

Topic: Paying for City Services

This document contains public input on paying for City services, including sources of revenue and investments or decreases in the budget. 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.

Responses:

- [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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	Paying for City Services: Important Issues
1.	Not enough funding from provincial/federal governments
2.	cost of garbage
3.	budget cut
4.	Cut waste in Programmes
5.	You can cut a major part from the budget by cutting from the police budget the Toronto police now make too much money and are getting out of control they need a haircut
6.	Being part of the maintenance. with the other 2 levels of government, of a healthy and vital arts sector
7.	Land transfer tax
8.	High User Fees
9.	Cut spending - cut welfare payments
10.	Balancing commitment to equitable access with need to raise funds through user fees
11.	Limiting tax increase
12.	Too little funding from higher levels of government
13.	Taxes- no new taxes and need to keep existing taxes and user fees fair and affordable

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14.	land transfer tax / property tax
15.	Too High Property Tax
16.	High taxes and fees
17.	no fees for children's programs
18.	Maintaining services to increase citizens' quality of life
19.	Toronto Land Transfer Tax
20.	mayor cutting income so that services can be cut
21.	Policing costs downloaded to city from Provincial/Federal Gov
22.	Impacts of select provincial/federal programs
23.	Land Transfer Tax
24.	the horrendous increase of privatization
25.	Protection and increase of green space
26.	services should not be cut much in a world class city.
27.	increase in police budget
28.	Police salary increase
29.	social programs - do not cut
30.	Funding from Province and Federal Governments
31.	keeping fees and taxes as low as possible
32.	Scrapping the land transfer tax
33.	under-funding by the province
34.	cut to services
35.	tax/fee increase
36.	Unfair treatment by other levels of government
37.	Cut the nonsense & save resources star from the elected Mayor & Councillors
38.	Tax increase
39.	Feeding hungry children, increase child welfare
40.	Mayor Ford's cut to City revenue
41.	escalating taxes/user fees
42.	wasteful spending, e.g.: police bonuses, consulting fees to analyze budget
43.	Federal and Provincial Underfunding
44.	Need to invest in Waterfront Toronto
45.	user fees
46.	cut excessive arts funding
47.	user fees and higher taxes
48.	Increasing fees of EVERYTHING
49.	Increase efficiencies by reducing wasted spending (duplication of tasks, overstaffing, purchase process management)
50.	Property tax breaks should not be given to religious organizations
51.	Too Much Government At the Municipal, Provincial, and Federal Levels
52.	Too much money leaving the city to the Federal and Provincial coffers in the form of income and sales taxes

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53.	increased property tax
54.	a reasonable budget that does not cut just to cut or not raise rates when they are necessary
55.	A Myopic Focus On Tactical, Immediate Cost-Cutting Instead Of Broad Consultation With All Levels Of Citizenry & Levels of Government To Develop Long-Term, Strategic Plans For The Future Of Toronto
56.	devolving power and taxes from province
57.	increase of utilities bill (water...)
58.	Charge a toll for commuters entering Toronto, Mon to Sat. London U.K. charges a toll for cars entering downtown London.
59.	Bring back the \$65.00 road tax on cars. It is a once a year fee.
60.	cut back of existing services
61.	money , old infrastructure, downloading from ont
62.	Cut-backs on essential services
63.	Increase Social Services Funding
64.	User fees.
65.	Provincial downloading: income redistribution programs like welfare, child care and public housing should not be funded by property taxes.
66.	library service cut
67.	raising public transportation fare
68.	increase in income disparity
69.	Taxes and user fees for non-discretionary services are too high
70.	Fabricated fiscal crisis; there is no need to cut services
71.	Property taxes and user fees in Toronto are too low.
72.	provide funding for the continuation of the swimming pools in our public schools
73.	to many usage fees
74.	need to increase arts funding
75.	high property tax
76.	high land transfer tax
77.	Cuts to services, increased user fees, etc.
78.	Housing issues (including increase cost of rentals and bed bugs)
79.	The city needs to invest more in urban planning and architecture
80.	Increase funding for public transportation
81.	ensure social services are maintained at current level or increase
82.	multi residential property tax rates
83.	property tax inconsistencies
84.	funding from fed and prov
85.	Have non-residents sharing the costs by installing electronic toll booths at the city limits
86.	tuition fee increases
87.	cut funding for women's society
88.	insufficient financial support from provincial and federal governments

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89.	Social Services - Downloading
90.	Downloaded - Provincial costs
91.	service fees for recreational programs
92.	More communication with the general public before services are cut by city hall
93.	Property tax getting too high
94.	Huge Impending tax increase due to mayoral refusal to implement small increase
95.	Property Tax
96.	Cut backs and limited spaces in childcare
97.	New funding formula with the province
98.	ttc service cuts even though fare is still rising
99.	increase level of pollution -air, noise and drinking water
100.	Traffic (maybe congestion fees for downtown, like in London. UK)
101.	property tax
102.	user fees
103.	Provincial funding shortfalls and downloading
104.	downloading of programs by the province
105.	Parking fees too high
106.	excessive user fees and parking meter rates and restrictions
107.	cut in services
108.	too much tax money going out to other levels of government and not enough coming back to the city
109.	low property tax
110.	need to secure more funding from other levels of government. As the largest city in the country, Toronto's citizens pay out taxes federally & provincially but don't see much of that money back
111.	Ensuring garbage privatization doesn't result in user fees or reduced recycling diversion
112.	Structural deficit created by cancelling the vehicle registration fee
113.	Cut backs to services
114.	Cut backs to community programs, supports and resources (e.g. shutting down shelters and drop-ins, youth centres and arts program, health promotion programs such as HIV/AIDS prevention programs, etc) . Concerned about charging fees for free public services - will affect working families and the poor.
115.	Cut backs to public services and settlement services
116.	Increase in crimes
117.	lack of funding from other levels of government
118.	Handouts to the rich (re: tax cut)
119.	Land transfer tax
120.	tuition fees
121.	Develop and Increase Community Centres and Services
122.	Continue to provide and improve services without increasing fees
123.	Cut backs to city services

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124.	Public service cuts (do not cut)
125.	The need to destroy a city to avoid any tax increase: you end up with you pay for a city that is cheap in every way!
126.	increase and improve biking infrastructure
127.	Lack of scrutiny of the Policing Budget increase
128.	lack of federal funding for city
129.	social services should not be cut
130.	road tolls should be put in place
131.	Too Many Services (need to cut many)
132.	Toronto property tax
133.	Increase social service income
134.	Increasing prices of goods, no increase in incomes
135.	expend TTC and reduce TTC fee
136.	Reducing user fees for community program
137.	We need to invest more in social services
138.	parking fees
139.	Keep plastic bag fee program
140.	Taxes and User Fees
141.	community centre user fees
142.	Increase funding to social services
143.	short sighted political decisions. saving money is okay but not at all costs. Toronto should strive to be great through progressive City lead projects and initiatives. If that costs a little more, I'm willing to pay for it through property taxes or vehicle registration fees
144.	Coordination between the three levels of government
145.	Not enough revenue streams. DO NOT read this as we need to lower taxes and dispense with fees. This is not about handing pork out to voters.
146.	Need for increase of Police
147.	traffic congestion - time for some sort of user pays fee?
148.	Lack of TTC funding from federal govt.
149.	Nonsensical approaches to what is the gravy train (police wage increase?!)
150.	increase Police, Fire services
151.	PROPERTY TAX
152.	Loss of revenue streams (vehicle registration & tax freeze)
153.	cut property tax
154.	property tax
155.	fear of city services being cut
156.	Increase EMS to meet demand (Not fire dept)
157.	Cut TTC cost, run it more efficiently
158.	the province downloading everything to the city
159.	relations with province and federal gov't

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160.	Property tax reform
161.	tax imbalance with federal government
162.	Ensuring that social services are pushed back to the senior levels of government -- mostly the province.
163.	running a city on a property tax base
164.	Downloaded provincial services
165.	increase public transport
166.	the increased ttc fare and bad customer service and route cuts
167.	keeping recreation services at the level they are now without constantly increasing prices especially for kids activities. Just because people live in a nice area , it doesn't mean we aren't struggling with rising costs everywhere. My salary isn't going up(in fact it's supposed to be frozen), yet my kid's swimming lessons go up constantly, it seems to subsidize other areas in the city. How about lower fees for everyone, so it seems more fair.
168.	Reduce property taxes by charging user fees for services where appropriate
169.	maintaining equal access to public services for all (no user fees) and keeping services under public control (no contracting out)
170.	reasonable tax rates/fees
171.	Fiscal imbalance as a consequence of provincial downloading
172.	increasing TTC fare
173.	property tax hike
174.	service cut
175.	Need to maintain and increase ttc funding
176.	increase/improve services (recreation, arts, social)
177.	A shift in thinking about public services (they should remain public and accessible, affordable). Do not increase user fees.
178.	increase in user fees
179.	lack of funding from province/fed governments
180.	Cancelled Revenue Streams - 0% Property Tax Increase & Vehicle Registration Tax
181.	Increase funding to recreation centres
182.	Increase the amount of money given to support seniors
183.	Lack of city run cultural spots. Cities like New York, Paris, and London are great travel locations because they invest in arts and museums. If you build it and invest in it people will come.
184.	tuition fees
185.	Increase affordable housing
186.	Cut payroll
187.	A slash and cut program
188.	Property Tax Relief
189.	Improving transportation through TTC (no fare hikes!) and bike lanes
190.	cut -backs in services

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191.	User Fees - GTA Municipalities Paying Toronto, to use our City, re: road & snow maintenance
192.	User fees
193.	property tax relief
194.	Cancelling the Land Transfer Tax
195.	Increase of people living near or below poverty line
196.	don't want social services cut back
197.	Cut in Services
198.	Increase in accidents due to increase in cyclists
199.	With the increase in population not enough City services
200.	high tuition fees
201.	shift of refugee claimants to federal level
202.	daycare is not a city issue, daycare is provincial and federal
203.	Ensuring Toronto receives its fair share of Provincial and Federal Taxes.
204.	Services should not be privatized or cut.
205.	Need to convince higher levels of government of the need to invest in Toronto
206.	Increase Tourism
207.	Affordable housing - increase, manage better
208.	High Property Taxes & TTC Fare Hike
209.	Social Housing costs (should be pd by province)
210.	property tax
211.	Continued fare increases for the TTC
212.	Levying service fees rather than taxing
213.	maintain/increase programmes and services
214.	The fact that a cut in revenues (land transfer tax, license renewal fee) was done prior to determining which (if any) services residents are ok with cutting. The process should have been reversed. Find places where cuts can be made and are acceptable to residents, and THEN adjust revenues to match the needs and wants of residents.
215.	property tax reform
216.	Funding from federal government
217.	sovereignty from the federal government
218.	The Province takes too much of Toronto's tax money away from the City.
219.	Lack of federal support for the city from Stephen Harper
220.	cut back the frills
221.	Cut backs to essential services
222.	TTC cut backs
223.	Lack of support from other levels of Government
224.	return car fee to pay for service
225.	chase other gta people car fee
226.	No property tax increases
227.	Cut to services

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228.	User fees
229.	health-education and services (outside of what province provides)
230.	Provincial and Federal funding too low
231.	increase in debt / salaries
232.	upload costly programs to Provincial or Federal Governments
233.	Making sure that all children get fed and cared for
234.	Temper the obsession that taxes are bad - our rates are low - I am willing to pay more - even a 10% increase
235.	Awareness of city and provincial services
236.	TTC funding from federal and provincial governments
237.	The budget being buried by property tax freezing
238.	Reduce user fees
239.	Cheaper bus fare
240.	Increase affordable housing
241.	Program increase for seniors
242.	Job increase
243.	User fees for community programming
244.	Child care fee keeps increasing
245.	No user fees
246.	Managing Courts for Provincial Off.
247.	User fees
248.	City Hall has created a budget hole by freezing property tax
249.	High Property Tax
250.	User fees.
251.	A lack of financial support from our provincial and federal governments and the reliance on property taxes and user fees along for funding city programs and services.
252.	Fare Hike in city transportation
253.	High Property Tax
254.	Obtaining greater federal/provincial funding for social services provided by City
255.	The Province doesn't pay enough
256.	Wage Increase
257.	Cut down Toronto Police budget and spendings
258.	Cut down City hall budget and abolish unions
259.	funding cut
260.	User fees
261.	increasing property tax over the rate of inflation
262.	We are still recovering from the downloading of the Harris era
263.	Underfunding of the TTC by the provincial and federal governments
264.	cut in services
265.	increase support for our firemen
266.	selling assets to pay of the deficit

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267.	Be sure not to cut 311 service
268.	don't cut emergency services!
269.	Land Transfer Fees
270.	Actions by new government (city, federal) that are hurting people with low incomes even more, driving up the level of poverty and taking away needed services, transportation and rights.
271.	funding cut for newcomer services
272.	Lack of enough budget and too many cut backs in essential services
273.	Provincial funding
274.	If cyclists want paths, let them pay a fee
275.	Revenue shortfall due to the ill advised repeal of the vehicle registration fee and property tax freeze
276.	Threat of service cuts, user fee hikes, and sale of public assets to make up for the aforementioned shortfall
277.	design the city, don't cut services
278.	Increase funding for waterfront reclamation
279.	do not cut pride!
280.	New administration is going to cut services which we were promised would not be cut
281.	Increase housing funding so nothing like what happened at Wellesley St. happens again!
282.	increase the staff who work in long-term care
283.	child care fees should go down
284.	Property Transfer fees
285.	increase education
286.	No discipline to cut services less in demand, esp. police
287.	loss of access to facilities due to user fees
288.	Cut Council Size to 23 from 45 to improve savings and accountability
289.	Improve TCHC, but do not cut or privatize
290.	don't cut hot docs
291.	Maintaining the good services that we are used to - do not want the new mayor and council to reduce/cut services
292.	more subsidized daycare spaces - with help from Federal government who have decimated this
293.	Fees
294.	Land transfer tax
295.	invest in architectural projects which retrofit existing infrastructure
296.	underfunded programmes by provincial government
297.	Increase the family feel of our city by investing in parks and recreation
298.	Pollution increase
299.	Cut down the administrative and management levels
300.	upload
301.	cut budget deficit

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302.	cut spending
303.	Downloading from other levels of government
304.	Cost of Fare
305.	the loss of personal responsibility, and the increase in policing.
306.	Cut back in Schools
307.	cut police budget
308.	cut fire budget
309.	cut social housing
310.	Toronto's environmental policies (e.g.. bag fees and bike lanes)
311.	high tuition fees-youth scaling back on going to college/university
312.	The idea that the mayor via "Ford Nation" can use his position to advocate for provincial and federal political parties
313.	Understanding that revenue (taxes) have to increase
314.	Land transfer tax
315.	Property Tax
316.	Toronto Hydro Rates
317.	Taxes and fees
318.	Cut waste
319.	Increase programming for youth
320.	budget (federal gov't downloading costs)
321.	transportation funding by senior levels of government
322.	Property Tax Increases
323.	Service cut backs
324.	user fees
325.	Provincial Funding vs. Our taxes going out
326.	City, Province, TTC, TDSB unions - too expensive, too lazy and too much power
327.	The toll of 905 freeloaders on 416 infrastructure
328.	Revenue (need more funding from other levels of government)
329.	property tax rising
330.	high user fees for transportation
331.	land transfer tax
332.	arts and culture strategies + decrease in funding
333.	lack of funding from the province
334.	11% salary increase for police officers
335.	High taxes and user fees
336.	keeping property tax at low
337.	service fees
338.	Underfunding by senior levels of government
339.	reduction in city services and increasing user fees
340.	increase funding for vulnerable groups and neighbourhoods
341.	Cut backs to services

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342.	no user fees or hidden taxes
343.	cut backs to city services like parks and recreation
344.	I think that it is essential to increase funding for out-of-school programs for children and youth so that we can take a preventative strategy. By funding social-recreation programs, the city will be able to minimize/more accurately balance their budget. Ex. take some of the 900 million in in Police Services and board, and support.
345.	Invest more in income generating services and programs. Ex. explore the possibility of a city use tax or increased taxing on parking vendors not affiliated with the city.
346.	increase in crime
347.	Increase to Ontario Works
348.	high taxes and fees
349.	increase in poverty
350.	increase and limited resources for people with mental health concerns
351.	need to increase services by making staff more efficient similar to how private sector companies are run
352.	budget deficit as result of taxes being cut
353.	services being cut to make up for tax cuts
354.	Cut Wasteful spending wherever it exists
355.	avoiding cutbacks to services that will impact people on low incomes or increase public health risks
356.	increase of debt
357.	cost increase to city programs
358.	Property tax and Income Tax
359.	overtaxing/user fees
360.	city services fees
361.	Taxes & Fees
362.	service fees
363.	increase funding for social services
364.	increase infrastructure where new condos are being built e.g. more street cars-buses
365.	federal/provincial funding
366.	Minimal Tax Increase
367.	increase affordable housing
368.	cut backs
369.	User fees
370.	Getting funding or help from the other levels of Government
371.	Eliminating Revenues such as the Vehicle Registration Tax
372.	safety - more police patrols as break-ins increase in neighbourhoods
373.	Property tax too high
374.	city govt to broad - reaching into province/fed areas
375.	Fees
376.	reducing congestion - charge tolls

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377.	PROPERTY TAX
378.	ever increasing fees and taxes levied by city
379.	Service Cut backs
380.	Cancellation of auto fee
381.	We need to cut services to cut taxes
382.	cut backs on community services
383.	property tax reform
384.	mayor Ford's reneging on his promise not to cut services
385.	equitable sharing of costs with province and other municipalities
386.	Reduce Taxes and / by Enforced User Fees
387.	insufficient support from province of Ontario
388.	Not creating new onerous user fees that create barriers to services for lower-income individuals and families.
389.	Potential cut to services
390.	Loosing income by not getting paid to do Provincial collections.
391.	service cut backs
392.	more fees for (previously free) services
393.	Downloading services from provincial or federal governments
394.	Federal funding transfer issues. Where's the money?!!
395.	proposal to cut services
396.	increase the budget for the key service like public library
397.	Property Tax Revenue lower than costs
398.	lack of appropriate federal and provincial support
399.	Threats to cut necessary services
400.	Property Tax increase
401.	property tax
402.	must have a tax increase every year
403.	User Fees
404.	having a 0% tax increase when inflation is not 0%
405.	Relations with federal and provincial governments.
406.	TTC fare hike
407.	Tuition fees for post-secondary education
408.	Cut backs
409.	Fees for services
410.	Services being cut
411.	Programs that make the city better being cut
412.	Tax and fees increase
413.	rising user fees
414.	User Fees
415.	federal support
416.	PROPERTY TAX

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417.	Possible Service cut backs
418.	Services being cut back
419.	Implement road tolls and auto restrictions
420.	why is it that the first thing that has to be cut is the decent paying union jobs ?the contractors come in and pay employees less, but the companies make a barrel of money,
421.	lack of connection/bond with the people in our community
422.	Threat of Mayor Ford to cut public services
423.	taking away revenue by cutting taxes such as the land transfer tax
424.	increase in population requires more public services like community programs, recreation and learning opportunities
425.	unemployment problem if mayor and council cut city jobs
426.	Property tax relief
427.	Forcing service cuts through budget reductions as compensation for the removal of assets like the Vehicle Registration Fee, and the 11.5% pay raise to Police
428.	Subway and TTC fare
429.	increase communication between services so that major work is coordinated i.e. paving of roads is NOT done before changing water pipes (happens all the time)
430.	Lack of tax increase
431.	Ensuring those in authority (for example, Police) do not abuse the power they have (increase training with dealing the those most in need with compassion)
432.	Mayor Ford's cut and slash mindset.
433.	Supporting the plastic bag fee
434.	Affordability for all especially seniors - prices keep rising (HST is a scam)
435.	Lack of funds from federal and provincial government
436.	Tax cut
437.	No to user fees
438.	user fees
439.	sponsorship
440.	the current city administration is a pawn for the Harper government
441.	city fees
442.	potential cut to emergency management services
443.	police cut backs
444.	Consulting fees
445.	Increase revenues from new sources with exemptions or equivalent offsets for low income residents
446.	Abolishment of Land Transfer tax
447.	Maintain advertisement-free 311
448.	tuition fees
449.	User Fees
450.	Providing Community Services Without User Fees

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451.	invest in day care centres owned by the city
452.	taxes and user fees
453.	Budget cut
454.	crime is lower, cut back police service
455.	cut bureaucracy
456.	lack of federal support for the city from Stephen Harper
457.	the city is economically self-sufficient (zero debt) and does not cut important services
458.	User fees
459.	Loss in access to recreation and physical activity through increased user fees for low-income residents
460.	Increase funding and accountability with TCHC
461.	I agree with the plastic bag fee
462.	extra tax on take out containers (like plastic bag fee)
463.	Downloading of services
464.	Obtaining sufficient money to run the services from PROVINCIAL and FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS
465.	don't cut from firefighters
466.	Less corporate sponsorship at arts events
467.	The budget crisis created by Mayor Ford's shortsighted no-tax-increase promise
468.	cut back of services
469.	Transportation fee is too high
470.	User Fees
471.	Do not cut programs for the homeless!
472.	Need to INCREASE TTC service and funding
473.	Need to INCREASE support for arts and poor people
474.	Cancellation/removal of important revenue sources - e.g. vehicle registration tax, no property tax increase
475.	do not cut services/ budget for the poor or low income people
476.	do not cut services/budget for the disabled
477.	increase daycare funding
478.	decrease fees for public parking!
479.	increase the # garbage collectors so we can have better service
480.	continue to provide services, do not cut back
481.	Protect freedom of speech within pride. don't cut funding if some groups feel like marching
482.	reduce fees for business licenses
483.	Lobby the province and federal government to allocate more money for the city Toronto when so many services have been downloaded to the city
484.	Cut of Public Services
485.	Increase in City Debt
486.	Cut of Education funding

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487.	Increase day care funding in Toronto
488.	increase fines for dog owners who let dogs poo on sidewalks
489.	Property tax
490.	keep plastic bag fee in place!
491.	Dismantling services that took decades to build and coordination from multiple levels of government.
492.	We need more funding from Province and Federal
493.	TTC (expensive fare, safety issue - some drivers start the engine and are not aware that some passengers have not settled or sat down safely, etc.)
494.	increase plastic bag fee
495.	invest in our children with daycare and child care
496.	Lack of sustainable revenue (i.e., provincial funding, loss of revenue from former vehicle registration fee).
497.	Provincial Funding
498.	make the province fund child care centers in toronto
499.	Reduce taxes and user fees
500.	have a mayor who wants to cut taxes
501.	Cut wasteful spending at City Hall
502.	increase education
503.	Endorse the arts, not cut!
504.	Cut the gravy train!!!!
505.	Better public funding, and less reliance on corporate sponsorship for pride
506.	Inadequate funding from provincial and federal government
507.	TTC bus Fare
508.	user fees

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

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	Paying for City Services – Other Important City-Wide Issues
1.	downloading city run social services to the non profit sector...cheaper community based solutions to social issues
2.	Services should not be cut. The budget is running into a deficit for 2012 and it is scary how so many services seem to be doomed to be cut.
3.	being a municipal global leader, working as a region to increase services and opportunities

	Paying for City Services – Other Important City-Wide Issues
4.	Don't sell off assets (enwave, Toronto community Housing, land, etc...) to cover future budget shortfalls. Go after actual 'gravy' like the Toronto Police budget, get them to make cuts and stop handing them wads of cash year after year (crime is down and budgets up for 20+yrs). TTC service and efficiencies (they waste so much money its not funny), I'm tired of this more \$ for less service concept.. / /
5.	we need to eliminate all paid duty for police and limit overtime 3) we need to do away with police retention bonuses 4) we need to establish Toronto residency requirements for cops and other city workers. No more collecting a 6-figure salary in Toronto and living in Ajax 5) we need to roll back TTC fares 6) impose an eye-sore tax on property owners who do not maintain their buildings (e.g. 90% of the buildings on Yonge street) 7) go after the Federal government for all the money Toronto spends housing and looking after refugees that the feds let into Canada
6.	- more bike lanes, road tolls like Europe, car-free streets (Yonge, Kensington Market area, U of T, Ryerson, etc.), light-rail, continue with Waterfront process, architectural excellence (4-stack ice-pad and bridge over Fort York).
7.	cut the wastes inside the city hall !!

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8.	<p>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.</p>
9.	<p>More Fair paid Jobs and Less easy to just get on Welfare. Get rid of the Drug's and Drunks that litter the City. / I have a Cousin in Ireland. I even offered to pay his fare here for a vacation. "No way" he said. "I've heard too many bad things about Toronto Canada. I'll never go there. Sorry John, but NO THANK YOU"</p>
10.	<p>Cut the police budget to save money, it is probably the largest next to the TTC so it will have the biggest impact. We have too many police as it is; they are standing on every corner downtown and costing the city millions in unneeded expenditures. This money would be much better spent on infrastructure repairs, that way you have results and get something for your money / The police are there in minutes when seconds count so they are overrated as far as I am concerned. They arrive after the knifing to pick up the bodies; people would be better served defending themselves. /</p>

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11.	Toronto needs a casino , People are leaving Toronto to go out to leave money in other cities or other places in the world including myself , I spend thousands out of country in casinos each year, when I could play here if there was a world class casino , and I could leave the money in my own city. / and I am just 1 of hundreds of people that fly out of Toronto to Vegas or other casino locations every day , just have a look at how many flights a day leave for Vegas.
12.	-Stop spending tax dollars on programs. Increase user fees for city services (not only the ones I use like garbage). Make certain programs full or near-full cost recovery such as swimming lessons, skating, libraries, etc. / / -Make certain roads (east
13.	Why are the sidewalks repaired, then torn up by Toronto Hydro, then badly patched up with ash-fault and spray painted? Our sidewalks and the public realm are the worst in Canada. Why is it not planned between the city and Toronto Hydro? It is wasting MILLIONS of dollars in repairs. It just cost 20 million dollars to renovate Bloor Street sidewalks and they already are spay painting on the new granite sidewalks. THAT'S CRAZY! This city is so screwed up. How long are we going to keep doing things this way and wasting tax dollars? Work with Toronto Hydro to stop this. Our sidewalks look terrible, patched with ash-fault and spay paint all over them.
14.	While public safety is a concern, I do not think that increasing the police force necessarily contributes to a decrease in crime or an increase in the public's sense of security. We have seen the Toronto Police force abuse their powers while the whole world was watching. How do they conduct themselves when nobody is watching? Police and excessive force and racial profiling are all very real problems within police forces everywhere, and Toronto shouldn't kid itself that it's exceptional.
15.	creating mechanisms by which community centres, parks, BIAs, school boards and resident associations can work together and share resources without having to pay prohibitive licences and other fees.
16.	I think it's important to place a value on the role our city plays in the world and ensure that we invest enough money in our city to ensure that it remains a top-tier city to live in, to emigrate to, and to visit as a tourist.
17.	Yes - Federal politicians need to recognize the important of cities and fund special projects directly / / also the burbs exist because the core exists - starve the core and everything falls apart - the burbs are a poorly designed horrible place
18.	Bike lane on Bloor Street. / Continuing with respectful growth of waterfront according to the existing plan. / Ensuring a football stadium is not placed anywhere near the waterfront. / Continuing the community based policing model. Including preventive measures such as police on bikes in laneways. / Community centres and activities for at risk youth. Including cheap user fees. / Pursuing road tolls as a way to curb congestion and raise revenue for the city.
19.	City/province should consider building bike lanes so potential accidents do not occur with the warm days ahead especially in the downtown core.

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20.	We need to stop catering to people who live outside of the downtown area. They should not be allowed to dictate lifestyle choices for people who live in the downtown core. They (usually) don't pay Toronto taxes and they use our infrastructure and contribute nothing except making Toronto worse for those of us who live here. / We should also work on preserving our beautiful heritage buildings. Europe has managed to do this and have liveable and beautiful cities, so why can't Toronto. / If I hear "war on the car" one more time I'm going to scream. Please. People who actually live downtown know this is a joke. The only war on the car is construction and road closures, a raised bike lane is not going to kill people, and yet people don't complain about the crap at Bay and Adelaide that has been going on for almost five (or longer) years. Have you even tried to walk in that area? If people want to commute to downtown Toronto to work they can take the train like every other civilized city in the world. / People who complain about the high taxes are living beyond their means and should not be living downtown. It's more expensive to live here because of the benefits. If you can't afford the taxes move to a cheaper suburb, so that the services that made this city so great don't have to be cut. / Can we please reverse amalgamation? The downtown core has different needs than North York, and Etobicoke. You just have to look at the neighbourhoods in these areas to see the obvious. / Do NOT let Kensington market become a car-free zone! It will lose its character if this happens!
21.	Why are the police getting an 11% rise when the rest of us have had hours cut and lost jobs. This is crazy! How is this going to save me the tax payer money? Where is the money going to come from? Are you going to cut other important programs? Doesn't this go against everything Ford promised?
22.	A sense of excitement about the future and a love for the city. / The need to increase power visa a vis the provincial government; perhaps attain provincial status for Toronto itself. /
23.	Separate Culture and Sport. One is a commercial enterprise, the other is culture. You have loaded the dice by putting them in the same category, and only our Federal Tax law lumps them together. Everyone else can see through this.
24.	jobs for disabled (deaf); tax increase for the rich; claw back on police, and fire s salary.
25.	Happy People is the greatest advertisement any city can have. Happy People brings new business hence more workers and Happy People bring tourists, which I think is much more important than the current government seems to realize. Am I in the service industry - NO and never have been. I returned from Vancouver during the time Lastman was Mayor and I did so because the city seems to be so much fun.
26.	HIV is increasing dramatically among younger Torontonians, directly related to Federal-level cuts to sexual health education. / The City can step in to provide better quality education for its young people and reduce the spread of this disease.
27.	Increase of social services to low income families and individuals

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28.	1. Limited expenses for government staff. Their benefit should not be way above common sector. MP expenses should be posted online that can be accessed by everyone. / 2. Community centre gyms rental fee should be lower in order to encourage more people, especially young people to work out in stead of hanging around on street and make trouble. It also lower OHIP expense if they are healthy.
29.	We need to reduce the amount of government and workers in the public sector. There is no need for government to be as large as it is and as controlling. Salaries of police officers should not have been increased just because the OPP got an increase. We are already way over budget and need to cut back. Taxes also need to be taken into consideration. Why do we get taxed like crazy, and then have to pay extra for garbage. Cut politicians salaries, axe the pensions (who in the private sector gets taken care of like that...please), and you will save millions.
30.	City should have an "Employee Tax" for all those who work in TO but live in the 905 or elsewhere! Before we can get to the gravy, we must trim the fat. Get rid of the overpaid "union exempt" staff. If they don't supervise anyone, get rid of them!!!! If there are Divisions that have too many management staff (all of them) get rid of them too or put them elsewhere. 44 Councillors is top heavy and it's all the way down to. All management can be cut in half too!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
31.	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.
32.	Effective immediately the wages of all police should be cut 10% annually for the next four years. / Police performing extra duties should be paid at cross guard hourly rates. / Politicians who have promised to lower taxes without service cuts should have to pay for the reductions personally or stop lying.
33.	To cut down on vehicle accidents , city should introduce left turn signals that allow to make left turns safely. We have to study the cost of doing that and see how it is feasible to be done. That is slowly or at once. This will reduce motor vehicle accidents and cost that city incurs as a result.
34.	Please do not privatize garbage and other public works. / I do not understand why the city is moving forward with the pay increase to police, yet threatening to cut other services. There are other services and systems in this city that need municipal support. I am quite concerned that the increasing gap between rich and poor will be managed by the city as a security risk and will turn into a war on the poor.

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35.	Stop wasting time and money on garbage collection privatization if it won't actually save money and simply advances a right wing agenda. Ending paid duty for police officers will save everyone money -- not just the city -- as these costs are passed off to end users at the end of the day. We are already over-policed as it is. More user fees and less tax-supported programs is also a good idea for a city struggling with its budget.
36.	Current lack of Auditor General's input to outsourcing, and Fleet sale. Trap of Police, Fire and Ambulance getting rubberstamped contracts and the conflict taken with other unions in the city for political or personal reasons. Addressing Chief Blair's issues of Federal/Provincial Downloading on Municipal Police forces.
37.	Focus only on services for which the City is responsible for and drop all others / Current taxation arrangements amongst the three levels of government is outdated and needs to be restructured to better reflect the needs of the City and the economic significance of Toronto
38.	Stabilizing taxes, privatizing 400 series highways (toll roads) to reduce congestion and increase efficiency, remove the land transfer tax.
39.	Permanent City financing through three mechanisms: property taxes; fees for service; and income tax as appropriate. / Eliminating the possibility of using garbage strikes as a strategic weapon relative to contract negotiations with the City's indoor and outdoor workers. (Note; This does NOT mean an absolute anti union stance; rather a rebalancing of the monopoly power of public sector unions. / Reigning in the cost of policing /
40.	We need a more logical taxation structure than property tax, because property tax does not necessarily reflect citizens' ability to pay. Toronto should rally the other municipalities to lobby the province to allow municipalities to levy income and/or sales taxes rather than property tax.
41.	Land transfer tax.
42.	services are always being cut. I am sick of it. my community centre closes for 3 weeks in September. It should be open and have more free, drop in programs like swimming, outdoor skating. We need more Dufferin Grove Parks. There they make a great community centre without paying huge amounts for a building and maintenance.
43.	Property owners expect that their taxes will increase by a small percentage every year in order to maintain service levels and in order to address issues that will have an impact on future generations. It is a mistake to not raise taxes by small amounts every year because eventually taxes will need to be increased and it is very difficult for most people to deal with a sudden large increase.
44.	Invest in public transportation and the arts
45.	Proper social services, continued public health, continued and expanded community centre services with no or little user fees, no privatization of services

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46.	City planning--making sure as the population density of areas increases, the services increase simultaneously ,i.e. grocery stores ,facilities, etc, are included in high-density residential constructions so as to cut down on area traffic & increase local vitality. / Heritage protection--making sure our older structures are better protected from wanton demolition & wilful neglect and are integrated instead of destroyed. / Accessibility watch--currently there is no supervision of accessibility compliance to make sure businesses all over the city are doing their best to comply. Supervision needs to be under the guidance of actual disabled people. / Real estate ownership--buyers/builders of residential structures should be actual residents/citizens. / More apartment/family-friendly buildings--as in city planning. / Rent control--bring it back.
47.	Salary increases and benefits should be directly tied to inflation rates and the financial situation of the City and all details should be made public. Salary increase have stayed at some 3% per year through a recession period. Inflation in the last 3 years has not been 3%.
48.	Toronto needs to begin claiming it's share of funds from the Federal government and not allowing the rest of Ontario to claim it. Toronto should be a separate province. It's needs and issues are different than the rest of Ontario and they are not being addressed
49.	I honestly think that trying to balance our budget is the most important thing we can do. I also think if we can privatise certain / things that are of less important such as parks and recreation and selling off city property that we know longer use or that / is sitting vacant should be sold to help pay down our debt. I also think that toll booth on highways that are coming in to / the city have tolls on them to help pay for our roads as the bulk of the car driving on them come from the GTA area and / that would go toward infrastructure and roads.
50.	I am not happy that we are using the police to monitor construction sites. Why was that approved? I find it hard to understand the need to cut and not cut something so obvious like that. I think we should privatise garbage collection in my area as well - we are in Leaside. I think if you save any amount of money that is great because the main issue is the private collectors will not go on strike!
51.	Acknowledging and continuing to support Waterfront Toronto's critical role in development of the waterfront. / Preserving citizen advisory committees. / Opportunities for public feedback, council debates and full council votes on all service review recommendations prior to their acceptance/adoption. / Opportunities for public feedback, council debates and full council votes on all plans to privatize city services. / Restoring the vehicle registration tax as a much-needed revenue stream. / /
52.	Consider road tolls/tax for cars entering core
53.	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 /
54.	co-operation with higher levels of government

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55.	Federal/provincial downloading
56.	should the city remain in the present form, as imposed by Mike Harris; the original City of Toronto and East York and urban-oriented areas of the other former boroughs should be merged into one city; the "inner suburbs" of York, Etobicoke, North York and Scarborough should be separated and formed in to one or more municipalities
57.	the expense of daycare fees
58.	Each human has own responsibility of his/her well-being. Why I (as a normal Joe) to support single parents or a lazy bump because I working hard & with a common sense. Before download a "burden" to my shoulder, asking is it right to a normal Joe. Make the "SYSTEM" fair! /
59.	I'm concerned that user fees will increase to keep taxes low, which will make it difficult for the people who are least able to pay to get the services they need.
60.	Work with other regional municipal partners to invest in a cheaper future.
61.	making sure programs are used and that there should be user fees for everything, regardless of income, status etc. other municipalities already do this.
62.	upgrade schools, fix roads before starting new ones, have companies pay for police services or use a security company, / a need for getting rid of dandelions and weeds allergies are killing me, get prisoners to clean up Toronto, and road sides. no bail for criminals. Have a Toronto day and get companies to fund it through advertisement or have them give free food samples, go outside the box to get things done a lot of Torontonians would gladly donate their time and effort to get Toronto back to being the number 1 city we should be.
63.	We need more police presence on the streets. I strongly disagree with any cutbacks to hiring more police. We need more police, rather than getting by with the numbers on the street. Additionally, cancellation of the drain grant. Alas I have 2 huge City trees causing havoc with my drain pipes. I had to get this work done without any help from the City as the grants were cut. I should not be responsible for these charges. Cut the trees down if you cannot afford to pay to resolve issues with sewage backing up into private residences. I did not plant them.
64.	A study should be done on the effectiveness of the recycling program. How much blue bin waste ends up in solid waste. / I am not sure how independent the internal auditor is. There should be an audit similar to the Federal Government. / There is far too much obsession about taxes. They should be increased yearly as necessary. / Go ahead with one standard municipal Bye-law. Developers should not have everything their own way.
65.	Implementation of road tolls.
66.	I think the City should appeal to the province to have 400 series roads become toll roads to reduce the amount of traffic in Toronto. I think the City of Toronto should stop penalizing through taxation the residents of Toronto (e.g. land transfer taxes etc.)
67.	Discontinuance of duplicate services already provided by other levels of government that are not the city's mandate. Illegal rooming houses in residential single family neighbourhoods.
68.	relationship with other levels of government

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69.	We need to start investing in the basic infrastructure of this city. Increased watermain breaks are evidence of an ageing infrastructure. The City needs to encourage different developers to work together when undertaking repairs - for example, if it is apparent that watermain work will take place within the next year, there should be an obligation to consult developers who have their own infrastructure under the ground. It makes absolutely no sense to dig up a major roadway one year, and cut it up again the next with patches to undertake maintenance on phone lines, for example. The work should be coordinated - saving the taxpayer money, and making the thoroughfare actually useable. / I could write a novel about how the TTC needs to be restructured - and expanded. / I could write a novel on the importance of the culture in this city - and no, I don't view spending money on festivals and other items of cultural significance as a waste of money. I believe it is important to invest in the culture of our city now, which will ultimately bring in more tourists.
70.	Totally privatize the garbage collection, hire city of Toronto residents for city jobs, need to put in road tolls for improvements and city of Toronto residents could be exempt, have city public parks close at 10 pm to avoid loitering.
71.	Prior to cutting services to various organizations I think it important that the city conduct it's own internal audit and do what it can to save money, cut staff or rationalize how it does business.
72.	I do not believe in the privatization of any of our services. We've seen it before province - wide : privatization leads to extra money in corporations pockets, not in the hands of the people who do the work (which it should -- as they, in turn, spend to keep our economy going). People deserve good jobs with benefits and decent pay. They, in turn, contribute to keep a city thriving. By keeping services public we ensure the necessary checks and balances are kept in place. We also need to look at the safety of cycling for residents. I'm a 50 year old who wants to be able to cycle around my own city safely -- yet we seem to have a culture of thinking we're targets and nuisances. When I ride my bike, I'm contributing to a cleaner Toronto, and I end up visiting merchants and events in the city that I never would if I had to drive and try to find parking.
73.	when looking to use somebody's services start in Toronto, then Ontario and then Canada. example - this website : designed and managed in USA. you should use Toronto's company for that as well. Important to make available full city's spending online (how much what costs: example repair of one asphalt hole costs 5\$), so more people can look at it and suggest where can be cut. Cut salaries of city workers, if any money going to former workers, cut it as well. regular people do not have this privileges.
74.	Reduce Police force and cut wages. Increase Parks budget.

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75.	The most important issue to my mind is that Mayor Ford change from being seen as a Tammany Hall Boss to becoming a leader who truly represents the interests of all his constituents and commands national respect for his farsighted vision for Toronto. Together with other large-city mayors he would work to convince provincial and federal governments that they must recognize and support Canada's large cities as actual engines of growth in this country.
76.	de-amalgamation should be suggested to the province
77.	Tax motorist entering Toronto, Monday to Saturday with a toll, using Transponder like they do on the 407 ETR
78.	The city doesn't have a spending problem; it has a REVENUE problem. Property taxes should go UP. (We're actually undertaxed compared to surrounding municipalities.) The land transfer tax should stay in place. We will need a lot of money in the coming years to pay for desperately-needed repairs and upgrades to our aging infrastructure (water mains, sewers, sidewalks, roads, etc.), and cutting taxes is NOT going to help with that. As Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "I like paying taxes. With them, I buy civilization." Please consider this. And I am NOT a bike-riding left-wing pinko. I am an Etobicoke homeowner.
79.	Intensification, Intensification, Intensification. Increase zoning density and convert to mixed-use whenever possible.
80.	stop paying for idiots to come and speak here
81.	I do not think garbage should be privatized. I think the ombudsman's office should get the increase in budget it requested. I think TCHC should not be privatized. I am ok with them selling off the single housing units, but projects like Regent Park must continue as planned and there should be no voucher or other system that would put TCHC out of the business of providing affordable housing for vulnerable populations.
82.	1. Every Family, Business and City must live within their budget. / 2. Sell off buildings (like previous city centres) plus any city owned property not needed. / 3. Sell land on the water front. / 4. Pay a small fee to join the library (50c) free for children. / 5. Swimming pools (50c) free for children. / 6. A casino on the water front. /
83.	a review of user fees for some services, repairs for infrastructure and roadways
84.	Road tax/congestion charge / Parking scheme to prevent driving into the core / Expansion of subway system
85.	Animal welfare. Toronto Animal Services provides a valuable service to the people and domestic animals in Toronto. I understand plans are in place to cut back the number of ACO's. These are the people who respond to distress situations in the GTA. TAS cutbacks will also mean less resourcing to do the best for lost animal reunification or to adopt animals out. TAS already has reached out to other groups like Toronto Humane Society to improve animal welfare for the community as a whole, through transfers, medical and behavioural interventions. Protecting the vulnerable and the voiceless is important. Let's not lose Toronto's heart. This is not gravy.

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86.	Don't cut the library services, they are important to everyone of us. / Also, to provide more senior housings for more baby boomers to be retired. / lower taxes for the single, moderate income family. / have more control of the commodity prices, especially the gas price / more affordable public transportation means. /
87.	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.
88.	The city needs to consider what the cost of updating their accessibility policies will be once the province's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act comes into effect in the next few years. It makes more sense to start budgeting for the changes now than to get sticker-shock down the line and have to make cutbacks to necessary services.
89.	Cut the budget to the Toronto Police, and also rethink what kind of policing we want in our streets? Not like the G20 type of policing, but more community watch policing. For suggestions on how we can save taxpayers' dollars implement the following suggestions to stop the continual cycle of waste, bloated budgets, and Toronto Police Officers getting massive overtime pay. Ways to do this: First, stop the scam of getting 4 hours pay for showing up for a court traffic ticket. Secondly, stop assigning so many Police Officers to peaceful demonstrations. Thirdly, redesign the work scheduling system for Toronto Police so that they don't have an automatic built-in system of overtime. The current scheduling system results in gross inefficiencies, long hours and days followed by many days off shift - this is just plain wrong.
90.	not to vote to make garbage pick up private. Cut the fat cat spending at city hall
91.	With all do respect to the police and the work they do, now is not the time to be giving them a hefty raise. As a city we need to figuring out where to cut before we start spending.
92.	Toronto is an affluent and successful city. It is ridiculous that, in order to balance our books, we are discussion which of the essential services currently provided by the city we could do without. Instead, the conversation should be about where we can most fairly and effectively raise new revenue. Mayor Ford's assertion that we can balance the books by eliminating the waste in the system is plain and simply false: the total amount wasted each year is far smaller than the total budget shortfall. Any responsible manager of money will tell you that, when you need to spend more money on essentials than you have coming in the door, you need to find new ways of raising revenue. / / It's time to think about property tax increases.

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93.	<p>Redistributing funds raised in "rich" schools to the "poorer" schools -- in short I found this heinous and insulting. Why lower the standards of schools doing something right? And this issue may fall outside of the municipal grasp so instead I recommend the implementation of legislation that supports high quality education, not just useless add ons. Perhaps building renovations and green retrofits is something the city can work on. It is an investment that will see reduced costs in the future from energy savings and costly repairs to advanced and worsening issues (for instance, a small crack becomes larger and invites mold). / / Also, I understand that I rated "Culture & sport" very low in importance. This is because I do not believe it is essential, but I'm sure there are about a million youngsters who would disagree. Those programs are nice to have. Please cut the ones who run inefficiently, at a large deficit and/or have low quality programming or a low impact. There's no use pumping money into a failing program model. Either change the leadership or cut the program and run.</p>
94.	<p>By increasing municipal support of the arts and entertainment industry, Toronto makes itself a destination for tourists. This has positive impact on the economy of our city. The promise of \$25 in arts funding per person, must be kept. A sensible municipal government would increase this figure.</p>
95.	<p>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?</p>
96.	<p>PLEASE preserve the drug prevention community investment funding (DPCIP) and aids prevention community investment funding (APCIP). This funding supports a huge array of ESSENTIAL community programs which provide life saving services to the cities most vulnerable populations and absolutely CANNOT be cut.</p>
97.	<p>Privatization of services / Increase developer fees / Reduce land transfer tax for residences and condos / Eliminate multitude of old city halls / Reduce size of police force / Reduce paid policing that city pays for / Quickly introduce TTC automated fare system to eliminate toll collectors / Eliminate Saturday, Sunday & holiday busses on scarily used routes in residential areas. Also stop service on these routes earlier in the evening.</p>
98.	<p>eliminates the land transfer tax</p>

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99.	I think the City of Toronto needs to reconsider cuts to festivals, such as Afrofest and Pride. I fully support festivals and parades. These events bring in so much money to the City through permits, visitors (both from surrounding municipalities, other provinces, and the US) and increased usage of businesses in the area. / / Furthermore, I am scared that vital health services will have their funding cut due to the ignorance of some City Council members. For instance, AIDS organizations are vital to ensuring that all people are aware of HIV/AIDS and health risks that may lead to HIV/AIDS. / / Lastly, I believe that arts and culture are an intrinsic part of a healthy and thriving city. In order to keep Toronto a world-class city, we must maintain current arts and culture programs and encourage the growth of this sector.
100.	Condo over development, especially in the core - may lead to a crash in condo prices city wide. Lack of retail spaces in condos and too high population density is leading to over-crowding and lower quality of life. / / TTC is still unclean, subways and streetcars are so dirty that it is a city-wide embarrassment. / / Parking on major roads during rush-hour is causing significant city wide delays - e.g. Eglinton west at the Allen road, there is a three to four block bumper-to-bumper delay that is made worse by the parking on the roads that reduce Eglinton to one lane. / / Homeless services such as Streets to Homes are failing to help the homeless in a quality and substantial manner and is a near total waste of money (I work in the social services field and see it daily). It also fails to help homeless with mental health issues. I think there needs to be a new agency to help the homeless. / / An agency is needed to help people with mental health issues to provide services and help access others and prevent abuses. / / Too many GTA residents using our infrastructure and not paying for it. I think we should have road-tolls for incoming traffic to Toronto during rush-hour. / / I would like to see a tax-shift from property taxes to municipal income-tax (say 1%). / / Reform of the municipal elections to allow parties, and switching from a ward system to a ward+proportional voting system. /
101.	More bicycle lanes. Reinstating vehicle registration tax. Congestion pricing.
102.	The fact that the Toronto Police Services have been given an 11%increase for their current contract is shameful. The law and order agenda of Rob Ford is not everyone's agenda. To have a police officer make \$65 an hour while maintaining potholes at city construction sites needs to be looked at. The fact that the Rob Ford has made a commitment to look at all city services (and , by the way, how much is the review costing?) and yet has been blatant about the increase to the Law and Order agenda is not good optics. / We have people who are homeless, going to food banks and struggling to get by. That should be the priority of the city of toronto.
103.	Waterfront development / Public transportation / Development - design standards and increased use of section 37 and other development fees being invested in public services and amenities

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104.	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 / / /
105.	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?
106.	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
107.	1. Outsourcing/privatization of City services in all cases were cost effective with quality and performance measures put in place and suitable penalties charged if not met. / The outsources/privatized services should be regulated and governed by City staff. / 2. Non core/ non priority services should be offered at a basic service level and offered at higher service levels on a fee for service basis. This includes external services provided to Toronto citizens and to internal services provided to City Divisions by Cluster C.
108.	I think Toronto should be a leader in the green movement. Toronto, a world class city on some fronts (i.e.. arts and culture) also needs to treat it's citizen fairly. I'd also like to see a lot more respect and care given to city run animal service programs. I am very concerned about cut backs to animal care in the city and I am worried about animal services being contracted out to private companies. Please keep it run municipally and please do not cut back in this area; there are way too many needy animals in this city.
109.	The city needs to look at ways to reduce the cost of government. The push to progressively contract out garbage collection is encouraging; however, similar initiatives should be considered in respect of other services that the city currently provides through public sector unions such as the outside workers. Likewise, the City should look at divesting itself of assets, including Toronto Hydro and the Toronto Community Housing Corporation in favour of private provision of these services.
110.	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.
111.	As stated earlier, insufficient funding from provincial and federal governments. There is a net flow of funds out of the city to the provincial and federal governments, and this needs to be corrected. Giving the city greater power to raise funds through new sources, would also help address the city's deficit problem.
112.	Improve/increase the tree canopy that Toronto was famous for & which is deteriorating/shrinking.

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113.	An honest city council would be a bonus but that may be asking too much. Finish revitalizing the waterfront but stop paying an excessive amount of executives to "think" about the project - look at the sunshine report and see how many on the waterfront project are making way over \$100,000. If that money went to the waterfront, it would be beautiful.
114.	Noise reduction - especially during evening hours / land transfer tax removal
115.	Funding from senior levels of government and private/public partnerships to address the quality and quantity of affordable housing
116.	the out-of-whack salaries, benefits and pension paid to civil servants out of the pockets of the taxpayer is repulsive and unacceptable. The wage increase you just awarded to the 4000 or so managers, and the police was unwarranted and unfair to the taxpayer. The public sector payroll is CHOKING us. The City of Toronto NEEDS to slash salaries, benefits and pensions as they are far too generous and out of reach for the private sector. The bloated payroll needs to be trimmed drastically. The City of Toronto is too top-heavy. Too many managers and not enough front-line workers.
117.	affordable housing, stopping privatization, treating everyone respectfully, reinstating vehicle registration tax.
118.	Child Care; fees and more jobs
119.	Background checks on those holding office on city council to ensure there is no conflict of interest with private developers. / Bring TTC fare collection and payment systems into the 20th century. / Stop the useless partisan rhetoric coming from city hall and get the city into a proper bargaining position with the provincial and federal governments / Come up with some real initiatives for attracting business investment in the city instead of just cutting taxes and waiting like a whore at dundas and sherbourne for business to come
120.	making post-secondary education accessible by lowering fees
121.	Funding for the TTC and prevention of fare increases.
122.	Services should not be cut in order to substantially reduce taxes.
123.	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!
124.	Increase the investment on educating the underserved population and their children, so that next generation can stand on their feet and shoulder the responsibility of taking care of growing number of elderly. PLEASE STOP EXPANDING POLICE FORCE which is nothing but burden. INVEST IN CHILDREN who is future of Canada and Future of Toronto. Invest In AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGES so that people can lead a meaningful life.
125.	The mayor's platform seems to ignore the need to invest in services and infrastructure now as a way to head off greater expenses in the future.

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126.	Making sure that there is enough money from the federal government to support needed programs for newcomers i.e. settlement, housing, employment support, mentoring to help them integrate successfully. Also employment support programs i.e.. grants for youth not able to find work so they can set up self generating employment like the old Opportunities for Youth grants
127.	Maintaining decent paying jobs for residents. Setting an industry standard for providing benefits for employees. If public sectors do not offer decent pay and benefits, what chance do private employees have to receive decent employment conditions. Short sighted people may rejoice getting \$20 cut in property taxes, but the next job they get will have no benefits and probably be on a contract.
128.	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.
129.	Ensuring an adequate funding base including from the province and feds. Not letting the inner city fall apart like in Detroit because folks living outside the city don't want to pay for services provided to homeless the poor etc.
130.	Toronto should be a province.
131.	I think the city needs to improve and expand daycare services and subsidies, as well as address newcomer needs. Toronto welcomes so many newcomers each year, we should be able to expand, not reduce settlement services. To this end, both provincial and federal support are absolutely necessary as well.
132.	assistance for at-risk parents. Without good parenting now, the next generation has no hope. Help those people be good parents and you will have a generation of smart, hard working people with good jobs. This will lower crime and increase the cities ability to solve problems.
133.	Caps on the price of gasoline and hydro and interest rates, allowing individuals and businesses to have a higher chance of survival and therefore stay employed. Profit is good, but greed at the expense of people living a humane existence, I feel needs to be a serious government concern, if truly the government is entrusted to manage public funds and look after its people. Instead of increasing wages and bonuses and fees and taxes, why not look for ways to bring down the cost of living. The cost of living, I believe is high because of waste and greed.
134.	Increasing budget to animal services provides a valuable resource for animals and Torontonians alike. I was so proud when TAS East opened the spay/neuter clinic. I was hoping it would be similar to the OSPCA one, low cost or the public, so I was tad disappointed that it wasn't open for the public, but just to rescues and TAS. Want to increase some funds for the City? Start taking appointments for the pets of the public at a minimal charge (maybe \$100 for spaying and \$80 for neuters. I know cost on these surgeries is quite a bit less, having worked at a vets office)

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135.	I don't live in Toronto for the low taxes. I live here because of the quality of life. Think big for the city and make good investments - don't just cut services and costs for the sake of low taxes.
136.	The budget cutbacks are going to affect basic services and infrastructure and will affect us for many years down the road. What we have needs to be maintained not cut back and ignored. It looks good on the surface at the present and makes voters happy but we will be paying for it for many years later on. Services have been cut and contracts dismissed at great cost already
137.	Libraries are an important service that the City provides. Do not cut this service. Not everyone can afford to buy books and computers. This is the one service that the poor and vulnerable uses.
138.	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.
139.	getting federal and provincial funding/ attracting investment which results in high paid employment for Torontonians / greening our city up and encouraging investment in green initiatives
140.	Don't privatize city services. Stop user fees. Tax Bay street. Cops out of schools. Open up a city-wide low interest credit union that will compete with and replace banks. Mandate unions in workplaces of more than 8 employees.
141.	Not being solely focused on saving taxpayer dollars. Being willing to invest in projects that will enhance the city in the long-term.
142.	Fair access to all levels of government funding
143.	Childcare, education, fee subsidies, Ontario early years, early learning
144.	Road repair, TTC should not be cut especially Wheel Trans services. I don't agree with more subways.
145.	The city should consider road tolls as many suburbanites commute into the city and make use of our services on a daily basis.
146.	Festivals such as Pride bring significant economic stimulus to the City, and should not be cut based on ideological bias.
147.	child care and tuition fees.
148.	1/ / Noises that the aircraft is making flying over residential area. / We have been noticing considerable there is an increase of aircraft noises flying over the beaches area and surrounding between 7-8:30 am. / / 2/ Graffiti - this is an eye soar and it makes the neighbour feels unsafe. Tougher laws for offenders - perhaps public community services such as washing the graffiti on the street, cleaning up the streets and parks.

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149.	There is a lot of waste due to lack of competition and inefficiently running the city, especially within the TTC. Lots more and better services could be provided if the system were automated and pieces contracted out. The cleaning staff should be contracted out using a competitive bidding process, toll booth collectors should be replaced with machines that sell and automatically accept fares, the people who stand near the back of where the TTC streetcars arrive should be replaced with automatic fare collection at the back of streetcars. Generally, there are a lot of people being paid at the TTC to do nothing who should be fired at the earliest opportunity.
150.	Keep our swimming pools free / Do not cut Parks and Recreation budget as this is one of the cheapest ways to provide access to a liveable city / Encourage and support neighbourhood groups, especially those involved in park/street activities / Do not cut TTC bus service - I am already hearing about people who have to leave activities early (7:30 pm) in order to catch the last bus home! / Do not privatize essential services - such efforts have been a disaster in many other jurisdictions and times / Clean up and beautify our main streets - good for tourism! / Provide public washroom facilities throughout downtown core; where not feasible, do what Niagara Falls does and negotiate with private stores/restaurants / More drinking fountains and city benches - the population is getting older! / Quit using residential streets as a cash cow - residents should not have the stress of rotating cars to either side every two weeks with a city enforcement officer licking his chops at 9:05 am. on the day of. This is not respectful of citizens, and many times is actually unsafe, given the numbers of small children left alone while parent moves the car! Put these officers to better use on the main streets at rush hour! / Instead of police issuing tickets to homeless people begging outside of stores, who will never have the means to pay the fine and instead clog the courts and increase court costs, have police report these people instead to social agencies and make these agencies accountable in following up on these leads and providing suitable housing and assistance.
151.	Having more world class attractions to draw in tourism- increase infrastructure and help bring in money. For example, Vancouver. More bike lanes to promote greener methods of transportation and makes it safer for bikers and drivers downtown. Creating a better connections and pathways to the harbourfront, make it a present place to be and get to, for example, Montreal. Add more colour to the city, so many commercial buildings are gray boxes. Make the city more beautiful, like the King West district.
152.	Yes, intergovernmental co-operation regarding the Pearson rail link, encourage the provincial government to build it right the first time and convert to electric right away instead of wasting millions going diesel and then converting later on. Meeting the bid requirements for a two week event is not worth the health of the thousands of city of Toronto citizens who live along the tracks. The city needs to make a stand, the fact that they are going diesel just to meet the deadline of the Pan Am games makes no sense when planning this important rail link. / This survey is also very partisan as its questions are intentionally biased and obviously slanted towards the Ford council's agendas.

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153.	Using abandoned industrial buildings for mixed-income housing units. / Disparities in income - see David Hulchaski's "Three Cities Within Toronto" Report. / Reduced crime rates while, paradoxically, police get an increase in funding as other city services face cuts. / Business lobbyists using straitened circumstances of households and misinformation about public sector workers salaries to gain support for cuts to taxes and public spending, leading to increased costs for households as public services are cut and downward pressure on wages—an ongoing downward vicious cycle in the standard of living.
154.	reinstitute vehicle registration tax!
155.	Ford's inconsistencies in his policy to cut the fat from government spending. Why spend more on cops, and take away libraries? Why give money to football or baseball when the only people interested are players, or wanna be players?

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156.	<p>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 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>
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157.	Yes. The City should stop paying police officers to stand around and do nothing at construction sites. The city needs to clean up the parks and boost parks and recreation programs. We also need a responsible biking infrastructure. Too many areas of this city (especially north of Bloor) are too dangerous for biking as there are no bike lanes whatsoever. My wife's job recently moved to Don Mill and Eglinton and she will no longer be able to bike to work because it's too dangerous. The location is close enough to bike (only about 7 KM) but it's simply too dangerous for her. Meanwhile there are three lanes of car traffic on Don Mills. That's irresponsible and unfair.
158.	Expend TTC, make it more affordable. / Reduce child care fee. / More affordable housing and recreational programs. / Reduce police funding
159.	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.
160.	Increased services to marginalized/at risk/poverty stricken / Acknowledgement of already underserved areas for such services as mental health, addictions, harm reduction, autism etc / Importance of "pay now or pay later" with regard to early intervention/prevention services / Recognizing the importance of affordable child care for all-if the goal is increased employment opportunities / Understanding that if we cut back on services that address the complex needs of those who are at risk/marginalized/poverty stricken, it will only INCREASE the way we spend on others (law enforcement, hospitals, jails, CAS, etc) which does not really meet the needs of our city. / Importance of offering affordable access to health, wellness, fitness programs.

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161.	<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>
162.	<p>Proceed with Lawrence Heights re-development / Proceed with Fort York Cycle Bridge / Increase Arts Funding and Public Arts Programs / Increase Parks and Green spaces /</p>
163.	<p>I think we should consider some sort of toll system for cars containing fewer people. Everyday I see thousands of cars coming into the city, each with only one person in them. If we instituted a system where it cost more to drive alone, we could cut traffic without having to try to add more roads, and cut emissions and travel times as well.</p>
164.	<p>bedbugs need to be dealt with, all Torontonians need to eat and be sheltered. / / Bloor needs bike lanes, or else some kind of radical improvement for bicycle traffic. since Toronto city blocks are so long north-south, the adjacent east-west streets are not practical alternatives. / / the \$21 fee for a temporary parking permit is unaffordable for my family. we would occasionally like to be able to offer visitors a place to park, but it needn't be for a full week: a one-night permit for a lower price would be nice.</p>
165.	<p>Build light rail to cut down on traffic. / Keeping services public.</p>
166.	<p>Extending the subway to the GTA to support daily commuters and cut down environmental abuse.</p>

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167.	I heard that the city of Toronto is considering eliminating funding for the Hassle Free Clinics. This is unacceptable, there are countless residents in both the heterosexual and LGBT communities who rely on those services for their health. Eliminating the Hassle Free clinic will result in spread of disease as the uninformed will not seek alternate, non-anonymous sources of testing. Ultimately this is worse for society. / / Toronto also needs to clean up the crime in the Jane & Finch area and work on improving the Sherbourne & Bloor down to Sherbourne & Dundas area which is always full of prostitutes on crack cocaine, thugs, etc. / / More attention should also be paid to the TTC, additional funding for the TTC to prevent the ongoing price hikes and strikes - service continuity is essential in the lives of most working (and thus tax-paying) Torontonians. The quality of the service also needs to increase. Long wait times, subways closing early, dirty stations, rush hour insanity due to limited subway cars and schedule, etc.
168.	Fixing the TTC and not cancelling bus routes. Buses are used by the poorest segments of our population, and these are the people who are finding their transportation cut back.
169.	Don't cut library services at all. Cut the police budget.
170.	The irresponsibility of cutting things like vehicle registration taxes as a means by which to create a fiscal crisis so as to then cut-back on key city services. The fact that staff people and advisers to the City are not barred from working in private sector organizations that could benefit from things like privatization (like the staff person who prepared the report on garbage privatization). The degree to which this survey is itself framed - what are "fair and affordable taxes"? To me these are taxes that support a great wealth of City services, to Rob Ford they are regressive taxes paid in support of policing. To call this a consultative process is misleading and repugnant.
171.	Immigrant population. Services provided to them should be a FEDERAL expense, not the burden of local communities which have no say in the what way their population is affected. / City government must address this issue with both Provincial and Federal governments and find ways to STOP the pilfering of city funds by "guests"
172.	Labour costs are too high - both salaries and benefits. The city has trouble providing adequate services because it is saddled with such high costs. This includes police salaries, although this is a province-wide problem. The fair wage policy also needs to be scrapped to allow outside contractors to pay market wages, not the union wage.
173.	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.
174.	Cooperation with other governments - regionally, provincial, federal. To find efficiencies, opportunities etc we can't operate in a silo

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175.	leave the garbage with the city! / the children are the next CEO etc. they have taken all the sports and programs from the schools. now lets invest in the community centers (BBNC). This will help the youth make use of there FREE time and stay out of trouble... its a great place with LOTS of programs for lots of different people that need it..
176.	Eliminating unnecessary services and outsourcing services that can be better provided by the private sector. Maintaining city infrastructure and surroundings. The city has gone to pot in the past decade -- lawns on city property are unkempt, weeds flourish and the city is looking run down. DO NOT feel undue pressure to cut taxes; we are currently undertaxed in Toronto, compared to surrounding municipalities. BUT spend wisely on maintaining the city and the services that are truly necessary.
177.	Property Taxes should only pay for City mandatory services, not addressing the social housing, poverty issues, as these are Provincial responsibilities.
178.	- The City of Toronto needs to increase funding given to community, health & social services that serve diverse communities (i.e.. and support programming, initiatives and non-profit organizations that actively work to reduce discrimination based on gender,
179.	Toronto is over-policed, and the police budget should be cut back to the maximum allowed by law.
180.	Not really, they are getting the main ones. Cut the wasteful spending, break the unions and get the budget back into the black
181.	Cut excess spending on city programs

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182.	<p>in no particular order- 1. too many councillors-25 would be fine and cut their expenses to \$5,000 2.waterfront planning has been horrible-more parks, fewer private condos and business towers (see Chicago) 3. police guarding construction sites-what a waste of money. 4. no bike lanes on major roads!! for 7 months of the year there are no bikes on the road, yet we dedicate infrastructure to them and take from cars 5. streetcars are a waste of money-what advantage do they have over buses? they require 3 separate, exclusive infrastructures 9tracks, electrical and repair crews), and cost 3\$ Mill per streetcar, 6. are there really 900 people working in the homeless dep't at city hall(CFRB 1010)? 7. privatize everything you can! (garbage is a great first step) the scope of city services has blown up. the city should provide far less than they do, and then encourage/incent private sector to do the rest 8. taxis-our system is horrible. too expensive (more than NYC!) and there are a few individuals that control a large proportion of the fleets (Toronto Life). 9. Subways- build, build, build...work with feds and province to get them build. our system is sad compared to other cities. 10. the lake- build more holding tanks for waste water to keep bacteria overflow down. 11. city airport- limit the # of flights before it becomes unbearable on the water-say no more than 4 per hour 12. cull the Canada geese and the cormorants etc, -there are waaaaaay too many birds on the water with no natural predators. we should reduce to 20% of current populations 13. please spend as little as is possible on the Pam Am games, and ignore the Olympics from here on. we do not need the Olympics, it's a total waste of money, effort and planning. / my bottom line is the city tries to do too much and in effect doesn't do very many things well, or very efficiently. downsize, be efficient, cut costs and positions. the city should not be one big make-work program. / / Good luck Mr Del Grande!!</p>
183.	<p>Just the growing number of civil servants who work for the city. The strain these people will cause on the system when they retire will be more than the cities budget can bare. The City workforce should and can be cut in half and pension plans should be switched from defined benefit plans to defined contribution plans.</p>
184.	<p>Gaining more power and autonomy from the Province. Toronto will only succeed when it acts, and is treated as the Paris/New York/London/Stockholm/Berlin/etc. of Canada.</p>

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185.	Right now, the subsidy program for Parks and Recreation, the Welcome Policy, has been frozen for two months. That means that no child or youth anywhere in the City of Toronto was able to register for any summer programs or camps using the Welcome Policy. Shutting youth out of community centres and community recreation programs and camps is dangerous for the city. It also creates health problems that cost the system money. Adults and seniors could not register either. At the same time, PFR is eliminating adult programs at Priority Centres. Their manager Brenda Patterson, has said the freezes on the Welcome Policy will continue. Access to sport for children, youth, adults and seniors is key to health and to families. Access to our community centres for seniors to play cards or have some exercise - right now at non-priority centres all community groups must pay for permits - is key. The current state of PFR is damaging families and communities by continuing to under-resource access. Finally, there is an expensive and complex bureaucracy associated with administering fees and administering the Welcome Policy at PFR. There is expensive new equipment going into the Priority Centres to charge for adult programs, and an incredible amount of City staff time from several departments goes into the Welcome Policy and user fees. It might be more cost effective and better for families and neighbourhoods to simply let people in, as was the case in the past.
186.	One thing that really concerns me is the blatant act of liquidating assets to try to balance the budget. / The city of Toronto own land, that was meant to be controlled and preserved. Specifically, along the waterfront, and downtown. They were retained so that the city would have control over the skyline, and if we sell them to condo developers, it affects the views of the whole city and will block the lake with high-rises. / Also, Cultural programs, arts and theatre are very important to the city. That's always one of the first things to get cut, and it's a shame.
187.	Cut, cut, cut. The city gets involved in way too many areas...need to focus on priorities instead of trying to be all things to all people.
188.	Please keep the fort York bridge! Aside from it being an icon it would have connected people who live on the north and south sides of the tracks. Currently it takes quite a while to get across as you take a long round-about path. / / Don't sell Enwave or privatize other utilities! I don't have issue with moving to privatize some services, but strongly feel that infrastructure should remain in the hands of the city! / / Don't scrap all the LRT lines. LRT does NOT equal streetcars (at least not how most picture them as lane clogging vehicles on queen st). / / Better bus frequency. I can't speak for everywhere, but east Scarborough and parts of north York are very slow and infrequent. / / Continue with plans to remediate the mouth of the Don and other wetlands in toronto. / / / /
189.	so many of the newly planted trees along Bay Street are dead and cut off a year or two later. What a waste of money first of all, and second an opportunity lost for permanent beautification. Choose different, sturdier trees or build a box around the concrete planter to protect them from salt or whatever's killing them.

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190.	Toronto should be able to levy its own taxes to be used only in the city. Transfer payments out of the city to subsidize other municipalities should stop or at least have a 5 year moratorium. Toronto should move to secede from Ontario and become an independent province with its provincial government at Queen's Park and city government in City Hall, as well un-amalgamating the mayoral municipal governments in Etobicoke, Scarborough, North York and with Mississauga possibly joining as well.
191.	Transparency and accountability requires genial political conversations. In other words, decrease the level of pigheadedness in council and increase the level of constructive conversation. It's a sure-fire way to allow politicians to tell the public their intent and concerns.
192.	1. Overcompensation in the public sector 2. Over-Regulation & unnecessary Bureaucracy 3. High commercial property tax rates 4. Poor customer service from government employees . 5. Ineffective City 'welfare' programs. / All these issues create disincentives to engage in private business in the City of Toronto and waste limited citizen resources.
193.	Keep up the current Waterfront regeneration work. Lobby the federal and provincial governments for sustained, PERMANENT sources of revenue!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Stop giving the Police such ridiculously high yearly wage increases (8.5%!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!).
194.	Show us a breakdown of where individual \$\$\$ go. Let the city residents say what they want cut or reduced or increased.
195.	All of these issues are important. But we need to ask how it is that these issues will be dealt with. For instance, Safety and Security is obviously important, but we live in one of the safest cities large cities in the world, so an increase in police budgets wouldn't make sense here. Or, jobs and the economy. They are also important, but the issue is where those jobs come from (public jobs, or privatized jobs.)
196.	Put an end to pan handling, it's an eye sore for our lovely city, especially to the millions that visit TO every year / / More money for green space/parks, or plant more trees, especially downtown - the Bloor St revitalization is fantastic, something even remotely close to that on Yonge between Gould/Charles would do well to increase civic pride, property values (more money for the city in terms of taxes) and increase the profile of the city internationally / / To increase local economy/city vibrancy, consider extending last call for alcohol at 3 or 4 am - this exists in other big cities with no adverse impact, I do not see why this isn't in place already. It would also put curb binge drinking that occurs when people flood bars prior to closing time to consume alcohol before last call. The fact that Ontario has lessened restrictions regarding alcohol consumption at festivals and other events in an important first step in allowing for more relaxed rules for alcohol consumption in this city by responsible adults.
197.	reduce secondary school tuition fees

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198.	The maintenance of current city services at the level which they are now funded and engaged is of imperative import. With these (absurd) proposed service cuts comes the inevitability (if the cuts are implemented) of massive job loss, severe economic restructuring in the wake of thousands of new citizens who will need employment aid funding (Ontario works, employment insurance, etc.) who will no longer have access to it because said services will have been pared down or simply expunged. Perhaps, in light of the fact that funding is required (since we're being asked to swallow a ridiculous multi-million dollar cut scheme) the cutting, if any, should start with the city council members who chose to vote themselves a pay increase. Revoking said increase would provide the first of small sweeping changes that need to take place if any real and lasting fiscal change is to occur. Pointing a proverbial blunderbuss at city services and demanding that the citizenry pick which batch of scattershot is to hit first, and where, is at best ludicrous and at worst criminally negligent in the wake of having assuming elected leadership.
199.	increased costs for city provided services and user fees
200.	I think that the public library system plays a huge role in contributing to the social safety of the vulnerable and helping all kinds of Torontonians participate as citizens, pursue education, training and business opportunities, and improve the quality of life for their families. As a global innovator in providing quality library services and meeting the needs of the communities they serve library funds should be increased, not cut.
201.	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.
202.	Start to embrace the responsibility for well maintained infrastructure. It cannot be allowed to rot any longer. The physical city for which the City of Toronto is responsible is badly degrading, and quality of life with it. Get control over the TTC. It has fallen apart in the 20 years I have lived here. This was once a well maintained, managed and impressive municipality. It is now a laughing stock of incompetence and irrelevance. Get back to your original purpose, and leave social equity to the provincial government.
203.	Cancelling Municipal Land Transfer Tax
204.	We should set about changing term of office for mayor and city councillors to maximum of 2 terms. No more staying beyond their "best before" date. This would entail work with the Province. / / I am concerned that we are considering to sell land and assets to temporarily cover operating deficits. We should be retaining assets and control, not selling / giving away to the private sector. / / Collect the back taxes from the Port Authority and then petition the federal government to close out this private backwater for political appointees.
205.	Education (though I know that is largely a provincial issue) but it would nice to see some more support services (tutoring, French as a Second Language classes, etc.). Also, child care is an extremely important city-wide issue that needs to be addressed.

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206.	The impact of city user fees (i.e. recreation) on blocking or restricting access to poorer individuals, counter to public policy goals
207.	Increase tree planting program.
208.	The idea of using a survey to gauge what services can be cut is ludicrous and will inevitably give partial information as those with less access to resources will not be able to partake in the survey or consultations. Furthermore, the assumption that any services need to be cut is alone very problematic and appears to be a very dangerous slide toward dismantling the public systems that have made Toronto such a great place to live in the past.
209.	I think that the Core Services Review survey was pointed and distinctly political - I don't think that a question about taxes should include both the words "fair" and "affordable". These are often two different things. I think that taxes should be fair, but should honestly reflect the services that the City will provide. Promising tax cuts and maintaining services is a lie - while it worked for the 2011 Operating Budget, it leaves 2012 with a significant (\$700+ million) deficit. That's absurd. Bring back the Car Registration Tax and the Land Transfer Tax. Please.
210.	Toronto has to work harder at self-promotion to encourage more tourism. We live in a great city, the cultural and economic hub of Ontario. Toronto needs to sing its own praises and invest in itself. Tourism is a part of our potential that has been ignored for too long. /
211.	Relationship and collaboration with the Greater Toronto Area and the Province of Ontario
212.	Help promote the job market and increase grants and incentives for design related professions.
213.	Libraries; Heritage preservation; neighbourhood preservation; childcare; schools; adult education; community centres; support for the arts; neighbourhood planning; reduction of pollution including air, light, noise, water; geo-thermal heating for neighbourhoods; bicycle lane improvements; pedestrian improvements; reduction in user fees for city services; electrification of rail service; citizen participation; and many more.
214.	Increase arts funding.
215.	More fiscal autonomy as a city - so we do not have to rely on financial help from higher levels of government
216.	Yes. You should consider this survey - how many people are aware of it? Not many. You should consider how you worded this survey - to include umbrella topics such as the "environment" without giving any indication of what they really mean -- water quality, air quality - not just tree-hugging activities, but ones that affect our very health and quality of life. You should consider how Ford promised no service cuts. You should consider disparities within the city, between the suburbs and the downtown core in terms of access to recreation and community support and organizations, and especially to reliable public transport, and especially in terms of the economic and income disparity. You should not cut any services that the city offers. Instead, you should offer more.

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217.	Receiving more funds from federal and provincial governments
218.	I fear that Toronto will sell out and sell off for the quick fix. This is a short-term solution that also takes away from what makes Toronto tick. We need to invest wisely for the future and be patient.
219.	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.
220.	There are many issues that I feel are important, but I question whether some should be in the municipal mandate or rather subsidized by provincial and/or federal government.
221.	Reviewing property taxes paid by condos v. homes. Condos are more efficient, yet there seems to be a property tax premium, when you compare \$ to \$ on property values.
222.	Priority #1 should be creating GOOD JOBS for as many people as possible!! Cutting services is treating a symptom ...NOT the problem. In fact, cuts contribute to the problem and expedites a 'race to the bottom'. The middle class needs to be reestablished, as they're the ones who provide the city with the taxes to operate. If people have good jobs, they have money to spend in the city ... if big business has the money ... they will use it to invest elsewhere. Create good jobs and the balance of the wish list on the survey can be accomplished. If you don't create good jobs, it won't matter about the other items on the wish list.
223.	road tolls. tree care. garbage and litter pickup on actual streets.
224.	All of those are important, so I am not sure whether you are really just extracting a ranking of their importance with this question. You don't define "fair and affordable" with respect to taxes, but I suspect this question of being a veiled way of saying "not as high as they were", which I disagree with. I would pay more! And those who can afford it should pay more. Along with increased support from higher levels of government, of course, which makes sense given the central role that cities play in the nation's economy as a whole.
225.	tax/toll for vehicle commuters to the downtown core / reducing emissions and traffic

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226.	I am a frequent user of Toronto Public Library and enjoy its collections and services it offers. However, Libraries require more staff and operating hours especially on Sundays. There seems to be less staff working at the North York Central Library especially on Sundays than in past and it is noticeably busier. I notice when I get assistance Library Staff are forced to spend less time with me as in past as there are people waiting in line for services which while understandable isn't exactly fair to some users. Help the Libraries increase their level of services instead of cutting them as I notice. Libraries are vital to community growth and education and they are a service the City should at all costs increase funding to not take funding away from.
227.	Reduce property taxes. Make city suppliers accountable for their work (guarantee on time on budget in contracts). Private garbage. New subways. Designated Tourist areas fully accessible (including restaurants). Road, sidewalk maintenance (privatize, accountable if necessary.. Cut city staff. Remove fair pay policy.
228.	The government, size, salaries is out of control. Taxation, the new land transfer fees, are just cash grabs to support a failing system. Government needs to be reduced in size by one third. Offices need to be open to service the needs of the community past 5pm - no more "flex hours" where the offices in question are not even open to the public.
229.	That bloated public sector is a form of hidden unemployment in Canada with 20% of working population in Canada in public sector and even more indirectly supported by public sector. Why? Outsourcing! Since freetrade started in late 80s. If you start messing with the public sector unemployment with increase to 28% along with public cuts initiative all over Canada.
230.	Animal welfare. I'd like to see a better-funded, more responsive, more humane Toronto Animal Services. The City should initiate a raccoon-sterilization program using oral or injectable sterilants, and expand its Trap-Neuter-Release program for feral cats. Toronto Animal Services should also receive funds to open a free or low-cost spay/neuter clinic for pet dogs and cats along the lines of what Calgary has done (using licensing fees to cover the cost of these surgeries) OR participate in a clinical trial for injectable or oral sterilants for dogs and cats that a nearly market-ready.
231.	Private Garbage collection. More subways not more streetcars. Cut city staff. Remove city's fair pay policy. City staff accountability. City contractors accountability. Suppliers must guarantee and complete their work on time, accountability or receive penalties. City is not an employer but a manager and must put taxpayer/residents interest first. Clean up the city. Get beggars, squeegees off streets. Cap all budgets, no surpluses.
232.	Don't cut police services
233.	North American Indigenous people are very vulnerable. Services for and by Anishinaabe, Haudenasaunee, Cree persons are very needed in the Toronto core, and where they are need. Funding for these people should not be cut. Thanks
234.	urban planning, market value assessment, small business tax rate
235.	Increasing local democracy; making recreational services more affordable or free; increasing taxes and introducing road tolls to raise revenue.

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236.	I hear Rob Ford is considering getting rid of the plastic bag fee. I think that fee inconveniences almost no one and considerably cuts down on the bags used. It's changed the whole city's psychology - we all bring shopping bags now. Because of a nickel! Which is a negligible fee. Please keep it. Please. If only to have people ask "do you need a bag". It makes people reconsider their plastic bag consumption, and a nickel is nothing! Can we please focus on other things instead of getting rid of something that inconveniences no one and actually helps the world a lot?
237.	I think decreasing the cost of food and reducing HST should be considered.
238.	Services and programs for the most vulnerable: homeless, handicapped, elderly, unemployed, troubled youth. / Affordable housing / Programs to promote altruism and recognize volunteers and non-profit organizations working to provide programs and opportunities in our communities. / A Massive input of cash to rebuilding the infrastructure (roads, sewers, parks etc.) / A look at governance with an eye to decreasing the number of elected officials and upper management personnel. / A commitment to improve community centers and programs and a renewed commitment to make these services known and readily available to the citizens at an attractive and affordable fee. / A commitment to the arts at all levels - for these speak to the very soul of a community and make it caring, noble and collegial.
239.	The City is too large, which itself causes many of the strains & demands for more funding. More employers & work should be encouraged and given incentives to move away to other provincial locations. Toronto should have a plan to downsize and not be larger than perhaps 2 Mill people since that's maybe the max it can currently handle for its infrastructure. Way too much congestion everywhere which is straining public transportation, roads, and creating pollution. If a significant chunk of the downtown jobs moved away there would also be less traveling from people in suburbs, who can't afford to even live here. Toronto should discuss options with other government levels to do encourage this transition in the next 5-10 years. Maybe even de-amalgamate & go back to more manageable sized Toronto with 3 surrounding boroughs. Amalgamation hasn't really worked.
240.	Sidewalk clearing - save the money on those little trucks. They always come BEFORE the snow's fallen or AFTER every one's already cleaned their walk. Seniors/disabled people should apply to be on a list for clearing services and if an icy property isn't on the list - bill them and add it to their taxes. / / Road tolls – Out-of-towners use our roads, sidewalks, street garbage cans, parks etc - and don't pay taxes to pay for them. So charge them!
241.	I think just to get more votes the mayor decided to decrease taxes and now that there is budget deficit he is trying to show that he is getting feedback from people to make his decisions. But all the services mentioned in the next page are very essential and cutting costs for them is going to have a big impact on the city. This survey is basically asking people: Do you want to see someone dying on the street because we have to cut emergency service costs or you want a few less trees in your city?

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242.	lack of funding to the city from federal government; lack of an intelligent voice on this issue at City Hall / I think this comes from a lack of an overall vision for Toronto
243.	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.
244.	Population Planning for present economic conditions - discussions with provincial and federal governments
245.	Increase the use of longer-term strategic planning. Consult business and business organizations.
246.	invest in renewable energy / urban farming/access to affordable food / affordable quality housing / lack of public places
247.	The TTC is continuously claiming a financial shortfall and threatening to raise fares. As thousands (if not millions) of people rely on the service as a way of life, the City needs to initiate an audit or inquiry into where the money is really going. We can't allow a single organization to hold the city hostage due to poor accounting when so many (especially the vulnerable) citizens rely on it as part of their daily lives. I remember visiting Toronto years ago when the TTC fare was \$2. Then moving to Toronto and it becoming \$2.75, now it's at \$3 and looking to go up again.....stop the insanity and start with the proper accounting!
248.	getting a fair deal from the federal government, keeping city services while improving them
249.	Quality Childcare Affordability and Accessibility - for a good quality child care space, one has to pay a hefty daily fee but yet there is even close to enough funding available through subsidy and also, there are few centres available in certain areas.
250.	urban planning, property tax reform
251.	I think less cars - perhaps people could pay toll fees for certain roads to make driving less appealing, give incentive to take TTC. Also, more streetcars. Otherwise I think we've won the lottery to have a Canadian passport and live in the most thriving city in the world right now.
252.	Sovereignty from the federal government. Waterfront redevelopment. Better public transportation. Keep Toronto Housing

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253.	The TTC keeps raising its fare, but the service doesn't get any better. This transportation service needs to be affordable and reliable. We have many residents that can only rely on public transportation, but can barely afford to take it. / Permits for teams to play recreational sports are extremely hard to obtain. The city inspects the grounds and holds the teams with permits responsible for any garbage or alcoholic beverage containers left on the grounds, yet they tend to not acknowledge that homeless, drunks and the many other colourful people who visit the parks are greatly contributing to the debris. / Residential street parking permits - For those who do not have parking at their residence, parking on a nearby street is the only option. It's often next to impossible to find a spot to park because visitors/tourists who don't want to pay for parking at the city Green P or meter parking on main streets, park in these coveted spots. I believe the permit parking area hours should be changed to either one hour parking only, unless the vehicle has a permit. Or Permit parking only from 4pm to 9am.
254.	Need to increase funding for libraries and educational programs
255.	Keeping promises made in the campaign. / Keeping cycling lanes. The number of air quality warnings will increase, otherwise, and put vulnerable, elderly, children at risk of health issues, which will cost everyone more money. / Keep the revitalize the waterfront programme (Mayor Miller's vision) alive. / Have a vision for the city that makes us world class, not pit one segment against another. Mean spirited seems to be the theme of 'trimming the fat'.
256.	property tax
257.	bike lanes, increase funding per person for the arts.
258.	Cut fees hiding as taxes. Make construction & road suppliers responsible for their work/warranty. Stick to approved budgets, overages covered by supplier. Cut city staff. Fire suppliers who do not comply. Eliminate city's fair wage policy. Private Garbage.
259.	Perhaps if the Mayor had no cut taxes instituted a property tax freeze and eliminated the vehicle registration fee the deficit would not be as large. Also forcing developers to build civic/public realms, i.e., parks, benches, squares in exchange for height increases for violating official plan.
260.	We need to address why the police take up such a huge % of the budget while crime is falling. / Advocating for funding from Province & Federal Governments.
261.	The need to have better revenue sources and more funding from provincial and federal governments.
262.	Salary increases should not exceed inflation. Public transportation (TTC/bikes) should be increased, but the proposed subway should be cancelled and replaced by LRT. Reconsider how all services are delivered and find other means. Push back to province, or federal govt and use volunteers. Social programs should be delivered provincially. Downloading was an abomination and the old testament dictates the treatment for its perpetrators.
263.	Fair and affordable user fees / Mobility for all / Healthy and liveable city
264.	Raise taxes, don't sell off Toronto Hydro or Parking Authority
265.	Adopt the TAC \$25 plan and actually implement it. / Road Tolls!

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266.	We should consider health, inequalities in health between groups and also why we got into this mess=Why didn't council keep the vehicle and registration tax, or raise taxes?
267.	Residential property owners bear an unfair burden of providing "Property tax welfare" to businesses. Businesses do not pay their fair share of property tax - they should start to be taxed at same rates as residential
268.	Administrative overhead of key service (police, fire, emergency MS) / Overlapping services already provided by other levels of government / City of Toronto should not be a landlord-privatize TCHC provision of housing
269.	cut out duplications. There are service providers tripping over themselves in some priority neighbourhoods
270.	fees for garbage motivational towards diversion
271.	remove costly programs such as public or affordable housing - transfer to Provincial or Fed / remove provincial courts, city run jails, to Provincial or Feds / Remove TTC - amalgamate it with Provincial GO System / Sell-off Metro Zoo Land, CNE Land, Toronto Parking Authority property / re-organize essential services such as police, fire, ems and health dept, amalgamate EMS with health / Amalgamate permits and licensing of food, bars, and massage parlours under health dept
272.	Go back to issues and challenges that Provincial downloading imposed under the Mike Harris government. Suburbs must pay their share of taxes - bring in tolls for roads, base tax on services used.
273.	access by all citizens to municipal, provincial and federal resources / universal volunteerism - with incentives for all age groups / rehabilitation programs for troubled and other people with mental and physical problems /
274.	Increase homecare for the elderly to 4 hrs per day / Affordable clean public housing for those in need / Put a cap on how much the private sector can make as CEOs etc. / Increase funding to food banks so on one goes hungry
275.	Housing, education (tuition fees)
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277.	I am very worried about the City will cut services. Mayor Ford promised not to cut services but now he is talking about it. Why?
278.	Do not privatize social housing. / Cut the police budget - the crime rate has been dropping for the last 10 years. / Do not privatize garbage pick-up / City Councillors should work for all citizens of Toronto
279.	Any decrease in service both "hard" and "soft" that we currently enjoy would be disastrous. Cost go up and so should taxes. I have friends living in surrounding GTA cities whose tax rates are much higher than Toronto - there's room to increase them here.
280.	wage increase by a \$ amount for everyone who works for \$0.00 per year.
281.	City building. Spend money on items that will increase the attractiveness of our city.
282.	Community run community health centres, children's services (daycare, subsidies), barrier free health services, increase social assistance/ disability pensions

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283.	Ensuring diversity and accessibility for everyone. More wheelchair friendly TTC subway stations and elevators in the subway stations to cut down on Wheeltrans reliance. Providing city wide full day kindergarten and thus helping single parents or working parents.
284.	Reduce the fare of public transportation. More public transportation. We do not want any more cuts.
285.	mayor should negotiate with feds and province for funding.
286.	Firstly, Mayor Ford's policies are short sighted in every possible manner. The city faces a \$900 million 2011 budget gap , so cancelling the vehicle registration tax although it was good politics was very short sighted. With over 70% of the city's budget for EMS, Police, health services, fire, TTC. The city needed to expand its tax base to support these services. Secondly, cancelling the LRT plan was again short sighted , the LRT plan was affordable, prudent and fiscally responsible. It would have served less dense neighbourhoods in the outer suburbs in a great manner and would have connected several neighbourhoods to the city's core. The mayor again acting in his short sighted way, decided to cancel these projects. Thankfully the Eglinton line is still being built and going ahead. Also building the Sheppard line with private funds, that is very very funny. Who and how is this going to be paid for? Will it be paid by our tax dollars? by ridership fares, by selling land to developers at a discount? / / We are getting a lot less for these subways and they will be underutilized then we would have gotten if we kept the same LRT plan from the previous administration. Also, musings on bringing a football team to the city, please focus on the real issues at hand. Are you saying that buffalo, Cleveland, new Orleans are great cities because they have a football team - what spend a few hundred taxpayer dollars to have a team play fourteen games a year. / / defending the monies spent on having police offices at construction and sporting events. These services can and should be provided by lower cost services / / Libraries, privatization of essential services, maintaining support for priority neighbourhoods
287.	Accessibility for seniors in subways, more washrooms in subway stations / Affordable housing / Increase in social assistance / Special diet allowance
288.	Please do not cut funding to hassle free clinic.
289.	housing for the unfortunate (on social assistance and the homeless), more funding and grants and bursaries for post secondary students, taxes (stop creating taxes for services and stop raising them), find more ways in which the municipal and federal government can cut their spending (accountability)

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290.	Sheppard subway start now and only to Downsview. underground trams along Eglinton, Finch, Don Mills, Don Mills subway to Scarborough Town be trams underground. / \$100,000 councillor salaries + benefits + office staff of 5? paid too high for very little esp. North York. / Health and safety of streets, China town filth / too many recesses or time off for councillors photo ops do not count. / sewers and water system years ago neglected. / restore night court for traffic summons / that the City will get any more transfer money - no one has taken Provincial or Municipal government seriously. / if that happens more transfer from Ottawa to Ont. to Toronto we'll know something was or now is in the works. June 4th
291.	no user fees for parks and recreational adult programs.
292.	Immigrant women are the most vulnerable people in Canada . They came to Canada and they became the victims of their challenges. Rent is higher , very hard to find the job they merit , they do not have any chance to leave their children in day care whenever they will needed unlike other Canadian women , and because of that immigrant women stay home to take care their kids without any chance for them to be succeeded . This isolation of immigrant women , brings violence from their husbands , depression and of course if this mother is not mentally healthy you will not have healthy Canadian born children educated from a mother who is in depression and not socialized. Canadian government should not cut the founds for services who are helping women and especially immigrant women . Facing racism, classism and sexism as immigrant women without any help and without considering her culture where she has been grow up , is like dying slowly and more and more women will face depression and health issues . Please give them the opportunity to have free day care for their children, so immigrant women could be free from being isolated at home and move on in Canadian life. They need to work, they need to study , they need to be happy and socialized , they need to feel alive , not isolated. Isolation brings mental illness to any kind of human being . Thank you.
293.	Reduce the taxes e.g.. HST / Provide more lower price services for public
294.	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.
295.	Integrity. We were promised in the municipal election that there would be no service cuts. We were told by the now Mayor & other Councillors that there is tremendous waste & "gravy" in City spending. It is the job of the review to identify how to cut waste & sustain services. This is critical particularly to persons of low & modest income who rely on the in-kind support & hand-up that the City's services provide. Cuts to services will negatively & disproportionately impact the poor.
296.	Discrimination Funding being cut from social services is going to damage our city /

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297.	Progressive taxes (on larger income earners) should support better social services. Removing the annual vehicle fee did not make sense - those funds could be used to subsidize and support the TTC. TTC fares receive some of the lowest levels of government funding in the world - this needs to change.
298.	Do not cut services, instead find other sources of revenue such as user fees, public-private partnerships. LRT should be promoted over subways and buses. Roads need to be better maintained and bike lanes should be better designed to meet the growing demand for biking in the city. The waterfront needs to continue to be enhanced in a systematic way and the mass sell of City owned lands and assets is not the way to go.
299.	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
300.	Enhancing the provision of services to the city's most vulnerable, such as the homeless, mentally ill and marginally housed; Ensure the Federal and Provincial government support Toronto financially; No cuts to services; Explore revenue services other than alternative service delivery - reinstate old revenue sources - in short leave the city in a better place than you came to it
301.	Cycling and public transportation should be 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.
302.	COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. Community centres throughout the city which provide after school programs to kids have not had the resources needed. In order to fight crime in the City, our government should be putting resources into preventative measures instead of reactive solutions which have never been successful. Kids, especially those in high risk neighbourhoods need a safe place to go and programs which help build their skills and self esteem. Obviously, Harper is out of touch with this city and its problems.
303.	Access to public services like child care and recreation with no cost. Service fees are a way of increasing tax on some people rather than pooling resources and providing access to all who want or need it. / Affordable regulated public childcare for all city residents, not only those lucky enough to get on the subsidy list. / Public housing - we need more of this. Stop privatizing it and selling it off. This is not the answer. There's a crisis when so many in the community have nowhere safe and affordable to live. Invest in it. Regulate it. Enforce bylaws that hold landlords responsible. / Equity across the city in terms of bylaws that were changed in some areas and not others - for example, Rooming houses can be built in the old city of Toronto but not in parts of Scarborough. Private garbage pick up in Etobicoke. Get rid of these and equalize things across the city.

