

# District of Lakeland



Community  
Engagement  
Presentation  
2025



# Shaping our Shared Future

**This presentation introduces the District of Lakeland's Community Engagement Study—an initiative designed to gather input, understand community needs, and present the information we've collected, ensuring that our shared future truly reflects the voices of our residents.**

**The results will help shape long term planning, regulations, and community development.**



# How We Collected Input



Community Engagement Study Questionnaire mailed  
with every tax notice



Access via our website: [www.lakeland521.ca](http://www.lakeland521.ca)



QR Code access for mobile device users



Links to the Questionnaire were posted on  
Social Media



# How Many Voices were Heard



Questions Asked:

10



Responses Received: 704



Days Open to the Public: 130



Average Response Time: 8min  
26sec



# Areas of Interest

Regulation of Fireworks

Playground & Recreational  
Infrastructure

Regulation of Short Term  
Rentals

Community Values & Vision



*We Asked:*

# Regulation of Fireworks

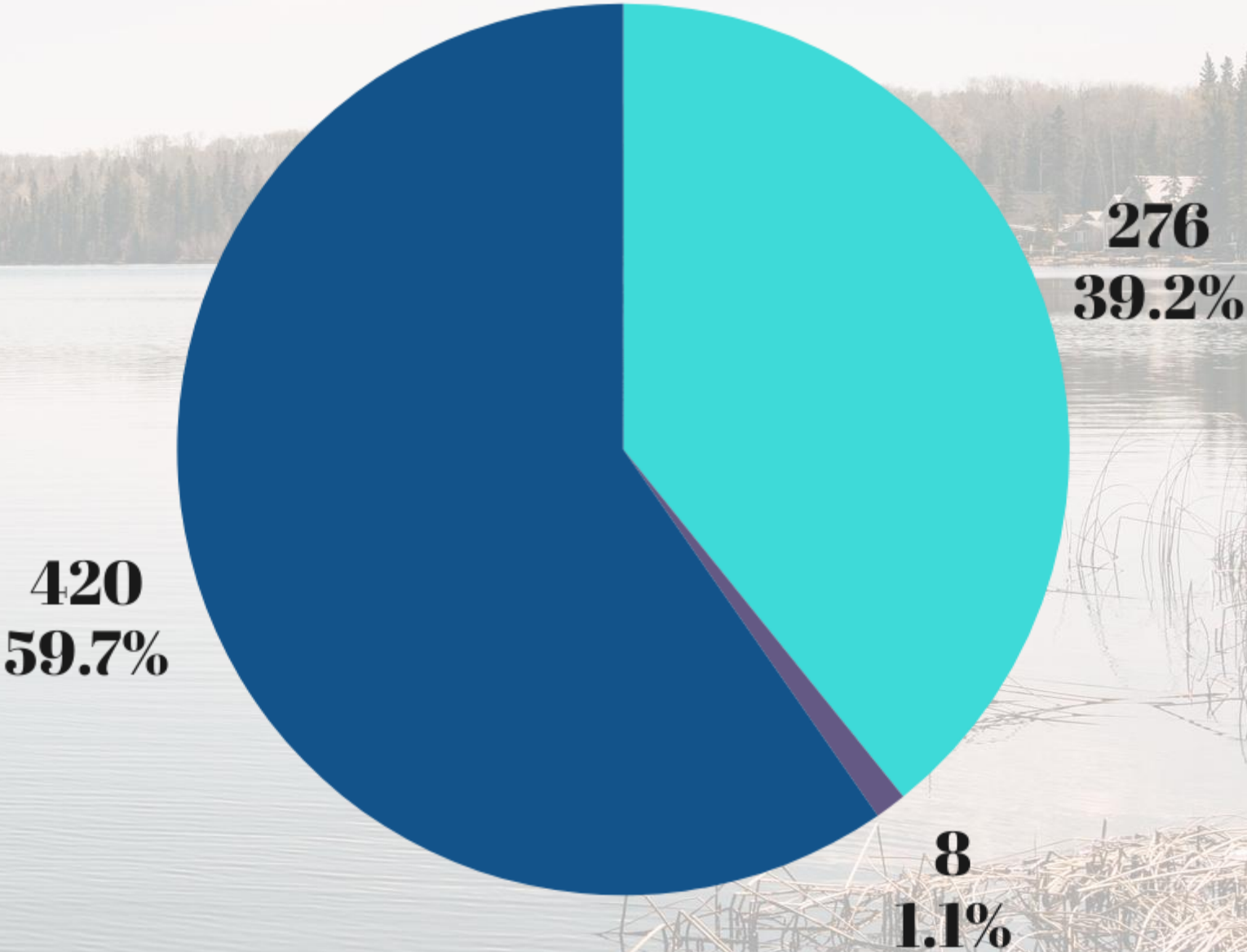
Q. Would you support a bylaw to regulate or restrict the use of  
Fireworks in the District of Lakeland?



