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What We Heard Report: Manitoba Eco-Network Member Survey on Provincial Budget 2026-2027

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Background

The Manitoba Eco-Network (MbEN) strives to create more opportunities for meaningful public participation in environmental governance. Manitoba's current budgeting process lacks meaningful opportunities for engagement. Existing options to participate through EngageMB, telephone and in-person town halls occur after most budgetary priorities have already been set. The budget policy cycle timeline follows the fiscal year instead of the calendar year. The prepwork for the annual budget released in March begins in the previous calendar year. The budget is more or less finalized before the New Year. Public consultation on the budget tends to occur after the budget is largely finalized. Budget 2026-27 consultations occurred online via surveys between December 4, 2025 and March 12, 2026. Budget Telephone Townhalls and Budget Public Meetings also took place in mid to late February. This leaves very little time from the end of public budget consultations to gather and incorporate public feedback into the budget. It is important to remember that budgets are composed of public funds with the power to create or destroy futures. The public plays the important role of holding policymakers accountable. However, if the public is not given the proper tools, the chain of accountability is broken. The existence of meaningful opportunities is fundamental for a democracy.

The survey project stems from the MbEN's belief to build capacity and supporting grassroots organizations participation in environmental governance. The aim of the survey project was to foster engagement within the organization whilst engaging with the Provincial budget. The budget survey also acts as a head start for Budget 2027-2028. The survey is a stepping stone for future budget advocacy work.

Methodology

The survey and the subsequent report was completed by Simran Kaur (student) as part of the Labour Studies Field Placement program at the University of Manitoba. The project developed in collaboration with the student and the MbEN, with consulting feedback from staff members at the Canadian Centre of Policy Alternative (CCPA) and Climate Action Team (CAT). Background research was done on the Provincial Budgeting process, the Provincial Budget, and the eco-community of Manitoba in order to develop the survey. For the purpose of this report 'eco-community' refers to environmental non-governmental organizations.

Survey Design and Sample Size

The survey had 19 questions with both open and closed-ended questions. It was an online self-administered survey hosted through the platform SurveyMonkey. The survey was sent to 172 individual recipients on the MbEN's member mailing list. Responses

were collected over a span of 5 weeks (12th Dec,2025-19thJan,2026). More than one response per organization was accepted, provided the survey was completed by different individuals.

What We Asked

The survey was organized by three themes: participation, budget priorities, and engagement. Participation questions aimed to understand if organizations had previously submitted budget recommendations and their familiarity with the provincial budgeting process. Budget questions asked respondents to identify budget priorities, concerns. Engagement questions focused on two variables. First, pinpointing preferred methods of budget advocacy. Second, openness to future membership specific opportunities. For further details on the survey questionnaire see Appendix A.

What We Heard

A total of 12 complete responses were received. Complete responses are defined by respondents clicking the submit button at the end of the survey questionnaire. Survey analysis showed respondent organizations focused on sustainability (infrastructure), Indigenous led conservation, transportation, education, advocacy (policy work), community, and food respectively.

Summary of key findings based on survey themes*:

- **Participation (Q1-6):**
 - Previous participation in the budgeting process was split.
 - Participating organizations have engaged in regular and different methods of providing budget submissions. This included in-person meetings, public surveys (EngageMB), and town halls.
 - The main barriers to participation is lack of knowhow and limited organizational capacity.
 - More meaningful participation needs to be fostered. Suggestions include using community-based knowledge and a bottom-up approach to the budget.
- **Budget Priorities (Q7-12):**
 - **Revenue:**
 - Respondents want corporate taxes, corporate income tax, fuel taxes, minerals and petroleum royalties, tobacco tax, fines and costs and other legal fees to increase as sources of revenue in the provincial budget.
 - Respondents want to decrease tuition fees as a source of revenue.

- Respondents were evenly divided on whether individual income tax should increase, decrease, stay the same, unsure as a source of revenue.
 - **Expenses:**
 - All respondents want to see an increase in funding for the Environment, and Climate change ministry.
 - Respondents want Advanced Education and Training, Education and Early Childhood Learning, Families, Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, Housing, Addictions and Homelessness, Innovation and New Technology, Justice, Municipal and Northern Relations, Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures, and Transportation and Infrastructure ministries to receive more funding.
 - **Priorities Identified:**
 - Respondents identified taxing polluters, environmental monitoring and compliance of industry, transitioning to more sustainable energy, Indigenous conservation and mass public transportation as top priorities for future budgets.
 - Additional priorities included education, public awareness of environmental issues, wetland protection and restoration, lowering carbon emissions for agriculture, natural disasters and public emergencies, climate informed health policy, investing in the creation and maintenance of protected areas, resources (staffing,etc.) for different departments, job training for the needed industries (e.g. building retrofit industry), and active transportation.
 - Respondents raised concerns about the lack of enforcement of existing regulations. In particular, the politics around clean water are of top concern.
- **Engagement (Q13-18):**
 - Budget coalition is the most favoured method of budget advocacy.
 - Letters and petitions fall second to budget coalitions.
 - The majority of respondents are interested in advocacy work for budget 2026-2027, as well as future budgets.
 - The majority of respondents are interested in participating in projects carried out by the MbEN such as research, advocacy work and membership engagement.

* See appendices for survey questionnaire and response data.

What's Next

Based on the survey results, 5 recommendations have been identified.

Recommendation# 1: Stepping away from extractivism and epistemological shift.

The ecological crisis is rooted in extractivism. The extraction of natural resources from/on Indigenous homelands continues to perpetuate colonial harms. Developmental projects based on extractivism impose irreparable damage such as the contamination of ground water. Rethinking our relationship to the Earth as a whole is crucial. Indigenous economic models rooted in reciprocity offer the much needed epistemological shift. The solution to climate change is rooted in redefining our relationship to the land.

Recommendation# 2: The formation of a budget coalition to ensure funding for initiatives that further the aim of protecting the environment are reflected in the Budget.

MbEN in collaboration with NGOs such as CCPA and CAT can spearhead the formation of a budget coalition. Both CCPA and CAT have an ongoing history of budget advocacy and are knowledgeable about the budgeting processes. Methods of organizing and advocacy such as letter-writing campaigns and petitions can be incorporated under the budget coalition. This allows organizations of various capacities to participate by creating space and opportunities.

