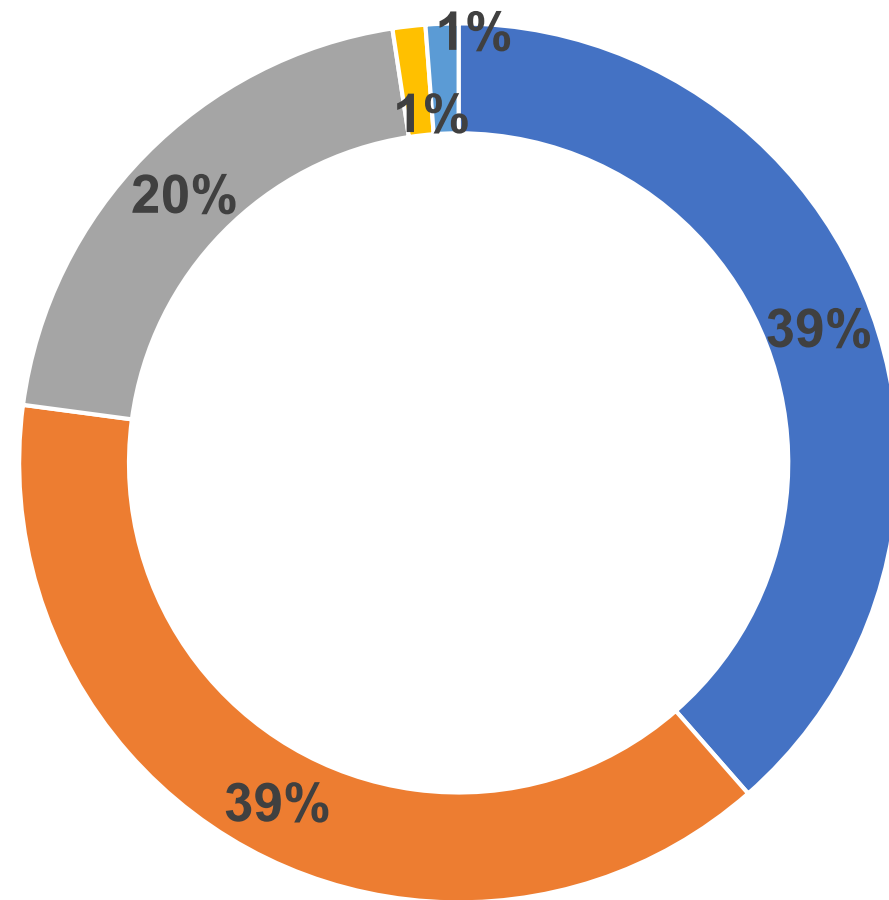
## What SUMA has heard

- Question 5: Allow adding cost of green projects and/or custom work to property taxes by agreement with owner
- 68 per cent agree/8 per cent disagree
- 2.2 Heat Score
- Clean energy: NEW CA 281.3/MA 317.3/NMA 336.1
- Custom work: NEW CA 361.1/MA 405.1/NMA 441.1