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304.	Building a safe, comprehensive bike network (incl. finishing the West Junction path to Union Station). More subways and light rail (bring back the vehicle tax, find private partnerships to sponsor new subway and modernize the TTC by getting rid of ticket takers and have all fares paid electronically).
305.	Consider raising revenue through road tolls, and indexing property taxes to cost of living rates
306.	More support for the City from senior levels of government
307.	Cycling infrastructure Possible cut backs to library services, public transportation, government's accountability and transparency
308.	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.
309.	maintain ownership of services and assets in public hands, fund public health initiatives, fun community centres and programs, support affordable housing, invest long term in public transportation
310.	Increase safety and accessibility for bikes and pedestrian movement. Service delivery and modernization of the TTC. Bring credibility and accountability back to City Hall, enough with corruption. A different attitude from municipal leaders--it's not aan us or them fight, we are in this together. Let's strive for balance.
311.	More respect for cyclists, bike lanes, and pedestrians. Better funding and coverage for the TTC (no fare hikes, please). Fewer cars. More green space. No cuts to services (raise taxes if you have to). Respect city workers rights to good wages. The Leafs not sucking would be nice, too.
312.	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.
313.	Supporting Universities and keeping tuition fees low, putting a cap on International Students' tuitions (U of T's went up 12% within my first year, though I bring money and skills to this city!)
314.	The city needs to hold the federal government accountable for their promised g20 compensation packages for local business.
315.	Social well fare services
316.	Remove all fees associated with property transfers!

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317.	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.
318.	1) Providing all budget information to citizens in a user-friendly manner -- this has not done in the case of the Core Service Review. / 2) Provide all financial information electronically, on signage and in media. E.g. all road construction project signage must include price for labour, materials, police, etc. / 3) cities must invest. / 4) Enable staff to be bold and build trust with citizens instead of hiding behind desks. / 5) Unhappy staff who only work for city because of pension should be "helped out" through a severance package so they can work at their true calling -- only they know what that is. / / /
319.	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
320.	Public transportation is an extremely overpriced unreliable mess, there is a great need for bike lanes all over the city, utilities and property tax are grossly expensive
321.	Culture is a very important issue in this city and funding should not be cut in this area!
322.	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.
323.	Cut back on bureaucracy rather than services and have services be covered by indexed property taxes. Also limit or temporarily pull back on wage increases. Civil servants are generally too highly paid compared to the norm.
324.	The ranking of the Importance of issues in the previous section does not identify how I think they are important, or if I think these priorities are being met. E.g. safety and security are important, but given the costs, we should cut the police force.
325.	Increasing federal and provincial support (financial or otherwise) to address urban issues.
326.	Please please please increase the frequency of subway, streetcar and bus service during rush hour. I have to board the eastbound subway at Bathurst station every morning and very frequently am unable to even get into the car. A modern city cannot thrive if it's population cannot even get to work.
327.	Do not privatize Toronto Animal Services. Charge fee for bringing cars into the downtown area as in London, UK.
328.	-Reduce size of Administration and Reduce # of councillors to 10 / - Outsource policing to OPP or RCMP. No need for 3 Police Bureaucracies in one Province / - Social Assistance should be Federally Funded , however managed more diligently

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329.	Our centre Jimmy Simpson is listed as a resource centre and if fees are added to the programs, our centre will only have teenagers and kids and no calming influence of adults.
330.	relinquish control of TTC - upload to Province
331.	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.
332.	Stop cutting jobs. People need to pay their bills and need to raise their families. If jobs are cut then the people of Canada are struggling to make a family and to support themselves and their family.
333.	promoting the arts - from providing grants to small art business', promoting citizens to buy local in the arts and food, promoting hand made goods, promoting art events from one of a kind / handmade fairs (to make them affordable for the smaller artists who can't afford one of a kind shows) to galleries and cultural events / food security - making food affordable for citizens (produce prices went up over 100%, its cheaper to eat at a fast food restaurant than to cook at home) / time poverty - our cost of living has gone up but our salaries have not, housing is at least 1/2 of ANY household's income, and most individuals are a pay cheque away from being homeless. This is not how citizens should live, it is not healthy (Mentally, physically, financially). Lower housing costs, or increase salaries, examine those who are working yet have serious health issues and do not want to acquire disability (want to work for dignity and contribute to society) but need a secure income to live, examine decreasing ours of work as time poverty triggers other forms of poverty and health impediments
334.	looking at cutting duplication of services. Also, accountability amongst service providers. Are the programs that the government is subsidizing actually doing what is proposed or not? If there is not a legitimate improvement, then that funding should be cut. / Shelter House and Support is a huge financial drain on the city budget, yet there is a myriad of organizations providing a duplication of services, with no vested interest in actually providing the services effectively. Yet they continue to receive huge amounts of public funding.
335.	Increased service fees; reduced service
336.	road tolls, other forms of traffic control into the core area

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337.	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..... / /
338.	Politically speaking, the city of Toronto needs to regain control of its police force. City Council finds itself unable to restrain the constant growth of the police budget, it being a politically unfavourable position How can the city, with a \$774M deficit and 5% cutbacks across the board, continue to support a 3% increase in the police budget, (plus a negotiated wage increase that will likely bump that to 5%)? /
339.	ask the province to kill the mob, enforce building density rules, crack down on bad drivers, enforce ad. billboard rules, introduce more smart traffic lights
340.	There is far too much bureaucracy, and it destroys any attempt Torontonians make to improve their city -- witness the food-cart fiasco. / / Toronto seriously lacks vision and boldness at the level of municipal government, where planning, recreation, services, and transportation are concerned. The rest of the world is racing ahead past us. Wake up! / / I am not interested in having services cut. If governments/mayors would quit promising tax cuts, then you'd have enough money to make this city fantastic.
341.	TTC prices- don't increase them. Increase police presence. Increase food banks. Remove 5c fee on bags.
342.	more money from the federal government for a greater share of the tax pie to deal with the many immigrant and social problems that are unique and worse in toronto than any other city in Canada
343.	focus waterfront development or non-development there are too many agencies, staff and management trying to plan and develop waterfront far too many over paid employees on this portfolio / Must hold police at zero increase - far to over paid for the service they provide toronto is living beyond its means / the city pays about %10 more than its competitors
344.	road tolls - get it going. in the end, as long as the money earned is accountably funnelled into street development, road maintenance, and ttc services, I'm all for it

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345.	seems to be duplication of effort between all three levels of government. Do we need each level to address Employment Services, Child Care and Family Services, Senior Care etc? One level of government should be assigned primary responsibility for these.
346.	Make corporations pay more taxes! / Why increase funding for police?
347.	Cost of living is dramatically increasing and the HST tax of 13% makes cost of living even much higher. Our salaries aren't accounting for the increase in the cost of living. WHY????
348.	Banning all new drive throughs in city limits. They increase idling time in the vehicles.
349.	continue to increase recycling and reduce waste
350.	Reduction in the size of government. / Expenditures only for services deemed important. / Eliminate any duplication with other governments -provincial or federal / people should rely less on government, more on their own ability
351.	We need to get out of the social housing business. I believe that all three levels of government should provide housing and mortgages at an affordable levels for those people that are vulnerable or low income. But we need to make them owners of that housing and not FREE LOADERS as they have no respect for that property. They need to be owners and responsible for that property.
352.	Transportation, explore road tolls, explore "above-ground subway" e.g. Georgetown line
353.	Fair and affordable taxes should mean user-fees such as road tolls. I pay 80% of my bus trip, how much of a car trip is paid for by the user?
354.	Since the City Hall is looking at potentially outsourcing, why not release the costs associated with the top 50-100 programs and have Torontonians vote for it in a similar manner. That will be true transparency. Some services will have to be trimmed/cut in order to meet the budget, so why not let Toronto decide what they are. Maybe even have us vote how best to reallocate dollars? I.e. Take more from project X, use 80% to balance and divert 20% to project Y.
355.	Improving public transportation from the outlying areas, such as Vaughn, Thornhill, and Richmond hill to decrease the need for people to utilize their cars to commute. Introducing more incentives for people to utilize green energy in all areas of their life. Ensuring people have a work-life balance by providing programs that help people achieve this. Avoiding user fees and privatization of city services.
356.	There should be an increase movement to educate and facilitate in the implementation of the necessary services providers to work with marginalized groups right across all demographics.
357.	minimizing bureaucracy & incessant fees / streamline police, fire and ambulance
358.	Maintain & expand our EXCELLENT library system; more downtown bike lanes; increase ARTS funding; decrease police salaries.

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359.	City cannot afford to be "all things to all people". There are legislated mandated services it must provide, other services should not necessarily be offered. I also recognize that we need to increase investment in infrastructure to further attract businesses and employment to Toronto. The money has to come from somewhere - if people can't afford it may they need to re-think where they live. Also, Toronto's tax rates and user fees are actually in line if not lower than many GTA municipalities and other comparables governments in the US. / / Toronto is the 5th largest government body in the country, people need to have a reality check, it costs money to do things, but it doesn't mean we should do everything that everyone wants.
360.	The city should place a toll on cars coming into the city. Out of town commuters should have to help pay for local infrastructure. A dollar toll should also be applied GO and Via arrivals in the city. Stay away from "sin taxes" but tax luxury items, sporting events, music events. The city should levy a 1% sales tax and failing that, should levy the 1% against various sales sectors. /
361.	Remember, its a TAX REVOLT. We're just pushing back on tax increases. That's what Rob Ford was hired to do. Don't think your going to run our city on what's left. We need our FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL TAXES back. When/if we get them, then you will get to ask us these motherhood questions (ie: what's more important, mothers or babies? Please!). Your visa card has been revoked, so don't spend anything for a while. Its not permanent.
362.	Don't sell public housing, don't close Libraries, sustain TTC routes, if taxes are needed bring back the VRT. Certainly don't cut L / TT
363.	ensuring that Toronto is globally competitive in terms of a place to live, invest in and to visit.
364.	Independence from higher levels of government
365.	The city should continue to sponsor and fund multicultural events, such as Afro fest, Caribana and Pride, as opposed to attempting to cancel or relocate events
366.	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?
367.	Affordable housing - the city must invest in this. Zoning to more downtown more inclusive for people of a variety of income levels.
368.	I consider the provincial and federal to help the needs of the vulnerable. City of Toronto can't bear that entire burden. / / I consider the safety and security to be pretty good. Not major investment there needed; we don't need more cops hanging out on downhills trying to nab people who are doing 60 in a 50 while going downhill. That is completely unacceptable and not what they should be out on the street trying to do.

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369.	Delivery of services to people living with HIV/AIDS (PHA). I would like the City of Toronto not to cut funding to AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) in order to address the needs of PHA. These members of the community are better served at the grassroots level. With the funding from the City, services are delivered directly to those who need them.
370.	Increasing taxes to create a good city and getting back the car 60\$ I have already spent more on other services than I saved on Car fee.
371.	Maintaining a healthy public library system, with no user fees, that allows free access to information and resources regardless of socio-economic position.
372.	welcoming participation in city programs through accessibility (i.e. not high user fees) / supporting community initiatives (e.g./ community gardens)
373.	There is too much wastage at all levels of government. I believe that even some employees may be taking undue advantage of their positions. With proper checks in place, including safeguards for whistle blowers, can reduce wastage and improve our City with much less resources (manpower and financial). We have to have people who are not afraid of losing their jobs and I think Mayor Ford is a man of principle and can make Toronto the best City in the world as far as honesty, security and affordability is concerned.
374.	don't cut funding on libraries
375.	Eliminating service fees for children's activities in at risk areas. / Providing more and safer bike lanes using models like Brooklyn, Montreal, Northern Europe etc. / Supporting urban farming initiatives and providing / Create incentives for builders to follow leed practices and penalties for those who don't
376.	Arts funding has been significantly reduced in the last few years. Toronto should be the cultural center of Canada. In reality even the COC has sparse sets and cut back casts. smaller venues can barely do anything
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378.	The use of the city by residents of 905 and beyond and their lack of financial support either directly or directed through the Provincial government. / Time and money consumed by the bike issue when it only advantages a very small constituency (young, able, work within 10 km of home, no health issues, very little to carry to and from work, do not need to dress fancy for work, do not need to drop kids off at day care on the way to work, etc).
379.	Public housing needs more funding and support, we need a plan for poor residents....Ontario Works needs to increase and TTC needs more funding and support (they are falling apart and need upgrades)TTC fares can not increase. More subsidized day care sports, more subsidized camp. spots, more youth programs, a serious plan to deal with gridlock with all parties at the table (drivers, cyclists, public transportation)

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380.	City talked about cleaning up graffiti, but nothing was done to graffiti across street from us despite orders already issued by the City. / City talked about better customer service, but when I asked for information from City department, I was told they no longer provide such information because of cut backs, and when I emailed and called City councillor, I received no response. / Simply act on the issues is more important than anything else.
381.	Upgrading school buildings/structures. Eliminate winter sidewalk snow removal. Create grace period for expired parking meters. School zone 40 km to be enforced ONLY during school days/times. Increase on road parking by-law from 3 hrs to 6 hrs.
382.	Do not cut back on the police. We want safe neighbourhoods. If there isn't a strong police presence, there will be a strong gang presence.
383.	Eliminate or significantly limit costly outside consultants. The City employs smart people in all of its departments and agencies: USE THEM to think creatively and with positive innovation. / / Smooth the planning and approval processes that are obstacles to projects that can capitalize on the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and upcoming Pan-Am games. These are fantastic magnets that CAN bring investment, tourists, and conventions to our city if we maximize their potential. / / Change City Hall culture from one of "No" to "Yes - lets work together". / / Tax Increase: a small property tax increase will help maintain our City, and will accommodate costs we cannot control, like the rising price of gas. Only a naive fool thinks costs don't increase over time. / / Eliminate unnecessary travel junkets to conferences, symposiums, and seminars. They have very little real purpose and do not move the city forward. Think at home. Talk to the people who live HERE about their great ideas for Toronto. We have lots of smart, international people who make their homes in Toronto --- travelling overseas for dinner and a meeting doesn't bring you closer to smart ideas. / / The City of Toronto must remember recognize its public sector when they do a great job. Bad news becomes as boring as good news when it is all you hear. / / The city does not attract investment and tourists when it is scruffy, threadbare, and in poor repair. / / The rising tide of lifestyle related diseases like diabetes and hypertension are linked to obesity and inactivity. Maintain safe places to play, for all ages, for free or for very little cost to users. And, keep those activities in local neighbourhoods. / / City government represents everyone in the city; young, old, rich, poor, vegans and carnivores, drivers and cyclists alike. The public good is important, not just the benefit of one interest group. / / Less talk: more action! /
384.	Small numbers can degrade the look of communities considerably. I would love to see strong bylaws and enforcement of residents who do not look after their front lawns. This can be particularly so of rental homes, and homes that have been purchased by developers. It does not take much to cut a lawn, and remove weeds. / / I would like to see very heavy fines for graffiti.
385.	Safe daycare, Libraries, Affordable summer programs, alternative to user fees preferred,

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386.	The City needs to keep funding all the services it already provides. Our group is very concerned that privatization will not save money and that it will just siphon off profits to the companies that are contracted to provide services. We want to see parks, libraries, recreation centres, public housing, TTC and Wheeltrans maintained and improved. Many of us rely on daycare subsidies to be able to work and contribute to the tax base. We need the city to keep the city-run childcares and the daycare subsidies should be expanded. We are not happy with the increased privatization of our garbage and recycling collection. We really want more affordable and free summer day camps and children's programs provided by city workers at recreation centres. We depend on these services as mothers in low-income families. We also find the library children's programs to be very important to us for our children's growth. As we know the first six years are crucial to building healthy people. Invest in our children!
387.	expanding the subway routes and not allowing the TTC fare prices to increase anymore, MORE BIKE LANES
388.	The City should not cut community resources such as Youth Outreach Workers, Community Development Officers or Grants. These are essential for healthy cohesive communities. I would also stress the difference between Graffiti and vandalism and that the City should not eliminate art from City streets-as it an important element of culture in our City.
389.	Toronto Public Library - improved efficiency / TTC - needs better customer service and cleaner subways / Shifting social assistance back to the province
390.	INCREASE IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PUBLIC SPACES SUCH AS PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES FOR YOUTHS AND FAMILIES
391.	1. Every City of Toronto employee should live in the City of Toronto. / 2. The concentration of land ownership and the reliance on the automobile have been the result of poor land use planning and the perception that large, successful developers know best. No more Big Box Centres!!! Bring back the independent neighbourhood corner store. / 3. Get rid of the CITY OF TORONTO ACT. It makes Torontonians second-class citizens and relieves the Province from its responsibilities. / 4. Family Services and Child Care are the responsibility of FAMILIES. Stop taking over private family responsibilities. / 5. You clearly miss the point of government. It's time to focus on the responsibilities of government and re-prioritize limited resources and funding. Leave family responsibilities to families.
392.	Retain / Improve Snow Removal Wherever Possible / Clean Up Our Parks and Remove the Rampaging Weeds - Increase Months Access is Available - Fall is Later; Spring is Earlier / Decrease the Rate at Which Water/Sewer Rates are Increasing - 9% - 10%/Year is Too Much for Seniors and Fixed Incomes / Contract Out Everything That Can Reduce City Expenses Yet Maintain/Improve Service Levels
393.	Cut spending!!!!

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394.	building proper bike-lanes and expanding the bixi bike network to link with subway stations across the city. I recently visited Montreal and could not get over how easy it was to get around by using a combination of bixi bikes and the metro. It was so well planned out and user friendly I am confident if that came to Toronto biking could be an extension of the public transportation network. Note: bikes in Montreal are parked for a fee - just like cars. They can't be randomly tied to a tree or pole. There are frequently placed bike poles along city sidewalks that are fee collecting.
395.	as mentioned earlier, affordable daycare for everyone, especially working families, daycare fees are almost a mortgage payment it is very expensive. As well as more affordable housing for those with low income, especially those on government assistance. Better access to health care.
396.	Transportation (improvement of TTC); healthcare (cut waiting time)
397.	The cutting of taxes to the wealthier population to then in turn cut spending on services that help the poorer part of the population. Why should the poor have to pay more so their kids can go to the community pool so the people that can afford a car that pollutes our city can get back their 60 bucks. It's just crazy
398.	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.
399.	Adding road tolls to enter into Toronto on the DVP, 425 and QEW
400.	The Mayor's "Guarantee" that no services would be cut (!!!); more emphasis on public transportation; better partnerships with schools to efficiently provide community service hubs; much more social housing to reduce homelessness; less wasting taxpayer money on criminalizing the poor, vulnerable and those with mental health issues
401.	federal/provincial funding / balanced budget / governance, transparency and accountability of City agencies, boards and commissions
402.	I think we have to consider congestion taxes/toll roads, reinstating the Vehicle Registration Tax and looking at other ways to restore the revenue that has been cut over the last year.
403.	You need to start in your own back yard and cut at City HallThe waste there makes me cry and every year it gets deeper and deeper.....Before cutting other budgets there should be a serious effort to cut your own budget and stop the waste in your own backyard.....Very tired of the do as I say and take a raise and bonus for laying people off. / Bonus for yourself and freeze for everyone else.....So typical. / CANCEL BONUSES.....Or allow everyone to earn a bonus instead of fighting ... / Offer incentives to do good instead of punishing a worker when they show up....Allow flexibility work and treat people like people.

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404.	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.
405.	the need for the city to increase revenue - road tolls; taxes / vulnerability of the poor / the decrease in the middle class
406.	Connecting to the rest of the world / --- Push for high speed trains to other cities from Ottawa to New York (possibly in conjunction with a ferry to Rochester) / --- A rail link to Pearson airport. / --- Minimum wage for cab drivers similar to waitstaff, ongoing expenses paid by commission portion of wages but never cut into minimum wage or tips, one time expenses can be charged to the employee. / Greater support for new residents / visitors to the city. / --- Neighbourhood centric tourist office/pavilion/displays. Smart phone applications. / --- Better advertisement of services that are offered and how they relate to complimentary services of other levels of government / Integration of primary response services (Public Health, Police, Fire Services, Paramedics) / --- Single dispatching service / --- Cross stream training / --- Multiple service vehicles (Police officer and/or paramedic on fire truck / paramedic, social worker in a police cruiser) / --- Benefits are cost saving, most appropriate skills and response to each situation, greater safety for all involved
407.	The threat of loosing city services is our biggest issue at the moment. These services are crucial to making Toronto a high-quality city in which to live and our infinitely more valuable than avoiding small property tax increases. We're looking at decimating our city.
408.	People of Toronto should pay property taxes that are comparable to adjacent municipalities. Taxes should at least increase with inflation. Property tax cuts and freezes have limited the tax base the city has to provide services and maintain infrastructure for its citizens.
409.	Quality of services and programs should NOT be cut or contracted out as it will only lower the quality provided and cost the city more money over the long run.
410.	Cut the fat, To many stupid people doing nothing for the city and making big money for it. Reception people making high pay and do nothing and paid less every where else and less benefits.
411.	Lowering property tax,

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412.	<p>1. People who own property in Toronto are way below the norm when considering how much they pay in property tax. Might I suggest that you bring them up to par with the surrounding areas? For example, my sister lives in Toronto in a home that is almost exactly the same price as mine...I live just north of the city. My property taxes are more than double hers???? I don't understand how that can be. It just doesn't make sense. I would raise property taxes to reflect the value of the home and land people own. There is a lot of money to be gained, and is fair to do so. Raise property taxes. / / 2.</p> <p>TRAFFIC !!! No matter what time of day you start work, if you work in Toronto, if you live north of the City, you have to leave home by 6am in order to avoid morning rush hour traffic and to ensure you arrive at work on time. And then driving home after work is a nightmare. On a good day you might make it home in an hour and forty five minutes....but, as usually happens, there is a car stopped, an accident, etc. it just takes one thing and then your drive home becomes over 2 hours. I don't know if anyone has ever suggested this or not, but, what if, in the morning, you made ALL LANES of the DVP heading SOUTHBOUND, say from 6am to 9am....then, in the evening, ALL LANES of the DVP go NORTHBOUND ONLY from say 330pm until 6pm. In Hamilton, ON, they do something similar. On the Kenilworth access, they have one lane going up the mountain and one going down...they split and then 2 lanes head down the mountain and 2 head up the mountain (where the split occurs, you can go left or right, taking you either to the east or west of the city). However, during the morning rush hour, I think for 2 hours, they have ALL LANES GOING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN ONLY...and then again at evening rush hour, they have ALL LANES GOING UP THE MOUNTAIN ONLY. It has been this way for many, many years, and works wonderfully !!! Although it might only be a short term solution, I think it would be effective to use the roads you currently have, and make them work more efficiently. Since it would be impossible to build more lanes on several parts of the DVP, perhaps you could consider building UP, and having a 2 tiered roadway.</p>
413.	Reversing the Harris-mandated amalgamation and returning to the Metro structure of government that allows Toronto to avoid being subject to suburban views, and, in all fairness, to allow them to avoid the priorities that we prefer. In other words, what we have now is not working. Let us part our ways amicably and return to "Metro".
414.	Privatization is NOT the answer to Toronto's financial issues. By laying off city workers, we are laying off those that LIVE in the city and SPEND THEIR MONEY in the city. Job loss means TORONTONIANS are unable to pay their taxes or contribute in a positive way to the city economy. Cutting money to emergency services will increase crime and decrease safety and fast and efficient first aid care.
415.	How the local government works with all of the city members, and other levels of government, respecting diversity of opinion and making the best decisions possible for the city as a whole vs. select members of the community.
416.	environmental responsibility; clean and beautiful city; access to city services for all; tree canopy increase;

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417.	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. /
418.	Road pricing, congestion taxes, zone-based ttc fare pricing, parking taxes.
419.	Priorities need to be Police/Fire/EMS - remove the hiring freeze for the Police. Next - get the roads/sewers repairs - the infrastructure is a mess - and without increasing taxes this Survey is a waste of time. Paying with massive cutbacks is not the answer - part of responsible Government goes beyond no tax increase when politicking is over - it is not a reality
420.	We need to stop our socialistic way of running government. Cut taxes by cutting services such as community centres, and cultural festivals and special interest parades (yes, the Gay Pride Parade), and arts events. If those events/services are truly important to the people, then the people can fund it with their own money and not steal it from others who DON'T support those events and services (which is the basis of socialism; state-sanctioned theft). THINK ABOUT IT!! If we have our OWN money back in our OWN pockets then WE will fund what we think is important, and if it doesn't get funded, then we don't really give a crap! DUH! It's not rocket science. Stop spending my money on things with which I don't agree. The city of Toronto government should ONLY be concerned with safety and security (law, justice, and infrastructure).
421.	Need to invest in better technology within city government to increase productivity and thereby mitigate hiring in the long run.
422.	urban planning, property tax reform
423.	Bring down the cost of housing by implementing a base-per-square-foot rental unit price cap (rent control). / / Introduce mandatory licensing of landlords, and hold them accountable to regular property inspections by the city. / / Make Toronto Hydro a competitively-priced Internet Service Provider, using the power grid to deliver residential internet service to peoples' homes. Would bring money to city coffers, while competing with larger telcom companies for market-share.
424.	increase fire department budget in order too meet minimum standards
425.	The city of Toronto MUST get more money from the federal government. That should be a major focus of this present regime.
426.	Snow removal, swimming pools, public health, parks, restaurant licensing, garbage removal, road maintenance, welfare and social assistance, day care operation and licensing, fire safety, building codes, water and beach safety, grants for community-based events and programs, facade improvement programs in commercial areas, managing courts for provincial offenses, long-term care facilities for seniors, public libraries, TTC, affordable housing, law enforcement
427.	Road tolls should be implemented across the city, especially for those entering the downtown core. / Fees for dog owners to address costs of fecal contamination of water.

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428.	Stop spending money putting up plants in low income developments when nearby houses can't afford such luxuries [Lawrence - Allen Expressway] / / Make Toronto a Union-Free Zone - allow businesses to open & operate at lower cost - they will thrive & be happy to pay city taxes / / Lower drastically cost of TTC - encourage people to want to work in Toronto / / Abolish the foolish \$.05 charge per bag - on an international scale it makes Toronto look small minded, not world class. / / Upload cost of public long care facilities - they are really the same area as health care - same for home visits - these costs are growing with the aging population / / Enforce deportation orders - these people are a drain on resources / Eliminate fraud from welfare & subsidized housing / Privatize unionized labour work - unless they are willing to work for the same rate as they would get in private industry /
429.	The previous page only has one answer, all are very important. The city needs to have the resources to meet its needs and should avoid putting any service at risk to meet political agenda's of not tax increase. As inflation occurs revenues should reflect this fact.
430.	1.) / Public voting on ALL issues via / through Internet and Surveys, like this one. This Public data should influence 49% of the vote, with Councillors having the remaining 51%. / 2.) / For User Fees, as an example, families with the lowest income bracket / status for the combined family household net earnings, on the prior year federal income tax, could get a reduction in fees. These families could be granted a 50% reduction in user fees during the current year. This needs to be re-evaluated each year, from June of current year to May of following year. / 3.) / To reduce taxes, continue the outsourcing of services, like garbage, making some essential, such as TTC. Union control exceeds that of the general tax-paying public, unless public voting on all issues, as mentioned in #1 above is implemented. / 4.) / On a personal note, I moved to the city, Etobicoke, from Whitby, one year ago. So far, great, EXCEPT, the run-around I am getting from 311, Transportation, and Municipal Licensing, related to a changed landscape-grade issue of city-owned property adjacent to ours causing major water run-off issues flooding my basement. EITHER 311, OR THESE BY-LAW DEPARTMENTS SHOULD TAKE THESE CONCERNS SERIOUSLY, or we could save tax dollars by dismantling all of them.
431.	TTC is in desperate need of upgrading. I was on a subway that I paid my full fare for, and there was nowhere to sit, there were so many of us standing that when the doors opened people started to spill out a little bit, that's crazy considering we pay 3\$ every time we get on a bus or subway, there should be ample seating or at least safe places to stand and hold on. / I think they should very seriously consider giving possibly MORE funding to parades and parties like Pride and Scotia caribana . these festivals bring hundreds of thousand and in some cases millions of dollars to the city's revenue through visitors staying in hotels, renting cars, making local purchases, etc. These festivals contribute to the funds that are used to manage the entire city. they also bring attention to smaller vendor. when small and medium businesses in Toronto make money, they spend those funds back into our community. All of this means jobs and tax revenue. it's a win win

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432.	I would like to see private garbage, and transport. police budget cut it is 10% too heavy at least.. new police chief.
433.	Restarting the Metro Links transportation plan. It was visionary and unless implemented will set our transportation momentum back at least a decade. / Restore the income stream that we had coming from the Motor Vehicle License registration. WE need all sources of income to meet the needs of the City of Toronto. "Taxes" are not a bad thing. If we don't pay taxes, we don't get services. That is the way it works. / The problem we are facing now is pitting one service against another in an attempt to determine which is the "least worthy"! That is WRONG! / Arts, Culture, Community Festivals, are investments into our city and its communities. / Health care services are essential. If we invest in prevention, we save on treatments for those we prevent from becoming ill by not providing the initial preventative services up front. / Our city streets and other infrastructure have been so neglected over the years, that now we are in a crisis mode. Our street surfaces are a mess, our water system is in crisis. Investing in these NOW will save us in the long run. / Projects which have been started and money invested must be completed, not derailed. Why waste money invested in the past, only to deflect money to some other new project now. We should not be squandering our past investments. (e.g.. Fort York Bridge). / Short term cuts to services result in long term increased expenses in the future. / /
434.	potential cut backs to emergency services
435.	the effect of service fees on vulnerable people such as the homeless and new Canadians (for example, if they rely on libraries for settlement information, job searches, entertainment, or just a place to relax at no charge)
436.	The safety of citizens. Toronto shouldn't cut funds or staffing of emergency services
437.	Libraries are important. Please do not cut back on library services, especially for children. A love of reading is not fostered by a computer.
438.	Why are you looking to get rid of the 5 cent plastic bag charge. Plastic bag usage is down over 70% since inception. My personal usage is down 95%. Are you worried about not getting your cut? How much will that cost you to administer to get your cut? You have reduce plastic bag usage by 70% at no cost to the City and you think that is a bad thing why exactly? Leave it in place and move on to more important issues.
439.	Emergency Services are an important part of the city, and retaining the excellent EMS. FIRE and Police Service is a Must. Cut Backs to these 3 essential services will affect lives and property, as these individuals truly take their profession seriously and work for the citizens of Toronto.
440.	do not eliminate childcare services.. who thought of the age cut off to be 3.8 yrs. it could have been extended to the age of 5. leave jr kindergarten in the childcare program
441.	Road tolls
442.	no user fees. / No contracting out of good Toronto jobs to a minimum wage private sector

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443.	City of Toronto should consider other revenue sources such as getting into real estate development, charging user fees on city owned highways, a casino and/or hotel fee.
444.	Reducing traffic flow in the downtown core. Redistributing Provincial tax money to the people who pay most of it -- Torontonians. Asking outer-cities (Mississauga, for example) to pay for services used by its citizens. Requiring city workers to live in the city that pays them.
445.	Seniors: / We met with 15 Cantonese seniors at our Seniors Program on June 6th. They are very passionate about the needs of seniors. Some of the top needs included need for more seniors public housing and better maintenance including more air conditioning, of existing units. They do not want this service to be privatized. / Seniors also want more frequent and reliable TTC service, with a reduced fare for seniors and a possible seniors' day pass for a reduced fare as they have in Vancouver. Seniors do not want any parts of the TTC to be privatized. They are concerned about maintenance and the potential loss of routes that are considered not as busy. / Other top needs for the city included city run childcare and childcare subsidies, well maintained parks and recreation centres with free programs, libraries, and more long term care spaces. A number of the seniors commented that waiting lists are too long for long term care. / This group wants the city to invest in making Toronto more livable. They want public housing and TTC to be uploaded to the Ontario Government and the Federal Government to provide the two per cent revenue from the gas tax to cities. They want property taxes frozen for seniors, but accept that these taxes should be raised for other Toronto residents. / / /
446.	Contracting out seems to be being sold as the ultimate answer to budget problems. What about after everything is contracted out and the private companies jack up the price and the City has no other options -- what happens then ? Of course private companies will bid low at first, but they will increase the cost of doing business and by that time there will be no other option as City staff and equipment will be gone. Is this doing good business or selling a very short term decrease in budget.??
447.	1.keeping the city looking good-parks grass cut, garbage and graffiti cleaned up, / 2.improving the flow of traffic-better timed lights, less stop signs, get rid of bike lanes that are not well used / 3.get rid of street cars and replace with buses / 4.long term underground subway to the airport / 5.more parks-especially along the lake / 6.improve sports and fitness facilities / 6.
448.	Environmental issues, services for seniors, bicycle lanes and the need for road tolls to curb traffic congestion and provide revenue.
449.	Consider repealing obsolete laws (would need provincial help) like the liquor laws. In Europe, I can walk into any 24 store and get a bottle of wine, whereas here in Toronto it's always a race to the LCBO before light's out. / / We're adults, time for Toronto to grow up and allow local convenience stores/retails the right to sell alcoholic beverages, it would be a clear sign to Torontonians of a clear/immediate change everyone can see (and enjoy).

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450.	Toronto has the lowest property tax in the GTA, this should be considered to be raised so that the city does not have to cut back on essential needs of the citizens of Toronto (emergency services, garbage collection, clean-up etc.) During regular business hours the city population increases significantly from people in the surrounding areas who pay much higher property taxes plus commuting costs to work in the city. The citizens of Toronto should realize the need for essential services and the fact that they are not paying commuting costs, that to live in such a convenient location should hold a premium. Many of the citizens of Toronto are friends, co-workers etc. with the rest of the surrounding cities why not work as a team so that the city is kept clean, safe and still an enjoyable place to be.
451.	The city ought to consider further privatizing city-run services by returning them to both the profit and non-profit sectors. Libraries and community centres, as well as park maintenance and forestry, could easily be further opened up to the community participation by transferring some of the administrative responsibility for individual parks, branches, and centres to community volunteer boards and associations. For example, in the South Humber Park in Etobicoke, the 153rd Old Mill Scouting Group is currently managing a project to re-forest and re-naturalize parts of the woods and meadows with the help of a private firm and some support from the city. However, we have been hindered by city hall bureaucracy that prevents a well-respected private firm from using to use the necessary equipment and materials (i.e. herbicide for invasive trees), instead having to wait months for city staff to do it. The city ought to better facilitate community partnerships like this one that return power to the people and save the city money. / / Also, there is no reason for the city to manage companies like Toronto Hydro, which could be sold to private firms for a substantial profit. With the city's large debt-load and future infrastructure needs, it is only responsible to sell-off assets that could free up additional revenue for capital investment. Moreover, advances in technology have eliminated the "natural monopoly" for services like hydro and gas, which can now be provided in a competitive marketplace - generating wealth and jobs while driving down costs for consumers.
452.	Trying to fulfill campaign promises before really investigating all the implications of those actions. i.e. Removing the \$60 vehicle registration tax - which was accepted by all drivers - which has ended up putting the government in the current need to slash all sorts of services to make up for this lost revenue.
453.	subways 50 -50 with federal government
454.	city politicians should stop nickel and dimming our police ambulance an fire departments, instead they should cut their own salaries

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455.	It depends on what is included in the words you placed on the survey. / / For example, fire services and emergency medical needs to be included, but may be assumed under the safety and security heading (so not mentioned as often as it might be otherwise). / / So, especially if the headings have a narrow definition, I would include in the mix the following - policing, accessibility, human rights support, shelters for children, youth and adults, mental health services, provincially-mandated health activities such as promotion, prevention (public health inspections), collaboration with other municipal governments and other government departments to determine best practices, food programs to ensure there is no hunger, income support where needed to ensure no poverty, managing housing stock to ensure affordable housing, maintaining waterfront access and ensuring construction of high-density housing includes appropriate community services, recreation services (pools, etc. especially for low income families), beautification and maintenance of public property (we used to have a gloriously maintained city and were the envy of many), and by-law enforcement on private property and enforcing bylaws on all fronts, undertaking all other mandated provincial activities such as court services/payments, appropriate land-use planning and permitting/inspection, noise and nuisance control, fence/boundary disputes, parking (not sure if it was included in transportation), supporting arts, cultural and heritage events to ensure tourism, child care systems, public libraries and internet access
456.	city needs to be more consistent about cleanliness- currently a turnoff for tourists / also needs harder policies re the vagrants and people 'political' sleepers on streets. / do not cut children's outdoor programming- big need-
457.	Dear Rob Ford and all. A city needs services that help marginalized people. You cant run a city like a business. You shouldn't cut services for disabled people just because they aren't enough of them to matter to your re-election bid. We need to be compassionate as a society, not selfish and greedy.
458.	All levels of government should be working to establish jobs (GOOD JOBS) for the residents of Canada. At the moment the public sector is under attack and being blamed for all the problems. The public service is not the problem ... it is only a symptom of the much larger problem ... globalization, competitiveness and Free Trade. Canadians need GOOD JOBS!! Everything else on the list would then become manageable and easily rectified if the residents were provided with GOOD JOBS!! Please redirect the misguided effort to rectify a symptom and start working on the actual problem. Use Ford Nation to lobby for policies that would stop the deindustrialization of this great nation, and the subsequent loss of GOOD JOBS, which is resulting in the disappearance of the middle class. GOOD JOBS positively impact upon a citizens ability to pay taxes which has a positive and direct impact upon the cities ability to provide first class services.

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459.	Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the GTA. Please inform our citizens of this fact. People who I talk to think their taxes are too high and are shocked when I tell them how low their taxes are in comparison to surrounding cities. 905 citizens are not contributing to the city even though they use our roads, GO, etc. They should be paying road tolls to help the city maintain good quality roads.
460.	Garbage Transfer Depot Stations, Toronto Land Transfer Tax, Condo Development Surcharges, Building Permits, Municipal Licensing and Control Standards, Engineering Departments, Five Different City Halls, Government Leasing Space, Public Holdings, Historical Land sell-off.
461.	Affordable housing system that is accountable and responsible for its tenants / Increase incentive and supports for low-middle income home buyers / Shift emphasis from fighting crime to addressing the root cause / Accountable school boards that address and work to reduce drop out rates / Increased investments for After-School programs in neighbourhood and community centres
462.	Arts funding is of crucial importance for a strong economy. / Additionally, during the Second World War, Winston Churchill's finance minister said Britain should cut arts funding to support the war effort. Churchill's response: "Then what are we fighting for?"
463.	Toronto Community Housing takes too much money and does not spend it wisely. I am a tenant rep and have engaged in many activities. I do not understand, if you get full market value which is subsidized by the governments. why do you not have money. it is because you do not manage the money well, They need to get back to being a property manager, There are many support systems for people who need it , also funded by govt. so let the social agencies deal with the so called vulnerable tenants. THC is to blame for the sense of entitlement that many residents have. All people are fed, is your rights ,your rights, never is it explained that along with rights comes responsibility. I also believe that the whole tenant rep system need s to be reviewed. There is a tremendous waste of money. Also , the amount of money that is spent on translators, when meetings are held. If you look at the recent elections, that were held , only one third of the reps even voted.
464.	I fully support the city moving to divest itself of ALL Toronto Community Housing properties and going to a voucher system that covers a portion of the rent for eligible candidates. / I support privatization of ALL city services. / Sell Toronto Hydro / Sell Toronto Water
465.	Do not cut citizen's committees, more bicycle lane infrastructure, press police to take responsibility for misconduct.
466.	Recently there have been various budget cuts libraries are facing, and as a result the library is considering to close down Metro Hall Library. This is unacceptable, libraries are vital to the social and cultural growth of our communities, and there needs to be much more investing into libraries. If anything, we should invest more money to encourage libraries, not cut their budgets.
467.	Road tolls or some form of congestion charging is becoming increasingly necessary.

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468.	It is important that City services be kept within the city. I do not agree with privatizing city services. I also do not agree with giving breaks to the people with the most resources and money, and taking away services from those with the least. For example, charging user fees at the Priority Centres. Giving people a place to swim, play basketball and meet reduces crime and other problems, therefore reducing policing and health costs. Preventative measures always cut down on infrastructure costs in the long run, and will produce more balanced budgets.
469.	Increase library funding. Do not close branches down. Increase budget to buy more books. / Keep ttc cost down.
470.	NOT raising the TTC fare
471.	Privatization of public services hurts us all. When a profit is the basis for service delivery, either services are negatively impacted or the cost for the services goes up. User fees discriminate against the most vulnerable of our citizens. Those who can least afford to pay are those who are often most needful of the service.
472.	How to increase a revenue source for the city to broach the deficit without having to raise property taxes for people that already live in the city and are overtaxed (if you want to foster a vibrant downtown and keep it somewhat liveable unlike American cities). I.e. investigate road tolls on the Gardiner, DVP, etc. This could help pay for aging infrastructure and as long as there are alternatives provided for commuting may help with the increasing congestion during rush hours. This simultaneously has to be counterbalanced by assistance from the private sector/other levels of government to invest further in these other alternatives for travel such as rail lines/TTC expansion.
473.	scrap the CBS. Hire out when appropriate. Cut waste. Tighten your belts.
474.	proper funding from the federal government on transportation
475.	CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES ARE DIFFICULT TO GET FOR ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE AND AT RISK POPULATIONS SUCH AS FAMILIES, WOMEN AND TEEN PARENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIFFICULTIES. FAMILIES MAY NEED TREATMENT TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES THAT PREVENT THEM FROM BEING SUCCESSFUL IN WORK OR SCHOOL. YET WITHOUT WORKING OR ATTENDING SCHOOL THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY TO ALLOW THEM TO GET THE TREATMENT THEY NEED TO ALLOW THEM TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL, CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. AS WELL BECAUSE THE CITY HAS A DUO ROLE AS A SERVICE PROVIDER AND FUNDER I BELIEVE THE CHILDRENS SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED. CITY CHILD CARE STAFF RECEIVE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER WAGES AND CHARGE MUCH HIGHER PARENT FEES THEN NOT FOR PROFIT CHILD CARE CENTRES DOING THE SAME WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. ANY REQUESTS TO THE CITY FOR INCREASES IN BUDGETS TO ADDRESS THESE INEQUITIES ARE DENIED TO MOST CENTRES NOT RUN BY THE CITY, WHILE CITY RUN CENTRES INCREASES ARE APPROVED.

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476.	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.
477.	Full disclosure about 'budget' cuts, 'tax' credits, 'user' fees as they relate to a 'balanced-budget!!
478.	The Toronto Fire Department should NOT have its budget cut. / The Toronto Police Force should have its budget cut, its governing body should be reassessed and the savings passed along to social services/prevention programs. / Toronto should look to Vancouver's needle exchange program to help with drug issues and should also move to create a red light district.
479.	Day care fee's
480.	Taxes are relatively low in this city and our services are crumbling. A tax system that creates additional taxes is needed. We need to tax/levy fees on people using city services (ex. road tolls) to fund infrastructure and city services. Another issue is building communities that aren't all condos. There is too much condo development in the City and too little focus on other forms of housing and mixed use communities.
481.	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!
482.	increase availability of safe bicycling options
483.	Need more firefighters to decrease response times and increase care
484.	Only fund projects that serve the general public - such as garbage collection, road clearing, libraries. Everything else - daycare, pride parades, G20 summits - should be paid for by user fees or dropped. / Stop allowing construction that does not increase revenues to the city. / BIA's should fund themselves. / Eliminate the Toronto Green Standard. /
485.	Programs that effect seniors should not be cut

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486.	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.
487.	The city needs to have better public transportation, need to invest more in public green spaces, arts and enhancing community participation.
488.	I think city staff should be well-paid and respected so that the municipal public service is not made up only of people that the private sector rejects. However, I think that many municipal employees are not accountable for their performance therefore don't earn their salaries. Therefore, I would strongly suggest that instead of staff pay cuts, that salaries remain the same or even increase but that performance management improve so that the taxpayer gets value for the money that goes to pay municipal employees.
489.	More bike lanes; initiate pedestrian only zones; start to think about a road congestion tax on vehicles driving into the downtown core; maintain decent wages for employees and end wage suppression, the 'race to the bottom' that occurs with privatization; and avoid the short term solution of selling off irreplaceable public assets to keep taxes low for only a year or so.
490.	Increase dollars in Ontario works / Increase spending in youth employment programs and community grants /
491.	The city must work to reverse the increase of economic ghettos in parts of the city -- we need more mixing of economic/social groups
492.	The need for non-profit organization support. These agencies serve a great number of our population, especially newcomers who have recently arrived to Toronto to settle and build a new life. These agencies require the ongoing support and funding from all levels of government in order to continue providing the services that the newcomer population highly relies on.
493.	reducing the cost of police. They should not be our number one expenditure. Privatize traffic police. Put up Road tolls. Tax individuals who do not live in Toronto.
494.	Affordable housing, a poverty plan, demand our share of federal resources.
495.	Accessibility and availability of parks and public spaces. We need to increase public space and encourage civic engagement and community building. Neighbourhoods should cater to a diverse range of cultures and income levels. We need more public art, subsidized art spaces, and public incentives to support local, independent businesses.
496.	Safety of all the citizens, employee's, businesses and visitors. We should not cut any staff or cut the budgets of police, fire or ambulance

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497.	Do not make promises we can't keep. Do not freeze taxes, it only puts the City in a difficult position come next budget. Modest tax raises and increase in social services!!!
498.	<p>I'm an analyst so you understand that I really know what I'm talking about. / / The bloated public sector in Canada is a form of hidden unemployment. 20% of all Canada's working population work in the public sector with many more directly and indirectly supported by public sector contracts. The current trend of cutting the public sector across Canada including Toronto will increase unemployment to 25% at best and 33% at moderately worst. This will lower the quality of life in Canada considerably for the majority and increase the gap between the poor and wealthy considerably eliminating the middle class. Why are 20% of the working people in Canada employed in the public sector? It started with free-trade in the 80s, and with that the outsourcing of our private sector job internationally by private interest corporations with no care for the public interest or health of our nation. Outsourcing is the problem because of NAFTA, SPP and TELMI. The outsourcing of jobs to other cheaper, non-standard and non-regulated countries to produce cheaper products plus the selling of Canadian interests to foreign international interests erode Canadian sovereignty and economic strength. The jobs go, but physically the people stay and they flock to jobs that are left and equitable like government jobs. Intentionally or not, governments in Canada hired much of it's working Canadian population out of necessity to offset hire unemployment numbers. The fact our banks were not deregulated like in the in US (they weren't because of a non-conservative government) is one main reason why Canada is better than most. The other reason is that our population is small compared to the large territory we have meaning that we have a lot we can sell off. The problem is that we can only sell off so much control of our national interests before there is no return and the Canadian public suffer the long term consequences of this trend - the considerable lowering of quality of life and increased unemployment. This would only be the start of many more problems like civil unrest as we currently see in other parts of the world. / / Health and public interest of the nation is the priority of government!! Those interests will never be held by private corporations because capitalism doesn't work that way, in fact capitalism fails in a natural system of limited resources. Though Rob Ford and his agenda is promoted in the public interest, I don't think he sees the full picture of his actions. Spending control and removing corruption in government is definitely needed so good for him, but cutting public sector is not what's needed. New thinking is needed, but job must remain Canadian!</p>
499.	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.
500.	<p>1. Investment in green initiatives, which both promote long-term health & safety, and create good-quality jobs in a "knowledge economy" (for example: technical specialist in cleaning contaminated soil, vs. casino croupier). / 2. Providing equal opportunity for all young people across the GTA.</p>

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501.	upload social services to province, direct funding to areas where Toronto will get the most R.O.I., make social services accountable not waste, ie. TCHC, any organization, or division of the city has to prove their productivity, and fiscal responsibility
502.	The movement of traffic in Toronto is ridiculous. Much improvement could be made to improving the number of advanced green traffic lights, and providing left-turn lanes to reduce the number of cars on the streets that are simply impeding others. / / The bikes lanes are a nice feature of the city for safety of bicycle commuters and people who only bike on weekends, however it seems ridiculous that they have been placed on major corridors such as Jarvis street. They should be on the secondary side streets -- on the Harbord Streets; not the Bloor streets of the city. I both drive and bike within the city, and I can tell you biking down Jarvis street at 40km/h, while being passed by trucks and cars easily going 80km/h, while dodging stopped taxis and delivery trucks (that are stopped in the bike lane) is an "interesting" experience. ...The money for those bike lanes would have been better spent on a centre turning lane for cars. / / By the same token, I'm very glad to see that Bixi bikes have moved into the city, and I hope the city continues to support them. / / The TTC is a disaster. You want to increase ridership? Increase the service hours, frequency of pickups, and security of the riders. Cutting funding of the TTC and reducing their services is a slippery slope.
503.	childhood poverty, post-secondary education fees, all day childcare facilities, discrimination of vulnerable groups
504.	you should consider the implications of cutting recreation, culture and vulnerable population programs. If you're sucking up to the conservative federal government suck up enough to get more money to support the programs that support the people of Toronto.
505.	1. Police - Why are we having a Police Officer guarding every City roadwork site??? Put these cops to police work or lay them off.... evidently we have too many cops on the payroll. Instead, why don't we hire a Security Guard to "protect" the site, that would cost the City at least 70% less. / 2. Toronto Parking Authority - Change the bylaw so if I get a parking ticket I have to pay first and then contest the ticket in court. We could save MILLIONS in legal fees PLUS it would assure we collect money for the tickets. At present we have thousands of tickets gone "uncollected" and thrown out before they see a day in court because of huge backlogs. Parking Enforcement Officers have gone through costly training and they know what they're doing! PAY FIRST, CONTEST LATER. / 3. Toronto ZOO - privatize it, it only makes sense.

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506.	<p>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.</p>
507.	<p>Toronto was a more progressive city some years ago. In the last year, this city is taking a genuine turn for the worse. / / Privatization of our city services will not make it cheaper on any level. This is something that can only be understood by having been through it already. Most major services were cut or changed in the U.S. years ago. Crime rates went higher, service went downhill in almost every aspect, and many other problems were the result of this short term thinking. At the end of the day it actually cost considerably more money, not less. It also has greatly changed the nature of the society. It's important you see the effects of this long term, not short term. A small amount of money saved today, can cost a great deal extra down the road. I could go into great detail, but I'm not sure it be read to make it worth my time. Just know that you are making a dangerous mistake in the road you are going down currently. Can you imagine underpaid, contract worker style police protecting your neighbourhood? Do you really feel they would care or be willing to go out of their way for you? / / In most truly progressive cities around the world - people who choose larger gas consuming vehicles as a mode of transportation are considered lower on the totem pole (unless they require it for job related activities). They are taxed higher for making high consumption choices. Toronto however, is now promoting more traffic and more drivers on the road. Drivers now feel they have the right to act like bigger jerks than they already did. Might I remind all of you: Driving is a privilege, not a right. Treat it as such! / / / /</p>

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508.	The poor decision making at City Hall and the poor oversight. Nonsense like the Union Station deal, the chaos caused by the Bloor Street "improvements", the St. Clair LRT, the Spadina LRT, the Harbourfront LRT, and the Sheppard Subway, illustrate a consistent pattern of spending large amounts to make life worse for residents and not being able to follow a schedule. The ridiculous Recreation cuts a while back where we lost the services, but kept nearly all the costs, only the useful part-timers who actually did useful work were cut. The ridiculous cut of Sunday library service the busiest day of the week, a while back is another ridiculous decision, that also appears to have violated contracts, illustrates a pattern of punishing the taxpayer, instead of making well thought out cuts. If the cut had been to end library service from 9AM-12:30PM Monday-Friday, that would have made much more sense, since that is when the libraries are not heavily used. Then there was that propane explosion place which seems to have been tolerated. City Staff seems geared to generating a lot of paper and wasting a lot of money instead of making sensible choices and all the politicians seem to be part of the problem. Stop building new stuff and instead do proper maintenance of what we have. There should be no new TTC LRTs, subways or anything else like that. The Yonge line is packed already, there is no need to spend billions to make it worse. /
509.	The city should be looking at The City of Toronto Act to see where it can best implement its its taxing authority to increase city services.
510.	Addressing larger issues with provincial and federal governments
511.	Develop new sources of revenue based on ability to pay (apply progressivity principle from income tax field to these new sources of revenue) --
512.	tuition fees
513.	I do not agree with user fees for recreation and other services that provide activities for children and young people in low income families who otherwise would not be able to afford to use our swimming pools etc.
514.	Increased services to assist the vulnerable populations that exist in Toronto are essential to support the diverse communities, and increase the vibrant nature of Torontonians. Increased social, financial and employment supports offered by the city of toronto are vital to show Torontonians that their city offers valuable/necessary services that make a difference.
515.	TTC needs complete overhaul and support from the City and Province. As well as more streetcar lines, increasing fares without increasing service BY WAY OF BETTER TICKETING SYSTEMS (i.e. 90 minutes or 2 hour transfers) will not reduce drastically the revenues but will provide a far superior service, and be an act of good faith to the people of Toronto who try not to drive everywhere. Also, why on earth did the mayor cut taxes when we have a budget deficit looming? short sighted and pandering to voters, a total lack of leadership.

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516.	Our city is very large and there are several issues that the city needs to address with provincial and federal government. I think Rob Ford needs to work better to engage all counsellors (regardless of there political orientation). And the city needs a better long term vision. Mayor Ford seems focus on the budgeting issue - but why didn't he consider all these issues when he passed the first budget in such a rushed manner? Balancing the books should happen every year with a long term outlook on what is best for the city and its residence.
517.	Active transportation should be given a higher priority, voting and electoral reform should be widely debated and given a fair hearing, the existing graffiti policy should be revised or scrapped so that property owners aren't punished twice by the actions of vandals i.e. the unwanted graffiti and the city's fine/fee for clean-up, pest and vermin control, an end to paying off-duty police officers to stand guard over a construction site (private security or a crossing guard can do the same job for less), more political and economic support for the arts.
518.	reduce size of government. maintain front line, cut middle management
519.	Re-examine spending and proposed spending to identify those areas that best benefit the city and not just capital investment. Stop running the city as if it were a business and invest in programs and services that actually serve ALL communities in this city. Stop using divide and conquer tactics in council and pitting right against left. Serve the CITY as a community. That's true investment.
520.	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!
521.	I would rather have continued paying the \$60 a year on my car than have my services deteriorate. It is also better than road tolls. I think that ending this tax was a greedy and short-sighted campaign ploy that will continue to hurt our city. I am also appalled that we have gone from a surplus situation to a deficit situation so quickly. What I'm saving in "tax breaks" through all of this is pitiful.
522.	Reinstating the Vehicle Registration tax.
523.	waste reduction, consumption taxes (including road tolls, packaging charges), the declining quality and quantity of natural environment, the preservation of neighbourhood character
524.	Library services are important city-wide. Do not cut funding, but give this service the funding it needs.
525.	Your survey is biased. A higher, yet fair level of taxation can still be affordable. Lumping "fair" and "affordable" together obscures the fact that Mayor Ford invented the budget crisis by promising not to raise property taxes in line with inflation and also by promising to cancel the other sources of revenue established by the last council -- the vehicle registration tax and the land transfer tax -- and by incurring millions in penalties for cancelling light rail projects.

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526.	Child care - It's not affordable and there aren't enough spaces to allow parents to choose the care/centre that works best for their child(ren). Child care needs to be supported by the city and government because many parents can't afford the \$1000-1500 a month fees - it's like having another mortgage. Living in Toronto is getting to expensive.
527.	Don't cut down on public services. Privatization is not the answer.
528.	Improving customer service on the TTC. The fare is far too high for the low level of customer service provided.
529.	Toronto needs more bicycle lanes, an extensive LRT network funded by a downtown zone car toll, and more public resources for the poor.
530.	Careful on the private sector deals for city infrastructure contracts. Must be independent and accountable. Don't waste our tax dollars and time on 'graffiti' removal which only punishes the small business owners. Much more important issues i.e. communication between departments/private sector to coordinate effectively work being done on our streets. Support cultural events that are part of our diverse peoples Toronto. Never cut Parks budgets. Urban green space are the lungs of the City. As density grows, so doe the demand to maintain our parks as cool, green refuges from the concrete jungle.
531.	congestion, high-density planning, decrease car-dependent infrastructure, increase green public spaces
532.	The TOTAL effect of user fees on the most vulnerable. i.e. a future vision piece. What do we want our city to FEEL like in ten years?
533.	Toronto has lost significant tourism revenues in recent years, the city needs to increase funding for arts and cultural organizations in order to attract international tourism. Toronto has the potential to be a major cultural centre, but that can only happen with significantly more public funding.
534.	Fair property tax assessment.
535.	First, putting Culture and Sport on the same line is unwise and highly manipulative. The main city-wide issue to address is the appalling bureaucracy that has calcified city planning, traffic and every other major urban function. And provincial controls such as the OMB interfering in the city's decision-making while providing insufficient support for issues like transportation.
536.	Toronto needs to cut back on overdevelopment - Population density is far to high to support a physically and psychologically healthy quality of life. / We need less police overall and more police officers who are sensitive to the overall needs of Toronto residents.

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537.	1. Providing better opportunities for including young people in and at all levels of decision-making; particularly as relates or directly impacts on their lives: civic engagement; jobs; arts & culture; recreation; budgeting; planning; evaluation... 2. advocating for and putting citizens/residents first in all negotiations with corporations who build and do business in Toronto. 3. Focus on and prioritize with immediate action to fix and properly invest in maintaining our city's infrastructure: roads, transportation, public buildings, parks, housing, etc.
538.	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.
539.	The city needs to renegotiate the funding of social services with the provincial government. Social services are income redistribution programs, and should be funded from income tax revenues. The provincial government should either assume responsibility for social services, or provide the city with the authority to raise funds through income taxes.
540.	Do not cut on Social Programs and Aid for Newcomers. Doing so would impact in other areas of our economy, safety and development.
541.	Make the other levels of government pay their fair share, upload some of the services that the city shouldn't be responsible for.
542.	When shutting down main arteries (Gardiner & DVP) in the city for events such as the Ride for Heart in early June. Shut them down a day earlier and use that time to perform regular maintenance and instead of charging closure fees, trade the shut down for a sponsorship placement. This benefits the city by saving on closures, bringing awareness to large events and benefits charitable associations by reducing their operating costs.
543.	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.
544.	We need to stop moaning about how high our taxes are (they're really not) and accept that necessary public services are not free and that those of us who can afford it have a RESPONSIBILITY to help fund services that benefit EVERYONE. City government should also focus on negotiating or (only if necessary) fighting for fair provincial and federal funding, not on cutting services to vulnerable people!
545.	Do not waste money on the Sheppard subway line. Cut staff and benefits for all civil workers.
546.	Zone quiet residential streets for 24 hour duration street parking so residents can't persecute each other with frivolous calls to police to enforce "park longer than 3 hour by-law" / Eliminate nuisance cat licences. This is harassment of cat owners. / Eliminate nuisance retail bag fee. / Minimize government interference in the day to day lives of the citizenry.

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547.	- Cutting down the carbon footprint / - Keep the "naming rights" to the city/public (parks Canada, subway stations etc.) / - Going as green as possible
548.	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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1.	the city should download some of their services like shelters and housing to the non profit sector as this will provide maximum services for fewer dollars invested
2.	Invest Toronto and Build Toronto are great options to develop and sell Toronto's real estate. Investments (similar as the Teacher's recent investment in the Leafs) could also be beneficial. I think sponsorship (like Scotiabank + Nuit Blanche and Mastercard + Winterlicious) are other ways that are good fits to help bridge corporate and municipal activities in a way that doesn't turn Torontonians off.
3.	user fees should be kept low since they are used by the most vulnerable. property taxes are progressive. I have a big home and I will pay my taxes for it, it's only fair.
4.	The City should use its powers under the City of Toronto Act to raise revenue in creative ways that place the greatest burden on those with the means to pay. The City should also continue to advocate for provincial and federal programs that either provide more revenue to the City or upload specific services to those levels of government.
5.	Bring Back the Vehicle Registration Tax. It was a lot of money that is now not getting into the city's coffers.
6.	People who make over \$100,000 a year on the city pay role should take a minimum 5% pay cut. / / Decrease Police funding / / TOLL the DVP and the Gardner!
7.	Reinstate the vehicle registration tax.
8.	Cut the waste. Stop looking for more funding, just find efficiency...especially through excess staffing.
9.	Cut salaries and cut waste in city hall
10.	Consider adding user fees to services that are traditionally funded entirely by property tax.

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11.	Upload to the province or feds.
12.	Road pricing! Also, Sales tax (an additional 1 percent on HST going to cities); vehicle registration tax, gas tax supplement, higher taxes on entertainment and hotels, keep the land transfer tax (and possibly increase it for second homes)
13.	Invest in the long term. Improve public transportation, pedestrian options, cycling paths to reduce gridlock and improve health. Driving a car is like having a giant wheelchair to move people. Intensifying area densities like Yonge and Sheppard have turned it into a ridiculous gridlock almost every day!
14.	I would have paid more property tax this year. I would have paid the \$60 car tax. I believe in a healthy city and taxes are what it costs to live in one. Those taxes were frozen and ended for the sake of a photo op and a sound bite. As I said earlier - penny wise and pound foolish. Would we even be taking this survey if not for what I consider to be foolish headstrong action?
15.	User fees are a good way, however it should be charged directly to the user, proportionate to the level of use. It should not be in the form of across the board user fee for service regardless of use or amount of use. For example there should not be across the board swimming pool surcharge to every household, instead there should be a fee for using the pool, at time of use.
16.	The city should budget within it's means rather than increasing user fees or property taxes. One way of doing this would be to freeze spending or slow the growth rate of spending (including salaries) for a number of years until revenue and spending are in balance. The city does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem.
17.	perhaps the city can run some form of lottery to reduce the debt after expenses / rob ford is doing a great job as mayor.
18.	as a long time library user and donator I feel it is time to charge a user fee / adults, seniors, students, children...that would help there operations. / not a large fee but small..say \$20,\$15,\$10,\$5...cheap enough per year / now with downloading books to readers the library is the best city bargain for free.
19.	Keep the land transfer tax. People are stupid enough to pay more than the asking price so let us take advantage of this.
20.	Cut expenditures on non-essential services; terminate staff that are not adding twice there salary value to the City; get back o the basic services related to property
21.	reduce costs in each department. Eliminate some departments. 0% wage increases for all. Reduce budget for police, fire and TTC and keep the same service. yes, its possible . Cut the fat.
22.	shift property tax off buildings and onto land
23.	The city should charge a car toll for car and truck commuters into the city. It would help pay for road maintenance. The city roads are in a terrible state.
24.	They should cut the 130 days sick time for city staff keep staff punctual by clocking on and off

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25.	The City should not be in the housing business. This should be a Provincial responsibility. Also user fee should be increased to those who actually want or require the said services. User pay.
26.	Look at alternative funding streams. E.g.: Road Tolls, Tax Increment Financing. Stop being hung up on traditional methods of funding city services. Encourage private investment, but ALWAYS maintain a public presence in the operation of important city services.
27.	OPEN A CASINO , let the people that are losing money anyway in other casinos around the world fund the city , also will bring money in to city from visitors , there is a reason casinos are all over the world, and a city like toronto would do VERY VERY well with a casino , we will probably be able to start lowering property tax with a casino in the city.
28.	reduce overhead, cut spending where possible, privatized as much as possible necessary fundamentals...keep control of all
29.	The city has a massive debt load. Talk of expanding services ("investing") is ridiculous. If a family was in debt it would have to cut its costs, not talk about investing. The city should be the same - we have a spending problem, not a revenue problem.
30.	cut city salaries and arts budgets
31.	Road Tolls and User Fees / Carbon Taxation / Increased Business Taxes /
32.	Review of user fees for certain activities such as community special interest group picnics in parks, access to public gardens and heritage buildings and fees for libraries.. Review use of Wheeltrans system to ensure that buses are filled. For example consider carrying elderly people (over 75) as well as disabled at low fee. Currently the buses run with very few occupants because it is restricted to disabled. Consider higher user fees for houses with multiple green and blue bins as this is a sign of multiple occupancy, Higher fines for people who neglect their properties or leave vacant .In addition higher tax rate or shut down for individuals using homes as rooming houses or multiple occupancy. Also severe penalties or expropriation of properties convicted of grow houses or labs. Discontinue sidewalk clearing / Consider contracting out trucks running around picking up dead animals etc to maximize efficiency.
33.	- Exploring public/private partnerships / - User fees for some services with subsidies for low or no income families and individuals / - and yes, funding through property taxes - if we want City services, we do have to pay for them / - oh, and tell the fe
34.	We pay way less taxes than other parts of the province - I also own a property near Warton, and pay proportionately more taxes for way less services, way way less. The city needs to show leadership and explain to citizens how we fit in the larger scheme of things in the province. Also, let's be real - cutting money going to little tiny things like libraries, city-owned Theatres, etc. Will not make any real difference. Yes, they should give us value for money and be run efficiently, but completely cutting them would have virtually no impact. And our leadership, both elected and staff, should acknowledge that and help moves forward. /

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35.	The city needs pursue tax revenue streams outside of property taxes. E.g. a vehicle registration tax. E.g. a local sales tax. / The choice of 'property taxes' or 'user fees' presented in this survey betrays a failure to grasp the core problem. The city has a revenue problem.
36.	The city should find ways to increase the quality of all essential services such as the TTC, Police, Fire, EMS, Roads, etc while decreasing the cost. Decreasing the cost of the service should not result in a decrease in quality.
37.	Why is the City involved in so many things? I would review the need to fund live theatre, possibly the Zoo and the Ex. Are pet licences really critical? Licensing small businesses? Community-run heritage programs doesn't sound critical to me. / Cut services. The City can't keep doing everything.
38.	The TTC and welfare payments should be funded by the province, not by the city. But if the city has to pay for these services, the cost should be covered by property and business taxes. User fees should be reduced or eliminated whenever possible.
39.	The city should to look other innovative funding models rather than the very limited dichotomy of increased property taxes and user fees. Public Private Partnerships, modernized procurement, road pricing, targeted taxation policies should all be explored. The city should also look at best practices in other jurisdictions for inspiration. City delivered vs. privatization is also a false choice, there are a range of models and alternate service delivery methods available.
40.	cut wages of staff and perks of all councillors
41.	Toronto needs to reduce its commercial property taxes to encourage job creation in the city and prevent employers from relocating to the suburbs. Increases in residential property taxes and/or user fees are needed to compensate for this tax cut. Residential property taxes in Toronto are far too low compared to other cities and should be increased.
42.	a 10 percent cut of budgets across all services for a start and no new hiring and no db pensions for anyone.
43.	The city should be moving forwards, not backwards. Let's not create false economic crises for ideological reasons, in order to cut services. The city needs more money from taxes, and from federal and provincial governments to be a great city.
44.	City needs to aggressively pursue additional revenues from senior levels of government (to pay the costs of downloading) / / City needs to implement alternative financing / social finance
45.	Where's the gravy? I thought Ford said he would find wasted money and provide the same services for less. This survey is all about getting less services or raising taxes, nothing about finding efficiencies. Regarding property tax, I think there is a problem with market value assessment, especially for seniors. You have no control over rising prices in your area, so I think your assessment should be frozen once the homeowner is 65.
46.	User fees and pay what you can fees. My property taxes should not subsidize people who come from outside of downtown Toronto.

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47.	Get more money from Provincial and Federal Governments
48.	hated or not the vehicle registration tax was a user fee and transportation is a problem / the land transfer tax only affects buyers of higher priced properties and needs to be maintained and certainly has not slowed down the real estate market / Water/Sewer here are CHEAP and the 9% increases should have been higher and infrastructure work accelerated...higher costs will also encourage conservation and stave off expensive investments in additional facilities
49.	User Fees
50.	Reduce costs by outsourcing labour services wherever possible. Reduce grants and giveaways. Increase user fees for services which are not necessary and not used by everyone. Reduce, consolidate and eliminate unnecessary ABCs and services. Enter more triple P agreements. Make big developers widen roads and improve infrastructure as part of development permit.
51.	It strikes me that less gravy train and more leadership about the quality of city living is what's needed. / It has never ceased to amaze me that we refuse to understand that unless we all benefit from excellent economic, / health, arts and security policies that we usually end up having to pickup the tab for the damage unless we're morons, which / I like to think we're not. Poor quality public housing, and even lack of cleanliness in our public transportation, is a health hazard for all of us, and costly to the system in the long run. Our society at all levels of government need to begin indulging in some kind of vision, which could begin at the municipal level.
52.	Like other cities in Canada - especially those with metro populations over a million - better funding arrangements need to be found/negotiated with both provincial and federal levels of government. I'm surprised this survey did not consider these important sources.
53.	Taxes should increase exponentially for those who can afford it. Homes worth less than \$300,000 should pay a lower percentage than homes worth over \$700,000. If you can afford to buy a million-dollar home, you can afford to pay 10% taxes
54.	Federal and Provincial governments should provide better funding to the city of Toronto, funding that reflects the level of tax collected from the people who live in Toronto. City politicians need to fight tooth and nail for this funding. City and provincial politicians MUST work together to fight for funding from the federal government. No tactic, strategy or threat should be off the table to secure funding for Toronto that reflects the level of tax collected provincially and federally. / / The city should immediately stop funding all programs that are not mandated by provincial or federal law. / / The city needs to focus on its core services, public transportation, water, fire, police, EMS and infrastructure.

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55.	Drivers should pay user fees directly for the high cost of maintaining roads. There are a variety of options - vehicle registration tax, commercial parking space fee, road tolls. If the result is better roads and lower property taxes, drivers will be ok with it because they will understand that they are paying the real cost of what they use and are getting better quality roads. / / Land transfer tax is more fair than property tax because it kicks in on the real value of the property, when you have money in hand, rather than on an estimated value of the property that may have gone up faster than one's income. The Land Transfer Tax should be reinstated to reduce property tax increases.
56.	Cut salaries to Councillors and other staffers. There is no reason that they should make as much money as they do. It's a disgrace.
57.	The City should take a long view of services. Cutting youth or priority neighbourhood programs may help the bottom line in 2012, but it will result in more costs in the long term as crime and delinquency rises as a result. It's much cheaper to spend upfront on programs that have been shown to lower the crime rate than it is to spend on enforcement and punishment later. / / The survey only asked about user fees and property taxes, and missed other revenue options in the City of Toronto Act. The City should explore it's other options and try to diversify revenue sources. For example, the City could have a personal vehicle tax. / / The Mayor promised "no service cuts", and I think it's important to hold him to his word. The current budget shortfall was entirely foreseeable and was exacerbated by short-term thinking from the Mayor and Council when they froze property taxes and cut the PVT. This should not be allowed to be an exercise in "starving the beast," cutting revenue one year to push an agenda of cutting programs in a later year.
58.	Securing more revenue streams should be a priority - maybe the ability to levy different taxes or increasing developer fees.
59.	Are there any alternate items to tax, similar to the land transfer and now-eliminated vehicle registration tax?
60.	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.
61.	Road tolls & congestion charges
62.	Federal and Provincial governments benefit financially from Toronto's productivity and they should spur it on by funding this too.

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63.	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.
64.	Our property taxes are the lowest in the GTA and, frankly, the services we have in Toronto are superior to most cities in the GTA. They can increase without hurting most of us. Small user fees are fine, but we must ensure that our poor and vulnerable can continue to access them.
65.	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.
66.	reduce spending, increase workflow efficiencies, remove redundancies

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67.	<p>Public housing should NOT be built or administered by the City of Toronto. The millions that are wasted to build a SINGLE UNIT of a residence are outrageous; developers would bankrupt themselves if they spent the ludicrous amounts on construction that the City of Toronto Public Housing has spent. Additionally, the worst maintained apartments in the city are under the operational control of city management. Public housing is a 'motherhood issue'-----but don't be afraid to expose the failure of the current model and move forward to try to contract out for reasonable efficiency AND better service to the tenants!! They may be squawking, but they JUST DON'T understand. Don't be bullied by the media attention they get---do the right thing and explain to the taxpaying public. Maintain your ground!! / TTC: Why are we so antiquated when it comes to administering fare revenue compared to other REAL world-class cities?? Why do we pay people in booths both exorbitant union wages AND pensions to be selling us TTC fares? Why do we spend so much on printing tickets and tokens? We should move to a refillable (magnetized) card system dispensed by MACHINES. We should also move to a pay-as-you-use fee. Why should one subway stop ride cost the same as a trip from Scarborough to downtown? A card system would also help ensure the SECURITY of bus drivers-----there should be NO MONEY at all on buses!! This is a security risk for the bus drivers and it is also a security risk for TTC revenue; it is not necessary in this day and age that so many (employee) hands touch the revenue. An automated card system would ameliorate the operation of the TTC in many ways. / Another thought regarding the TTC: I was on a subway car last week. There was coffee all over the floor rendering one whole side of the car slippery and dangerous. It made me think: In this day and age of cell phone use, every subway car and every bus should have a number, posted visibly inside and outside the subway car/bus. There should be a phone number (like 911, but unique to the TTC) where TTC users can phone in safety, security, maintenance deficiencies, vandalism, what have you AND cell phones should work in the subway!!!! Come on Toronto, cell phones work in every 'first class' city I have ever travelled in! Providing the TTC users with the immediate opportunity to report problems would enhance the service and efficiency and safety of TTC operations. / Administering the courts: "No shows" at traffic court get away with a lot. There should be stiff penalties for abusing the court's time. Additionally, while court translators should be CERTIFIED translators, the COST to hire a translator should be borne by the user, NOT the city, as it currently is!!!! I happen to know that if a defendant does not show up for court when a translator has been appointed, the city will pay for the translator EACH time the translator shows up, without penalty to a no-show defendant, who may be delinquent multiple times for the same charge! Additionally, the judges will NEGOTIATE down the fines based on defendants' hardship stories which are largely unsubstantiated. There should be no negotiation for fines, based on posted rates.</p>

	Paying for City Services – Financial Advice
68.	Property tax should be levied on the same equitable rate for all properties, whether they are single-family dwellings or apartment units. As a renter, too much of my income goes to paying my landlord's property tax bill. especially as our garbage and trash collection are ALREADY contracted out. I want to pay the same property tax rate as the Mayor. NOT A PENNY MORE.
69.	If residents want the City to provide services, the only way to do this is by increasing user fees and taxes. Contracting out services still represent significant costs and the tax base is where the City receives most of its revenue.
70.	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.
71.	Maintaining and improving our city requires an investment, and I think that if people see improvements in services and a service attitude they will be content to pay for it - it's when you have the combination of increasing costs and deteriorating City services that people get unhappy! We have a wonderful public library system that should serve as a model for other city services: great service, clean and modern and friendly, and open to all without user fees. When the end result is that great, it's easy to feel like it's worth it. By contrast, when you're paying ever increasing fares on the TTC and dealing with service disruptions, filthy stations and (some) rude staff, the combination is really unappealing. / / With social housing I wonder if there are opportunities for more mixed-income developments, where the housing is pleasant, and people may pay market rents or receive subsidies depending on their income. I grew up in one of these in another province, and it meant that the housing itself was nicer than what you see here. In addition, whether my parent was working or not, we didn't have to move, it just affected how much was paid in rent. / / With childcare, I don't understand why there are a limited number of subsidized spots, leading to a long waitlist. In BC, any spot in an approved daycare (institutional or home care) can be a subsidized spot - it seems to me this would remove some strain on city services.
72.	cut waste!
73.	Toll roads to charge those who drive on the roads with out a downtown city address. As more people drive in to work that have an outside address.
74.	When we want people to increase their use of services (i.e. more TTC riders is good for everyone), increased user fees are a crazy idea.
75.	the city should consider "value" instead of simply "cost" when making these decisions. for example there are situations where cutting a service might save money this year but might cost us more down the line because we lose the value that the service generated. it is often far more cost-effective to pool citizens' resources to provide a service (i.e. through taxes) than to expect them to pay for it through user fees.

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76.	Get more money from mega-corporations that can clearly afford it / More business tax on mega-corporations / Car tax for driving into Downtown core
77.	Look at each service area and reduce the amount of people collecting cheques for not doing much this will save a lot of money that can be put towards the actual services. It does not take 3 trucks 7 workers and 1 supervisor to cut down a damaged tree in the park (this is an example but it happens ALOT in EVERY service area) It won't reduce \$744 Mill deficit to \$0 but it Will significantly reduce it
78.	Look to cut the bloated TTC. Wheel Trans is a disgrace, the vehicles alone are \$300,000 and three times more than any other comparable operation. Contract that out too, there is no need to pay that driver \$26 /hr. / / Get rid of TTC collectors, move to automated fare collection, provide roving customer service attendants. / / Begin contracting out certain bus routes to provide a cost benchmark for TTC union negotiations. / / Consider smart asset sales. Consider other user fees and perhaps offering HOT (high occupancy toll) lanes on the Gardiner or DVP. / / Consider a hotel tax.
79.	Road tolls, donation options for under funded services for users that wish to enhance those city services. / Steeper fines.
80.	1. Property taxes should be used for CORE services that benefit everyone - e.g., services that ONLY the City can do (e.g., fire, police, city planning, public health, etc.) and services that are disproportionately used by the poor. Other services should largely be paid for by user fees. For example, hockey rinks, golf courses, etc. are (a) can and should be delivered by the private sector and (b) should be profit centres if they are provided by the city. / / 2. I disagree with the proposition that all city services should cost more to deliver each year. Many types of services drop in cost over time (e.g., information technology). /
81.	increase vibrancy of city to draw tourism and new residents
82.	Why not have a Lottery to raise funds for services
83.	Stop relying on property taxes and user fees - if possible under new city of toronto act do what US cities do and implement a city income tax, if not lobby province to allow such a funding mechanism
84.	The city should do more to get money from the federal and provincial governments
85.	Get the province to properly fund services mandated by the province but done by the city.
86.	Implement a toll charge for the DVP/404 into the city core from north of the city, and then another toll closer to the city, during peak hours during the week only - it should be a higher toll for one person per vehicle, and no toll for three or more persons per vehicle. This will not only lessen and discourage needless traffic/drivers into the city core by daily office commuters (who should either take the train or car-pool), it will provide some city money to offset the cost of other services. I frequently need to drive into the city for my business activities, but would happily pay a toll if it meant that there was less traffic on the roads because people were rethinking their driving habits due to a road toll.

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87.	Cut things that aren't for everyone (IE: Parents who have kids should have thought about their financial situation before popping them out like Pez), if the majority use it, keep it, if not, scrap it. / / Fringe benefits should not be for the minority at a cost to the rest of us.
88.	take a good look at the extras that could be cut such as police services expenditures! (why do we need to pay a police officer(s) standing at construction sites when people right in front of them are breaking the law and the officers don't do anything) / road taxes/tolls, zone tax for those who drive into the downtown core during certain hours, increased parking rates, many who use Toronto City streets/roads do not live in the City
89.	Ensure that those unable to pay user fees can still access public services.
90.	layoff workers, decrease useless services, and LOWER WAGES even if it means a decrease in services. / Set a limit of 1% property tax hike per year for the next 10 years. / Increase user fees and lower the number of freeloading 'poor' people who take advantage of services at no cost to them.
91.	Before raising our fees or taxes, please cut expenses that do not benefit a significant portion of the population. If the city is paying for something that only benefits 10 people, the city should probably not be paying for it.
92.	Cut salaries and expenses of city employees and contracted employees and employers. They should be paid in line with average wages of the individuals who live in the city. / / Cut police weaponry - especially individual constable guns and clubs - rarely used / Cut police vehicles and uniform expenditures / Do not offer the police unionized legal protection / / Cut the red tape at court houses and the police make-work / money projects / / Court houses and police services are a HUGE WASTE OF MONEY AND TIME and offer nothing to the community at all except fear-mongering, and intimidation / / do not accept charitable donations for places like the AGO or the ROM or any sports facilities to improve otherwise fine buildings to be revamped at a huge cost to the city. / / Do not redesign or install NEW TTC information screens or bus stops before you improve service - that is like putting lipstick on a pig. / /stop the spiral of cost of living in this city. Cost of living is directly tied to overpaid elected officials, police, and construction workers. / / Force rich athletes, models, musicians and artists to give up half of their earnings to infrastructure and keep them from promoting unhealthy or unsustainable lifestyles - punish luxury brands and designers for being so self-important and indulgent. / /
93.	Cut out non-essential services before raising taxes.

	Paying for City Services – Financial Advice
94.	Property taxes should be the last resort for public service fundraising. Many City services are provided at well below the rate that a private corporation would charge in terms of user fees, and raising user fees for non-essential services and services predominantly used by middle- or high-income Torontonians should be a no-brainer. As an example, the user fee for a ferry to Toronto Island could easily be doubled; it's a monopoly situation, it's a recreational, non-essential expense for most, and the average user is already spending discretionary disposable income on the service. There is no reason for every homeowner to be subsidizing Penny's trip to the waterslides. If we have to be in that business, there is no apparent reason for every homeowner not to be making a tidy profit from Penny's trip to the waterslides. / / Most importantly, the City is simply engaged in too many activities that are a drain on municipal resources, and many city services --- or at least their administration --- can be rationalized through targeted privatization. If we're losing more money than we're making on the Zoo and Exhibition Place, sell those assets. I can fathom no reason why every Toronto citizen is presumed to be in the zoo business by default. There is no reason the provision of zoo resources should be a mandatory municipal duty. The 311 service is also largely vestigial; a local call can do the trick just as well as a three-digit number, and phone systems are near-obsolete as forms of gathering information about services in the internet age. / / Unless it's a regulatory or purely public service, give some thought to just getting out of the kitchen and refocusing our tax dollars and user fees into doing the things that ONLY a city can do on a world-class level.
95.	through advertisements but not an excessive amount. tax the banks for their advertisements, for example. they get tax breaks under the harper government, so lets invest some of that savings back into the city.
96.	Increase residential property taxes in order to maintain/increase service levels - they are far below our neighbour cities' rates.
97.	Funding should be through property tax increases. User fees should be eliminated. Funds should be spending effectively with a focus on quality per dollar.
98.	Yes, of course look for savings where possible, but raise taxes if necessary rather than privatize or cut back on city-provided services. We inevitably pay more for services when they are contracted out to the private sector, they are rarely as good and the standard of living for the workers in contracted out city jobs, drops.
99.	Property tax increases have been reasonable in the past, there's no reason why they can't continue to be so.
100.	The city needs support from both the provincial and federal governments. Period.
101.	More user fees and take as much as possible off the property tax base.
102.	The single most important thing the City can do is to advocate for better support from other levels of government.

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103.	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.
104.	Invest more in tourism--Toronto has events like TIFF and the Pride Parade that draws international attention. Try new events or increase funding to existing events to bring in more revenue.
105.	Balance the budget with a combination of mid level property tax increases, low level user fee increases, and mid level spending cuts. The call for a 5% cut from all departments was a good start, followed by an appalling lack of execution when you gave police services an 11.5 % raise over 4 years. Resist the need to repeat this mistake in the future.
106.	-Increase license fees for pets. / -Increase fees for garbage. / -Collect the money earned from the plastic bag tax and put it into the City Treasury instead of the grocery companies etc. / -Sell the undeveloped lands that the city is just sitting on so I
107.	Upload to Province/Federal or eliminate services which are not essential "Municipal Services" / Restructure the City's organization and establish standalone corporate entities with their own Revenue streams for such services as utilities, Transportation etc. and have users pay 100% for the services
108.	Stop clearing the snow from driveways in parts of the city where that service is still provided. / Cut the police budget. / Monitor how much work each city works worker actually does each day to ensure savings. / Deal with absenteeism by city workers. / Fix the bylaws once and for all so they are consistent city wide.
109.	The Parks and Recreation programme fees are far too low. They surely cannot be recouping costs. I understand and support keeping programme fees lower for seniors, but others should be able to pay their way, this is despite the fact that I have 2 young children in city programs.. Also as far as vulnerable neighbourhoods, I live near some and there never seems to be any difference despite funding, the centres, basketball courts are neglected and or overrun so many don't feel comfortable using them, the crime remains. The only thing that seemed to reduce the crime etc. was the crackdowns raids by police.

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110.	Funding city services should not be a binary decision: it is not about either cost is reduced or services got scaled back. The city should look into improving efficiency and optimize operations and procedures such that services can be improved without significant increase in funding.
111.	Not cut revenue streams (car registration tax) without looking at the impacts.
112.	I think some of the services mentioned in this survey should simply not be offered at all - e.g. Daycare, nursing homes, etc need not be offered and run by the City of Toronto. Perhaps if the city stops duplicating services offered by others (privately or by the province) the city will have fewer funding needs.
113.	Sell Advertising. Partner with the private sector on events and buildings. Advertise to get more people to the city therefore increasing the revenue coming in. Contract out more services, but keep control of the processes.
114.	Privatize. Increase user fees.
115.	Work with Provincial and Federal Governments to gain right to collect taxes; i.e. tourist accommodation, gas, portion of entertainment/sports revenues etc.
116.	Instead of figuring out what to cut, increase emphasis on diversifying revenue streams (alternative taxes) and lobbying provincial and federal government for better and more stable funding arrangements.
117.	Have province reassume responsibilities for housing. Have provincial and feds contribute to regional transportation services
118.	Hopefully the city can levy other taxes. Also, apparently there is a backlog of fees due to the city that would be a good, if one-time only, source of revenue.
119.	Re-instate the vehicle registration tax. Make the city owned expressways toll expressways. Stop paying cops \$80/hour to stand around construction sites. Considering that policing is the largest consumer of municipal funds, I am guessing there is some other money we could redirect away from the cops and towards other services.
120.	Rae days. / reduce the fire, police and emergency services budget. / negotiate with province to remove social welfare type programs from city books and concentrate on liveability / improve city to attract more businesses, residents
121.	Please don't cut our services.
122.	Reinstate specific taxes, such as the vehicle registration tax. Look into other targeted taxes.
123.	In general, I support property tax increases over user fees, as user fees are regressive and hit low-income people hardest. If user fees are to be increased, they should be offset with credits for low-income people. I also strongly support other revenue tools, such as the vehicle registration fee (which never should have been cancelled) and road tolls.
124.	make business pay more, tolls on the roads, congestion charge for the downtown core, cut perks from the police force such as court time
125.	Tax those who can afford it. Tax banks and corporate businesses. Cut back TPS. They get paid too much. There's too many of them and they don't do enough.

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126.	It is important to look at both sides of revenue (increase) and expenses (reduce) to make a balanced budget, not only the revenue side. If only one side is examined, it will not work.
127.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax and this insignificant saving to the individual is a vast amount of money to the city. / Do not eliminated the land transfer tax. This is a one time fee to be paid by those that are lucky enough to be able to afford a home.
128.	please look into other options than just raising property taxes and/or user fees!! what about corporate taxes? or a look at salaries... etc.
129.	Get other levels of government to dish out the money.
130.	We need to increase services. The city can run things more efficiently but cuts are a mistake. Our property taxes aren't high and public services are important to me.
131.	Cut the entire police force. Let the OPP or RCMP take over.
132.	Raise property taxes. Do not raise user fees as they are an unfair tax affecting primarily low income earners.
133.	I would prefer to see some alternatives before having my property tax increase (AGAIN) especially when my water cost has increase 9%, my hydro is up 43%. Everywhere I am getting nicked and dined to death so a mere 1% increase still adds up when you look at the complete picture. My salary on the other hand is stagnant and hasn't moved in 3 years. There's a real disparity and I'm definitely not happy with the big pay and benefit gap that current exists right now.
134.	Toronto has the lowest property taxes and user fees in the GTA. There is room to increase them if it means maintaining or improving services.
135.	Outsource the garbage and compost. This year I had a cardboard box from buying a small table, put it out for recycle. I am a senior with carpal tunnel so could not cut it up . Went out when recycle came around went out the person said he would take it this time but never again then went on to give me a lecture on how he would like me to put out my green bin. Even though I put both my litter & compost in separate bags he wanted me to line it with another bag stating that there were numerous law suites with the city of toronto because of the green bin. My next problem was about lawn bags, they didn't pick up on the regular day three days later called 311 was told that it would be picked up within 23 hrs. on the Fri. called again said they would pick up within two days. After a week called again, it wasn't only mine but the whole street was told that the city doesn't work on Mon. but would pick up soon. They picked up everyone's but mine, and the next time it was for us to put out the bags they did not take mine as needed to send me a message not to complain. Get rid of the city workers, used to have Turtle Island and had pick up every week and always considerate. {Please get them back.
136.	toll booths at 400, sew and 401 at city limits

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137.	I find the questions to be poorly organized - some of the areas do not rely on user fees, for example, and therefore this is not an appropriate question or response. The assumption that taxes or user fees must be raised for each issue is also problematic. I very much appreciate this exercise, but I found the design to be somewhat frustrating. Please do keep up the consultation, though.
138.	the province should be paying for court services
139.	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.
140.	I love this city I would be very sad if programs that make this place a great wonderful and welcoming place were cut.
141.	First ensure programs are running at optimal balance of level of service vs. cost. Services should be run by managers experienced in the field assisted by accounting. A city has a budget similar to a household and in order to balance it, first it should be rid of luxurious expenses. / Basic services that all the people in the city require should not be cut or reduced. / But for example ethnic cultural programs, if the funds are low, can be put on hold or cut, or run by the ethnic community on a volunteer basis. / The money is there. Use it wisely.
142.	stop trying to cut good services the city provides like garbage removal, I am very happy with my garbage removal
143.	- much effort must be expended in gaining funding from the federal government for homeless issues and affordable housing. Homelessness is a national problem - many if not most of the homeless in Toronto are from elsewhere, and the funding for them must be
144.	city of toronto act vehicle registration user fees property tax is cheapest in gta
145.	private - public partnerships / bond funds
146.	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
147.	Advertise to the big businesses for funding as Weill as both levels of Gov.

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148.	Solicit more support from the federal government: redistribute federal wealth and give more to the big 5 Canadian cities, which are the true economic and social engines of this great country. Despite a recent shift in federal power towards the west, Toronto still plays the dominant role in Canada's place on the world stage. The federal government needs to recognize this and spread some more of that oil sands wealth this way!
149.	Toll booths on the highways coming into the city. Zones on the TTC. The farther you travel, the more wear and tear on the infrastructure, the more you should pay. Simple.
150.	I think if the city can contract out and get better bang for the dollar should go for it. I know we have to pay our fair share of / taxes but with in moderation. I know such organizations such as the YMCA could fund and run our parks and recreation / programs a hole lot better than the city and all you have to do is look a little west to Mississauga and run our city on the / same values as they have. I know / until the province download services. I also know a lot of services such as ambulance and public health there is a lot of / duplications between province and city.
151.	Sell off all it's real estate properties. Reduce it's staff at City Hall. Take away all perks for City council. Put up toll roads for people travelling into the city from 905 areas.
152.	The city should look to surrounding regions to see how the property tax there is far higher than here with less services. The city should have a reasonable policy on property taxes and stop freezing them to win votes.
153.	Government and City provided and run services are to be considered a public good. What ever sources of revenue which can be found to increase the city's general revenue, should be utilized to ensure the City is in a position to provide the services we expect with little or no barrier to access for those who most need to take advantage of said services. The City of Toronto Act was passed by the Provincial legislature in an effort to try and provide the City with the means to raise money to pay for the services which have historically been provided by other levels of government. / / 80% of Canadians live in a city or urbanized setting yet a large percentage of our Provincial and especially Federal tax dollars are not returned to us in the form of Provincial or Federal services. The City is left in the unenviable position of trying to provide for its residents without the financial means to do so. The solution to this problem should be a re-thinking of the taxation-funding model, nationally. Our city's leadership must lobby other levels of government to develop, or consent to, a new plan for cities all across the country. / / The City cannot run a deficit, but it must not stop providing those services which keep it a vibrant and important place so widely recognized for its many positive qualities. Equally important are those services which are critical to the lives of our disadvantaged residents.
154.	Increase user fees and reduce expenditures. Don't raise my property tax at a rate above the annual inflation rate!
155.	Toronto police budget is out of control and police should have a pay cut -- 100,000 starting wage is insane

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156.	Municipal Funding Lottery - Why should the province get so much lottery revenue from so many city dwellers and then download to the municipality things they should be paying for from those funds?
157.	This form is a little misleading in that it suggests services will receive no funding unless taxes or user fees are increased. But they will receive SOME funding even at current revenue levels, and in certain cases that may be sufficient.
158.	Explore opportunities to increase revenue-generating activities (sponsorships, rentals, etc.) in addition to property tax/user fee increases.
159.	Road Tolls. Not even a significant road toll on the Gardner and DVP would provide significant income.
160.	Maintain what we have. You don't have to increase spending, but absolutely do not cut services, they're already hanging on by a shoestring budget.
161.	Don't give your police a 11% wage unless you are prepared to give other essential services the same increase!
162.	It is a terrible shame that we do not have a graduated municipal income tax. That would be much more fair than property tax.
163.	TTC fees (particularly for metropass holders) should not increase. Service, which was never great, has been steadily declining. Increased bus routes and more frequent service need to be funded through tax/tourism dollars. If Toronto were a more inviting tourist destination, sales of higher-priced TTC cash fares or 3-4 day passes (as available in other comparable cities) could fund better service, which would lead to higher-volume usage.
164.	I'm concerned about the lack of imagination shown in raising/keeping \$\$ in the city. Surely, raising property taxes and increasing user fees are not the only way to find revenue. What happened to the idea of getting some of the tax \$\$ from Toronto folks back from the Provincial and Federal governments? Also, the destruction of the plan to make get LRTs, funded by the province, and to put in less efficient and costly subways is a sickening waste of resources.
165.	the City of Toronto act allows for a much greater variety of funding mechanisms than is laid out here. LIKE THE MUNICIPAL VEHICLE TAX AND THE LAND TRANSFER TAX. Development charges on new homes can also be used to fund new facilities and maintenance services. The city could use more zone-specific property or sales tax initiatives to provide public improvements in certain areas. City-wide sales tax increases could also pay for more different services. This survey also doesn't really talk about how a lot of these services are supported by multiple levels of government - it's very misleading. Additionally, there are certain areas (like the arts and some social services) where it wouldn't be bad if the city partnered with a non-profit to manage day-to-day operations and delivery of some services, but contracting out to a private corporation would be a very bad idea. A lot of these services could be delivered by low or lower-cost citizens groups while being managed by the city.

