

Topic: Environmental Programs

This document contains public input on environmental programs. The public input was collected through open-ended questions in the Toronto Core Service Review Public Consultation Feedback Form. Information about the consultation as well as other data sets and results is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/torontoservicereview/results.htm>.

Because of the large volume of comments received from 13,000 participants, multiple keyword searches were used to identify the information for this document. The comments below are in the order in which they were received, are listed by the question on the Feedback Form that they were responding to, and show the full response to the question which may include input on other topics.

- [To begin, what do you think are the most important issues facing our city in 2011? Please list up to three issues.](#)
- [Are there any other important city-wide issues you think the City of Toronto should consider?](#)
- [Do you have any other comments on how the City should fund services?](#)
- [Is there anything else you would like City Council to consider when making decisions about services in the future?](#)

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	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1.	Environment
2.	environment
3.	environment
4.	Environment
5.	Environmental programs (need for continued development, support, and focus)
6.	environment
7.	Environment
8.	environment
9.	climate change
10.	Reducing environmental impact
11.	Environmental Sustainability
12.	Environmental pollution in air and water
13.	Environment
14.	Environmental degradation
15.	environment
16.	Traffic Congestion/A cleaner Environment (related)
17.	climate change & peak oil
18.	environment
19.	Environmental issues

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
20.	Sustainable Transportation
21.	Environment
22.	Environmental Sustainability
23.	Environment
24.	Environment
25.	Environmental issues/Climate Change
26.	Sustainable development
27.	environment
28.	Environment
29.	the Environment
30.	Environment
31.	Environment
32.	Environmental Planning
33.	The environment
34.	Environmental issues
35.	Environmental and community degradation
36.	Sustainable City building
37.	Environment / Carbon Emissions
38.	Environmental
39.	sustainability and environment
40.	Environmental Sustainability
41.	Environmental concerns/green space
42.	sustainable green technology
43.	development of sustainable public spaces
44.	Environmental Sustainability
45.	environment
46.	Saving our environment and all its inhabitants
47.	Environment
48.	climate change
49.	Environment
50.	Environmental Issues
51.	Environmental sustainability
52.	Environment
53.	Environment
54.	green space, smog, water quality
55.	Environmental health of our communities
56.	Environmental sustainability
57.	environmental & waste management
58.	environment
59.	Union agreements that are not sustainable
60.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
61.	Environmental Policy
62.	Smog
63.	environment
64.	environment
65.	the environment
66.	Environment
67.	we need to lead in environmental responsibility
68.	climate change
69.	environmental sustainability
70.	environment
71.	The environment
72.	Environment
73.	financial sustainability
74.	environmental, and access to parks and recreation.
75.	Environment
76.	Environmental
77.	Environmental initiatives (greening the city to make it sustainable)
78.	Environment
79.	Affordable sustainable transportation
80.	Climate Change/Pollution
81.	environmental issues - impact & infrastructure
82.	clean environment
83.	Smog
84.	Funding Cuts to Environmental Programs
85.	Environmental Protection
86.	The environment (Green energy production, better public transit and bike lane options, etc.)
87.	Sustainability
88.	sustainable transportation
89.	Environment
90.	Sustainability
91.	environment
92.	environment
93.	Environment
94.	environment
95.	environment (pollution)
96.	the environment
97.	The Environment
98.	Promoting sustainability
99.	sustainable, accessible transit
100.	The Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
101.	Pollution/environment
102.	The need for more environmentally sustainable transportation systems (i.e., increased funding for TTC and cycling lanes)
103.	environmental initiatives
104.	environment
105.	Environment
106.	Environment
107.	hostile biking and walking environment
108.	Environment
109.	Environment
110.	Environment
111.	environmental sustainability
112.	Environment
113.	Sustainable revenue to maintain those services
114.	The environment
115.	environment
116.	Environmental issues
117.	Sustainable development of the waterfront according to the well researched plan that is in place
118.	environment
119.	Environment/climate change
120.	Environment/Green City
121.	Sustainable Public Transit
122.	environment- cleaning up the air and water, environment - though increasing transit options and reducing smog/ energy use/ increasing number of trees planted/ increase number of bike paths
123.	arts - support the billboard tax to give a percent back to artists in the city, support work spaces for the creation of new work/ support friendly zoning for lo cost artist live work environments/ more public art events
124.	Environmental Services
125.	environmental sustainability
126.	Conservation/Environment
127.	environment (clean air, water etc)
128.	Environmental issues
129.	Continuing Environmental programs
130.	Environment/waste collection
131.	environment
132.	Environment
133.	environment
134.	Environmental Initiatives
135.	Waterfront Development/Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
136.	Environment
137.	Ecological Sustainability
138.	Environmental Sustainability
139.	Environmental issues
140.	environment
141.	Environment
142.	insufficient spending on the environment
143.	environment
144.	Environment
145.	environment
146.	Environmental Sustainability
147.	Sustainable growth (infrastructure/housing)
148.	Environment
149.	Environmental Protection
150.	Environment (greening, reducing energy waste etc.)
151.	sustainable support for young people looking for work
152.	environmental sustainability
153.	environmental issues
154.	Environmental Concerns
155.	Environment
156.	Economic sustainability
157.	The environment and sustainability
158.	environment care
159.	Environment
160.	Environmental Programs
161.	Environment
162.	environment
163.	Climate change prevention
164.	budget sustainability
165.	policies surrounding better (best!) ecological sustainability in government and business sectors
166.	being an environmental leader
167.	Climate change - we need to continue to make progress.
168.	Environment
169.	Environment
170.	Environmental issues (smog, climate change)
171.	Fiscal sustainability
172.	Environment
173.	Environment - pollution, water quality, UV protection
174.	Environment
175.	environmental concerns

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
176.	Environment
177.	the need to improve the health of the environment
178.	the environment
179.	environment
180.	Environmental sustainability
181.	Environmental Impact of the City
182.	Sustainable Transportation
183.	environmental
184.	Sustainable Housing Development
185.	Environmental stewardship
186.	dealing with our waste in a sustainable manner
187.	The environment (keeping Toronto green)
188.	increasing use of roof mounted solar use on homes.
189.	Public transit and the environment
190.	environment
191.	Eliminate City deficit and position City for future Financial sustainability
192.	the environment
193.	Environment
194.	Doing our part to reverse/prevent/slow climate change
195.	environmental sustainability
196.	environment
197.	Environmental quality and recreation space
198.	Parks and the environment
199.	Environment
200.	environment
201.	environment
202.	environment
203.	environmental issues
204.	environment
205.	stronger environmental initiatives
206.	environment
207.	Stronger Environmental initiatives
208.	environmental clean up
209.	Environmental Issues
210.	Environmental issues
211.	environment
212.	Waste Disposal / Environment
213.	Environment
214.	The Environment
215.	Environment
216.	High-rise buildings creating wind tunnels

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
217.	The environment
218.	creating sustainable infrastructure solutions
219.	Environment
220.	The Environment
221.	Environment
222.	environment
223.	environment (including transportation issues)
224.	Climate Change
225.	carbon footprint
226.	Environment
227.	Environment
228.	ensuring high-quality public infrastructure and programming for sustainable and healthy communities
229.	strengthening the Toronto food system in order to ensure its benefits for the economic, social, cultural, and environmental health and wellbeing of the city
230.	environment
231.	Traffic, transit & sustainable commuting
232.	Environment
233.	No commitment to environmental sustainability
234.	Environmental protection
235.	Environmental Concerns
236.	Environment
237.	Environmental protection as a mandate for all City policy and action
238.	Environmental responsibility
239.	Environmental Sustainability
240.	Green initiatives, such as green roofs, city allotments gardens for the public
241.	environment/smog/pollution
242.	environment
243.	environment: we need to lower our city's environmental burden
244.	Environment
245.	environment
246.	Environment
247.	environment-our city is dirtier than it ever has been
248.	Pollution and the Environment
249.	Environment
250.	climate change
251.	Encouraging environmental and sustainable development
252.	Green Living (bike lanes, environmental initiatives)
253.	Environment
254.	environment
255.	environmental protection and preservation

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256.	Fiscal sustainability
257.	environment
258.	Addressing environmental issues
259.	health and environment
260.	climate change
261.	Environment
262.	improving environment
263.	Political Climate
264.	climate change
265.	Environment issues / making city living healthy
266.	Environmental Issues
267.	environment
268.	environment
269.	environment
270.	Environment
271.	environment
272.	Energy Efficiency
273.	Environment
274.	Environmental sustainability
275.	environmental protection
276.	Sustainability
277.	The environment
278.	Environmental Degradation
279.	Maintaining and Expanding Environmental initiatives
280.	Environment
281.	Environment
282.	environment
283.	environmental responsibility and the war on public transit and bikes
284.	Environment
285.	Environmental issues - greening our city
286.	the environment
287.	Improving sustainability
288.	environment
289.	Environment-greening the city
290.	Sustainable planning
291.	The environment
292.	environment
293.	Environment
294.	Environmental issues
295.	environmental concerns (air quality/more trees and bikes/fewer cars)
296.	Beautifying our City and Preserving the Environment Through Ecological Measures

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
297.	clean environment
298.	the environment
299.	Public education on sustainable living to build up healthy communities & workforce (e.g. promote "toxics & human health" as mandatory curriculum in public school, expand the scopes on community gardening, tax credits for residential renewable projects, etc)
300.	Sustainable urban planning to ease traffic (e.g. continuous bike lane system for the entire GTA & Toronto, encourage individuals/organizations to work close to home by providing tax incentives/credits, etc)
301.	Sustainable health care to eliminate inefficiency & over budgets (e.g. focus on "preventive measures" instead of treating diseases, allow "alternative medicines" to be part of OHIP program, cultivate a culture where seniors are highly active in the communities and are regarded as mentors by the youths.
302.	support for eco-friendly initiatives such as gardens, car-use reduction, and solar panel initiatives
303.	Non-environmental friendly energy
304.	Environmental protection
305.	Environmental issues - key because a sustainable city promotes a healthy population, is seen as a good place to do business, and can provide forwards looking employment opportunities
306.	Transport, especially public transport and city planning centred around sustainable transport.
307.	Reducing the environmental impact of city operations and private residences and businesses
308.	environment
309.	Fostering sustainable growth
310.	Environmental aspects such as tree canopy
311.	Environment: Air, Green space
312.	environmental
313.	environmental policies accessible to all citizens
314.	Environment
315.	environmental issues
316.	Innovative and Ecological Design
317.	Environment
318.	Climate change issues
319.	The Environment
320.	Sustainability in the broadest sense - environmentally, economically, socially
321.	Physical environment - build for the future - not the past; beauty/environment/social needs to be a part of the thinking
322.	Environmental degradation/garbage/recycling
323.	maintaining environmental initiatives
324.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
325.	Environment and waste management
326.	Environment
327.	continue city building through public transit, environmental protection and civic engagement
328.	Environment (including waste management)
329.	health and environment
330.	We need to invest more in sustainability, transit and culture
331.	environment
332.	Environment and climate change.
333.	Environment
334.	Environmental Policy
335.	Sustainability
336.	green/renewable energy
337.	Environment - Toronto should be an environmental leader
338.	environment
339.	Environment
340.	environment
341.	environment
342.	Environmental sustainability
343.	environment
344.	Sustainability/Environment
345.	Environmental protection
346.	Environmental and infrastructure issues
347.	financially sustainable public transit
348.	environmentally clean, sustainable utilities
349.	Environment
350.	Sustainable Development
351.	I am concerned with a perceived lack of commitment to the environment
352.	environment
353.	Environment
354.	environment
355.	environment
356.	Council trying to cancel great City initiatives (waterfront redevelopment, fort York bridge, urban forestry programs, environmental initiatives)
357.	environmental
358.	sustainability
359.	Environment
360.	Environment
361.	Environmental enhancement
362.	Sustainable Fiscal Balance
363.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
364.	environmental consumption
365.	Climate Change
366.	The environment High
367.	sustainable public transportation
368.	Environment
369.	environmental damage
370.	The Environment
371.	Enhancing the Cultural/Environmental Aspects of this city that make it attractive for investment
372.	Environmental sustainability
373.	Environment
374.	Climate change
375.	Environment
376.	environmental
377.	Environment
378.	Environmental Issues
379.	Environment
380.	Environmental sustainability
381.	The environment
382.	Environmental Issues
383.	Environment
384.	Revitalisation (creating better environments for ex. the lakefront)
385.	environment
386.	Environment
387.	environmental protection and smog
388.	environment
389.	Environmental sustainability
390.	Environment
391.	Environment
392.	Climate Change
393.	environmental sustainability
394.	Environment
395.	environmental programs
396.	Improving Environmental Performance
397.	Environment
398.	Environment
399.	Environmental protection
400.	environmental issues
401.	Sustainability
402.	the environment
403.	sustainable growth

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
404.	clean, safe and healthy environment
405.	environmental programs: trees, cycling, transit
406.	Poor bike infrastructure, will lead to environmental and traffic problems in the future
407.	improving environmental issues such as air/water quality
408.	Accessibility for those with environmental sensitivities
409.	Must keep our Environmental programs, and move them forward
410.	Environment
411.	environmental protection
412.	Environmental protection
413.	Environmental sustainability
414.	Environmental programs
415.	environmental issues
416.	Environment
417.	environment
418.	Environment
419.	Sustainable waste management
420.	Environmental Programs
421.	environment
422.	the environment
423.	environment
424.	Environment
425.	Environment
426.	Environment
427.	The environment
428.	environmental issues
429.	Environmental
430.	Environmental protection
431.	Environment
432.	Environmental Issues
433.	sustainability
434.	sustainable urban planning (i.e., a vision for a liveable city that is supported by development guidelines that are enforced)
435.	Environmental
436.	Environment
437.	environment
438.	environment
439.	Sustainable transportation, community cycling programs, infrastructure
440.	Stronger funding for community organizations, especially environmental causes
441.	Reducing pollution in our environment
442.	environment
443.	environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
444.	environment
445.	Please take environmental leadership
446.	climate change
447.	the environment
448.	Maintaining Environmental Programs
449.	Environment
450.	Protecting the Environment
451.	making excellent environmental choices
452.	Environmental Sustainability
453.	environmental - air, water, reduce cars
454.	Environmental issues -- water, air, soil, sewage
455.	Sustainable and well-planned development
456.	Environmental degradation
457.	Environment
458.	environment
459.	Sustainable Transportation
460.	Environmental Issues
461.	Environment
462.	environment
463.	environment
464.	Environment
465.	Environment
466.	Environment
467.	Environmental
468.	The environment
469.	environmental concerns
470.	Pollution and other environmental issues
471.	Environmental protection
472.	climate change
473.	lack of environmentally sustainable transport options (e.g. transit, bike lanes, etc.)
474.	Environment/Green Initiatives
475.	Pollution/environment
476.	Environmental Issues
477.	smog and pollution
478.	Environment
479.	environment
480.	We need more bike lanes and sustainable options
481.	Reducing environmental impact
482.	Sustainable transportation
483.	environment
484.	Pollution, environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
485.	Environment
486.	Environmental Initiatives
487.	Environment
488.	environmental issues
489.	sustainable funding for public transportation
490.	Environment/Energy
491.	Environmental Issues, like Waste Diversion and Garbage collection
492.	climate change
493.	Sustainability
494.	Environmental concerns
495.	Climate Change
496.	Environmental programs including transit
497.	Sustainability
498.	Environment
499.	the environment
500.	environment
501.	environment
502.	Sustainable urban living
503.	Environment
504.	environmental
505.	Environmental sustainability
506.	Environmental sustainability
507.	environmental degradation
508.	Environmental sustainability
509.	environment/ clean & green
510.	The Environment
511.	environment protection
512.	Environmental
513.	Environment
514.	environmental challenges
515.	the environment
516.	environmental programs
517.	quality of life and environment especially for low-income
518.	lack of sustainable income
519.	environment
520.	Environment
521.	environment
522.	environmental concerns
523.	Public Health (safe and clean environment)
524.	environment
525.	the environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
526.	The Environment
527.	Environmental Issues
528.	environmental stewardship and vision
529.	sustainable and creative economic development
530.	The Environment
531.	Smog in the summer
532.	the environment
533.	Environmental actions
534.	environment
535.	Natural environment
536.	The Environment
537.	Environment
538.	Sustainability
539.	Environment
540.	Environmental sustainability
541.	The environment
542.	Environment
543.	environment
544.	environment
545.	Shortage of acceptable sustainable transportation options for travel within the city
546.	urban sustainability
547.	Environment
548.	environment
549.	City's poor environmental performance
550.	environment
551.	sustainability
552.	Public transit and sustainability
553.	environmental issues
554.	environment including green spaces, development density & physical / visual access to green space & the lake, waste & recycling management, air quality,
555.	environmental issues
556.	environment
557.	Environment
558.	environment
559.	the environment
560.	Climate change
561.	environmental strategies e.g. improving transit, increasing bike lanes, discouraging car usage, more carpooling highway lanes, etc.
562.	Environmental sustainability
563.	environmental issues i.e.: clean food / air - let's save ourselves
564.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
565.	environment
566.	the environment/climate change
567.	environmental care
568.	Environmental Issues
569.	safe and clean living environment
570.	Environment
571.	environmental planning
572.	Climate Change
573.	environmental sustainability
574.	Environment
575.	environmental
576.	environment
577.	Environment
578.	Environment
579.	Environmental Sustainability of Services
580.	The environment
581.	environment
582.	Environment
583.	Environmental Policy
584.	Cost-cutting in City Hall that has negative impact on environment
585.	Smog
586.	environment
587.	Environment
588.	The Environment
589.	Environment
590.	Environment
591.	Climate Change
592.	Sustainable services
593.	Unsustainable Environmental Practices
594.	Environment
595.	Environment
596.	Support a vibrant environment for small business
597.	Environment
598.	Environment
599.	Funding for environmental initiatives
600.	environment
601.	Environment & animal welfare
602.	Reducing the City's negative environmental impact
603.	Environmental programs
604.	environment
605.	environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
606.	cleaning up the environment
607.	environment
608.	Sustainability
609.	environment
610.	environment
611.	environmental issues (smog, smog, smog)
612.	Environmental issues
613.	environmental sustainability
614.	Environment
615.	Environment and garbage disposal
616.	Environment
617.	Environment
618.	environmental issues
619.	Sustainable living (i.e.: bike paths, farmers' markets, etc.)
620.	environmental services
621.	environment
622.	environment and waste management
623.	Environment
624.	environment
625.	environmental issues
626.	lack of focus on sustainability
627.	environmental issues
628.	Reducing Carbon Emissions
629.	Environment
630.	Environmental responsibility + transportation
631.	Environment
632.	Environmental issues pertaining to waste/pollution reduction
633.	Public Transportation- affordability, accessibility, sustainability for ALL people who use it
634.	Environmental sustainability (food security, clean air, no smog, more bike lanes, no diesel fuels, better green bin programs, community gardens, a REAL GREEN CITY)
635.	Environment
636.	the environment
637.	environment
638.	environmental responsibility
639.	environment
640.	environmental issues
641.	environment
642.	Environment
643.	Environment/Food Security
644.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
645.	the environment (climate change)
646.	environmental sustainability
647.	environment
648.	Smog
649.	THE ENVIRONMENT
650.	Environmental sustainability
651.	Environmental Accountability
652.	The environment
653.	lack of bike lanes and bike friends environments
654.	The lack of support of sustainable energy.
655.	pollution/smog/toxic industries
656.	environment
657.	clean environment
658.	the environment
659.	Environmental Programs
660.	environmental issues
661.	Environment
662.	climate change
663.	environmental issues
664.	Environment
665.	Environmental sustainability
666.	environmental sustainability
667.	environment
668.	environment
669.	environment
670.	Smog - if less cars, wouldn't be so bad
671.	Environmental issues
672.	environment
673.	environment and green spaces
674.	climate change
675.	pollution/smog
676.	Maintaining sustainable funding to public services
677.	environment
678.	environmental issues
679.	the environment
680.	Environment
681.	Environment
682.	Green Environment
683.	environmental issues
684.	The environment
685.	sustainable funding for social services

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686.	smog
687.	the environment
688.	Environment
689.	Environment
690.	Environment Protection
691.	Environmental sustainability
692.	environment
693.	Environmental issues
694.	environmental issues
695.	environment
696.	environment
697.	environmental
698.	Support environment programs
699.	climate change/poor air quality/degraded parks
700.	provide new revenue that is viable, sustainable and affordable
701.	Keeping the environment paramount
702.	environmental programs
703.	long term (sustainable) vs. short term solutions
704.	Environmental health
705.	Environmental issues
706.	environment
707.	Environment
708.	Ensure a safe environment is continued
709.	Sustainability (Environment)
710.	climate change
711.	Health and environmental issues
712.	environmental and green issues
713.	Environmental sustainability
714.	Environmental issues
715.	Environment & Sustainability
716.	environment
717.	Environment
718.	The threat of cuts to services and programs that benefit the environment and people in priority neighbourhoods.
719.	Environment
720.	Environment
721.	Support expansion of TTC - via LRT & Subways to address congestion & environmental impacts of car emissions
722.	Environment
723.	environment
724.	Environmental issues

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725.	environment
726.	Environmental quality
727.	THE ENVIRONMENT AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY
728.	environment
729.	creating a political climate where the mayor's office actually listens to all residents, not just partisan supporters
730.	environmental
731.	no enough sustainable initiatives
732.	Environment
733.	Environmental sustainability
734.	Environment
735.	The Environment
736.	<p>3. Important services: Every service is important. I read the list of services and could only find one that I felt needed some cuts, police. Most importantly, we need to attend to climate change in every way possible, including discouraging car use. Transit is extremely important. Restore the original 'Transit City Plan'. We don't need subways, we need more kilometers of accessible, fast, transit that services all areas of the city, especially the pockets of less affluent people, and that we can afford. The Transit City Plan was completely funded. . Do not raise fees for recreation, health , etc programs. Make sure you can subsidize programs for poor people. Stop trying to privatize services – in almost every city where they have been privatized it has not been as successful as city-run services and has often cost more. Public Housing is crucial and more housing should be built every year. Instead of selling off housing that needs repair we should look for clever ways of using private sector to help make the repairs. It is short sighted to sell off things the city owns. Short term gain, often long-term loss.</p>
737.	Environment
738.	The Environment
739.	environmental improvement
740.	sustainability
741.	Sustainable budget
742.	sustainability
743.	Environmental sustainability
744.	Environment
745.	Equitable access to ecological healthy green spaces, especially the City's ravines
746.	Environment
747.	Transportation - We need to invest in transit and other sustainable forms of transit
748.	Environment
749.	the environment
750.	The Environment
751.	Sustainable Development
752.	Environmental protection

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753.	Environment
754.	environment
755.	environment
756.	environmental health (built environment, natural environment, impacts on all aspects of human health)
757.	Environment
758.	environment
759.	Environment
760.	healthy environments
761.	protecting/improving our environment
762.	Environmental Concerns
763.	Physical environment
764.	Promoting a healthy environment including air quality, water quality and uncontaminated soil
765.	environment protection
766.	environmental protection --e.g. green space, waste diversion
767.	Waste Management - where does it go, sustainability
768.	environment
769.	Environmental footprint
770.	Smog/Air Pollution
771.	Environmental Initiatives that keep getting squashed
772.	environment
773.	Environment
774.	environmental sustainability
775.	The Environment
776.	Climate Change
777.	Environment
778.	The Environment
779.	reducing air pollution/smog
780.	Environment
781.	The Environment
782.	Environment
783.	Environmental Policy
784.	the environment
785.	the environment
786.	the environment
787.	Degraded environment (air, water)
788.	Withdrawal from commitment to sustainable and accessible transportation
789.	Environmental and community health
790.	Sustainable operations
791.	Environmental Protection

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792.	Environment
793.	The environment
794.	environment
795.	Environment
796.	environmental degradation
797.	environment
798.	the environment
799.	environment
800.	Environment
801.	Environment and infrastructure
802.	environment
803.	Environment
804.	Environmental issues
805.	Climate Change Adaptation
806.	War on bikes and the environment.
807.	avoid loss of environmental services
808.	Environmental concerns
809.	reducing smog and pollution
810.	Transit sustainability
811.	Environment
812.	Carbon emissions reduction
813.	environment
814.	Environment
815.	stronger environmental protection
816.	Environment
817.	Environmental programs
818.	Environment (pollution, noise, dust)
819.	Environment
820.	environment
821.	Environmental
822.	Environment
823.	The environment
824.	environment
825.	Environment
826.	Environmental sustainability
827.	Environment
828.	The Environment
829.	Environment
830.	Environment
831.	environmental sustainability
832.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
833.	environment & waste
834.	Environmental Issues
835.	environment
836.	Not taking environmental concerns seriously is not acceptable.
837.	Environment
838.	environmental
839.	Sustainability
840.	Environment
841.	The Environment
842.	environmental sustainability
843.	environment
844.	Environment
845.	urban planning/ sustainable development
846.	the environment
847.	Environmental Sustainability
848.	Long term, sustainable plans for prosperity/development FOR ALL & widening gap b/w rich and poor
849.	environmental
850.	the environment
851.	Toronto's environmental policies (e.g.. bag fees and bike lanes)
852.	environment
853.	Environment
854.	Environment
855.	Environment
856.	Sustainability
857.	Environment
858.	environment
859.	Environmental programs/education
860.	Environment
861.	environmental issues
862.	The environment
863.	Environmental responsibility
864.	environmental leadership - we need "complete streets" with safe & convenient bike infrastructure & improved public transit, waste diversion efforts may be jeopardized by privatization, downtown road tolls?, green spaces, urban forestry
865.	environment: parks, recycling, alternative energy use
866.	Pollution of lake and air, lack of green spaces, and poor treatment of environment
867.	traffic congestion & cyclist/pedestrian unfriendly environment
868.	environmental issues e.g. air pollution
869.	environment
870.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
871.	environment
872.	The attack on the previous mayor's environmental and transit initiatives
873.	Environment
874.	sustainability
875.	Environment
876.	continuing sustainable city growth and limiting urban sprawl
877.	Clean Air, Clean water for our children, a healthy environment
878.	Environment
879.	environment issues (including waste)
880.	Parks and environmental stewardship
881.	the environment
882.	Long term sustainable balanced budget
883.	Environmental sustainability
884.	The environment-we need reduce pollution
885.	climate change and pollution
886.	Environment
887.	Continuing to be a city renowned for its environmental stewardship and commitment to liveability and social justice.
888.	Environment programs
889.	environmental issues
890.	maintaining a safe healthy environment
891.	environment
892.	Environment
893.	environment
894.	Sustainability and the environment
895.	Environment
896.	Environment
897.	The Environment
898.	environmental issues--pollution/ lack of options for the car/ public green space/ tree canopy
899.	Environment
900.	Environment (health, climate change)
901.	Environment
902.	Environmental issues
903.	financial sustainability
904.	environmental sustainability
905.	Improve Environmental Services
906.	Liveability and environment
907.	Environmental health & education
908.	environment
909.	Improving / maintaining Environmental Programs

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
910.	environmental issues
911.	A strong vision for a great, sustainable city
912.	environmental
913.	environment
914.	Environment
915.	environment
916.	Environment
917.	Environmental Issues: water, air pollution
918.	Environment
919.	environmental regulation on developers
920.	Environment
921.	greening and the environment
922.	climate change
923.	environmental degradation
924.	parks and environment
925.	environment
926.	Environmental Programs
927.	City building - environment, infrastructure, housing dev. and architecture
928.	Environment
929.	environment (air quality, sustainability)
930.	Environment
931.	the environment
932.	Environment
933.	sustainable non-nuclear power supplies
934.	the environment
935.	Environmental sustainability
936.	Environmental Issues
937.	Environment
938.	Environment
939.	Environment
940.	urban environment - trees, water, biodiversity
941.	Having a healthy and sustainable City.
942.	Sustainability
943.	Reducing our environmental footprint
944.	Having a healthy and sustainable City.
945.	Reducing our environmental footprint
946.	Healthy environment/clean air
947.	Environment
948.	environment
949.	Climate change
950.	The environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
951.	Energy Efficiency
952.	Environmental Stewardship
953.	environment
954.	Environmental Protection
955.	Sustainability, real sustainability not merely environmental issues
956.	climate change
957.	sustainable energy
958.	Environment
959.	global warming and climate change
960.	Making the city a liveable environment (congestion, maintenance, amenities)
961.	environment - pollution
962.	environmental pollution
963.	Environment
964.	climate change
965.	Environmental: teaching people to live sustainably. (i.e. not to create a toxic infused environment, learn to reuse to save our economy))
966.	sustainable, responsible & attractive development
967.	environment
968.	Environmental Initiatives
969.	Environment/sustainability
970.	Climate change and energy conservation
971.	environmental health and climate change
972.	Environment
973.	Environment (contamination and living sustainably)
974.	The budget is increasing the city's rich/poor divide, taking from programs that help the environment and giving to those that harm it.
975.	Solid waste, recycling, and the environment
976.	healthy and safe environment
977.	environment
978.	the environment
979.	environment
980.	Protection of the environment
981.	Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation
982.	Litter, lack of trees, and poor environment.
983.	Smart, sustainable, and controlled waterfront development
984.	environmental support and assistance with
985.	Environment
986.	Environment
987.	moving towards a healthier environment
988.	Environmental quality
989.	economic sustainability

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
990.	Environment
991.	Environmental Sustainability
992.	environmental stewardship
993.	Environment
994.	environment
995.	Reversing Environmentally conscious laws re: green roofs, 5c for plastic bags, and vehicle reg. tax. is bad.
996.	Environment
997.	environment
998.	environment
999.	The Environment
1000.	the environment
1001.	Environment which is a huge factor in the growth of the city
1002.	continuing to improve on environment issues
1003.	Environmental Issues
1004.	environment
1005.	Mitigating carbon emissions
1006.	Environmental sustainability
1007.	Environment and Waste Management
1008.	environment
1009.	The environment
1010.	Environmental issues
1011.	environment
1012.	Environmental Programs
1013.	Public health including nurses & environment
1014.	environment
1015.	Environmental
1016.	Environmental issues
1017.	environment
1018.	environmental sustainability
1019.	Environment
1020.	Environmental Sustainability
1021.	Environmental issues being ignored in favour of profits.
1022.	Environment
1023.	Environmental issues
1024.	Creating a 'liveable' city environment
1025.	Environment
1026.	Environmental issues
1027.	Environment
1028.	environmental sustainability
1029.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1030.	climate change
1031.	Environment and keeping pollution to a minimum, taking care of our parks
1032.	Environment
1033.	Environmental Issues
1034.	Environment
1035.	environment
1036.	Environment
1037.	energy efficiency
1038.	Environment
1039.	Environment
1040.	Environment
1041.	environment
1042.	Environment
1043.	environmental issues
1044.	environment
1045.	environment
1046.	Access to parks, environment and recreation programs
1047.	Environmental Sustainability
1048.	ttc sustainability and upgrades
1049.	sustainability
1050.	environmental responsibility
1051.	Maintaining and improving the city's natural environment
1052.	Environment
1053.	environment
1054.	long term sustainability
1055.	environment
1056.	environment
1057.	financial sustainability
1058.	Environment
1059.	Environment
1060.	Environment
1061.	Environmental Issues - need to find more alternative energy sources
1062.	Environmental impact
1063.	sustainable development
1064.	Environment
1065.	Environment
1066.	Environment
1067.	Environment
1068.	the environment
1069.	environment
1070.	The environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1071.	Environmental ethics
1072.	Pedestrian environment
1073.	environmental / public spaces improvement
1074.	Environment
1075.	environment
1076.	Environmental sustainability
1077.	Environment
1078.	Environmental sustainability
1079.	Smog
1080.	Environmental issues
1081.	Environment
1082.	Long term environmental sustainability
1083.	Environment
1084.	Environment
1085.	Sustainable Funding to provide meaningful programs for marginalized communities
1086.	environment
1087.	Being leaders in environmental care including cycling and wind generators.
1088.	Sustainable development
1089.	Environment/Climate Change
1090.	Sustainable Public Transportation
1091.	Environment
1092.	environment
1093.	Environmental Sustainability - Less cars and pollution, more community gardens, better recycling facilities, and less waste
1094.	environment
1095.	environment
1096.	environmental sustainability
1097.	environment
1098.	Environmental issues
1099.	environmental sustainability 2020 plan and beyond
1100.	economic instruments to support sustainable renewable-resource use, and phasing out non-renewable resources
1101.	Environmental initiatives
1102.	Environment
1103.	Sustainability (environmental, social, economic)
1104.	environmental impact
1105.	congestion & population growth sustainability
1106.	Climate Change
1107.	sustainability of care to elderly
1108.	Climate Change
1109.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1110.	Climate change
1111.	environmental projects
1112.	Environment
1113.	Climate Change
1114.	environmental sustainability
1115.	Environment
1116.	Environment
1117.	Environmental issues: air quality
1118.	The Environment
1119.	Smog reduction
1120.	Environment
1121.	Urban Agriculture/Food Security
1122.	Environmental
1123.	Environmental Protection
1124.	Environment
1125.	environmental
1126.	environmental issues
1127.	A transit plan that will reduce congestion and environmental impact
1128.	Climate Change preparedness
1129.	Environmental Initiatives
1130.	Environment
1131.	environmental issues
1132.	parks & environment
1133.	environmental degradation
1134.	Environment
1135.	planning for sustainable future in Toronto, in housing, roads, environmental concerns
1136.	environmental
1137.	Environmental issues
1138.	Environmental
1139.	environment
1140.	Environmental issues - need to be a green city
1141.	Environment
1142.	Environment
1143.	environmental issues - pollution
1144.	Environment/pollution/energy conservation
1145.	Environment
1146.	environment
1147.	environment/waste disposal
1148.	Environmental Programs
1149.	environment
1150.	liveability: i.e. parks, environment, bike lanes

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1151.	leadership: over focused on "taxpayers" while city crumbles; taxpayers wind up hurting
1152.	Environment
1153.	the environment
1154.	Environment
1155.	Environment
1156.	Environment - Protecting and expanding parkland
1157.	sustainable development
1158.	Air Quality/environmental issues
1159.	Environmental health
1160.	environment
1161.	environmental issues
1162.	environmental sustainability
1163.	Environmental Concerns
1164.	Environment
1165.	Environment quality
1166.	Environment
1167.	sustainability
1168.	climate change
1169.	other environmental issues
1170.	Environmental pollution
1171.	environment
1172.	climate change
1173.	Environment
1174.	protecting our fragile environment
1175.	The environment
1176.	environment
1177.	Sustainable Transport
1178.	Environmental Management
1179.	environment
1180.	environment (including transit)
1181.	transportation and environment
1182.	Environment
1183.	Environmental issues
1184.	Environment
1185.	Falling behind the rest of the world in environmental management and the fight against climate change
1186.	Environment
1187.	Environment
1188.	Environment
1189.	Increase public transit and environmental protection (including cleaner air and streets)

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1190.	traffic congestion and smog
1191.	environment
1192.	environment
1193.	Environment and Reducing Pollution
1194.	Environmental/clean air
1195.	considering environmental needs
1196.	Environmental Issues, plastic bags, green roofs, etc.
1197.	Environmental degradation
1198.	Environment / Temperature Increases
1199.	Climate change
1200.	Environment
1201.	Environmental issues
1202.	Environment
1203.	security and environmental problems
1204.	environment
1205.	Environmental Issues
1206.	environment
1207.	Environmental programs
1208.	Environmental issues
1209.	Environment (transit, waste...)
1210.	Sustainable development
1211.	Environment - safe drinking water, air and garbage handling.
1212.	environment degradation
1213.	Environment and loss of heritage buildings
1214.	environment
1215.	Environmental Stewardship
1216.	sustainability
1217.	environment
1218.	shortsighted planning, especially its effects on our environment
1219.	Environmental issues (air, water quality)
1220.	environment
1221.	environment
1222.	environment
1223.	Environmental initiatives
1224.	environment
1225.	Sustainability
1226.	Environment
1227.	Improving the environment
1228.	environment
1229.	environmental issues
1230.	Climate change & related environmental issues

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1231.	Environmental - including water/sewer/transport
1232.	Climate change
1233.	environment
1234.	Environmental
1235.	Environment
1236.	environmental issues
1237.	Environment/air quality
1238.	The Environment
1239.	Environment
1240.	Environment
1241.	environment
1242.	environmental initiatives
1243.	environmental issue
1244.	environment
1245.	Energy (sustainable energy development)
1246.	environment
1247.	The environment
1248.	environment and parks
1249.	environment
1250.	environmental pollution
1251.	environmental issues
1252.	the environment
1253.	environment
1254.	We must continue with environmental programs
1255.	environmental concerns
1256.	environment
1257.	Public transit growth and sustainability
1258.	environmental issues
1259.	Environmental issues
1260.	environment
1261.	environmental air pollution
1262.	preserving environment and adapting to climate change
1263.	The Environment
1264.	Congestion and the environment: includes transit, building a healthy city, good planning
1265.	environmental preservation
1266.	environment
1267.	environment
1268.	Environment
1269.	Environment
1270.	climate change

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1271.	Environment
1272.	Environment
1273.	take on more environmental issues
1274.	the size of our carbon footprint
1275.	Protection of the natural environment
1276.	Climate change
1277.	Environmental issues
1278.	a healthy environment, including public water and public hydro
1279.	Environment
1280.	Climate change
1281.	Lack of a strong sustainable energy strategy
1282.	Environment
1283.	Health and Environment
1284.	Not enough renewable energy
1285.	smog/pollution
1286.	Realistic and sustainable growth to public transit infrastructure
1287.	environment, especially climate change
1288.	Environmental Issues
1289.	Environment
1290.	The need for better sustainable transportation options and greater bicycling infrastructure
1291.	Sustainable and integrated transportation
1292.	Environment
1293.	the city environment
1294.	Climate Change
1295.	Environment
1296.	global climate change/environment
1297.	Environmental Sustainability
1298.	The Environment
1299.	Environmental issues
1300.	Preservation of natural environment
1301.	environmental sustainability
1302.	environment
1303.	environment
1304.	ENVIRONMENT
1305.	environmental issues
1306.	continuing environmental initiatives
1307.	Climate change and energy conservation
1308.	Environment
1309.	environment
1310.	Sustainable initiatives

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1311.	the environment
1312.	Environmental Concerns
1313.	Environment
1314.	Environment
1315.	sustainability - fiscal but also environmental
1316.	Environment
1317.	Environmental sustainability
1318.	Sustainability
1319.	environment
1320.	Environmental
1321.	environment
1322.	Environment
1323.	sustainable economic development
1324.	environment and climate change
1325.	The environment- protecting it
1326.	environment
1327.	Environment and sustainability issues - appears to be a very low priority for current administration
1328.	Environment
1329.	environment
1330.	Maintaining our environmental services
1331.	Creating an environmentally sustainable city
1332.	Environmental Sustainability
1333.	environmental leadership
1334.	environmental issues
1335.	the environment
1336.	The Environment
1337.	the environment
1338.	reductions in environmental protections
1339.	environmental impacts of city business
1340.	Climate change preparedness
1341.	negative shift away from commitment to environmental sustainability
1342.	Having a bold, progressive leadership vision for a sustainable, resilient city
1343.	The Environment
1344.	environmental issues
1345.	environment issues
1346.	Environment
1347.	Ensuring public transit and walkability are priorities for the growing population and the environment
1348.	Environment
1349.	The Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1350.	Environment
1351.	the environment
1352.	Environmental Policy
1353.	sustainable financing
1354.	global warming & environmental issues
1355.	environment, including parks
1356.	environment, including trees' health
1357.	protection of green space and environment
1358.	the environment
1359.	environment
1360.	the environment
1361.	Improving Recycling/Sustainability Initiatives
1362.	Environmental Sustainability
1363.	Carbon emissions
1364.	Transportation congestion, public transit and environmental impacts
1365.	Sustainability
1366.	Environment
1367.	environment
1368.	Environment
1369.	The environment
1370.	the environment
1371.	Lack of sustainable revenue (i.e., provincial funding, loss of revenue from former vehicle registration fee).
1372.	the environment
1373.	Environment
1374.	Environment
1375.	environment
1376.	The Environment
1377.	Environmental programs
1378.	Public transit, planning, urban sustainability
1379.	Preserving our city as a safe, sustainable, culturally rich urban community (rather than a dying "inner city" surrounded by traffic gridlock and wealthy car-dependent suburbs)
1380.	Environmental sustainability (food security for ALL, cleaner air/water, more public green space, less hassle for community gardens/green space, reduction of smog, more green roofs, solar panels, organic labelling for foods)
1381.	environment
1382.	environment
1383.	Environmental issues
1384.	Environment
1385.	Environment
1386.	Environment

	Environmental Programs - Important Issues
1387.	environmental issues

Are there any other important city-wide issues you think the City of Toronto should consider?

