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WHAT WE HEARD – CANNABIS RETAIL STORES

Subject: Summary of Cannabis Survey

Background

The purpose of the cannabis survey was to receive feedback from County residents on the regulation of cannabis sales within the County. Initially Staff tried reaching out to community members through existing events and found the number of respondents to be insufficient. Staff then created an online survey, and posted the link on the County website. It was advertised on the County's website, Facebook page, and a notice was mailed to landowners within Rosebud, Lyalta/Lakes of Muirfield, Gleichen, Cluny, and Carseland. These communities were chosen as there are existing parcels of land that are zoned commercial or industrial, which may be appropriate locations for cannabis stores.

Results

The survey went live on October 31st and was closed December 16th. There were a total of 88 respondents which represents 1% of the County's population. The majority of the respondents lived in Rural Wheatland, and 43 of the 88 respondents did not want cannabis stores within the County at all. Based on the extent of the circulation, and the length of time respondents had to complete the survey, Staff is confident the response level would not increase significantly if another outreach was initiated.

The following pages contain graphs and a brief analysis of the survey results.



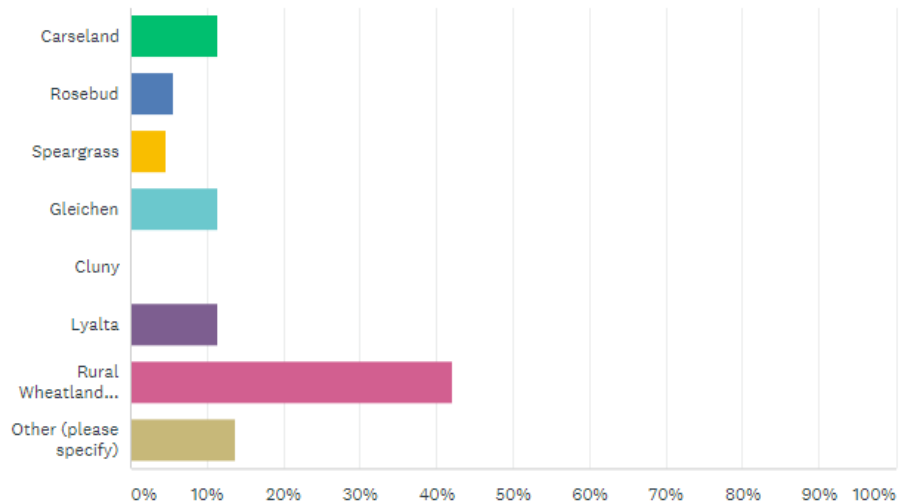
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Where do you live?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 0



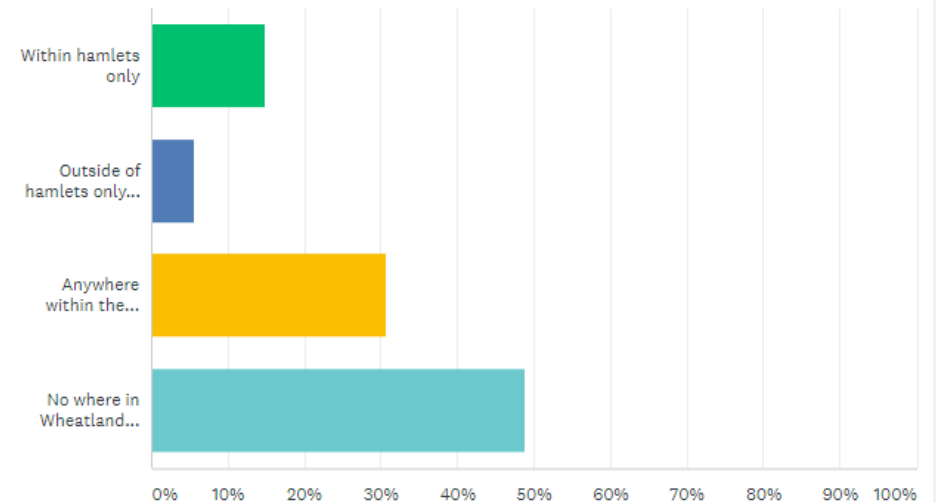
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The majority of respondents live in Rural Wheatland County, the second largest group of respondents lived elsewhere: Strathmore, Namaka, Calgary, Vulcan, and Langdon.

Where do you think Cannabis Retail Stores should be located in Whea...

Answered: 88 Skipped: 0



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The majority of respondents who thought Cannabis Retail Stores could be in the County felt that they were appropriate both in an urban and rural setting. Just shy of half of the respondents did not feel Cannabis Retail Stores should be in the County at all.



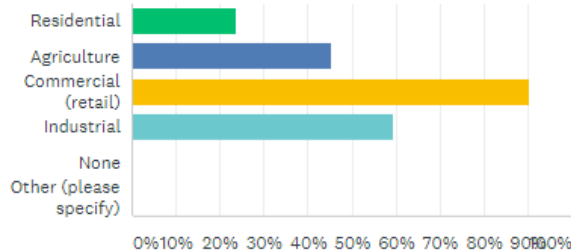
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Through its Land Use Bylaw, Wheatland C...