Recommendation# 3: Advocating for a community-based approach to budgets i.e Participatory Budgets.

Survey respondents expressed a desire for a community-based approach to budgets. Suggestions included creating community-based groups to offer input on the budget's ability to meet or neglect the community's needs. Incorporating Participatory Budgeting into the Provincial budgeting process would create meaningful opportunities for public participation that is genuine.

Recommendation# 4: Further research on community-based approaches to governing that centres the most vulnerable members of society.

The real-world impact of budget policies should be examined and highlighted. This means looking at budget governance by using story-telling, and relationship building techniques in order to highlight the humanity behind the numbers.

Recommendation# 5: Future surveys/research can further expand on participation, budget priorities, and engagement.

This survey only scratches the surface of the variables measured (participation, budget priorities and engagement). Each variable can be explored further. For instance, exploring interactions with the budget after it is released could be insightful.

Conclusion

Budgets are more than expenses and revenues. Budgets are the arena in which our past and present meet to dream of the future. This survey project looked at participation and budget priorities of the membership organizations of the Manitoba Eco-Network with an overall goal to foster engagement with members. All members desire for the future to be green. Budgets should be created with the community and for the community. Budget policies need to catch up to what the eco-community already knows. Investing in the environment is investing in the future.

Appendices

Appendix A: Survey Questionnaire

Manitoba Eco-Network Survey on Provincial Budget 2026

Consent

The purpose of this survey is to understand what the members of the Manitoba Eco-Network think about the provincial budget, the budgeting process, and how members want to engage with the budget in the future. If you choose to take part in the survey: It will take about 10-20 minutes of your time. The data will be confidential and stored on a password-protected computer. No identifiable data will be publicized as part of this research. We may publicize and/or share summaries of the results, but responses will be kept confidential with no identifiable data included in any summary results. You will have no additional risks outside those of your day to day life. You may receive some benefits in terms of knowing you contributed to helping the Manitoba Eco-Network better understand the role of their members in the provincial budget process.

1. I agree to participate

- Yes
 No

2. Has your organization (ever) participated in the provincial budget consultation?

- Participated
 Did not participate
 Unsure
 Prefer not to answer

3. If your organization has participated please indicate which years you have participated, and how you participated.

4. If your organization has not participated in the provincial budget consultation process, please indicate why.

- Did not know it was an option
 Timeline Constraints (response period too short)
 Limited organizational capacity
 Not interested

- Prefer not to answer
- Other (please specify)

5. Briefly describe, in your opinion, how the public should play a role in the provincial budgeting process?

6. Have you participated in the following public engagement opportunities for the provincial budget:

	Yes	No	Unsure	Prefer not to answer
Engage MB Survey	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Telephone Townhall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Below we have a break-down of revenue sources for the previous Provincial Budget fiscal year 2025-2026 on a percentage basis.

Please indicate if you think that the following revenue sources should increase (i.e. be a higher percentage of revenue), decrease (i.e. be a lower percentage of revenue), stay the same (i.e. be around the same percentage of revenue), or answer unsure if you are unsure. For further information on the Provincial Budget 2025-2026 (p. 12-13) visit:

[Manitoba Provincial Budget 2025-2026.](#)

	Increase	Decrease	Stay the same	Unsure
Individual Income Tax 19.8%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Corporation Income Tax 4.3%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retail Sales Tax 11.7%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Education Property Taxes 3.8%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Corporations Taxes 1.1%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fuel Taxes 1.2%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land Transfer Tax 0.6%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Levy for Health and Education 1.8%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tobacco Tax 0.4%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Taxes 0.1%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tuition Fees 2.0%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fines and Costs and Other Legal 0.3%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Minerals and Petroleum 0.1%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Automobile and Motor Carrier Licences and Fees 0.7%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks: Forestry and Other Conservation 0.2%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water Power Rentals 0.2%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Service Fees and Other Miscellaneous Charges 7.9%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Federal Transfers 35.6%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Net Income of Government 4.0%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recovery from Government Business Enterprises and Other Investment Earnings 5.0%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Revenue Contingency -0.8%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Please identify sources of revenue that were not listed but your organization would like to see utilized and share any additional comments on the revenue sources for the Provincial Budget fiscal year 2025-2026.

9. Below we have a break-down of areas of expenses by ministerial departments from the previous Provincial Budget fiscal year 2025-2026 on a percentage basis. Please indicate if you think that the fundings to the departments should increase (i.e. be a higher percentage of expenses), decrease (i.e. be a lower percentage of expenses), stay the same (i.e. be around the same percentage of expenses), or answer unsure if you are unsure.

Definitions:

* Enabling Appropriations includes multiple ministries. The category provides expenditure authority for programs that are delivered by multiple departments. For further information see pages 7 and 168-172 of [Estimates of Budget Expenditure](#).

**Tax credits only includes tax credits that are recorded as expenses.

For further information on the Provincial Budget 2025-2026 (p.12-13) visit: [Manitoba Provincial Budget 2025-2026](#)

For further details on Provincial Budget 2025-2026 expenditure visit: [Estimates of Budget Expenditure](#).

	Increase	Decrease	Stay the same	Unsure
Legislative Assembly 0.3%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Executive Council 0.0% (0.02)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advanced Education and Training 7.9%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agriculture 2.1%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation 0.7%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education and Early Childhood Learning 16.0%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environment and Climate Change 0.8%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Families 8.3%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Finance 0.3%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care 36.3%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing, Addictions and Homelessness 3.3%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Innovation and New Technology 0.7%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Justice 3.5%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Labour and Immigration 0.2%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal and Northern Relations 3.0%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures 0.6%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Service Commission 0.1%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Service Delivery 0.9%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism 0.4%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation and Infrastructure 2.3%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enabling Appropriations* 2.3%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emergency Expenditures 0.2%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Tax Credits** 0.8%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Debt Servicing 9.0%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Please share any additional comments on the expenses listed in the previous Provincial Budget fiscal year 2025-2026.