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	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
1.	Supporting a liveable and equitable city where all people can thrive and contribute to community. We need to pay attention to the environment, ensure a great transportation system and ensure affordable housing is being delivered by government.
2.	It is my belief that the City of Toronto should close down their Voyageur Canoe and Canoe department at Sunnyside Beach. This is a total waste of money that can be accommodated by the private sector at a much lower cost to the City of Toronto. / / We should not use police officers to watch over construction sites. With high unemployment in the city the job could go to more needy individuals. / / The city should create make work programs for people who need welfare and are capable of working. I have a friend who has been looking for a job for over one year and would love to work behind a garbage truck rather than collect welfare. / / The city should get completely out of the social housing business. Buildings older than 25 years old should reserve a percentage of their apartments for those who qualify for social assisted housing. The government should pay the landlord directly and provide the landlord with special rights to make sure the apartments are being maintained properly. The money raised by selling off all our social housing units could pay down our deficit. By implementing this program would not have a concentration of needy in any one building creating an environment where gangs will not thrive. / / The city of Toronto should combine school recreation facilities with city recreation facilities in order to improve these facilities without duplication. / / The city should work with the province to encourage the use of slow moving electric vehicles. This will encourage the development of this future technology right here in the city. / / The city should encourage the use of solar residential water heaters. / / The city should do a five year hiring freeze not replacing retiring workers. Less government is better government. / / The city should use software internet applications for all communication with the public. Done properly this can reduce the need for much staffing and improve service. / / The city should review the need for each and every department. The city should shrink the departments unless the need is crucial. If the need is medium to minor then come up with a private solution and close the department. / / The city should privatize as much as possible. Even if the cost is the same the long term pension expense support damage will be avoided.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
3.	Increasing density for new construction. / Facilitate the use of roof top digital signs for business purposes. (will lead to more revenue for the city and for the landlord.) / Expand the Subway (especially to the airport to downtown) / Expropriate land from areas that are rundown and allow developers to build. / Improve areas such as the Lake Shore and Roncesvalles. / Minimal disruption to businesses in construction areas. Compensation to businesses affected by road construction/closures.
4.	The city needs to improve the TTC, reduce the number of cars on our roadways in order to make our streets safer and our air cleaner. Improving the TTC and taking steps such as increasing safety for people who ride bikes or walk, create incentives for people in the city not to need a car. Also, improving the environment should be a top priority for the city. A better environment will have trickle down effect in improving resident's overall health and well being.
5.	better transit to high populated areas. build subways. Ferry to New York. subway to the airport Ask the federal government for money , we pay a large amount of taxes the gas tax as well. we need to make the city more car friendly too for my reasons I am appliance service tech I do not want to work down town Toronto no parking . or one way. the Allen road problem . the city does not work for me or for business stopped traffic makes more smog. we need to promote the use of more small electric cars in the city. or improve transit.
6.	affordable housing, sustainable transit alternatives given energy prices, uploading certain services back to the province that has a broader tax base
7.	More transit, more bike lanes, more affordable housing, more sustainable energy solutions.
8.	Efficient, renewable and fair use of tax payer money. I live near Little India, where there has been some improvements on going, but why is it that the richest neighbourhoods have the nicest roads, sidewalks and other city beautification efforts and the poor neighbourhoods have cracked sidewalks and pot-hole filled roads? The areas look less inviting and businesses don't grow, and the circle continues. / / Arts Funding needs to send Toronto artists touring internationally for them to gain momentum. Audiences want to see work that has international acclaim, but how can our artist achieve this without more support. We need our artists to stand up on the Worlds Stage with confidence. Right now this is not happening, Ontario's contemporary dance companies are diminishing as artists look to other countries or provinces for work.
9.	Transit planning should be based on demand and need, not on politics. / / The open data initiative at toronto.ca/open should be expanded. / / Neighbourhoods need a mixture of uses and building types to be sustainable. The new condo towns need to ensure they follow basic successful planning strategies - lots of side streets, mixed ages and styles of buildings, commercial mixed in with residential. "Tower in the Park" style development is attractive for developers but not good for the City in the long term. We should be trying to build more Bayview Villages, more Annexes, not more Scarborough.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
10.	Local food sustainability. / Emergency and disaster management
11.	Public Transportation and sustainable development that takes into account the environment as well as creating a vibrant city
12.	The ongoing debate between cyclists and the city needs to be resolved. The city needs to accept that bikes are a part of the Toronto environment and the cyclists need to declare themselves pedestrians or vehicles; they can't continue to be both. Confusion over the role of cyclists is causing cyclists to get hurt, pedestrians to get hurt, and drivers to get sued. Cyclists don't know (or maybe don't care) that they need to stop at stop signs. I have almost been run over several times by cyclists disobeying traffic laws. Collisions between cyclists and pedestrians can lead to severe injuries like collisions between cyclists and cars or cars and pedestrians. There needs to be better communication between all parties. There need to be laws, rules and guidelines instated so all parties can coexist peacefully and we can have a safer city.
13.	transportation! congestion from automobiles costs our economy billions, destroys our air quality, contributes to climate change, makes us unhealthy as we sit in our cars all day, and destroys our communities as highways run through them. Many of us can't afford to operate private automobiles but we have no choice because we have no better options. We badly need better public transit and safer streets for cyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.
14.	environment
15.	Tree protection programs and tree planting programs, making it illegal to allow cat-owners to allow their cats to roam free (dogs can't), stopping all wind turbines from encroaching on the city or the lake, preventing developers from taking over and building on every parking lot in the city - lets face it - if we want people to come to the city, they have to be able to drive in (not everyone can take the train or afford a long-distance taxi) - in order for businesses to thrive, people need to be able to drive and park here. Also, businesses that provide services to other businesses need to drive into the city and park here to do business.
16.	accessibility for all, not having to go through a maze of phone calls to get a simple question answered, safe and affordable housing for those in need, increase in day care spaces and subsidy allotments, greater enforcement of laws/bylaws i.e. graffiti, idling vehicles, parking in cycle lanes, unauthorized vehicle in HOV/transit lanes, city politicians should keep to City politics not be endorsing federal or provincial politicians no matter what their long term aspirations are
17.	Construction and its harmful effect on existing structures and the landscape. Wind tunnels created by lack of trees, too much car, truck and SUV traffic and too tall buildings.
18.	Environmental issues

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
19.	I believe that Torontonians are taxed to death !!! We need some relief. The recently implemented Land Transfer Tax is an example of this. Homeowners are constantly bombarded with new and/or increasing taxes. Citizens should not be penalized for owning property in Toronto. We can only take so much. Then the increasing cost of gasoline is a big strain. We need cars in this city to get around, even with a public transportation system. Our geography and climate demand the use of automobiles. We should be more tolerant and prepared for the increasing number of vehicles on the roads. Roads should be maintained more regularly and more efficiently.
20.	Preparing for climate change and reducing its impact in the next decade and onwards. / Investing in greenspace and more urban trees. / Investing in community-based programs to help low income families, especially those with children
21.	Environmental sustainability (the city as a whole needs to do a better job of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and smog, using green energy and reducing energy consumption, creating community gardens for food, supporting walking, cycling and transit, and protecting water quality and supporting green roofs, and protecting parks and street trees. / Supporting schools and community centres so there are community hubs for education, after school / community activities, and community services. / Maintaining diversity and a good quality of life to attract skilled labour and investment - which means having a forward-thinking Official Plan and infrastructure plans that encourage office, commercial and retail development at transit stations and along transit lines, so more jobs and people can have fast, green, and accessible transportation options. / The City needs to raise money to pay for repair of water and transportation infrastructure like the Yonge subway line and Bloor-Danforth subway line - is over capacity and there should be parallel relief lines. The City should consider tolls and raising property taxes, and fees that discourage wasteful consumption of energy, water, and road space.
22.	We should be careful not to rush too quickly into selling off public assets. Searching for cash injections now instead of responsible asset management to generate sustainable future revenue streams is a dangerous game to play
23.	I can't emphasize the need for more reliable transit enough. That should be the City's number 1 priority. It would help our economy, improve the mobility of low income residents, reduce gridlock, attract businesses, and help the environment.
24.	Bike lanes and other sustainable transportation, improving TTC, reducing energy consumption in office buildings, air pollution
25.	Cutting \$750 + million in services will turn Toronto into a second-tier city. Taxes exist for a reason, and recklessly cutting them for political gain is not a sustainable plan for the future.
26.	road tolls / investments in aging infrastructure / green building design and energy conservation / emergency preparedness for climate-related incidents ex. droughts, floods / how to address gentrification and pricing vulnerable populations/working class out of the city / how to effectively spend on culture and attract tourism, to be considered world class city /

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
27.	The need for more city planners to keep Toronto growing in a sustainable and socially fair manner. less focus on development dollars and more on investment in Toronto citizen's needs.
28.	Public transit. We need more of it and better connections to other transit operations in the GTA. Public transit is essential to the functioning of the city to help people get to jobs (which builds a health economy and health tax base) and which also helps with environmental issues. I am willing to pay MORE TAXES to have a better transit system. And I want the changes to come quickly--we don't have time to wait for only subways--other methods should be used too.
29.	Ensuring sustainability / Environmental awareness
30.	Lack of support for recent immigrants. Also the lack of support and resources for public parks and spaces, there should be more free or subsidized recreation activities. River and parkland/forest conservation should be a citywide priority. There should also be requirements for new buildings to have green roofs and possibly solar panels so we can help eliminate the heat and smog during our summers. There should be an emphasis on new buildings to increase density by going vertical and not contribute to suburban sprawl by only building single-family dwellings.
31.	sustainable transportation - prioritizing transit, cycling and pedestrian walkways
32.	Address the systemic marginalization of women, transgendered people, and queer communities in the GTA by funding programs and organizations that target the well-being of these communities, addressing ignorance and discrimination among members of police force and other public services, and promoting the development of educational materials and pro-active policies among the TDSB and other area school boards to enable female, transgendered, and queer youth to lead safe and empowered lives. / / Prioritize green space in city planning, to promote diverse urban ecologies. / / Develop a transit system that does not prioritize car drivers over members of the community who use alternative means of transportation, which are generally more environmentally and economically sustainable than current patterns of car use. Commit to developing more accessible public transit routes, bike lanes and bike paths, and walking paths throughout the city. / / Address food security by developing programs and policies that enable all members of the GTA to access sufficient quantities of healthy food, without sacrificing the quality of our shared environment by supporting unsustainable systems of agriculture and food provisioning.
33.	parking enforcement -more bike lanes, more bike friendly environment
34.	improve quality of tap water, waste and energy reductions, making the city safer for cyclists, green roofs and replanting of trees within the city, keeping garbage disposal in the public sector,
35.	Wind generation
36.	Yes, the City needs to pursue and build a viable public transportation system that is environmentally sound, sustainable, and will help accommodate the needs of people and businesses along with a growing population.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
37.	The city should make use of the wind energy on the Lake, using wind turbines.
38.	Encouraging broad cross-use of as many areas of the city as possible; ensuring that the needs of all users of the city are balanced in as fair a way as possible (as two simple examples: 1) that the needs of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and transit users are all considered as of equal importance; 2) that the needs of those who reside in the downtown core vs. those who reside in the outskirts / suburbs are both considered in shaping the city. Encouraging the development of vibrant cultural AND business environment in the city (I firmly believe that the these two are ultimately linked and interdependent in any large community); focusing less on reduction of taxes, and more on the effective use of tax revenues, including efficiency, a better tendering process, and greater transparency and real accountability.
39.	Transit and effective city planner are extremely vital to Toronto. Businesses thrive and communities grow - culturally AND economically - when public transit is efficient, extensive, and affordable. This includes Light Rail Vehicles, which are cheaper alternatives to subways, with less effect upon the environment. The city's goal is not to serve the car - it is to serve the people, which is done through transit. Cities like Copenhagen demonstrate this - where, coincidentally, people are happier than anyplace else on the planet. In addition, the city should try to limit the height and pervasiveness of new condominium developments; the waterfront should be used for all, not just condo-dwellers.
40.	TTC issue is blown way out of proportion. Build something that we will be using in the next 10 years not in the next 50 years. Traffic congestion is increasing, we have to figure how technology can help in clearing up major clogged arteries. I think smarter roads, and more focus on ways in making people drive more efficiently is a key area to focus on efficiency. IT strategy in the city is quite lacking. The communication incumbents play too great a role in setting the agenda when it comes to a cities IT plans, it is about time we have a more technologically built out city which can offer internet at speeds of 100Mbps at a sustainable cost. Also Peer 151 is a strategic hub of Toronto and Canada, it should have a security review like that done for nuclear power plants. Speaking of technology, all Toronto City buildings should provide free wifi much like it is at libraries. If bike lanes are an issue, then allow people to ride more safely on sidewalks. On a sidewalk if you hit a pedestrian they are more likely to survive than if a car hits a bike rider. Or make a small bike lane on the sidewalk. Toronto is a great tourist city, we should spend a bit more on advertising for this city abroad, I am sure a small drop for tourism can reel in big when it comes to tourist money. / / I also think Toronto should adopt a more competitive mindset. Small cities are competing for businesses more aggressively to get them to build their. Like Vaughn and Markham, they have taken a lot of IT jobs because they compete, we should too. Toronto is a great city deserving more than deficits.
41.	Environmental welfare and conservations. / Reducing poverty and the gap between the wealthy and poor. / Improving water sanitation and recycling programs. / Increasing wild green space in the city.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
42.	I think you should STOP the recent fire sale of city public services. The Ford administration is too focused on their short-term gain and not focused on what's important. That is, long-term sustainability of our environment, our vulnerable peoples and our economy.
43.	Transit City should be reinstated-- listen to the experts. / Bike lanes are important: "The War on the Car" is a bunch of ideological rhetoric. The world is changing, we need to learn to be more sustainable NOW, before it becomes more urgent. Increasing oil prices and the need for building sustainable cities are simply realities, whether we like it or not. It is wiser to plan for these inevitabilities now, as opposed to waiting until a crisis. Mayor Ford's campaign promises of accountability and transparency at city hall do not need to be in opposition to Toronto taking a leadership role in sustainable urban planning. Stop thinking in small, suburban terms!
44.	Investing in the arts, public transportation, the environment and programs that target poverty effectively is good for the economy and would spur it of it own accord.
45.	Insufficient conservation of green space and tree planting. Aging electrical and water/sewage infrastructure. Lack of a bold vision for the city including pollution mitigation and environmental issues. The need for more open public spaces and pedestrian only roads. A major waterfront corniche/promenade. And finally the removal of the Gardiner expressway!
46.	Waterfront. I think we need to ensure the current plan (at least the early stages in East Bayfront) is aloud to proceed. Moreover, I think sufficient transit and tax incentives should be put in place to encourage a lot of commercial growth in the area. / / I think the maintenance of sidewalks and parks throughout the city needs to be addressed. / / Finally sustainable transit funding; Capital project are great but if there isn't money to fund day to day operation and service improvements there is no point. Along these lines, efficiencies in the TTC need to be found; By this I do not mean service cuts; I mean better route management - A all to common occurrence on routes with 7+ min service (i.e. not that frequent or the TTC) is to have 2/3/4 buses bunch together. The same applies to the streetcar routes. If this can be improved, service can be improved with no additional service whatsoever.
47.	Spending on environmental initiatives that will benefit future generations.
48.	develop public transit to be faster, environment-friendly, more efficient as a whole

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
49.	Foot traffic and public transportation/cycling access is good for business, the economy, and the environment. Creating adequate cycling paths would allow those that want to ride bikes safely to and from work and leisure to do so, freeing up roads for drivers that don't have that option, and opening up room for parking. The air would be cleaner, the streets quieter, there would be more foot traffic for local businesses, and it would discourage the development of a city with core decay, where people drive through downtown without stopping to get to their homes in the suburbs, which is a very real threat that many major cities succumb to. Spending tons of money on a subway to nowhere that wouldn't hold as many people as trains and buses (that had already been approved and budgeted for) is a waste, and doesn't keep people above ground, interacting with the city and its businesses.
50.	keep the original transit city plan, make sure the high rises in the wider GTA have access to transit and grocery store, etc. within walking distance to their buildings, encourage walkable neighbourhoods, increase the number of community gardens, support local food initiative, install more street lights that are solar powered, encourage more solar construction in the city, grants and support to help people retrofit homes and businesses to use less heat and electricity
51.	expansion of energy efficiency programs, sustainable energy generation programs, more mandated programs like the "green roofs" program.
52.	City wide transit issues really need to be addressed. The "time to work" for many people in the city exceeds an hour, in some cases two and this is solely because of traffic. This is an awful lot of pollution and lost time for work that could be recovered. / / The lack of comprehensive city planning blows my mind, it seems that there's condominium after condominium going up without thought about the infrastructure being in place to support it (libraries, community centers, transit, day care). Never mind that 95% of these buildings looks like giant glass boxes and are huge energy sinks. Where is the progressiveness of city council? Where are the green roofs? / / Another important issue is the cancelling of the Fort York bridge. It makes absolutely no sense, having it would help revitalize this community and provide a vital link between two sections of the city. The one time sell-off of city assets (property) nearby as a reason to cancel this bridge is not an excuse. The city shouldn't be looking at selling off assets anyways, and should be balancing the budget on its own merits on a sustainable basis... not because it's selling everything it owns.
53.	More bike lanes, solid waste/environment
54.	1/ Green initiative such as community tree planting and green roofs throughout the city. / 2/ Ease City traffic congestion on weekends by demanding that all Marathons take place in the City parks and trails. Example: Move all Marathons: to Edwards Garden along the Don River south to the Martin Goodman Trail and either west along the lake to the Humber Bay Park or east around Cherry Beach to the RC Harris Water Filtration plant at the foot of Victoria Park avenue. There's plenty of room for onlookers and cheerleaders in this infrastructure of Toronto parklands. / 3/ Avoid duplication of responsibilities of the City's ABC agencies.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
55.	The city should spend more on wind and solar power. Cancel the pointless populist posturing on every issue. Cancel the tax freeze. Never use the words "gravy train" again, unless it refers to a dinner table novelty.
56.	Money is not the only thing to think about. We need leadership and vision to take us forward so that the quality of life in our city is sustainable and worthwhile for all of our citizens.
57.	Activities for youth between the ages of 12 and 18. A safe bicycle environment so that all feel safe to ride to work or elsewhere.
58.	City wide response to hunger. There are incredible amounts of actors working towards a food policy that supports local sustainable food systems. The city of Toronto needs to honour and support these efforts, like the work of The Stop Community Food Centre and FoodShare. These organizations are receiving international recognition and people travel to Toronto to learn about these grass root efforts to solve hunger and create food literacy. The city working towards sustainable food policies.
59.	Environmental issues: expanding recycling, energy efficient city buildings, expanding alternative sources of power, heating cooling / Improving bicycle lanes, bicycle safety in Toronto
60.	We need to grow our city and have a vision for building a sustainable, livable and socially responsible city that is also economically viable. We can't sacrifice any one of these principals in the name of others. To be part of society in Canada, in Ontario, in Toronto, is to accept that we pay taxes and that that money goes to help the greater good...sometimes that greater good is not ourselves. I worry that concentrating on "tax payers" as the way we think of ourselves, instead of citizens, minimizes our role in the world.
61.	Preserving publicly run city services; Ensuring a welcoming environment for newcomers; Ensuring appropriate services for Aboriginal people;
62.	Shabby public realm - overhead hydro wires on wooden poles, utility cuts everywhere destroying street and sidewalk pavement, pedestrian-unfriendly sidewalks. This isn't a matter of the City spending more - it's a matter of properly coordinating utility construction, making utilities bear the true cost of repairing their mess, directing condo development fees to public infrastructure, creating some minimal design standards reflecting an urban environment, and making one person at City Hall responsible for street and sidewalk design, reconstruction, repair and maintenance. I mean, who decided frontier-town wooden hydro poles supporting a jumbled mess of overhead wires, with garbage can-sized transformers suspended in midair, were acceptable for the main streets of a city? Why do no other cities in North America, Europe or Australia look like this?
63.	Environment - finding ways to encourage business to step up - this doesn't mean the city has to undertake projects but they should be very active in encouraging others.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
64.	I think that taxes should be around the environment, for example: people with cars should be paying more taxes. The city should not be wasting money on destroying programs that were already on the way like it happened with the TTC. It also should not privatize services like waste collection while paying even more to police. Privatizing services is not the way to go, making our services more efficient is! / It would be helpful to get a list of what services the city is offering, how much is spent on each one of them and which one is the city planning to axe. / Having affordable housing will solve many problems - also, since co-ops in the city are coming to an end of their agreement, people who were living there on Rent Geared to Income are going to be looking for solutions. /
65.	The environment. Cleaner city. Cleaner air quality. Less cars on the road.
66.	Sustainable energy for the city
67.	funding for bike lanes and promoting biking as a real transportation option / environmental issues are very important - reducing waste, promoting recycling, getting the green bin program to all people, continuing the plastic bag fee to get people to reduce waste / / /
68.	There are far too many condominium developments being built much too quickly with no real thought as to how this will affect the landscape. All the trees get cut down, streets turn into "wind tunnels", charming historic neighbourhoods are ruined by gaudy eyesores and the skyline is blotted out. Why is the city not building more affordable rental housing instead of allowing greedy developers to stick overpriced 'luxury' condos wherever they want?
69.	Bicycle lanes to and from downtown - On Eglinton Ave E would be nice / Dundas Sq should use solar power for at least some of the signs - increase alternative energy use in the city
70.	-Getting more cars off the roads / -Keeping public services public / -improving services for the most vulnerable / -how to grow without environmental degradation / -addressing the pollution on the waterfront (it's criminal that swimming in lake Ontario is

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
71.	The City must re-consider the contracting out of City Services. Many studies have been done already and they have proven that contracting out does NOT save money, environmental issues do not get looked after in the same way (its worse) and we should keep our Public Services and not privatize them. It will not help our economy to do that. What happens to our workers who cannot cope with doing other jobs, there are not even jobs for many of them to go to. City Workers are proud of their City and we should keep them in the Public Service. Our roads are the biggest example of all. In the years now that the road work has been contracted out the roads are in really terrible shape. There are major potholes all over the city, ditches in the roads that are hazardous, collect the rain water and make the side walks impossible for pedestrians to walk on when it is wet because the huge spray, wakes in fact, caused by passing cars drench them. Our cars too are suffering with major bumps and sticking out grates. Every street that was worked on last year by these contracted out road crews are looking like they have not had work done on them for 20 years! We do not want our Garbage, Re-cycling, Green, our Waterworks, and Sewers to go the same way.
72.	Walkability, bicycling, public art, urban farming, sustainable neighbourhoods.
73.	Cycling infrastructure, green roofs, waterfront development, parks
74.	To preserve existing communities without letting developers run roughshod over them for profit and to the detriment of long-time residents. / To preserve what pitifully few pieces of history we still have left in this city and have not sacrificed on the altar of development, because like those we already have thrown away, they can never be brought back once they are gone. . / To make sure that an efficient and responsibly run public transit system, that moves millions, is a city priority and is not cast aside in favour of the almighty automobile that moves few people at huge cost to the environment and creates traffic chaos everywhere. / To avoid any further development of the toxic atmosphere that the current administration seems bent on fostering and to find ways for council to work together to achieve what is best for the people of this city, not what is best for the administration. /
75.	Engage a private company to build and run a tunnel road system, 100% financed by toll collection, connecting QEW, 427, DVP, Black Creek, Allan and 401/407, to reduce city street traffic and provide high efficiency through traffic, less pollution and better environment in the city.
76.	City health and safety by-laws should be enforced across the City so that every resident as equal access to government protection. I don't currently see this happening in lower rent apartment buildings, with respect to property cleanliness or enforcement of the noise and anti-idling bylaws. / Also, I want to be explicit that I believe water, wastewater, hydro and transportation issues are important... but that I believe the BEST way to improve transportation flow in the City is to give people better non-car options. I am a car owner & user, but I would use it less if there were stronger alternatives. Better parking at GO and TTC stations with more reliable service would make driving less appealing for many.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
77.	Provision of daycare, maintaining recreation and aquatic program service delivery, and funding parks and environmental programs (including waste diversion).
78.	Transportation. Alleviating congestion on roads by considering effective improvements to cycling and public transit infrastructure that benefit the most amount of people. The environment. Increasing the tree canopy which benefits every Toronto resident over the long term (i.e. far beyond political terms) should continue to be a goal.
79.	Yes. It is clear that the agenda by the Mayor's office is self-serving, and represents the constituents who support his views on privatization of public services, privileging the car culture over improving public transit, and including those who are the most vulnerable in society as part of the decision making process. In addition, the City of Toronto's cut to environmental services, and privatization of waste diversion services will be detrimental to our quality of life, and privatization of garbage has already been proven to cost more. Mayor Ford's decisions should have a greater goal in mind to serve all citizens of Toronto, not just his supporters, and an objective auditing of decisions before they are made, and municipal policies are changed, is imperative.
80.	Transit City was a great idea. It served so many people, and offered them a great alternative to cars. Ford's new plan is too narrow-minded. It offers a small section of the population a slightly better alternative to cars, but does not offer anything to anyone else. Light Rail needs to happen. Subways are a waste of money when the benefits to all Torontonians are considered. / Ageing infrastructure across Toronto needs improvement, and revitalization and 'greening/sustainable development' of old land should be at the forefront of improvements.
81.	Transportation, keeping in mind the environment. Other sources of energy-more green-solar, wind.. More community gardens, and promotion of local foods/produce. Youth advocacy-keeping them out of trouble/off the street. Safe injection sites. /
82.	Making decisions with a long-term and sustainable view of urban planning
83.	animal services, parks, recreation, sustainability, 311, infrastructure, keeping city workers
84.	Reduce our carbon footprint and production of garbage - outlaw excessive packaging, instigate a fair system for discouraging private vehicle use in the city, support highly sustainable building design & renovation initiatives - THINK OF THE FUTURE! Let's follow the example of Portland, not Atlanta.
85.	Water- protecting our lake and ensuring safe environmental practices of all industries. Ensuring the highest quality and safety for our drinking water. Protecting our green space and embracing new solar, wind and electric technologies to make our city more sustainable.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
86.	Libraries are important for average Canadians who have been displaced due to a lot of sever life changes: / / Libraries provide a way for Canadians to constructively spend their time for the betterment of the community and the country by becoming informed in a clean, safe, wholesome, dignified environment. / / I've used the library to study hard to complete university courses, as entertainment due to lack of disposable income and being financial responsibly; when unemployed, a place to continue to upgrade my skills; a place to take my young child on a fun outing to socialize with his peers due to not having the time to build relationships due to working hard to keep afloat in this economy; a place to go to plan for a decent future and not be wandering around aimlessly unfocused and vulnerable to bad influences- which no city has the skills or money or time to fix.
87.	Public Transit/Infrastructure needs to be upgraded as it is a viable alternative to cars/traffic congestion, better for environment, and overall cheaper if the city invests and to be used by the city's residents in the long term.
88.	the importance of public transport and less emphasis on the CAR. We must begin to cut back on car use for the environment and for good access to all areas with public transport. To say, as Mayor Ford did "The era of the car is back" or something like that is not progressive thinking at all from the mayor of Canada's largest city. It's embarrassing!
89.	Greater emphasis upon how companies hire within the city and when the city contracts out - ensuring that the workers are paid fair wages and provide quality of life benefits. For the City can save money from paying less but these workers in turn will pay less in taxes. Hence the City loses more revenue than what it is trying to save. Quality of Life has been neglected in this hostile economic climate but it has to remember to make Toronto - a destination for attracting knowledgeable and cultured individuals - who can take full use of all the great things this city has to offer.
90.	1. Toronto is becoming polarized, the divide between rich and poor has increased so much that children from poor family have no way of competing. / 2. Toronto's infrastructure is stuck in the 1970s. this needs to change / 3. toronto needs to continue to build upon its diversity of faiths, races etc. / 4. Toronto is becoming unaffordable for many, even middle class people can't afford to buy houses here. / 5. there needs to be a limit placed on the number of investment properties someone can buy, real estate has become a speculation game....often property is health by foreign investors. Good for them, bad for the people that actually live here. / 6. Maintain the environment, keep toronto smog free support nature etc. / 7. put an end to bureaucracy corruption. / 8. don't privatize to save in the short run and harm our vulnerable populations.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
91.	1. Addressing the need for planned, reasonable tax increases. It's time to be HONEST. Taxes keep our city a home to be proud of. / 2. Obtaining a proper increase in PUBLIC, accessible transportation funding for maintenance and expansion of the TTC and WheelTrans services. LRT and streetcars. Put public transportation - not cars - first. / 3. Road tolls and a concerted effort to get people out of cars and into MASSIVELY improved public transit (see #2). / 4. Be bold. Invest in people and good jobs for people and the future will be great. Stop being stingy, narrow-minded and deceitful. We are a rich city in a rich country. We will be judged by how we treat our most vulnerable citizens, our environment, and how we leave our city for future generations.
92.	protection of green spaces and lessening of damage to the environment
93.	Toronto is a world-class city. We need to invest in infrastructure, culture, arts and environment. We need to support communities. Core service means more than garbage collection, snow plowing and relying on revenues from recreation programs. Core service should include creating flagship parks, supporting festivals and investment in inclusive transportation (bikes lanes). We need leadership with vision to make this a better city.
94.	sustainability in its broadest sense - the ability to envision, plan and achieve an attractive city-scape, city-living in the next 10 years - a place where people want to live
95.	To address the environmental, pollution and traffic concerns, the City needs to take a renewed look at Public Transit and alternate means of transportation such as bicycles. Pollution counts will continue to rise and we need to take early action.
96.	I think more effort needs to be put into environmental issues, which include transit but also infill development, carbon audits, urban forestry, etc.
97.	The City needs to run as a Corporation! It needs to create wealth and prosperity instead of cutting services that are valued by it's citizens. Ask the people who live in the City the best way to save money in the City. For example, if you put up a website called "SAVEDOUGHTO" and asked people to look around their City at ways we could save money, I think you would be surprised at the inventive ways people could help... and save the services they need. / / Second, I think privatizing services is a move in the wrong direction. The City needs to be accountable for it's services. If you privatize garbage you cannot expect taxpayers to pay for your garbage cans. And, what about the environment. Do you think people will continue to work together to recycle our waste.... if the City doesn't care about garbage then why should we?

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
98.	The Transit City plan offered an affordable solution to the great inequity of transit in this city--entire neighbourhoods are isolated because they aren't close to the subway. To build a new subway line, instead of implementing a sustainable and more immediate plan such as Transit City is quite possibly the worst decision the city has made in years and we will suffer for it for years. The City must revisit the Transit City plan and start building LRT lines across the city. / / Also, more money must be spent on interventions in low-income communities so that young people born into poverty have the ability to overcome that and change their own communities (rather than just leave them).
99.	Highways and general transit is so important. So much time and money is lost in long commutes to and from work. The infrastructure just isn't there. But also other aspects that keep popping up are issues of strikes, job layoffs, and it's not a healthy environment. Taxes, gas, electricity and all other services are going up in price, and yet city workers are not seeing an increase. I work for the city, and I am proud to work for the city. But I am also living paycheck to paycheck and that stress isn't and shouldn't be there. I guess what I'm trying to say is, the Rob Ford and City Council clean-up is a great idea, a lot of bad apples are taking advantage of the system, and people should just remember also that among the bad seeds are some real stars that are shining. I consider myself one of them and welcome a service review any day.
100.	It is urgent that we reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. We have to invest massively in public transportation to reduce pollution and gridlock. People's health is a priority. Traffic congestion is bad for the economy and a waste of time and energy (fossil fuel energy). We have to build an environment where people want to walk or cycle. The city should impose a carbon tax on polluters.
101.	Education. The survey is too broad to give specific concerns. We should have more educational resources, not sport. Arts and education are important. Force libraries to be more accessible to people to use as study and not the party rooms they are now. It's ridiculous, you go to a library and all I see is teens running around loud and troublesome. The librarian sits there and doesn't do anything to make the environment better. Also, there is a decrease in real books. Librarians are not upholding the tradition of books. They throw out books for laptop and kids playground space! Please force them to keep the libraries as learning, studying places for people who care about their future. / We should also not be cutting the arts. It helps with brain development. Toronto pumps out creative people that are recognized all over the world. We shouldn't stop this prize in the name of "lower taxes".
102.	One of the top 3 employers in the City of Toronto is the Screen-based industries (television, interactive/games, film) which are growing international market-share both domestically and internationally. This industry development employs many thousands directly, and thousands more indirectly - raising all boats. / To continue to lead in this industry, we must continue having a well connected Film Commissioner, effective and robust TFTO, solid business to business marketing and a climate of 'film friendliness' in Council and neighbourhoods.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
103.	We need long term plans for an environmentally sustainable, affordable city.
104.	Yes, stop privatization of public services. If you want to privatize any public services, I suggest you privatize the police services since it costs the city the most. By privatizing the police service, we as a city will save 25% of the cost of our city budget. / / We need to start maintain our water and air safe from pollution, We need to create more community centres and activities for all walks of life so people can have a place to go to socialize and learn. Public libraries are so important so as Parks and Recreation Facilities. These are important component to make our city environment healthy and lower crime rate.
105.	Do not close any public libraries. There are seniors that rely on them and there are children who wait for their caregivers or parents at public libraries, which provide a safe environment for these kids after school. The homeless also take shelter in the libraries when it is too cold outside or very hot in the summer. Libraries also offer computer classes, baby time programs and other classes that bring communities together. Also, although I do not use bike lanes, the ones that have already been installed should remain because tax dollars have already been spent. It would be financially wasteful on the part of the city to take these bike lanes away.
106.	transit city! / arts funding! / service improvements not cuts! / no privatization! / environment! / gay pride! / de-amalgamation!!
107.	environmental impact, transportation
108.	The vitality and well-being of individual neighbourhoods is integral to the vitality and well-being of the city as a whole; however, at present, it doesn't seem that all neighbourhoods (e.g. electoral districts) are being given adequate and equal resources to thrive. Access to affordable and accessible transit and alternatives, to sustainable environmental options and practices, and to cultural practice opportunities (not just sports or museums, but to participating in fine and performing arts) are all lacking; and so, with few exceptions, are attempts to address them as an integrated whole. This compartmentalization of city services seems to me to be the most pressing issue Toronto is facing, since its citizens' and communities' lives are never so separable or so easily compartmentalized.
109.	Public education on sustainable living to build up healthy communities & workforce (e.g. promote "toxics & human health" as mandatory curriculum in public school, expand the scopes on community gardening, tax credits for residential renewable projects, etc) / / Sustainable urban planning to ease traffic (e.g. continuous bike lane system for the entire GTA & Toronto, encourage individuals/organizations to work close to home by providing tax incentives/credits, etc) / / Sustainable health care to eliminate inefficiency & over budgets (e.g. focus on "preventive measures" instead of treating diseases, allow "alternative medicines" to be part of OHIP program, cultivate a culture where seniors are highly active in the communities and are regarded as mentors by the youths. etc)

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
110.	Making sure that the members of the public clearly understand that a very small proportion of their tax dollar -- perhaps 8 percent comes from the municipal sector yet the city provides perhaps as much as 60 percent of the services that people in Toronto use. Therefore, an increase in municipal taxes is always a small amount to pay for the amount of services we use. / / The need for the province -- and especially the federal government -- to offer sustainable and predictable funding for certain key services, particularly in the area of infrastructure and public transit. / / The need for greater co-operation and greater sharing of resources and information among other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area and, in some cases, in the Golden Horseshoe. / / On the other hand, people need to feel involved in their municipal government. The city needs to back away from any plan to reduce opportunities for citizens to take part in local government. To some degree, we need to return to a two-tier model for municipal governance, because that makes sure that regional experts decide regional issues, while local residents have input on more local or neighbourhood issues.
111.	I just wanted to qualify my view of infrastructure and transportation. While I think it is important to beef up infrastructure, I think that sustainable forms of transportation (i.e.. self propelled transit such as bicycles, or mass/public transit) should be prioritized.
112.	Sustainable development / Urban planning & Development
113.	The city should provide or facilitate the delivery of the best possible common services that individuals or businesses can not do. These services include -- infrastructure (sewers, roads, water, clean environment, subways, street cars etc), common amenities (garbage collection, attractive streetscapes, public spaces). The city should also ensure that we provide effective facilities for educating children and young people (yes, I know this is a provincial jurisdiction - but the original neighbourhood layouts with schools linked within walking distance to neighbourhoods was always effective and help create neighbourhood cohesiveness). / / We need to get our act together for a city wide public transportation system. I understand the link to the airport has been promised since the 50's -- if Philadelphia can put one in place, why can't we. Why haven't we been building subways all over the place? Queen or King Street, Eglinton, Dufferin -- I don't really care. There are a lot of smart people in the city and it is frustrating that nothing effective is getting done. To me the Hong Kong subway is one of the best I've ever seen. / / We need to fix the sewers -- sending sewage to the lake is not a good long term solution for our drinking water. / / When the city undertakes projects like parks, public spaces it needs to assign proper budgets to these projects or they will not get done, they will look awful, or they will decline quickly. Cheap and nasty does not work. If you need examples of good projects look to Chicago. / / All of this is expensive, but cities are expensive. Seems to me we should raise taxes. If it looks like we are getting services, maybe people won't grumble about paying. Educate people about the differences in tax rates between various cities of the world. For special projects -- like subways -- maybe issue a special

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	<p>private bond or something. Take a look at how hong kong developed its subway (giving developers the rights to develop nodes in exchange for providing funding for the general system). / / I may be wrong, but I think the city should move away from providing services for the vulnerable. Not that I don't think this is important, but I don't see why this should be a city responsibility. There are lots of agencies that can provide these services. For the people for whom this is an important priority, they can donate money to these agencies (the city could offer tax credit or lobby the federal government to provide tax credit for donations). That said – I do think that providing common infrastructure like community centres and libraries is an important thing to do (again – getting matched support from private donations would help to gauge how important it is to the community). / / I would prefer that my tax money support common infrastructure and education. In many ways, I feel that education is the most important investment we can make. Give people (young AND old) the opportunity to learn a broad subject matter with applied rigour – they can take that experience anywhere and the return on the investment will be immeasurable. / / Saving. We need to clean up the civil service in the city. It should not be a joke in the private sector (and as an architect I have to work with the city fairly often), that you can't call the city for an hour around coffee breaks or anywhere around lunch or any time past 4 because you'll never reach anyone. There are some very good civil servants, but there is a lot of dead wood – both people who work at a glacial speed and who don't know what they should know. This needs to be corrected. Reducing these labour costs and hiring more effective people will save costs. It will also encourage better people to take positions with the city (which we need). / / Also – in terms of the questionnaire – who is it possible that the city can provide employment and jobs? It isn't. The Mayor, Councillors and Staff should run an effective organization – if you do that, the rest of us in the private sector will provide the employment and jobs. /</p>
114.	<p>Maintaining and increasing mixed income neighbourhoods. Increasing public transportation across the city, especially in less serviced areas, in as many areas as possible. Developing and enforcing environmental initiatives such green roofs, etc. Developing a system that ensures that Toronto's built environment is aesthetically pleasing as well as functional - this includes the waterfront. We are a wealthy city - we should be able to take care of the less fortunate and create a beautiful place we can all live in that is sustainable and environmentally progressive. This will go towards ensuring a healthy economy and society in the future.</p>
115.	<p>The city should work to improve and invest more in social services, transit, culture and sustainability!</p>
116.	<p>Green transportation - light rail or street car transit. Provide better roadways for cyclist. Affordable Youth Friendly spaces. Accountable policing. A better environment friendly plan.</p>

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117.	We need to really step up our efforts in making Toronto a sustainable city. We need to show the rest of Canada and other city's worldwide that it is possible. I want to see more city efforts in creating a more sustainable Toronto. People want more bike lanes, more affordable clean energy choices, more options for public transit and public composting sites.
118.	Toronto's image could be improved with beautification. / Christmas lights look more like Halloween lights and would be better served if they were clear. / Tourism would increase if the city had more beautiful sights, more flowers and landscaping. / Transportation needs to be addressed. The city is completely backlogged in all directions. We need more subways in all directions. / More cost savings could be achieved if we had solar roofs and public building energy audits to save money. / At some point the citizens of Toronto have to have property tax increases. Their taxes are the lowest in the Metropolitan region. It's good to look at cutting inefficiencies but in the long run cost of services does go up.
119.	Sustainable food production (urban agriculture) and environmental initiatives for power, especially for commercial properties.
120.	Toronto should consider tighter allowances on smog control in terms of vehicle emissions reductions. Also renewable energy sources should be promoted greater and considered more seriously.

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121.	<p>1) Review/audit Toronto Hydro and Toronto Hydro Energy Services (THES) companies. I question the need for two hydro companies supplying services to Toronto. There is a duplication of effort maintaining the two companies. Either consolidate the two companies to reduce overhead and expenses or sell one of the companies. / 2) Why are we paying a hydro surcharge to Bullfrog power when Toronto Hydro owns a state of the art green natural gas power plant. The Bullfrog Power contract makes no sense. / 3) Hybrid buses are extremely expensive with questionable savings of diesel and/or emissions. Stop this expensive purchase until some more cost effective/cost savings/emissions savings technology is available. / 4) Review the Imperial Parking Canada Corporation contract. Their hourly parking charges and ticket charges are significantly higher than Green P parking. Maybe Green P rates should be increased to be in line with Imperial Parking. Maybe Imperial Parking should be sharing more of their revenue with the city. Maybe another parking meter competitor should be introduced into the city. / 5) I agree with the privatization of garbage services. / 6) Consider privatizing Toronto Park services, lawn cutting, tree planting, tree trimming, etc. / 7) Consider privatizing more of the TTC maintenance and construction. It is ridiculous how long it takes TTC staff to do streetcar track replacement or bus/streetcar station maintenance/upgrades. / 8) Stop all new Hydro FIT projects (wind & solar). The contracts of these projects will be renegotiated by the province (OPG) in the coming years as a cost cutting measure. These projects are outrageously costly for the province to keep subsidizing. The new contract rates will result in no economic payback of the invested capital. / 9) Stop the installation of Hydro Smart meters. This is an outrageously expensive project trying to tell people to change a very inelastic service. There is no cost saving for the consumer or the hydro company, just more cost. The big winner here is the Smart Meter companies.</p>
122.	the environment, lead in our water: changing our pipes, accessible recreational opportunities
123.	I am rather concerned as to how cutting taxes could impact city services: particularly the TTC. The services can definitely be improved without privatization or making such vital sectors unaffordable. I am also rather concerned about the environment as smog and pollution are a huge issue. Especially with the rising population of Toronto.
124.	Community housing - making sure everybody can enjoy a reasonable standard of living. Also, bike lanes and TTC. Affordable and sustainable forms of transportation should be encouraged - this kind of infrastructure will actually HELP reduce traffic. Arts and culture funding is also important - Toronto has a lot to offer culturally, and we need to celebrate what this world-class city has to offer.