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166.	The city needs to start looking at privatization, advertising, and more modern ways of funding,. Also, the city is going to and should massively raise property taxes in order to be in line with other cities, and then get the level of service everyone is complaining about not having. As well, the city needs to get more money from the Province, but good luck with that. I also heard a metropass for life for free now... it's those kind of stupid things that are draining money from funding real things.
167.	I think there should be enough cash inflow to cover existing services as they are. This cash inflow should only be increased in accordance with the rate of inflation. / Similarly, costs should only increase at that rate.
168.	One cannot hope to build Toronto into a world city through excessive penny-pinching efforts. Of course the city needs to economize but there needs to be an acknowledgment that taxes pay for city services and better city services can only come from higher taxes. Economic benefits can easily accrue from greater civic investment in things like infrastructure, public transport and arts and culture. All of these initiatives can bring more people to Toronto and can encourage businesses to invest and participate in Toronto's economic development. Long term thinking is also necessary to make Toronto the best it can be. Sometimes, long term benefits result in short-term costs but the city needs to think about more than just the next three years. Saving money is important but Toronto can do bigger and better things than having a consistently-balanced cheque book. Funding a wealth of services for the city and its inhabitants can only make Toronto a greater city.
169.	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.
170.	FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS CONSIDER CUTTING MOST IF NOT ALL TAXES AND INCREASE USER FEE'S FOR THOSE WISHING TO AND WANTING OR NEEDING THE SERVICES.. its IS ONLY FAIR THAT WAY.
171.	Progressive user fees based on income.
172.	Uploading responsibilities related to income redistribution, like social services and affordable housing, to the Province. Property Taxes should not be used to fund social programs.

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173.	A lot of our services should go to the province. Services such as public health and long term care should go to the province as they are the ones that provide the universal health care. It makes no sense to fund a program the province should be responsible for. Another change would be to merge EMS with Fire services. You can eliminate a lot of waste as well as using one location to hold both vehicles, in turn, selling off extra land. This, along with an increase from the \$45 user fee will help bring Dow the ballooning cost.
174.	Property taxes need to drastically increase to re-establish higher standards of city services in general.
175.	While I do pay property tax on my house, I refer to myself primarily as a 'resident', not a 'taxpayer'. I understand that maintaining a great city costs money, and I'm willing to pay for it. A cheap city is not a good city. Look at Detroit!
176.	cut the police budget in half.
177.	User fees are NOT the way to go. It penalizes people who need the services and cannot afford it. Increased property taxes are the way to go. I am a property owner, and don't object to paying taxes if they are spent wisely - public transport, social services, and a fair wage to city workers.
178.	How come the city's increased development in housing and overall increase in housing prices hasn't offset some of the costs of services. There are way more building and crowded people here that should all be contributing to the taxes and it doesn't seem to be reflected in the increases. If you charged a parking lot x dollars in tax that is now a high rise with 1600 units all collecting taxes why don't we see revenues from that, basically how can we be so overcrowded but not be getting more taxes from it ?
179.	Balance the budget even if it means tax increase. Depleting the reserve fund and running a deficit is short-sighted and stupid.
180.	Vehicle tax or toll the downtown core (like London, England)
181.	START CLAWING BACK OUR FEDERAL TAXES. WHY IS MOST OF THE TAX MONEY WE'RE PAYING GOING TO THE FEDS AND THE PROVINCE? 8 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES IS NOT GOING TO CUT IT. MIKE HARRIS DUMPED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING SERVICE ON TO THE CITY WITH NO REVENUE STREAM. TIME TO SHOVE IT BACK TO THEM.
182.	User fee's. Let the people who want to use services pay for them. I have a child and don't expect anyone else to fund the bill that I pay to get him active. If we can't afford it, he won't play. It is my responsibility to take care of my child. Others that have their hands out with expectations of others to pay for their "hobbies" is not fair.

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183.	The Police Budget is beyond ridiculous. You must cut the police budget a lot and ASAP. I am tired of having to pay. T / / / Surprise! Plenty of FAT to be trimmed from the Police shiny toy budget. / / Chief Bill Blair noted in this budget request in 2010 the police responded to 578,000 calls for service to the end of November — about 630,000 for the full year. There are 5,600 officers, which means that on average each officer responded to about 110 calls in 2010. / / Since each officer works about 220 shifts per year, this means that each officer responded to one call for service every two shifts. / / I think most residents of the city will be astounded to learn that Toronto's finest respond to so few calls — only one every second shift. This is not a productive use of the time of city employees paid about \$75,000 a year. / / And it is not as if officers are making arrests on every shift. The average number of arrests per officer in Toronto, as it is in other Canadian cities, is seven to eight per year, that is, one arrest every six weeks, only one crime of which is a crime of serious violence. / /
184.	It is absolutely unbelievable that the city is asking questions about the appropriateness of contracting out services and user fee increases of the general public. If you'd like to talk about taxes, I expect my tax dollars to pay for experts who are employed by the City who have actual knowledge about the impact of contracting out services on the safety and effectiveness of doing so. Those experts are employed to provide advice on these issues and decisions should be made accordingly. Not by popular vote. In addition, the services described in this survey impact individuals who do not have access to the internet or may not speak or write English. How is this a fair assessment of the City's needs or how those needs should be addressed? This survey demonstrates to me that this government is not only irresponsible, but grossly ill-equipped to manage this City.
185.	Core, traditional services must be maintained through general tax revenue (libraries, parks, police, etc). The City should be working closely with the Federal and Provincial government to establish new program funding for many of the downloaded services (welfare, community housing, etc).
186.	Privatize or beat the unions that cause a huge increase in costs.
187.	Do not be afraid to raise property taxes - Torontonians enjoy a fairly low property tax rate.
188.	Ideally, the provincial government should step in and pay for services such as Ontario works. They at least have tools like income tax to work with.
189.	Look for grants. / Cut services.
190.	We must be sensible about this. Mayor Ford is advocating or has removed two city taxes (vehicle and land transfer). This is short-sighted in that the city needs money to operate. Using our contingency reserves to keep property taxes the same this year was just plain stupid and nothing more than politics. We should also cut down costs when we use police for off-duty services (road construction, etc.). Like it or not, Mayor Ford, that's part of the gravy train you promised to get rid of!
191.	private and corporate sponsorship

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192.	I think that those who are wealthiest should be most heavily burdened with property taxes, to take care of the city. Those with low incomes should not be further burdened. It is wrong to fund essential services by increasing user fees - those most likely to depend on city services are usually those least likely to be able to afford increased user fees.
193.	Find creative ways of making revenue!!! Invest in cultural programs which attract tourists, have the TTC return its gift store with new, funky merchandise that can attract tourist dollars. Reduce police services since the city is quite safe already and does not need an increase in policing.
194.	Provincial and Federal governments. Corporate tax increases. Increase capital gains tax, especially for the financial sector, who in actuality should pay a disproportionately higher amount of tax.
195.	taxation on private vehicles and increased costs for parking on public right-of-way. increased fines on illegal billboards and advertising. congestion charges on roadways. tolls on major thoroughfares in the city. increase in cost of front yard parking spaces. more ticketing of illegally parked cars.
196.	I support user fees when it makes sense -- i.e., not when it comes to low-income neighbourhoods or support for jobs, homeless, youth, etc. I work full-time and I wouldn't mind paying a little bit more to go to the pool, or for a library card, or for the TTC -- as long as we can maintain or increase the greatness of our city. The LAST thing I want for Toronto is to scale back what we offer residents and visitors.
197.	Its obvious that we need a larger share of our federal taxes. I would like to see more then just empty PR stunts in favour of increasing our share of the taxes we pay federally. A smart mayor would work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, area MP's and MPP's as well as community groups to mobilize support for shifting the burden of funding from the city to the federal government. Its time to upload of all those 1990's downloaded services
198.	Property Taxes. User Fees. Upload to the province. Tolled roads (aka user fees). Vehicle registration fee (aka user fees). Increase other taxes.
199.	provincial & federal governments need to support cities MUCH more
200.	The City should consider other forms of revenue besides property tax or user fees. Consider a progressive income tax, especially for corporate taxes and not giving tax breaks to corporations for development.
201.	why haven't you mentioned new fiscal powers and transfers from higher levels of government as any of the options here? Why are we confined to chose between property taxes and user fees?
202.	sales tax, booze tax, transfers from provincial and federal governments or tax sharing agreements
203.	Revenue will increase through attrition, outsourcing, and reducing services to core services. Attrition will reduce payroll, thereby increase revenue. Outsourcing will reduce payroll thereby increasing revenue or keep costs down at a minimum. Reducing services to core services will reduce payroll thereby increase revenue.

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204.	I will pay more if the city significantly cuts more and increases user fees
205.	Get senior levels of government to provide stable operating funding, especially for the services that those senior levels of government demand to be provided.
206.	The questions in this survey are incredibly coercive. If the current council did not waste money on ridiculous things such as cancelling contracts {that waste huge amounts of money}, building subways when we need LRTs, investing in soon to be outdated transportation strategies rather than looking to the future, not wasting the surplus that was left to this administration, we would not even need to consider raising our taxes or user fees.
207.	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
208.	Road tolls for the 401 / DVP.

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209.	Vehicle Registration Fee, Tolls on the Gardiner, Increased Parking costs, stiffer fines for traffic violations
210.	sponsorship
211.	I would have appreciated a more representative and true service review exercise that didn't make citizens choose between increasing user fees or property taxes and included other relevant decision making information such as the proportion of city costs that are devoted to each service, including differential salaries and benefits and comparative costs for contracting out services.
212.	Vehicle registration tax; congestion tax for downtown motorists; road tolls; get a share of income tax. How do we get out-of-City people who benefit from our City services to pay a share for them?
213.	The city should search for other sources of revenue as was done under Miller. No gifts to the wealthy. No selling of profitable possessions, as was done under Mike Harris with the 407 highway.
214.	Technology should be looked at to increase efficiencies. i.e. automating the TTC to reduce staff.
215.	If the city contracts out any services that it currently provides, it will have to also provide oversight of those who are contracted to do the service. There must be strict quality control. In the long run it may cost as much to regulate as to provide the service. Someone will have to pay and many of us worry that user fees to private service providers will be higher than a tax increase would be!
216.	Cut police services. If I have to see one more highly paid police officer standing at a construction site, I'm going to explode with rage. We elected this mayor to cut the gravy and I want to see some gravy cut!
217.	The police do not need an 11.5% pay increase or paid-duty guarding construction sites. Not when services are being cut to people who genuinely need them. / / The TTC relies too heavily on user fees to the point where the fares are completely unaffordable to those on a limited income. The service needs more investment/funding from the public sector, much like in other cities across North America. / / Contracting out garbage services is nothing but union-busting. It would be cheaper to keep it in the city's control in the long run. Better a city union than bowing to the pressures and demands of a private, for-profit company. / / There needs to be more affordable housing and improvements made to TCHC buildings. The conditions in many buildings are awful, full of bedbugs and needing repairs. People are evicted due to "oversights" or complete lack of involvement of city staff, "just doing their jobs" or because of the reasons they need public housing in the first place (addiction, mental health, age/dementia). Treating TCHC residents with a little dignity would go so far. / /
218.	Charge fees and DECREASE unnecessary services. Stop giving handouts and let people WORK for a living
219.	The City should enhance services on the TTC and raise revenue by encouraging greater ridership, not by increasing per-person user fees.

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220.	I think you should raise the cost of parking in the downtown core and charge vehicles an extra fee for driving in the downtown core.
221.	Increase road tolls on major highways, particularly at peak times for non-Toronto residents.
222.	I think the city should be more creative at coming up with ways to fund its services other than increasing user fees and property tax.
223.	I think a sign of a great city is how it takes care of its most vulnerable, and maintains a city that is vibrant, safe, clean and livable. In order to do this, we need a range of services that support recreation, culture, transportation and safety (police, fire, public health). It would be a shame for us to cut costs at the expense of this city being great. I would be willing to spend more on taxes if I knew the money was going to the above priorities I identified (helping the most vulnerable, keeping the city safe clean and livable). I would like the city to address problem areas such as youth unemployment and target areas with the greatest problems (such as teen/gang violence). What we invest now will reap many benefits in the future. We will all pay for cuts not only in dollars but in the quality of life we have come to enjoy in this great city.
224.	driver license fees for non-residents of toronto
225.	The City should not treat its services as if they are "for sale" to the private sector - while there are some services that can be contracted out if considered carefully, the vast majority of services mentioned in this survey should be provided by the City or with help from other levels of government. The current treatment of city services as shown in this survey suggests a lack of foresight on the City's part. Furthermore, it needs to be stressed that the upcoming budget deficit could have been avoided if this service review or similar reviews had taken place before cutting taxes.
226.	The city should not change plans simply because they were designed by a previous administration. If the money has been invested into a good plan, it should go ahead. / I personally believe that the city should lobby to have EMS uploaded back to the provincial jurisdiction. / I don't know of anyone who has organic waste collection in a condo/apt building even though this was supposedly being rolled out two years ago. This should be available to everyone. There should also be a recycling deposit on all beverage containers, not just alcoholic beverage containers. / The city needs to make more accommodations for cyclists to improve the air and reduce congestion on the roads. This includes more bike lanes, preferential traffic lights for cyclists, and convenient and covered racks for locking. There is no enforcement of existing bike lanes which have essentially become drop-off zones for deliveries and pick up of passengers and taxi customers. Helmet use should be mandatory, but that's probably a provincial matter. / Finally, I believe strongly in a congestion charge for anyone driving into the city. This way all the people who live elsewhere and use the city's infrastructure can contribute to maintaining it as well as improving GO and TTC alternatives to driving.
227.	Partnership and sponsorship from corporations could be considered in appropriate areas.

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228.	Make people pay for services that are not essential. Increase user fees instead of general property tax increases that make people pay for services they do not use. Community housing funding, free daycare, disabled and extra senior services should be cut first. these are things that people can pay for themselves as they are personal responsibilities not community responsibilities.
229.	User fees
230.	Residential property tax rate should be different for high, medium, and low density dwelling types. Low density dwellings use more infrastructure, etc. in comparison to a high density unit that may have the same appraisal value. The tax rate should be higher for lower densities, and larger lot sizes. / / When houses are being torn down and replaced by mansions - significant one-time fees should be incurred to help renew infrastructure and as an added cost from the rich to help subsidize the rest of the city. / Taxes and development charges should be lower for office towers and higher for condos. The proportion of condos to office buildings is much too high. / Large retail outlet use should pay much larger development fees than small retail. They should be STRICTLY not allowed to build in light industrial areas. / The city should take advantage of road tolls and taxes they are allowed to implement. The 5cent bag fee is good, should go back to the city.
231.	Contracting out services is a band aid solution and will likely cost more in the long run. Invest in this City to be the best in the world.
232.	why are the only two choices increase user fees or property taxes? What is the other choice don't know. There is no room for comment or creative solutions
233.	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.
234.	You need to get more imaginative -- there are wealthy companies in the city -- why not engage them in some branding and funding? For example, if, let's say, Rogers, lays out money for the TTC, they can have some branding rights (Rogers station if they so wish), and they can put in a kiosk in the station -- same with Tim Hortons-- if they pay a significant amount to TTC infrastructure, we can build a Tim Hortons Subway line. This model works successfully in Tokyo -- subway lines carry the name of large department stores and so on. I am quite disgusted by this survey, which pre-supposes that tax hikes and user fees are the ONLY options out there. And that if you don't select either a tax hike or a fee, you must either "not know" or "not care". It's time for some creative funding solutions. Also, WHY does the cost for services go up every year? If you are going to say that, you need to explain WHY. How does a library get more expensive to maintain every year?
235.	services should not be cut

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236.	Road tolls
237.	cut the police budget. its out of control at a time when the crime rate is going down.
238.	Road tolls. Share of gas tax. Getting rid of unionized labour. / Better coordination - e.g. I've seen newly paved roads cut open a couple of weeks later in order to repair or install underground services such as power, phone and water. Get that stuff fixed and then resurface the road so that it doesn't deteriorate so quickly.
239.	Stop paying cops to direct traffic at construction sites. All other cities hire dropouts and children to do that job.
240.	Take a long term view. There are things that can't be repaired later if you cut funding now -- if you allow a museum piece do fall apart to save money on conservation, that can't be undone if there's a budget windfall in 10 years. If you don't provide literacy services to young children now, 15 years down the road it will be too late to help them. On the other hand, if there's no place to park today the damage is only done today. Build a parking spot tomorrow and the damage is instantly over and undone. Don't destroy things that cannot be fixed down the road. / / Act with an eye to justice -- before cutting anything ask what affect it will have on the most vulnerable of city residents, not how much it will inconvenience those of us who are already quite privileged.
241.	the city should focus on not selling off our assets for future generations, pay fair wages, and lead by example on all levels, raise taxes if necessary, user fees for certain things, possibly some toll roads,
242.	BIKE LANES - gas prices are going up. I Can't afford to get a car and pay for gas and this will get worse every year. add bike lanes and improve that because the bicycle population is just going to increase dramatically once people figure out selling their cars is the right thing to do for them to live in this expensive city
243.	Many of these questions present false options. Homes for the aged, public health, social services and housing for example are all funded by multiple levels of government and have specific regulations regarding allowable fees, cost sharing and accountabilities. In addition, some services such as public health are essential and not subject of negotiation. It would have been fairer to ask about how the city should relate to the province or federal governments regarding these services.
244.	Bring back the VRT in some form. Drivers cost the city more than people who only use the TTC, walk and bike.
245.	The City should look to the province and the federal government for more support rather than making it a choice between privatization and decreased service. Providing services to citizens is the purpose of municipal government, and that includes the most vulnerable groups in the area, who are most in need of affordable, city-run services.

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246.	Manage expenses and stop asking for more tax and user fees. Why did the police get another increase when the City is running a huge deficit? Why does the City pay \$65 an hour for off duty police to stand at a road construction site? Why are salary increases of any type being offering with a deficit and talk of increasing taxes and user fees? How about salary and benefit roll backs? How about managing our costs? Sounds like more of the same. Why are City employees driving large vehicles which aren't fuel efficient?
247.	Stop providing property tax breaks to churches / synagogues / mosques
248.	User fees for automobiles' use of roads may make sense in the core, since so many drivers in the city are not from Toronto.
249.	The city should not consider this a toss up between increasing user fees or increasing property taxes. Why are these the only 2 options presented. We should be looking to areas to increase efficiency, reduce headcount in less important areas of service and run it like a proper business with the goal of making money.
250.	Tax automobile owners/drivers far more heavily and establish congestion-based road tolls.
251.	We should be getting a lot more money from the Fed Government. We give them our pay cheques and they give us a tiny allowance. It's insulting and grossly unfair.
252.	The city, as a government of the people, provides services for the people. Not for the upper class, not for the middle class - for everyone. User fees form a barrier that low-income individuals cannot get past. Property taxes, in contrast, have very little effect upon property owners in regards to expense; for even \$20 more a year from each owner, the city could provide much improved services - this would benefit the city as a whole.
253.	WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ISSUE BONDS TO COVER CAPITAL INVESTMENTS.
254.	* Increase Tourism / * Reduce wastes/ redundancies within city spending / * Create a Toronto Index Traded Fund, and people in the city can invest in local companies / * User Fees for Flea Market, and street vendors should be increased / * Improve the local economy by helping in creating jobs / * Quality of service has to be top priority at all times
255.	Reinstate vehicle registration tax. Increase land transfer tax. Do not make bad deals contracting city services to "for profit" companies.
256.	Finding efficiencies in how services are delivered using innovative methods should be explored before determining whether user fees/taxes should be increased and before contemplating contracting out services
257.	I think the City should fight to get its tax base back from the Province, which stole it under the Mike Harris government. Loss of control of our own property tax revenues is a disaster from which the City of Toronto has never recovered. It's time to upload back to the Province some of the costs that were downloaded at that time.
258.	Cut spending

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259.	Ford needs to stop his neo-conservative actions of breaking-up several of Toronto key public services. And selling each service to a private bidder who will eventually raise the cost of using said services. Let us all remember the 407 Debacle of the Harris Government in the 1990's. Now we are all paying un-regulated and exorbitant fees.
260.	Get more money from the federal government instead of increasing property tax or user fees. Toronto residents are already paying a lot of property tax and user fees. The road conditions are terrible! There has been no improvement in any of these city services for such a long time. The only way to make Toronto a better city is to get more money from the Federal Government! Period!
261.	We are the longest city in the country, yet we are neglected financially by both the provincial and federal governments. They should be giving us more funding.
262.	I believe the downloading of services from the federal to provincial to municipal governments are the big reason David Miller's regime tried to tackle so much and the Rob Ford's approach of cutting services radically to decrease costs and taxes have taken hold. I don't blame either of them (or the public) for these responses to what is a larger issue - government withdrawal from serving the Canadian public, specifically in terms of important services (public transport, libraries, parks, etc.) and services for the most needy.
263.	By cutting FTEs, eliminating the benefits to Councillors, and reducing their pensionable times based on record of attendance. / / Services, by economy of scale, should be cheaper, as residential property locations increase (increasing tax revenue) and increasing population density(same space, more user fee generation). / / This means that there is a fundamental problem in the fiscal management of the city. The back-office functions should be reduced by 25% with the increase of technology...yet it has somehow gone up. / / Overall, too much spending internally on FTEs and inefficient processes.
264.	Don't privatize garbage!!!!!! Don't give police services a wage increase when you are talking about trying to save money by privatizing garbage (which of course won't end up saving money in the long run!)
265.	city lottery / advertising on city equipment / reduce redundant management positions
266.	play the lottery. it could win \$50 million + max millions almost every week
267.	Cut excess staff, far to many supervisor's. Stop departments from using all their budget's just so they will not get less the following year, big waste of money.
268.	Land transfer tax; Tax on car purchase; tolls on major roads; tax/license on bicycles
269.	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.
270.	progressive solutions - i.e. vehicle registration tax perhaps? highway tolls for people coming into the city of toronto? finding non-existent gravy?
271.	Bring back the \$60 vehicle registration fee.

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272.	salaries of TTC workers should be cut: example : collector of tickets should receive 10.00 / hour. ALL TTC workers have inflated salaries. Review everything, eliminate Unions, contract out non essential services
273.	Money from other levels of government
274.	While it's clear I support increases in property taxes this should only apply to the residential tax rate. / / The commercial property tax rate in Toronto is magnitudes of times higher then the surrounding 905 communities and this has severely impacted the outer 416 where very little employment growth has occurred over the last 10 years. / / I think to accomplish this different areas of the cities can be taxed at different rates. The core areas can support higher tax rates to a certain degrees but areas bordering the 905 are in direct competition. / / Moreover I think tax breaks should be given to many new developments in up and coming areas (i.e. the waterfront) or the outer suburbs.
275.	am very worried that the recent police agreement will now lead to same level of pay increases for all staff, including fire, TTC etc. / Pay rate increases should be kept to standard rates of increase, which right now should be more in the range of 1.5 to 2% per year. Property tax rate increases should be in the same ranges...Missed the boat on that this year!
276.	This poll lacked options for seeking alternative revenue sources such as the vehicle registration tax or a local sales tax. These should be considered to reduce the reliance on both property taxes and user fees.
277.	lotteries
278.	Increase in fees and taxes should only be in line with inflation. Shortfalls mean you trim from the non-essentials like culture and heritage to invest in infrastructure. That's how I as a homeowner have to prioritize. I expect my city to be equally fiscally prudent.
279.	Yes: 1) There needs to be a review and realignment of our taxation system. My sense is that large businesses are not paying their fair share. 2) Toronto - and all large cities - have long been financially neglected by their respective provincial as well as the federal government. The most important thing Mayor Ford could do for Toronto is to work to change these two factors.
280.	toll on the Gardiner, dog licenses
281.	Tax cars and consider a local fuel tax, rather than subsidizing cars. / Consider property tax link to cost of delivering services and land area occupied by a home, rather than pure market value. If it costs more to service a large suburban lot than a downtown small house, why does the downtown house pay more in property taxes?
282.	Consider creative alternatives to property taxes or user fees. Vehicle taxes, pollution taxes, etc.
283.	The paid duty officers is a major scam. I have been forced to use them for my projects. They are too expensive and do not provide good service and on more than one occasion have caused me to shut down my crew because the scheduled officer did not show up. They increase the cost of doing business in Toronto. Montreal does not require paid duty officers to same extent as Toronto and it works fine.

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284.	Things are working well now. Scrapping the vehicle registration fee and the land transfer tax was a mistake, Those items could have kept property taxes stable. In general contracting out reduces the level of service, increases the cost of oversight, effectively removes control of the service from the city and always ends up costing more. Work on innovative solutions without contracting out
285.	Higher property taxes/service fees for higher income citizens/those who can afford them.
286.	Charge user fees
287.	This survey completely leaves out the prospect for additional sources of revenue for the city. User fees and Property taxes are not enough to provide all the services that the city is responsible for, and it is important that the city looks at other possibilities and that the city is honest with citizens about possibilities.
288.	Ideally, with help from the provincial and federal governments, but they (especially the federal one) seem disinclined to help. Failing that, sales tax, hotel tax, higher business taxes.
289.	Cut the overabundance of 'support' management in favour of front line services
290.	Vehicle Registration tax should not have been rescinded. Property Tax and TTC Fare increases are a necessity. The property tax freeze for 2011 is folly. It costs more to fix a broken city than to maintain it.
291.	Those who use, for the most part, need to be prepared to pay. As a society we are too often wanting to have things without paying the full price and I believe this needs to stop. If we want a great city we have to be prepared to pay for it in user fees and higher taxes. Otherwise we should look to moving to communities that are cheaper but where many of the services Toronto provides do not exist. We can't have it both ways any longer.

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292.	<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 low 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>
293.	<p>frankly, I would be willing to pay an extra 150 bucks a year to maintain and enhance the quality of services I receive from the city. I want the park that I visit daily to be maintained. I want community arts programming and library that my children attend maintained. I want services for most vulnerable in the community maintained. I want the city to maintain a vision of Toronto that is diverse, prosperous and where business, community and all levels of government innovate and develop keeping principles in mind.</p>
294.	<p>Property taxes with user fees for those that can afford it and increases development charges</p>
295.	<p>Ferret out inefficiencies by reviewing all processes and employee positions that are funded by tax payees and share results with the public then cut cut cut.</p>
296.	<p>These decisions should be made by Province</p>
297.	<p>Toronto should cut its overstaffed fire department by 50%, cut police services by 25%, call for partners to propose designs and develop TTC sites with their money, cut 2 staff from every library shift, get out of all services that would be better managed and likely less costly if run by private industry, reduce manager levels to private sector levels (Toronto has 20% too many managers at least) and make social services efficient.</p>

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298.	City should have better partnerships with both non-profit and corporate partners. For example social service organizations can be contracted out to take care of vulnerable populations and reduce the burden on the city. Continue to look for corporate sponsorship of arts and cultural festivals.
299.	Take funding from other services, like off-duty police fees.
300.	once and for all lets use ford nation to get the money and respect toronto so richly deserves by uploading housing, courts I would say to the premier and prime minster hers the keys good luck we cant afford to carry the provinces costs any more as are good jobs disappear
301.	Road tolls.
302.	Increase revenue through sold advertising etc. where ever possible.
303.	We need to invest in this city to make it work. Don't destroy the city we all love.
304.	Comparatively speaking with other cities through the GTA, Toronto's property taxes are quite low. Even a 10% raise in taxes would still keep Toronto well below the property tax rate of our neighbouring communities. This is a small price to pay more maintaining and improving the services that Toronto already provides.
305.	State of roads is a disgrace - we should have a separate temporary levy on taxes to fund a remedial program to bring roads up to appropriate standard. Road tolls should be considered to provide for future maintenance.
306.	Increase corporate taxes
307.	Advocate for a share of gas taxes etc, from senior levels of government
308.	The city needs to develop long term reliable revenue streams and should not rely upon one time fixes like asset sales. The city could consider a hotel tax, and other revenue sources that will be incurred by non-residents (including road tolls), who use city infrastructure and services but do not bear a share of the costs.
309.	property tax base, upload programs to province like social services and housing
310.	This survey doesn't take account of things that, by law, the City cannot do. You ask about user fees for public libraries but the provincial Public Library Act forbids it.
311.	I am happy to pay more property tax and user fees if I feel the City is doing its job - and even going above and beyond - in the areas that I care about most. It's also important to maintain a transparent relationship with the public and encourage participation in decision-making (like this survey).
312.	City should rely on user fees for finite and exclusive services. Property taxes should be used for core City services. Employment and Social services, Child care and Pubic Housing should be funded by the Province. TTC should be funded by a mix of user fees, federal and provincial funds. Non core services should be reduced.
313.	None of the preceding questions on service provision addresses cost efficiency - zero based budgeting. / / also believe that the city should make some choices around what businesses it should or needs to be in and which of the services it currently provides should be left to other levels of government or the private sector, examples - the parking lot business and the subsidized housing business.

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314.	Keep or increase the land transfer tax - it is a very fair tax and has not slowed down real estate sales in the city
315.	User fees are impact those least able to afford them far more than those who can (who often have no need for the service, or have alternatives they can also afford), so property tax – and other taxes – should be relied on, and increased, instead of user fees.
316.	reinstating the Vehicle Registration tax.
317.	Use public-private partnerships to fund major infrastructure projects. Pressure the province to provide additional funds if necessary.
318.	Get a cut of the HST or Income Tax.
319.	The city should provide a limited set of ESSENTIAL public services at low cost. Any additional services that MUST be done should be outsourced at lowest cost to private sector providers or not-for-profit community groups who can meet quality requirements at best cost. / / Capital investments for new infrastructure should be halted until city has its operating budget under control and can afford to invest without adding new debt.
320.	The city should be talking to the province and federal government to take back funding of mandated services. The city should also be using their ability to tax areas other than property tax.
321.	The no tax increase for 2011 was a bad decision and moved forward cost to 2012. It is time to stop political expediency (no tax increase for 2011) and replace it with thoughtful, democratic governance.
322.	Road Tolls and reinstate the vehicle registration fee.
323.	The city should start getting more money for social housing from the province.
324.	Levy Income and sales taxes. Reinstating vehicle registration fees.
325.	Trim the fat but be cautious what is contracted. out. All departments can cut more. Love the cops but reduce some of the paid duty overtime. Don't contract out traditional city services like garbage roads and parks. cut back on management of these services
326.	We have a great city with wonderful services that need to be protected and supported. People need to pay more taxes and/or user fees according to their ability to do so to maintain and even build what the city is able to offer its citizens.
327.	Not just property taxes and user fees. You also have to consider other tax types as well. Relying on property taxes only will penalise all home owners. Diversify your tax base!
328.	The city needs to be more creative in its revenue generation. Perhaps a sliding scale for user fees, such as for permits or cultural programs. For example, theatres charge a variety of prices with options for those who are unable to pay full price. Or levies on parking during peak hours. The city should also lobby the province regarding provincial programs that are being delivered by the city - these costs should not be incurred by the city.
329.	admit you have a massive issue with cost of your staff and services.. why does the City of Toronto want to have a hand at everything. I do not work to pay fund the City of Toronto's numerous pet projects. stick with the basics. Let the citizens build up the city... keep my taxes down. cut the fat!

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330.	Cut down on management
331.	Way to use a US firm for this survey. It's also terribly implemented - there are ghost options available on almost every page. Way to put that money to good use. / / How about council members take a pay cut? The salaries are outrageous. Extraneous overspending is outrageous while basic city services SUCK.
332.	I'm all for saving money but we have to do it within reason. Yes, I don't like my taxes going up but taxes are a fact of life. Lets try to balance the budget reasonably. We don't have to go crazy one way or the other. Taxes might have to go up some AND we might have to cut services or raise the user fees for them. We could also start volunteering our time for some services to help lower the costs of providing them. I'm willing to roll up my sleeves to help out a bit if it keeps taxes and user fees down. We haven't talked enough about pulling together as a community to get ourselves out of debt.
333.	The city requested and the province granted additional powers so that Toronto did not have to rely only on property taxes and user fees. I am really irritated that this survey only provided the 2 options for funding! Toronto should use its additional powers to fund city services. Also, Toronto and other municipalities should continue pressing higher levels of government for more constitutional rights and powers. It is disgusting and ridiculous that the federal and provincial governments do not provide more funding for cities - Canada is becoming a backwater in the world in this regard.
334.	Cut the bloated police budget that is spiralling out of control.
335.	Encourage citizens to invest in the city - city savings bonds?
336.	Observe the models set in European cities, and look into more progressive taxation policies. We cannot endlessly cut taxes on the wealthy by riding a wave of US style tea-party populist, anti-government sentiment. We cannot afford harmful US style tax cuts.
337.	I found the fact that only two funding solutions were provided to choose from was overly simplistic. Re-negotiating funding with the province is going to be very important as well move forward. Provincial downloading of responsibilities to the city while not providing the funding to deliver those services is a challenge. Other funding opportunities also need to be explored - can the city increase revenue in other ways than just by raising taxes? Fundraising opportunities should be explored, such as through community fairs etc..
338.	Do not sell City properties or contract out essential services. This is short-term and short-sighted thinking. Become creative in fundraising efforts. Have a city equivalent of a bake sale. Ask residents to contribute through taxes or fundraising efforts, but not through increased user fees. User fees only hurt the most vulnerable of our population.
339.	It seems like some of these services should be the jurisdiction of the feds or provinces - such as: provincial law courts, social assistance/employment programs (HRSDC), even public health? I would check for duplication of services as compared to the other levels of government, before you increase user fees or taxes; are we paying for the same thing twice? Were some things downloaded that should not have been? Reduce waste in public housing and shelters! Duplication caused by too many agencies?

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340.	Stop trying to cut and save out of greed and want for individual and corporate needs. A lot of us are very fortunate to have the financial resources we have and to lead the incredibly wealthy lives we live. We can all chip in a bit more to make this a great city.
341.	Streamline duplicate city administrative departments/functions. Keep 1% of HST. Partially fund TTC with portion of gasoline tax. Upload social services to provincial government that were downloaded by Harris government.
342.	you cannot cut taxes and expect to deliver the same services. Perhaps those who can afford to pay more should. / / Tolls on highways leading into the city. / Fee to enter the downtown area by car such as in London England
343.	Residents of Toronto, especially wealthy residents, should be willing to pay for a city that functions well. If that means paying more in property taxes and user fees, that's what we should do.
344.	Sell off more public housing located in high-value neighbourhoods. / Install toll booths on 401, 404 and Gardiner Expressway for those who commute into city, use our roads, and don't pay property taxes to maintain them.
345.	Reduce the mayor's salary and those of the other councillors. Continue to lobby the provincial and federal governments on our behalf. Host other events or festivals to increase the revenue into the city.
346.	We have to pay for quality, and Toronto should invest in superb municipal infrastructure. It will pay off in the long run. Efficiency is of course important, but we must not balance the budget by eroding the financial security of public employees.
347.	Cut back on services. / Sell minimally used schools.
348.	Since the city already has user fees, how about this: for every service that currently has user fees, everyone who applies has to provide proof of income. Then, user fees would be based on that. Puts the current "we'll subsidize some people if we think they're poor enough" system in a different light, doesn't it? / / Furthermore, this city does not have a financial crisis. During the Depression, when so many out-of-work people couldn't pay their property taxes that many Ontario municipalities went bankrupt--that was a crisis. Right now, Toronto has more than enough well-off and middle-class people who can afford to pay an extra one latte a month's worth of property taxes to keep this a wonderful city. And I'm one of them, so don't think I'm trying to make only other people pay.
349.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax. Also, consider a carbon tax or other tax penalizing businesses for environmentally unfriendly or unsustainable activity.
350.	Rather than offer only a choice of increase fees or taxes, OR reduce/eliminate/contract out services, the City should be doing a thorough process, procedure, and policy analysis to determine how we can better utilize our current resources to provide an increase in the level and quality of our services while continuing to deliver them through the City AND NOT contract them out.

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351.	Property taxes and user fees are only two ways of finding revenue. The City of Toronto Act granted the city the ability to introduce new taxes. The city needs to consider new taxes or road tolls such as a congestion fee. Most of the services mentioned in this survey are important to the day-to-day life of the city and we should be building on them, not cutting. If this means having to pay more taxes, I'm completely fine with it.
352.	I believe strongly in publicly funded, universal, accessible services. I also believe that the city should be a model employer, and this includes respecting public servants (and yes, their unions). And while I can personally afford a property tax increase, I think that corporate taxes should have been an option on this survey (as well as a general tax overhaul that would see a portion of income taxes funding municipal services, given the downloading).
353.	I value our services in an inclusive and vibrant, responsible city. As a home-owner, I am happy to pay more property taxes in increase or maintain our level of services to all people in our city. Please don't believe that everyone thinks only of how they can save money -- there are some things that are worth spending on, and I believe that spreading costs around our city through property taxes (as a progressive tax) makes perfect sense.
354.	Services that were downloaded to the city from the Province under the Harris government should be uploaded BACK to the province.
355.	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.
356.	Excellence costs; and any reasonable person would expect to pay for services that are excellently provided. Where I ,and most other residents of the City of Toronto, have a problem is paying increasing amounts for inferior and often unacceptable service. When drivers licensing offices were city run, the service was outrageous, and the city employees that worked in these offices were paid vastly more than their counterparts are paid in the privately run offices today. Same goes for the Post Office, although that is a federal service. As we all now know, after watching what happened when these services were privatized, the quality of service improved dramatically, even though the cost of providing the service was reduced. That is why so many of us would like to see almost all of the services provided by every level of government, privatized. I believe that this would bring back a level of accountability which has been missing for far too long.
357.	A 10% property tax increase will not cover the cost of maintaining or improving city services. I find it strange that I am not even provided with an option that would allow me to choose a property tax increase that would maintain the current level of city services, let alone make improvements. Where is my option to choose to pay enough tax to pay for the services I value?
358.	The provincial and federal governments should be giving more money to Toronto.

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359.	Work to get more financial support from provincial and federal governments.
360.	Taxes from the federal, provincial and municipal governments
361.	The City should investigate producing electricity from non-traditional sources, such as methane generation from biosolids. Rescind the sweetheart property tax deal of nine private golf courses in Toronto.
362.	By charging some type of tax or fee to people who live in the suburbs but use Toronto's services. This could be done by installing tolls in places like the Gardiner or the DVP
363.	Cut the police budget.
364.	Scale back meaningless, populist promises and start making SMALL changes to increase the level of services!
365.	Decrease funding to the Police services armoury. Less billions dollar sound cannons; more affordable housing.
366.	Look for significant cost efficiencies by replacing unionized staff with non-union and contract workers. Drastically cut social services. Privatize everything possible. Do not increase residential property taxes under any circumstances.
367.	It is ESSENTIAL that we keep the existing services by whatever means necessary: Fundraising, property tax increase, user fees for those that can afford them.
368.	Cut Higher management, senior management/supervisors bonuses and credit card expense accounts. There is no need for them to have bonuses and expense accounts. Some sectors of the government have an enormous amount of management and supervisors in departments that don't really doing anything and aren't needed. The cleanup should be in city hall, management and supervisors, not the service workers who actually work.
369.	The city should take advantage of its new authority to exploit alternative revenue streams, other than property taxes, for example, vehicle registration tax, land transfer tax, etc.
370.	I understand most residents DO NOT like the idea of paying money towards property taxes, user fees etc.. However if the issue at hand means services, jobs etc.. will be cut then the expense must be met. We live in a great city, but its the people in this city who provide services for this city that help make it great.
371.	Respect the work that was completed by the previous City council - don't cancel four years of work to start over with excessive reports and work to do. / Focus on significant cost savings - do not nickel and dime us! The current mayor focuses too much on small cost issues.... / Figure out a way to get sustained funding from either the province or the Feds, e.g. !% of each tax dollar
372.	I would like to see more services such as garbage collection contracted out. I know how services such as garbage collection and utilities work in American states such as California, and the level of service is better -- it is more efficient, there is no strike action, and while there are user fees, I would imagine the services are less expensive overall due to market competition.
373.	Corporation donations. Get the people that are on welfare to work for their money. Cut councillors. Train staff to not spend it or you will lose it

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374.	Toronto should be getting more funding from the federal government. More taxes for corporations & car users
375.	I wish that I had more in-depth knowledge about city expenditures to be able to make concrete suggestions such as cutting back in one area to avoid increases in user fees. Generally, I think user fees could be increased in less essential services such as the vehicle registration tax, parking, building permits, liquor permits as opposed to hiking up fees for children's swimming lessons, for example.
376.	All city councillors should get a pay decrease and freeze their wages. The mayor should receive the most severe cut to his pay cheque and annually receive a decrease. Also, the city should not have any lease contract about equipment leases such as computers. There should be a very rigorous hiring process and all their employees should be bonded. No one friends should be hired unless conflict of interests have been stated and they have been absent from any hiring process. No one's girlfriends or relations should get the job over qualified persons. The most qualified person who is a Canadian Citizen should get the job over American applicants.
377.	increase tourism to boost the economy / contract out services so there is more money in the economy to pay for increased fees of services (contracting out services also ensures excellent quality in delivery)
378.	There are already enough ads and branding destroying public space. Also, I think amalgamation was a mistake. People who live downtown have different needs and desires than those living in the suburbs - that is just the way it is - it doesn't make one group right or wrong. Maybe in 50 years needs will be more in-line with each other as urban density is forced to increase in the suburbs.
379.	Property tax percentage does not need to increase since housing values increase. Basic economics. If you don't know that, quit and let someone do the job who knows how math works.
380.	The city should be looking for alternate streams of revenue from higher levels of government. Twenty percent of my taxes go to the Federal government, but they deliver almost none of the services I and others rely on.
381.	The City should ensure that all citizens within the City of Toronto can afford to access services. User fees should not deter any citizen within the City of Toronto from accessing city services. Raising property taxes may be necessary. As well, reintroducing the vehicle registration tax.
382.	Congestion pricing.
383.	We need to be very careful when we are suggesting that services should be contracted out. The City of Toronto has a strong unionized workforce (I am management and support unions). It seems like an easy fix when it is not. / I also find it interesting that the survey is designed and managed by a company in the USA, would have this not been an ideal place for a Canadian company to increase its revenue?

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384.	Privatization and user fees will eventually price all lower and middle income individuals and families out of services altogether. I like the way things are right now and am proud to live in this City. Also cutting services, especially those accessed by lower income people would be devastating. Privatizing garbage and water is a huge mistake that will have a lasting adverse impact on everyone.
385.	I don't mind paying the taxes as long as the money is being used for the services it is intended for. I don't want to see an increase in politicians expense accounts when the extra money comes in. As well as City Counsellors voting themselves 9% increases with standard of living increases attached to it. And then telling the people that the front line staff are unsustainable.
386.	I feel that the city needs to charge developers very high fees to build near Harbourfront or near a park as these places can and do charge extra to their tenants who can and should pay more for the increased benefits they receive. / / I feel that the city demand the Province pay it's share of Provincial costs; such as Provincial courts. / / Drivers from beyond the centre area of the city should pay a fee to bring cars into the city. / / The government should not update or beautify offices after elections unless the update is needed for safety or to aid a politician who is handicapped. / / There should be no publicly paid for retirement or other parties for departing staff. / / Other than the Mayor, there should be no cars or freebies such as TTC Passes etc. should be given to Politicos. / /
387.	City should ensure that all funds raised through new billboard tax are invested in arts and culture / / Work with federal and provincial governments to negotiate a percentage of HST be directed to City, a percentage of liquor tax be directed to municipal social services and a percentage of gas tax - to fund public transportation and address traffic congestion issues
388.	1. The actual users of services need to pay more than at present - example, TTC riders pay a very very small part of the costs at present so I think a fare increase is justified especially when you consider that those of us who do not take the TTC and are paying for it, do not get any subsidy on our transportation costs even though Gas prices and Taxes keep going up. / 2. I don't understand why we can't have a casino in the Toronto area - think of all the direct and indirect monetary benefits this would bring to Toronto to help fund services. / 3. The provincial government should give some gas tax revenue to Toronto BUT ONLY IF IT IS LEGISLATED THAT IT MUST BE USED FOR ROAD AND ROAD RELATED PURPOSES AND SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL AUDIT TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE.
389.	This survey assumes that the sole sources of city revenue are property taxes and user fees. Other existing sources, such as development fees, should be made part of this discussion. So too should potential revenue resulting from tax reforms and new fees.
390.	Income tax?

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391.	I do not have any specific comments on how the City should fund services, but I would suggest that the City start preparing residents of the City of Toronto to start saving for a potential property tax increase and to let them know how much they should prepare themselves for. A more transparent discussion around City finances and available funding needs to occur so that people understand why costs increase and why property taxes are increased. There is a general sentiment among many people that we are paying too much for property taxes when in fact Toronto has the lowest property tax rate of it's GTA neighbours.
392.	Please take the environment seriously, and invest in environmental programs for businesses and communities
393.	Need to consider use of long-term debt to fund long-term capital expenditures using return on investment methods rather than to always resort to user fees and property taxes..
394.	Work with the province & the Feds please
395.	Cut some fat from the Police Services budget. The cops chew up way too much of the annual operating budget.
396.	one-time levee or fee for the businesses and residents that benefit the most from living in Toronto
397.	decrease the amount of tax dollars going to the province or have the province provide more money to fund toronto city activities
398.	Stop taxing people to death people are being tax from multiple direction: federal, provincial, income, gas, property, food, HST, I can go on and on !!!
399.	the province and federal government should be downloading more funds to the fifth largest city in North America
400.	allow businesses to advertise their maintenance of certain city items. Other cities have their gardens and flower beds supported by private business in exchange for advertising. Launch anti litter campaign with funds raised by businesses
401.	I THINK IF THE CITY WERE BETTER FUNDED FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES BY OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE THE CURRENT RESTRAINT. IT CONCERNS ME THAT THE "EXISTING" PROBLEMS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE THE RESULT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO DELIVER A HIGH LEVEL OF SERVICE OVERALL. / / COUNCIL SHOULD PERHAPS REVIEW THE NUMBER OF MANAGEMENT WHO "OVERSEE" THE DELIVERY OF SERVICE.
402.	Begin serious conversations with the province and federal governments to establish new sources of revenue for municipalities beyond simply user fees/property tax/licensing - federal/provincial transfers are ideal.
403.	Negotiate HST space with the province. We need sales tax to track the activity, depending on property tax lets the commuters free rider and leave us to inhale the exhaust.

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404.	The City of Toronto doesn't operate in a vacuum! Your survey is flawed. Uploading the costs to the provincial government should have been listed as one of the options for some of the services including those related to maintaining the operations of the provincial courts and social assistance. Further, uploading the costs of public housing and social assistance administration to the provincial and/or federal governments are other options that should have been included in your survey.
405.	Re-instate the vehicle registration tax, keep land-transfer tax, keep pushing federal government for transfer payments, HONOUR PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS (so not waste money already spent on planning and fees for cancelling contracts).
406.	By paying through taxes, the cost is shared amongst all citizens, and even those who can't afford to pay user fees can access needed services
407.	YES. I found this survey very frustrating. It is implied in all aspect of this survey that the only option to maintain or improve services is to increase user fees or taxes. I run my own business and know it is possible to cut while improving services and improving your bottom line. I am tired of hearing of 10 government employees doing the job of what 2-3 in the private sector can do. I thought with Rob Ford in power we were going to start cutting on the deadbeats. / / Everything has been good so far but with so many hurting why is it that Rob Ford caved on the police budget. Let's have some accountability. Cut the budget and improve service. THIS SURVEY DOES NOT PERMIT SUCH ANSWERS.
408.	I think small user fees are a good idea, so that people use services they really need, but overall property tax is the best source of revenue. Our taxes in Toronto are not so bad, and we get a high level of service from them.
409.	User Fees for discretionary services
410.	Advertising / Sponsorship / Private sector deals are not mentioned anywhere here?
411.	Lobby for more appropriate piece of the provincial and federal pie, both from a dollars and cents point of view, and from a representational viewpoint. Toronto has become paralyzed by its fading transportation infrastructure which in turn is directly due to underfunding from higher levels of government.
412.	This survey was much too long. The city needs to investigate other income sources. It would be a good idea for the city to get a better cut from the federal and provincial governments.
413.	If city staff stopped being unionized there's no end to how much money could be saved. Further, where there is unnecessary support staff, reinvest in front-line staff. Stop paying police overtime and TTC workers overtime to supervise regular directing of people or traffic at construction sites. If Rob Ford is serious about this gravy train, he has no farther to look than here
414.	The province should take back some or all of the downloaded services. Provincial courts should be managed by the province. The province should pay fair rent for city-owned space used. Ditto for the federal government, if applicable.

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415.	The govt has removed some user fees and is now proposing to replace those by other user fees? I am willing to pay more property tax so all city dwellers can access decent public services and we don't see far more money wasted through contracting out and consultancy fees. In some limited cases (see responses) I support raising user fees for those capable of paying them but do not want to create a two-tier society.
416.	Cut them.
417.	Yes, look into marketing fees. These fees can be increased or implemented if not already as marketing is key to selling anything and they must market to sell their product.
418.	charge a carbon tax to increase city revenue.
419.	Please increase the childcare subsidy - should follow the Quebec model!!!
420.	Significantly reduce management and administration. Cut all support to special interest groups. Significantly reduce subsidies. Focus on core services that are essential for ALL residents.
421.	Look at fees that will also achieve other desirable goals -- for example, some sort of road pricing, parking surcharges, etc. would also have the benefit of reducing traffic.
422.	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.
423.	Encourage more provincial and federal support for cities (including means for the city to raise money and greater investment by provincial and federal levels of government).
424.	Congestion tax on cars in the downtown core. / / City employee salary cap for the top 10% of city employees. / / Pollution taxes on large vehicles, both commercial and private. / / Legalize, regulate and tax prostitution.
425.	Some services should be Provincial responsibility e.g. social services/assistance, provincial courts
426.	cut back on using Police for extra paid duty
427.	Yes, bring back the auto and property transfer fees that were scrapped. You can't provide quality public services by cutting revenues.
428.	collaborate with other levels of government

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429.	The City needs to diversify its sources of revenue. Council was wrong to eliminate the vehicle registration tax; it should not proceed with eliminating the land transfer tax, as has been discussed. There is also nothing wrong with increasing property taxes but Council and city staff need to do a much better job explaining to the public WHY property taxes are so important.
430.	Get money for programs from the federal government
431.	All this for bickering over a few hundred dollars per year in property tax increases? That's totally absurd. If you can afford a house you can afford a few hundred dollars to fund infrastructure that serves the city of millions of people that surrounds your house and is the cause for any and all of it's actual value.
432.	Some services should be funded, at least in part, by the provincial or federal governments - can be done by eliminating the net flow of funds from the city to the provincial and federal governments
433.	Get support from the provincial government. Toronto is a significant contributor to the province of Ontario - yet on a per capita percentage - I feel Toronto residents do not receive the same funding as other cities in the province.
434.	Increase corporate taxes.
435.	Please do not reduce services - please keep Toronto a "world-class city!" Pursue Federal funding for all cities.
436.	It is more important to me to maintain levels of service than to not increase income tax or user fees.
437.	This survey seems tilted towards increasing fees and/or taxes or contracting out rather than the City doing a better job of managing its services and expenses.
438.	Cut down on the amount of paper that is used at City Hall. Look at turning off lights after hours. Just solely focusing on pinching the public penny is not always the best way of ensuring that we are investing in the future of our city.
439.	Contract out service to non-profits that have deep respect for the people they serve and a track record of providing services. Learn how to better advocate to provincial and federal governments (not-combative).
440.	Have province take back Social Service costs
441.	Diversify taxation!!!! Work with province and feds to be able to tax. Cities in the U.S. have taxes at municipal level that are administered by province. A tax could be piggy-backed on HST. People from suburbs and tourists benefit from city services but do nothing to subsidize. A sales tax could help to sustain Toronto.
442.	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.
443.	Fees on road use (tolls) coming into the city, polluters and a small gas tax that goes to the city.

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444.	The discussion is about funding the services but it is the government themselves that overspend internally. If you cut out the fat from within City Hall (i.e. waterfront example), the limited resources could be better utilized.
445.	Open a World-Class Casino in partnership with the Province, in a great, central location. Keep ownership strictly government and always keep criminal elements away from it!
446.	Our property taxes provide excellent value compared with the other "905" Toronto suburbs, and I am okay if they increase with inflation or a little bit more.
447.	take care of the animals at the zoo. sponsor a trap/neuter/return program to put a cap on cat overpopulation due to feral/stray cats and irresponsible owners. take on the Calgary model of animal control, huge fines for unaltered pets, pets at large, dangerous dogs (NOT "pit bull" breeds -- ANY breed can be dangerous!)
448.	Work on animal welfare, this is not a service to cut.
449.	The city should reinstate the vehicle tax, and tax overuse of water. It should also levy fees on houses and buildings that are not energy efficient, and on houses and buildings in low-density areas that use more than their fair share of resources. Adding tolls to heavily travelled roads and for driving inside the city centre would provide revenue to combat the air pollution caused by driving, and recoup money spent on providing services to commuters who reside and pay taxes outside of Toronto, but use city services, thereby costing the city money. Decreasing the police budget would also save some money.
450.	People who can afford to pay more for services should be doing so. We should not be cutting services or increasing user fees, which will affect groups who cannot afford them. Newcomers, families with young children and single parents should have access to recreation, culture, etc. as well.
451.	Long term care should be the responsibility of the provincial government / charge nominal fees for programs or services ex \$2 for sessions at the library /
452.	There are other ways to raise revenue than just user fees and property tax hikes. Increase corporate tax rates, land transfer tax, lobby province and fed government for increased funds for cost shared programs. THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!
453.	Charge a toll for those driving cars in the downtown area.
454.	Ticket smokers who throw cigarette butts on the ground, or otherwise litter - this would reduce smoking in the city, reduce littering in the city (saving on maintenance fees), and provide an incredible stream of revenue. / / Ensure all businesses pay their taxes. / / Reduce welfare fraud / cheating. /
455.	Don't be penny-wise and pound-foolish. As long as money is being spent wisely on maintaining and improving the City, as well as providing necessary services, I don't have an issue with tax increases or user fees.
456.	In general, add user fees to encourage good citizenship - user fees on garbage bags could be good to promote recycling/compost, but user fees on hazardous waste disposal would be bad because that would encourage throwing hazardous waste into the normal garbage.

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457.	We should charge developers much more for the right to build. / We should force the federal and provincial governments to kick in more for the TTC. / We should increase on-street parking costs and costs to drive in the city. / We should raise property taxes for homes worth over the average amount. /
458.	I feel that this survey was poorly designed. Groupings of services were such that biases against certain services were evident. the maximum of 5 options and the subsequent ranking of the those options also created biases. Based on the way I answered I know exactly which departments would see their budgets cut or eliminated. Your question on how we should pay for city services. did not provide an increase in user pay only nor a property tax only option for increasing services. most disappointing survey. you would have been better off using Survey Monkey and saving some of my tax dollars!!
459.	Cut out the gravy the Mayor Ford kept suggesting existed in order to keep funding the necessary and needed services. We can't keep contracting everything out and expecting great quality and value and creating more agencies is not the answer as well.
460.	Upload services to the Province
461.	The city get 75% of funding from the provincial government...what happens to public health nurses.
462.	City services should be accessible and affordable to everyone. Instituting user fees is discriminatory and will be mostly incurred by people who are marginalized and who need services such as accessible transportation or shelter beds etc.
463.	If you need to raise property taxes, do it. Just make sure that there is transparency in the accounting process so I can see the improvements that my money contributed to. If the money is just going to vanish, then jack up the user fees. I understand that taxes or fees must go up. If you can't afford it, move out of the city.
464.	Very top heavy at the level of municipal government, graft, nepotism- even examining the infrastructure could cut the budget and channel more money into social issues. No one should be hungry or homeless in this city, unless by choice.
465.	There are services (such as parks and recreation courses) which the city is running at a deficit. User fees should be increased to cover the costs of these services.
466.	there is talk of waste..... we are a rich city and need to get creative. Fees for new construction need to be raised to reflect the actual cost of upgrading services (roads, power etc.) so the developer pays for these services and the city does not subsidize them
467.	STOP PAYING CITY WORKERS SO MUCH! Stop employing bad employees. Stop job protection for workers who do a bad job. Treat government/city jobs like the rest of us.
468.	we need more money from the provincial and federal government

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469.	The City could balance its budget without charging the taxpayer by: REDUCING THE INCREASING OUTRAGEOUS SALARIES, BENEFITS AND PENSIONS it pays to the thousands and thousands of staff it employs. Because civil servants CANNOT lose their jobs short of criminal activity, productiveness is at an all-time low with City of Toronto workers. Reduce the number of managers and supervisors the City employs, hire more front line workers and get remuneration in line with the private sector. The City does not need to reduce services - it needs to increase the QUALITY of work coming from its employees and reduce the remuneration packages the poor taxpayer is on the line for. The City's payroll is choking the very people it is supposed to be serving. Shame on the City for not addressing this increasingly horrendous problem. Don't cut services - cut salaries. Articles in all journalistic papers are proving over and over again that civil servants are over-paid and over-benefited. Articles are saying that civil servants will be the monetary elite in the future. Put the brakes on now. You will see noticeable improvements in the City's financial state.
470.	I think the City needs to be more creative in how it raises revenue but also needs to pressure the province to close all the tax loopholes that were created by the Harris government so that the Province can speed up uploading the services that were downloaded to the city during the Harris era.
471.	Cut pay checks and expenses for city officials, mayor and etc.
472.	Most major cities have federal funding for things like public transportation. The city should work hard to convince Stephen Harper that the TTC needs federal support.
473.	The City should be getting its fair share of per capita investment both provincially and federally and it should stop accepting costs and responsibilities for services off-loaded by other levels of government unless it is properly compensated financially. / The City should not use proportionately high small businesses property tax rates to subsidize residential property tax freezes. This combined with the Vacant Property Rebate keeps many small storefronts empty and hurts economic development. / The City should look to make further savings on future contract negotiations with their employment unions and should look to decrease the amount of spending on police.
474.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax, add tolls to DVP, Allen, Gardiner for non-T.O. registered vehicles.
475.	Cut back reckless pay increases to the Police. SHAME ON YOU. Invest in bicycles to help road congestion and improve air quality. Increases taxes for the highest pay brackets and corporations.
476.	examine funding options for services i.e.; daycare, parks and recreation, shelters. / reintroduce vehicle registration tax & parking rate increases to increase revenue
477.	Cut "union fat"
478.	Road tolls ought to be put in place for cars entering the city.
479.	Arrange with the provincial government to allow personal income taxes to be levied against city dwellers. This could be part of the annual income tax return. Alternatively, have perhaps 1% of provincial income taxes assigned to the cities (not just Toronto)

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480.	Use fewer consultants, make more use of City staff instead. Hire more full-time staff rather than a lot of part-time staff and multitudes of HR staff to manage the part-timers. Get all of the fees due from developers - don't continue to waive their fees
481.	There needs to be a balance between user fees and property tax. A lot of young families are simply moving to the suburbs and paying taxes there simply because housing is too expensive in Toronto. If property taxes were higher, many elderly would have to move into smaller dwellings from their bigger dwellings, which would allow younger families in need of a house to be able to live in the city of Toronto.
482.	Cut out some of the bureaucracy! (a good example - the street food vendor program. Got so caught up in red tape and \$\$ regulations that the program didn't run that well, which was a loss of all that income from what could've been well-run vendor businesses.)
483.	Outsource where it makes sense. For nice-to-have services that benefit the few, increase user fees. Do not raise taxes!
484.	We should have increased property taxes like all municipalities instead of freezing them, then we would not have to cut as many services. The new council and mayor should be held accountable that a \$300 million surplus has, in one year, turned into a \$700 million deficit. Property taxes should not have been frozen.
485.	The City should not cut revenue as the Mayor has already done. Instead, it should explore all the avenues offered by the City of Toronto Act.
486.	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.
487.	Lobby provincial and federal governments harder to stop underfunding City and reverse downloading. / Toll roads / Higher development charges for private residential developments /
488.	TTC works well but it is becoming really expensive. I came to Toronto 7 years ago and the TTC Pass was around 90 dollars. It's more than 35 dollars increase in just few years : close to 40% for the same service. / I loved the idea that we could enjoy to go swimming for free and to know that families with low income could use those services. Now we have to pay 2\$ per person. Not everybody will be able to go swimming as much as they want anymore, that's sad. / I will love more French books in public libraries, what's exist is not enough. / Public health is suffering. It's really hard to find a family doctor. The service in hospital can be terrible. The approach to patient should be more humanist. You have to wait for hours and they treat you like a number in 5 minutes! I am really disappointed and it means that you are better to be in good health or you are in trouble. / Education is not on the survey and it's essential, why it's missing? /
489.	Give more attention to the fees already in place and analyze where that revenue is being used before deciding to cut the fee outright!
490.	what options is the city considering as revenue streams BESIDES user fees and property taxes? what about investing in increasing tourism?

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491.	The city should get better value for money rather than look to just increase revenue or cut services. Why are streets torn up year after year for consecutive repairs that should be done all at once? Why are we financing indexed pensions when few of us have them ourselves? A lot of the choices in this questionnaire lack nuance - why choose keep the quality or cost less?
492.	Some things are worth paying for, and 5% increase only works out to \$10 a month. It's not a lot for decent TTC, libraries, animal welfare etc.
493.	This questionnaire is totally inadequate, it only deals with what services to cut and or contract out and doesn't tell Torontonians that if we cut services that benefit all the people that we would end up living in a city similar to Detroit.
494.	Reinstitute the Vehicle registration tax. / Look for other taxation opportunities available to the city under provincial law.
495.	Corporate sponsorship of TTC stations - like the Museum station.
496.	Social Service agencies provide a valuable service to the most vulnerable individuals in Toronto. Many have already received funding cuts from other levels of government. A cut in city funding would be devastating.
497.	If there is not enough money to build subways - hold some fundraising events with the user fee going to subways.
498.	The city should stop having the employment aspect of Toronto Employment and Social Services as it is underused and download that money to the employment agencies already open who are doing the work properly and don't have enough funding.
499.	I am absolutely shocked that essential services such as fire, police and EMS are even being considered for privatization or user fees. This is an absolute responsibility for any municipality to provide. How could someone be charged a user fee for a fire service? If the person didn't have the money, would you actual consider letting their dwelling burn down? / / Similarly, why would we even consider privatisation for public health or water quality? The example of Walkerton is still a very vivid memory for most of us.
500.	Cut funding to services that have been shown (in valid and unbiased studies and reports) to be ineffective or unnecessary, or those that do not benefit residents. IE - increased police presence.
501.	Don't. Massively cut spending. User fees should be used above property taxes whenever possible. Impose road tolls in rush hour for people commuting from the 905.
502.	increase corporate taxes and/or reduce the amount of tax breaks for corporations and businesses - many corporations are located in Toronto because of the draw of the city itself - improve the city and the corporations & businesses will stay because there is money to be made in a large, safe, beautiful city that attracts both residents and visitors
503.	I think that this survey is to black and white - this or that. In general no decision is that easy - and at this point in time the services we need in this city are growing. There is no way to increase services without increasing taxes - and as a society we should not view taxes as a negative - they give us our quality of life in Canada.
504.	Combination of property taxes and other revenue allowed by Province, i.e. vehicle registration tax, land transfer tax, etc. Please don't cancel any more sources of revenue.

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505.	The mayor needs to demand more money from the Provincial and Federal governments. Toronto is the nation's largest and most important city. Too much of our tax money is drained by the rest of the country. The city would not need to raise fees or taxes if we got our proper share from other levels of government. / / Additionally, if fees and taxes must be raised, then they should be raised on corporations and rich individuals. People who control an unequal amount of the city's wealth should be the ones who foot the bill for city services.
506.	Yes. I think property taxes for residential and businesses should be increased at small percentage/. I also think the vehicle registration tax should come back. Increase user fees instead of cutting jobs or services.
507.	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.
508.	Involve Public Consultation directly to discuss all viable options. To contract or not has to be investigated thoroughly and transparently with strings attached. / Invest in cooperatives to services we can manage and provide as residents of city.
509.	Reverse downloading from other levels of government. Increase funding as appropriate from other levels of government. De-amalgamate! Involve citizens and community groups in more creative and productive ways. Partner with corporations and other public institutions in more creative and productive ways. Demand that senior City staff and departments work together Discourage the silo mentality. Work creatively with the citizens for whom city services are provided and who pay the way.

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510.	Many of the services mentioned in previous pages are, it seems to me, responsibilities of the provincial government. The city should not have extra responsibilities downloaded on it by the provinces if this service falls into the jurisdiction of the province. The city does not have the financial capacity to do this unless it is given more sources of revenue. Many of the previous items fall into the provincial jurisdiction. The questions therefore are irrelevant when that is the case. That is why I stopped answering many of these questions. This survey is, in my opinion seriously flawed and 1. will not be completed by many people and will be meaningless. You should have had a category to indicate that the provincial government should be looking after the matters that our constitution has required of it... not to download it to Toronto which has so little means of providing financing short of simply cutting back. Why was this option never provided?
511.	No individual group should of citizens, programs or employees should be centered out for cuts. If you cut - cut everything right across the board. / / Same goes for taxes and user fees - if you raise one raise the other as well.
512.	Universal user fees punish the poorest citizens. Taxes on things such as automobiles and properties ensure that those who have the money to pay for these benefits are paying their fair share of responsibility.
513.	The choices the city makes, the decisions regarding what services are funded and what services are cut can have lasting effects on the individual. Having been a young single mother I made the choice to go back to school, university, to better myself for my daughter and society. During this time I had to rely on OSAP to help cover the costs of schooling, housing, food, and daycare for my daughter. For 2 years I was on the waitlist for childcare subsidy for daycare and I never did receive it before finishing my studies. I very successfully completed my studies, however, I am now \$28000 in debt, all from OSAP. Luckily the government has forgiven half of my debt (it was approx. \$40000). However, almost \$20000 of my debt solely went to cover my childcare expenses because I had no other options. I think it is disgusting that I had to use my loan money to cover the costs of a service the city should have been supporting me with. I would never had needed such a huge loan had I received the subsidy that I believe all low income parents are entitled to. How does the city plan to foster growth and opportunity when they do not support their citizens. Without OSAP, where would my daughter and I be? I often wonder if I would have better off not going to school at all, sure I have an education now but with the job market collapsing and my owing \$28000, the future looks bleak. My story is one of many and I do recognize that there are citizens out there that are experiencing so much more difficulty in trying to stay on top or get ahead but it appears that it is becoming more and more difficult to do so. Nothing is black and white, some fees will have to increase, some services likely cut, but I ask the city to imagine what they want our society to look like in 20years and to really think about what choices they make.

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514.	Apparently, Torontonians send out \$11Billion more in tax to Federal and provincial governments than we get back in services. We are no longer in a position to fund equalization to help other provinces. Let's keep the money here. / / The structure of tax collection in Canada is backwards. Dollar on goes to the Feds and dollar three goes to the city where we live. We should ensure proper funding of our home before we start funding the feds and the province.
515.	Negotiate a new funding formula with the provincial government in areas such as having the province upload a portion of TTC operating costs
516.	Privatization does not equal better services. I support a good level of services to all citizens regardless of income. Support creative public projects to make city vital and interesting. Public transport key to moving TO onto the next level. Give all children an equal chance. Encourage secure jobs with benefits for young people. City should be a model employer, not rushing to the bottom line. A healthy city means secure families who can buy property, invest in education for their children and feed their families with healthy food.
517.	The city should not be afraid to cut paid police duty (overtime for watching traffic). This sets a terrible example, as does the huge increase in wages given to police. All other services are unfairly cut to cover this. We could handle minor cuts if they went with fairness, as auditors have told us this is a waste that could easily be done more cheaply by contracted help.
518.	Special revenue raising initiatives/events/centres (e.g., casinos, galas, etc.) / Special taxes (e.g., carbon tax, vehicle taxes, etc.)
519.	Reducing traffic in the downtown core by initiating a fee for entering the city by car (London England model).
520.	User fee increases for goods and services provided, increasing fundraising efforts, business sponsors, property tax increases.
521.	Those who can afford it should pay their fair share through property taxes and user fees. Low income residents should not foot the bill.
522.	Some services like affordable housing, social services, managing provincial court offences should be paid for by the province, not the city (or at least, province should transfer sufficient funds for city to administer these services).
523.	Vehicle Licence Registration tax was a good idea if unpopular; Gardiner and DVP Road Tolls, gas tax.
524.	UPLOAD PROVINCIAL SERVICES BACK TO THE PROVINCE, GET FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR THINGS LIKE TTC, HEALTH CARE
525.	The City deserves a bigger share from the provincial government. Housing was downloaded onto us by the province, and it costs a lot to manage it. We manage a lot of revenue-generating services that are important for our future, and we need to be getting more back from our provincial tax. Toronto generates a lot for the province, and is the most populated city.

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526.	The city must work with the province and surrounding municipalities to establish a tolling system for expressways, within the city and without, in order to maintain existing infrastructure and replace aging infrastructure.
527.	1. Congestion fees downtown cities like sanfranciso use toll in downtown areas to pay for city services / 2. tourism tax / 3. legalize marijuana / 4. end corruption / 5. mandatory retirement of city staff at 65 / 6. reduce benefits for city staff / 7. reduce number of city Councillors / 8. increase tax revenue by helping to convert abandoned / underused city buildings into residential areas and businesses. / / The focus should be on increasing revenue, not use fees / / 9. there should be different tax brackets for property taxes. for example if a house costs more than \$500, 000 the property tax should be 10%. the wealthy should be taxed more relative to the poor.
528.	Two comments: / / 1. In one of the questions about BIAs the options are invalid. BIAs are mostly funded by member businesses. A modicum of research on the part of the survey authors would have revealed this. User fees for BIAs does not apply as an option. / / 2. Near the end in the question about 'Overall Funding for City Services' , you fail to offer the most obvious option, specifically, cutting the fat and the ridiculous expenses. Please refer to my earlier comment about approving \$12,425 worth of work where the same work could be performed for less than \$1,000. I would expect that if councillors were to actually look carefully at what they were approving and someone pointed out that such expenditures were completely off-base, MILLIONS of dollars could be saved annually, which in turn can fund various programs without requiring increases in user fees or property taxes.
529.	1) Cut the police budget, replace it with (cheaper) social programs. It's worked all over Europe. 2) I appreciate that the TTC is public but the union is stifling ability to maintain and expand services.
530.	Represent itself as the financial and cultural hub of Canada and secure appropriate funding from the Province and from Ottawa. "Upload" services to provincial and federal agencies that better "belong" to them.
531.	The survey doesn't speak to uploading. The Province should consider taking back some of the services that are constitutionally theirs. TTC funding should also be increased. And the Fed's should also contribute since they are supporters of the Ford Nation.
532.	The city should prioritize funding of grants and services that leverage funding from other levels of government and the philanthropic sectors
533.	1) Lottery that goes to providing services. / 2) tax Incentives for low incoming housing development / 3) Paid Advertising on public buildings, buses and street cars / 4) Adopt a Park / name a brick / or similar community programs /
534.	New taxation schemes such as a gas tax, vehicle registration tax, land transfer tax, toll roads. The city also needs to lobby the provincial government to give more money and restore at least some of what was lost under Premier Harris.
535.	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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536.	Cut government spending. The ONLY thing I have agreed with in Rob Ford's 'gravity train' campaign was cutting the frivolous spending of government.
537.	The tax base, relying on fair and equitable property values. Also, the city should seek funding from the other levels of government; ceding to the city the right to a portion of the HST, the ability to charge income tax, and impose it's own sales tax. The fact of the matter is that there was an adequate tax base 20 years ago and city services, quality of life and pride have all declined while those in charge sang the 'no tax increase' mantra. It was a serious mistake.
538.	The city relies on provincial and federal funding for many programs. These governments should continue to be lobbied for an increase in funding targeted to specific initiatives (e.g., TTC, child care). / / There should be more toll highways to raise revenue for the city. This would increase revenue, giving the city more money to fund services. Highways are provided for people to use, but there is no user fees for most highways and other roads as there are with other city services and facilities. / / The city should look at other innovative ways to use resources to increase revenue (e.g., sewage treatment plant that turns sewage into fertilizer to sell, innovative economic development ventures).
539.	Every time I renew my license or go to a government office, I see people working at half speed. If you increased people's productivity to a normal worker's level - then we wouldn't have to pay any extra taxes. Otherwise, my vote is for user fees
540.	How about a city-run lottery? Fundraiser event?
541.	The city should look at a road toll to raise money to invest in public transportation. It's time.
542.	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.
543.	Balance between taxes and user fee's. User fee's based on income.
544.	Use the taxation powers provided by the province, demand the federal and provincial government pay it's "fair share" of the cost of services.
545.	a casino in the Portlands area will bring revenue from locals and tourism in general. a toronto lottery that will fund community services. Look at your books and remove duplication of administrative services. Rework how budgets are distributed -give incentives to departments for cost savings surpluses,
546.	Suburbs should pay their fair share, denser parts of the city shouldn't subsidize sprawl. Increased lobbying of the province for access to revenue generated in Toronto.
547.	In addition to increased property taxes, the province should also be made to pay its fair share.

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548.	Funding model is broken. Funding should be share of income tax, not property tax. Mayor is too focused on tactics, needs to look at big-picture. Make use of city of Toronto act as well for revenue.
549.	We both know that city services are used more by the poor than by the rich. Stop hiding behind the terms "user fees" and "property taxes" and admit that the choice is between the rich paying for the city and the poor paying for the city.
550.	ROAD TOLLS
551.	Run the City like a business and increase profits!!
552.	freeze taxes for seniors. Increase significantly when the house is sold to new owners or changes title in any way (inheritance)
553.	Property Taxes and pressuring the province and the feds to support infrastructure
554.	Services that are for the needy should be paid for by property taxes. Other services should be paid for with user fees more so. Business should be encouraged to help by providing tax breaks for the services they can provide to the public
555.	Please do something to change the way that animals are treated in shelters and increase these services please! Also, animal cruelty laws need to be reviewed asap!
556.	The city should put pressure on upper levels of government to provide funding for services with regional implications (such as transportation), and services where Toronto has a disproportionally high demand compared to other municipalities (such as affordable housing).
557.	Uploading some services back to the Province would be a reasonable and fair approach for many of the services that were downloaded in the 90s. In an election year, a sound proposal, in my view.
558.	Impose special property tax on underused property, such as vacant lots. This would raise revenue and provide incentive to develop property for productive use.
559.	Many people cannot afford the services they need. I have been there, we could all be there. If you can pay, you should. If you cannot pay, others should pay for you but the services you need are essential and should not be cut or half-delivered because you are not well-off. This is fundamental and important and should be the defining criteria for service in the city of Toronto. / WE SHOULD NOT DESTROY OUR INFRASTRUCTURE because people want a few dollars back in the short term. The long-term view is most important. Supporting our neighbours is most important.
560.	lotteries
561.	Look to innovative sources of funding that provide multiple returns by both raising funds and discouraging behaviour that has negative effects. For instance, congestion fees would raise money, reduce economic losses to traffic congestion, and improve air quality. Increase users fees on activities that have negative externalities (like driving or wasting water) and reduce user fees on activities that have positive externalities (like recreation centres).

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562.	How about taxing businesses that record enormous profits? How about fining people for littering in our parks, speeding in school zones, and other kinds of behaviours that are detrimental to the public good? Let's get a bit creative, here! Your survey seems to propose these are the only 2 options, but spending can be cut in other ways while increasing services. Who wrote this survey???
563.	Property tax is the most reliable method, and a 10% increase still only equates to \$24 a month for families with half million dollar homes. User fees should be directed (regardless of ability to pay) at those who are seeking individualized services.
564.	We pay way too little property tax in Toronto. Compared to surrounding areas, we pay \$1500 a year TOO LITTLE. Imagine what services and improvements could be made if we actually paid an appropriate amount in property tax...
565.	Raise money on the market: float bonds to raise money now for infrastructure projects like TTC expansion. Do not sell off capital assets to make up for current account and budgetary deficits, that's absolute folly, especially when the vast majority of the City's capital assets (land, for example) are appreciating property,
566.	Increase federal funding for TTC--we are the only metropolitan city of the world that does not receive federal funding for its public transportation system. Toronto should also receive an portion of provincial taxes collected that reflect Toronto's tax base.
567.	Charge property taxes for churches, and end the Sunday morning parking fee exemptions around churches. Reinststate the vehicle fee. Make property taxes reflect servicing costs rather than market value: e.g., more spread-out properties cost more to service so should pay more. Charge a congestion fee for people bringing cars into the inner city. Lobby the province & the feds much harder for a greater share of the tax money that is collected from Toronto residents. Make the province take back paying for the services that were "downloaded" by the Harris government.
568.	Lobby and pressure both the provincial and federal governments for money that they should be providing for public services, as our tax dollars should be used for the public good rather than to benefit corporations. Privatization should be avoided at all costs so that good jobs stay in the community to benefit the public rather than a privileged few.
569.	Don't sell assets for a one-time budget fix.
570.	Yes, I think the City of Toronto should definitely invest more money and resources into providing better and more efficient TTC services, especially for residents in the inner suburbs such as Scarborough, Etobicoke, etc.

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571.	I think you should not always default to contracting services out. There is less transparency with this and services are often reduced or not delivered as well as they would be if the city was handling them. Further, user fees are not always a good idea - unless you are doing a means test to determine the users income. In the question about services for homeless people, you ask if user fees should be increased - homeless people don't have money for user fees. Further, while paying more property tax is not an ideal solution, if you contract all of these services out you will have many many people who once made a decent wage (with the City) making way less if hired by the contracting company, or they will have to find a new job altogether. While some will be happy that property taxes are the same, the property taxes are going to be too much for those who are without jobs due to the cutbacks (let alone gas prices, housing costs, and food costs). So you are trading the wellbeing of those in the private sector for the wellbeing of those who work in the public sector.
572.	essential services first: TTC, EMS, FIRE, POLICE (w/ reduced officers and helicopters, more community engagement opportunities, changes in police training), HOUSING (low income)... then social and recreation services - especially for low income families and individuals. Property taxes for services like public health and garbage; user fees (for those who can afford them) for fun stuff - like CNE, zoo etc... Also - can businesses get something back for contributing to city coffers (not politician's) - like for example: if TD donates the cost of street clean up post pride celebrations, maybe they get a free billboard on the Gardiner for a month acknowledging their 'partnership' or something??
573.	Raise taxes. Toronto is a great city that requires investment. I don't live here because of the low taxes, I live here because I love living in a great city with high quality amenities and services. / / I strongly believe that investments in our public realm will make Toronto a better place. This means better parks, sidewalks, streetscapes, open spaces and natural areas. Invest in the public realm and respective services to ensure the communal asset that is Toronto remains a great place.
574.	Stop using machines to plow the sidewalks. People should clear their own snow. Just clear snow for the seniors and special needs people. / / Encourage Libraries to collect ALL overdue charges and NOT waive charges for argumentative offenders. / / User fees. we should pay for the services we use. / / WHeeltrans. I use it. It is exceptional. It is costly. I think some people abuse the system. I think it should cost a little more. / / Cut back Sunday hours at libraries. Why do so many libraries need to be open on Sundays? Keep a few big district or reference libraries open but why open smaller branches all over the city when it costs so much?
575.	raise parking prices / raise property taxes more in suburban areas to promote home ownership downtown / make sure that developers and others who make immense profits from the city are paying their fair share in fees and taxes / do not agree to high cost events in the city such as the G20 conference
576.	Reduce bureaucracy and red tape. Stop treating the core as the enemy. Enforce a toll on cars entering the core.

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577.	seek funding from other levels of government. Specifically, get the province to take back those services downloaded by the Harris government. / Tax the churches and eliminate free street parking outside churches on Sunday mornings. / Seeking funding from government (or elsewhere) should have been an option when asked whether to choose property taxes, user fees or reduced costs.
578.	Congestion charge, as in some European cities, for example, London, UK. / Highway tolls. / Competent management, as I believe is generally the case presently.
579.	The politicians should stop paying big dollar amounts such as 3,000,000.00 for consultants and use the provided resources to develop policies and manage the city.
580.	I think the City should look at partnering with private business to increase revenues and reduce costs. The city should also look at ways of reducing cost such as alternate streams of revenue generation. Why should city services have to buy items from City Stores when they can get them MUCH cheaper from private businesses? Why should Animal Services not be able to sell pet related items in the shelters. Why not have a giant raffle every year like the hospitals do? I am sure that many City residents would buy a ticket given the chance that they can win something great while supporting the City. Maybe the United Way office could administrate it and they could share in the profits.
581.	please please invest in child care and family services i.e. by increasing subsidized daycare (waiting lists of 18,000 are just far too long!) / also use the billboard tax to invest in the arts - especially to increase wages to living wages for arts professionals
582.	In general, people would be happier paying user fees and taxes, if they felt they were getting value for money. Focus on that!
583.	Increase productivity, have employees pay for benefits.
584.	The city provides great service on many fronts. However, It's alarming that the budget is in the state that it is. Are there not other ways of decreasing spending? We need more transparency- true transparency that is not buried on a web page somewhere that is practically impossible to locate. I'm sure that there are costs that are inflated- this is the city's opportunity to be innovative about spending without causing having to slash services. If we are not careful about what services and/or staff that are slashed or contracted out, we may incur future costs (i.e. realizing down the road that we need to hire more people again which means costly training, hiring processes, etc.) / Interestingly, the city seems to find ways to incur more costs as it is. Why are there so many processes, permit requirements, and so on? This means more paperwork and more staff time dedicated to it. The regimented Health Inspector program is causing people to go underground in order to be able to make food to sell for their livelihood or in groups so that they can avoid these processes and fines and course fees (Food Safety).
585.	Why no option to express that some services should not be Municipal? / Shouldn't Managing courts for provincial offenses be funded by the Provincial Government? / Shouldn't Exhibition Place be funded and maintained by the Federal Government?

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586.	Force the libraries to become places for help and education again. Force them to fix their collection and stop providing parties for teens, play areas for screaming children and video game internet club houses. Make them start caring more about providing good people with books, study areas etc. They have changed the library system so much its sad. Libraries don't even have classics sections! Spread all of their librarians around and stop having them clustered only in the comfortable neighbourhoods. Why do high needs areas have the least staff. Force library staff to spread out to provide equal quality service. / Don't give in to community centres. These are places for people to suck up tax dollars. We shouldn't pay taxes for people to HANG OUT! Instead send this money to affordable housing, whip the libraries back into shape so that kids have homes and they end up going to libraries (that are regulated for quiet enjoyment) and make something of themselves.. Unfortunately, if they go to a library now, they aren't even told to behave themselves. If library staff were to revert back to being a mature role model for the city, many of the costs for community centre's, social services could be handled by them. They have the qualifications. But unfortunately they don't spread their staff fairly. Plus, their computer systems always break down and the nice worker (at least at my branch) just gets snubbed by their tech department. (I once forced the nice lad to phone them in front of me). Cut managers down all across the board. Too many chiefs here and they just scam their way through everything.
587.	I don't support the privatization of services that I consider essential, such as garbage, I don't believe we will save money this way and the quality of these services will be degraded. I'm willing to pay more property tax to support services but I would like to know that the taxes I'm paying is not sucked up by profiteers, developers and corruption. I don't think the gravy train has stopped, it's just gone into a tunnel.
588.	less union and more meritocracy. We will attract the best people, who can do more, if we raise our competitiveness AND increase salaries (fewer people, at a better calibre, even with higher salaries = improved productivity and excellence for the City.)
589.	City should review to ensure that funds issued for services are used responsibly. / Illiminate Priority neighbourhoods and programs that discriminate based on arbitrary criteria. We are all Torontonians and should be treated equally. Benefits should benefit ALL equally. / Welcome Policy and waving fees for low income families is fine but they should NOT get priority placement over those who are paying user fees; first come first serve.
590.	Property taxes and some user fees are the best way to fund services. The City's property taxes, especially residential property taxes, are much lower than those taxes paid by people living in the 905 area, while City residents get much better quality services and, overall, more varied services than those living in the 905. It is time to raise residential property taxes in Toronto to be more in line with the 905.

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591.	Contracting-out is a short-term expedient thing to do. Once the city loses the capability to provide a service, private companies will jack up their charges for doing it; and the city also loses much of its ability to combine public policy initiatives with services delivery. Also city services provide local jobs for city residents; contracting-out does not necessarily provide such jobs. AND decent-level city wages increase the prosperity of city residents--and their ability to pay property taxes, and to rely less on poverty-related services.
592.	Implement USER FEES!!! The City passed a bylaw that all plastic bags should now cost \$0.05. Why isn't the City collecting this money?!? You impose a bylaw requiring payment for plastic bags, collect the money.
593.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax and other such taxes, especially those that could deter pollution, traffic congestion and sprawl / Look for ways of taxing by income or getting a slice of the income taxes / Fight for secure funding from both federal and provincial governments / Fight for a stronger voice in federal politics
594.	Raise user fees or chop services. We have too many services as is.
595.	Your survey is biased by presenting a false dichotomy of "increase user fees" or "raise property taxes". How about cutting salaries? Early retirements? Reducing the workforce size? That's what private companies do in times of budget deficit.
596.	tax big business, lower police salaries, levy for out of town commuters, increase tourism /
597.	The gap between rich and poor in Toronto is quite wide. A value that many Canadians share is supporting less fortunate members of society. The best way to achieve this is to increase user fees or taxes ACCORDING TO HOW MUCH PEOPLE CAN AFFORD.
598.	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.
599.	Stop increasing the police budget. / Cut staff by attrition. / Push back services to the province - courts, support for the poor, and whatever else they downloaded
600.	Cut the police budget in particular, stop paying police for work on their off time. Change the laws so that companies don't have to hire police for jobs that other people could do. Do not give anyone a bonus for doing their job. Ever! Bring back the tax on cars.
601.	Get additional funding from other levels of government. Toronto gives so much money to the rest of Canada but we almost nothing in return. Federal and provincial governments need to recognize the importance of cities in Canada and give them additional funding.

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602.	lobby the province and feds
603.	Get the money that goes from TO to the province through taxation that should stay with us in TO!!!!
604.	INCREASE CORPORATE TAXES! STOP INCREASING USER FEES OR PROPERTY TAX FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS. LOWER CITY EMPLOYEE WAGES.
605.	I think the city should implement road tolls. Many people commute into the city and make use of our services. It is unfair to property owners to have to pay for their use. A small road toll would bring a lot of money to city coffers and would not be a great hardship. If road toll money was used just for roads, the existing road budget could be used elsewhere.
606.	Corporate sponsorship
607.	Tolls on roads into Toronto proper, increased sales tax, higher income tax
608.	The city misses opportunities to engage the private sector in funding operating and capital because of a 'lefty pinko' aversion to corporate advertising. The aversion to corporate advertising is self-defeating when we have a deficit and pressures to increase service in areas such as the waterfront. / However, the work with MLSE in funding local rinks is an example of where its working. We should be doing more programs like this. / Also, citywide recreation subsidy programs should be harmonized. Currently, priority centres offer free programs to people of all income levels. The Welcome Policy allows the subsidy to be targeted at those who are most in need. / The Welcome Policy recreation subsidy should be capped on an individual basis so high users are not using up the funding for those who require the subsidy. / Performance measures and benchmarking figures are not actually used in city decision making. There should be increased attention on what programs/ locations provide the best value for the tax payer. i.e.. why do we continue to subsidize a pool when it costs over \$50 per each visit (due to low usage)? / The city needs to take a longer term perspective when making budget decisions since sometimes a short-term cost will yield positive financial benefits in the future i.e.. marketing activities, productivity improvements. / /
609.	1) property tax should not be based on market value, it should be based on the usage of the services / 2) the province or federal government has downloaded services to city, so some services should be uploaded back to the other levels of government. / 3) there should not be duplication of services with other levels of government
610.	User fees are inappropriate for a wide variety of city activities that are intended to bring people together and should not be discouraged with fees. User fees are appropriate for activities we want to discourage -such as waste creation, driving or parking downtown. However, these should not become a burden for people who cannot afford them. / / There is very little in the way of excess service in the city today. For example, when I was a child and even when my oldest children were little, we had much better children's programming through Parks and Recreation, all free. It helped to build cohesive, compassionate communities when rich and poor played together. The existing quality of services must be maintained and in many cases improved on if we are to have the kind of city that's worth living in.

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611.	Cut out city bureaucracy which leads to inefficiencies and higher costs.
612.	I hate to say it, but corporate sponsorship could make sense, if done in a respectful way. I don't want to go to the Microsoft Park, or use the Doritos bike path, but engaging corporations to SPONSOR (not advertise) city services, maybe with a short 'sponsored by ...' message, would be ok. NO LOGOS!!! Definitely no logos. / / Get creative with city properties. Don't sell them off. Trying renting them with a good management team. If private organizations can make money with renting/leases, then why can't the city? / / Road/car user fees. The vehicle tax made sense. If this can't be done for all cars, how about going after the people who do the most damage to the roads (leading to maintenance costs) - i.e. trucks, business vehicles, etc... / /
613.	/ Increase funds to Toronto Public Library
614.	I'd support usage fees on autos on downtown city streets and arterial roads, such as London England has done, and is done on the 407 highway. Also, I'd suggest selling city street 'parking passes', in addition to the green kiosk tickets - pay \$80 a month, and park on any city street during allowed hours.
615.	Toll roads! Toll roads! Toll roads!
616.	Charge people by distance they travel on TTC (see Vancouver, and other major cities). Make cyclists enrol and pass a bicycling program (how to stop at a stop sign, one way streets mean traffic goes one way, etc), and charge cyclists over the age of 16 a licensing fee (just like drivers!).
617.	I think the city should be looking at why things are more expensive rather than simply seeking money to pay the bills as they climb higher and higher. Saying that city services cost more each year (assuming that we are taking inflation, and property value increases—and thus tax revenue increases—into account) really shouldn't be something that the city simply accepts. Why should the real cost of services increase each year compared to the real revenue of the city? Figure that out. Property taxes and user fees can't rise forever..
618.	I think there are several areas where modest user fees could be implemented to alleviate some of the city's expense (for example recreational programs).
619.	Please increase the cleaning of our streets and parks, perhaps the city should look at exchanging social services (such as housing, shelter, and meals) for time cleaning our city, removing graffiti etc.

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620.	The services that are vulnerable should be reviewed and audited at length to make sure that there are no mis-spending. We should first cut items that are not related in managing the services i.e.. Lavish Parties, team building in Muskoka, expensive lunches etc.. I am almost certain there is many gaps once a lengthy audit is conducted on the agencies that is under review. Increasing property taxes is not a solution to financial problem - the previous mayor may think so, but it has proven that all the taxes he has implemented still leaves the city in deficient. / / Provincial and Federal aid is mandatory to maintain a City at this scale. City of Toronto is also facing a problem with a very dense population of low-income families that other city such as Richmond Hill does not appear to have. So, perhaps we should disperse and re-allocate the low-income housings in the GTA and spread them around Mississauga and Richmond Hill.
621.	more thought and care about quality control and less about cost cutting. I'd happily pay a measly \$120 increase this year to improve services. Don't increase user fees as that creates barriers to access and less equity for the poorer members of society.
622.	Maybe consider selling naming rights to subway stations and subway lines.
623.	Property tax should be based on size of property and services used, not value of the property
624.	Increase user-fees or or establish a pay-for-use of services on non-critical services such as child care, city run rinks and arenas, recreational and community centres and the library. City taxes should be strictly used to fund services and not perks and unlimited expenses of city staff.
625.	Pressure the Federal Government to institute a tax on financial transactions such as stock trading, and then redistribute the billions of dollars that it would produce to making this a livable society by supporting cities and communities. The tax system is unjust top to bottom.
626.	The answers allowed were not detailed enough for me to give my views accurately in a number of areas. For example: in the questions as to who should deliver services, the options were City OR Contract Out. However, it was not clear whether contract out included both private sector *and* community not for profits. There are a number of areas in which I think it would be good for the city to transfer services from City staff to Community Not For Profits (i.e. some community recreation programs, homeless services such as shelters and street outreach, housing for low income Torontonians, etc.), but where contracting out to for profit providers would be a terrible idea. There was no way in the survey for me to clearly state my views on this, which forced me to say that services should stay with the City even where I believe they would be better provided by the non-profit sector. / / Service Areas where it would be good to look at moving services to the *non-profit* sector in order to keep high quality services at some cost savings to the City (and likely reductions in user fees as well) would include: Community-Run Community Centres, Recreation and Community Centres, City-run LTCH and Services for Seniors, Community-led Heritage programs, Shelter, Support and Housing for homeless and low-income people, and Childcare.