11. Consider the following general categories, please indicate which areas should be prioritized by the Government of Manitoba. (Check all that apply)

- New infrastructure
- Subsidies for certain industries e.g., agriculture, fossil fuel Clean-up costs
- Natural disasters and public emergencies
- Resources (staffing, etc.) for different departments
- Socio-economic and ecological data collection
- Taxing polluters
- Environmental monitoring and compliance of industry
- Transitioning to more sustainable energy
- Disaster resiliency
- Education, public awareness of environmental issues
- Lowering carbon emissions for agriculture
- Indigenous conservation
- Job training for the needed industries (eg. building retrofit industry)
- Active transportation
- Mass public transportation
- Climate informed health policy
- Investing in the creation and maintenance protected areas
- Wetland protection and restoration
- Prefer not to answer
- Other (please specify)

12. Please use the space below for any additional comments.

13. Would you be interested in engaging further with respect to advocacy work for the Provincial Budget fiscal year 2026-2027?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer

14. Would you be interested in engaging further with respect to budget advocacy in 2027 and beyond?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer

15. Which of the following methods for budget advocacy would you be willing to participate in? (Check all that apply)

- Op-eds
- Letter writing campaigns
- Petitions
- Press-releases
- Coalition for budget advocacy
- Prefer not to answer
- Other (please specify)

16. Would you be interested in participating in future research done by the Manitoba Eco- Network?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer

17. Would you be interested in engaging in future advocacy work done by the Manitoba Eco- Network?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Prefer not to answer

18. Would you be interested in participating in future membership engagement opportunities done by the Manitoba Eco-Network?

Yes

No

Unsure

Prefer not answer

Please note that we are collecting the following information so we know who has responded to this survey. Multiple individuals representing the same organization can complete this survey, but we want to keep track of who is responding when we receive multiple responses from a single organization. These answers will be kept confidential and internal to the Manitoba Eco-Network and will not be shared.

We may also use the contact information provided to follow-up with you if you indicated that you were open to further engagement or follow-up with respect to budget advocacy or future research or advocacy done by the Manitoba Eco-Network.

19. Please fill out the following:

Name: _____

Name of organisation: _____

Role in organization: _____

Email Address: _____

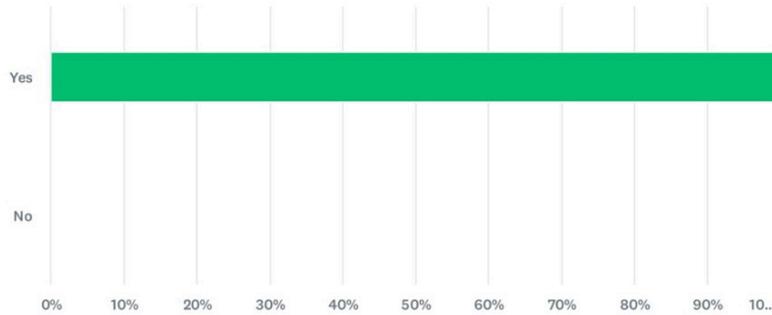
Thank you for participating!

Appendix B: Survey Response Data*

*Question 19 omitted to maintain respondent confidentiality.

Q1 I agree to participate

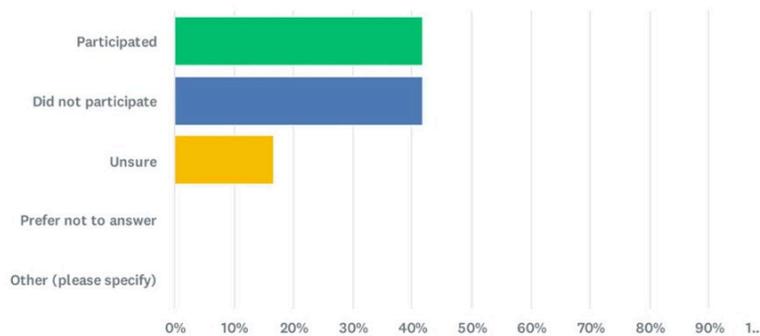
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	100.00%	12
● No	0%	0
Total		12

Q2 Has your organization (ever) participated in the provincial budget consultation?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Participated	41.67%	5
● Did not participate	41.67%	5
● Unsure	16.67%	2
● Prefer not to answer	0%	0
● Other (please specify) Show responses	0%	0
Total		12

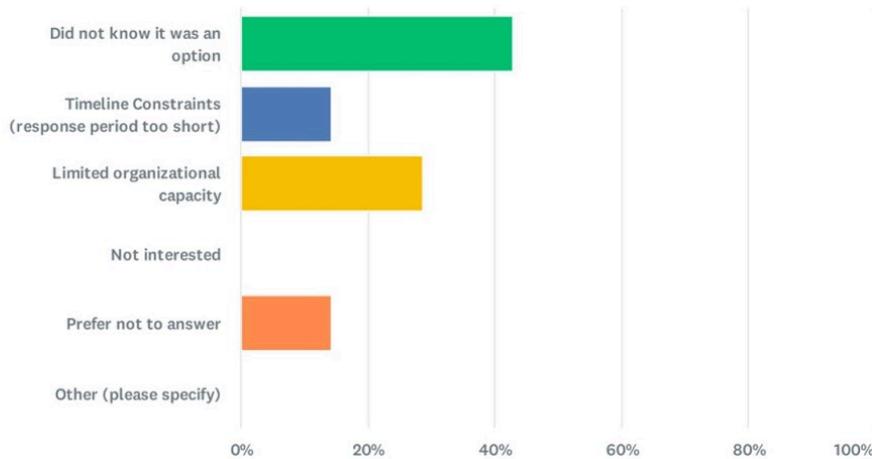
Q3 If your organization has participated please indicate which years you have participated, and how you participated.

Answered: 5 Skipped: 7

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	not sure. It was at public sessions when the conservatives were in power.	1/6/2026 5:23 PM
2	We participate every year by providing a budget submission.	1/5/2026 11:38 AM
3	Not sure which years. We have participated through the online form. The chair and co-chair of the CMNRC have participated through in-person meetings with ministers.	1/5/2026 9:44 AM
4	Honestly not sure, but know that we have been consulted/participated.	1/5/2026 9:32 AM
5	We participated in surveys every year, and town halls, and in the past have also participated in in person town halls and meetings.	12/12/2025 9:47 AM

Q4 If your organization has not participated in the provincial budget consultation process, please indicate why.

