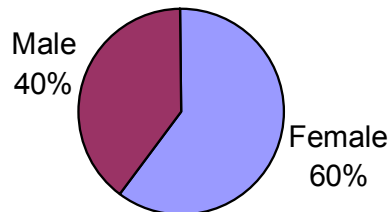




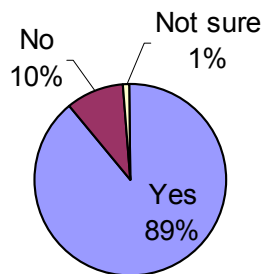
City of Duncan **RESULTS** from the Community Survey 2006 OCP Review

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

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2. Do you **live** within the municipal boundaries of the City of Duncan?



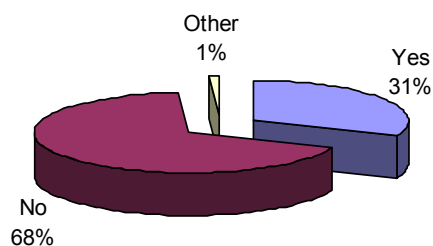
3. Which **one** of the following best describes the area/neighbourhood where you presently live?

- 28%** Marchmont (S. of Trunk, E of Hwy)
- 16%** Chesterfield (N. of Trunk, E of Hwy)
- 14%** Downtown
- 12%** Coronation (btwn Hwy and Duncan St.)
- 11%** Cairnsmore (Area N. of Herbert)
- 11 %** Other
- 8%** Centennial Heights

4. If you do not live in the City of Duncan, in what area do you live?

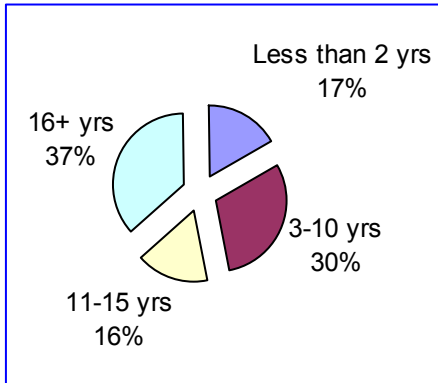
Predominantly on the outskirts of the City, in N. Cowichan

5. Do you **work** within the municipal boundaries of the City of Duncan?

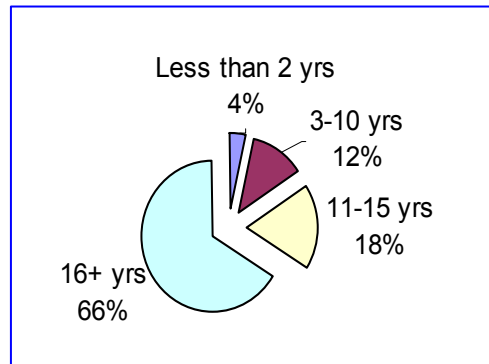




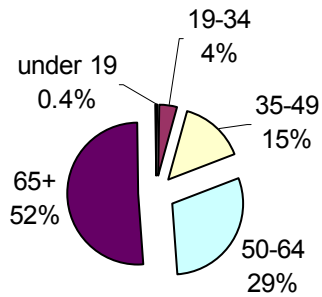
6. Approximately how many years have you lived within the municipal boundaries of the **City of Duncan**?



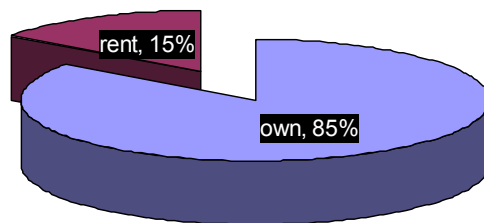
7. Approximately how many years have you lived in the **Cowichan Valley** area?