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627.	Tax those with higher income and higher home values and business values at a higher rate. restrict management and ceo pay. increase minimum wage to make the world more affordable and reduce the income gap and diminishing middle class.
628.	Certain services should be cut. It is not a matter of contracting out, or having the city do it. It is a matter of the city not doing it at all. If people want it - like virtually all recreation programs, then the private sector will see the opportunity and offer it. If they offer it at a good price, people will buy it.
629.	The councillors should freeze their salaries, The city should freeze/reduce the ridiculous salary of the police or OUTSOURCE the police force to reduce the cost. The money saved should go toward creating programs for at risk youth and build more community centres and increase affordable housing. This will reduce the crime levels
630.	what about help from the provincial and federal levels of government. Since Toronto is unarguably Canada's most important city (it is the country's financial and commercial hub, its houses the country's premier university, has some of its finest hospital, is the biggest city in terms of population, business activity, revenue generation etc, I don't see why the other levels of government can't make a significant contribution to its viability. After all, a strong Toronto makes for a strong Canada.
631.	Many city services, such as transportation and infrastructure, are used by people who are not residents of the city. The Province should contribute to the city budget on the behalf of these people. Likewise, the Province should foot the bill for Provincial courts.
632.	Increasing property taxes to fund city run services amounts to less than the cost of a cup of coffee a day. A \$250.00 per year increase on average works out to \$0.69 per day. I think we should be willing to pay this in order to maintain quality CITY RUN SERVICES.
633.	Cut out all the unnecessary staff at some of your facilities and make those who do work there actually do a job. in private industry you would have to work much harder for your pay.
634.	I find it interesting that the only option given to increase revenues is a user fee or property tax increase - perhaps fees for vehicle ownership wasn't such a bad idea - incentives to ttc use rather than car use. I also find this survey has an agenda to back the current mayor's position and that many of the question do not allow for an answer different than any above. If you are not wanting to pay more you can't have more rather than how can we creatively as a city provide city services better and more effectively. The length of the survey and questions I believe will turn citizens off and not finish - a simpler survey would have been more productive.
635.	The problem with increasing user fees is that MOST people the city serves (vulnerable populations) cannot afford them. Suggest we look at social innovations to tackle these problems differently

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636.	I think the City should review the choices it makes. The Toronto Zoo, for example, is an embarrassment. The library is excellent, but abused by many of its customers. Often the books we want to borrow have been stolen or defaced. I don't understand why they don't implement user fees, even if they are small, to discourage this. It's an expensive service, so there should be a greater effort to reduce the costs related to theft and vandalism.
637.	The burden of paying for services should be borne primarily by those able to pay, property owners such as myself with a decent standard of living. User fees would be a disastrous way to go as these would exclude those most in need from many services. The city needs a strong city government delivering excellent public services geared especially to the needy.
638.	Some Employment and Social Services USED to be funded by the province. Continue to reverse the "Downloading" that occurred.
639.	I think you could alleviate the need for property tax increases as well as user fees by cutting back on the bloated police services budget and putting that savings into initiatives that actually support and build communities. / / Also, consider whether there could be donation boxes or sliding scale options at events and festivals.
640.	Vehicle registration tax / / More Toll roads
641.	Contract it out. Stop paying astronomical rates for horrible service. The City is not a tool to employ people. The jobs that come along with a city are about providing service, not lining pockets of lazy people.
642.	Toronto is a city. As a city the municipality has to provide services for its residents. Cutting services because the funding is not there is not an option. Toronto was a great city. Now there are so many cuts that I don't even like living here anymore. Invest in the city, and the investment will pay off in the long term.
643.	Payroll tax. An additional income tax on all persons working in the city of Toronto.
644.	user fees!
645.	In US cities it appears that the city can sell bonds for large scale development projects. Is this a way the city of Toronto can increase revenue?
646.	Upload services back to the province that were downloaded in the past / Change the relationship between city and other levels of government so that the city can have different sources of income / Provincial and Federal funding / Public-Private partnerships
647.	Some services should also be uploaded back to the province, not just offloaded to the private sector. / When contracting out, it is essential that the contracts be written in an ironclad way to ensure the same level of service at the same cost (or lower) then what the city currently pays. If the cost of a contract ever exceeds what it would cost for the city to deliver the service, the contract should be automatically cancelled.

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648.	1. Increase public consultation, working particularly closely with community organizations that are already integrated with local populations to make this consultative process more meaningful. / 2. Stop conceiving choices related to public service as an "either-or": there are more options than "increasing user fees" OR "increasing property taxes." For example, implement proportionate taxation based on the size or scale of a business (bigger companies are taxed more heavily for doing business in Toronto), increase user fees for infrastructure-intensive resources (tolls on major arteries entering the city), foster the involvement of more community groups in lobbying provincial and federal governments for more funding allocation, foster the involvement of community groups in conceiving of local alternatives to more fees or more taxes. / 3. Increase campaigns to prevent costs to services that are based on public consumption; e.g. increase education on organic composting, reducing waste rather than recycling, taxing businesses that fail to adopt environmentally-sound packaging. / 4. In the cases where outsourcing or privatization makes sense, prioritize businesses from the communities themselves when awarding contracts, and implement a clear, accountable, public-review system to ensure that IF such services fail to meet their mandate (i.e. support the public interest), then their contracts will be voided AND they may be subject to fine and/or compensation of their communities.
649.	We think it is appalling that the city is thinking of reducing programs while giving the police services an 11% increase in salary over three years. We should not be contracting out. We must maintain programming to make this a liveable city that is admired world wide.
650.	Better planning and allocation of funds means there wouldn't have been such a budget shortfall now - it's pretty narrow to provide the only options for funding services as either user fees or property taxes / There is too much bureaucracy and people in government who don't care about the services they provide- invest in good people to save in the long-term. Encourage more volunteerism in some areas - community involvement and pride are important
651.	I think the city should revisit the idea of the vehicle registration tax and look at other innovative ways to raise revenue using the powers made available to Toronto when the Provincial Government passed the City of Toronto Act (I believe that's its name). We must look beyond the dichotomy of raising property taxes v. reducing services and come up with new ways of doing things.
652.	The federal and provincial governments should be heavily funding municipalities, particularly in the area of infrastructure, health care, social housing and social services. Failing that, property taxes should be the City's prime source of funding, with some user fees.
653.	Renegotiate provincial and federal transfers....having a Harper majority, and Ford as mayor should make this easier. There's lots of public money to be spent (more than at any point in the last 5 decades), we just choose to spend it in (sometimes) the wrong places.

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654.	As a former homeowner in the City of Toronto I find it astounding that the city would rather gut city services than raise property taxes by <\$250 per year. The fact is, as this entire questionnaire points out in a variety of instances, city services are important, the people that run those services are integral to that end. My best advice: Do not cut services, do not cut the employees that provide those services, fund events that bring the city money and worldwide notoriety, invest in projects that better the city instead of shutting them all down across the board and lastly, cut the police budget to fund money.
655.	Start serious negotiations with Provincial and Federal counterparts to return more of the taxes paid by residents of the city to municipal needs-right now a lot more leaves Toronto than comes back. Tolls on some roads would help too, and maybe charge vehicles for "passing by".
656.	1. advocate with senior level of government for share of income tax / 2. charge out of town city employees a "non-resident employee tax" of up 5%
657.	The city should bring back the vehicle registration fee and not cancel the land-transfer tax. Other selective taxes of this nature would also be good. More taxes on developers who make considerable sums of money developing condos.
658.	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.
659.	I think the police budget should be cut and the perks police get off duty should be removed.
660.	Do not agree with User Fees except for highway tolls for maintenance. Expect to receive library, parks and community centre services free funded through the property taxes we pay.
661.	Toronto is an essential engine of the Canadian economy. The federal government should help Toronto more. And programs and services downloaded onto Toronto during the Mike Harris years should be taken back by the province. It is insane that Welfare, for example, should be funded through the property tax. CVA is a disaster, and should be replaced with a more equitable and stable system. And finally, but very importantly, the city should be creative and innovative in developing ways to raise funds, and should ask the province for the powers it needs to do this.
662.	Do not repeal land transfer tax
663.	The city should be looking for greater efficiencies. Reducing wasteful spending should be top priority before service reduction or tax/user fee increases are even considered. This survey did not allow me to express my full views on any of the topics presented
664.	cut costs first!
665.	City should lobby the Province for revenue arising from tickets issued by police
666.	Some of the questions asked about Public Health relate to areas that are mandated and supported by provincial funding so / it is misleading to ask about them. / I don't know if this is true about other departments but it makes me question the survey.

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667.	There should not be an assumption that city services need to be more expensive to maintain the same level of service each year. This should certainly not outstrip the level of inflation. If it is, that probably means that city services are expanding too much, and need to be cut back. / / The city needs to identify which services have become redundant, or which services are no longer absolutely essential. Do we need as many firefighters as we currently have? Probably not, but it's a sexy job, so no one likes to say we can cut a bunch. But there's a good way to save a few bucks. / / In addition, the city has to be careful when expanding its mandate, and intruding into areas which are already federal or provincial matters, such as social assistance. / / Finally, think long term, ex. public health/parks and recreation. Better we invest a few bucks now, and keep people healthy, than we pay millions down the road in healthcare cost. Develop a program with the provincial government which provides money to municipalities whose public health programs actually improve the health of members of that community. / /
668.	Invest in IT services to increase productivity and lower the need for additional staff. Use more on-line services and increase the availability of information which can be obtained on line e.g. bus schedules on line with GPS; on-line submission of building permit applications, certification of building code by contractors instead of building inspectors;
669.	I would prefer an increase to my property taxes or user fees to a reduction of services.
670.	I think it's ridiculous that the city is considering cutting city services after having agreed to 10% wage increase with the police.
671.	I think it is disingenuous to make the line only between user fees/property taxes. Other user type fees such as the vehicle registration fee should also be considered and should have been indicated. As someone with a car, I think it was wrong to completely cancel the vehicle registration fee and then say that we can't afford services.
672.	Toll roads into the city core. It's time. Why should the city of Toronto bear all the cost for building and maintaining roads so people who live in other municipalities can drive to work here?
673.	Work toward integrating and collaborating with other partners that deliver similar services (example: work with Wellesley Institute to consult on Public Health issues since they are in touch with grassroots organizations . Work with Employment programs at the federal, provincial and local level (including non-profit) to synchronize employment programs so we don't operate in silos and duplicate services.
674.	Cut back on flu vaccine advertisements (i.e. don't pay for an entire subway car to house flu vaccine ads). Higher taxes on businesses and advertisements.
675.	some services should be provided and/or subsidized by the province as they have been in the past
676.	City should cut back on the amount Police are being paid!
677.	No sure but funding with property taxes is not fair... most people who don't own never end up participating in the cost of the city services!!
678.	Congestion charge for all vehicles traveling in downtown, as successfully implemented in London, England
679.	the vehicle registration tax was working.

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680.	increase corporate property taxes, take experienced younger staff on at less expense to city employers and let go of the old and overpaid who have held on to cushy city jobs for a decade or longer
681.	negotiate funding with the province and federal government, reinstate vehicle registration tax, and increase 15% property taxes on property value of \$650,000, increase land transfer tax for properties over \$500,000
682.	Cut back the Police budget which is out of control.
683.	Many of the services mentioned in the survey appear to be provincial responsibility (e.g.. provincial courts service, patient transfer services, daycare?). Reduction of costs should still be top-of-mind.
684.	I think a lot of our road construction funding could come from imposing a "commuter tax" i.e.: toll booth at the city boarder. This will encourage the use of greener transportation and reduce our emissions. I don't think that it is fair that only Torontonians should have to pay for the maintenance and repairs of our roads when we have a larger number of drivers who are commuters from other cities and who do not pay taxes in Toronto.
685.	I have no problem with the city imposing user fees on automobile use (the \$60/year registration fee is nothing compared with the cost of insurance - maybe we should advocate for regulation of insurance companies instead... it would save drivers more money). Why was I not asked about that? Anyway - as much as I am a moderate to low income earner, I am willing to pay more taxes because I do indeed own a property and the value of that property increases based on the level of services provided to it. So, more taxes = more services = more value to my my home. Should I want or need to sell my home, it will be that much more appealing.
686.	The city should stop paying consultants from outside Toronto. / The city should piss and moan to all levels of government about the taxes paid that leave each year and never return.
687.	First of all, every question that we were allowed to answer "IN DEPTH" gave no opportunity for further comment. VERY badly designed. Also, you lumped ANIMAL RESCUE with ANIMAL LICENSING, which are two EXTREMELY different things. This occurred many times in the survey. I appreciate the effort to listen to people who are willing to give their opinions, but this survey is not very effective, unfortunately. / / For instance, wouldn't it have been great to see which services I would cut as opposed to which services I would increase? Too bad. I was very disappointed. / / That said, it is a step in the right direction and I hope you take the opinions here to heart.
688.	I think the choice between adequate city services, high user fees and higher property taxes is a ridiculous formula. City dwellers do not have to be punished to have adequate or fair services. Fair budgets that remember that we all need basic rights covered will do a lot more for the bottom line then having people live in poverty.
689.	Three levels of government should participate in major projects such as TTC and other infrastructure. The city has not yet recovered from Mike Harris government downloading of services on it. All levels of government must do their fair share.

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690.	reasonable tax increases are definitely preferable to user fees & selling off assets.
691.	The city should use existing taxation powers such as vehicle registration tax, land transfer tax, etc. and lobby the federal and provincial governments to give cities across the country more taxation powers and funding.
692.	Some European cities including Paris have a 'bed' tax - 25c - 1dollar added to the charge on hotel rooms at certain times of the year / Vehicle license fee / Look at what other cities are doing
693.	Vehicle registration tax would be useful to repair roads and keep streets clean. The money could also be diverted elsewhere if there is a gaping need.
694.	If the city is going to contract out services the city must budget an increased amount to monitor the quality of service provided by the outside contractor (for profit or not for profit) and consider which corners are being cut in order to provide a lower cost for the services.

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695.	<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>
696.	<p>I find this whole survey misleading. Take the TTC for example. If run properly, we should start paying less for it. There is a ridiculous outdated pricing and payment system for the TTC. If you had a fee system that made sense and respected the riders and an easy way to pay for the service that is in line with current practices, then many more people would pay and it would not cost everyone 3\$ a ride even two blocks. Your survey is misleading as it gives only two or three options. None of them have anything to do with the fact that if the City was dealing with it correctly, it should not cost us more.</p>

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697.	Request support from the province and the federal government.
698.	I believe our property taxes, when compared with most of the rest of the country, are already pretty low. We should strive to have the best city to live in, and if that costs a little more, then it costs a little more. I'm sure we can save some money in some areas, but let's not cut the services that make this city great and help the less fortunate. / / Also, this survey is ridiculous and confusing. You don't raise taxes or fees because of one service. It's a total budget. We had a surplus before. Why is it suddenly so difficult to run this place?
699.	The city should be looking at other ways to raise money i.e.: getting more monies from the Provincial and Federal government, rather than charging its citizens more money either in the way of property taxes or user fees.
700.	get more from provincial/federal - stop paying their share. Investigate value-based PPP deals.
701.	Use the \$0.05 plastic bag tax to fund environmental programs. / Bring back the vehicle registration tax.
702.	Introduce a fee for people driving into the city. Toll roads.
703.	I had a problem with the last question about increasing property taxes & how much I would be willing to pay. It depends on the purpose. Where would that increase be going? That would change my answer significantly.
704.	Take advantage of your new taxation powers. Reinstate the annual vehicle registration fee.
705.	Other municipalities have higher property taxes and fees for disposing of excess garbage such as tv's, other electronics and furniture. Parking should have higher user fees not parks. Neighbourhood groups could fundraise for some causes and some private/public partnerships that work in tandem with grassroots groups could fund some initiatives.
706.	I would rather have a one time rise in property taxes than be nickel and dimed with user fees. Also if I don't use my extra garbage tags I should be allowed to carry them over into the next year.
707.	Stop the gouging of apartment dwellers on their property tax! They are the ones who are mostly less able to pay. It's outrageous, and completely unethical.
708.	The city should already heavily consider taking on and heavily scrutinizing the Ontario Municipal Board. Every city and town in this province seems a slave to this antiquated nightmare, and it's time that the City of Toronto sat down with the province to make that happen. / / They're a horrid waste of money (provincially) and pull the strings of many operations currently affecting the GTA, good or bad. No provincial body should have the final word on a municipalities fate, and any given city council should have the power to dismiss outside recommendation. For it is, as they say, our city. / / Say NO to the OMB.

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709.	Contracting out should favour small businesses that actually directly benefit people and not shareholders. / / Contracting out to large multinationals should be avoided, especially if they're going to harm the city by giving staff inadequate wages and benefits. / / I would much rather pay through progressive taxation than through fees, and I would rather as little as possible of this money going to corporate profits through contracting out.
710.	Cut the police budget. It's way too high.
711.	Reduce the amount going to police services -- they make more than enough now, and they disgraced themselves last year; / eliminate the practice of police standing around construction projects and other city disruptions -- contract that service out!; / make commuters from suburbs pay for access to downtown by car; / eliminate anti-graffiti program; / make all sports programs privately funded, or at least locally funded, since they benefit only locals; / the current mayor should ask the current prime minister for help, since they're sympathetic; / downtown toll tax on all private vehicles; / property taxes on office space should increase for any corporation not doing majority of its business locally; / if GTA were divided up into original 4 or 5 smaller cities, there would be fewer internal disagreements on such matters, which would save time and money used in disagreements, discussions and consultations like this one. /
712.	cut the excessive police services.
713.	more Toll Routes, Parking, renting out property, set a high price on community center programs, theatres, and other cultural and art (i.e. non-essential) programs. DO NOT increase or add fees to TTC, Health Services, or Garbage Services.
714.	The city should manage the TTC better and restore bus services on all routes that were cut.
715.	The city needs more sources of tax revenue. / All cities need to work together to lobby the provincial and federal governments to turn over more tax room to cities.
716.	User fees when feasible as a top policy priority. They help to identify which programs are actually used at their cost versus just being advocated for when funded by someone else. Popular programs can be partially subsidized for social benefit, from a base of strong user fee support. Unpopular programs with established lobbies should be reduced by moving to user fee models. / /
717.	It feels strange that the only funding options are user fees or property taxes.
718.	Upload social services to the province. This should be w provincial mandate. Also, privatize the ttc
719.	Comparing Toronto's property tax rates to other cities surrounding Toronto would seem to suggest that we are getting good value for our tax dollar. I would hate to see services cut, especially for those who are disadvantaged. / One place you should look for cuts is the Toronto Police services. When you see 5 officers manning a speed trap at the Bloor St viaduct on a Sunday morning at 10, then you know that there are too many officers.

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720.	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).
721.	the city should tax carbon emissions and road use (i.e. license plate tax and gas tax)
722.	Repeatedly and aggressively lobby provincial and federal governments for increased funds.
723.	the property tax freeze was foolish, we need more tax revenue to build toronto into what we all want it to be - a place we are proud to call our home.
724.	Please take a long, detailed and thorough look through the infamous 'Sunshine List' and cut the salaries of people who are making these obscene amounts for dubious 'service' to the City. Salaries throughout the public sector are completely out of whack with reality and today's economy. The simplest way to balance the budget appears to be a real, serious curtailing of the rampant payroll abuses at City Hall and all of the services, from Police to Teachers to Garbage and Parking.
725.	I think property tax should be cut in half and replaced with a city wide sales tax on all goods except essentials...like food, heat etc.
726.	Toll the DVP and Gardiner, sell surplus property
727.	The City should investigate use of the Public Private Partnership model to deliver certain large-scale projects and services, such as the construction of new subway lines. This model has been very successful at the provincial level.

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728.	The fact that roads have no user fees is ridiculous. Why should the TTC cost \$3 (on top of taxes) but roads be free to drive on? A congestion charge system should be introduced downtown and a video toll system put on the major freeways into downtown. I am sick of paying for roads for people from Mississauga and North York to use, when I don't drive. / / I would like to see a drastic decrease to the police budget to fund more community initiatives to deal with the social causes of crime
729.	People can handle a tax increase, particularly if it can lower the user fees on the TTC.
730.	do not raise property TAX .. we can't afford to pay anymore..
731.	I do not believe that privatization of city services is the route to savings for city residents. Private companies aim (by definition) to make a profit and they wish to increase their profits as much as possible. Any cost savings that result from new efficiencies will not return to residents as private companies will keep those savings as profit. They will then try to increase their profits by increasing the cost of services provided to city residents. That is the nature of private enterprise. There are likely efficiencies to be found in many city services and it would be nice if the city moved ahead with these itself so that any cost savings could be either returned to residents or re-invested into other city services.
732.	Sell surplus assets such as Toronto Hydro, City-owned real estate, Enwave and off-street parking
733.	Think long-term. What other options are there besides increasing user fees and property taxes? Other potential revenue sources should be mentioned.
734.	We are a 2-car household and we didn't have a problem with the city car registration fee, which has now been cancelled. I would rather pay that fee than have drastic reductions in services or raising individual user fees for people who might not be able to afford them. / / Also, when I travel on business in the US every city I go to has a city tax on hotel rooms and rental cars. (I notice this because I have to put the taxes in a separate field on my expense reports). A small tax on such things would raise a lot of money for the city - why does Toronto not do this ?
735.	Through the vehicle registration tax and land transfer tax.
736.	For programs like public health, the City needs better access to a progressive or proportional tax and we need to reverse all the provincial downloading that happened a decade ago. I am surprised "lobby to get the province or feds to pay" wasn't an option anywhere in this survey.
737.	Focus should be on property tax. Those who own property should be prepared to pay taxes. User fees unfairly target the lower income portions of the city who utilize for services.

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738.	The city should stop catering to inefficient unions. I am enraged by the poor garbage and TTC service relative to costs. However other departments - Public Health and Libraries for example - should be applauded for the quality of service they deliver. There are too many locked in interest groups who think they have a god-given right to run city services - parks maintenance and community centres for example - and don't do a particularly good job. In particular I'd like to see the city let PRIVATE OPERATORS offer programs at the often underused city owned community centres. We'd get better value. Churches have become the defacto real community centres in many neighbourhoods - with a wealth of dance, arts, sports and other program offerings - while our community centres - barred from admitting privately operated programs because of unions - are underused spaces. / / But - overall I support increased user fees for all expendable programs: arts, recreation etc to people who can afford it... while maintaining core services - police, TTC, garbage pickup, fire through the property tax base after contracting out and other cost reducing measures are taken.
739.	Don't charge user fees to people who already can't afford the basics themselves. Charge more tax to those who make more money, and less tax to those who make less money.
740.	Sell Assets - non core assets, assets that can be developed that will provide extra funding / Higher density around TTC subway stations - all should be built under a high rise to increase usage / Eliminate programs - stop handing out money to any and every group / Outsource - things like garbage collection as well as IT, HR, etc. - large consultancy will do it cheaper / Consolidate departments - could cut 20% of people in management layers / Drive productivity - if garbage collection can be done for \$6M less by a company that makes a profit and hires union people, drive the existing workforce to same level of productivity / Wage rollbacks - try cutting wages by 5% and let them make it up through incentive pay / /
741.	Do not cut services. The city is one of the best in the world, do not degrade the quality of life to save a few bucks. Find efficiencies, find the money, do not cut services under any circumstances or the city will lose all the momentum it has gained in the last decade.
742.	sell assets. sell licensing to city property and events, increase user fees. road tolls for city core.
743.	Streamline your operations and stop the gravy train as touted during your election campaign. It would appear that the only options available in this survey are to increase costs and there is no questions regarding streamlining government.
744.	How about soliciting from companies? How about doing fund-raiser events like concerts, art shows, etc? Also, why not implement a congestion tax around Toronto such that non-Toronto residents will have to pay to drive into the city?
745.	Some things should be better supported by other levels of government - TTC especially. The city needs to advocate for this better.

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746.	The Police has the largest funding of any City service. Funding needs to be cut significantly. I have no use for officers standing about watching other people work on construction sites and film sets. Construction in the City is terrible and roads are always closed in the summer without warning. Road construction needs to improve dramatically. They should be working 24/7 to complete a project and then move on. It is intolerable that roads are closed for half the year. Stop overloading single lane streets with the TTC, cars, pedestrians, bicycles and parking. Instead, designate some roads for cars/parking and others for pedestrian, bicycles and TTC. Zone in parking. If developers want to build commercial spaces, there needs to be more parking to deal with the increased traffic.
747.	Generally, Toronto's budget problems are due to gross underfunding by the provincial and especially the federal government. However, we also spend far too much on policing, and police salaries in general. This should be cut as much as possible.
748.	I think that modest user fees for some services are acceptable. for example I believe that a good public library is important since it is a very accessible place for self-instruction. However many if not most users could easily afford a reasonable fee for a card for example.
749.	Increase user fees. Remove the Welcome policy for Parks & recreation.
750.	CUT WAGES
751.	Don't get rid of taxes like the VRT just to spite the previous administration. / Must look at ROAD TOLLS!!!!!!!!!!!! / Don't fund tax cuts on the back of the poor.
752.	Look for creative ways to increase revenues from private use of public space; Increase retail business on TTC property, rent unused public facilities/office space, allow small businesses in parks. For example, instead of the current pathetic snack bar, rent that building space in Sunnybrook Park to a serious restaurant/takeout chain (imagine picking up your hot KFC or Swiss Chalet for your picnic!) and add a convenience store for all of the picnickers who need a little something. I'm sure there are huge opportunities like this throughout the city. That should be good for a few extra million per year. / Bring back the vehicle tax. That was a small inconvenience for any vehicle owner.
753.	Cut police spending by 20% to fund other services.
754.	Property tax is high, but the city's services should not be eroded in an effort to chase the bottom line. I'd pay more than I do if I got a healthier city out of it. The issue isn't high taxes, it's efficiency of expenditure. Cut fat, not muscle -- if you get my meaning.
755.	Increase user fees across the board, and stop ditching legitimate sources of revenue, like you did with the car registration tax. Also, continue to lobby the provincial and federal governments for increased support.
756.	Sell some assets, contract out services, cut back, do what is necessary for us to live within our means. / Balance your budget - it is your job. / /
757.	I am concerned as to how the questions are framed. What about funds from other levels of government, in particular the provincial government?
758.	charge vehicles for coming into the downtown core (like in London UK) or put a toll on the QEW/Gardiner

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759.	Bonds
760.	Property taxes should pay for city services to residents. User fees and higher business taxes should pay for services to commercial interests. Corporations and people are not equivalent. Stop all funding of commercial interests and increase funding to not for profits.
761.	The city has additional taxation powers granted it by the Federal government. It should consider using them. A tax on gas for example.
762.	road tolls
763.	More user fees, corporate sponsorship,
764.	Stop sending out separate notices about construction (parking pads, residential, etc.) - do all construction for the area by street once every 6 months OR put details in community papers indicating which area/ lots are affected. / Don't regulate trees in our back yards, just front. / Partner Libraries with schools, Community centres with schools & libraries - e.g. rent out school auditoriums and gyms, libraries for recreational events/ social functions, not just community centre rooms. / Library hours should include Saturday for every other library, Sunday for every other library so that you can go to an open library either day. / Fine users of parks/ community centres for not leaving it in pristine condition (e.g. deposit returned if garbage removed) or incent to help with maintenance (e.g. larger deposit returned if help pull out dandelions at the end of your function). / Advertise use of pools for private events/ private lessons during off hours - partner with private instruction to accommodate demand for lessons/ pool time, rather than all lessons being booked within an hour of opening. / Create a city that tourists want to visit - exploit historic sites, partner with NPOs who give tours/ history on city, ask cultural centres to provide translations/ recordings to download for museum exhibits/ plaques, etc. as part of their school programs.
765.	Ask that the provincial and federal government take more financial responsibility for housing and social assistance.
766.	You're ~\$750 billion, but you got rid of the vehicle registration tax to dig the hole deeper? Dumb, dumb, dumb. This can't, won't, and shouldn't be done 100% through cuts. People need to pony up for the services they want too. And dropping in a new subway line instead of LRT is another blight considering the state of affairs financially. / / P.S. Wasn't this supposed to take care of itself by getting rid of the gravy? Oh, right.
767.	BMO soccer field (Exhibition Place) should not be supported with city funds, nor should the ACC or Skydome. / / Professional sports tickets are high enough they should NOT get further financial city support. / / Theatres, Museums, Art Galleries SHOULD have city financial support as most of the public does not invest their time or money here...If the price of admissions to cultural venues could be reduced more people will realize what they have been missing. / / Robust cities have thriving arts and cultural institutions and contribute to tourism. / / Film/tv production industry in the city contributes substantially to the GDP, the province and the city's restaurants, hotels, taxis and more. Local film/tv productions also employ thousands of independent contractors. Keep the city of Toronto film friendly.

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768.	Raise taxes. Stop paying incompetent police officers (every police officer in Toronto is incompetent) such ridiculously high wages).
769.	I am not a fan of privatizing services. If user fees must be imposed or increased, I would not wish for people of low income to be shut out of services. My daughter, who has autism, attends a day program in a community centre. She may not be able to attend if the fees for her program were increased significantly. Their program has in the past contributed to the community centre and improved it with their own money and I think the community is a better place by including everyone and all efforts should be made to include people with special needs, affordably.
770.	Road tolls; more by-law infraction tickets (there are some pretty bad drivers/cyclists out there); fee for driving into downtown. The overall philosophy should be to raise funds through actions which negatively impact the city.
771.	Stop taking away public transportation, it is a totally backward train of thought. / / Focus on improving the city rather than just REDUCING COSTS. If we do manage to reduce costs and save money, where is that money going to go? IMPROVING THE CITY I assume; I hope. So why not try to move money around and improve or maintain services instead of shoving down citizen's throats that the goal is to cut services and stop the gravy train?
772.	continue to go after the province for the downloaded services and the feds for a fair share of infrastructure money and a modest 3% tax increase
773.	1. Implement tolling on the expressways. If that isn't practical, consider installing combined HOV/hot lanes where one could pay to use the lane without a carpool. / 2. Reinstate the vehicle licensing tax. / 3. Lobby the province for a share of the sales tax revenues within the city. / 4. Expropriate taxi medallions and hold a bi-yearly auction for medallions with a 2-year validity. If not practical, implement a medallion transfer fee. / 5. Implement zoned fares on the TTC -- it is ridiculous that going from Scarborough to Etobicoke is the same price as going from Eglinton to Bloor/Yonge. Since zoned fares would likely mean going to electronic fare collection, also consider varying fare prices at peak times (this should help to spread load, thus increasing overall utilization of the system which is largely bound by rush-hour capacity at this point). Also, electronic fare collection could allow for reduction in collectors (no need for rush-hour only collectors.)
774.	See if the federal or provincial governments are willing to either (a) take back some of the services downloaded to the city, or share in the costs.
775.	Step up the pressure on Federal & Provincial governments to fund cities.
776.	percentage of HST; portion of income tax; road tolls
777.	Yes, why did the mayor cancel the car tax? for only \$60 each, we generated \$50 million in funds for the city! that is a ridiculous waste of money to kowtow to voters. anyone who can afford a car can afford \$60. so poor people who need community services now have to pay more user fees? higher TTC?
778.	Ideally, we should move to a city sales tax and eliminate property tax.

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779.	Far too much emphasis on saving money. We need to have our tax dollars well spent but not reduced. Our City should be a world class city attracting tourism and development dollars. We have to invest in the City not cut funds. We need our politicians to have a vision of Toronto as a vibrant dynamic City. Cuts to budgets will kill the dream of Toronto being a liveable City and a player on the world stage. Politicians please think big and long term - not to just the next cycle of votes! Improve services, don't contract out services. We can all afford cell phones for so a few more pennies on our taxes we can afford to keep up or improve the quality of City services.
780.	Generally, if increased funding is needed I think that a mix of user fees and property tax increases should be used. Just because one does not use a particular service, it is usually to their benefit that the city provides this service. By increasing both property tax and user fees, instead of raising solely the user fees it keeps programs more accessible and acknowledges the benefit that residents get from having more residents employed, housed, in recreation, etc.
781.	1)The City should remove the land transfer tax. / 2)The City should review the residential property tax system as the average property owner pays a higher percentage of property taxes based upon on current market values than a property owner in an affluent neighbourhood such as the Bridal Path. / 3) The City should implement user fees or increase user fees as much as possible. It also should consider different ways of increasing user fees i.e. rather than increasing flat fees it should consider increasing fees based upon use, distance travelled, etc...
782.	The city should fund services, primarily, more through targeted taxation than through user fees, which are the two options presented by this survey. It's more fair this way.
783.	user fees for many more things; a la Switzerland where it's pay as you go for just about everything. It's the fairest way by far.

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784.	I think that in this survey the only options were that the city employees do the work or it be contracted out represents a false dichotomy. As a city we need to make sure ALL our employees have good working conditions and fair wages. I do not believe that contracting out services saves us much money and from what I have read about contracting out is that many jurisdictions experience an increase in costs over time. If we want our city employees and service providers to be accountable to us, we must be accountable to them. Certainly dollars is one way to structure an accountability framework but I think a more effective framework is one based on mutual respect and a common understanding of the common good. / / I was surprised to learn that on average a household pays only \$200/month in taxes for all the amazing services the city provides and that a 5% increase would represent only a \$10 per month increase. I think we need to rethink our collective attitude to taxes. Apparently the Danes pay the highest taxes and are the happiest people. I think we should stop thinking of taxes as "our money." Just as we can own property in a city but because we live so close together sometimes the collective rights have to supersede the individual property-owner's rights, our taxes are an imperfect way of maintaining our community. / / Property taxes may be one of the least perfect ways of collecting taxes and this may contribute to people's ill will about this particular tax but the idea that we can, or should, track specifically where money goes is a bit of nonsense. I do not consider taxes fee-for-service. I do not have any kids in school but I am sure some of my tax dollars pay for the education of school children and we all benefit in many ways from the fact that they are well-educated. Post-G20 I am not that supportive of the police force but I understand that to propose de-funding them or contracting out the service would only serve to make them even less accountable to the citizens of our city. And so on. To sum up - let's not let the reductionists frame the terms of the debate.
785.	Progressive income tax (increase in what the wealthy pay) and greater fees paid by developers to the city.
786.	The City has a number of taxing powers provided by the City of Toronto Act that need to be employed - starting with the Vehicle Registration Tax (which needs to be better finessed to account for heavier or less efficient vehicles).
787.	Pressure the provincial and federal governments to give the City more money. The City pays for a huge number of services and receives less than 5% of the taxes collected by other levels of government.
788.	I am in favour of toll roads.
789.	Redistribute current funds to match the wants of the citizens. I don't believe the average Torontonians want so much of the city budget going to the police force. Cut their funding and put it to other areas. Or outsource the police department and only fund an overseer - an SIU with teeth - at a fraction of the cost.
790.	If you hadn't cancelled the vehicle registration tax you wouldn't have such a big shortfall. Then you wouldn't have to spend more money on a service review and survey!

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791.	I am not pleased with the design of this survey. Certain city services are over-funded (like police) and others are under-funded. The designers of the survey assume fees or taxes must increase. I prefer re-allocating funding. Also, the survey suggests that contracting out is the only way to reduce costs. A great way to reduce costs of city-provided services is striking better deals with unions. Politicians often negotiate terrible terms for the city when dealing with the unions. The city's "hands" are tied in the long term for short-term political gain. This form does not provide enough space for me to share my wisdom on this front. I would love to have the city provide garbage collection services - on terms that are fair and that recognize the taxpayer's bargaining power. But our bargaining power is wasted by short-sighted politicians, so now we have no choice but to contract-out - although I wonder if the unions won't present some legal challenge to the attempt. Also, I think all TDSB schools should offer before and after school child care services, provided by private businesses. Right now, parents who can afford such services have no options. Yes the City could make money providing programs like these, but if the City can't figure out how, at least a private business should have the opportunity to offer this important service.
792.	Increases should aim to mix property taxes & user fees so everyone shares in the pain, including non-residents that use services.
793.	Cut salary and wages of city staff, particularly city Councillors.
794.	The City should prioritize its services and provide only those deemed to be essential off property taxes. Non-essential services, if provided at all, should be funded through user fees.
795.	I don't mind paying more taxes or user fees as long as I can see something tangible for it. It's clear we pay less tax than same value properties elsewhere in the GTA. That is right given the population density but just look at our services, our roads etc. They are the lowest standard of the GTA. That's not acceptable. We deserve better.
796.	You have loaded this questionnaire in a manner that exonerates the Federal and Provincial government responsibilities for funding affordable housing, ODSP, OW, public health, TTC, Courts. This is a cowardly approach and dishonest. Make the higher orders of government pay their portion!!!!!!
797.	Cut managerial staff. Cut staff who only go to meetings. Meetings don't accomplish anything. Meetings breed more meetings. Based on what I've seen of large organizations (government and private), it's the bureaucracy that will never make the so-called "hard decisions" about their own jobs. And since it's the bureaucracy that makes these decisions they protect their jobs and salaries, thinking they are too important. Well, they're not. The people who are important are the guys picking up your garbage, the men and women driving the buses and streetcars, the cop on the beat, the librarian who's introducing your kid to the world of literature or the swim teacher teaching your kid to swim. There the ones whose jobs should be protected. Unfortunately, once people are in a position of power, whether a middle-management bureaucrat or a fat-cat elected politician, they forget where they have come from.

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798.	Zero tax increase for the current year was a major error in judgement. The increase next year should be enough to reverse the effect of that error i.e. two years' worth of increase next year.
799.	We need to increase the capacity of the city to provide services. If this requires increases in property taxes, that is the price we must pay for a healthy, vital city.
800.	I often feel that my taxes are fair but my services are under-delivered. Mainly, this stems from the attitude of staff/providers and not from the actual level of service. A better attitude would go a long way to making it easier to stomach either a tax-increase or service cut-backs. / / Additionally, both personal experience and anecdotal evidence tell me that there is potential to find operating/procedural efficiencies which would, in turn lead to staffing efficiencies. I don't mind taxes, I mind waste and arrogance. / / I don't think it would be unreasonable to charge modest user fees for a day at the beach, use of rinks at open skate times, etc. A fee of \$2 per person or \$5 per family seems fair and largely affordable. It would encourage citizens to not take these things for granted and would also generate some revenue for the city. Perhaps this could be done on the honour system with spot checks for enforcement, much the same way conservation areas operate. / / Pronounced user fees/increases could be applied to services which are not required by or of interest too the majority of citizens, or which are required by private corporations. I'm thinking of permit applications, zoning variance requests, off-duty policing/security, use of rinks/sport facilities for organized sporting events and leagues as opposed to open/free/drop-in events... / / Can by-law officers be put to better use? Can parking enforcement? They are already eyes-on-the-street with a knowledge of the city. Maybe they could keep an eye out for and report pot-holes, burnt-out street/security lighting, damaged bus shelters, trash receptacles, etc. so that a more pro-active approach to maintenance could be taken? Perhaps they already do this but if not, there is huge potential for these officers to become stewards of the city. / / Further, I think Mayor Ford or a member of his staff or council suggested that council budgets could be trimmed by having councillors work out of recreation centres and/or other city owned buildings instead of paying rent in privately held buildings. This is highly attainable, requires almost no planning to implement and is an excellent, sensible idea. Go for it! / / Thank you for an excellent survey and the opportunity to contribute to the city I love, despite some frustrating experiences.
801.	Fund? Cut them. Cut about 90% of them and fire all the employees who should be thankful they were able to run their scam as long as they have.
802.	Should focus more on cost reduction -- e.g. getting wages in line with private-sector levels -- than in trying to increase funding. That being said, consider alternative means, e.g. a congestion charge for non-residents who benefit from working/shopping in Toronto, but don't pay property taxes to support it.

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803.	City services are expensive because the city has a population now totalling 4 million. Short term cuts (an ineffective method of cost balancing) should not be the focus. Long term solutions - increased revenues from additional tourism incentives and well-planned, well-costed events and draws for those who live outside the city is a necessity. Other financial options are a reality, and if the city is so interested in hiring out work to third party individuals, contracting a logistics firm to develop viable long-term financial goals and revenue increase schemes that don't involve randomly and severely cutting services is the place to start.
804.	The City needs to recognize that it is going to continue to grow and we must invest in that growth or the benefits will accrue only to the few. One of the aspects that makes Toronto great is our mixed neighbourhoods, and our deep levels of community participation. If we fail to invest in services these are at risk. People will leave the city and those who remain will lose the joys of urban living. That is not how to make a city a great place to be.
805.	Higher residential property taxes. Our property tax rates are far too low for a city of this size, and we can't afford crucial infrastructure investment as a result.
806.	Services downloaded onto the city should again be covered by the provincial government -- esp. social services
807.	Stop paying people crazy union salaries to do work that many people would be happy to do for half the price.
808.	Tax big business, sports teams, arenas and only extract property tax hikes on those who can afford them, i.e.. with homes and investment properties over the \$1,000,000. level. Developers, real estate magnates, etc. can certainly pay more. Leave the middle and lower classes, both owners and renters, out of the equation.
809.	Provincial and federal transfer payments, considering how much Toronto contributes to both of these coffers.
810.	Use tax increases instead of user fee increases to fund city services.
811.	Reduce unnecessary spending by optimizing processes, by reducing administration and by renegotiating union contracts. If necessary, break union contracts and hire private companies to provide certain services - in this case, clear target/goals should be set, with financial penalties attached. / Create limited access traffic zones, where drivers have to pay for permits to drive in, just like other major cities in Europe. Limit deliveries to businesses/stores for night time - allow daytime delivery only with permit, again to be purchased. Tow cars, trucks illegally parking/stopping right away - will create higher revenue and ease congestion on roads. Eliminate right turn at any major intersection where there is no separate turning lane (indirect benefit). / Do a serious audit of all social services and assistance currently provided to individuals and withdraw from those who are not entitled to these. / Provide better management and maintenance for all public arenas and sporting venues (swimming pools) to allow for an increased user fee to be charged - requires investment.

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812.	The city should look at increasing efficiencies and changing how a service is provided to save money while keeping everything within control of the city. Outsourcing often results in corners being cut and reductions of service. The city is not out to make profit in what it does, just to make enough to draw even.
813.	Basic and necessary services like the TTC should be fully funded long before we turn to stupid PR events like Nuit Blanche (that's a great example of something where user fees could be increased -- A LOT -- to pay for all those policemen!). I read the newsletter that the mayor's office sends out about funding, and it would be nice to see how the budget is prioritized as well as allocated. I'd also be okay with increasing user fees when necessary for things like hockey, or paying an extra \$1 to take out a DVD at the library.
814.	The city should reduce services to prevent us from paying any more in taxes. If people want services to be kept, they can pay user fees - but only people using that service should be charged the user fee. User fees from one service should not be used to fund other services (e.g., TTC fees should not be used to fund Toronto Community Housing).
815.	Levy a tax on private vehicles entering the city / Ensure longer term infrastructure needs are better understood and planned for through some form of provisioning now. / Campaign for federal and provincial support in areas like public health and education / Work with unions to rationalize pension and other benefits and ensure human resource costs are kept competitive with the private sector /
816.	instead of increasing fees/taxes or reducing service quality, I would prefer the newly elected city council to deliver on its promise of increasing city services efficiency to reduce its costs and increase its service quality.
817.	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).
818.	Provincial government - reverse the downloading of the 1990's. Tell McGuinty to PROVE he's a better premier than Harris.
819.	Quality of life in Toronto is much more important than the rate of property tax.
820.	So many P&R and other user fees are really cheap for me, but not for the next guy. Make those of us who can pay, pay more. Don't make it inaccessible to others though.
821.	Continue to lobby province and federal government to pay their fair share
822.	In order to maintain the quality of life for all the residents of Toronto, it will be necessary to spend money. Spend it wisely certainly but do NOT cut services as a way of reducing costs. It's false economy in the long run.
823.	Zero base budgeting. Go back to ensuring that basic services are provided - maintaining and improving infrastructure should have priority. Cut multicultural programs and grants to special interest groups. contract out as much as possible.
824.	Relentlessly and concertedly lobby the provincial government to reclaim the services they force downloaded to the municipality in 1998. De-amalgamate the City of Toronto.

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825.	Cutting taxes (such as the vehicle registration tax) was a bad idea. The provision of services is what keeps our city healthy and vital. Healthy cities attract businesses and people who want to live there, thus creating prosperity and an increasing tax base. Unhealthy cities are very hard to turn around. Better to maintain and improve the healthy city we already have.
826.	Citizens should be educated to understand that the cost of living will increase and learn to accept & live within reasonable means and share the burden especially those who are most fortunate.
827.	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.
828.	Many of the questions in this survey are biased. There are other options for reducing cost and increasing quality of service OTHER THAN user fees and property taxes. Looking for efficiencies in how services are delivered and innovation in public-private partnerships are among some of the methods that can be used. / / Also, forcing the user to choose between investing to improve service or cutting cost ALSO does not recognize that it is possible to work to improve service delivery without just looking for more dollars, even if there is an upfront cost to identifying and establishing methods for improved service delivery. / / Finally for the more detailed survey questions by area there were some elements where the questions about user fees vs. property tax did not apply -- for example in the area of economic development. There should have been an option for not applicable or other. / / By providing such biased questions my concern is that my efforts to provide input to this process are going to be skewed to meet the intended needs of the survey designers. / / I hope that additional meeting locations will be provided in the downtown core to ensure that people's unfiltered opinions can be truly represented.
829.	commercial/industrial tax, progressive taxation for larger businesses. Tax inefficiency. Progressive residential property tax, such that higher value land is taxed at a higher rate.
830.	More funding for infrastructure from federal and provincial governments / Tax room increase for city from province / gas tax sharing
831.	User fees should be used to discourage certain activities (e.g., creating waste) and property taxes should be levied for activities with positive externalities (e.g., affordable child care reduces gender inequality).
832.	Negotiate with the province to restore provincial contributions to TTC, managing provincial courts etc.
833.	the principle behind the idea of asking for 1 cent from the GST from the federal government was an excellent idea. The federal tax drain on the city region of Toronto is completely out of date and is the main reason that this wealthy city has trouble paying its bills. Our mayor and council must continue to fight for a better deal from the feds and preserve the quality of our publicly funded services.
834.	Please look at property tax, user fee, and corporate tax increases before cutting services

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835.	My property tax has increase an average of 24% annually for the past 10 years. This was during a period when the City claimed the average increase was far smaller. / / I hate to think what an intentional increase would amount to.
836.	City should increase revenue sources other than rely solely on taxes and user fees. For city property sales, why not negotiate with developers to retain ownership of a % of commercial/retail space in order to generate future leasing revenue. Similarly sell air and development rights to TTC subway properties, retain % of commercial space for TTC or city to generate future leasing revenue. Selling off property assets means city can only rely on property taxes after that, but retaining some space for leasing generates ongoing variable level of revenue.
837.	Do not sell land or assets to fund operating deficits -- very short-sighted financial planning. / / Continue efforts to increase funding from the Province and the federal government. It is better to go for funding for specific projects, not just to recoup for areas that were downloaded. / / Work with the unions to provide better and more flexible work and management relationships. By paying staff more, along with less protective work rules, we will be able to get better value from our good staff. / / The City needs to foster a vision that government is there to serve the people and to provide genuine value for citizens of Toronto. At present, the politicians campaign on the vision that less services will be better for us and that waste is rampant. Having both worked in the public sector and for corporate multinationals, my experience is that poor decision making, waste of money, poor treatment and use of staff is there in all public and private sectors. / / The push to privatize is no panacea. There may be initial savings by paying employees less, but management is definitely paid more than City managers and profits need to be there for the shareholders.

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838.	STOP ALL THE MYOPIC, SELFISH LEFT/ RIGHT WING POSTURING AND THINK ABOUT OUR GRANDCHILDREN'S / TORONTO BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. EVERY BODY has to pay. Slash the salaries and benefits of all public servants to fit the times, which would bring everybody down by at least 30%, ESPECIALLY the Mayor, all council (more like 45%) and their support staff. They shouldn't even have support staff. Make all businesses pay for themselves. If they can't provide a service that keeps them in business, too bad. SLASH all arts funding. Arts will continue the way they have for unsubsidized millenia, but with less ego and whining. If you can sing, or paint, sing and paint for your neighbourhood in your spare time. And for God's sake, keep the fee for plastic bags as a pathetic little starting point and move quickly to DRASTICALLY increase fees for ANY environmentally damaging practices or uses of materials, in every direction. This includes CARS - the use of cars should be incredibly cost prohibitive (an increase of at least 200% through a CAR TAX in the inner city, as well as drastically increased parking fees and fines). Either dramatically improve TTC and garbage collection customer service or contract it all out. They are spoiled and rude brats. Throw out all the expensive police gadgets and cameras and SLASH the bloated police budgets just as brutally as everything else – we're talking 30% (use some of the savings to retrain them out of the hi-tech black OPS computer game mentality the cops under 40 seems to have been raised with). Above all, do everything we can to dramatically reduce the involvement and influence of large multinational corporations, big government and big union interests in our cities and decentralize by dramatically increasing engagement of community members at the local level so neighbourhoods increasingly decide on important neighbourhood decisions wherever possible - NOT council or city hall. We should all be growing our own food on city streets that are increasingly abandoned by cars. Almost all residential streets should be converted to food production by 2030. If we don't do these kinds of things and all make sacrifices and come together, the generations to come will be cursing our monumental, ideological, self-involved stupidity. /
839.	A gas tax. Put a toll on all major highways.
840.	get more money from the province
841.	Residents who live outside of Toronto but use Toronto services (i.e. roads) and work in the city should pay a yearly fee to help pay for infrastructure projects
842.	There are ambiguities in the wording of certain questions. The city should fund all the services listed, but the funding models (property taxes, user fees) need to be laid out more clearly. Contracting out does not necessarily save money!
843.	The City should reintroduce the vehicle registration tax and refuse to lower taxes if it means reducing the essential services that people rely on. / / I applaud the City's efforts to increase efficiency - the money saved should go to strengthening the quality of the service that has been made more efficient through whatever savings have been found.
844.	Reduce unnecessary services. / Fulfill only legal obligations. / Increase user fees.

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845.	Get some lobbyists together and form a union with other municipalities in Canada to advocate for better representation and more financial agency (via taxation power) with regards to the provincial and federal levels of government. Hell, badger them for a new round of constitutional negotiations that would formally constitutionalize municipal sovereignty. They'll never do it, but it might make them sweat a bit. If it gets desperate, renew the Lastman rally of the 90's and start shouting about turning Toronto into a City State. That probably won't happen either, but at least it would be a good bargaining tool. And it would probably be pretty funny. Do something for Christ's sake, at least, that makes it at least look like you take yourselves seriously. People in Toronto live here because they expect and enjoy the services of a mature, world-class city, and if all they cared about was no tax and no services they would move to Somalia (individual liberties galore!). Oh, wait, don't we already have some of the lowest taxes in the province? We do. So most Torontonians probably think this tax-cutting ballyhoo is as much of a retarded boondoggle as I do.
846.	The city has to continue to fight to reverse the inequities created by the downloading of the Harris years. Annual bailouts are not a solution. New funding formulas must be created, including permanent operating grants for the TTC. / Progressive forces within Toronto must work to make the citizens of the city realize that taxes are not evil but rather support the services which make the city livable for all. No easy task given the Harper majority and the so-called "Ford Nation." This is not to say that "efficiencies" cannot be found. But cities that work require services and services cost money. And it is not like there is no money in Toronto. The wealth I see around me is truly astounding. So let's use the tremendous wealth and creativity which Toronto is blessed with to support the services which will make the city work for all of its citizens.
847.	While I am alright with an increase in user fees or property taxes I would prefer that the city was more efficient with the taxes and user fees that are already being collected. There are inefficiencies that exist and should be resolved.
848.	Live in Etobicoke and the garbage service that has been contracted out has been exemplary. Good move to contract out garbage for the rest of the city. Use swimming pools and pleased with this, but feel that staff sits around a lot. Also the facility is not super clean which it should be when dealing with health issues from shared water etc. Never stop funding the arts..they are the quality of life factor for the city and give it its unique profile.
849.	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.
850.	I don't mind paying taxes when I get something for my money. User fees should only be used to pay for services used by rich people. So, user fees for community centres and libraries make no sense. Higher fees for development application DO make sense. You won't drive away investment, because everyone wants to be in Toronto.

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851.	Do not cut services to save money, find savings in things like councillor salaries and office budgets
852.	The City should never have cancelled the vehicle registration tax in the first place. I say bring it back. The city could also put pressure on the Province to take back its responsibility for many of these services.
853.	Keep user costs low for those who can't afford it. Make more affluent people pay the user fees.
854.	The STUPIDEST thing the City has done is cancel the \$60 vehicle registration tax. Sorry, guys. But that fee was fundamentally a user fee on drivers and absolutely affordable for anyone with a car (including me). It's RIDICULOUS that you're asking if we should cut fundamental services or lower the quality of those services for a \$60 annual tax. Bring back that tax and start BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.
855.	The City should take advantage of other revenue sources... vehicle registration tax, land transfer tax. Trying to run a city on property taxes is ridiculous but there are restrictions so use what you can. / Beware of the 'quick fixes' like selling things; contracting out. / Finally, all councillors should have to publically disclose the revenue they 'cost the city' by calling departments and getting fees waived or reduced for their constituents. It might not 'fund services' but waiving fees reduces revenue.
856.	I found the questionnaire biased towards reducing government services. Questions about user fees for housing services or poverty services are ridiculous. There were virtually no questions about increasing services which is the main problem for Torontonians right now.
857.	It is far more worthy to take in money and spend it well, than to cut services to programs because we're trying to keep competitive tax rates.
858.	permit advertising or corporate sponsors for city pools, rinks, parks, ttc, city arts and cultural events, etc. / Stream line road repair and sidewalk repairs. I see new side walks going in on our street only to be dug up a year later to do a different type of work below ground. / Get more money from the federal and provincial governments. / Green more city buildings to save heating and cooling costs. / Tax people driving into the city who work downtown and make use of all the city services, e.g.: fire, public health, EMS, police, water, sewer, but pay nothing to the city as they live outside the city boundaries.
859.	It seems odd to ask how much we are willing to pay - the fees that are needed to run the city and improve services should dictate the amount we are REQUIRED to contribute to maintain and improve the city we live in. / Also, it is strange to ask the public to rank importance of internal city governance matters such as "Training and Development for staff". I don't think company shareholders rank this at AGMs, I think management decide what is possible and what would improve services, employee satisfaction and output.
860.	Sell city real estate, / Road toll downtown, similar to London. / Make garbage disposal more expensive to business and residents. / GTA wide fuel tax to fund TTC
861.	raise property raise taxes eliminate user fee for social services

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862.	Some services should be supported by other levels of government. TTC, public housing, social services, poverty reduction, major infrastructure should be funded by provincial and federal levels of government.
863.	Property tax as a sole source of funding for cities is not right. The City should try to negotiate with the province and the federal government a fairer distribution of taxes.
864.	In an era of fiscal austerity, DO NOT download municipal debt (in all forms) onto the taxpaying citizens. / / The government is responsible for improving upon the legacy of our forefathers that ultimately supports our citizens' children.
865.	The city needs to plan long term and look for long term savings. It also needs to invest in the city, it's people and to protect the vulnerable so everyone may contribute and live in a city that accommodates diversity, health, education and kindness to people. It is cruel to remove homes from the most vulnerable people when the sale of the homes will not improve housing in the long-term. It is cruel when homes and programs are removed from the city, are not accessible and affordable. The reduced service will weaken vulnerable families and this is negative both in the short and long term for the city as a whole. The city needs to listen to all the people in the city and stop with the bullying it practises now by making uninformed decisions and showing no concern for the long term impact on people and families who struggle.
866.	Through the new revenue-raising tools granted to it by the province, including vehicle registration tax and other politically unpopular but necessary funding tools. You can't abandon new revenue raising tools and freeze property tax and then scream that the City can't pay for its services: this is a problem of your own making. When you compare residential property tax rates with other municipalities, particularly in the 905, you see that Toronto's are exceptionally low. Someone living in Hamilton would pay twice as much for City services on the same residential assessment!
867.	Hotel tax increase. Some sort of fee paid by people working in the city but living outside the city. Perhaps a 1% GO transpo fee. The city services are used by people who don't live in Toronto so it makes sense for them to help defray the costs. I didn't have a problem with the \$60 car tax as long as the money was used for the purpose originally designed.
868.	-Manage finances responsibly including increasing property tax where necessary. Follow Mississauga's lead, 10% increase. / -Use taxing powers granted to City via City of Toronto Act. / -Implement Road Tolls, traffic congestion fees and parking levies.
869.	Implement user fees on busy highways during rush hour -- a small toll could help the City pay for other services. / / Abandon on street parking on major city streets, look to build parking structures on seldom used streets. For example, Queen street has 2 traffic lanes, but one is taken by parking. If the city were to eliminate on street parking, build mixed retail/parking structure on Adelaide; they open that lane of traffic and motorists can still park within a reasonable distance. New York is a city that does this, and I strongly recommend it.
870.	Cut large chunks from the budget. Cut the mayor's salary, city councillors' salary, city hall salary, TTC staff salary, cut services and cut taxes.

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871.	This is a terrible survey that does little to explain the current state of governance to the population, and that can't even be statistically sound given the wording and nature of questions. The wealthy in this city need to pay more taxes, users need to pay more for services, the minimum wage needs to increase, we need to make sure that everyone has shelter, food, and so forth.
872.	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.
873.	Toronto should receive more funding from both the government of Canada and Ontario. We are over-taxed/underfunded compared with the amount of taxes Toronto pays to the provincial and especially the federal government.
874.	I find this survey flawed - if the city really cares about services and the people than it can re-do the budget to find money in places besides property taxes and user fees. I thought the vehicle registration tax was an excellent example... it generated excellent income. There are many creative solutions. PLEASE do not slash our services and do NOT increase user fees - this excludes the most marginalized people from accessing services and leaves them only available for those who are middle class +
875.	The city should implement progressive property tax increases. People with higher value properties can generally afford to pay a lot more taxes than people with lower property values. A 'flat tax' based solely on a simple percentage of a property value is unfair. An individual in a \$250000 house probably can't afford tax increases as much as someone living in a 5 million dollar mansion.
876.	lobby the provincial and federal government for more money for social services, TTC
877.	The City needs to embrace new technology to create efficiency with it's workers. Not cut funding to services.
878.	Do not increase user fees for city services. Do not contract out city services. Do not privatize city services.
879.	While I think that user fees can be employed as a source of revenue for some services, I think extreme caution should be used in order to avoid excluding or marginalizing low income residents. If services are 'pay-for-use' it defeats the purpose of having city-run services in the first place.
880.	Get a fair deal from the provincial and federal governments!
881.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax or other user fee for use of roads, such as the London congestion charge. / Find a way to collect and manage the 5 cent plastic bag fee.

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882.	I have no problem paying more property taxes, or even some user fees, although spreading costs out through taxes seems easier to handle. What I don't like & I'm sure I'm not alone is to see our taxes stay the same or increase only to see services go down AND see wasteful at City Hall
883.	Tolls and road pricing, transfer of income tax points from senior levels of government
884.	While property taxes must be raised, it was irresponsible to cut the Land Transfer Tax (and then neglect to mention that this was one of the main reasons for such a budget deficit in 2012 on your survey) and the Vehicle Registration Tax should be reinstated. Balancing the books isn't that hard if the elected officials don't make promises they can't keep. Increasing taxes is a necessary part of building a better, more livable city.
885.	Keep the plastic bag fee and have retailers paying those fees to the city each year.
886.	Taxes are not an bad thing. Recently in politics there's been this idea that taxes are evil, patently wrong and are going into some shadow brokers coffers, but the fact is we pay taxes so our city works. There isn't a gravy train, there WAS a functioning and profitable city. By freezing a tax increase and cutting taxes elsewhere we are now seeking ways to make the budget balance, putting ourselves in jeopardy as we try to haphazardly cut and contract services to make weight. A foolish and sloppy endeavour when things were working fine. / / I'm ok with paying taxes because I live in a wonderful, functioning city that goes to great lengths to entertain and protect me. I am comfortable paying for that. / / With that in mind, city services need to be maintained and taken care of, while some can be contracted out it is not prudent or wise to simply look at the biggest and baddest for contracting as certain services require the city to be involved.
887.	Higher corporate taxes / road tax for inner city vehicles / Higher taxation on large-scale real estate development/condos / reduce infrastructure and affordable housing costs by making them requirements to large-scale building permits / reduce police expenditure / privatize LCBO (I know this is provincial, but maybe in the GTA?) /
888.	Increase commercial taxes more than residential taxes. / Step up efforts to collect back taxes from business properties. / Increase water rates for commercial/industrial users to encourage conservation, to reduce the load on wastewater treatment plants / help fund water treatment services.
889.	cut the staff salaries, lay off part of staff, contract out union jobs, introduce the tolls on DVP and Gardiner
890.	For services that are central to your mandate and that affect (or are used by) many residents (such as garbage, water, 311, fire, police, EMS), property taxes should fund these services. For additional services (such as community centres, parks, etc) user fees should fund the services. When the service is directed toward an at risk or disadvantaged group (homeless, seniors, etc), you could use tiered user fees (for example, geared to income or ability to pay), supplemented by property taxes or another source of funding.
891.	I think the City of Toronto should reconsider the Toronto Police pay increase since the City cant afford such a rich pay increase. Increases in salary for City employees should be based on the City's ability to pay for those costs.

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892.	There are more ways for the city to raise revenue outside of user fees and property taxes, and they must be considered. Such avenues include the city's enhanced taxing power via the City of Toronto Act and lobbying federal and provincial governments for reliable, long-term funding that is tied to economic productivity, not property values.
893.	Please make a survey that actually looks for the community's input in actually making services better, rather than using the destructive argument of "if we don't care about it, we should contract it out." Whether or not someone cares about it is beside the point; they live in a space where all of these things are rather necessary to keep the city liveable and affordable. Perhaps new funding mechanisms should be explored rather than increasing the user fee or property tax.
894.	User fees and specific taxes (such as the gas tax and the fee for plastic bags) are great ways to collect funds and discourage wasteful behaviours.
895.	I'm tired of governments that are afraid to raise taxes for the middle and upper classes (to which I belong) for fear of losing votes. Raise taxes and use the money to provide better services: transportation, support for seniors, support for other vulnerable populations and better public spaces: gardens, grass cutting, removal of litter. I'm tired of a city that looks like no one cares... the streets that need re-surfacing, the grass in public spaces that is cut, the homeless people, and the panhandlers are embarrassing!!!!
896.	Corporate sponsorship
897.	While I think it is great we look at property taxes, when do we actually start to work with the business communities to start support the communities they are profiting from. Are major bank reporting profits while increasing user fees, legal services, as well as other cooperations. Why are builders not expected the develop all new buildings in the city with the latest green technologies to reduce power and water consumption. If service are truly effective then cost will come down. Let charge unions fees for raising salary levels and increasing the cost of living. Tax profits at a hire level rather than nickel and diming the low income folk to struggle with less.
898.	Because Toronto is a major city, it provides services to people who come from other parts of Ontario, Canada and the world. The City should always be working to secure increased financial support from the Ontario and Federal Governments.
899.	Never get rid of 3-1-1 -- it's a brilliant service and point of contact. / The city needs to rethink how it delivers services, who it contracts them out to, and how it challenges its departments -- just like the private sector -- to innovate and increase quality of service. The city should invest in LEAN and INNOVATIVE initiatives to ensure new and more effective ways of delivering services. The city should also start divesting itself of 'legacy systems' and other arcane or redundant systems that multiply the cost of delivering the same services.
900.	Other levels of government should contribute more - property taxes should not bear the entire brunt.

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901.	The city needs to look at funding more recreational programs for our children at the community centres. We need to keep up the programming and add more when there are waiting lists. We need to cut programs that do not fill up. We need to maintain essential staff at the community. We need to cut staff who are not 100% needed. If user fees to be increased then do so. I do not agree with increasing property taxes.
902.	Do not cut anymore taxes
903.	The city should not be cutting taxes, as has been done in the winter of 2011 with the vehicle registration tax. Budgets should not be done by the Mayor on the back of an envelope, but should be done carefully through a more sophisticated process, as in 2010 when the city produced a \$250 million surplus. Certain services such as welfare are the responsibility of the province and should not be paid for by the city. Maintaining a high quality of services is essential to be an economically vibrant and successful city. Privatizing and contracting out is unlikely to save money in either the short or the long run.
904.	user fees can be a hardship on the people who most need the services,
905.	Reinstating the fee for car users would be a good first start. Alternatively or additionally a monthly transportation pass for all road users (cars and TTC) would be a good idea -- create an equal fee usable by both (this is an alternative to road tolls). Create infrastructure that would bring in future revenue (examples include: geo-thermal heating for communities; service tunnels under roads for all utilities). Development levies. Tax unused property/empty lots at zoned rates. Luxury tax on oversized monster homes. Ensuring people have good incomes and benefits ensures increased tax revenues for city in future.
906.	Cut back on city staff, to many of them and very lazy.
907.	Despite what people say, Toronto property taxes are quite low - I have lived in many places and my taxes on equivalent properties are lower here. I have no problem with paying more City Tax or, for some 'extras' user fees IF THE SERVICE IS OFFERED EFFICIENTLY.
908.	My favourite thing about Toronto is the Toronto Public Library: its on-line search and account services, the multiple branches, the hold system, the collections in multiple languages, the quiet work areas, the librarians, etc. Please don't cut services to the Library! I also think Toronto needs to think of itself as an international city and should not be afraid to invest in arts and cutting-edge buildings/infrastructure. The TTC needs improvement. Residents and tourists should be able to use credit cards to purchase various tickets/passes. The token/metropass system is antiquated.
909.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax.
910.	It's unfortunate that you didn't give us a choice about what user fees should be increased. The main thing you need to consider is road tolls.
911.	Funding city services creates a higher standard of living and a world class city. It is an important priority and one which the city should take on with a mix of user fees and taxes.

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912.	This is a moronic question. Taxes are how we take care of each other. Tax cutters are dead beats because they don't want to have to. Cancelling the vehicle registration tax was not just dumb, it was irresponsible. / / This questionnaire is so politically loaded, it is meaningless.
913.	Should increase quality and efficiencies of services and not cut them. I believe some very important services is poor already, so cutting them would be a disaster to anyone who uses them.
914.	Generate other sources of revenue BESIDES property taxes. Toronto needs to be innovative. Cutting back, holding all development, and prohibiting new ideas and projects will do exactly the opposite. / / Cutting public service is not an option, and suggesting that the only alternative is to increase user fees OR property taxes is overly simplistic, a cop out, and quite frankly, shameful for Canada's biggest city. Shame.
915.	Evolving taxes inline with needs (i.e. vehicle registration tax) it should cost more to own a car in this city, owning a car is a luxury, having good drinking water, a well planned city and emergency and social services however are not luxuries.
916.	Demand more funding from provincial & federal governments
917.	Please keep the growth of income disparity in mind. The middle class is disappearing and many people can not afford even modest increased to usage fees.
918.	City spending should increase only to the extent that the Consumer Price Index increases, so that pensioners whose incomes increase only by that amount are not gouged.
919.	More funding from the province.
920.	introduce road toll / retain and/or increase land transfer tax / reinstate vehicle registration tax / increase corporate property tax rate (e.g. financial sector) / introduce an inheritance tax / advocate to retain 1% of HST for municipal governments / pursue remuneration for hosting G20 / divest from mounted division of Toronto Police Services / increase productivity of police force (i.e. decrease number of police per capita) / restrict allowable police overtime and police monopoly on providing security to roadwork / get more money from province for TTC, housing and social services
921.	More fiscal autonomy - we should become an independent city. Toronto and other similar Canadian cities (Montreal, Calgary, and Vancouver) should not have to rely on handouts from provincial or federal governments. These are large enough urban areas to warrant some measure of independence from these governments. Toronto does not have a spending problem it has a revenue generating problem caused by the paternal (and parasitic) relationship between large cities and their respective provinces. If the province gave cities real control over their finances, instead of preventing them from generating revenue in ways other than increasing property tax and/or user fees, we would be able to have the city we deserve without having to beg Ontario for our allowance. We're better than that. Montreal, Calgary, and Vancouver are better than that. We all deserve a better system than we're tied to.

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922.	The 6 most expensive items of the operating budget are what most would consider essential, and they take up 75% of the funding. The remaining items that comprise the rest of the operating budget would need to be eliminated to truly address this deficit. With the inevitable reductions in Provincial and Federal transfers coming, Toronto's citizens will now have to understand the value of a combination of taxes and user fees to support programs that immediately impact them. As long as accounting for these dollars is transparent, citizens will support them.
923.	The city should also be talking to senior levels of government about the lack of adequate funding for Toronto. Social housing is just one example.
924.	Increase user fees for those who can afford them. Find a way to "tier" the cost of a metropass, make it relative to how much money people make. Make water more expensive ONLY when people are using A LOT (when their house has 3 bathrooms, or they pressure wash their huge patios, or they have a swimming pool). / / Find creative ways to make user fees higher and lower for members of different income brackets. Myself and many Torontonians I know only make enough money to cover our basics (health care, food, the bare necessities for clothes and personal hygiene, rent, transportation, and hydro, with about 200 dollars left over per month for entertainment and savings), and we work full time!!!!. If everyone lived a little more modestly, so many of us could get out of survival mode. thank you.
925.	Property taxes should be scaled on income levels, with the highest income levels paying the most property tax. This would increase tax revenue, as well as help with affordable housing for lower income earners.
926.	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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927.	Yes, I would first like to make clear that I am a property owner in the city owning two properties. I am extremely disappointed that the mayors promises to make no cuts to services that he ran his election platform on is being broken. I am also very concerned that he is cutting back on revenue generating opportunities while at the same time cutting important services. It was extremely irresponsible to eliminate the vehicle registration tax (yes I own a car and had to pay the fee because I had to register it one month before the fee was eliminated). Further cuts to services are going to turn this city into a place I and other residents do not want to live in and will further push us to the outlying suburbs. We cannot become like many failed American cities with hollow cores and inner suburbs and this type of approach is pushing us in that direction
928.	Stop political overspending and having a hierarchy with too many overpaid managers and directors at the top. Invest in those that actually DO the work, instead of those that sit behind desks and are too far removed from the service itself to be in a position to better the service. Spend political dollars on services rather than tv commercials and smear campaigns!
929.	Road Tolls / Vehicle Registration Tax / Other taxation powers granted under the City of Toronto Act
930.	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. / /
931.	I think increases in user fees, including for the TTC, is getting out of hand. We already pay lower taxes than all surrounding cities, so I'd be willing to pay more in tax to keep the fees low.
932.	In thinking about how the City should fund services, it is not just a matter of increasing property tax and user fees. But how the budget is allocated is also taken into consideration. For example, the police service budget has continued to increase over time. Why doesn't the City can allocate this increase to other essential services such as affordable housing or public transportation? Also, other revenue sources than property tax and user fees exist. The City should stand up for getting funding back that have been cut by the Provincial Government or fair distribution of tax revenues. Or based on the City of Toronto Act, the City can increase tax revenues, not tax cut.

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933.	much higher property tax for expensive housing
934.	Property tax should be increased so as to distribute the cost of essential services. User fees are not equitable.
935.	I would pay more than 10 percent in a property tax increase. The city needs to find revenue and get the money back from the province that it lost through Harris.
936.	Invest in better services for the public and tourism and the money will follow.
937.	Essential services come out of business and residential property tax. Optional levels or quantities of service for businesses and residential should come from user fees. Optional community services should come from community service and user fees.
938.	The city should reinstate the land transfer tax and the \$60 car tax. As well the city, under the City of Toronto Act, has the ability to add new taxes. Add a 3% tax on all fast food and coffee shop purchases which is where a large number of people buy their morning and lunchtime meals or snacks. It may seem like small amounts of money but it will add up very quickly.
939.	Sponsorship? / Raise taxes and fees on the larger corporations and companies that use city services? /
940.	by not selling its assets / income tax, not only property tax
941.	This is an extremely flawed survey and I find the use of the language "I don't care" appalling when we're talking about services that impact hundreds of thousands of people in a very significant way (TTC, affordable housing, etc.) The City is responsible for continuing to provide the services that it currently provides. Why is it, exactly, that we're looking at a deficit? What ideologically-based decisions has the Mayor and the executive made that are in NO WAY FINANCIALLY SOUND (ex. privatization of services like garbage collection, subway building vs. light rail, etc.)? User fees for those who cannot afford to pay are not an effective way to provide services for residents. / / The City can fund services by: introducing a car tax, NOT building any more subway lines and opting for less expensive light rail, taxing developers who do not include any social housing in new housing developments, lobbying at the provincial and federal levels for the uploading of responsibilities or more funding, etc.
942.	I believe that the city should keep paying for the things it has been paying for. Charging user fees is not fair to users who are in much need of the subsidy provided. The city should find some way to rectify their mistakes to ensure the highest quality of service without over taxation.
943.	Cut city employees and their pay cheques.
944.	corporate taxes, and user fees on things we want to discourage
945.	I would prefer to see taxes increased for those who can afford it rather than across the board for low-income residents and seniors for whom it would cause hardship. I feel that child care is likely a provincial or federal mandate, and shouldn't necessarily be funded by the city.
946.	Put pressure on the province and feds for more tax money. Look to installing toll roads.
947.	Get the province to pay for what they used to pay for and more - transportation in particular.

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948.	charge a user fee for stop lights in between intersections when it provides service to a mall or business. / a property tax on second parking spots at condos / a surcharge on vehicles towed from commuter routes at rush hour. / parking permits for the whole city / a surcharge on swimming pool construction and an annual fee / explore shipping waste to green lane and organics by rail / explore the possibility of burying hydro corridors and the developing the area above ground for residential or industrial uses. / install water meters on all buildings and new condos have individual unit meters / pressure the province to reinstate deposit return on all beverage bottles glass or other materials. Introduce a deposit on motor oil, but returned to customers upon return of used oil. / replace police on traffic duty with parking and traffic control officers further replace police with city works staff controlling traffic at accidents or fire and special events(parades or runs and other such events. / remove old factories converted to places of worship from tax exemption. / reintroduce promoting city staff to management from within. / return downloaded services back to the province. /
949.	We simply need a better transportation system in this city, that's its primary weakness. More commitments from the federal and provincial governments, especially federal. Tolls and distance-based pricing for subways needs to be discussed seriously.
950.	Start contracting out more services. Increase overtime for current employees to save costs of hiring and paying benefits to more employees when overtime would be less costly
951.	Private/Corporate Partnership, increase user fees for non-Toronto residence.
952.	Increase fees for larger businesses and higher income families to assist in supporting everyone else.
953.	Most of Mayor Ford's decisions need to be revisited. Roll back the police increase. Stop the \$65 per hour ripoff.
954.	1)stop paying police officer directing traffic at a construction site. / 2)Toronto fun parks and recreation should allow all residents to register on Saturday morning before 6:00 a.m. not on a weekday at 7:00. People have to leave their homes before 7:00a.m. / 3)should have significantly more separate bike lanes for clean air in this city. / 4)commercial buildings should turn off the lights at night. / 5)day care fee should be much lower and more day care centre. / 6) No summit or G8 summit hosted in Toronto. create a lot of day care problem for parents / 7)library drop off box should be on the curb next to the roadside and allow some parking spot to drop off the returned materials quickly. / 8) No support for mentally ill and new mother (trap at home with crying babies with huge amount of chores and responsibilities)services such as more drop off and pick-up boxes for library materials in more different locations. longer maternity leave until children age full-day school age. / / 8) more staggering work hours for working mother, so they can drop off and pick up kids before and after school. / / 9) more family days. / / 6) /
955.	There are no "city run" theatres. Whoever put together this survey has no clue about our community or its structure. Cut the police budget. That's where the real gravy is.
956.	toll roads for maintenance of roads and ttc

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957.	If services are frivolous, the user should pay. That does not include recreational and educational activities in low income areas. The fairest way is through the property tax. Homes with 1 million to 13 million should pay accordingly (see real estate listings globe&mail and toronto star
958.	We need to push for service uploads and stable funding from provincial & federal funding. We need to bring back vehicle registration tax.
959.	City of Toronto Sales Tax / Road Tolls
960.	We should advocate / insist on gas tax from federal govt, upload services downloaded from province / Bring back vehicle tax - toll tax - business tax
961.	Vehicle tax / Land transfer tax / Increased funds from provincial & federal governments
962.	run casino/ lottery/ licence hookers
963.	Using mechanisms like the vehicle registration tax was good policy.
964.	Raise property tax / Re-institute vehicle tax
965.	Please have "optional services" provided by the city covered by user fees. This includes pools, recreation centres and fitness classes.
966.	Province should pay for many large items, e.g. affordable housing
967.	The federal govt should help out
968.	US cities have fired all cops. Fire the police to save \$700 million, contract out to save taxes. Cops are not going after the gangs. Violent criminals 24/7, cops are doing racial profiling against minorities not against many criminals. Police is most expensive, stop paying cops \$10,000. Fire executives from the most expensive depts.
969.	combination of user fees & property tax increases
970.	Lobby Province and Feds for more support for things like TTC / Lobby to recover sales tax revenue / Retire debt
971.	road tolls and bring back vehicle registration tax.
972.	re-instate the vehicle registration tax and the land transfer tax.
973.	congestion toll for vehicles entering downtown / vehicle registration tax / no costly privatizations
974.	If residents are to pay user fees, where are they to get the extra money to do that. Give low income earners a wage increase then we can afford to pay for more things.
975.	Business has had a sweet deal for decades. They do not pay their fair shard of property tax. If they did, the city could fund all necessary services. Immediately institute property taxes of at least equal to residential taxes.
976.	cut back on number of police / vehicle registration tax (reintroduce) / fewer consultants / fewer meetings of staff, less red tape, less bureaucratic stuff, more front-line staff
977.	Service cuts may not be required if management positions are reviewed for duplication with other divisions or levels of government. In particular, the Province is playing an increasingly important role in funding.
978.	The City should not freeze property taxes when it is faced with financial difficulties - it needs to keep its revenue sources, and Toronto City property taxes are already too low. Also, cancelling the vehicle registration tax was a huge mistaken when it is one of the few taxation powers the City has.

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979.	To help libraries, all persons above 18 yrs and seniors above 65 should pay \$10.00 annual fee to belong to library. Libraries should have a bi-annual sale of old books- at libraries on '1" day only (i.e. 2 days) to create an 'event'. Other fund raising events should happen this day-pay \$ to have an author sign your book. This should be volunteer run and corporately funded (perhaps a publisher)
980.	Each service should be considered differently - some can be contracted out to save money to fund it while others can handle increased user fees.
981.	We need funding from other levels of government and big banks and corporations in our city
982.	bring back vehicle registration fee / bring in fee for driving in Toronto from GTA / keep 5 cent on plastic bags
983.	The city must negotiate long-term stable funding from the province. It must also coordinate services with other municipal governments in the GTA
984.	Generally I prefer user fees over tax increases if there can be competitive service providers, Police Services should be non-competitive and funded on the income tax base. Consider an employment tax on all employees who work in the city whether they live here or not.
985.	Reduce the City payroll by 5% across the board. 5% salary cut would not be a burden on any public employee.
986.	set limits on growth of population (levy on outsiders) / set user fees on essential services such as police, fire, ems if abused / charge more to businesses that produce more garbage / user fees for library services by annual membership fee, make late borrowers pay bigger fines and charge full replacement cost to borrowers that lose or deface books
987.	It is time to pay market value since the Province will not take responsibility.
988.	Services should be funded by tax revenue and transfers from other levels of Government
989.	Cut Council wages or freeze them for 4 yrs / Fund raise / Use increased taxes to fund services
990.	Tax the wealthy / Use your bonuses to help out / Use the pay increase that you would give yourselves / Make big corporations donate a percentage of their profit
991.	Reduce the amount of City Councillors and put their salaries and bonuses as well as their transportation to fund services / Get the community involved in a garage sale or bake sale or a talent show and charge a small fee per family to enter \$5 per family, lots will attend
992.	Legalize prostitution and casinos
993.	have a casino
994.	Cut back on your spending on yourselves / Fund raise with the community's help / Take money from services that are not working and put towards those that need more
995.	In effect, increase taxation of the rich, instead of reducing it as in recent years. Reduce city contribution to corporate profits (incomes of top bureaucrats)
996.	Income tax and sales tax

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997.	1. Look for efficiency of services rather than cost-cutting. / 2. Get the other levels of govt to fund their fair share. Provincial downloading and during the Harris govt years has devastated Toronto's finances. So get the Province to pay up (e.g. TTC, social housing, Provincial Court Services) / 3. Fed govt funds to cities amount to 2%. The Fed govt must contribute more. The Mayor and City Council and the Federation of Municipalities must pressure Ottawa for drastically increased funding. / 4. I have extensive training in survey design. This one is very poorly designed and as a result will yield inadequate data and the data will be almost impossible to accurately interpret. The questionnaire was not user friendly and excluded many people who do not or cannot use computers (e.g. people who are poor, those with certain disabilities). / 5. This survey is biased towards cutting costs instead of other solution. /
998.	Regarding the TTC - I much prefer those costs be borne proportionately through taxes (increases) than large fare hikes.
999.	make/increase fines on dilapidated buildings/apartments / fine police officers for talking on their cell phones
1000.	Invest in our youth / Invest in our childcare spaces and buildings / City wide bake sale / See that they paid properly and get enough money for travel and hours between travel time paid.
1001.	Municipal income tax / Motorized vehicle taxes and fees
1002.	Bring back vehicle registration tax / keep land transfer tax / road tolls / zoned fares for TTC-this is standard all over the world
1003.	- Fund for low income people's income source / - Social assistance increment / - OPSP increment increase
1004.	Toll entry to city core for autos
1005.	10% property tax increase for properties over \$1 million
1006.	We need from province and federal government
1007.	Negotiate with the Province for certain services such as housing, TTC.
1008.	Should negotiate with province for \$ for TTC (operating), housing should be uploaded to the province, should not review services that cost the city less than 2% of total budget.
1009.	negotiate with other levels of government
1010.	Funding for city services needs to come in the form of taxes from those who have the means to provide it. Increasing user fees is a form of retrogressive taxation, putting a stress on the most vulnerable Toronto residents and should not be the way that the city funds services.
1011.	The mayor and budget committee's decision to use all the surplus funds and reserve from the prior year's budget will put the city in a bind in the next budget year. The best way to fund to services is a mix or primarily property tax increases and in some ways user fees. This is a reality that we have to deal with. The cancellation of the vehicle registration tax was short sighted and savings from not having police officers present during construction sites was there for the taking.

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1012.	The real problem for Toronto has been caused by downloading from the PC Provincial Government under Mike Harris e.g. subsidized housing and social assistance. This may have been revenue neutral in smaller towns, but in a city like Toronto with a much higher % of social housing and poverty property tax base can never adequately support the cost of these services. There needs to be concerted effort to redress the downloading issue.
1013.	Negotiate with other levels of government to receive more funding; create new taxes on certain services
1014.	The city does not need to rely solely on property taxes and user fees for funding city services. We should be working toward more funding from upper level governments. We should not have repealed the personal vehicle tax. We should be looking for alternative sources of revenue that go beyond the excessively simplified options given in this short-sighted and duplicitous survey.
1015.	Increase user fees only for those who can afford it (developers etc), use new taxing power like personal vehicle tax, land transfer tax, Toronto sales tax or hotel tax, fees for special events on city streets (not charities)
1016.	Run services efficiently / Invest in infrastructure that attracts business, tourist, and users of services...then gain through taxes / Don't cut easy taxes like the vehicle registration tax - anyone who drives a car can afford the equivalent of a tank of gas year to contribute to the city infrastructure / Residents don't mind paying taxes if their roads are cleared of snow, their garbage collected, their local pools and rinks function, the library has the books they want, they don't spend hours stuck in traffic, or trying to get on a bus. Citizens are usually OK with taxes as long as they feel they are getting their money's worth. / M
1017.	The Province of Ontario should fund and deliver social services, like the gradual reduction of city dollars to pay for welfare. 20% to 19% ... until 0% is taken from city treasury.
1018.	highway tolls on DVP and Gardiner, install geothermal for all city facilities where possible to cut heating and cooling costs
1019.	DVP should become a toll road during weekdays.
1020.	Look at how the services are being provided and see if there are easier/cheaper ways to run things. Get the Province to pay more. Reduce expenditure on Police traffic management.
1021.	Toll roads, fuel tax were both good ideas. Whenever possible user fees are better than property taxes.
1022.	There should be legislation that forbids the City from having an annual deficit. / There should be legislation that restricts the overall annual increase in the City's property tax and budgeted operating and capital expenses from exceeding the rate of Canadian inflation. / There should be legislation that sets a long-term plan for eliminating the City's long-term debt.
1023.	Reduce city employees pay and benefits, cut down their numbers, particular the police.

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1024.	The City should fund services, fairly, by using common sense. The city, seems to be gouging all the time. I find fees go up and services go down. And it seems to be a fee for EVERYTHING!!!
1025.	Collect the back taxes owed by large corporations, even if it means ceasing their assets and/or putting them in jail. I have been threatened for being behind in paying taxes. She threatened to take my house away and I owed very little, especially when compared to what these corporations have owed for years. Also, we must fight to get the Federal and Provincial governments to give back the transfer payments to our city. As well, clamp down on those taking advantage of things like low-cost housing. I know of many who are able to pay more as circumstances change but live in low-cost housing for years without ever being detected. Get rid of many unions and pay workers what jobs are worth, never mind all these accumulated sick days, outrageous wages, job security, etc. No-one in the private sector gets these benefits so why should someone without an education collecting garbage where the truck does most of the work get these perks and high wages, often higher than the wage of a person who went to college or university? I also feel that lowering taxes will encourage people to spend more money. I also disagree with having to get a license for a pet if that pet already has a microchip or tattoo which can be read by equipment at the Humane Society. I was told this is for those who can't afford to pay for their lost pet's care, but why should I pay for that? My pets are spayed/neutered and have been microchipped. It's not reasonable for the middle class to always pay the most while those who refuse to work or get paid under the table to get everything free for years, and the rich to get away w/ having loopholes so they pay little in taxes, get double pensions and corporations owe back taxes and nobody forces them to pay what they owe. It's a very unbalanced system. And don't sell off assets which have money coming in year-round for a one-time income which, once received and spent, is no longer a good source of revenue.
1026.	Both the federal and provincial governments need to assume more responsibility to fund services e.g. TTC and Affordable Housing. / City needs to develop new user taxes. It was utterly stupid to cancel the vehicle tax.
1027.	I THINK THAT IF THE ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT CANCELLED FEES ALREADY EXISTING IE. LICENSE RENEWAL AMONG OTHERS WHICH ALREADY PROVIDED A SOURCE OF REVENUE WE WOULD HAVE LESS AND NOT MORE DISTANCE TO WHEN COMING UP WITH MONEY.
1028.	Dialogue and advocacy with Provincial and Federal governments. They have role and responsibility in investing in and improving this city. This should not be seen as "whining" or going with our "hat in hand". Also, this survey should have included other options for funding services in addition to tax and user fee increases. Reinstate the vehicle registration tax for those that can afford it and look at other revenue sources like a toll on the Gardiner.
1029.	if Rob Ford hadn't frozen property taxes, ditched the vehicle registration fee and frittered away the surplus we would be in a position where property tax increases just over the rate of inflation could have kept the ship afloat

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1030.	1% of the HST to Toronto / / it is our money no taxation without representation, get more money from Harper and the FEDS!
1031.	I have many comments, but moreover I have comments on the false choices this survey provides for the user. Surely you will not be taking this input as a true representation of what Torontonians think (and feel) about city services. / / There is no doubt that things are not perfect. False dichotomies (e.g. invest and improve vs. reduce) do not indicate that those who created the survey are really interested in the opinions of Torontonians.
1032.	Some user fees, community consultation, private contributions.
1033.	- 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
1034.	develop the island. Make a bridge, casino, restaurants clubs ext. Large tax benefit, boost to the economy
1035.	City should work in partnership with community services agencies increasing grants it gives to those agencies. User fees and property taxes should be based on peoples' income.
1036.	NO CONTRACTING OUT, NO USER FEES FOR LOW INCOME CITIZENS,
1037.	The city should find better, more efficient, effective ways in spending the fundings. The city spends so much money - and the traffic worsens, ttc is slower and somehow less sufficient - and other dissatisfactions with city services increase. Visible change should be observed.
1038.	reduce discretionary spending of councillors / Run a lottery / eliminate closed door dealing / 50/50 draws / collect wine bottles for return deposit
1039.	Toronto's business tax level is lower than many municipalities in the GTA. This should be raised to be comparable to regional norms (and even beyond, to reflect the substantial location advantage for Toronto businesses) in order to raise funds for key city services. / Taxes are the price of civilization!
1040.	By issuing long-term debt as tax-exempt bonds for residents to invest in
1041.	Continue to push the federal and provincial governments to pay their fair share and to upload services. / DO NOT sell off the city for short term budget balancing - what happens after you run out of things to sell? / DO NOT sell off the names of streets and parks in the city.
1042.	create new revenue streams (e.g. road tolls, vehicle registration tax - I am happy to pay \$60 a year to keep up services!)
1043.	Ignore the commies and provide us fewer, but better, services. Cut off freeloaders. Don't raise taxes, we are taxed to death by every level of government.
1044.	The city should use the tax revenues other than property taxes which are not mentioned anywhere in this questionnaire. One of those tax measures has already been thrown out, increasing the funding gap. Do not throw out the Land Transfer Tax.

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1045.	There is no choice given for significantly increasing property tax and not user fees which I would have put first. There is no set of alternative taxes. Getting rid of the vehicle registration tax was a huge mistake. We need to look at sales tax for Toronto, integrated if possible in the HST. User fees are a regressive way of raising revenue and I do not favour them at all. A liquor tax and higher taxes on hotel stays make sense too. /
1046.	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.
1047.	Toronto should seek better funding arrangements with funding partners since many of its services are cost shared. Toronto needs to recognize that the money it invests levers additional money for services through these cost sharing agreements, and through community-based fund raising & grants. Toronto can not afford to cut taxes.
1048.	This survey is helpful to a point, but is not focused upon how we're spending our big dollars, ie. where is the relevance in asking about user fees for general police services?
1049.	Reduce salaries for city employees. / Spend time finding inefficiencies. / Don't charge user fees for basic human needs like green space. Charge high user fees for luxuries like hockey leagues and baseball diamonds
1050.	corporate / developers sponsorship and partnerships
1051.	A toll on roads coming into the city.
1052.	Vehicle registration tax. Other taxes that take money out of the pockets of those who can afford it.
1053.	I would have liked to give my opinion that accessibility for people with disabilities should be improved, the health of the city should be improved by supporting active living and cycling. there should be increased user fees for the use of cars, for unhealthy activities and for health care that results from unhealthy living
1054.	Make sure that those who are most able to pay do so. There is a lot of wealth - including private wealth in this city. That includes the large corporations and institutions that do business in this city & prosper from our infrastructure and high degree of functionality as a city. Also, insist on more funding from the Province and the Federal Government. Toronto's health, well-being and future success is vital to the rest of the province and the country.

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1055.	reasonable property tax and user fee increases (geared to rate of inflation) / actively seeking funding from higher levels of government / NOT by selling off naming rights to everything - unless buyer funds a large proportion of the cost
1056.	Don't cut community services, cultural events, or LGBTQ events and resources. They are important to our city. If you cut these services, it will reflect badly on the City of Toronto to the rest of the world. They will lose respect for us as a city.
1057.	licensing fee for cars owned by residents each year.
1058.	Contracting out doesn't save the city money. Private businesses need a profit to stay alive, and the more corners that are cut, the higher the profit. So we'll pay more for the same or reduced level of service.
1059.	Salary caps on city staff to save money (nobody in Toronto needs to make more than \$150,000). / Hire better, more efficient, motivated staff. Hiring a capable person instead of two incapable people will save time and money. / User fees and taxes on non-environmentally-friendly behaviours. For example user fees for cars entering the innercity.
1060.	NO INSIDE CITY TAX / RAISE TAXES / CUT THE POLICE BUDGET BY 20 % / RESCIND THE LAME SALARY INCREASES GIVEN BY THE GRAVY TRAIN IN A NEW NAME - / NO MORE 2 OFFICERS IN CARS FOR EXAMPLE / NO MORE OVERTIME ABUSES /
1061.	The city of Toronto has new taxing powers. Toronto needs to find innovative ways to tax those who can afford it to support those who cannot. (e.g. sales tax, car tax, hotel tax, land transfer tax) Tax cuts for short term political gain are selling the city short and undermining what makes Toronto great.
1062.	I'm a homeowner and property tax payer, and I am willing to pay more for better and more equitable services! The city needs to invest in services, especially for our most vulnerable populations.
1063.	I think property taxes should at least maintain parity with inflation. / I don't think it is reasonable to ask the average person to assess how the City should fund services. The survey also doesn't make it clear whether services that are privatized will still be free or subject to user fees.
1064.	The City should negotiate with the provincial government to receive more funding for services. Another useful way to raise funds might be to impose harsher financial penalties on things such as violating traffic laws, failing fire safety inspections, etc.