Answered: 7 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Did not know it was an option	42.86%	3
● Timeline Constraints (response period too short)	14.29%	1
● Limited organizational capacity	28.57%	2
● Not interested	0%	0
● Prefer not to answer	14.29%	1
● Other (please specify) Show responses	0%	0
Total		7

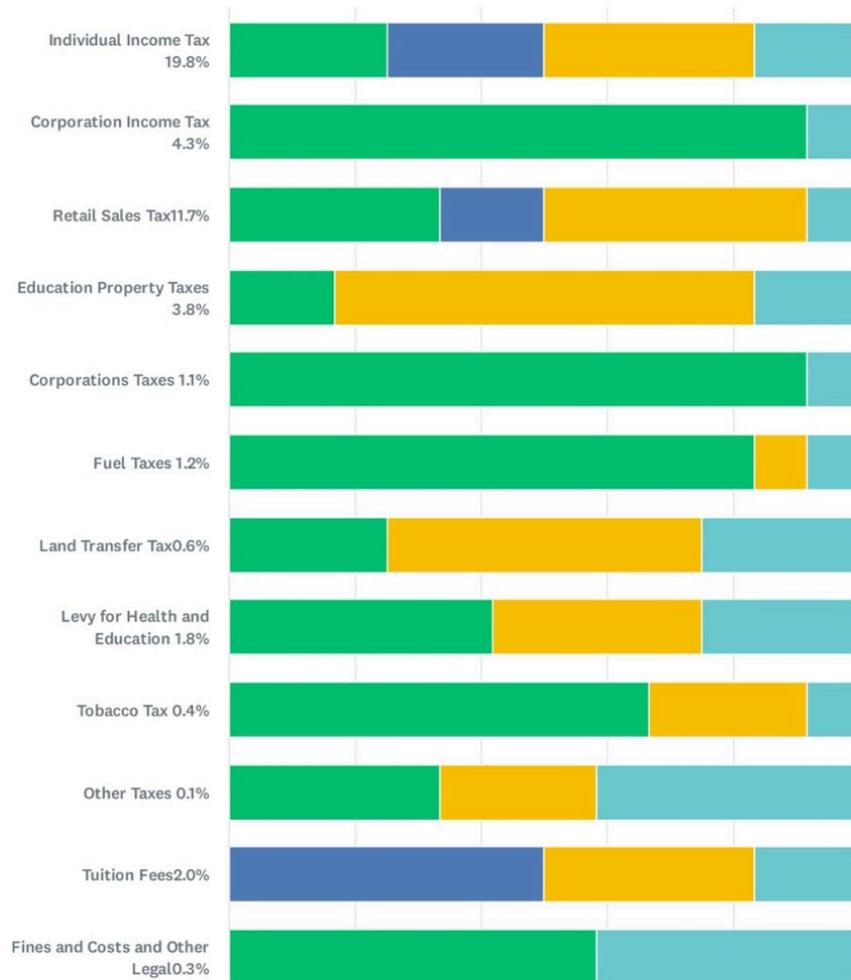
Q5 Briefly describe, in your opinion, how the public should play a role in the provincial budgeting process?

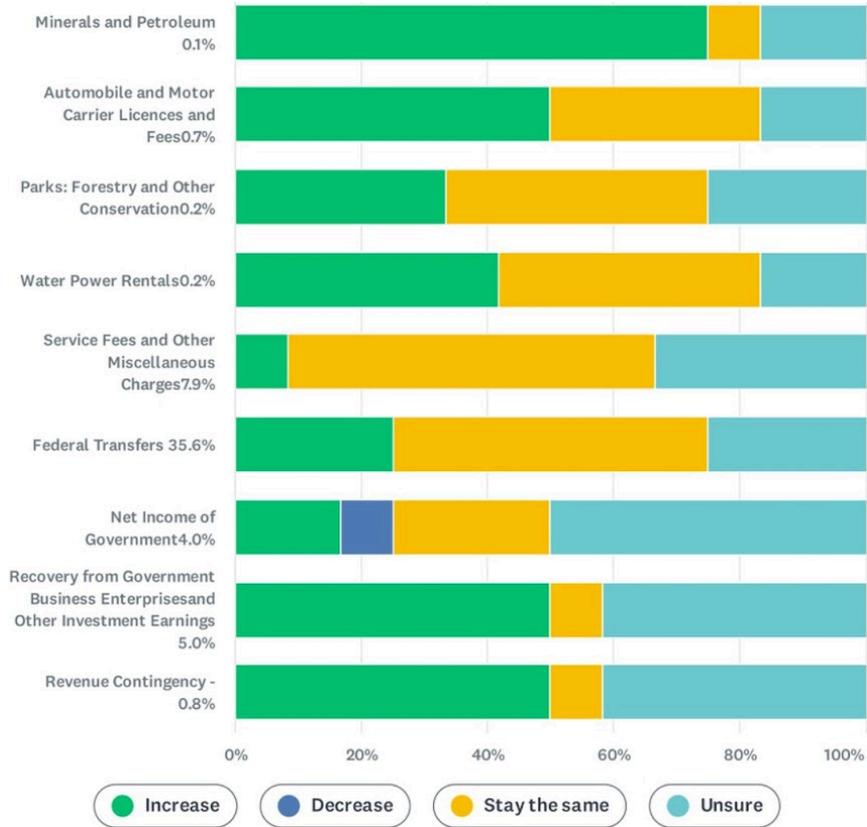
Answered: 6 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The public should play a meaningful role in Manitoba's budgeting process by helping set priorities early and holding government accountable for long-term environmental and community outcomes. Public input is especially important for decisions that affect land, water, climate resilience, and public health, where impacts are shared and long-lasting. Budget engagement should elevate community-based knowledge, Indigenous leadership, and frontline experience, and clearly show how public input influences final decisions. This strengthens democratic accountability and leads to more sustainable, preventative investments.	1/16/2026 11:25 AM
2	In a functioning democracy, the public should have an ability to express their needs and priorities during the budgeting process. There are a multitude of issues some of which affect short-term needs and some reflect planning for the future. Ensuring elected representatives are aware of the public's current needs and the required investments for longer-term well-being are essential.	1/5/2026 11:17 AM
3	not sure	1/5/2026 9:38 AM
4	creation of community based input groups that comment on government goals and how they align or fail to align with their communities needs	12/13/2025 2:22 PM
5	Public surveys by ministry on priorities would help	12/12/2025 11:23 AM
6	Consultations should be available online and include some in person options. Feedback made easier with technology.	12/12/2025 10:55 AM