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125.	<p>Yes how the Police Chief handled the G-20 Policing! He needs to be Accountable! My , one police officer charged & hundreds / of Mostly INNOCENT CITIZENS are Charged! 2nd. Item, forget the Bike lanes, just make sure you have the Roads safe for / cyclists by paving all the rough spots near every curb, no matter how long the distance! Cyclist will always make use of the outside aspect of the outside lane! Where convenient make bike lanes! Jarvis is Ridiculous, UR tying of Commuter time the way it is at present ! TRANSIT definitely NEEDS to be in 'The CITIES TOP FIVE PRIORITIES! It's disgusting at present! My major complaint is HOW FILTHY THE BUSSES, ST. CARS & SUBWAY CARS ARE!!! I alone pick-up more Garbage then any / TTC Employee I've ever seen on the Transit!!! "DON'T ALLOW THOSE FREE PAPERS, FOOD OR DRINKS ON TRANSIT, AT / ALL!!! Make Ten times more Announcements about How the Public Abuses the Right of Others by making the Transit a dirty / environment for ALL USERS!!! Cut the Corporations off there dirty little free paper as it's only selling advertising & who Pays / to have the Transit Cleaned??? I can't stand at a Bus platform because your Staff & Public smoke there! Enforce the Rules & / the Rule of Law!!! Clean the Graffiti-up once & for All!!! Trim the crap out of All the Alleyways, over-grown bushes, garbage, / waste, etc. etc. Get a Grip on EACH DEPARTMENT HEAD & there MANAGEMENT TEAM. Why do the Staff at the TTC look / like Bums in Uniforms!!! Show some decent respect to the Citizens / Public & then maybe WE can ALL START OFF ON THE / RIGHT FT. AGAIN!!! THANK YOU</p>
126.	<p>social services for teens, at risk youth, mental health issues, etc.; / green space and park space - lots of it; / sustainable communities where the needs of the residents can be met by walking, biking, and public transit / access to healthy food /</p>
127.	<p>As the world moves towards more sustainable development practices, it is important for the building codes across Ontario, but particularly within the GTA to be adjusted to allow for new experimental environmentally sustainable building methods to be employed without the fear or threat of lawsuits or excessive bureaucratic red tape and administrative burdens. / / I also strongly believe that Toronto should honour the legacies of our indigenous population by for example, making the Iroquois burial mounds in High Park a protected area, accessible to native peoples for ceremonies, and insofar as it is not destructive of these heritage features, to the general public. This city rests firmly on land which is sacred to Ontario's First Nations people, and our city government has a moral obligation to not only consult in good faith, but also respect the voices and decisions of our First Nations constituents.</p>
128.	<p>There needs to be greater pressure on land owners to use their roof space. Every roof should either have a garden or solar panels.</p>
129.	<p>Toronto must remain a viable and livable environment for the residents of the City; population densities in our city are sky rocketing - living in the downtown core on Wellesley Street (for example) is 24/7 non-stop noise, being it from street cleaners, garbage collection, construction, etceteras - throughout the night and into the early hours of the morning. We are human beings and the stress of this noise pollution would not be tolerated in other residential areas of the City. Thank you.</p>

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130.	Extending the subway to the GTA to support daily commuters and cut down environmental abuse.
131.	What is the city's adaptation strategy to deal with climate change over the next 20 to 50 years?
132.	environmental damage, smog, pollution,
133.	Supporting initiatives that make the city attractive to investment such as cultural, historical, and environmental initiatives. These are the things that distinguish Toronto from other world capital cities and make it attractive to investment. People want to live here for the excellent quality of life and as a result business wants to invest here due to the highly qualified workforce. This atmosphere needs to be enhanced and not diminished.
134.	Investing in public transit to improve service for all city residents not simply for those living in one or two areas. / Investing in the arts and culture as this generates revenue and brings visitors to the city. / Making decisions with long term planning in mind. It is especially important to consider the long term financial, environmental and social consequences of city decisions. / The city is diverse and there's a diversity of opinion on the city's future. Make sure to consult widely and incorporate this diversity of opinion into city decisions.
135.	Look at longer term investments in infrastructure that make Toronto a more enjoyable and enriched city to live in. Bikes and Public transport matter - stop fighting with everyone over it. So do public spaces, parks and free cultural spaces like libraries. Living is about more than getting to and from work and the city needs to focus on what drives quality of life and health for the largest portion of our citizens. Cutting for cutting sake is naive and short sighted when investments today are needed. The investment in outdoor markets, cultural events that draw people out of their homes and in to the community and the beautification of our city will make a difference. Keeping all areas safe, orderly and clean is a start, but it goes beyond litter, we need to do more now for our environment. True, thoughtful city planning and investment in the required infrastructure is what you should be doing, not chopping services and bullying citizens. It's like a group of pre-teen ogres have stepped in and now it is all about shock value and macho rather than caring for each other and our communities. So sad to watch - so so embarrassing. The least you could do is stop unpicking all the things that we already invested in – that is no way to save money.
136.	Transit is number one. Smog a close second. The city could use more arts and culture, more festivals, better parks, a nice waterfront, etc.
137.	Culture and Sport are not one issue. Stop all funding of professional sport and fund amateur sports facilities. Fund non-profit arts and culture sector not businesses. Divert car transport to public transport. Zone to protect heritage, environment and arts facilities. Provide more health services and housing to the disabled and poor. Hire 2x more Wheeltrans dispatchers. Return all of the dedicated funds for maintenance of environmental and legacy projects. Read Chicago's Global Warming report and plan for a future.

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138.	reducing deleterious environmental impacts; public transit
139.	we need better bike lanes so people can get out of cars, stop creating smog, get healthy and promote physical fitness for kids
140.	Development of our waterfront as a series of diverse mixed use neighbourhoods, well served by public transit, with excellent, useable and attractive public access to the lake. Use of our internationally acclaimed cultural institutions to promote economic growth and quality of life. Engaging all residents in local civic engagement. Avoiding short term quick fixes in favour of sustainable long term solutions.
141.	1. Urban sprawl and a focus on cars is not a sustainable approach in the mid- to long-term. / / 2. There is tremendous energy and momentum in Toronto at this time. We risk stifling that potential if we focus on cost-cutting and short-term savings to the exclusion of unified planning for generational projects like the harbourfront and regional transit.
142.	As a resident of Toronto, I am aware that low taxes are great, but only in the short term. If we fail to invest in our city, our city will fail its citizens. As a resident I am more than a taxpayer. All residents must be able to get around the city, whether or not they can afford or choose to own a car, we should have access to sport and culture as that honours our humanity, we must protect and enhance our environment to secure the future for our children, and we must be able to participate fully in our government. We are citizens, not just taxpayers, we are people, not economic units. Thank you for this opportunity to participate.
143.	Not selling off city services. Continue with transit city as planned. Not cutting city services and programs. Not building another incinerator. Putting time, thought & energy towards the Climate Action Plan.
144.	a transportation infrastructure which is affordable and sensitive to the health of the environment
145.	Innovation: City as a thought leader change maker; Resilience: related to but different from environmental programs and economic health of city; Open Data: related to but different then transparency, the release of data so Torontonians can create services around the release of city info.
146.	Toronto should be positioned as a leader in health and environmental sustainability
147.	We need to develop a long term vision for Toronto, which would define the priorities (i.e. become a financial centre; or focus on environmentally sustainable living; or create family oriented environment; etc). These priorities should be enforced at every decision about finances, development projects, creating services or even about hosting large scale events.
148.	Affordable and frequent public transportation. / Providing retrofits for low-flow toilets and energy and environmental retrofits

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149.	I feel that Toronto is losing it's community's accessibility and friendly feeling to angry motorists. We need more efficient public transit so there can be less traffic everywhere. Those who need to drive need less congestion (public transit that works will help) and we could walk in less smog in the summer. I and my son have asthma - yet are very active - but we are noticing the air quality - or lack of- is interfering in our lives. I also want my kids to be able to SAFELY bike to and from school. The traffic is eating our city
150.	The City should invest in public health protection (including environmental programs and the ChemTRAC program), and architectural, cultural and planning initiatives that make Toronto #1 on the list of great urban centres around the world. Some of these issues have value beyond their pure dollar costs, and the City should still embrace these goals.
151.	urban gardening, periurban farming, for food production - for long term food security / city support renewable energy generation such as geothermal at neighbourhood level - to address long term energy security
152.	more community gardens, / / workshops teaching people to grow their own food / / promoting conservation of water & electricity (energy efficiency)
153.	We need to consider how the city will prepare for climate change -- this for example, will have a profound impact on heat, and therefore heat stress and employment, children, recreation, housing, and seniors. / We should reduce vehicular use in the downtown as this will help reduce emissions and help reduce the greenhouse effect within the city, and the urban heat island.
154.	arts and cultural--under funded and under represented. We need a creative class to build creative solutions to solve city issues. Thus we should create a creative environment where communities work collectively together to bring new changes, innovation and creative solutions to tackle city wide issues. /
155.	air quality, light pollution, water pollution, encouraging sustainable forms of transportation, urban agriculture,
156.	The issue of equity remains central to ensuring Toronto remains a vibrant, healthy and progressive city. Toronto must work for all its citizens, not just the wealthy. Thus, for example, Toronto's so-called "cultural renaissance" must move beyond the revitalization of elite institutions to more effectively embrace, support and nurture the incredible diversity of culture which exists at the grassroots level. / On a more concrete level, please, oh please don't squander the considerable progress which is finally being made toward waterfront revitalization. Toronto has an opportunity to move beyond the banality of much of its built form and construct something truly sustainable, accessible and memorable on the waterfront. It would be the ultimate insult to the city and its future to allow this space to be filled with big box stores, sports stadiums, ugly condo towers and whatever else developers feel they can make a quick buck selling. Toronto is better than that (I hope). /

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157.	How we can ensure that Toronto is a global leader in terms of being a sustainable city. Environmental sustainability is tied to social and economic prosperity, but requires some long terms planning and forward thinking.
158.	Public transit, pollution, environment, poverty and access to services.
159.	Please don't scrap the transit city plan! Toronto desperately needs an improved transit plan to meet the needs of our citizens, especially in the wake of rising gas prices and increasing pollution. Toronto needs to become an environmental leader, a sustainable city, which produces green jobs and promotes a safe and healthy environment for all of its citizens. Peoples health is at stake. Water quality, pollution, public transit, waste issues, all affect peoples health, and we must do what is best for the environment and the people.
160.	Access to solar light - there is currently no bylaw or policy position on access to light in the City of Toronto. There are many developments of passive solar and solar PV for buildings and no guarantee these buildings will have access to light if their neighbour develops their property and shades these innovative initiatives.
161.	Environment, kids' care and schools, culture
162.	Sustainable urban transport policy
163.	Population growth that is leading to increased density as well as changing our environment.
164.	Arts and Culture. One cannot underestimate the link between a strong artistic community and economic development. Sustainable development. Making sure we focus on equitable development that reinforces our a green community. Public health. making sure our city is clean and safe. From an environmental prospective.
165.	Homelessness and affordable housing for the poor are the most important as well as the environment. The city needs to put more money into these things.
166.	reduce police power / increase funding to Live Green Toronto / increase participatory government (e.g. well advertised regular townhalls, referenda) / improve quality of social housing stock and maintain or increase number of units
167.	Wage cuts to ward councillors and political staff. / Removing corrupt infrastructure companies from city contracts. / Streamlining and improving public transit / Better care of city parks and recreational areas. / Improved notification for surveys / More community feedback requests / Better adjustment traffic flow systems / Improved road materials to reduce redundant repairs / Transport companies and heavy trucks to assist with costs of the road damage they create / limit trucks to specific roads and highways to reduce damage. / Revitalization of tourist attractions to create a world class destination opportunity / Invest in cash producing (traditionally private sector) ventures to provide regular income; sell hydro from solar panels, buy a coffee company, etc. / Encourage green resourcing and environmentally sustainable practices throughout city infrastructure system. / Stabilize rents! /

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168.	<p>Finding ways to get Toronto creating alternative energy, being creative about how to source our energy needs (e.g. geothermal, air conditioning downtown with water from the lake, making partnerships with other levels of government to create incentives for property owners to generate solar power. / / Looking into policy regarding how much pollution our city generates -- finding ways to discourage driving cars, motorcycles with dirty 2-stroke engines, outlawing backpack blowers, etc. Supporting initiatives to move the transit system towards cleaner alternatives. I personally support toll roads and ANYTHING to discourage people from driving cars. Incentive programs to move towards smart cars, hybrids, electric vehicles. / / Continuing to Fund Pride. We are, internationally, a veritable bastion of queer culture. We are famous around the globe for our progressive stance on LGBT culture. 10 percent of the world, and of Torontonians, are queer. The LGBT scene in Toronto generates SO MUCH tourism. MANY Canadians move from other Canadian communities to Toronto because they are queer and we are a very queer friendly city. We should take advantage of this and continue to make some easy money!!!! / / The gap between what the richest Torontonians make and the poorest Torontonians make is too large. We need to find ways to narrow this gap. Too many Torontonians work 60+ hours a week and barely make ends meet, while many others work just as hard, and own cottages, multiple vehicles, etc. I just want everyone to feel comfortable and to be able to move past survival mode and actually enjoy our great city.</p>
169.	<p>I want Toronto to be a visionary city that is innovating ways to thrive, environmentally and socially. I want our leaders to consider long term outcomes when making decisions. / / I think transit, energy, and protecting and creating green spaces are going to be critically important as we face environmental challenges and climate change impacts ahead. I know it is not Ford's mandate, but I support moving towards reducing our traffic congestion and car-centered infrastructures by improving our public transit options- especially building light-rail and electric train options, reducing the use of diesel and fuel. / / I also believe that, given our ethnic and cultural diversity and federal funding cuts to settlement programs, we also need to give attention to how we fund integrating and supporting New Canadians. The more successfully we integrate newcomers, the more our city can socially and economically thrive. This means tracking and monitoring and supporting programs such as ESL and job training and certification processes (especially in light of anticipated further cuts to these sectors by Harper's government) to ensure that individuals and families are provided adequate supports.</p>
170.	<p>Building a vibrant, livable city, with great social programs, libraries, recreation programs, first class transit, walkable communities, cyclist friendly streets, and environmental stewardship.</p>

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171.	With regard to culture and sport, we need to focus on our local culture and sport, not try to bring in American teams. That would be a waste of taxpayer money. We need to be focussing on strengthening our current cultural community. Toronto should give up on ideas of privatizing social services. That never works. Keep things public which need to be public. Toronto needs to work better at environmental accountability - including environmentally friendly transit options.
172.	Promoting and facilitating access to healthy food is important. Programmes such as LiveGreen Toronto and various farmers markets are important and should be funded and supported. / / Environmental initiatives such as green roofs on flat buildings, sustainable transportation, etc. should be heavily supported. Building codes that require energy saving measures to be built in to new constructions are important. / / Community building initiatives, especially around the environment, should be supported. The LiveGreen programme is helpful in this area. / / I am happy to pay property taxes knowing that they are making my city more liveable, people-friendly, and environmentally-friendly.
173.	TTC should be more affordable, accessible and wider. This will ensure that more people will use it and discourage car use. It is better for the economy and the environment.
174.	environment, jobs and education for special needs kids, senior homes, violence and travel
175.	The importance of encouraging by education and incentives the maximum carbon emissions reduction in city operations and citizens' consumption so the city reduces its carbon footprint to the greatest extent possible. / / The democratic deficit: with 44 councillors citizens in this city have a hard time connecting with their representative: plans to cut the size of council in half as a budget saving measure must be countered by the democratic right to be fairly represented. / / The visible poverty and hunger in this wealthy city, which are shameful: support for community gardening for those in need and higher taxation of the wealthier to address this blight. / / Toronto's mayor should be an active Mayor for Peace and join in MfP's worldwide demand for a legal ban on nuclear weapons so cities stop being targeted. / / Maintaining municipal control of our water, as a public trust, a necessity, and a human right, especially against threats of corporate control inherent in the European free trade agreement being negotiated.
176.	Racialization of Poverty, Transportation, Environment
177.	I feel that there should be more focus on creating a more bikeable city. bike lanes and barriers between bike lanes are important to encourage cycling and to keep cyclists safe. I also feel that public transportation needs to be support, we should ban large vehicles like hummers and SUVs in areas in the city as well as trucks. The city should also help t support locally grown food such as community garden and roof top gardening and gardening on balconies and terraces. Incentives should be given to businesses that are growing food in city spaces.

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178.	<p>Communication & SINCERE teamwork amongst GTA member cities AND our neighbouring cities. / / In the Canadian democratic Parliamentary system, the # of votes decides representatives - we do not vote on each issue, like in California's propositions for example. There is a good reason for this. The most populated groups cannot impose their will and work only to serve their own interests at the expense of their neighbours. Canada, and by extension Toronto, operates under a system that promises everyone a voice; and where compromise is negotiated to ensure that together, at no one's needless expense, we make life better for each other as a country and as a city. The official GTA city members, and the cities beyond the GTA borders which are home to thousands of commuters, seem to care very little for the city & residents of Toronto proper and what was once Metropolitan Toronto. / / When someone says "Torontonians are cold & rude. They don't say hello and they rush by without even looking at you. People in Toronto are not friendly. " My friends know my response to this. With a smile I always reply, "We are very friendly - we're just busy! And tired. With the exception of farmers & oil workers, people who work in Toronto - especially those who commute hours a day from our neighbouring cities - put in more hours of work a week then anyone else in the country. / / English is becoming the language of global business so companies locating in Eastern Canada will put head offices in the Toronto & Southern Ontario region, rather than Montreal, despite it's grandeur. Vancouver is surrounded by beauty where much focus is on a balanced, relaxed & fun life. That is enviable, but not conducive to corporate & banking culture. / / If you can manage to stop a person in Toronto long enough to get their attention, we will help you with directions or point you towards whatever it is you may need. But please do not prolong this encounter & try to engage us in a friendly conversation - we are in a rush. Toronto is the economic centre of the country. So while you are here from Surrey, The Sault, or Moncton for a business meeting, a hockey game or a show, give us a smile, ask your question, say "thanks" and let us get to work. From our perspective it is rude of you to ignore our business-induced urgency in favour of your desire to have a spontaneous, social chat with a native. There are a plethora of tourism-based businesses all over the city whose mandate includes friendly banter - you know this and we know this. / / But it's too late. Once again we have been caught in your "I hate Toronto" Catch 22. You take pleasure in knowing you were right. Your detailed account is the evidence for an entire community until the experiment is run again. Our perceived abrupt departure from your amiable attempt at conversation confirms your thesis: People in Toronto are rude, cold and unfriendly. / / I am a resident of Toronto proper and am obviously very saddened by my fellow Canadians attitude towards me and the city I love so much. For my closest neighbours it is important to note that while they do not consider themselves Torontonians, every Canadian 300 kms away and further does. / / *Looking beyond their Oakville or North York property lines whose taxes they pay with money earned in Toronto. / *Accepting responsibility for the crowded transit systems and congested highways that are made so by their daly commute. /</p>

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	<p>*Discussing tolls or other revenue-making ideas to maintain & improve the deteriorating Toronto infrastructure which their use of the city greatly contributes to. / *Be considerate & respectful of people who LIVE in the city - this is our home. / *We like neighbourhood parks & access to green spaces in the city as much as everyone else. / *We like to exercise and that includes cycling. If you cycle in your neighbourhood, the argument that my neighbourhood is downtown and you have to drive here to work every day is not a satisfactory reason to prohibit me from enjoying my community as much as you do yours. There are drivers & cyclists who disobey traffic laws and both groups should be working together to get all bad drivers in line or off the street, regardless of the vehicle. Both groups should work together to make sure the roadways work for everyone using them - for example, bicycle lanes should not impede or cause undue stress to drivers; potholes and damaged pavement in bike lanes should be fixed so cyclists can stay in their lanes; traffic lights in urban & suburban areas should not be weight-triggered - this forces cyclists to endanger themselves and others in order to cross an intersection; Remember that cyclists are human-powered, not gas-powered. In the same spirit of co-operation I have been talking about, drivers need to stop suggesting cyclists use only certain streets to circumvent motor vehicle traffic and keep main arterial roads for motor vehicle use only. In my opinion, that this idea is considered by many drivers to be a serious option only proves that we are still fighting & not yet having the conversation to find solutions. / *Rather than creating more big splashy festivals to attract visitors, Toronto needs to re-structure the services those visitors use to access the festivals. No matter how amazing an event is, if getting to it is complicated or a bad experience, a potential annual visitor just became someone who may not return for 10 years, if ever. With global economic recovery precarious slow, people are more discerning about where they spend their vacation dollars. / *Canada is geographically larger than Europe with a healthy population and diverse cultures from coast to coast to coast. As the largest city in Canada, and the economic centre, we should be taking the lead in foreign & domestic tourism. We tout ourselves as a world-class city, and we are almost there. We have the opportunity to elevate Toronto, & Canada, to a first class destination. Forethought and expansion-based planning of all these systems means eventual co-operative projects with other cities and provinces, until we have independent municipally &/or provincially operated sustainable, affordable, efficient & integrated services & infrastructure nationwide. / / Toronto needs to look to all the world-class cities, regions & countries and determine which systems have been successful over the long term. Replicating those systems as exact as we can is next; even if it means a complete over-haul or temporary dismantling to the extent our laws, climate, geography & time will allow. / / *Taxi service in Toronto is an embarrassment. There are so many things glaringly wrong with it I will refrain from going into detail. Bottom line is London has a world class cab service due to strict "character" qualifications and "The Knowledge" test which every driver must pass. This system should be replicated in Toronto. / / *Successful bicycle-sharing systems</p>

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	<p>have been operating in Europe since 1974. Bixi arrived in Toronto this year with limited availability and an complicated 7 expensive pay structure. / / *Bicycle sharing systems in Europe work in co-operation with the rail systems. Go Transit & Via Rail are already equipped to transport bicycles but I've heard no news of either partnering with Bixi, Autoshare or anyone else. Is the TTC equipped for bicycles? / / *Many of Go Transit destinations's public transit systems offer discounted fares with presentation of your Go Transit ticket. Does the TTC have a comparable partnership with Go Transit or any other transportation system? / / *Autoshare systems should be invited to strengthen their tourism campaigns and encouraged to partner with other transportation systems and other communities. / / *Outdoor vendors and covered markets all over the world, in varied climates, attract huge numbers of visitors. The "a la cart" program to expand food vendor offerings is a great example of why Toronto is not a world class city yet. This pilot program, inadequate & misguided has 6 participating vendors from an original 8. Only one has a street food cart price point, though no indication of portion size. Two carts offer a meal at \$5, one of which can be purchased in a number of restaurants close by for less. The remaining 3 vendors have no price point in there listing on the a la cart website. So many possibilities are being overlooked - taco stands, empanadas, boiled or roasted corn, If the hot dog is the only food product that can stand up to the scrutiny of the safe food legislation then it's time to sit down with Health Canada to test various foods, equipment & cooking methods, then write some new legislation specific to outdoor carts - not trucks or restaurants. / / / Focusing our efforts on co-operative solutions to these issues & others will benefit the entire region. Every community in Southern Ontario depends on Toronto for it's economic well-being. I believe every community needs autonomy for community-specific concerns; and I certainly am not in favour of the GTA expanding. Looking at economic & practical integration of roadways and transportation, waste & water management, etc... with an emphasis on GTA is crucial for the entire region. A portion of the money taken out of Toronto to neighbouring communities needs to be reinvested in Toronto so it can continue to accommodate residents, commuters and visitors. In turn, Toronto would have a responsibility to fund projects that significantly improve these systems making their use by surrounding communities an affordable, easy and practical option. / / My wish is that instead of our regional neighbours perpetuating the "I hate Toronto" sentiment while they enjoy all the wares & opportunities Toronto has provided them with, perhaps a small "thank-you" in the form of co-operation would be more gracious, effective, and Canadian. Not only co-operation with Toronto; but co-operation amongst all the cities & communities.</p>
179.	<p>Environment (i.e. waste disposal, power generation, power efficiency, efficiency of transportation systems). / / Transportation systems (public and municipal roadways). I believe that Transit City was a great initiative and was saddened to see it unilaterally dismantled.</p>

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180.	wise spending of tax money, / funding for schools (especially alternative schools which offer a great environment for students to thrive, which may not be able to succeed as well in regular high schools) / environmental initiatives (reusable energy, cutting down on waste, NOT taking away the five cent bag tax but rather making sure the money is given to environmental incentives and not just going to the companies) / not cutting taxes that are giving incentive for people to spend less electricity, waste less etc. strategically tax to improve our environment without hurting the poor.
181.	Too many lawyers represent the interests of transglobal corporations in our city to the detriment of the environment, our seniors, our impoverished. Off shore investors have too much influence over the destiny of our nation and our communities.
182.	bicycle lanes are all well and good but our climate doesn't allow for this
183.	Traffic gridlock and the effects of smog on the people in the city of Toronto. Early mortality due to pollution.
184.	I think we need more bike lanes and safer ways for bikes to share the road with cars. A subway train to the airport would make this city world class. While I don't relish the thought of high taxes, I understand that they are necessary to pay for many of the services that make Toronto great. I think that condos and apartment building should be monitored more closely for their recycling/environmental practices.
185.	More bike lanes. Make commuters driving into the city pay there fair share for road maintenance and environmental costs effecting those in the downtown. Why do I pay more for licensing and permits when I barely drive.
186.	The sustainability of public libraries
187.	The environment, transportation, energy use, education, accessibility of services
188.	environment / improving public spaces (water front, city hall)
189.	Affordable transit network like transit city or even better. More housing density that is affordable. More housing based on co-op model. Make solar and wind and green roofs more affordable and available to homeowners.
190.	We need a pair of lungs for this city. A priority has to be to make a downtown city park, just as Montreal has Parc Mont Royal and New York has Central Park. The closest we come is the islands, but citizens have to pay to go there. Crazy. / We need initiatives to discourage private auto use and encourage public transportation and especially biking. Biking needs to be a priority in a city concerned about traffic congestion, infrastructure costs and the environment.
191.	there are many issues ahead, however, priorities are needed. What is needed is a council that is proactive.....reactive costs too much. Economy, police, environment, then homeless and restructuring of attitudes.

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192.	Creating mentorship and leadership programs for youth and young adults that allowed them to develop into leaders in the community, reducing the need for paranoia. The police is the emergency room of the safety and security sector. What we need is a system that creates sustainable safe and security from family practices to primary care.... / Also traffic and pollution are a big issue, creating strong affordable public transit, increasing bike lanes, and issuing a toll for cars in the downtown core would help fund these initiatives. Look at the model of Copenhagen, of course it will take years, however, if we don't start now we will run into disastrous problems in the future... / The Mayor should not be allowed to scrape transit city.
193.	Bike lanes / recycling and environment days
194.	Keeping the 5 cent bag tax. It helps the environment by lessening our dependency on plastic and the stores that charge it get a bit of an economical boost. In this economy and with the environmental issues we face daily, this seems like a no brainer that it should be kept.
195.	Stop renaming landmarks, we already lost the skydome, please don't start selling ad space on the CN or changing its name. Its cheap, tacky and wrong. / / Also, the city needs to be much safer for cyclists. Your literature re: the environment encourages people to use public transportation and cycle, but then the roads are a deathtrap. I would never ever bike in the city. I've seen several people hit by cars. There has got to be a better way that this. How many people have to die?
196.	Every issue on the page before this. / No issues should be left out. The gap the City is dealing with in the budget is not because of these services. / Fords agenda to stop the vehicle registration tax was a huge mistake. That was one of the few revenues the city had. Without revenue through raising taxes or other permits like vehicle registration tax, then the city will clearly not meet it's budget. The people who are about to loose out on services are the city's most vulnerable people or people involved in community improvement through arts, environmental action, etc. / / I walk by several police officers a day who are monitoring traffic. It's ok for the Ford's to sign off on \$5 million a year for police at constructions sites, but we couldn't have held onto 40+ TTC bus routes for the public benefit. Don't take away the things we need and spend money on things that aren't necessary to waste taxpayers \$. How can you get rid of FREE community input on various issues but will spend \$ on things that no one asked for!
197.	public art, improved community planning/urban design, tools to support urban agriculture,
198.	waste, transit, food, environmental systems
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200.	invest in renewable energy / urban farming/access to affordable food / affordable quality housing / lack of public places
201.	Ensure that Toronto provides the necessary services that will create an equitable living environment for all residents, regardless of their income and allow all residents to feel part of the community.
202.	Education of community issues, poverty and homelessness, sustainable economies, social innovation
203.	Sustainability of government programs over the long-term. Better partnership between government and not-for-profit sector. Better partnership between government-not for profit-private sector. Settlement services for newcomers.
204.	Why spend money to remove bike lanes. Seems ridiculous when cyclists are already facing dangerous commutes in order to save money or preserve the environment.
205.	poverty and housing. In particular the lack of availability of affordable housing for poor and moderate income people. There also need to be controls on slum landlords. Secondly a sustainable and affordable transit system is particularly important to the more marginalized communities as well as for the environment. Access to the waterfront with free availability of watersport activities, incl. swimming is very important. That requires controls to stop polluting the lake water. I also wish for a more reasonable way to handle bicycle traffic with separated bicycle lanes and exemptions for bicycles in traffic calming zones so they can roll through stop signs and ride on one-way streets the opposite directions where feasible. Overall I wish to protest the mayors choice to build a subway in lieu of honouring the previous transit agreements. I disagree with any cuts to services in favour of cutting land transfer taxes or vehicle registration taxes. In fact I would welcome a tax on vehicles entering the city core.
206.	TTC needs to be affordable. TTC need to stop idling time at stations. This wastes our money and pollutes our city.
207.	Sustainable heritage conservation
208.	taxes should not be cut. / Ontario and federal taxes should increase with property taxes. / In-house garbage recycle disposal for the environment
209.	smog
210.	Food security in the urban "desert". Parks need to be generously planted with hardy, mostly native food bearing plants like raspberries, blackberries, nut trees etc. A clean "fishable" lake and urban chicken co-ops need to be encouraged. During the inevitable natural or man-made disaster, kids still have to eat! Expand community gardens and orchards into productive lawn areas. Restore green roof tax breaks which will help cool the city during heat waves while providing pollinator habitat (like City Hall's lovely roof) and potential food growing space.
211.	To take appropriate and necessary actions whenever needed in relation to maintenance of garbage disposal, ensure clean and safety environment.
212.	I think the city of Toronto should not take away the \$0.05 for plastic bags. Instead they should use the money saved towards some environmental initiative.

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213.	encourage infill building instead of developing open land. Increase bike lanes. Enforce all by-laws regarding businesses on Spadina: sidewalk encroachment, garbage, double parking, large trucks idling on side streets, / EXPAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
214.	Transportation please, above all else work towards cutting down congestion, improving public transit and getting those subways built! / / this improvement in transportation will help the economic, environmental and social bottom line, it is in the interest of the city to try and get as much from the federal and provincial governments as possible!
215.	The city of toronto should consider adding more bike lanes, not take them away. Biking is an affordable mode of transportation for people on fixed incomes, students, it offers daily exercise, and it is good as the fight against smog and air pollution. / / Many cities in Europe include bike lanes on their streets.
216.	1. climate change is the most important issue facing everyone on earth today. We must do what we can to reduce greenhouse gasses. There is much the city can do. 2. Poverty and the gap between the wealthy and the poor, which has negative effects on almost all areas of life, even increasing the infant mortality rate. 3. Stop union-bashing. Unions have been a major positive influence on society. 4. Poverty - we need to eliminate poverty and homelessness (it is just a political decision at all levels of government).Issues around policing from the G20 and other incidents where there has been weak or no civilian review or accountability. The gutting of transit city by Mayor Ford. I hope that an agenda of tax cuts does not get used to gut important services or sell city assets.
217.	The issue of condos being built as international investment opportunities rather than living spaces will create a long-term empty shell in the city centre. The city needs to invest more directly into social housing and also ensuring larger square footage for new condo developments for families in an affordable price range. Toronto needs to think of itself as a global city, which means moving families from the suburbs into the city. And not making the city an exclusive enclave only for the wealthy. Diversity is key to long-term sustainability.
218.	Food Security / / Protecting our environment, including air and water quality, etc.
219.	Cleanliness. / Garbage promotes a climate of incivility and crime
220.	Increase of bike lanes, making it easier and safer for cyclists to commute. This also helps save the environment and encourages Torontonians to lead healthy active lifestyles.
221.	We need to invest in our ravines. Working in diverse ways to restore these vital green spaces will have enormous benefits to our social and economic fabric, in addition to environmental benefits. I see cultural benefits as a result of achieving, or at least striving towards, these three areas of concern. Youth crime
222.	making the city more sustainable in the way it: purchases goods and services, deals with trash, deals with water, intensifies along transit lines

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223.	Cycling and public transportation should taken more seriously. The financial and environmental cost of gridlock are high. The city needs to invest heavily in cycling and public transportation infrastructure. Equality and inclusion of minorities. The huge waiting list on Toronto Community Housing is a huge issue since many individuals are trying to flee from unthinkable violence and negative circumstances, but cannot do so since the wait list is so long.
224.	Long term environmental solutions. Long sighted solutions to meet city short falls not just short sighted privatization of everything in sight. Funding for programs for disadvantaged communities that deal with problems before they happen rather than extra funding for police to deal with problems after the fact.
225.	Bike lanes. The city needs sustainable transportation which are bike lanes. People use them all year round, not just in the city. Street parking needs to be given up for more bike lanes. The city should review their policies on bike lanes and review the effectiveness of bike systems in the Netherlands and Germany. The implementation of these new bike systems should be dealt with quickly and efficiently, rather than take several years. / / Also, the TTC is one of the worst transit systems for the city this scale. There are not enough buses, streetcars and worst of all, not barely enough subway lines. Fares are too high and employees are paid too high.
226.	Toronto has an opportunity to be world leaders in many areas and it should take this leadership seriously. Large cities around the world are stepping up to their global contribution to many social, economic, environmental states... Toronto needs to step up to the plate and put innovation on the forefront to be a model of excellence in these areas. I don't want to live, work and raise my family in a city only focussed on privatization and economic growth, leaving cultural and social development in the gutter.
227.	A disturbingly large number of citizens do not have access to green bins (apartment buildings for example). They also need to be accessible in public locations.. far more education of the public on environmental issues should be provided.
228.	Climate change; sell off excess fixed assets; tourism
229.	yes, environmental issues should underpin all or most city activities. Accessible and affordable community services
230.	The fact that public services in our City are necessary and vital ways and means to provide safety, security and to meet the needs of all residents and person who live, work and play in the City of Toronto. Transit needs to be a number one priority. Making car users pay for the services they receive and the congestion and environmental costs of their driving is essential. There also needs to be more attention paid to both the rights and the obligations of citizenship (not taxpayership, not car-driver-ship, citizenship). Transparent government with a regard for established, detailed facts and civility is essential. A \$1000 fine should be instituted for every instance of a public official using a term such as "lefty pinko," which degrades the discourse immeasurably, with more than ten fines resulting in forced resignation.
231.	Parks and recreation, more greenspace, keeping pools open, sustainability,

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232.	indoor or maintained bike routes following subway routes to reduce traffic and transit all year round not just for the summer. Diveristy & Inclusion / Environment / Toronto's image on the global stage - global reputation & attractiveness
233.	The city needs to take serious action against air pollution. Downtown Toronto has a smog problem in the summer, and this could be greatly alleviated if the government put in place more incentives for citizens to leave their cars at home. This would include greater investment in the TTC, perhaps funded by road tolls on major roads into the city. There are a lot of people who drive their cars into the downtown core everyday, but then they leave, leaving their smog for those of us who actually live down here.
234.	Toronto is a notoriously bad city in which to be a cyclist. I strongly believe more needs to be done to encourage and accommodate urban cycling, not only because cyclists have a right to a fair, safe share of the road, but also because it's in the best interest of Torontonians from health, traffic congestion, and environmental standpoints. Furthermore, Toronto needs to further develop its public transportation. Our subway system is far less developed than those of comparably sized cities around the world, yet TTC fares are very high. More tax money and work needs to be put into the TTC and cycling infrastructure, rather than offering tax breaks to motorists, hiring superfluous police officers, and waging a pointless war on graffiti.
235.	We need a sane, sustainable tax base to deliver all the services a great city needs to thrive and grow. Health of its inhabitants; this can be related to environmental matters (pollution), transportation (alternates to cars), regulation (Board of Health) / Budgeting for the future (deciding that there will be no tax increases can be disastrous in the long term because if the costs of services increase and there are no economies that can be made to offset those increases, taxes might have to be increased. It's the same way that most tenants prefer regular small increases in their rent to a single large increase after a number of years. They can keep step with the small increases but not a large one.
236.	To be completed in 2011, Bike Plan "Shifting Gears", of 2001, with seamless connections to York, Peel and Durham bike lanes. / Safe bike to school program to stop idling cars front of schools and give kids more exercise. / Car sensors that turn lights green do not work for bikes. Activate traffic signals without having to push pedestrian walk signal.
237.	Holistic thinking, fact-based, long-term thinking... it's not an "issue" but rather an approach. For example, transit can be understood to address social inequality, climate change, grid-lock, lost \$ in congestion, social benefits (e.g. more time with family, get to know your fellow citizens through sharing a commute and not isolated in your vehicle), etc.
238.	Poverty and homelessness are out of control! I have never seen so many old homeless people on the street across the city. I think it's a real indication of a gap in priorities and planning. Also, Toronto needs take a local stand on environmental issues because the Federal and provincial government are sadly lacking.

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239.	Commitment to sustainable and accessible food security / Addressing income inequality / Addressing the structural deficit derived in part from tax cuts and a withdrawal from a public commitment to the common good /
240.	long-term climate change planning, subway construction, alternatives to toll highways, wages and conditions that reflect the labour market for employees (including city council wages), privatization of city golf courses Fiscal health
241.	keep the city clean, city is very filthy, litter everywhere. Transit infrastructure feeds into environment, affordable living, safety
242.	Stop being so small minded at city council and in the Mayor's office. New York is a real model for creating a world class city that is both fiscal conservative in a time of financial restraint as well as being open to innovative ideas that encourages environmental supportive ideas and fosters tourism around culture, art, food and sports. They haven't gone down the road of crass solutions like naming rights but have created innovative sponsorship opportunities. I feel there is very little leadership and creative thinking at the new city council and in the Mayor's office there is even less.
243.	Daycare targetted investment of city services to ensure those with the greatest need can have access to them i.e. priority neighbourhoods. continuing to support the environmental and sustainability initiatives that are key to a healthy and competitive future for our city. Do not make short term cash rich decisions instead of longer term public investments. in particular, the public investment in our waterfront must continue to allow us all to leverage greater private investment. do not sell publicly owned waterfront or affordable housing.
244.	Climate change
245.	Achieving a sustainable economic model, encompassing the achievement of monetary, social and environmental success, with no single element trumping any other with respect to priority. Without balancing these measurable, true long-term sustainability is not reachable.
246.	Making sure public transit investment continues to grow. / Not sacrificing environment, arts and culture for "law and order" agenda
247.	I think sports and culture should be in separate categories. / There should be a category for GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE e.g. trees, habitat, water, green roofs etc
248.	Police presence in general needs to increase. / Public Transportation- T.T.C improvement,. From an environmental point, to get cars off the roads, buses and subways has to be more convenient, efficient. / Environment- Taxi cabs and Wheel-Trans vehicles should be Hybrid/hydro-electric. / Taxes- taxes go up but service rarely improves. / Snow removal- needs improvement / Atmosphere- liven up the city! plant flowers, water feature at city entrances "welcome to Toronto" should be beautiful not just a sign, place hanging baskets at street corners etc.
249.	Transportation. Child Care. environment

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250.	better spay/neuter programs to address issues of cat overpopulation, more humane education programs to teach children about humane treatment of animals and the environment
251.	keeping libraries open for a safe environment where my children can study and learn
252.	The minimal full-time employment available. People cannot create sustainable futures on part-time employment. / Waste- there is a huge amount of waste created by Toronto businesses - both business and Toronto citizens could be doing more to address this issue.
253.	transportation and the environment
254.	There is a lot of wastage on paper and bulk mailing for garbage tags for example. make it accessible for those who need it, can access garbage tags at a local solid waste office. / / social services should issue a useable card that will enable them to access their monthly BFA'S via banking. too much paper wastage, not necessary. / / cut back on this mass production of fun guides offered by parks, forestry and recreation. more waste. the fun guide is accessible online! / / safety is a concern for all. no one will want to participate in anything if they don't feel safe outside their front yards. this needs to be explored carefully. / / earth day should be celebrated more than once a year. its up to all of us to take care of our environment and each other. cut back on light/power usage at nights after work hours. especially in Toronto's corporate environments...all these lights after hours is unnecessary. turn them off!!! / / Public Health- as much as safety is a concern for all, so is health. Lets examine all our public bathrooms in city facilities and ask yourself if you think we are doing all we can to prevent communicable diseases or germs to be spread via usage of taps, stalls, etc...most public restaurant bathrooms use sensory-type of taps, toilets and hand dryers and no doors..... / /
255.	don't privatize services. A healthy city means healthy people. Improve TTC to help reduce smog
256.	Toronto needs its Environmental Programs protected because they help save health care tax money (since they keep us healthier by reduced smog and air pollution), save taxpayers' water and energy money, and create good green local jobs.
257.	I value many things but the way things were worded on the previous page made me believe my opinions would be misconstrued. / I value transportation - but we need to discourage heavy automotive activity in the city and encourage bikes, skating and public transit. / I value health - but we need to reduce emphasis on band-aid medicare solutions and focus on environmental issues, access to organic fruits and vegetables and fitness.
258.	More recreational facilities for community use - parks, pools, arenas, sports fields. / Incentives and opportunities for a greener Toronto - bike lanes, incentives for green roofs, ongoing green bin program. / Improved public transit including a waterfront subway line and a fixed link subway or LRT to Pearson airport. / Pedestrian tunnel to the island airport.
259.	Banning all new drive throughs in city limits. They increase idling time in the vehicles.