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1065.	Rob Ford campaigned that he would not cut city services. This entire survey is very obviously a ploy to "justify" the cuts he will continue to make. It's very disingenuous / Cities are at a disadvantage relative to the province and feds, but that doesn't mean you should turn on your residents. Increasing user fees removes the universal elements that make things like our health care system possible. It was run that way because we invest collectively and we all benefit. We will never benefit to exactly the same degree, but I'm okay with paying property tax that funds shelters for the homeless even though I hope to never need that service myself. We should all be funding city services through our taxes. That was the arrangement. I am NOT okay with paying taxes that then go toward privatized contracted out services - like garbage in Etobicoke - that then go to companies who pay their employees less, with fewer benefits and often no pensions - what kind of example is this city giving as an employer?? A crappy one if we keep heading in this direction. Government, including City, have the opportunity to provide employment and needed services. What's wrong with that? Public services delivered by public servants means people are paid fair wages and can afford the crazy cost of housing in this city. They spend their money reinvesting in this city like we all do when we eat, live and shop here.
1066.	I am concerned that issues that are part of what makes the city unique will be contracted out. I do not want to see our incredible animal services cut, arts, ttc, affordable housing, arts and entertainment serviced out as that will decrease the uniqueness and beauty that is Toronto. I am also concerned that this survey is very bias and I feel like my words have been manipulated by the multiple choice options.
1067.	In order to fund its services, the city needs to rethink its priorities and redistribute the amount of money it is already getting through taxes. The public does not mind paying more taxes provided that we actually SEE the fruit of our investments. If all we see is that services are being cut back, one can only wonder where our money is really being used.
1068.	Create and invent world-class attractions that is unique to Toronto as priority. Then invest in tourism...attract Tourist to come to Toronto. Use Singapore and Chicago as a reference model.
1069.	A combination of city tax support and user fees. Taking into account where users fees can be used and increased where users can afford to pay. Support to community centres and services that help support and educate the disadvantaged can move to create active citizens that may result in decreases needed in other areas. Education/Support is key to a positive community and city /
1070.	The City should be considering a wider range of tools to increase revenue, rather than simply increasing user fees or property taxes. Further discussion on Tax Increment Financing, development charges, and similar tools should be considered. Why was the vehicle registration tax ended without anything put in place to make up that loss of revenue??

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1071.	the City of Toronto is the economic engine of Ontario, therefore the province must act on funding some of our services. Especially those that are used and/or consumed by the GTA
1072.	Provincial Courts, Income Support, Subsidized Housing and some Public health Services such as Immunization should be Provincial responsibilities and funded by income taxes which are geared to income and inherently fairer.
1073.	As a home owner and tax payer, I think it is extremely important that all citizens enjoy a high quality of life and, therefore, am more than willing to increase my taxes to help ensure this happens.
1074.	Negotiation and collaboration with provincial and federal governments. Partnerships with private service providers or sponsors.
1075.	Reduce the unnecessary expenditures and try NOT TO increase any Taxes
1076.	keep city services in public hands - speak to other levels of government
1077.	The City of Toronto must continue the mandate to support access and equity, civic engagement and community development. It is an easy excuse to cut the community grants against benchmarking customer service. This reasoning does not make sense to me as a taxpayer. I chose to live in Toronto because it is a safe, diverse and equitable community. I hope my children to do so.
1078.	Road tolls, vehicle taxes, garbage taxes
1079.	There are other options than user fees or property taxes with regards to financing. Toronto provides services to many people and businesses that operate/live outside the city. This means that Toronto needs increased support from the provincial and federal governments, or find other ways for non-residents to pay their share of Toronto services.
1080.	The City has opportunities to engage with the Provincial and Federal Governments to negotiate cost sharing agreements. Toronto is an important economic engine for the Province and the Nation. Toronto's revenue generating capacity must be harnessed properly to strengthen Toronto's diverse communities.
1081.	Corporate sponsorship for art installations in public spaces.
1082.	This questionnaire was not nuanced and often the choices did not match the services mentioned. As I mentioned in an earlier comment, we must stop having tax increase holidays, as clearly our current taxes are not enough. And yes, I am a property owner, clinging by my fingernails to the middle class who, nevertheless, sees what taxes can do to improve our lives and sees the consequences when the only goal is to spend less money. To have a healthy city, we must provide a level of service to all citizens whether they can afford it or not.
1083.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax.
1084.	I think you should consider road tolls (but never sell off a road to an outside company) or downtown core entry tolls. This money could be used to help fund road construction and maintenance. The tolls would be paid by the users. / Lobby provincial and federal governments not to lower corporate taxes. If corporations have enough money to pay huge salaries and bonuses, they can afford to pay taxes for the services they use.

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1085.	It is important to ensure that user fees do not increase for low-income individuals and families.
1086.	Partnering with other levels of government
1087.	Use better planning to save costs. Contracting out garbage collection is unlikely to save money, and may cost more money in the long term. Similarly, having a multi-year plan for city forests and caring for existing trees requires a large initial output of money, but saves in the long term. I also support charging vehicle users in the city a fee to drive (like in London, England), particularly in certain zones during rush hour. This money should go directly to the TTC.
1088.	Taxes are the fairest way to fund services. Senior levels of government have to step up to the plate.
1089.	I would rather have a moderate property tax increase than see the city either reduce services or get even further behind in maintaining and upgrading the city's crumbling infrastructure.
1090.	Please keep and increase the quality of life for our city; now and in the long term.
1091.	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.
1092.	Service cuts are unacceptable. Although property taxes are less than ideal, user fee hikes are worse. The city needs to pressure the provincial and federal government to do their part to support the city, financially.
1093.	generate revenue through revenue tools available, don't cut revenue streams unless there is room, how else can we balance the budget?!
1094.	The City should think a bit outside the box about funding rather than go straight to increased property taxes or user fees. Contracting out services will help decrease inflated union salaries but sufficient checks and balances must then be put in place to ensure the quality of services delivered.
1095.	There is no shame in bringing our property tax level to a place that properly funds a well functioning and desirable city.
1096.	Cut out inefficiencies: make a LEAN City Hall! Sale/lease of city real estate.
1097.	Cut costs by using more efficient service delivery methods. Dismantle unions and pay fair wages rather than inflated wages. Fire people who are inefficient at their city jobs. Tax activities that are detrimental to the city (i.e. vehicle usage, contractors who complete city projects past deadline, vandalism, disturbing the peace etc.)

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1098.	Taxes on the wealthy and corporations have decreased substantially over the past 20 to 30 years! / Taxes on wealthy people and corporations should be brought back to the levels they were at during the 1970's. / Cities should ask the province to reduce their dependence on property taxes and instead be raising taxes on income tax, capital gains and corporate taxes.
1099.	Use the powers given by the province to find innovative revenue sources, not just property tax or user fees
1100.	Increasing taxes should be how a democratic society of any scale funds its services. Decreasing public services is not a solution, nor is privatizing or contracting out public services so that workers can be paid less than they deserve for creating and maintaining the services to which the community has a right. Taxes are the fair way to fund services, ensuring that everyone has equal access to services and that they all contribute according to their ability. Increasing user fees amounts to withholding public services from the less privileged and privileging the wealthy still further. Taxation ensures that everyone has equal access to public services and that everyone is treated fairly.
1101.	Advocate better in parliament so Toronto gets better support from the province.
1102.	The city can increase its parking fees so that more people can use public transportation. this will in return fund the TTC. But the City should also push more to get more funding from the province for the TTC. Thank you.
1103.	Upload health, housing and court policing to Province. (good luck!)
1104.	Work with the Province to find new revenue streams, including sales taxes and road tolls. Re-introduce the vehicle registration tax.
1105.	Work with provincial governments to fund universities. Pull funding of Catholic schools if they continue to illegally discriminate against queer students
1106.	Cut out the bums and ghetto leeches!
1107.	Negotiations should occur with other levels of government to match the provision of services with income
1108.	Share of Income Tax / Share of Harmonized Sales Tax and road tolls to fund TTC capital budget, social housing and other capital costs / Increase share of provincial and federal gasoline tax to fund TTC / Demand that Ontario and federal government reverse the downloading of costs to the city.
1109.	Consider tolls on the Gardiner Expressway and DVP as many of the people using these pieces of infrastructure live in the 905 and don't pay taxes into the city. Bring back automobile registration tax, as this was a small but useful fee.
1110.	Have provincial funding in place for any project related to infrastructure improvements.
1111.	TTC, Housing, Social Services should be funded by Provincial and Federal governments with money derived from income taxes
1112.	independent fundraising or lotteries could be used.
1113.	User fees are a must, if you use the service then you pay for it, if you don't use the service then you don't pay. Seems fair to me.

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1114.	1) Reduce the size of City Council from 45 to 23 and the corresponding support services. Re-assign support staff wherever humanly possible. / 2) Increase managerial efficiency by reducing the total number of management personnel in City departments, agencies, boards and commissions. Re-direct the money to frontline staff members AND the services that they provide. / 3) Discontinue the practice of off-duty paid duty for police officers as this is an unnecessary extravagance.
1115.	The City should increase funds for programs and service. Toronto should not have more cuts and maintain the beautiful Toronto we have always had.
1116.	YES: MAKE SURE THAT EACH DEPARTMENT IS RUN LIKE THE PRIVATE SECTOR. HIRE THE BEST STAFF AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR DELIVERING WHAT IS EXPECTED. REMOVE THOSE WHO DO NOT PERFORM (CURRENTLY IT APPEARS THAT ONCE A PERSON GETS A JOB FOR THE GOVERNMENT THEY CAN NEVER BE FIRED). MY OBSERVATION IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS TWICE THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IT NEEDS TO DELIVER THE SERVICES IT CURRENTLY DELIVERS (IN OTHER WORDS YOU CAN CUT-STAFF AND STILL PRODUCE THE SAME SERVICES. WITHOUT THE SCARE TACTICS THAT WE HEAR IN THE NEWS THAT ELIMINATING STAFF WILL MEAN POORER SERVICE). I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THEM BEING PAID FAIR AND GETTING GOOD PENSIONS, BUT THEY SHOULD BE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD OF EFFORT THAN THEY CURRENTLY ARE. ELIMINATE THE WASTE AND YOU CAN FUND THE SERVICES. ALSO ONE FINAL COMMENT ONE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BANK SO MANY DAYS SO THAT THEY CAN RETIRE YEARS AND ADVANCE AND STILL BE PAID. THAT IS RIDICULOUS. THE CITY SHOULD PROVIDE MANY OF THE SERVICES LISTED BECAUSE IF THE PRIVATE SECTOR PROVIDES IT FOR PROFIT, THE SERVICES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED EQUALLY TO ALL PARTS OF THE CITY AND WE WILL BECOME LIKE THE US WHERE THE RICH GET BETTER SERVICE THAN THE POOR. IF THE CITY MUST OUT SOURCE OR CONTRACT OUT THE PROPOSAL TO THE CONTRACTOR MUST ENSURE THAT IT MAKES CLEAR EXACTLY THE LEVEL OF SERVICE IT MUST PROVIDE TO ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE CITY.
1117.	Road tolls, especially for the many who use our roads but do not live or pay taxes here.
1118.	Toronto contributes \$11billion more per year in taxes than it gets back in funding. Surely our municipal politicians can emphasize to the electorate that it is important to cast their votes in provincial elections for the party that is willing to treat Toronto fairly.
1119.	International research and experience has demonstrated that user fees can be set by government in order to modify behaviour, raise earmarked revenue for the service being provided (e.g. transportation infrastructure) and assist in making bureaucracies more efficient, transparent and accountable to the public. See Bird, Richard M. & and Tsiopoulos, Thomas (1997). User Charges for Public Services: Potentials and Problems.
1120.	charge parking for motorbikes, road tolls, land transfer tax, vehicle registration fees
1121.	I want city services delivered by the city. I don't want my tax dollars being used to profit a private corporation. We need people to earn a decent wage otherwise the city will fall apart as we increase poverty and inequality.

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1122.	I firmly believe that the city has to raise property taxes in order to fund services. We pay amongst the lowest property taxes of most cities in southern Ontario, and a very modest increase would result in a stellar increase in the reputation of our city and the quality of life for the citizens fortunate enough to live within its boundaries.
1123.	Pursue more revenue creation strategies from province and federal levels
1124.	Some services should be funded through provincial partnerships. the province has reduced its funding of city services in the past, this needs to be restored to ensure quality services are provided. / Community partnership can bring funding to the City. Community organizations can help raise funds to bring to city parks, community centres, etc. These partnerships should be supported and encouraged.
1125.	It seems to me that this survey does not offer certain options that have been made possible for the City through powers granted to it by the Province. There are options like the abandoned tax on vehicles and the land transfer tax, taxes specific to City users who have a certain level of comfort and discretion, that are not offered in place of measures like selling off stores of City-owned housing, for instance. There's a perception that the questions have been manipulated to produce certain responses.
1126.	The Province should upload services.
1127.	Carbon tax / Gas tax / Tax on cigarettes / Tax on car ownership / Higher corporate taxes / Higher sales taxes on luxury items /
1128.	Vehicle registration tax / Land transfer tax
1129.	Bring back the Vehicle Registration tax.
1130.	The Vehicle Registration fee should be re-instated. Toronto parking should be priced higher for larger vehicles. Other fees like ones that are progressive (sliding scale depending on income) or not tied to services for the most vulnerable citizens should be instated. NOT for Recreation Centres ... especially in Priority neighbourhoods, or Shelters, or affordable housing ... but higher TTC fees or Water Use Fees/taxes are a possibility.
1131.	Partnerships with other levels of government / Sponsorships
1132.	Renegotiate and reverse the downloading of services from the Province. / Negotiate with the Government of Canada the power to keep a portion of the HST
1133.	Stop pretending everyone is broke. Property taxes have been kept artificially low. The lies about this need to stop. My sister owns a house in another province valued at about 25% of the value of mine, yet she pays more in property taxes than I do and she gets far less service. Stop listening to belly achers. If people can afford \$100 + per month each for a cell phone and for cable TV and so on, they can afford to pay more for services that are essential to life. If I get hit by a car on a City street, the \$1200 a year I pay to Rogers for a cell phone will NEVER result in Rogers sending an ambulance for me. Get real. Raise property taxes.

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1134.	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.
1135.	in some cases contracting out could be to the city's advantage but I don't trust the process and the integrity level of those winning contracts is suspect. Its also important to not increase user fees for those who cannot afford it. The ' level of being able to afford' is important and a tough call.
1136.	Some of each income from events/festivals or investments should go into a contingency fund to cover unexpected legal costs. Fund can be invested in various short and long-term items as long as they can be cashed out when need is determined. Festivals that lose money more than one year in a row can expect to be cut or revised to maintain profitability. What kinds of festivals are Toronto's and not an imitation of some other city's festivals? Winterlicious/Summerlicious ought to go (what does the promotion cost the City?)-let hospitality sector run that kind of program. / Road closure permits-what is the real cost to close a road then re-open it? Maybe a real cost based on the road size and importance and detour of services and labour involved will be attached to a permit. Maybe fewer events will want road closures and seek properties they can rent instead. / Library cards-I notice that Toronto does not list any reciprocal borrowing policies with library systems outside of Toronto. Keep the \$25 for 3-month card policy-great way for an out of towners to get acquainted with TPL. However, what if an out of towners wanted a year-long card-would the annual cost still be \$100 or would it be less? / Exhibition Place--nice place by the water but aside from the Direct Energy Centre, are all the buildings in year round use? How is that new hotel/conference space doing financially? When can Torontonians expect to get affordable tickets to a Toronto FC game?
1137.	Yes, services are going to cost more ever year, but they do not have to outpace inflation and the City's own revenue growth. This survey ignores cost reductions. Is there any reason the Police should be getting such a massive, and undeserved, increase in wages? No. How about the City focus on reducing costs and the number of people it employs. The same level of service could be provided with far fewer people, if the City would only invest in technology.
1138.	Tax the circulation of cars in the downtown; this will reduce congestion and increase revenue.
1139.	we can entertain on adding property tax or increasing service fees if necessary but we should never privatize public services. / IF we want to have healthy, affordable and livable city ... PUBLIC SERVICES MUST STAY PUBLIC. / PERIOD.
1140.	Be smart. Invest in what science has proven works.
1141.	Other levels of government need to contribute - both provincial and federal.

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1142.	Cut staff and get higher efficiency out of the staff remaining. Work crews shouldn't have 5 people standing around looking at the one person digging. In offices staff should understand they're in the service business and we pay their salaries. There is an arrogance with many city workers and a feeling of entitlement....and that's not good.
1143.	Reduce administrative costs, cut freebies like city cars, reduce numbers of 'managers' of departments, reduce police budget by using citizens, signs on construction projects instead of paying police officers overtime to stand around a hole in the street, consult public on a regular basis for ideas
1144.	do not cut city jobs!
1145.	User fees should only be applied where the user base is capable of paying, i.e. user fees for homeless shelters and social housing are oxy-moronic. / / Public libraries, parks and green spaces, festivals, etc. should not have user fees. / / I'm disappointed that this survey doesn't take into account any other revenue streams, beyond user fees and property taxes. There are other options for diversifying the city's revenue base.
1146.	toll roads for all the commuters who use city resources when they drive in every day
1147.	Do not impose user fees; less people will use services and they will then continue to lose revenue.
1148.	user fees expect for those who are on assistance
1149.	Invest in profit making initiatives - i.e.. Build building on top of Yonge/Eglinton TTC centre and rent out space. / Rent out space on city properties, increase fees for all emergency services. / Upload services to province/federal government. / Demand more funding from higher levels of government
1150.	I understand that costs increase yearly, but I don't think that property tax increases should be the only way to fund it. Couldn't all people (including renters) also pay more? It is unfair to tax the homeowners...I have less money since purchasing a home. I guess contract out what you can to lower overall costs....I want to know how you could tax the average person right across the board, without necessarily increasing user fees....I can't think of a way. Maybe bike licensing if there is going to be more biking infrastructure....sorry, out of ideas!
1151.	User fees for some services, but not for families with an annual income of less than \$40,000 or individuals with an annual income of less than \$30,000.
1152.	Re-upload services to the province/federal governments where it makes sense (e.g.. social services which need to be provided on a provincial/federal basis anyway).
1153.	the city should not fund its services through parking fines.... parking should be a legitimate way to control traffic on streets -- not in effect a tax to pay for services. if the services cost so much, asses taxes or user fees to cover these costs. dealing with parking services in this city is one of the most unpleasant aspects of toronto.
1154.	I resent the bias of this survey, the (subtle) portrayal of property taxes as an optional funding resource. The reality is that property taxes = service and lower property taxes = lesser service. Why not consider other additional resources like road tolls? Or congestion fees for downtown driving? (I can already hear cries of "war on drivers" but, in truth, don't we all subsidize them now?)

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1155.	Increase user fees. If we are not willing to pay reasonable fees (market rates) for services then we do not really value or want those services.
1156.	I really thought that vehicle registration tax was a good thing and should not have been ended. It was a poor choice and largely motivated by a desire to win elections and destroying a legacy than trying to balance the city budget. It was not a perfect solution but raising property taxes is not going to make anyone happy either. Perhaps if the downtown express ways and roads had some sort of a toll system. /
1157.	There is no mention of potential revenue streams for example I would support tolls on major roads in and out of the City. I also support the vehicle registration fee. Why are these options not on the list? / / I also believe that some harmonizing may be possible between EMS, Fire and Police - why do 3 trucks, cruisers and ambulance show up at a relatively minor call? / / Thanks.
1158.	Continue to lobby the provincial and federal governments for funding on downloaded social programs. /
1159.	Be creative about revenue generation options, including recognizing the value and job creation opportunities provided by investments in the Portlands and Lower West Donlands infrastructure improvements.. Lobby to return some of the items that were downloaded onto the city by the province. Prevention is better than cure in the case of policing - more investment in community means lower policing costs long-term. Investigate successful international models for transportation - one card for bus bike train and taxi, and perhaps even a private enterprise component - small flexible tickey taxis (South African model) to supplement bus services.
1160.	Lobby for provincial and federal support
1161.	City should ensure that appropriate level of government is covering costs for services that fall outside City's core group. EG province should be paying housing subsidies and for what are essentially health care services that the city provides because they are not elsewhere covered (e.g. shelters house many people with severe health issues).
1162.	City should have a better financial tracking system like the Provincial Government has (IFIS), as its hard to track funding in the city with all the small agencies. / City should look at other resources for funding instead of raising Property Taxes and TTC Fares. By rising the prices, your making housing less affordable for the seniors that are here. In the years to come, houses will sit empty as everyone opts to live in a condo because the taxes are much less or rent for that matter.

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1163.	I think this survey does not provide participants adequate response options for determining whether a city service should be invested in (i.e. higher quality) or whether it should reduce its costs. Increasing a service's budget does not proportionally correlate to an increase in quality. It is unfair to present the options in this manner and it will skew the results of the outcome. / / As far as how services should be managed these response options are also not adequate. Currently there are many services that are managed through a blend of city-run and private company run services. To force the participant to choose one option or another ignores the current state of the system. / / Finally, how the City should fund its services. I think that the City should neither rely on property taxes or user fees as both are regressive forms of taxation. The City should have access to sales or income tax to fund its services.
1164.	Services are going to have to be cut if taxes keep getting cut by Mayor Ford and city council. An example of this is the revenue lost when the vehicle registration tax was cut. I do not support tax cuts because they lead to cuts in essential services for citizens. Cutting taxes is short sighted and disrespectful to those citizens that depend on city services.
1165.	We need to examine wages of all city employees - union and non-union. Public sector has outstripped private sector wage increases significantly over the years. / / Let's reduce the number of senior managers. / / Let's go after federal and provincial governments to pay for a good deal of the social services, and share in the costs of social housing. / / Bring back the car tax of \$60.00; it isn't even the cost of a monthly TTC pass (I have a car). / / Increase the cost of on-street parking permits. / / Tolls to enter and exit Metropolitan Toronto. / / User fee increases on arenas, community centres and day-care centres. / / Height tax for condos. Units pay fees on an increasing scale the higher up they are in condominiums. Units on the first floor would pay far less than units on the twentieth floor. These units take away others' views, and others' skylight, so a 'sky tax' seems reasonable. / / We seemed to manage money far better before we were amalgamated. Let's separate the cities so each region can address its specific needs. / / Let't bring non-partisan democracy back to City Hall / /
1166.	Collect Toll fees for people who live outside of the city and drive in and use the city every day or when they do. Take the jab out of just city dwellers as we already deal with so many things... charge people outside the "city a city user tax"... Create more Volunteer efforts and new ideas of HOW TO OPERATE. OUR HEALTH system is OLD - introduce NEW Self-Awareness on healing and prevention. Initiate GROUP and NEIGHBOURHOOD plans to have all contribute to their spaces as monthly neighbourhood potlucks and clean ups. Upgrade and sell some city properties to create income. CREATE MORE COMMUNITY GROWING SPACES - FOR INNER CITY GARDENS on rooftops and PLANT MORE FRUIT TREES IN PARKS.

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1167.	The City of Toronto should stop increasing the amount it spends on police services and reduce it. The current amount spent on police services is not based on the evidence that crime rates are decreasing. / The City of Toronto should not contract out services - it makes no sense that a private company with a profit motive can deliver services for less money than a public enterprise. Moreover, workers deserve fair wages for work, especially when living in a city such as Toronto. / Toronto should consider tolls on roads and invest that money in the TTC and bike lanes. /
1168.	Have more accountability, stop double dipping and stop paying for pricey consultants to review things that should be working fine on their own
1169.	property taxes are lower than surrounding municipalities. Provincial services that were dunoed on the cities during Mike Harris Govt. should be reverted back to province. Regional govt. must be abolished and their services should be shared by city and province. Even Education levy based on property value is archaic and us provincial responsibility and funded through general revenues. Canadians are over governed by four levels of government which cost money and are inefficient.
1170.	I feel that the level of services has dropped in the City of Toronto over the past many years because there is reluctance to increase user fees and/or property taxes for political reasons. Although I don't want to fund misspending, I do want all Torontonians to for excellent services. We talk about being a world class city but I drive my car over uneven roads and watch other unchecked motorists behave badly, I step over litter on sidewalks and in the subway and I watch drug deals happen in the streets of our neighbourhoods where no police presence is found and I wonder what has happened to our great city. If people are not willing to pay the price to live in Toronto then they should find a city with substandard services in which to live.
1171.	The City needs to return to negotiations with the provincial and federal governments to reverse the continuing problems associated with the downloading of the Mike Harris era. TTC, housing, welfare and numerous other services should be at least cost-shared, not the city's burden alone.
1172.	The city should not lower or cut any services to residents and should actually look at expanding how it serves residents
1173.	The city should definitely NOT sell off things like Toronto Hydro
1174.	By properly allocating taxes and funds for social services not wasting money on ridiculous and gratuitous spending on salaries of the higher ups. We need to start prioritizing our investments in the city and not pander to fear mongers who want to increase security, policing and the like instead of looking at long term solutions to poverty, homelessness and mental health issues.
1175.	sell assets that are unnecessary or inappropriate for the city to be running. cap wages and staffing levels
1176.	cut the insane salaries of police and city councillors. share the wealth
1177.	Corporate sponsorship.

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1178.	I don't see the point of user fees if it's merely shifting costs around. It makes sense to charge the marginal cost of SOME services, and it certainly makes sense to charge user fees for undesirable activities like driving during rush hour, but we shouldn't charge kids to get library cards or anything like that.
1179.	Stop cutting service fees (vehicle registration tax) and not increasing taxes in line with inflation, both of which will create an artificial budget shortfall which will be used to justify cutting services. Democracy is expensive but worth the cost.
1180.	Go to Provincial and Federal Governments for funding. More of our own tax dollars need to stay in our city!
1181.	Property taxes are low in Toronto as compared to the average house price. If you can afford to purchase a house in Toronto, you can afford to pay a bit more a year in property taxes to contribute to providing services and programs that make our city enjoyable and liveable. In some cases I would support an increase in user fees if the increase was on a sliding scale according to income, so that a) low income is not a barrier to participation and the b) those who can afford to pay do and subsidize the service for more vulnerable members of our city. I think it is a mistake to sell off city assets and services. We should look for ways to make our services efficient and responsive to Torontonians, but selling off assets is short sighted and makes our city more vulnerable over the long run.
1182.	I'm finding the notion of rating the importance of essential services in most important to least important is completely insulting and insensitive. This process is shameful and the fact that as citizens you want our assistance in deciding what to cut from a great city such as Toronto, is an indication of what truly ineffective government is.
1183.	Cut Ford's pay and invest these funds in childcare, community services and development, nursing homes. Toronto is my home!
1184.	The survey is flawed because none of the options mention federal/provincial subsidies as a source of funding for city services. One of the options for funding city services (i.e., TTC, housing, community centres, arts events, etc.) should be to insist on additional funding from other levels of government in line with Toronto's strategic economic and cultural role within Ontario/Canada.
1185.	get the province to pay for the services for which it is responsible including court services and health care services
1186.	Look for other sources of revenue such as congestion taxes like in London England, car registration taxes and road tolls
1187.	Run a lottery like the hospitals and you will have cash to fund many services year over year.
1188.	The city should press very hard to get Province to upload expenses that were downloaded in the Harris years.
1189.	Privatize when a cost savings is available. Stop making car drivers pay for the TTC. If you want to ride the TTC then pay the fare. Lets hope the war on the car will come to an end with the help of Mayor Ford. Hopefully he will continue following up with his promises

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1190.	Stop trying to privatize services. If the private sector can provide a service more cost effectively than the city does - the city can provide the same service at the same price! Our city needs to invest in itself, or we will no longer be a world class city that Canadians can be proud of. It's our right to have a great city and it's our responsibility to ensure it prospers.
1191.	Through corporate partnership, many companies want to invest in parks, forests, trails, arts and culture events and other basic amenities or services that make cities great places to live
1192.	User fees
1193.	By increasing corporate taxes; by re-instating the vehicle registration tax; increase the cost of parking in the city; institute a vehicle congestion charge as they have done in the UK.
1194.	road pricing (think of it as "user fees")
1195.	Put higher tax on luxury items - most of us cannot afford those anyhow. I would have to read more research as to other items that could be taxed but the middle class have been gouged enough. / / Get more money from Federal government for the biggest city in Canada. The reality is; Toronto pays a lot of taxes into the federal and provincial government; however, the Federal and Provincial government are giving Toronto less and less. This does not represent our population and the amount of money we pay in taxes. This website appears to be putting a lot of pressure on citizens of the city when in fact our city is not receiving the funding we deserve from higher levels of government. I understand that running the city is difficult but cutting back on the services that have always made Canada a great country to live in is not the place to start. / / If property taxes and user fees are increased it is the middle class that will pay most of the bill. Living in the city is already not affordable. Increasing user fees, like the ttc means that the people who cannot afford a car, or driving will be paying the bill of the city. / / Contracting out is not the only answer because private companies have been proven to raise costs of services. If a household makes more than \$250,000, then they should be taxed more than people whose combined income is \$100,000.
1196.	So many people from outside of the city use our services. Especially people who commute from outside the city and significantly increase traffic flow. If they are not Toronto residents, they should pay a toll to help pay for maintaining our infrastructure. We could also have a price structure for services like the Ex where non-residents pay more user fees than residents but not so disparate as to lose too many users/revenue. / / Also, why are the provincial/federal governments not mentioned? They have a responsibility to invest in the city. What about businesses and our growing class of the business elite? It is absurd to expect a shrinking middle class to fund the growing fiscal demands of Toronto. I find this questionnaire has been very leading because it has not mentioned taxes for business and government as sources of revenue.

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1197.	<p>Reduce unnecessary programmes. For example, stop trying to control tree removal from private property. Stop providing free trees (if this programme is still in effect). / / Charge fees for summer programmes that reflect those in the private sector - keep it cheap for low-income families only. / / Consider the cost of flowers in parks - fewer annuals and more perennials would make sense. / / Consider more group TTC fares. The TTC is so expensive that it is usually cheaper for two couples to drive and park rather than take the TTC for an evening out. / / I'm an avid library user but would accept a minor reduction in hours to reduce employment costs over time. Opening an hour later wouldn't reduce public access significantly. / / TDSB and Parks and Recreation courses are well-attended but lack choice and expertise in many areas. Could higher level, specialty adult programming be a revenue opportunity for the City? I would pay more for an excellent seminar series on certain topics. There are underutilized facilities in our schools (music rooms, woodworking shops, etc.). / / I do some contract work for Toronto Public Health and discovered that the computers must be left on 24 hours a day in order to accommodate IT updates. Is there another way to meet this need that would end this energy-wasting practice? / / Toronto Public Health sexual health clinics deliver services that, if provided in a private office, could be billed to OHIP, the federal refugee programme, or to 3rd party insurers (foreign students with university private plans). I believe there is a benefit in having the City provide these services (improved access to certain groups) but the source of funding should be reviewed. There is an arrangement to get provincial funds for STD services but not for any contraception services. Why does OHIP pay when I give a student contraceptive advice in her university medical centre but, if she goes to a City clinic, Toronto foots the bill. Likewise, private insurers and the Federal Government would pay if our services were provided in a walk-in clinic. / / I hope the new subway cars are being bought only to replace cars that are not worth maintaining any longer. If the whole "fleet" is being replaced, this has been an unforgivable waste of money. We need money to be spent on keeping the system running. I can't count the number of times I've been late for work (and lost income as a result) because of "signal problems". / / STOP PAYING POLICE FOR JOBS THAT DON'T REQUIRE THEIR EXPERTISE!!! Others can and should perform those functions.</p>
1198.	<p>Make sure all business and individuals pay taxes in full. Increase amount paid in property taxes for large and higher-value homes. Currently they do not share relative cost to the city/</p>
1199.	<p>Co-partnering with other levels of government.</p>

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1200.	I think that by and large, the city was well run financially. Ford cut taxes that obviously need to be restored. He promised a reduction in taxes with no cuts to service. This survey shows that his promise was politically based and not financially realistic. / Privatizing of services often results in increased costs, lower quality and lack of oversight... decision are made in the provider's best interests not the citizens. Any contracts must have quality measures and performance requirements along with restrictions on cost increases. We also do not simply want to fire all the public sector works and displace them the same way we have displaced the manufacturing sector
1201.	YES! stop trying to cut services by threatening us with promises of privatization - a city of this size should be able to find ways to both deliver public services itself and to run itself as a profitable entity - stop trying to undersell public services to lousy private contractors that will only rob citizens of their money while providing inferior working conditions for their staff & inferior services to the public
1202.	1.Strive to Reduce Non-Essential Services and cut fat / 2. Increase revenue streams e.g. / (a) Reduce # of councillors / (b) Introduce/enforce bylaw for littering with fines high enough to significantly offset enforcement costs. / (c) Toughen parking violation enforcement and increase fine amounts. / (d) Aggressively collect unpaid fines. / (e) Reduce and/or eliminate City support of "nice to have" arts and cultural services during current difficult financial times to encourage supporters to personally support their causes/programs. /
1203.	Churches and other religious buildings/holdings should not be exempt from property taxes and other things like that. / The vehicle tax should be re-instated. / Road tolls / LEAVE the 5cent bag fee / Don't increase spending on un-necessary services like 3-1-1
1204.	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.
1205.	The City should explore and implement other revenue sources. Axing things like the land transfer tax and vehicle registration tax is just stupid, given the financial pressures facing the City. There needs to be more ideas like that (e.g., hotel tax), not fewer.
1206.	Use the money you wasted on this survey in order to invest in all the services and programs that city council is itching to cut, all for nothing more than political gain.
1207.	stop spending \$ on traffic calming measures / have an in depth financial review of police budget and how resources are allocated between front line and management / eliminated mounted police / stop funding discretionary programmes such as art, community and cultural groups / province should pay for and administer all court, welfare, homeless, low cost housing and care for aged programmes
1208.	Commercial taxes and development fees/taxes. / / User fees applicable only if accommodations are made for those who cannot afford it, especially where recreation programs and social services are concerned.

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1209.	City should fund or have user fees for residents who are part of our city especially in our community centre. I personally know of people out live outside of the GTA and have registered for programs (kids and adults) using their parents toronto address. How about asking for identification and holding person to person registration at community centres. Youths should have their own programs after school or on weekends, rather than being drop ins for programs run at community centres. I am one of about a dozen on a waiting list for a zumba class at ancaster community centre. The gym will hold at least 30 to 40 participants, however, only 15 have paid the fees while the other 15 spots are being held for youth drop ins. When I contacted the staff I was told that the spots are held for youths between the ages of 15 to 24. In my opinion once you are 19 years of age you are no longer a youth.
1210.	raise taxes, toll roads, charge commuters fees to come into our city for roads, sewage, water, electrical distribution / they use our city for their entertainment, cultural activities, and pay no taxes to maintain them / toronto is the economic centre of Ontario and Canada and millions depend on toronto for jobs etc / we carry a lot of people on our backs and get no compensation for it
1211.	lottery or casino
1212.	We can afford higher property tax as long as we know how this increase is being spent.
1213.	Re-examine the costs of the proposed capital and operating Sheppard subway extension; consider constructing subway elsewhere where future operating costs will be reduced with greater ridership. / Institute development permit system where developers pay for the increase in value of land resulting from increased access or servicing (e.g., widening a road or providing increased capacity for sewer & water or subway) / Increase street permit parking rates - smaller cars w. lower rates; higher rates for the largest vehicles; institute street parking permits in all areas of City, including Etobicoke where it currently does not exist.
1214.	Turn DVP and Allen Expressway into toll roads. License bicycles.
1215.	As with some provincial drug plans work with other neighbouring cities to ask for out sourced bids and use Toronto's size to get better scale from providers. Road Tolls - work with province to fund a pilot program for next couple of years to look at issues and technology. / / Arena Boards governance model is broken and needs to be eliminated or removed and have City take over responsibilities and save the costs and salaries that are already being done by City staff
1216.	user fees should not hurt low income residents

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1217.	The City has to find ways to increase public transportation by increasing the quality of the service at lower cost by having a congestion tax (like in London, England) or other fees for car users in the city. A bicycle network with proper bike lanes (like in Montreal) is also essential to a city of this size. People coming from surrounding areas who are using public transportation have to somehow contribute to its cost. A user getting on at Kipling to go downtown shouldn't pay the same fare as someone going 4 blocks. There could also be a bed tax, like in England for visitors. A lot of people benefit from the services the city has to offer and we have to find ways to make every contribute to its development and maintain the services. Cutting taxes and privatization are not the solution!
1218.	User fees to discourage unsustainable practices. For example, road tolls, water usage, waste management, storm water management
1219.	Property taxes are the fairest way to fund city services. Property taxes put the greatest burden on those who can best afford it. User fees disallow use of services by the most vulnerable.
1220.	I have no problem paying more in either User Fees or Property Taxes ONLY after the City significantly reduces its cost of operations and gets it under control by delivering necessary services cost effectively. Overtime and Benefits can be reduced in various ways for example although the budget documents do not itemize these that I could find. TPS is the obvious area where cost reductions could be gained. Hire security guards to monitor road construction for example. Demand the province pick up 100% of Court Services security now and not in 5 years. Other suggestions: Eliminate the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (\$2.2M); Theatres should be 100% self funding; review public housing stock and sell of buildings such as Humberline Drive to the private sector; Reduce IT expenditure easily by 10%; eliminate the "Culture" from Economic Development and Culture agency;
1221.	Basically the city of Toronto needs to realize its a city. it's priorities should be business, transportation. arts and garbage disposal. if people don't like these things they should move to the suburbs. We deserve a low fare based transportation system with a proper subway system downtown not above dupont. A queen subway will do it as well. the queen street car needs to go. We need leaders who support the arts - because this is what makes a city amazing. We need a police service people trust and admire- like in NYC. Toronto after the horrific G20 event made many distrust the police and this city is at an all time low. Harper is not helping fix this at all- oh if the city could fire him that would be great:)
1222.	Cut social program costs. Welfare reform. Public housing reform.
1223.	vehicle registry tax, road tolls, cutting management positions
1224.	It's important to maintain the social fabric of the city by not imposing user fees that exclude many residents from the facilities and services that the city has to offer. What about considering a surtax on residents living in properties worth #1 million plus?

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1225.	If the city considers user fees for some services. IT MUST BE MORE FOR THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT. No fees for families making less than \$30,000/yr. No fees for SENIORS over the age of 60yrs. No fees for a single person living on less than \$25.000/yr. Let the more affluent pay.
1226.	Instead of looking to increase funding of the city by taxing or charging the citizen, explore funding from the government of Canada. Don't you think it's more important to help Canadian citizens instead of donating \$30,000 to Chernobyl, donating thousands of dollars to Haiti or even the worst of it all, paying millions of dollars for the G20 so that leaders don't have to reduce their standard of living and someone in the Canadian govt makes huge revenues from this deal???!!! Worse of all G20 and G8 are useless talks and don't lead to anything. Stop increasing the cost of living of individuals and let big businesses assist with this!!! It's not fair...
1227.	demand funding from provincial and federal sources
1228.	Get the province to pay its fair share of downloaded services
1229.	This survey is skewed because when I selected in-depth it was for services that I care for want the city to pay for from taxes. Had I more time I would have selected those that I think user fees may apply. There should have been a grid to select from the whole list where user fees could be applied e.g. ice rinks that don't interest me at all but I didn't select that one in depth because they don't interest me.
1230.	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.
1231.	Complete transfer of provincially mandated services back to the province (e.g. welfare, Ontario Works) and take them off the city property tax base

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1232.	The City of Toronto should demand more funding from the provincial and federal governments. We cannot pay for all of the necessary services on property taxes alone but we also cannot freeze property taxes or increase user fees because this will have a devastating effect on the most vulnerable people in our city. We need our community and social services to help improve the quality of life of low-income families. We need more services not less. We need services that are accessible and equitable for all. We need services that are culturally relevant and gender sensitive. Most importantly we need services that will reflect the diversity of all of Toronto's residents including gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual identity, language etc...
1233.	Yes, the vehicle tax should not have been removed. The province should pay more for the TTC. The city should look for other sources of revenue besides property tax. Business taxes should be increased.
1234.	Get provincial/national funding.
1235.	User fees for community-led programs and initiatives to contribute to more community-led programs and initiatives. Build more self-sustaining systems through the support of city-led programs and initiatives.
1236.	Road tolls, increasing car parking fees, benchmarking property taxes to inflation, development fees, advocating for proper share of funding from other levels of government
1237.	Fiscal strength must be regained. / Establish a 3 yr plan to eliminate deficit and build up reserves. / How? expenditures - freeze all expenditures. reduce expenditures on all but services which are deemed essential. / Revenues - Establish new fees or taxes that will NOT be placed into general city coffers but instead eliminate debt and establish reserve fund. perhaps a city tax on entertainment (tickets), hotel rooms, special levy on property tax, special development levy. These extra charges would occur by law for only a 3 year period and be placed in a separate, special account. After 3 years, review again and invest only in areas which are deemed important. I feel public will pay more if the extra revenue is separated and invested. /

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1238.	Part of what makes Toronto a great city is all that comes with civic citizenship. It makes me proud to be able to see incredible free concerts at the Harbourfront Bandshell, or to visit one of the world's best zoos. Toronto is an international city -- many people come here from all over the world -- and when my friends from other countries come here, it makes me extremely proud to show them both the city's attractions, and also the neighbourhoods. Toronto is a pedestrian city -- more people walk around here than in Victoria, Vancouver, and Winnipeg (all city's I've lived in for four years each) -- and that is what makes it so cohesive. A lot of that is because of the efficiency of the TTC and the bike networks. Toronto is also an intelligent city; people here are very well read compared to the other city's I've lived, and I think this has to do with the TTC as well; just look at how many people are reading books and news when on the subway or streetcars or buses. The gap between high income and low income populations is growing. I feel that it is a moral responsibility for the strong to protect the weak and, by that same logic, for the wealthy to enrich the poor. A homeowner's taxes increasing by \$10 per month -- even though that homeowner might not use the service -- can help a single mother find affordable childcare for her kids so that she can work a job to feed them properly and provide a strong example to her kids. I feel that is a small price to pay for a better city. We're at risk of ghetto-izing parts of Toronto if we don't make efforts to improve and increase the quality and value of services for people regardless of their income.
1239.	it is obvious from your survey that the typical public sector thinks reduction in delivery costs equates to a reduction in service. / / The city of toronto does not have a revenue problem at all. It has a serious expenditure problem. base don this survey, the city is into areas that they have no need or jurisdiction or are duplicating services provide by the federal and provincial levels. / / It is time to cut cut cut cut cut!!!!
1240.	When a company starts losing money, the first thing they do is cut back and outsource. Running a city is very much like running a company. Before you think about how to increase your revenue, first manage your costs. Start living within our means, we can't rely on the government to take care of us from birth to death. Grow some guts and start cutting programs. The day that I see the government cutting millions in spending is the day I will start respecting the folks in City Hall. One dollar increase in my taxes is one more reason why I want to leave this city. Then, the city won't have a penny of my tax dollars to blow on programs.
1241.	City should be making use of as many revenue streams as possible and look to province to provide a GTA wide sales tax.
1242.	Road tolls/congestion taxes like the most advanced world cities and continued requests to other levels of government for shares of gas tax/income tax.
1243.	Explore toll roads. Bring back the vehicle registration tax. Charge higher fees for larger vehicles based on engine size (since they pollute more and cause more wear and tear on the roads). E.g.. 8 cylinder and higher, \$120. 6 cylinder: \$80. 4 cylinder: \$60. Hybrids/all electric: \$25.

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1244.	Increase all user fees. Pass by-laws against posterage and tagging with significant fines against the benefactor (advertiser) of the posters. These fines should cover the costs of labour to remove the posters from post office boxes, hydro poles, city garbage bins, bus shelters, etc.
1245.	By demanding a fairer deal with the province.
1246.	City services have to be paid through taxes and fees. It's unfortunate that so much of the burden is placed on the property tax. Re-distribute the burden on other taxes and fees so that some property owners get a degree of relief. Yes, that means "new taxes," which is anathema to the current administration, but it could also mean lower taxes for individuals who might not be subject to all the various forms of taxes.
1247.	Increase quality.
1248.	Cut down on waste. Get out of anything that is not essential. Reduce the costs of "welfare" to the levels it was when the province downloaded this to the city (i.e. if at that time we were funded for 200 people on welfare, then we should always only be funding 200 people -we should cut down on the fraud and abuse and get these people working). Cut the number of city councillors, their discretionary budgets and their staff. Why are we paying for travel outside the city, long distance phone calls, etc - the jobs are here in the city there should be no need for long distance calls or travel outside the city. If councillors want to go to a convention outside the city there should be an independent board (no councillors sitting on it) to determine what can be learned at the convention, the max number to go to the convention should be 1 or 2 and they should have to make a presentation to Council when they come back about what they learned (Just like you would have to do in a for-profit business).
1249.	With respect to outsourcing: / 1. Private companies are not accountable to the public. As a representative government of and for residents, the City should provide services when accountability and integrity are important and when the service itself is more important than its profitability. / / 2. There is very little evidence demonstrating that the private sector can deliver public services either better or at lower cost. Look at the privatization of the train system in the UK -- a disaster that led to both higher costs and lower quality; or of the electricity market in the US. Public goods and services should be delivered by public bodies without a profit motive. / 3. When considering savings from outsourcing, consider also the broader economic effects of trading good jobs for McJobs. What is the real social and economic effect of firing 300 heads of families in order to save \$6mm on garbage collection? How can we say we value "good" jobs while eliminating them at the same time? As a resident and taxpayer, I'm willing to pay more in taxes and fees if it means city employees can earn a decent wage. That doesn't mean the ridiculous excesses of union contracts e.g. sick days... just a balance. / 4. The most serious problem in terms of livability is traffic, particularly in and out of the city on the DVP and other highways.
1250.	road tolls for the 905ers!!

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1251.	Yes...it should ensure that all services are accessible and affordable to all in the City of Toronto. I do not really want to see taxes or user fees increase, and if they were for it to be equitable and for those WHO CAN afford to pay more do so, that is not the low and/or lower middle class. I strongly believe that there is a great number of core services that should be funded and provided by the City...that is their responsibility to the public - I don't want to see a Walkerton here in Toronto. Can things be re-evaluated and reconsidered...for sure, but watch at what cost and at what expense.
1252.	Compensation of city workers, similar to the provincial and federal public service respectively, is the biggest cost for the City. Need to tackle this and bring it in line with private sector compensation. The downturn in the economy has seen the decrease or stagnation of private sector compensation. There is no way that public sector compensation should not experience the same. If this does not happen, then privatization in some areas would be best: keeps the service provided competitive and keeps the compensation competitive.
1253.	Property taxes are significantly lower in the City of Toronto when compared to other GTA municipalities, for a higher level of service. We should be paying a rate necessary to fund the services and facilities we need, and to invest in improving the city. The most reasonable way to do this is through property taxes, but the Vehicle Registration fee was also a reasonable revenue source which should not have been cut.
1254.	For the purpose of attracting tourism, I suggest a robust Arts, leisure and sports focus. I am not interested who collects our garbage. Council's goal should be to maintain and increase Toronto's cache among those looking for a travel destination. For example, Casa Loma was packed on Sunday May 29, 2011. This is an example of how best to attract tourism and in my opinion is a great investment. Community supported theatre is also another way of making Toronto a place to go for cultural fulfillment.
1255.	Greater use of user fees in two scenarios: / 1. Where clientele using the services has the ability to absorb the cost and those that cannot still maintain access to basic level of service. For example, increased late fees at libraries would still allow everyone to access the library) / 2. Targetting people who use services may reside outside Toronto and do not contribute through property taxes. E.g. parking services.
1256.	Road tolls. A bigger land transfer tax and less rebates for first time owners. A tax on the real estate agents commission since they make so much!
1257.	I went to the old toll house this weekend at Doors Open T.O. They did it back then, and cities all over the world do it. Let's bring it back. Think of all the things you can pay for with a set of tolls throughout the city.
1258.	I think you should seriously consider road tolls (i.e. Don Valley Parkway) that is mostly used by non-residents of the City as well as other major arteries that are mainly used by non-residents.
1259.	A lot of programs are unnecessary and just waste of money. City should have a study and cut-back some of the services.

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1260.	Policing in this city costs too much - cut that and you have more money to spend. I would start there in terms of cuts. / There are also efficiencies to be had. For example if the gas company is ripping up the street to put in new mains... why don't you do the water, sewer etc. at the same time. Look at Millwood Drive at Bayview... it was ripped up and covered up more times than necessary. Again this is an example of spending more but saving money b/c it is smart spending.
1261.	Your question two panels back was prejudicially stated. The question should not have included the assumption that taxes would be "significantly" increased to increase services. That telegraphed a negative response.
1262.	Public Private partnerships; selling naming rights to various City Capital; privatization; stop providing some services all together; re-negotiate staff collective agreements, etc.
1263.	Toll roads entering city. / Tax special events / Tax GO and Via train arrivals
1264.	The City should make every effort NOT to fund services through an increase in user fees. Weakening public services through privatization and outsourcing will only serve to widen the growing economic gap in our city, making it less safe, secure, healthy, and stable.
1265.	Reform the downloading of services from the other levels of government. It's time to fix it!
1266.	Make a full accounting of how much money this city pays out in Federal and Provincial taxes, and how much it gets back, and encourage voters to write the Premier and Prime Minister to demand changes. It is time that Toronto is not looked upon as Canada's ATM.
1267.	What happened to Mayor Ford's promise to cut waste? Now you're sending out this survey which proposes increased taxes and user fees in order to maintain -- not even to improve -- our current services. For shame.
1268.	Mayor and conservative wing of council should lean on their new-found friends at the Federal level to increase funding significantly for TTC and other transportation services, as is done in other less parochial countries e.g. in Europe
1269.	Yes. use the taxing powers--other than property tax that city currently has- at its' disposal- e.g. vehicle registration tax, land transfer tax, congestion tax for driving in city core. More of a contribution from developers towards social and public space and infrastructure when building office and condos. These means are vastly preferable to me --over increasing property tax charging or increasing user fees or contracting out, -- However, there was no option earlier in the survey to mention this / which partly invalidates my earlier choices. I would also like to say here that discontinuing the vehicle registration tax was extremely short-sighted and has contributed to financial problems that we are now facing. / Also continue to lobby, pressure provincial and federal governments to invest in cities. Toronto absorbs a lot of cost that in other countries have significant national investment and support
1270.	Stop cancelling projects that cost residents millions without producing any benefits. Explore alternative revenue tools, bring back VRT.

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1271.	contracting out services is a false economy. / Funding services can and should include a blend of property taxes, other tax powers for the city, bonds for capital improvements etc. I for one would be very happy to invest some of my RRSPs in Municipal Bonds to build daycares, affordable housing or homes for seniors! Toronto is a community that generates a lot of wealth, let's get Bay Street to give some back to help it be the best city it can be.
1272.	we might save by providing services we do well to other municipalities and charge a fee
1273.	Many other revenue generation ideas - sale of recycled materials, greater provincial, federal transfer payments due to size of population in our city, telecommunications companies do not pay adequate fees for use of City infrastructure for cableing or Wi Fi networks and yet they charger exorbitant rates, Bank Tax (Cdn banks profits increase and how do they contribute to our city's health and welfare), Coke, Pepsi resell City water - are they paying appropriate rate ? / Sweden has Parking, speeding tickets based on income - why can't we do that ? / Where are the creative revenue generation geniuses ? Obviously not designing this survey..
1274.	Cut the big expenses...Police services are a joke we don't need what the police say we do...
1275.	1) Toll roads on dvp, 401, 400 and lakeshore and then directly improve ttc. / 2) Traffic police should be privatized. / 3) Reduce police wages or reduce staff or reduce vehicle use and increase bicycle use of police / 4) Tax provincial and federal initiatives/companies/organizations / 5) There is a lot of revenue to be made from TTC! So few stores in the ttc!
1276.	Essential services should be paid for by property tax. Desirable services should be paid for by user fees. The City needs to retain more of the money taken by higher levels of government & stop being downloaded with services which those levels should be paying for.
1277.	Income tax of those working and/or living in the city, with some compensation by reducing property taxes and user fees
1278.	1. union workers are mostly overpaid. / 2. I have heard numerous stories from acquaintances, bragging about their low productivity they get away with / (streets, parks) / 3. there are other areas of low productivity (e.g., Scarborough property tax dept, 2 clerks, 1 supervisor; clerks did no work the hour I was there, nor did they know the answer to my question)

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1279.	City government should stick to core services i.e. police, fire, EMS, public health, water treatment distribution and sewer collection and treatment, roads and TTC city planning and zoning, key parks and care for the most vulnerable first and foremost. This must be financed by property taxes or user fees or a combination. For business development, cultural and heritage activities, city councillors should be advocates but consider alternative financing - private public partnerships, donations, etc. It is important for the City to hold onto to its asset base - i.e. its property but it can contract out or lease them out or their administration. e.g. example street parking spaces, Toronto Zoo, Also needs to be more creative with its existing properties such as leasing out actual or air space above subway stns, parking garages. / /
1280.	Road charges, tolls, vehicle tax to pay for TTC. City now has taxing power from Province -- use it. Raise property tax at rate of inflation plus (i.e. 3%). /
1281.	Funding sources should not be limited to property taxes and user fees. The city should make wider use of the revenue tools that it was given by the provincial government several years ago. Other revenue tools should be considered and negotiated with the provincial and federal governments, including municipal sales taxes, road tolls, entertainment taxes, etc. Progressive taxation of property should be considered as well.
1282.	Road tolls should be instituted on all city run highways and major routes into the city, i.e.. Lake Shore, Lawrence, Eglinton, Don Mills etc. Also a downtown city toll zone should be create just like London England. Parking rates should also be increased substantially. e.g. 100% and the vehicle registration fee should be reinstituted.
1283.	Our public libraries are brilliant, our waterfront shows such promise, community employment initiatives create grassroots, positive and unbelievable hope and worth... invest in creative youth, and we will have an incredible city... don't settle for a lightly taxed city with no vision... a few more dollars per citizen can make us dream-worthy... not mundane and short-sighted...please help fulfill a real dream...create a true legacy!
1284.	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.
1285.	Negotiate long term stable funding model with the province and the feds.
1286.	Are property taxes and user fees the only way to increase revenues? What happened to road tolls and gas tax and using the other tax options the city now has? Why could we not reinstate the car ownership tax? It was foolish to have dropped this tax.
1287.	continue to press province and Ottawa for funds
1288.	1. Create partnerships with the local high schools, colleges and universities and offer work in exchange for credits. This would lower service/employee fees while offering real job experience. / 2. Allow people on social assistance to earn more providing child care. This would ease the stress on the need for childcare while lifting the poverty levels of people dependent on social assistance and allow those who may already pay such people cash as tax receipt. / 3. Legalize prostitution to avoid welfare fraud.

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1289.	increase my taxes if you are going to have services that are out standing!
1290.	More support from provincial and federal govt?
1291.	If the city wants to increase user fees then also put user fees (tolls) on the highways.
1292.	I am strongly opposed to privatisation of city services. It seems this survey is designed to set up a dichotomy in the user's mind: "city provided=higher cost/privatised=lower cost". This is not borne out by the facts. I am very concerned that vital city functions may end up in the hands of private, unaccountable corporations who can then raise user fees and provide bad service without any check on their behaviour. / / I understand that the services the city provides cost money. I am a property owner and while I do not want to pay higher taxes, I am prepared to do so if it's necessary to keep Toronto a safe and enjoyable place to live. I think this is part of the social contract we all are a part of - we have to all contribute as best we can to improve all of our lives. I'm sorry that some of our leaders don't seem to agree with me.
1293.	Get more of our money paid to Ottawa as income tax back from Ottawa!!! Seriously, Toronto has the money, but it's siphoned off and spent elsewhere. Getting even some (more) of that back would make a huge difference. This is the biggest, most important and most dynamic city in the country, and we shouldn't be treated like a cash-cow by the provincial and federal governments to fund their programs in other places.
1294.	Road tolls
1295.	It would be better in the long term if the city raised taxes and user fees and spent money on helping people get and keep a job than it would be for the city to save people a handful of dollars now and have employment be an issue in the future.
1296.	Stop cutting services and lying about the financial crisis you claim the city is in. Lobby the federal and provincial governments to take more responsibility for downloaded services.
1297.	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.
1298.	Don't cut social services, libraries, community centres -- preserve the things that foster community and cooperation within the city.
1299.	the city should not cut services. people with the lowest incomes benefit most from city services. cuts to these services are direct cuts at people with low incomes, which is also why service user fees are not a good way to go. tax people with the highest incomes through property taxes instead.
1300.	I think the City should work with Provincial and Federal governments to increase the funding for affordable housing; EMS and supports to vulnerable families; and mental health and addiction services.
1301.	Transfer Funds from provincial and federal levels of government.

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1302.	Much higher fees for parking / Car toll for entering city centre (like for London)
1303.	Lobby other levels of government for adequate funding or figure out ways to increase city revenue that do not disproportionately effect low income people.
1304.	Why city workers make so much money and are so lazy? Parks are never clean, sand is never replaced. In UK city workers earn less. Look at other countries solutions. There should be research done about solution to the problem in another countries. Why people are given subsidized housing and stay on assistance forever? They should be given limited housing assistance for a period of a time lets say 5 years unless they are old. Old people have a harder time to find a job and are less healthy and young families sticking to Ontario Works forever. It should not be number on a list but a point system. Ontario Works should pay more at the beginning and less every month and decrease for people who have no interest in looking for a job. Standard for affordable housing should be lowered. Day care should be provided by a government and paid for a citizens for up to 2 children for lower income families. There must be a limit. Every immigrant should pay fee for a benefit to getting to Canada. 5000 is not an expensive fee. It can be repaid in 5 years easy. This is not a country for a free loaders. Changing little at a time is not a solution. It must be a big change into a system.
1305.	Decrease property tax/hydro tax.
1306.	More user fees: / Charge a nominal fee for the 311 call / Charge a voluntary nominal fee for outdoor pools. / Charge more for permits/parking/events / Encourage corporate sponsorship of venues/events...plaster the sides of rinks/pools with logos etc.
1307.	The city has a lot of great services and if you have to increase your taxes by 5% to maintain the level of service then do it.
1308.	A healthy, vibrant city needs investment. A business doesn't grow if it doesn't invest. If the current administration insists on viewing government as a business, then invest in this city. I hear a lot about "what the taxpayer wants." Well, this taxpayer wants his taxes invested in growth. Get on with it.
1309.	The police budget is huge! Reduce the number of police. Do not give first time employees full benefits, instead hire officers on a casual basis. We do this in the hospitals for nurses. The provincial government has dramatically increased the number of nurses in the province, but how many of them have full time contracts with benefits? Why can't we do the same things for police officers?
1310.	Some of the costs should be shared with other levels of government, especially social services and transportation. Child care, senior care, low-cost housing and public transportation should not be supported solely by property taxes. Pressure on the Provincial and Federal governments to act responsibly should be relentless. This survey ignores the support given to cultural and other services by foundations, donations and so forth and thus gives a rather distorted view of how theatres, museums etc are really funded.
1311.	The city should make use of all sources of taxes, not just property taxes - including road tolls. / / The city should petition the provincial and federal government for more sources of revenue - e.g. a sales tax.

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1312.	The city should continue to work on a deal with the province to help pay for many of these services
1313.	Motor vehicle registration tax should be brought back; Progressive taxation should be used to fund services
1314.	Road tolls or fees for people living outside of Toronto who choose to commute by car on a daily basis into Toronto and increased taxes on the parking for these vehicles. Increased business property taxes. Higher fees for businesses that do not recycle properly.
1315.	If the City is serious in doing this, it will find that better service can be provided with a reduction in taxes and fees. There is too much wastage in the City. You only have to look at the scandals that have come out in the last 10 years and I believe these scandals are only a drop in the ocean. Some of these people were actually given huge severance packages and high level jobs in other places. Maybe the City can ask past employees about what they know regarding the wastage going on. This should be done anonymously as most people would be afraid of backlash.
1316.	People who own a \$400,000 home can afford an extra \$500 a year in property taxes. Low income families cannot afford higher user fees.
1317.	City should not start contracting out all of its services. Mayor Miller was able to balance budgets and provide excellent services. In fact, he left office with a surplus which is now depleted because of the cancellation of the vehicle registration tax. Bring back the vehicle registration tax.
1318.	We need to be negotiating with the province and the feds about long term joint investments. I know it's brutal with the conservatives in power, but we have to do whatever we can and explore every opportunity we can to obtain more provincial and federal funds for future projects.
1319.	I think road tolls would be a good idea to raise money while reducing road congestion.
1320.	increase corporate taxes and development charges
1321.	If the city wishes to have more public funding (paid for by the communities, etc.) then communication with the public needs to vastly increase in effectiveness and efficiency. Second rate stories from the media are entertaining, but the truth behind them are always questionable. Public announcements should be made as a weekly routine (or whenever a bill passes or the topic of change is being brought up) to keep the citizens informed. I don't think the average Torontonians would be opposed to paying a little extra money for certain things if they truly felt that their opinion was being heard. At this point, I don't feel like the opinions and dealings of the public are taken into account (on a significant level) which could influence people's feelings towards the funding of services. (If someone feels as if their opinion doesn't matter, or that the government is doing what only they want and not taking into account what the citizens desire, why would they be willing to pay extra money to fund services that they themselves did not want?)
1322.	Use all revenue streams, including road tolls.

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1323.	Look at other options e.g. road tolls and other approaches that have been used successfully in other cities.
1324.	Increasing efficiency and innovation of delivery of services is the tougher, but better option - we don't need higher user fees, or property tax increases. / / Salaries and benefits of City service providers should be kept at average levels (NOT ABOVE AVERAGE). / / City service providers should not be able to bank sick days - the labour policies should for these workers should be in line with industry standards. / / Furthermore, City police should not be able to work freelance while in uniform without paying city income tax.
1325.	road tolls / sales tax / vehicle registration tax / land transfer tax
1326.	I would happily pay more property tax as long as the services were well managed.
1327.	Lobby the provincial government to upload the services downloaded in amalgamation. Lobby for federal funding for major capital expenditures. Get a percentage of the income tax.
1328.	Increase greatly fines for pollution violations (noise, air and water). Huge increases in government property taxes especially federal and provincial buildings (Queen's Park, Provincial court buildings) Road taxes of all vehicles entering Metro Tor. and earmark for TTC use. 1 cent gasoline tax. City income tax on all businesses grossing over \$5,000,000 (TSE, much of Bay St., Porter, etc.)
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1337.	This government was elected on the promise to "Stop the Gravy Train", so they then immediately used up any money that was there and now finds itself with out any more gravy. Cutting services and privatizing always ends up costing the tax payer much more. Now we own all the garbage trucks and have the support staff to service them. Soon we wont and will have to pay what ever the "market" wants to dispose of our waste. This never ends well. If taxes have to be raised so be it. The city needs to start talking with the province and the feds about getting some stable funding back to our city.
1338.	Get a significant share of the gas tax!!!!
1339.	Staff Attrition (let staffing levels decrease through retirement or next 5 years with only exceptional circumstances); Hiring Freeze; consider the equivalent of "Rae Days" for example, every staff person takes 7 "Rae Days" - that way all staff/management/council SHARE the load and illustrates to the public a cooperative attitude at The City toward saving money (for once)Review new capital projects & cancel them or delay if possible; sell assets that are not of use (or too expensive to maintain);
1340.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax. Introduce a sliding tax scale (i.e., poor pay less, wealthy pay more)
1341.	The City needs to continue to demand the uploading of many services, principally affordable housing and social assistance needs, to the province. We continue to suffer from the downloading of services by the Mike Harris government, as well as his cuts to TTC subsidies. The provincial government needs to restore its funding of the TTC. It is also essential that property taxes be raised. I am astounded that the average property tax on a \$400 000 home in Toronto is about \$600 less than what my father is paying for a property assessed at \$280 000 in a town of 1500 people in rural Alberta.
1342.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax. Cancelling it was short-sighted, populist, and self-defeating.

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1343.	I think this survey was skewed to give Rob Ford a mandate to cut public city workers. I think the survey was extremely biased pro-offering the only way to pay for city programs was to A)raise taxes B)raise user fees - or C)get rid of the program. I'm insulted as a Torontonians that you think we are so dumb or naive that we wouldn't see how transparent this survey is. Terrible. It's like you sat down and said - we want to cut programs and public jobs. How can we scare people into thinking if we keep them - it'll cost them a fortune. How can we get them to say, please cut these things because we can't afford more. / / WE ALL KNOW the city has other ways of raising funds.
1344.	I think this survey does not accurately depict the complexity of funding for various municipally run services. Many programs are funded in part (sometimes large part) by the province, not only by the municipal coffers. As such, it would be helpful to help people understand the different options that exist for service funding. / / I am in favour of paying taxes to ensure that the city is able to run all services effectively and in an interesting and inspiring way. I hope for good management of tax dollars, to allocate the funds as appropriate to ensure ongoing service provision.
1345.	The city needs to increase dental services for children and low income seniors for the entire city of Toronto. / At present the city run dental clinics are only in the former city of Toronto. There are huge number of children and low income seniors who need this service.
1346.	We need to find redundancies and savings first. Then, if necessary, property taxes and user fees should be increased. I do not agree with road tolls at all.
1347.	seek support from the Province for those services that continuously benefit non residents of Toronto without providing commensurate revenue.
1348.	reduce services first. Contract out other services. Sell assets. Keep property tax at current levels to fund services
1349.	I work for an office that is funded by the province. As a middle man most of my day is spent talking with a client and then talking to the ministry. This can be avoided by eliminating me. / / MORE RESEARCH NEEDS TO BE DONE ON FRONT LINE STAFF, they are more valuable and can provide more insight to how an operation is run than we give credit
1350.	POA Courts are administering the Provincial Offences Act (and Municipal By-laws) and should go back to the Province. The City should however contribute to the operating costs of these courts, i.e. accommodation costs. / The fees (all categories) paid by private sector developers and business should include a specific contribution to the City services provided in the category "beneficial to the City life", i.e. arts, heritage buildings, parks, recreation, libraries, TO Zoo, etc. This policy should also apply to the GTA users of the City's amenities, TTC services and City parking lots in form of some user fees and/or tolls. /
1351.	This was a poor survey, too long and confusing. / / Community consultations should be promoted to the public instead of only just keeping on a website. / / The city should fund all services that increase the health and safety of its citizens.

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1352.	In general, a mix between property taxes and user fees would be best, with the proviso that people of limited means can get a break on the user fees. In many cases, having user fees prevents overuse or frivolous use of the service, therefore some level of user fee should be incorporated in most services. However, in the case of things like libraries, community centres, and children's' participation in sports, I think user fees serve no purpose, because you want people to use these services as much as possible. If they do, we will all be better off.
1353.	transfer payments for the province
1354.	Road tolls, increased parking fees, increased business taxes, selling of unused/underused properties, sponsorship of public areas (e.g. ttc stations, parks ...)
1355.	City should make non-residents pay for City services they use. / Sliding scale for user fees for some services so rich pay more for services
1356.	A sliding scale for the property tax such that the poor pay roughly 2% less on their property tax than average and the rich roughly 2% more in property tax than the average.
1357.	Spending less on hiring outside organizations to create reports and studies. Find ways to increase tourism. Do way with corporate tax cuts.
1358.	The city must aggressively seek funding from other levels of government. The province and Canada both benefit from a well-functioning City of Toronto. The city should also reinstate the fees for car registration.
1359.	Get rid of people who are not working as hard as folks in private sector / Get benefits in line with private sector including overtime, perks, COLA etc - which means tighten your belts / Avoid waste of time and energy / Improve working efficiency - reduce managers and invest in front line workers instead / Be more accountable to the public you are meant to serve
1360.	ROAD Tolls!!!!ROAD Tolls!!!! More developer fees. Property transfer tax (The Toronto house market is hot because Toronto in an AWESOME city. If we make it more AWESOME then more people will want to live here. Let`s make it more awesome!) Better enforcement of in-neighbourhood parking regulations.
1361.	The city should be advocating for increased provincial and federal transfers, particularly for health services, such as home care.
1362.	alternative taxation tools / advocate for fair share of provincial and federal contributions to City / create new revenue streams such as hotel tax, road tolls, Billboard tax and others / utilize City owned assets
1363.	Cut city workers' salaries and sick time should be reduced. In the private sector absenteeism at work is reduced when sick days are limited

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1364.	Look to the long term and aim to improve the city. Short-term, reactionary and populist manoeuvres just about always cost more in the end. Let's invest in strategic planning, learning from other cities, encouraging and enabling citizens to get involved. This costs money, but will yield a good return on many (although of course not all our efforts). / I've recently moved back to Toronto after six years abroad and am quite disheartened to re-discover the sad state of a city with great potential that perennially under-performs due to lack of imagination, ambition, and will among those who should be leaders here. Perhaps I should note that working as an architect I see the choices for mediocrity rather than excellence made regularly on the public and institutional sides of the city. Let's be bolder and wiser.
1365.	The City should also pursue funding from other levels of government. The City should not have gotten rid of the Vehicle Registration tax. It should also maintain assets, rather than selling them off, and especially buildings and properties. Some of the questions in this survey were misleading. How do you rank things that are so different from one another and when information is not available. For example, Parking generates revenue for the City, but you wouldn't know it when filling this out and so someone might place it in the outsourcing box, misunderstanding that it would somehow be cheaper to privatize it... really this would be a lost asset!
1366.	Quit cutting meaningless things to save a few extra bucks just to look good to the people who elected you (council budgets) and then cut something that actually makes the City money (car registration tax)... pointless. Start making the City more efficient and smaller. The City strike (not 'garbage strike' - so please correct this when pandering to the Ford Nation) proved that for the most part the City can run on a much smaller crew. Reduce the workforce by getting rid of 25% of the useless HR department and other bloated offices. Freeze all but the necessary hiring, when people retire don't fill their spots (office workers), bring in job performance evaluations to put fear in people that they are not entitled to their jobs for life if they are lazy, useless, sleeping on the job at the back of a bus, only increase wages based on performance evaluations, fight the union but don't take advantage of a group of workers to make an example of them (garbage).... there are many ways to save money if the brass knew what was actually going on in the offices. If certain departments worked a little more like the general public you could reduce the size of them by at least 25% (on a case by case basis obviously)... that would lead to savings! / Also, stop being such prudes when it comes to public input, creativity and . Why spend the money to paint over graffiti when the removal looks ten times worse than the graffiti itself. Furthermore, utilize the interest and passion in public transportation felt by many Torontonians (and tourists alike) and hire some of the local people who have embraced the TTC and spent countless unpaid hours redesigning and creating a more marketable TTC complete with merchandising! Lastly... get our money back from the province! They tax way too much.
1367.	You could look at additional taxes aside from property taxes, or introduce toll roads for instance

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1368.	The city should cut many grants, and public services, especially for adults, marginalized groups, families and after school programs to balance the budget. I am a teacher from a marginalized group in the Jane and Finch area and I see how much funding is wasted or misappropriated, (e.g. Marcus Garvey Centre) hardly any of the benefit gets to the people who need it. It's better just to cut it then to see it squandered.
1369.	Increase the Income tax for those citizens earning more money so the City can better provide services for those who are unemployed or vulnerable.
1370.	Cut top employee salaries, stop funding useless privatized (expensive) projects, utilize the young workforce to come up with creative ways of solving problems, tax people relentlessly who make more than 200,000 dollars per year, forcing it so that the top paid employees never make more than 20 % higher than the lowest ones, and increase citizen engagement. / / FURTHER - I am disappointed in this survey altogether. This was a weighted and highly biased attempt to include a broader community, the language might be confusing to some users (especially lower income and uneducated ones) and the options provided all served one purpose - that of privatization. It demonstrated not only the lack of interest the city has in finding out new ways to deal with existing problems, but that there exists a kind of carelessness when it comes to creating a survey that could elicit real, thoughtful responses, instead of a multiple choice on "what kind of company do I want running my city". While completing the survey I felt I had only two options: either agree that the City is Poor and There is Nothing We Can Do About It or to "not care". The fact that "do not care as long as it costs less" was even an option shows the utter disregard for alternative viewpoints, and it was also a patronizing suggestion. / / Show more alternatives. Hire young, capable teams. Be creative, and tax the millionaires. / / Show more alternatives. Be creative.
1371.	Make private developers pay extra to fund the increase in the burden they are placing on TTC and roads
1372.	Through as progressive as process as possible. High income folks should pay proportionally more. Social service costs should be paid for by the province through income taxes.
1373.	Core road toll, like in London
1374.	I'm interested in strong civic government and real services supported by city funding, not privatization for the sake of privatization or sky-rocketing user fees.
1375.	Keep vehicle registration tax. No fake tax cuts and property tax increase since taxes pay for services
1376.	Explore road tolls, congestion charges, a share of the gas tax, and potentially a municipal income tax similar to New York

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1377.	Toronto city councillors should lobby the federal and provincial governments to tax corporations more, not average citizens, and to cut and cap the inflated bonuses and pay packages corporate executives receive. Expenses for existing services should not be pushed onto users. The city should also lobby the province to cut and cap the six-figure salaries of public workers such as hospital ceos (some who earn more than \$500K) and hydro / Ontario Power Generation executives. The millions saved from that gravy should cover the services the vulnerable people and working stiffs of Toronto should have. / / I resent having to rank whether police and fire is more important than services to seniors, services for the disabled, animal welfare, clean water, affordable housing, or access to public spaces or access to libraries. That's ridiculous! They are all important in different ways and should not be ranked on the same scale. / / And "don't know" as a response is not the same things as "don't care."
1378.	Open a casino!
1379.	Property taxes in Toronto are extremely low. They should definitely be raised. In addition, the GST should be raised, with 1% added which can then be used to fund city services.
1380.	Faster return to the province of social assistance. Feds and Province should pay lion's share of affordable housing and once again significantly contribute to both capital and operating budgets of ttc. 1% of GST. Higher corporate taxes.
1381.	Provincial funding due to the influx of 905 residents into the city each day for use of garbage, roads, etc.
1382.	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
1383.	- privatise parking services, privatise toronto hydro, slow down capital spending by 10-15%, setup efficiency pay increase (who reduces cost gets raise) instead of only performance pay, reduce number of bell phone lines, restructure management to reduce I
1384.	The City should upload services such as Housing, Policing, Fire etc to the Province. If this cannot be done, under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should they be privatized
1385.	Better to cut costs by getting rid of overpaid civil servants!

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1386.	I am concerned that the company the City hired to develop this survey is a USA company. I can't believe that the City of Toronto could not source this service in Toronto. I'd be curious how much it cost the City to set up this survey. I am also concerned that the way the questions are framed makes the choices to be either that :a)the city provides the service; or b) the services are contracted out. Why are the questions so narrowly framed. There are non-profit agencies that are a vital part of service delivery. There is also a gap in the framing of how services should be paid for. The choices are property taxes or user fees. I am a home owner and am happy that my property taxes go to services like affordable housing, shelter for homeless people, fire services, police services, 311, community centres and services for children, youth and vulnerable adults. I don't like that we give tax breaks to big business.
1387.	We pay approximately 10% less property tax than comparable properties in the GTA according to Cam Weldon. I would prefer to pay a bit more in taxes and maintain the same or better level of service. Also I am concerned that by contracting out services, it may backfire on the City 5 years in the future where private sector companies start charging more for services than what could be delivered in-house and the quality of service diminishes. Case in point, snow removal is already contracted out and yet the service is not delivered consistently across the City.
1388.	TTC service is terrible and the quality of many major roads is atrocious. I have no interest in paying more than I already do if it's going to continue to be crap. the only reason taxes and fees should increase SLIGHTLY is if the quality of services is increasing
1389.	Offer lotteries similar to Princess Margaret with proceeds going to city programs.
1390.	User fees, such as CARBON TAX on cars/trucks/buses/vans(like property tax, but for every car). / Increase corporate taxes. / Tax bank profits.
1391.	User fees should be imposed wherever possible; the businesses and people who most use any given service should pay the most. / / Contracting out services should be employed wherever possible - as long as doing so clearly and definitively results in decreased costs while maintaining or improving service to residents and businesses. The City would necessarily need to carefully control such contracts to avoid fiascos such as that with Hwy 407 wherein the contractor apparently now holds the upper hand as regards fees imposed on users, fees that seem unreasonably to be on the increase with little or nothing changing or being done to substantiate the need for increases. / / While no business or resident would welcome a property tax increase, a maximum property tax increase of 3% for businesses and 2% for residents would "seem" reasonable as long as services are maintained at the current levels or are improved. Unfortunately though, any increase in rates for businesses would undoubtedly be passed on to residents in another form, thereby making the resident increase far more than just 2%. This reality makes a property tax increase at this time a very low priority and hopefully last resort. / / Have studies been done on how other successful cities, Canadian and/or American, manage costs for services provided? As an example, how is it, as I understand it, that some American cities apparently have "free" public transportation systems?

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1392.	Services are crucial, and are not at an adequate level currently. The idea that the only options available are raising property taxes or introducing user fees is misleading. Better management of services is one of many other options.
1393.	Bring back the drivers registration annual fee / use revenue from the parking tickets / install road tolls
1394.	Very biased questionnaire as it totally omits any mention of provincial financial support for the city.
1395.	cut Councillors salaries and benefits including their pensions to the same level as other city employees.
1396.	Make commuters pay a toll if entering city of Toronto borders.
1397.	Better arrangements with federal and provincial governments on cost sharing
1398.	ask the province to take more of the costs of mandated provincial services
1399.	Increase services but reduce the bureaucracy. For instance, why is public health not available in schools or community centres anymore? Public Health consists of a lot of overpaid bureaucrats who never meet the public. Perhaps you could change the name to Health Department but remove the "Public".
1400.	The City should evaluate the current efficiency of funding services first. / Any additional fees collect should be directed towards a specific area instead of general revenue.
1401.	The city should fund services not by increasing taxes but by becoming more efficient internally. Why should the tax payer pay more to enable the increase in inefficient management of the city. The GRAVY TRAIN was supposed to be stopped with no cuts to services, what has happened, it appears from this survey we are now doing the opposite, decreasing services in order to keep the GRAVY TRAIN well filled with lots of gravy out of my pot!
1402.	A percentage out of the major Sport Teams, by not hurting the citizens wallets by implementing taxes, city wide bake sale perhaps, in general if you want citizens to invest into the city they must see changes being made otherwise why pay for services that suck? As long as quality is there citizens won't mind paying, but if the quality really isn't up to par with what is expected you will feel a decline in support. Make people want to pay, don't make them feel like paying is a chore.
1403.	a small user fee and increase in small amounts over time if it is needed. Or perhaps some business could donate
1404.	Congestion Tax
1405.	GIVEN THE MASSIVE ESCALATION IN REAL ESTATE PRICES, AND THE REALLY LOW AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES PAID IN SOME VERY AFFLUENT NEIGHBOURHOODS IN COMPARISON TO TAXES PAID IN REST OF GTA, CITY SHOULD WORK WITH PROVINCE TO INCREASE THE TAXATION OF HOMES IN VERY AFFLUENT NEIGHBOURHOODS.
1406.	This survey gives a very dim outlook on the future of City services. To imply that there is no room for improvement- that the option is to either maintain its current level or cut costs - gives a horrible view of what your plans are for the city. Toronto is a great city and you are slowly disassembling it. There is always room for improvement and you are implying that we need to maintain or take away instead of work to grow the city.

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1407.	Some questions refer to user fees from homeless, the poor, etc. Obviously you cannot collect user fees from someone who is broke. In these cases, perhaps the City needs to dissuade these people from staying in the City. Give them the Alberta solution. A bus ticket out of here. Establish a maximum amount of aid per person per period. After that, cut them off and offer a bus ticket to their destination of choice and let another city take over for their share. Perhaps some kind of City Lotto or demand a share of the proceeds that the OLG takes in. A lot of their revenues come from Toronto residents yet we never hear of where in Toronto the OLG directs its funds.
1408.	user fees and less service
1409.	City run lotteries and casinos; additional user fees for vehicles not registered within toronto city limits including road tolls especially incoming at border areas of city; contributions from GTA who would benefit from TTC moving close to their borders. / Expand parking authority to become Traffic authority to issue tickets for parking, cross roads infractions and directing traffic and dealing with construction sites. This would free up police for policing duties and reduce the need for numbers of higher paying police positions which would be replaced by lower cost traffic enforcers. Reduce the use of overtime through contracts and regulations to an acceptable percentage of salary costs.
1410.	More user fees, outsource services, reduce/eliminate non essential services
1411.	City should provide all 'people' services or contract to reputable not-for-profits, charities or community groups - NOT to commercial groups. / Private contracts for 'professional services' such as architects, engineers, and legal services where contracts would be cheaper than having city staff. / Explore more options for funding other than user fees and property taxes. / Many areas need improved level of service rather than maintained
1412.	Road tolls on all major highways within the 416. Maintain the Toronto Land Transfer Tax. Request the Province of Ontario to allow the City to add a 1% Municipal Sales Tax, as is done in many US municipalities.
1413.	The City needs to make sure that it does not focus exclusively on reducing taxes to the point of damaging this city in the long-term. If the Mayor made a promise he can't keep, he should own up to it now rather than pull a Mike Harris and cut taxes only to see taxes have to rise after he's gone to repair the damage of starving the City of the funds it needs to operate properly.
1414.	cutting costs, reduce perks and salaries MP pay themselves, streamline process and cut bureaucratic waste
1415.	Pressure the mayor's Ottawa and Queen's Park friends to give Toronto a larger share of Federal and Provincial income taxes.
1416.	The city needs to apply more pressure to the provincial and federal governments to get an increase to funding

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1417.	Your statement "To maintain funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) activities, the City may have to raise money through property taxes or user fees." is inaccurate. Despite the powers provided to Toronto under the City of Toronto Act to tax and raise funds, Regulation 552 made under Ontario Health Insurance Act strictly sets out the current insured person co-payment, which is currently \$45. Further, the Ambulance Act Part VI section 20 states: / / 20.1 No person shall charge a fee or a co-payment for or in connection with the provision of ambulance services, whether or not the person is transported by ambulance, unless the fee or co-payment is, / / (a) a co-payment authorized under the Health Insurance Act; or / / (b) a fee under this Act. 1999, c. 12, Sched. J, s. 21. / / / My point here is that your statement alluding to the possibly charging a user fee to ambulance service recipients is not legally an option. Therefore, to avoid misleading the public you might consider rewording the option here.
1418.	More private-public partnerships / Sponsorships & Advertising / User Fees for Specific Services
1419.	Congestion tax. / Reduce Police Budget & look for efficiencies within it. / Road Tolls. /
1420.	The city should look beyond just property taxes and user fees, e.g. to other levels of government and legislative changes that permit new sources of funding, to ensure the ability to invest in the city's future not let it deteriorate into the past.
1421.	why do you only have taxes and fees for everything? what about development charges? road tolls? regulation: developments must plant X number of trees for X amount of pavement....
1422.	Contracting out won't save money at all. Selling off assets won't save money in the long run. / Your alternatives are to raise property taxes or to institute road tolls. I didn't see a question about tolls on the survey and that surprised me. I don't own a car and I take the TTC most places. I have to pay out of pocket for the TTC, something like 90% of the cost, AND pay property taxes to cover the roads budget. Meanwhile my neighbour drives his car on heavily subsidized roads. I want to see more fairness on this and I think road tolls are the way to go.
1423.	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.
1424.	The City needs to provide services to the most vulnerable, especially social and recreational services (i.e.. libraries). If it charges a user fee for these services, then people will not access them and will be the poorer for it.
1425.	Road tolls; higher on street permit parking fees; higher on street metered parking rates;

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1426.	Overall - I am inclined to ask the city to review how to retain and continue to improve on quality of services for everyone in the city. / / To do this: / / If those that can afford to would pay for higher user fees to continue using city services - let them. / If property taxes are the only solution - do so in ways that do not disadvantage anyone - ask of those that might be able to. / Contracting out as a proposed method of saving money: / Quality and maintenance of planned, researched and ongoing service makes sense. If you must contract out do so only if you can ensure that the city does not pay any extra money for services for which contract people do not have the expertise, and cannot take advantage of existent infrastructure. If they cannot do this, then quality and in the long run more money is required for these people to update and maintain their contracted for services. / / The city has planned long for its internally provided services and may be in the best position to foresee and participate in changes that uniquely Toronto requires, and that other cities are building into their infrastructure. / / Create a long term plan considering the economic situation and turn to the residents to assist in the short fall - be it with community projects or education, or voluntary tax or user fee increases..
1427.	Pay down the debt - reduce those costs. / Bring Back the vehicle registration tax but spend the money on road repairs. / Tax those awful billboards to pay for graffiti clean up. / Close the Waterfront Planning organization / Bring in \$2 Road tolls to enter on the DVP - QEW and 427 / Reduce police costs, hold the line on wage increases.
1428.	I am horrified that the City's expanded "taxing" powers were not included, such as fees for car owners, a share of the Land Transfer Tax etc . If the Mayor cannot keep his promise about no service cuts and not tax increases, he should admit to all Torontonians that he lied and his "guarantee" was worthless.
1429.	user fees are the key I think as anywhere else in the world
1430.	Toronto should get more funding from higher levels of government than at present, to better reflect the amount of revenue derived from Toronto. This applies particularly to big ticket infrastructure development and to social services delivered by the city.
1431.	Investigate road tolls/congestion pricing to pay for road maintenance. /
1432.	Toronto was granted new revenue tools by the City of Toronto Act, yet remains virtually alone among major world cities in relying so heavily on property taxes to fund its activities. The City should move aggressively to increase its revenue base while also cutting unnecessary costs. Road tolls, regional sales taxes, gasoline tax surcharges, and other forms of taxation are widely employed by cities like Vancouver, New York, and London, and have not caused the sky to fall in any of those locations. It is quite simply inconceivable that Toronto can continue providing high-quality services, and invest in its future prosperity, on the narrow base of the property tax alone.
1433.	The City of Toronto should fund services by increasing property taxes (which are lower than all the other major cities) and by increasing user fees to those who can afford it at "select locations"

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1434.	Look at some of the other options brought in under the Toronto Act. We aren't limited to user fees and taxes, there are other sources. Also look at continuing the uploading of some services to Provincial level.
1435.	provincial/federal transfers to the City should increase - Toronto should not be the cash cow for the rest of the province and the rest of the country.
1436.	Increase the City's share of revenue streams from other levels of government (i.e. retail, hotel/entertainment taxes).
1437.	Again, we should be working with other municipalities to negotiate federally (why isn't the mayor in Halifax?). We need to reinstate or replace the revenue streams that we cut (VRT is particularly odd). Decreasing income when faced with a shortfall is madness. We should not be cutting services, but increasing revenue! Finally, why aren't we pushing the major Ontario political parties to make the uploading of services back to the province part of their platforms? We need to put Dalton, Hudak and Horvath on the spot!
1438.	There are other options available such as road tolls or vehicle registration taxes or advocating for proper funding from the Province or the Feds. As for property taxes - Toronto has one of the lowest levels of taxation in the region. We need to stop demonizing taxation and instead remind ourselves that taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society.
1439.	I think the City needs to correct it's own backyard before looking at cutting services.....To cut someone's job out and then give a Manager a bonus for contracting out a job is a joke.....How can you sleep at night when the council gets a bonus and perks while other people lose jobs.....Fix your own bloated Officer first and maybe the rest is easier to sell. / Having overpaid Politician preach restraint only to find they got a level 4 bonus is insane.....How do you expect to sell it. / It will be made public the pay system Politicians use to get raises when telling the public they took a freeze.....Do you think people are stupid.....ENOUGH ! The waste at City hall is a complete joke and yet you cry about everyone else. / Do as I say not as I do.....Should be the city motto.
1440.	Vehicle Tax and Plastic bag fee.
1441.	Obviously the other levels of government heed to pitch in -- big time!
1442.	Upload social services to the province, and reduce city hall expenses by reducing staff significantly, even if means a severe reduction in services that are not crucial to the daily operation of the city.
1443.	Rob Ford promised not to cut City services. This is exactly what he and his administration is doing.
1444.	Through taxes, Provincial transfers and Federal Transfers.

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1445.	Could look at bulk purchases ; / support only one public school system - not two.. / raise business/corporate taxes; we have some of the lowest corporate taxes in the western world. / impose road tolls; / increase gasoline taxes and dedicate this to increasing public transport / invest in alternative energy sources and create more jobs and thus gain more taxes / unmalgamate; the City was never in a deficit position until amalgamation was imposed. / increase Provincial and Federal grants/refunds to the City. / reduce number of police; the crime rates are way down. / reduce level of salaries for police; introduce efficiencies. Twice as much of my property taxes go to police than to TTC - far too much. Prevention is more important than cure.
1446.	The City should work on efficiency - eliminate duplication of services, group items together that can create efficiencies in cost. Work on prevention of issues in all fields - this is nearly always cheaper than dealing with an existing problem. / Appeal to the province (or become on!) as the province does not take on its fair share of Toronto's expenses.
1447.	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.
1448.	A property tax increase of even somewhat more than 10% would be perfectly reasonable to keep our services at a high level. Toronto currently actually pays quite low rates compared to other municipalities in the region.

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1449.	No, to be honest; I am not up on a lot of the city matters. I live in an apt. building and as I mentioned am on ODSP. My rent is increasing yearly and I believe I will eventually have to move from where I am living because it is getting too expensive. I presently pay 862.90 for a one bedroom and next month it will increase to 868.90. The building was just sold and they are coming in repair plumbing AND change fixtures in each apt. I am very nervous that a lot of the people who live here now, but be forced out due to rent increase. This city seems to be in such dis-repair(the roads are appalling). One more comment I'd like to make regarding my issue around the off leash dogs. People complain about animals being "dirty" (I always pick up after my dogs), but the amount of HUMAN litter is horrible. I go down to Ashbridges Bay(which is breath taking) and see the amount of garbage that people leave is so disappointing. We as humans don't appreciate our beautiful green space. Thanks for the opportunity to "VENT".
1450.	Demand more money from the province or get money from the outlying towns of the GTA, such as Markham that use our roads and ttc... etc. Also selling some land that is not being used, restricting library materials to mainly educational material.
1451.	take a cut from all tickets sold in Toronto
1452.	A property tax freeze is a mistake that has been made by past administrations. Property owners in Toronto pay considerably less than other surrounding municipalities, taxes should be comparable across Ontario. The City should also sell off some of its real estate assets and look into reforming public housing.
1453.	get more money from Ontario lottery corporation
1454.	Open a Casino at Ontario Place property area, empty six months a year, prime real estate / Profits from Casino can help city budget shortfalls
1455.	There still needs to be a reckoning that provincially or federally mandated services should be totally funded by the mandating level of government.
1456.	Cut down on overtime for city employees. Scrutinize contracts and sub-contracts from City Hall.
1457.	Compared to other cities in the GTA, our tax rate is lower. Property tax increases are inevitable. As long as the tax payer can see his/her's monies being used, for example...road maintenance, then that would go along way. Trim the Police services budget, place a freeze on new hires with in the city, and that should help ease the burden. Privatizing anything that moves, will come back to haunt us down the road.
1458.	We are a fabulous city and please do not reduce service and quality of service. / I do not want to become a throwaway American city. / We can afford to pay for quality service. Please increase the tax rate so we do not become / a place I do not want to live.

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1459.	Upload as many as possible onto the province - the city cannot afford to pay for all of these services, especially those that have been downloaded by the provincial government in the past. / / The city should demand more provincial and federal government contribution. The federal government should pay for subways in Toronto as it has in Calgary and the Greater Vancouver Area. / / The city should not charge road tolls to Toronto residents. If road tolls are necessary, charge drivers who do not live in Toronto - we are already paying enough. / / Have the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway made into provincial highways or toll non-Torontonians who use them road tolls.
1460.	Yes, do what all major cities do, either tax all vehicles that are driven in the city not just those who live in the 416 area or impose road tolls.
1461.	Cut services, privatize services but no tax increase
1462.	more/better donation/partnering/sponsorship recruitment /
1463.	please do not cut environmental services/parks etc - needed to maintain our city into the future
1464.	Your choices needed to include road tolls, private sponsorship and renaming of subway stations (ex. Bloor station could be renamed Hudson's Bay and maintained by them.) We should refuse to fund all social services that were downloaded from the province under the Harris government years ago. Long term care & public health should be funded from the province too.
1465.	Stop paying for childcare, the zoo, provincial court costs, and all other services that belong to provincial government jurisdiction. Charge user fees for all non-essential services.
1466.	The city should focus on running the city and get out of extras, fair and cultural events and get its nose out of Provincial and federal jurisdictions. Focus on the long term of building subways -not lrt's. Improve Police/Fire/EMS, Fix the roads, clean the parks.
1467.	We have some of the best services in the GTA and by far the lowest property tax rate! We need to wake up and pay like everyone else. Nothing comes for free. It has been proven over and over that it is cheaper to do things with the public sector then the private. Private only reduces the wages of the worker and moves all the other cost to the shear holder. Middle class loses again. Wake up and pay our way like the rest of the GTA!
1468.	Impose road tolls on drivers who come in from the 905.
1469.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax / levy fines against businesses that pollute and needlessly waste energy i.e. leaving airconditioning on w/ doors open on a hot day / sell off city owned sports arenas, city-run live theatres, Exhibition Place, CNE / offload the funding of licensing and inspection for businesses onto the businesses themselves / rescind the BIAs (Service 25) & Economic development programs (Service 9) until the cost is justified or levy a fee on businesses to cover the cost of these two services
1470.	Cut out the fat on wasteful spending. Stop the gravy train and close the buffet.