8. Please tell us your age category:

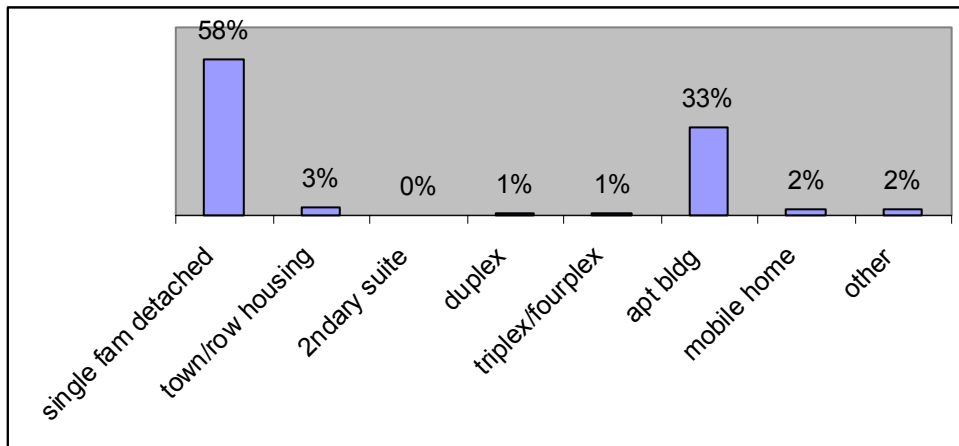


9. Homeownership:

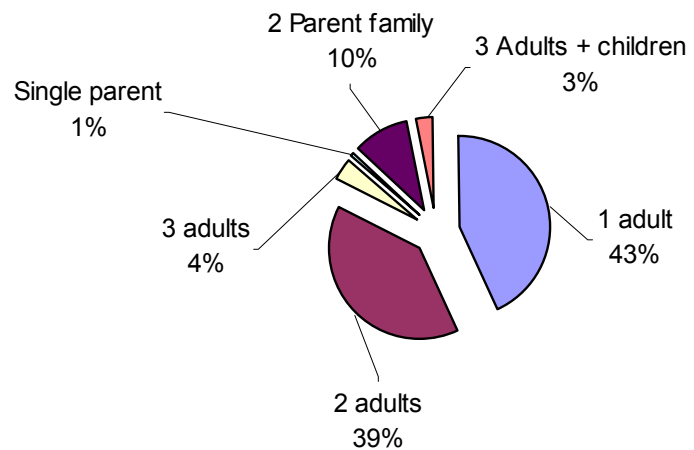




10. What type of dwelling do you live in? *(Pick the one that best describes your residence.)*



11. How many people reside in your household?



12. What do you most **value** about living in the City of Duncan? *(Please **select 3** only.)*

- #1 Walkable (19%)
- #2 Quiet, peaceful setting (12%)
- #2 Affordability (12%)
- #3 Small town (11%)
- #4 Easy access to nature & outdoor recreation (9%)
- #5 Access to Valley-grown food (6%)

Evenly distributed (1-3%)

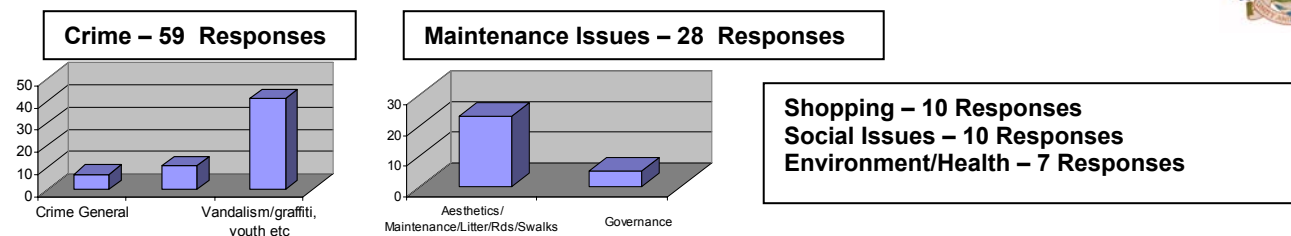
- Caring community, safe
- Locally owned shops
- Access to major stores
- Community events

- Urban setting
- The schools
- Rural setting
- Economic opportunities

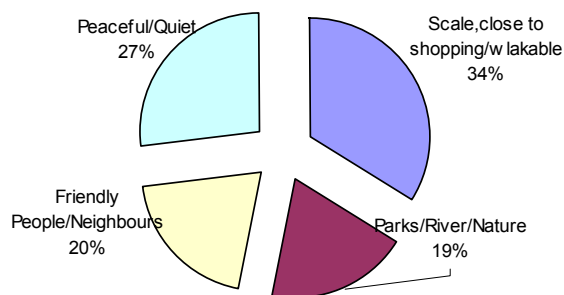
- Family friendly
- Cultural events
- Diversity in population
- Economic opportunity