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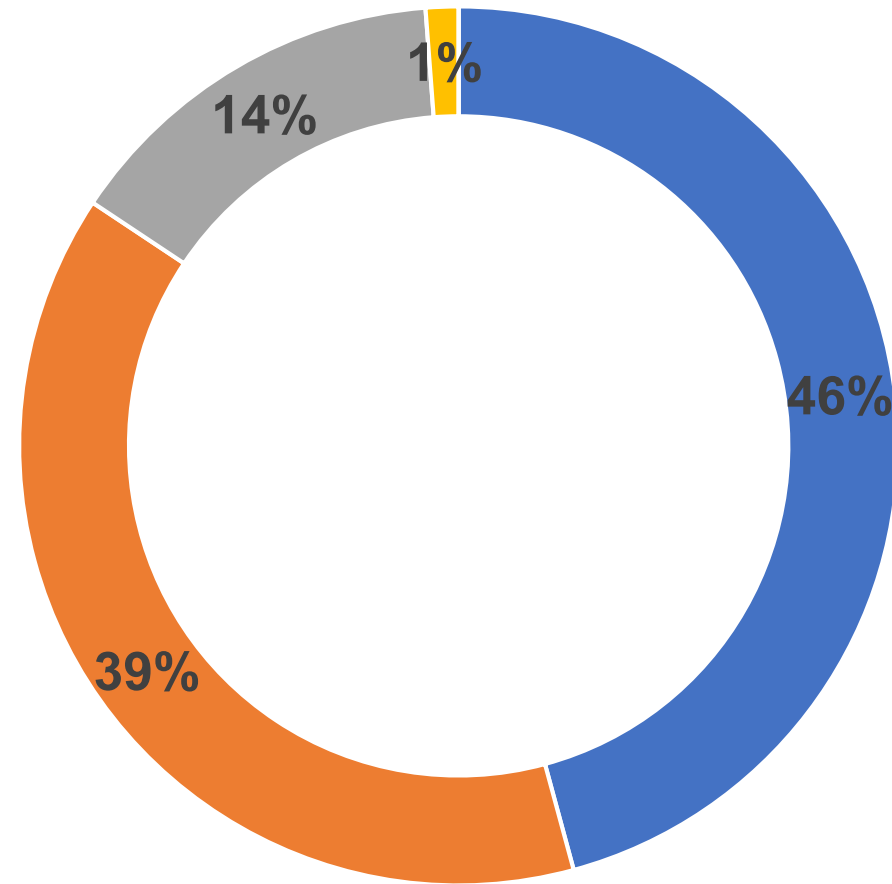
- Question 6: Include tax provisions to compel clean up of abandoned contaminated sites
- 78 per cent agree/2 per cent disagree
- 1.9 Heat Score
- No current section



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- Question 7: Protection for employees reporting wrongdoing to an investigating authority
- 85 per cent agree/1 per cent disagree
- 1.7 Heat Score
- NEW CA 87.1/MA 114.1/NMA 130.1