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260.	We need a statement of overall policy on how our city should be run. What are our goals?.. / As Canada's 6th largest government, our overall goal should be to improve the social and environmental health of our city for future generations. / First of all, our government should be democratic, in other words major decisions should be made or approved by our elected council, not by appointed committees. Any changes to our electoral process should be made by public referendum to protect this structure. / Next, we need to protect the social health of our city for future generations. As the gap between rich and poor increases, this threatens the social health and security of our city and it becomes more costly and a less friendly place to live. Social programs and issues like wide public transport are critical to this health and security. / We need to protect the environmental health as well. Parks, clean air, efficient recreational services are critical to this. / Last, we need to avoid irreversible decisions that take resources out of public hands, such as the 407. The private sector may be an excellent means of delivering public services, but the overall control and ownership of these resources should remain in public hands. / /
261.	cycling needs to be supported more. those who choose to support environmental and personal health by cycling regularly should be rewarded by better infrastructure rather than punished by the encroaching car-dominant mentality of the suburbs. / / we need more bike lanes and information campaigns to warn drivers about the risks of opening car doors on cyclists and not sharing the road in various other ways. / / the problem of air pollution in toronto needs to be addressed through improving conditions for cyclists, improving public transit systems, and encouraging car-pooling.
262.	Public transit, environmental stewardship including animal services
263.	Sprawl raises environmental, transport, energy and service costs for the whole city. People should not be unfairly subsidized to live in the suburbs through road, school, hydro, water/sewer and other infrastructure provision when the whole city will pay the burden of these inefficient developments for decades to come. We need strong leadership to shape the city and lay the groundwork for its sustainable material form now!
264.	I would just add that the quality of the City's infrastructure, transit and environment combine to be a major input on its ability to create a sound employment base. Government over regulation also impacts the same.

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265.	Toronto's property taxes are amongst the lowest in the GTA. Given that we also have some of the oldest infrastructure, this seems unrealistic. I would rather pay more in property taxes - or through new revenue streams such as congestion pricing - to ensure that we can adequately maintain the city services we have. I want to live in a city that has a vision for the future and is committed to ensuring Toronto's place as one of the world's most liveable cities. This means we need to continue to invest in public transit and public spaces, environmental stewardship, arts and culture. We also need to find a way to rein in spending on police. Crime is at an all time low and yet we continue to increase the amount of the City budget spent on police without any clear rationale. Crime prevention is always a better choice - and we do that through innovative cultural, sports and educational programs.
266.	Maintaining/increasing green space. Encouraging positive environmental practices.
267.	climate of combativeness at city hall amongst politicians is embarrassing, unacceptable.
268.	Expand the services provided by Toronto Parks and Rec. Make corporations pay their fair share of taxes. Don't gut the city's budget just to give the rich a free ride. Provide infrastructure for cycling including separated bike lanes especially on Bloor street. Fund urban agriculture initiatives.
269.	No discrimination against people of Toronto regardless of age, income, race, gender or sexual orientation / City should conduct itself in an environment of treating all people w respect
270.	Addressing the bed bug problem across the entire city, which will inevitably affect everyone as well as tourism in the city. / Keeping the TTC accessible for everyone. Keeping the fares as low as possible. Bringing back late evening bus services that were recently cut. The majority of TTC riders can't afford cars and care about the environment, taking away late evening buses is putting the safety of all TTC late evening bus riders at risk. As a woman, what am I to do if my bus stops running at 10:00 pm and I can't afford to take a cab home?
271.	Tourism / Sports field rejuvenation / Civic pride / Sustainable planning / Privatization impacts long-term
272.	The cancellation of transit city was an extremely short sighted move. Private automobile transportation should be have the lowest priority of all modes of transportation. With growing green house gas emissions an decrease air quality we should be moving to more sustainable modes of transportation that fit the density in the given area. Building a subway on Sheppard when people would be much better served with light rail is a mistake
273.	Need a vision to manage growth in a sustainable way.
274.	Environmental issues
275.	PROGRESSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND ENERGY EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS / Sustainable, smart urban growth and planning / Better universal accessibility / More public art ad support for the arts / More investment in social capital / Alternative education programs

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276.	I would not want to see the city's environmental initiatives compromised as they are relatively inexpensive, they make a huge difference in the liveability of the city and they provide local opportunities to citizens. / / Intelligent consultation is a very important part of good government - before contracting out services or selling off city assets and very clear business plan needs to be made public. I think that by and large the city provides major services better and less expensively than private organizations. However, the TDSB solar roof deal shows that smaller arrangements can have big benefits for the city. The TDSB maintains its assets and the company providing the roofing and possibly power income is an Ontario one. This is the kind of deal that the city should be investigating. Has the CNE wind turbine been cost effective?
277.	cleanliness: healthy, welcoming and attractive environment
278.	Libraries, daycares, social services. Environmental programs.
279.	Transportation issues: public transit improvement and development, facilitation of cycling, incentives to less car use, esp. in city core. / Public housing. / Energy efficiency, conservation and green source. / Electoral reforms: updating of ward system including boundaries, proportional representation. / Preservation of public spaces --not selling off public lands, properties, and corporations such as Toronto Hydro, etc. / Preserve public input to city government, such as via various committees and working groups. /
280.	Air quality, park space, the environment
281.	Moving towards a environmentally accountable and sustainable city.
282.	homelessness, housing, climate change
283.	- Keeping our water clean (lake); not privatizing our water / - TTC - it's dirty, run down and expensive / - Green energy - Toronto could be a leader - let's see more solar & wind energy!
284.	Focusing more intently on the idling laws. Though idling for over one minute is illegal, those who violate this are rarely fined. I have never once seen or heard of a person being fined for violating this law. A big offender is the buses with the ttc. They need to get better fuel so that, especially in winter, shutting off the engine during break isn't going to drastically effect the service of the bus after their break is completed.
285.	A new approach to parks / How do we knit the downtown and suburbs together? A city-building approach is needed. / An integrated approach to planning that considers social, environmental, economic and cultural factors - not done in a vacuum.
286.	Increasing revenue instead of cutting services. For example, enforcement of noise and motor idling will add much revenue at the same time as encouraging a better environment. Greatly raising property taxes on government buildings, instead of homes and businesses. Road taxes to help pay for public transit.
287.	Public Transit, sustainability, privatization of services
288.	Quality education available, e.g. adult second career training / Pet friendly policies/environment

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
289.	The TTC is an embarrassment. The City should send a council over to Switzerland and Sweden to learn how to make public transportation clean, fast, free and safe. The city also needs to focus on renewable resource funding. The Toronto School Board has the right idea with putting solar panels on their schools. The City should do the same with its buildings.
290.	Transit City should not have been cancelled. We need affordable, efficient, GREEN transportation options. We also need to support urban agriculture, local food production, etc. Also, the City needs to get behind the provincial pesticide ban by adopting biological methods for controlling weeds and pests. We don't need to have dandelions everywhere in the spring; if the soil were managed properly, they would be kept to a minimum. It is not that the dandelions themselves are a problem; it is more a matter of public perception. The greener this city gets, the better a place it will be to live and the more prosperous it will be in the long term.
291.	Additional Green Buildings should be encouraged so that the City is cooled without massive energy consumption. Trees and green spaces need protection - we need to have good pedestrian and bike paths to the lake and further waterfront restoration to enjoy this amazing natural asset that the City has. Also, a transportation system to include bikes is necessary to reduce car traffic congestion and smog.
292.	Do not direct public money on improving infrastructure for motorized vehicles. Rather, use public money for extensive and affordable public transportation (e.g.. Transit City) and environmental friendly transportation (e.g.. cycling). Place a high priority on continuing with water main replacement.
293.	Breaking down the environmental issue into separate areas instead of just shaping it into one unimportant matter
294.	sustainable development and retention of heritage properties
295.	Encouraging public infrastructure and development projects that are environmentally sustainable AND bold & beautiful architecturally - e.g.. the Fort York Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge.
296.	I think every issue the city considers should be viewed/evaluated in terms of it's impact on children & young people. That is where sustainability is going to prove to matter the most.
297.	Looking at these issues from a holistic perspective rather than in silos. For example, having a less income disparity and opportunities for good jobs contributes to safety and security, just as much if not more than putting more cops on the beat. The city's response to environmental issues can simultaneously create good jobs. Which in turn contributes to safety and security. The premise that the variety of actions the city takes are separate and distinct misses the point. We need a more holistic vision that demonstrates a smart city council.
298.	Traffic lights should be synchronized to reduce congestion and reduce pollution from idling cars.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
299.	Taxes are the price of civilization. If we want to live in a civil society we should stop the unproductive war on taxes and start paying willingly to bring about a fair deal for all Torontonians. Unnecessary tax cuts benefit only the wealthy while the rest of society sinks further into poverty. / Another issue: stop all the blather about the non-existent "war on cars." Toronto risks further environmental degradation if we don't do something to lessen our dependence on the automobile. And pie in the sky subways won't help. Only a sensible transit plan will do the job. We had one -- remember? / Finally, forget about unimportant issues like graffiti and deal with things that have made Toronto such a great city -- housing, public health, the environment, etc.
300.	Looking at best practices from other global cities: / Road tolls & congestion taxes. / Car-free areas. / Support for regional, local and urban agriculture. / Increasing tree-canopy. / Building retrofits, and more environmentally sustainable building codes. / Peak-oil adaptation planning must be a priority. / Climate-change adaptation and mitigation strategies must be a priority.
301.	Traffic congestion and environmental protection is important, we have to start putting money into research on how we can resolve these issues. Focus on research and development should be a key aspect of city expenditures. There should also be more funding to community based programs, like the BIA's. Our Wexford BIA wanted to do many things this year for our community but we are strapped for cash.
302.	Air quality - smog / traffic gridlock
303.	The City should consider local initiatives involving wind and solar energy akin to the Province's move to put solar panel on public schools. We can use city owned property for similar projects. / The City should provide meaningful avenues for non-citizen residents to express their concerns. And City officials should be accountable to non-citizen residents, as well as provide greater incentive for all residents to participate in decision making through comprehensive Citizen Committees and not just surveys and opinion polls. / Local neighbourhoods should decide for themselves what policies are to be carried out in their community, likewise professional groups and cultural groups should not only have a say but own the initiative on policy concerning their profession and their activities. The City should act as an arbitrator on local and specific issues and as an executive only on matters of city-wide concern.
304.	environmental responsibility; clean and beautiful city; access to city services for all; tree canopy increase;
305.	Traffic is the most important issue. Need to synchronize traffic lights, limit the number of parades, walks, runs, cycling events, etc. Need much more enforcement of traffic violations that slow down traffic, like idling out front of Whole Foods on Avenue Road for 30 minutes while your partner shops. Same thing on King, etc.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
306.	Subsidizing rain barrels to reduce water consumption. - this saves water resources long term / Subsidize capital cost of green roofs - reduces electricity consumption. Work with the province on this one. / Improved bike paths (not just trails) for commuters to get to and from places of work, living, and play. This will help reduce congestion. / Road tolls - we need to start collecting revenue from people who live in other municipalities but use our roads. /
307.	Overpaid police, especially on road construction assignments. Understaffed urban forestry services. Too few and poorly designed bicycle and pedestrian paths. Declining TTC service and maintenance. Too much auto traffic, especially single-occupant. Ugly utility poles and wires. Smog. Smelly sewage treatment plant. Road closures for Heart Rides and Marathons. Graffiti.
308.	Sustainable, environmentally sound and accessible public transit. Light rail should be the way forward. Also the war on cars is not over... they will be gone by 2050 get with it.
309.	/ - Help finding home and jobs for low income individuals and families; / / - Closed down the Zoo, once captive animals start to pass away. It's cruel keeping so many animals confined to such small spaces...it's like making a human being live inside a house for the rest of her/his life. / - Provide significant financial incentives for people to upgrade their homes using green technologies - solar panels, upgrading furnaces, etc.
310.	Air quality and gridlock. Mortality rates due to air quality and other environmental issues.
311.	Toronto should be making major advances to reduce the carbon footprint of transportation within the city through encouraging a decrease in automobile use and an increase in above ground public transit, bicycle use, and pedestrian-friendly streets. Creation of more car-free precincts, especially during summer months, roads dedicated to transit and bicycle use, and reduction of vehicular use for small packet deliveries in the core are some appropriate steps, as would be an increase in parking fees, more bicycle racks, and dedicated bicycle lanes separate by physical barriers from automobile traffic, like many other major cities in Canada and Europe,
312.	maintaining a liveable city, by ensuring marginalized people are supported generously, by meeting the needs of people who choose to walk or bike instead of drive, by preserving and extending green space and protecting the environment.
313.	Cultural diversity of population; poverty reduction; urban and transportation planning that truly addresses environmental issues and climate change; infrastructure that supports active transportation, to counter health problems (e.g., obesity, diabetes, heart & stroke), pollution, congestion, etc.;
314.	Unionized environment does not provide for effective and efficient services. Historically, outside of the old City of North York and Etobicoke, the politicians did act fiscally responsible - this old way of thinking is a major contributor to the destruction of this city.
315.	incentives for sustainable green initiatives

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
316.	More social housing in a multi-income environment to reduce the prevalence of poverty ghettos / A mix of subsidized housing and market rent or privately-owned condos together in one neighbourhood
317.	Protecting nature areas from being developed into urban areas. Encouraging property owners to turn their buildings green--i.e. green roofs. And creating more balanced neighbourhoods--more businesses in large sprawling residential suburbs.
318.	Cycling and pedestrian friendly neighbourhoods. Regional (inter-city) public transportation. Power consumption/energy efficiency/local power generation.
319.	Continue to consult with citizens on social service / Find money to deal with affordable housing / Give higher priority to environmental challenges / Deal with the auto mess by introducing tolls
320.	Green roofs / extending green box (compost collection) to apartment buildings
321.	stop spending or wasting tax payers money on environmental studies and other studies like the formentioned. / I know some "social services" or welfare programs should be cut back until our financial house is in order. / GIVING THE POLICE THE POWER TO POLICE AND NOT WASTE TIME ON COUNSELS SPECIAL PROJECTS TO KEEP THERE INTEREST GROUPS HAPPY.(sorry for the caps. but it is time to let the criminals know that they are not welcome here.)
322.	better bike lane infrastructure to encourage cycling and reduce the number of cars plugging up the streets and polluting the environment
323.	1) I am very concerned with the disassembly of many citizen councils. Participants on these councils are individuals educated on the issues of the council they partake in. Eliminating these councils also eliminates a very well informed source for decision-makers which will result in biased decision-making. / / 2) Eliminating the 5 cent plastic bag fee. This was a great policy implemented by past Council. It resulted in a drastic reduction in use of plastic bags and to eliminate this policy would impact both the environment (one-use products) and the retailers revenue. / / 3) Motorists vs. cyclists. It's unfortunate that this has become a two-sided debate as it clearly also impacts pedestrians and public transit riders. City council needs to derive a solution that will bring harmony to all sides rather than pitting one against the other. Toronto is a large city and can accommodate everyone with a little understanding. I am in favour of bike lanes separated by cement barriers. It provides cyclists with a greater sense of safety and identifies a clear lane that motorists will not mistake for a car lane. I am in favour of having them on side streets, however, it is counterproductive to remove bike lanes that are already in place (i.e. Jarvis). / / 4) Affordable housing: we need to have more affordable housing mixed in with more gentrified neighbourhoods. This will allow lower income families to be influenced by families of a higher socio-economic status. / /
324.	Environmental issues, services for seniors, bicycle lanes and the need for road tolls to curb traffic congestion and provide revenue.
325.	Adding a downtown smog tax for cars that drive in the downtown core

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
326.	I don't feel that my views are captured by rating (e.g.) the 'issue' of "fair and affordable taxation" on a scale of 1-100. For one thing, fairness and affordability are distinct concepts, that to some extent must be traded off: I favour 'less affordable' taxes if the resources are used to offset poverty (more fairness). Likewise, I think it is urgent that Toronto develop better mass transit and cycling infrastructure, but with this survey I can only rate the importance of infrastructure and 'the environment.' I worry that by signalling I care about infrastructure, this will be taken as a sign that I favour more roads for cars.
327.	An effective plan to provide bike lanes or bike roads for cyclists, who need protection and support on the road. If bike lanes are being eliminated, they need to be replaced with an alternative. We need a bike route that safely cuts through the city, hopefully minimizing interactions with cars and the products of their exhaust pipes. / / Rent in the city is unbelievably high in comparison to other cities in Canada. / / We need more community gardens and local urban agriculture programs - one at every community center and library at least. We also need to be more active in planting urban trees and making sure they are set up in a way that is viable for them to live (not in tiny concrete boxes which do not allow them to grow, not with pavement covering the ground beneath up to a few inches from the trunk... this is just a waste of money since these trees are destined to never thrive). More incentives should be available to encourage green roofs on public property. Every community center and public library should have one. / / We need support for our public library, which offers support to students, families, newcomers, homeless people, etc. It is an invaluable community resource and must be maintained properly. It supports education, job searching, business development and personal development. / / We need a better transit strategy. Toronto is a huge city and needs more efficient and quick transport such as subways or elevated light rail. The TTC also needs to provide better value for the money spent by its riders. We should adapt a more forgiving transfer system in which a transfer is good within 1.5 - 2 hours of travel after issued, anywhere in the city. The City of Vancouver has this system and it is MUCH better. It shows more respect for users of public transit (ex. I should be able to stop on my way home to complete a small errand without having to pay an expensive fare a second time). / / Poverty in Toronto is unfortunate and rampant. We need a way of supporting the homeless population without interaction with the police and while respecting these people's human rights. Food banks should be funded more so that they can increase the amount of food they give each person and provide more nutritious, quality meals.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
328.	Metro-Links - making easier transportation access between municipalities and across the GTA; Bike lanes - provide a sustainable vision to increase bike lanes and use in the city; Do not cut social programs to provide more funding to Police. The police in this city have lost the trust of many citizens. Looking at the graph on Operating Expenses with Police taking the lion's share at \$25.63 of every \$100 does not reflect a vision for this city I can subscribe to as a tax payer. Crime is lower - yes, there are problems and gangs, but this budget entry tells me we are a "law & order" city and that is not what I want for my city.
329.	The city needs to use its purchasing power to continue to support the technologies of the future - be they renewable energy, IT, sustainable buildings. This is where many of the future jobs will come from, and the city can continue to lead by example - through solar programs, green building programs, green roof investment etc....
330.	- Affordable housing within the City, encouragement of first-time owners / property investments; / - Environmental improvements --- more green spaces / old trees, clean water, less lake pollution, clean beach / lake areas (for swimming) / - Community dev
331.	Build more mixed use communities in the downtown core. Which means combining residential condo buildings with commercial buildings. Do no allow any more massive residential condo projects such as the City Place Lakeshore development which could end up turning into a ghetto one day once the buildings age. Mixed use communities have much more sustainability in the long run. / / Basically continue to increase density in the downtown core while improving public transit. Put a stop to suburban sprawl.
332.	We need more well maintained public transit - street cars, buses and subways that are environmentally sustainable. There should be a restriction of usage of cars especially during hot humid weather. Affordable housing and supports for vulnerable people. People with mental health issues should have an assigned personal support worker/ case manager to assist with daily living.
333.	Sustainable, affordable city-wide public transit is needed IMMEDIATELY; Cycling infrastructure including safe lanes and motorist education; Affordable housing; Police accountability, particularly for the crimes committed against citizens last year; Overall sustainable, long-term planning for the city.
334.	I would love to see roads blocked by lovely planted trees (Think Ryerson south of Elm). I don't think it is very important to have a car in the city. The subway, walking, and cycling are far superior ways to travel. If we had more pedestrian events (Kensington etc) we would have less smog from the cars idling, and more clean air to enjoy. We would also start to bring in more tourism as everyone wants to enjoy life - and not in the middle of gridlock and horns.
335.	Improving city planning and building sustainable family-oriented communities.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
336.	Sustainable and affordable transportation. / Improved policies for City workers, i.e.. a no idling of vehicles rule that is enforced. / Accessible social services. / Addressing the social aspect of crime and security, investing in CRC, libraries and community support City wide. / Women's services and rights as a priority and reforming the Toronto Police Department along with all other departments to reflect equal respect for women and equal pay for equal work. Working to ensure 50:50 representation in all municipal departments. / Increased spending on social housing and TCHC reform. / Increased support and innovation in areas like sustainability, transportation, architecture, and the art. /
337.	Environment and Greenspace, affordable housing, local procurement
338.	Sustainable Improvements to city finances cannot be achieved by spending restraint alone. Higher taxes and/or user fees should be included. This may include charges for library cards (which can be focused on middle/higher income areas, defined by postal code), and a tax on downtown parking (say \$1.00 per space per day) and higher service charges for new condo developments.
339.	The environment is the most critical issue today. Reducing car pollution, increasing public transportation, cleaning up Lake Ontario, and creating more green spaces including an accessible waterfront. We also need to ensure that the continued gap between the rich and the poor be narrowed and that there is safe housing for all. STOP worrying about public graffiti, CONTINUE charging 5 cents for a plastic bag, and START creating a green accessible city! This is the only way we can become a world class city.
340.	Sustainable TTC Funding and expansion
341.	Transit plan with realistic goals and funding mechanisms; visual environment; urban design; places and streets for people (not cars); vision
342.	By rating environmental issues as the top priority translates into continued action and monitoring of all aspects of city life, and accountability. From the quality of our air, to what the city and its industrial and residential inhabitants put in the water, to the reduction of waste going to landfill and how we get it there, to taking the initiative to make Toronto a safe place to bicycle, play in parklands, promote cultural and creative living, and growing food within city limits requires a large budget and occasional over-runs in order to keep the infrastructure sound and the systems well-run and well monitored. Cutting back now for short-term budget glamour will only create a desolate city in the future. We as citizens want accountability for the workings of the city. That requires NO PRIVATIZATION of services! Municipal government is by the people, for the people. Not for corporate profit. It is why we have government at all.
343.	healthy, affordable access to food / smog reduction / being a leader city in terms of carbon reduction, green jobs, environmental literacy in all schools / education-reducing the resources differences among public schools / attitude- this city is awesome and should be celebrated! / speeding up figuring out G20 issues / not halting funding for PRIDE

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
344.	waterfront renewal, restarting Transit City, developing resilient neighbourhoods (community centres/ arts, after-school programs/ childcare, community gardens, etc) environmental sustainability (e.g. green roofs), liveability - respect for heritage, street level life.
345.	transit / affordable housing / environmental awareness
346.	Improve and invest in public transportation. Built a rapid transit system more affordable and efficient than a underground subway system. Improve transportation and the environment by restricting the number of cars downtown favouring public transportation over cars. Restore the car tax to help with our municipal finances. Increase efficiency in the spending by using wisely the cities money and not decreasing the city's income. Promote the use of bicycles and alternative ways of transportation. Keep alive environmental programs, housing, social assistance and immigrant support organizations. Creating an anti-corruption team to make sure money is wisely invested.
347.	environment, transportation including roads and decent TTC service and bike lanes. / I support surcharges on people coming into the city (either higher TTC costs - think Europe system) / and tolls for 905s coming in. No tolls for people passing through to elsewhere / help homeless, etc get jobs, care, etc.
348.	Protect Environmental Programs because they help save lives by reducing smog and air pollution, protect the environment, save taxpayers money by saving water and energy, and create good green local jobs.
349.	Requiring much, much higher energy efficiency standards in new buildings
350.	dealing with the impacts of climate change, ensuring a healthy environment (good air, green spaces, water protection). These will be very important in determining quality of life in our city.
351.	Transit, transit, transit... / Ensuring programs continue in at risk neighbourhoods - sports, creative arts, police "reach out" programs / Enforcing environmental standards - parkland protection and management, building standards, etc.
352.	Using more renewable energy sources- supporting the provincial government to implement wind turbines along the lake, stopping the cost increase for ttc riders, creating more green spaces and promoting green roofs/resident balconies, creating more jobs for university graduates that are career focused!!!, Also trimming trees along roads that need it immediately- 1029 king street. west trees have a lot of dead branches that could harm someone in strong winds! - increase employment for such services!
353.	Integrated public transport, updating building codes to meet environmental best practices
354.	Highway Tolls, Encouraging alternate modes of transportation, green roofs, becoming a leader in the area of climate change and new energy.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
355.	investment in and management of the urban forest, ravine and park system; planning and management of roads and sidewalks to accommodate private vehicles, commercial vehicles, transit, bicycles and pedestrians; sustainable revenue streams beyond property taxes.
356.	Keeping TTC well funded, affordable, and providing a service that's comfortable and convenient. A transit system is the lifeblood of a world class city, a great way to move people around with limited environmental impact. The city and province should be funding our system, and making it a viable option for people over driving their cars /
357.	Supporting Immigrants / Making sure that with growth in population we do not compromise with services. Quality of education at schools, and services at Hospitals and Community Centers are not compromised. / What is done to improve and sustain quality of life of each and every family who has lived in this city for year and new family coming everyday: Do we have capacity to provide sustainable jobs; maintain healthy, clean and sustainable environment; reduce poverty; support local businesses; provide education based on future job and business needs, and control crime
358.	Reducing traffic congestion by restoring and raising vehicle license taxes; proper maintenance of arterial roads and introduction of road tolls; encouraging and supporting cyclists and pedestrians by improving safety; eliminating use of toxic pesticides on city property; considering subsidy programs for urban gardening and alternative fuel use; closing Yonge St. south of College to Front to vehicular traffic from June 1 through Labour Day; modernization of TTC via introduction of 'smart cards' and pro-rated fares based upon distance travelled; serious effort to reduce noise pollution with strict bylaws governing construction; elimination of leaf blowers and gas-powered lawn equipment; total shutdown of Downsview airport and redevelopment of Downsview Park as National Urban Park founded on the principles of renewable energy and accessible public green space.
359.	childcare and children's programs / more accessible recycling programs (i.e. so that people do not have to drive to depot to dispose of recyclables that are not picked-up through regular program) / there is too many cars, too much traffic and no enforcement on no idling by-law. People should be prevented from driving in heavily traffic areas on certain times/days. /
360.	Dealing with climate change / TTC and bicycle infrastructure and service / Environmental programs
361.	affordable sustainable transport plan
362.	Traffic congestion coming downtown. There should be a fee charged to those who drive into the city. This will not only cut down on traffic, but it will also reduce our carbon footprint thus reducing smog alerts during the summer. This will directly relate to public health. However, the only way this will work is if public transit improves making it more easily available to those living outside the current TTC routes.
363.	Promoting a green economy by investing in green technology and building a clean healthy environment for me and my children.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
364.	- Enabling food access policies throughout all city departments / - Facilitating development of local green jobs / - HIV/AIDS funding and health promotion / - Climate change planning / - Expanding services provided in priority areas / - Recreation and se
365.	Sustainable recycling programs, affordable public transportation, traffic congestion. / / I consider multiple sports franchise investments unnecessary for the city given our current inability to effectively manage our existing population and tourism.
366.	Urban planning (ensuring best practices in planning that promote high quality architecture and public spaces that are attractive, sustainable, enduring and are competitive with those of other major urban centres internationally -- beyond North America).
367.	(1) Continuously managing to ensure effectiveness of Community Policing approach. (2) Is the TCHC Revitalization Strategy sustainable or are we just upgrading the deck chairs on the Titanic? (3) Because 75% of City contracts is labour costs, is the Fair Wage Policy really just a price fixing policy that drives up local inflation and offsets any economies of scale opportunities . This results in the city's normalized spend per capita rate being the highest of urban centres in Canada.
368.	ALL departments of the City of Toronto, together with the entire GTA region, MUST be better coordinated in their planning and budgets, especially with regards to transportation, health care, bylaw standardization/enforcement, and any environmental issues/concerns. There is currently much variation, and overlap, in how such issues/services are currently handled. Why?? / Toronto could be sooooo much better -- please look at the more innovative ways that other cities have managed similar problems, without wasting so much time and money as we so often do!! The waterfront is a prime example.....
369.	Maintaining a safe environment through essential services.
370.	Large-scale public works and sustainable waterfront development
371.	as one of the leading cities in Canada we need to take an active role in environmental issues. Climate change will cost us billions soon if we don't address it now and try to hold emissions down. Cities can make a huge difference through things like bike lanes and fees for cars.
372.	We must continue to set an example as an environmental leader in Canada and North America - Increasing public transport, decreasing garbage, increasing recycling, etc...
373.	maintaining or promoting a demographic mix in the core v. letting the market decide who can afford to live here as is the case now; preserving rental accommodations or giving incentives for providing rental properties; reducing ghettos in NE and NW area of city; aggressive social/economic programmes to counteract gang activity in marginalized communities / integrating public transportation across the GTA / environmental studies and projects need to be maintained; better engagement with residents for input, working with existing city programmes like creating local greenspace; renters are not notified of new builds in the area unlike condo owners /

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
374.	No additional ones, but the issues listed are both essential and interconnected - the City should think about long term prosperity and sustainability, which requires making Toronto a pleasant and hopeful place for everyone, regardless of their relative financial wealth.
375.	Amalgamation has been disastrous for the City, because services contracted out to providers make them crisscross the city, wasting fuel, time and increasing gg emissions. / Heritage buildings and communities are being abandoned, despite their overall superior design, environmentally and aesthetically. My street has seen houses, with ecofriendly features like solar south facing windows, and plantings, demolished so that bigger houses, requiring air conditioning, and filling property to lot lines, are built. These houses do not take advantage of site based planning, and are hideous, with virtually no aesthetically sensitive features. / The City's anti-idling bylaw is completely ignored, with no signage or attempt to enforcement, resulting in unnecessary pollution, more greenhouse gas emissions, rising health care costs, etc. / Buses on major routes should be electric; these are more cost effective, quieter, and more eco-friendly. / Perhaps the City should sue the federal government for damages incurred as a result of the underfunding of emission limiting projects, like electric buses, etc.
376.	city wide bike lanes downtown and suburbs / traffic, need tolls / wind and solar power - need more
377.	Bike lanes, transportation system, sustainable power and growth
378.	environment and social services
379.	Amending building codes so that new buildings integrate energy efficiency and renewable energy generation and storage should be a top priority.
380.	Investment in the TTC and alternative transportation initiatives such as bike lanes and multi use trails, especially with the upcoming 2015 Pan American Games. Need to build affordable and sustainable infrastructure. Better consultation on construction products so that the same roadway is not being ripped up every year because the first year they forgot to do the gas lines, second year they put the gas lines in but not fibre optics, etc. / / Need to allocate Toronto Police for policing initiatives and not pay them so much overtime to guard manholes and construction sites when those jobs can be done by private security companies or construction companies themselves.
381.	Reducing air pollution to protect public health and reduce climate change.
382.	A strategic plan for the city's sustainable growth into the future. More investment is needed.
383.	Maintain clean air quality and clean environment
384.	Youth issues; social justice; sustainability around food; public health issues (particularly around income inequality)

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
385.	A public transportation system which is efficient, affordable (i.e. cheaper than it is now), and public. More promotion of bicycle use. A plan to reduce GHG emissions drastically. Local procurement policies with preference for union-made products. A plan for sustainable energy. A plan for a green, sustainable economy. Promotion of green jobs.
386.	accessible housing and accessible buildings in general, accessible urban environment (traffic lights, curb cuts, and other urban landscape features), accessible foodbanks that also accommodate various religious and dietary needs (kosher, halal, vegetarian/vegan, and people who require nutritional supplements/meal replacements like Ensure), affordable transportation that's fully accessible for people with disabilities, social programs/services that benefit vulnerable people (seniors, kids, people with disabilities, working poor, people on social assistance).
387.	We need a real transportation plan that really supports alternatives to automobiles, primarily public transportation and cycling. We need this for environmental reasons and to reduce congestion. With increasing gas prices we also need it because many people don't have cars or can't afford to drive. We need the infrastructure that supports public transportation and cycling.
388.	Environmental issues (i.e. industrial, nuclear plants, lowering pollution levels, etc) public safety and health issue preparedness / Slow down development (condos/housing) manage roads/traffic -- too many people on the roads/transit / Improve/revitalize areas of the city that need it (i.e. Keele & Eglinton, lakeshore, etc...)
389.	Cultural services; Environment including parks, trees and wildlife; Water; Garbage; Transit; Fires; Medical services; Housing
390.	create sustainable employment and preserve current services
391.	The City of Toronto has a revenue problem. As a homeowner and vehicle owner I am happy to pay the requisite taxes to ensure that our city functions in a compassionate, sustainable and equitable manner. That is what "fair and affordable taxes" means to me.
392.	Please raise the tax rates and do not abolish the land transfer tax. Lobby Ontario and Ottawa to get some of the contributions Toronto makes to the rest of Canada back. Our city has to be sustainable first!
393.	People should not be going hungry on the streets or in houses. People should have a roof over there heads. / We need to be helping people with mental illness. Toronto needs to be more safe, before crime waves happen We need to educate people, and help rehabilitate people who are criminals or may be going that path. We need to help those who are abusing drugs. We need to have more jobs in Toronto and aspire people to create businesses in toronto.
394.	bike lanes; housing; daycare, / air quality; recycling; supporting the development of renewable energy technologies
395.	Green buildings (stronger legislation on sustainable design and construction of buildings).

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
396.	Toronto should be a world leader in environmental sustainability and it is not. We have a limited mindset with issues such as traffic congestion, energy usage and exceptional garbage pick up. We should be aggressively exploring alternatives like bike lanes, LRTs, cleaner energy and recycling - as other major world cities are - rather than trying to make more room for cars and privatizing garbage collection. These are short term solutions that do not address the larger issues of limited resources and global warming that are becoming increasingly more complex and costly to ignore. / /
397.	waste reduction, consumption taxes (including road tolls, packaging charges), the declining quality and quantity of natural environment, the preservation of neighbourhood character
398.	The City of Toronto should heavily prioritize sustainable transportation from a comparative perspective. The trend towards adding bike lanes and using streetcars is a policy trend that should be given due consideration.
399.	Sustainable and environmentally-friendly growth, such as: green roofs, bike lanes, effective urban planning and European-like building practices.
400.	I think we should turn unused rooftop spaces in the downtown core to solar farms to put clean energy into the grid, or turn them into rooftop farms. both would create stable long term jobs.
401.	public transit, green spaces/roofs, safe and healthy subsidized housing and food programs, job skills training
402.	Out-patient programs and support for mental and physical health / Social assistance programs that allow people to pay rent and eat healthily-restore diet supplement, Strong public transit system that is environmental, using electric trains and not diesel fuel
403.	I already provided my top 3 issues in the first question, these remain the same. Specifically public transit (quality, accessibility, affordability) and addressing important environmental issues should be considered by the City. The City should also consider increasing property taxes and reinstating the vehicle registration tax to fund all the City services that are in need of funding.
404.	global warming, smog, toxics, poverty, transit
405.	Renewable energy i.e. supporting the wind turbines in Lake Ontario
406.	We need to reduce our police force; crime is down. We need to increase financial and other support for the poor; there are lots of them. We need to have fair taxes, including for the rich. We need to protect the environment; it's a mess. We need to fight for a return of responsibilities to the province that had been downloaded to the city. We need to promote bicycling, walking and public transport; with fewer cars.
407.	- More affordable housing and support for the affordable housing that exists. ex: DONT sell off the community housing units! where do you expect those people to live affordably? / - recommit and improve on environmental sustainability initiatives. / - go b
408.	Sustainable energy /

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
409.	Forget trying to be a world-class City; if we focus on being a city that balances services between the haves and have nots; places emphasis on culture and the arts; takes care of those in need in new and creative ways; works with the private sector in creative not divisive ways; pays heed to the environment; then it will naturally become the world leader it was at one time. / / Reduce cars, increase public transit - that does not equate to focusing on subways. / / If taxes have to rise to maintain services, so be it; we pay less taxes than our suburban cousins; I have heard this stated time and time again at the public sessions. / / Increase revenue rather than cut programs. / / Bring back the car tax that was repealed; double the amount to \$120
410.	-Public transit / -Supporting and encouraging youth and newcomers / -Investing in 'greening' the city -environmental consciousness / -Maintaining and building on Toronto's reputation as a world-class, welcoming city vs. a cost-cutting conservative place to
411.	More green power - let's put a wind farm or two or three on Lake Ontario
412.	Sustainable and environmental initiatives and organizations should be supported and encouraged. / Ecocitizenship and Healthy/Active Lifestyles need to be promoted.
413.	Building a green economy - good for the economy, good for the environment. There are so many ways that the City can increase revenues (via increased tax base etc) while supporting the health of the environment.
414.	SMOG
415.	sustainable funding for community/social services programming and support
416.	The city should consider re-using as much of the transit city plan as possible, to save money and keep the city from spending twice on things like environmental assessments, and train contracts.
417.	Every issue on the page before this. / No issues should be left out. The gap the City is dealing with in the budget is not because of these services. / Fords agenda to stop the vehicle registration tax was a huge mistake. That was one of the few revenues the city had. Without revenue through raising taxes or other permits like vehicle registration tax, then the city will clearly not meet it's budget. The people who are about to loose out on services are the city's most vulnerable people or people involved in community improvement through arts, environmental action, etc. / / I walk by several police officers a day who are monitoring traffic. It's ok for the Ford's to sign off on \$5 million a year for police at constructions sites, but we couldn't have held onto 40+ TTC bus routes for the public benefit. Don't take away the things we need and spend money on things that aren't necessary to waste taxpayers \$. How can you get rid of FREE community input on various issues but will spend \$ on things that no one asked for! / / Do not cheat the people of Toronto. Everything you have listed throughout this survey is of importance to many if not all of the people who live, work and enjoy this city. Do not take these things away. This is not the mayor we signed up for. This is not want people wanted/want/deserve. This is not a city full of gravy, this is a city that is amazing and has so much potential.

	Environmental Program – Other Important Issues
418.	Expanding the services offered by the TTC and promoting other sustainable transit options like car-sharing, bicycling, etc.
419.	- Cutting down the carbon footprint / - Keep the "naming rights" to the city/public (parks Canada, subway stations etc.) / - Going as green as possible
420.	Toronto has one of the highest number of newcomer populations in Canada, it is imperative that as a City, we provide opportunities for integration and community services. Canada is reliant of Immigrant communities to keep the economy vital, proper and meaningful support in health, jobs opportunity and education will ensure sustainable economic growth.
421.	reasonable transit and environmental policies.
422.	Long-term planning even if it costs something in the short-term, environmental impact of NOT sustaining and intelligently expanding city transportation systems, ceasing empty rhetoric of 'tax cuts' and 'gravy-cuts' as if City Council in the past has been wasteful, working with unions and labour rather than demonizing them, working with the province to increase support for welfare and housing for the city's poor, isolated, vulnerable and neglected, re-instate the licence tax, re-instate environmental rebates for people buying eco-friendly appliances and air-conditioners, build planned bridge to Fort York

Do you have any other comments on how the City should fund services?

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	Environmental Programs – Financial Advice
1.	Road Tolls and User Fees / Carbon Taxation / Increased Business Taxes /
2.	1) Dramatically reduce the paid duty for \$45+/hour police officers guarding a hole in the ground and replace with much lower paid individuals who'd love to have the job. 2) Be honest with people that services can't be provided with no increases ever in property taxes or user fees, if only to take into account inflation never mind improvement. They need to look on taxes and user fees as the "common area fees" that everyone pays to live anywhere and we ALL pay a share. 3) Have a much longer term vision (10+ years) of where the city is going with transportation, the environment, development, etc. combined with funding requirements. I rarely see any long term strategy on anything (the mess of the TTC comes to mind), just the immediacy of the next election.
3.	The city should be looking to diversify its funding sources as the province allows: vehicle registration fees, regional sales tax (416+905), regional income tax, land transfer tax. Property taxes and user fees are regressive and unsustainable sources of income for a modern city. Toronto needs more diverse funding to build a sustainable city of the future.

	Environmental Programs – Financial Advice
4.	The city needs to be managed more in line with what is done in the business world. Tough decisions need to be made for the long term viability of the city . Again we need to cut the ranks of employees to address the labour cost of running this city. You can never convince me that within the current environment that there isn't excess in the system. Governments must do what individuals have had to do and that is do more with less. If need be temporarily cut fringe programs until the city finances get back on track and then you might be able to consider who is needy.
5.	The city should balance its budget by cutting services that we are all forced to pay for but which disproportionately benefit a small group of residents. The city should absolutely cut expenses which provide little real benefit such as special-interest parades, unnecessary road work (such as ADDING traffic lights and installing speed bumps), and "feel good" measures such as installing expensive solar panels which provide little real benefit.
6.	The City should fund services that give back to the community and create safe, active, environmentally friendly and educating environments for young people today so that we can have a better future, even if it costs us some taxes.
7.	Please stop putting multiple policies in place that are bad for the environment. I know you love your car but I love my children more and I would like the world to be in good shape when they grow up.
8.	Toronto is a downtown metropolitan area. It should have fantastic public services for those in need, greatly improved public transit and accommodation of alternative means of transport (i.e. walking/biking/etc. as opposed to driving), and should encourage and enforce environmental standards.
9.	Tax those who can afford it - wealthy citizens and corporations. The more equal society becomes (achieved through accessibility to quality services), the happier ALL members are. And please improve the city bike system. It's currently deplorable and unsafe, and with rising obesity, gas prices and environmental concerns, it's a way to move into the future.
10.	Make the province take back all the services in dumped on cities in the 1990s under the Mike Harris regime. The province and/or federal government should be responsible for environment, policing, healthcare, housing, public transit, roads, and infrastructure.
11.	Use impact on the environment and health to determine whether to introduce or increase user fees. People who are composting and recycling should pay less than those who produce more garbage. Same with water, transit and recreation programs that improve one's health -- reward those who improve the health of our environment and society.