13. What do you like least about living in the City of Duncan?



14. What do you like most about living in the City of Duncan?



NEIGHBOURHOODS

15. Please tell us 3 things you like about your neighbourhood

Key Findings:

- Caring, friendly, familiar people
- Small town scale - access everything needed, easily

16. Is there anything you do not like about your neighbourhood?

Most frequent comments: (See Appendix A for greater detail)

- Traffic and speeding
- Poor upkeep of property/buildings
- Crime, drugs and vandalism
- Noise (traffic-16, neighbours
- Pedestrian safety/sidewalks
- Trees
- Transients, loiterers, homeless
- Dogs

HOUSING AND DENSITY

16. If more housing is built in the City of Duncan to meet community needs, what types do you feel are appropriate?

Notable responses:

- 73% show support for Single detached housing
- 60% for small scale apartments
- 53% for mid-size apartment buildings
- 70% do not support large apartment buildings



66% do not support mobile homes

The remainder received response rates (for and against) below 50%

18. Are any of the housing types (listed above) more appropriate in some areas of the City than other areas?" If so, please describe.

Most frequent comments: (See Appendix B for details)

- More density in/near Downtown
- Keep apartments out of single family areas
- Seniors
- More affordable/rental housing
- Mixed use
- Mobile homes at city edge

SOCIAL ISSUES

17. Please prioritize the following list of 12 objectives (or add your own), to help guide the Plan:

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| #1 Priority | Community Safety |
| #2 Priority | Housing Affordability |
| #3 Priority | Protection of the Environment |

For reference:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Distinct neighbourhood identities | <input type="radio"/> Family services |
| <input type="radio"/> Housing affordability | <input type="radio"/> Transportation |
| <input type="radio"/> Housing for special needs | <input type="radio"/> Youth services |
| <input type="radio"/> Protection of the natural environment | <input type="radio"/> Seniors services |
| <input type="radio"/> Arts and Culture (eg: facilities, public art, events) | <input type="radio"/> Economic development (jobs and business opportunities) |
| <input type="radio"/> Heritage preservation | <input type="radio"/> Community Safety |
| <input type="radio"/> Other: | |

20. What emerging **social issues** do you feel our community needs to specifically focus on? (Please pick your **top 3.**)

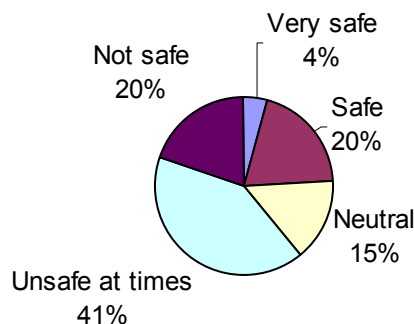
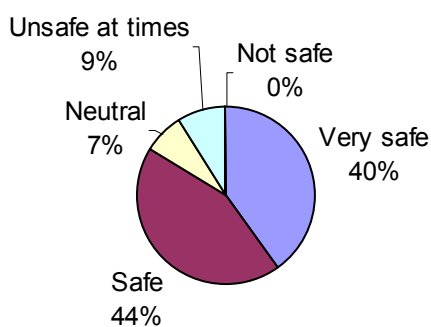
- #1 Community safety #2 Drug & alcohol addiction #3 Youth issues**
Non issues: Race relations and Gender equality
“Other” commonly noted: “Homelessness”

For reference:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Youth issues | <input type="radio"/> Seniors' isolation | <input type="radio"/> Community safety |
| <input type="radio"/> Employment opportunities | <input type="radio"/> Race relations | <input type="radio"/> Sense of community / neighbourliness |
| <input type="radio"/> Drug & alcohol addiction | <input type="radio"/> Gender equality | <input type="radio"/> Other: |

21. (a.) How safe do you feel in the City during the **daytime**?