Q7 Below we have a break-down of revenue sources for the previous Provincial Budget fiscal year 2025-2026 on a percentage basis. Please indicate if you think that the following revenue sources should increase (i.e. be a higher percentage of revenue), decrease (i.e. be a lower percentage of revenue), stay the same (i.e. be around the same percentage of revenue), or answer unsure if you are unsure. For further information on the Provincial Budget 2025-2026 (p. 12-13) visit: Manitoba Provincial Budget 2025-2026

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0





	● Increase	● Decrease	● Stay the same	● Unsure	Total
Individual Income Tax 19.8%	25.00% 3	25.00% 3	33.33% 4	16.67% 2	12
Corporation Income Tax 4.3%	91.67% 11	0% 0	0% 0	8.33% 1	12
Retail Sales Tax 11.7%	33.33% 4	16.67% 2	41.67% 5	8.33% 1	12
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	● Increase	● Decrease	● Stay the same	● Unsure	Total
Education Property Taxes 3.8%	16.67% 2	0% 0	66.67% 8	16.67% 2	12
Corporations Taxes 1.1%	91.67% 11	0% 0	0% 0	8.33% 1	12
Fuel Taxes 1.2%	83.33% 10	0% 0	8.33% 1	8.33% 1	12
Land Transfer Tax 0.6%	25.00% 3	0% 0	50.00% 6	25.00% 3	12
Levy for Health and Education 1.8%	41.67% 5	0% 0	33.33% 4	25.00% 3	12
Tobacco Tax 0.4%	66.67% 8	0% 0	25.00% 3	8.33% 1	12
Other Taxes 0.1%	33.33% 4	0% 0	25.00% 3	41.67% 5	12
Tuition Fees 2.0%	0% 0	50.00% 6	33.33% 4	16.67% 2	12
Fines and Costs and Other Legal 0.3%	58.33% 7	0% 0	0% 0	41.67% 5	12

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	● Increase	● Decrease	● Stay the same	● Unsure	Total
Minerals and Petroleum 0.1%	75.00% 9	0% 0	8.33% 1	16.67% 2	12
Automobile and Motor Carrier Licences and Fees 0.7%	50.00% 6	0% 0	33.33% 4	16.67% 2	12
Parks: Forestry and Other Conservation 0.2%	33.33% 4	0% 0	41.67% 5	25.00% 3	12
Water Power Rentals 0.2%	41.67% 5	0% 0	41.67% 5	16.67% 2	12
Service Fees and Other Miscellaneous Charges 7.9%	8.33% 1	0% 0	58.33% 7	33.33% 4	12
Federal Transfers 35.6%	25.00% 3	0% 0	50.00% 6	25.00% 3	12
Net Income of Government 4.0%	16.67% 2	8.33% 1	25.00% 3	50.00% 6	12
Recovery from Government Business Enterprises and Other Investment Earnings 5.0%	50.00% 6	0% 0	8.33% 1	41.67% 5	12
Revenue Contingency -0.8%	50.00% 6	0% 0	8.33% 1	41.67% 5	12
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Q8 Please identify sources of revenue that were not listed but your organization would like to see utilized and share any additional comments on the revenue sources for the Provincial Budget fiscal year 2025-2026.