# What We Heard:

## Regulation of Fireworks

- Voted Yes 59.7%
- Voted No 39.2%
- No Response 1.1%

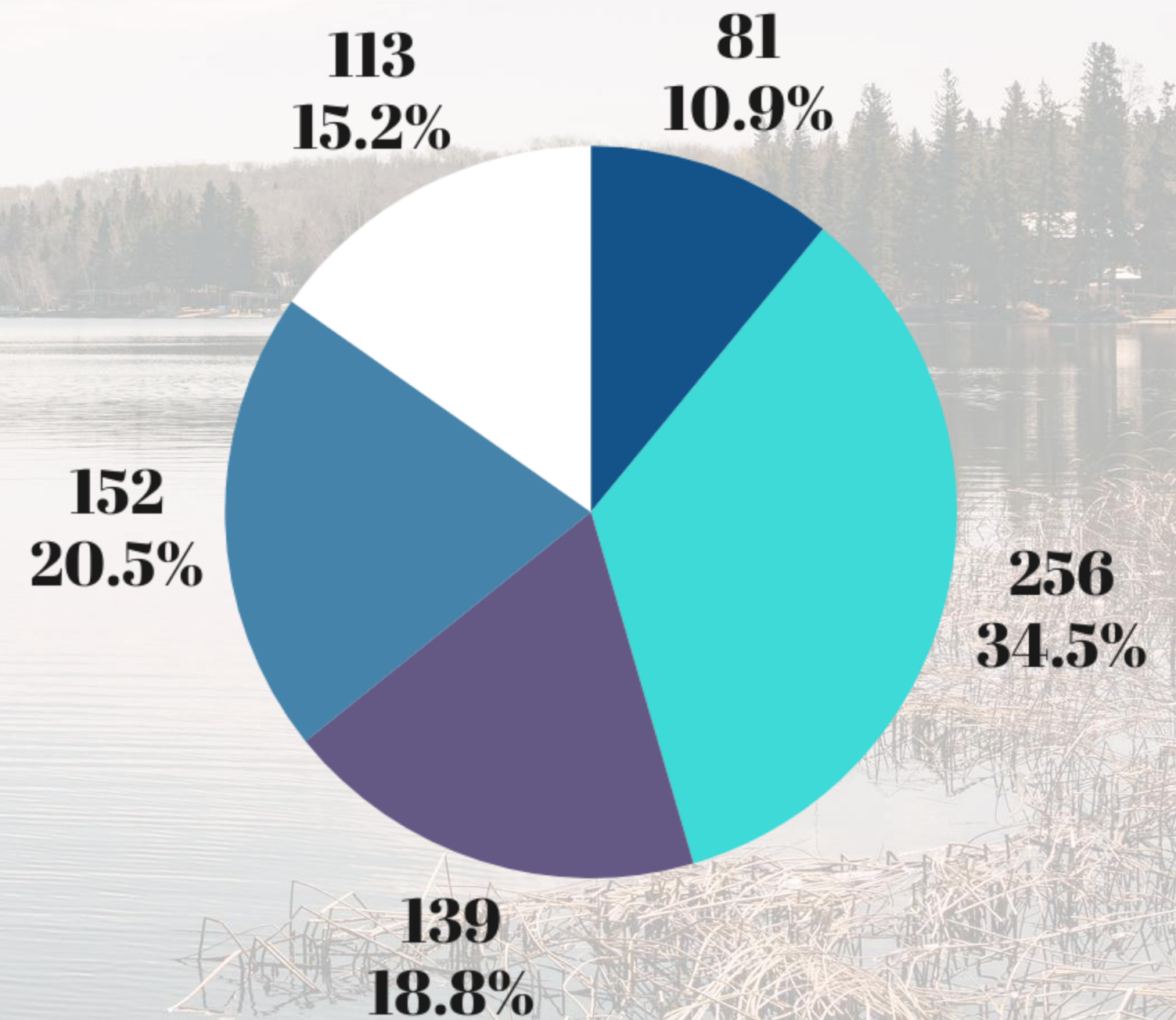




## What We Heard:

# Regulation of Fireworks

- Designated Firework use dates ex: Canada Day 34.5%
- Permitted in certain areas 20.5%
- Permit System for use 18.8%
- Other 15.2%
- Ban on Fireworks entirely 10.9%





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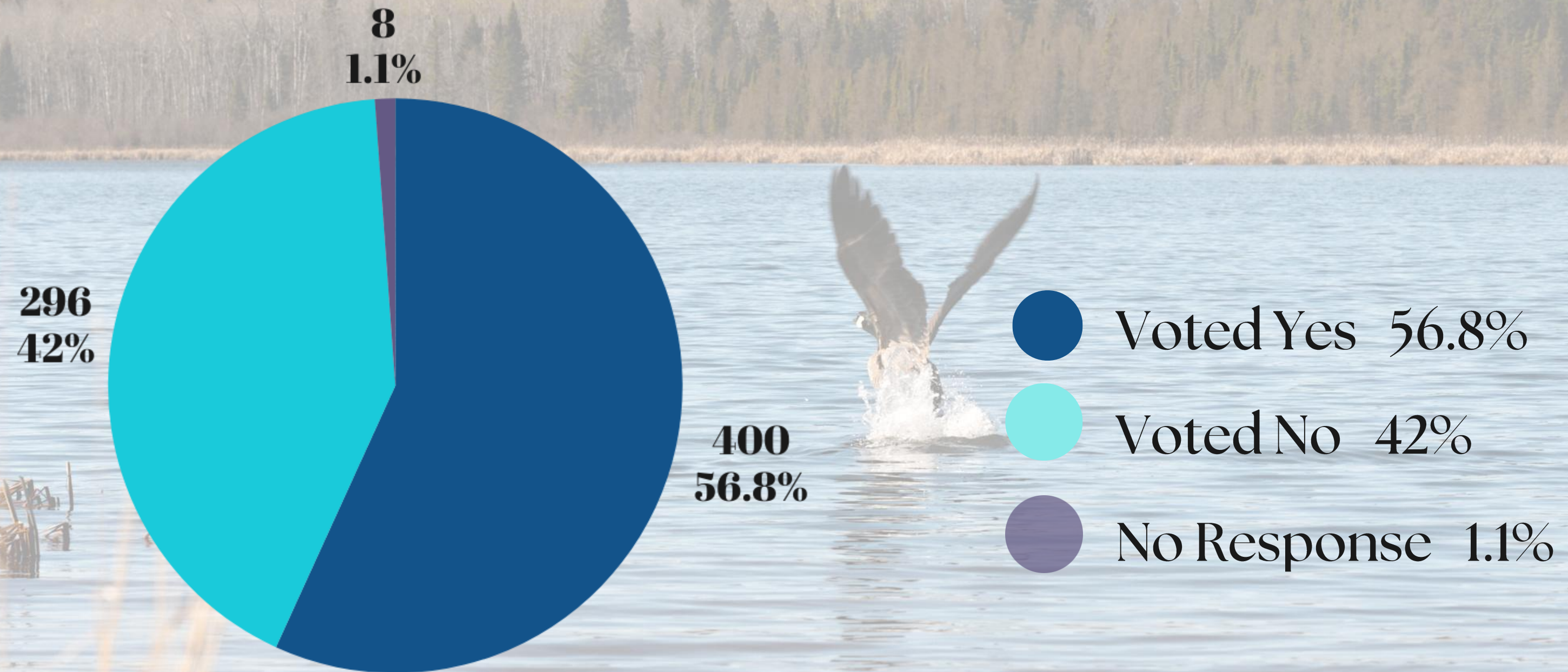
# Regulation of Short Term Rentals