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1471.	Safety related services are most important. They are services that are needed by everyone. Their cost should be covered by property taxes with emphasis placed on the commercial properties. An increase on personal properties would also be acceptable.
1472.	I think it is unfortunate that Mayor Ford, without considering the implications for the City's budget, eliminated the Vehicle registration tax and the land transfer tax and now is definitely seeking to do what he vowed in the election campaign he would NOT do: cut services and raise fees. Fees affect the most vulnerable and those of limited income in our city which will definitely degrade life in Toronto for all of us.
1473.	Cut waste and programs that benefit the few rather than the many
1474.	The city should become more efficient and live within it's means. I do not agree with property tax increases. If I have a shortfall in income I cut back on my spending. The city should do the same. Not everything the city provides is a necessity, safety is the most important for example, police, fire and EMS, senior, childcare recreation etc. anything other than that such as theatre, 311 24/7, cultural heritage, the zoo are extras that we may not be able to afford with our aging population.
1475.	I feel strongly that we deliver some services that should be handed over to the Province. Example: courts, housing, child care. Any program that is MANDATED by the Province should be at the very least 50% funded by the Province.
1476.	Funding essential services should be shared amongst the richest (property taxes); all other services use either a user fee or combination of user fees + property taxes
1477.	More user fees on services and higher user fees.
1478.	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.
1479.	Toronto's average property tax is usually far below the property tax of other neighbouring cities in the GTA. We want a great city, not a city with the lowest property tax. Let's eliminate all the unrealistic expectations that we can have something for nothing. People with decent jobs and housing all contribute to the health of a city.
1480.	Increase enforcement and issue fines. (Restaurants keeping customer receipts and pocketing the taxes).
1481.	sell assets / focus on must be done and reduce needs to be done / focus on things to increase productivity of city economy, e.g. traffic congestion / broaden the tax base / consider toll roads
1482.	Cut salaries or benefits costs of all city employees across the board by 5%. This would not be a burden for any employee. / Alternatively, terminate 5% of the work force, but maintain the same level of services by increasing productivity.
1483.	Property tax has been very low in Toronto compared to most cities, if property tax has to be raised to keep our great city on budget, than I believe it is worth it.
1484.	user fees , same for everyone. None of this pay what you can afford , just the same for everyone

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1485.	I thought the Mayor was not going to cut services??? I guess Miller had the right idea about certain fees - car registration fee. I don't want services to go backwards. we need to move forward as a city and divide ourselves - lets work at building the city not destroying it!
1486.	get from donations or lottery ticket winners should donate a percentage.
1487.	Try to raise more revenue through advertising and sponsorship.
1488.	City should CUT services significantly. STOP funding the arts, community centres, and special interest/cultural parades and festivals. If it's that important, we can use our refunded taxes to pay for it ourselves.
1489.	The City should consider alternative sources of income beyond simply property taxes and user fees. How about a municipal income tax? How about road tolls?
1490.	Mayor Ford promised in his election campaign that no city services would be cut under his aegis and that the same level of service would be maintained by cutting excess expenditure. He should keep to his word.
1491.	I think the city needs to explore business process streamlining, investment in technology and skills upgrading for its staff. For instance why does the city not invest in its SAP system more to enhance better information and management processes. Why does it take several entities to issue a cheque, each entity has finance and accounting staff handling the same information over and over before it finally issues a cheque. Why do city workers have only one probation period when they start and no probation periods when they change positions. Why are staff not tested on their skill levels every 5 years. / Other Suggestions: / Why has there been no attempt to reform and streamline the City bureaucracy. / Cut back on the benefits plan. / Change to a defined contribution retirement plan. / I would strongly recommend that director level and above positions be on 5 year contracts in order to create better movement between private and public sector. / Finally all city jobs should be open to both internal and external candidates and not closed just to union members.
1492.	I think the Miller government had good ideas on how to raise funds, like the car registration fee. It is surprising that the creators of this survey could only come up with user fees and property taxes. It shows a lack of commitment on behalf of the Ford administration to responsibly tackle the problems facing the city - problems, which are not extraordinary compared to other cities.
1493.	yes stop cutting taxes and user fees. they pay for services. we had a surplus under miller, now it's all vanished within a year. how did this happen? short sighted tax cuts don't get us anywhere and are stupid lowest common denominator political pandering. let's make practical sensible choices. not choices based on partisan politics.
1494.	Stop cutting taxes for the wealthy while increasing user fees for the vulnerable groups. I understand the need to be financially prudent but you cannot just lower taxes on those who are already wealthier only to have vulnerable groups suffer.

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1495.	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
1496.	user fees for non emergency transport
1497.	Property taxes, not user fees
1498.	This survey is awful. It is designed to justify whatever cuts the mayor and his cronies have already decided on doing. Services should be increased, not cut.
1499.	1. Demanding the federal government and provincial government give back more of the money that Toronto gives to the federal and provincial government. / 2. Taxing business more as they are users and part of the city. / 3. Reduce the laziness and inefficiencies of many city and contract workers so they are more efficient and therefore get more work done in a lesser amount of time.
1500.	Sales taxes, road tolls
1501.	go to the provincial government
1502.	Our taxes have been far lower then other gta cities and we need to increase them to keep inline with others and maintain the best services for a great city
1503.	user fees such as road tolls, congestion charges, bicycle licensing, higher library fines. Advertising and selling retail space in subways, community centres and other city properties. Contract out the option to build shopping malls and condos on top of single/short story city properties (subway stations, community centres) and collect rental fees. Reduce the number of offices by having employees work shifts, and either rent out the empty offices until the city needs them (future growth), or sell them to developers. Contract out services. Replace many menial jobs with robots/machines i.e.: TTC ticket sellers with ticket machines.
1504.	User fees have their place, but in many cases they are used too much and result in double taxes.
1505.	There are a lot of services (i.e. zoo, theatre, sports arenas) that when push comes to shove, they should be dropped from the city budget altogether and let users and donors pay for them. I have not a clue why we are administering Provincial Courts. Give them back to the province and let them pay for it.
1506.	/ - Implementing tolls on all roads & major traffic arteries coming in and out of the city; / / - City lottery; / / - Rent out computer-hours not being used by City computer servers; / / - For current "free services" ask nicely the public to "pay-what-you-can" fee (so that whoever can, will collaborate). / /

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1507.	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.
1508.	Most City workers have a pleasant attitude towards the public. The biggest bang for your dollar are the libraries, community centers, parks and recreation. I know Mayor Ford that you will not agree with this comment but their budget should be increased. / Some of the TTC drivers, and kiosk operators have a really rotten attitude towards the public, and although they are rather rare, they should be gotten rid of. / The City should press the Federal Government for some portion of the fuel tax.
1509.	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 and bring in talented and motivated staff.
1510.	Road tolls; cost of plastic bags to increase and go to the city rather than to businesses; billboard tax to fund arts and culture; lower police salaries; cut the number of police officers given that crime has been steadily decreasing for years. Providing affordable housing is also far cheaper than the staggering costs of homelessness.
1511.	obtain supplements from federal, provincial and other GTA municipalities. / reduce union jobs / occupy less expensive buildings / engage more interns
1512.	I think both federal and provincial levels of governments should step up. I feel corporations get a more than generous tax break federally, they could up the ante locally. I think we all need to be more cognizant of waste, and those of us using the services should be able to have more input in how service provided could be improved. I want to be part of a great city, not one where only the very rich have a quality of life worth living!!!
1513.	Land transfer fee, registration fees on cars, tolls on highways
1514.	City Parks should not have parking fees. Sometimes these are the only recreational facilities that low income people have
1515.	Less Police. More Federal investment.
1516.	Responsibly. Bring back the car user fee. Raise property taxes (I'm a homeowner). Don't cut any of the social services. Think big, think community and think environmentally responsible.

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1517.	Bring in other taxes and fees. Reinstate the vehicle licence tax. Charge motorists to drive within the downtown core. Provide road tolls on major city expressways. Increase charges for use of plastic bags and have vendors remit 50% of fees to city coffers. Avoid contracting out services, as that has been shown to be a more costly route. Do not sell off city infrastructure, as that is a more costly route in the long term. Seek to become a city-state, making Toronto a province.
1518.	Do whatever is necessary to continue to provide the same level of service, provided by city staff, that residents are used to. If that means increasing property taxes, the go ahead and increase them. Our property taxes are not that high compared to other cities in the GTA. We want to have the same services we currently enjoy.
1519.	City services should not be considered within or inside some larger economic framework. / City services are broader and should be thought of as coming first. Municipal micro-economics are only one aspect of the service dynamic; we must pay more - invest more money - in order to satisfy common needs and planning mechanisms and practices. / Build the city ... 'they will come'. We need to push, to shame superior levels of government, into changing rules (such as the prohibition against municipal bonds), and the absence of provincial and federal ministries that are focused specifically on Canadian cities.
1520.	Not all Toronto citizens use all services. / User fees should be the focus for those that use individual services.
1521.	Stop trying to be an owner/operator, and just focus on being a service provider or a standard setter. You don't need to own the building to provide a subsidized rental apartment for instance, and having a lot less concentration of subsidized units in individual buildings and housing complexes will dramatically reduce crime and policing costs as well, something that is not possible if you take the position that it is ideologically necessary to own the bricks and mortar regardless of the damage to the life outcomes of the children you force into these complexes just so their parents can some help with the rent. / / It will be easier to fund required services if you stop funding counterproductive ones. Someone told me that even if you put in environmentally friendly water free toilets you have to pay a union plumber to put the piping in the wall in order to get your plumbing permit (the Brickworks?). Fire whoever came up with this policy and don't restaff the position. There is \$100,000 right there. While you are at it, let contractors bid city jobs using whatever their wage scales actually are. Having to pad the bids with a "union premium" to drive up the price in order to have your tender even qualify is absurd. Don't keep doing this and then pretend you have a budget "gap". You just have misplaced spending priorities. That is not the same thing. / / Take a serious look at city worker productivity and get rid of people who are not really showing up or not actually working when they do to boost productivity and ironically morale. Nothing makes a hard worker give up faster then a co-worker not contributing and getting away with it.

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1522.	I think Toronto should look at funding models used by other cities/communities - I expect that Toronto should be charging higher user fees for many things - but the city also needs to make sure it is delivering value for that cost.
1523.	Better cooperation with federal and especially provincial government. Take money that's offered and don't play political games.
1524.	bring back the vehicle registration fee and the land transfer tax. these were legitimate tax measures that should not have been eliminated.
1525.	Make City attractive for Companies to locate here. / Get Companies to sponsor funding for destitute/homeless/culture/sports/parks [it makes a better city for them to be in] & shows them to be a good Corporate Citizen. Sell Parks names, Museum Names, Community Centre names, Sports Areas Names, CNE Names, Seniors Homes Names[Same as Rogers Centre, Sony Centre, etc] / / Would work also for lowering TTC cost / / In return make city planning less time consuming - USA cities seem to grow well with much less red tape. / USA cities which are allowing non-unionized companies are thriving /
1526.	adjust residential property tax rates to an average of the GTA
1527.	To the greatest extent possible try to allocate increased taxes to areas that will benefit from higher property values as a result of city expenditure / / Also since interest rates are so low, float municipal bonds to tap into private funds. What better place to invest in than Toronto

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1528.	The city needs money, yes. It must provide services for its residents. Off-loading to private contractors never works well in the long run. Look at Japan -- the public purse having to bear the astronomical cost of nuclear disasters caused by the negligence of a private company. Here in Toronto, we had the dome -- check out its history. / No, we need creative solutions to our money troubles. We need new incomes streams. A vibrant city is one with lots of public activities, large and small. Not just costly tourist or sporting events. This city does host many, different kinds of public events -- which is good -- but if you speak to the various groups that host these smaller events, you hear nightmare tales about city bureaucrats interfering with and blocking the permit and inspection process. / Permits and inspections are two separate departments and income streams for the city. I propose they be consolidated, as follows, and required for any public event requiring street closure. / Create a Step by Step Manual on how to stage a public event in Toronto, specifying the steps of the process -- which permits, fees, special levies, inspections, etc that are required along what timelines. The charge would be significant. You'd be selling not just the manual PLUS the staff time required to make the event happen -- the various forms, permits, inspections, etc PLUS "free" advertizing online and physically on city properties that have, say, bulletin boards. One charge for everything. PLUS 10 hours, say, of planning staff time for consulting and co-ordination. / City staff do this for big money events anyway; I am suggesting they do it for every event that uses city property, roads, parks. Larger groups hire outsiders to show them the bureaucratic ropes. The city should be earning that money by providing this service. / Just a thought. / And another: apart from charging for a parade or banquet permit, does the city charge an hourly rate for use of city roads and parks? Or a distance rate for the use of roads? / If the city issues a permit for some established group to close a street, say, then the city should post the event on all city properties where there are bulletin boards -- and online, on a website calendar.
1529.	cutting cultural programs and festivals should not be an option. they provide much needed visibility for our city, and provide groups in the city with opportunities to celebrate and bond.
1530.	casino on toronto island with a bridge
1531.	Unfortunately, at this time, we need to cut on services. The City should focus on what 'traditional' City services are. Road. Police. Fire. I pay taxes for Culture at the provincial level. The City should NOT fund this. Free market should take care of housing. I do not believe in government intervention in the life of people. My taxes should help the helpless. Not the clueless!
1532.	Charge more for development fees. Introduce congestion fees. Introduce road tolls. Charge more for parking.
1533.	-- 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
1534.	Services for individuals and groups: increase user fees, tolls etc. Charge Businesses 2% surtax on gross/business / Issue City of Toronto Bonds

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1535.	The city needs to develop a stronger funding partnership with the Province. It should also work to coordinate services with other municipalities in the Greater Toronto region.
1536.	Taxes are NOT a bad thing. If we want the services we need to collect the money to pay for them. Taxes are the most equitable way of paying for the services we need. / Do NOT cut the services. We are already suffering from such practices of the past. We must not move backwards but forwards.
1537.	ask the provincial government to give us back transfer payments, or reduce them. tax business, including provincial properties
1538.	get more money from the province of Ontario
1539.	The City should reinstate the car licensing tax to recuperate a major source of income that can fund public services. / The City should also implement road tolls as a source of revenue.
1540.	Trim the fat, cut the bloat....
1541.	Toll roads would help to fund infrastructure repairs and maintenance since many drivers do not live in Toronto and not all Torontonians drive. Also, the TTC should be zoned so that one could purchase zone passes that are cheaper if you only use one zone and more expensive if you use several zones. It is not fair that someone who goes from Eglinton to Bloor every day on the TTC should have to pay the same as someone travelling from Etobicoke or Scarborough.
1542.	The city should lobby the provincial and federal governments for a higher percentage of support for infrastructure maintenance and up-keep.
1543.	Cut the police budget
1544.	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
1545.	Road tolls for all during business hours and a congestions tax for non-residents
1546.	cut salaries by 10% and staff by 10% - any business can do it.
1547.	The police budget has to be cut drastically. This can be done without a reduction to services by, for example, having only one cop in a car (instead of two), getting cops out of the office and onto street patrol, allowing non-cops to supervise construction sites and direct traffic, allowing true civilian oversight of the police, etc.
1548.	Reduce labour costs and increase efficiencies. /
1549.	/ The city wastes money on silliness why is the City paying policemen to stand on the street looking at construction workers cut a sidewalk. This survey won't help make decisions because many of the questions didn't make sense as it related to the service. It would be better to evaluate processes used, and simplify. Also why were there question on legislative required services where the provincial government would first have to agree, e.g. paying subsidies or provincial offences administration. Why wasn't the questions asked, how could a service be improved that wouldn't cost more money.

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1550.	All the tickets police write, should become their revenue. All of the businesses that don't pay their false fire alarm fees should be sued. Everyone in a City job that can retire should be given a package, an older population costs more in sick time, seniority pay and health benefits. There should be more user friendly services that you can actually find an answer too. City buildings should be mandated to turn off their lights... that wastes thousands of dollars every month. The federal government should give us more if the HST or drop the stupid tax down. If the city created a 24 hour subway system, more people would take it creating more revenue and less infrastructure wear. The councillors should have to suffer the same fate as a unionized worker... be told they can't have a raise, they no longer have an expense account, and a group of people can debate THEIR benefits. They should also not be paid any higher than a unionized city worker. There's millions in revenue right there. / Charge people that are too lazy to recycle or use a green bin. Instead of putting all the aluminum in the blue bin, have a city worker sort it and compact it and sell it. There is a lot of money in scrap metal.
1551.	The City should be working to have the Province assume some of the operating and expansion costs of agencies such as the TTC and Parks/Recreation. This is only fair, as Toronto generates economic value for Ontario as a whole, but is woefully neglected by higher levels of government.
1552.	City run casino; upload previously downloaded social services and housing back to the Province.
1553.	user fees - upload to province
1554.	look into congestion charging and toll road fees
1555.	Don't consider selling any portion of Toronto Hydro but instead perhaps ask for a slightly larger dividend.
1556.	The City should begin to look at fund raising activities. Examples of these could be City funded events in our Community Centres and parks with entrance fees and selling of lottery tickets for donated prizes from the local business community. An event could be renting tables to people who want to sell their wares at these events. Even a food kiosks could be rented out at these events.
1557.	Some services mentioned in survey are better funded by provincial and federal governments. Please continue to work with other levels of government and Municipal representatives, Canada-wide, to increase funding for infrastructure and social services.
1558.	I don't care about you trying to cut taxes. Give the city better services.
1559.	Don't be silly. \$240 is a 10% increase? That's only \$20/month. Someone living in a half million dollar house (and I say this as someone who lives in a half million dollar house) can afford \$20/month for good services.

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1560.	Yes. The way many of the questions and answer-choices about costs are structured in this survey does not represent the true situation. It is not true that improving services and results will always require increasing property taxes or user fees. Efficiencies in operations should be sought; supplies and services should be approved only after competitive tender processes; new technologies can reduce operating costs; and synergies can be created -- for example, studies in other cities have demonstrated that improved maintenance of city properties results in reduced security costs. It is disappointing to see this administration's first large-scale public consultation process resorting to financial scare tactics instead of looking for creative, 21st-century solutions.
1561.	Move toward road tolls for major entry roads
1562.	-Fundraising. / -cut city of toronto employees' salaries / -manage paper, printing etc. costs better / -charge corporations for city services /
1563.	Our city should be great, not a series of farmed-out services. A tax increase and road tolls will help us maintain quality services for our citizens
1564.	A large percentage of the services currently provided are services the City does not need to provide, or can contract out. Increase user fees to help provide the same level of services where necessary.
1565.	Levy a congestion charge to help fund infrastructure and public transportation. Continued lobbying of federal and provincial governments for funding in proportion to Toronto's contribution to their respective budgets.
1566.	This survey only lists user fees and property taxes as options. However, the City is foolish to get rid of other revenue (e.g. the vehicle registration tax) and to also not consider other sources of revenue (toll booths at the top of the DVP (southbound 7 am-9:30 am, northbound 4pm - 6:30 pm) and at the QEW or 427. Toll booths are in use in many other major cities. Also, why doesn't the TTC go to a pay by distance system like most European cities? Why does it cost the same to go from Islington to Kennedy as it does to go from Islington to Kipling?
1567.	The City should negotiate with the provincial and federal governments to upload services that were downloaded under previous administrations. Toronto gives out more in taxes than it receives in federal and provincial programmes. Some of those taxes must be reinvested in the City to ensure that we can continue to grow and provide for the rest of Ontario and Canada. A progressive income tax is a fairer way of providing for certain things than property taxes or user fees, and unless the City can raise its own income tax, a share of the money it gives out should come back.
1568.	Property tax in Toronto is very low compared to other golden horseshoe municipalities.
1569.	Road tolls / Sell bonds / lobby Queen's Park
1570.	Keep trying to get more money from the province and the feds - city dwellers are under funded!
1571.	Create new taxes and fees. Taxes should be created to lower government costs. Like the bag tax reduces the cost of cleaning up litter. We need taxes to reduce government, property taxes don't help anything. Increase the cost of getting things that litter, there is less littering. Create a tax for using the roads, there is less road repair.

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1572.	Some of the services should be funded by the Province. The funding needs to be reviewed regularly.
1573.	toll/tax single user personal vehicles
1574.	I wonder why you are looking at reducing services, increasing user fees and/or property taxes when you just cut the City Vehicle Registration tax. Seems now that was an unaffordable thing to do.
1575.	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.
1576.	get corporate sponsorship e.g., ctv purchase a subway train...
1577.	Keep property tax increase pegged to COLA. Otherwise increase user fees. Or cut services if needed. / Sell Passe Muraille. There is no reason for the city to own a theatre. I was amazed how cheap swimming lessons were at my local community centre. The could go up--even if you want to do a means test.
1578.	I don't support contracting out, service will generally decline. It was foolish to eliminate the car fee and to get rid of the land transfer tax.
1579.	Increasing property taxes or increasing user fees are not the only options available to the City of Toronto to manage paying for essential services. It is clear that the city of Toronto is not run only on property tax and user fees so other options should be explored to not only maintain services but to increase access and make our city services better.
1580.	The City clearly has a lot of expenses that could be decreased - if one looks at (a recent episode in our area) where it took 3 workers and four pieces of equipment to simply mow (rather poorly) a lawn on a circle on our street. If this is representative / of how Transportation and other Departments work, we have enormous problems with unions and managing activities. These are the types of issues that will likely not be addressed in the midst of some ideological haranguing and political sloganeering that will likely dominate the 'debates' that are yet to come. / / The questionnaire asked about ways to finance things - whether taxes, fees or some combination - but it surely must start / with how the services are delivered - and whether the City can fund more effective and efficient service delivery that it orders / and manages, rather than assuming that its bloated bureaucracy must continually expand to deliver many services in a less / than desirable manner. /
1581.	To the extent possible, services should be funded via user fees. This will give residents a true sense of their cost, which will assist them in deciding whether to continue funding such services and will ensure those using the services are the ones paying for them.

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1582.	I think many people are prepared to pay more in property tax to have the services we need in the city. Many people see this as a worthy investment in our city which they want to make. We want to see the city improve and be enhanced, not decay and disintegrate through lack of investment. We want to provide services to help those who are vulnerable and marginalized in our city so that we can be a caring city. The city is not a business. It is a living breathing organism, full of people. We need to give it the care and feeding it needs to thrive, not starve it to death. We should look to the Scandinavian countries for good examples of how to invest in cities and their people so that everyone can reach their potential and share an excellent quality of life.
1583.	User Fees.
1584.	This survey did not offer sufficient choices. I do not think in many cases fees should increase and you gave us no option to choose that.
1585.	cut back on all the waste at CITY Hall and all the USELESS programs
1586.	Increase advertising revenue in public spaces (within reason - definitely not inside parks and trails; but work to increase advertising on TTC and in city parking lots)
1587.	Reduce the police services budget and transfer that to funding other services. Increase user fees to motorists (e.g., speeding/parking tickets) and transfer that to TTC services.
1588.	use revenue tools like taxes and fair fees. not by cutting back on the revenue!
1589.	More creative taxes such as a fee for motor vehicle ownership, increased taxes on paved parking areas that increase water-run-off, increased taxes on motor vehicle parking areas in multi-use or office buildings
1590.	Tolls for vehicles entering the downtown core / Increase gas taxes and implement a congestion fee / Tax alcohol and tobacco / Tax admissions to amusement venues / Tax land transfers / Tax vehicle registration / Increase the cost of parking permits and fines / Tax outdoor advertising such as billboards
1591.	/ road tolls and other revenue sources that do not support cars; examine other sources of revenue that are progressive rather than regressive like user fees
1592.	Funding FIRE,EMS and POLICE should not be cut and should maintain the current services
1593.	get more funding from provincial and federal governments
1594.	Tolls, 1% sales tax, ask the federal government for \$0.01 of the gas tax or a percentage of HST.
1595.	Get out of services in which city has no expertise or mandate. Appeal to province. Apply road/highway user fees - especially 400 series of highways. Get the unions out.
1596.	Introduce a gas tax or a tax on all cars licensed within Toronto to pay for road maintenance, public transportation, and creation of exclusive bike lanes throughout toronto. Also consider public/private partnerships for public transportation similar to cities in other countries such as Bogota
1597.	Road & expressway tolls. Parking fee on all parking spots in the city, including employer paid parking. Tax the polluters (companies, autos) heavily so we all breathe better air.
1598.	property tax in the city is very low. raise it to fund services

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1599.	In order to be properly funded Toronto needs to explore road tolls and property taxes to be able to meet the gigantic hole in the upcoming budget as cuts and privatization will not fill this gap.
1600.	User fees, contract to private sector
1601.	Cut/end funding for non-essentials and allow the private sector/non-profit to take over. Orson Welles once said "The enemy of art is the absence of limitations." Throwing money at 'the arts' only kills creativity. When a creative person is given a cut/limited budget, it forces them to 'think outside the box' and not use the 'money hose' to express themselves. / / The city financing the arts is really counter-productive. Also, the claims of the arts making 'billions' is ridiculous for / the simple fact that the City is still expected to continue funding it. / / UFC/Movie/Concerts theatres proved that Torontonians are interested in attending events. Just pull back / whatever restrictive regulations that may of existed before (relax it anyways) and allow people to do / what they do best: Make money.
1602.	Privatize what the city can (e.g. Toronto Hydro) and use the proceeds to reduce and restructure debt. Debt-reduction/restructuring will lower servicing costs. These savings can ensure balanced budgets and be re-invested in maintaining truly necessary city programming and services.
1603.	Keep Toronto the great city it is by increasing taxes/user fees first and remove duplication in government spending. City should maintain control over services which makes this city great - DO NOT contract them out.
1604.	The City was given the ability to raise taxes in other ways than property tax. It is absurd not to use this to make our city better and therefore more productive.
1605.	Provincial / Federal uploading. Some of these things ought to be Provincially or Federally funded.
1606.	it is not possible to run the city without a cost of living property tax increase annually, a zero increase is a receipt for disaster in years to come
1607.	The federal and provincial governments need to contribute their fair share for social services.
1608.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax. Cars are an expensive burden on society, and many don't use them. People should pay for the extra convenience.
1609.	Road tolls, congestion charges - I totally support these, and they just make sense. Stop pussying out. We have a major traffic problem.
1610.	User fees should be used wherever possible, unless they make it unaffordable for low-income people to access these services. Paying for so many different services out of property tax revenue doesn't seem to make a lot of sense, given the diversity of services the city offers. / / User fees might make it easier to contract out services (by associating a clearly-defined revenue stream with a given service) and might do a better job of balancing supply and demand. / / Ideally, we should move to a system where the City is agnostic as to whether services are publicly or privately provided - so long as quality and cost targets are met.
1611.	Road tolls

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1612.	cut upper government /management redundance number of councillors. and over policing
1613.	user fees for non emergency 911 calls. EMS and Fire respond to numerous 911 calls in which the patient could drive or taxi it to a hospital or doctors office. charge them!!
1614.	There should be road tolls for the Gardiner/DVP.
1615.	Add a position to coordinate funding of special projects (everything other than regular maintenance/expenses/capital support of existing facilities). / - Fundraising debentures for special projects. / - Selling unobtrusive memorial space for people (not to businesses) at city facilities for a significant donation. / - Welcome legacy endowments (from people, not business) to support specific program initiatives. / / Regarding city business: / / - Ask the provincial and federal governments to return a portion of corporate income tax generated by local business to the city / / - Apply a levy to businesses in the city employing over 50 knowledge-workers who are sedentary (computer-bound)workers to fund recreational facilities for adults and provide sufficient time blocks during the day for workouts (this could reduce the cost of chronic disease prevention, among other things). / / - Charge businesses for food inspections. / / - Bill businesses for waste disposal above a set level.
1616.	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.
1617.	Federal and provincial governments need to cover costs in their mandates.
1618.	Use technology to improve service delivery. Stop going to arbitration with unions. / Cut the police budget which has been out of control for more than a decade We are over-policed. / People who want to live in a first class city have to be prepared to pay.
1619.	Implement more user fees for services.

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1620.	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.
1621.	Privately-owned properties increase in value as a direct result of the quality of services offered by the city of Toronto.
1622.	Having lived in London, UK I am a major supporter of downtown congestion charges and road tolls.
1623.	Have the Province of Ontario fund those issues related to Provincial Offences
1624.	the city should negotiate to change the way we get revenues. We are a big city and should not only get revenues from property taxes. we should get revenues from business operations/income. Rob Ford this is your moment to really do something and increase the revenue sources. That would show what you are made of!
1625.	Pertaining to TTC fare increase. How do they always have a shortfall every year and then the average consumer pays for it? I've been taking the TTC since the fare was \$1.50 for adults and now it's double? And yet we can let people pay this amount based on the fact that they cannot afford a automobile for gas. It makes it hard for these people to budget going to and from work M-F (or whenever they do work).
1626.	As much as possible, the city should solicit provincial and federal funding for important services. Property tax increases are preferable to service reductions, but overall less fair than progressive income tax increases.
1627.	don't cut services
1628.	More participation from other levels of government.
1629.	0 tax increase. User fees.
1630.	Increase productivity among City employees by improving work environments and rewarding extra effort.

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1631.	Roll tolls should be put into place to ensure 905ers pay their fair share to maintain infrastructure that they use but don't contribute to. Assets should NOT be sold off. Use the full taxing authority given to the City by the province in the City of Toronto Act, including reinstating the vehicle registration tax.
1632.	Charge user fees for everything. Keep property taxes at their current level or lower. Businesses and residents leave for the suburbs because of cheaper property taxes. User fees will force people to have to see that providing services cost money and that the city budget is not unlimited. Through user fees we will also then see what services residents really deem important.
1633.	PRIMARILY USER FEES AND SECONDARY INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL PROPERT TAXES
1634.	It seems that many of the social services (housing, assistance to vulnerable people, health services) should really fall under provincial or federal jurisdiction.
1635.	user fees for everything pay as you play is a good motto, nothing should be free and that means for everyone, e.g. swimming in public pools, ice skating, using recreation fields for soccer, cricket, baseball, as well as bike licences and road tests for cyclists just like auto's and have the police enforce all road laws for cyclists.
1636.	A need to look at the heavy upper management is required. for Example in Social Services you have one supervisor making over \$90K a year supervising 12 caseworkers. You have an office of 120 caseworkers and clerical staff overseen by 15 supervisors, two mangers - including the Community Market Manger and a Director that oversees three offices. Everyone from the supervisor up is being paid over \$100K once you include benefits - there is no need for this! Also, why is social services trying to reinvent itself as Employment and Social Services? You have Service Canada, employment Ontario, St. Stephen's House, JVS, COSTI etc that all pay their caseworkers significantly less than what the city is paying to social service caseworkers and you have this enormous top-heavy bureaucracy trying to reinvent itself as an employment service - we should ask the province to operate the entire Ontario Works/Social Assistance programs and get out of it completely. you would only need four small offices - one in each district to assist refugee claimants, recent arrivals to Ontario, recently unemployed or families in crisis through job loss or family breakdown - everything else could be administered by the province in the same way they currently administer the Ontario child Tax Benefit. The province should be picking up the funding 100% for funding the administration of social assistance including the labour costs.
1637.	get mcguinty and harper to start picking up the tab a little more once our books are in better shape

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1638.	Apply road tolls during Monday to Friday business hours to reduce congestion and collect monies from the majority of 905 citizens. Obviously not all people work a regular day shift from Monday to Friday, but I don't want to deter people from coming into the city for tourism, sporting events, etc. / / It is surprising to me the number of Torontonians that have no idea what surrounding municipalities charge their residents for residential taxes. I think it is up to the city of Toronto to inform the citizens of Toronto about where we stand. A lot of people think they have higher tax rates than any other city. Maybe if the public were informed there wouldn't be such a drive to reduce or cut services.
1639.	share of revenue from HST
1640.	I think there are opportunities for re-ordering our priorities and that it is not just a choice between property taxes and user fees. Figure it out, look at what other cities have done to maintain municipal control and improve and increase services. Privatization is almost never a good long-term option, and we need to be planning for the long-term.
1641.	Road Tolls / Private/corporate funding /
1642.	Contract everything out, reduce size of municipal government, look for ways to invest with Provincial Government to merge services, reduce spending, stop the gravy train once and for all!
1643.	Keep the Land Transfer Tax.
1644.	Bring back the land transfer and vehicle registration fees.
1645.	Charge developers for things the City needs, such a more trees, parks. / Set up a Charity Fund. Encourage people to give money to the City, and get some sort of tax break on their property taxes, or income tax if at all possible. People fund the museums, why not the TTC, or other City related services, buildings, etc.
1646.	Organize a think-tank in specialized areas to find innovative ways to increase city revenues while delivering high quality services, without having to raise taxes or user fees very much.
1647.	We should not be cutting services to the Toronto population. / If we cut services and get substandard quality care in all these areas we will become a backward low class city, not the international city Toronto has become.
1648.	Some questions are not conducive to a questionnaire - like should the city pay for social housing? Of course it should, but so should the province and the federal government.
1649.	A number of city services should be provided by the province or the federal government (i.e.. housing, Ontario works, public health) I think the city should be educating the public about these downloads and advocating that higher levels of government pay for these services. As the economic hub of the country Toronto should be receiving far more support. / people travel from all across the province, country and world to live in Toronto and our transfer payments should reflect that reality.
1650.	Keep the TTC private, but look to automate and upgrade toll collection and reduce collector booth staff. / Continue to support and grow the Toronto Public Library.

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1651.	tax cars that have only one driver, cars ought to car pool all the time. all city employees must live in toronto to contribute to the taxes. Stop paying so much to the unions.
1652.	Perhaps the City could consider other avenues than raising user fees or property taxes as ways to fund services.
1653.	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
1654.	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.
1655.	I have lived in Toronto for 52 years. I do not mind paying more property tax if directed toward making the city a safer place to live . / Critical city services such as TPS, TFS, EMS, TTC, should be a priority to maintain.
1656.	Terrible survey! What about the option for having better services with no tax increases or service fees. Having gone through the survey I have no faith that the new administration will seriously deal with the issues at hand. Unfortunately it doesn't seem like anything will change.
1657.	Toronto's property tax rates are extremely low, in comparison to other cities and municipalities, while the level of services provided is extremely high. Property tax rates need to increase - \$240/year is not a significant amount.
1658.	Fundamentally the city has been fiscally mismanaged for many years. Zero percent tax increases are simply a politicians ploy to gain office and should be outlawed. Bringing the city's property tax rate more inline with neighbouring municipalities would be a first step to improving things. Any reduction to essential city services, those that were recently said to be not up for reductions, must be stopped.
1659.	Invest in the arts for the greatest economic return. The arts can fund many other services, if funded properly to begin with.
1660.	I know the city, cannot do this because of Ontario laws, but I think we need to look at changing some of these laws, and those who get social assistance, need to participate on a volunteer basis , for example, helping with all these community events they want, in other words, being part of the community. If you do not have money you can certainly volunteer your time. I also think we should look at using people who are incarcerated, to help clean parks, and other activities. I think the city really needs to investigate some of these not for profit agencies that they fund . I see a tremendous amount of wasteful spending. I also think there is nothing wrong with charging nominal fees for pools, and recreation centres.
1661.	Provincial and national funding
1662.	Sell the TTC. Sell it, sell it, sell it. / Sell the sidewalk space in front of businesses to store owners. The city can collect additional taxes. The store owners can maintain the sidewalk, and use it to generate revenue. / Sell Toronto Hydro. /
1663.	acceptance of level of property tax is predicated on NO reduction in level of service quality

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1664.	**Regarding the page "WHO should provide these services?"** / A number of services are specifically "community-led" ... I'm unclear as to how these services can be "provided by the city". Are they not simply funded but, essentially, provided by a third party (the community)? / In addition, though I placed all services into the "I don't care as long as the quality is good" category, I am of course aware that cost restrictions exist. However, in my view, the priorities for the administration of these services must be the following: / 1. Determine what is required, and to what level of quality. / 2. Review both public and contracted-out options that meet these standards. / 3. Select the best option based on price and quality of management. / / **Regarding the page: If the City has to increase residential property taxes to balance its budget, how much more property tax would you be comfortable paying in 2012?** / / I don't own property. It's odd that I can not skip this question. /
1665.	Look for funding partners in the other levels of government and the private sector.
1666.	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.
1667.	Cutting taxes I think is absolutely the worse direction to take when it comes to funding services. It inevitably means a reduction of services or a significant increase in user fees which makes services unavailable for those with low incomes. If we want a quality city and a more equitable city then we who have the means must be willing to pay through taxes. More equitable cities are healthier cities for everyone.
1668.	Yes, remove any staff that do not give direct service to the public. There is no reason for vast Human Resources or anything else listed in those sections of the survey. I give you money for service if my service is cut or more money is needed to give to managers, foremen etc who do not give me service I don't want them.
1669.	This survey was biased and did not provide the range of options that could be explored in order to maintain and/or increase city services.
1670.	This survey is flawed -- find other answers like taxing the richer a disproportionate amount and not having user fees for the poor or vulnerable. Those who can pay a little can pay those who can't and need services should have free services
1671.	The city should charge non-public vehicles for use of the downtown area. / The city should lobby provincial and national governments to increase (big business) corporate taxes as a means of gaining additional revenue.
1672.	The city should use most of the money it receives from the Ontario Lottery, and from monies seized from criminals, and drug dealers, and also use the unclaimed money from the different banks in Toronto. This money could pay for the maintenance and / staff supervision at the parks and at all recreation centres. The city should not have to fund services for those who can afford them.

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1673.	USER FEES. You use it, you pay for it. Simple. or look to the private sector for competitive pricing.
1674.	Create Equity in fund dispersal - Increase user fees and property taxes in Yorkville or Yonge/Eglinton to subsidize communities in need.
1675.	toll roads
1676.	By the need that is obviously in the city, ask the people and deliver based on the need that they have voiced. Increasing user fees basically means that people will not access, and equitable access is an issue that we should consider.
1677.	I think it's ridiculous that living in Brampton I pay almost double what a person pays in Toronto for less services, and higher user fees on just about everything. Bring your house taxes up to the National average and you would have more money than you would know what to do with! A house in Brampton or Mississauga of \$400,000 pays about \$3800 a year in property taxes compared to \$2400 in Toronto.
1678.	MPs from the Toronto area must urge the federal government to properly fund the cities. This area general lots of tax revenue but get back little.
1679.	Road tolls, congestion charges, and premium parking user fees are needed immediately
1680.	User fees for services that only poor people use - like pools, recreation centres, libraries - are inherently unfair
1681.	EMERGENCY SERVICES ARE ESSENTIAL AND SHOULD NEVER BE CUT BACK! THE SAFETY OF TORONTONIANS AS WELL AS VISITORS TO OUR CITY IS VERY IMPORTANT! THE THOUGHT OF CUTTING SUCH SERVICES IS VERY DISTGUSTING!
1682.	there was no mention of provincial funding - that applies to child care - only had option of city or user fees - the downloaded services should be funded by the province and overseen by the City,,,,,,that would free up millions of dollars. Remind the Mayor that he campaigned on NO SERVICE CUTS.
1683.	CUT BACK IN HOUSE EXPENSES, HOLD CITY STAFF ACCOUNTABLE FOR EXPENDITURES, PAY SALARIES THAT ARE IN LINE AND COMPARABLE TO NON CITY RUN SERVICES, KEEP THINGS SIMPLE, REDUCE COSTS OF BEAUTIFYING THE CITY-FLOWERS ETC SOMETIMES LESS IS MORE, REDUCE ELECTRICITY AND BUILDING COSTS IN CITY BUILDINGS.
1684.	Work on getting some of the services back to being Provincially funded. Reverse some of the things Mike Harris forced onto the city.
1685.	User fees are regressive and should be kept to a minimum.
1686.	user fees: ESPECIALLY ROAD TOLLS. Cars should not get a free ride on streets - especially those that commute from the suburbs. Sell land (airspace) above the Gardiner expressway to fund burying it. Cut the police budget - bloated. Always Pay for what you use: have ZONING on the TTC - people who travel from Finch - Union daily MUST pay more than someone who commutes only a couple of stops. it's only fair. Then the downtown loop could be free? Great for tourism...
1687.	User fees that don't effect the city's vulnerable.
1688.	Be creative. Talk to different cities. Don't just jump in and cut, cut, cut. Think. Talk. Discuss. Be creative. There aren't just 2 solutions to every problem.

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1689.	Decrease police force by 3/4. Continue pressing Federal government for increased funds. Implement or increase municipal gas tax of 1 or 2 % and taxes for commercial business.
1690.	user fees and property taxes
1691.	The City should provide accessible services for all residents without user fees. The city should NOT contract out essential public functions like garbage collection. The City should ensure that any contractor follows the Fair Wage Policy.
1692.	How about instead of putting the burden on our citizens, we stop giving massive tax breaks to multinational corporations? / Also we should be getting more support from our provincial and federal governments.
1693.	The province and federal government should increase funding to help out.
1694.	People with cars (like me) have some money and should pay more for all of that infrastructure. Don't shy away from road tolls. It forces people to be better consumers and to think twice when using the roads.
1695.	Congestion fees for cars.
1696.	I think the City should consider road tolls in the downtown area to fund public transportation and encourage people to use alternative modes of transportations (i.e.. not cars).
1697.	the City should work with the Province to compel the federal government to pass legislation that increases our very low corporate taxes, and to ensure that a percentage of the increase is transferred to the City. Corporations are subjects under the law and enjoy the rights and privileges of citizens. Property taxes operate implicitly as a mechanism to redistribute some wealth in a fair manner to help our City fund services. Corporations, as citizens, should bear the same obligations, and the City should expect them to do so.
1698.	Look at various revenue opportunities, partnership and selling naming rights. Have communities sponsor trails, programs, parks and services. Encourage business communities to invest in neighbourhoods and on main street.
1699.	Road pricing (road tolls); gas tax; parking space toll; congestion tax
1700.	road tolls for 905-ers entering the city; congestion charges for downtown core
1701.	Torontonians have funded the development of a fantastic city which we are now letting crumble before us due to a fear of the cost. We get excellent service and the value of our homes rises yearly. We should take some of that pride and equity and invest it to maintain our city properly!
1702.	Look at new option, i.e. some cities have an autoshare equivalent for municipal vehicles where they can be rented when not in use. Also increased user fees for luxury items such as cars.

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1703.	I have an objection in principle to the concept of the (now-removed) added fee to Vehicle Renewals. My issue is that as a driver in not only works in Toronto but lives there as well, I share the road with many drivers from the 905. They were not charged extra to use roads in the 416. I believe that this distinction should apply if the city decides to implement Road Tolls. For example, If a 905 Driver wishes to cross Steeles on the 404, he should be charged a toll, ditto for a 416 driver crossing into the 905. However, a 416 driver travelling within the city should not be penalized. Perhaps a study should be commissioned determining peoples commuting patterns. I have to believe that much of the congestion that debilitates our roadways during rush hour is 905ers working in the 416. Why should 416ers be penalized for choosing to live closer to where they work? More cooperation with the 905 region (all three, Durham, York and Peel) is ESSENTIAL for Toronto and in turn, the GTA to move forward in the global economy.
1704.	make the federal and provincial governments provide more funding as they have downloaded so many of the services to the city... they need to give some of their revenues to the city to balance that equation
1705.	Something has to give I'm sick and tired of having our property taxes increased EVERY year this has to stop! Incomes are NOT increasing (in the private sector) at an equivalent rate. With increased costs in raising children, to provide them with daycare, higher education, extracurricular activities - that the public schools are no longer providing - home ownership is becoming increasingly more inaccessible - even if 'lending' rates are low property taxes and utilities continue to increase at an astonishing rate.
1706.	condo owners should actually get a relief from the property taxes since we are unfairly taxed compared to a house taking up the same square footage and use less city resources. / user fees are important especially for the TTC. Why should someone be able to go from West Etobicoke to East Scarborough on \$3 when it costs the same for someone to go from Yonge and Bloor to Union? Re-vamp the TTC system, look at the European model. / Also, get rid of the zoo, it is nothing more than a prison for animals that amuse school children. We have internet and a myriad of other resources for learning about animals in the natural world and the zoo is anything but a "natural" world. / / thanks for listening.
1707.	Yes. The province has given the city extra powers to raise revenues from alternative taxes. Getting rid of car registration surtaxes, or additional land transfer taxes for the city without regard for how to replace these revenues, or exploring other forms of revenue raising along the same lines is a foolish political expediency and a disaster in the longer term. If something is a luxury, like car ownership, then let's pay more for the privilege of registration, or gas, rather than make other people pay hard to afford user fees.
1708.	Charge business extra fees without touching residences

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1709.	Road tolls should be used for people driving in and out of the city. Many of the services we pay for as citizens are also used by people who don't live here - they cause wear and tear on everything from our roads to our parks, yet we're still forced to carry the financial burden.
1710.	Landmark programs like the Toronto Zoo, arts, culture and festivals are needed to make Toronto great...and must be protected. Infrastructure should be protected and the Toronto Fire Services as well. a \$1000.00 per unit condo fee should be levied toward the sale of every new condo and sale of every condo sold 5 years and under. Paid for by the purchaser. A rise in condo occupancy has created much more stress on city services without the condo owners forwarding any financial reward back to the city.
1711.	Re-instate the vehicle registration tax and increase it by whatever amount is necessary to generate the funds necessary to get the roads back into a state of good repair. The roads are extremely hazardous to cyclists!
1712.	Toll roads and increase cost of parking to pay for TTC and other services. Increase license fees for cars in the GTA.
1713.	The city should increase revenue through additional taxes. Laws should be passed so the city can implement a progressive income tax.
1714.	PPPs, / commercialization of city facilities like rinks etc, / road tolls (lots of those) - or some other taxation method that captures non-residents who are employed in the city, / licensing of bike couriers, not cyclists generally, only couriers / removal of paid duty policing - do we really need police on city construction sites? / / /
1715.	Ask the Provincial and Federal Governments to finally do something. Is Toronto not part of Ontario and Canada?
1716.	Stop cutting fees and taxes in order to starve the City of revenue. Cutting the vehicle registration tax was stupid. Cutting the property transfer tax would be insane. Nickel and dime fees are a nuisance and a barrier to doing things that make our city healthier (like swimming). Reasonable property tax increases are a better solution. We lag all of surrounding municipalities in our property taxes -- Torontonians get a good deal and we should stop pretending we pay too much tax. Better services make for a better, more liveable and more economically competitive city. Slashing and burning will leave us with more crime, poorer health, and more derelict neighbourhoods - not a recipe for success.
1717.	fine people for fishing along the lake and ponds such as in High Park - it is horrible - these people are fishing out small fish that should not be removed for a food source! increase user costs for public parking spaces.
1718.	The city should seek provincial government support to cover education and public housing costs. The province should contribute more to the TTC's budget.
1719.	Fees for service on a sliding scale, so that those with higher means can pay a bit more and those with less means do not have to miss out on the valuable things the City offers.
1720.	Fundraising, corporate partnerships and sponsorship, donations

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1721.	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.
1722.	Get sustained provincial and national help. This arrangement should be binding on all political parties.
1723.	This survey portrays a simplistic view of city services as they relate to taxes/user fees. Differential budgeting can affect funding available for city services too. I feel that this survey is portraying a two-sided, simplified picture of public versus private, which ignores many other issues such as funding allocation to services.
1724.	Increase construction/development taxes for new buildings in the city.
1725.	As usual with surveys, you have not allowed real answers to pertinent questions. / How about a 20% pay reduction for mayor and councillors. / How about a 50% reduction in payment to all survey firms, market research and advertising. / Eliminate all cell phones and blackberries funded by the city. / Tell Stephen Harper he is not welcome within the city limits. Ever. And all federal government activities here must be funded in full by federal taxes. /
1726.	Why are we funding in and building so many fenced in dog parks? They are costing the city millions (in building and maintenance)and are almost a cause of controversy in communities. The dogs of leash program would be an easy program to cut from Parks and Recreation and would have a minimum effect on the city at large.
1727.	The vehicle registration tax worked well and was pennies per month. It was a great user fee and the funds raised should have gone directly to road maintenance. Bring back this tax - it is a perfect example of how funding based on a user fee can help the city pay for specific services, and in the end help balance the budget.
1728.	Reverse provincial downloads (or get sufficient funding from Province) / Increased funding from Federal governments / Reduce police costs!
1729.	THE POLICE BUDGET, AND ROAD REPAIRS, SHOULD BE DRASTICALLY CUT - EXCEPT FOR BIKE LANES SHOULD BE INCREASED. ROAD TOLLS SHOULD BE INSTALLED. ALL CAR PARKING RATES SHOULD BE QUADRUPLED AT LEAST. VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE REINSTATED. POLLUTION TAXES ON FACTORIES. HIGHER PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR MORE VALUABLE PROPERTIES, LOWER RATES FOR LESS VALUABLE ONES.

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1730.	This survey is not well-crafted, in my opinion. Naturally people would prefer to pay less taxes if given the choice. But you shouldn't assume that a desire to pay less equals a desire to have services cut. Vague terms like "significantly increase" sound scary when discussing tax rates. If you were transparent, you could identify the costs per household to keep services intact. Torontonians are kind and given an informed choice would support community services that would benefit our neighbours.
1731.	In your survey, why don't you present other option for paying for services, other than increasing taxes or user fees. What about petitioning for certain services to be privatized (Zoo) or being paid for from Provincial / Federal budget?
1732.	Cut 10% from all dept. budgets.
1733.	Cut the useless ones. PS giving people tickets for \$30 dollars for visiting Toronto is not a good way to keep them coming back here. My family hates coming Toronto because it is not friendly to visitors.
1734.	increase user fees, and cut costs by eliminating non essential services and by reducing staffing levels through attrition and outsourcing.
1735.	Get rid of all the useless councillors. why do we need so many anyway....they just sit around exchanging the same ideas in different "wards" instead of having 1 counsellor per area..... they argues with one another about the same thing and instead of working together ...they are just in for themselves and their little needs and their big fat pension...at the end of their term. That is one big waste of money in our city..... get rid of them and invest in the real services that we really need like CHILDREN? ERLDERLY and stop cutting where it is needed.
1736.	Mostly by user fees and corporations could afford more taxes to fund an environment that is conducive to business.
1737.	While the hunt for "Gravy" i.e.: wasteful spending is admirable and should be expected out of every administration. It should not be done so at the cost of useful services. While everyone likes the idea of lowering taxes and fees, we pay that money for a reason. Finding the inefficiencies of each department will give more "bang for your buck" and may even be able to lead to an INCREASE in services while retaining the same funding. Cutting services in order to give appealing breaks to voters is not the way to run a city's finance.
1738.	If you want to stimulate growth and create a world class city that people become engaged with and love living in you need to increase funding to public transportation, arts, green space. Hiring private companies does not lead to more efficiency, the cities inhabitants need to have control over there services and that's why we elect representatives to look after them.
1739.	If we invest in solving real problems like housing, youth unemployment, helping the vulnerable, addressing crumbling infrastructure, etc. it will mean an increase in cost in the short term but savings in the long term. Those wishing to privatize public services will, if they succeed, impose on all the citizens of Toronto degraded services at a higher cost than can be provided by the public sector. The private sector lives for profit and nothing else.

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1740.	I would be happy that the library would continue its fantastic public service. Also that the service quality for the elderly and the children increase
1741.	Cut the Crap!!!! Fix the broken culture of civil servant apathy and inefficiency. Put managers in place that can change and repair problems. Affirmative action programs are costly, unnecessary and leave us with sub-standard employees. Find innovative solutions to delivery of services. Reward success. Stop Lying to residents while campaigning for office!
1742.	The City of Toronto needs to get its arms around the idea that it is not a poh-dunk little back-water Ontario town. "905" Suburban attitudes are NOT relevant. We need bold vision, bold investment and pride of purpose in moving this experiment forward. We set the pace for the rest of the Province and this country - we need to start acting like leaders and not timid little, "me-first, but don't raise my taxes!", twerps.
1743.	The cancelled vehicle registration tax should be reinstated. Widespread road pricing (congestion charges) should be implemented. A local sales tax should be examined.
1744.	road tolls, vehicle registration tax and other revenue tools, infrastructure costs for road usage by cars and trucks are enormous.
1745.	I support tolls on roads. I think we should have a system to reduce traffic in the down town area, perhaps a user fee. More user fees for excessive garbage especially commercial. Our property taxes are far, far too low
1746.	Get more money from the provincial government.
1747.	The City should not place services important to life in Toronto in the hands of either private enterprise or the province. The City should press hard on the provincial and the federal governments for cost sharing wherever feasible.
1748.	Restore Vehicle Registration Tax / Higher Tax Rate for Property With Higher Assessment / New Revenue Sources: Income Tax
1749.	The city should charge motorists who travel in daily to work from other areas of the province to use our roads.
1750.	Demand more tax revenue from federal and provincial levels of government. Torontonians already pay enough in tax and the population base that exists in the city demands more attention from the higher levels of government. All government revenues from the LCBO in the city of Toronto should go to the city of Toronto and not the province.
1751.	Cars should be taxed for being in the city, based on gas consumption of vehicle. A congestion tax as in London England basically
1752.	Prioritize the vulnerable. Think long term. Short term savings earned by contracting out or selling off assets will cost the city in the long run. Mayor Ford promised not cut services in his election campaign. I hope he's not a liar.
1753.	Creative revenue generating events and attractions. Invest in green technology to reduce costs in long run.

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1754.	This survey is skewed in favour of outsourcing city services. We are given only two options: user fees or raising property taxes. Are we so limited in imagination that this is the best we can do? What about making the federal government pay it's fair share? What about making the provincial government pay it's fair share? I'm sick of your pathetic excuse for vision. Go privatize yourself.
1755.	Eliminate redundant social services and cut funding for Toronto housing.
1756.	Invest Toronto Bonds / permit/encourage charitable donations to certain services /
1757.	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.
1758.	Find efficiencies and work with other levels of government for improved funding.
1759.	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.
1760.	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. / /
1761.	Do not cut City Service
1762.	My local library, Elmbrook Park, is fantastic but not open on Sundays or Mondays. Funding them enough to be open at least half a day one of those days would be a good use of my tax dollars... even if the money came from ad revenue in the lobby wall space. Try having local companies sponsor local libraries/ community spaces.
1763.	Negotiate with province for police court transfer costs (used to be provincial responsibility) and for other provincially-mandated services such as paratransit, TCHC housing, welfare costs; as these are costs borne unfairly at the municipal level and part of the reason for higher taxes and higher budgets. Also, rein in police paid-duty work. Look at improved alternate revenue tools such as tax-increment financing and BIA funding for neighbourhood-specific streetscaping and infrastructure improvements,

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1764.	All governments have increased user fees to add to their normal forms of collections. The governments have also grown substantially to provide more and more services. The governments should consider less services and spend money according to what is available. The city also pays employees in wages and benefits substantially more than small businesses and this should be rectified. The survey focussed on how services should be funded and not on what services are run efficiently. If there were other forms of collecting money other than property taxes and user fees, it would probably have been part of the survey solutions. If we are going to outsource services, hopefully we won't need a large number of employees to oversee the outsourced services.
1765.	combination in property tax and user's fees increases would be advisable.
1766.	TTC should have a much higher lever of provincial and perhaps even federal funding
1767.	Invest in our City to make it a place people really want to visit and live in. The City should fund services more often than not because people who live and work here naturally care more about doing a great job than would outside organizations.
1768.	Avoid anti-tax populism. Great cities cost money to achieve and maintain and the city should not be afraid to raise taxes, especially on the wealthiest. Increase developers fees, introduce congestion charges and other time of use fees. Overhaul the taxi license system and charge more. The Mayor should actually attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to help foster a common front against provincial and federal governments instead of calling it wasteful. Welcome Pride and the money it brings in - charge the organizers more money for the cost of policing and clean up if you need to ...
1769.	put fees back on car licensing, keep land transfer tax fees, charge more for excess garbage
1770.	This survey seemed overly simplistic and played to the lowest common denominator. Certainly in certain areas (like housing) the city should work with provincial and federal governments for funding and administration. I absolutely oppose the privatization of public services for any reason.
1771.	All the services are important, none should be cut.
1772.	1)Reduce police salaries, benefits and number of police. Privatize traffic cops and eliminate those jobs. / 2) tax non-Torontonians when they drive into the city. Have toll roads on the 401, dvp, 400 and gardiner. Give home owners a transponder so they don't get taxed, double check their home address by license registration, drivers' license and insurance info.
1773.	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.
1774.	Please do not cut funding for the Market Gallery! Its programs showcasing the cultural history of the city are all volunteer-run, and it is the perfect tenant for City-owned protected heritage interior space in St. Lawrence Hall.

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1775.	Collect a user fee/tax from those who work in Toronto and live outside of Toronto.
1776.	unload services that were offloaded by the province. / Get out of social services
1777.	I was disappointed to see Police Services receive such a large increase to salaries given the other cutbacks required for all city departmental budgets.
1778.	User fees the commuters who come into Toronto to work (i.e. massive amounts of people come from Mississauga and Oakville). They commute into Toronto from neighbouring municipalities, they use Toronto services and infrastructure every day and Toronto picks up the tab. Either there should be user fees or tax treaties that allow Toronto to recoup the costs from neighbouring community taxes.
1779.	Upload to Province. Toronto is the HUB of Canada. Toronto supports the economy of almost entire Canada. It is not fair that a few property owners in Toronto should support all this infrastructure. The provincial and federal level of governments should take over services like TTC and police.
1780.	The city should introduce a congestion charge to both increase TTC ridership, minimise congestion, and obtain revenue from those who live outside of the city.
1781.	The city should explore all options in terms of various levels of governments (for example, why does the city maintain courts for provincial offenses) as well as public and private partnerships.
1782.	I hope that our city will keep in mind that we must all invest our personal and communal resources, time and energy in maintaining public education, housing, health and recreation programs. We must fund services and housing for the less fortunate. We must invest in our public transportation services, including bicycle infrastructure, and increase road use taxes for motorized vehicles. We must fund services that encourage our citizens to make environmentally and socially responsible choices. We must support local, independent business and arts initiatives.
1783.	Toll roads for non residents
1784.	This survey ignored many possible ways of funding services. User fees should be applied for those who take advantage of the roads and bridges. Toronto also does not receive a fair amount of tax income for the services that they supply. Spend less money maintain roads. Spend less money on police services. Organize with other mayors and create a voting bloc that holds greater influence on provincial and federal governments to cater to cities. Receiving a share of the HST or forcing the other levels of government to take on more responsibility would greatly reduce the costs to the city.
1785.	Some services should revert to the Province. The choice is NOT between providing and contracting out.
1786.	there should be a toll for driving in the city core--this would both reduce congestion and increase revenues
1787.	We need to raise property taxes and increase user fees for Fire department. We also need more police officers and EMS. Toronto needs to be kept safe.
1788.	Have a dual paying system for visitors where they pay a higher price. Have all NON-RESIDENTS pay a toll to commute into toronto. Create a casino somewhere in the city to raise profits.

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1789.	Do whatever it takes to cut costs but maintain quality of essential programs and services. Reduce or eliminate funding for non-essential services. This could involve privatization or outsourcing.
1790.	1. If there isn't one already, then a tax of 1 or 2% on hotel rooms. / 2. Investigate the possibility of acquiring a casino. / 3. Toll roads for NON-Toronto residents. There is already a database containing most of the license plates of Toronto residents, so these should be excluded. Implement an electronic toll on highways and major east-west / north/south surface routes those who use our City but do not fully contribute to it. Every visitor uses the City's water, streets, police, fire, EMS, public health, etc. but pay nothing for them.
1791.	No user fees. Raise taxes, especially for corporations.
1792.	Get provincial and federal governments to pay their fair share, ask province for more taxing powers (particularly a sales tax/ tax that grows with the economy), keep DON'T CUT the revenue streams we've already got (Vehicle licensing fee, land transfer tax, etc),
1793.	There are additional options to having the City provide the service or contracting out. Some services have elements that should be uploaded to the province (courts, affordable housing, and childcare for instance). Also, contracting out does not always result in cost savings, especially in the medium-long term, so careful consideration is necessary before devolving responsibility. / / User fees are not appropriate for basic essential services (e.g. water treatment) or for addressing equity issues (e.g. funding for marginalized groups).
1794.	Stop contracting out of services! It was a big mistake eliminating the VRT and giving refunds. It was a big mistake to freeze property taxes in a city that already doesn't pay their fair share of taxes on properties.
1795.	Vehicle registration tax (or something similar, it is a privilege to own a car), property tax, road tolls, make it easier to fire bad public sector employees
1796.	Tax increment financing, municipal bonds.
1797.	Advocacy for provincial and federal contributions.
1798.	Search the city's list employees, like tech experts, for those innovative individuals that have the ability to invent new ways to increase revenue through city driven Internet and modern technology initiatives (for a modern world) like job search website that charge job submissions a fee or creating a program with a web presence/functionality for facilitating venture capital for businesses and charge them a fee if invested.
1799.	Raise taxes and cut waste
1800.	Reduce bureaucracy and increase efficiency! Community collaboration/ innovation. Pool resources. Think outside the box!
1801.	Toronto's property tax rate is artificially low. Cut policing costs. Cut road costs related to automobile transportation.
1802.	Having just come back from a trip to Europe I am saddened by how shabby and neglected much of Toronto looks. Part of the problem is that Toronto gets little help and respect from other levels of government, particularly the national government, relative to many European cities.

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1803.	Reinstate the Vehicle Registration Tax, and maintain the Land Transfer Tax
1804.	Increase funding to Pride Toronto
1805.	toll roads are inevitable. the only question is which administration is going to have the courage to adopt them,
1806.	I sincerely think that the city should be funding services in ways that ensure that those who truly need access to services have them regardless of their means to pay for them. I think it is truly unfair that the cost of TTC passes or recreational programming is completely out of line for those who live in poverty and most need access to those services. If user fees must be increased to pay for services then they should be decreased by a corresponding amount for those who cannot afford to pay, and Toronto should not become a city that only caters to those with the means to access services.
1807.	An increase of 10% in property tax would only be a \$12 per month increase in cost to the average property. For a few cups of coffee each month we should be taking this path instead of trying to freeze taxes. For those who truly need assistance there is already help in place. Programs such as swimming lessons are essential for the health and safety of the residents of Toronto. We should pay for them.
1808.	City should keep its services as is. The focus to cut jobs should be scratched out.
1809.	The City of Toronto needs to be more active in pushing for electoral and governmental reform so that Toronto has more power to govern their own finances. The have/have not province system is leeching money away from Ontario, which then leeches money from Toronto and their essential city services. Should Toronto be able to keep the taxes it generates, financial troubles would be rather lessened.
1810.	By a toll on cars driving into the City
1811.	Fund services by reducing costs; real hiring freeze; every services and department must cut their budget by 10% and justify where and how much and be approved before September 1st.
1812.	I grew up in Hamilton which still had a bridge toll when I was a kid. I travel to the US regularly and feel that road tolls are the least I can do as a visitor since I pay no taxes to them to maintain their roads/police services. We need to do the same and be confident that the decision is correct and helpful to our city. 24-hour Road tolls on the DVP and Gardiner. Provide electronic pass system to lessen slowdowns at tollbooths.
1813.	Fines for non compliance of by-law enforcement. Fine people who don't rake the leaves up in the fall. Also for people who let the city cut their grass when it grows longer than a predetermined length. Make a complaint line for residents to squeal on those that don't get permits for fences/walls, electrical inspections, etc....
1814.	Significantly raise property taxes to improve existing services. Higher user fees for those that can afford it (access to services, be they police or arts programs, should not be decided by economic status)
1815.	Federal government needs to give back a significant portion of the money that Toronto gives. We get only 5% back and that is NOT ENOUGH! / Provincial government needs to upload more services that the city was forced to pay during the Mike Harris years.

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1816.	Charge fees for free services, Bikes, Ebikes, etc.. / Why do I pay \$400 insure. license. fee, plate sticker for a scooter and ebikes and cyclists demand a free ride?
1817.	I think it is disgraceful that City Council has consistently voted against revenue sources and thinks that selling Toronto to the highest bidder is the best way to run PUBLIC services. / Re-implement user fees for drivers / Implement user fees for high income earners to subsidize services for our less fortunate residents.
1818.	1)restore motor vehicle registration fee / 2)apply an annual tax(\$25/year)for non residential parking spaces / 3)road tolls on regional highways / 4)continue to increase fees for garbage collection and increase water rates / 5)work with province to levy a gasoline tax provincially which would then be allocated to municipalities / 6)work with federal government to levy a 1% consumption tax which would then be allocated to municipalities / 7)raise residential tax rate to match average residential tax rate levied in adjacent municipalities
1819.	-Implement or increase user fees where possible e.g. library holds, permits, registrations / -Reduced hours of operation for historic sites and other attractions. Focus on summer and march breaks. / -Cross train inspectors to assess multiple standards on a
1820.	The city might have to look at instituting tolls on certain roads and highways. If the city maintains the land transfer tax, it could use the money towards affordable housing.
1821.	This survey was completely weighted by the language used and the choices given. The data could be interpreted in many ways. For example "Keep the same level of service" does not qualify how you would accomplish this. You could interpret that to mean "keep the same level of service by increasing user fees and/or contracting out services". This survey was designed to be misleading and vague to be presented as required to support the view that all Torontonians support Rob Ford's agenda of cutting services and programs. You should be ashamed for presenting such a badly worded and vague survey that only gives you two choices: "Contract out" or "City operates"
1822.	Cut in house cost such as city councillor wages
1823.	Bring back the vehicle registration tax, but in addition, create some kind of license-based fee for both bicycle and dog owners (or increase the fee if this already exists). Bicycle & dog owners benefit from a lot of services/improved infrastructure and they could stand to chip in a little more. Tolls for people who live in the suburbs but bring their cars downtown would also be welcome (but not for people who live downtown). No city-provided daycare.
1824.	Senior levels of government should be funding mandated-services

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1825.	People who live outside the City should be made to pay for increased use of roads and the TTC, etc., through passes, and road tolls. The planning department and OMB should be working on policies to preserve affordable housing stock for trades people. Outside centres, like Vaughan, should be producing their own facilities to encourage residents to live, work and play in their own communities. The airport is responsible for huge emissions, affecting the health and quality of life for Toronto residents, witness the gun problems in Peel, near the airport. Politicians should not be subsidizing the air industry through their travel arrangements, and air travel should be abandoned in all departments.
1826.	Revisit the division of responsibility with the province. Many mandatory services were downloaded in the 1990s (day care, social services, affordable housing, etc.) - negotiate the "uploading" schedule. This would provide a more structural and long-term solution to the benefit of the City than gutting city programs and services, reducing the quality of life, and negatively impacting the attractiveness of our City as a place to live, work and play. The latter has more significant negative economic implications than the "gravy train" ever did. / / Always take a long-term view. Band-aid solutions that screw over the most vulnerable people in this City are not the way to go. / / Also, be fair and honest in your assessment of the situation. Toronto's finances are not in bad shape, and the people of Toronto pay lower taxes than those in many surrounding municipalities. / / We have a great city. Please stop bashing it because you have an ideological bone to pick.
1827.	continue to work on more equitable transfer payments from provincial and federal governments
1828.	toronto bonds /
1829.	province and federal
1830.	It's not always about funding. Some services simply need to be monitored more to make sure the funding is being utilized properly and services streamlined. / We have all seen groups of city employees at times sitting around doing nothing, and this angers everyone. It happens just as much behind closed doors that we never will see. However, this does not mean "cut" the service or outsource it. / Simply do not tolerate this kind of behaviour. Fire people who do this, and limit how unions protect people who are wasting the cities resources. Keep the politics and childish games out of the picture, and simply focus on what needs to be done. There is far too much childish activity on both the right wing and left wing side these days. / A balanced view that supports people above pocketbooks is also in order. Without a group of people who are happy, there is no real economy. Read a bit of history and learn from past mistakes in many civilizations around the world. / /
1831.	I want our society to stay civilized by caring for the most vulnerable properly. / If improving our services means increasing taxes- so be it / Has anyone considers demanding an increase of percentage from federal taxes paid by residents? It may be more appropriate

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1832.	make police, ems, fire and waste essential services. they are all good now. if you start contracting out it will cost you more in the end and the quality is not the same. I know Etobicoke has private waste, but they have to maintain the same quality as the city provides now. If you privatize all of the city you will find the quality will go down as they will be able to do as they want and then they will increase their costs. I have heard from people outside the city where they have private and a lot of them say they pay more in taxes and the service is not great.
1833.	you display the choices as if there is no other way besides raising taxes - Be creative - plus your questioning about Public Health about user fees is ridiculous - Public Health is prevention - if you make people pay for these you will be paying more in medical costs later. Think.
1834.	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.
1835.	Yes instead of increasing user fee's or property taxes...stop spending money foolishly within your offices. If you stopped catering and spending money on things you don't "need" and spend it on what we really "need" then you wouldn't have to take more money from us. You have employee's who are in charge of the budget, who are not using our tax dollars appropriately...that is the bottom line!
1836.	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.
1837.	user fees

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1838.	The city needs to explore other options for revenue beyond the user fee/property tax dichotomy, including working with other levels of government to create a dedicated city tax, hotel taxes, etc; as well as lobbying for increased funding from upper levels of government. - money must come from somewhere besides property taxes.
1839.	The city needs to look in to developing services and jobs for people. Toronto is getting hit with Federal cut backs that have increased the strain on our city and we needs to look at real job creating at the living wage.
1840.	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.
1841.	Some services should get increased funding from both provincial and federal governments - court services, environmental issues, child care, public health, to name a few.
1842.	Property taxes in Toronto are absurdly low, especially during a time when our infrastructure is crumbling. At the same time, user fees (like ttc fares) are too high for the poorest segments of the population that rely on these services. We need to get our priorities straight.
1843.	The city should use every tool available to it to increase revenue, including the vehicle registration tax, land transfer tax and other specific tools included in the City Of Toronto Act.
1844.	Need to discuss privatization for some services, contracting out of others, and uploading services back to the Province and Federal levels such as Ontario Works, Shelter and Housing and Public Health. / / In Health, we have 3 different levels of government involvement with lots of overlap in services and bureaucracy which degrades service levels.
1845.	Individual property owners should not be asked to contribute a greater percent of the city's total revenue than they do now. The key to our budget problems lies in aggressive cost control, which bureaucrats are naturally very bad at. The mayor will have to lead the way. At the same time, the city needs to convince the province that large cities need new sources of taxation, uploading of social services back to the province and/or increases in provincial transfers in order to maintain attractive, liveable and growing cities which meet the needs of today's citizens

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1846.	Toronto -- and other Canadian cities -- MUST get a better deal from the Federal and Provincial orders of government. The case has got to be made concretely that cities are the engines of Canada's growth, and must be maintained and in good working order. Greater outreach to the private sector to help fund programs that benefit them, or make them look good, should be expanded. Fees for services such as garbage, water, hydro, tree removable, and so on should largely cover costs. Fees for public services such as libraries and recreation facilities and programs should be minimal or eliminated entirely.
1847.	As a renter, it is difficult for me to speak on behalf of property tax increases, however, increasing user fees for many programs would mean increasing fees directed at Toronto's most at-risk residents, which makes no sense whatsoever.
1848.	Do not duplicate services that are already offered by other levels of government / Toronto should not be in the social services business / Arts should be funded by users
1849.	The fundamental problem of funding some services such as poverty reduction and court administration through property taxes needs to be addressed. All of the services in the lists are valuable but they all should not and cannot be funded by property taxes. The effects of downloading need to be addressed.
1850.	Toll roads, clever increase in residential parking rates (e.g. reserved on-street parking), bicycle registration tax
1851.	sell some property and raise user fees
1852.	Increase the mill rate for property taxes to bring them inline with other GTA cities.
1853.	Consider other options other than higher taxes or fees to balance the budget. A great opportunity is cost control within reasonable measures (i.e. without eliminating services) - costs can be reduced by eliminating unnecessary red tape within City Hall, eliminating unions that force higher wages for poorer services, supplementing City Hall staff with volunteers or part time staff, obtaining private sponsorships or donations, etc. Innovation and ingenuity is required to run a city of this size, and those same skills should be applied to budgetary concerns.
1854.	The city of Toronto should not make any service cuts in culture, libraries, parks, and policy and research. In order for a city to thrive, it needs to provide services for all of its citizens. In order to provide these services, however, property taxes need to increase. It just has to. It can be pitched as \$10.00 a month, but if the citizens want the services, then they need to prepare to pay for it.
1855.	Decrease size of training and PR in Toronto Fire Services and put them on a seven day work schedule as to cut down on the overtime being paid out by the city. Reduce training as most of the training is done by STI's on the trucks and most of the new recruits have their OFM certification from collages. The 40 - 50 officers are not required. This department could be run with about 10 officers. That would save the city about 4 million a year plus benefits.

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1856.	We had a vehicle registration tax, he cancelled it without even thinking about how this revenue would be made up. He passed a budget for 2011 with no idea of how future budgets would be balanced, what kind of leadership is that? I do not support the privatization of services. I think people who can afford increased user fees should be paying more and the City needs to become more efficient in the delivery of services.
1857.	The city should prioritize access to services and have user fee breaks for persons on disability.
1858.	There is a need to consider which level of government should deliver which services and to reduce the duplication of services that are either quite similar or which address the same group of people. These could be delivered by the city on a cost recovery basis for other levels of government, or all levels could contract out to the same supplier and all could manage savings whilst at the same time making the service more user friendly. Also, we deliver some services that are of quite a low priority. These should be weeded out.
1859.	Reinstate the car registration tax. Also, consider road tolls.
1860.	Toll roads for commuters from 905 using Toronto Roads every day but not paying Toronto taxes. Or perhaps a commuter tax like New York is considering to re-implement.
1861.	The city has been having budget issues since amalgamation and Mike Harris's downloading. Talk to the province and the feds about taking back some of that.
1862.	Bring back the Vehicle Registration Tax. Find a fair way to tax people so that those who can afford to pay taxes pay them. Toronto has one of the lowest property tax rates in all of Southern Ontario, yet we enjoy some of the best services. It's time to start paying for what we use.
1863.	increase car fees, tolls etc, reduce police funding
1864.	Property Tax Increase / Vehicle Tax / Land Transfer Tax
1865.	The City of Toronto has an obligation to provide free services to the vulnerable and at-risk populations in the City of Toronto. The notion of user fees, for example, to allow Torontonians to access essential city services such as shelters is absurd. The City of Toronto is a leader in innovation and change and should lead by example and treat its residents fairly and provide necessary services to Torontonians without implementing user fees. Our notion as a city should be one city, one vision, one person at a time.
1866.	I think your question is absolutely faulty. This is not a black and white issue and your survey does not provide room for comments. Some services may necessitate increased user fees, but for other services can we increase user fees (i.e. affordable housing, social assistance?)
1867.	Vehicle Registration Tax, Tolls for those driving into the downtown core of the city.
1868.	Get the province to pay for all those services that we downloaded to the city during the Harris governments.

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1869.	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.
1870.	The city shouldn't cancel existing revenue streams, such as the vehicle registration tax, and create these funding shortfalls. They shouldn't waste millions of tax dollars, spent on planning and contracts, cancelling TTC projects. They should be using their connections with the federal government to get more core funding for the city.
1871.	(1) The city should cut services significantly if it cannot afford to provide them (cut, not contract out). The city cannot be all things to all people. It should identify core services and eliminate the balance. Core services are those that (1) protect the safety of citizens and property (2) allow people to get on with their work (roads, public courts). The rest of the services can be prioritized by how much broadly subscribed they are. For example, public libraries and community centres are used by a wide cross section of the public. Street festivals, parades, heritage festivals, theatres etc don't serve the public in the same way (and, in fact, get in the public's way). Stop funding them until we have more money. (2) The regulatory hoops that small business (and big businesses) have to jump through are punitive. (3) Stop advertising on the TTC with my tax money.
1872.	More aggressive lobbying of the provincial / federal governments for support for programs such as TTC, Healthcare, etc.
1873.	I'm no expert on this, but I'm SURE there are many other ways to fund City services/programs besides property taxes and user fees. Raising these for everyone will drastically disadvantage people who are already poor and can't afford current user fees and property taxes. The City needs to look at other ways of raising funds.
1874.	"Taxes are the price we pay for civilization." I would support a property tax increase. The provincial government also needs to properly fund the municipal level of government.
1875.	toll roads. So many people who live outside of Toronto drive in every day and use the city's resources, and they should be contributing to the cost. There should be a fee for driving into Toronto Monday-Friday. Torontonians already pay high taxes and have higher insurance rates, while people in Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Mississauga, Brampton, etc. pay lower taxes and reap the benefits of a Toronto job. Completely unfair.
1876.	Cut unnecessary services to fund essential services.
1877.	Work with the provincial government to deal with the legacy of downloading from the 1990s. The province should pay its fair share of social services, for example.
1878.	Negotiate with the Province for more funding tools. Road pricing / tolls.
1879.	drive out overpriced and underworked unions. TTC fare collectors making anything over minimum wage is ridiculous.

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1880.	I do not support user fees. I believe the city should raise property taxes, reinstate the vehicle registration fee and demand more money from the provincial and federal governments.
1881.	Police: no salary increase unless they are prepared to become more accountable, e.g. by displaying numbers prominently on helmets and uniforms when monitoring public demos. No more hiring of police to officiate at construction sites. No more tolerance of coverups by police of suspected police misbehaviour. / Culture: encourage inclusion of science and technology as well as the arts. / Education: encourage community outreach. Facilitate creation of local spinoff industries and businesses by graduates of universities and community colleges.
1882.	The design of this survey was biased towards getting the answers that the Mayor wanted. Instead of starting with the assumption that things must be contracted out and services must be cut, how about having a grown-up kind of conversation about the need, privilege, and responsibility of paying taxes? Those of us who are lucky enough to have resources are responsible for contributing to the common good through taxes.
1883.	cut middle management as much as possible
1884.	How about a bake sale? Failing that, both Provincial and federal governments have a responsibility for funding cities and maintaining a quality of living and services to all its citizens. The city needs to continue to lobby governments for funding basic services such as infrastructure.
1885.	The burden should NOT be placed upon low-income persons and marginalized groups. If service fees for users need to be increased, they should only be applicable/higher for those who can afford increases.
1886.	our city should seriously consider obtaining additional revenue from the following sources: / the provincial government and the federal government and request to be given funds according to its population i.e. more people living here equals a greater amount of the tax dollars coming to Toronto.
1887.	You must not only raise property taxes, but also not eliminate the land transfer tax. Re-introduce the automobile licensing fee/tax. Running a city (and living in it) is expensive.
1888.	Provide Accountability for Property Taxes. Tell the public where the property tax is going to
1889.	Welfare and Social Housing costs should be paid by higher levels of government because the are income distribution programs.
1890.	Cut the mayor's proposed multi-billion dollar subway expansion and return to the reasonably priced and better planned LRT plan. Reinstate the user-fee/ tax on vehicles that the mayor eliminated.
1891.	increase arts and tourism attractions for the dollar benefits they bring
1892.	Mr. Ford campaigned on the promise that he would not cut city services. He should keep this promise. Toronto needs to be a world class city. Cutting services will not accomplish our goal to be a major metropolitan city.
1893.	1. By eliminating waste, e.g. doing the job right the first time. / 2. By establishing a casino on Centre Island to raise revenue

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1894.	I would gladly pay higher taxes to have higher levels of service and lower or equal user fees for people who are less able to pay. As a child, I learned to swim, read voraciously and did gymnastics because there were free swimming lessons and free libraries and gyms in walking distance to my house. I also got to love the amazing city fireworks shows at Ashbridges' bay, a highlight of each summer. I came from a middle-class family, but money was tight all through the 90s. There are a lot of kids now for whom money is tight all the time. They should have the same opportunities I did.
1895.	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.
1896.	The cost of essential services, like housing, medical, legal and transportation services should be funded by the giant corporations of this city. I'm not a left-leaning hippie who doesn't see the value in having big companies in the city to boost the economy - I do see their value - but I also think they should be forced to pay a significant amount of money to maintain residence in the city, just like the residents. The average person should not be faced with an increase in TTC fares every other year; it's impossible to deal with that financially. Tax the people who can afford it!
1897.	Staff who facilitate volunteer programs should be fully funded, because they increase City services while reducing costs.
1898.	There are three levels of government. They should all share in funding services. Taxes are collected from Toronto to support other parts of the country. Toronto should get its fair share of tax revenues generated here. When services were downloaded to create the mega-city with no corresponding funding the problems started to mount and they are continuing. It is time to reach an agreement with other levels of government to fund some of the services. All Canadians benefit from a prosperous and vibrant Toronto.
1899.	Mix of property tax & road tolls
1900.	Too bad the current mayor shifted this problem from year to year by not raising taxes, property taxes are not that high and an increase of less than \$100 is not a big burden for good services. Taxes are good they pay for good things.
1901.	a combination of taxes and user fees. Property tax increases are ok if that maintains services.
1902.	The provincial and federal governments should be helping a lot.
1903.	Perhaps cut the salary of the mayor as well as city councillors
1904.	The City needs to look at other ways of generating revenues such as a share of the income tax (requires negotiating with the Federal and Provincial governments) and road tolls. Relying only on property taxes and user fees seems short-sighted.

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1905.	No user fees in programs for children or vulnerable/poor people. Need healthy, active kids with options for enrichment... decrease gap between rich and poor. / I pay considerable taxes, and gladly, to support the city I want to live in. / Some third party contracting out to non-profit sector is OK with me but I would like to see city take advantage of economies of scale - alongside public accountability - associated with public provision.
1906.	Sales tax; parking tax; tolls; gas tax; hydro tax; vehicle registration tax. / Investment in energy efficiency to achieve long-term savings.
1907.	Turning your back on the Vehicle Registration and Land Transfer Taxes was a mistake, as was committing to a property tax freeze. The City is underresourced; it needs more money, not less.
1908.	Do not allow corporate sponsorship that permits interference.
1909.	I pay the most property tax on my street at \$3600 - and our house is not the most expensive. Housing, not to mention property taxes is way too expensive. Something needs to change - perhaps more user fees for services used by only a small percentage of residents.
1910.	Ideally, some services that are important to the city nonetheless should not be paid by the city. The protection and security of our lives is a federal and provincial responsibility, even though the city is best positioned to administer it - it should be paid out of my income tax, not property tax. As a result, EMS, public health, fire, police, water treatment, food inspections etc. should be paid for out of federal and provincial budgets, and only administered by the city. The city should advocate for this position, in conjunction with other municipalities. It is a position that can gain popular support widespread enough to put real pressure on otherwise reluctant federal and provincial governments. The budget savings would go a long way towards taking care of the budget downfall.
1911.	Cut the jobs of unnecessary city employees.
1912.	By charging increased user fees. People should be paying for library cards, etc.
1913.	No tax cuts to businesses. transfers from province.
1914.	I think there is considerable room to improve city services within the existing tax/fee base. There is NO reason for the cumbersome, confusing maze to persist, or impolite service. This option was not available in the previous question.
1915.	We need to get rid of the absurd notion that paying taxes is a bad thing. However there should be some effort to allow the City to raise income based taxes which are much fairer to low income people than property taxes or user fees. User fees are not a democratic way to finance and run a city that really cares about its residents.
1916.	Please increase tax (both individuals and business) to fund for the city services!!
1917.	I think that user fees and property taxes should not increase for those who cannot afford it. (e.g.. senior on a fixed income & low-income people).
1918.	Reinstate the vehicle registration tax / Develop other taxing mechanisms like the Land Transfer Tax / Increase fees for parking downtown

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1919.	Rather than use private enterprises and advertising, the city should reach out to both provincial and federal governments for additional funding. Additionally, as Toronto is the largest and most economic city, we should consider imposing a tax of at least 1% on everyday good that DIRECTLY go towards the support of city-run programs WITHIN Toronto.
1920.	DONT BE SO CHEAP! THIS IS OUR CITY, OUR HOME. EVERY SERVICE CUT AFFECTS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO WONT HAVE A CHANCE TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY. TAX THE RICH!!! CIVIL SERVANTS SHOULD NOT BE MAKING SIX FIGURES, IF YOU CUT THE PAY OF HIGHER PAID CIVIL SERVANTS YOU COULD PUT THAT MONEY BACK INTO THE CITY. THE MAYOR DOES NOT NEED TO BE MAKING SO MUCH MONEY!!!
1921.	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...
1922.	The City should lobby the provincial and federal governments for increase transfer of funds to pay for improvements in transportation and roads. Also, the City should examine its procedures to see if overseeing of the work it engages in can be simplified and therefore costs lowered.
1923.	Why not do the difficult job of actually governing? The false dichotomy of offering only two choices - increasing user fees or increasing property tax - ignores the more important issues. Instead, why not cut down on expensive mistakes, like botching the Police contract negotiations, or painting over city-commissioned murals? Why not look for new sources of revenue? This deeply flawed survey is clearly looking for carte blanche to destroy services while increasing the load borne by citizens - that is reprehensible.
1924.	Nothing should be funded that only benefits a very specific segment of the population e.g.. only Tamils, only people in Trinity Bellwoods, etc. / / Raising user fees is a good option for many things but I would strongly encourage you to leave libraries free and keep things low cost that integrate people from diverse backgrounds TOGETHER. Libraries and inclusive events encourage a better community.
1925.	Institute tolls on the highways and congestion parking charges. (Car drivers should be paying user fees too.) Decrease spending on police services.
1926.	Consider increasing property taxes and user fees (such as vehicle registration tax) to maintain or improve services. This is your job - tax and spend to provide us with the services we need, expect, want, or even if we don't want them they are typically very important to someone else. The City is NOT a business, in place just to keep costs low and providing the bare minimum. I expect more from my city government and I chose to live in Toronto because I thought that we had a city government that took pride in providing services above and beyond the bare minimum. I am happy to pay more each year if it means protecting these services and I suspect the same can be said of most residents of Toronto.

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1927.	Large Canadian municipalities are responsible for far too many social services given their revenue generating capacities. Either the provincial/federal government should be responsible for these services or municipalities should be given a greater taxation power. The City should continue to vigorously pursue one of these solutions by working with other municipalities and by galvanizing voter-support, which could be high with a properly run P.R. campaign.
1928.	Those politicians who advocate cutting expenditures should start by cutting their own expenditures, including their salaries, by the same percentage. And it's not just about cutting expenses; stop cutting the city revenue. Look for creative ways to increase revenues, like the Toronto land transfer tax. The city is not a business - it can't be run in the same way.
1929.	User based services, fee for the pool usage for example. / / Private companies can usually do it better than city.. So contract it out because Business will squeeze out every cent and manage every cent... Life time jobs are not how this economy is working. / / Manage services to reduce overtime... I saw maintenance persons working on a Sunday... was that over time? Was it required that day or could it have been scheduled for a regular work day.
1930.	the city currently has disproportionately low property tax compared to surrounding areas. I'd like to see modest increases in property tax, and eventually an effort to eliminate the debt the city is currently carrying. I am not a fan of user fees that affect people in the bottom half of the income bracket, get the money from the people that can (or should) be able to afford it. Government transparency is essential, because if the government is transparent, then the public themselves are able to police any "gravity train".
1931.	Bring Property Tax Rates in line with other municipalities around the province.
1932.	Bring Back the Fees that were eliminated recently
1933.	City of Toronto taxes are lower than many other places. Increase our property taxes as need to continue growing this great city.
1934.	I'm already paying over 4,000 a year in Property Tax. Increase user fees, not property Tax
1935.	The reality is that most of these services are required for running an efficient and equitable city. Another reality is that while a few services can be contracted out the cost may be more than it is now for providing the same level of service. Also, it may be possible to introduce user fees for some services the reality is that property taxes are inevitable. In that regard, the mayor is living in a dream world. Concerning this survey, I doubt that many people (including myself) have sufficient knowledge to answer most of these questions in an informed way. There are other questions that are biased and purely ideological. The are skewed in such a way to support the mayor's position on service delivery and the funding of these services.
1936.	cut services....we have a bloated infrastructure and involve ourselves in too many services / functions

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1937.	I think the city should check it's previous long term financial planning projections (or are you saying it never existed?)and see where it was screwed up so we won't be in this mess again choosing which leg to cut!
1938.	tolls might be an option if the money went to public transportation / / a vehicle registration tax might be a good idea
1939.	Road Tolls are a possibility. / Restore the auto tax that ford, in his folly, revoked. / Perhaps a city payroll tax. / Be very cautious about selling naming rights. Our city is not a billboard for corporations. /
1940.	The land transfer tax is a solid and useful source of money for the city. / Selling real estate space above existing city-owned spaces such as TTC stations would increase city revenue. / Having drivers pay to enter the downtown core has worked in other cities to raise city revenue and cut down on emissions.
1941.	This survey does not include possibilities for further revenue generation -- a proper vehicle registration fee for example, or agitating for further provincial funding. AND DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET BY AT LEAST 20%!
1942.	The City should get at charter and not be under the thumb of the Ontario government which takes more money than it gives back to us. Please do NOT change the ward system and don't cut back on councillors. We don't have enough as it is. DO NOT PRIVATIZE CITY SERVICES. Privatization costs more in the long run!
1943.	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 / / /
1944.	I think the City needs to look at other ways of increasing revenues -- beyond user fees and increasing property taxes. There are other mechanisms available, including a larger share of the HST, Tax increment financing tools etc. The city needs to be finding ways to pay more directly for key services --that it should be providing --and rely much less on federal and provincial handouts and subsidies. This would require brave smart leadership which the Mayor and Council could provide. The City is worth it and it needs to be invested in to continue to provide us with a high quality of life and ensure the capacity of the city to generate wealth for itself and the rest of the province and region. This is a profoundly conservative, wealth-creating task and should appeal to the current administration. Mayors in many other cities have come from business and offered a competitive growth and management strategy for their cities. I am hopeful the leadership in Toronto could become less whiny and devoted to 'savings' and rather focus now on investing in the capacity of the city to be one of the most livable, competitive cities in the world. To settle for less is squandering all the great lessons we have learned here and the remarkable success of Toronto as a world city.

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1945.	reverse the Harris years uploading
1946.	find new sources of revenue, bring back the vehicle registration tax and don't cut any more sources of revenue
1947.	It was my understanding when we recently elected our new mayor and his like minded members of council that funding services was not an issue as he was going to be able to find a ton of efficiencies that would generate funding at City Hall. Now it seems that all services are on the table to be cut. What about the gravy train? Maybe eliminating fees on things like car registration or land transfer taxes was not such a great idea, especially if you have to close a library or reduce public housing. Oh well, I suppose it will be nice that the underprivileged families with their small vulnerable little children that will now be forced to live in their cars wont have to worry about a registration fee.
1948.	Those who can afford to pay more should be prepared to pay whatever taxes are required in order to maintain an acceptable standard of living for all the citizens of Toronto. It makes no sense to increase the police budget while depriving the poor of basic necessities of life. Experience shows that where the qu ality of life increases, crime decreases.
1949.	negotiate timeline with the Province uploading some services Mike Harris stuck us with
1950.	-Increasing property taxes is the best solution to fund programs and services and I say this as a home-owner; user fees punish those who can't afford them / -For both property taxes and user fees, there should absolutely be exceptions and reductions for p
1951.	Some services needs increase in user fees. / / Lobby the provincial and federal government to give the city its fair share of money. / / Improve government workers efficiency and workload. / Encourage more volunteers with and give volunteers an incentive. / / pay freeze for the government workers just like the rest i.e. councillors / / Reduce waste at city hall. Increase efficiency and quality. /
1952.	Continue as in the past.... go after province and federal government. to resume past % of funding, for instance the province used to provide substantial transportation funds and had small signs in buses .province also should provide more funds for co-op housing e.g. successful St. Lawrence project.
1953.	Bring back the vehicle licence tax. Work with the Federal government to get more of a share of tax dollars. Work with the Provincial government to upload more of the services that were downloaded to the city during the Mike Harris days.
1954.	secure support from the other 2 levels of government (provincial and federal)
1955.	The city needs to be more imaginative in working with the private sector - and not just selling off things or naming rights. There are opportunities to have private corporations to sponsor for example specific elements in parks not just the name. Our parks need more amenities and programs. Especially with more people living in condos and an aging population - check out Bryant Park in New York City!!!!!!

	Paying for City Services – Financial Advice
1956.	The recent news about naming rights of parts of the city is an excellent idea. It can be done with quality and not overpowered with company logos and branding. For example, how about renaming the Greek Town Subway stops to Greektown on the Danforth - Broadview, Chester, Pape and Donlands and after the name, "sponsored by "company name". This could be on a 1 to 4 year term and open to bids based on funds and quality.
1957.	I guess the gravy train realized that when you cut taxes you have less money to put towards public services. Shame on cuts to social and public services!
1958.	Cost reduction is important. But I think efficiencies is critical to drive before cutting services. Large bureaucratic organizations tend to run inefficiently, provide services in a very costly manner with unionized FTE's when private sector organizations can provide cheaper and more efficiently. A considerable look at outsourcing is very important as a first step to assess the financial impact to The City before increasing fees/taxes and reducing services.
1959.	Negotiate better with the province and the federal government
1960.	Bring back the vehicle license fee.
1961.	Road Tolls
1962.	Fight for more federal/provincial transfers. Bring back the vehicle registration tax. Impose road tolls. Impose a downtown congestion fee on traffic driving downtown. Increase the price of parking downtown. In short, tax those goods and services we find undesirable - pollution, un-green activities, etc., and reduce taxes on what we want to encourage.
1963.	I am against increasing user fees. The city should provide services and public infrastructure - equal opportunity for all residents.
1964.	I believe that user fees are not an accessible way to fund services - taxes should be raised on both home owners and businesses to fund the services that make Toronto a wonderful place to live.
1965.	Reduce Mayoral staff and salary, cut council in half
1966.	Property taxes in Toronto are pretty low, and a 10% increase wouldn't be that much. User fees are a regressive funding structure and they hurt those who can least afford it. / / It is inappropriate to use the term "fair" as in "fair and affordable taxes" in a survey of this nature, there are many different interpretations of fair. / / There are a number of services that should be funded by the provincial government, however this wasn't an option in the survey. / / In the question about overall funding, "significant increases to property taxes to increase city services" was not given as an option and it should have been.