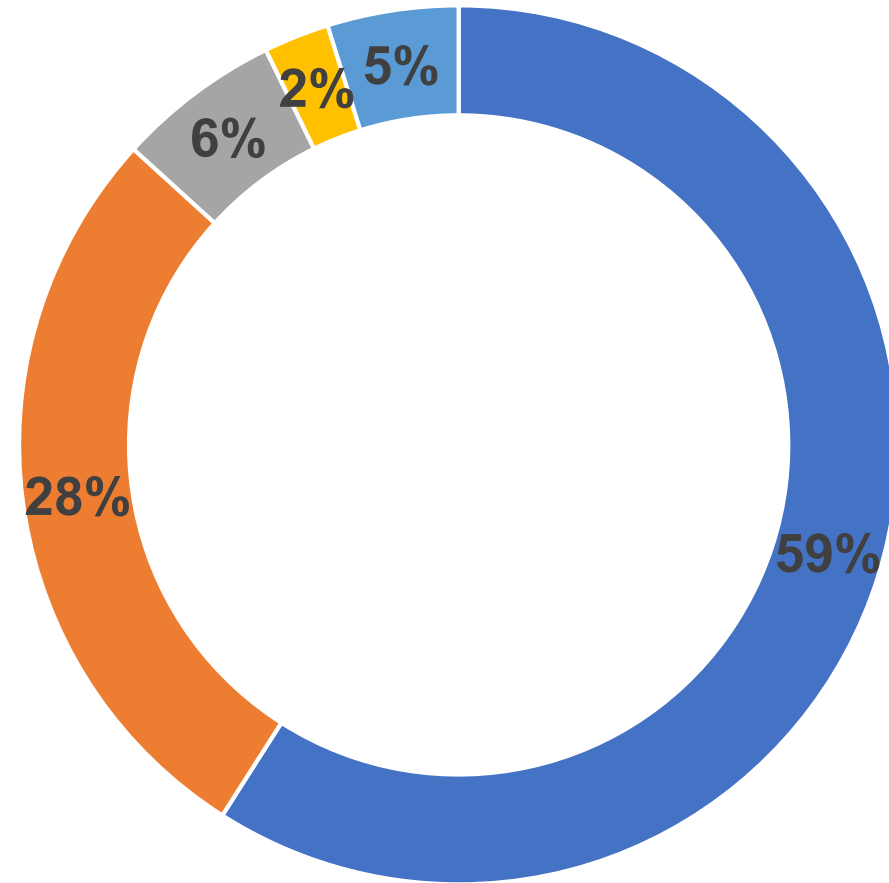


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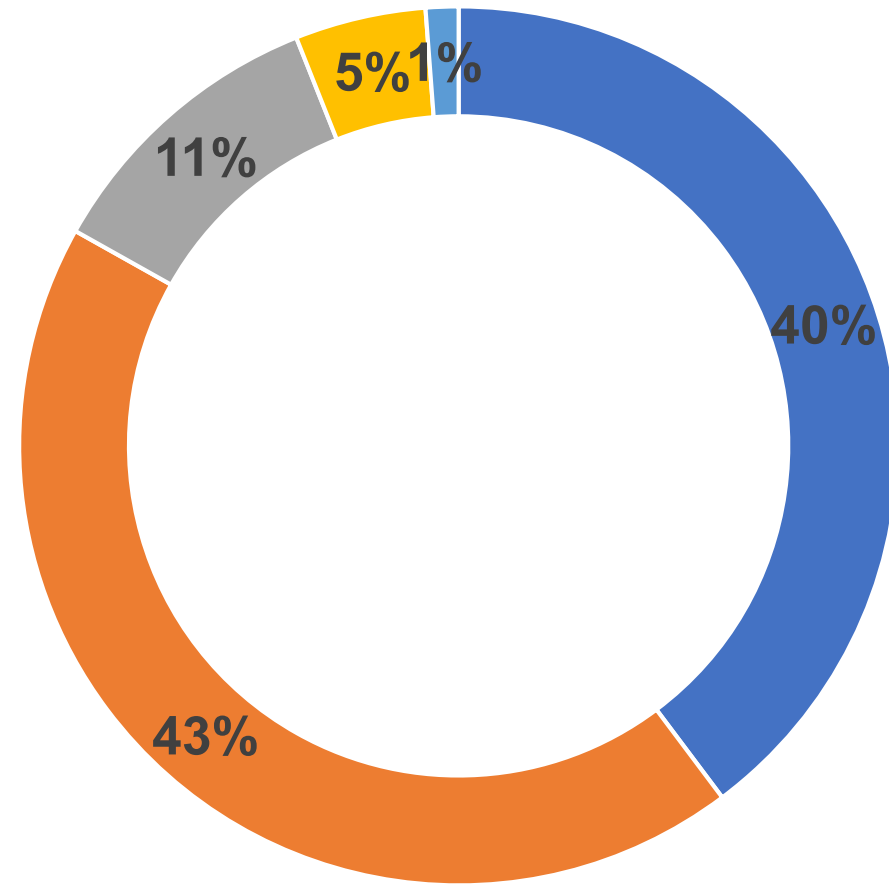
- Question 8: All municipalities should be required to have a qualified administrator
- 87 per cent agree/7 per cent disagree
- 1.7 Heat Score
- MA 110/NMA 126