	Environmental Programs – Financial Advice
12.	Perhaps instead of simply looking at what I as a tax payer thinks about operating a city, to paraphrase an old saying, first clean up your own backyard before looking to your neighbour. ECONMIZE EFFICIENCY AND WELL THOUGHT OUT CHOICES. We all face hard choices about money. Last year I had to replace my roof as racoons put holes in my roof. I live next to a shelter where I know for a fact they feed the racoons and every other type of vermin. It was an unexpected eight thousand dollars that I had to spend, while on a fixed income that might have been avoided if my tax dollars were better spent on an organization that could provide shelter facilities and be respectful of the money they get by not feeding wild animals. I will iterate that the spending of tax money to provide "doggy wonderlands" while removing public park land from everyone is getting absurd. Finally I cannot fathom what requirements there are to manage a city especially since the amalgamation and downloading of programs from the province to the city. The best I can hope for is that all of us do our best to eliminate excessive spending find frugal way to deliver good services and be respectful of ourselves and others.
13.	The Zoo makes us a world class city. The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair makes us a world class city with a direct connection to sustainable food production. . the Direct Energy Centre, a trade show venue with a fake lake does not.
14.	The City should implement incentives to encourage wise use of resources and to support environmental goals and efficiencies, like road tolls, and higher rates for water use during peak hours, and energy use during peak hours. The City should increase the property taxes on land such as surface parking lots, so this valuable resource (land) is better utilized to create jobs and investment in the City.
15.	Be creative. If you have to increase user fees, try and include more sliding scales/classes and types of discounts. Have more future-oriented policies. EVERY decision should consider environmental and financial sustainability.
16.	1) Where possible, reduce the work week for city employees from 5 days of 8 hours to 4 days of 10 hours. This scheme has been tested in other cities and it was found that there were significant cost savings from energy reduction and reduced overtime pay. Also employees experienced improved productivity and work-life balance. 2) More flexibility in salary negotiation, including more vacation time for lower salaries, and giving less experienced candidates opportunities to work at lower starting salaries 3) Create an effective network for volunteer engagement; provide commercial incentives to Toronto businesses that give their full-time employees paid days off to perform temporary volunteer roles. 4) Speak directly to city employees to identify any institutional redundancies that reduce efficiency such as too-frequent team meetings or unnecessary use of paper where electronic copy would suffice 5) Invest in long-term sustainable solutions rather than short term patchwork solutions

	Environmental Programs – Financial Advice
17.	Fire services is too costly. Funding should be given to EMS instead to put more paramedics and vehicles on the road. Fire services should focus on fire prevention, and should NOT provide medical services. It is a duplication with Toronto EMS that is unnecessary. We have too many fire trucks and fire fighters and not enough paramedics. Please change the priority! / The City MUST invest in environmental sustainability. Short-term planning for economic growth will be useless if our City will not be able to withstand the impact of climate change. Initiatives like green roofs, subsidies for solar power, investing in alternate fuel sources for the City (like biofuel from all our compost) and increasing green space will help mitigate the potentially disastrous effects of the changes to weather patterns. Cities like Chicago, Boston and New York and already improving environmental infrastructure, and Toronto must do so as well.
18.	1) Since it wasn't anywhere on this survey, the city needs to fund the creation of more (and connected) on-road bike networks. It's a way to reduce traffic, ease congestion and improve our environment. / 2) If I could, my #1 choice for how the TTC should expand would be for more LRTs, NOT more subways --- especially ones that are going to be "built" by companies, etc. LRTs are more affordable than subways, and will impact more people.
19.	If we upload the TTC so it is under provincial authority it would cost much less to the city and be run more efficiently. Toronto needs a regional transit plan. Metrolinx should be the authority for all regional public transit and should be above the authority of politics. With each change of administration we get new transit plans that never come into action. Transit plans take ten years to complete fully. Thus, each large scale plan will likely see a change in administration on the municipal or provincial or federal level. If any new administration changes their policy towards transportation then we can lose part of the development costs, which are large. Make a plan and stick with it so Torontonians can see results. Reducing transit commute times will improve our economy drastically and increased public transportation will improve our environment.
20.	how about a car tax so that car drivers pay their fair share for roads, infrastructure, police, health care costs, and so that they will improve transit options to make them more desirable, in turn helping get people out of their car? / increased user fees to encourage responsible environmental use (i.e., increased user fees for garbage) / tolls for driving into the city / taxing - charging more/enforcing for the display of billboards

	Environmental Programs – Financial Advice
21.	<p>A completely objective third party investigation company needs to be brought in to do forensic accounting and find out where all the money is going and outline and identify every dollar. Every expense should have a receipt and be justifiable if not the Councillor is responsible for paying that mis spent money back to the public coffer with their own money. It's as simple as , you take something that doesn't belong to you and so you have to give it back. Also, we should look at other world class countries an emulate the amazing and innovative things that are working for them. If downtown Manhattan can bring in a mayor and civic planner from Europe and then turn a few major downtown streets into bike only roads with traffic barriers to protect cyclists from motor vehicles then so can we. There are a lot more people in Downtown New York than Downtown Toronto and that's one way they dealt with congestion and environmental assessment scores all at once. Also, looking at London and emulating a tax for driving into the downtown core. The TTC runs very frequently and from a lot of directions to be able to bring people into and out of the core. There shouldn't be much vehicle traffic other than Emergency Vehicles, Taxis, and the occasional motorist. If we put a toll on coming into the core it creates a deterrent for driving in, as well as provides an extra source of money to fill the city coffers. And improves our environmental scores by reducing motor vehicle usage. The city should also stop cutting social programs and funding from events which stimulate the economy. I don't really care what anyone's personal feelings are on the Pride parade because it brings in a TON of money. The Tourism industry in Toronto is still not what it was pre-SARS, A lot of local and global business depend on these festivities as a major source of revenue. It also puts our city on the world stage. Because of the Pride parade we throw every year we were able to out bid New York, San Francisco, Amsterdam, and Sydney to name a few for World Pride. Which will be another massive infusion of cash to this city. It also allowed for us to have a successful bid for the PanAm games. Another massive event this city can't really afford to miss out on. It's really poor business sense. The facts and figures are there. This city needs more money so we should do what is right in front of us to get it. Just do the math. Don't bring personal emotions into it. How many of us get to walk in to work wearing our emotions and personal beliefs on our sleeves for everyone to see. That's right we all suck it up, leave it at the door and get the job done. / / Thank you</p>
22.	<p>Average city property tax is much lower than other city like Mississauga. City should look to get more revenue from Federal and Ontario Gov as City of Toronto residents contributes the most amount of their money. They need to adjust their spending on international issues. City must reduce paying welfare benefits instead create jobs, even a home based job for those who are unable to work in a normal environment. This welfare is costing the city a lot and it is crippling the workforce. Find opportunities for micro business.</p>

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23.	The car tax should be reinstated. Driving should be regarded as a privilege - not as a right of individuals, which trumps community services. The costs of driving - in terms of maintaining of infrastructure, as well as environmental and associated health costs (i.e. from emissions and fossil fuel consumption) - should be off-set by car taxes.
24.	Higher corporate taxes. Of course it would be much more effective if all cities would simultaneously target corporations to claw back what has been 'forcibly' taken from the public, channelled into massive private wealth systems. Even if one region/nation had the political will to take this on, it would not stop corporations from profit shifting, so forever looms the 'we'll just take our business elsewhere' threats. However, someone has to stop this race to the bottom of privatization, stand up for increasing taxes on wealth, and because cities always need services, someone will step in to provide them. Individuals won't become rich, but everyone will benefit, at a sustainable level. This will be a long painful process, but if we continue to confuse wealth creation with social functionality, the socio-economic pain will be more severe later.
25.	I think you should bring back the vehicle registration tax, and increase it, as people who drive cost the city a lot in terms of their impact on the roads, traffic congestion, and the environment. / I think people and corporations should be taxed for activities that pollute or deplete the city.

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26.	<p>paying an extra \$200/yr on my property is a great deal if we could improve the services already offered by the city. Let's aim to be the best, healthiest most equitable and profitable city in the world. What this survey doesn't ask is - do you think the province or federal government should help pay for this service (such as health care or housing for lo income people) I would have said yes to that. This city has to fight to make the other levels of government who have access to other taxation methods to pay for their share of the cost of maintaining a healthy and safe society. As well this survey does not ask about increasing services until the last question. I don't think there is enough money being spent on the environment, trees and parks in Toronto - I want services in that area increased! I also want affordable housing and childcare spaces increased! I want support for artist live/work spaces increased! I want work on neighbourhood centred composting in recycling so we don't need as many diesel spewing trucks running down our roads every week. I want MORE citizen engagement. Engage the people and see how we take some of the load off staff, you don't need to contract out you need to engage the citizens in their neighbourhoods to help find solutions to the city problems. / / This survey is a good first step (although some of the questions were unreadable on Firefox) - but it looks like it's a way for Ford to force citizen to assume we need to contract out services or raise property taxes - to get the SAME services we are already getting. This is dishonest, there are other ways to raise money for some of the services, but it means negotiating with other level of governments or fighting for another source of income for the city (i.e. percentage of HST). As well Toronto property taxes are the lowest in the GTA! It's the ridiculous housing prices that are the real problem - we need to focus on that issue! / / I hope you ask for my contact info and keep in touch with me about how this survey is used</p>

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27.	<p>Hi there, / / I'm not sure if these comments are what you expect but here goes. / / Firstly, referring to your first page of categories, as an artist I don't feel comfortable by being categorized along with sport and entertainment activities. My activities contribute to the local and national economy in a very specific way that exists outside of tourism. I think if more people realized how athletic and strong dancers had to be compared to football players or UFC fighters, it'd be pretty clear that we should be working towards sustainable arts funding rather than legalizing/supporting UFC here. / / Anyone who thinks that the arts need to seek more support from the private sector simply do not know anything about the arts or the private sector. Several actions in the last year ranging from Bell Canada's withdrawal of support from the only Video Art Award in the country, to the continuing Scotiabank-everything festivals, make it pretty obvious that sustainable and long term support for the arts and the livelihood of artists is not on the private sector's agenda. / / Also, I think BIAs have to be far more accountable to their communities and to the city on several levels. BIAs are too often a gentrifying force that eliminates cultural diversity in favour of investors, and more often than not the voices of the citizens businesses working in the area fall on death ears. / / I am also deeply disappointment with Mayor Ford's transit plan. By not investing in LRT to connect communities in Toronto, he is further ghettoizing and ostracizing citizens. Citizens that will remember his decisions four years from now, when he is out of office and the subways still aren't done. / / At the cost of gas rising, any politician with a petrol-based platform is truly misguided. Road repair needs to be done for the safety of cyclists, pedestrians and cars. Realistic and sustainable bike routes need to be invested in for everyone's well being. Further to this, more green initiatives need to be made in order to keep the city healthy and sustainable, and this includes taking a position on metrolinx's plans to run diesel trains through Parkdale. / / Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide feedback. /</p>
28.	<p>The City should be entering into immediate discussions with the Federal and Provincial governments in order to find ways to provide long-term stable funding for such items as social services, environmental services, affordable housing and public transit for examples. This revenue could come from an increase in the gas taxes or HST diverted to all of Canada's large cities. The cities that now house 80% of Canada's population require a new deal that recognizes that these cities are the economic generators of Canada. Public transit in order to address automobile produced gridlock and environmental degradation is an immediate priority. It should be paid for additionally by increased road taxes - tolls - on the use of automobiles in large cities such as Toronto.</p>
29.	<p>Bring back the vehicle registration tax. Also, consider a carbon tax or other tax penalizing businesses for environmentally unfriendly or unsustainable activity.</p>

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30.	The City should not contract out any policy decisions or services that ensure accountability to the public. / Any service that affects health & safety, vulnerable people, or the environment should be done in the most publicly-responsible manner possible, which makes it very difficult to contract out. / The City should not be subsidizing entertainment facilities (such as Exhibition Place or concert halls) that are only used by people who can afford large admission fees.
31.	more cycling infrastructure creates healthy citizens with more money and a healthier environment
32.	Environmental taxes on big corporations who pollute. MUCH bigger corporate taxes. Taxes on developers building new homes, particularly if the homes do not meet environmental standards. Demand from the province and the feds for more funding (for things especially like public transit) -- Canada's largest city keeps getting overlooked and short-changed.
33.	Please take the environment seriously, and invest in environmental programs for businesses and communities
34.	charge a carbon tax to increase city revenue.
35.	cities should unit and work with the provinces to re-establish reasonable transfer payment from the federal government. Having recognition and support from all levels of government financially given the off-loading of services to municipalities. Our property taxes are very reasonable. Toronto has all the potential to be the best city in Canada. It needs smart planning, economically and environmentally sustainable. Increases property taxes to improve services would make the city a better place to live for all. Keeping city services with the city rather than contracting out helps to feed the local economy and makes for a happier more fulfilled and committed work force. People are proud to work for the city, working to make the city better rather than for a corporation out to make money for its shareholders. Corporate shareholder interests are NOT the interests of city stakeholders.
36.	I strongly oppose privatization of public services. Getting rid of the vehicle registration fee was a ridiculous move. I believe these are the very places we should draw money from, since they cost us on an environmental level as well. I would like to see more direct fees tied to our drain on the environment. Paying SIGNIFICANT amounts for takeout packaging, shopping bags, all the way up to car use.
37.	Road tolls. / Carbon taxes. / Increase parking permit rates.
38.	tax things that are not sustainable. this is a city, I'm looking at you, cars.
39.	Based on community input, science, social/environmental welfare concerns, & long-term planning ...and not money/business lobbies/rich people's greedy interests. Thus, significantly increase taxes of those earning far more than they need, including corporations. -- while ensuring that those benefiting from the increased services are actually giving back to the city/future in return.

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40.	I pay well over \$7,000 in taxes to the city now for my property and I'm willing to pay more to maintain the quality of services here. I have lived all over the world but have found few cities as liveable as Toronto. I DON'T LIVE HERE BECAUSE OF THE CLIMATE!
41.	In the long run, other cities experience has shown that privatization tends to lead to a decline in service and an increase in costs. Privatization is not appropriate for most public services. In particular TTC, libraries and environmental programs (which includes waste diversion programs) should be public.
42.	Property taxes should not just be based on the value of the property, but on the load that the property puts onto municipal services. For example, a single-family dwelling consumes much more water and occupies much more land (causing urban sprawl, longer roads, longer sewer lengths, longer travel for people travelling by, as well as less efficient density, etc.). In comparison, apartment and townhouse dwelling often have their own private roads that they have to maintain themselves at considerable cost. How is this fair? Larger dwellings should and must have higher taxes. From efficiency, justice and environment points of view this makes better sense.
43.	City should charge fees to the developers who do not pay the fair amount for the increase in costs carried by the city when they create overly densely populated areas. This cost is exorbitant and should not be borne by the unsuspecting purchaser. IF a developer advertises existing businesses, they must pay a fee to the business whose name they are using to market their product. The city is allowing properties to be sold for too much with the city having to bear the brunt of the hidden cost. For future growth, it is turning the city into a "world class" ghetto. Where the original charm of the city it lost forever to the greed and hypocrisy of corporations which do nothing to maintain sustainability and quality of life in a city. New developments or renovations need to be taxed exorbitantly if the community does not agree and must pay ongoing fees akin to a rental fee if they create harm or ghettoization of the existing neighbourhood.
44.	The Federal government should pay for the services necessary for immigrants, law enforcement , environmental protection and major transportation infrastructure.
45.	Special revenue raising initiatives/events/centres (e.g., casinos, galas, etc.) / Special taxes (e.g., carbon tax, vehicle taxes, etc.)
46.	Sustainable services are important, but city infrastructure creates growth and therefore more tax base revenue. Shrinking to fit the current budget rarely helps.
47.	I would be comfortable increasing my property tax bill by 80% if it meant the City could provide good service on a sustainable basis.

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48.	It should fund services by increasing property taxes, and to a lesser extent, user fees. Those interested in making a home here have a civic duty to actively participate in building out community in order to create a supportive and socially functioning environment. Businesses interested in becoming part of our community must also keep this in mind. Increased taxes on franchise, branch businesses or large corporations will also have to be levied in order to maintain the communities of those upon whom they base their businesses.
49.	Put a carbon tax on polluters. Close all golf facilities and transform them into parks. Golf courses use a lot of water (an average of 70,000 gallons per day in the U.S.) and almost seven times the amount of pesticides used per acre compare to agriculture.
50.	The province granted the city additional tax levying powers for a purpose. The property transfer and vehicle registration fees may have been unpopular, but it's in the is directing the city must go—imposing new taxes and user fees that don't impact the city's most vulnerable residents—if we want to make Toronto sustainable financially. A combination of property tax increases and user fees for those who should be able to afford them is vastly preferable for the majority of citizens than wholesale cutting of City services and programs, or imposition of user fees on programs like arts and culture or libraries to make them impractical for use by residents. The maintenance of our city's services, and a long range plan to come up with new funding revenues to pay for them, should be this administration's highest priority.
51.	I chose to answer "in-depth" questions on Environmental Programs, assuming I could indicate that I believe roads, transit, water, parks, forestry, maintenance, affordable housing, are all forms of environmental programs. We desperately need an integrates approach to social and environmental equity that involves ALL city services. This likely requires increased investments; and it CLEARLY involves participation of other levels of government and the income tax bases. I feel like I've answered these questions, first under very strict and artificial constraints; second in a vacuum. The city's finances have been unsustainable at least since 1996 and the downloading exercise that has primarily screwed low-income people by cutting the services they rely on and charging them more for what's left. Let's not be cute and pretend we can fix these problems with a "service review."
52.	The TTC costs far too much- using it is an investment in out environmental future, and most people use it to get to work and school- it's the lifeblood of our city. I would like to see the cost of metropasses less than half of the current rate and the service improve. It needs to be the transport of the middle class, not just the working poor who have no other option.

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53.	Consider renting out public spaces to private companies/stores (short & long-term rental agreements), especially within the TTC station properties. In other cities in the world, public transit is a self-sustained service not having to rely heavily on city subsidies or rider fees. These cities were able to do so because the station property spaces have turned into an underground shopping paradise for everyone, where the transit companies could collect & utilize the incoming rental money for long-term planning and projects. / / Sustainable Health Care Project would cultivate a healthier communities/workforce, eliminate inefficiency and lower costs in hospital care. First step is to make "toxic & human health" as a mandatory course in public school curriculum. Support the use of alternative medicine/medicare services by including them within the OHIP scope. Secondly, make Toronto become a sustainable livable city by re-zoning for continuous bike lane project in the entire GTA & Toronto. This would encourage people to get out of their cars and excise (bike, walk, rollerblade etc) to/from work. Create more bike parking spaces and charge the user fees (e.g. \$2 per day). Thirdly, create community/volunteering programs that involve youth & senior citizens to enjoy together (e.g. community gardening projects). This would help bridge the generation gaps between the two groups, it would also help eliminate the feelings of isolation from these people when they are alone (i.e. feelings of isolation is the number one reason for having risk youths and health problems in seniors).
54.	A stronger consideration of the city as an interactive space in which humans, other animals, and other living species co-exist. Stronger respect for the environment and animals is a key to living a civilized, human life. The easiest way to address this current blindness in civic administration is to enhance eco-opportunities such as allotment gardening and bicycle lanes -- two practices that are relatively inexpensive and benefit all members of the city, as well as those in the outlying regions who want to drive in and take advantage of what the city offers.
55.	User fees for those who can afford them in areas which encourage people to make sound environmental decisions - e.g. parking, garbage collection, pet licensing.

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56.	<p>Yes, Those in charge of Finances of this City need to look at the ridiculous street furniture which has been popping-up ALL over / T.O.! Do these people making these decisions have any practical application as to what is the immense benefit to the city's / Citizens when buying these items. Have they taken the proto type & tried using it before signing on the dotted line! Take the Shelters for those who take Buses, has anyone at City Hall who throws away the tax dollar ever looked at area that that Bus / shelter was going to operate in! What the actual weather is like! Is there Open space & the entrance to the Shelter is turned / the wrong way. Just a small example. Why would I, You or any other individual stand in a shelter when the WIND is Whizzing / creating a Wind tunnel! How about the Shelter at Annette / Keele on the N. W. side where some City idiot placed a garbage / can blocking the citizens view of the bus coming south on Keele St.! Gosh, does it take a Rocket scientist to figure out that the / garbage can should of been placed on the southend of the shelter or setback two more ft. so one could see the bus arriving! / I could go on & on & on! These examples tells me You have way to many "Book Educated Staff" no application for having any / Common sense & at the very least no solution of FREE THINKERS who know how to THINK OUTSIDE of ZEE BOX!!! Get the / Councillors / Corporate Staff, All of the tied-in Agencies to stop wallowing in OUR MONIES without OUR PERMISSION! These / personnel seem to have a Ere of Entitlement about them! Why is the City appealing Augumari's court ordered Election!! / Stop the Bus, I want to get off! It's time someone like Mr. Robert Ford took a Wrench to All Departments. Thank you... /</p>

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57.	<p>Ensuring food security for low-income and vulnerable persons for example can be tied together with the city-wide provision of community gardening areas in park spaces and other suitable unused areas of public land (such as under power lines). In exchange for cost-free use of the area, and perhaps a small subsidy for supplies, such areas can potentially provide volunteer and training opportunities for youth, adults and seniors, and a source of food for community support efforts, such as homeless shelters and low-income food subsidy programs. There are countless ways in which City Counsel can enact cost-neutral or even cost-negative programs such as this, to create more sustainable public services for our communities. / / Moreover, I strongly feel that as Toronto moves forward, any efforts towards economic development should place a firm and unequivocal priority and emphasis on building the rapidly emerging Green sector within the GTA (free of "green-washing", such as McGuinty's diesel buses), as this will pave the way for the long term (physical, mental and financial) health of our communities and their residents. / / As a licensed car owner, I nonetheless feel it important to state that providing safe and accessible bicycle routes throughout the downtown core and in the city's scenic areas is essential as our economies move away from dependence upon petroleum use. / / Lastly, and further to the above, I strongly feel that our city's recycling, waste disposal and composting services should remain local and self-sustaining. There are numerous ways in which we can treat our waste stream locally and more sustainably, and even provide supplements to the energy production needs within the GTA. It is irresponsible to divert our waste stream to ecologically sensitive areas, such as has been proposed time and again with general public outcry, both within the GTA and by the communities who would recipients of this refuse. User fees on garbage collection are an important element of this formula, but even more important is to take seriously the negative environmental impacts of our waste stream, and recognize that as an opportunity to improve our waste treatment strategies by implementing new technologies and methods which will turn that "problem" into an invaluable supplement for our city's food and energy production needs. / / Another aspect of the above is to provide tax subsidies to new construction and renovations which implement such environmentally sustainable building technologies as composting toilets, grey water reclamation, green roofs, on-site wind & solar power generation, straw-bail, cob, and 'earth-ship' construction (minus incompatible building code requirements), etc. All of these initiatives will help to transform cost intensive public services into cost neutral or even cost negative ones.</p>
58.	<p>If the city had a bylaw requiring all businesses to use their roof space for solar panels, a lot of money could be saved on electricity.</p>
59.	<p>Use the \$0.05 plastic bag tax to fund environmental programs. / Bring back the vehicle registration tax.</p>

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60.	<p>there are a variety of other means by which the City can generate revenue outside of user fees and property taxes. I think that the vehicle registration tax was useful. Ditto for the plastic bag fee. Better regulation of the environment, pecuniary policies that punish those that increase sprawl over density, better land-value assessment, the collection of special corporate taxes, all of these are possible. "Efficiency" and "competitiveness" cannot be defined exclusively in terms of taxes, as the right-wing orthodoxy supposes - the health, welfare, and quality of city services generate huge potential returns...great cities attract the best in terms of "human capital", they provide for a healthier workforce that is able to arrive at work on-time and take less time off, and this in turn creates a city that is attractive to investors. So by spending, even in combination with higher rates of tax (even in the business sector), Toronto can shine. But if we enter the race to the bottom, and seek only to maintain a paltry offering of mid-grade city services, then we do in fact place ourselves in competition with other municipalities. We should build a competitive advantage that potently argues for and demonstrates the value of public spending. Public provision of services is also key. The public-private-partnership model is also totally bankrupt. There is no real transfer of risk, as those costs are built into private models. All that the City gains, is the ability to move items off the balance sheet - a totally unsustainable practice, as service charges pile up to. This is by no means an argument for inefficient public services, but rather for the public provision of outstanding public services, something that can only be done by working with, instead of against, public sector workers - something that the Ford administration has proven totally incapable of doing (with the exception of TPS).</p>
61.	the city should tax carbon emissions and road use (i.e. license plate tax and gas tax)
62.	<p>For me, it has always been getting value for what you are paying . . . quid pro quo between the resident and the City. I never have an issue funding services that I'm not necessarily using directly, but I do expect the city to manage these services as efficiently and effectively as possible. Sometimes it's difficult to sort out what the problem is . . . bad management or undue political interference. I sincerely hope when it comes to this services study, the resulting strategic plan is properly supported by Council, properly resourced and effectively implemented for a LONG TERM, SUSTAINABLE solution.</p>
63.	<p>Increase the cost of water to businesses. This is also acts as an incentive to conserve and reduce waste. Increase parking ticket fees. Increase penalties on environmental infractions and enforce them. Increase the fees related to billboards, and other forms advertising in public spaces. Those are easy ones of the top of my head. The closer we align ourselves with what is needed to maintain a healthy environment the better.</p>

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64.	Privatizing and contracting out have been shown not to work and should not be part of Toronto's plan at all. / Improving Toronto's environmental issues such as reducing pollution, improving air quality both outdoors and indoors, improving drinking water quality (too many chemicals from personal care products and laundry products remain in water) important to maintain a healthy city especially for children and babies. Also providing accessibility to Toronto's buildings, TTC, EMS, services, drinking water, etc. for those Torontonians (up to 15%) with Environmental Sensitivities/Multiple Chemical Sensitivities through Standards for Customer Service, etc. who, at this time do not have access to these services.
65.	This survey is ridiculous. User fees and property taxes are not the only way to maintain a government budget. I have no problem paying higher taxes AS LONG AS the service rendered to the public is going to be equitable and improves quality of life (e.g., relating to health, environment, social inclusion, and access to the arts).
66.	Do not cut libraries, parks, environmental services, parks! Do not contract out garbage without full disclosure of bids to council and a vote by council.
67.	The city should work to get funding from the Province of Ontario and the Federal government. / / City services should not be contracted out. It is essential that the city continue to fund and provide services for TTC, water quality, and anything related to the environment and social programs.
68.	It is vital to protect the environment. Clean air and water matter more than money.
69.	More taxes and service fees for companies and corporations which benefit from the infrastructure and intellectual and cultural capital in Toronto. Invest in encouraging that cultural and intellectual capital-and diversity, through supporting transit, new Canadians, the arts, and encouraging creative initiatives to address our environmental challenges-the business dollars will follow. Companies want to invest in dynamic forward thinking cities, and can help to support them through taxes and user fees.
70.	Toronto has been an innovator and leader in many areas, notably the environment, public health, public housing, planning, etc. Through the City's leadership the private sector has followed suit. Examples: the non-smoking campaign; Green development standards; the better Building Partnership; most recently, the downtown banks have launched an initiative, "Race to Reduce" CO2 emissions which would not have happened without the City's leadership in this area; we must not destroy what has taken many years to achieve. our property taxes are lower than those of many cities. Let's increase them and keep offering relief to those who cannot afford them, i.e.. seniors on fixed incomes.
71.	The city should take into consideration the long term picture and sustainability of its endeavours. Community, social services, youth services, employment and senior citizens issues all tie into: health and wellbeing (for the sandwich generation to take care of their children not their parents as well), long term education and growth, decrease in negative behaviours (crime, poor health, etc.) and a more equitable society that can make the city a better one overall.

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72.	Road tolls at peak hours to pay for substantially better public transit. / Cigarette tax. / Increase garbage fees. / Encourage more businesses to locate in our employment areas. / Reduce energy costs in city facilities through energy retrofit. / Reduce road wear and tear through more bike lanes and less car/truck lane space. / Pay those already who do things well (i.e.. conservation authority for environmental services) vs. employing in-house staff. / Don't waste money on police doing construction traffic duty. / Increase efficiency i.e.. why is there three departments for tree protection (ravine, city and private). Keep the by-laws, as they are important, but have 1 staff take care of all three in smaller geographic area rather than 3 staff for huge area. Personal service is better. / / Thank you for asking us!!
73.	I would see it proper for Toronto to eliminate public housing within the city as well as entitlement programs and services catering to disadvantaged groups, in particular youth, as a means of establishing a sustainable budget for the long term.
74.	I am really upset by how much money goes to our police budget (particularly the 5 million into double-time for officers directing traffic around construction sites). I want to see the city put more money into creating social equity and recreational and economic well-being, thereby PREVENTING crime and reducing violence, rather than pour money into INTERVENTION and crime management (jailing, court systems, etc...). The more we decrease the gaps between the rich and the poor and ensure that marginalized peoples are provided greater access to quality food, jobs, and opportunities, the less crime we will have. Access to nature/green spaces have also been proven by urban planners to be correlated with less crime, so this is another benefit of thoughtful environmental stewardship. / / Please consider pressing the federal government to reinstate the longer census forms, so that, as a municipality, we can gather more meaningful demographic data and implement more useful policy and funding plans for our city. / / Please protect and ensure that water treatment remains in the city's jurisdiction and is not contracted out, as I do not want the safety of our water to be vulnerable to corporate and for-profit interests, without the appropriate goals and accountability structures in place. I never want to see Toronto go through the kind of crisis that Walkerton experienced. / / Please reinstate invaluable public advisory committees, to best respond to community knowledge and wisdom regarding needs and resources of Toronto.

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75.	Careful decisions on increasing taxes and user fees can not only help fund services but also have a positive impact environmentally - for example, significantly increased user fees for garbage collection can help curb overconsumption and address the problem of overflowing landfills. In many European countries, shoppers leave their packaging at the store, returning the cost of recycling and disposing to the producers where it belongs - providing a very clear incentive for producers to take responsibility for reducing packaging, etc. / / Youth and community programmes need to be available to vulnerable populations, and user fees should not be increased, or should be highly correlated with need. / / The city needs to continue to push the provincial and federal governments for funding, taxes, and policies that promote sustainable transportation and investment in sustainable energy technologies. / / Small businesses and social enterprises need to be supported, but businesses that have a negative impact on our quality of life should be held financially responsible for the costs that they have been externalizing. / /
76.	I believe that the City should work hard to continue to provide adequate levels of service and quality across the City, particularly in Scarborough where I reside. There is a perception that the quality of services is uneven across the City, and that Scarborough does not receive the same service levels as other parts of the City (e.g. Downtown, North York). Some services (such as garbage disposal and Police) are important but can be delivered in different ways to save money (through contracting out (in the case of waste disposal) or through staggered pay scales for traffic police), but are still ultimately monitored or even still delivered by the City to ensure that quality is high. The most important thing is to ensure that the City has a presence to ensure all services are delivered with high quality. The Province should fund certain services (or at least partial funding) such as public transit, court costs for provincial courts, EMS, police, and fire. People don't mind paying taxes if it means that they are getting value for the dollar and service levels remain the same or increase. The problem and frustration resides in one paying higher taxes yet receiving lower service levels and declining quality in city services. Public transit, roads and other infrastructure, public libraries, community centres, and policing should be the priority of the City, but within reason. City staffing levels should be at such a level that they do not affect the quality of city services. The City can still deliver many of the important services it provides, but deliver them in different ways or obtain partial funding from the Province to lower costs. Parks and the environment should be a priority for the city as green spaces are threatened as development in the City continues to intensify as we are more and more built-out. Incentives (related to toilet replacements and water usage) recently cancelled should be reinstated and better run to save money.
77.	Look to other cities in the world who have successful plans, environmental restructuring, and new investment strategies.

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78.	Should -- or could the city, like charitable organizations, hold any fund-raising events or organize any fund-raising programs? -- for example, concerts, plays, dinner dances, runs, or even raffles and draws? Or solicit corporate support for environmental initiatives?
79.	City needs more clean environment. Healthy air. No air pollution.
80.	The City needs to investigate income-based taxes. The Vehicle Registration Tax should come back -- it was the same as a tank or a tank-and-a-half of gas -- if you can't afford an extra tank of gas per year, you can't afford a vehicle. Also, the City and the residents need to work with other levels of government to appropriately fund public transit, policing for major events, administration of welfare, social housing, etc. / / We all benefit from a well-administered urban environment that takes care of residents (NOT tax-payers or citizens, residents) and helps everyone to feel valued and included.
81.	- Automobile drivers should pay more in user fees to reflect the cost of traffic congestion, road maintenance and environmental degradation. They are getting a free ride. / - There are too many police officers in the Toronto force and they are being paid
82.	Yes, an increase in taxation is required to fund city services, however, what really needs to happen is negotiation with the provincial and federal governments to ensure recognition for increased funding to urban Canadian centres is provided. Instead of contracting out to the private sector as a solution, the city needs to ensure the federal government regains more control over municipal services. Canada is an increasingly urbanized space and the federal government needs to recognize its responsibility. For instance, this survey only provides an either/or scenario when a third option is clearly present. For many services such as affordable housing, childcare, services for the homeless, all of these services can be governed and funded by a national affordable housing program and a national subsidized daycare program. That is where the negotiation should be happening. We need to look at large-scale investment in cities, not small-scale cutting. That will not provide a long-term sustainable solution.
83.	I would like to encourage people to use the TTC more (So sad about the transit city collapse, that would've reached so many people), walk more, and ride their bicycles. Infrastructure, complete streets, and reducing car travel (and thus traffic) is very important to me, especially in the core and layers of the city just outside. Its good for people's health, finances, the environment, and also encourages community. Eglinton in particular should be better for pedestrians and bicycles.

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84.	More community services mean less children idling about and getting into trouble which would mean less cops on the streets which would mean we wouldn't need to have so many cops on pay roll, unlike the current iterative cycle of doom the Conservative government has presented. We get charged extra fees while the squander the money away on meetings and planning ? The City is doomed if we don't stop overcharging for every service. Many people like me, have just enough to get by and aren't able to enjoy life at all.
85.	Funding decision should be made with supporting diversity, culture, disadvantaged populations and sustainability and NOT with paranoia about how much it is going to cost. A vibrant city that cares for people, culture, art, and green spaces is top priority Find the money to make the services happen; panic about cash should not guide decisions.
86.	I know it's hard to wrap our heads around the big budget deficit we have at the moment, but if we don't invest in the programs that make our city great and instead we focus on cutting the budget, these programs will be affected. I would rather pay more taxes and user fees and know that I have access to amazing libraries my family (from my five year old son to my 90 year old great grandmother-in-law) as well as ALL families in Toronto can use, community centres for all sorts of activities, beautiful public parks we can relax in, accessible public transit for everyone in the city, beautiful trees that increase our property values and environmental programs that help engage communities in meaningful ways. I want the city to invest in our fellow Torontonians who need financial help so that younger generations living in more vulnerable parts of our city will eventually be able to contribute in amazing ways to society ... and will help to reduce crime rate ... and so we will need less police officers ... and so we will save money in the long run... just one little example of how if we invest in all our great programs now, we will all be paid back!
87.	YES! Thanks for asking. The City of Toronto Act gives us more potential for revenue tools than just "user fees" and property taxes and the survey doesn't capture this. The vehicle registration tax was a great example but it needed to be linked to transit, not general revenues. We need to start using revenue tools as a means of encouraging positive social & environmental behaviour. Road tolls would be a great example; we just need to be a bit more creative. / / In the end, I'm all for paying for a better city. I'd rather spend more \$ in taxes knowing that it is going to help create a community I love than pocket it and buy crap or whatever we were supposed to do with our vehicle registration fee.
88.	Carbon tax / Gas tax / Tax on cigarettes / Tax on car ownership / Higher corporate taxes / Higher sales taxes on luxury items /

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89.	Taxes that are specific to that service should be used to fund that service. E.g. gas taxes for roads, associated health and environmental costs, and public transit (which helps reduce congestion.). Taxes like the property transfer tax, and a hotel tax unfairly sets up disincentives with resulting unintended consequences. / Taxes and user fees should be increased on activities we want to discourage, e.g. use of water, garbage, gas and electricity. / Taxes and user fees should be decreased on activities we want to encourage, e.g. TTC, and community centers. / Other tax revenue should be raised globally in a progressive manner, i.e. 1) HST 2) income tax 3) property tax. / [Yes, I realize some of these are provincial]
90.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax; 5 cent bag tax should be higher and be an actual tax that the city collects for its environmental programs; parking tax; junk food tax; cutback in mayors salary; look for the actual "gravy" that supposedly exists at city hall which none of these services in this survey can be considered - every one is necessary for a healthy city to function and flourish.
91.	This survey is worded in an incredibly biased way towards Mayor Ford's 'party line.' Of course no one 'wants' to pay more taxes, so the question, particularly the last question about how much of a tax increase I would feel comfortable with, is ridiculous. I want the city to direct more funds toward programming for those in need, such as the systemically disadvantaged racialized groups in Toronto who are underrepresented both in his government and in jobs that pay a living wage in Toronto, the unemployed and underemployed, those who live on a low income, students, the elderly, and those who rely on a bike, walking or the TTC to get around the city. I want the city to prioritize the social conditions of the poor and immigrants in Toronto, and the environment over cars and big business. I do not want to see any additional city services contracted out.
92.	The city needs to take a good hard look at what makes a world class city in the 21st century. Important services like public health, environment, public transit, water quality, garbage and recycling and the way we treat the most vulnerable among us such as children and animals should never be compromised. There are plenty of cities around the world achieving this balance and Toronto needs to do the research on how these world class cities stay "world class". / A well thought out plan for increased user fees, taxation of BUSINESSES (i.e. large corporations) and modest increases in property taxes should give the city the money it needs to continue to make Toronto a top city in which to live. / Do NOT compromise public health or the environment (increasingly the most important issue we face in the 21st century) for a few tax cuts.
93.	Carbon taxes for cars. Higher taxes for businesses that pollute or require more city services.

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94.	The property tax on a home assessed at \$500 000 in Vaughan, Markham, Pickering, and Mississauga range upwards from ~\$4000. In Toronto? \$3000. How is that even remotely sustainable, given that the infrastructure in Toronto is older, poverty is more widespread, social services are in higher demand, and there is minimal expansion to exploit for development fees? / / We need to grow up already and open up our wallets. You get what you pay for. We pay shit, so we get shit.
95.	When I refer to contract out services I am specifically suggesting these services are 'contracted' out to the Voluntary Sector as the sector has the expertise and experience in carrying out provision of human services, arts and environmental programs. While these services will be cheaper than what the city pays -Toronto should not use this as an opportunity to push people doing the work into poverty by paying poorly. / These questions are a bit of a set up. the city has a responsibility to provide the majority of these services whether directly or indirectly through contracting out. Also the provision of services can be accomplished through other means besides paying more taxes and increasing fees. As most of know costs can be lowered through effective management of costs, thoughtful outsources, developing effective partnerships (with other sectors, other levels of government, investments, strong planning, using reserves where necessary etc. It is ineffective (for example) to eliminate the Jarvis bike lanes for a cost of \$67 000 to fulfill a political promise. / / The city should not use this consultation to further a political agenda at the expense of its good citizens. The framing of the questions so far are not objective and lay out options as an either or scenario. This is not working smarter.
96.	I thought we were in a surplus position, so I don't understand what is the source of the deficit. / It is very important to maintain the environmental health and social services of the city because a widening gap between rich and poor, affluent and vulnerable leads to a less secure and less prosperous society. / I believe some services can be contracted to the private sector as long as the ownership remains 100% in public hands, with good performance contracts in place, and good monitoring and control. My experience with privately managed buildings in social housing sector has always lead to a deterioration in service and quality. Therefore I believe social programs should not be contracted out.