Q. Should the District of Lakeland regulate short term rental properties?



We Heard

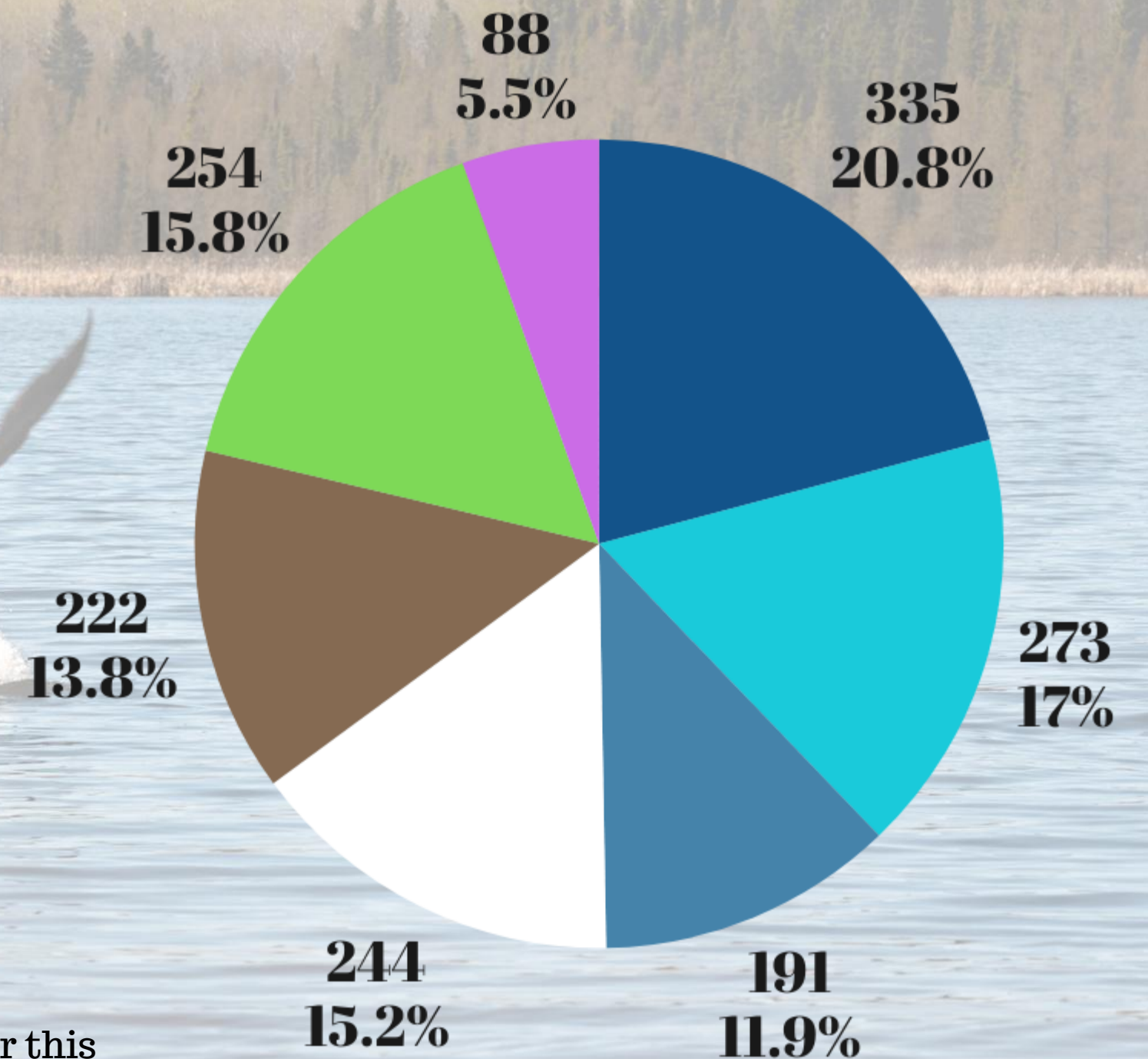
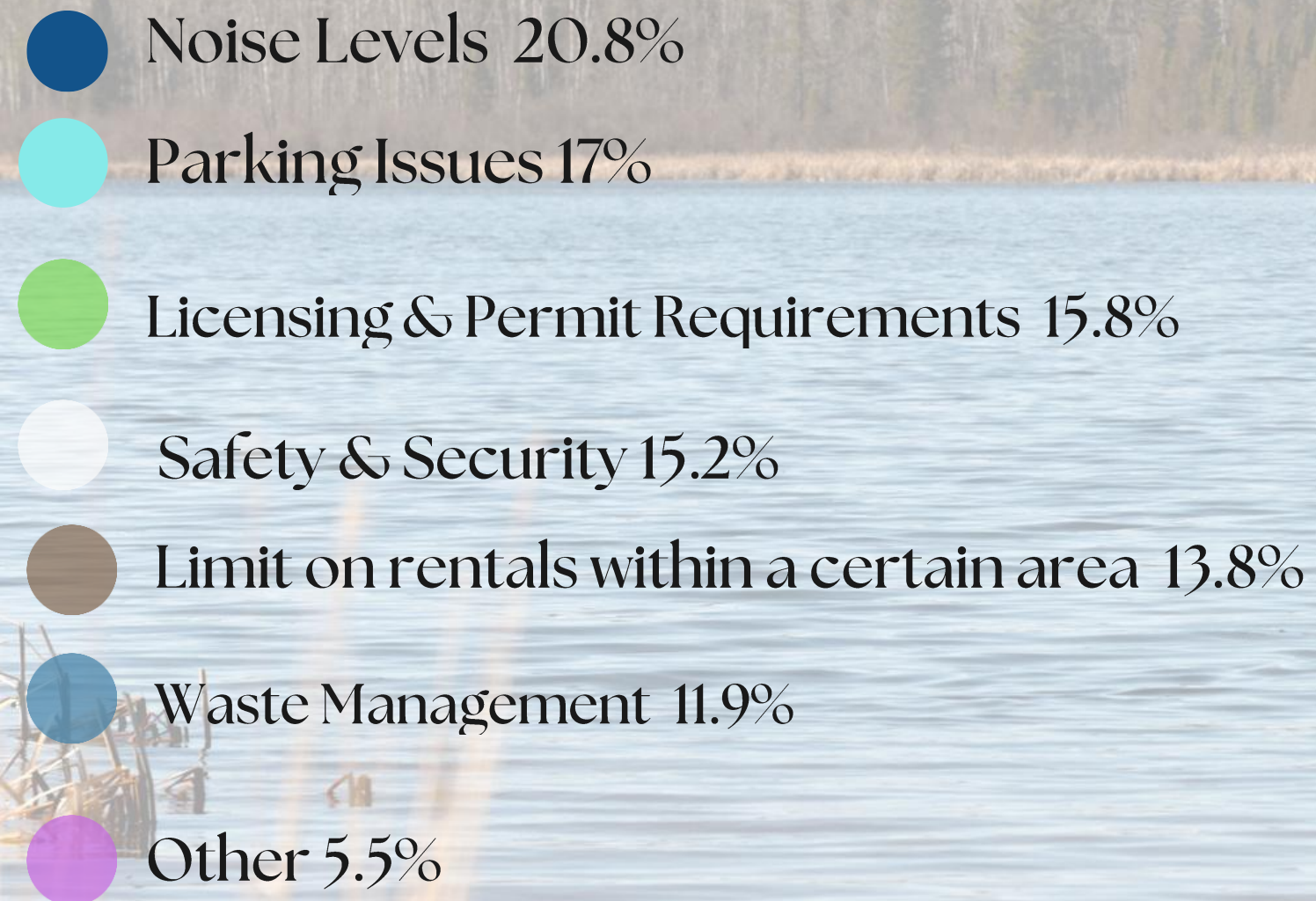
# Regulation of Short Term Rentals