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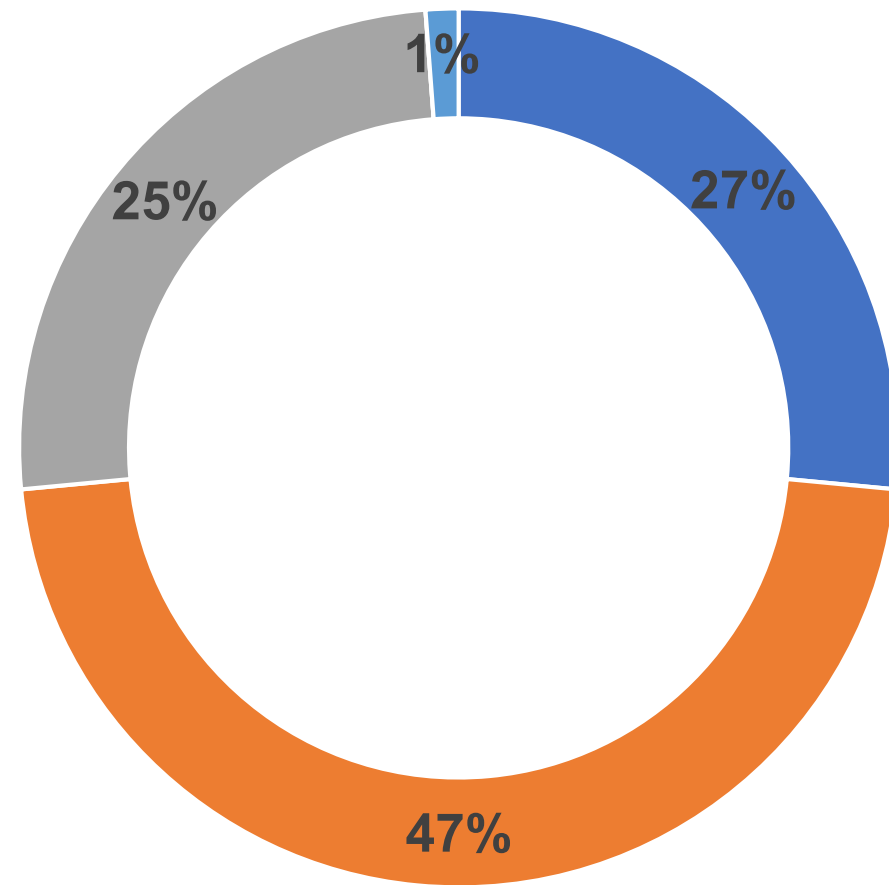
- Question 9: Allow councils to declare a council seat vacant if a disqualified member does not resign
- 83 per cent agree/6 per cent disagree
- 1.8 Heat Score
- CA 121/MA 148 (already in NMA 165)



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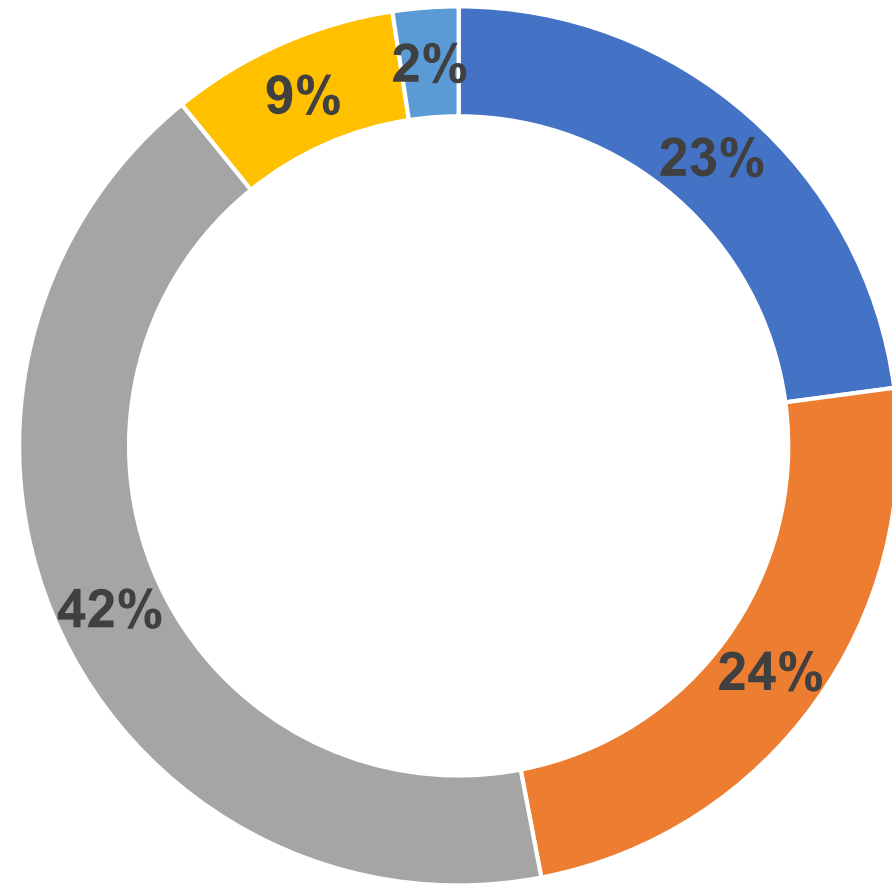
- Question 10: Clarify province's authority to act on privacy commissioner and occupational health and safety reports
- 74 per cent agree/1 per cent disagree
- 2.0 Heat Score
- CA 356/MA 399/NMA 420