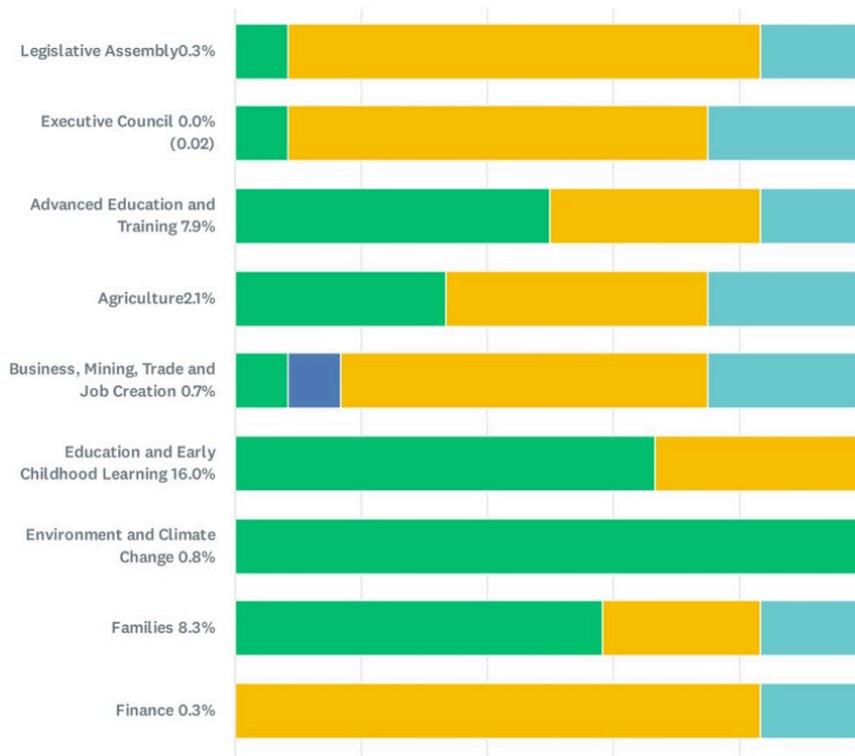
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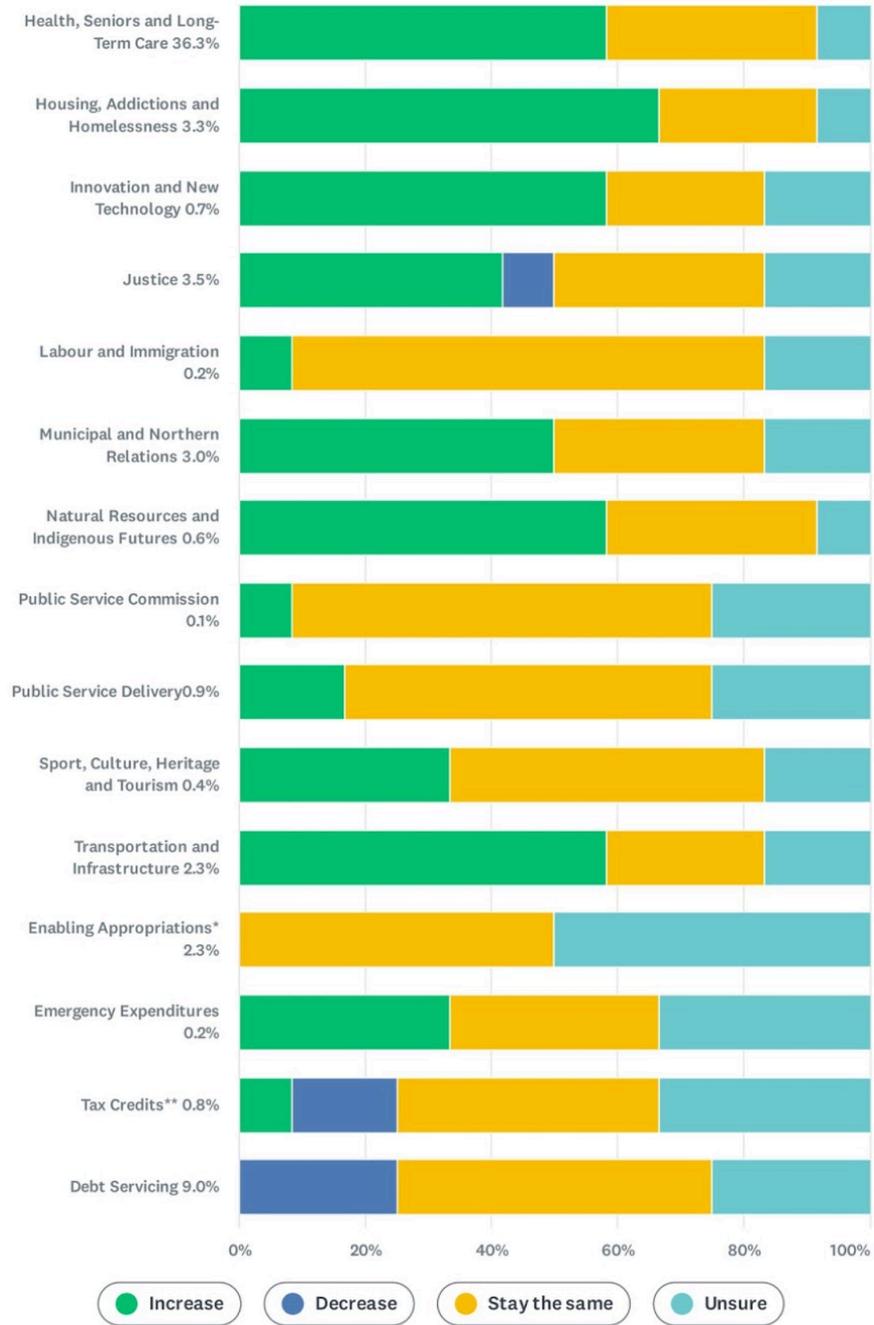
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	not sure	1/6/2026 5:25 PM
2	Unsure	1/5/2026 11:20 AM
3	Get rid of tariffs on smaller Chinese EV 's to restore canola market. We need a cheaper entry level EV anyway. There is room for all markets.	1/5/2026 9:46 AM
4	Taxes on higher earners (increase); Inheritance tax (increase);	1/5/2026 9:34 AM
5	Eliminate fossil fuel industry subsidies. Transfer those funds to support the following values in all areas-health, ecology, fairness and care	12/13/2025 2:25 PM
6	Hydro should increase price of foreign sales (US)	12/12/2025 11:26 AM
7	We would like to see Manitoba Public Insurance increase its investment in road safety, particularly for proactive safety interventions, including physical infrastructure. We would also like to see changes to the City of Winnipeg Charter that would allow the city to raise fees through things like land development fees, vacant lots, parking lots, and parking benefit districts.	12/12/2025 9:52 AM

Q9 Below we have a break-down of areas of expenses by ministerial departments from the previous Provincial Budget fiscal year 2025-2026 on a percentage basis. Please indicate if you think that the fundings to the departments should increase (i.e. be a higher percentage of expenses), decrease (i.e. be a lower percentage of expenses), stay the same (i.e. be around the same percentage of expenses), or answer unsure if you are unsure. Definitions: * Enabling Appropriations includes multiple ministries.

The category provides expenditure authority for programs that are delivered by multiple departments. For further information see pages 7 and 168-172 of Estimates of Budget Expenditure. **Tax credits only includes tax credits that are recorded as expenses. For further information on the Provincial Budget 2025-2026 (p.12-13) visit: Manitoba Provincial Budget 2025-2026 For a further details on Provincial Budget 2025-2026 expenditure visit: Estimates of Budget Expenditure

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0





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	 Increase	 Decrease	 Stay the same	 Unsure	Total
Legislative Assembly 0.3%	8.33% 1	0% 0	75.00% 9	16.67% 2	12
Executive Council 0.0% (0.02)	8.33% 1	0% 0	66.67% 8	25.00% 3	12
Advanced Education and Training 7.9%	50.00% 6	0% 0	33.33% 4	16.67% 2	12
Agriculture 2.1%	33.33% 4	0% 0	41.67% 5	25.00% 3	12
Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation 0.7%	8.33% 1	8.33% 1	58.33% 7	25.00% 3	12
Education and Early Childhood Learning 16.0%	66.67% 8	0% 0	33.33% 4	0% 0	12
Environment and Climate Change 0.8%	100.00% 12	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	12
Families 8.3%	58.33% 7	0% 0	25.00% 3	16.67% 2	12
Finance 0.3%	0% 0	0% 0	83.33% 10	16.67% 2	12
Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care 36.3%	58.33% 7	0% 0	33.33% 4	8.33% 1	12
Housing, Addictions and Homelessness 3.3%	66.67% 8	0% 0	25.00% 3	8.33% 1	12
Innovation and New Technology 0.7%	58.33% 7	0% 0	25.00% 3	16.67% 2	12
Justice 3.5%	41.67% 5	8.33% 1	33.33% 4	16.67% 2	12