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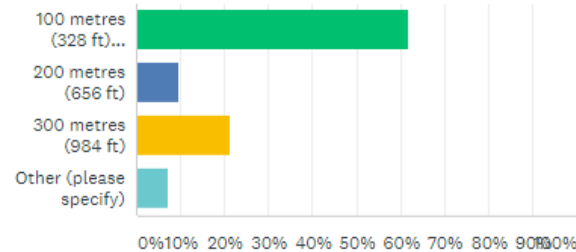


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Setback from health care facility

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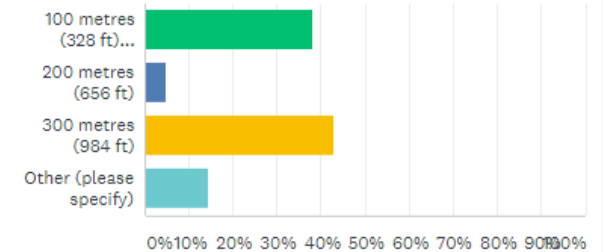


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Setback from schools

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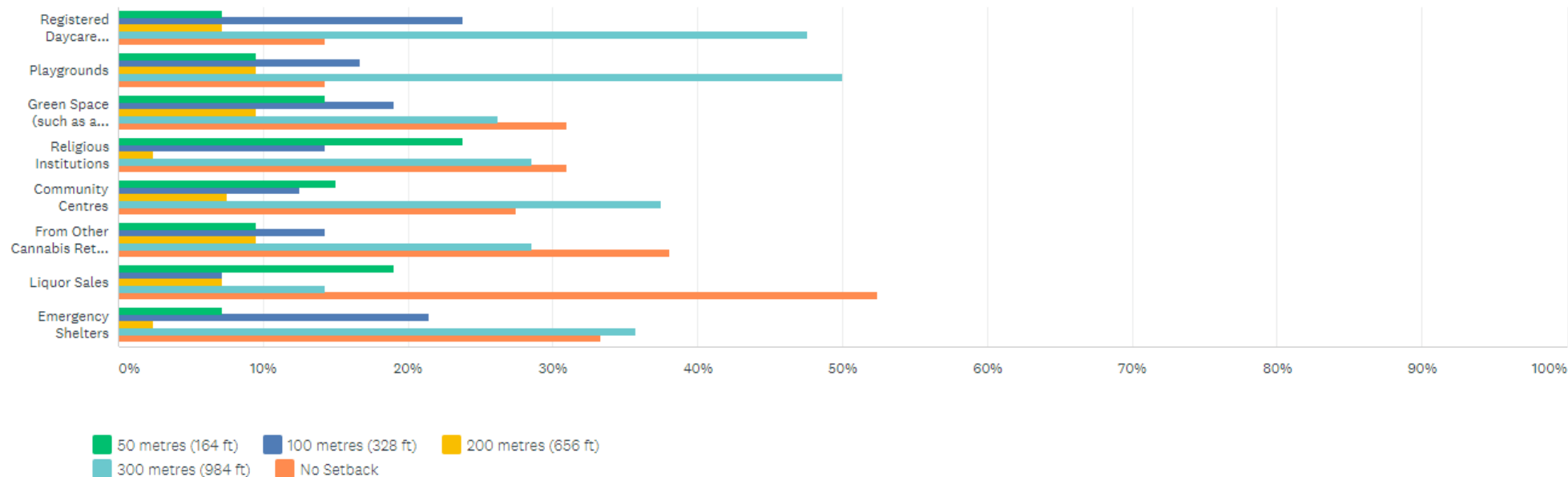
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The residents were then asked what land use they felt Cannabis Retail Stores were appropriate in. The majority indicated Commercial and Industrial land uses.

The next series of questions focused on setbacks. The first one explaining the Province established minimum setbacks of 100 metres from Provincial health care facilities and Schools. Staff wanted to know if residents felt it appropriate to increase these setbacks. For health care facilities most felt the 100m setback was appropriate. For schools the majority felt 300 metres was more appropriate.

What do you think is an appropriate minimum setback from the listed facilities?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 3



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Staff listed a series of facilities and asked residents to indicate what they thought an appropriate setback would be, if any. The majority of people indicated a 300m setback would be appropriate for Registered Daycare Facilities, Playgrounds, Religious Institutions, Community Centres, and Emergency Shelters. It was indicated that a setback isn't required for other cannabis retail stores or liquor sales. It was split between 300m and no setback for green spaces (such as cenotaphs).

Respondents were also given the option to recommend other uses and setbacks, the relevant comments are as follows:

- Seniors centers
- Clinics, dentists, fast food, jewellery stores, and likely many others if you think about it
- Should be further away from schools etc.
- In my opinion, changing setbacks from the provincial guidelines just creates controversy and may cause court challenges. There is a safety factor having them in view of facilities because they are in the open and the stigma and/or getting noticed going in or out might curtail young people from using them. Keeping near liquor stores or other cannabis stores keeps them out of "hiding places" where what goes on may not be front and centre to public scrutiny.