We heard

# Regulation of Short Term Rentals



\* Please Note: Multiple votes allowed for this question



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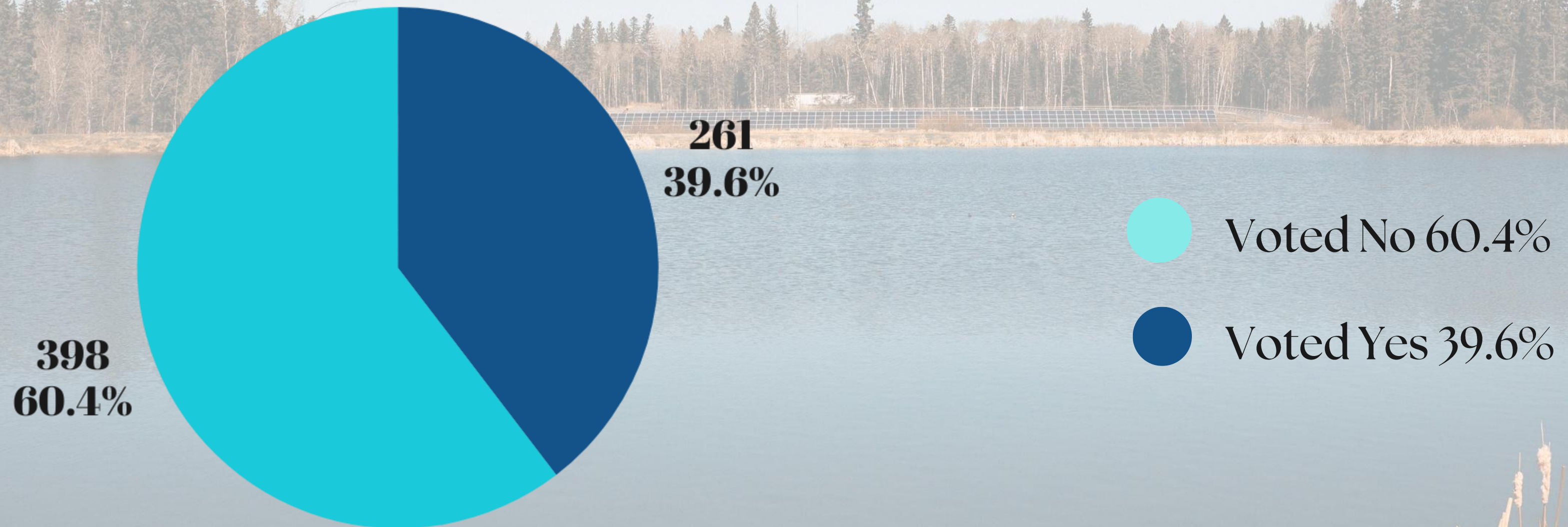
# *We Asked* Playgrounds & Other Recreational Infrastructure

Q. Would you like to see additional Playgrounds in the District of Lakeland? If so, where would you like that infrastructure to go?