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	 Increase	 Decrease	 Stay the same	 Unsure	Total
Labour and Immigration 0.2%	8.33%	0%	75.00%	16.67%	12
	1	0	9	2	
Municipal and Northern Relations 3.0%	50.00%	0%	33.33%	16.67%	12
	6	0	4	2	
Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures 0.6%	58.33%	0%	33.33%	8.33%	12
	7	0	4	1	
Public Service Commission 0.1%	8.33%	0%	66.67%	25.00%	12
	1	0	8	3	
Public Service Delivery 0.9%	16.67%	0%	58.33%	25.00%	12
	2	0	7	3	
Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism 0.4%	33.33%	0%	50.00%	16.67%	12
	4	0	6	2	
Transportation and Infrastructure 2.3%	58.33%	0%	25.00%	16.67%	12
	7	0	3	2	
Enabling Appropriations* 2.3%	0%	0%	50.00%	50.00%	12
	0	0	6	6	

	 Increase	 Decrease	 Stay the same	 Unsure	Total
Emergency Expenditures 0.2%	33.33%	0%	33.33%	33.33%	
	4	0	4	4	12
Tax Credits** 0.8%	8.33%	16.67%	41.67%	33.33%	12
	1	2	5	4	
Debt Servicing 9.0%	0%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	12
	0	3	6	3	

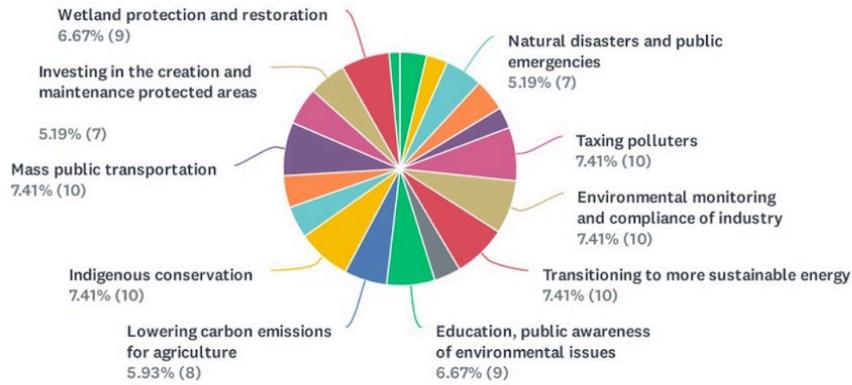
Q10 Please share any additional comments on the expenses listed in the previous Provincial Budget fiscal year 2025-2026

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It is likely that expenses can be cut in several different categories without significantly compromising the health and well-being of Manitobans. Health, education, agriculture and climate change resilience should be considered high priorities.	1/5/2026 11:24 AM
2	We need to get more meaningful performance from all our highly paid MLAs. Too much power is centralized in the leader and the Leader of the Opposition. Budget should be tied to strategic planning with allocations based on desired outcomes.	12/13/2025 2:29 PM
3	We would want to see funding for roadways refocused on road safety measures, active transportation, and transit improvements.	12/12/2025 9:55 AM

Q11 Consider the following general categories, please indicate which areas should be prioritized by the Government of Manitoba. (Check all that apply)

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● New infrastructure	41.67%	5
● Subsidies for certain industries e.g., agriculture, fossil fuel	0%	0
● Clean-up costs	33.33%	4
● Natural disasters and public emergencies	58.33%	7
● Resources (staffing, etc.) for different departments	50.00%	6
● Socio-economic and ecological data collection	33.33%	4
● Taxing polluters	83.33%	10
● Environmental monitoring and compliance of industry	83.33%	10
● Transitioning to more sustainable energy	83.33%	10
● Disaster resiliency	41.67%	5
● Education, public awareness of environmental issues	75.00%	9

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Lowering carbon emissions for agriculture	66.67%	8
 Indigenous conservation	83.33%	10
 Job training for the needed industries (eg. building retrofit industry)	50.00%	6
 Active transportation	50.00%	6
 Mass public transportation	83.33%	10
 Climate informed health policy	58.33%	7
 Investing in the creation and maintenance protected areas	58.33%	7
 Wetland protection and restoration	75.00%	9
 Prefer not to answer	0%	0
 Other (please specify) Show responses	16.67%	2

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	FN environmental monitoring unit	12/12/2025 11:31 AM
2	Funding for creative arts industries	12/12/2025 11:00 AM

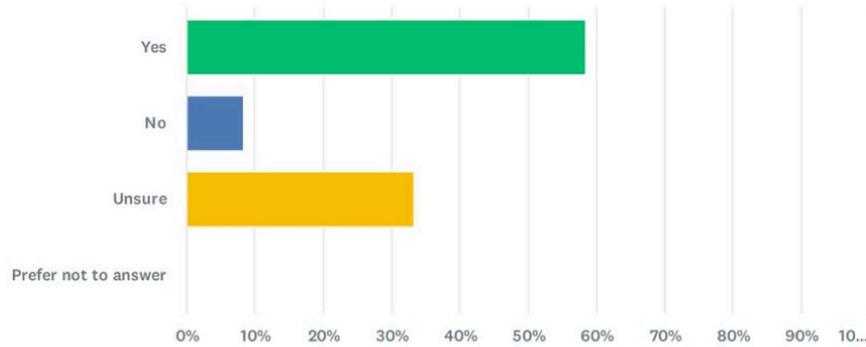
Q12 Please use the space below for any additional comments.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	regulations mean nothing without enforcement	1/6/2026 5:27 PM
2	We need regional (I would suggest watersheds) planning to address competing needs of future clean water needs and industrial footprints including cumulative impacts and climate change impacts	1/5/2026 9:52 AM
3	Kindness and humane interactions need to be stressed at all levels of government. The bully mentality trickles down and we see the negative impacts.	12/13/2025 2:31 PM
4	Current practice is driven by resource extraction, not regional environmental balanced decision making. Since water is the new gold, this is known as cutting off your nose to spite your face.	12/12/2025 11:33 AM

Q13 Would you be interested in engaging further with respect to advocacy work for the Provincial Budget fiscal year 2026-2027?