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97.	<p>Reducing the cost of delivery is the primary way. Cost of delivery does not reflect actual cost and obviously the unionized pay equity environment is one of the major contributing factors. If you want to be paid like a doctor, go to Med school or become plumber. Don't accept a city job and then demand more and more. I have no problem with privatizing those services not predicated on human interaction: park maintenance, garbage, etc. / / Increase cost of parking for city visitors across the board. All parking lots, meters and business parking should be taxed and taxed again to make up for wear and tear on infrastructure by those who live outside the city. That includes the parking space of the TD Bank Towers, for example. Then funnel this money into Public Transit and improve it. Once people stop paying to bring their cars into the city, they'll put less money into transit but it should still be enough. / / License trades people and then let the private sector pass the cost on to the homeowner and businesses as the service provider sees fit. Currently, the city has to maintain the infrastructure to service the number of homeowners when it should be registering and monitoring the smaller number of contractors thus providing greater control and flexibility. This would have the secondary benefit of hiding certain costs as permits would be in the contractors cost to the client. Further, compliance would no longer have to be a condition of most permits if a automated reporting system were employed. The contractor could electronically report basic milestones of the project thus allowing inspectors to decide whether they will visit. To recap: revenue from licensing, continued revenue from permits, reduced cost of infrastructure and a better system with better tax payer optics.</p>
98.	<p>The City could look into cost saving measures, including reducing the number of Councillors and also review the possibility of reducing non-operational department costs (e.g. Toronto Office of the Environment)</p>
99.	<p>We now have the power as a city to create new revenue streams. We need to find new ways to raise city revenues which simultaneously improve the liveability of our city. One simple example is to encourage water conservation through increased fees for water. The same goes for garbage. Businesses which pollute should be taxed for the harm that do to air and water quality. Parking should cost more. Congestion pricing is an obvious way to reduce gridlock, improve air quality and raise funds to improve transit. Property taxes are a blunt taxation tool which don't take into account the income level of the owners nor the sustainability of the building. If my neighbour's property is paved in concrete, shouldn't they pay more for the increased storm run-off they produce? If I have a green roof, shouldn't I get a tax break? We need to be smart and forward thinking in our taxation policies in order to make Toronto an even greener, more liveable city - a city which is affordable and fair.</p>

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100.	I find that the City does not consider improving productivity and if expenses are reduced, services need to reduce as well. In the private sector productivity improvements are always embedded in budgets. I know this as I have worked in the corporate planning environments for the past 15 years. Care should be taken to ensure that if services are contracted out that appropriate service level agreements are put in place and managed
101.	Make sure Development Charges cover as much of the cost of development as possible. This includes longer term environmental and infrastructure costs. Increasing property taxes is ok, but I much prefer user fees that are based on an intention to shift behaviours - like the plastic bag fee.
102.	This survey is far from reflective of the complexities facing a city like Toronto. Great cities are built and maintained with visions of excellence, supporting cultural & heritage programs, businesses, infrastructure such as public transportation and services, creating vibrant communities where people and families live and recreate in dynamic environments. Great cities are NOT BUILT by cutting services essential for collective success!!
103.	Reduce costs at the source, for example, require that new buildings and retrofits are at least Carbon Neutral if not Regenerative; require a payment from developers for dedicated, curbed bicycle lanes; reduce property taxes for those who invest in alternative energy sources such as solar; reduce property taxes for those who invest in a green roof; set up programs in neighbourhoods that are at risk to help them improve the area themselves and reduce crime; educate the public and children at school about a healthy lifestyle and how it can benefit them; etc.
104.	Do we want this to be a great city or not? I do. I want Toronto to become even more of a world leader in culture, the environment, public transit including cycling, and progressive planning and decrease in poverty. / We might think about stopping subsidy of services to areas with lower density and costlier provision of services.
105.	Sustainable revenue generation. Please don't be short sighted and sell one time assets - then what? Licensing and transfer taxes were eliminated - and now the City seems surprised they don't have as much money. It's standard in personal financial planning if you can't balance your budget - you need to make more money. Quite frankly - I'll pay an extra \$100 a year if it means I get the services I expect from a world class city.

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106.	Road tolls for congested areas, increase enforcement and fines for infractions such as idling your car over the legally allowed time, have special City run tours for tourists on the transit and charge a premium for this; charge money to tourists for City walking tours, increase taxes to large corporations, sell a wider variety of food and souvenirs at City run facilities, have Movie Nights and other special events at City facilities for tourists and residents and charge a fee (non-essential services that make money and are competitive with the private sector), increase permit fees for large corporations, charge a premium tax to non-residents who are using City services (e.g., have attendants in public washrooms and charge a small fee to Tourists like they do in the U.S. and other countries), make a special newsletter, placemat or publication for Tourists and then charge businesses to advertise in it.
107.	The city needs to focus on funding community-run services and shelters that help impoverished people and people in abusive environments.
108.	Legalizing prostitution, charging for vehicular congestion and carbon emissions, increasing cycling infrastructure to reduce car use, investing in transit to reduce car use, charging user fees for waste creation and waste disposal (polluter-pay principle), encourage federal and provincial governments to invest in Toronto because it is a key driver of economic growth
109.	Increase efficiencies by investing in 1) improved energy efficiency of City buildings and structures, 2) light surface rail instead of subways, 3) improving the urban forestry canopy to reduce impact of urban heat island effect and reduce pressure on sewers and water treatment facilities, 4) support for cycling and active transportation to reduce pressure on roadways, parking, and pollution mitigation
110.	User fees, such as CARBON TAX on cars/trucks/buses/vans(like property tax, but for every car). / Increase corporate taxes. / Tax bank profits.
111.	Raise taxes on high value properties that do not take measures to move to greener energy sources like solar panels and geothermal energy sources. Incentivize what needs to be incentivized. What sort of world will your grandchildren live in? A world devastated by fossil fuels and pollution? What will they think of you? Is that the legacy you want to leave? Please, for the love of whatever you value or believe in, use your influence to push for sustainability and ecologically responsible consumption and energy. Sure, some people won't like getting taxed more, but THEY WILL GET USED TO IT and their kids and your kids will thank you for at least trying to make a genuine difference with the position and power you have achieved. Thanks, from the future :)

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112.	I would like to see the City employees be accountable for actually doing some work. In the recreation centres across the city, I see large numbers of staff members earning large money and spending days on the internet, standing around, and even closing centres early but clocking out as if they had stayed. No one in the upper levels seem to care. I see the city wasting huge amounts of money with Unions and defending employees and paying a large amount of money to employees who, in any other environment, would have been fired, Get with it, we don't need unions for office workers. It's just a waste of my money.
113.	Corporations should be taxed higher. Polluters should pay from environmental programs.
114.	I think technological improvements should be a key aspect of city services. We don't invest a lot of money on research and development. Germany is leading the way in ridding all of its nuclear power plants. Wind and solar technology are in optimal positions to power large cities. These would rid us of old feuds about how garbage should be collected, expensive electricity costs and can save a lot of money for other important things. Not to mention the new jobs that would be created and Toronto as a world leader in innovation and environmental protection.
115.	The city should introduce road tolls. So many resources go towards paying for costs created by cars and driving (roads and highways, space wasted on parking, fixing infrastructure damaged by cars, police for traffic enforcement, emergency services to respond to auto accidents, foregone revenues from reduced transit use, health problems caused by smog, injuries and obesity, encouraging sprawl that makes the City less tourist-friendly, increased water run-off from more paved surfaces, lost productivity from congestion, etc.). Drivers should start paying their fair share. / / The city should repeal tax grabs like the land transfer tax. / /

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116.	<p>Contracts can all be risky, and all governments need to spend more effort covering themselves. Whether they are with a union, a private or crown company, an individual or another government, almost everyone signing contracts with governments have expensive lawyers doing their best to get public money. I believe in fair pay for fair work, don't beat the worker with a stick, don't let them make off with the key to the vault. Every new contract the City signs must prevent ballooning expenses by including a maximum dollar amount. / Cancelling contracts should also be heavily deterred, but possible as some contracts are just not worth it. / Firstly each cancelled contract of more than \$10,000 should require it's own vote in city hall, not buried in any other legislation, although there might be a caveat that the cancellation is dependant on a replacement service being found in short order. / / Advertisement has become the go-to "alternative" revenue stream. It's well and good, but try to keep it classy. / / The city owns a fair bit of property and buildings. Investigate putting solar fuel cells on the roofs of those buildings and to power more of the city's traffic signals. / / A more controversial idea would be to buy malls, plazas and other purely commercial / retail space and have the city be the landlord. This would effectively increase commercial property tax without costing the business owner any more money. It would also allow for an easier method of inspecting and providing quality experiences for the business owners, residents and visitors to Toronto.</p>
117.	<p>I am disturbed at the biased nature of this survey! The questions and the multiple choice answers are loaded, and within that constraint, it was almost impossible to "find my voice". / It is unacceptable to approach city services from a "no new taxes" basis. We need to get out of the mentality that taxes are bad and that we should do anything to avoid paying them. Taxes and the collection of taxes are a fundamental cornerstone of a healthy society. We need to get out more positive messages about the effect of taxes in creating a healthy society and in contributing to the "common good", rather than a message that seems always to be about keeping everything good for "me" but not "my neighbour". Reducing our city life to the financial bottom line all the time and not engendering in the public consciousness a need to pay more for the quality of life we all want is a very wrong-headed and perhaps immoral approach to running a city and making it a lively home for its people and its visitors. Yes, I do love Toronto and I am on a limited income. However, I am prepared to pay more to ensure that this city looks after its poor, develops accessible and affordable housing and transit at the most reasonable cost for those who need it, and that recognizes that it must provide fundamental services that are environmentally sustainable. I want this city to be great for all its people and I (a home and car owner) are willing to pay more to see that we achieve this!</p>
118.	<p>please do not cut environmental services/parks etc - needed to maintain our city into the future</p>

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119.	Balancing the budget should not be at the cost of essential or important services. Arts, culture, recreation, and environmental programs and public libraries are very important and should not be cut. Money can and should be found by reducing inefficiencies in how the city provides services, increasing user fees and taxes for those who are able to pay, and ensuring that money is spent in a way that maximizes services for Torontonians.
120.	Invest in new crown businesses, that are innovative and serve popular markets of the day, such as my aforementioned idea to use the hydro grid to deliver city-owned internet and wireless communications services. / / Create an investment arm of the city's treasury administration much like the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board). / / Partner with private developers on building construction to get some money out of the burgeoning condo development wave we are experiencing. / / Take bids from wireless companies to sell development of wireless access on the subway system (internet and phone). / / Make a deal with a solar energy manufacturer and work with home owners through tax incentives to install solar panels on toronto properties and sell excess energy to grids outside of the city, splitting profits with property owners. / / License fees for landlords
121.	Be responsible and not let the Firefighters, Police, and Ambulance be under staffed and unsafe in there work environments.
122.	Partner intelligently with new technology companies to develop solutions such as shallow geothermal and solar that will heat community centres and put energy back into the grid at a profit. Develop unused parking spaces in consultation with community groups to provide new retail and social gathering spots. We challenge you to innovate, rather than seeing the problem as an either/or situation (cut services or raise taxes). That's binary thinking and we can do better.
123.	My concern with contracting our services is that businesses are only out for a profit, so "doing the right thing" isn't always their priority. The City should be responsible for services where there is a vested interest in quality over profit. The City needs to invest in it's future. It can't all be about cutting costs without concern about the future. There are also serious problems with the unionized environment. It is FAR too difficult to get rid of under-achieving employees. The City staff could be great if policies and practices allowed management to get rid of dead wood an bring in talented and motivated staff.
124.	-- It should drastically reduce the number of services that it currently offers. / -- Some of the services that the city offers are the responsibility of the Province. The city should NOT be in them, e.g. Provincial courts. / -- The Environment should be
125.	Bring back vehicle registration tax / Variable (street) meter parking pricing / No free parking at shopping malls / GPS parking pricing / Road pricing (aka region-wide road pricing, or other alternatives, such as congestion charges, cordons, HOT lanes, toll roads, etc.) / Companies responding to RFPs must demonstrate whether and how environmental costs have been accounted for

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126.	The City should go after all possible one time funding opportunities with the Feds and the province to bring services in line with other municipalities (I believe services are behind and much lower than they should be). The City could establish Charitable Foundation to net some money for cultural and recreational areas like Exhibition Place, City Parks, Live theatre, etc.; The city could try joint program initiatives with the region on larger area items like environmental programming and planning, economic development, training of staff etc. , ems for economy of scale where appropriate. The City could try investing money long term and using interest/returns to fund city expenses.
127.	Commuters should be charged fees if they drive in single-occupied vehicles into the city. Seniors should pay little or nothing to use public transit, and health and prevention programs should have greater investment to lessen the strain on healthcare. Implement composting in condominiums, and reward citizens for good environmental, civic, and social work.
128.	Smog tax for drivers that drive in the downtown core. This tax should not be put on people who live in the downtown core, but drivers, those from other neighbourhoods and suburbs of Toronto would pay. This tax money would go to the TTC and other services that support a future without so much traffic congestion.
129.	Please just figure it out. No wasteful spending, NFL stadium in the Portlands, costly labour concessions...In this day and age I think we should be encouraging some of the overpaid civil servants and middle management types to retire when eligible. Once retired bring in younger people in at a more sustainable salary to bridge this budget shortfall.
130.	The City can look at partnerships with the private sector/corporations but this will have it's limits. The City should continue to strive to obtain a deal with the Province & Feds on a sustainable funding solutions for all cities (such as the 1% HST or at least gas tax). I would pay the \$75 vehicle license fee if it went directly to funding road/repairs. Have user fees but tell us what it is for. Have the police contract out all of those 'overtime' hours. They do not need to be on construction sites. There are areas such as appearing in court where this should be considered part of the job and not overtime (remember they signed up for this type of employment nobody asked them to). The gravy will be found in Police Services. Do not out source services where it leaves citizens vulnerable (water treatment). Be more strategic and visionary for this city.

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131.	Education Tax for Businesses, instead of giving them tax breaks every time they seemingly donate to schools. Prioritize how you spend money e.g. G20 not necessary. Stop prioritizing privatization and the business sector, because quality goes down while the rich get richer and the poor and middle class get poorer. Stop hiring consultant at \$150+ an hour, hire young more affordable employees. Cut out expense accounts for city executives. Start charging corporations environmental pollution. The City should reduce the cost of TTC and charge people driving into the City to work money for using our roads. Properly education the population not through expense testing measures, such as EQAO, that way students graduate, are intelligent, want to work, and contribute to our tax base. You need small class sizes to properly motivate students. Taking out the arts, sports etc doesn't help with dropout rates and post graduate employment. Ban smoking on patios etc., promote exercise, healthy diet...this would alleviate health care system and you can use the money elsewhere. The City should not rely on business other than increasing their taxes, because all they are interested in profit and answer to their shareholders, not the community or the government. Every time they screw up they are not accountable, yet the government still grovels at their feet. They want to contract everything out and commercialize the world. They promote consumer values and are greedy.
132.	Increase productivity among City employees by improving work environments and rewarding extra effort.
133.	Think about long term goals and objectives, i.e. clean water/environment, helping those who are most vulnerable in society, funding community development, arts, economic and cultural activities. All of these services may require investments in the short term, but are significantly cheaper than trying to fix the problem after the damage is already done.
134.	Answering this questionnaire was a learning experience for me. I was astonished at the number / variety of services City Hall is supposedly providing at the present time. Is this why City Services have deteriorated so much over the last 7 or 8 years? Is City Hall trying to be all things to all people? The sad thing is that city services desperately needed by the people at large (like road maintenance, public transit, garbage collection) have become a joke, while City Hall bends over backward to invent new services it can provide to a select few (subsidized theatre, bicycle lanes and green roofs come to mind). / / I think it would be productive to think of city services not only in terms of what needs to be done by the city and what does not, but in terms of what services are not needed at all. Some services can and should be privatized and others need to be eliminated altogether. / / For example, in my view the city should provide water / garbage / paramedics (EMS) / police / public transportation / road maintenance. The city can contract out these services in some cases. I am strongly for contracting out garbage collection, and some security services currently provided by the police for instance. I think that allowing jitneys would be great as the TTC is a disgrace and competition would be a nice wake up call for TTC management/unionists. Just to be clear, by saying that a given service is needed and

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	<p>should be provided by the city, I do not mean that no cutting should be done. Actually, I see wastefulness everywhere I turn in this city. Why are road crews of 6-9 men seen everywhere when 3 would do the job nicely? Some repairs done two years ago by the city on my street were eye-opening. Nine workers were sent out by the city. At any given time, only one or two were working. Disgusting. And Miller wondered why we were so angry at his tax increases! / / Other services don't need to be done by the city at all and/or need to be pared down drastically. The TCHC has become a giant entity, totally out of control. It needs to be contracted out, and then reduced. Impoverished families and individuals should be able to rent apartments where they wish and private landlords can be paid by the city. We also have an overlong waiting lists of subsidized housing so lets put some rules in place as to how long any one tenant/family can remain in subsidized housing. Five years is long enough for people to better their circumstances. Then they get bounced out to make room for others. / / Draconian cuts are also needed at City Hall. There are far too many civil servants, doing precious little. The 311 service is a nice convenience but not a necessity and I shudder to think of how much glorified phone clerks get paid. / / A couple more words: / Toronto Public Health needs to be uploaded to the province. The city can save a few dollars that way. / A layoff of at least 10% of our police force is in order. We are an aging society and violent crime is on the decline. Also, construction sites/road crews should hire private security staff, not police officers. Or put up pylons. / Environment is not a municipal issue properly speaking. It falls under the domain of the Federal government and should be treated as such. / Toronto's subsidies to the arts community have become a vile way for the establishment/civil servants to funnel taxpayer dollars to friends and relatives who pretend to be artists. Those rewarded with "grants" are nearly always frauds, not genuine working artists. I would like to see this practice discontinued. Real artists sink or swim on their own merit as we always have. / Citizens should not be subsidizing the living costs of Toronto Island residents. They should pay for their own ferries and their own police services. / It has become apparent that councillors need to be told what is and is not appropriate in the way of expenditures. I'm not pleased that 12 Toronto City Councillors are going to Halifax for the Federation of Municipalities conference. Frivolous expenditures should be disallowed. (They can still go, but on their own dime.) / / Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in this process.</p>
135.	<p>The focus of public transit should be to obtain more street cars and buses that are well maintained and environmentally sustainable. Although subways are excellent they are not always practical. They are extremely expensive and not efficient in areas with low population density. The city should look at having affordable, efficient, reliable public transit. Parking prices in the city should be higher to discourage people from driving downtown but good public transit must be available.</p>

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136.	Do not spend more than you take in. You cannot run a household on borrowed money forever. It is the same with the city, the province and the country. Someone will pay big time some day. Our children. Encourage fiscal responsibility. Keep the environment safe and clean. Do more with less. Encourage reuse, debt reduction and save wherever you can and tell us about it. Promote transit throughout the GTA. Parking tickets are not friendly - get rid of them. Also licensing of pets - stupid. Leave money in our pockets to pay for what we want.
137.	Save money by investigating cost-effective energy efficiency retrofits and energy reduction actions in city facilities.
138.	The city should keep the land transfer tax as it affects speculators, and bring back the vehicle registration tax. Road tolls into the city is one user fee that would help with traffic jams and the environment and bring needed fees to the city
139.	Increase consumption taxes... garbage collection, road usage, energy usage etc... to encourage self-regulation of environmental usage and to ensure that people who use more, pay more, instead of raising taxes for everyone. / Less red tape, more efficiency.
140.	Commercial taxes should be raised significantly high on industries that are wasting resources by using inefficient manufacturing and non-renewable low performance material, producing pollution then they are not taking account of on all those that cannot provide a case where they are taking 100% corporate responsibility for what they produce. / / This implies that the City should be making environmental reporting by industry be mandatory AND meeting significant targets to reduce environmental impact binding or taxes applied, but eventually banning the business practice altogether.
141.	Road tolls, like in NYC. There are many people who commute into the downtown core for work and benefit from the services we offer there. They should contribute to the cost of road repairs and compensate for causing traffic. Drivers also contribute to air pollution, which contributes to the bad air quality. / Don't give in to powerful unions. TTC wages are ridiculous considering the level of education required. It seems we give in to police unions all the time but they're just one of the many important services we have. / Trim down middle management. That would apply to the TTC but probably other bureaucratic offices. I strongly recommend a review of organizational structures. / The city should NOT use TTC fair hikes. It's already risen too much over the past decade and makes the most sustainable source of transportation in the city difficult to afford. We should be encouraging the use of public transit. / Do NOT sell off public housing. I don't want the city's homeless and impoverished to suffer more because it affects everyone's quality of life when homelessness and poverty grow. / Tax the rich. That's a crass way to put it, but we have some very successful businesses and people who can afford to contribute more. / I'm upper middle class and I don't mind paying my share to help my city improve. It's a community not a free for all.

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142.	Lets see where we are giving the game away, and that is no doubt in how we allow cars to rule our roads. Surely while we charge people to use transit we should find some way to charge people to use our city's roads. To think of the capital invested in our road infrastructure, the costs imposed on the environment, and the commuting costs of added congestion we can surely come up with a better system. Also higher taxes may serve a role as that is the only way to ensure pay for the "service" of living and doing business in a great city. If I am willing to pay \$4 every couple of days on a coffee, I don't mind paying 10 or even 20 per month on living in a great society where we help find employment help for the homeless or other such services.
143.	The car tax was a good idea as the use of cars increase burden on our system in terms of road maintenance, poor air quality leading to health problems, and improper use of resources. (only one person driving at a time, etc.) Increasing fees on TTC and other services does not make sense to cover that tax shortfall as it punishes the people who are contributing the most to society by being responsible. Taxes should be higher for those with the most resources who are putting the most strain on the environment and society in general.
144.	Expanding Light Rail and TTC services is the most important issue. Expanded mass transit will reduce environmental, fuel, and economic costs, make low income areas more accessible, and help increase property values.
145.	1. seek innovative revenue generating programs and services / 2. develop cost saving conservation programs like green roofs for public buildings (saves heating / cooling costs, reduces need for storm sewer expansion, reduces heat island effect, can be used to grow food, engage volunteers, develop social capital) and other creative environmental programs. / 3. expand public transit to reduce car use-- saves money on road and building maintenance by reducing pollution related erosion of public buildings
146.	Investing in renewable energy sources in all of its activities to significantly lower energy costs in future budgets. Short term loss for future gain.

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147.	<p>This survey is too limited to express what I really feel. I do not believe the city should be contracting out because we lose control of what is done and someone else is profiting from doing our work. It is always cheaper for me to maintain my own property, for example, than to hire someone else to do it for me. It is difficult to deal with unionized city employees who are being highly paid and demanding more money but once we move into contracting out it is unlikely that we would ever go back again. / If we want to save the environment it is vitally important that we invest in public transit and stop building more roads. VITALLY IMPORTANT!!!!!!! Toronto made a big mistake in the fifties and started catering to private vehicles by building this huge system of roads. Now we have to bite the bullet and begin removing roads and replacing them with transit and green areas a la Seoul, Korea, for example. / Lack of decent affordable child care prevents mothers from returning to work or school and improving their futures. / We have seen that trickle down economics is a myth. Tax the people who can most afford to pay and provide services for those who need them. / My personal goal is to retire, sell my home and move into an apartment nearer the subway and sell my car, thus making my home available to a family that needs it, reducing my expenses and improving the environment. Increasing population density on land that is already destroyed would help to reduce urban sprawl. It appears to be a mystery to many planners and developers that producing food actually requires the use of land. One cannot eat four bedroom, double garage houses. Better transportation would encourage many seniors to reduce their carbon footprint and make their homes available to others who would not then need to build even more homes on every square centimetre of land within a hundred miles of the city. / Working with the province and the federal government to improve rail transport would go a long way to improve the environment and allow people to commute into Toronto without increasing urban sprawl. / / You did ask :)</p>
148.	<p>Having worked on Continuous Improvement initiatives for some of Canada's largest corporations for 20+ years, the waste, as well as the opportunities are seen everyday. For example, everything from ripping up and repouring sidewalks to idling TTC buses to two police officers driving around in their cars. With carefully reviewed data, improvements can always be made. With duplication of services or where the province needs to have a more active role, improvements can always be made. The road ahead will be bumpy - but we can let go of some of those things we have valued, yet can no longer be seen as value added city services (running ferries, zoos, or large tracts of land like Exhibition Place). Perhaps I will at some point, be one of the people that helps make it all happen? All the best.</p>

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149.	How about bringing back vehicle tax. It wasn't an expensive tax and it penalizes those who choose to have more vehicles, use the road infrastructure and pollute the environment (I come from a 2 car family and I would rather pay more for owning my car) / / It looks from the survey, like the city wants to cut back on income producing services like parking or Toronto Hydro. This is short sighted and will only bring a temporary increase in funding, while if retained by the city creates a long term stable funding system. We could revert back to transit city and forget about the costs and difficulties involved with digging more subway lines. / We can fine the big polluters in the city. I'm sure those in council can think of great ways to raise money for the city. How about a fee for cars entering the city?
150.	Mostly by user fees and corporations could afford more taxes to fund an environment that is conducive to business.
151.	There weren't other options other than property taxes or user fees. Why? There are other ways to raise revenue. For example, look into taxing the costs of environmental degradation/pollution (i.e. polluter pays), highway/city tolls to drive your car into the city. Households that move out of the city to live in larger homes and drive into the city do not pay property taxes to Toronto and should contribute to the costs of the city's infrastructure, transit and the pollution they are causing in our city. Use municipal ecological fiscal reform to raise revenue through taxing bad (pollution, high energy use) and encouraging good with incentives (i.e. income, efficiency, reducing energy use). This will improve our city and provide revenue rather than just taxing everyone more based on property values. Please take a more proactive and progressive approach.
152.	Please don't use a short-sighted approach to balance the books. Please keep in mind the LONG TERM future of our city --- especially in terms of investing in infrastructure such as transportation and the environment.
153.	Consider public private partnerships to renew and rejuvenate aging buildings such as Union Station. It is a jewel and should be treasured. Look at what the Toronto District School Board is doing with their solar energy rooftop project- a perfect example of a public private partnership focused on sustainable energy and infrastructure renewal.
154.	Increase user fees of drivers to pay for roads, sidewalks, public transit, environmental programs, forestry and parks, as driving affects all of these things. Reinstate car tax. Increase property taxes for properties worth over 1 million dollars to invest in affordable housing, child care and libraries. Increase user fees for collection of garbage that is not separated into recyclables and compostables.
155.	During marathons and rides such as the ride for heart, take pictures of people and sell them like they do on rides in Wonderland. Charge drivers for emissions, registration and highway tolls so the money can go directly to road repairs, the TTC and environmental issues. It just seems that drivers have no user fees at all while they take advantage of many services that the city provides like roads, parking etc.

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156.	Yes, this survey leaves no room for creative service delivery. / Many organizations and agencies do things much better than the City, and can deliver services more competently. City staff should support, prioritize, fund and engage with organizations who can fund social and environmental programming well. / Community bonds, road tolls and vehicle fees should also be considered.
157.	I really think Toronto needs to INVEST in services, and not TAKE THEM AWAY for the sake of "lowering taxes", because taxes will rise regardless of how much we strip our services naked; if we keep stripping our services, we'll end up with a bare city, a ghost town that no one will want to live in. / / Furthermore, all these services are interrelated; if you figure out how to improve one, another one will benefit. This seems rather obvious but, just from the way the preceding survey was laid out, it seems that services are considered as silos, separate from one another. In my opinion, Environmental issues are one service that would benefit a lot of other ones across the board if properly invested in: For instance, getting residents and businesses to change their behaviour in regards to waste might reduce the amount of garbage the city has to collect. The 5 cent bag tax was a great idea; similar programs enforced by the city will raise awareness and generate tangible results. / /
158.	Don't sell city assets simply to balance the budget in the short-term. This is not sustainable - it sacrifices our long-term quality of life and financial stability. What happens when everything of value has been sold? We will have the same problems and nothing left to sell. Worse, the private sector will jack up the costs and citizens will be worse off. We need new, bold thinking. People aren't afraid of taxes if they trust things are being managed properly. The more you slash and burn, the less support there will be for paying taxes.
159.	You would think that you could come up with more options than increasing user fees and increasing property taxes -both of which will impact vulnerable people. How about looking at other taxes that are based on taxing those who use the service -i.e. road tolls, gas taxes, environmental taxes or perhaps just cut your own costs instead of laying it on the public. Also stop putting so much money into the police service that does not nearly live up to the costs to operate.
160.	User fees should apply to all services and activities that require highly expensive maintenance and have a negative long-term impact on human health, quality of life, and the city environment including climate. User fees on the use of motorized vehicles (license fees; road tolls; parking lot levies) should be implemented to offset the cost of maintaining roads and to improve the quality of public transit and public spaces. The quality of public spaces in most of the city, particularly outside the downtown core is very bad due to the dominating effect of wide roads, parking lots and suburban 1950s-style spaces that are completely out-moded.

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161.	<p>The City should sell off assets to fund services. The City does not need to operate 3 theatres or own an art collection. Single family homes from TCHC's asset should be sold. Why does someone need to live in home valued at close to \$1million and be in receipt of social housing. The City should sell off its stake in Enwave and a percentage of Toronto hydro. Shut down the climate change office in London England. Many city run services could be contracted out ... why is it that many city run daycares are full of people on subsidy and the average person can't afford to send their child their. You don't need to run this daycares and pay highly unionized staff. Contract out the spaces!!! The same goes for waste collection, tree services and park maintenance. City staff should not be paid overtime because they are repairing streets during off hours. This should be a part of doing business. The City should also stop relying on the Province for handouts. Mayor Ford should be commended for thinking outside the box by leveraging funds with the private sector to support transit and subways development. Consider road tolls on the Gardiner and 427.</p>
162.	<p>Priority needs to be on the environment, this includes more bike lanes and reducing traffic by increasing taxes on cars/gas, installing tolls and making public transit more available and more affordable. Green spaces need to increase as well and planting more trees in spaces that can accommodate them. Solar and wind power should also be a top priority, as is witnessed in the world throughout history, nuclear is dirty, dangerous and a waste of money. Toronto needs to stand up and say no to this by creating it's own power, a clean, green alternative. A lot of cities throughout the world have implemented bike lanes in only a few short years (NYC) . I know many people who want to ride their bikes but wont b/c there are no bike lanes and they don't feel safe. This would be an easy way to decrease traffic in Toronto, simple effective and shows initiative. Cities that installed tolls reduced congestion from 20 to 90%! Not only does this bring a huge revenue to the city but it also increases the use of public transit, hence reducing the amount of money the city has to put into this service. And cleaner, more breathable air quality, duh! Seems like a no brainer to me. As far as traffic goes, I see so many people Idling their cars, talking/texting while driving and parking in the bike lanes, yet police going by in cars never give them a ticket. (And I have seen many police cars idle too!!! Why do THEY get to break the law?? It is us, the taxpayers that have to pay for their gas and breathe in their smog.) So much revenue can be generated if police just gave them tickets. And why aren't the parking police able to issue tickets to these offenders? This would also bring in revenue, b/c there would be more opportunities to issue tickets to offenders. / Plenty of research has been done in these areas so no money should go into further research, all that needs is an implementation plan and the plan needs to happen now. / Stop dicking around with OUR city!</p>

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163.	Implement a program where University or Community College students provide more services as part of their education program, in exchange for a credit for the educational facility they are attending, a type of compulsory student placement. That way you could get innovative ideas, vital services provided to the city for free and students can apply their studies and learn. / / Implement a school incentive community clean up program. Neighbourhoods are very littered in Toronto, instead of hiring more people to clean more litter on our streets, get students on board starting at the elementary school level, by having monthly or weekly neighbourhood clean up programs as part of each schools student science/environment projects. / / Bring back the vehicle tax instead of implementing road tolls or tariffs on those who drive downtown. In spite of being part of Mayor Ford's political platform it is time to bring it back. It is affordable even if one doesn't want it, that way, the money can be used on the City's transportation budget and help establish proper bicycle lanes.
164.	Please do not decrease Arts and Environmental funding. Find other ways to fund services. Selling some city owned properties could be one answer if it doesn't impact access to low income housing otherwise this will become a city just for the wealthy and lack the diversity that makes us unique. Be creative; cut waste at city hall but don't take money away from much needed community programs such as libraries and arts institutions & festivals. These make the city what it is and attract tourism in addition to people from the GTA. It's all part of the bigger picture. Worker harder to access Federal Government. support especially for transportation/infrastructure. Please remember that cities work given the Vision of the leader, who can take all aspects of a city and not solely look at cost cutting - but use creative energy and innovation to meet the demands of all these services.
165.	The survey offered very little creative solutions to problems; raising user fees or taxes, contracting out services. The City needs to look at more creative ways to provide services. For example, what benefits would be achieved to public health if you merged it with recreation, arts and culture? Could we make better use of the facilities? achieve city goals? Establish local planning boards for example and eliminate the costs of going to the OMB. The city creates Official Plans and guidelines, lots of monies are spent on these studies. Adhere to them and eliminate costly meetings, only for only truly exceptions. Work together with community members to find sustainable ways to provide services that are needed locally. Again, create local service boards.
166.	Some services should get increased funding from both provincial and federal governments - court services, environmental issues, child care, public health, to name a few.

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167.	Significantly increase parking costs in downtown Toronto. Toll on cars coming into the GTA during the week during business hours. City tax on vehicles with above-average emissions. City tax on more than one vehicle per household address. Pay for garbage pickup. Cleanup tax for developers, manufacturers, or other industries that pollute or create waste that the city is expected to collect and destroy/recycle/send to landfill. Eliminate plastic store bags altogether and supply all those little stores with cheap "save our City" cloth bags with the proceeds going to environmental programs, childcare, and parks and rec. Get creative. Tax the people who waste -- those who waste water, oil, landfill space, our clean air, our skyline--and tax those who can afford to and are willing to pay more--advertisers using up the sky space at Yonge and Dundas, for example.
168.	This survey has assumed that there are only two approaches to increasing revenue - either property tax or user fees. The city has numerous revenue streams, such as city held properties, and a number of other ways to reduce expenditure. It is vital that any approach to maintaining services in a difficult fiscal environment takes into account more than two very simplistic budgetary devices. I am disappointed that this survey is forcing people into selecting between only two of numerous policy options - especially around such diverse services where different approaches will be more relevant for different services.
169.	Negotiate w/ the province under the City of Toronto Act to obtain a portion of the sales or gas tax. Impose carbon/pollution tax where possible in the downtown to discourage driving and use revenue to fund transit. / Remove the TTC from Essential Service! We'll save money in the long term! The treat of strikes is overblown. / Work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advocate for a share of federal taxes for large cities. / Look for sources of revenue beyond user fees and property taxes whatever they may be....
170.	Reduce sidewalk cleaning in suburban neighbourhoods. GTA wide car carbon tax. increase fines on companies emitting pollution (air, water, etc). Corporate sponsorship of programs, community centre programs, etc. Reduce water demands by enforcing mandatory water conservation strategies.
171.	Sales tax; parking tax; tolls; gas tax; hydro tax; vehicle registration tax. / Investment in energy efficiency to achieve long-term savings.
172.	User fees should only be applied to those with an income over a certain amount. Services should be increased in low income areas particularly for youth. In areas with high incomes individuals should be paying for recreation centres/libraries... Water, garbage... should be based on individual usage to encourage environmental behav...
173.	Incorporate environment and social causes into more economic initiatives so as to reduce their demand while generating prophet.
174.	pass a bill that requires buildings to have vegetable gardens on as much of their roof space as possible. we should have a city program that provides cheap organic food to local businesses and citizens

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175.	This survey reveals an assumption that the City cannot afford to fund basic City of Toronto services without either increasing user fees, or raising taxes. There is no room for a discussion regarding an increase in sustainable practices that would then have the potential to improve services, that would not increase costs to the City. / / The survey creates the impression that there is only an either/or solution to the City's deficits - either we raise taxes and or user fees, OR we will experience a decrease in the quality of city services. This is a very narrow, uncreative and frankly misleading approach and has the potential to mislead the public in terms of getting accurate results for the survey. / / In order for the public to be truly engaged and to give meaningful input into a survey such as this one, it would be crucial to have a truly informed public regarding the City's funding practices, the City's budget, taxes etc. Why does the survey assume that the only way to raise revenue is for us to experience an increase in property taxes - what about more user fees for using cars? Or raising other kinds of taxes, and what about corporate tax breaks - the survey is very misleading as it assumes property tax to be the only possibility?
176.	Compared to Montreal our property taxes are rather low. I don't know why people complain about taxes so much, I think they don't manage their money well, they should also pay their property taxes monthly to avoid the biannual "sticker shock". We need more city services not less. One thing you should do is cut down on the number of environmental assessment meetings needed. I went to about 6 or 7 Eglinton LRT meetings (the EA was to take 6 months and took over 2 years) and now there will be another 2 years of planning and meeting. Less consultants, EAs and community meeting and more work getting done PLEASE / / /
177.	The city should focus on funding that focuses on the future and promotes sustainable best practice. Our city needs a positive, forward-thinking attitude that should separate us from the typical penny-pinching governance. There is a reason why Scandinavian countries are consistently voted as having the highest quality of life. This requires our tax dollars that we must be willing to contribute in order to ensure a promising future for our children and grandchildren.
178.	Asking Police and EMS to stop idling constantly, insulating City buildings, including schools will save a lot for other cost increases and service improvements.
179.	1. Do not fall prey to ideology when discussing the services that the City provides to residents. They are too important to be decided on a left/right split. / 2. Think innovatively - there are revenue sources available to the City that are not even mentioned in this survey, like: / a. the recently cancelled Vehicle Registration Tax. It was foolhardy of the City to cancel this revenue source before even knowing the financial state of the budget. / b. re-direct the 5c bag fee at grocery stores to the City's environmental programs / c. think about the possible benefits of becoming a green economic hub - working with the province to build Toronto's international reputation in this area could lead to significant long-term benefits / d. what about adding a City sales tax like many other major cities in the world...NYC, etc.

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180.	Yes. Property taxes are really regressive ways to fund services, I'd like to see Ford making efforts to re-engage the Province in negotiations about services and funding. We have not recovered from Harris's downloading and end up being forced to make bad choices. Currently, Ford wants us to believe the choice should be to contract out and cut - which will lead inevitably to worse services and threats to public health, as happened at Walkerton and elsewhere. It has been shown repeatedly in numerous jurisdictions that good jobs make for good communities and privatizing leads to poverty. ignorance of these matters and other issues like transit and how it interrelates with prosperity and reduced environmental damage - surely a top priority among thinking people right now - is depressing and dangerous.
181.	This survey unfortunately makes issues a yes or no option. Cities are too dynamic. They must provide services based on a tax base to the common/average need. If needs are less than average then service fees should be raised. It must take care of its citizens but run itself like a business by maintaining accountability and bringing in revenue streams to be sustainable. It's current situation is sad, but simply selling off and ending services need review and careful consideration, not just a yes or no.

Is there anything else you would like City Council to consider when making decisions about services in the future?

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1.	Increases in fees to citizens (both user and property tax) cause complaints in the short term but quiet down in the long term. It will always be more popular to lower a tax rather than raise it but there are a few of us out there who know that taxes are essential for providing services. / / I also hope that Toronto will: / * Take examples from other cities across the globe that have succeeded in areas where we lag / * Focus more on the long term / * Seriously consider enforcing population density limits -- we should be working toward a sustainable city rather than one that impossibly grows forever
2.	increasing seniors services and care, better environmental policy, lower light pollution in the city, safer and increased bicycle routes in the city and especially in the downtown area
3.	By cutting services to ensure short-term cost reduction, we are short-changing ourselves of a sustainable, livable future. Higher taxation geared to income brackets is the best way of ensuring a high quality of living for all.
4.	Some clear vision of what the city should look like. We are not just taxpayers we are the citizens of a large community which should serve all not just the wealthy who are able to prosper in a climate of "survival of the fittest".

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5.	Stay within the budget, stop kowtowing to the police union (yes, they're very necessary but their hand is always out for more), have a long term 10+ years strategic plan, look for savings far beyond the small potatoes of councillors' office expenses, monitor more stringently the use of consultants and lawyers, protect the city environment by planting more trees (with maybe small incentives for homeowners) and limiting the number of ugly condos.
6.	We need to look into the future perhaps more - people are getting older, traffic is awful, TTC is more awful (I heard they want to cut services in order to save \$4 Mio., - I waited already twice for the Eglinton bus 40 minutes since I moved here 2 months ago. (I have only taken that bus a few times.) I don't know. Infrastructure is one of the main contributors to a well-functioning city. Naturally, so is the environment. I would like to see re-instilling old values by means of logic and respect (not force). I believe a caring citizen can save tremendous costs in our city.
7.	Animals and the environment may not vote but those of us who care about them do. We have to promote the health of our environment and our citizens.
8.	City Council needs to realize that running the city as a for profit entity is a misnomer. The responsibility of the city is to foster positive communities (in all its definitions) which provides an environment that is HEALTHY, JUST, and RESPONSIBLE to all residents. This is an exercise in city building, which requires the COOPERATION of many, often with opposing views. To singularly declaring allegiance to one set of ideals is a dangerous game that should NOT exist in any level of government.
9.	Councillors and the Mayor need to look at what other major cities around the world are doing in terms of investing in building a sustainable city for the future that ensures prosperity, employment, good health and equity. While everyone wants to pay less tax, Council needs to demonstrate leadership in solving the big issues facing Toronto such as growing disparity between rich and poor, the disappearance of the middle class, the threat of climate change, environmental degradation and its adverse impact on human health and the economy. Council needs to demonstrate leadership in supporting a fair and just society. Saving money by increasing the efficiency of city government is an important goal, however, this must be done in a way that does not jeopardize investment in city building and long term sustainability of the region.
10.	Build the city in a sustainable direction. Support them and raise them up.
11.	Consider sustainability ("green" solutions)
12.	Earlier in this survey, it was stated that costs must increase every year. I believe this is a falsehood. Obviously, operating under the assumption that prices must always increase will eventually lead to a systematic failure. Find a more sustainable model.
13.	Think long term. Invest in efficient public goods for the future. Short-term cost-savings always wind up costing us more in the end.