	Paying for City Services – Financial Advice
1967.	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.
1968.	Perhaps uploading some services to the province and reversing the damage done by Mike Harris' government.
1969.	I think limiting this survey to consider only increasing property taxes or user fees doesn't consider all avenues which is why for the majority of the survey I answered "don't know/care" for the funding questions. I think slashing the vehicle registration charge was moronic and now I'm being asked in a survey how the city should fund service shortfalls! I think public/private partnerships, increasing development charges, some user fees, provincial funding, etc. should ALL be considered and maybe even re-instate that vehicle registration fee.
1970.	Get Federal and Provincial Governments to transfer related tax base with all downloaded programs.
1971.	Increase fees to non Toronto residents and those using non-essential services like parking.
1972.	We receive good value for our property taxes in Toronto. It would be appalling to cut services and watch the city disintegrate when most homeowners could afford to pay more (\$120 more a year? That's a few weeks worth of Starbucks). I don't buy into the idea that families in Toronto can't afford this, especially if the trade-offs are closed libraries, pools, arenas, or steep user fees.
1973.	Road tolls and congestion charges, vehicle registration taxes. Increased fees for building permits and conditions for large developers to improve surrounding public spaces in order to build buildings.
1974.	Try to acquire more funding for the provincial and federal governments.
1975.	The current fiscal arrangements between Toronto, the Province and the Federal government is broken. The City needs to be taking a firm stance with other levels of government and demanding its fair share of revenues.
1976.	perhaps the city fleets should be sponsored - this fire truck/police cruiser/bookmobile brought to you by... / most people I speak with would gratefully pay taxes/ vehicle registration tax
1977.	-no user fees for services likely to be used by lower-income families (libraries, social services, employment and training, community centres) / -increase child care subsidies to allow more parents to return to the workforce and contribute to the economy

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1978.	The questionnaire is essentially useless since it does not offer the option of the City stopping to provide the service. Period. It is also clear to me that in the regulatory area that the amount of overlap is astonishing. It is also clear just from the detailed questions that we have a whole of services being provided that are the responsibility of the provincial government who keeps on taxing us for less and less. It is equally clear when we are paying police to be construction bystanders things are seriously amiss. The budget process cannot be predicated on the assumption that we keep everything. We have to take a line by line approach and examine A - whether the city should be providing it at all, and then proceed to B - which is how do we address funding. This is ass backwards and result in no meaningful change.
1979.	Find inefficiencies in operations: reduce the salaries of the counsellors. Negotiate greater funding for the TTC from the province and from the federal government. Have sliding scale user fees based on income.
1980.	Transfer responsibility for certain services BACK to the province, and/or obtain transfer payments for these downloaded service responsibilities. Most of an individual's taxes are paid federally and provincially, while we pay very little to the city. And yet the city delivers the majority of services we use every day. Our taxation structure is backward, and the City of Toronto should continue to negotiate for a better deal with the province and Ottawa.
1981.	A review needs to be conducted of TTC revenue. A smart card system would make it easier for drivers and collectors to enforce payment of full fare, rather than giving free rides to elderly, homeless and others who insist on riding for free. Drivers are worried about their safety, and because there is no barrier to entry for incorrect fares thousands of dollars are lost daily
1982.	Sell naming rights. Do not sell assets.
1983.	Contracting services out, especially when those services have strong unions, will double the cost of the service for 6 months, until the city cuts these employees when they cannot be reassigned (ex: city garbage workers who will sit on the payroll for 6 months until they are then let go. For 6 months we will effectively be paying for double trash-services with no increase in quality). Initially, these "cuts" will balloon the size of the budget for 6 months. Those six months would significantly damage the mayor's credibility and his rapport with his constituency as a cost-cutter.
1984.	Vehicle registration fees, road tolls. Perhaps consider charging an additional fee on ticket prices for the resources used for events in the city: e.g.: Jay's games suck up city resources, collecting a dollar on each ticket could go a long way. Or an extra dollar for every Ride for Heart registration, etc.
1985.	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.

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1986.	Property taxes is the fairest way as it gets services spread out over the whole population. i.e. you might not think you will want senior's services and not want your property taxes to go to it and then find you need it and cannot afford the user fees.
1987.	User fees place a disproportionate burden on individuals with lower incomes. These people are just as necessary for the entire population of the city to exist happily (who do you think makes your coffee?). The city should fund its services primarily (or even exclusively) through property taxes, which distribute the burden more equally and place the burden of funding on those who can better afford it.
1988.	Cut paying salary to police to be present at construction sites; the builders should be paying for this and/or hiring their own security / traffic monitors.
1989.	The city should be reducing and eliminating services and lower taxes and fees. City government is wasteful and expensive. Its generally a burden on the taxpayer and reduces all citizens standard of living and quality of life. / Reduce city services to essentials only, fire, police, ambulance, roads, parks etc. No arts funding. No community housing. No expensive zoos. Private business can supply zoo demand etc. Contract out as much as possible to improve efficiency, eliminate the possibility of crippling strikes and reduce costs.
1990.	Invest in research and innovation! And make those investments more visible to the public.
1991.	The city should look into changing the relationship between the city and the province. The city should either try to get the province to take over some services or get the province to increase the city's fundraising ability.
1992.	Remove funding to the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations (FMTA) and other radical groups that use city money to further their political agendas and not carry out their intended mission. The City should not be handing over money to people to carry out political campaigns and ignore the services they are supposed to be doing. There are plenty of small cuts that can be made that when added up will save the City a tremendous amount of money and help keep services that are important going. / / Finally there appears to be a real problem in financing these smaller third party services. These third party services like the FMTA just expect an amount of money to come their way, then they budget AFTER they have the money. They don't think how to provide their services at the best possible price point. This strategy leads to much waste and I feel that third party services should be required to first present detailed budgets before being given money. If they are found to be not appropriately budgeting resources there needs to be a way to quickly cut or eliminate their funds.
1993.	Don't cut public health, libraries, public housing and recreation/community/parks. These reduce costs in the long run. Contracting out will do little to save the city money.
1994.	Charge a civic fee on large event tickets.
1995.	The City should be looking at supporting innovative approaches to growing, key populations and services are required for vulnerable communities so we can improve as a whole. I would rather see funds go to supporting people than to increased police salaries. If we can cut anything, reduce police services.

	Paying for City Services – Financial Advice
1996.	Innovative and uniquely Toronto taxes such as a hotel tax (as in many other cities), the land transfer tax and the car fee (to cover the huge cost of roads) are great ways to increase City revenue for those who can afford it.
1997.	"cut the pork"-- sell city homes --get out of public housing
1998.	Please don't increase user fees for services like TTC. The people who need it most tend to be the ones who can't afford the high prices. Also, if you want to increase token prices, decrease some of the monthly plans because they really aren't worth the money. Thank you.
1999.	The province should take back responsibility for services downloaded to cities in the 90s ex provincial courts, social services, etc.
2000.	I am very concerned about burdening low income and vulnerable with user fees. when they can't pay and/or don't get service, we all suffer--e.g. infectious diseases, public safety, etc.
2001.	Examine more partnerships between City agencies to share/reduce costs without reducing any staff or services. / Look at other funding models like fundraising, naming rights and sponsorships.
2002.	Stop reducing/cutting taxes, increase if necessary.

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

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1.	Council knows it is vitally important to save money and cut costs - I agree wholeheartedly. But, not at the expense of delivering quality services to residents. (It was disappointing to see the Urban Affairs library closed and bus routes cut). If this means raising property taxes, Torontonians will support it.
2.	DO NOT CUT THEM
3.	Services should not be cut and taxes should not be raised nor user fees applied. Do not give the ttc, municipal employees etc more money!!!
4.	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

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5.	Eliminate inter-departments late fees. Have management to only be a certain percentage of employee for all departments. Let the private sector run many departments. Make the head of the police, fire, and TTC appointed positions or elected positions, even better.
6.	This sounds like a broken record but go through the books, cut the fat. Every organization has bloating, particularly large ones like the City of Toronto....find the fat, find the redundancy and fix it.
7.	CASINO in CNE grounds.
8.	Cut costs
9.	Please consider the cultural and historical future of the city alongside your budgetary concerns. I feel like a lot of visionary steps the city was starting to take are being cut off at the knees, and at a cost. Let's balance our fiscal responsibility with our cultural responsibility, our responsibility to deliver and maintain a stellar city to live in and visit.
10.	Cut down on over management
11.	a tax increase for the right reasons is not a sin
12.	This is like the user fee if you want something then pay for it. / / I would like to add that some of the questions in the survey is quite confusing the reason not enough choices to choose from.
13.	BIA fees are taxes too. / There is waste in awarding of many contracts in BIAs. It would not be allowed in any other city department.
14.	Cut drastically... or eliminate services. Let the private sector provide services, to those who wish to pay User Fees
15.	Ensure that cities like New York, London, Paris, Sydney and others are pointing at Toronto and saying "they're doing it right" We need to lead the pack, not follow.... we need people with vision, in my opinion we don't have that... mediocrity doesn't cut it..
16.	Stop funding unnecessary organizations. eq. pride, caribana etc. etc.
17.	Ask yourself, "Will this service cut now affect the City of Toronto drastically in the future?" Saving pennies on the dollar to balance a single budget means NOTHING if future budgets are hurt. Plan for a city of the future and not a knee-jerk cut to supposedly save city of now.
18.	I think the emphasis on cars above all other modes of transportation has to be abandoned. Clearly cars have a role to play in our transportation infrastructure mix, but let's consider other, cost effective modes of transportation (bikes, street-level LRT) when determining how to invest in better transportation.
19.	More transport. Have road tolls.
20.	We need to cut back services, to only those deemed essential. The most cost effective service delivery should be used at all times. If it means privatization, so be it.
21.	Do not be scared of tax increases or increased user fees. Residents will always eventually accept them and move on.
22.	Toll roads to charge those who drive on the roads with out a downtown city address. As more people drive in to work that have an outside address.
23.	Seriously entertain uploading the subway system to the Province.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
24.	Need to invest to have a great city and not cancel contracts etc.. that would have benefitted thousands to Torontonians
25.	If you choose to increase user fees you should choose to decrease municipal taxes.
26.	The TTC is broken - we need zoned fares, to implement presto everywhere, eliminate fare collectors in favour of automated systems, the list goes on. / / Also, please open up all city generated data, especially line by line financial data, for use and analysis by the public.
27.	Invest in the future of the city. Strip malls and urban sprawl are the worst of Toronto. Without investment and shared social responsibility the city will decline.
28.	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.
29.	a liveable city is one in which all residents feel welcome Toronto will not be able to achieve being this if we continue to cut services / 311 is a great idea but I would be happier if they could deal with the issue immediately instead of referring me to call another number i.e. billboards being lit up past 11pm / keep increasing cycle lanes and further connect the system presently in place / libraries, parks, swimming pools, art galleries, farmers markets, street festivals, music events etc....these are the things that bring people together and create a City I believe that we should be supporting these types of events/places not cutting funding for them as they are vital to the growth and development of a liveable city
30.	Low income people should be protected from increases in property taxes or fee increases.
31.	They should think about the people who are living in the low income neighbours along with people who can't afford to get around the city. The City can't cut services that help people who need them day to day.
32.	There are a lot of families struggling to make ends meet and keep their kids in daycare. Don't forget about them when you raise your user fees.
33.	The City is not a corporation and should not be run as one - we are RESIDENTS not customers, and residents pay property taxes. Taxes in Toronto are lower than in surrounding municipalities and we've been getting pretty good value for our money - please don't cut our services - we need them!
34.	Keep it public. Cut the red tape.
35.	Every time reducing city costs comes up the only alternative that is given is we that will have to cut service. This belies the problem.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
36.	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.
37.	Consider public involvement, even if only via online surveys that are low cost and yet increase government transparency. The arts, education, and literacy are hugely important for cultivating civic responsibility and political awareness.
38.	Don't be afraid to think big! / / It's fine to be cleaning house right now, but ultimately Council has to leave the day to day management to others and get on with the more strategic stuff! Compete for economic development globally by harnessing what we're good at- finance, the huge global diaspora that is our citizenry, our knowledge-based industrial infrastructure, our reputation as a progressive city. Treat services as a means to ensure competitive advantage by supporting productivity and excellent quality of life. That way the human resources that drive this new economy will flock here & stay here. / / Have the courage to invest as necessary, not to penny pinch at every turn. Be acutely aware of what every other major dynamic city around the world is doing to promote its status, and beat them at their own game. / / Be clever & cunning, be brave & bold!
39.	1. Do not add any services. / 2. Eliminate most services that the City has no business doing today. I mean, owning ski hills, zoos, and water parks? Why not a racetrack? Or a brothel? The City has no business owning businesses - it only exists to ensure justice, order, and infrastructure, in that order of precedence. / 3. Implement user fees for services to the extent that is practical; only the rest should be tax.
40.	Reduce taxes. Remove the municipal land transfer tax. Privatize the DVP and major highways into toll roads.
41.	I want this to be a rationale and principled process. For example if some services are to be contracted out, It should be OK for bidders to be a union shop. / / The cost of policing should NOT be considered untouchable. / / The subway portion of the TTC should be considered for uploading to the Province(after all with the Vaughn extension) it is No longer a purely Toronto play. In the interim the subway aspect of the TTC fare structure should be a pure fare by distance play with consideration of zonal fares for the street car and bus networks. / / The vehicle registration fee should be reconsidered as a fee for service scheme using the Toronto Water approach as a template, A state of good repair has to be the metric; so the fee would include allowance for capital renewal, as well as operating budget offsets for road engineering, maintenance, and the traffic police component of the police budget. A residual should still be paid through property tax but the bulk of the all in road costs should be pain via user fees. / / The City theatres should be privatized outright. / / The Toronto Zoo should become a pure GTA organization; in which Toronto would pay its fair share, Toronto should offer to donate the assets to the new organization.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
42.	Just cut your cost, you fat cats
43.	Please note that oftentimes, when contracting out services, the process results in a captive market of users who have no other options as for providers of a service, so this creates a monopoly situation. This is contrary to some of the best features of capitalism, and often results in high costs and increased user fees with little to no service improvements. Even when there are several providers, costs for businesses almost always get passed on to users because it is still a semi-captive market, so service doesn't increase and cost increases. Also, the only way to "have a say" in a private corporation providing a service is to be a shareholder, and most of the time one's voting power with a share is minimal. Instead, when a city runs a service, any user of that service that is a resident of the City can "have a say" without having to have made a financial transaction (the purchasing of stock) and their ability to influence an outcome is much more certain. Please don't contract out any service (TTC, garbage, parks etc.) that has a reasonable chance of encountering any of these hurdles.
44.	I always describe Toronto as a great place to raise kids, but an awful place to be a parent. It would be nice to work with the provincial and federal governments on providing low cost, quality child care for all.
45.	City should not be in social services. Those are provincial responsibilities.
46.	stop building subways they cost too much for the return / increase walkability and cyclability of the city / Don't think about being re-elected, think about your children / Think of our international reputation / Driving is a privilege, not a right
47.	Keep city services public. Why do the Ford brothers want to privatize garbage to save 8 mill when they don't want to control police spending at all and allow paid duty whatever it is. A police officer watches over the construction near my house. He drinks coffee, he smiles. Doesn't even have to direct traffic. 11% over 4 years. are they going to increase services, like my library or outdoor rink opening ours by 11% over 4 years. Let alone the benefit increases. Most police officers don't live in or pay taxes to Toronto.
48.	Saving money isn't everything. Look at the mess that Mike Harris made of the province with his cuts. Quality of life should rank much higher in importance.
49.	Toronto is consistently ranked as one of the best in the world in terms of liveability, but for transportation, it's ranked in the bottom of these cities. Invest in improving rail infrastructure, and bring changes soon. Don't have projects which will last 15 years or so to fully complete. Assume the Olympics are coming to Toronto in 4 years.
50.	Cut the entire police force. Bring in the OPP or RCMP.
51.	Invest in arts and culture will generate income from tourism and talent from other regions. It's a smart investment.
52.	In addition to increasing user fees and property taxes the City should consider other sources of revenue that do not involve divesting itself of income generating assets -- such as Toronto Hydro -- in order to enhance the quality of the services that it provides. Also, it is important to me that the City not reduce its costs by simply replace well paid jobs with jobs that do not provide a living wage; the City should be both a livelihood improving employer and outsourcer.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
53.	The population of the city is what makes up the city. The population consists of living beings with basic requirements. These basic requirements should never be cut, such as healthcare, emergency services, aid to maintain sufficient living, housing. Integrity to the city and its unique requirements is also important. But it's also important to keep a good balance between service & cost, not affordability in these respects. Affordability should only play a role in non-vital services, services that can be cut or disposed of, never to services that have to do with basic living standards. / Manage wisely.
54.	there should be a road tax (Hwy 401) to be split with the province and the city for trucks only. This tax would apply to drive within the city of Toronto borders. Trucks do tremendous damage to the Highways, and the cost should be 25C each way. / From what I have seen even at this low price the city would make millions a year.
55.	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.
56.	Maintain quality - if this means contracting out services, so be it... but overall, the city should maintain control over these services in some capacity to ensure quality and customer (tax-payer) satisfaction is high. The city needs to look at the impact the out-of-city population is having on the delivery of services, many of whom contribute nothing in the way of property tax and yet enjoy our services on a daily basis for free.
57.	If you can give the police a 11% wage increase, you can keep the other city services I value. If you can't afford to keep all of the other city services, you should not be allowing such a huge wage increase. Also, if you can afford to provide such a wage increase to one group of city employees, you cannot rightly nickel and dime all other city employees when their contracts come up.
58.	Improve and invest in services. Do not cut them.
59.	I am tired of newcomers that come to this country and are offered free access to the recreation programs and don't have to pay especially when my grandchildren or other children can't afford the programmes through parks and recreation. Enough / is enough I feel everyone needs to pay and if you can't afford it you don't do it. I also feel daycare is the same I had children / and stayed home with them and again if you can't afford to look after your children and expect the state to look after them don't have them. I do believe that sometimes people fall on hard times and the community should help them to get back on there feet an I know some people just are unable to survive on there own we do need to help them but in a way the we make them / feel better about themselves. I also know that a lot of services such as TTC should be amalgamated with the GTA and working together so it could run a lot smoother. Public health is one service which is overlapped with provincial there the / ones that are insisting on vaccines such as flu shots and other services and they should pay for that. We have had so much / downloading that the province needs to take it back or offer up more money.
60.	Quality of Life is paramount - don't under invest. Once you start to slide you are in a black hole and decline and may never return
61.	Ford promised to not cut services.

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62.	Doing what's right isn't always the most politically easy option. The public wants services maintained and taxes cut, and don't understand money doesn't come out of nowhere. From an economics standpoint, however, money spent by the city as a result of taxation has a 3X more positive affect on the economy than the equivalent amount spent on a tax cut.
63.	user fees discriminate against the poor
64.	Think long term. Invest in efficient public goods for the future. Short-term cost-savings always wind up costing us more in the end.
65.	I do not want to see a reduction in overall service levels in order to maintain or increase city services. I am fine with a reasonable property tax increase to support city services. In general, I am happy with the way the city spends and manages its money.
66.	Transportation - LRT, bike lanes, TTC. / If there should be increased user fees for anything, it should be driving cars during rush hour and downtown, using highways, etc.
67.	Yes, I'd like the city to actually engage in a complex analysis of its finances and look at investing in the services our communities need. / I pay substantially less property tax on my home than friends with comparably valued homes in other communities. As a citizen of Toronto, I receive more services and have access to better parks, more culture than those same friends.
68.	You are entrusted by the people to work for the people. Not special interest groups (environmentalists, welfare groups, homeless groups, etc). The decisions you make will carry forward many years from today. You are the builders of our city. Think ahead and not for today. Be more like RC Harris who built the Prince Edward Viaduct. Through his leadership we have a multi purpose bridge that I would bet serves We over 200,000 people a day. Tough choices will be made but I am sure we will overcome and do what is right for the city. Good luck!
69.	don't just consider cutting and outsourcing services. Toronto does not pay the appropriate taxes when compared to many other cities in Canada. those who live in the suburbs benefit greatly and don't contribute to Toronto's tax structure. Road tolls are acceptable. I would rather have a beautiful, exciting city to live in with free cultural offerings and pay more taxes, rather than one that is always cutting corners and having issues paving the roads or keeping up it's parks etc. you get what you pay for.
70.	Please retain the services of community organizations with whom Council consults. They're free! Why cut them? Let the people speak.
71.	We should aim to serve the residents, not cut taxes!
72.	Allow homeowners the ability to cut down any tree on their property. Homeowners shouldn't have to get a permit and permission to do so. This will reduce some labour costs to the city.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
73.	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.
74.	Increasing user fees unfairly denies city services to those who pay taxes but are at a lower income level. / If user fees are necessary, then they should be higher for those with higher income.
75.	Increase civic pride and cut costs by bolstering support of volunteering.
76.	I would like to see a breakdown by neighbourhood about which neighbourhoods would be most affected by a user fee. For example, which neighbourhoods have the lowest income, which neighbourhoods have the highest use of community recreation centres?
77.	Do NOT cut services - do no increase user fees to make them unaffordable.
78.	Signing off on contracts like the recent one with the police, really puts the city in a bind. Police services make up a huge portion of the city's expenses and now we are going to have to live with increases to their already high wages. Also--I don't know why the city plans to give up revenue sources like land transfer, if it is in such a financial bind. Finally--why did the city do a zero per cent increase this year--it would have been better to allow a modest increase so that cuts or increases will not be so dramatic in 12
79.	Cut the policing budget
80.	Services will be what defines Toronto. Whether we can elevate to the status of a world class city with other great cities, or the slash and burn, which will hold us back. In an era where fiscal prudence is necessary, it's time for user fees (I'm particularly in favour of congestion charges and tolled roads).
81.	CUT CUT CUT and Sell off all that city Housing
82.	Yes, get a better deal for cities from higher levels of government. Imbalances in fiscal powers and responsibilities is the cause of the shortfall. So do something about it.
83.	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.
84.	Please do your due diligence in considering which services to cut or not. Contracting out does not mean "Better Service".
85.	It's less painful to have small tax increases every year than have a freeze, then a higher tax increase to make up for the shortfall.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
86.	Cut-funding for the over-privileged -- like the police -- and quit with the cutting services to those with low and limited incomes. Keeping union jobs with living wages is in our best interest, especially in this economy when so many have lost their jobs -- it's a shame for more to lose theirs due to ideology.
87.	CUT all services other than regulatory (permits, planning, etc.), health (ambulance, etc.) and security (police, etc.)
88.	Road tolls. Especially for people who live outside of the city but who work in the city and use our services and utilities for 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. These people should be contributing to our city.
89.	Don't go for short term fixes that we will be paying for in years to come, like happened from Mike Harris. Please think long term and think about creating a city that we can all be proud of.
90.	demand more provincial/federal funding
91.	Review services and other City spending BEFORE cutting the tax rate - this helps ensure that the City can actually afford to cut taxes in the first place.
92.	Our services need improvement not reductions. Rather than cut services and end up like Detroit we should seek ways of improving them. For funding we should actually be politically courageous and demand increased funding from the Federal and Provincial governments which would be in line with the economic and political clout that Toronto and the GTA has. This could be done by seeking agreement and co-operation with regional mayors and governments when going to the negotiating table.,
93.	Do not cut any more services to the city's poor.
94.	Think outside the property tax/user fee box. There are other ways to fund things - advertising, tourism, etc.
95.	Consider taxing for vehicle registration; road tolls; etc. Infrastructure is very important and should not be forgotten. So is economic development.
96.	keep the taxes low and increase user fee
97.	Support the tri-level government cooperation at Waterfront Toronto! It's the best thing in the city!!
98.	Toronto Water needs to be given the financial means to focus on fixing the combined sewer overflow issue, which is the biggest issue that impacts our water quality. / / The City of Toronto needs to support initiatives to increase green cover in our city, and increase permeability of currently non-permeable surfaces in order to reduce run-off.
99.	Don't cut services or projects because someone with power doesn't know what he is talking about. Major projects have been described as wasteful by mayor's staff and cohorts and it is obvious they know nothing about the service or project.
100.	the employees they have- getting rid of them would only greatly affect the employment rate and could increase the costs to the City for services to support them getting back into the labour market
101.	Focus on eliminating the wasted spending, duplication of tasks first. And stop handing out increases to City employees. Private sector gets nothing when companies aren't doing well. And cancel the police increase.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
102.	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.
103.	get back to delivering core services, police, fire, ems and cut on cultural, arts and other non essential programs. These programs can go find corporate sponsors if they want to continue
104.	Focus on making the City of Toronto a "Free City" and sovereign from the Province or Federal jurisdiction. Remove income, sales, and property taxes. Maintain free-trade with Canada and the world. Keep these very low costs and draw creative people and businesses into the city. This will be the best and fastest way to bring prosperity to Toronto that will build wealth and jobs for the future.
105.	BIA fees are taxes. BIA money must be spent with greater accountability. There are problems throughout Toronto regarding contract allocation through BIAs. There needs to be better support manuals, documents etc from the City BIA Office.
106.	Environment and the impact of poverty. The need to reverse the Harris downloads
107.	Make a plan and stick to it rather than bickering, studying sometimes for decades! Are you tearing down part of the Gardiner or not. Make a decision and that will allow a final plan to proceed for the waterfront which is accessible, not cut off from the city and a pleasure for all to visit and live in!!!
108.	Federal and Provincial governments should recognize their responsibilities. Additionally the City should reintroduce vehicle registration fee and increase special land transfer tax on real estate sales. Finally, major arteries should be tolled.
109.	Don't cut any services; Increase revenue from various sources to pay for services.
110.	Cuts to services affect quality of life for everyone. Look at the long term consequences -- burning one's furniture to heat the house does not fare well for the long term. I want to pass on a great city to our kids.
111.	Providing enrichment and opportunities for low income residents is a better use of money than needing to increase social assistance and policing and prison/rehabilitation (even if that is not municipal) later!!
112.	Cost should not be a factor!!! A city is not a business! Toronto should get back more in income and sales taxes that it pays the province and feds to help fund itself. Toronto should cede and form its own Province or barring that, de-amalgamate to the former cities!
113.	Increase communications e.g. Toronto newsletter
114.	We are a wealthy, diverse, international city, a provincial capital - not a backwater. It is time to act like that.
115.	It is important to maintain services as cutting them sets a dangerous precedent, where the budget gap is only temporarily bridged by cutting services necessitating further cuts in later years. Taxes cannot be held flat or cut at the expense of city services.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
116.	City council needs to take into account the increasing polarization of income throughout the city and the increasing concentration of poverty in the city's edges. It needs to step very carefully in making any decisions - such as the apparent decision to cancel the Finch LRT - that will very clearly increase the marginalization of citizens who are already on the edges.
117.	Hand back service delivery to the province on services downloaded without transfer of tax points by the province. / Preserve services and community/neighbourhoods -- be pound-wise, not penny-foolish.
118.	1) Determine if the City should really be providing the service at all. For example, police offices standing around doing nothing at construction sites, city run theatres, golf courses, etc. / 2) Look into more effective ways to deliver service - Toronto Hydro becomes Toronto Water & Hydro for example, smart water meters that report usage back automatically so no one needs to come and do meter readings. Use technology, kiosks, etc., to make delivery of services cheaper. / 3) Address the parking elephant that seems to exist - all traffic in the city (buses, cars, bikes) would move a lot better if on street parking was reduced, if parking laws were enforced and if cars that were in violation were towed rather than just getting a ticket yet remaining where they are, impeding the flow of traffic. Create parking zones for street parking where pricing is the same within the zone. / 4) Adopt a system similar to Montreal's snow clearing that forces parked cars off the streets during snow clearing or they're towed.
119.	At the very least, maintain existing services. If more money is needed, raise taxes and fees.
120.	Pressure the provincial government to solve the municipal stable funding problem.
121.	Cut TTC staff. The ticket vendors jobs can be done by machine. Then maybe the TTC will be able to afford to clean the stations. Stop charging me money to put out garbage. I live above a commercial property. People like us should be able to put out one bag of garbage without having to pay \$5 a bag.
122.	Think about the money. Mayor Ford is doing a fabulous job of focusing on this, but we must not let the millerites go back to spending with no hope of covering the cost. / / Private enterprise knows that there are TWO variables in balancing a budget: Not just revenue, there is ALSO cost. Cut your costs. Cut departmental budgets - not arbitrarily, but cut them to what they actually need. / / Cut HR people. Cut middle management people. Cut people that do not add value. Cut people that do not perform. Freeze you hiring for a few years
123.	Selling off assets is only be a short term solution. Invest in infrastructure now before we are forced to do it
124.	When making major decisions about services, have a person from each service involved, and check with what the public suggests through a vote. / They need a casino in this City.
125.	try to increase efficiency first. don't jump into conclusion that more money is needed.
126.	Remember the poor and the less fortunate when making decisions. Be bold and invest in our future - stop saying what we cant do and start looking at what we can do instead.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
127.	invest for the future
128.	Increase in taxation is unavoidable in order to keep up to a certain level of services, but the percentage of increase should be kept low.
129.	An evidence-based evaluation would be helpful, rather than ideological nonsense. Also, perhaps members of 'Ford Nation' should spend some time using the services they wish to cut to see how real people in Toronto live.
130.	If you are going to cut city services, you should cut your salary first (not office budgets, that's immaterial). Unless you are willing to make a sacrifice of your own, you do not have the moral authority to cut others benefits. / Unless you are prepared to tackle big ticket items like the police budget and TTC, you will NEVER balance the budget and should give up on the false pretence and lies that you can balance the budget through 'efficiencies'. This is a fools game.
131.	1. City Council should put their political differences and the interests of their wards aside and demonstrate responsible governance for the greater interest of the City and its residents. / 2. City Councillors should not put forward motions to increase service levels without specifying where the funding would come from. / 3. Decisions should be based on maximizing return on tax dollars paid. Decisions should prioritize services where the number of beneficiaries are higher. / 4. City Councillors put too much emphasis on community consultations in receiving community feedback. These sessions represent special interest groups that are highly vocal, not the average resident who has work and family obligations that prevent them from representing the silent majority. Community consultations should not be held unless the issue is highly local or they are done at a broader scope that allows higher participation levels. / /
132.	I moved back to the city from 905 - where I had a bigger house worth far less money and paid less in taxes - but I also got far less services. People are willing to pay a bit more in property tax - but they need to see an improvement in services and in thinking - how do we create a better city for everyone
133.	library services is important to the community. Please don't cut it. Contract out some of the TTC tickets collector to cut the cost for the public transportation. City needs to have a better planning for a better future.
134.	Invest in the future. Think long term. Do not use "burn the furniture to heat the house" type budgeting (i.e. do not sacrifice capital assets to fund operational short falls).
135.	Do not cut services for the vulnerable. Poverty results in increased costs and must be eradicated. Urge the province to fund the special diet.
136.	Counsellors ought to ride the bus, walk through rough areas of town and try to feed their children on what a welfare recipient receives for a week before attempting to cut anything. The mayor ought to read some books. Counsellors ought to be required to work at least 3 days / month at a soup kitchen, women's drop in centre or charity organization that works for the poor. Counsellors ought to have a work experience week with any and all services they wish to cut prior to making any cuts so they can have first hand information about what is actually going on. / / Why are we making cuts when our deficit is not that high?

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
137.	listen to the research about what makes cities great and invest in those things, rather than playing to a partisan political agenda
138.	You need your employees to provide services. If you cut services you ruin the city. Rob fire will ruin the city of Toronto
139.	please please please invest in public transportation. it is a nightmare
140.	Take a hard look at the quality of the services. Yes, the city pays its employees well for the services they provide. Hire quality employees, treat them well and maintain high expectations. When making cuts, try looking at the people managing the services, not those delivering the services. / / I'm willing to pay more in tax if I am receiving quality services. You can't raise taxes and cut services - it just creates resentment.
141.	Do less services but do those things magnificently. Recreation centers, pools & rinks should all have fees.
142.	We expect to pay taxes to keep up levels of service to the whole community. Do NOT increase our taxes to only benefit the few!
143.	A city that is safe for bicycle riding. A fee for cars that enter the city core. Make Toronto a car free city as much as possible and increase the level of service by the TTC.
144.	We need to encourage and provide incentives to both small and large businesses to locate in Toronto and leverage the city's profile and reputation as a world class city to attract businesses from outside the province & country. Councillors need to remember that while there is a lot of money in the city there are also a lot of individuals & families with out money and their needs must be addressed and not overlooked. In addition the price of houses/condos is spiralling out of control and while it is not an unique issue related to Toronto alone it needs to be addressed.
145.	Mayor Ford promised us no cuts in services - please remind him of that. / Police is the biggest item on the City budget - there are private security companies who are mostly staffed by young people who have police training and would love to be police officers for much less than \$90K/yr. Then nothing else would have to be cut and taxes could stay at a reasonable rate. / / / / It is a sad statement that you have put the option "don't care" - if we are filling out the survey, this means that we DO care.
146.	Same as before. This City thrives because of the services it provides. Invest, don't cut.
147.	Please do not resort user fees that affect the most vulnerable in our city who rely on the services much much more then the more affluent.
148.	Increase funding for more heritage preservation services, community planning and urban design staff.
149.	It is the job of the city council to provide the services it does. It is not their job to increase the city headcount. Contract out work wherever it makes economic sense.
150.	Consider having representatives who liaise with labour groups i.e. Good Jobs For All and local Labour Councils, to get a true pulse of what residents are feeling in the city. Moving the city forward takes the effort of all the residents, so increase the opportunities to get our input i.e. community bbq's. Regular town halls. This type of survey is the least effective. It's too long, and many residents may not understand the questions.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
151.	Cutting taxes/fees is not a priority. Improving (at least maintaining) levels of infrastructure and key services that the city is best able to manage the quality of, must be a priority in building a modern metropolis that ranks amongst the best to live and work in.
152.	Are we or are we not Ontario's financial powerhouse? Can we get more money from the province and federal level to repair our infrastructure and expand smart growth of the city?
153.	Twenty years ago Toronto was heralded as "the city that works", and was thought to be much healthier in terms of serving its residents than many large American cities. Since then we have marched backwards while some American cities like New York and Chicago have zoomed ahead. Partly this is the legacy of the Harris government's downloading and anti-tax mania by some city politicians like Mel Lastman and, now, Rob Ford. / It is absolutely valid and vital to fight to make sure we get value for dollar for all our taxes, but we can't expect to have a vibrant, healthy city without paying the tab. So please, raise my taxes!
154.	Short term pain in terms of tax increase = long term gain to residents.
155.	Outsourcing can maintain quality services, or reduce costs, but probably not both. I do not trust the current mayor or council to exercise good judgment when issuing RFPs or contracts. / The police budget keeps going up while the crime rate goes down. We could cut the police budget and direct that money to other programs that support vulnerable neighbourhoods, thus reducing crime.
156.	Look first for ways to cut costs; then for ways to improve service. Turn accountability from a pat phrase into an everyday action. Hold everyone providing services to the public to the highest possible expectations. Demand appropriate behaviour from those in positions of authority, starting with the Toronto Police Service. Apologize when mistakes are made and take responsibility for correcting them quickly, effectively and fairly. Don't get drawn into making decisions on the basis of emotion, or responding to on- off situations with a over reactive knee jerk response. Treat the City of Toronto like it is your family; show courtesy and respect, and you will get respect in return.
157.	I would like City Council to consider the number of City employees who would lose their jobs if services are contracted out. Contractors are out to make money for themselves, not to provide their employees with a decent wage and benefits. The City does a good job carrying out the services it provides. Contracting out may be cheaper initially, but ends up costing more in the long run. Another thing is that property taxes and user fees are much lower than in any of the Cities surrounding Toronto, which doesn't make sense.
158.	Privatization has not historically lowered costs to the city. Service declines and expenses increase. See the 407.
159.	Council should consider uploading police services to the province, might scare Queen's Park into giving Toronto more money.
160.	I simply can't afford to see my property taxes continue to increase every year at the rate of the past 20 years.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
161.	We cannot afford to do everything for everyone. Cities are not the level of government that should pay for every form of social assistance. The only city programs that are a priority are (a) programs for the elderly who need assistance and (b) programs for poor youth who are at risk. /
162.	Toronto is a great City, and as a resident I would be very sad to see a slash and burn approach to saving money happen on the backs of services provided - many of these are exactly what make Toronto a world class city, and what helps draw quality people, companies and investments to the GTA. The point is please explore other options than simply cut budgets, and contract out services. In short, be creative, do some research and find innovative ways of doing things that can provide savings, and make Toronto a model for better urban/municipal governance as well.
163.	Should not cut services to those most in need- homeless, frail seniors, people with physical or mental/emotional problems. Also, increasing user fees for these people to access service will make it even more difficult for them to access services because they already live on strict budgets. / TTC passes should be free for seniors.
164.	I find it weird how this survey is being conducted. Cutting services should never be an option. Electing someone to cut services is silly. Properly managing a city however is why we hold elections. We should take pride in the quality of services we have. If that means we have to raise taxes, than that is what we have to do.
165.	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 /
166.	Privatization of services has been shown in many other jurisdictions and circumstances to increase total costs in the long-term and decrease quality of service. I would NOT support this sort of move.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
167.	Again, tax reforms and new fees should be considered in any decision about funding city services.
168.	Stick to your mandate. This is a CITY government, not a province or country. Deal with city issues and let the provincial and federal governments handle their areas of responsibility.
169.	keeping city services public, and fee-less services like libraries continue to be fee-less.
170.	please have some pride in Toronto. Don't treat Toronto as some used car that we're trying to cut costs on by using cheap mechanics and spare parts. Toronto IS a world class city. Let's make it the best city in the world, known around the world for its culture, its economic opportunity, and its living quality for all people rich and poor.
171.	stop spending money on researching things like homelessness and poverty- it has been studied enough- instead use funds to educate public re these issues, the long term effect on society and then assist public to advocate to province for more funding dollars
172.	Yes, public services should remain public--only the City can insure that workers are paid fairly and the job is done right. As soon as you start privatizing, corners are cut to make profits for a few instead of benefits for all.
173.	Stop taxing people to death people are being tax from multiple direction: federal, provincial, income, gas, property, food, HST, I can go on and on !!!
174.	1. Prioritize addressing problems that cost the most in the long term. I'll still vote for the mayor who runs a short-term deficit if he/she stands a good chance of achieving a surplus a few years down the road. 2. Be careful of what you cut now, it costs twice as much to rebuild it later.
175.	I do not support privatisation and "contracting out." We need to maintain the low crime rate and success of our city. We will put both in jeopardy if Mayor Ford's short-sighted schemes are put in place because now is the time for the city to be hiring more people and creating more good, family sustaining, unionised jobs instead of trying to cut them. I urge all city councillors to stop trying to manufacture a crisis where there isn't one and just increases property taxes by at least the rate of inflation. Also, I'm very disappointed with Mayor Ford's decision to give the already over-paid Toronto Police a massive 11 per cent salary increase.
176.	Decrease taxes and increase per usage fees.
177.	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 /
178.	Significantly increase public participation

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
179.	Services should be looked at in the long term, not short term. Cutting after-school programs has been shown to increase crime. Cutting availability of pools and sports fields has been shown to increase medical costs. Cutting funding for arts decreases our stature on the world stage and negatively impacts tourism. These are examples of short-term gains which have much higher long-term costs. If governments 10 years ago had spent a little more in these and similar areas, policing and health care costs could be much lower now. I will gladly pay more in taxes now to improve the city not just today but for decades to come.
180.	Do not provide property tax breaks for the elderly - let them get reverse mortgages if they can't afford the taxes on the homes they own that have appreciated many times in value since their purchase. They should not get a tax break on the back of first time home owners.
181.	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.
182.	Historically, reducing spending on public services exacerbates problems in a bad economy. Do not follow the federal lead and cut services. Torontonians need affordable housing, employment services and child care/family services more than ever if we want to get out of the Great Recession.
183.	Next time make the survey more accessible and acknowledge that renters also pay property tax.
184.	The Mayor says that everyone he has heard from has said that he has to cut services and hold property tax increase at 0%. This is hogwash. There are lots of folks who are proud of the services Toronto offers and are happy making the investment necessary to make this happen.
185.	My family pays 5 times more provincial tax, and more than 8 times more federal tax than Toronto property tax and water & garbage fees combined. I think issues with municipal funding in Canada are due to unfair distribution of funds among level of government. The City should lobby harder for a share of gas tax, income tax, and perhaps other provincial/federal revenue sources.
186.	decrease tuition fee
187.	do not cut services for children and families
188.	Yes. If they keep everything as it is would be better than changing anything. It seems they cannot avoid their convictions make a right pluralistic decision for the citizenry and future generation. How can you ask people if it is better to contract out public property such as TTC or Park? And why there was no increase in fines, car licensing, and such as they drain the cars drain much more than anything else and harm us most, perhaps stop the 11% income increase for the cops.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
189.	Taking away good jobs and replacing them with poor jobs does not build a healthy secure society. Increase city services and create jobs for people instead of taking away good jobs! Salaries should be reasonable all across the board. Cut upper management salaries, they are out of control.
190.	animal services is an integral part of city services. If you look at what happens in large American cities when these services are cut you will see why we must continue to support and improve what we have now. Please consider the "other population" of Toronto. Thank you.
191.	Stop being afraid to raise taxes and increase user fees. Decrease the salaries of unionized staff.
192.	Amount of tax paid, user fees and property tax should be directly proportional to the household income. Those who have a higher income and assets should financially support more vulnerable populations.
193.	It is important to keep things equal so I don't understand why police are getting raises when others in the province and city do not and maybe we need to look at how much funding they should get for their salary - especially when doing menial work such as watching construction sites.
194.	Support the arts and culture. It helps to increase community involvement, raising citizens that are more aware and intelligent, as well as culturally integrated, making them less complacent about the city. They will work harder.
195.	Many of the most important services are for people who are unable to afford *any* user fees, let alone an increase. PLEASE keep these vulnerable people in mind in any decision-making.
196.	I would like staff to consider full life-cycle costs and investments. For example, poor maintenance and repair to streets and buildings costs more in the long-run. Also higher quality public spaces with durable and beautiful materials may cost more in the short term, but they bring economic development, tourism and higher property values which equate to more property tax revenue.
197.	MORE JOBS and INCREASE IN PAY
198.	Don't increase fees that much, try to find other ways to provide good quality services
199.	Increase funding to the arts sector in order to make the city more beautiful and vibrant
200.	Our city is still not a very livable place when compared to other places. We should continue to invest in connecting up the many walking trails that are interrupted by roads, golf courses, bridges, etc. such as the East Don trail.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
201.	TTC works well but it is becoming really expensive. I came to Toronto 7 years ago and the TTC Pass was around 90 dollars. It's more than 35 dollars increase in just few years : close to 40% for the same service. / I loved the idea that we could enjoy to go swimming for free and to know that families with low income could use those services. Now we have to pay 2\$ per person. Not everybody will be able to go swimming as much as they want anymore, that's sad. / I will love more French books in public libraries, what's exist is not enough. / Public health is suffering. It's really hard to find a family doctor. The service in hospital can be terrible. The approach to patient should be more humanist. You have to wait for hours and they treat you like a number in 5 minutes! I am really disappointed and it means that you are better to be in good health or you are in trouble. / Education is not on the survey and it's essential, why it's missing? /
202.	Consider the increase in population with lower income people over the next few years, and the need more services in the future. Don't short-change the city today which will require greater tax hikes in the future. Slow steady increases are more palatable then a sudden jump in fees when revenue is realized to be running short.
203.	bring back the vehicle registration fee/tax. Simple.
204.	Please consider who needs these services and how their quality of life would be affected if they were cut.
205.	Canada is a great country but there are times when we are too polite. I don't always like to have my property taxes go up to support people who are new to this country and have nothing to contribute. Some of this comes from the federal government but the city should be fighting some of these ideas. i.e. if you marry someone from another country it's not automatic that they are entitled to everything the rest of us are for at least 5 years. Same as if you just immigrate here.
206.	Public Health is everything. If health services are cut in any way, it will substantially alter the quality of life for our most vulnerable citizens.
207.	Increasing user fees has the potential to affect all of Toronto's citizens who utilize current programs. Means tested user fees are likely to substantially reduce the use of Toronto's many fine programs due to artificially created socio-economic lines. While no one likes to see property tax increases I would gladly pay more to maintain and support the services I receive.
208.	Remember that any service that is cut affects the lowest income people in the city first. There are already too many living below the poverty line in this city, and we need to address that issue by supporting any initiatives that will help those most vulnerable, including youth and children affected by poverty.
209.	listen and look at all well considered opinions, value expertise and evidence, do what's right and good (not just financially expedient) / there is a balance - try to achieve it. / cut, cut, cut does not necessarily produce economy and often ends up costing more in the long run.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
210.	The financial problems for the city is due to financial and resource mismanagement. The cost of building up population density and financial speculation is not being appropriately compensated for by the city. Which is leading to ghettoization of the city and poverty in neighbourhoods. There should be a sliding scale based on the homeowner profit and usage for selling a property that is not used for its intended purpose read land usage fees and land transfer fees. They should not be the same for each and every sale.
211.	Try to protest the downloading of provincial responsibilities onto the cities. They simply can't afford it.
212.	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.
213.	If you are planning to cut programs and services, please give us proper notice
214.	Please don't cut city services.
215.	what kind of Toronto we want to leave our children. Quality services, community development, and healthy city or cut to the bone services that do not meet the needs of residents. We have to take the long view, not just what will save us money now. Stop being so afraid to raise taxes and start communicating in cooperative language that emphasizes everybody contributing to a great future.
216.	I will repeat that I think that providing adequate and affordable housing for all, and access to recreational programs for young people and green spaces will reduce the need for increased security services, save money, and increase the quality of life in the city.
217.	Consider how wonderful the City is and that the myriad of programs and services are the reasons why it is wonderful and admired worldwide. Consider also, you get what you pay for and \$120 tax increase is a small price to pay to maintain what we have built together.
218.	All three levels of government seem to be intent on creating a wealthy upper class and a struggling middle class. Surely nobody wants that. By contracting out the residents pay the same fees and taxes, people lose decent paying jobs to low paying jobs without benefits and private company owners and CEOs make a fortune with MY tax payments. The only gravy flowing at city hall is into the hands of private corporations!
219.	Please don't cut city services. We need to protect our city for the benefit of our children. You need to think creatively about how to raise money to pay for services. It's not only about lowering costs. The idiom "you get what you pay for" applies to city services too.
220.	Probably. But, for now, look after this topic - and do the job properly. Increase the revenue sources the city has at its disposal!
221.	Invest in your communities and citizens. Realize the value of your municipal employees - stop punishing them.

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222.	Less regulation over everything would need less oversight and bureaucratic tangles and open opportunities for staff to have more productive jobs. More incentives for the kind of behaviours that are good for the city i.e.) less fees for producing less garbage; lower property tax for those who do business improvements/hires; Increase participation levels in all community activities/recreation so it lowers the pro-rated cost and we all enjoy a better quality of life. Seriously.
223.	Contracting out means that a company will make money providing the service. Cost savings from contracting must come from lower wages of employees who are city residents. The owners of these companies will do very well hopefully they live in the city so some taxes can be recovered from them. Contracting out services seems short sighted. I am in favour of increasing user fees for those who can afford it and especially for things that we want to discourage people from doing such as parking downtown, driving. Getting rid of the \$75 vehicle registration fee was stupid and instead we have to contract out services to private companies so they can pay employees less. Seems that the decision makers need some lessons in common sense. With these types of decisions the city will be looking much more like Detroit in the future. / Good luck with the survey - you should make the data publicly available.
224.	The EX is a dump. It can be contracted out. The physical space itself is nice. I refer to the lame carnival summer end festival. / / -Do not cut services simply because a foolish politician whined about it.
225.	If the City has a choice to either provide a service or cut it back, the priority should be to provide it.
226.	USE ROAD TOLLS
227.	In the long-term, not the short-term. Raise property tax (Toronto taxes are too low), but don't spend my taxes on contractors who are only out to make a profit.
228.	Consider adding clauses in contracts for contracted services to cancel services should fees increase past the contracted limits or quality suffers.
229.	The number one problem with the city is that the politicians are running it and their primary concern is to be re-elected. Further, politicians are good at getting elected - these skills don't transfer well to being effective managers or decision makers - let the area experts and senior staff make more of the decisions. / / If politicians were truly looking to serve the community they would be making decisions based that do not waste money and resources. Most people are happy to pay taxes IF and ONLY IF their money is spend efficiently. Don't waste money on policy reversals that have little impact. Don't waste money on undoing projects that were just done (see Jarvis, Bike Lanes). Run the city like you would your own privately owned business. Invest in having good people in key decision making rolls and listen to their advice.

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230.	1: Put ideological biases aside. I'm not ok with privatizing garbage if the rationale is purely ideological and the decisions to contract out was made from the start. Privatizing can help but many times the private sector won't re-invest in long term infrastructure - instead putting money to profit. And then when the buildings are all run down and the equipment breaking, they try to hit us up for the bill or leave us with a massive repair bill because they never maintained anything. We might save money in the short term by privatizing, but we must have guarantees that costs will be managed in the long term while maintaining accountability. / / 2: before we panic about our tax levels, I'm pretty sure our taxes are lower than most other municipalities and our debt isn't awful either. If we really want to cut our taxes, can we upload services BACK to the province? / / 3: From what I can see, we need a new relationship with the unions - one where they take more responsibility for costs. There are unions (like UA 46) that have "standards of excellence" that their members are held to. That statement makes it clear that good pay and benefits should be earned, not given based on entitlement. There has to be a more constructive way to manage City services, and if this works, I'm sure we'll get far more productivity, quality and value for our taxes.
231.	Work with the province on issues like public transportation and managing court services
232.	Keep the level of essential services. Enhance the social services and add user fees for the superfluous.
233.	1. An increase in the quality and relevance to the local community will often mean more use; / 2. Accessibility as it relates to mobility (wheelchairs and strollers), income, and other forms of discrimination; and / 3. How the services impact the health of the community as it relates to effective urban planning (walkability, proximity to city services, access to affordable housing and healthy food choices, etc.) /
234.	The city should not cut services that vulnerable citizens rely on just so middle- or upper-class citizens can save some money on taxes.
235.	Stop throwing money away by cutting back provincially subsidized programs such as social services and public health, where the majority of funding comes from other levels of government.
236.	Please create a better survey: this one is biased and provides a very stark set of options--as if the ones presented were the only available ones to resolving the current budgetary shortfalls. The city needs--and deserves--a greater share of collected income taxes from both the provincial and federal governments considering Toronto's large population. Property taxes will never be sufficient to maintain all city services, as there is only so much property available to tax.

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237.	I think it's very important that the level of most services are not reduced, even if that means increasing property taxes or user fees. Many services need to be increased to make Toronto the better city we should be: TTC, supporting the homeless, affordable housing, supporting vulnerable people. Most people would not mind paying more taxes in order to provide better quality services (or even to maintain existing services when they cost more each year). Of course every dollar spent and every program should be scrutinized to ensure there is no wasteful spending, but we shouldn't cut services that people need just so others can have property tax reductions or freezes.
238.	Please consider the collective good, not just the good of specific constituencies. Toronto is an amazing city because of our diversity -- and unfortunately it feels that the same segments of our population are easily targeted with cuts. I would also like to see alternate sources of revenue considered, such as more toll roads -- those outside of the city who commute in regularly should contribute to paying for our infrastructure.
239.	Consider people - their jobs, their families, their loss of incomes should the services be contracted out. Consider the blue collar worker - they are people too. Consider the cost of living, consider the increase in those living in poverty, consider what will happen when you take their services away.
240.	As a homeowner, my taxes pay for a great city. Do not cut them.
241.	Make more bike lanes. Provide a safe injection site for IV drug users. Increase social assistance and recreation programs. Keep streetcars. Improve education of bicycle and car drivers.
242.	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.
243.	Fees and taxes are the same thing. Instead of only having those options what about finding deficiencies within the organization to reduce costs.
244.	NO Privatization. City services should be city run. Private industry should not profit on the backs of Torontonians. City should be providing living wages as an example to private corporations to increase the quality of living in Toronto.
245.	Stop making this about the workers. It's about how the City can pay for these services. Get rid of all the over paid upper management FIRST, second get rid of all casual and temporary part time employees. Reduce budget expenditures. Stop allowing divisions to run up their budgets annually. We all know that the budgets are spent every year to the maximum to avoid having them cut. There is way too much waste when it comes to spending. Stop allowing managers to work from home. Stop providing cellular service to manager and directors. Stop letting the management staff waste money. It's not the staff that waste ... the staff don't have control over how the budgets are spent.

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246.	Get better union contracts, they are too pre-union. this will allow the city to increase/maintain services without increasing taxes/fees
247.	Please consider that when I moved here 2 years ago this was a vibrant and bustling city with incredible cultural events and a mayor who cared deeply about it. Now, it's being cut down and pared back to make room for more cars. Please take into account that Toronto is THE MOST MULTICULTURAL CITY IN THE ENTIRE WORLD and consider that many of its citizens are not happy with what Rob Ford's plans are. Toronto is not just Etobicoke, Mississauga or Scarborough; it's a rich and glittering downtown filled with individuals who did not vote for the current mayor and have very different priorities than he does.
248.	yes, please consider that to contract out, someone is making a profit, the only way a profit can be made is to reduce the quality of the service or increase the charges. A city is more than its buildings how it respects the needs of its citizens shows the fibre of the community.
249.	Take care of seniors, disabled people, and other marginalized people. Don't cut their services. I pay taxes and I don't like to see social services cut. Toronto is an amazing city with lots of caring people in it. Toronto should not be run by mean people but by people who care.
250.	Keep Toronto a proud city that helps its people and it will grow and thrive. Cut costs and essential services and the city will spiral into a mess.
251.	Think about the families and individuals that suffer the most. Focus on families, housing, and child care. Low- middle income are hit hardest and the ones that can least afford increases. Increase where people(70,000+ income), companies and excess services that are not needed for the City to run. Exhibition Place!? Why is the City still paying for this place, I didn't even know that, these are things that are NOT essential and can exist under other management.
252.	A concerted effort needs to be made to get the province to take back social services it downloaded during the Harris era.
253.	Cut budget and cut taxes in the long run
254.	We have many good councillors but also too many that are Not-In-My-Back-Yarders. We should reduce the number of councillors and we could increase the pay and attract more competition. / If the councillors had a bigger ward they would take a larger view of the city and might contribute to the overall good of the city rather than just what is in their own ward. Councillors sometimes make knee-jerk reactions from constituent comments - they need to take a broader view of the city and what is best policy and practice. /

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255.	On the issue of private vs. City delivery of services, I am not dogmatically bound to one or the other in general, but whatever path is chosen the City must retain a very strong administrative and regulatory role, which cannot be yielded as private contractors inevitably press for cost-cutting through self-regulation. / / It is also critical to me that the City continue to maintain ownership of the infrastructure, and ensure that it is well maintained. I would not want to hand over responsibility for things like water quality, road safety or pandemic planning to private companies because errors made to cut costs could have profoundly negative or even lethal consequences.
256.	/ Increase Toronto Public Library services where they are needed and where they are used heavily.
257.	Toll roads! Toll roads! Toll roads!
258.	In the past few years look at the areas where specifically the percentage increases regarding spending and services has increase a lot and target those areas mostly ...but target everywhere to some extent
259.	Please look at the great cities around the world and the size of their subway systems. I am aware there are greater costs involved but we should be looking at creating a world class subway system, replacing streetcar routes no matter what the cost. I would love to see a Subway going from the future Finch West Station south along Keele, then along the existing rail corridor to Queen St and East to Nevelle Park in the East end. For this I would gladly pay a 10% property tax increase.
260.	Please think about the economic impact on the city when deciding to cut things such as funding for pride and other festivals. Events such as Pride and Caribana have been proven to benefit the city and cutting investment to these festivals will only hurt the businesses in this city who benefit most! hotels, restaurants, bars, clubs. TOURISM IS IMPORTANT TO THIS CITY!!!!
261.	Please ensure that the info is available to the public, and delivered in an appropriate timeline for citizens to be able to discuss and offer input. It's our taxes and fees, and our services after all.
262.	It is inappropriate to ask people about whether they want to invest and improve or try and reduce costs for Support Services. In order to effectively make this decision, I would first need to evaluate the cost and effectiveness of these services in the first place. Also interesting to note that you don't have an option for maintain.
263.	build the city, not to cut service and destroy it.
264.	I notice that there is never the choice of "try to get the provincial and/or federal governments to provide this funding". Given the federal government election results, with so many fed govt representatives in the GTA, now is the time to apply pressure to get some of these services better funded. For example, the TTC, I believe we are the only jurisdiction in North America which does not receive substantial provincial/federal subsidies. Also, we need to pressure the province\feds to give us a national child care program, as in Quebec.

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265.	Yes, Ask the Provincial Government and the Federal Government to subsidize the TTC. Stop privatization of public services except the Police Service. Go ahead to privatize the Police Force. This is the only public service I agree to privatize! The Provincial and Federal Government should also subsidize the social assistance.
266.	Please maintain city services by increasing property taxes and not user fees for low income families.
267.	Many of the fantastic services that the City provide are used by it's most vulnerable citizens who at this moment may not be contributing financially via property tax, but given time and help this may change. For those of us who can afford it, we have a responsibility to offer the opportunity to succeed.
268.	The City of Toronto appears to be rushing headlong into privatization from an entirely ideological standpoint. It's clear that these decisions aren't being informed by sound policy or study / We have a government that is desperate to eliminate as many good city jobs in favour of putting taxpayer money in the pockets of private corporations. At the same time, when a city service like the Police comes up for negotiations the same people have no problem making our police force the highest paid in the province? When people question the insanity of spending millions to pay officers to stand idly by construction sites, the same people who raise hell over \$10,000 say they're not going to sweat the small stuff. This is dishonesty and it is absolute lunacy. / / Torontonians deserve quality services. These services cost money, and those of us who can afford to pay more should be happily footing the bill. The payoff is worth it.
269.	I wrote my comment earlier - this survey is not allowing for any thinking outside the box the choices appear to be either pay more by user fee or tax or you can't have
270.	Many of this city's residents will not be completing this survey as they could find it overwhelming and inaccessible. Many factors Contribute to this, for example, lack of sufficient literacy skills, lack of time because they are working three jobs, Disenfranchisement, etc. It is extremely disappointing that the city is even considering reducing services for them or even increasing user fees. This survey is using time and money that would be far better spent thinking of how to improve the lot of the citizens our mayor has been elected to Govern. /
271.	Focus on getting best value for public money. Reduce their office budgets to exclude items which are purchased for self-promotion. Forbid using office budgets for donations or sponsorship.
272.	Think about what experts in any field can tell you. / / Also, don't forget that cheaper is not always better. When you contract out, if the people making the profits are outside Ontario, we lose tax revenue to the City and the Province. If they are out of the country, all our taxes go up, city, Provincial, and Federal. / / Most private companies worry about morale. Please do what you can to have happy city workers.
273.	Consider higher taxes for big business corporations rather than increases to taxes and fees that affect average to low income people.
274.	Taxes are already high enough. Do not go in for duplication. Ask city staff how they can cut back. No fancy offices, trips and perks

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275.	Assistance to people in need should be the responsibility of the Province/Federal Government.
276.	DO NOT CUT SERVICES! DO NOT CUT ARTS! OR ANY OTHER FUNDING! DO NOT INCREASE SALARIES FOR COPS!
277.	The cost of providing services may be going up every year, but also the number of households paying property taxes also goes up / / This survey was flawed in that the majority of the questions forced us to choose between user fees or property taxes, privatizing services or city services. / / The current government needs to be more creative so that we can improve on the current level of services and reduce costs
278.	Please cut the police. Crime is at an all-time low and still falling rapidly across North America, and it is the largest item in the budget. I'm also ok with slight increases in my property taxes. I know the anti-tax folks are very loud, but they do not represent me. I would much rather have higher quality services then lower property taxes.
279.	Please keep the residents inhabiting the 416 foremost in mind when making decisions about the quality and variety of services available to them. Businesses - particularly those not inhabiting the city (especially foreign-owned and non-GTA based), should remain a far less important factor. / Finally, don't neglect the possibility of INCREASING services - even though this survey largely implies that this isn't a possibility. Spend some time and resources considering models beyond increased taxation and increased user fees - particularly those that move beyond a model of consuming services into one of participating in services; supporting the development of cooperative businesses, for example, could serve both to reduce costs and more meaningfully engage citizens in the health and vitality of their community and city.
280.	There are more than one way to solve a problem. The key is to look at the overall picture of any impacts that would result. For instance, privatization of garbage service might save a few dollars on the surface, but the truth is that it could cost more at the end for the green bin exchange program. It's a well-known fact that green bins would get broken more easily & more often when the waste collection was done by private companies. So really, the City will end up paying MORE not less in replacing the bins for residents. Another example is that by taking away the dedicated bike lanes, it would increase NOT ONLY on traffic congestion, but also on pollution, commuter frustration, which would actually COST MORE on the health care budgets. / / So the question to ask when making decisions about service in the future should be: / Is the money saved actually greater than any associated long-term cost of this particular decision?
281.	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 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

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	<p>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 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</p>

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	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.
282.	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.
283.	The city should provide citizens with the best possible services. If we have to pay for it, then we have to pay for it. DON'T blindly cut city services.
284.	Plan better. Think ahead. it's not just about saving money or deciding whether to privatize services. It's about what kind of city we want to live in. This was a disappointing survey because it showed no imagination whatsoever - it assumed the only choices were to maintain or cut back. Where is the creative thinking?
285.	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.
286.	always look at the cost versus the value/effectiveness provided. Cut back on grants and subsidies. The city should have a fairly narrow range of services it provides. It should not try to do every little program.
287.	Children are the future of our City. Please do not cut programs, programs and services for children rather try to enhance and improve them.
288.	Invest in people.
289.	You might as well not have any taxes or user fees at all and just give up if you're not going to have services of the best quality.
290.	There was no option in the survey for using property taxes to increase services; and there was also no option besides property taxes and user fees. The Toronto Act gives the city more options than that, and if property taxes are such a concern, other taxes (such as a toll for incoming commuters) should be a consideration.

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291.	There are residents in Toronto, who would be happy to pay more in taxes and user fees, in order to acquire new services, or keep the same level of services. Those who can afford it, should pay more - those who cannot shouldn't need to pay more.
292.	Decentralize some services to increase efficiency at the community level. Amalgamation has created a lumbering bureaucracy that is out of touch at the community level where many problems can be easily addressed. Amalgamation has increased the city's overhead costs and has made decision-making less nimble and thus more expensive.
293.	Consider ALL the people of Toronto. Not just those who commute in cars, or work in high paying jobs. Invest in affordable and USEFUL transportation systems.
294.	don't cut revenue and then complain about lack of cash
295.	Eliminate waste and find savings in the city itself first before raising fees and taxes.
296.	make sure that you do not dismantle the community infra-structure we have in the city for people in need, let the rich pay in proportionate tax increase and ensure corporations do not take tax breaks.
297.	The residents are not the best source to consider for these decisions. The majority of residents will select the best services for the lowest price, no tax increases and service fees for most people who cannot afford them. It's an outrageous philosophy to base fees and services upon. Also, many people will not respond to this questionnaire and it will be the ideas of the few directing the many.
298.	Long-term view. Pinching pennies only feels good right now but we pay for it multiple times over down the road. DO NOT follow a Mike Harris model--it is disastrous.
299.	I want City Council to consider that once a service is cut or privatized, it is that much harder to make it public again. Some things are more important than the bottom line. I do not want my water tested by a private lab. There's less accountability, not more! I do not trust private garbage companies to care about whether a person has taken care not to contaminate household landfill with things that should be disposed of more carefully. They just want to get the job done quickly and with the most profit, not necessarily the "best" way. SOME THINGS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE BOTTOM LINE !!! The City is not a business! Please, please, please don't take away the things that make Toronto such a great place to live...
300.	User fees are NOT the answer for services such as public libraries.
301.	Do not sell assets to fund city services.
302.	Please consider the impacts of services on individuals and don't make decisions based on financial statements and the bottom line. Running a great city costs money, and we should be willing to invest in ourselves and our future.
303.	invest in this city! Don't think you can do it on the cheap. Toronto will have massive needs as it continues to grow, and "belt-tightening" now will only make things worse in the future.
304.	user fees for the library
305.	User fees on cars coming into the city.

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306.	Raise our taxes. We can afford it. The more money we as individuals can afford to chip in to improve our city, the more you should increase our taxes (within reason of course). / / If you want to live in a good city with good services, you pay for it. / / If you don't, you move. / / Cannibalizing the city just because some people don't want to pay their fair share to live here is the wrong approach.
307.	Once services are cut they're hard to reinstate.
308.	User fees will hurt more than they will help.
309.	Cut back where necessary! Make use of Your funds as though one was spending money for there own Home & Family!!! / It doesn't grow on trees.
310.	Provincial and Federal Levels of Government should be asked for a fair share of the provincial and federal taxes paid by Toronto residents.
311.	cut the police budget and give some of that money back to community initiatives to improve communities. DO NOT charge user fees in communities that cannot afford them. This will only undo all the good work that these community centers have been able to accomplish.
312.	We understand these are tough times, but times have been tougher. A moderate tax increase is preferable to losing essential services that affect families, children, and senior, or anybody who relies on things like libraries, pools, and other services in their day to day activities. / / We're still a pretty rich nation and we can afford a little more until the books are balanced. Just make sure the taxes are lowered once the books are balanced.
313.	Don't be afraid of the police at budget time. They can't shoot you just because you cut their budget.
314.	Focus on the neglected LGBT community, on TTC, garbage and cleanup, health services, and security. Everything else - zoos, theatres, cultural programs - it's all icing and not necessary. If you need to cut something - cut cultural programs not health services like the Hassle Free Clinic. If you need to increase user fees, do it for non-essential cultural programs not something like TTC.
315.	Look long-term to building a city infrastructure that will increase and grow opportunities for all. Especially education, small businesses, focusing on at-risk areas where the most potential can be reached.
316.	Cut cut cut. What you have now is not sustainable.
317.	The quality of city-offered recreational and educational services is generally inferior to services offered by other public and private services. We should cut city services if we can't offer good quality.
318.	Toronto is a great city to live in. Past investments in LRTs, the waterfront and other similar projects helps make it great. Toronto also has a decent community supports as seen with community centres and and outreach programs. These and other like programs is what makes this city what it is. If you cut too deep, then you will cutting down a great city into a smaller lesser place to live.

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319.	Some of the costs for services in this city should be restored to Federal and Provincial liability. It would be in your best interest to pursue action in relieving, in particular, Immigrant Services to the Federal Government, as they have control in the population this city receives. Also, a city is a society, and such, is interdependent. We cannot leave the vulnerable of our communities be uncared for . A city government is responsible for and to all of the souls entrusted to its' governance.
320.	Toronto needs to invest in it future and then the city will develop and have a larger tax base
321.	Don't forget that these services are not just line items. Real people take advantage of these services to improve the quality of their lives. The purpose of city government is to do just that – improve the quality of life for the city's residents. Blindly cutting back on government is not going to achieve that. Leave the ideology at home and cut only what can be cut while minimizing the impact on Toronto's lower-income population.
322.	Do not cut the services that serve the GENERAL PUBLIC as opposed to special small groups. Services such as: police, fire dept., emergency, public libraries, TTC, garbage should be top priority for the city. The rest, such as community based programs, heritage, theatres) should be considered second priority.
323.	Mayor's promise not to cut services.
324.	Please stop making ridiculous concessions to cut-throat demands by public service unions. Contract out many services with the simple proviso that the service has to be performed in a good and proper fashion! Wow - just like in the retail world, we should get the promised services/goods when we pay for them and not be held over the barrel every time a union decides their members should be making 10 percent more this year.
325.	It costs money to make a great city. I hope that the city keeps in mind that reducing taxes and cutting services will not make the city a better place. What differentiates Toronto from comparable cities are the services it provides to all of its residents, allowing even those without much money to participate in the cultural and recreational activities the city offers. It is also a safe and relatively clean city to live in, with much less crime than most North American cities of this size. Toronto is also famous worldwide for services such as its public library, and services like these, that make Toronto a great place to live, should be valued and protected, even if they require a rise in taxes or fees to maintain them.
326.	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.
327.	Take a long view about Toronto as a thriving city that meets and exceeds the needs of its diverse population. Don't reduce important civic issues to "saving a buck" - in the long term, this approach costs more and hurts the city and its residents. Stay away from the tendency to over simplify issues in an attempt to increase or maintain popularity of civic leaders. This will backfire over the course of the 4-year political term.

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328.	The City of Toronto is a global city, a mature order of government. While municipalities traditionally have been about garbage collection, water etc - the role of the City of Toronto has evolved. There is nothing wrong with operating as a government, providing vision, stepping in to fill a role left vacant by another government - the balance or the compromise is to find the efficiencies without compromising the quality and vision of Torontonians. The City needs to better communicate with its residents and be clear about where the money is being spent - government has a role - to set priorities, lead, invest, engage. While it appears due to the electoral results that Torontonians want to cut taxes, stop the gravy train - I doubt they are prepared for the massive cuts being proposed or for having services at lower levels than other cities.
329.	Kids are our future keep the programs going. / TTC workers are the hardest working city workers we have. STOP making them out to be all over paid for easy work. The future of the workers is important and the keep this city moving. If your going to cut jobs get the people in the offices that are over paid with not Customer Service skills. Or the ones that mis use our tax paying dollars.
330.	(1) Please remember that the people who need city services the most, are the people who often can't afford an increase in user fees. (2) Please think long-term, not short-term. I intend to live in this city for the rest of my life. (3) Please help make this a world-class city. I want to proud of my city at all times.
331.	Try to mitigate the user fee increase for low income families. Lower income families should have access to services, especially recreation and community space.
332.	City services should generally be improved or maintained, and I am willing to pay more in taxes or fees for this to happen
333.	Invest in maintaining city infrastructure and environs (lawns, parks, schoolyards). Put responsibility for services where they belong -- e.g. pools should be funded by parks/recreation, NOT board of Ed, even if they happen to be located in a school. Likewise, school yards adjoining parks should be maintained by parks/recreation, NOT board of Ed. DO NOT be afraid to raise taxes to fund necessary services. But CUT frivolous services!
334.	Balance the budget; keep property taxes low; stop expanding unnecessary "social" services that should be addressed by the Province; Contract out TTC services/allow competition for bus routes.
335.	Stop pinching pennies and see the big picture. Success isn't the ability to cut property tax for a couple of years. Success is growing the city into a productive, clean, and vibrant community that is easily accessible to all. Stop looking for ways to off-load responsibility and start improving the services you provide.

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336.	Seems as though some services could be streamlined a bit more to increase efficiency and therefore hopefully reduce some cost. / / A couple of examples come to mind. / / 1) Street vacuums out cleaning the sidewalks/and trucks emptying city garbage cans on holiday Mondays, provided it's not a "problem" area would one more day really make a difference? I imagine paying wages on those days is fairly steep. / / 2) Garbage being picked up between midnight 3:00 am on a very residential stretch of road is bad enough but by 3 separate (organics, garbage/recycling, yard) trucks! What happened to the vehicles that collected both organics and trash/recycling at the same time? Sometimes that's as much as 6 staff doing the job when it could be between 2-4. / / Anyway, it all comes down to better use of resources and streamlining the service.
337.	The ability for people to pay more has reached its limit. The more we pay in service fees and taxes means the less we have to pay at businesses in the city (that also pay service fees and taxes). Significant cuts needs to be made and that means eliminating entire departments.
338.	Please control the escalating costs of all city services, especially employee compensation. I am all for cost efficiencies but this needs to be applied equally to all services (i.e., police included). Any decision to increase for one group just becomes fodder for others to seek the same. It also becomes a vicious cycle when comparing against other jurisdictions. / / These tougher decisions on services can be mitigated by controlling costs up front in both good and bad economic times.
339.	Cut police services. We are overpoliced and they are highly paid.
340.	1. cut services. too many things being attempted. 2. cut staff. 3. cut back on compensation for city employees, specifically pensions. replace defined benefits 4. outsource (and manage well) all non-necessary activity
341.	yes, the city needs to restructure to become more democratic - it needs to go back to a two-tier form of governance, similar to what we had before the megacity. we need a smaller council of 20 to 30 people to deal with running the city, but then we need to replace the community councils with local council - 6 to 12 councils, made up of people who do not sit on the city-wide council - the local councils should deal with planning and local issues, and have some powers to set development charges and pass traffic bylaws etc. / / the megacity is a mess and many of our problems are because of this, and because of stupid "tax freezes" imposed by mayors. user fees are a tax by another name and so keeping property taxes low is often regressive and we end up spending more to collect user fees, like the thankfully repealed personal vehicle tax. stop playing games and recognise that property taxes are fairer than the alternatives, particularly as corporations pay property taxes whereas they rarely pay user fees.

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342.	I believe everything should be considered, viewing through the eyes of the average person in Toronto when it comes to tax increases, decrease/increase of city services. We do need to have this city up and running. Strongly believe to have services contracted out - this would mean increase in user fees in the future for that service, as well this leads to corruption in the private company, usually makes the average resident of Toronto unhappy with the service and unhappy with City of Toronto for ever allowing privatizing.
343.	Revitalize Ontario Place / CNE and create a Casino there with restaurants and shopping to actually utilize the space throughout the year rather than just at special events.
344.	NEED COMPETITION FOR TTC, WAGES, FEES ADMINISTRATION WAY TO MUCH
345.	Don't bring ideology into this. A mix of tax increases and strategic cuts can be used to balance the budget. This isn't cut cut cut everything you don't like. The services in Toronto are something we are proud of and happy to pay for
346.	Keep in mind that those to whom city services are most vital will not be responding to your survey, nor have a voice in general. / What makes Toronto great is that those of us with money can greatly improve the lives of the less fortunate without affecting our own lifestyles. Toronto property taxes are quite low given the high real estate values. If we can afford a home in Toronto, we can afford another 10% property tax. It won't affect what type of car I drive or what wine I drink.
347.	Stand up to the police union. Cut their pay and benefits. Outlaw police overtime.
348.	You need to have the money to pay for services. Do not offer them if you cannot afford them. Cut back until you have the money to pay for them.
349.	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.
350.	do the basic services, do them well, cut the waste!
351.	Not all citizens want their property taxes cut - relative to Mississauga and others we are not paying exorbitant amounts, considering services provided. Selling of our assets should not be an option - very short sighted.
352.	Please don't turn this into a dirty, nasty little city where we cut everything and end up with a fortress mentality. We're not an American city -- and I don't want us to become one of those underfunded nasty places. Toronto homeowners pay less in property taxes than surrounding areas. Heck, we need to pay more than we are currently paying. Plus, given that we're home to so many immigrant populations, we need to persuade the governments to contribute more to getting new arrivals on their feet here.
353.	Please Please Please don't cut funding to the libraries, they can't take much more cuts, especially the small, local ones, they are amazing, my kids and I use our library every week. It would be fantastic if they were open 7 days a week

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354.	Start thinking longer term e.g. paying for affordable housing/supported housing now will save money in health, crime, drug use, human misery etc in the long term. / Stop pandering to greedy & selfish people who want to reduce their taxes and damn the rest. Remember what happened in Walkerton when we all got our \$100 cheque in return for closing water inspections. I'm willing to pay more property tax to help the less fortunate and so should we all be.
355.	the city needs to invest and build and not reduce services
356.	When in doubt, cut.
357.	As mentioned previously, reduce the Toronto Police Services budget!!!! It's way, way too high and the wage increase you just gave the police, at 8.5%, is also WAY OUT OF LINE with any other public body/service!!!!!!
358.	What I said before... / Cut managerial staff. Cut staff who only go to meetings. Meetings don't accomplish anything. Meetings breed more meetings. Based on what I've seen of large organizations (government and private), it's the bureaucracy that will never make the so-called "hard decisions" about their own jobs. And since it's the bureaucracy that makes these decisions they protect their jobs and salaries, thinking they are too important. Well, they're not. The people who are important are the guys picking up your garbage, the men and women driving the buses and streetcars, the cop on the beat, the librarian who's introducing your kid to the world of literature or the swim teacher teaching your kid to swim. There the ones whose jobs should be protected. Unfortunately, once people are in a position of power, whether a middle-management bureaucrat or a fat-cat elected politician, they forget where they have come from. / And remember, based on what I've seen of this survey and the mayor's actions so far, he knows the cost of everything but the value of nothing. So when considering these cuts I'm sure no one will ever consider the over-all value of something, and just look at the pennies. Operating a city like this is not the same thing as preparing a budget for a 4-person family, and every time I hear a politician say that kind of stuff, I want to scream. Oh yes and don't make comparisons to how much something cost 20 years ago for the same services. The last time I looked my grocery bill has gone up 25 per cent in the last year for the same amount of food!!! You think the TTC is always gonna cost the same to operate year after year
359.	Yes, bring back the license fee, and use the other revenue sources granted by the province. the city should also use TIFF funding for specific areas of redevelopment where there is a need for significant up front public investment to unlock future real estate value.
360.	Stop paying for things we don't need. A couple million here, a couple million there, and instead start investing in infrastructure for the future!

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361.	Consider the very real impact of user fees on the accessibility of city services, particularly for low-income citizens. User fees represent a psychological barrier to enhanced civic participation, as well as a real financial barrier. Property taxes are a better route for generating revenue. We should also seek increased taxation powers from higher levels of government in order to enhance the capacity of municipal government.
362.	remember the mayor's election promise he will not cut services!
363.	That you voted yourselves a pay increase and are suggesting that others gain "pork" or "gravy" from municipal funding.
364.	People, people, people. We are more than the economy, we are more than our taxes. educate people about the services the city provides, provide those services well and people will not object to the costs. we all know we must invest in our own lives to thrive, why would we not invest in our city to thrive? Have the courage to educate people about the great work people at the city do for our citizens. This survey has been great for my education -- I appreciate you more and want to support you more. Make decisions that recognize me as a person, not just a taxpayer. Build a sense of community, of the public good, of our pride as Torontonians. And I speak as someone who will be hit hard if property taxes do go up but I want to live in a great, humane city of vitality more than I need another \$500 a year in my pocket. thank you for listening.
365.	Please keep the city run allotment garden program. Perhaps even look at increasing the number of allotment gardens in the city as user fees charged for each plot would contribute to the bottom line.
366.	The quality of life and jobs in this city is profoundly affected by the cuts you lead me to believe you are about to make. My safety and security is increased by libraries, recreational and other community programs, not by fattening police budgets. Cut the police budget before you cut out recreation for children and teens and you'll save on policing down the road. Cutting public services is short sighted..
367.	increase local governance and democracy in all services
368.	I think that the council needs to make a lot of hard choices about what to fund and to cut back on waste. Toronto needs to invest in infrastructure, even if that means stepping on union toes or getting rid of popular events. The city also needs to work really, really hard on bridging the gap between rich and poor in the city. I'm a graduate student, and while I like living in Toronto, I don't think that I can afford to stay here after graduation and still achieve the lifestyle I want -- and I think that's true of everyone I know as well. That this is true even for someone with an advanced degree is really horrifying to me, because I know that it must be much worse for those who are less fortunate than I am. / / Also, any chance that we can renege on the Pan-Am games? Or at least not spend money on that OR on tearing down the Gardiner? (If you don't want it, just close it -- don't waste money tearing it down!)

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369.	We pay too much for social services (e.g., Toronto Community Housing, homeless shelters) and people in Toronto should not be paying more property taxes or user fees to fund these services. This is a city, not a social service office, and I certainly do not want to pay to help homeless people or subsidize other people's rent.
370.	The MFP scandal was not long ago. I am worried that this whole exercise is so slanted to privatization and no other alternatives other than raise taxes or cut services. Ford agreeing to the huge increase with the police sets the tone for all other services
371.	improve work speed, one employee can handle multiple tasks at the same time, cut their pension and pay
372.	While levelling services to some point is fair, higher taxed areas should receive more attention and better services. E.g. downtown sport and recreational facilities are awful compared to the suburbs - ??????? / Some city-run facilities seem to compete with readily available private services (i.e. golf clubs) at a much lower cost - shouldn't the city price these at market and maximize revenues? / When quality of facilities differ, the collected fees should reflect it, so those who can afford, would be paying for the better quality services/facilities and those who can not afford, would still have access the services although at a lower quality.
373.	The City of Toronto needs to invest in the TTC. Without an efficient and reliable TTC, The City of Toronto will never achieve its full potential.
374.	The survey's asking for a comment concerning "making decisions about services in the future" focused my mind (as it ought, for Toronto's elected officials). It's "pay me now or pay me later", people! Sure, times are tough: for many of us they always have been. But if /when my city or a Ward or a neighbourhood or a family or an individual hasn't the foresight to invest in the future, we're doomed .
375.	Do NOT cut services significantly (as you did with the TTC). Reducing services and increasing fees at the same time is meaningless; just increase the fees a bit more for those that can afford them.
376.	An 83-year old man died on the streets when his ODSP was cut. Where was the city when this happened? /
377.	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.
378.	Please consider tax increases before user fee increases, and both before cutting services -- I am not really pleased at having to pay more because costs have increased, but I would rather pay higher property taxes than have services cut. City services are very important.
379.	Stick to your knitting; get out of social services, that belongs at the higher level of government.
380.	Please consider finding out a way to charge suburbanites a user fee when they come into Toronto for work.

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381.	As I was just saying: / / Please, please, please, STOP ALL THE MYOPIC, SELFISH LEFT/ RIGHT WING POSTURING AND THINK ABOUT OUR GRANDCHILDREN'S TORONTO BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE. EVERY BODY has to pay. Slash the salaries and benefits of all public servants to fit the times, which would bring everybody down by at least 30%, ESPECIALLY the Mayor, all council (more like 45%) and their support staff. They shouldn't even have support staff. Make all businesses pay for themselves. If they can't provide a service that keeps them in business, too bad. SLASH all arts funding. Arts will continue the way they have for unsubsidized millenia, but with less ego and whining. If you can sing, or paint, sing and paint for your neighbourhood in your spare time. And for God's sake, keep the fee for plastic bags as a pathetic little starting point and move quickly to DRASTICALLY increase fees for ANY environmentally damaging practices or uses of materials, in every direction. This includes CARS - the use of cars should be incredibly cost prohibitive (an increase of at least 200% through a CAR TAX in the inner city, as well as drastically increased parking fees and fines). Either dramatically improve TTC and garbage collection customer service or contract it all out. They are spoiled and rude brats. Throw out all the expensive police gadgets and cameras and SLASH the bloated police budgets just as brutally as everything else – we're talking 30% (use some of the savings to retrain them out of the hi-tech black OPS computer game mentality the cops under 40 seems to have been raised with). Above all, do everything we can to dramatically reduce the involvement and influence of large multinational corporations, big government and big union interests in our cities and decentralize by dramatically increasing engagement of community members at the local level so neighbourhoods increasingly decide on important neighbourhood decisions wherever possible - NOT council or city hall. We should all be growing our own food on city streets that are increasingly abandoned by cars. Almost all residential streets should be converted to food production by 2030. If we don't do these kinds of things and all make sacrifices and come together, the generations to come will be cursing our monumental, ideological, self-involved stupidity. /
382.	While I am okay with raising user fees and or property taxes I would prefer that the city was more efficient with the money that is already being collected.
383.	If you are going to make cuts, be very, very careful about what you cut. Don't cut things that impact the average resident's day to day life....e.g. Windrow clearing. It is the average resident that foots the bill for most of this, cut the fringe items or find new ways of doing things. Also, please either re-instate water bottles in vending machines, or improve the quality/quantity of the drinking fountains. It seems ridiculous that the only option I have to give my kids a drink is with sugary stuff....
384.	When you cut costs in the short term you often increase them over the long term. Think about Toronto as a long-term city.
385.	Do not become lazy. "I don't want to pay" is not an acceptable reason to cut required services. Toronto is a world leader- let's make sure we keep it that way.

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386.	City employment benefits and pensions are too generous. / If the budget has increase tremendously over the last eight years, look at the areas which received the greatest increases and cut back in those areas.
387.	There should be a greater emphasis on recouping disposal and recycling costs from initial producers of waste and garbage. For example, producers of goods should be responsible for covering the costs of disposing of both their products as well as the packaging of their products. The 5¢ charge for plastic bags is a good step in that direction, but that 5¢ should be going towards recycling fees for the bags, not to the retailer.
388.	Consider the people's needs and the creation of a livable city before worrying about saving a pittance of property tax.
389.	User fees discourage people, especially young people and low income families, from using services. It is important for people to make use of parks, libraries, swimming pools and other facilities without having to worry about the cost. Toronto's property taxes should be used to provide services to the general public. The City of Toronto should try to avoid contracting out whenever possible. Look to other great cities in the world and see what they are doing right.
390.	Pick a few priorities for a significant increase in investment
391.	Start with a focus on the essential services that a city should provide - safe clean water, garbage pickup, emergency services. These are the things we need and the services that property taxes are meant to fund. We need you to do a great job of delivering these services at a reasonable cost. Then look at the other important services (library, community centres, programs for at risk/disadvantaged citizens such as poor or seniors, etc) - these services should be funded by a mix of property tax and user fees. They benefit the community overall, but not everyone uses them - so a mixed funding system is appropriate. The goal is to provide good service at reasonable fees. Then look at additional services that you can offer that go above and beyond and make this a great city with great services. These can be funded by user fees and target the groups that would use the services. Despite all the arguments, it isn't about who provides the service - it's about providing the best possible service at a reasonable cost. Forget the bickering and focus on making this a great city.
392.	City-building is difficult and expensive, yet completely necessary for Toronto to maintain its standing within the province, the country, and the world. Projects must be thought of that will have an impact not just in time for the next election cycle, but 10 years, 50 years, 100 years into the future. A long view must be taken, and the notion that all taxes are anathema must be put aside. Improve the power and reach of existing audit mechanisms (including the city's own Auditor General) to ensure that funds are being spend wisely, and then go forth and wisely spend funds. The future is not an automobile in every suburban driveway where everyone wants to live. Many who live downtown do so by choice, and their needs must also be considered.
393.	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!

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394.	more user fees even toll roads
395.	<p>Make sure council looks at the long term picture. Equity, poverty and the increasing gap between the poor and rich only hinders the positive growth of Toronto. If the poor get poorer, there is more economical strain on the city as a whole (through service use, health use, unemployment, etc.). A healthy population means a healthy society. Toronto makes up mostly low to middle income families and this needs to be taken into account. / / An possible increase in tax needs to be expressed as a positive thing, not negative, because in the long run all of society benefits when everyone can contribute to society and the economy. Every person plays a role today or in the future to the fabric of Toronto and has a huge ripple effect. If we neglect a youth or senior today, we undermine the role that person plays for Toronto, in the future. Likewise, if we neglect a youth or senior today, family, friends, neighbourhoods, communities and Toronto - a ripple effect that ties us all together - can be negatively affected in the future.</p>
396.	Leave the land transfer tax alone
397.	If there is insufficient unbiased data to know which services are over- or under-funded, could a percentage cut across the board be instituted? or a combination of a 2% cut across the board and a 2% increase in user fees & property taxes? / / services should also be rewarded for cutting more than the required amount.
398.	education is key to the future of a city, services such as public libraries should never have user fees I feel looking at services / that are sometimes duplicated is a important issue for example parenting classes can be found through Public Health, board of / ed. and community centres / support for the aging population is also so important and suppliers of much needed items - hearing aids, diapers, drugs can do so much more to make these items more cost effective
399.	Whether we like it or not, the city bureaucracy is responsible for many services that are essential to the smooth running of city services. While I have little sympathy for those who wish to increase city budgets, I think that contracting out services is as much or more likely to increase costs in the long run, given the propensity of contractors to pad their payrolls and try to influence those on City Council to chose their business over a competitor. Members of the Council have fallen victim to greed in the past and I think it is more prudent to keep most services under the scrutiny of the city, rather than someone with a vested interest in seeing his profits rise.
400.	Yes. Try to remember what you are there for, which is to make sure our community is run efficiently and responsibly, and that the city is livable. If that means having to increase revenue, then don't be ninnies about it, just do the right thing.
401.	Don't concentrate on making cuts, but increase efficiencies of services and lower costs. Better "important" or "essential" services attracts people and businesses who can contribute to paying taxes, pensions, making the city first class. It cost money to make money, so investing in the future is important for everyone. The city is for everyone who use the services or not. I don't want to see city run down to look like a slum.
402.	Do not cut any services - it would be like hacking at the roots of a plant. Focus on using what you have more wisely, and only then looking at acquiring more money.

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403.	widely advertise and increase regularity/frequency of city hall consultations so all can have an opportunity to participate / avoid politics of separation (e.g. suburbs vs. downtown) /
404.	INFORM THE PEOPLE. We have a right to know. Engage communities - ALL communities across Toronto, so that they know what decisions are being made BEFORE they are made, so that they can have their say. And then, LISTEN TO THEM. Be accountable to Torontonians. Don't cut services.
405.	Please do not solely rely on this survey in making decisions because this survey is designed very narrowly so that kind of options we can pick are very limited. Some people also do not know this survey. Thus, the City should actively take action to engage more residents in discussion. Further, it seems to me that the discussion proposed in this survey is limited to whether the City should keep, cut or privatize certain services. But the discussion should be broaden to include what the Federal government and Provincial government's responsibility in terms of financing and providing city services.
406.	The responsibility of City Council is to provide services that make Toronto an equitable and accessible city for all of its residents. Privatizing city services - or parts of city services - will decrease quality, accessibility and accountability and increase costs for users.
407.	User fees aren't the answer and privatization is most definitely not the answer. I do believe that there is too many middle management and upper management in the city. / / I do not agree with privatization. I come from Alberta where there is a lot of privatization and the services suck. Profits shouldn't be made on a city. The city is not a business and shouldn't be run like one.
408.	I love living in this city, and I want the best for this city. We deserve it. Our services currently do not reflect this. I feel that by cutting services you are letting down the citizens of this city- the very people who pay the taxes and live and breathe its air. Toronto is a world class city, however we are looking at situations where library branches may close, community centres lose activities, and parents lose daycare. That is not the Toronto I voted for in this past election. I voted for a vibrant, active, welcoming city. I want the best, and I expect the best. Please think of how great this city CAN be, and please think of ways to improve our services and enhance them. Not cut them back. We live in a city that should not have cutbacks. We live in a city that should always have innovation and improvement. We do have the financial resources. Please give me that city, no matter the cost. I am not afraid to pay taxes, because after all in Canada taxes pay for many of the things we cherish and proudly say make us Canadian (i.e.- our health care system). So let's continue that tradition here, eh?
409.	That they understand that gap between haves and have-nots is increasing and the have-nots shouldn't have to suffer even more because of it. They are the ones who get hurt when you cut back city services and they tend to be the ones who need it the most. The haves can afford to pay more.

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410.	I object to the biased tone of this survey, which implicitly supports privatizing of services and cuts to services. I believe that the majority of Torontonians want to maintain and increase the quality of our public services. Also, why is retaining the land transfer tax not included as an option for paying for public services? This is a fair tax that generates essential revenue for the city. I also support reinstating (and increasing) the vehicle registration tax.
411.	This is an extremely flawed survey and I find the use of the language "I don't care" appalling when we're talking about services that impact hundreds of thousands of people in a very significant way (TTC, affordable housing, etc.) The City is responsible for continuing to provide the services that it currently provides. Why is it, exactly, that we're looking at a deficit? What ideologically-based decisions has the Mayor and the executive made that are in NO WAY FINANCIALLY SOUND (ex. privatization of services like garbage collection, subway building vs. light rail, etc.)? User fees for those who cannot afford to pay are not an effective way to provide services for residents.
412.	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.
413.	When it comes to public services, the priority must be on maintaining and improving the health and well-being of the city and ALL of the city's residents focusing on both immediate and long-term health and well-being. / / Services are not "gravy," they're services. Previous governments have been able to provide Torontonians with a high quality of life and good quality public services, largely paid for through taxes. I expect no less from this government. / / Contracting out of services, selling off of public assets, privatizing service delivery, raising user fees, selling off naming rights of public services, and building casinos and football stadiums in the downtown core are all unacceptable methods for addressing perceived budget problems as they each create far more problems than they fix--if they fix any at all. / / City Council needs to consider the needs and best interests of the public when making decisions. Engaging the public in open, accessible consultation processes must be part of this process. Ensuring that decisions are informed by current, evidence based research is also critical. City staff are also a valuable resource and their input should also be considered.
414.	Quality of life is not based solely on income levels or low tax rates. A livable city is the best way to increase quality of life.
415.	Need inside opinions. Frontline staff know best what to cut and why.