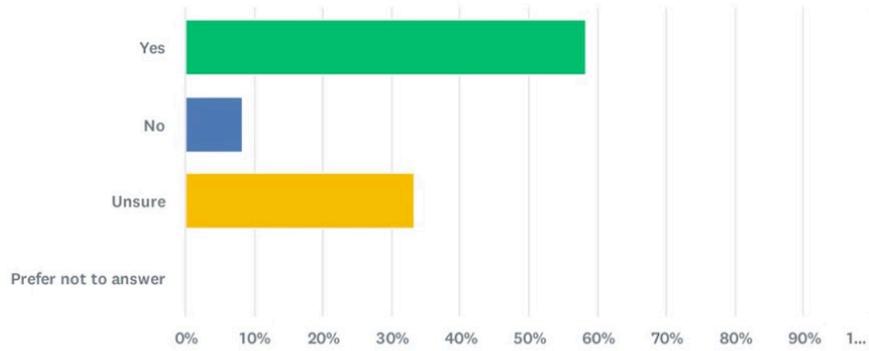
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	58.33%	7
● No	8.33%	1
● Unsure	33.33%	4
● Prefer not to answer	0%	0
Total		12

Q14 Would you be interested in engaging further with respect to budget advocacy in 2027 and beyond?

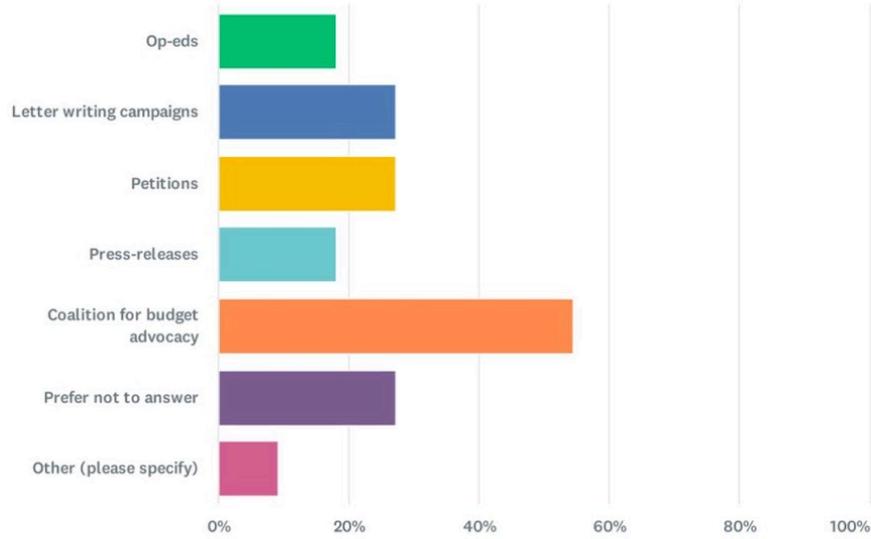
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	58.33%	7
● No	8.33%	1
● Unsure	33.33%	4
● Prefer not to answer	0%	0
Total		12

Q15 Which of the following methods for budget advocacy would you be willing to participate in? (Check all that apply)

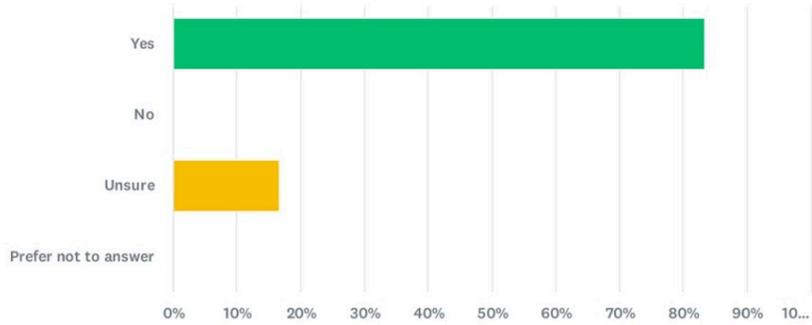
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Op-eds	18.18%	2
● Letter writing campaigns	27.27%	3
● Petitions	27.27%	3
● Press-releases	18.18%	2
● Coalition for budget advocacy	54.55%	6
● Prefer not to answer	27.27%	3
● Other (please specify) Show responses	9.09%	1

Q16 Would you be interested in participating in future research done by the Manitoba Eco-Network?

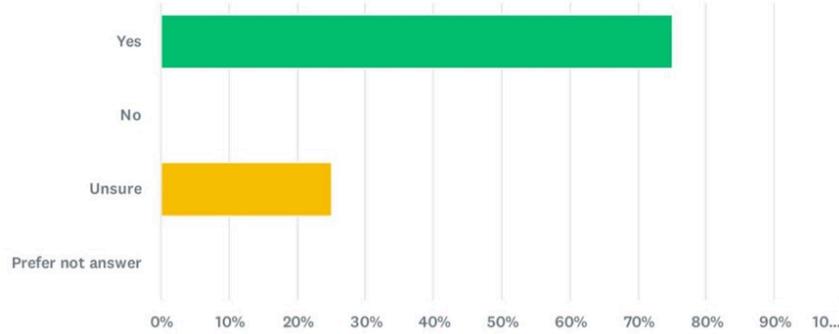
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	83.33%	10
● No	0%	0
● Unsure	16.67%	2
● Prefer not to answer	0%	0
Total		12

Q18 Would you be interested in participating in future membership engagement opportunities done by the Manitoba Eco-Network?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	75.00%	9
● No	0%	0
● Unsure	25.00%	3
● Prefer not answer	0%	0
Total		12