*We heard*

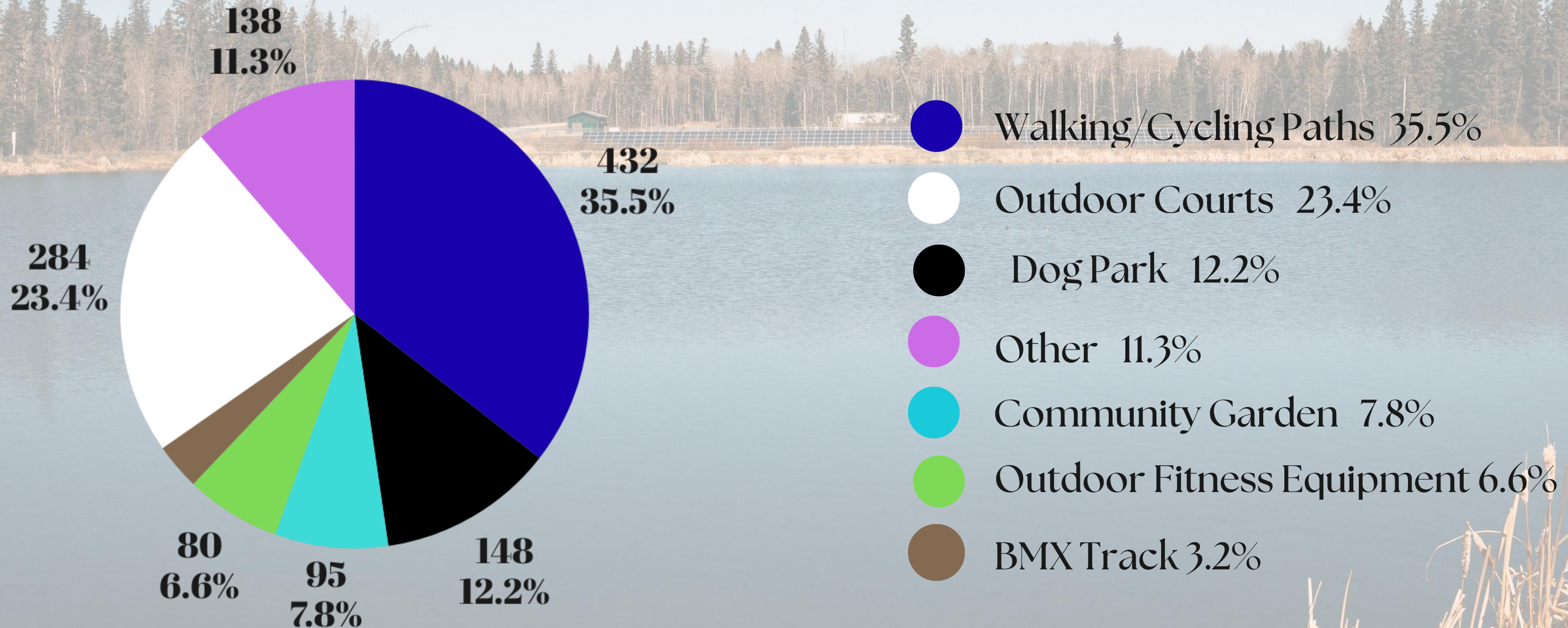
# Playgrounds





# We heard

## Playgrounds & Other Recreational Infrastructure





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*We Asked*

# Playgrounds & Other Recreational Infrastructure

When residents were asked **Where** they would like to see future playgrounds, the top votes received were:

Murray Point & Neis Beach



# Additional Comments

## Written feedback

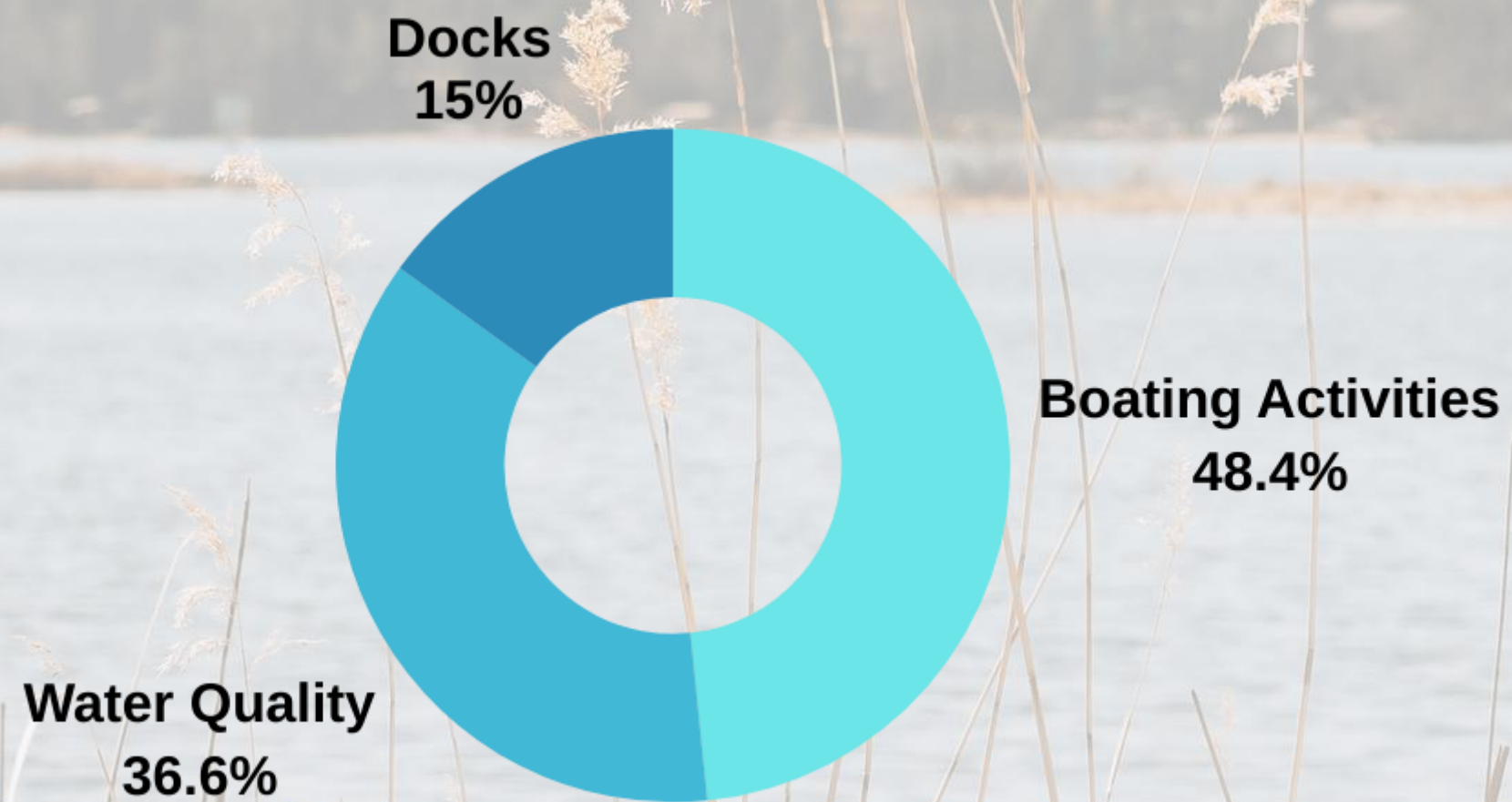
A total of 451 written comments were received from 704 questionnaires. These comments provide valuable insights into community priorities beyond the multiple-choice questions.