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14.	Rob Ford didn't end the war on cars. He's betrayed the human race and joined ranks with the cars, and now we are in a more difficult position, but the cars know they can't win because they are fuelled by a non-renewable resource. Rob Ford's personal preferences should be just personal preferences and they should not be costing the city billions of dollars and transit services. (Do you remember how I thought affordability and service quality is a false dichotomy? This is evidence of that - Rob Ford managed to lower affordability and service quality at the same time).
15.	infrastructure infrastructure infrastructure. we need affordable and extensive public transportation. Put in highway tolls, as in London, to pay for it. This helps with smog and revenue. I am a car driver and I still support this measure!!
16.	Vulnerable people, public health, emergency medical services, the environment and the arts must be protected! Please consider the impact to the health and welfare of all our citizens, not just property owners and businesses. I own a house in Toronto, and yet I would prefer to support all our citizens, not just the comfortably middle class like myself. A City is defined not only by the health of it's citizens, but it's culture. Museums, art, music and theatre are what makes a City livable and great. Please be both generous and kind when considering how your proposed cuts will affect those who may not have such a strong voice.
17.	There is more to Toronto than building condominiums that only wealthy people can afford. The city's heart lies within the services it provides. A few dollars more in property taxes for people who own homes, is not a big deal. Examples of successful cities have high taxes. Why not increase the percentage of tax with proportionately with the value of the home? Homes/condos over \$400,000 for example pay a premium. / We could be a world leader in renewal energy here in this city. A focus toward solar and wind should be without question at this point. New construction should have new stringent environmental standards. Old construction should be retrofitted. It would be nice to see a city in Canada recognized for innovation in this field.
18.	We need to be making decisions based on the long term results we hope to achieve. Public transit and environmental programs may take years to institute, but we need them in order to keep in step with what our needs will be in the future.
19.	The TTC at rush hour is beyond capacity and completely ridiculous. Not to mention it breaks down at least once a day rendering it unreliable. If the subways were extended to ALL areas of the city more people would use it. If more money was spent on maintaining it MORE PEOPLE WOULD USE IT! This would reduce carbon emissions and create tons of revenue for the city. Not to mention it would make the city a much more desirable place to visit, once again creating revenue. The TTC is a huge priority as well as clawing our way back up to lead the fight against climate change. We need to take example from so many countries and Europe. Electric city vehicles! More cost to those who choose to drive when a great public transit system is available. Electric/hybrid buses. And tickets for those who a seen littering by police! That would bring revenue not to mention save money on having to clean up the city!

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20.	Think towards the future and the present. Look to other cities for innovative, environmental and cost efficient ideas. Strive to be a leader and not pull our city back to last century.
21.	More policy analysis and research should be done so that City staff and citizens are included to make decisions about services based on economic data related to full costing out - including the cost of contracted out services vs. current services, the costs of legal fees when current contracts are broken, the salary costs of certain services, and the social and environmental costs of losing services such as environmental, parks, heritage, arts, library, daycare, and community services.
22.	Sustainability. For once.
23.	Environmental issues, and developing Toronto's waterfront
24.	Yes. That the role of government is not to save the taxpayer's money, but rather to spend it in the most effective way possible. In the end, neither reduced taxes nor 'permanently' balanced budgets are worth the sacrifice of liveability, solid infrastructure, or an environment which encourages businesses and individuals to re-invest in a community.
25.	Toronto is a great city, but lacks a long term vision. I hope we can as a community agree on a competitive and aggressive long term vision. The world will be a different place in 20-50 years from now. Toronto has to not only remain a top class city, but also be a paragon of growth and sustainability. The city should lead the way in reducing the carbon footprint, we the citizens and inhabitants of Toronto will do so after the cities lead.
26.	Environment and the impact of poverty. The need to reverse the Harris downloads
27.	Improving the climate for business helps everyone in Toronto in the long term I think this should be the central key. / / At the same rate, improving transit, the waterfront, and our parks / sidewalks should be key as well.
28.	Please focus on renewable resources and green space
29.	the overall quality of living in toronto - if the city doesn't fund core activities environmental quality, public libraries, economic development no one else will and the quality of life in our city will deteriorate

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30.	Do not sell existing City of Toronto assets and property, this will just lead to a short influx of cash and will not be sustainable. / / Spend more time and effort developing the CITY and not just saying it's ok to build a box condominium or bland townhouse development on every free spot of property available. Maybe the city could require there to be some sort of space for city services on the ground floor to make this work with new developments? Even if it is a condominium/townhouse development, it does not have to be cookie cutter and boring. More variety please. / / As well, environmental concerns are present as well. It's baffling to me to see the city being so short-sighted as to not have green-roof requirements for all new development. / / Transit services desperately need improving, especially along areas of high condominium development (King West). Perhaps dedicated streetcar lanes will be necessary for this stretch since traffic seems to be the main impediment along this route. / / Child care services really need to be improved, along with the related availability. Services necessary for allowing families to live in the downtown core, such as affordable housing, need improving as well.
31.	Cost should not be the only thing to consider. Quality of service is important. Environmental, transit should be important. The true measure of a community is how we take care of the vulnerable.
32.	City Council is meant to represent all people in the community. Public transportation, the environment, and infrastructure impact all levels of society. Please consider the implications of downgrading and disinvestment in public transportation, the degradation of environmental capital, and increasingly outdated infrastructure has on all Torontonians. Economic and social excellence cannot happen in a city where there is no accessible transportation, the environment cannot support business or people, or the infrastructure does not exist to support it.

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33.	<p>so THIS is the box where I should have put those comments.... / / Hi there, / / I'm not sure if these comments are what you expect but here goes. / / Firstly, referring to your first page of categories, as an artist I don't feel comfortable by being categorized along with sport and entertainment activities. My activities contribute to the local and national economy in a very specific way that exists outside of tourism. I think if more people realized how athletic and strong dancers had to be compared to football players or UFC fighters, it'd be pretty clear that we should be working towards sustainable arts funding rather than legalizing/supporting UFC here. / / Anyone who thinks that the arts need to seek more support from the private sector simply do not know anything about the arts or the private sector. Several actions in the last year ranging from Bell Canada's withdrawal of support from the only Video Art Award in the country, to the continuing Scotiabank-everything festivals, make it pretty obvious that sustainable and long term support for the arts and the livelihood of artists is not on the private sector's agenda. / / Also, I think BIAs have to be far more accountable to their communities and to the city on several levels. BIAs are too often a gentrifying force that eliminates cultural diversity in favour of investors, and more often than not the voices of the citizens businesses working in the area fall on death ears. / / I am also deeply disappointment with Mayor Ford's transit plan. By not investing in LRT to connect communities in Toronto, he is further ghettoizing and ostracizing citizens. Citizens that will remember his decisions four years from now, when he is out of office and the subways still aren't done. / / At the cost of gas rising, any politician with a petrol-based platform is truly misguided. Road repair needs to be done for the safety of cyclists, pedestrians and cars. Realistic and sustainable bike routes need to be invested in for everyone's well being. Further to this, more green initiatives need to be made in order to keep the city healthy and sustainable, and this includes taking a position on metrolinx's plans to run diesel trains through Parkdale. / / Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide feedback. /</p>
34.	<p>Make public transit a priority for the day when gasoline reaches \$2 a litre - which is quite common in Europe and it will come here. Charge more for water, sewer and garbage collection. Again look at Europe for examples of savings. Encourage use of solar and wind for city use.</p>
35.	<p>Yes, less planning around cars. It needs to be a walkable and livable city. Start thinking about the environment and food policy.</p>

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36.	1. Consider the long-term consequences of any selloffs of city assets or property. The Waterfront required decades of planning and investment but it is finally beginning to show results. Please allow this bold investment to continue. / 2. Also please consider the difference between investments and basic expenses. Many of the city's projects that may be expensive in the short term will likely be rewarding in the future if we stay the course. / 3. Toronto has slowly built a reputation for itself in areas of arts, culture and environmental innovation. We are increasingly looked upon as a leader in these areas and its crucial that we maintain this standing. Tightening our belts, if necessary, shouldn't mean reducing the city to a cultural backwater. / 4. Please consider the opinions of ALL Torontonians and review all credible studies, etc, before cutting our services. The pursuit of sound policy should always be City Council's top concern. / 5. If you must contract out, do so ONLY if it doesn't affect the quality of service and ONLY if it will save the city a significant amount of money.
37.	the most important is to make sure that the more vulnerable are taken care off and that we start facing the reality of the change in environment.
38.	Prioritize arts, public transportation, parks and the environment - this will bring more tourism. Close the Island airport and make our waterfront beautiful.
39.	I'd like you to keep in mind that lots of families are raising their children in downtown Toronto, that high-density city living is the way of the future, it impacts less on the environment. Help me raise a happy healthy active urban kid. I need parks, community centres, clean and safe streets, more bikes, less cars.
40.	Please think of long term impact to city with the vision of building an economically prosperous, sustainable, environmentally green, culturally vibrant, socially equitable city that is globally competitive. / / With that in mind, please ensure that decisions are not focused only on short term solutions to reduce the city's budget. There are policies and investments that should be made to continue to work toward our city's vision and future - such as: / 1. Public transportation (keep it cheap or free for users) / 2. Waterfront redevelopment - make it breathtakingly beautiful, accessible, liveable and a great place to live work and play / 3. Traffic congestion - provide increased incentives to take public transportation; introduce tolls at highway gateways into Toronto to pay for improved highways and public transportation / 4. High speed public transportation route from downtown to Pearson airport / 5. Increase support for culture to \$25 per capita / 6. Use Design standards and review panels for any new development in the city to ensure it will look fabulous and integrate with overall vision for the city / 7. Protect and adaptive reuse of heritage buildings (including schools) / 8. In-year Property tax breaks for increasing environmental efficiencies of homes or condos (negotiate that Province/Feds reimburse city for cost) / 9. Community cultural and recreational centres and accessible programs (* youth, seniors) in all neighbourhoods across the city / 10. Invest in city's festivals and events as they bring life, celebration, visitors and help brand our city /

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41.	1. Cost effective delivery of service / 2. Focus on funding core/priority services / 3. Basic service for non core /non priority services with user fees option for improvements to these services / 4. Eliminate deficit and position City for financial sustainability /
42.	Please remember that without clean water, proper sanitation and a healthy ecosystem our city will not exist. Keep the environmental monitoring, protection, education and engagement programs and invest in our parks, forestry, waste management and water and sewage infrastructure.
43.	City should aim to support its most vulnerable citizens and be environmentally sustainable in planning for the future. If that cost more for those of us who can afford it through our taxes - then so be it.
44.	I want the City Council to think long-term and broadly rather than on a partisan basis. This is no-one's "Nation" - it is the city of everyone; if we provide the supports to raise everyone up we will develop a sustainable city with economic development and a quality of life that will be a testament to our politicians, whoever they are.
45.	Please don't make cuts or privatize services just for the sake of doing so. Council is too fractured and politically divided. I honestly believe that people would not be so opposed to higher property taxes if the rationale for these taxes was properly and clearly explained to them. Also, Council should not just go ahead with privatization because of the current political climate; this is not always a better alternative for service provision. I am tired of hearing that Canada's largest city is broke and can't afford to provide high quality services - we can.
46.	the per-capita spending for people out in the suburbs compared to downtown. sustainability.
47.	The environment.
48.	Yes, they need to see the mess some US cities are in before they make the mistake of cutting services because people whine about taxes. Efficiency and effectiveness in SERVICE doesn't have to mean cuts to service. As I said in the previous answer, we could live anywhere in the world - we didn't choose Toronto because of the climate. If the quality of life declines people will leave.
49.	Long term operating costs; environmental costs; equity.
50.	support and expand public transit, reduce the carbon footprint of city services and that of its citizens, house the homeless,
51.	think long term and about sustainability.
52.	Consider environmental impacts of different ways of providing services. If contracting things out (i.e. waste disposal) leads to substantial increases in emissions, consider that to be a major cost, more important than actual price of service.
53.	Reducing Toronto's carbon footprint and making Toronto a more liveable city on a human scale. Significantly reduce automobile traffic in the city and institute user fees for drivers from outside Toronto to use the city's roads.
54.	don't bankrupt our future by making over impressive savings today that are not sustainable

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55.	Toronto has become a great international city. It needs to stay "ahead of the curve" in innovation, sustainability and the lifestyle of its residents - rich and poor.
56.	Public transit needs to be expanded in Toronto, and not at the cost of its users. There are still too many areas that are difficult to get to by transit because they are simply not served at all, or served too infrequently. However, it's a real mistake to put the burden of carrying this cost on transit users - they are helping the environment by taking transit, not to mention reducing road congestion/maintenance through their decision to use the TTC. People who take transit are often low-income as well, and it's truly unfair to ask them to pay even more for using a service that should be encouraged, rather than discouraged through disproportionately steep user fees. Higher user fees and reduced service also does no good to encourage people who are currently dependent on their cars to take transit, either. Please keep our public transit public, and keep it accessible.
57.	PLEASE remember the environment for the FUTURE of this city. Building 20kms of subway is VERY SHORT SIGHTED. I can RUN 20kms, to me investing that much \$ into such a small amount of subway is just plain ridiculous. We need to go to light rail- if Toronto wants to be a city of the future and keep in line with all the great growing cities of the world we need to think AHEAD to the future- light rail is cheaper and easier to get up and running. THIS is where our \$ should be going, not on small subway expansions. We should NOT be catering to cars on the road, but getting people OUT of cars onto GOOD public transit and into bike lanes (of which we need MORE of to allow riders to safely navigate through the city core- not just the nice green spaces). We need to think about how we want the city to run in the next 50-100 years, not just today.
58.	Please don't be shortsighted... we need to plan what our city will look like 5, 25, 50 and 100 years from now. I'm tired of politicians who make short term appealing decisions that will hurt our environment, physical, social and economic in the long term.
59.	How about the fact that the business interests our current administration is taking care of don't represent the majority of citizens in the GTA? How about INVESTING in human capital? This fear-mongering around 'we can't afford it' is as transparent as glass! Instead of jumping on the 'cut services' band-wagon, how about worrying LESS about re-election, and more about sustainable growth, creative problem-solving, and innovative ways to have our cake and eat it, too!
60.	long term planning and renewable resources, Toronto should be a world leader in this field and not just following suit.
61.	That they do not make decisions on the monetary cost alone and look at environmental and social costs as well.

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62.	City Council should consider that 80% of new construction is residential, and therefore an increase in city population is imminent. Any decisions must reflect the population the city is GOING to have. Furthermore, tax increases and breaks must be targeted towards inducing desired behavioural change, such as energy efficiency retrofits. Finally, city services used primarily by tourists or by relatively small segments of Toronto's population, such as museums, should not be subsidized through increased property tax, but through increased user fees.
63.	Don't cut services. They are already below other major cities (especially public transit and environmental programs).
64.	We should look down the road and be more concerned about the future and our children and consider the environment first. without clean air and water we will not have a future.
65.	Think long term (longer than the term of office). To reduce crime, invest in skills development and providing support to at risk groups (i.e. those who are at risk of becoming criminals if they lack the support to develop themselves into productive adults). To reduce congestion on the roads, decrease the cost of road maintenance, and decrease pollution, invest in a transit system that works for more people (i.e. transit city), rather than big ticket solutions that only serve a small portion of the city (subway) - the city needs to be connected through a webwork of fast and functional transit lines. Bike lanes in the downtown core and more places to lock bikes will aid with this as well. Get people out of their cars - it is hard on the roads, the environment, and the city's budget (I own two cars, and still this is obvious to me). Invest in areas that benefit the city as a whole, even if it seems distasteful (i.e. drug injection clinics, disease prevention for streetworkers, support for the homeless). We all benefit in reduced crime and reduced medical costs. Community food programs are important. Supporting local farmers markets and community activities. The environment is of high importance. Who wants to live in a dirty smog-filled city? Teaching residents to reduce waste (educational programs, increased fees for extra waste, water usage, electricity usage), use non-harmful products (ban pesticides and herbicides), improve the heating efficiency of our homes (subsidies and rebates), plant indigenous plants in the yards (rebates, incentives, education programs), and so on... Be committed to providing a functional and healthy city to future generations.
66.	Good for the environment. Toronto once known as a clean city BUT today there is garbage everywhere, people still keep their cars idling and roads are not clean to allow for safe bike riding.
67.	Get practical. Get innovative. / / Our neighbourhood had many first-time homeowners and young families. But after 6 years of non-delivery of key city services (enforcement of North York's bylaws regarding illegal conversions/lodging houses) the community is disordered and unsafe. / To any proposed increases in residential taxes and user fees one has to say: "We support paying our fair share. We believe that taxes that are prudently allocated to taxpayer priorities represent a public

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	<p>necessity and a public good.” The question remains, of course, whether / or not the city has a good plan. / / In addition to being next to one of Canada’s largest post-secondary institutions, my neighbourhood is next to one of Toronto’s priority areas for socio-economic and justice services, some call it University Heights, others Jane and Finch, and the Keele-Finch Fuel Storage tanks. These serious realities must present City staff with significant planning and program challenges. / / Three quick items to draw to your attention as you deliberate about whether the City has a good idea of the right priorities: / / 1.) Personal safety and security. You may recall that the neighbourhood was the location of several sexual assaults in the recent past and the murder of Qian Liu in April 2011. Detectives at 31 Division of the Toronto Police Service have had to respond to an increasingly worrisome ‘Break & Enter’ trend as well. In December 2009 dozens of houses were hit by anti-Black, anti-semitic, anti-female, anti-gay graffiti. The neighbourhood needs attention. / 2.) Fire safety and public health. I invite all Councillors and city planners to visit our neighbourhood to witness how quickly fire safety and public health can become compelling issues. Many homeowners have converted their properties into numerous tiny apartments and rooming houses. Few, if any, of these conversions will conform to approved Ontario Building / Code standards. Few, if any, were ever completed with a building permit. Students and other low-income residents are at risk of unscrupulous landlords and unsanctioned electrical re-wirings. This was the subject of a recent Toronto Star expose. What will the City do about this other than wring its hands or sit on its hands. Nothing has been done about the illegal rooming houses “explosion” in my neighbourhood since 2007. Various Councillors seem bereft of any practical ideas or interest in getting something useful done. Why is this? When will this get fixed? / 3.) Emergencies. Our proximity to a significant fuel storage area also requires greater City attention. The Sunrise Propane Gas incident south of our neighbourhood should have been a wake-up call. Has it been? / / Does the City have the right priorities. Does it allocate the right level of City / resources to the right priorities? Will the neighbourhoods in this city – this city known as the city of neighbourhoods – be the beneficiaries of improved critical services funded by our residential taxes and user fees? I hope so. / / We want: / / • Toronto’s Police to better monitor and prevent property crime and / violent crime in our neighbourhood; / / • Municipal Licensing & Standards staff to conduct more timely / property inspections and faster enforce of by-law infractions out of / Toronto’s North York Office; / / We expect that Council is properly resourcing its Office of Emergency / Management and the Fire Department’s Emergency Response Plan. We / expect that Council learned lessons about our collective preparedness / for industrial explosions within the City. / / We want the Toronto fire Service to have what it needs. / / In short, we expect our leaders to pay attention to the basics and target our resources accordingly. The focus must be on people. / / A couple of years ago, the Board of my Residents Association reviewed some of the Budget documents. Page two of the Executive Summary of the Municipal Licensing & Standards document was worrisome. It said that one of the</p>

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	key challenges facing the City's Municipal Licensing & Standards staff is "advancing the Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy while meeting service / delivery responsibilities arising from [staff] involvement in the Multi-Residential Apartment Building Strategy". If City staff officially advised the Mayor and Council that they / could not effectively inspect and enforce property standards and multi-residential housing complexes if they are also required to simultaneously focus on promoting a safe and healthy environment for pets then Council should have reconsidered whether they had too many / priorities and should have decided whether they were allocating enough for Municipal Licensing and Standards to inspect substandard housing and enforce by-laws. People must come first. Perhaps cat sterilization is a very important municipal issue but surely it is not as important as inspecting firetrap rooming houses. Rooming houses need not be unsafe for those / living in them and for those living next to them. / We need real city leadership. / / Clearly Torontonians expect good government. Most believe we have a / right to good government. Of course, there is no such right. We / will not get good government unless we all do more than support our / own particular self-interests and pet projects.
68.	Transit is important, The environment is important. Social services are important. The mayor's agenda for reducing the "gravy train" is an embarrassment. Especially in light of the huge increase in salaries to the police services, and paying police to stand around construction sights.
69.	Look to the United States for examples of how cutting costs has ruined their economy, contributed to increase depression, mental health, poverty, loss of jobs, etc. Toronto and Canada should learn from their mistakes and NOT repeat this. Toronto is about equality, arts, business, environment, culture, and programs to keep its citizens happy. please do not destroy what we have built. saving money is great and important. but not if it costs us in money and more then dollar signs in the future.
70.	Council needs to take a long term approach to city services and make SUSTAINABLE decisions even if it is not the popular vote. You can't spend money you don't have, and you can't increase revenues without providing better, more efficient services that benefit everyone.

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71.	Quality, Quality, Quality / / In comparison with other cities in North America, Toronto has declined significantly over the last twenty years. We have been complacent and rested on our laurels and while many other North American cities have been improved drastically – think of Chicago’s neighbourhood improvement and fantastic Millenium Park (driving our aunt from Chicago through Harbourfront was an eye-opener), or Philadelphia’s revival of Center City, or New York, Boston, Charleston, Austin, Cleveland – (these are cities with which I am familiar). / / Aside from ensuring that our city is a nice place to live, we need to think in terms of economic competition. It may be tempting to think that Toronto will be immune to global economic changes and competition from other cities – but look at the history of cities like Buffalo, Detroit, Hamilton, and even Montreal. Just because we are successful now, does not guarantee we will continue to be successful. It is very hard for a urban environment to maintain a thriving community and these communities can easily be undermined by government policies or worse, government inaction. Many of the problems we are having reflect how the city is currently managing its resources and exercises its responsibilities and ultimately how city council and how it gets its work done. Pitting right against left in council is a sometimes mildly entertaining but stupid and fruitless waste of resources. We have a lot of problems in this city that need to be resolved. /
72.	Any privatization contracts must include clauses which guarantee transparency in quality, work standards, fairness, environmental responsibilities, etc. Clauses should allow the City to cancel a contract without penalty any organization that violates the terms of the contract.
73.	Innovation and leadership in sustainability
74.	Don't cripple or slash spending for our important public/social services. Continue to support Toronto as a cosmopolitan, immigrant-friendly, cultural capital! Support transit, environmental sustainability and fight segregation. Work to end discrepancies and inequalities by supporting public education, healthcare, childcare and other services. Don't let my wonderful, diverse, beautiful city become a divided mess that does not take care of its less advantaged residents. Work to make Toronto the envy of Canada and the world.
75.	People and environment make the city, not surpluses or deficits.
76.	Our city is beautiful. We should be proud of how we look to the rest of the world. Part of our reputation is around being ecologically aware in a world that is more and more concerned with the effects of pollution and bad air emissions. I would like to see Toronto council keep our ecological mandate in mind when installing any new programs.

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77.	Healthy communities are vibrant, active, engaging, and sustainable. The more we can build healthy communities, the less poverty, disease, and crime we will have in the future. We need to be long sighted in our decisions, instead of only looking to what will save us a few bucks in a few years. Beautiful cities are built over time, and with passion. Green space, art, sport, and culture, walkability, public transportation, cycling, community centers are integral pieces of the fabric of a city.
78.	Do you want the GTA to remain the city of smog? Or would you rather it become the city of a healthy and sustainable future for the actual human beings who live and breath here every day? Which would you be more proud to call home, and to leave as a legacy to our children? That is something you should ask yourself when making each and every decision for our city.
79.	PLEASE make solar panels on rooftops mandatory. Look at what the TDSB is doing for ideas.
80.	Human investment is crucial to creating an environment of risk-taking.
81.	Cut cut cut. What you have now is not sustainable.
82.	IT HAS TO BE POSSIBLE TO TAX CORPORATIONS THAT LIVE IN OUR CITY, NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS. ALSO, CREATING A SECTOR OF POLICE THAT GO OUT LOOKING TO BUST AND HEAVILY FINE BIG INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL POLLUTERS WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE PUT TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.
83.	Keep in mind that short term cuts may not necessarily be in the long terms interests of the city. Maintaining and enhancing the city's quality of life (heritage, culture, parks, environment) is what will make us an attractive to investment and business. And that will lead to prosperity.
84.	Continue to improve core infrastructure aspects, such as public transportation, with a focus on sustainable options and accessibility, and seek to reach a balance between contracting out services where there has been shown to be improvement as a result.
85.	Plan for a healthy and efficient city with great infrastructure for the ecologically responsible businesses for the future. Contracting out services like garbage limits the city's ability to improve services and the environment. Increase citizen involvement. Ban all police from work outside of their duties. The city should end all private use of police. Stop competing with private security firms and stop bribes of police. Having the police approve public events and controlling security levels is wrong. The police should work for the people.
86.	1) Work with other municipalities to deliver services (transit, social, economic, etc..), 2) Transit is essential from an economic and environmental perspective - funding it needs to be holistically tackled (private, public investment, and senior government commitment).
87.	The environment is first. TTC is important here because we must get cars off the roads. Recycling is currently nearly impossible - I know you don't think so but it is - this must be remedied, in particular recycling of plastics & some other approach than the current ridiculous fiasco in the area of used electronics.

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88.	that priority be given to the sustaining of the City of Toronto's support for a transportation infrastructure which reduces the number of cars entering the downtown toronto and the accompanying pollution destruction of the environment.
89.	Make investments in the future. Develop the city into a denser, more connected, less-expensive per capita city to serve. When planning for the future, never forget climate change is the planet's number one problem, and rising energy prices are here to stay, so we'll need a lot more transit capacity all over the city, and we'll need it soon. Encourage biking and walking. Rebuild the suburbs so they can sustain a biking, walking population. Break down the separation of uses so people can live, work, shop and play without driving.
90.	You need to invest in infrastructure now. In 20 years, Toronto should have four times as many kilometres of subway track as it does now. Car traffic on our city's streets is an environmental nightmare and is on the way to being a Mexico-city style health risk. The only sane way to reduce it is to offer everyone (not just those able to afford to live and work on Yonge or Bloor) a faster and more pleasant way to get across town. That means subways, not light rail or buses. I know subways are more expensive, but they are also the only form of transit worth the money.
91.	Accessibility for those of us with Environmental Sensitivities
92.	Don't leave the environmental impact out of your decisions.
93.	The environment is very important and should be given top priority, as well as libraries and recreation facilities.
94.	sustainability
95.	Don't be afraid to try new concepts (i.e. competition for public transit, road tolls, selling the parking authority). Also, make sure that any decisions are economically sustainable (i.e. will save / generate money in the long run)
96.	Please have one company run public buses and another run the subway to foster competition. Please ensure competitive and transparent bidding for all contracting out. Please protect our most vulnerable and our environment.
97.	Please don't target parks and other environmental initiatives. It's bad enough that the federal government doesn't care about the environment (tar sands) nor does the provincial government (cancellation of off-shore wind farms). At least I would like to know that my city, Toronto, recognizes the coming environmental crisis and is trying to do something about it.
98.	Environmental concerns are high on importance. We have a responsibility for the health of Toronto and of our planet. / / Be kind. / / Have a vision of greatness for Toronto, not one of saving money and leaving us poorer in spirit.
99.	Quality services are sustainable and less costly in the long run. It will take massive amounts of funding, resources and time to fix a city that has been broken due to short-sighted cost saving strategies.
100.	We are at a crossroads. The environment and our community should be the top priority. Otherwise, the cost to our health and social well-being is something we cannot afford.

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101.	The entire Council should vote on all major issues such as transit, environmental services, waste disposal. In a democracy it is not acceptable for city staff to make the decisions. It is not acceptable for the Mayor to make any decision on his own
102.	A great city is requires long term vision and all decisions should be in-line with the long term vision. / The decisions you make should be sustainable over years to come... this shouldn't be about being popular today; or getting re-elected. A good decision will serve us all well for years to come. / I'd support any councillor/mayor who would do this.
103.	Human welfare, healthcare, shelter, childcare and the environment never be jeopardized over cost.
104.	Toronto has the opportunity to be a leader among sustainable cities, it requires a long term vision and plan, but is a worthwhile investment.
105.	Get traffic under control by massively improving public transit / Green initiatives such as mandating roof-top gardens, renewable energy projects, bike lanes /
106.	Please do not cut essential services! Arts, culture, environment, public transit, social services, are all essential elements which make toronto a great city to live in. No savings are worth loosing access to these services over. Saving money in the long run is not worth it when you think of how toronto would be without arts, culture and other essential services. More citizens should be encouraged to support services, rather than being faced with scare-tactics that tell them to say "no" to services or "yes" to contracting-out to keep their money in their pocket.
107.	Yes. Please benchmark Toronto against the best global cities in the world. PriceWaterhouseCoopers and the Partnership for New York City graded 26 metro areas on business opportunities, culture, livability, and innovation and Toronto came in at #2. Viewing Toronto through the lens of our global brothers and sisters will tell us where we are doing well (environmental, green, sustainability) and were we can improve (transit). We should also not be afraid to talk with other cities about how they deliver programs and address the costs of doing so. Engaging globally will inspire us and give us targets to shoot for. Also, don't be afraid to tap the private sector for expertise in particular areas (marketing; engineering etc) through advisory bodies or councils.
108.	The city is expanding and needs improved services just to meet our current needs. It would be better to be forward thinking and plan for future needs rather than just barely meet what we have now. We need to improve our streets and make them complete so that they include efficient and accessible transit, bike lanes and pedestrian areas and we need to decrease on our environmental impact and continue to support communities and businesses in finding ways to be greener. We need a vision of a progressive Toronto where all people would be proud to live, work and play and we all need to work towards that vision together.
109.	Environmental sustainability and investment in transit will pay for themselves many times over. Penny-pinching will cost us more down the road.
110.	environment, equal opportunity for all Torontonians, quality jobs

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111.	The level of taxation in this city is on par or under that of many other major cities. I see no need to reduce taxes if that means key services will be affected. / / Please do not only consider the bottom line of cost when making decisions about services. The most important aspects of service delivery to me are quality and public accountability/transparency. When making decisions about moves to privatization, council should be operating under the assumption that private service providers are always secondarily concerned with transparency/environmental impact etc, over profit. Council must be rigorous in their assessment of private bidders' policy and must be able to ensure that provisions are in place for private service providers to be held accountable to the same levels of scrutiny as public bodies. /
112.	Please view transportation as a whole and come up with an integrated sustainable vision that will lead us responsibly into the next century.
113.	Please keep the needs of the environment at the forefront of decision making! I want Toronto to be a fantastic city and I am willing to invest in it!
114.	Please don't let the 'bottom-line' business approach be your only decision-making factor for maintaining the services of a fantastic city like Toronto. Quality of life, environmental health and fair access to services must come at a cost--just make it a fair cost and we'll all be happy!
115.	/ Clean transit / / Reducing the gap between the rich and the poor / / Holding big business accountable for pollution and actions that harm the environment. Households cannot "save the environment" by switching to energy star appliances and efficient light bulbs. Comparatively, the industrial sector does much more damage. It is the arena where steps toward protecting our environment desperately need to be taken, and soon. / / Keeping water services within jurisdiction of the city. Water is of paramount importance for every single citizen's basic health. Please remove water privatization from the table, it should not even be up for consideration.
116.	For environmental and health reasons, the city needs to look creatively at funding and at planning and partnership opportunities to make local, healthy food available to all citizens-- through creative urban farming, linkages with small organic farms in the GTA. Programmes such as LiveGreen are helpful in facilitating and promoting these opportunities, as are linkages with NGOs such as Evergreen.
117.	Toronto is one of the biggest cities....it does not have enough art support....ttc is overly expensive....housing costs and services are through the roof....it does not even have access for those who can't afford to see simple things like the museum....every country has a major city museum with one free night or day for those that can't afford it....we don't even have that. You have over paid city employees doing the bare minimal in work while the tax payers foot the bill.

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118.	Community matters: the vulnerable must not be left to look out for themselves. Our community has a visible growing gap between the rich and the poor which risks undermining it. Given that socio-economic factors determine health, safety, and security from crime, the city's social justice role only makes sense. Given that cities are where most Canadians live, they are where there will be success or failure to make critical changes to reduce carbon emissions and avoid catastrophic climate change consequences. A fair, green, integrated community will attract more investment, leaders, and creativity. The car and cut-backs mentality, at any cost to sustainability and community will undermine Toronto's success as a city.
119.	Consider sustainability, from an environmental, social and economic perspective in making all decisions. Look down the road, not just AT the road.
120.	Need more environmental education and community outreach to support the health of Torontonians
121.	Consider the resident and provide cost effective services / Provide affordable homes that is in a community based environment / Provide free community centres and school gym for the youth to spend time in meaningful activity (baseball, volleyball, soccer, etc)
122.	Include alternative models of living, such as how a business or building can contribute to the overall welfare of the local community. It's interesting how the cooperative building I live in involves and includes its residents into feeling proud of the space, by creating committees to oversee the running of the business, as well as creating green-roofs to improve the health of the city. / If there are ways to encourage developers in creating housing that replenishes the infrastructure versus drawing on and draining it.
123.	Think long term, plan for equity and sustainability, making our city a good home for all residents benefits everyone. / / This survey offers dichotomies: maintain quality, or lower costs. Invest and improve, or reduce costs. High quality, or cost less. But the general public is not well informed about the needs of the stated departments. If they need improvement, then improve and invest. If they are already working well, then it's time to consider how to maintain service and cut costs. Perhaps improving the service will involve reorganization, which necessitates a reallocation of funds, which could also reduce costs. Running a city is complex, and this survey reduces such operations to simplistic and restricted options. Similarly for public-private issues. I had to choose 'public' for every option because my choice was not presented and of the four, I prefer that option. When implementing a service I want a considered balance between quality and cost, which are not mutually exclusive (and should preferably both exist). I do not want an ideological stance for or against public/private work. I also want workers' conditions to be taken into account, as well as long term city planning issues such as future user prices, legal and monopoly issues, economic and environmental sustainability, and city growth projections.

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124.	Making sure that all services are provided by a government body who is accountable to its citizens is absolutely crucial. Contracting out services is not a blanket solution to cutting costs - sometimes it raises costs, usually not on the books of the elected official who moved to privatize. Good governing means taking a sophisticated approach to revenue that does not over-simplify and ignore viable alternatives that do not fall on the backs of citizens. This municipal government should provide services for its citizens, especially those most in need. They should also support programs (such as environmental programs) that benefit the health, safety and accessibility of this city. Decisions about services should be guided by the needs and concerns of citizens (very different from customers, by the way), not short-sighted, school-yard politics.
125.	Public transit will always be a loss but it's a fact of running a modern city. what other city in the world makes money on their transit, non! So keep on building the vital infrastructure we need before business and our environment come to a stand still.
126.	Consider the need of vulnerable people, poverty, environment. Make sure services are not cut and that everyone can access those services.
127.	Developing a vision takes guts. We have to ask ourselves what kind of city we want Toronto to be in 20 years. For me, a divide and conquer strategy that pits residents against one another simply promotes division and discord and fails to take into account the complex needs of humans and ignores the very real challenges to our climate, economy and infrastructure that the next few decades will bring.
128.	YES. Please base decisions on research-based information rather than political ideology. So much of what this current city government is doing is counter-productive and not based on information that is well publicized and totally available. For example, climate change is absolutely certainly proven to be caused by the activities of humanity, and to be a major threat to the planet - to humans and all other life. Yet this city government objects to "the war on cars" and , to my knowledge is doing nothing to prevent climate change - except what Mayor Miller put in place. I think this is criminal, as it is within the realm of all governments to do what they can to protect their populations from harm. (Thousands die prematurely every year because of smog, and still that is nothing compared to the devastation we face because of climate change).
129.	provide services to those trying to better themselves, the city and our environment.
130.	Think big and think about the future - a more just and more environmentally sustainable future. Decisions and investments we make today determine our course for decades and decades to come.

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131.	Use communications to encourage cycling. Less road damage, less pollution. Long-term thinking means looking at more sustainable, eco-friendly, and cheaper ways of living. If more people cycled and scootered, there would be a lot less congestion downtown. The city should put more effort into new age living styles. Europe figured it out a long time ago and we should have followed suit a lot earlier. / / The City doesn't need to contract out, they just need to hire better, more motivated individuals. Government workers are known to be slackers/lazy because people sit on the same job for years. Working with staff and promoting their development will reduce stagnant, unmotivated staff. Invest in your workforce. And have more people on contracts and non-unionized to keep them on their toes.
132.	Always keep the future and well-being of the citizens in mind, not quick financial gain. Think sustainability.
133.	Many decisions such as selling utilities or public assets cannot be easily reversed and only provide a one-time cost saving. These are not sustainable solutions for budget challenges. Please also remember that the City of Toronto is not a business which has the goal of making a profit. The purpose of City spending is to invest in the services that make the city livable and attractive and acts as a catalyst for other investment.
134.	Keep environmental services and programs. It's important when moving forward.
135.	Compared to other municipalities in Ontario, the City of Toronto has relatively low property tax rates. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SERVICE CUTS. Our property taxes are certainly sustainable at their current levels + increases for inflation to maintain current services levels, and could even stand to be raised in order to improve services.
136.	City council needs to generate additional revenue by taxing behaviour which negatively impacts Toronto and its environment. / That means generating extra revenue by raising the taxes and fees associated with garbage (not recycling), excessive driving, and excessive electricity use, among others.
137.	Have staff take a look at full cost recovery, environmental costing and subsidies in all services -- especially motorists who create unsafe streets, foul the air, drive up policing costs. Make them pay full cost through road pricing and parking fees.
138.	Eliminate all funding for the David Miller "Global Warming" & "Climate Change" programs. Privatize all cleaning and maintenance functions, get out of the theatre business,, privatize and allow competition in the public transit service providers.
139.	I would like the city to truly consider the long term impact of the 5-to-10 year impact of their decision. I fear that knee-jerk responses to the current economic climate have clouded the judgement of many and have forced them to think of short-term savings at the sacrifice of the safety and prosperity of the future. For example, the cancellation of the \$60 vehicle registration tax (which averages to be the cost of ONE tank of gas for an SUV) has resulted in many shortfalls for the city.
140.	Quality of life, and the triple-bottom line (monetary, environmental, social). Focus on any one of these at the expense of the other at your peril.
141.	Maintain and enhance environmental programs.

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142.	It is important to realize that Toronto is a world-class city and that being in the black should not mean that we forget the things that draw people to Toronto or make it good to live here. We need to be a leader in environmental issues. We need to preserve our heritage and heritage buildings (as that is what makes Toronto different from every other city in North America). We need to slow down on the number of condos going up as we don't have the infrastructure in place to service these buildings (especially down by the water). We need to put a toll on the DVP or the Gardiner to help pay for road maintenance. We need to make sure that those with lower incomes have access to the things that make life worth living like parks and community centres. We need to create services that would fast-track immigrant professionals into workforce. We need to have more and cheaper cabs on the road so that people will be more willing to leave their commuter cars at home. We need to make sure that we have the processes in place to draw world class performers and events to the city by allowing more outside sponsorship. We have to make sure that we give people a reason to visit and people a reason to stay.
143.	Please keep in mind that homeowners also use transit and care about the environment.
144.	Making our city more pedestrian and bicycle friendly is the more sustainable approach to development.
145.	Who benefits from the service. / How a service will impact the environment. /
146.	Please consider developing a long-term strategic plan with the goal of providing sustainable services that take into account the needs of the most vulnerable citizens.
147.	1) Research on what can increase street safety in the future / 2) Anything related to sports, recreation, environment and transportation is highest priority / 3) Redevelopment of waterfront should keep in mind accessibility for recreational purposes and all existing recreation facilities should be saved (clubs, beaches etc)
148.	Again, don't trade away environmental protection and stewardship, public health or public transit for a few tax cuts. Start looking at increasing user fees or taxing those who contribute to the degradation of our cities: i.e. highly polluting industries, drivers of SUVs and excessively gas guzzling vehicles, real estate developers, etc. / Seriously think about the type of city YOU, as city councillors but also as parents and residents, want to inhabit and then look around the world to find those cities that are actually like that. They do exist and they are not pipedreams. Let's learn from the best cities around the world. / /

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149.	We pay taxes to collectively pool our resources so necessary services can be adequately funded, managed, and maintained. Privatization is not the answer for any of our services. We need higher taxes for corporations and businesses that can afford it (i.e. not small businesses). All drivers should pay more to combat environmental concerns and road damage. Cars should also be taxed based on their emissions and size to adequately respond with environmental services to compensate emissions, as well as road repair for larger vehicles that are rougher on our roads. The city is broke because we overtax home owners while refusing to make corporations and private enterprises pay the price to operate in our amazing city. A city is defined by the people who live here, and the Toronto must remember THE CITY IS NOT A BUSINESS! Services should by no means be cut. I will gladly pay more taxes to ensure these services are here to stay, and I hope the city forces businesses to pay more as well, since increasing property taxes means less money to spend at shops and businesses, so if they help carry the burden, they will see a return. I'd rather see our politicians lose their inflated salaries than lose any public service.
150.	More surveys like these... expand your target market. / (I got to it from an email from the Toronto Environmental Alliance) otherwise, I would've never known.
151.	long term growth and development, sustainability, social responsibility, Return on Investment
152.	Community input. Also, I believe that the city is the best provider of services in the city. I have lived in cities where private contractors have provided services and it has resulted in corruption, shoddier services and a race to the bottom in wages for the workers. The city can set an example to the rest of the world by maintaining strict environmental standards and taxing those that contribute to pollution.
153.	Consideration on issues should not just be about economics. Government is looked to for providing leadership on environmental sustainability issues.
154.	It's important that services for the homeless and disadvantaged are not jeopardized. We live in a prosperous city and I don't want our City to neglect the most vulnerable. Environmental programs are essential for the future. Arts and culture make Toronto a wonderful place to live and attract tourists.
155.	Arts funding is money that stays in the community (i.e. the money given to local artists is spent within the local economy). / / Care for the environment benefits us all.
156.	the environment and future economic well-being

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157.	<p>The city needs to look after the needs of its citizens regarding housing, public health, transit, emergency services, infrastructure, water etc. in a manner that is accountable to its citizens and where they can vote out of power any councillors/mayors who are not looking after their best interests. Services that make money should have the profits put back into maintaining the services that do not and never will. People who can afford to are willing to pay their taxes for these services with the understanding that they improve the lives and safety of everyone in the present and have for themselves/family in the past and will do so in the future. People also use different services at different times in their lives. If you charge user fees for services to people that have no money you are denying them a public right. If you allow people to pay their taxes only for those services that they personally are currently using you are creating a society of great inequality and denying a public trust. I do not have children but believe that I have an obligation to support family and children's services. I don't have a car but will support roads if transit is also supported by those who do not use it etc. / / I also do not see that it serves anyone to put thousands of public sector workers out of a job or working as low paid contract workers for companies that will end up charging whatever they can get away with once they have the contract and have dismantled the public sector infrastructure. / / If however you are going to insist on contracting out some services, they should be where where quality, fairness of application, security of information or an ability for prejudicial treatment would not be an issue e.g. parking tickets and lots. They would also be those services where profits could be made or no one would want to take it on. Most of the services for low income people, emergency/fire/police/environmental services/infrastructure/libraries do not fit into this category so this survey is not a useful indicator of what and how the city should be doing. / / / There are some services that could be contracted out where quality, fairness of application, security of information or an ability for prejudicial treatment would not be an issue e.g. parking tickets and lots. They would also be those services where profits could be made or no one would want to take it on. Most of the services for low income people, emergency/fire/police/environmental services/infrastructure/libraries do not fit into this category so this survey is not a useful indicator of what and how the city should be doing. /</p>
158.	<p>Please do not contract out any service that is essential to the city. While public servants can be held accountable for the quality of the service they provide, it will be much harder to do the same with a private corporation locked into a contract. Furthermore, the city needs to focus most on maintaining the quality of essential services that people depend on. Cost-cutting will backfire in the long run when everyone's quality of life diminishes and the city as a whole will suffer. Cutting costs for its own sake is a short-sighted and misguided mandate. There are definitely places where the fat can be trimmed but do not cut away at the essential fibre of the city as well. These essentials include services that protect and shelter our most vulnerable and ones that are forward thinking about the environment.</p>

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159.	Yes. I'm very opposed to zoos and I think Toronto should consider closing its zoo and create some sort of virtual zoo. New technology would allow this. / / Also, why doesn't the city hire homeless people to clean up the streets? Or have them work for room and board. These people have nothing to do and it would do the city a favour to have them work, feel good about themselves, and have a clean city. / / I would also like to see an improvement in environmental services, mostly in the area of solar panels for heating. Retrain the people who work for Hydro and have them take care of the solar power industry.
160.	Community engagement and environmental responsibility. Build trust with communities for cooperative exchange.
161.	I'd like the city to consider the quality of life in the city - in particular the environmental quality, including air and water quality.
162.	I believe the City should have an overall statement of goals or policy. Perhaps this exists already? / / As Canada's 6th largest government, our overall goal should be to improve the social and environmental health of our city for future generations. / First of all, our government should be democratic, in other words major decisions should be made or approved by our elected council, not by appointed committees. Any changes to our electoral process should be made by public referendum to protect this structure. / Next, we need to protect the social health of our city for future generations. As the gap between rich and poor increases, this threatens the social health and security of our city and it becomes more costly and a less friendly place to live. Social programs and issues like wide public transport are critical to this health and security. / We need to protect the environmental health as well. Parks, clean air, efficient recreational services are critical to this. / Last, we need to avoid irreversible decisions that take resources out of public hands, such as the 407. The private sector may be an excellent means of delivering public services, but the overall control and ownership of these resources should not be reduced. /
163.	We need a Toronto that works for all sectors of the society, all income groups. Care for animals, care for those impoverished are priorities. Access to information from our libraries is important for reducing barriers to all. Green spaces are very important. Environmental matters are a priority.
164.	I think it is important to support a strong public sector with good pay and labour practices. If we privatise City services, I am concerned that the private supplier's goal of profit before human rights and environmental stewardship, will jeopardise the overall liveability of our city as well as the quality of service.
165.	Respect the environment at all costs.