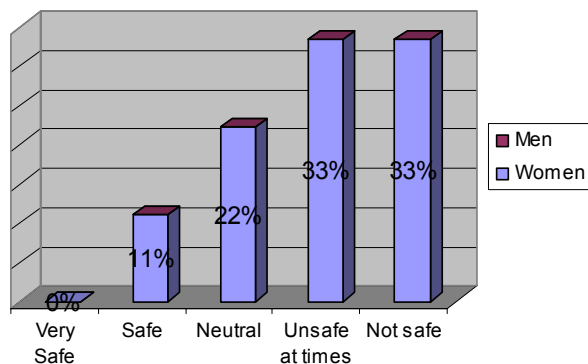
(b.) How safe do you feel in the City after **nightfall**?



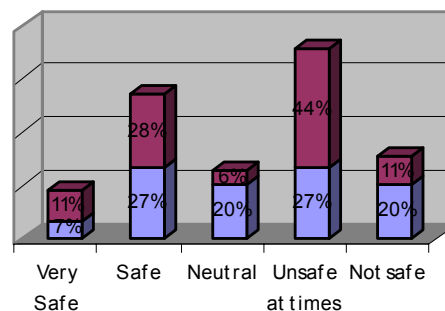


Feelings of Safety (after nightfall) According to Age Group and Gender

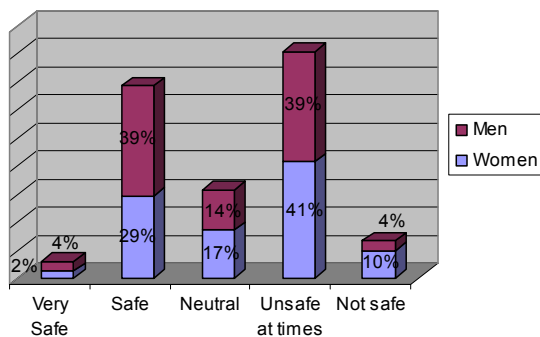
Ages 19-34 (Note: No males of this age group, responded)



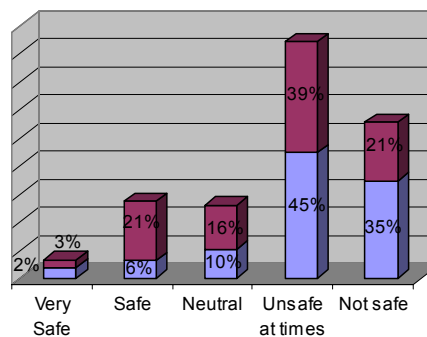
Ages 35-49 yrs



Ages 50-64 yrs



Ages 65+ yrs



22. If you have concerns for you or members of your family, please tell us where or under what circumstances, you feel **unsafe**?

Most frequent comments: (see Appendix C for greater detail)

- **Walking at night (many locations)**
- **Youth/gang loitering/behaviour**
- **At home**
- **Drunks, drugs, homeless**



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

23. What are the 5 most important environmental issues that need to be addressed in the City in the next 10-15 years? (Please list in order of importance e.g. 1,2,3,4,and 5 - with 1 being the most important.)

<input checked="" type="radio"/> #1	Water protection/Aquifer	<input type="radio"/>	Dumping and Litter
<input type="radio"/>	Stormwater management	<input type="radio"/>	Tree protection (private property)
<input checked="" type="radio"/> #2	Sewage treatment	<input type="radio"/>	City trees (public areas such as boulevards, parks)
<input type="radio"/>	Watercourses/riparian systems	<input type="radio"/>	Urban farming
<input type="radio"/>	Pesticides	<input type="radio"/>	Flooding
<input type="radio"/>	Recreation trails and pathways	<input checked="" type="radio"/> #4	Garbage/Recycling
<input checked="" type="radio"/> #3	Air Quality	<input checked="" type="radio"/> #5	Natural areas that should be protected or enhanced
<input type="radio"/>	Environmental standards for new buildings	<input type="radio"/>	Other:
<input type="radio"/>	Sustainable development		