*Additional Comments :*

# Resident Priorities

## 1. Lake Health & Environment



- Concerns regarding water quality
- Need for Environmental Protection
- Boat Types & Activities
- Boating activities and their effect on the lake



*We Completed:*

# Resident Priorities

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- Hosted Water Quality Informational Meeting Spring 2025

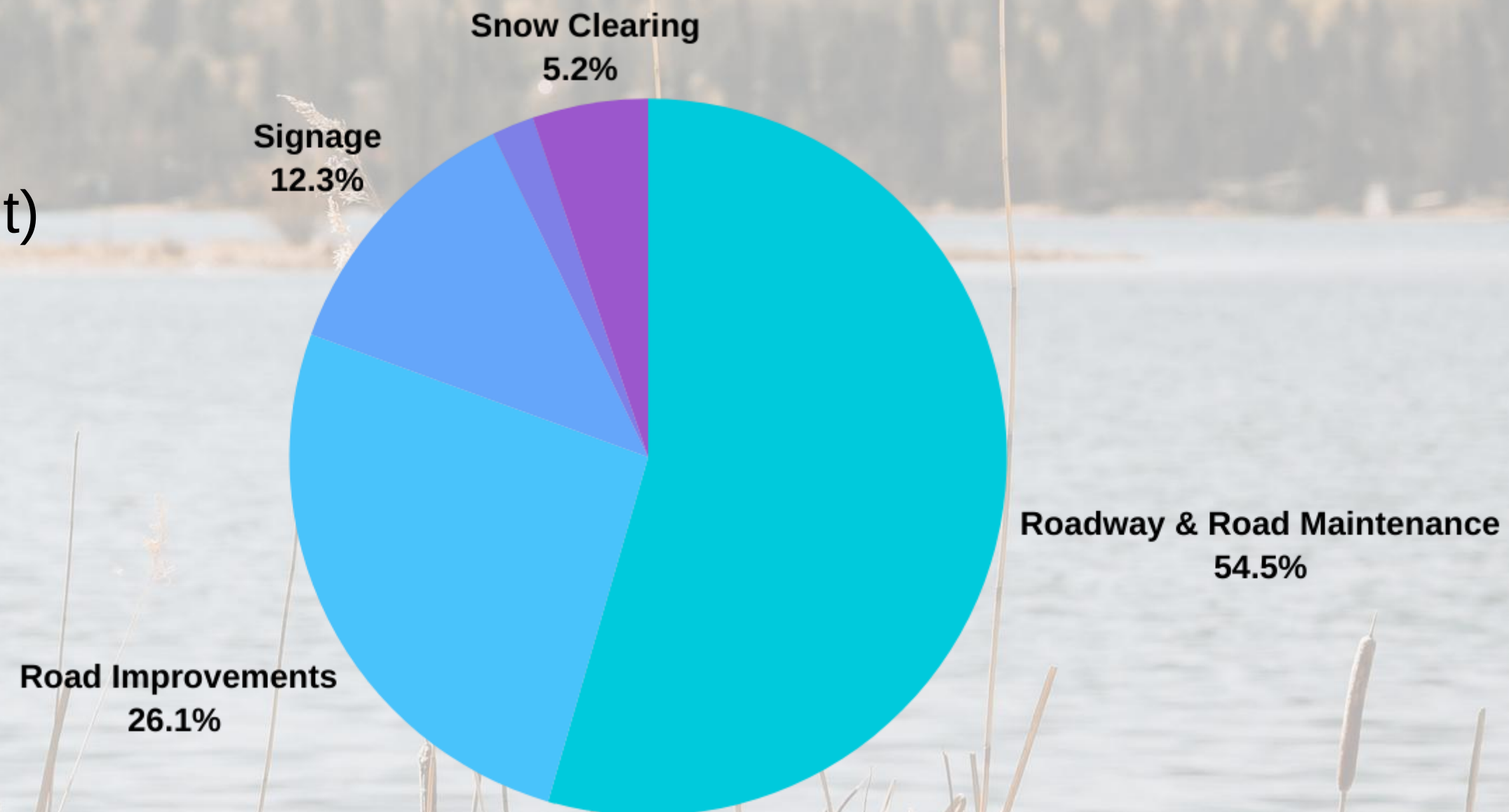


*Additional Comments:*

# Resident Priorities

## 2. Roadways

- Roadway & Road Maintenance (current)
- Road Improvements (future projects)
- Signage
- Dust Control & Snow Clearing