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166.	Yes. Don't be short sighted and small thinking. Toronto is much more than the basic services such as roads, sewers, police, etc / Have some vision about creating a vibrant, liveable, inclusive city--and this will mean investment in--not cuts to-- the "softer" services such as arts, libraries, parks,, public space, good architecture, the environment, childcare, services and support for vulnerable people / Improve public waterfront access and facilities / And very very important important invest in and significantly expand public transit--not just subways and buses-- but light rail with right of ways that take them out of traffic. The suburbs should have and need excellent transit options-- and planning for and providing these should take precedence over continuing support of the car culture. A huge effort has to be made to get people out of their cars and to give them real options for doing so
167.	Running a city is not just a cost issue. If the fabric is not maintained future costs become heavier and the environment poorer. We had a tax freeze under Lastman and things really went downhill-- it cost more in the long run.
168.	The city needs a longer-term plan than simply how to fix a budget shortfall next year. Without a vision for the city, we'll fall further behind municipalities that are demonstrably better environments to live in (e.g. Chicago), and that will hurt Toronto's future.
169.	reward behaviours that help the environment / provide services for children to support positive behaviour and deter criminal behaviour / support poor families, plant more trees, retrofit old buildings, Jane Finch area is a disgrace - we can do better.
170.	Overall health, in particular from smog and car accidents (leading cause for death and long-term health problems for children). / Increase options to play outside by, e.g., allowing street hockey, giving pedestrians right of way in residential areas.
171.	social justice and inclusion, equity, workers' rights, our shared environment
172.	As previously stated, it would be wise to consider reallocating funds from certain programs rather than stopping at raising taxes and increasing user fees. Also, the privatisation of certain public services could be useful for some of the less crucial ones, but water, sewage, health care and community services must absolutely stay in the hands of the City. We did not elect businesses to run our programs, and though they would be answerable to the City, they are profit-driven and exist in a competitive environment, which will drive them to find ways to cut costs sometimes at the detriment of quality.
173.	If services are to be contracted out are the employees of the contracted service being paid sustainable wages and benefits?
174.	We need to continue investing in the environment and education. They are the keys to a successful future.
175.	Do not make cheap decisions that will impact our city for decades to come. To draw money into the city we need world class services, design and construction. Decisions also need to be made that support environmentally sustainable processes.

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176.	Funding for the arts is extremely important, especially in times of economic hardship. Art is cathartic and can change the way people think about things - it is not just idle entertainment. / Also, remember the environment! OXFAM has said that in 20 years the price of food will have doubled because of global warming, among other factors. We can do something about it now, rather than leaving it to the future. /
177.	Our environment is very important. Please don't cut back on funding that will help us clean our water, air or land. In general, Toronto has a lot of smog (we could use some more trees to clean that air!) and the lake water is not clean enough to swim in. I think we could increase tourism if we could offer swimming, boating etc. in water that is CLEAN... Let's invest and make harbourfront more beautiful! / / I'd also like to see more security with TTC. There are people who get on there that scare me sometimes...
178.	The declining environment and increasing effects of Climate Change need to be taken more seriously. It is time for the city to step up and really try to lead the way in green living. The best way to do that is for our public figure head, Mr. Rob Ford, to acknowledge, publicly, the importance of the environment, instead of campaigning about 'stopping the war on cars'. There is no such war, it's just citizens trying to live healthier and more green and yet Mr. Ford pegs it as unnecessary, successfully implementing the concept of 'if he doesn't, why should I?'. We need to stop the war on the environment. The biggest issue we face in the future is the well being of the planet. This can no longer be ignored. The environment should be the number one priority. If you focus on that, the economy will follow. Implement as many green services as possible and get rid of the ones that only focus on one group of people or cause the planet more harm. I would like to be proud of my city and if we showed our care and love for our planet in a more positive, non-questionable way, my respect for it's leaders and occupants would greatly increase.
179.	energy efficiency, public transit and urban forests & agriculture are key to coping with a future (i.e. within 100 years) of unconstrained climate change and resource depletion
180.	The most important thing in our city is the air we breathe. Any steps or programs to reduce smog: encourage people to walk or ride safely or work closer to home will be a boon to everyone but especially to the children of our city. I want my daughter to live in a safe, clean city, not one that is going to bump her chances of developing many chronic diseases.
181.	Long term impact on people and the environment
182.	by investing in children, public transit, the environment and arts and culture we create a city in which want to live, grow and raise their families. These factors then contribute to what businesses chose to operate out of our city, increasing our property tax base. We owe it to ourselves to create a dynamic, engaging, cutting edge city in order to grow into the the future.

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183.	We need a clear vision of what city we want to have in 2015, 2020 etc. And having such goal, we can plan for it by RAISING TAXES I making sure that all Torontonians can fully benefit from living in "livable"(!) city. Some things (transportation, culture, arts, environment, housing) have to be expensive and focusing on cuts is only slowing down the progress. / Police budget has to be lowered significantly - it's simply unacceptable the proportions between the police expense and other obligations paid by the city. If we invest in safer communities where youth can be motivated, educated, and employed, we will not need to spend so much on police, but to see that the long-term goals and vision have to be established and worked towards.
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187.	Decide with the long-term vision and good of the city in mind, not the knee-jerk, tax-cutting, deficit-reducing, gravy-train-halting populist climate we currently live in.
188.	What is the "brand" you want to be known for.? Where can you take a lead as a city? (e.g. environmental practices? quality of education available?)
189.	Less big business/rich people interests. More average citizen/lower income issues. Sustainable, fairly paid jobs with benefits for city workers. Stop wasting our money on get rich programs for the already rich. / / Also, MAYBE hold information meetings in POORER, working class neighbourhoods - and not just strategically placed where you can get the response you are looking for.
190.	I hope that the long-term benefits of programs and services is always considered throughout the planning process. Most importantly, I hope that the impact of innovative choices is respected. For example, healthy, happy, well cared for children who can grow up in a clean and smog free environment will have a massive impact on our city's ability to thrive. Paying an extra \$75.00 per year in property taxes should never be prioritized, given the long-term positive outcome of well used tax dollars.

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191.	Please look to the cities of Scandinavia and mainland Europe. Some of them are clean, efficient, energy conserving, community driven cities that make people want to live there. Transportation, public health and safety and environmental awareness such as renewable technologies should be the focus of our city.
192.	Do not cut services to the individuals who cannot afford them. / Why do you think the youth are resorting to gangs, drugs and violence? It is because the rich are getting richer while the poor are getting nothing. / Please provide a supportive environment where people are nurtured and cared for.
193.	Investing in Toronto is important for it's future / Cutting services will lead to less growth and desire to live in Toronto, / services for New Canadians / Compassion for Toronto's most vulnerable citizens / Leadership and creativity on new ways to solve urban issues / Engaging youth in all aspects / Listening to community lead initiatives / Increasing environmental programs / Increasing support for artists and cultural investments / Integrating public transit throughout GTA
194.	Of course, the economy is important right now, as we are still recovering from the recession; however, we have to consider programs that benefit the city's environment. This will ensure a higher quality of life and more people will want to live in Toronto.
195.	Safe injection sites save lives. Your current war on graffiti is hurting local businesses and accomplishing nothing except wasting money. Funding for cultural festivals (including Pride) boosts the local economy. Green jobs are a key part of our economic future. Arts funding promotes community engagement and civic pride, which is critical to a healthy future. Environmental initiatives are key investment priorities. Subways are too expensive and only make sense when there is sufficient projected ridership; Mayor Ford's transit plan is profoundly misguided. Outsourcing service delivery is fine in many situations, but only when we maintain quality, and that requires that we maintain a sufficiently robust public service to monitor the quality of service delivery.
196.	There is a serious lack of out-of-school programs in the greater city of Toronto. The marginalization that is happening is negatively affecting not only individual communities but that greater success and capacity of the city . / A report was conducted by Middle Childhood Matters Coalition: An Inventory of Full-Week After-School Programs for Children 6-12 in Toronto provides a baseline measure of the type, location, number of children that can be accommodated, and number of full-week after-school programs that are available across Toronto. Working with city staff, coalition members and community advocates, we identified organizations that operate full-week after-school programs for 6 to 12 year olds in Toronto. These programs accommodate just 9.5% of children 6-12 in Toronto. The further one travels from the city centre the more difficult it becomes to find quality child care. In the seven neighbourhoods with the largest number of 6-12 year olds (where 15% of Toronto's middle years children live), programs can only accommodate 5% of local children. / The middle childhood years are an important developmental period for

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	<p>children, and quality child care programs can have a significant impact on children during these years. Spending time after school unsupervised leaves children facing increased risks for academic difficulties, delinquency, injury, physical and sexual assault. The Roots of Youth Violence report by Roy McMurtry and Alvin Curling noted: “Given the relationship between undiagnosed literacy problems and behavioural problems later in life, including incarceration in many cases, effective early learning programs can play an enormous identification and prevention role.” / After school programs benefit children and provide positive learning environments as well as supervision. Children who participate in after school programs are more self-confident, have better social skills, and are more likely to succeed academically. These programs, however, are in short supply for children aged 6 to 12. Further complicating the issue is a lack of affordable child care and after school care: more than 3000 middle years children are waiting for a child care subsidy in Toronto. A problem clearly exists in terms of the capacity and location of full-week after school programs in relation to where the greatest need exists for those programs. / While we realize that the current recession may seem to present barriers to funding these programs, a recent study by University of Toronto economists showed a 2:1 payback on public funding for developmentally enriched child care created from the increased taxes paid by working parents, coupled with reduced social service and compensatory education costs. In Quebec, over 40% of the public cost of the province’s early childhood program is covered by the tax revenues from mothers who otherwise would not be working if low-cost child care was not available. Investment in child care is cost-effective and benefits the public. The OECD recently urged Canada to increase funding for child care in part because of this issue. They have recommended that Canadian governments increase spending on out-of-school hours child care. Our research has led us believe that after school programs would provide long-term benefits to the economy, children, and families. / The Middle Childhood Matters Coalition urges the federal government to respond to these urgent needs and recommends: / / • The creation of a national child care strategy for all children 0-12 to ensure comprehensive access to quality, affordable early learning and child care services. The provision of national child care is essential to Canadian prosperity, a crucial support for children and parents and a common sense response in an era where every public dollar invested in quality early learning and child care programs returns \$2.54 in benefits to society. / / • Increased funding for early learning and child care programs for children 0-12 yrs. There has not been an adjustment in funding for inflation to municipalities in over fifteen years. That means every year we have less money to fund vital programs and qualified staff. Because of the lack of provincial funding, licensed child care is very expensive. Many parents pay \$40 to \$60 per day or \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year, per child for child care. The cost of child care is now more than most families can pay - fees cannot continue to rise. A lack of subsidies means many low income families can’t access high quality child care. We need a new funding model that does not rely on ever-increasing parent fees. / / •</p>

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	Increased numbers of quality programs for children 6 to 12 years of age and the provision of adequate resources in order to hire, train and maintain qualified, experienced staff to create a comprehensive and integrated network of services that includes early learning and care, education, child welfare, health, recreation, and family supports. / / To ensure that children 6-12 years of age, along with their families, have access to a wide range of high quality, developmentally and culturally appropriate services and supports in their communities, the above recommendations must be considered. Most importantly, parents, caregivers, agency stakeholders and the Middle Childhood Matters Coalition need to be at the decision making table. /
197.	we owe it to our future to give ourselves a green, clean, healthy, safe, culture-filled, supportive community environment
198.	Thanks for getting Torontonians' input, please know that most of us are not polarized on ideological grounds and we'd appreciate a similar, level headed from the Council. We do not want to screw over the most marginalized people amongst us, that's not fiscal conservatism to us. We want the govt to provide a basic social safety net to all, nothing more and nothing less. Please please please, go for the green, I'm telling you, people on all sides of the aisle will join you if you show with your actions that you are genuinely committed to ecological stewardship.
199.	Do not sacrifice services for money. Find money within the city council, wasted expenses etc. Services that are little used. Do not cut culture, art, environmental and public health programs.
200.	Be proactive about the environment, it is only going to get worse.
201.	Sustainability / Reducing the debt freezes up more money for investments / We need to think 25 years into the future and not in increments of 3 and 4 year election cycles
202.	Climate change adaptation and mitigation must be a priority for Council. Peak Oil planning must also be a priority for council. Council must actively consider the implications of rising global resource demand and costs for Toronto. Facing these issues head-on today will be much less costly than delaying for the future. / Council should actively consider best-practices from around the world, and engage in long-term planning to secure Toronto's place as a thriving, sustainable global city.
203.	Toronto should invest more money into programs like the BIA's and FIT program. These programs will increase reliance on solar and wind energy. We don't really invest much money into research and development, in comparison to other products.
204.	We need a vision for the City that doesn't focus on individual residents calling the Mayor but is instead about establishing Toronto as a world-class City through innovation, culture, environmental protection and transit. The current administration is focused on minor spending cuts that will provide no impact on our budget deficit rather than looking strategically at a multi-year plan for the City. If things don't change soon, we will quickly be on a road to ruin that we cannot stop.

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205.	<p>Cut back on private duty work by police officers, and overtime. We need them to be alert on their regular jobs at regular pay. / Don't let police demand bigger pay hikes than other essential workers. / Monitor construction workers - often there seem to be two guys standing around for every two who are clearly working. Make the supervisors justify how many workers they need for each job. / Ban idling by city vehicles: it's bad for the air and it costs us all too. / Encourage city planners to travel to European cities (especially Scandinavia and Germany) on their vacations to see how things are done there. We can learn smarter ways of doing things. Offer raises and promotions to city staff who come up with better ideas that save money. / Go solar (or other renewables) for energy on all city buildings, just as the school board is doing. / When building or renovating city buildings, install pipes and filters to use roof water or grey water (i.e. soapy water used in sinks and washing machines) for toilets, to reduce the use of good drinking water. / Sell rain barrels to homeowners at cost to encourage use of roof water for watering lawns and gardens. Or install them, with diverters, at a fair cost to the owners. / Money invested in services like libraries and community centres is essential to all neighbourhoods as it affects the health and intelligence of growing young people. / Extend efficient public transit to the NW and NE corners of the city, so people living there can get to work and back safely and in time to look after their kids at night. / The wealthy can pay plenty of property taxes. Those who live in homes that cost over \$1 million can afford it. / Insist on senior governments forking over gas taxes, to pay for street repairs. / Charge industries the full cost (treatment and disposal costs) of the water they use, so homeowners aren't subsidizing their water costs. / / /</p>
206.	<p>Consider how one department maintains the usability of others: / / Trees, and parks, environment, waste management and indeed culture will create good health, and lessen the need for security. Do these as long term interrelations. / / Safeguard the integrity of planning processes that have been established through participation and expertise. Use and maintain the level of human resources that the city has - these people have seen what occurs, but also must be up to date on what might occur - bring in others to assist them, do research. / / Who best can provide for street people, day care, and the aging - what government infrastructure can best 'see' what is going on, regulate and monitor these actions? Before cutting or changing go to the individuals best informed - public, Nonprofits, experts and those benefiting. / / Do not waste effort and money redoing projects that have already been planned if they can be salvaged at all. / / Do not put the weight of an economic failing on those that can ill afford to lose money or services. / /</p>
207.	<p>We can be a great city! It won't be hard to do if we use the creative minds that are already here in Toronto. / Let's cooperate with surrounding municipalities on issues like transit. / Let's decrease our dependence on polluting sources of energy, for example, and create a healthy environment.</p>

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208.	I don't mind paying more for quality service. However, I want accountability and response from my representatives. I want to ensure that issues that are important to me are within our jurisdiction. The environment, our water, fire and police.
209.	the environment and keeping up tree planting / /
210.	Councillors should think big - we should work together to build a better city, and that means we have to actually pay for things. We should invest in infrastructure, the environment, housing, daycare, parks, etc. I'm well paid. It would cost me more to have a municipal income tax. And homeowner or renter (and I've been both), property taxes cost me.. But that's fine. Let's have a beautiful city that we can be proud of and that will be something our children can be proud of, even in awe of. Let's not be petty, vindictive, mean spirited, and small minded.
211.	The current city council has a very dangerous short term and naive mindset. Toronto is not consistently ranked as one of the world's best cities based on the Rexdale-template of urban design. To maintain our position as a global city of choice for businesses and people, Toronto must address the long term problems we are facing - congestion, sprawl, the environment, growing inequality, etc - in an intelligent and rational manner. Our policy options need to be more nuanced than simply cutting property taxes (which are already the lowest in the GTA) and bringing in an NFL team. / / We live in a complicated, interconnected world; we need a city council that can keep Toronto on the right path and make the responsible policy decisions necessary to maintain our prosperity and quality of life.
212.	Bike lanes are critical to the safety of cyclists and reduce the frustration for drivers. My family has used all forms of transit - car, bus, subway, streetcar, go transit and bike in the past. All can be safe and economical, but by far cycling has a extremely positive impact to the environment and the health of the population. Please save the bike lanes, for a small cost they have amazing short and long term gain for our city and the world at large.
213.	City Council needs to stop Mayor Ford's small thinking and indefensible support for the car culture. His subway plan needs to be scrapped in favour of something that helps the whole City rather than feeding more riders onto the already over-populated Yonge line. They need to start listening to the experts instead of thinking that they know better than people who dedicate themselves to a specialty. If the experts say we need road tolls and congestion fees, then Council had better start listening. Not doing so puts our whole future in jeopardy, not only environmentally speaking, but economically. The current car culture is not sustainable. If Mayor Ford has a logical argument as to why this is not the case, I have yet to hear it. I doubt that it exists.
214.	Consider environmentally friendly and sustainable options over other choices. Try to consolidate economy with sustainability.

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215.	Evaluate duplication of services offered by the City. For example, why does Toronto Environment Office and the Environmental Protection Office of Public Health do environmental work. Services provided by the City need to be re-evaluated. City housing should be sold when it is located in particularly expensive areas and relocated to less expensive areas. The City would be able to provide more TEMPORARY housing this way. City housing should not be viewed as a permanent solution. As stated previously, EMS response to 9-1-1 calls also needs to be reassessed (multiple responders are not needed for calls of a minor nature).
216.	People, the environment and children in particular.
217.	Environmental sustainability beyond the borders of the city.
218.	Motor vehicles shouldn't be allowed down Queen Street between Shaw and Spadina on the weekends and weekdays during certain hours. Deliveries can be made outside of these times. It will provide a welcoming environment for tourists/cyclists/pedestrians.
219.	Keep investing in technologies that deliver sustainable, healthy communities and sound economic growth. Green energy, green building, living green infrastructure. / Invest in radically improving the energy efficiency of all city operations, and agencies, boards and commissions. We waste millions on energy unnecessarily.
220.	Maintain Toronto's current service levels and look for efficiencies so that service levels can increase, so that our City continues to be one of the best in the world to live, work, and grown in. This means providing funding for local communities and organizations through community development initiatives, supporting environmental improvements (clean water / water saving plans, tree planting, green spaces, and initiatives that encourage residences and businesses to adopt more environmentally friendly practices), helping those most in need in society (the homeless, unemployed, youth, elderly, ethno-racial minorities, new immigrants, etc) by providing direct services that will improve their education/ skill sets, employment opportunities and social ties to the City at large. Don't lose sight of the importance of investment in City infrastructure, parks, recreation, libraries, arts, and culture as a means of maintaining a healthy, clean, safe and vibrant community. Ensure that the City addresses the systemic issues that lead to crime, so that we support programs that prevent crime rather than those that merely enforce the law after crime has already occurred. To truly be efficient, you must think about the best ways to prevent future problems; an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

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221.	<p>If we increase density in the city all services will become cheaper per person. Suburban sprawl is forcing us to have to spread our money around a larger but less dense area. The downtown core should compete more for businesses to locate there instead of in less dense areas with lower taxes. By encouraging high density mixed use residential/commercial developments in the downtown core we will grow a more sustainable city in which people can both live and work. There should be programs and development enacted that would encourage people to leave the suburbs and live downtown. Better parks would encourage families to move downtown as would proximity to employment which would also mean parents spend less time commuting and more time with their families.</p>
222.	<p>Answering this questionnaire was a learning experience for me. I was astonished at the number / variety of services City Hall is supposedly providing at the present time. Is this why City Services have deteriorated so much over the last 7 or 8 years? Is City Hall trying to be all things to all people? The sad thing is that city services desperately needed by the people at large (like road maintenance, public transit, garbage collection) have become a joke, while City Hall bends over backward to invent new services it can provide to a select few (subsidized theatre, bicycle lanes and green roofs come to mind). / / I think it would be productive to think of city services not only in terms of what needs to be done by the city and what does not, but in terms of what services are not needed at all. Some services can and should be privatized and others need to be eliminated altogether. / / For example, in my view the city should provide water / garbage / paramedics (EMS) / police / public transportation / road maintenance. The city can contract out these services in some cases. I am strongly for contracting out garbage collection, and some security services currently provided by the police for instance. I think that allowing jitneys would be great as the TTC is a disgrace and competition would be a nice wake up call for TTC management/unionists. Just to be clear, by saying that a given service is needed and should be provided by the city, I do not mean that no cutting should be done. Actually, I see wastefulness everywhere I turn in this city. Why are road crews of 6-9 men seen everywhere when 3 would do the job nicely? Some repairs done two years ago by the city on my street were eye-opening. Nine workers were sent out by the city. At any given time, only one or two were working. Disgusting. And Miller wondered why we were so angry at his tax increases! / / Other services don't need to be done by the city at all and/or need to be pared down drastically. The TCHC has become a giant entity, totally out of control. It needs to be contracted out, and then reduced. Impoverished families and individuals should be able to rent apartments where they wish and private landlords can be paid by the city. We also have an overlong waiting lists of subsidized housing so lets put some rules in place as to how long any one tenant/family can remain in subsidized housing. Five years is long enough for people to better their circumstances. Then they get bounced out to make room for others. / / Draconian cuts are also needed at City Hall. There are far too many civil servants, doing precious little. The 311 service is a nice convenience but</p>

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	<p>not a necessity and I shudder to think of how much glorified phone clerks get paid. / / A couple more words: / Toronto Public Health needs to be uploaded to the province. The city can save a few dollars that way. / A layoff of at least 10% of our police force is in order. We are an aging society and violent crime is on the decline. Also, construction sites/road crews should hire private security staff, not police officers. Or put up pylons. / Environment is not a municipal issue properly speaking. It falls under the domain of the Federal government and should be treated as such. / Toronto's subsidies to the arts community have become a vile way for the establishment/civil servants to funnel taxpayer dollars to friends and relatives who pretend to be artists. Those rewarded with "grants" are nearly always frauds, not genuine working artists. I would like to see this practice discontinued. Real artists sink or swim on their own merit as we always have. / Citizens should not be subsidizing the living costs of Toronto Island residents. They should pay for their own ferries and their own police services. / It has become apparent that councillors need to be told what is and is not appropriate in the way of expenditures. I'm not pleased that 12 Toronto City Councillors are going to Halifax for the Federation of Municipalities conference. Frivolous expenditures should be disallowed. (They can still go, but on their own dime.) / / Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in this process.</p>
223.	<p>Please keep in mind that in order to have an educated and civilized society governments at all levels need to provide an environment that keeps its citizens safe and encourages growth. This means we need to have adequate levels of policing, fire and EMS services. We also need to have strong public libraries and good quality arts activities in order to encourage the people to better themselves and their communities. Libraries are a relatively inexpensive way to offer the public enriching programs and literary services for those that cannot afford it themselves. DO NOT cut these services for the sake of reducing the bottom line.</p>
224.	<p>Maintaining city control over all aspects of quality of life for city-dwellers (i.e. no privatization); focusing on improving and building sustainable infrastructure for the long-term (public transit, housing, health, green space); always prioritizing caring for the vulnerable.</p>
225.	<p>Sustainability and long-term planning must be taken into account.</p>
226.	<p>Cities across Canada should work closer together on how they can set-up nation wide programs for local sustainability.</p>
227.	<p>The first option should be better delivery either increasing quality (making the price more aligned with the product) or reducing cost (again to align with the product), the second option should be reducing the level of service to ensure sustainability. Privatization should be considered wherever a private sector alternative exists. To be fair to citizens, you have a duty to ensure the best deal, and the public sector unions should be a willing participant in competing to deliver these services on behalf of the people of Toronto.</p>

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228.	Wake up and put the environment/climate change on top of the agenda! You can't continue living once you have trouble breathing, find no decent water or food, or lose your house to environmental catastrophes like we are seeing every day in other parts of Canada and the rest of the world!
229.	Again, consider the differences between residents of 'Toronto proper' and GTA (but amalgamated) residents. Consider long term solutions such as transit improvement rather than short term solutions like road widening. Consider environmental impact with regards to each decision.
230.	To be a viable city of the 21st century we need to make significant improvements in social programs like food security and affordable housing, and in environmental issues like air quality, and in cultural, recreational and arts programs. Council should always preface any decision with "What would Jane Jacobs do?"
231.	We need to cut smog for the health of ALL.
232.	Please remember that a large number of Toronto's citizens care more about long-term goals of ecological sustainability, social justice, and vibrant arts and culture, than they care about a balanced budget. We need a liveable city that we can be proud of, not a city that marginalizes large numbers of its citizens, or drives around isolated in cars. We need a clean waterfront, better infrastructure in all neighbourhoods, more affordable housing and settlement services in the suburbs for newcomers (who do contribute positively to our economy!), and accessible and clean (green) public transportation.
233.	think about long term social and environmental costs over short term gains.
234.	consider how effective and sustainable service is before offering it to public or investing more resources in it
235.	Please actually LISTEN to us...it appears that our mayor and his inner circle want to give the impression of listening however we don't actually believe that for one minute you'll take opposing opinions into consideration. Start with the land transfer tax..keep it...we don't want our services cut - art, the environment, sport, community centres, libraries are all very important. It's not just about ending the "war on cars"...there SHOULD be a war on cars...cars are killing us.
236.	The city council should keep in mind that many Torontonians (especially children) are living in poverty. Therefore housing (subsidized), childcare and social assistance are all necessary services if we want to create an environment for the next generation of Torontonians. I would like to see more youth graduating from post-secondary and finding positions with the city of Toronto.
237.	Please consider the environmental impact of the choices that are made.
238.	Please keep in mind the LONG TERM health and sustainability (in terms of economy, environment, transportation), not just short-term goals.
239.	Toronto will only be a great city through investment, not through cuts. We need to invest in staff, infrastructure, transit, parks, urban forestry, environmental programs and the like in order to make Toronto a world leader and a great place to live. If that means property tax increases, so be it.

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240.	Aim for a high standard for environment-air, water, parks. The TTC needs more support from the city. Libraries in Toronto are well used and well managed. Heritage and culture should be valued more. Keep our history and culture alive. It's worth the investment.
241.	keep the quality of public safety and emergency services as the highest priority -- public safety includes a non-toxic environment.
242.	In my household if I can't balance the budget, I reduce cost, even if I have to cut a particular service. The city should do the same. Fire, police, EMS, water systems are important services they cannot be touched (perhaps cost reduced), but if I am at a budget constrained I should not be spending money on Environment issues, theatrical venues because we can't afford it!
243.	When making decisions for our city, please consider the present and future generations of Torontonians of all ages and of all cultural and economic backgrounds. We have to begin making sustainable and holistic decisions and stop ignoring the blaring problems associated with our current reliance on the automobile and on limited resources such as oil and lumber.
244.	Ensure that there is accessibility for the disabled. Be mindful of the environment. Take heed of how Toronto looks to the rest of the world.
245.	- I would rather have Scandinavian-style services than pay American-style taxes. / - Priorities should be investing in the future (for example creating a vibrant, sustainable city where everyone has equal opportunity) rather than a fire-sale, yard-sale me
246.	Those who own property can afford the taxes. Those who can't afford property also can't afford higher user fees for services like public transit and community services. The only user fees that ought to be levied are user fees for those who commute by car into the downtown core. Their property taxes don't cover the burden they put on the downtown - the road congestion, parking problems, their aggression towards cyclists, and the smog they create are problems they cause but don't suffer from.
247.	The environment should be of much more importance, good luck dealing with all these problems without an earth to live on. The plastic bag fee should not be scrapped and the five cent fee not tax should be going towards some environmental initiative. Have stores put out a donation box for environmental initiative the money will be going towards, and have customers drop the fee in the box if they want a plastic bag. Have city officials come pick up the money or have the stores send a cheque of the money collected at the end of the month or something.
248.	Sustainability is the most important issue for our city, and sustainability is an economic, social and environmental issue. Toronto is a great city. It is safe, diverse, exciting, and offers jobs. Please consider implementing long term urban development policies to maintain and improve these excellent features. Please don't sacrifice these great features in the name of maintaining low taxes (especially for rich people, whose wealth comes as much from the labour of the less wealthy as it comes from the rich themselves). We all benefit from an equitable society.

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249.	the environment is in important to all of our futures the city need to invest in green incentives/programs.
250.	I would like City council to make decisions based on long term planning not just short term gain. Looking at things like the environment and disease prevention strategies and early education for our children will decrease costs in the long term -- Think about the future.
251.	Long-term sustainability, transportation system that services the city properly and quickly, environmental programs
252.	When you support pedestrians, transit users and cyclists you are promoting a healthy environment and a healthy city. When you sacrifice this health in favour of the false freedom of car ownership, you are appealing to our basest instincts and most selfish natures. When you support the arts, sporting, beautification and tourism you make Toronto a magnet for visitors and investment. When you cut these services, you start a downward spiral that drags a city in to economic ruin.
253.	The biggest problem is the gap between rich and poor. This affects crime, health, transit, housing, parks, the environment, you name it.
254.	When evaluating services, look at interconnections and long-term sustainability. For example, good public transit improves peoples' lives by allowing more mobility, contributes to economic development, improves health by reducing air pollution and reduces climate change impacts.
255.	Control of CO2 and protection of the natural environment are not just motherhood goals but the foundation of a healthy, prosperous and sustainable city
256.	Prevention of social, environmental and economic problems will cost us less than fixing problems! Think to the future!
257.	maintain and improve clean air, clean environment, / keep and improve City run communities centres and libraries.. / maintain and improve water quality,
258.	cut the police and EMS budgets; lots of overtime and other gravy hidden there / / should undertake a thorough EMS review - why, for instance, are all 3 of police, fire/paramedics and ambulance dispatched to many 911 calls when 1 responder would have sufficed? / / make more use of police auxiliary instead of paying officers overtime / / improve (and never cut) services people use daily such as transit, libraries and swimming pools / / make better use of / allow residents to better access city assets - e.g., extend the swimming season for outdoor pools from Victoria Day to Thanksgiving / / consider climate change both reducing CO2 emissions and adaptation (e.g., larger storm sewer capacity and burying utility lines to decrease vulnerability to more severe weather events, more bike lanes)
259.	Think long-term. Very long-term. For example, if the environment is not a priority in the near future, it will impact us in the long range. If public recreation is not a consideration in the short term, it will impact our health costs and wellness in the long range. We are placed on one tiny spot along a continuum of time, and we have a responsibility to make decisions that are responsible and sustainable.

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260.	Community groups and centres are a vital part of our city and should not be de-funded unless there is proof that they are not providing good services to residents. Women's centres, mental health organizations, services for newcomers and organizations serving low-income areas of the city are integral! Also, eco-friendly/sustainability must be considered when making ALL decisions. Toronto is a green city and should remain that way.
261.	Cars are not good for the environment. Please increase TTC and bike lanes so that people have safe and healthy choices. Fair representation of all areas and communities needs to be looked at. We do not all demand the same things, nor are we all the same.
262.	Great services make great cities. A reliable and accessible public transit system benefits everyone, whether they use it or not and is consistently cited as one of the most important ingredients in creating a business friendly environment. Instead of asking how we can cut corners, we need to be asking how do we invest in our city to make it a place that is friendly to its residents, newcomers and business to encourage sustainable, long-term growth and investment that will assist in ensuring a balanced budget for years to come. / / The city needs to set the tone that taxation isn't about the city stealing your money for no good reason, it is a question of value for money. Businesses/people don't mind paying taxes if they feel like they are getting something for their money. The dialogue around services in Toronto needs to shift and start emphasising all the necessary and life-improving services the city provides at a much lower cost than if each citizen were to be individually responsible for procuring such services or managing the consequences of the lack of service (for example, an increase in property crime relating to fewer social services). People think they want lower taxes because that's what politicians tell them they want. I'm sure most people who properly understand how taxation works actually just want good value for the money they contribute. It's also about social responsibility and people accepting that living in a city means paying for services according to ability in order to deliver a healthy, livable community that meets the needs of everyone. / / Contracting out isn't the answer to all Toronto's problems. The city needs to recognize that most of the services it provides, it provides because it is not profitable. Garbage collection isn't about making money, it's about public health - that's why it is a city service. Most studies show that contracting services out actually costs more in the long term. Also, city jobs have typically been well-paid and secure positions - exactly the type of jobs we want our citizens to have. It benefits us all to have a skilled, well-paid workforce living in our city.
263.	Protect public services. Protect the environment. Do not build diesel fuelled trains-use electric trains. / Keep this city a just and healthy place for all of its occupants.

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264.	Cutting services to balance budgets is, as a general rule, short-sighted. Many of the services the City provides are essential to maintaining the City's economic and social vibrancy and ultimately what revenue it is able to generate through property taxes and user fees. The City does need to solve its revenue problems, but should seek a longer-term solution which can lay the fiscal foundation for the necessary investments in human capital and sustainability upon which a modern, thriving metropolis so heavily depends.
265.	Please make this a city which runs well, is safe, cares for its young, poor and most vulnerable. / I would also like to see the environment take on more importance. / Housing and transportation issues impact on everyone and especially those with limited options.
266.	I would like this city to remain liveable and interesting. City Council needs to think not of next year but what this city will be like in ten years if they make foolish cuts to environmental, cultural and recreational programs.
267.	High-quality civic services not only contribute to a better quality of life for Toronto residents, it also contributes to making the city attractive for industries and businesses, thus generating more revenues for the city leading to future economic sustainability,.
268.	Demand better work for pay received from certain groups. I witness maintenance work on parks, street cleaning and TTC repairs. Staff would be fired for slacking on the job, for lack of performance, shoddy performance, etc. in working in the private sector. If supervisors are among these workers, they are not in evidence and not doing their job. Management needs to be better trained to exercise discipline and should be able to enforce it. e.g. Summerhill subway roof repair or lack of it has neighbourhood disgusted.
269.	Once many City-provided services become contracted-out, it becomes difficult or impossible to return them to City-run status in the future. While contracting out services such as garbage pickup may be a short-term savings from a purely financial standpoint, it compromises the long-term viability of the City as a whole. While it can be especially difficult in political circles, we (as a City) must make short-term sacrifices (including the increase of property taxes and user fees, as appropriate) in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of our City.
270.	Long-term view about what will make this city economical and sustainable 25 years from now.
271.	Investing in childcare, education and the environment means investing in the future. The City Council should take this into consideration when making decisions about everything the City does.
272.	Toronto's municipal services are well regarded by its residents and by other cities around the world. Let's not let blatant ideology hack away at these services and innovative programs to the detriment of the City. Please continue to support arts & culture programming, environmental programs, etc - they may seem to be "soft services" but are critical to the future of the city.

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273.	Work at dismantling the current TCHC conglomerate. TCHC is full of words and policies but administration at best is very / evasive. TCHC is not a Housing Management Corporation. Units are purposely allowed to rot, 6 months to 1 year to repair, and only done after the tenant moves out. Why is there such a long wait list, when there are more than a dozen empty units for more than 6 months. Vacancies should not exist in this environment for more than 3 months. / / TCHC is an oppressive management.....City must be fully aware of this.
274.	A world-class city isn't one which only considers the bottom-line. A world-class city is one that has been invested in; one that supports the arts, heritage, the environment, good planning and most of all, invests in its people, most notably those that need help. / / I'm angered by the fact that the vehicle registration fee was thrown out and the garbage strike surplus has already been drained. I'm sick of those in constant search of the bottom line. I don't live in Toronto because it's cheap and I don't have to pay a lot of taxes. I live in Toronto for the art, culture, public transit, etc. However, I don't want my city to become further degraded by Rob Ford's leadership. I want to pay taxes, I want to see public/private partnerships and I want great services! /
275.	Please consider the environment and contingency planning in the event of a natural disaster or other type of catastrophic event.
276.	City Council should look to cities that have comprehensive and accessible transit plans, environmental standards and public space advocates. We are a young city compared to European cities, but even when you look at Vancouver you can see an even-younger city that has a much more forward-looking outlook. They have public transit and bicycle infrastructure that we should be aiming for.
277.	Have a vision ,recognize global change, climate change, demographic change, plan for our grand children
278.	Healthcare services--In hospitals, patients should be able to stay until recovery instead of being moved around from floor to floor to a different room. This causes more stress to patient and their environment. Parents needing caregivers can be and is provided by their children in their home but don't get an amount \$ to handle expenses. They only pay caregivers coming from outside the home like CCAC and others who do get paid for it--not fair. Yes, it is our duty to look after our parents as caregiver but it has its costs so please look into this, please.
279.	Making services like the TTC renders it such that when there are labour disputes, they go to mandatory mediation/arbitration. Arbitrators aren't allowed to take into account the economic climate at the time. Instead, they look at the pattern of raises in previous contracts. As such, essential services are nearly guaranteed to receive perpetual raises. So, while it might look like a good idea to make the TTC (for example) an essential service, this would guarantee that TTC employees will get regular raises and the price of this service will continue to balloon.

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280.	city council needs to plan long term for Toronto. We can't afford to work in 5 year mandates. A course of action needs to be charted, voted on by referendum, then made into law so that in 20 years the city's services are able to accommodate the city's population. We need more subway lines, in a grid pattern that extends across and to the areas with the highest population. it will be expensive in the short term, but will save the city in road repair and environmental damage when a generation of Torontonians prefers to take the TTC than to drive. Right now, Toronto transit is sub par compare to any major city internationally, and nationally including Montreal's STCUM and BC Transit. More subways also means less buses, a huge savings is human resource expenditures.
281.	Please consider the environment in your decisions.

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