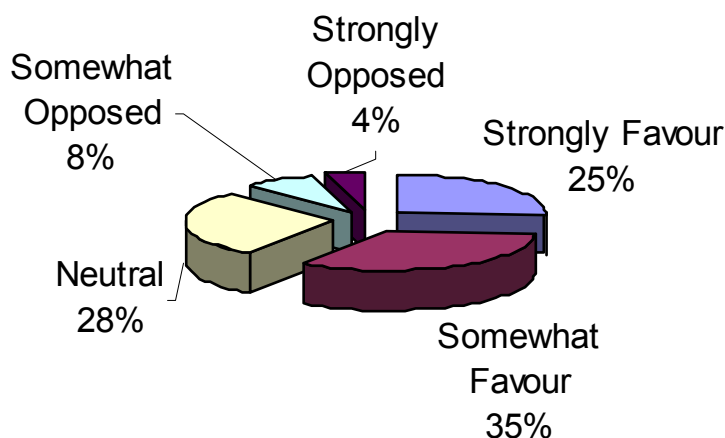
24. Do you have other comments on the environment?

Most frequent comments: (See Appendix D for greater detail)

- Protection/enhancement of natural areas/ trees
- More recycling/ better garbage collection
- Air pollution - burning
- Alternative transportation
- Water quality/use

ECONOMIC ISSUES

25. Do you think the City needs to have more commercial activity?





26. Please tell us about where you prefer to shop and why.

	Preferred area	Sometimes go there	Never go there	Please tell us why you do or do not shop there
Downtown District	43%	53%	4%	
Downtown North (Canada Ave. and Beverly St. area)	28%	64%	8%	Too far away
Trunk Road	19%	58%	22%	Ltd choice, poor parking, unattractive
Highway Corridor	15%	63%	23%	Too busy, unattractive
Coronation St. area	18%	41%	42%	Convenient for those who live in the area
Cairnsmore (Bruce's Grocery corner)	10%	38%	53%	Convenient for those who live in the area
Duncan Mall area (Cowichan Tribes Land)	52%	44%	4%	Cheap, close, ample parking
Other:	Nanaimo	Old Farmers Market		

27. What aspects of economic development do you think are most important to address? *(Please check up to 3 only.)*

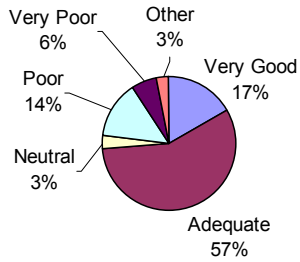
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	#3 Strategies to attract new businesses	<input type="radio"/>	Promoting tourism
<input type="radio"/>	Streamlining permits/approvals	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	#4 Improving transportation within the region
<input type="radio"/>	Encouraging home-based businesses	<input type="radio"/>	High Tech
<input type="radio"/>	More industrially zoned areas	<input type="radio"/>	More commercially zoned areas
<input type="radio"/>	Sustainable ('green') ventures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	#2 Beautification revitalization (improving architecture and streetscapes)
<input type="radio"/>	Provision of business economic incentives		
<input type="radio"/>	Encouraging value-added business (eg: manufacturing)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	#1 Ensuring Duncan is the commercial centre of the Cowichan Valley