*We Completed:*

# Resident Priorities



## 2. Roadways

- Dust Control Program
- Gravel Maintenance Program



*Additional Comments:*

# Resident Priorities

## 3. Safety & Security

**Property Maintenance**  
23%

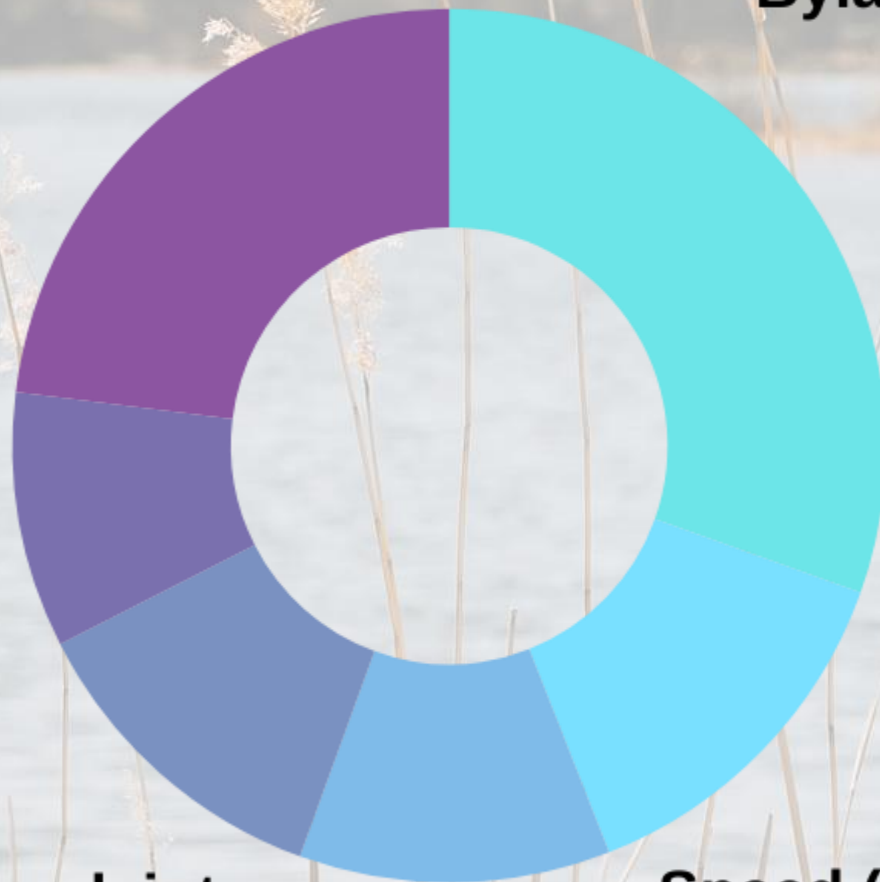
**Bylaw Enforcement**  
30.5%

- Request to increase Bylaw Enforcement
- Speed (on the roadway & waterway)
- Bylaw:
  - Noise Complaints
  - Dogs
  - ATV Use (helmets, riders, littering)
  - Property Maintenance (unsightly properties)

**ATV Use**  
9.5%

**Dog Complaints**  
11.9%

**Speed (Road/Water)**  
13.6%





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# Resident Priorities

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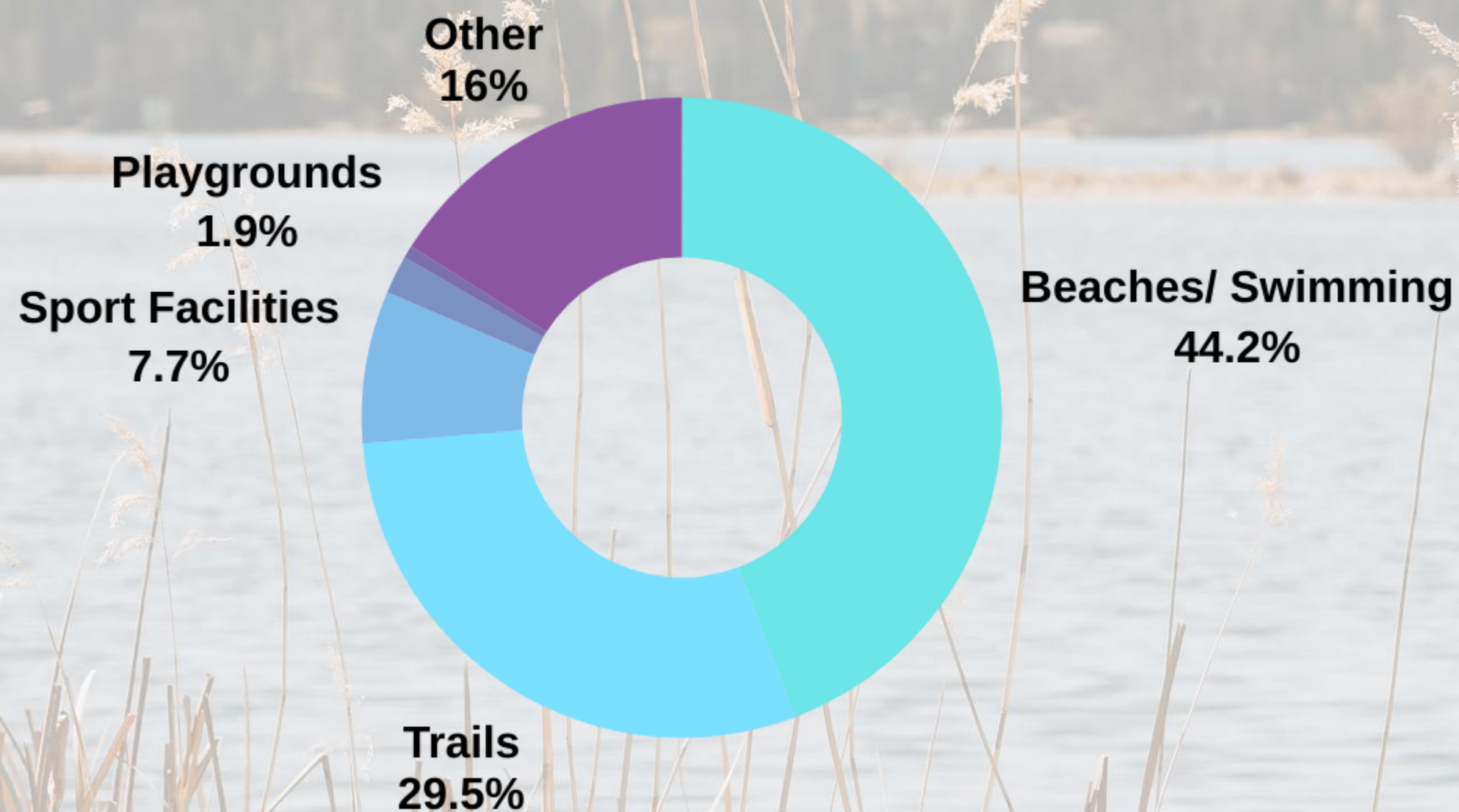
- Implementation of a New Municipal Bylaw Enforcement Program in 2025-2026.