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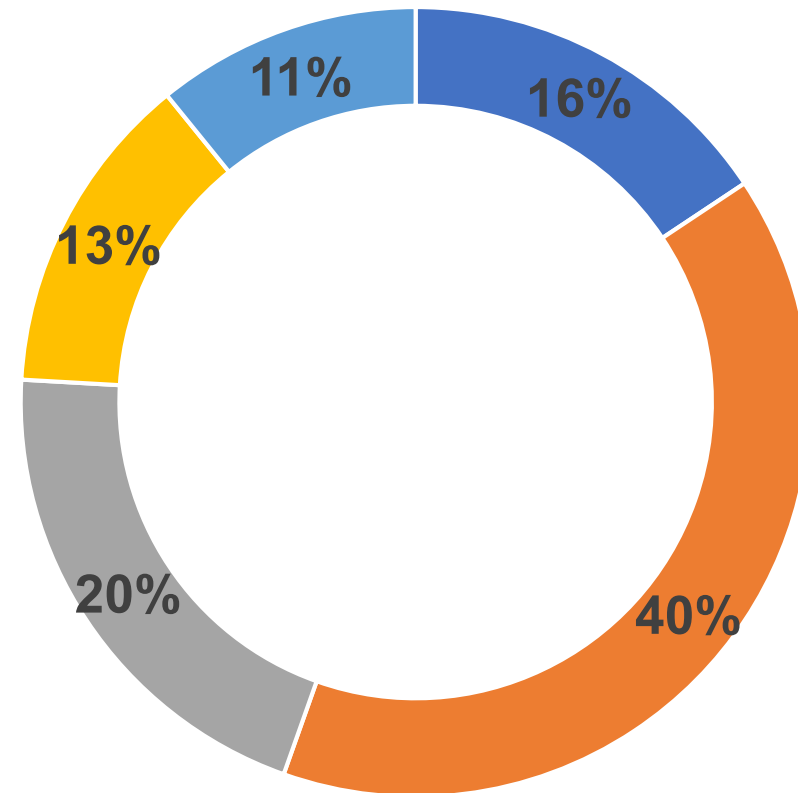
- **Question 11: Incentives for municipalities who form municipal districts**
- **47 per cent agree/11 per cent disagree**
- **2.4 Heat Score**
- **MA 51.1**



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## What SUMA has heard

- **Question 12: Which amendments are a priority for your municipality?**
  - 40 per cent bylaw enforcement
  - 20 per cent taxes
  - 16 per cent administrative



- Administrative changes
- Amendments to bylaw enforcement
- Expanding tax collection and fees
- Changes to governance
- Incentives for municipal districts

## What SUMA has heard

- **Comments section**

**“Assessment rolls** - with assessment information available online, **advertising in the Gazette should be removed.** Having the assessment roll open for a certain amount of time is no longer applicable.”

**“That the School Divisions collect their own taxes.”**

“Legislation should provide **a buffer zone around urban municipalities** to create a jointly managed planning and development area between an urban and rural municipality. Boundary alteration and restructuring legislation is convoluted and confusing, a result of a number of changes over a number of years. Alberta's MGA Part 4 is much clearer.”

“I would like to see a **restructuring like Alberta, with counties and second tier governments to deliver major services.** Building inspections, engineering, fleet services, water and wastewater, waste disposal can all be delivered much more efficiently. NOT amalgamation, distribution of high level services.”

**“More protection for administrators who deal with verbally abusive and harassment from ratepayers.”**

“If we are required to send a registered letter regarding utility account arrears, **the costs of the registered letter should be allowed to be added to the arrears** as a cost.”