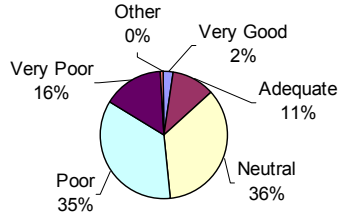
TRANSPORTATION

28. Please rate the adequacy of the following aspects of transportation.

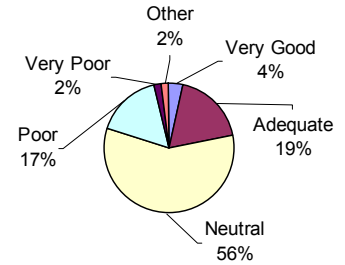
Pedestrian Facilities



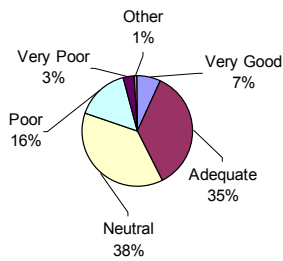
Cycling Facilities



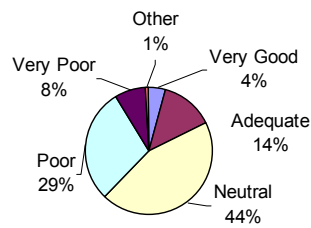
Off Rd. Trails



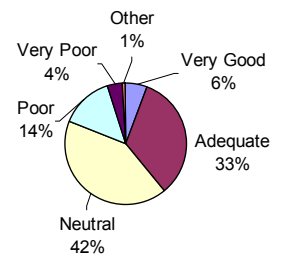
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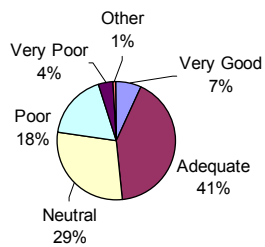
Transit Facilities



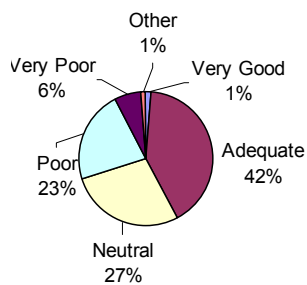
Inter-community Transit



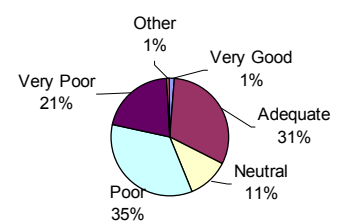
Accessibility



Traffic Calming



Vehicle Flow





29. Tell us about parking in Duncan.

Most frequent comments: (See Appendix E for details)

- Adequate, good, not a problem, ok – [84 comments]
- Poor, not enough – [69] (mostly Downtown [24], at certain hours [10])

30. What kinds of facilities or conditions could be changed or introduced to reduce your personal car trips within the City?

Most frequent comments: (See Appendix F for greater detail)

Better cycling paths/ facilities (11 comments)

More/less parking (15)

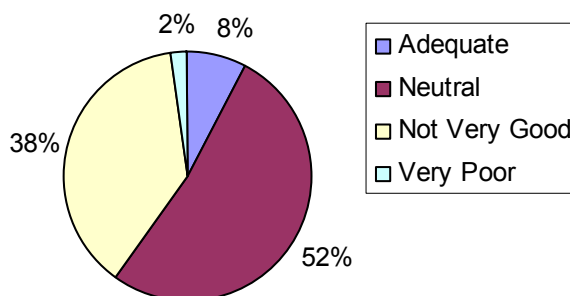
Improved sidewalks/walking/crosswalks (27)

Better transit service (20)

More accessible shopping (6)

OPEN SPACE/ RECREATION

31. Do you think the City's parks, trails and open spaces are adequate?



32. What are the strengths and/or weaknesses of the City's current parks and open spaces?

Summary: (See Appendix G for greater detail)

Key Strengths:

- "well maintained, reasonably clean"
- "Enjoy the River walk"
- "Dog friendly"
- "Proximity to neighbourhoods"

Key Weaknesses:

- Loitering, unsavouring activity in the parks (drugs etc.)
- Safety issues (
- Too few green spaces
- Few family friendly facilities (jungle gym, water park etc.)

33. Describe your favourite outdoor recreation areas in the Cowichan Valley?

Summary (See Appendix H for a complete list)

Respondents identified formal park areas within the City's boundaries (most commonly noted was the River Walk (dikes near McAdam Park) and in neighbouring Jurisdictions (Cowichan Bay, Maple Bay) as well as informal 'public spaces' that are privately held properties (Cowichan River beach areas such as Paradise Pools, Vimy(?) and favourite hiking trails on Mt. Tsuhalem)



34. What types of recreation do you participate in? *(Please check those that apply.)*

#1	Walking	#8	Boating
#2	Gardening	#9	Team Sports
#3	Swimming	#10	Winter sports
#4	Hiking	#11	Motorized sports
#5	Biking	#12	Hunting
#6	Bird watching	<input type="radio"/>	Other “Golf” “Dancing” “Riding” “Running”
#7	Fishing		

VISION STATEMENT

35. The City has set a goal to become ***“The most livable small City in Canada”***. What does this mean to you? How might you describe your own **vision** for the City of Duncan over the next 10 to 15 years? (Please feel free to use additional space, if required.)

See Appendix I for Unedited Contributions to the Vision Statement