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416.	Do not go the route of privatization! An article in the Toronto Star May 19th by individuals associated with the CD Hows Institute argues for privatization of our water services. As I read it, its biased and filled with half truths. Our water mains are old but probably Toronto has had water on tap longer than most cities. Over flows from storm water happens because of large areas of tarred over driveways in the suburbs. WE live in East York 2001-2008. We directed our down spouts into grassed areas. Our walks and driveway were laid in bricks not asphalt, water poured off our neighbour's property much less off ours. People think nothing of washing their driveways, washing cars every day every week and leave hose running. It takes individual effort and initiatives to cut water use and over flow in storm sewers. Privatized water has been a money maker elsewhere but the less fortunate have gone without safe drinking water.
417.	Many members of Council promised during the election campaign not to cut services, so keep your promises.
418.	We need to continue to demand, more forcefully, for a share of income taxes and sales tax from the federal and provincial governments. Toronto (GTA) is a unique area in Canada and we fully deserve it. If the governments do not accept, let us consider to create a separate province of Toronto area. This is the case in Germany with Berlin and Hamburg. We require control of the income taxes of our residents and businesses. This will solve many of our funding problems.
419.	road tolls for people living outside the city and commuting here to work
420.	make the tough decisions, keep essential services running at an appropriate level. Do not cut services across the board, many services are essential, important and should be maintained
421.	tax fee cuts should never happen before corresponding savings or revenue increases have been signed into law
422.	inspection of childcare programs and facilities. Why 2 levels of inspection (on top of municipal Health) while middle income-earners go without fee subsidies? Also why does Planning have project managers for TCHC revitalization projects if these initiatives are being scrutinized, so should the positions.
423.	Focus City Hall on policy, legislation and licensing, and police operations. Everything else should be provided by the private sector. Lock public sector cost increases to the rate of increase in CPP payouts.
424.	1) I think it's vital that City employees live where they work. This is especially important for policing staff, but also for other concerned with City programs (City planners, librarian staff, e.g.) Engagement concern and understanding greater if one lives and plays where one works (by this, I mean, in City of Toronto, and not Vaughan, Mississauga, Oakville) (see City of Boston policy in comparison with city of Boston/ohr/residency asp) / / 2) Improve TTC fare-paying system to ensure control of cheaters.
425.	Start a conversation with provinces to remedy downloading inequities.
426.	As I note above, the provincial and federal governments should be funding more programs through increased corporate and individual income taxes.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
427.	Do not remove revenue sources (vehicle registration fee, municipal land transfer tax) and then ask citizens what services to cut. This irresponsible level of financial mismanagement is insulting. The Mayor (Rob Ford) campaigned on promises of reducing spending by reducing waste. The citizens of Toronto are owed an explanation as to why this promise was broken.
428.	Contracting out, naming rights, user fees and fund-raising outside the tax base are much easier for those of us who have sufficient income. However, for the most vulnerable of our fellow citizens they are patently unfair, if not impossible. Just look at school fundraising for arts, field-trips or libraries- the schools in well-off neighbourhoods have very little trouble raising thousands of \$, while those in poorer areas really struggle. Obviously, taxes based, as they are on ability to pay or income level are more equitable ways to fund services.
429.	1. Retain and fix up social housing properties; increase supply; do not sell. / 2. Change the tone of Council to one of cooperation and consultation.
430.	Stop bonuses paid to management level staff. Cut salaries increase in highly paid managers
431.	If you own a home, a 5% tax increase at a minimum is easily absorbed - it's an extra 40 cents per pay - very little to ask!!
432.	I would suggest to the council that when considering an increase in fees and taxes, that not everyone in Toronto has a well paying job as they do. / Any hikes to cost of living plays a huge impact into their lives, especially if they have minimum paying jobs.
433.	get the community involved / increase daycare spaces and funding / increase welfare (no I'm not or never had welfare) / end casualization of healthcare jobs and monitor the private sector to see how they are exploiting the poor and stop giving our livelihood to them.
434.	City wide garage sale / Invest in our homecare provider (staff) PSW / Put on activities and let the youth perform. Have people pay a small fee and use the proceeds to fund services
435.	Reinstate vehicle registration fee to generate funds for infrastructure for the public. Social impact of selling off our assets-we need a well thought out plan. Put the brakes on this selling off our future.
436.	Is it cut enriching?
437.	Think about how it will affect poor families when you impose a user fee on programming that was once public
438.	don't cut the budget of recreation and community activities
439.	The City provides a range of basic services that support our communities. I do not want to see any service level reductions, there should be no user fees or privatization of our public services.
440.	Rob Ford said "no service cut's period" - what happened to that now!!!
441.	Cut funding for police and spend it on TTC, recent 11% raise for police services is a contradiction of City Hall. They're picking and choosing what they want to fund.

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442.	City should re-negotiate with the province. Mike Harris messed thing us, putting us on the road we now travel. Fix what Harris broke, and a lot of this becomes moot. AND we probably would have a different mayor.... Mr. Ford is a mayor for the suburbs.
443.	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.
444.	what happen to the gravy train-- cop budget is 1 billion \$\$\$ a year. 700 million should be cut from policing, and corrupt city dopts, who are feeding on the gravy train
445.	Follow your mandate, and quit crossing over into Provincial services.
446.	to maintain a viable, city with forward looking services for it's citizens as well as to be an impressive city to visit to capture the "tourist" dollar, we must be realistic and willing to increase both user fees and taxes. It is just a fact that each citizen needs to realize.
447.	While balancing the budget is an obvious need, most solutions that have so far been proposed in the press have been short-term and have not recognized the inescapable fact that solid infrastructure and social solidarity are actually building blocks to personal and business success. The myth that I am paying taxes into a project that has nothing to do with me must be exploded. It makes sound economic sense to invest in the common good of the city, even though this long term approach will not buy as many votes in the present.
448.	Build more subways (not LRTs) like there are in ALL great cities in the world. We must be the only city of our size with such a poor subway system. Don't be afraid to invest heavily in it and raise taxes to cover the cost.

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449.	Homelessness is a pit which burns money and shows no long term results just let it explode and let the province deal with it if it wants to or let them find new communities making homelessness less painful isn't helping. Constant subway growth and building makes more sense than the stop and go approach we appear to be using. Many of the worst issues on the TTC appear to be caused by poor route supervision and scheduling. Ban all left hand turns in the city start converting roads into one direction rather than both to improve traffic.
450.	Once upon a time, service was great, and fees where great, Now It seems like service is declining and fees are increasing.
451.	Stop paying police so much. Replace their oversight committee with fully empowered, non-police alumni persons. allow city final authority in terms of whether it allows future G8/G20 conferences.
452.	THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF ITS CITIZENS SHOULD BE OF THE UTMOST PRIORITY. THERE NEVER WAS A GRAVY TRAIN. THE MIKE HARRIS GOVERNMENT DUMPED SERVICES UPON US PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY THE PROVINCE,AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOESNT LET US KEEP ENOUGH OF OUR OWN TAX DOLLARS. PEOPLE KNOW THIS. THE LOWEST AND MEANEST COMMON DENOMINATOR IS NOT THE ANSWER. THE PROVINCE AND THE FEDERAL SHOULD DEAL WITH US PROPERLY,BUT UNTIL SUCH TIME,WE WILL HAVE TO PAY MORE. SOME OF US WHO CAN AFFORD IT WILL HAVE TO PAY EVEN MORE.
453.	To abolish or cut down basic service to provide for residents, especially for vulnerable groups is short-sighted. Because lack of service will lead to high price in hospital, medicine, society, even the country. The stable social groups can keep a stable city or country.
454.	Consider the need of vulnerable people, poverty, environment. Make sure services are not cut and that everyone can access those services.
455.	As noted above, taxes are the price of civilization. A city is not a business, it is a crucial form of social organization and collective responsibility, and priority needs to be given to ensuring quality of life. Shared and equitable funding through proper taxation for essential services and user fees for non-essential services is needed. Negotiations should also continue to seek a share of provincial and federal income tax to increase the equity of the tax burden, since residential taxes are regressive.
456.	Don't cut things we know our children need to have solid futures - things like leadership programs, access to fitness and wellness, great ttc, etc. I will be so much harder to put them back if we cut them now.
457.	don't cut services people need (especially vulnerable population)
458.	Build the City. Don't cut. We are still paying for the Harris download and we need to push back for money from the HST (since Harper stupidly reduced the GST, the City should pick up part of the room made and the Province the rest for all municipalities)
459.	Offering up the subway station naming rights to the highest corporate bidder is NOT a good option for funding city services. / / I want to live in a city that supports, includes and celebrates difference among residents through city service provision.

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460.	I would like our council to consider a full investigation into the personal actions of Bill Blair, and the actions of the force he leads during the g-8, g-20 summits in Toronto before any increase in funding or hiring for Toronto Police
461.	Consider the costs in terms of quality of life and being an attractive City to live & invest in; the often higher costs of not acting on City issues/problems; and the supplementary roles of many services.
462.	We should try to better manage our city be investing for the long term beyond the 4 years a mayor has office. We're not a public company and thus should not be short-sighted in how we invest in the city.
463.	The transportation system in the City is archaic. It is time to invest efficiently in this service.
464.	We need a progressive tax system. The annual vehicle fee should not be cancelled but rather used as the basis for subsidizing TTC. Parking fees should also not be decreased This is not about being anti-car (indeed that fee was minimal), but rather seen as the basis for investing in a better transportation system for now and the future.
465.	look at the wider picture and take a longer term view / try to increase efficiency of service delivery - not just focus on cutting
466.	service cut particularly for the low income neighbourhoods would create more social and health problems that would cost the city more. Think smart, decided strategic.
467.	The reason we aren't balancing the budget is because we are cutting taxes. We also need to build positive relationships with the provincial and federal government to show the value Toronto brings to Ontario and the country to ensure their investment in our great city. We need to fight provincial and federal downloading of services in the spirit of ensuring quality services are offered to the entire public.
468.	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.
469.	Do more public consultation before going ahead with service cuts. Try to avoid any or all service cuts through finding other revenue sources, such as road tolls.
470.	We need to invest in the most needy and most vulnerable. How we treat them is a reflection on us as a society.
471.	Toronto's programs and services make it the wonderful city that it is. Please don't cut them. Making Toronto better isn't just about making property taxes slightly lower—it's about investing in community to make the city an attractive place to live and do business.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
472.	They need to understand that this is a multicultural city and programs that are culturally specific should not be cut.
473.	stop cutting user fees like the car registration, bag tax and then turn around and tell me you need to cut or contract out services because you need money. we live in the city because we love what it offers. I want to ride the ttc affordably, go to city events, and enjoy the public library or volunteer at toronto animal services with it being toronto institutions not contracted out because there is no money.
474.	The decisions should be evidence based over long term versus knee jerk reaction to cut. / For example, the services providing HIV prevention information and/or providing clean syringes to people who use drugs will have a radical impact on preventing future costs in health care needs and strains on other services.
475.	City services are very important to quality of life in Toronto. It is not acceptable to cancel revenue sources (promises to freeze property taxes, repeal vehicle registration tax) when we are facing declining services and no new sources of revenue to make up the shortfall.
476.	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.
477.	Work with Federal govt. on child care/full day kindergarten program to reduce the burden of parents and provide affordable housing. Put the policy or law in place to reduce the monthly rent of apartment buildings cause currently at least 40-50% city dwellers have to spend more than 70% of their income on housing putting their livelihood in measury.
478.	What about the other levels of government funding some of these services?
479.	The purpose of government is to look out for the interests of citizens, to look after their interests in ways that private businesses will not, and to invest in quality of life. Research on cities elsewhere shows clearly what works well (good investment, good services, public transport) and what has produced very bad results (slashing taxes, selling off to private interests). Clear facts, rather than demagogic cant, are what's needed.
480.	Think very hard before you cut something that may save money in the short term but will probably only increase costs in the long term (i.e. privatizing city services, cutting anti-violence or literacy programs, etc.). Think of the people who will be paying for your changes in 40 years, either in taxes or in less tangible ways--not just the people who voted you into office.
481.	In considering contracting out, City Council needs to think about the workers affected. It is not enough to disparage "jobs for life". Another way of putting it is "job security". Job security gives people the confidence to invest in their lives and this is essential for economic growth and for an active, engaged citizenry.

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
482.	Do don't feel that cutting services is the only way to repair the budget. Increase your revenue sources, be transparent and positive, and people will support you.
483.	Remember what is special about Toronto and work to keep those things - community, diversity, taking care of the poor, integrated many different types of people, etc.. Work to cut back on the gross sprawl! parks, bikes, human-scale streets, etc.
484.	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.
485.	Services are a lot harder and more expensive to re-establish after they've been cut or cancelled. Let's at least maintain the level of services that we currently have.
486.	Identify services that should be "uploaded" to other levels of government and covered by provincial and federal tax revenues. / Continue to divest services to other providers and reduce numbers employed directly by the city at wage and benefit costs that far exceed other sectors.
487.	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.
488.	Please do not cut funding to supports for priority neighbourhoods and the city's participation in this area
489.	Quality, accessibility, ensure meaningful consultation of all stakeholders affected by decision-making process; Toronto has among the lowest property taxes in the province. My aunt in Brantford pays more for a townhouse!
490.	one must balance improvements with cost cutting-they are not mutually exclusive because spending some money now could lead to decreased costs for the long term / equality of services some residents get their sidewalks cleared--others do not. / downloading services to the residents where possible e.g. if all residents can't have their sidewalks cleared, the city could decide to stop clearing sidewalks thus downloading that job to the residents (a job that originally wasn't the city's anyway)
491.	That most people in Toronto are interested in a better city, a better run city, and an accountable government. We don't want poor services or cut services, what we want is our money actually going to services and not being channelled into bureaucracy. We want to see results for our dollars spent. That doesn't mean cutting services, it means looking at government workflows and fixing THEM.
492.	Eliminate parking on curbs/side walks in the downtown core or significantly increase rental fees of these parking spaces. Reintroduce car tax at a lower rate.
493.	Stop funding affordable housing.
494.	If we do not invest in Toronto for the long term, our city will decay. Decisions have to be for the long term, not for the length of the council. You get what you pay for, and if you don't invest in the city, we will pay for it in the future.

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495.	While I want to see value for my dollar as a taxpayer, I am more than just a taxpayer (and, as an aside, I resent the constant use of that language - it's limiting and insulting). I am a citizen and neighbour with hopes and dreams for my city and my fellow citizens. I want to see my city prosper and understand that this is something worth paying for. / / Also, be careful when considering the results of this survey. There were questions that forced us to rank services within a department. Many are equally valuable but this was not an option. For this reason, I could not answer parts of this survey in good conscience. Please don't use results from a poorly designed survey as a pretence to cut. This survey was really limited and I'm left feeling rather co-opted by this exercise... / / Best wishes in your deliberations... thanks!
496.	Road tolls would help our city balance the budget and reduce pollution and traffic.
497.	Eliminate property transfer fees
498.	Awarding contracts with increases to city employees that are in excess of inflation and clearly out of line with the current economic situation of the country and the city - increase in pay to police would be a prime example. No increase should have been given this year.
499.	look at cutting back on the number of managers compared to non-management workers (who work at a significantly lower salary) as the estimated management to union worker is 2:3 / a lot of money could be saved by reviewing purchasing contracts, the suppliers who generally mark up their prices/fees 2-3 times what the public would pay
500.	How effective are our tax dollars? i.e.; Overwhelming amounts of film and eyewitness evidence processed by SIU, post G-12 has produced what results. Why are we paying [either city or provincial taxes] these salaries?
501.	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.
502.	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.
503.	Have a cat neutering program instituted to cut down on the suffering to animals. Subsidize this.
504.	The worst time to cut services is during a recession or when recovering from a recession.

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505.	<p>There is more to running a city than pure black and white economics. Many of these services are there to help Torontonians be part of and contribute to a healthy economy. If jobs are cut, people lose jobs, if people lose jobs, they stop spending creating more lost jobs. Contracting out garbage pick up may save the city now but what is the true cost when those who had good reliable jobs no longer do and therefore can no longer go out for dinner in the city, see a show, attend an event - what happens when they cannot afford to invest part of their income in Toronto? Cutting services and jobs is not an answer to Toronto's money problems, this path will only perpetuate Toronto's problems and in so doing lessen the respect Toronto has received from those around the world as well as its own citizens. The past administration managed to city build while coming out at the end of it with a surplus which this administration has already managed to spend in its attempts to stop the gravy train. It's easy to cut/not raise taxes when you have a wad of cash to get through your first year. If cutting services is the only answer to stopping the gravy train I would say it never existed in the first place. Also, this survey paints these issues as if there are only two choices - cut services or the taxpayer will pay a lot more for them. There are more options that just a hike in user/property fees and taxes or a cut to service. I challenge this administration to be more creative than that. Or at least find the gravy that supposedly existed. I can't say that any of these services could be thought of as wasteful spending.</p>
506.	CUT FUNDING FOR PARADES AND THE ARTS
507.	<p>Current mayor campaigned on finding gravy--there's plenty in police services. It was a good move to have councillors have reduced budgets and tighten expense policies. However, the disparity between union and non-union staff (wage freezes for latter group) is divisive. Why can't wage freezes apply to union staff? / Real estate--what's the long term plan for City staff in terms of employee count and space needs? Are there underutilized City buildings? Is the City renting private office space instead of using its own spaces? What real estate does not need to be held? / Refund policies for strike periods--during garbage strike, there were payments to City community centres and other dept. that were affected by the strike i.e.. no programs ran for what was paid. Time to get into 21st century and update the refund policy for payments held up during strikes in the future. / Toronto a la cart program-vendors who entered the program need to be given a financial break for having listened to and invested in that program. Not a New York moment of varied foods but red tape and hassle. Learn from the mistakes! What about BIAs that are banning food vendors i.e.. Bloor-Yorkville BIA? Can council do something to salvage the affected vendors' businesses? / Follow-up on outstanding road/sidewalk/utility cut issues-it's a shame that columns like the Fixer in the Star or Urban Decoder in Toronto Life have to exist to get action on old issues or dangerous conditions in the City. Where is the departmental awareness of what is going on with its inventory of facilities? Is there a current policy regarding utility cuts and timeliness of repairs? It seems that Toronto has lanes blocked forever for construction.</p>

	Paying for City Services – Other Advice
508.	I would rather have my property taxes increase than see services contract out or be eliminated entirely.
509.	Is the city bearing the cost for the rest of the province/country? / / Which businesses do we want to attract and which businesses cause more harm than good?
510.	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.
511.	user fee & issue bonds to borrow
512.	Reduce cronyism when handing out city contracts especially if you're doing it to cut costs for the city. Please have a forward view when you're giving up real estate and city revenue services. I know public service employees and our elected officials aren't the most imaginative when it comes to solving problems or making money, but try and think like someone with a brain for once. / Try to preserve our historical buildings and communities too.
513.	This whole service review process is skewed to get the results of contracting out and user fees, e.g. the answer "quality of service is most important" will be used to state that for-profit business will do it better than the city can.
514.	Increase/encourage public transportation use. Invest more in rapid transportation such as / subway.
515.	It is hard to unscramble an egg. Once you cut services it will be very difficult and costly to deal with the social/ economic repercussions. / NO CUTS
516.	Our culture and arts events showcase what Toronto is and who we are. Having a City Council who actively supports these things is SO important and sends out the message that they celebrate and love our city. Our city needs to invest in increased TTC services- we're so behind on this. With the massive increased size of the city, we have fallen totally behind. Our city now (and for years) has included Scarborough, North York, etc. We need to make these people feel part of our city, while respecting and honouring our diverse and alive core.
517.	increase welfare and affordable housing

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518.	Any major cuts to any service effect not only the quality of life in this city but also have a drastic effect on jobs and many lower income people who rely on city services. Please don't continue to cut any services that are so vital to the health and well being of this city.
519.	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)
520.	Services in Toronto are already at bare minimum and inadequate, any cut or lowering of services would have terrible long lasting effects on the city, it's economic growth capacity and the well-being of it's residents especially the most vulnerable.
521.	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.
522.	This survey structure is biased in favour of cutting services. It assumes that user fees or property tax increases are necessary in order to maintain any particular City service, and unlike the section on city bureaucracy, the City services section does not permit the respondent to indicate if they want "investment" and expansion of services. I strongly disagree with an approach to user fees based on recouping the full cost of the service for those services that do not serve "the entire citizenry". Actually, the whole city benefits from having inclusive and accessible services.
523.	I would like the City Council to consider a long-term plan (e.g. 50 years) and budget money and services accordingly. I would much rather pay "maintenance fees" along the way, rather than have the City fall apart and suffer and remain stagnant in growth, with the same conversations we are having today as we did thirty years ago.
524.	Seriously - start charging user fees for community centres and sports facilities. Also, erect gantries or entry gates to tax cars from the 905 region. No user fees at all? Come on. By the same token, people on social assistance/disability should get reduced TTC fares. I think Toronto should also get out of the social housing business. Let the free market decide.

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525.	Increasing user fees will only mean less money overall, as people will stop doing things that require user fees. And less money overall means less services. People need to realize that taxes pay for a lot of the things they take for granted and everyone benefits in the long run.
526.	GET RID OF UNIONS!!! Especially within the TTC. Cut # of staff (why do we need 2 person operating the subway train?). After the purged, raise capital by issuing IPO on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Use capital to build subways with large retail space to lease out. Have auction of land above the subway for commercial or residential builders. It's that simple, think of it as a real business.
527.	Please remember that there is only one tax payer, be it municipal, provincial or federal. That an incremental increase in any one of those effects everybody. The burden to provide free services and funding should not rest solely on the tax payer, but rather users should bear the cost of services as well.
528.	Cut city council pay...
529.	I am NOT in favour of contracting out any services, including garbage, to save money. I am also NOT in favour of increasingly or creating user-fees for services. This only hurts the poorest, most vulnerable populations.
530.	Make sure Toronto remains a liveable city, where people at all income levels can live a full life. If you cut back on public , open, access to community services, such as libraries, parks, free sports for children and community centres, the city will have social unrest, Those with money will leave and Toronto will become like one of those run-down, violence-ridden American cities. / / We pay almost twice the average property tax and it is becoming a financial strain, but we enjoy a wonderful city -- we walk the dog through three small parks several times a day, we walk every day along clean, safe streets, we visit our local library several times a week, our friends use the elder care support in a community centre, our kids play sports in city parks, garbage is picked up regularly, the Forestry department has very dedicated arborists who look after the old trees, and we use the TTC. So, we get great service for those taxes. / / The biggest disappointment is the TTC. Bus and streetcar service is absolutely unreliable so we often drive and pay high parking fees, just to be sure that we will arrive on time. Subways are more reliable, but the stairs and stations are really dirty.
531.	Cutting out taxes such as vehicle registration and bag tax is a poor way of reducing your overall costs. People got used to these fees and now council has to make up more of a shortfall.
532.	OUR PROPERTY TAXES IN THE CITY ARE WAY TOO LOW COMPARED TO OTHER CITIES. GO THE PROPERTY TAX ROUTE NOT THE USER FEE ROUTE.
533.	do not cut funding for public libraries, in any way, ever.
534.	Thank you for offering an online version for consulting the public. It is a very suitable medium for this day and age, especially for those who are unable to attend physical meetings. Please do your best to advertise these types of initiatives. I only found out about it through Facebook by people working for the city and otherwise, would not have known.

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535.	Cut police and fire budgets by 10% each. Force major rationalization of what work these departments do and what resources they really need to accomplish that. These sacred cows have been unsupervised for a long time. Require value for money.
536.	Affordable housing has long been neglected by all levels of government - I ask the city to take care of its citizens and help them take care of themselves and exit out of poverty.
537.	Stop talking about cuts to our services. There is no justifiable reason to cut our services or force us to pay higher user fees. Please don't ruin our beautiful city.
538.	City Council should realize that property taxes in Toronto are a pittance compared to most other cities in Canada. Raise property taxes in order to make up budgetary shortfalls, and cut down on the number of personnel who are being tasked with surveys such as this.
539.	Do not cut. Please. After 30 years of constant yearly cutting, what on earth is left to cut? The city is filthy, gridlocked, ugly, and seriously behind the times compared with other cities. Investment is paramount.
540.	some services (such as public housing) should be done at a Federal Level and NOT a city level. / if they can be "uploaded" back to them, that would be great.
541.	Pay Go - fully funding of any new programs moving forward from user fees to services.
542.	Reduced or no fee for service based on income(under\$30,000).The gap between rich and poor has to be addressed. We have to rethink "poor". I'm a single woman living on \$28,000/yr and I consider myself poor. The middle classes are now making \$45,000/yr
543.	it would be helpful if the Council would truly invest in the City by finding ways to have honest consultation that is not about getting re-elected and more about developing a vibrant, healthy and safe city (for all) beyond the horizon of the next election.
544.	No more property tax freezes! That guarantees larger deficits and service cuts and is out of line with other municipalities
545.	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.
546.	I think referendums are the most viable way to have decisions made with the public vs. Council allegedly knowing what their constituents say or fee. Citizens must respond when asked but many of these issues are too significant to count on what could be seen as failed democracy in the behaviour of Council - in other words consider taking the really hard items to a City vote
547.	we probably need the Vehicle Registration Tax, and Road Tolls to help pay for our services

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548.	while this type of survey can never be perfect I found it difficult to answer on whether or not to increase or decrease the cost of a service because I have no information to understand the overall cost of the service and whether or not we're possibly overpaying.
549.	The city council should look at a couple of items with respect to themselves. / / 1. Cut the councillors in half. / / 2. Cut their salaries in half since it is a part time job. / / 3. enforce term limits the vast majority of them are useless s politicians that could not get a job at 100 grand a year in the private sector. Civic duty is not a career. / / 3. Bring open party politics to city hall since they all partake in party politics down there and in elections / / 4. Make it illegal for them to send out any literature to the citizens. This money is really an election expense for them / / 5. Cut their support staff as most councillors have admitted on the record that they do not even read half half of the stuff before them that requires a vote / / 6. The councillors should heed legal advice so that they do not cause the corporation of the city of Toronto to commit illegal acts.
550.	The Police Services Budget is in danger of destroying the city finances. TPS is already the best paid and best funded police force in Canada. Save money by imposing wage and hiring freezes for the next 2 to 3 years like other levels of government e.g. provincial civil servants.
551.	Equal access is not ensured by user-fees.
552.	Be realistic with the public. Admit that services have to be paid for, and they have to be paid for with taxes and fees. Admit that there is precious little of the "gravy train" that played such a large part in the recent election campaign. Speak to the public as if they were mature and intelligent. Get rid of conservative dogma.
553.	Use common sense... save money where it doesn't matter who is providing the service. Invest in Arts, Schools, Parks and recreation, swimming pools in the summer, hockey rinks in the winter, etc.
554.	Not everything can be about money, items like culture bring money to many sectors but are seen as money loosing entities by many politicians. / Cut back on useless rules and regulations (many done with good intent, and a politicians desire to vote!) - far too much oversight in the city for my liking.
555.	Road tolls. Get rid of the cat licensing fees.
556.	should the province pay for it, court services
557.	For SNOW CLEARING services. I strongly support the clearing driveway entrances (windrow) but NOT the clearing of sidewalks. The sidewalk ploughs do damage to the lawns and almost always come by after most responsible people have cleared their sidewalks, thereby providing little value. Besides, this could give the local kids some part-time jobs for the winter! / / For Community ICE RINKS/ARENAS, the City should fund more Youth programs such as 'learn to skate' or 'hockey/shinny'. Adult program user-fees could help build up the Youth services.
558.	Increase Public Involvement. Volunteers can help reduce costs; introduce new ideas; build enthusiasm for city / Hire students to manage traffic around construction sites, rather than pay police at very high wages /

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559.	It would not be necessary to cut services had a plan been made before cutting revenue services, like the auto tax. unfortunate short-sightedness means that we're going to pay more for a city that will be a little bit diminished.
560.	short cuts today just end up costing us more in future. invest now and it will cost less in long run.
561.	If you are going to ask Torontonians for their input, I would suggest structuring a survey that actually asks us what our priorities are. Spending 20 minutes of my time asking for permission to raise taxes or user fees does nothing to elucidate how I want my city run.
562.	Great cities cost money, stop pretending we can outsource at no cost, or cut without hurting people. Be realistic.
563.	Please remember that Ford was elected on a mandate to cut taxes while maintaining public services. Why is the focus on what services to maintain or cut? Where's the gravy!!
564.	Good public health services will eventually reduce the cost of providing other services. Same to education and social assistance. Think about increasing job opportunities and reducing crime rates as a way to reduce cost of policing instead of merely increasing property tax and/or users fee, or lowering the level of services. Think about more innovative way to reduce cost while maintaining good quality of services, such as better collaboration between departments and different community stakeholders.
565.	Keeping cities healthy is very important. The work that organizations do with city residents helps to improve their overall health and well being. These are services that the city cannot do on its own, but funds community organizations to do and they do it well. Please do not cut funding to these essential services.
566.	Do not just cut for the sake of cutting-think about the quality of life for citizens of all incomes.
567.	Too often organizations forget to consider the cost of administering contractors when assessing cost, remember to consider total cost of operations when making such decisions. With such a diverse city it only makes sense to provide certain services on a user-fee basis. Taxes should be directed to true public goods, when the cost of a service can be attributed to a certain group, unless grossly disadvantaged, the city tax coffers should not be employed but that user group asked to cover or at least share in their group-specific service costs.
568.	to have a great city you have to invest in it. waterfront Toronto is doing an amazing job. their work will increase the livability of the city.
569.	Essential services, well funded and well provided pay enormous dividends in a healthy City community and in returns to the City in innovation, initiatives and leadership as well as income and residential taxes. We need to invest in people and infrastructure and it will pay back big dividends.
570.	1. Invest wisely-- know the difference between spending and investing. / 2. Think long-term-- how can we keep the current boom going for another thirty years? / 3. Have a positive vision of Toronto's opportunity-- how can we keep the people behind the current boom here and happy in Toronto?

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571.	the city should not cut services. people with the lowest incomes benefit most from city services. cuts to these services are direct cuts at people with low incomes, which is also why service user fees are not a good way to go. tax people with the highest incomes through property taxes instead.
572.	Do not just think about budget cuts. Think outside the box - increasing revenues. Invest in prevention and education programs to prevent crime and addiction. Do not increase funding for police service. Our police service is too expensive.
573.	Maintain accessibility to services without introducing user fees for citizens who already can't afford them. Think beyond the bottom line.
574.	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.
575.	What about the millions of people who don't own property in Toronto and are still effected by user fees, struggling to make ends meet with little to no support from their local government?
576.	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.
577.	To ensure that all money is expend accordily and not being mismanage. Stop paying for un necessary services such as consultants as the City have their own professionals that can provide and are paid for the same service that a consultant provides.
578.	cut , cut and then cut again reduce all waste lower taxes on properties to below 1997 levels
579.	Instead of looking at present costs they should look at the costs that would be saved for the future generations and the quality of life the future generations will have. e.g.. by building an underground subway system the future generations will benefit tremendously. Look at the underground system (as it is called in London, England). This saves tremendous amount of time for commuters. The above ground system in the long run will become more costly and will also restrict in widening roads. The population of Toronto is increasing, yet the roads are not increasing in proportion to the increase in traffic. The main reason why there are so much cars on the road during rush hour is because our public transport system is extremely poor.

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580.	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...
581.	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.
582.	Consider cutting the police budget to enable the city to provide higher quality services. The police budget accounts for over 25% of income made on property taxes, while all the other services that I commented on take a small fraction of property taxes and should not be in danger of being cut. / I truly believe that if our city offers services that help alleviate poverty, offer support to the marginalized population and contribute to the strengthening of communities, there will be an increase in a sense of community and solidarity within the city, there will be less crime and police services will not be as crucial in order to maintain a safe and secure city.
583.	We need to invest in our City, and keep services in public hands.
584.	Improvements in the quality of services can be rationalized, increasing taxes or user fees to maintain existing levels of service will not be tolerated.
585.	Going to a no tax all user fees society is great if you are rich. If you are not, it prevents people that need these services getting to them.
586.	In the future, City Council should reconsider eliminating valuable revenue-generating tools in order to score political points or advance an ideological agenda, and instead focus on maintaining/improving levels of service for all of Toronto's citizens. While increases in user fees and property taxes appear to be politically unpalatable, these realities must be woven into an overall, long-term vision for the city that treats services as a public good worthy of investment, rather than a burden on the public purse.

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587.	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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591.	contract out services. add user fee to libraries for non-residential non-Toronto persons
592.	Privatization costs more and delivers less. / Do not support user fees. Taxes are a fairer way to fund services
593.	I think all councillors should think about the least advantaged people in our city whenever they make any decision. think about the refugee who left everything behind and has to scrounge for bus fare to ride the over-crowded Finch Bus to try to figure out how to collect welfare, use a food bank and register her children for school. Think about my disabled daughter, who wants to work, but can't find an employer and doesn't understand the ODSP application or process. Think about the battered wife, living at Falstaff Ave trying to get to a grocery store by bus with 3 children. Sorry, I'm so upset with the self-centred, me-first, car-focused punishing direction that this city is taking....
594.	I hope this exercise shows that there is no 'gravy' at the City and that taxes and existing user fees will have to be increased to maintain our quality of life.

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595.	All Services and Councillors, must take an immediate pay freeze for at least 3 years. No new City hiring, unless that department can show a safety issue to public will occur if not enough employees in that dept. The City must not take on any event (i.e. G20) where they have to pay a huge tab for the event. As I said before, a small property tax increase should be implemented to keep all services at present levels. But as a taxpayer I expect all City Councillors and City employees to give a 100% in their job, which I help fund and find ways to do that job in a productive and economical manner, by finding administrative cutbacks within their departments.
596.	City should fund all programs and services that increase the health and safety of the community.
597.	Social services have been hit by all levels of government. They seem to be taking a hit for a revenue problem that was certainly not of their making. It's important that the constantly vulnerable are not made to suffer greater pain as a means of simply showing that something is being done to reduce costs.
598.	Don't be afraid to raise taxes if it is necessary to provide quality services. Same with user fees (with exceptions notes earlier). As the famous quote goes: "Taxes are the price we pay for civilization". Of course, we need to make sure that the tax money collected is used properly and efficiently, but that is a separate issue and needs to be treated as such.
599.	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.
600.	All, that is each and every dept must cut spending. / Reduce employees by attrition. / Too many uniformed police/100,000 populations in the City. / / Establish uniform rules for procurement by BIAs. Procurement of goods and services, contracts and RENEWAL of contracts
601.	The federal government is over-funded, and community governments are under-funded. This is the root of all our city financing problems. There is a solution, in Community Income Tax Points, which would shift income tax points from the federal government to municipal governments.
602.	Services contribute to making our city a desirable place to work and do business. Filing to invest in these services will make the city less attractive. Great cities requires invest and a conscious commitment to city building. Narrow-minded penny-pinching does not create great places to live. The city must abandon its ideologically driven agenda to punish city employees for exercising their right to bargain collectively.
603.	Tighten your belts, don't think about cutting services, think how you can cut your admin costs / A job in TTC is considered to be "Time To Chill" - I am honestly speaking. It may be hard to privatize it, but reduce waste, improve efficiency. Just because people have a job in public sector should not mean they have it "made".
604.	Remember not to cut services too much for a short term gain, as cuts can have a broad impact on community development over time.

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605.	Consider past increases in tax and service fees before increasing
606.	Are we protecting our vulnerable populations? / Are our facilities and infrastructure safe places to be? / How many people out of 3 million, and how many regions, will benefit from this funding? Or be hurt by this cut?
607.	Toronto is a livable city with fabulous services for everyone that lives here. It is important that we do NOT look at Toronto as a business - we are not here to MAKE money for Toronto - we are here to provide a livable city - which includes accessible services such as parks, swimming pools, libraries, employment services, affordable housing, long term health care, day care etc..... these city services are here to make this a city for ALL people to live in and afford to live in. if you want to make minimum wage \$25/hr then you can increase fees for service but until then we need to stop pretending that we are a world class city when Toronto has one of the highest rates of working poor.
608.	A combination of user fees and City Taxes of provide services.
609.	Reinstate the vehicle registration tax.
610.	Police budgets should not increase. Stop attacking public sector workers and public services.
611.	Toronto is a beautiful city. We need to invest in it to maintain its world class status, however mass privatization is not the answer.
612.	Please do not respond to a manufactured crisis. The city is healthy, liveable, and prosperous. While it is truly important to do a service review to reconsider what is necessary and what is not, we also have to realize that taxes contribute to a vital, beautiful, energetic and safe city. Also, it is incredibly important to push back on Police Services. Those cops with everyone getting free parking as a perk, and gyms in their stations, etc. have it really, really good. They do a very, very tough job, one that I would not want, and the fact that they are paid so well attracts good people. But really, they are a public service that CAN be cut, reduced, and there are things that CAN be eliminated, especially as Toronto's citizens get OLDER and, in fact, crime decreases. Please respond to the reality of our city.
613.	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

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	<p>years are an important developmental period for 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. / / • Increased numbers of quality programs for children 6 to 12 years of age and the</p>

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	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. /
614.	Try and increase revenue rather than cutting services. That should be a last resort only. Think about the quality of life of our citizens, and how we present ourselves to the world. Stop having so much faith in the private sector to save the day.
615.	Consider people from all socio-economic backgrounds, and that we all want to live in a great city that is great for ALL residents (not just those who can afford high user fees). Intelligent spending is possible.
616.	The city should continue fighting to ensure the Province takes over its responsibilities and uploads the services it should be providing. This is fundamental in helping to fix the fiscal imbalance in the City.
617.	Increasing taxes to residents while cutting back on services will only help to drive younger middle class families away to other municipalities with better infrastructure and resident services like childcare, community center, etc. When I see my taxes increase, while residential services are reduced, and yet large business and corporation taxes are not increased in proportion, I simply makes me want to leave the city. I don't mind paying more taxes if it will help the city residents. I do mind when my tax increases/payments are not fair in relation to what large businesses and corporations pay. I also mind when taxes are not increased and services are continually being reduced while city deficits continue to increase, or there are continual short falls. It frustrates me that city politicians and employees seem to have no interest in building a good city for the long term. It seem to me politicians only want to do short term/popular fixes to make them look good/get elected the next term rather than have the balls to do what's right for the long term. And to make things worse, the many of the city employees are consistently unhelpful and ineffective across the departments I, as well many others I have spoken to, have had the displeasure of dealing with. / This may be an old city with an old infrastructure. But European cities are even older, yet many of them seem to be able run with better infrastructure, public/resident services. Why is it that we can't?
618.	Mayor Ford guaranteed he would not cut services. Responsible action including raising taxes is the only way this goal can be achieved. Counsel must step forward and be honest on this issue. This incredibly wealthy city can afford to pay for good quality services.
619.	Invest in Toronto's harbourfront and infrastructures.

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620.	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.
621.	The arts community consists of a great number of people who pay taxes. Whether it be film or theatre technicians or actors. These venues bring in tourism dollars and this cannot be overlooked. Whatever support the city gives benefits all levels of government whether it be property taxes or payroll taxes. Our contribution is a big one. Please do not turn your back on us. Thank you.
622.	When people consider Canada an advanced country, Toronto should not regress as it seems is the direction for the City of Toronto. Contracting out services is less accountability on the part of the City of Toronto. Taxes increase for all other municipalities and the City of Toronto claims to want to align property taxes with the 905 communities yet the property value in Toronto is more, therefore property taxes are assessed on that value. Everything that made the City of Toronto is diminishing thanks to the politicians.
623.	Do the jobs they were elected to do, not cut services, stop the Gravy Train.
624.	My main concern at the moment is keeping the programs very at local community centers. I am just finishing up this session that North Kipling Community Center. It looks like I will not be able to take anymore adult fitness classes come the fall time because we will not be able to afford to it there is such a jump in user fees. I have only been able to take them because they are free. We are one of the families who are in the "middle class" but leaving from pay check to pay check. We really don't have extra money for programs such as these. We are not one families who are looking for and uses handouts. We would just like these programs to stay free or very cheap. Every can use a little help now and then. / / The point I am getting at is please don't forget about the middle class families. We do work very hard to provide for our families but no user fees mean the world of difference to use! It gives us the chance to do more with our families and stay or get more healthy. We don't want to be a bourdon on the already stretched health care system. Prevention is so much better!
625.	Not to cut services simply based on saving money. We have a great city and I'd hate to see it reduced the bare bones.
626.	DON'T CUT PUBLIC SPACES SUCH AS PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS. HAVING THESE SPACES GIVES KIDS AND FAMILIES LOWER COST ALTERNATIVES AND WILL CREATE A SAFER CITY DOWN THE ROAD. CITY MUST REDUCE POLICIING COSTS. THEY ARE EXORBITANT AND THE CITY IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE TO POLICE. THE CITY IS A SAFE PLACE AND WE SHOULD RE-ALLOCATE POLICING TO HIGHER RISK NEIGHBOURHOODS AND NOT KEEP HIRING MORE POLICY EVERY YEAR. ALSO THE CITY SHOULD ELIMINATE THE VERY COSTLY DECISION TO MAKE TTC ESSENTIAL SERVICES AS IT WILL CAUSE HUGE COSTS DOWN THE ROAD WITH ARBITRATED SETTLEMENTS.

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627.	Please revisit the current policy on how to improve the flow of traffic. The increased use of such things as STOP signs and speed bumps only serves to slow traffic down, increase pollution, increase wear and tear and costs to maintain vehicles, increase gasoline use and frustrate drivers. Consider making streets ONE WAY to match the flow of rush our traffic. Change traffic lights at minor three-way intersections from midnight to 5:00 a.m. to flashing red on the major street and flashing amber on the minor street. Take bicycle lanes off major streets and increase their use on side streets.
628.	Concentrate on core services. Water, sewers, roads, potholes, snow clearing, clean parks, well run recreation centres, pools, ice rinks and libraries; all open as much as possible. Try to get out of the welfare and housing rackets. Press the provincial governments to take this crap over. Get out of the grant business except for rare and exceptional events. No more annual grants to theatres and other such things that should be able to stand or fall by themselves. Start up money for two years is ok, but not a lifetime annual income. Put the squeeze on the Ontario Lottery and Gaming outfit for the return of some of our gambling money as their infamous grants for hospitals, recreation centres and rinks that you only see in small town Ontario. Perhaps a City Lotto if it could be established. If not, perhaps a Hospital type annual or bi-annual lottery. For every service, make it pass the smell test. Is it necessary? Do 50% or more of the city residents need/use it? If not, consider reducing or eliminating it if it is not a core service. Don't spend money on things like a homeless survey!!!!
629.	THE CITY IS A SOCIETY NOT A BUSINESS IN THE STRICTEST SENSE.... PEOPLE ARE OUR BUSINESS (caps used to stress importance) Do not cut just to save a few dollars here and there, PEOPLE SUFFER which makes our society much less liveable.
630.	There is a great need not to cut services or increase user fee's for our social rec. programs especially to our youth and youth in high risk neighbourhoods. Also there needs to be a greater effort placed on building more diverse and affordable housing units for our population. Mixed housing not ghetto ising low income people.
631.	Road tolls
632.	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.
633.	Consider the equality of the City. If people have to pay user fees to use the Library, for example, and are of low income, they will not use them. Social services, the libraries, recreational services are the "great equalizer".
634.	How about we cut back the number of councillors to 22??
635.	We need to clean our city. / We need to build subways. / We need to increase and modernize the bus fleet. / We need to have citizens pay for the services provided. /
636.	selling assets or privatising services is a short term fix for the bottom line but will not be a good solution for the city in the long term.
637.	The city should try to reduce overlap with the provincial government. Torontonians are already subsidizing the rest of the province.
638.	Uploading welfare back to the provincial & federal level.

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639.	If you cut a service that is truly important, someone else will step in to provide it. We need a balanced budget, if we can't afford something, it needs to go.
640.	get province and federal government to pay part of TTC
641.	Not to cut costs for the richest people at the expense of the poorest and most vulnerable.
642.	Balance the budget by raising taxes (including registration fees) without cutting services.
643.	Yes, privatization sounds like a good option at first because companies under-bid to get the contracts but lots of research shows that costs may be lower at first but then, they increase down the road (i.e. cost us more) and the quality goes down (as companies try to increase their project margins, they sacrifice services and the quality of these). As well, once you privatize, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to come back to a publicly controlled system. So, please be careful what you give up and the impact on our lives and the lives of your friends and families!
644.	Toronto residents pay less in property tax than any other GTA city.
645.	Buildings in the downtown should be required to have adequate parking (or extra parking) - this would eliminate some of the need for street parking, opening up extra lanes and creating space to ease congestion and/or add bike lines or wider sidewalks. / Tolls and user fees on roads, while not popular, are common in other cities and should be seen as a necessary evil - they will improve the trip for driver's in the end.
646.	We should try to eliminate unions wherever possible and must contract out to great Toronto companies all of the work that companies normally do. There is absolutely no need for the City to have employees doing work that companies regularly do everywhere all over the city, province and country.
647.	work with Provincial government to reduce poverty
648.	No property tax freezes! They are short sighted...
649.	Don't let this City become like so many American cities that cut the heart out of their services, only to turn a once proud city into an endless ghetto. I travel in the USA every month, and it saddens me greatly. Of course, you can cut everything, and the people who can afford to will simply move out of town. Several of my friends and family are watching with great interest to see just how far ahead this Mayor can see.
650.	Not to cut services
651.	Don't cut for the sake of cutting. You can spend money and still get value.
652.	The city needs to spend money to improve services and make this a better city. For far, far, far too long 'we' have collectively elected council on the basis of no tax increases or tax reductions. This is short term satisfaction in exchange for long term disaster. We should have had an on-going subway expansion program continuously underway since the 1950's. If that had been the case we wouldn't be looking for billions now for ad-hoc expansions. / The way to spend more for a better city is to increase both taxes and user fees. We must think far into the future and do things right.
653.	Property taxes are too high for the services received by middle class Torontonians and seniors who live outside of the city core and who do not live near subways. / / Before upgrading subways, increase the area covered by subways.

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654.	Toronto is know as a clean, safe, world class city, and if services start getting cut, it can easily slide into a disrepair, and a place to avoid. Once a city has a reputation like that (i.e. Cleveland, Detroit....neighbouring cities) it's awfully hard to get rid of. Cutting services is a slippery slope that makes a beautiful, safe, city turn into just another metropolis in a hurry, and could cost exponentially to repair.
655.	Increase staffing for paramedic services. Response time lagging due to under staffing and increase in call volume and ambulance dispatches. 50% of EMS staffing is funded by the province so increasing the number of paramedics should not cost the city a significant amount. All this information is found in the 2011 EMS budget. / / Also according to the budget, Fire Services has approx double the operating budget over EMS. EMS responds to about 2 times more emergency incidents than Fire and one half of Fire Service's calls are medical emergencies. It would be morally responsible for the City to shift some of Fire's budget to EMS, so EMS can manage their own calls more effectively. It does not make sense to fund Fire Services twice as much as EMS to do half the work that Emergency Medical Services does
656.	Safety related services are most important. They are services that are needed by everyone. Their cost should be covered by property taxes with emphasis placed on the commercial properties. An increase on personal properties would also be acceptable.
657.	DO NOT CUT CORE SERVICES LIKE FIRE, POLICE AND EMS!!
658.	Have found this type of survey easy to do and does make one feel that you are voicing your opinion without having to be present at a town hall meeting. Lobby groups are well represented at town hall meetings, but the usual quiet voice has a better chance of being heard and represented in an on-line survey. You should make these "mandatory" for home dwellers, like the Federal census?
659.	Stop trying to do everything, cut the number of services.
660.	priorities cut the crap keep the cream
661.	there are no sacred cows / need to significantly reduce the power of unions / look at running the city the way a business runds / considerably reduce the cost per person or increase the productivity per person of all city employees -- particularly those protected by union contracts / don't hesitate to make the tough decisions / take the long term perspective -- even if it means short term pains / have courage and don't back down / need to improve the efficiency of City Council

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662.	Two issues surrounding policing have been in the news lately. / 1) I strongly suggest that the City look at markedly reducing the costs of extra duty police for events, construction sites, etc. In most instances it should be sufficient for security guards to provide this service, except in instances deemed to have substantial crowd control risks / / Finally I think that the City should come to grips with the unequal provision of services across the City. For example I think the City should get out of sidewalk snow removal, except for seniors and the disabled. In light of the tough political choices before us, this strikes me as a responsibility that individual homeowners should bear. / / 2) Increases for police offices should be in line with that offered to other city staff. I find it astonishing that the Police Services Board could offer the police an 11.3% increase over 4 years in a time of substantial budgetary constraint. I had expected a proposed increase in the range of 6-8% over 4 years. This struck me as a highly political move by the police services board that will make it more challenging to rein in settlements for other city workers. This was a very poor move and I hope that it can be corrected.
663.	Residents of Toronto pay very low property taxes especially when compared to surrounding cities in the GTA. An increase of even 10% works out to less than a \$1 a day for most people. I believe this is the most effective way to balance a budget and keep the services we are all accustomed too.
664.	CUT SERVICES!!! Don't listen to the whiners. All that a socialistic government does is create more greedy whiners who expect handouts for everything.
665.	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.
666.	If you just reduce services and staff without some re-investment then you are all headed for trouble...we can not just cut and expect things will continue..there will be hidden costs like staff morale, slower services, etc..re-investment is needed as well.
667.	core city services should be improved using property tax increases based on cost of living and necessary improvements. secondary city services should be reduced.
668.	To cut core service and life saving services to our city is beyond unthinkable.
669.	reduce property taxes, and increase user fees. If I want to use a service I will pay for it. If it is a service that I don't use I don't want to pay for it. Fund community - wide services (policing, etc) with property taxes.
670.	Take into consideration Rob Ford's campaign pledge to not cut any city services.
671.	Zoos, theatres and Exhibition Place should all be subject to user fees. City owned assets should be turned into revenue producing opportunities. (they should not be sold). Exhibition Place should be turned into a twelve month a year facility for everything from theatre to sport.

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672.	Yeah, why no questions about road tolls? I think we need to seriously start thinking about those.
673.	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.
674.	The Mayor promised not to cut city services during his election campaign. This survey seems to be extremely biased towards cutting and contracting out city services.
675.	Many of the services that I've listed as significant are very important for the economic and social well-being of this city. However this city, as well as others in Canada, are trying to provide services using the city tax base when in fact the services are also used by many outside of the city. Some form of transfers from local municipalities or the province to Toronto should be pushed for. Or some form of applying user fees to those who live outside this city (perhaps a City Card for those who reside here).
676.	I am greatly concerned that Council might make rash decisions about cutting certain services or adding user fees to certain services which would impede the involvement of more vulnerable members of our communities, or diminish the quality of services. Please be sure to dig deeply when investigating alternate options for funding or providing services - the initial least expensive option might not necessarily be the cheapest in the long run, nor the most practical. Be careful. Be wise.
677.	Consider us a community, full of people who are interdependent and reliant upon each other for health and happiness. Channel your inner Federal government in the sense of Peace, Order and Good Government. And by Peace and Order, I DO NOT MEAN more police services.

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678.	You might need to think zero base. Take your list of services, and your amount of money and then design a service level to match. Demand for free services is essentially unlimited and certainly not limited to current City residents if you are prepared to be generous enough. If you have empty apartments and free dental care people will arrive from all over the world to take them. You can't afford to house 7 billion people so you have to accept there is a limit somewhere and you are already well over it. Learn to say no. If a low income person decides to head to Calgary because there are more opportunities there that is the way it is supposed to work. Bumping up services to attract and retain people who are not contributing, while putting up taxes to drive out those that are is a long term plan for failure. Point though, Toronto residential taxes are not really that high, so I would look at doing something about our criminally high business taxes as a way to attract and retain the sort of people who make neighbourhoods successful. The Duke Cycle thing was ridiculous and should be a real wake up call for how broken our business tax policy is. If Duke Cycle had the trouble it did, just imagine how many new business owners take one look at Toronto and then open up somewhere else. Maybe if you had their taxes you would not have the budget gap that a really bad tax policy produces.
679.	The majority of citizens will always say taxes should be lowered, which is totally unrealistic. Council has to press for greater efficiencies because it drive innovation by departments, but must invest even more than the savings in improving things.
680.	Cut costs!!!!
681.	Consider road tolls please
682.	First, this survey oversimplifies a lot of the services provided and has a clear focus on cutting city services instead of increasing them. I would see this city grow, not retract. Second, feedback from citizens is a critical component and ever stage of budget planning. I hope that the isn't cut in the name of budget savings. Finally, the city needs to get control of policing costs. Rationalizing costs won't be effective if the focus is only on the small services when policing takes more that 1/4 of city spending.
683.	The Health of our City, both now and into the future is providing the services that will keep our city healthy and a place where people will want to work and live. Cutting to save a few dollars now will only cost us on all fronts and is simply not wise. / Press the Federal Government and the Provincial Government to pay for those services which are the responsibility of all the citizens of the province or the nation. More support from those levels of Government must be forthcoming. / Stop making decision on the basis of whether people will vote for you. START making decisions on the basis of the Health and Future well being of our City and it's citizens, both NOW and into the Future. Short sighted decisions, based on SAVING money is not really a savings in the long run. / Investment in our city will ultimately provide the growth of our economy and thus provide the funds to pay for that we need. Not investing in the past is what has got us into the problems that we now face. /
684.	Cut city council by 50%

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685.	It is very hard to measure quality. It is also hard to resist union demands for increases and parity with other jurisdictions. So any increases need to be carefully analysed - including for the police. In general zero based budgeting (allowing for inflation) should be the rule. Also, cut out the FAT - theatres, poets in residence, grants to NGOs.
686.	Do not waste PPP funding on the Sheppard subway. There are not enough riders on that line to support a subway. It will need to be heavily subsidized, which is what we are trying to reduce. Use PPP on The Downtown Relief Line. People will use it in droves and it will actually reduce congestion on the Yonge Line. The business community will invest. They know it will be very heavily used. It will not need to be subsidized by the city. It will pay for itself.
687.	/ Please ensure that any contract has a fair wage or we will need a sharp increase in affordable housing.
688.	WE have heard that the Fire and Police may cut 300-500 positions using last on first to go. Have they explored pensioning off those with enough service. A new firefighter gets less wages and only 3 weeks holiday while a firefighter with 28 years on gets 9% recognition pay and six weeks holidays and could retire at any time
689.	Childcare should be affordable for a single parent. Toronto Hydro is milking the people of Toronto, so Toronto should get 50% of the money paid for those ridiculous hydro bills. Toronto needs to take a stand on gas prices as well. If people can't afford to drive they won't visit Toronto!
690.	Please stop requiring police to attend job sites, or provide mall security. Toronto Hydro should provide ebilling - this option has been broken for at least a year. I would like to see the number of departments reduced significantly, with a goal of reducing duplication and waste. I would like to see less construction near the waterfront, burring the Gardiner, and more parks. Please have the police crack down on panhandlers, particularly in the financial district and in tourist areas - I would have more pride in the police and in city government if I wasn't accosted by panhandlers every day. I would like to see the libraries reduce the number of physical books, and significantly increase their collections of ebooks, plus allow citizens to register for a library card from home over the Internet.
691.	Do not look for more money, simply cut out the surplus over City employees doing unwarranted jobs, and contract out everything else but only if it is truly needed.
692.	Emergency Services are an important part of the city, and retaining the excellent EMS. FIRE ad Police Service is a Must. Cut Backs to these 3 essential services will affect lives and property, as these individuals truly take their profession seriously and work for the citizens of Toronto.
693.	People who are eager to lower the quality of services generally don't use them. No one who relies on the bus to get to work thinks we should cut service frequency, and no one who needs social services to care for their children thinks it is a frivolous service. Please try to keep in mind that those who have the luxury of not requiring these things don't necessarily have the right to decide for those who do.

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694.	1. Don't "contract out;," rather, look increase efficiency and foster pride among city staff. / 2. Support the arts, education, and small-scale independent businesses - these are the true engines of economic and real-estate stability in most neighbourhoods. / 3. Clean up and enhance the appearance of the end-of-line TTC stations such as Finch -- these are the stations where the greatest numbers of new Toronto residents see the "face" of the city every day. If they see an attractive, contemporary facility every day, it will give them a much better feeling about the city and their own role and actions in it.
695.	Please do not cut services that affect the seniors, youth and children and vulnerable populations (homeless persons, women etc.)
696.	There is a myth that Torontonians are over taxed and the City is rife with waste. Most people want to pay for good service. One other point: The overtime pay for the police (e.g. at construction sites) is a huge burden. If anything is to be cut, start there.
697.	Property tax should not be based on property value but on cost of delivery of services.
698.	There are other options besides City-run or contracting out. There are a few more levels of government that need to step up to the plate. Social services are costly in major centres because people gravitate to the urban centres from all over looking for employment opportunities, better health care and social programs. This puts a burden on large urban centres that rural Canada does not share equally. Federal and Provincial governments need to recognise this and their financial responsibility to urban centres because of this demographic fact of life.
699.	A city is more than garbage pick up and road clearing. Invest in communities and support them. A happy community will give back much more to the city. Realize the vast importance of a healthy urban forest, ravine and parks system.
700.	Talk to the province to upload housing. They should be doing it. They mandate it.
701.	I would like the City to be more flexible when considering forward thinking projects like the Fort York pedestrian bridge. Great cities don't say no to everything under the guise of keeping property tax low. I believe this approach only leads to mediocrity.
702.	People in this city care about the services that they receive and when considering the budget this city should not be looking to cut or maintain but how our services can be improved. There needs to be more understanding about where city money comes from and how it is used in all of our services for the general public so that people know when tax cuts are made people suffer from a lack of services. There needs to be greater corporate accountability within this city and public spaces, services, community building, and support for vulnerable populations should not be sacrificed because the city cannot effectively manage its budget. Please read Jane Jacobs for key ideas on what makes a city liveable. (It is not tax cuts that's for sure).

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703.	Council should step back and try to act like mature adults - if good planning can be instituted, along with an approach that always questions whether the City should deliver a proposed service or whether it should cause that service to be delivered, / we could then see some 'zero-based' budgets that would determine how much is actually needed - not whether or not some / mystical percentage increase or decrease of taxes will be the answer. / / Most people would agree that there has been a fall-off in basic services - that the City is dirtier and less well-kept than it / once was and that things we took for granted seem now to be problematic and no longer easily delivered. / / What we don't need are any more campaign slogans acting as policy pronouncements - nor any reactions and responses that seem to be based on ideological insanity. / / /
704.	I believe it's imperative to increase the quality of the TTC network, including direct rail service from Union Station to inside Pearson airport (very expensive and a bit of a pipe dream, I know, but it's vital to the health of the city).
705.	People need their jobs whether they work for an essential service or not. Don't cut jobs!
706.	The structure of this survey is not particularly effective for identifying public priorities. For example, many of the questions aren't meaningful (e.g., what does "contracting out" BIAs mean? What does it mean to pay a user fee for youth volunteer opportunities at community centres?). There were questions asking to prioritize activities that aren't comparable (e.g., how do you decide whether garbage collection is more important than garbage processing? Would a resident of the city ever think to separate garbage services into these categories, or is it the service as a whole that is important?) In the future, please improve the design of the survey - as a user it was a very frustrating exercise.
707.	Don't cut funding to emergency services
708.	How they will fund them before they cut revenue streams, and also not freezing taxes without a thorough review of what that will do to the quality of service in future years.
709.	The importance and impact on each individual neighbourhood and if cut the affect it will have on each individual neighbourhood
710.	Try not to cut out, maybe cut back but cutting out will always be more expensive in the long run.
711.	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.
712.	Your priority must be low income families in the city of Toronto. Lowering the services would cost the whole city a lot more to clean up the consequence of this cut backs, crimes and

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713.	Pertaining to TTC fare increase. How do they always have a shortfall every year and then the average consumer pays for it? I've been taking the TTC since the fare was \$1.50 for adults and now it's double? And yet we can let people pay this amount based on the fact that they cannot afford a automobile for gas. It makes it hard for these people to budget going to and from work M-F (or whenever they do work).
714.	Where most services are concerned, a cut in funding today equals greater costs down the road. It is extremely important to maintain and improve city services for the benefit of the city's future.
715.	Acquire bids. Accept the best bid #1, the best service provider #2. Cut the fat. City is not in the business of employment.
716.	don't waste money on ineffective projects or programs. don't be extravagant where it really doesn't matter, but pay more for quality when it really does matter. / invest in science and new technologies.
717.	There is always places to cut we do in private business all the time I am sure you can find places to cut, I know first hand that there is a lot of waste at the TTC and I am sure this goes for all departments 3% across the board.
718.	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.
719.	There should be adequate research and analysis before decisions are made. Decisions should not be based on ideology with simplistic solutions. The \$60 licence fee should not have been removed. It was a great source of revenue for the city and was not causing undue hardship.
720.	Please consider the fact that raising or adding user fees only negatively impacts those that can afford it the least. If we want to have a safe and wonderful city to live in, the ones that can afford it should take care of those who cannot.
721.	Remember what a service is and only get involved in city services. DON'T OVERPAY. It is not pestering us financially with no comeback or inventing fees. Parking tickets on residential streets and pet licenses and the like are not services they are bugbears.
722.	Over the past 15 years many services have been cut or fees have been increased, this impacts on peoples quality of life. / Well paid city jobs are some of the only good jobs for working people left in the city. This provides working people with some opportunity to live in the city. The city should take a moral position on this.
723.	reduce corporate influence, increase public space and community programs. I am more than a taxpayer, I am a citizen. stop trying to run the city like a business, it is not about profits - it is about serving all of the citizens, public service and caring for those who can not care for themselves.

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724.	A great effort should be made to enhance services that will make it attractive for people to exercise, from bike lanes to recreation centres. A healthy population will save huge amounts of money in health services and a healthy population is more inventive and creative, exactly what is needed for economic growth. The funding for the Building Department should be increased in order to speed up Committee of Adjustment and Building Permits. This is another way to increase economic growth. The Police Force has to be cut down in size, it is way to big. For example the Marine Police has at least 15 boats. Vancouver has 2 with 160 KM of coast line to patrol and many more pleasure & commercial boats to look after and it is year round.
725.	Public safety is paramount. Reductions to policing, fire and EMS cannot be accepted. While balancing economic growth and stimulation must be considered with it's bearing on property tax rates, simply put, Toronto's taxes are too low. /
726.	Increase arts funding.
727.	Think about the long term effects of the decisions that are made. A cut to a service or privatization of a service or an increase in user fees to the point that it makes important programs, services, and public spaces inaccessible to citizens can end up costing the city more in the future. The provision of community services, recreation programs, health services, newcomer services, resources for families, affordable housing, etc are essential services for people of the city of toronto, and if access to these programs is removed in an effort to save money, the social ramifications of this will end up costing the city more in crime, unemployment, poverty, homelessness, etc.
728.	review and revise property tax exceptions for recreational properties e.g. golf courses
729.	don't slash jobs- reduce our waste and invest in the future - put welfare to work
730.	**Regarding the page "WHO should provide these services?"** / A number of services are specifically "community-led" ... I'm unclear as to how these services can be "provided by the city". Are they not simply funded but, essentially, provided by a third party (the community)? / In addition, though I placed all services into the "I don't care as long as the quality is good" category, I am of course aware that cost restrictions exist. However, in my view, the priorities for the administration of these services must be the following: / 1. Determine what is required, and to what level of quality. / 2. Review both public and contracted-out options that meet these standards. / 3. Select the best option based on price and quality of management. / **Regarding the page: If the City has to increase residential property taxes to balance its budget, how much more property tax would you be comfortable paying in 2012?** / / I don't own property. It's odd that I can not skip this question. /
731.	Libraries are absolutely necessary for the health and well-being of this city. / If my property taxes are increased any more based on a nonrealizable property assessment I will have to cut retail spending in the city, entertainment in the city and eating in restaurants in the city, simple math. You take away I take away from other people trying to earn a living.
732.	DON'T CUT LIBRARY BUDGETS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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733.	Spread social services evenly throughout the city. Concentrating them in particular neighbourhoods is not a good strategy. It makes one area of town undesirable, with constant loitering and it can lead to more crime. Let every neighbourhood help out a bit. / Don't cut social services. It makes cities into awful places and the misery spreads. / Let's try to be forward thinking. Let's try new things that work in other countries. / Our city's long-term success will depend on how clean/green it is, how smoothly our social services run and how responsibly we've approached development.
734.	How do you define "have you been in contact with increasing affordability" or ". . . contact with shelters" etc. by participating in this society, I benefit from the services these agencies provide and so I come in contact with the services on a regular basis. We do not live in gated communities, and nor should we. It is through the services we provide as a society that makes Toronto a great place to live and do business; if we give these services up we will loose these elements of Toronto that draws in its income through residents, tourists, and businesses that are attracted to how we have made this the "city that works." I also take issue with the comment that property taxes are "money that people who own property" pay; as a renter I pay the property tax of my landlord - they write the cheque, but by charging me rent I am paying for the services this city provides and I am fine with paying more for the services that make [made?] this city great. /
735.	Elections are three years away. Understand that service is what is seen. Amalgamation was supposed to cut on non-service departments, that has not happened. In fact non-service departments have increased 5 fold.
736.	I found your survey to be slanted in favour of reducing services and/or increasing user fees. There was no opportunity to provide feedback on IMPROVING services. / Every service is a necessary one!
737.	The best cities in the world are defined by how well they take care of their citizens through services. Fees and taxes are short-term losses for longer term gain in a healthy, inspired populace, with opportunity to grow and investors who will flock to Toronto because of our quality if life.
738.	Do not cut any services
739.	Paying taxes should not be positioned as a bad thing. We can't get something for nothing and we get a lot from municipal government. Politicians should refrain from going with a 0% tax increase to curry favour with uneducated voters. All it does is borrow against the future. There is no excuse for making an irresponsible promise like no tax increases.
740.	Cut large police raises. Make benefits more in line with private sector. Get rid of overtime with police Use cross guards at construction sites instead of police. Charge more for special events marathons etc.
741.	ROAD TOLLS. Please. Even if it's just the entrance to the Gardiner from the west, and the DVP from the north.

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742.	Can any other organization or level of government appropriately deliver the absolutely need to have service, avoid duplication or replication of other existing programs, etc before embarking on your own version.
743.	We need to cut smog for the health of ALL.
744.	It is important that the City work to lower the outstanding debt before the inevitable increase in interest rates.
745.	Use the ability to apply special taxes. Hotel taxes, even toll roads.
746.	I am finding it hard right now if you add user fees to almost everything I wont be able to manage
747.	Why do costs of services need to increase yearly for the same poor quality service? City workers need to spend some time in the real world where people work hard for their earnings and care about the work they produce. Spend two to three hours in the afternoon in the building department downtown to see lethargic employees lumber around slowly non effected by the number of people waiting for their service. The real issue is the City and it's mismanagement. This is where a LOT of money can be found.
748.	Consider that if we each pay a bit more in taxes it garners a lot more money than if a few people pay exorbitant user fees. / / Please keep our services city run... privatizing is not the answer for these services. The examples are too many of governments privatizing services which end up with the citizen paying more for an inferior service. / /
749.	Don't adopt a 'stingy', 'penny pincher' approach. YES, we should be smart about the way we invest our money, but we are a developed country and having the standard of living we have costs money. Taxes are the way we pay for having a nice, efficient and prosperous city. We can't keep on going with tax cuts and telling people that the level of service will improve. It's not going to happen. It's important to educate people so they understand that if we pay for a nice city, we live better. If you want to live in a "mercedes Benz" city, come to Toronto, it costs more but it's worth it. If you don't want to pay the price tag of a nice city my recommendation is move to a place like Harare, where taxes are low... no guarantee of a pleasant life, but you'll have more money in your own pocket!
750.	The voice of renters and the poor, the most vulnerable to any tax or fee increases
751.	High quality should always be a consideration. This should never be compromised. Nothing in life is free, and its our taxes and user fees that pay for the level of service we've come to expect. I'm against cutting services for the purpose of saving money. Toronto is a great city because of our services - which include our arts and parks and recreation services - and I'm very worried that these wonderful things will suffer if services are cut or contracted out. There is only so much that can be managed if the city contracts everything out - transparency will be a problem if this happens in too many areas.

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752.	Rising energy prices will cause property values of wasteful homes to drop, just like the price of a used H2 Hummer automobile has dropped in recent months as gasoline prices have risen. This will impact property tax revenues. The city should look for ways to assert it's own higher standards for energy performance on new construction, and start a program of targeted information to alert homeowners that their homes could be improved. Toronto Hydro, for example, could use Smart Meter data to analyze electric usage of appliances like freezers and fridges, and alert homeowners how much their appliance is costing them each year. Load pattern analysis can identify a fridge that is using too much power, based on it's on/off pattern, which appears in the smart meter data.
753.	Reduce the size of the police force - crime rates are falling. Build more community centres for kids to focus on crime prevention. Increase overall taxes by whatever is needed to balance the remaining budget deficit.
754.	increase bus system & frequency - need to reduce the number of cars
755.	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.
756.	Day care subsidy and fee's and the impact on a working family or single parent family. The fact that taxes, car insurance, gas, bills etc are increasing and in many cases income is not. How do you expect families to survive.
757.	We have a great city, lets be proud of it. Let us keep it great and improve, not let it go down the drain to save a few dollars. Really look at what truly works in the best cities and what has not in the ones that have become ghettoized. You don't have to look far to realize privatizing services has been bad news for cities. Toronto is a big corporate center, a lot of business is done here. It should not just be property tax from the families though that pay for all this. Why are corporations allowed to loophole there way out of a large amount of there taxes? They have the biggest footprint and the most money.
758.	We need to invest in our city to ensure a bright future for Torontonians.
759.	Never cut back on any of the emergency services
760.	Have courage...increasing fees and taxes may not be popular, but our strength is in the way we treat our less fortunate.
761.	My #1 suggestion is to invest in neighbourhoods by supporting BIAs, RAs, and an engaged community. Active communities are safer, stronger, and healthier. Reshape government to facilitate rather than regulate community involvement.
762.	Do NOT sell off city assets such as Toronto Hydro, etc. although some properties should be sold / That's why they're called assets, they're good for the city / Stop using reserve funds to balance budgets / Give back welfare costs, etc. to the province / Lobby the province to allow the City to borrow (issue municipal bonds) once again /

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763.	See last comment. I realize money is hard to come by, but I also think there must be ways to accomplish your goals without constantly putting financial fees out of reach. Not EVERYONE is wealthy.
764.	What has made Toronto unique is its liveability. I fear that is threatened through our lack of vision, imagination and smart fiscal management along with our increasing meanness about taxes. Taxes largely pay for civilization as we know it. That said, we need to think creatively to solve our problems and to get the federal and provincial governments involved in the process. This is not just a city problem, but a Canadian one.
765.	Look realistically at the amount a fee or increase in fee really costs individuals - ex. vehicle registration tax. (\$60/ year - 16 cents/day for car users who - myself included - to help improve road conditions is well worth it. Cutting of important/essential funding through campaign promises should not be used.
766.	Remember that it doesn't make any sense to apply user fees, unless heavily subsidized and thus VERY low, to programs for vulnerable populations.
767.	We all know that investing in neighbourhoods saves money in the long run. Gutting everything and handing it over the private sector is not the solution. They work for profit and they will cut to protect the bottom line over the quality of services.
768.	Cut least used services.
769.	Keep in mind that the poor and seniors are less able to manage increase tax burdens, and realize that an attractive city with cultural events can attract tourists.
770.	Use of non-union employees. In the city of Toronto private business seems to take a back seat to municipal and union employees- its the public sector vs. the private sector. I would like to pay less taxes so I can invest in a pension such as those provided to our municipal and union workers.
771.	In considering any cuts to City programs I would ask council, and his lordship the Mayor, to please remember why it is the budget shortfall has occurred in the first place. A good portion of it is legacy fadoodling by the Mike Harris conservative agenda dumping social programs like subsidized housing and other ridiculously expensive items on municipal shoulders. If the Province mandates these services by law, the Province needs to fund them. Period, full stop. If the Province will not fund then the City should not offer these services and that's the way the citizens should understand it. "It's not a municipal responsibility to provide this service. Talk to your MPP." If I have to choose between a pre-existing City Program or the post-Harris Provincially mandated obligation - the City mandate shall ALWAYS come first.
772.	Don't think about how we can skimp out and save a penny. Think about what it takes to build a fantastic city. Don't let our vision and our legacy be thwarted by the desire to be a cheapskate. When my property tax funds like good public jobs, or programs that make a good life for marginalized members of our community, it's a better city for that person, for me, and for our children and grandchildren's children. Let's hand down something we can be proud of, not something we stuck band-aids on so we could save a few cents.

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773.	City services are essential to the mental, physical, and emotional well-being of its residents, both as recipients and as people working to provide services. Let's not just cut taxes and user fees for wealthier households. Let's maintain and improve the quality of our services while not forcing lower income families to pay more.
774.	Our city receives highest rating from international rating agencies (for the quality of living, real estate)) for the way it is right now! Don't blow it. Service efficiency studies are useful but services are there for people who need them. To cut services people need has nothing to do with any "gravy" or waste at city hall.
775.	Since David Cromby, the city platform has been built on sound pillars, culturally and physically. When has the cable company or bank ever charged less for increased services. We can not expect the public sector to perform any differently. You can't cut taxes or zero line tax increases and still maintain decent public services. Let's not get carried away with the rhetoric of the day and tear down what has taken years to build.
776.	Keep our services public and accessible to all residents; keep our public spaces public and free of advertising; invest in infrastructure and planning; and provide affordable, public services that our great city deserves.
777.	keep the quality of the service without raising the fees
778.	I think that it is a bit absurd that this survey suggests funding things like 24 hr police response, or feeding the homeless, with user fees -- but nowhere do I see the suggestion of user fees in the form of tolls for transportation services.
779.	Property taxes need to be increased, it is ridiculous to suggest that we get services without paying for them. / User fees should not be a major source of revenue in community centres / A livable City has a municipal government that responsibly cares for all people
780.	empower your employees, make them accountable and responsible and then give them the freedom they need to do a good job. Cut down the layers of managers....
781.	See previous box. PLEASE research the experience of US cities who are selling their assets. It is a terrible dead-end.
782.	Property taxes increase significantly - is there a way to alleviate this? (salaries do not increase at the same percentage as the property taxes as well as Cost of Living Allowance) This makes it hard to remain in the households we are currently living in and forces people to move - especially seniors. Or to regulate the housing market so keep the property tax actual value low. Also, the waste disposal every summer tends to be sloppy and the stench of garbage juice is left on the streets for days, or until it rains. Is there immediate accountability for the quality of government services?
783.	I already pay my courtesy to answer above survey, I do think that the top guy should make the ultimate decision. Do you hear that Prime Minister Harper is running around to ask us anything about running the country?

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784.	Before Mayor Lasman Toronto was known as "Toronto the Good". This was considered a boring thing by Mayor Lasman. Tourism would be better if we changed our image. Well he succeeded. Toronto is not boring and it is not good. We need to keep our safety standards if not increase them. Difficult times are ahead let us be prepared for them. I moved out of Toronto 24 years ago to Mississauga. The same valued house in Mississauga the taxes are about \$1,000.00 more.
785.	I am 75 and live in Scarborough. The snow plow that follows the main plow and clears the bottom of the driveway is an essential item. Cut out the sidewalk plows - a waste of money. Most people shovel the sidewalk before the plow completely. also hacks up the edge of the lawn!
786.	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!
787.	User fees might not be a problem for some residents, but they are for many and these are the very people who are most likely to need them. For instance, a poor family likely cannot afford to go to a Raptors game but they should have access to a library and a community centre. "Increasing user fees only for those who can afford them" actually costs more if it involves testing means to pay; it's reasonable a very expensive item like daycare, but not for recreational programs.
788.	Neither taxes or cuts to programming are inherently evil. Their are services that are very necessary for people. These need to be provided, by some level of government. Funding these services should target the people with the most many to spare. Nobody needs two sports cars. Nobody even needs one. Find all the people with really big houses and lots of cars and take their money so that the people without money can receive the basic human needs everyone is entitled to.
789.	Cutting 10% across the board is a short-sighted, especially for provincially mandated and funded programs. Some programs are funded by the province at 75% to 100% of cost, meaning the City's contribution is negligible. The police and TTC budgets are outrageous as is the number of employees in both those organizations who make more than \$100,000/year. It's time to look for efficiencies of scale, reduce the size of management and package out some of those who should have retired by now.
790.	Please do not make decisions that sacrifice quality for superficial and politically appealing cost-savings. Decisions need to be made with the best and long term interests of Torontonians in mind, not what is politically expedient. I don't want to live in a city where important services like childcare are cut to save a small percentage of the budget. Find savings in efficiencies and process, innovations and administrative related costs.

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791.	I am disappointed by the format of this survey. I don't think it gives the residents the necessary options to provide meaningful input for the 2012 municipal budget. If \$3 million dollars were spent to develop this process, you can consider this a waste of money. / / The main objective for the city is to reject the false choice between higher taxes/user fees and more/less services and look for efficiencies in its departments, and find a way to deliver the same services with less waste. There needs to be more transparency of city finances, and there MUST be incentives and disincentives for the city staff who save or waste public funds. Mayor Ford has stated that the city of Toronto does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. We expect him to conduct the city business accordingly.
792.	The bloated public sector in Canada is a form of hidden unemployment. 20% of all Canada's working population work in the public sector with many more directly and indirectly supported by public sector contracts. The current trend of cutting the public sector across Canada including Toronto will increase unemployment to 25% at best and 33% at moderately worst. This will lower the quality of life in Canada considerably for the majority and increase the gap between the poor and wealthy considerably eliminating the middle class. Why are 20% of the working people in Canada employed in the public sector? It started with free-trade in the 80s, and with that the outsourcing of our private sector job internationally by private interest corporations with no care for the public interest or health of our nation. Outsourcing is the problem because of NAFTA, SPP and TELMI. The outsourcing of jobs to other cheaper, non-standard and non-regulated countries to produce cheaper products plus the selling of Canadian interests to foreign international interests erode Canadian sovereignty and economic strength. The jobs go, but physically the people stay and they flock to jobs that are left and equitable like government jobs. Intentionally or not, governments in Canada hired much of it's working Canadian population out of necessity to offset hire unemployment numbers. The fact our banks were not deregulated like in the in US (they weren't because of a non-conservative government) is one main reason why Canada is better than most. The other reason is that our population is small compared to the large territory we have meaning that we have a lot we can sell off. The problem is that we can only sell off so much control of our national interests before there is no return and the Canadian public suffer the long term consequences of this trend - the considerable lowering of quality of life and increased unemployment. This would only be the start of many more problems like civil unrest as we currently see in other parts of the world. / / Health and public interest of the nation is the priority of government!! Those interests will never be held by private corporations because capitalism doesn't work that way, in fact capitalism fails in a natural system of limited resources. Though Rob Ford and his agenda is promoted in the public interest, I don't think he sees the full picture of his actions. Spending control and removing corruption in government is definitely needed so good for him, but cutting public sector is not what's needed. / / The message for Council is that jobs must remain Canadian! If outsourcing means losing control of that aspect, then do not outsource, because Canadian jobs are in the public's best interest.

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793.	don't cut back any emergency services
794.	The level of services, particularly those that support low income and marginalized groups, and those in the underserved suburban areas of the city, should be improved. I'm happy to pay increased property taxes, as the least unfair method of funding these services. I also expect the Mayor and Council to be aggressive in pursuing appropriate funding from other levels of government.
795.	How any increases to fees/decreases to services will disproportionately impact marginalized communities
796.	Re-analyze their budgets rather than trying to cut services throughout.
797.	The city must not be near-sited when it comes to cutting services. They must look at the greater picture. The city should fund projects and festivals that draw people in to spend money and stimulate Toronto's economy, and they should cut what are just plain money losers that draw little interest. /
798.	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.
799.	Road tolls on the DVP and Gardiner. / Sink the Gardiner and sell the real estate above with the new land created to pay for the project.
800.	We need good quality services for marginalized and/or less affluent residents if we are to remain a world class city. Also, please consider user fees for major roads coming into Toronto (i.e. tolls)
801.	increase library funding
802.	Once your public services go, and you cut all the support given to vulnerable citizens, the arts, and education - your City will begin to decline. There are examples all over the world - look at England. Look at the States. Toronto is better than that.
803.	TTC - find a new price structure so that the cost of travel reflects the distance. / Bearing in mind that contracting out may look like cost saving, but demands huge resources in check points, coordination and follow up, i.e.. increase in bureaucracy and hence greater spending
804.	A city is not unlike a living growing organism. it has life, heart and soul. It lives, breathes and feels. It changes and adapts. Each one of us is like a cell in this organism performing a function. In our greatest capacity we have the ability to aid in the healthy activity and growth of this great city or act as a deterrent, a roadblock or virus that detrimentally affects its health. The federal government has as one of their initiatives a desire to educate Canadians in their ability to make personal financial decisions. This of course stems from the astronomic amount of debt that each Canadian currently carries; and it indicates that people do not quite understand the importance of financial planning and decision making. In addition, this lack of understanding similarly points to the reality

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	<p>that people may not understand a city budget. The reality here is that people need to understand that prices do not decline for governmental services or products in a general static fashion as "wallmart" products can. To maintain current services, expenses must go up to cover rising costs. Consider only one expenditure related to fuel and energy costs. Just the yearly increases we have been experiencing on energy would cause budgetary costs for running vehicles, heating, ventilation and airconditioning of City buildings and offices(to name a few) to rise. Of course there are several ways to deal with this budgetary increase in order to maintain the same budgetary expense as the previous year. 1. We could reduce the energy usage that would be needed to make up for the shortfall; 2. We could cut expenses elsewhere in others services by making 10% cuts or 15% cuts across every division. Or we could just fire people and or contract out to NGOs (Less money does to always ensure similar service standards). By making cuts elsewhere we can maintain the same energy output. In any of these scenarios services are reduced. And please don't point to garbage collection services whereby private collection levels keep getting reduced and the time between pickups keeps increasing (they take less garbage and pick it up fewer times per year; is this the maintenance of service levels?) There are several other choices which could be combined to aid citizens in making such decisions; which would help over the long term. First, public education - Why are cuts necessary. what is causing the deficit or has caused the deficit, i.e. increasing: salaries, energy costs, program enhancements, taxes increases not keeping up with inflationary values, etc. A full understanding of what cutting costs across the service provision infrastructure does to services and the actual cost to keep existing service levels. What does a layoff of 500 Police officers actually do to the security of the City (specifically, not in one line media jargon). What would it cost per taxpayer to maintain current service levels i.e. \$150.00 per taxpayer or \$250.00 per taxpayer? Reports on each service, division or program in plain english as to stated short term and long term objectives and goals; and outcomes as to whether or not these divisions or programs are achieving or reaching program creation needs, objectives and goals. Non political committee (Auditor General's Office) to review and comment and provide assessment for council regarding these reports. In addition, the citizens should be supplied with comparative information supplied by an unbiased source. This information should include cities with similar social, economic and cultural populations along with similar service provisions and governance. This report should also include comparative costs on services as well as each service's customer base goals or program achievement levels or outcomes. Decisions which will affects thousands if not hundreds of thousands and or millions of people should not be made hastily. If involvement of the population in the decision making process is going to take place it should be done in a holistic fashion and use "forced inclusiveness" over a minimum period of 18 to 24 months. As we have seen to our dismay, our control over the economy is illusory at best. We ride economic waves with peaks and troughs. There are those politicians who will speak of Keynesian or Supply side (trickle down) economics yet always (with very few exceptions in history) fail to fully follow the "steps" laid out in</p>

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	such theory. This has always lead to major swings in social and economic health where one thrives and the other dives. Toronto has always maintained a balance which has led to its reputation as one of the best cities in the world to live. Let us not forget where we came from; the families where we nurtured love and provided support, the communities where we shared, played and supported our neighbour and the City where we work, live, and love. As councillors to one of the greatest cities in the world, you have major decisions to make which will affect the lives of millions of people. Please be thoughtful in your decisions. God Bless you.
805.	Cut arts, culture, and non essential services. You want you pay, no free!
806.	The city should be negotiating with the province to reverse downloaded responsibilities. Provincial Courts, roadways and OW are all provincial jurisdictions. The province should at the very least be providing transfer payments or allowing the City to collect revenue to fund these endeavours.
807.	I regard all services currently provided by the City as important. Your challenge is not to cut them but to find efficiencies where possible(without cutting the quality of the service),to find adjacent revenue sources to fund the services and take some of the burden off the property tax base. / With regard to user fees, I would only support user fees for things that I don't want .In my mind those would include higher fees for waste pickup, higher fees for water consumption and fees for reducing congestion(i.e. tolls, gas tax etc). / I would not support user fees for use of the city's community centres, libraries, swimming pools ,park facilities etc. These services should be free by subsidizing with other revenue sources.
808.	Although things like heritage, parks and libraries may seem like easy targets for cuts, they are part of what make life in this city a cut above that in other places.
809.	I would like to see the City consider improving certain services in addition to potentially reducing/eliminating others. / / Based on the questions in this survey, only two options are being considered: maintain the status quo, or reduce services. I believe that we should have had to the option to improve specific services as needed, rather than simply maintain them as is by increasing taxes/user fees or outsourcing for cost savings.
810.	Consider getting funding from the Province and the Federal governments to support our services. We pay those taxes too.
811.	the environment is in important to all of our futures the city need to invest in green incentives/programs.
812.	The best way to cut costs is by cutting your salary dollar and cut the size of the Toronto Public Service. The TPS became so bloated under Mayor Miller, it is time to make some tough decisions and cut expenses. Increase revenue by selling off assets. The other option is to stop freezing taxes, even a marginal increase every year will allow the city to build it's revenue from taxes on a cumulative basis. / /
813.	Take the federal government to court to prevent them from spending 65 billion dollars on fighter jets, when the money comes from Toronto, and is needed for social services.
814.	don't cut indiscriminately / provide for the vulnerable and public services /
815.	maintain services for businesses and reduce business tax ratio

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816.	Have all cyclists pay registration fee and have a license so traffic violations can be enforced
817.	public services make Canada great. do not cut them. otherwise it is everyone for themselves and there is already too much of that in this city.
818.	We cannot hive off services and expect either to improve the quality of life of Torontonians or to save money in the long run by cutting programs that help house, educate, or increase the health and welfare of our citizens.
819.	Don't cut funds to homeless and people who are underhoused.
820.	Reducing services can have far reaching implications that may not be obvious in the short term. Greater analysis and information is required to make those kinds of decisions, and that information should be made public such that citizens have visibility into the information being used to potentially reduce funding to or even cut City services.
821.	There wasn't any gravy on the train in 2010. Asking departments to cut 10% will mean service cuts, which is no way a city should be run.
822.	share with other cities in GTA, province, Canada, North America
823.	As a taxpayer, I feel disrespected whenever some politician suggests I care more about the money in my bank account than the health and well-being of my neighbours. I'm not excited about the prospect of property tax increases, but I'd rather that than to see libraries closed, community centers shuttered, and all the great things about this city thrown aside for some narrow-minded vision of this city's future.
824.	THINK ABOUT THE LOW INCOME CHILDREN AND PARENTS TRYING TO DO THE BEST WITH THE LITTLE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO USE NOW. WITHOUT CHILD CARE, PARENTS CANT WORK AND CHILDREN WILL NOT HAVE EARLY LEARNING. IT WILL COST THE PROVINCE AWAY CAUSE WE WILL ALL HAVE TO GO ON WELFARE. THIS WILL EFFECT OUR CHILDREN FOR EVER.
825.	Increasing user fees will undermine the success these programs have with low income families and youth. It is an ill-advised approach, one that will decrease attendance and community benefit to these programs.
826.	Increase democratic control and planning of all activities.
827.	Do not cut services or funding to community agencies. They are what make the city livable for all of us and particularly for poor people. The city needs to increase its services and broaden its vision. This service review represents a narrowing of vision.
828.	If the service is beneficial raise taxes or apply user fees to keep the service.
829.	where is the waste should be No. 1 priority. cut out the deadwood. trim the fat. stop the gravy train. put the taxpayer citizen first.
830.	if cuts to services like the TTC are made, and fares are increased we'll be getting less for our money and people will be less likely to take the TTC.... leading to more cuts to and fare increases to make up for lost profit. Consider things like this when making cuts/increases to cost for city services.

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831.	I think we should consider getting people more jobs and educating people. Why? If the people who do not have jobs, have jobs the city will be in a better state. The people with jobs can buy what they need. But we also need to provide for those with the less fortunate.. Educate if possible. People with mental illness can get jobs too we need to find proper employment that they can do. / We need to help kids who are becoming violent..so we do not have violent individuals in the future as adults. We need housing for people, and food. If people have no food and can't afford it that will increase crime because they have a necessity that isn't met. Some mental illness is founded by lack of food. We also need to train parents to be proper parents.. lots of education and job foundation. Libraries help individuals on places to go to read and educate them selves.. They help people research. Parks and forests help with relaxation and hiking. It provides a release from the city stresses that happen daily.
832.	Maintain services and invest in the future.
833.	there have been many cuts for citizens and groups that need help, especially immigrant groups - I think we can be more generous, land less mean spirited, in our discussions, and perhaps more imaginative in what we offer and the ways in which we do it. Children and families especially need help. Maybe we need better cooperation between different levels of government. / But let's not turn into a punitive, tight-mouthed, stingy, judgmental city
834.	Do not cut city services.
835.	PLEASE KEEP IN MIND PEOPLE WHO ARE DEPENDENT ON SERVICES YET CANNOT FACE AN INCREASE IN USER FEES BECAUSE THEY ARE ON A LIMITED BUDGET, LIKE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY
836.	do not increase level of service in any area or field ; cut services & reduce tax burden
837.	Road tolls
838.	Use our newfound "clout" to negotiate a fair deal with the federal government - we contribute more than we receive in funding. 80% of Canadians live in urban centres, and Toronto is the heart and soul of that (still growing) urbanism. Crumbling infrastructure, traffic congestion, depressed arts/culture/heritage, lack of innovation and job growth are not just local problems, they are national problems.
839.	Don't just cut things to keep taxes lower, its self serving and deceptive
840.	1. City Council needs to ensure that in reviewing the services the City offers, it needs to keep in mind the factors that make Toronto an attractive place for residents, businessman, talents/workers, and tourists. This requires investment in many areas. / 2. In prioritizing services, City Council needs to consider broadening its revenue sources. It needs to focus on what is legislated in considering what activities to fund out of property taxes. For "nice to have" services, user fees should be the primary revenue source. For activities that have commercial possibilities such as TTC and real estate properties, it needs to explore public-private partnership (look at how Hongkong has increased the value of its subway). As well, there may be activities where issuing bond makes sense if the activity is inherently revenue-generating.

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841.	There is only so much property tax I can pay. Lots of people who use these services are life-long renters who should bare the cost of the services they use. It shouldn't just be up to home owners to fund services for everybody.
842.	City housing costs way too much money. The city should get out of the landlord business. Think about some of the exorbitant salaries being paid to city executives such as TTC CEO, Toronto Hydro, etc.
843.	This survey is screwed towards a certain perspective (i.e. property tax and user fees as being the only way to increase city revenue). Surveys should be more neutral.
844.	I hope the city will consider lowering transportation fee. It is so high while the services quality keep going down hill. Also, if you can, please make plans to build more subway stations. New York city is not bigger than Toronto, but they have way more subway stations than here. The buses here are suck (some routes, not all). Waiting for buses is so frustration.
845.	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.
846.	Communities make city life beautiful. Encourage local festivals, farmers' markets, walking and socializing. Bike rallies and fundraisers. Close off streets during the summer for pedestrians. Encourage people to come out (and tourists) and spend money at cafes, stores, restaurants, etc. Bixi bikes are great. Street parties. Toronto is a city made up for so many communities. Less isolation and more socializing. The Mayor and City Hall should engage with the public - consultations, BBQs, attend festivals, open a dialogue, listen to all the stories, embrace locals - you'll see an increase in the economy, decrease in crime, friendlier city. Listen to the homeless and less advantaged. We teach our kids all these positive values and then send them out into a city that doesn't embrace those values - let's be proud of our diversity and sell out city on them.
847.	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.
848.	Cut back on development ,and raise fees for developers. Stop giving breaks to developers. Make developers pay for 100 percent of the extra services which will be needed to make their properties habitable. Make sure that a substantial percentage of new homes sold are NOT sold to offshore buyers who are simply waiting to make a profit while many Torontonians cannot afford to own their own homes. Provide decent (not extravagant) low cost hosing for the homeless to get them off the streets and hopefully back to work.
849.	Do not reduce services to the poor and marginalized. It will only increase costs elsewhere.

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850.	Please think of single parents / It's hard to manage everything. / Don't be selfish. I can barely afford my rent, daycare fees, ttc bus pas, groceries and diapers.
851.	Do not cut our services.
852.	Its the services that make the City, not the budget. Money spent on programs is an investment and the residents of the city should play their part with increased taxes and user fees where necessary and appropriate.
853.	the flaws and complications in this survey: too complicated for many residents; absurd components, for example, user fees option for homeless shelters??; I would have picked 'contract out' more often but private and not-for-profit were combined - social and community services such as shelters can be well managed by not-for profits but NOT appropriate for for-profit. / role of the City in Access and Equity MISSING. for a City of such diversity?? appalling. / role of volunteers in civic engagement - City support / short time frame for the survey- to promote, for the education needed to ensure participation by diverse communities. / Consider- don't take care of the budget on the backs of vulnerable people, the poor and communities and their services. Understand that cutting community grants and services will be counterproductive economically.
854.	-Consider the long-term quality and health of the city, not just the desire to be popular now / -City Council should find innovative and consistent ways to raise communities' awareness about the value residents get for the value of property tax dollars/per
855.	Do not cut services for saving money. The quality of living and the ranking of Toronto as a world-class city is at risk.
856.	Long-term impact of services on the community and increase multiculturalism
857.	Please consider the fact that EMS is NOT an essential service. Also a budget reduction within EMS is twice as much as asked for as EMS funding is 50/50 with the province therefore a 10% reduction from the city means a 20% reduction in EMS budget. Look at fire's FAT
858.	Consider ways of streamlining the costs of services while maintaining or increasing the services. Taxes should be put to good use and even moderate increased in taxes and user fees are acceptable. It is unrealistic to want the same level of service yet to pay less in fees and taxes
859.	This is not a race to the bottom. People who work in unionized jobs in the city should make a fair and decent wage so that they can support their families and continue to live in this increasingly unaffordable city. Contracting out jobs in a bid to decrease staffing costs is not going to work. People use that money to pay their property taxes, pay user fees, visit the sites in the city, and simply live. These are not extravagant wages, we should be working for everyone to have better wages and living conditions not worse.
860.	Social services such as affordable housing, recreation programs, etc, are investments for the future of our city. We should not discount the savings they can have on our future service delivery. We need to pressure the federal and provincial governments to pay their share.

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861.	Every service that is privatized becomes subject to outside influences and motivation. It is dangerous to take services that are suppose to be of benefit to the people and hand them to corporations who wish to increase profit or exposure. These motivations aren't always in line with long term benefit to the people, especially essential services such as water and police services!
862.	Stop reversing previous council decisions just because of a change of government ideology, the new administration was voted in to cut waste at city hall not to reverse decisions that had already been made. Paying large penalties for cancelling existing contracts is the epitome of wasteful spending.
863.	It is not always quality vs. Cost. There are ways to increase the level of service without increasing the cost. Just look to the com / Unity for examples
864.	There must be other options besides raising Property Taxes or charging more user fees. Get more creative. There is a large Toronto community that would gladly work to keep its services. Why not start there?
865.	I'd be looking at the high tech infrastructure and licensing fees as that's the area I have some knowledge about. It can be a money pit if allowed to do what it wants. I'd ask 'Is this essential?' or 'Can we do without this?' while money is tight. That applies to all areas. The care and control of the 'affordable housing' is a disgrace. How are the hoarders doing?
866.	push back against the federal and provincial governments if they are going to negatively impact the Toronto quality of life