## Additional Comments:

# Resident Priorities

## 4. Recreation



Need for more recreational ammenities  
such as:

- Trails (walking, ski, dog)
- Basketball, Tennis, Pickleball Courts
- Disc Golf
- Beach expansion
- Dog park
- Beautification



*We Completed:*

# Resident Priorities

## 4. Recreation

- New Play Structure at Lions Park built Spring 2025

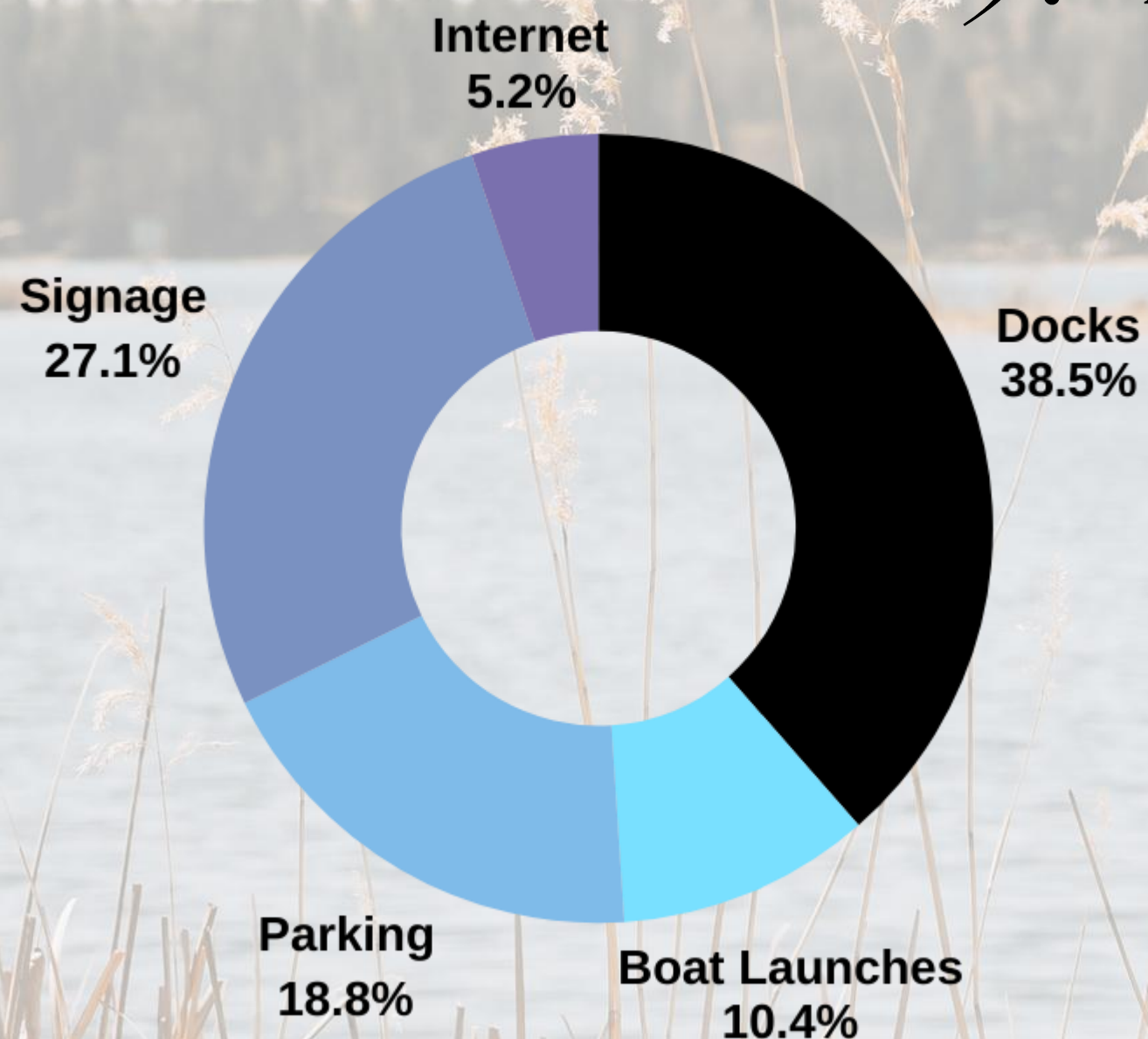




*Additional Comments:*

# Resident Priorities

## 5. Infrastructure



- Docks
- Boat Launches
- Parking
- Signage
- Increased Internet Capabilities



Next Steps..

# Thank You

The data collected from this study will be used to help guide Council & Administration on the development of future land use, infrastructure investments, and policies as they relate to short term rentals, environmental protection, and business development.



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